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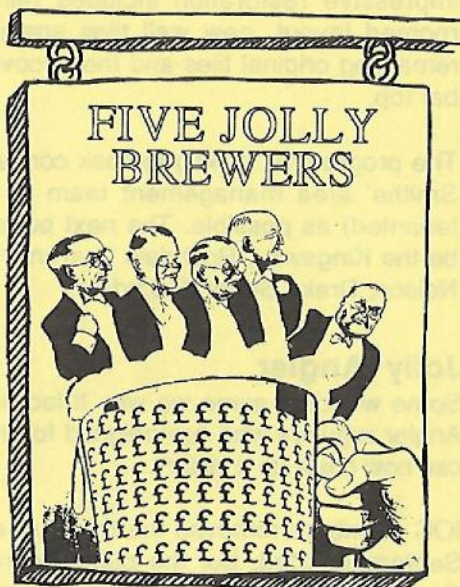
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The Manchester Beer Drinker's Monthly Magazine

More Choice / Less Choice

Although it may seem that there is more choice of beers in our pubs, the last decade has seen a gradual increase in concentration of ownership in brewing. Back in the mid 1980s, 80% of our beer was brewed by the Big Six. Today, Grand Met have dropped out of the picture and over 85% of our beer is brewed by the remaining five players. The termination of Courage's trading agreements over the next few years promises merely to shift market share among these players. Some breweries and several beers are likely to be victims of this process. The Halifax brewery and Wilsons and Websters cask beers are not expected to survive.



Branding is now of crucial importance to brewers' marketing plans. Courage will want to retain their market leader, John Smiths bitter, against the competition of Tetleys bitter and the fast rising ubiquitous Boddingtons bitter. Doubtless Bass and S&N will want to push their national brews, Worthington Best Bitter and

Theakstons Best Bitter. The race to national branding does not augur well for the current portfolio of local and regional beers brewed by the Big Five. Ind Coope, Ansells, OB, Fremlins, Wethereds, M&B, Hancocks, Matthew Brown, Home, Shipstones, Davenports, Greenalls and Walkers may all be under threat except as niche beers for specialist markets.

Cask Sams

Sam Smiths are well known for promoting their 'traditional' image, despite the fact that most of their pubs in the Rochdale area have been selling keg beer. Now things are changing and the brewery is in the process of converting a number of pubs in the area to cask. After the conversion of the Eagle, Oldham Road, Rochdale and the Grapes, Peel Lane, Heywood earlier this year, the latest pub to switch to real ale (Old Brewery Bitter) is the Bridge Inn, Well i'th' Lane, Rochdale.

The pub has also been renovated using the original plans as a guide. The impressive restoration includes reinstatement of the original multi-roomed layout, new wall tiles specially commissioned to match the remaining original tiles and the uncovering of the original floor tiles and bar top.

The programme of keg-to-cask conversions is being promoted by Sam Smiths' area management team in as many houses (managed and tenanted) as possible. The next pubs to be converted are expected to be the Kingsway, Rochdale (currently closed for refurbishment) and the Nelson, Drake Street, Rochdale.

Jolly Angler

Some we lose, some we win. It looks as though CAMRA and the Jolly Angler regulars who campaigned for the preservation of this classic pub can now chalk up a victory.

IOC members removed the threat of a dynamic village development on September 23rd, but the pub's future was still in doubt because the Central Manchester Development Corporation's plans for the area did not allow for the retention of the Jolly Angler and the White House.

The plans have now been changed and the area designations have been altered to include the two pubs. So it's official. The Angler lives, now and in the future.

Beer House upgrade

The bar of the Beer House on Angel Street has been moved back to a more sensible location and twelve new handpumps have been installed. We understand that plans to replace the tarmac stair carpet are in hand.

No Joe's

Yes, the Crescent in Salford has chucked out Holts and replaced it with Crescent Bitter, brewed by another local brewer. Is this the end of the world as we know it? We should be told!

Crown reopens

The Crown on Blackfriars Street, Salford, has reopened after a long period of closure. The beer range is Chesters bitter, Boddies bitter and Marstons Pedigree.

