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The Manchester Beer Drinker's Monthly Magazine

Real Ale in Trafford Park

Built in 1902 when the Trafford Park industrial estate was created, the magnificent Trafford Park Hotel has just escaped demolition. Trafford Park Development Corporation had planned to make Ashburton Road into a straight dual carriageway, so therefore it was due to come down. Then it was pointed out that the hotel was a Grade II listed building and so the road line was altered to dog-leg past the pub.



Even better news is that a couple of handpumps have appeared. (For the past twenty-five years the pub has sold a variety of keg Bass products.) Now Youngs Special Bitter is being sold at £1.26 a pint, which is a bargain price for this classic 1046 gravity beer. The Trafford Park Hotel is also one of the few left with a full-size snooker table.

Phil Stout

Happy Drinker?

Roger Hall

What's going to happen to our pubs as retailing becomes increasingly separated from brewing? Paradoxically, as choice seems to be increasing (90 beers in Manchester City Centre, compared with 20 twenty years ago) our pubs look set to follow the pattern of our shopping malls, with little differentiation from one to the other. Large breweries can no longer look only to the tied trade - the MMC has seen to that. They must sell wherever they can. If that means selling to supermarkets with a lot of buying clout, then that's what they'll do and they'll sell at the margin. Supermarket beer is now around half the price of a pint in a pub. Of course, you're not buying a "unique leisure experience", but stuff that for a game of soldiers if you can hire a video and get pissed at home with your mates for half the price!

Pub owners have to make all their money from retailing so they introduce food, machines, family rooms, beer gardens and entertainment, all of which help to separate the punters from their money but don't do much to enhance "quintessential pubness" (© Bogbrush). Cost controls are introduced, managers are schooled in compliance with arbitrary rules and very soon the ambience of the pub is transformed into an alcoholic Little Chef or Happy Eater with all the variety, individuality and idiosyncratic Englishness that the pub enshrines gone for ever.

Not long after that, variety control will rear its ugly head and the "you can only have egg, beans and chips without beans, not without chips" syndrome will be with us. Choice will disappear, small breweries will close and we'll be left with identikit pubs and badge-brewed beer. Roll on gustatory virtual reality.

Kenyon Gone

One of Little Hulton's well known pubs, the Kenyon Arms, has been taken away by the bucketful. It had been closed for several months and for sale, but no-one was interested. Over the last few years it had had a succession of managers, all of whom were unable to make a go of it in the face of vandalism and undesirable characters. The building, latterly owned by S&N, was only some 30 years old and replaced an earlier pub of the same name which had been on the site for around 150 years.

Pole Position

The Maypole, Pendleton Church, is boarded up again. Let's hope it's open in time for May Day, when gaily clad lads and lasses dance on the village green and refresh themselves in their rustic hostelry as swans glide...

Kings Ale

Leo King

I read the Central Manchester Survey (WD Jan) with great interest, and whoever was responsible for the compilation should be commended. It must have been hard work and I only hope the table of prices has shown lager drinkers just how much over the odds they pay for the insipid, fizzy stuff. The high prices are scandalous, to say the least!

The survey shows the difference in price between ordinary bitter and lager varies considerably, from 6p (Holts), to 16p (Bridge Street Tavern), 20p (Churchill), 40p (Abercrombie), 60p (Athenaeum), 70p (Beer House), 80p (Conservatory) and a massive 90p (Thomas's Chop House). When you can buy a pint of Holts mild and bitter (90p and 96p respectively), then pay up to £2 for an inferior pint of lager, something is definitely wrong!

Most lagers are brewed in this country and given European names to make them sound interesting and even the imports - Becks, Bitburger, etc - are just lifeless fizzy liquids. Lager must really be the biggest con ever devised by the brewers and worked on the drinking public. Some lager apologists accuse me of being a killjoy (well, it's their money, not mine) and others say "People like choice", but what does that mean? All lagers taste virtually the same. There is, without doubt, much more choice in real ale.

