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What's Doing

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The Manchester Beer Drinker's Monthly Magazine

SAVE THE ANGLER!

If we win the Olympic Games, we lose the Jolly Angler, as reported in last month's What's Doing. If we do not win the Games, we might still lose the Angler, because the Central Manchester Development Corporation have produced a "Piccadilly Area Regeneration Framework" which envisages the Laystall Street/Ducie Street area as zoned for business/retail/office use. The same fate is proposed for the White House, Great Ancoats Street.

CAMRA has written to the Development Corporation to draw attention to the historical and community importance of both pubs. These locals, which serve cheaper beer and lunchtime snacks and cater for the more traditional pub customer, are



virtually non-existent in the city centre. Manchester once had many pubs like the Jolly Angler; sadly, they are now rare.

In the eyes of the planners, the Angler is probably a nondescript back street boozer, but of course to Manchester drinkers and musicians it is something of an institution and many people feel that this is where we should draw the line. The regulars are preparing for a vigorous campaign and they will welcome your support.

Peter Barnes

Courage Directors is now on sale at the White House

Good Beer Guide 1994

Yes, it's only eight months away and North Manchester has just got round to selecting its pubs for next year. At a friendly, orderly and well-conducted meeting lasting less than ten minutes, the following pubs were chosen. Voting was unanimous and there was no dissent.

Ancoats: Jolly Angler, White House

Blackley: Pleasant

City Centre: Castle, Beer House, Unicorn

Collyhurst & Harpurhey: Junction

Crumpsall & Cheetham: Derby Brewery Arms, Queens Arms

Eccles: Lamb, Crown & Volunteer, Park, Stanley, Grapes

Irlam & Cadishead: Coach & Horses

Moston: Blue Bell

Salford: Star, Welcome, Crescent, Peel Park, Kings Arms, Union, Ashley Brook

Swinton & Pendlebury: Cricketers, Farmers

Worsley & Walkden: Morning Star, Dukes Gate

Reserves: 1 Ye Olde Nelson, Salford, 2 Old House at Home, Blackley

That's only twelve Holts pubs (although some of the others sell Joey's as well)

New Brew

Burtonwood are brewing a new 3% ABV beer exclusively for the Paramount pub chain. It will be known as Bobs Bitter after the chairman of the pub company, who is called Bob. The beer will be launched this month in about 100 Paramount pubs and will sell for approximately £1.05 a pint.

Holts in the free trade

Stewart Revell

It is now over a year since we published the first list of Holts' free trade outlets. To the original list can now be added the following:

Aces, <i>Elland Street, West Gorton</i>	Kestrel, <i>Hugo Street, Moston</i>
Beer Emporium, <i>Oldham</i>	Lord Raglan, <i>Ashton Old Road, Droylsden</i>
Bird in Hand, <i>Blackford Bridge, Bury</i>	Moonraker, <i>Wood Street, Middleton</i>
Churchills, <i>Manchester Road, Bolton</i>	Nelson, <i>Barlow Moor Road, Didsbury</i>
Colliers Arms, <i>Sale Lane, Tyldesley</i>	Oddfellows Arms, <i>Oldham Road, Middleton</i>
Derby Arms, <i>Exbury Street, Fallowfield</i>	Old White Horse, <i>Church Street, Ainsworth</i>
Failsworth Arms, <i>Ashton Road West, Failsworth</i>	Park, <i>Ince</i>
Flying Horse, <i>Town Hall Square, Rochdale</i>	Pineapple, <i>Rochdale Road, Shaw</i>
Freemasons, <i>Farnworth</i>	Plough, <i>Huddersfield Road, Waterhead</i>
Horse & Jockey, <i>London Road, Hazel Grove</i>	Sparrow, <i>Thornton Street North, Collyhurst</i>
House Without a Name, <i>Harwood, Bolton</i>	Waggon & Horses, <i>Manchester Road, Sudden</i>
Jolly Waggoners, <i>Manchester Old Road, Bury</i>	White Horse, <i>Bolton Road, Kearsley</i>
Junction, <i>Hendham Vale, Collyhurst</i>	Woodman, <i>Oldham Road, Ashton</i>

