

WHAT'S DOING



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THE MANCHESTER BEER DRINKER'S NEWSLETTER

NEW ROADS IN SALFORD

- 11 GREENALLS PUBS THREATENED

Greenalls have more pubs under threat of demolition in Salford than any other brewery. As well as the Alexandra, The Brunswick, The Pickwick and The St. James which have all closed recently, the following pubs are threatened with compulsory purchase:-

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| <i>Borough Inn</i> | <i>Regent Road</i> | <i>Palatine</i> | <i>Edward Street</i> |
| <i>Dover</i> | <i>Fenney Street</i> | <i>Papermakers</i> | <i>C lifden Place</i> |
| <i>Gas Tavern</i> | <i>Regent Road</i> | <i>Railway</i> | <i>Cross Lane</i> |
| <i>Grey Mare</i> | <i>Eccles New Road</i> | <i>Star</i> | <i>Regent Road</i> |
| <i>Grove</i> | <i>Regent Road</i> | <i>Unicorn</i> | <i>Broughton Road</i> |
| <i>Old Veteran</i> | <i>off Eccles New Road</i> | | |

The future of the Regent Road and Cross Lane pubs and the Unicorn is dependent on road schemes and therefore in the hands of the GMC. The Dover, Palatine and Papermakers in Broughton and the Grey Mare and Old Veteran in Weaste are in clearance areas for housing and the responsibility of Salford Corporation whose sympathy towards traditional pubs were seen in their treatment of The Derby and The Welcome quite recently.

The disappearance of these Greenall Whitley pubs may mean more than the loss of popular traditional locals. The continued sale of real ale is also threatened. Many new pubs in and around Salford have appeared in the last few years. Some of the new pubs, whilst leaving a lot to be desired architecturally, do nevertheless sell real ale -

The Kildakin, Mechanics Arms, Vine, Oddfellows, Apollo
(Boddingtons)

Park Hotel, Apollo, Winston, Lord Nelson, Wellington,
Crumpsall (Holts)

Mancunian, Staff of Life (Marstons)

Ark Royal, Red Admiral, Brown Cow, White Horse (Robinsons)
Chequerboard (Wilsons)

Greenalls seem, in common with Tetleys and Wilsons (with one exception) not to serve real ale in new pubs. The Champion, The Moonraker and The Duke serve tank beer and it seems that the new Poets Corner and The Brass Tally will as well. For this reason Greenalls existing pubs must remain if choice of traditional beers is to be maintained in Salford.

In March, the branch wrote to Greenalls asking them if they were interested in opposing any of the C.P.O.'s. We made particular reference to the Grey Mare and the Old Veteran which are included in the Weaste 3 Eccles New Road Clearance Area because successful opposition seemed more likely.

Greenalls have replied saying that they are equally horrified by the extent of their losses in Salford. They have already submitted formal objections to the C.P.O.'s on the Grey Mare and the Old Veteran and will pursue those objections at any Public Inquiry. Mr J W Bruton (no relation) will be meeting us to discuss what assistance we can give to each other when a definite date is fixed for the Public Inquiry.

We hope that this may enable us to form a working relationship with another brewery and co-operate with them to prevent further loss of pubs and real ale in Salford.

WHERE THE MONEY IS

Last month Boddingtons announced a £779,000 jump in profit, mainly due to a sharp increase in the sales of its cask beer. Total sales in volume rose 22½%, and sales in beer rose 25%, well above the national average. Ewart Boddington said that the sales of Boddingtons own beers now account for 89% of total sales, and to meet rising demand they were increasing production capacity. The brewery has been running at full capacity, 7,000 barrels per week. In mid-1978 they expect to produce 9,000 barrels per week, and have the facility to go up to 14,000.

BANKS' ALES?

Planning permission has been granted to convert the building which was formerly the National Provincial Bank in Bradshawgate, Bolton, into a pub. The building is of the solid, respectable, stone-built type normally associated with banks and building societies and it will be interesting to see how it is converted. Will the new pub have a vault, I wonder?

Efforts are being made to find out who now owns the premises, what the exact plans are and what type of beer will be on sale.