New Brew

Yet another new micro-brewery has appeared on the scene - the Marlow Brewery in Buckinghamshire. So now the town of Marlow has a brewery once again (albeit a small one) to replace Wethereds, which was closed down by Whitbread. The Marlow Brewery ESB (og 1046) is called 'Rebellion' (not to be confused with Cotleigh Brewery's beer of the same name) and I tried a pint at the Marble Arch. It's a very nice bitter and was well kept.

Down on the farm

Things are looking up at the Farmyard on Rochdale Road, Blackley. It's open again after a near two-month closure. The interior has been remodelled and the right-hand side, which used to house a snooker table, is now a large lounge with a real fire. The bar has been moved into the central lobby area. The rest of the pub (on the left) is still being worked upon and is intended to be a restaurant. The beers are Chesters bitter and Boddies, both at £1. The Farmyard is definitely set for a change of image and notices outside state that only over-25s will be allowed in. Watch this space.

Cheapest Beer in Britain?

Paul Roberts

What must be the cheapest pub pint in Britain (if not in the whole European Community) is to be found in Central Manchester. Walkers on Swan Street is now selling Cains bitter at 80p a pint and it is a permanent arrangement. Breweries anxious to sell their products to the free trade offer substantial barrelage discounts and the landlord of Walkers believes in passing on the discounts to his customers. Hence the range of low prices: Fullers London Pride and ESB at £1.20 and £1.40 per pint (surely the cheapest Fullers anywhere?) are permanent fixtures. One Marstons beer (either bitter at £1 or Pedigree at £1.20) will also feature, along with two rotating guest beers. Draught Bitburger is now available.

Alterations at Walkers are well advanced and the pub now offers comfortable surroundings with an attractive bar and no juke box. There's a range of lunchtime and evening meals and accommodation is also available at remarkably low prices.

After a slowish start, it is good to see Walkers is becoming much more popular and quite a few Campaign stalwarts frequent the premises. (I don't know if that's a plus or a minus!)

A2C2

The Junction on Queens Road, Hendham Vale, is not owned by BodPubCo, as stated in last month's A2C2. The licensee bought the pub from Tetley Walker in July 1990 and it sells an excellent pint of Holts.

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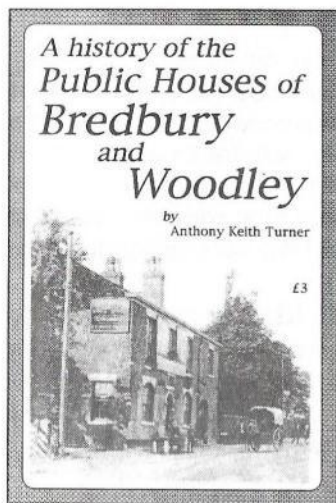
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Abbey Road to Life

Vaux, having acquired the Old Abbey near Manchester University, plan to alter and extend the pub. Older readers may remember drinking the Old Abbey dry on the eve of its promised demolition twenty years ago.



New Book

Today there are eighteen pubs in Bredbury and Woodley, but there used to be twice as many. In this new history, Keith Turner tells the story of each of them - from Arden Arms to Yew Tree, as revealed by licensing records, newspaper reports and other sources.

The book costs £3 and is available from all good bookshops.

Stretching the Rope

The Rope & Anchor at Dunham is undergoing refurbishment and also expansion of the kitchen areas, which is needed because of a considerable increase in the pub's food trade. The

changes will also help with service to the outside drinking area, which now has its own soft drinks bar and overhead heating for summer evenings.

Pear Tree and Queens to reopen?

There is an application before the licensing bench to reopen the Pear Tree at Brooklands, formerly part of the Chef & Brewer chain but now under the control of S&N. The period of closure was brought on by drugs and guns. The Queens Hotel in Sale, closed for over two years after similar problems, is undergoing either substantial alteration or demolition. We'll let you know when we find out which!

Lees problems

Brewers J W Lees seem to be having some problems with their bitter, possibly caused by their attempt to darken the colour of the beer. There has been some inconsistency since the New Year, and a further lessening of the distinctive metallic 'copper sulphate' taste for which Lees bitter was once famous. At least one batch of over twenty barrels has had to be returned to the brewery because it had not cleared after several days.