SALFORD PUBS

Despite the continued closure of pubs in the City, Salford's annual licensing statistics for 1992 show an increase in full licences from 154 to 156. There have been some new pubs like the Stowell Spire, the Pump House and the Hyde Park Corner, but there have also been licences granted to premises which we would not regard as pubs. In 1986 there were 161 full on licences in the City. What might at first sight seem to be a marginal change masks a change in the nature and character of those full on licences. Traditional pubs have disappeared by the score. New licences have included church halls, café bars and conference centres as well as a handful of traditional pubs. If this pattern is reflected in other licensing districts, then the traditional pub may be facing extinction faster than we imagine whilst licensing figures remain relatively buoyant.

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Stalybridge Buffet Bar

The fate of the famous buffet bar on Stalybridge Station was in the balance at the end of March. As WD went to press a meeting was scheduled between British Rail and Thwaites' Brewery, who want to take over the lease if the terms are right. On the other hand, a property developer is interested in acquiring the old station buildings for offices.

In the fifteen months since British Rail first found a developer to take over the station buildings, the tenant, Ken Redfern, had his rent increased six-fold and the pressure was on to close the bar. Despite the increase in rent, British Rail made no improvements to the property, nor did they carry out any significant repairs or maintenance. Recent visitors will have noticed that the range of interesting beers from all over the country has been reduced to only a few easily available brews (all still well kept) and the foreign beer shelf is now empty.

How kind of you to enquire

In January The Publican produced a report on the brewing industry including an analysis of regional brewers. Three of our local brewers declined to provide information. One of them, in response to a 'phone call, said:

"We threw the questionnaire in the bin, we have no interest whatsoever and never respond to questionnaires."

(Publican, 11.1.93, p23)

Wonder who that could have been?

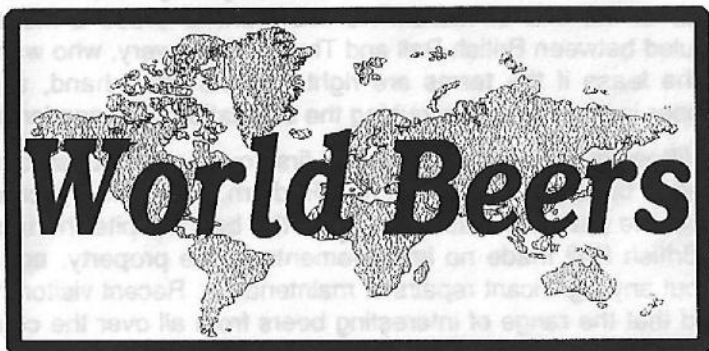
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The Hydes List

From time to time What's Doing publishes an updated list of Holts pubs. (Or free trade outlets - see elsewhere in this issue.) Just for a change, here's a complete list of Hydes pubs...

