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# What's Doing

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The Manchester Beer Drinker's Monthly Magazine



# Real Ale Gains in Bolton

After umpteen years on keg beer, the Farmers Arms on Chorley Street is now selling real ale in the form of Greenalls bitter and Original and Stones bitter. Another real ale gain is the Bolton Moat House on Higher Bridge Street - but at £1.60 a pint! Apparently there are 'happy hours', when the price falls to a much more reasonable £1 a pint.

Also in Bolton, there is a revolving guest beer policy at the Sweet Green Tavern, the deservedly popular Tetley pub on Crook Street. There are usually two guests available at a time, but since the departure of Hydes bitter some have tended to stay longer than others.

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#### New Pub for Eccles?

Monks Hall Museum on Wellington Road, Eccles, could become a pub if Salford Council have their way. Some time ago the Council offered the old building for sale and the best offer they got was from Banks's Brewery, who were prepared to part with a lot more loot than the next highest bidder. This got the Council thinking and they came to the conclusion that they could stand to turn a tidy profit if they first obtained the necessary planning permission and then offered the place for sale as a pub.

If the planning permission is granted, the Council is advised not to accept any offer from Banks's. The last time that brewery bought a listed building in Salford, ostensibly to do a tasteful conversion, the bastards knocked it down and built a new pub, the Moorside Farm, on the site!

#### **New Holts Pub**

The latest addition to the Holts empire is the Starkey Arms on Manchester Road in Heywood. Once owned by the Phoenix Brewery of Heywood, the pub was a Cornbrook house before the Bass takeover and passed to Joseph Holt on 31st March. Although not on Joey's usual megalithic scale, the Starkey has a comfortable lounge and vault with handpumps and lunchtime food. Licensee Pauline Hall has live Rock/R&B on Fridays and 60s/70s disco on Sundays.

#### Park Royal

This long-closed Burtonwood pub on Regent Road, Ordsall, is to be demolished and the site redeveloped as a filling station - just what we all need!

#### **Eccles Beer**

News comes from Eccles that the Albert Edward (Sam Smiths) is to try Museum Ale once again. Moving up Church Street, the Oddfellows (BodPubCo) has been refurbished and now has Bass on sale. Things are looking up at the Top House - Tetley mild is on sale at £1 a pint - yippee!

#### Frodsham Festival

The beer list for the forthcoming Frodsham Real Ale and Cider Festival is being finalised and among the 25 or so 'new brews' will be Chalk Hill, Spinnaker, Tomintoul, Shardlow, Lastingham, Eastwood, Wye Valley, Tomlinsons, Belchers, Denbigh and Pioneer. The venue is the Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham, and opening hours are 7-11pm Friday 27th May; 12-4pm and 7-11pm Saturday 28th May.

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 details contact Mat Rowlands on 0928 733361 between 6pm and 8pm.

#### Not So Grand Met

You'd think it would be difficult for anyone to lose more than two thirds of their pubs in seventeen years as Whitbread have done (WD April). Well, back in



1977 Grand Met had 39 pubs in the old City of Salford. They've now got 5 of that 39 left. To lose 34 pubs...

Here's what happened to them:

Angel, Chapel Street Sold. Now Bell Tower Hotel Bird in Hand, St Stephen St Sold to Banks's Bridge Inn, Strawberry Rd Sold to Blezards

Clowes. Trafford Road Crown, Blackfriars Street Derby, Derby Street Druids Arms, Liverpool Street Sold to Lees. Closed Druids Home, Silk Street Falcon, Cross Lane Feathers. Laundry Street Globe, Regent Road Globe, Bury Street Grapes, Eccles New Road Grove, Eccles New Road Irwell Castle, Gt Clowes Street Burnt Out Kings Arms, Oldfield Road Live & Let Live, Liverpool Rd Lord Nelson, Chapel Street Old Priory, Priory Grove Old Shears, Greengate Ordsall, Ordsall Lane Original, Lower Broughton Rd Demolished Osborne. Eccles New Road