Lookalike

Has anyone spotted the remarkable similarity between Coronation Street's brewery and the real life brewery of that well-known purveyor of excellent amber nectars, Josiah Drab? Are Newton & Ridley and Drab's Crown Brewery the same? We should be told.

Kildakin

Salford has regained a pub - the Kildakin on St Kilda's Drive, off Cheetham Hill Road. It used to be a BodPubCo house and the new owners, Paramount, have retained the conventional two-room layout. The beers are Boddies bitter and Toby Light, both for £1 a pint. The new licensee is well aware of the pub's chequered history and he is determined to attract back the decent people who were the lifeblood of the place in its better days. We wish him well. Why not pay a visit yourself?

Not quite the cheapest beer in Manchester (3)

Prompted, no doubt, by the prices at the Top Derby over the road, the Golden Tavern, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, is selling Lees bitter at 90p.



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Salford List

There are 181 listed buildings in Greater Salford, according to a list supplied recently. Two are Grade I - Ordsall Hall and St Augustine's Church in Pendlebury - the rest are Grade II. As well as churches and houses, the protected property includes railway viaducts, a telephone kiosk and eight bollards in St Philip's Place. Among the pubs are:

The Crescent

Crown, Blackfriars Street

Ellesmere, Walkden

Kings Arms, Bloom Street

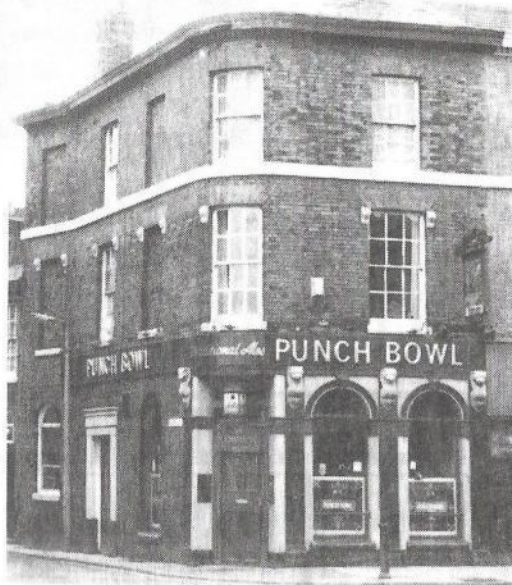
Packet House, Patricroft

Punch Bowl, Chapel Street

Queens, Patricroft

Rock House, Barton

White Horse, Swinton



Emporium Ale

The Beer Emporium on Union Street, Oldham, is now owned by the same people who run the Witchwood in Ashton and they will be celebrating the theoretical arrival of British Summer Time with a beer festival. (28th-31st March). Alongside the nine regular beers there will be twenty guest beers from independent brewers, together with a selection of British and foreign bottled beers. Entertainment will include live acoustic music and guest DJs.

Lions Gone

The White Lion on Liverpool Road, Manchester, no longer has its two large 'lion rampant' mouldings on the upper walls. Whitbread have stripped off the cement render to reveal the brickwork and now the building looks rather ordinary, just like a hundred other 'restored' pubs. It also looks a bit twee, complete with an old cartwheel propped up outside. Every so often, a pub designer should be taken out and shot, as an example to the others.

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Cains Brewery

Elaine Hardman

On 2nd February 24 members of the Rochdale, Oldham & Bury branch of CAMRA travelled to Liverpool to visit Cains Brewery. On arrival, we made for the recently reopened brewery tap, where a fine restoration of a street corner pub includes fittings collected from a variety of sources. The centrepiece is an impressive antique bar, complete with a portrait of Robert Cain himself.

Robert Cain started brewing in Liverpool in 1860 after trading in India and Africa, and he built the Stanhope Street Brewery in 1865. Business was good and he went on to supply around 200 pubs in the Liverpool area. In 1922 the company, now controlled by Robert's son, was merged with Walkers of Warrington to form Walker Cain and the Stanhope Street Brewery was sold to Higsons. Later mergers resulted in the disappearance of the Cain's name from brewing.