Albert, Walmer St, Rusholme	Jolly Angler, Ducie St, Ancoats
Albert, William St, Didsbury	Jolly Hatters, Stockport Rd, Denton
Albion, Burnage Lane, M19	Jolly Thresher, Broomeedge, Lymm
Bakers Arms, Pownall Rd, Altrincham	Junction, Rolls Crescent, Hulme
Beehive, Claremont Rd, Moss Side	Kings Head, Bwlchgwyn, nr Wrexham
Bird in Hand, Moss, nr Wrexham	Lancastrian, Kenyon Way, Little
Black Lion, Bersam, nr Wrexham	Hulton
Bulls Head, The Cross, Lymm	Liver Inn, Rhytdalog, nr Mold
Centurion, Melandra Castle Rd,	Lord Clyde, Folds Road, Bolton
Gamesley	Newborough, Astley St, Dukinfield
Chieftain, Green Lane, Hadfield	New Inn, Alderley Rd, Wilmslow
Cock Robin, Manor Ave, Ashton-on-	Nursery, Green Lane, Heaton Norris
Mersey	Osborne House, Victory St, Rusholme
Commercial, Briercliffe Rd, Blackburn	Pack Horse, Watling St, Affetside
Cross Keys, Adswold Rd, Cheadle	Pineapple, Hampden Cres, Gorton
Hulme	Plough, Green Lane, Ashton-on-
Crown, High Street, Cheadle	Mersey
Crown, Summerhill, nr Wrexham	Prince of Wales, Gatley Green, Gatley
Denmark, Moss Lane E, Rusholme	Quarry Bank, Bloomsbury La,
Dutton, Park St, Cheetham	Timperley
Free Gardeners, St Giles St, Padiham	Red Lion, Crown Point, Denton
Friendship, Wilmslow Rd, Fallowfield	Royal Hotel, Wigan Rd, Atherton
Gateway, Wilmslow Rd, E Didsbury	Royal Oak, Whittaker La, Heaton Park
Golden Fleece, Bell Lane, Bury	Schooner, Montserrat Rd, Bolton
Grey Horse, Portland St, Manchester	Star, High St, Cheadle
Grey Mare, Gannow Lane, Burnley	Talbot, Cymau, nr Wrexham
Gredington Arms, Llanpwll, nr	Travellers Call, Hyde Rd, West Gorton
Wrexham	Unicorn, Hale Rd, Hale Barns
High Grove, Silverdale Rd, Gatley	Victoria, Wilmslow Rd, Withington
Hoop & Mallet, Callands Rd,	Waggon & Horses, Wigan Rd, Leigh
Warrington	Wellington, Stand Lane, Radcliffe
Hope, Chester Rd, Hulme	Windmill, Windmill Hill, Runcorn
Hope & Farrier, Gatley Rd, Gatley	Wheatsheaf, Broomeedge, Lymm
Horse Shoe, Lever St, Little Lever	

Oink

Whitbread appear to have sold the Lima on Peru Street, Salford, as the pub reopened at the end of last month as the Squealing Pig. Anybody know what the beer is?

When the Little Finger's on 8 at the White Gee Gee

Kenneth Clarke's proposals to allow children into pubs and bars until 8pm go some way to removing barmy anomalies which exist in our arcane licensing laws. However, it would seem that they don't go far enough. Issuing certificates to suitable premises does little to simplify the complex range of laws which affect children in pubs.

What about the pubs without certificates? Are children of 14 to be allowed into their bars? Can children under 14 go into barless rooms in uncertificated pubs? What about pub gardens? Are the laws on pub meals to be amended? The Home Secretary should take this opportunity to review all existing legislation and replace it with a simple, clear rule on children in pubs. Would it be unreasonable for children (ie those under 18) to be allowed only in suitable, certificated premises and banned from all others? The eight o'clock limit seems somewhat arbitrary. As for Mr Clarke's other suggestion - that cafés should be allowed to serve alcohol separately from meals - well, that's open to them at the moment if they apply for a full justices' on-licence rather than a restaurant licence (which cafés might find difficult to obtain).

Merely pandering to the brewing lobby without thinking through the implications will do little to achieve a sensible and readily understood law on children in licensed premises.

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Packing In

John Willie Lees have applied for permission to build a filling station on the site of the Old Pack Horse on Oldham Road in Miles Platting. The pub is the oldest pub in central Manchester, but has been closed for some time as a result of the inner city problems which have closed several other pubs in the area. Although the Pack Horse was a pub of character and its demise is a matter of regret, it is difficult to see how we might protest. Several attempts by both Wilsons and Lees to make a go of it have failed. Until our society begins to tackle the problems of poverty and unemployment and the culture of an underclass which these engender, it seems that pubs like the Pack Horse will continue to disappear. It would be a sad irony if our rich heritage of traditional pubs of character were to lose its deep and long-held associations with the working class and remain only in middle class enclaves in a somewhat sanitised and anodyne form.



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REAL ALE GUIDE TO THE RAILWAYS

Daisy Hill

by Brian Gleave

When you have said your farewells to the Edington Arms and return to Hindley Station, make sure you get on the right train. The line bifurcates here and you want one that goes to Manchester via Atherton rather than via Bolton. The next stop is Daisy Hill and right next to the station is the Rose Hill Tavern. The 'Bug', as it is known, is a Good Beer Guide listed Holts pub. This former Tetley house now has a typical Holts interior - large, brash and usually busy.



