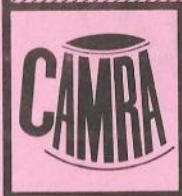


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Failsworth Ale House

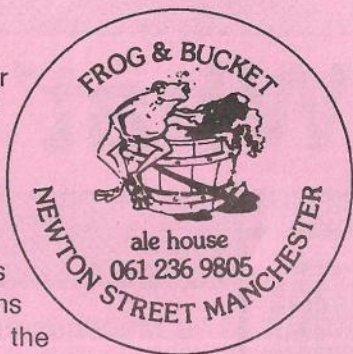


The Bridge Inn, Oldham Road, Failsworth, has undergone a thorough refurbishment and emerged as a Marstons 'ale house'. Believed to be the first of its kind in Manchester, the pub has similar features to other breweries' 'ale house' concepts. Thus we have bare floorboards, the odd patch of exposed brickwork, blackboards and 'nicotine' paintwork.

Thankfully, Marstons have exercised some restraint and avoided the tacky excesses and rustic nonsense of so many other pubs of this genre. The beer range is Marstons bitter and Pedigree plus two changing guests. (The list of guest beers bears a marked resemblance to that of Whitbread's 'Cask Collection'.)

Not the Dick & Puppet!

A new 'ale house' opened in Manchester on February 24th. No, it wasn't the Dick & Puppet, nor was it the Dock & Pulpit - it was the Frog & Bucket! The pub is at the Ancoats Lane end of Newton Street and used to be the Britannia (ex Belhaven, ex Wilsons). It's now run by Ascot Holdings and much has changed after many months of closure. The bar has been moved to the right hand side and the place has been redecorated throughout.

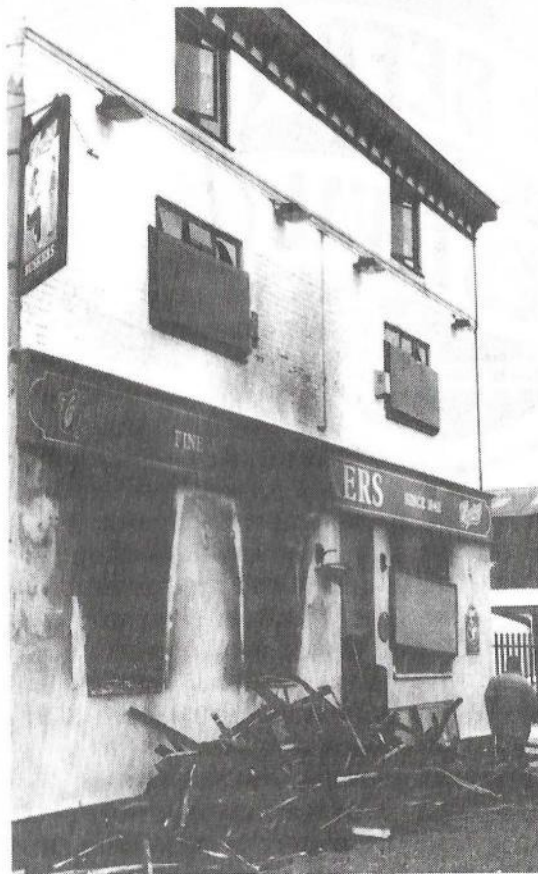


The 'ale house' theme could be described as being on the conservative side of minimalist - bare floorboards and blackboards, together with some sporting and other items. The beers on sale are Wilsons mild, John Smiths bitter, Websters bitter and Directors, ranging in price from £1.16 to £1.50. The beers may change in the future. There's lunchtime food in the form of cheese and pâté (16 cheeses and 8 pâtés to choose from). Licensee David Perkin is keen for the pub to be a showcase for alternative comedy. Several acts have already appeared and there's a lengthy list for the coming months.



Another Salford loss

Buskers on Blackfriars Road was burnt out on 13th March. Originally called the Three Crowns, the building was around 200 years old and it was one of Salford's oldest surviving pubs. It predated Blackfriars Road by a good eighty years and was originally on King Street, one of the principal streets of the old town.