Cheapest beer in Manchester?

The Museum, Moston Lane, is selling Wilsons bitter at 90p a pint and J W Lees bitter is also on sale at 93p!



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Whitbread, in allowing itself more freedom to finance acquisitions, has made itself vulnerable to takeover and removed the umbrella protection from some of the regional brewers. Whether Whitbread expands, withdraws from brewing or is taken over by a foreign giant remains to be seen.

Middleton

The Dusty Miller is in the news again. After closing for refurbishment, this controversial establishment reopened on Thursday October 7th as a Whitbread 'Cask Ale House', selling an array of constantly changing real ales. At the last count eight non-Whitbread beers were on handpump.

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Holts Corner

Stewart Revell

The Orion in Withington reopened as a Holts outlet on Friday 8th October after having the keg dispensing equipment removed and handpumps fitted. The new licensees are Bev and John Bonyng from Rochdale, who have worked as relief managers in several Holts outlets. The biggest job on taking the Orion was cleaning the place up and they now await the decorators to complete the task. On a pre-opening visit, I was shown a fine framed picture of HMS Orion (1934-39) which will be put back on show as soon as the walls have been redecorated. Best wishes to Bev and John for their future success at the Orion.

GMPTE (the Metrolink planners) say that the decision on which route the East Manchester & Tameside line will take will be made during November by the PTA. It is hoped that public pressure and opposition to the closure of the Grove and the Sir Humphrey Chetham on Ashton New Road will ensure that the alternative route will be recommended.

The end of November (or early December) will see the annual price increase for Holts beers. In spite of the new method of levying excise duty, it is expected that a pint of Holts bitter will still be under £1 after the increase. It could of course be a lot cheaper if the Chancellor reduced excise duty to the same level as the rest of Europe. Just think, Holts at 65p a pint! (No chance!) If the worst happens and the Chancellor increases beer duty in his budget, then there will be a double increase and even Holts would find it difficult to keep prices under the £1 barrier.

The Old Monkey is due to open in early December and if all goes well it will be the 6th. Don't get trampled in the rush! The licensees will be Stephen and Louise Doran from the Grafton.

Canned Laughter

"Safeway have become the first supermarket to offer its customers an exclusive draught in-can bitter," gushes the press release. Oh aye? "Called Cornbrook Draught Ale, the bitter is brewed by the Cornbrook Brewery Company founded in 1885 in Manchester. On opening, micro-bubbles are released into the can to give a rich head - an essential requirement of draught beer drinkers."

It would appear that the little bubbles are also present in the heads of the PR persons who thought this one up. Cornbrook Brewery in Manchester? Stick to selling cornflakes, Safeway, Bass closed it down twenty years ago!

Letters

The Great Debate (1)

Sir - Roger Hall (WD Oct) accuses me of missing the point on the City Centre Good Beer Guide allocation. Anyone who thinks the presence of foreign consulates and "the forefront of the club and music scene" have any bearing on this matter is not best placed to lecture others on relevance.

As Roger implicitly concedes, my re-working of his original statistics (which were not "faux naïf" so much as just plain wrong) removes the fiction that the Centre is under-represented. If there are problems with selection within individual branches (and not a shred of evidence has been adduced to suggest that there are), these can be addressed at branch level. The ill-defined proposal of some sort of ring-fenced City Centre allocation is a non-solution chasing a non-problem.

None of this is to deny the possibility of presentational changes to enhance further Manchester's already handsome standing in the Guide. One such might be to list under Manchester City Centre those Salford pubs that are easily accessible from the Centre. When I recently suggested this in the context of a local guide which vicarious embarrassment forbids me to name, Roger Hall spoke vociferously against it.

Rhys P Jones

The Great Debate (2)

Sir - As CAMRA members who work in the city centre and frequent the pubs, we would like to contribute to the debate about Good Beer Guide entries (WD Sept and Oct). Listing the number of entries for cities comparable to Manchester does not help. (Why has Preston got 14?) The starting point should be what we think is an appropriate number for an (almost Olympic) city like Manchester, bearing in mind that the typical GBG user is from out of town and more likely to find him/herself in the vicinity of the city centre rather than in, say, Wardley, Bredbury or Carrington.