In 1990, the Stanhope Street Brewery was acquired by GB Breweries for canned beer production - a new brewhouse, completed in 1982, was an obvious attraction to the company. At the same time, pressure was growing for a Liverpool-brewed real ale because the Sheffield-brewed 'Higsons' was much criticised. To meet this demand GB Breweries produced a cask bitter in 1991 and called it Cains Bitter. The name (though not the old recipes) was acquired because Tetley Walker were no longer using it and so 'Cains' and the Stanhope Street Brewery were once again united.

Although the brewery has been 'Higson-ised' to a degree, certain original features, such as the interlinked 'RC' monogram, remain on the external walls. However, much of the old brewery is now given over to lager production and the real ale is being brewed in the newer brewhouse, with its computer controls and stainless steel vessels. Impressive though such vessels are in terms of size and capacity, the original brewery was more interesting. In particular, there was the old hop store, with its high ceiling, tiled walls and view over the Mersey from the (now glazed) hoist doorway. Sadly, problems with access preclude its use as a public venue.

The tour of the brewery ended with a visit to the canning room, which was appropriate as the canning operation is the major earner, despite the tight margins in that aspect of the business. After we had been given assurances that the future of Cains beers was safe, despite the acquisition of GB Breweries by the Brewery Group Denmark AS, we returned to the Brewery Tap to sample more Cains beer.

Cains produce three beers: Dark Mild (3.2%), Traditional Bitter (4.1%) and Formidable Ale (5.1%). A 100-barrel batch of a new beer, Supreme Stout (4.2%) is currently being tried. (The name is taken from the original Robert Cain stout.)

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Letters

Huffy Letter

from the Chairman, Manchester, Salford & District Licensed Victuallers' Association

Sir - Whilst it is not our wish to make comment on the actions that hosts adopt in order to assist in clearing their premises and enabling their staff to catch what limited transport there is in order to get home, especially from the City Centre, we feel it necessary to enlighten Mr Gary Page, the author of the "Monkey Business" letter in your February issue, and in fact any other person who is not familiar with licensing matters.

To set the record straight there is in fact **no** need for a host to grant a guest at his house **any** drinking up time and he may demand that the guest leave immediately and at any time.

However, the law has permitted a ten minute drinking up period, and more recently has permitted a host to extend, purely at his discretion, this period by a further ten minutes to accommodate the fact that a minority of guests find it difficult to finish their drinks within the ten minute period and were placing the host's licence in jeopardy. It is erroneous for guests to suppose they have a right to this time.

It should further be noted that many Police Authorities will expect the premises to be empty at the end of the twenty minutes, if the host permits the additional ten minutes, and may take the necessary steps to revoke the host's licence if he continues to permit persons on his premises after this twenty minute period.

(Do any 'guests' out there have any thoughts on this one?)

Off-licences

Sir - I understand that it is CAMRA policy for branches to maintain contact with local licensing benches as well as licensees, no doubt so that the branches may know the benches' attitudes to new applications, alterations, etc.

Applications for full on licences are, it seems, subject to reasonable scrutiny. But this appears not to be the case for off-licences, which seem to be granted with gay abandon. Once trading, these new age off-licences seem to aim their marketing at the maladjusted adolescent, by promoting very strong (but not much else) lager and cider and by serving youngsters who would not even be allowed into a decent local. This they do without any fear of sanction.

Such premises can hardly be said to be of benefit to their neighbourhoods, which would be better served with a properly run pub.

Has any CAMRA branch a policy on off-licences? Do members of the bench read What's Doing? I look forward to seeing further correspondence on this topic.

Tin Can Alley

Science Correspondent

Sir - I enclose a cutting from the Daily Mirror, 19th Jan, which you need to read before proceeding.

Now, my physics and chemistry are quite good and I initially thought that Scottish & Newcastle were guilty of misrepresentation. The only way that the freezing point of water can be depressed below 0°C is by adding some dissolved substances or by mixing it with a liquid of a different boiling point, such as alcohol. Could it be a misprint?

That night, my wife was watching the European Ice Skating Championships and the matter became clear. The other way of depressing the freezing point of water is by applying *pressure*. My mind was at rest, there was no misrepresentation and the world of physics and brewing has not changed.