WINDSOR CASTLE

As reported in January's What's Doing, The Windsor Castle has been closed for some time. Wilsons have been paid and the pub is now owned by the Greater Manchester Council. It has now been let as a co-operative office. It may well remain so for some time, as the road improvements are still a long way off.

SAMUEL IN FAILSWORTH

Our eastern reporter informs us that in the two new Sam Smiths outlets in Failsworth, only the bitter is cask conditioned and served without pressure. In the Bull's Head, the dark mild, like the Chesters it replaced, is keg, and the 4X sold in the Failsworth Arms is at least pressurised.

LEGAL, DECENT, HONEST, TRUTHFUL?

Morning Advertiser
and LIVERPOOL POST-STAR
THURSDAY APRIL 1, 1964



WORKS OF ART ARE ALWAYS A GOOD INVESTMENT.
It seems that John Courage appeals to art lovers and beer lovers alike.

Sales of draught have increased 130% since we introduced the new font design two years ago.

And to create an even bigger demand this year we'll be reaching 80% of the country with £500,000 worth of heavyweight advertising support.

When your customers see what a high quality strong draught bitter John Courage is you'll soon see a handsome return on your investment.



COURAGE!

The advertisement opposite appeared on the front page of the Morning Advertiser one day last month. Note the line 'And to create an even bigger demand this year...'. And how often have the big brewers told us that they certainly do not try to bludgeon people into drinking their products with 'heavyweight advertising'?

DRY HORSE

It is only once in a blue moon that one can find plenty of room in Albert O'Connor's pub, the White Horse on Worsley Road, at 9.45pm.

If the moon was not blue it certainly did not cast its usual silvery gleam over Swinton on the night of April 5th.

The reason for the two-thirds empty pub was not too difficult to see - it had run out of draught (and keg) beer, bottles only being available. Consequently the mildly embarrassed bar-persons (and at this point it is worth mentioning that the White Horse is in the running for the pub with the best looking bar-persons competition) spent a lot of their time explaining this fact to potential customers and telling them that their friends had adjourned to the White Swan.

As if to rub salt in the wound, they told me that the Bridgewater down in Worsley, another Boddies pub, had had two deliveries that day, the lorry having passed the White Horse more than once. Albert, who is rightly proud of the consistent quality of his ale, was unavailable for comment. I believe he had gone out for a drink.

Duncan Roberts

While the White Horse's customers had problems, locals at the Egerton Arms, another Boddingtons pub down the road in Winton, had more cause for concern. The Egerton was closed from the 3rd to the 15th April owing to the landlord forgetting to renew his licence.

THE LOWRY

Salford's newest pub The Lowry is a Whitbread House on Langley Road South, Charlestown, and is presumably a replacement for the Clarence which was knocked down two years ago. I don't know what Whitbreads and Lowry have in common. The artist used to live in Salford and is now dead. His paintings show people who look real at a distance but who, on closer examination, are seen to be thin bodied impressions of the real thing. Lowry was given the Freedom of the City some time ago.

YET ANOTHER ROAD SCHEME?

One of the more welcome effects of the reduction in public spending has been the postponement or even abandonment of many road building proposals. One such plan to have been rolled up and locked away was the Eccles by-pass. Not content with having a dual three lane motorway 400 yards north of the town centre, the Engineers' Department of the former Eccles Borough Council decided in 1973 that it would be nice to have a dual two lane road immediately south of the town centre, looping from Gilda Brook Road roundabout through the market place to the junction of Church Street and Peel Street, where a new roundabout would be constructed. Unfortunately, the new road would require demolition of 16 houses in Corporation Road and the loss of two Holts pubs, the Royal Oak on Barton Lane and the Crown and Volunteer, Church Street, as well as other property.

Although officially filed away, mention of the scheme in a recent edition of the Eccles Journal suggests that it is not forgotten. Officers of the Salford Technical Services Department (highway engineers to you and me) are known to be less than enthusiastic about the proposed by-pass, but a cynic might ascribe these feelings to the fact that the scheme was designed by Eccles rather than Salford. Of much greater relevance in determining the fate of the houses and the two pubs is the fact that some two thirds of the road has already quietly been built, from Gilda Brook Road roundabout and behind the old Broadway cinema; only the more costly links, through the market place and replacing Corporation Road, remain on the drawing board. A firm of engineering consultants retained by the GMC has just completed a study of traffic conditions along the A 57 from the Manchester boundary at Regent Road to Peel Green; one of their conclusions was that the only stretch of the route which suffered no excessive vehicle delay was Regent Street and Church Street, the very length which would be by-passed.