If your thirst for Holts isn't quenched at the Bug, turn right as you leave and go up the hill for about half a mile, cross the new by-pass and there you will find the White Lion at Westhoughton. This is another Holts managed house, and so full of character (and characters). It is not to be missed.

Crown & Anchor

Chris and Adele Calaz left the Crown & Anchor, Hilton Street, Manchester, on 8th March to take over the Stanley Arms, Blackpool (behind the Winter Gardens). The Stanley is being refurbished and should be open for the Easter weekend, offering many different real ales. Back at the Crown & Anchor, Chesters bitter has been replaced by Taylors Golden Best. This hasn't been sold in the pub for some time and is not as readily available in the Manchester/Salford area as its better-known stablemate, Taylors Landlord. Bernard Slingsby is now managing the Crown & Anchor.

Shut

The latest Salford pub to be boarded up is the Champion on Broadwalk. Over in Little Hulton, the Kenyon Arms is closed.

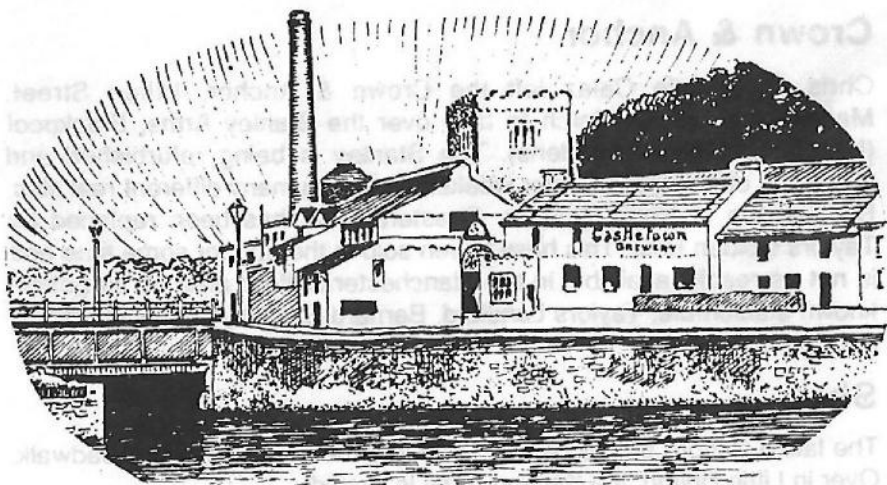
REAL ALE IN THE ISLE OF MAN

Roger Hall

I last visited the Isle of Man in 1977. A surprise birthday trip at the end of February gave me the opportunity to revisit what I had then described as a beer drinker's paradise (WD Oct 1977). In the last fifteen years or so much has changed on the island. The increasing popularity of continental holidays has continued to hit the island's economy and has put pressure on the licensed trade. Since 1977 the two breweries, Okells and Castletown, have merged and Castletown Brewery is for sale. Most of the island's pubs are owned by Isle of Man Breweries and serve Okells beers. There are, however, a number of free houses which serve real ales from the mainland. A new brewery, Bushy's, set up in 1986, sells to a dozen free trade outlets and has three tied houses.

If the brewing scene has changed, then the pub situation has been transformed. In the course of seven hours it was not possible to go to all parts of the island and our visits were confined to establishments in Port Erin, Port St Mary, Colby and Castletown. Two of Port Erin's real ale pubs, the By Hotel and the Eagle, are closed, along with many of the residential hotels and guest houses overlooking the bay. The Station is somewhat run-down but the Falcons Nest is much improved.