The 1994 GBG lists ten city centre pubs if you include the Cornbrook and Ancoats entries. We suggest there is scope for twice as many. All the following 22 pubs are of GBG standard:

Britons Protection, Castle, Circus, Crown & Anchor (Holts), Crown & Anchor (Whitbread), Crown & Cushion, Dukes '92, Grey Horse, Hare & Hounds, Jolly Angler, Lord Nelson, Old Monkey (hopefully), Portland

Arms, Seven Oaks, Sinclairs, Sportsmans, Unicorn, Vine, White Lion, plus say three multi-choice free houses.

GBG users should know about these pubs even if it means sacrificing equally worthy entries for other areas. The implications of this particular list would be for North Manchester Branch to increase its allocation from 5 to 13, South Manchester Branch from 1 to 4 and Trafford & Hulme Branch from 4 to 5.

Peter Barnes & Geoff Johnson

Paws for thought

Sir - Just a thought. In Rob Magee's article about the Lamb & Lark last month, he says the lion that accompanied the landlord on his morning walks used to relieve itself at gaslamps. Would lions, in fact, given the opportunity, do this? Of course, I can see the argument that a lion is big enough to piss where it bloody well likes, but isn't lamppost wetting a doggy rather than a feline habit?

D Morris

Guide Gone?

Sir - What's happened to the guide to Manchester and Salford for which I surveyed fifty pubs a year ago? One of the pubs is now a church and another is a hamburger joint. Six pubs have been burned down, two by their owners, and a further four are closed. Of the rest, twelve have changed brewery, nine have new guest beers and no fewer than twenty-three have different licensees after many left in difficult circumstances, some at the end of a rope. Come on, get your act together and let's see a guide to the Olympic City of 2004 before the end of the millenium.

Rev Donald Toper

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Now & Then

by Rob Magee

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Royal Oak

Heights Chapel, Broad Lane, Delph

Edward Kenworthy opened this alehouse in 1767, the year before St Thomas' Chapel of Ease was built. He ran it until at least 1781, and next to his entry in the alehouse recognizances for that year is the comment "He is old." Widow Kenworthy was in charge for a few years and then, when Jonathan Shaw was running the alehouse in 1802 it is first listed by name - as the Clothiers Arms. Mr Shaw was calling it the Punch Bowl by 1820 and then, by 1829, settled on the Royal Oak, the name the pub bears today.

A woollen manufacturer called James Bottomley took the licence in 1841 (and probably also purchased the property) and together with his brother John looked after the Royal Oak and its brewhouse for over twenty years. It would have been "home brewed ales" then - let's face it, a dray lurry had no chance of getting to the house (1,050 feet up) by the steep, winding lanes! The Royal Oak's isolation certainly had its drawbacks, as in 1865 masked men broke in, tied the brothers up and robbed them of their money and valuables.



In 1881 Joseph Kershaw was the owner and licensee and he had three sons: Charles (18), a wool weaver; James (14), a wheelwright, and Hilton (10), who was described as a farmer. Hilton took the licence in 1906, but two years later he was dead and his widow was running the pub. She remarried in 1910 and her husband, James Gartside, had the licence until 1930.

In that year Frank Bradbury became the licensee and by then brewing had ceased as Oldham Brewery was supplying the beer. However, the Royal Oak remained in private hands until 1957, when it was taken over by the Huddersfield brewers Bentley & Shaw (then owned by Hammonds of Bradford). In February 1969 it became a free house again, when licensee Keith Jacombs bought the property and started selling Tetleys beers.

The Royal Oak is still a free house and hasn't changed much since local writer Ammon Wrigley sat on the form outside in the 1930s. The form has gone now of course, a porch has been added and a low wall built at the front, but old Edward Kenworthy would still recognise the alehouse he opened in 1767.

Irlam

The White Lion on Liverpool Road is going to reopen again. It was a 'Sports' emporium in its last incarnation and now somebody has decided the place would do a bit better if it was a proper pub - called the White Lion.