Now that we have split the atom, our only remaining intellectual challenge here at the labs in Haslingden is to work out the characters in Rupert's Page, all of whom I'm sure we know personally, but we don't know that we know them.

*Albert Onejug (Physicist),
Atomic Research Labs, Haslingden, Rossendale 6X XXXB*

Gross Slur

Sir - I have read your magazine over the years and I enjoy the Rupert column in particular. I know quite a few of your members and I am familiar with their exploits which have been given worthy space in this column. I have even had the pleasure of meeting Rupert and, not being at all homophobic, found him to be a pleasant fellow. It is of concern, therefore, that he seems to favour some and not others in his column. Royal Hall is hardly ever given any bad press, and as I have met this man I have to ask why?

TOO BITTER FOR BEER

A BREWERY has had to put an order from Siberia for 96,000 cans of ale on ice - because it's too cold to deliver them.

Bosses at Scottish and Newcastle in Edinburgh reckon they could have to wait FOUR MONTHS before temperatures rise enough to give thirsty Siberians their first taste of McEwans.

The problem is that beer freezes when the mercury plunges below -5C and at the moment it's a mind-numbing -46C in the Russian state. A spokesman for S and N - the first UK brewery to export into Siberia - said yesterday: "We'll just have to wait for a thaw."

It is certainly not because of his charm! Does he pay Rupert to keep quiet? I was at a loss for an explanation until I looked closer and found an alarming similarity in the size of their probosces, no doubt as a result of constantly being in each other's growing medium orifice.

Come on editor, please ensure fair play, otherwise we will all have to assume my theory is correct and that Royal Hall is no more than a creep.

O S Tittes (High Peak)

(The private lives of contributors to this magazine are entirely a matter for them and their immediate families. Rumours that Rupert and Royal have been sharing the same binbag should be of no concern to readers and we shall certainly not allow such prurient innuendo to detract from the business of getting back to beer drinking basics.)

The Bottom Line

Sir - I thought Brendan Dobbin's comment (WD last month) that "when you drink beer, you kiss the arse of the Chancellor" very funny. I also enjoyed his sound-bites in last month's Granada TV programme about his brewery. But what was really hilarious about the programme was the sight of those Stockport CAMRA luminaries kissing the arse of Mr Dobbin.

Ol' Square Eyes

Cornbrook Capers

It may interest readers to know that the St Georges/Cornbrook area has quite a lot to offer in terms of both pubs and beers. We shall concentrate on the pubs around Cornbrook Road, starting with the small Bass pub, the Railway. New licensees have taken over of late and the beers are now Toby Light and Stones. (If you like brightly coloured things, take a look in the gents!) Next is Marstons' Pomona Palace, where the beer range has increased to bitter, Pedigree and one from the 'Brewer's Choice' programme. Almost next door is the Cornbrook (Vaux), which sells a very nice pint of Samson.

Across Ellesmere Street is Turvilles (ex-Last Hop, ex-Commercial) another Bass house, but this time selling Worthington BB. Our last pub is over Chester Road - the Hope Inn, an excellent little Hydes pub selling Light and bitter. Good beer, good pubs and all within a few yards of one another.

Contributors to this issue: Stewart Revell, Mark McConachie, Roger Hall, Phil Stout, Paul Roberts, Elaine Hardman, Keith Egerton, Duncan Busman, Leo King

Rupert

Well, isn't that a turn up for the books? Ever since Dillons took over Brobdingnag's amber nectar factory, sales of the famous ale have gone from strength to strength. In fact, so buoyant are the sales that there's now no room to brew the other beers, brought there by Brobdingnags from the breweries that they had closed. Already, Scouseley ales are brewed up in monkeyhanger country after a brief stay in Pudshire. Now it seems as though Fuddys will have to go as well. Dillons have more or less run out of breweries to brew it so it'll have to be subcontracted and who better to have a go than Brasso's, only a cockstride-and-a-half from Fuddy's old brewery. Moral philosophers of the

Campaign are in something of an ethical dilemma. Do we refuse to consume Fuddys ales because they've been badge-brewed by Dillons and farmed out willy-nilly? Or do we support our local neighbourhood independent brewer who now has more strings to his bow? Answers, please, on a postcard to Ethical Standards Committee of CAMRA, c/o Tubs Caries, Snobley & Snoot Magna Branch, Lyre Street, Menda City, Snobley SM1 RU2.