In Port St Mary, it was disappointing to see that the Bay View Hotel in the middle of the village had closed, but reassuring to find that the Albert, a traditional local overlooking the harbour, was still trading and had much improved over the years whilst still retaining its character. The Carrick, we were told, did not open until one o'clock so we made our way to my own



favourite, the Station. This former Castletown pub now sells Okells mild and bitter and still serves delicious food for which it was deservedly renowned fifteen years ago. It was with deep regret that we read a notice indicating that IOM Breweries would not be renewing the tenant's lease. It's not only the big boys who act like martinets, it seems. It would be sad indeed to see one of the best-run pubs anywhere ruined by yet another rapacious brewer with an eye to the bottom line.

For lunch we went to the Colby Glen Hotel on the A5 at Colby. An excellent choice of home-cooked food was accompanied by a choice of handpumped Okell and Bushy beers. In Castletown the Glue Pot was saved from closure by real ale drinkers and locals and serves Tetleys mild and bitter. The pub has been renovated and seems to be much better appointed than I remember it. Our last port of call before catching the

'plane back was the Ducks Nest, a former Castletown pub on the road to Ronaldsway airport. A blackboard outside said "No Rugby Players" but several fifteens seemed to have ignored it. The Ducks Nest serves Bushy's mild, bitter and Old Bushy Tail as well as a range of guest beers. Basic but popular, it demonstrates how new ownership can revitalise a pub.

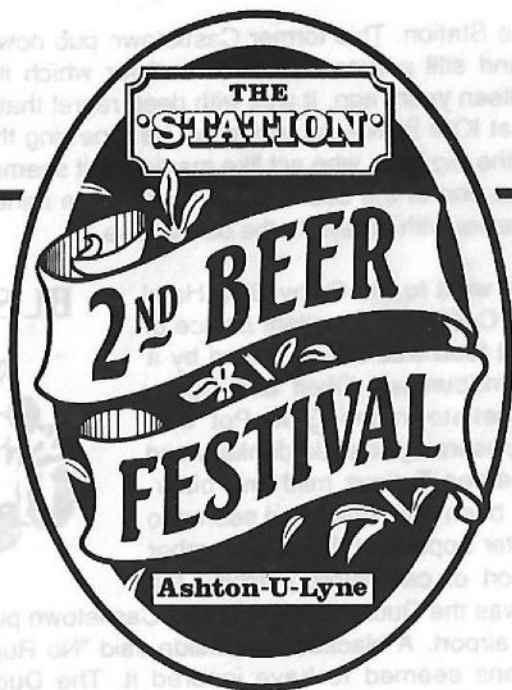
In 1977 I predicted that we might have seen the beginning of the end of this beer drinker's paradise. Certainly the merger of the two breweries and the subsequent closure of pubs led to loss of choice, but the arrival of Bushy's and the appearance of mainland beers has enhanced choice. Some excellent hostelrys have closed but those that remain are, in general, more welcoming and comfortable than they were. The Isle of Man has now weathered its own recession and has succeeded in maintaining its traditions despite economic pressures. I am confident that the island will continue as a paradise for years to come and would commend it to aficionados of both ale and pubs for a day trip or a more lengthy holiday.

BUSHY'S



Moving the GBBF around

Readers of the CAMRA newspaper, 'What's Brewing', will be aware that local CAMRA member Leo King is trying to get the annual Great British Beer Festival moved away from the South East. If you support the idea, there are petitions in the Kings Arms (Bloom Street, Salford) and the Marble Arch and Beer House in Manchester.



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LETTERS

Tudor House

Sir - I was surprised that the Tudor House, Wigan, is being dropped from the next Good Beer Guide. I was even more surprised when I heard why. Apparently the ales are too strong and the range isn't varied enough.

The Tudor House is one of only two Wigan pubs in the Guide which serve regular guest ales. It may be that some of the ales are strong (there have been a lot of winter ales on recently - probably because it's winter, don't some people realise?) but there is generally a wide choice of brews all year round. All kinds of beer, from milds to porters, put in an appearance at some time. The strong brews are no less popular than any average strength beers.

It has also been suggested that Wigan's CAMRA branch is not very happy that the pub is full of students (usually only on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays). This theory has even appeared in local papers - not very good publicity for CAMRA.

CAMRA exists to promote choice for drinkers and it has a funny way of showing it in Wigan. Visitors to the town using next year's Guide will have a harder time tracking down guest ales.