It seems that the Crown and Volunteer and the Royal Oak are the latest pubs on the list to be threatened by those dear old bulldozers from Salford. The ROACAVAG (Royal Oak and Crown and Volunteer Action Group) may not roll off the tongue as easily as the WAG (Welcome Action Group), but it may yet be needed.



*The two pubs threatened by the Eccles road scheme:
Crown and Volunteer (above) and Royal Oak.*



BEER IN BOLTON

Ten breweries at present sell their products in the 'old' Bolton area. These are: Bass Charrington, Boddingtons, Burtonwood, Greenall Whitley, Lion (Matthew Brown), John Smith, Thwaites, Tetley Walker, Wilsons and Whitbread.

Greenall Whitley probably supply the greatest amount of real ale. Service is usually by electric pumps or push-button meters - handpumps are very rare. Real beers available are bitter, best mild and dark mild.

Sample Greenalls at..

Alma Inn, Bradshawgate - small pub in Good Beer Guide
Boars Head, Churchgate - lively young peoples pub
Peel Arms, Higher Bridge Street - popular local

Next in the real ale league is Tetley Walker - two bitters (one brewed to the Walkers formula) and a mild are available and, although electric pumps are probably the most popular methods of serving, many pubs still retain handpumps:
Sweet Green Tavern, Crook Street - small pub very popular with Camra members.

Howcroft Inn, Pool Street - 'local' with a substantial student clientele. Bowling Green.

Ainsworth Arms/Stork Tavern, Halliwell Road - two locals within 100 yards of each other.

Gypsy's Tent, Deansgate - regular venue of Bolton Camra branch meetings.

Wilsons still provide a good deal of real ale in Bolton, although the beer in the centre of town is invariably bright. Service is by electric or push button meter, used for both real and bright beer!

Globe Hotel, Higher Bridge Street - small local (H)
Bowling Green, Bury Road - basic local (H)

Boddingtons have only two pubs in Bolton. Of these, the one to try is the Prince William Hotel, Bradshawgate - lively town centre pub much improved under new (10/76) landlord.

Burtonwoods have only three pubs in Bolton. Of these, the Stags Head (last year's Good Beer Guide) is now on tank beer. The other two, both selling electric pumped real ale, are; York Hotel, Newport Street - basic drinkers'/games pub.
Sportsmans Arms, Chorley Old Road - small local.

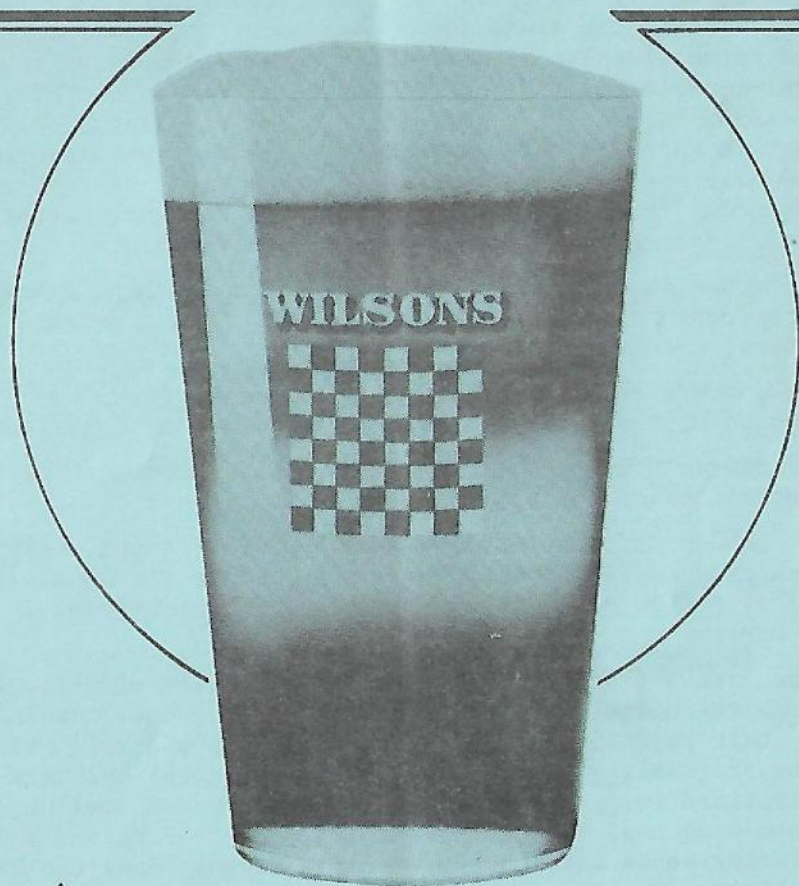
Bass Charrington beer is mainly bright. I cannot recommend any of their pubs. The only draught Bass in Bolton is, as far as I know, in the Swan Hotel, Bradshawgate. It is, however, very variable in quality.