Club News

Swinton Conservative Club is now serving handpumped Boddingtons bitter and Flowers IPA.

Under New Management

Bass have sold two of their Salford pubs - the Kettle Drum near the Precinct and the Bridge on Lower Broughton Road - to an outfit called Mercury Taverns. Altogether over a hundred pubs in the North West, Wales and the Midlands are involved in the deal.

Name Game

It's new image time again at the Bulls Head in Walkden. Purple paint has been applied to the exterior and there is a sign saying 'Name This Pub'. What's wrong with 'The Bulls Head'?

Beinlos in Bayern

Paul Roberts

Oktoberfest 1993

The 160th Oktoberfest ended on German Unification Day, Sunday October 3rd, without setting any new records. Six and a half million visitors drank 4.8 million litres of beer - quite a way short of the record 7.2 million visitors who downed well over 5 million litres at the end of the 1980s. Prices varied between DM9.30 and DM9.50 per litre - an increase of roughly 7% on last year and almost double Germany's 4% inflation rate.



The 'fest opened on a sour note. New Oberbürgermeister Christian Ude performed the traditional opening ceremony in the Schottenhamel and was greeted with whistles and cat-calls - owing to a bitterly fought election campaign for his post. He was so annoyed that from next year he will break a 40-year-old tradition and perform the ceremony in different halls. Peter Schottenhamel is not very pleased and is appealing against this decision which will adversely affect his trade. Perhaps it would improve if he switched from Spatenbräu to a better beer!

Gabi Weishäupl, the overall boss of the Oktoberfest, banned the satellite TV channel RTL from showing any footage of drunkenness, saying that now satellite TV was being watched throughout Europe it would create a bad impression abroad!

Despite brilliant weather and temperatures touching 90°, the first week's trading was quite slack. The final week was busy, with the Saturday the busiest day ever at the 'fest. Most Bierhallen were completely full by 12 noon and the halls had to be locked to stop more people from trying to get in.

Judging by the number of Oktoberfest tee-shirt-clad-guts on the flight back to Manchester, I assume many readers were present in Munich. I wish a speedy recovery to all!

1992 beer production figures for the Vaterland show that total output was 1.8% up on the previous year at 120.1 million hectolitres, which represents a consumption figure of 144.3 litres per head of population - around 40% more than the British. The actual number of breweries was down 25 from the previous year to 1,290, most of the casualties being in the former DDR.

The top ten selling brands, including exports with the exception of Becks are: (in million hectolitres; 1991 figures in brackets)

1 Warsteiner 5.8 (4.8)	6 Holsten 2.0 (2.0)
2 Bitburger 3.4 (3.1)	7 Diebels Alt 1.7 (1.6)
3 Krombacher 3.1 (2.6)	8 Clausthaler 1.5 (1.5)
4 Veltins 2.1 (2.0)	9 Sculttheiss 1.5 (1.5)
5 König Pilsner 2.1 (2.2)	10 Becks 1.3 (1.2)

These figures are bettered by some of the larger Dortmund and Munich breweries which produce several different types of beer.

Hare & Hounds

The number of cask beers on sale at the Hare & Hounds on Shudehill has doubled. Cains bitter is now available alongside Tetley bitter.

Real Pelican

The Pelican in Timperley, a large Greenalls house, has been displaying banners outside declaring that it is part of the "Cask Ale Club". Investigation reveals that this pub, which has been selling keg or tank beer for at least ten years, now serves six real ales through handpumps, including a mild. A welcome reversal of policy!

Salford

Hobsons Choice on Oldfield Road was badly damaged by fire on the night of Saturday 16th October and on Tuesday 19th there was a fire at the Langworthy. The following day Holts were boarding the windows of the Sabre after the pub was smashed.

By George!

The Royal George on Lever Street, Manchester, has become a Vaux house (formerly Websters). It is selling Vaux bitter, Samson and a rotating guest. During November, the Samson will be on sale at 99p a pint.