Chequerboard, Robert Hall St Sold to Lees. Now the Welcome Demolished Sold to free trade Demolished (pictured above) Sold. Now a club Demolished Sold. Demolished Sold to Burtonwood. Park Royal. Shut Sold to Lees, Free trade, Queen Vic. Demolished Demolished Sold to Holts Demolished Sold to free trade Sold to Temple Inns Sold. Demolished Burnt out

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Oxford, Bexley Square Post Office, Hilton Street Railway, Oldfield Road Red Lion, Chapel Street Trafford, Trafford Road Waterloo, Greengate Wellington, Cross Lane Windsor Bridge, Broad Street Demolished Woodman, Belvedere Road Woolpack, Belvedere Road

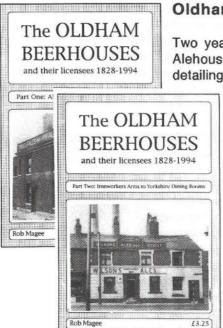
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Sold to Temple Inns

In the intervening years Grand Met have gained the Inn of Good Hope, gained and lost the Ship and the Rovers Return in Ordsall, lost and gained the Britannia. If you want to visit a Grand Met pub in Salford there are seven to choose from. Hurry now while stocks last.

#### Beer and Byegones

As a change from karaoke, quiz nights and alternative comedians, the Burton Arms, Swan Street, is putting on a series of history lectures. The next one is entitled Pubs and Drinking and will be give by Steve Little, Lecturer in the History of Manchester at Manchester College of Arts & Technology. Everyone is welcome at 8pm on Wednesday 4th May.



#### Oldham Beer

Two years ago Rob Magee's "Inns and Alehouses of Oldham" was published, detailing the histories of the town's old

fully licensed houses. Now it's the turn of the beerhouses and this impressive two-volume work completes Rob's account of all the town's pubs. The pubs are arranged alphabetically, so Part One covers the Albert Hotel to the Hunters Tayern and Part Two covers the Ironworkers Arms to Yorkshire Dining Rooms. "The Oldham Beerhouses", Part One and Part Two, are on sale for £3.25 each in selected Oldham pubs and bookshops.

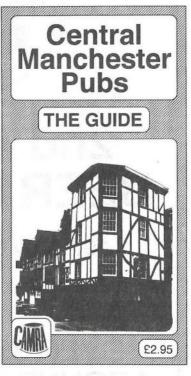
# Central Manchester Pubs - The Guide

Peter Barnes

The point has often been made in these pages that the Good Beer Guide is not much use for visitors to Manchester because, although commercial and entertainment activity is concentrated in the city centre, the GBG

tends to send you out to the suburbs. This guide is the solution. It is the right size, the right price and attractively produced to appeal to out-of-towners and also to Mancunians who know the pubs anyway but enjoy a sense of ownership from recognition. We have a wonderful directory of drinking places in the city centre, serving a great range of (relatively) cheap beers and it is right that we celebrate them.

Central Manchester Pubs gets almost everything right. It is very easy to use and to read. There is just enough useful editorial on travel information, breweries, curry houses, real ale and CAMRA and the photographs are excellent. There seems to have been minimal editing, resulting in an individualistic approach and some quirky, occasionally even obtuse descriptions of pubs. Strangely for a



North Manchester CAMRA venture, there is a tendency to rather anodyne descriptions of the pubs. There are, after all, a few places you wouldn't send a dog to, even if they do serve real ale, but you have to hunt for subtle nuances to differentiate these pubs from the good ones. There are plenty of clues to the pubs which serve good beer and indeed the mini pub crawls are flagged up as "pubs of established reputation where quality is guaranteed". It's a pity that there are not more than just two pub crawls (Rochdale Road/Shudehill and Deansgate) but, as the book says, you can use the guide to make up your own.

You really cannot afford to be without one. Central Manchester Pubs - The Guide is available from pubs and the Manchester Information Centre in the Town Hall Extension, price £2.25.



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#### Refurbishment Corner

Burtonwood's Wheatsheaf on Oak Street in the City is to be redecorated inside to match the splendid exterior work. Alterations at the Egerton in Cheetham (Holts) should now be under way and the refit may involve a new bar and should certainly include the installation of handpumps.