Thwaites have three pubs in Bolton, one of which (The Starkey Arms) is on tank beer. Of the other two, I recommend the King William Hotel, Chapeltown Road - a superb country pub with restaurant attached. (H)

There is no real Whitbread or Lion in Bolton. John Smiths produce no real ale whatsoever.

G Breakell

Wilsons Traditional Ales



Manchester born and brewed.

BRASS TALLY

A new Greenalls pub, the Brass Tally, is to open in Salford in October. The name was chosen by the Manchester Evening News following a competition sponsored by Greenall Whitley, who aren't daft when it comes to getting pound for a penny publicity.

For his free pint-a -day-for-a-year, Mr Charles Wright suggested the 'Brass Tally' for its connection with life in Salford during the slump. Brass tokens or 'tallies' were given to men lucky enough to be selected for work on the docks. Among other names suggested were 'Lala's Laughing Fox', named after a landlady of the Fox on Regent Road, 'The Mark Addy', after the nineteenth century publican who saved many people from drowning in the Irwell, the 'Up and Under' and 'The November Handicap'. From another quarter - no prizes for guessing which - came the following:

The Stunted Dwarf - Five foot high ceilings form a conceptual contrast to multi-storey flats which is not detrimental to visual amenity.

The Swagman's Billabong - Built upside-down. Floor festooned with stuffed wallabies. Only tubes of lager served.

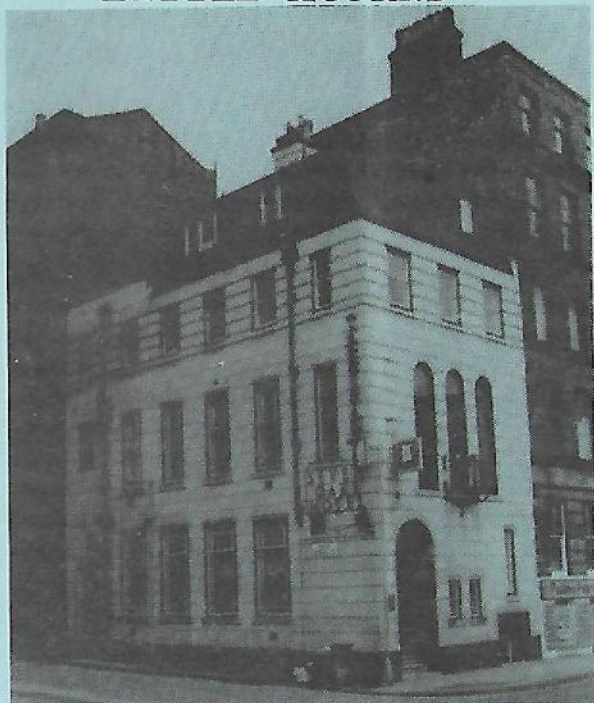
The Inverted Missionary - Women only vault decorated with illustrations of the Kama Sutra.

The Cliche - Ceiling festooned with 'no way' signs. Ask for well-hopped Kamikaze bitter from the wood in the Hopefully Bar. Collection of clocks in the As of Now and Moment in Time bars.