I was both surprised and delighted to see that this humble column has been recognised abroad. My Albertian tavern taxonomy piece has been reprinted in the Celebrator Beer News over the pond in California, together with a portrait of my uncle Rupert before he lost his feet. Detractors have been unkind enough to suggest that the whole thing would be completely meaningless to Americans. Fiona came to my rescue. "Roop," she said, "I'm sure that your outpourings will be just as meaningful to overseas readers as they are to the vast majority of our own indigenous readers." It's nice to have friends. I look forward to my column being translated into Farsi, Cantonese, Punjabi, Xhosa, Arapaho, Icelandic and Maori and syndicated around the globe.

"What's happened to the Dick & Puppet?" asks H C Anderson (WD last month). Is it going the same way as A2C2 or will it shine like a beacon across Slumley in the not-too-distant future? The owner and would-be mine host, Mr Grimm, was as forthcoming as he has been for the last two years. "It's opening in two months." So book your pub crawls now. The auto-erotic asphyxiation booth should be operative in the virtual reality snug when the pub opens.

Branch Diary

Bolton

Thur 3 March 8.30pm, Branch Meeting, Cattle Market, Orlando Street. Includes GBG 95 voting (current card carrying branch members only)

Sat 19 March, visit to Oldham Beer Festival. Meet Bolton Station 10am for 10.10 train

Thur 7 April 8.30, Branch Meeting, Flag, Bromley Cross

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

North Manchester

Wed 2 March 8pm, Good Beer Guide final selection meeting (City Centre pubs), Kings Arms, Bloom Street, Salford

Wed 9 March 8pm, Good Beer Guide final selection meeting, Unicorn, Church Street, Manchester

Wed 16 March 8pm, Branch AGM, Kings Arms, Bloom Street, Salford

Wed 23 March, Weaste/Seedley Crawl. Weaste Hotel, Tootal Drive, 7pm; Coach & Horses, Eccles New Road, 8pm; Ashley Brook, Liverpool Street, 9pm

Wed 30 March 8pm, Committee/Social, Morning Star, Manchester Road, Wardley

Wed 6 April, Altrincham Crawl. City Arms, Kennedy Street, Manchester, 7pm; Orange Tree, Old Market Place, Altrincham, 8.30pm

Contact: Roger Hall 740 7937

Crown & Anchor

The refurbishment of this pub (the one on Hilton Street) also includes the provision of a new fireplace and the installation of a new flue. Expect a real fire! Future guest beers will include Taylors Ram Tam, Pickled Priest and Dogs Bollocks. Beer may be bought in four-pint jugs at a 5% discount (that's 1/- in the £).

Beer Festival

The 8th Oldham Beer Festival will take place on 18th-20th March at the Werneth Park Music Rooms, Frederick Street. Opening hours are: Friday 6pm-11pm; Saturday 11am-4pm, 6pm-11pm; Sunday 12 noon-3pm. Admission is £1.50 for the evening sessions, 50p Saturday lunch and free Sunday lunch. (Entry to all sessions is free for CAMRA members.) There will be over 35 real ales, cider, wine and food, and entertainment in the evenings. Proceeds from the event go to the Mayor's Appeal Fund for the Oldham Hospital Scanner Appeal and Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

Happiness at Hillgate

The Hillgate at Pot Hill, near Union Road, Ashton, is a pub worth seeking out, as there are handpumped Holts bitter, Wilsons mild and John Smiths bitter, all at £1 a pint. The Holts was on good form on a recent visit.