The Three Crowns had a small claim to fame in the annals of trade union history because in the 1860s the tenant was one of the founders of the Manchester & Salford Trades Council. The council had its first meetings in the large upstairs room and these led to the formation of a national organisation, the Trades Union Congress, which first met in Manchester in 1868. According to one historian, "the grand and noble principles of Arbitration, Mediation and Conciliation" were formulated at the Three Crowns in Salford.

Unfortunately, grand and noble principles aren't much use now that Salford pubs regularly catch fire.

Death Knell (3) - the story continues

Another Manchester landmark pub has gone forever. The hapless (and roofless) Heywood Arms, Oldham Road, Miles Platting, is now the site of two spiffing new billboards.

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Where have all the Whitbreads gone?

The demise of Buskers surely gives Whitbread the wooden spoon for pub conservation in Salford. They now have eleven pubs in the old city including the Oakwood, which is more of an eating house. Back in 1977 Whitbread had thirty-one pubs. This is what's happened to the other twenty...

Albert, Short Street	Sold to the free trade
Borough, Encombe Place	Swapped with Burtonwood. Closed. (shortly to open as Dick & Puppet?)
Dover Castle, Highclere Ave	Sold to Burtonwood
Duke of York, Regent Road	Demolished
Golden Gate, Cross Lane	Sold to free trade
Grosvenor, Great Clowes St	Burnt out
Hobsons Choice, Oldfield Rd	Burnt out
Langworthy, Langworthy Rd	Closed
Lima, Peru Street	Free trade - now Squealing Pig
London & NW, Cross Lane	Demolished
Lowry, Langley Road South	Closed
Queens Arms, Regent Road	Demolished
Regent, Regent Road	Burnt out. Sold to Burger King
Star, Greengate	Demolished
Swan, Eccles New Road	Sold to Vaux
Tallow Tub, Chapel Street	Demolished
Three Crowns, Blackfriars Rd	Buskers - burnt out
Town Hall, Cleminson Street	Closed
Two Brewers, Regent Road	Demolished
Vavasour, Sussex Street	Demolished

Not a very good track record, you'll probably agree. During the same period Holts have lost two and gained three. As custodians of our public houses, Whitbread have a lot to answer for. Admittedly several pubs were closed for road schemes but the demise of many of the others was due to poor management. Before the wooden spoon is awarded, What's Doing will examine the records of Grand Met and Greenalls.

Rising from the ashes (14)

John Willies are getting serious about the Grenadier (formerly the Phoenix) in Newton Heath. They've now applied for planning permission to alter and refurbish this long-closed pub in an underpubbed part of town. Almost any alterations would be an improvement.

Frodsham Festival

The second Frodsham Real Ale and Cider Festival takes place on the Whit Bank Holiday weekend, 27th and 28th May. Like last year's festival, it will feature a 'New Brew Bonanza', with at least 25 new brews since last year. The venue is the Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham, and opening hours are 7-11pm Friday; 12-4pm and 7-11pm Saturday.

There will be a family room Saturday lunch (kids free), food at all sessions and entertainment at both evening sessions. The entrance fee is £3 (includes commemorative glass and programme) and CAMRA members get a £1 refund. The Festival is being organised by the Central & North Cheshire branch of CAMRA in association with the Rowlands Care charity. It's a ticket-only event, so for further details contact Mat Rowland on 0928 733361 between 6pm and 8pm.