We understand that the fact that these entries were found in a crumpled condition in a wastepaper basket, does not indicate their rejection. Indeed, it would be a sad reflection on the originality of our age, if these suggestions were to be dismissed just as the Volkswagen Crown Green Bowling, The Hillman Hedgehog, The Leyland Siesta, Morris Porridge and Austin Artichoke were thrown out of a recent 'Name the Car' competition.

Footnote The winning name is unusual for a new Salford pub, in that it has associations with the city's past. In view of this it could well be that the corporation will want to demolish it as soon as it is built.

LITTLE ACORNS



Handpumped Bass has been on sale in a Whitbread pub in central Manchester since January. When Sam Rowbotham, a former Bass Charrington tenant, took over the Seven Oaks Hotel in Nicholas Street, off Mosley Street, he reintroduced Bass, which had been absent from the former Threlfall's house for about three years. Apparently somewhat to the chagrin of Whitbread, Sam insisted on using the single handpump for dispense, thus becoming probably the only Whitbread West Pennine licensee serving unpressurised beer.

The pub itself is of an unusual design, in some ways more like a hotel bar. A second bar upstairs, serving only pressurised beer, is used for lunches and weekend entertainment. The Friday night jazz session are reportedly bringing an increase in demand for the Bass.

Unconfirmed but reliable reports from the Anvil Brewery suggest that Hydes are experimenting with the bitter. It is understood that an increased O.G. and a higher hopping rate have recently been tried. More news awaited.

BLO BY BLO

O.K., so what's a blo? It's a Brewery Liaison Officer - obvious when you think about it - a new rung in the CAMRA hierarchy. I was surprised to receive a letter from Andrew Cunningham, congratulating me on being appointed a B.L.O. as though I'd passed a particularly difficult examination and completed a strenuous assault course in record time. It's not that I mind being a B.L.O. but it's nice to be asked first.

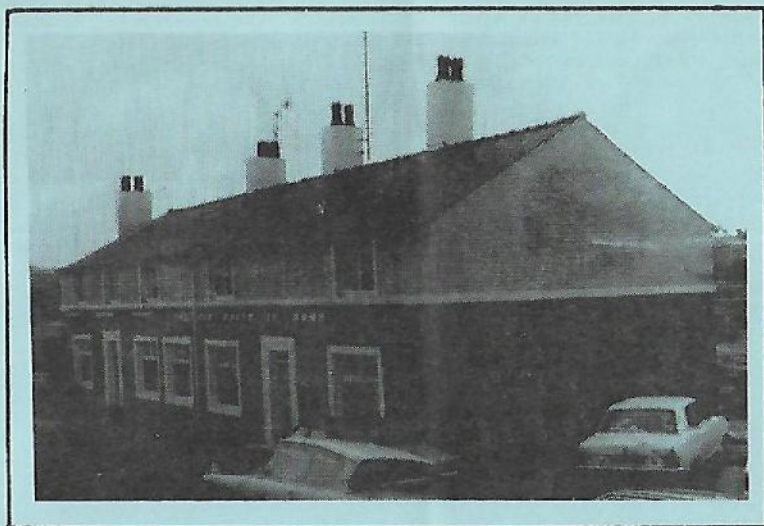
The letter included a four page job description, complete with 'terms of reference' and 'responsibility aspects'. I looked again to make sure it wasn't from the Inland Revenue or some other Government department, but no, there it was - CAMRA. Not wishing to cause a fuss, I bowed down to authority as is my wont and wrote to Bruce Cunningham at Wilsons, enclosing Chris Bruton's covering letter, and sat back to see what would happen.

Will Wilsons ruin village pub?

I'd hardly had time to learn the B.L.O.'s duties by heart, when I was rung up by Jamie Roper of the Potteries branch about a Wilsons pub in Nantwich. The Bowling Green was due to change licensees at the end of March and rumours were that the pub would be changed into a plastic gin palace and that the fined beer was to be chucked out along with the handpumps. A petition of 450 names had been sent to the brewery and a Mr Nick Villiers had replied with a non-committal, 'thank you for your interest' sort of letter.