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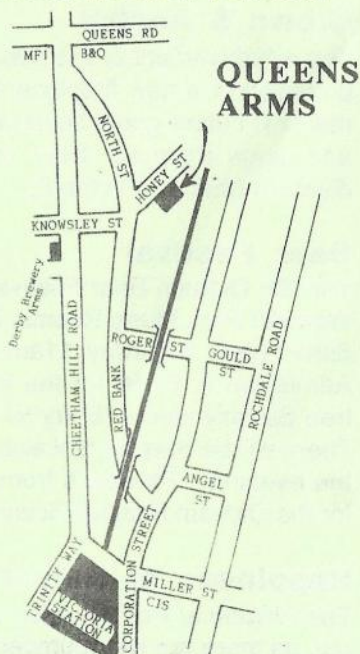
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Worsley**

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Compiled by Mark McConachie and the
North Manchester Branch of CAMRA



Swinton

Buckley Arms*	Partington Lane	(Tetley) M,B (H)
Bulls Head	Chorley Road	(Tetley) B (H)
Cricketers*	Manchester Road	(Holts) M,B (E)
Farmers Arms	Manchester Road	(BodPubCo) Boddies B, Theakston B,XB, guest (H)
Football	Swinton Hall Road	(Tetley) Tetley M,B, Boddies B (H)
Foresters	Chorley Road	(Tetley) Tetley B, Websters B (H)
Halligans	Swinton Hall Road	(Tetley) Tetley M,B, Banks B (H)
Moorside Farm	Moorside Road	(Banks) M,B, Camerons Strongarm (E/H)
New Ellesmere	East Lancs Rd	(Greenalls) Original, Davenport B, Stones (H)
Park Inn	Worsley Road	(Holts) M,B (H)
Red Lion	Chorley Road	(Bass) Worthington BB, Stones (H)
Staff of Life	Worsley Road	(Burtonwood) <i>NO REAL ALE</i>
Weavers Arms	Swinton Hall Road	(BodPubCo) Boddies B & guest (H)
White Horse*	Worsley Road	(BodPubCo) Boddies M,B (H)
White Lion	Worsley Road	(Robinsons) BM,BB,Old Tom (E)
White Swan	Worsley Road	(Holts) M,B (H)
Yates	Chorley Road	(Free) John Smiths, Stones, Cains FA (H)

Pendlebury (including Newtown & Clifton)

Albert	Bolton Road	(BodPubCo) Boddies B (H)
Beehive	Queensway	(Tetley) M,B (H)
Black Horse	Bolton Road	(Tetley) B (H)
Bowling Green	Bolton Road	(Tetley) B(H)
Britannia	Bolton Road	(Tetley) M,B, Websters B (H)
Butchers Arms	Bolton Road	(Thwaites) B (H)
Clifton Arms	Manchester Road	(S&N) Theakstons BB, XB (H)
Golden Lion	Manchester Road	(Whitbread) Boddies B (H)
Henry Boddington	Bolton Road	(BodPubCo) Boddies B (H)
Lord Nelson	Bolton Road	(Holts) M,B (E)
Newmarket*	Bolton Road	(Holts) M,B (H)
Oddfellows	Manchester Road	(John Smiths) B, Websters GL (H)
Robin Hood	Manchester Road	(Tetley) B (H)
Royal Oak	Bolton Road	(Bass) Worthington BB, Stones (H)
Shepherds	Hall Street	(Burtonwood) M,B (H)
Station	Bolton Road	(Tetley) B (H)
Windmill	Bolton Road	(Sam Smiths) <i>NO REAL ALE</i>

Walkden & Little Hulton

Albion	Manchester Rd E	(Tetley) M,B (H)
Antelope	Manchester Rd W	(Tetley) B (H)
Bell	Manchester Rd E	(Vaux) Samson (H)
Brindley Arms	Whittle Street	(Burtonwood) <i>NO REAL ALE</i>
Bulls Head	High Street	(Whitbread) Boddies B (H)
Cyn's Tavern	Manchester Rd E	(Burtonwood) <i>NO REAL ALE</i>
Dukes Gate*	Cleggs Lane	(Holts) M,B (H)
Dun Mare*	Manchester Rd W	(Tetley) Walker M,BB (H)