Worried, Wigan

(WD has received a similar letter from Downhearted Neil Baldwin of Wigan)

Open-Plan Pubs

Sir - The taxation of domestic energy as set out in last month's Budget must surely strengthen the arguments against open-plan pubs.

Not only does the removal of internal walls on the pretext of improving security (which could be achieved far more cheaply by using closed-circuit television) add to heating costs, but it makes it well-nigh impossible to segregate smokers from non-smokers. (Not often done now but conceivably popular or even a legal requirement in the foreseeable future.) Juke box/noise addicts cannot, in open-plan pubs, be separated from those seeking peace and quiet. People who want to watch the match are disturbed by those wanting to chat.

What is often overlooked is that open-plan pubs compel licensees to heat and light the whole pub even when trade is so slack that only one room would be required. Hardly common sense from a green or an economic point of view.

Will Norman Lamont's tax revive elegantly decorated pub screens separating Them from Us, or will there be a frantic bout of wall building? Somehow I doubt it.

Mr Therm

NOW & THEN

by Rob Magee

No.74

MONKEY INN

14 Gas Street, Oldham

This beerhouse was on the corner of Gas Street and Waterloo Street and was originally named the Railway View. Unfortunately the licensee, John Richards, died in 1869, not long after the beerhouse opened. His widow, Maria, soon got over her bereavement, however, as she took out a music licence the same year. In the following year she got married again and the licence was transferred to her new husband, Benjamin Smith, a 45-year-old Londoner.

It appears that Maria outlived her second husband as well, since she was back in charge in the 1880s. She was granted a billiards licence in 1888 and two years later was listed as the owner of the property. When she died, William Richards (probably her son) became the owner of the Railway View and he brought the property up to date by installing water closets and making various other improvements, such as stabling for horses. The beerhouse now had five drinking rooms and five bedrooms and a wine licence was granted in the 1890s.

A few years later Gartside's Brewery of Ashton were the owners and their tenant from 1916 to 1936 was Ada Beaumont. It was Ada's pet monkey that got the beerhouse a new name and this animal seems to have had a



short life but a happy one - it had the run of the pub until the day it managed to lock itself in the fireside oven, where it suffocated. Ada was so fond of the monkey that she had it stuffed and mounted in a glass case, and on 9th September 1924 she had the name of the pub changed to the Monkey Inn.

I first went into the Monkey about 1956 and remember playing darts in the bar parlour, which was on the right, behind the bar as you went in. On the left was a tap room first left and a smoke room second left. The licensee was Agnes Cunningham, the pub's ninth landlady. The Monkey was off the beaten track and if you didn't know it was there, it was easy to miss it. As the old cottages in the neighbourhood were pulled down, custom declined and the pub eventually closed under a Compulsory Purchase Order in 1967. It was demolished the following year. In a hundred years it had had fourteen landladies - and one monkey!

Beer Festival

The Central & North Cheshire branch of CAMRA is putting on the first Frodsham Beer Festival on May 28th and 29th. All profits will go to a local charity, Rowlands Care. The theme of the festival is 'New Brews' - beer from breweries which have started up in the past year - and the organisers hope to have at least 25 of these on sale. Plenty of 'winners' for the 'scratchers'! Details next month.



Radcliffe

After being closed for a few months, the Bridge Inn (ex-Whitbread) emerged as a 'Theakstons' pub last year, but that didn't last and now it is owned by Burtonwood. At the other end of town, the Royal Oak near the old canal bridge on Water Street has been transformed into a Whitbread 'Tut 'n' Shive Alehouse'.