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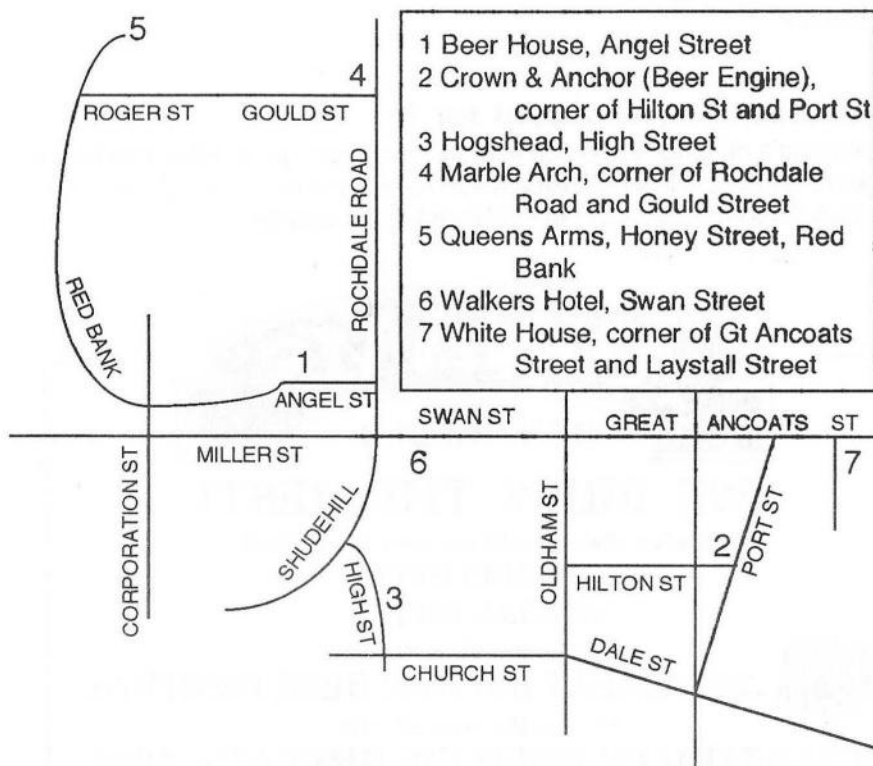
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Kings Ale

Leo King

Manchester now has six free houses within the city boundary and one just over the boundary - the Queens Arms in the Cheetham/Great Horrocks area. That's seven pubs selling a great variety of real ale. The two furthest apart are the Queens and the White House (about one-and-a-half miles) so a pub crawl taking in the two will exercise the legs as well as the arms!



Unicorn

The refurbishment at the Unicorn (Bass), Church Street, Manchester, has been completed and thankfully there has been no structural vandalism. The interior has been redecorated and re-upholstered, there's new lighting, new carpets and black-and-white floor tiling around the bar. The exterior has been cleaned and there's a new illuminated hanging sign. The Unicorn sells four Bass group real ales plus a weekly guest real ale, all kept in consistently top form.

Station Beer Festival

The Station free house, Ashton under Lyne, will be holding its third Spring Beer Festival between 28th April and 2nd May. Over fifty draught beers from the smaller independent breweries will be on sale in the pub and in a marquee fitted out with a bar and handpumps. The accent will be on new and exotic brews.

Traditional farm ciders and perries, draught PILS from Germany and bottled real ales will also be on sale. There will be a range of home-cooked meals and snacks, and entertainment will include Morris teams and folk sessions.

The Greeks have a word for it

Whitbread's drive for world domination with Boddingtons bitter has had a setback. There's a law in Greece which forbids the sale of weak beer and, er, Boddingtons bitter isn't being allowed in the country.



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Asian Corner

Tarka Dhal

Many Mancunians, Salfordians, Stopfordians and pie-eaters will be making their way to the Yorkshire coast later in the month for the CAMRA AGM. But if you're expecting this article to direct you to a socio-economic group Z curry shop in Scarborough, it won't. Sorry!

Your BR ticket permits you to travel by any reasonable route and to break your return journey (this might not be the case after privatisation), so you could stop off in Bradford on the way back. If you do, give serious consideration to-visiting the Mumtaz Paan House at 386 Great Horton Road.

The Mumtaz is neither a basic Bradford café nor a mega-posh restaurant. It is a bright, well-appointed, well lit, spotlessly clean establishment frequented by all communities. The menu is simple and straightforward and usefully divided into vegetarian and non-vegetarian sections. (It is also quadro-lingual, being printed in Punjabi, Gujarati, Urdu and English.) There are six vegetarian and five non-vegetarian main dishes. The kitchen will spice them to your taste.