Ellesmere	Walkden Road	(Tetley) B (H)
Horseshoe	Manchester Rd W	(Bass) <i>NO REAL ALE</i>
Lancastrian	Kenyon Way	(Hydes) Light, B (E)
New Inn	Manchester Rd E	(Bass) <i>NO REAL ALE</i>
Pied Piper	Eastham Way	(Robinsons) BM, BB (E)
Raven	Cleggs Lane	(Pubmaster) Bass 4X M, Worthington BB (H)
Shamrock	Manchester Rd E	(Bass) <i>NO REAL ALE</i>
Spa	Old Lane	(Grand Met) Websters B, GL (H)
Stocks	High Street	(Greenalls) B, Original, Stones (H)
Vulcan	Worsley Rd N	(BodPubCo) OB Mild, Boddies B (H)
Welcome	Madams Lane	(Bass) Worthington BB (H)
White Lion	Manchester Rd W	(BodPubCo) Boddies B (H)

Worsley (including Wardley, Ellenbrook and Boothstown)

Bridgewater	Barton Road	(BodPubCo) Boddies M, B (H)
Brook Tavern	Manchester Road	(Tetley) Walker BB, Tetley B (H)
Cock	Ellenbrook Road	(BodPubCo) Boddies M, B, Theakston BB (H)
Greyhound	Victoria St	(S&N) Websters (or Wilsons) B, GL, John Smiths B (H)
Moorings	Boothshall Way	(BodPubCo) Boddies M, B, guest (H)
Morning Star*	Manchester Road	(Holts) M, B (H)
Oaks	Oakwood Drive	(Banks) B (E) <i>BEWARE KEG MILD</i>
Red Lion	Bridgewater Road	(Tetley) B (H)
Royal Oak	Leigh Road	(Grand Met) Wilsons M, J Smith B, Holts B (H)
Woodside	Newearth Road	(Bass) Stones, Bass (H)

***In particular**

Buckley Arms

A well-liked, bustling, two-roomed pub not far from the town hall and the police station. It is unique in Swinton in that it still bears the name of one of its owners, Edmund Buckley, who opened the then beerhouse in 1861. It was once the home of the short-lived Swinton Brewery Company.

Cricketers Arms

A very popular Holts house, which has competition from the nearby Farmers, White Lion and the pubs of Worsley Road, but always fares well. This was one of Holts' earliest tied houses and was originally called the Dog & Partridge.

Dukes Gate

This large, two-roomed pub has proved to be exceedingly popular since it was built in 1986. The name derives from a farm that was once on the site. It was (and indeed may well remain) one of the top three barrelage houses in the Holts estate - shifting a mammoth 22 hogsheads a week!

Dun Mare

A main road pub which is now the sole Walker house in Salford. Many changes have taken place in recent years - the bar has been moved and room layouts altered. That said, the Dun Mare does retain a comfortable, friendly feel in the two well-used rooms.

Greyhound and Royal Oak

These two have given many years of good service to Boothstown; they're only a hundred yards apart and they have quite different atmospheres. The Royal Oak has three well-kept rooms in a traditional style; darts, pool and friendly chat being the order of the day. In contrast, the interior of the Greyhound was knocked into one long room some years ago. The main emphasis appears to be on food, but the licensee of some twenty years always keeps the three beers in good form. Two good pubs well worth visiting.

Morning Star

This pub seems to have gained in popularity since the refurbishment and lounge extension were completed. It is decorated in the current Holts fashion and there are no gimmicks, just comfortable surroundings and good ale. It's a fair bet that the recent work cost more than the entire rebuilding of the pub in 1889 - £1,500!

Newmarket

Undoubtedly one of the best pubs on the 'top road', the Newmarket caters for all tastes in its slightly odd arrangement of rooms. To the left is a good-sized lounge that hosts regular events, at the front a vault and towards the back a small, quiet snug. The pub was originally called the Rifle Volunteer and the present name dates from 1896, when the market opened across the road.

White Horse

Originally a farmhouse, the White Horse is believed to have been licensed before 1650, making it Swinton's oldest pub. It has been a listed building for some time, but there have been a lot of internal alterations. There is now a large lounge incorporating a food servery and a smaller vault area. It's a popular pub, with a good mix of people from near and far.

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Kildakin St Kilda's Drive (Paramount) Boddies B, Toby Light (H)

Blackley

Farmyard Rochdale Road (Whitbread) Chesters B, Boddies B (H)