Tut 'n' Shives sell a range of cask beers and seem to be Whitbread's answer to the BodPubCo Alehouse and a re-working of the 'House of Horrors' theme of a few years back. Whitbread Alehouses have been spotted in places as culturally diverse as Blackpool and Yeadon (Yorkshire).

rupert

Imagine, if you will, a fiercely independent beer manufacturer which shuns publicity and won't let anyone round its beer factory - let's call it Joshua Drab. Imagine, too, a bunch of cerebrally challenged boss persons who like nothing more than freebie jollies round obscure but highly regarded breweries. Tentative feelers are put out via the local contact with an award to the brewer as a tempter. All by word of mouth, you understand. Now Ebenezer Drab's a bit over the hill. Osbert Dowdy's doolally and Perry Drab's busy, what with the kids and the car and everything. Anyway, they chuck anything apart from VAT returns in the bin. Delicate negotiations result in the promise of the retired dray horse fettler's assistant being dispatched to receive an autographed copy of "A Day in the Life of a Hop, Vol. II: 6am-noon".

"Stuff this for a game of soldiers," said the bosspersons. "They've snubbed us. Tell them to piss off and we didn't want to go round their rotten brewery anyway and they won't send beer to the Smokeley Amber Nectar Show." This put the local fixer in a bit of a fix, so to speak, but the massed Grotley branches came to his rescue and bought Drabs a pressie anyway. Baby bossperson Matthew Sewer, who went to the Ms Shame school of

letter writing, sent the hapless fixer a lovely letter commending him for being such a gormless nerd. You work them off and get kicked in them - tough at the top, ain't it?

Never mind, the world works in a mysterious way - perhaps the phantom mugger will get him - a fate which befell a vociferous voter following the Amber Nectar Guide Selection Meeting for Slumley. I suppose we're used to all sorts of recluses and social derelicts, not to mention the sartorially challenged, crawling out of the woodwork on these occasions, but to be faced by a psychotic banshee bereft of reason, behaving like a walking, talking, scrambled Erskine May was a new experience for many of us. Such was Duke's behaviour that Carmelite nuns threatened to castrate him as he tried to select hostelrys in St Kilda and chuck out the best pubs in the known universe.

Those who upset the worthies of Grotley often get their comeuppance and such was the fate of Duke, who was duffed up on his way home. It would indeed be a sad end to a tragic affair if Matthew Sewer were to be hung on the railings outside Drab's, tarred and feathered - heaven forbid.

Branch Diary

Region

Regional Meeting - revised date: Mon 5th April, Britons Protection, Great Bridgewater Street, Manchester, 8pm.

21 - 24 April: Great North Western Beer Festival, Silverwell Street, Bolton

Bolton

Thur 1 April 8.30pm, Branch Meeting, Cattle Market, Orlando Street.

Wed 28 April, Prices Survey, 8pm Dog & Partridge; 8.30 Man & Scythe, 9pm Clifton, 9.30 Sweet Green.

Sun 2 May, Prices Survey, 12 noon Nab Gate, 12.30 Grey Mare, 13.00 House Without a Name. Finishing at Bolton Castle.

Tues 6 May, 8.30pm, Branch Meeting, Maxims, Bradshawgate

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Trafford & Hulme

Thur 1st April 8pm, Committee Meeting, Builders Arms, Knutsford

Thur 8 April, Chorlton Crawl, 7.45 Jacksons Boat, Rifle Road; finish at the Beech

Thur 15 April Salford University to assist setting up CAMRA AGM.

Thur 22 April Joint Social with Stockport & South Manchester at their Pub of the Month, The Romper, Ringway.

Sat 24 April, Branch lunchtime outing to the Great North Western Beer Festival in Bolton.

Thur 29 April, Baguley & Timperley Crawl. 8pm Jolly Butcher, Butchers Lane; Hare & Hounds, and to finish in Quarrybank Inn, Bloomsbury Lane. Thur 6 May 8pm, Committee Meeting, Legh Arms, Sale Moor.

North Manchester

Wed 14 April, Branch Meeting, Crescent, Salford, 7.30

Wed 21 April, Bolton Beer Festival

Wed 28 April, Committee & Social, Crown & Cushion, Manchester, 8pm

Wed 5 May, Union Tavern, Liverpool Street, Salford, 8pm

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Rochdale, Oldham & Bury

Tues 6 April 8pm, Branch Meeting, Royal Oak, Bridge Street, Ramsbottom

Tues 20 April 8.30, Committee Meeting, Bridge, Moorhey Street, Oldham

Tues 27 April 8pm, What's Doing Collation Meeting, Flying Horse, Town Hall Square, Rochdale.