Rupert

Something's amiss with Tubs Caries. Given a free ticket to the North Pondley Jamboree, he didn't turn up. Hattie Nightingale's suggestion that he was undergoing emergency orthodontic treatment doesn't hold water. His mañana attitude to the production of Grotley & Slumley Amber Nectar II has resulted in the publication in serial form of What's Doing's own answer to the seminal and procrastinatory oeuvre. There is no truth whatsoever that What's Doing is opening its own Duck & Pipette as a temporary stand-in. Whilst we're on rumour denials, I'd like to nail once and for all the folk belief that a famous tavern-owning company is trawling CAMRA branches and beer festivals for tired and overwrought coherently challenged stewarts and offering them custodianship of hostelryes. Dishevelled inebriates despair! It is not true. Tough, Jamie, your day may not come.

One of the main purposes of North Pondley was to allow Lord Bog, Wayne Dix and other assembled glitterati to judge the What's Doing limerick competition. This, as readers will recollect, was designed to link continuing What's Doing themes and characters with novel items of news. Far too many of the entries were too disgusting to be shown to the judges and many of

the remainder fell far below the standards which we have grown to expect. Congratulations to Jenny Taylor, who wins a firkin of Carthorses' Old Nobthrutcher for her entry:

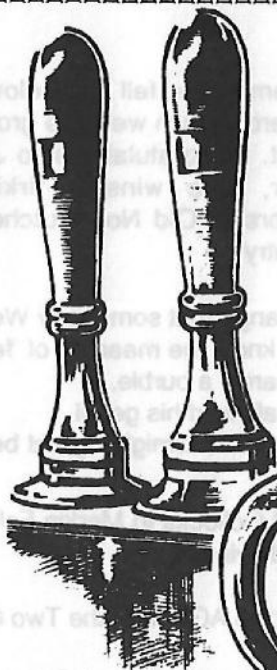
It's strange that somebody Welsh,
Didn't know the meaning of 'felch'.
With hardly a burble,
He swallowed his gerbil
And gave an almighty great belch.

A kil of Gollocks to Merkin Felch for the following:

Would the AGM with the Two Cities
Guide
And the Dick & Puppet Coincide?
But I am afraid
That both were delayed.
Olympic efforts you should not
deride.

Yet another hogshead of
Goosegrease & Dishwater's
cheeky little bitter goes to Ophelia
Hampton, who also receives the
Lady Bog memorial limerick cup for
her entry:

A stentor from Wales wore a wig
Where you might find the leaf for a
fig
So if you spot a berk in
A tattered old merkin
It's Rumpleshirtscream the prig



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Branch Diary

Regional Meeting

Wed 8 Dec 8pm, Unicorn, Church Street, Manchester. All agenda items to Judith Spragg, Bolton contact.

Bolton

Thur 11 Nov 8pm, AGM + Branch Meeting, York, Newport Street. Current membership cards must be produced to vote. Note early start. For discussion - amendment to Branch Constitution: change of accounting date 30th Sept from 31st Oct.

Fri 26th Nov. Crawl down Halliwell Road. Meet Ainsworth Arms 7.15pm, Fox & Stork 7.45pm - finishing at Sharman 10.30, optional curry.

Thur 2 Dec 8.30pm, Branch Meeting, Sweet Green, Crook Street. Includes GBG 1995 nominations.

Contact: Judith Spragg 0204 595342 (h), 0204 397350 (w)

Trafford & Hulme

Thur 4 Nov 8pm, Committee meeting, Hare & Hounds, Timperley, then surveying the Stonemasons and Quarrybank.

Thur 11th Nov 8pm, Station, Ashton-u-Lyne

Thur 25 Nov 8pm, Sale Survey: Bridge, Waggon, Volunteer, Bulls Head, Railway

Fri 26 Nov 6pm. Cheese Butty Crawl to Amsterdam. Contact Keith Egerton if interested (wk 477 3939)

Thur 2 Dec 8pm, Committee Meeting, Jolly Angler; White House; Land o'Cakes

Contact: Alan J Glover 061 872 2373 (w), 061 962 9890 (h)

North Manchester

Wed 3 Nov, Ordsall Crawl. Stowell Spire, Eccles New Road, 7pm; Jubilee, Tatton St, 8pm; Welcome, Robert Hall St, 9pm.