Filled with the enthusiasm with which my promotion had fired me, I 'phoned Bruce Cunningham to ascertain the naked truth. At first he said they didn't have a pub called the Bowling Green in Nantwich but when he saw that they did, he promised to investigate and ring me back. As good as his word, he 'phoned. There is not a lot to worry about: although the Bowling Green is not a listed building, it is in a conservation area and the brewery is obliged to retain the character of the pub. Wilsons are carrying out repairs to the roof which is leaking and are rewiring the place. The interior of the pub is the responsibility of the new tenant. There are some rooms at the back of the pub which are unused at the moment and the new tenant intends to use these rooms and to redecorate. The brewery does not know the extent of the internal alterations although I was assured that it wouldn't end up being given a theme treatment or anything which was alien to the pub's character. The fined beer will remain as will the handpumps which serve it. A happy ending? Jamie Roper will let me know if Wilsons do not live up to their promises.

Roger Hall



OLD HOUSE AT HOME

The Old House in Blackley is in a unique position. It is completely surrounded by I.C.I.'s chemical works and access is by a narrow, unpaved cart-track between I.C.I.'s buildings. Despite its isolation, the pub is popular both at lunchtime and in the evening. The beer is Wilsons served from handpumps fitted with economisers which are much unloved by public health inspectors. A wide variety of snacks is enjoyed by local workers at lunchtime.

The Old House has improved considerably under the tenancy of Hartley Downs. The pub consists of five cottages and the vault has recently been extended into the end cottage. As brewery architects were not involved, the result is an improvement rather than the kind of mistake we've seen in so many pubs. It remains to be seen whether Hartley's intention to remove another internal wall will be equally successful, because at the moment the Old House at Home is a pleasant and comfortable local which certainly lives up to its name.

CAMRA AGM

- Blackpool March 12 & 13

Not surprisingly, the financial position of CAMRA was one of the first issues to be discussed at this year's A.G.M. Chris Bruton, the campaign's chairman, explained the campaign's deficit as follows. The biggest loss was on publications other than the Good Beer Guide. Although the profit on 'Real Ale on the Waterways' was calculated at 19p per copy, and that on 'Beer Naturally' at 11 a copy, the current loss on these two books stands so far at £9,000 and £5,000 respectively. It was agreed that it had been a mistake to hold the membership subscription at £2.00 last year, and that inadequate book-keeping had resulted in confusion of the accounts. On the positive side, an agreement had been signed with the publishers not to reprint 'Real Ale on the Waterways' without buying back surplus copies, 'Beer Naturally' should break even next year, and the appointment of a campaign treasurer had much improved the management of financial records. All profits from the Good Beer Guide went to the campaign alone. A motion regretting the previously disastrous financial management of the campaign and urging the NE to make finance a major priority was carried.

Motions alluded to this were the proposals to increase the membership fee and to require branches to justify holding balances in excess of £100 without remitting the money to central funds. Michael Hardman spoke in favour of an increase in the membership to £5, on the apparently specious grounds that membership had not declined when the fee went up from 25p to 50p and from 50p to £1. The argument that such a sum was necessary to cover the cost of 'What's Brewing' appeared to me to contradict Chris Bruton's earlier statement that 'What's Brewing' was not a major cause of the campaign's lack of funds. A proposal to increase the membership fee to £4 was eventually carried.

The motion about branch funds was hotly debated, but accepted in the end. The NE argued that money required for such events as beer festivals and local campaigns would be regarded as 'justified' so that only dormant funds would be affected. No-one explained however, exactly who was to decide on what was 'justifiable' and what was not.

A suggestion that sacking the additional journalist employed on 'What's Brewing' would save the campaign money was treated scornfully by interested members of the NE and the motion was defeated.

Proposals which actually dealt with campaigning - and there were few enough of them - were generally carried without difficulty. There was a decision to include a symbol for real cider in the GBC, a motion demanding an investigation into Courage's policy at Reading and nationally, and a suggestion that branches should be encouraged to produce newsletters for distribution to the public. The conference came out against pub violence - surprisingly there seemed to be no members in favour of it.

On the whole, I found this year's AGM a disillusioning experience. While it does appear that financial management is now on a better footing, some of the defences put forward by members of the NE amounted to exercises in mutual appreciation, and the meeting on the whole appeared to ignore the fact that many Camra members are not as dedicated as those delegates present - and hence, presumably, less prepared to reach into their own pockets to bail out St.Albans. It is to be hoped that the new NE will inspire more confidence.