Wed 28 April 8.30, Social, Farmers Arms, Simister Lane, Simister

Tues 4 May 8pm, Branch AGM, Flying Horse, Town Hall Square, Rochdale.

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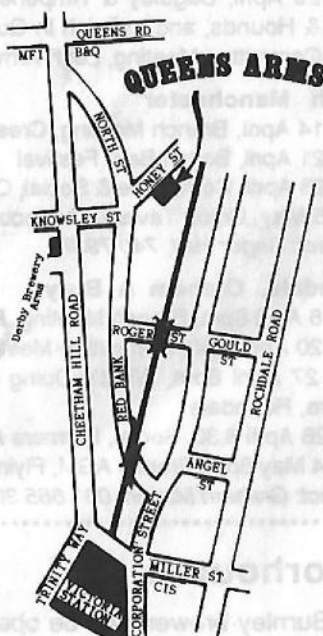
Sun: 12.00-3.00 7.00-10.30
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While you're up here in the North you'll want to blend into the background as much as possible and not stick out like a sore thumb. You'll need to dress right, talk proper and not like a mincing southern pooftah or stuck-up tart. This guide aims to help you behave like a true Salfordian and be accepted by the down-to-earth lads and lassies of the socio-economic group Z boozers where you'll no doubt find yourself.

What to Wear

For God's sake, if you're a bloke, don't wear a cravat, frilly shirt or anything remotely poncy or you'll like as not end up in t'cut. Women should avoid gingham dresses, twin sets, jewellery or anything which might be considered posh if they want to avoid being stripped to their underwear and chained to a lamp-post in Ordsall with a dozen balloons and a live pig. Unobtrusive clothing for a man might include a cap, back to front or not, a muffler, moleskin trousers, an old suit jacket and clogs. A whippet on a string is an acceptable accessory but pigeons and ferrets might be over-egging the pudding. Women should stick to shawls and curlers and fur-edged house slippers. In some venues it's considered chic to wear designer shell suits and expensive long-tongued trainers, knocked off in a local ram-raid - but there's no need to bring them with you as you can pick them up for a tenner in most places.

What to Eat

Don't give yourself away by eating anything which smacks of foreign parts. Traditional fare up here includes tripe, trotters, black

puddings, faggots, chip butties and Holts Sixex and lime. Practise before you get here. Passing wind can be a dead giveaway.

What to Say

Best advice is to belt up and say nowt but that's well nigh impossible. Lower your voice two octaves and practise talking with your mouth closed and you might pass for a northern simpleton, which is three steps up from any kind of southerner. What you say as much as how you talk can let you down. Northerners don't have the polite aloofness of the Home Counties but exist in a world of back-slapping camaraderie and earthy mateyness, which epitomises their relationships. If you can't emulate this you're a dead ringer for an outsider and won't get ATs in any pub in the area.

It helps to demonstrate from the beginning that you're streetwise and have local knowledge. The following opening remarks might help:-

"Oi, twatty, give us a double Rizla and some wacky baccy."

"Quality Street Gang not in toneet, then?"

"Ad any more machete attacks, then?"

To get acquainted with the opposite sex, men might try:

"Ee, lass, tha's got the prettiest arse in t'Northern Union,"

whilst women might try an expression perhaps thought avant garde in Bloomsbury:

"Ay, do you fancy me as a star in your next wank?"

Once you've got into conversation with the locals over a game of dominoes you can drop in some real local knowledge:

"Me dad played football wi' that Albert Finney."

"Me mam were at Girton wi' Vinegar Vera."

We hope you enjoy this edition of What's Doing

Try to remember you know nothing about wine, the stock exchange, school fees, foxhunting, country estates or debts' balls; you've never been to Provence, Tuscany or the Algarve and you've hardly seen a field except on "All Creatures Great and Small". Think - terraced streets, outdoor lavvies, knockers-up, mill chimneys, L S Lowry, Love on the Dole, Hobson's Choice and you're half way to being a Salfordian of the day.

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