Wed 10 Nov, Strangeways Brewery Trip. Details from Paul Mason

Wed 17 Nov, Branch Meeting, Kings Arms, Bloom Street, Salford, 8pm

Wed 24 Nov, City Centre Survey. Meet Wheatsheaf, Oak Street, 7pm onwards.

Wed 1 Dec, Charlestown/Brindleheath/Brunswick Crawl. Old House at Home, Whit Lane, 7pm; Beehive, Holland Street, 7.30; Duchy, Brindleheath Road, 8pm; Unicorn, Broughton Lane, 9pm.

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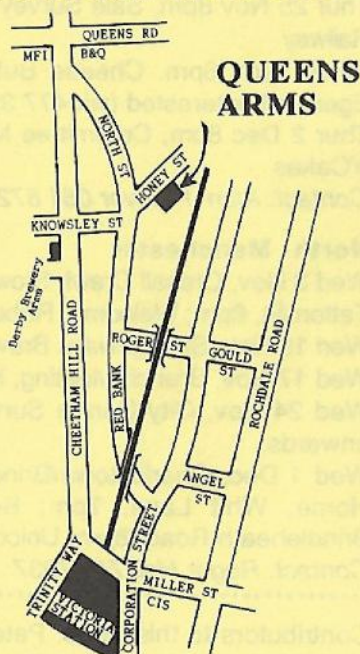
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A2C2-The Series

Publication of the second edition of the Manchester and Salford guide, 'Ale of Two Cities', has been postponed, so over the next few months What's Doing will be providing a guide to real ale in the various districts. To start with:

Miles Platting, Moston, Newton Heath



Compiled by Mark McConachie and the
North Manchester Branch of CAMRA



Miles Platting

Apollo	Varley Street	(BodPubCo) Boddingtons M,B (H)
Bird in Hand	Oldham Road	(Free) Boddingtons B (H)
Bradford Inn	Bradford Road	(Holts) M,B(E)
Cricketers	Bradford Road	(Marstons) B (H)
Fountain Inn	Bradford Road	(J Smiths) <i>NO REAL ALE</i>
Grey Mare	Varley Street	(Burtonwood) B (H)
Hat & Feathers	Varley Street	(Free) <i>CLOSED & BOARDED</i>
Heywood Arms	Oldham Road	(Websters) <i>CLOSED & BOARDED</i>
Hope Tavern	Oldham Road	(Whitbread) <i>CLOSED & BOARDED</i>
Lancaster	Oldham Road	(Belhaven) <i>CLOSED & BOARDED</i>
Magpie	Bradford Road	(Whitbread) Chesters M, Trophy (H)
Navigation	Holland Street	(Tetley/free) Tetley-Walker M,B (E)
Nottingham Castle	Oldham Road	(Bass) <i>CLOSED & BOARDED</i>
Pack Horse	Oldham Road	(Lees) <i>CLOSED & BOARDED</i>
Spanking Roger	Sawley Road	(Vaux) Lorimers Scotch, Samson (H)
White Hart	Oldham Road	(Belhaven) Tetley-Walker B(H)

Moston

Ben Brierley	Moston Lane	(Bass) 4X Mild, Stones (H)
Blue Bell*	Moston Lane	(Holts) M,B (H)
Bricklayers Arms	Moston Lane	(Grand Met) Wilsons B (H)
Broadway	Broadway	(Whitbread) Chesters B (H)
Dean Brook*	St Mary's Road	(Marstons) B, Pedigree, Banks M (H)
Gardeners Arms	Chain Bar	(BodPubCo) Boddingtons M,B (H)
Kestrel	Hugo Street	(Grand Met) Wilsons M,B, Holts B (H)
Lightbowne	Lightbowne Rd	(Whitbread) Boddingtons B (H)
Moston	Princedom St	(Whit.) Chesters M,B, Boddies B (H)
Mowers Arms	Moston Lane	(Bass) Worthington BB (H)
Museum	Moston Lane	(Grand Met) Wilsons B, Lees B (H)
New Moston*	Belgrave Road	(Marstons) B, Pedigree, Banks M (H)
Old Loom	Moston Lane	(Bass) Worthington BB (H)
Thatched House	Moston Lane	(Bass) <i>NO REAL ALE</i>