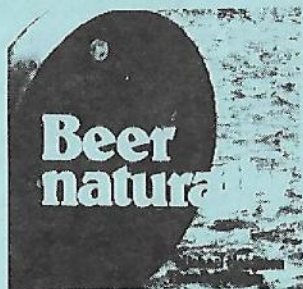
It can be argued that the reason for the few campaigning issues is that we all agree on such matters, but it is regrettable that the impression given to the press is one of disunity. As a branch, we appear to have gained a considerable reputation for being stropky and unconstructive, which is also a pity. Committed members should be able to express criticisms of their own organisation bluntly without being regarded as rabble-rousers. Perhaps if we remember in future to express our positive suggestions equally strongly, the new NE will be more prepared to listen to what we have to say.

Finally, it should be said that some aspects of the AGM were nevertheless encouraging. It was decided to adopt the Food Standards Committee (summarised in April's 'What's Brewing') as the basis for the campaign, the beer exhibition was well run and made a small profit, and the auction brought in some £300 for the campaign. The former NE were praised for their achievements in matters other than finance, and new members elected include some who appeared to have an energetic and positive approach to solving Camra's problems.

BOOK REVIEW - BEER NATURALLY

By
Grotty Hardman
Conman and Twist
£45.80

- Page 1 Picture of a barrel
- Page 2 Picture of a hop
- Page 3 Picture of a hop from a different angle
- Page 4 Picture of a field
- Page 5 Picture of another field
- Page 6 Picture of a tap
- Page 7 Picture of a reservoir
- Page 8 Picture of a man shovelling barley
- Page 9 Picture of two men shovelling barley
- Page 10 Picture of pipes
- Pages 11-48 lots of other pictures
- Page 49 Word
- Page 50 Another word
- Page 51 Smaller versions of pictures on pages 2-5 with titles added like:- hop, another hop, field, water, etc.
- Page 52 More little pictures with informative captions like: man shovelling barley, two men shovelling barley, etc.
- Page 53-64 More little pictures with captions
- Page 65 Word
- Page 66 Another word
- Page 67 Three words
- Page 68 End of book



Wonderful value. All 36 words are in big letters so you can read them when you've had a few. We look forward with anticipation to Grotty's next book, what will it be - Real Ale of the Sumatra Rain Forest? A day in the life of a hop? No doubt it will be equally exciting and brim full of new ideas.

PUB CRAWL

Holts pubs in Eccles
1 June 1977

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| 7.00 pm | Lamb | Regent Street |
| | Old Bulls Head | Church Street |
| | Wellington | Church Street |
| 8.00 pm | Crown and Volunteer | Liverpool Road |
| | Royal Oak | Barton Lane |
| | White Lion | Liverpool Road |
| | Golden Cross | Liverpool Road |
| | Bridgewater | Liverpool Road |
| | Stanley Arms | Liverpool Road |
| | Bird in Hand | Liverpool Road |
| 10.00 pm | Grapes | Liverpool Road |

BOLTON BRANCH - COMING EVENTS

Sunday 24 April: Pub crawl of Wigan town centre with S.Lancs branch. Meet at Park Hotel, Hope Street, Wigan, 7.30 to 8.00 pm.

Tuesday 24 May: Pub crawl of Bolton town centre with S.Lancs branch. Meet at Sweet Green Tavern, Crook Street, 7.30 pm.

Tuesday 31 May: Branch meeting, 8 pm, Sweet Green Tavern.

BEER AND SKITTLES

Richard Boston's book which was originally published by Collins in hardback is to be launched in paperback by Fontana. The publishers have arranged with Boddingtons to hold a Games Evening at the Southern Hotel on Mauldeth Road, Chorlton, on Wednesday 27th April. Camra branches are helping to run the games, which it is hoped will include darts, table skittles, table football and shove-halfpenny. Unfortunately the event is not open to the public as Fontana are confining it to the staff of local bookshops and journalists, but it should be a good opportunity to publicise Camra and the Greater Manchester Beer Guide.

Marston's **BURTON -
ON-TRENT**



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REAL ALE OFF

The real ale bar for the morris men which was to have been held at Castle Irwell on April 22nd/23rd is not to be. The room where the barrels would have been stored cannot be maintained at a temperature lower than 65°F. It's over the kitchens and all sorts of things could go wrong. Nevertheless we hope the opportunity may arise again at a different venue.