Mumtaz
Paan House



Unusually the main courses and some of the starters are sold by weight. For example, a half-pound portion of Karahi Keema Matter is £4.10 and a one-pound portion is £7.20. (It pays to have a healthy appetite.)

The food is generally cooked to order so you may have to wait a little while it is prepared. It is, however, well worth it. Try the interesting starters such as Masala Fish or Daal Tikki and don't ignore the desserts, even if you do settle for old favourites like Rass-Malai or Gulab-Jamun.

The Mumtaz is an alcohol-free zone. Don't take drinks in and don't go in half cut. To quench your thirst try the Mango Lassi, it's wonderful.

To get there you may catch the following buses:

576 Bradford Interchange - Halifax

610/611 Pudsey - Queensbury via Bradford Interchange

614/634 Fagley - Odsal/Wibsey via Bradford Interchange

(Thanks to Mr M Tordoff of West Yorks PTE for bus information)

In search of scandal and real ale

Pauline Wadsworth

The House of Commons recently had the good fortune to have yours truly getting well and truly p****d in one of their real ale bars. During the course of the evening I managed to infiltrate the deepest, darkest dungeons, equipped only with instamatic camera, fishnet stockings and telephone number of the Sun. I hoped I would never have to work again.

Having taken the left-hand corridor rather than the right, I found myself in the office of the bar manager. The low-down on the House's position on real ale was going to have to be my consolation, so I held the man to ransom, promising not to kiss if he told!

There are nine bars in the House and only three of them sell real ale. All sell keg Federation; Bellamy's and Annie's sell Youngs bitter at all times but no guest beer. I was drinking in the main real ale bar, officially called the Strangers Bar but known affectionately as the Kremlin. Looking round at my fellow drinkers, it wasn't difficult to understand why.



The Small Independent Breweries Association installed the dispensing equipment and therefore their members' products are the only ones served as guest beers. There is always one guest beer alongside Youngs bitter and this is purchased through the East West Ales agency. All real ales are bought in 'nines' to allow for the five day week trading and turnover is such that the beers are kept on good form. Interestingly, the bar manager isn't officially allowed to have a drink; only Members can buy the beer and he can't even be bought a pint as this could be seen as 'inducement'. However, he reassured me that he manages the odd sip.

Eight 'nines' of guest beer are sold each week, together with four 'nines' of Youngs. There is no cellar and the casks are racked behind the bar with cooling jackets. As the House is classed as Royal premises, there is no VAT and the Youngs was £1.22 a pint. The guest beer at the time of my visit, Reindeer Brewery Bevy (4% ABV) was £1.30.

To date, no guest beer has appeared twice. National brands (Tetleys, Websters, Boddingtons) are often asked for by Members but the requests are usually more to do with what big breweries are operating within their constituency boundaries, than with a taste for good beer!

Letters

White Lion

Sir - The piece in March's What's Doing belittling the attractions of the White Lion in Castlefield, entitled 'Lions Gone', must represent the minority view of one - the writer.

In the White Lion we have the perfect illustration of CAMRA's attitude to pub refurbishment: the removal of the porous rendering of the 1950s and the emergence of the original façade, as illustrated in the historic photos hanging in the pub.



The scheme was considered outstanding enough to attract grant aid and of course the pub now blends in with the Victorian block of cottages which is itself sited in a conservation area. If the byline 'The views expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of CAMRA' was ever applied, 'Lions Gone' would take the biscuit!

*Paul Mason and other
White Lion customers*

New pubs

Sir - I am disappointed with both of Manchester city centre's new pubs, the Old Monkey and H R Fletcher's. Considering that Metrolink celebrates its second birthday on 6th April and that millions of pounds

were spent by local ratepayers to ensure that access for the disabled would be so easy as to be no trouble at all, it is a sad fact that the designers of the aforementioned pubs gave no consideration whatever to facilities for the disabled.