Newton Heath

Bay Horse	Berry Brow	(Tetley) <i>Closed for refurbishment</i>
Britannia	Robert Street	(Tetley) Tetley-Walker M,B (H)
Bull Hotel	Briscoe Lane	(Whit.) Chesters M, Boddies B (H)
Church Inn	Droylsden Rd	(Holts) M,B (E)
Clarendon	Pinehurst Rd	(Marstons) B (H)
Copenhagen*	Oldham Road	(Vaux) M, B, Light, Samson (H)
Culcheth Gates	Culcheth Lane	(Vaux) B, Samson, Boddies B (H)

Gibraltar	Grimshaw Lane	(Vaux) B, Samson, Ward Darley M (H)
Grenadier	Briscoe Lane	(Grand Met) <i>CLOSED & BOARDED</i>
Grosvenor	Goddard Street	(Lees) M,B (E)
Horseshoe Inn*	Droylsden Rd	(Bass) Toby Light, Worthington BB, Boddies B (H)
New Crown Inn	Old Church St	(Marstons) B (H)
Railway	Berry Brow	(BodPubCo) Boddies & OB Bitter, Marstons Pedigree (H)
Railway*	Dean Lane	(Holts) M,B (E)
Robin Hood*	Droylsden Rd	(Marstons) B (H)
Royal Oak	Oldham Road	(Grand Met) <i>CLOSED & BOARDED</i>
Soap Box	Culcheth Lane	(Marstons) B (H) (<i>ex Newton House</i>)
Swan	Oldham Road	(Bleazard) Tetley B (H)
White Lion	Old Church St	(Tetley) <i>CLOSED & BOARDED</i>

****In particular...***

Blue Bell

One of the area's oldest public houses, first licensed over two hundred years ago. It was purchased by Holts in 1896 and rebuilt around 1912 in archetypal Edwardian style. Unfortunately, with the passage of time much of the original grandeur of the interior has been lost. Nevertheless, in its present semi-open-plan design, the Blue Bell is an extremely popular pub catering for all age groups.

Copenhagen

One of many Vaux pubs formerly owned by Wilsons in an area once dominated by the Newton Heath Brewery. The building still shows signs of its former ownership and despite internal alterations maintains its popularity and friendly atmosphere. The pub's long history and prominent main road position make it a valuable addition to Vaux's estate.

Dean Brook

Three distinct drinking areas remain in this large, opened-out pub with a central bar. The Dean Brook occupies an entire terrace close to the Newton Heath border and there are separate entrances to the bar and lounge. A busy and popular pub.

Horseshoe Inn

Fronting the busy Droylsden Road, this community local comprises two rooms of equal size in what was originally two terraced houses. The lounge is well appointed and has an interesting semi-circular bar; the vault is a focal point for darts, quiz and football teams.

New Moston

Tucked away in a quiet backwater of New Moston, on the edge of Failsworth, this pub is a locals' local. Scrupulously clean and well run, it is an asset to the neighbourhood even if prices are a little higher than in other pubs in the locality. With a beer garden, traditional vault and comfortable lounge, the New Moston caters for all age groups.

Railway (Holts)

The vault is the centre of activity in this imposing, unusually-shaped Victorian pub. A recent refurbishment (in Holts style) has done nothing to diminish the character - if anything, it has greatly improved it. Look out for the unusual bar fonts and the fine etched windows featuring steam locomotives.

Robin Hood

As yet unaltered by Marstons, the Robin Hood has an atmosphere of homeliness and has gained in popularity since the alterations at the New Crown and the Soap Box. There is a large vault at the side and a front lounge with a 1950s ambience. Value for money snacks are available. The threat of alteration to this comfortable pub is ever present and after seeing what Marstons have done elsewhere, a shudder of fear hits the visitor!



Next month's A2C2 guide will cover Salford (including Broughton, Ordsall, Pendleton, Weaste and Irlams o'th'Height) before any more pubs are burned down.