We're in the 1977

CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE

**GOOD BEER
GUIDE 1977**

Good Beer Guide

The branch has received its allocation of Good Beer Guide stickers, and they are now being distributed to listed pubs in our area.

RAWSON'S ARMS

Two months ago we reported that the Rawsons Arms, Farnworth, was serving bright beer. It now looks as if this was simply a temporary lapse. Since then the Burtonwood beer has been excellent, and the pub can be thoroughly recommended for a good pint in lively surroundings.

TRAVELLER'S CHECK

Should any branch member find it necessary to travel outside the borders of Greater Manchester, the branch has access to a (nearly) complete library of local beer guides covering the country. They are available for free loan to any branch member who can provide sufficient excuse for leaving the area. Contact Robin Bence.



What's Doing is published on the third Wednesday of every month to coincide with the meeting of the North Manchester Branch of Camra. After the meeting it can be obtained from several pubs in and around Manchester or by post, £1 for six issues, from Roger Hall, 123 Hill Lane, Blackley, Manchester.

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The next branch meeting will be on Wednesday 18th May in the Castle Hotel, Oldham Street, Manchester, at 8.00p.m. Chris Bruton, the Chairman of the National Executive of Camra will be there to speak and answer questions.

CAMRA

Camra is a national consumer organisation concerned with maintaining the choice of beer and preserving the variety of pubs throughout the country. Until recently takeovers by the six major brewing companies resulted in the closure of local breweries and the loss of many draught beers. The threat is still there but as a result of Camra's efforts many pubs have gone back to serving cask-conditioned beer, and the big brewers are slowly realising that there is a demand for good beer in traditional pub surroundings.

If you want to preserve your right to choose what you drink fill in the membership form below. 'What's Brewing' is the Campaign's newspaper, sent free to members every month, and keeps them in touch with news and events throughout the country.

Application for Membership.

I wish to become a member of Campaign for Real Ale Limited. I agree to abide by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Campaign, and I enclose £2 (£3 for overseas members) as my annual membership subscription. (Any additional amount will be welcomed as a donation.)

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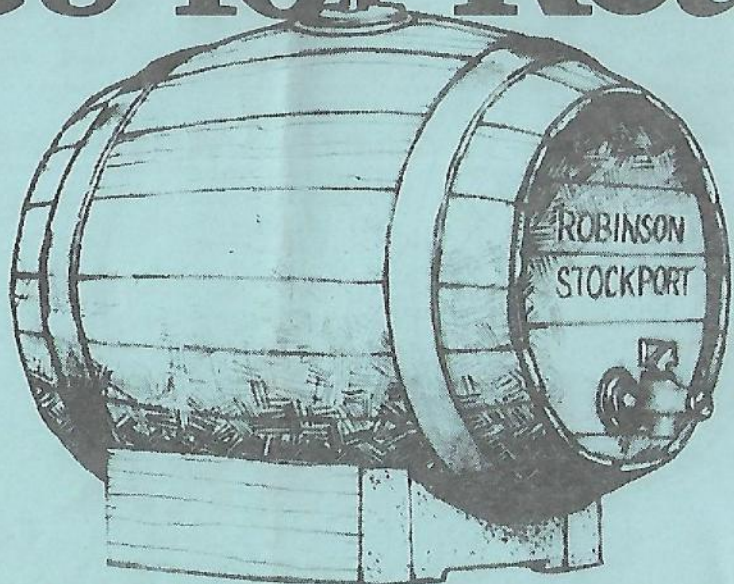
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Best Bitter Ale
Bitter Ale*
Best Mild Ale



Lower Hillgate, Stockport, (just by the Brewery) 061-480 6571. And its the cheapest way of buying beer. A little more trouble perhaps but we think you will agree with us that it is worth it.

There are deposits on the casks, stillages and taps, returnable in full when you bring them back. You can borrow glasses, paying only for those you break or fail to return providing you also make appropriate purchases of items to fill them.

We strongly recommend that you place your order as soon as possible for Christmas or New Year use.

It's Robinson's . . . for Real.

*Bitter Ale not available in Pins.

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