What's the point of travelling to the city centre on the 'Met' and then finding access to both pubs difficult? Worse still, the loos are DOWNSTAIRS (with no lift provided!).

I blame the City Planners. They examined and passed the plans before construction began and, contrary to current thinking regarding easy access to public places for all, allowed the uncaring architects to carry on.

When I've had a few beers I find it inconvenient to use a downstairs loo and prefer to hang on and move to a more civilized hostelry nearby, so what 'mobility challenged' people must think, I don't know!

Peter Wadsworth

Carping customers

Sir - How nice to see such a bold response to the carping criticisms of disaffected customers by the Chairman of the LVA (WD March). Quite right too! Licensees have too few rights. Customers are a bloody nuisance and should be thrown out at will. Licensees have no need to provide decent beer and comfortable, convivial surroundings either, and customers should think themselves lucky that many licensees are kind enough to pander to their unreasonable demands. Whatever next? If we allow customers to stay for drinking-up time, they'll start demanding full pints, price lists, reasonable prices and a host of other things. They should ask themselves for who does the pub exist?

BP Gastopers

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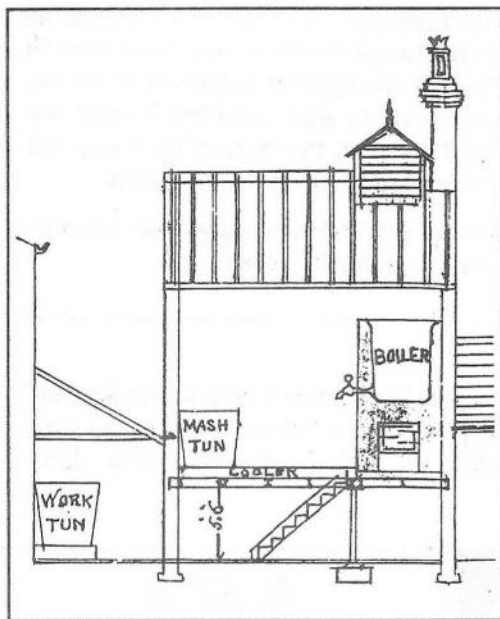
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Oldham Brewed

Rob Magee

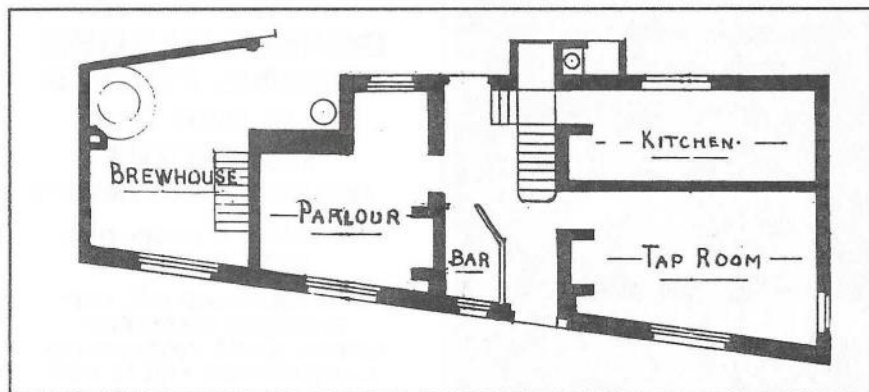
Commercial brewing in Oldham came to an end in 1985 when Boddingtons shut down Oldham Brewery. Back in the 1880s, before the big breweries of the time (Wilsons, Rochdale & Manor, Gartside's of

Ashton, Oldham Brewery and others) took over the majority of the town's licensed houses, home-brewing was common. Many pubs and beerhouses had a brewhouse in the yard, over the stables or, in some cases, in the house itself.



At the Black Boy beerhouse on Manchester Street, for instance, tenant Willie Bradbury brewed in his cellar. This was in the 1890s and history doesn't record what his beer tasted like, but it was probably interesting, as the house was described as dirty and insanitary!

Three pubs still open today which had brewhouses are the Druids Arms and the Honeywell Arms on Ashton Road and Owd Kitts, Glodwick. The backyard of the Druids was the home of the grandly-named Chamber Hall Brewery in the 1870s. The section drawing shows the Honeywell's brewhouse in 1890 and the plan shows the layout of the Park Inn (Owd



Kitts) in the 1880s. This former beerhouse was made up of three cottages: the brewhouse was in one, the bar and bar parlour in the middle cottage and the tap room and kitchen in the other. The brewhouse was in use as a bottle store in the 1960s and then it was turned into a concert room.

In the 1950s there was still a small brewery in Oldham - the Welcome Brewery on Henshaw Street - and I remember the pub well. I first went in the Welcome in 1954 and learned to play crib with the old timers in the tap room. This was mainly because my parents also used the house; my father stood in the hall while my mother sat in the lounge. As I was not quite old enough to drink I thought it prudent to go in the tap room!

Brewing ceased in November 1959 and the Welcome eventually became part of the Bass empire, then closed in December 1968.

Old Priory

When the snows had cleared in Higher Broughton it was found that the Old Priory had reopened after having been closed since last May. It's now under the management of Temple Inns and is selling Boddies, John Smiths and Websters.

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Holts in the Free Trade

Stewart Revell

Holts Brewery has provided the following list of pubs which sell their beer:

Aces, Kinsley Close, West Gorton
Admiral, Rodney Street, Ancoats
Angel, King Street, Dukinfield
Ash, Manchester Road, Heaton Norris
Beer Emporium, Union Street, Oldham
Bird in Hand, Manchester Road,
Blackford Bridge
Bowling Green, Stockport Rd, Marple
Churchills, Manchester Road, Bolton
Church Inn, Ford Lane, Pendleton
Colliers, Sale Lane, Tyldesley
Derby Arms, Exbury Street, Fallowfield
Edington Arms, Ladies Lane, Hindley
Failsworth Arms, Ashton Road West,
Failsworth
Flowing Bowl, Oxford Road, Dukinfield
Flying Horse, Town Hall Sq, Rochdale
Freemasons, Market Street, Farnworth
Gardeners, Northgate Road, Edgeley
Gems, Upper Dicconson Street, Wigan
Half Moon, Elliott Street, Tyldesley
Hat & Feathers, Mason St, Manchester
Hillgate, Pot Hill, Ashton-u-Lyne
Horse & Jockey, London Rd, Hazel Gr
House Without a Name, Harwood
Jolly Carters, Manchester Road,
Droylsden
Jolly Waggoner, Manchester Old
Road, Bury
Junction, Queens Rd, Hendham Vale
Kestrel, Hugo Street, Moston
Kings Arms, Chester Road, M16
Lord Raglan, Ashton Old Road, Higher
Openshaw
Magnet, Wellington Road North,
Heaton Norris
Man & Scythe, Churchgate, Bolton
Moonraker, Wood Street, Langley
Nelson, Barlow Moor Road, Didsbury
New Inn, Bell Lane, Bury
Oddfellows, Oldham Road, Middleton

Pack Horse, Stockport Road,
Levenshulme
Park, Manchester Road, Ince
Park, Newbridge Lane, Stockport
Peel Hotel, Rochdale Road, Bury
Pineapple, Rochdale Road, Shaw
Plough, Huddersfield Road, Waterhead
Queens, Market Street, Farnworth
Royal Hotel, Rochdale Road, Oldham
Royal Oak, Castle Street, Edgeley
Royal Oak, Leigh Road, Boothstown
Salford Arms, Chapel Street, Salford
Sea Hawk, Bold Street, Old Trafford
Sparrow, Thornton St North, Collyhurst
Strawberry Duck, Crabtree La, Clayton
Three Crowns, Fletcher St, Little Lever
Tiger Moth, Swallow Drive, Irlam
Towler, Walmersley Road, Bury

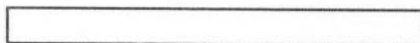


Traditionals, Woodhouse Lane, Wigan
White Horse, Bolton Road, Kearsley
White Horse, Church Street, Ainsworth
White House, Great Ancoats Street,
Manchester
Witchwood, Old Street, Ashton
Woodman, Oldham Road, Ashton
Woolpack, Stand Lane, Radcliffe

In addition, there are the clubs:

Astley & Tyldesley Miners Institute,
Meanley Road, Astley
Atherton & Tyldesley Botanical Club,
Tyldesley Road, Atherton
Higher Blackley British Legion, Victoria
Avenue, Blackley
Higher Broughton Conservative Club,
Northumberland Street
Levenshulme Catholic Club, Central
Avenue, Levenshulme

Manchester Tennis & Racquet Club,
Blackfriars Road, Salford
Moorside Social Club, Moorside Road,
Swinton
Post Office Club, Quay Street,
Manchester
Prestwich Church Institute, Bury New
Road, Prestwich
Prestwich Liberal Club, Bury New
Road, Prestwich
Royal Naval Association, Greenbrow
Road, Wythenshawe
Swinton Catholic Club, Worsley Road,
Swinton
Withington Bowling Club, Derby Road,
Fallowfield
Zeneca Recreation Club, Hazelbottom
Road, Crumpsall



Bouncing Back*

Just when we thought it was gone forever, there are signs that the Crown & Kettle may live again. Express Printers, who own the building, have applied for Listed Building Consent for the temporary removal of the R100 airship panelling, pending refurbishment of the pub. Let's hope that nothing happens to the building in the meantime.

** This is a clever play on ideas which will have escaped all but our most assiduous readers. Barnes Wallis designed both the R100 and the bouncing bomb. You are allowed a smug smile if you grasped the allusion.*

Going...

The Waggon & Horses at the junction of Stockport Road and Plymouth Grove has been closed for many years. As WD went to press the building was encircled by scaffolding and being demolished.

...Gone

After a few false starts and a number of reports of its premature demise, the Kings Arms in Hollinwood has finally come down. This was the last of the four pubs to be demolished for the A62 road scheme. Sometimes a few road designers ought to be taken out and shot (purely as an example, of course).

Beery Blackburn

"Within the past two decades almost all of Blackburn's ancient hostelries, many with associations reaching back as far as the 17th century, have been swept from the face of the earth. Their foundations are now straddled by the nucleus of a futuristic Blackburn of steel and concrete, austere, imposing and impersonal, gleaming white above the ruins of the old order..." These lines were written in 1970 by George Miller in his introduction to "Blackburn's Old Inns" and the book has now been reprinted by Landy Publishing.



It's a collection of articles combining historical fact, legend and personal memories. There's the story of the visitor to the Lord Nelson on Penny Street who managed to eat four-and-a-half pounds of bacon fried up with forty eggs and finished off by sopping up the fat with bread and vinegar. Health food, eh? Then there was the landlord of the Spread Eagle (left), who didn't like the

idea of a Temperance Hall opening opposite his pub. Allegedly, he bribed someone to pour a laxative into the tea urn during the opening festivities!

The book also contains a list of the 495 licensed houses in Blackburn in 1893 - one for every 242 of the town's inhabitants. According to one temperance worker, "What ails Blackburn? Ale ails Blackburn!" According to another, Blackburn was the "most beery town in the world".

"Blackburn's Old Inns" is available by post from Landy Publishing, 3 Staining Rise, Staining, Blackpool FY3 0BU, for £5 plus 50p postage.

Rupert

I am both disappointed and personally hurt that Edward Nestfeather in his infinite editorial wisdom should allow publication of O S Tittes' contumelious obloquy. It is an unwritten code, enshrined in centuries of tradition, that private excesses of members of the fourth estate do not see the light of day. This well-established principle of omerta is recognised even by the most dreg-like pariahs of the tabloid gutter press, who extend this to the private lives of other public figures, where no questions of accountability and confidence are concerned. Ms Tittes has shattered this delicate and precarious balance between prurience and privacy.

It would have been easy over the years in my exposures of malfeasances among Campaign glitterati and aspiring boss-persons to have attacked the weak and vulnerable by alluding to their physical deformities, personality disorders and criminal pasts. This I have studiously attempted to avoid. After all, obesity, alopecia, halitosis, paranoia, marital infidelity, child molestation and auto-erotic asphyxiation are all private matters best left unmentioned. It is because they are private and do not affect the Campaign, rather than because of my deep personal affection for Royal, that such matters have not been referred to

by myself. I am certain that if Royal had run off with the Campaign's brass or bathed in asses' milk at branch expense my sense of public duty would have prevailed.

Royal is not alone in not receiving a bad press. I have archives full of incriminating evidence on many others which, even now, will never see the light of day. Questions like "Why did Humpty Dumpty suddenly leave the Campaign?" will remain unanswered as long as I draw breath and the gagging injunction remains. Charlie Bass, Tubs Caries, Rumpleshirtscream, Ben Chestnut and Hattie Nightingale can all sleep soundly in their beds, knowing that their secrets remain safe with me. Not so those who have confided in Ms Tittes. She must bear full responsibility for the sad events following her vilification of myself and Royal. I have broad shoulders and have sobbed little, but Royal has committed several acts of self-mutilation and is now little more than a gibbering, incontinent scorbout. I will share no more Jaffas with him. It is, indeed, sad to see such a consummate wordsmith reduced to this. Thank goodness he no longer holds high office, otherwise Ms Tittes would have the damage to the Campaign as well as the extirpation of a princess among men on her conscience.

Branch Diary

Bolton

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

Thur 14 April, Town Centre Prices Survey. 8pm Dog & Partridge; 8.30pm Man & Scythe; 9pm Clifton; 9.30pm Sweet Green Tavern

Sun 1 May, Harwood Prices Survey. Meet Nab Gate noon; 12.30 Grey Mare; 1pm House Without a Name, finishing at Bolton Castle

Thur 5 May, Branch Meeting, Dog & Partridge, Manor Street, 8.30pm

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

Trafford & Hulme

Thur 7 April 8pm, Committee Meeting, White Lion, Liverpool Road

Thur 14 April 8pm, Survey Night: Dukes 92, Atlas, Pack Horse, Crown

Thurs 21 April 8pm, Broadheath Survey: Cheshire Cheese, Packet House

Sat 23 April, Away Day to Scarborough AGM by train

Thur 28 April 8pm, Survey Night: Railway (Hale), Cheshire Midland, Tatton, Bakers, Grapes

Thur 5th May 8pm, Committee Meeting at H R Fletchers, the Deansgate survey

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

Rochdale, Oldham & Bury

Tues 5 April 8pm, Branch Meeting, Waterloo, Manchester Road, Bury

Tues 19 April 8pm, Committee Meeting, Bridgewater, Manchester Road, Hollinwood

Tues 26 April 8pm, What's Doing Collation, Flying Horse, Town Hall Square, Rochdale

Sat 30 April: Free members' trip to Saddleworth and Linfit Brewery. *Note correction from last month's issue.*

Tues 3 May 8pm, Branch AGM, Hogshead, Union Street, Oldham

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North Manchester

Wed 6 April, Altrincham Crawl. Meet City Arms, Kennedy St, Manchester, 7pm. Tram to Altrincham. Orange Tree, Old Market Place, 8.30pm

Wed 13 April 8pm. Regional Meeting, Beer House, Manchester

Tues 26 April 6pm, WD collation, Queens Arms, Honey St, Red Bank

Wed 27 April 8pm. New members' social. H R Fletchers, St Marys Street, Manchester

Wed 4 May, Bury crawl. Meet Victoria Station Bar, Manchester, 7.30pm.

Tram to Bury. Tap & Spile, Manchester Old Road, 8.30pm

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