#### DM in NM

One of Moston's finest pubs, the New Moston (Marstons) on Belgrave Road is now selling Batemans dark mild at £1.26 alongside the regular beers, Banks's mild (also £1.26) and Marstons bitter.

#### Lion Awakens

Things are definitely looking up in Newton Heath - another long-closed pub has reopened. The White Lion on Old Church Street has had the boards taken off the windows and it has been thoroughly refurbished. Thus we have two well-appointed rooms and three cask beers: Boddies, Worthington BB and Stones.

#### Formidable - mon Dieu!

In deepest Blackley, the Old House at Home has Cains Formidable Ale on at £1.25. This compliments the other well-kept beers, Wilsons mild and bitter. The pub is on Bottomley Side, behind Zeneca.

#### Clock Face

After thirty-two years at what was one of the last remaining unaltered pubs in old Lancashire, Eddie and Mary Tickle have retired and the worst has happened. The Clock Face, which featured in "Vintage Pubs" and "Pubs of Old Lancashire", has been opened out and the three-room layout has gone. Tetleys say that the small room to the right was "never used" and decided to open it up.

However, it must be said that the new licensees are committed to serving traditional beer in what used to be a traditional pub. Tetleys mild (120p) and bitter (123p) have been joined by Vaux Samson (100p). Opening hours are 12-11 Monday to Saturday and normal hours on Sunday. There is no pool table and no juke box, but the Clock Face now has muzak.

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Rochdale - Centre Thwaites Best Mild	Merry Monk College Road	2
Rochdale - Spotland Bridge Vaux. Thorne Dark Mild	Golden Ball Spotland Road	3
Rochdale - Bamford Boddingtons Mild	Dog & Partridge Bury Road	4
Rochdale - Milnrow Burtonwood Mild	Waggon Inn New Street	5
Rochdale - Middleton Coach House Gunpowder Strong Mild	Brunswick Oldham Road	6
Rochdale - Middleton (Alkrington) Lees G.B. Mild	Lancashire Fold Kirkway	7

Oldham - Centre Banks's Mild	Dog & Duck St. Domingo Street	8
Oldham - Royton O. B. Mild	Church Inn Middleton Road	9
Oldham - Werneth Robinson's Best Mild	Royal Oak Manchester Road	10
Oldham - Diggle Timothy Taylors Golden Best	Diggle Hotel Station Houses	11
Oldham - Dobcross Banks's Hansons Mild	Navigation Inn Wool Road	12
Oldham - Dobcross Theakston's Mild	Swan The Square	13
Bury - Centre Cotleigh Nutcracker Mild	Tap & Spile Manchester Old Rd.	14
Bury - Heaton Park Hydes Mild	Royal Oak Whittaker Lane	15
Bury - Sunnybank Holt Mild	Blue Bell Manchester Road	16
Bury - Redvales Thwaites Mild	Swan & Cemetery Manchester Road	17
Bury - Elton Moorhouse's Black Cat Mild	Dusty Miller Crostons Road	18
Bury - Freetown Hydes Light Mild	Golden Fleece Bell Lane	19

Each fully completed passport (19 pubs) will be entered in a prize draw and the first prize is a polypin (36 pints) of traditional beer. Other prizes include British and foreign beers, T shirts, commemorative glasses and beer guides. Prizes will also be awarded to anyone who visits at least 12 pubs.

The prize draw will take place on Saturday, 2nd. July, at the Eagle & Child, Whitefield, during the ROB Independents Day bus tour.

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There are over 300 breweries in Britain, who between them produce around 200 traditional milds. To find out more about these, and the best pubs in the country, get the 1994 Good Beer Guide available from the address below for only £6.99 (Normal Price £8.99) including P. & P.

This passport scheme has been organised by the Rochdale, Oldham & Bury branch of CAMRA. If you are interested in finding out more about breweries, beer and pubs in general why not join us? Membership normally costs £12.00 p.a. but during May Mild Month you can join for only £10.00.

The branch organises events such as Beer Festivals, Brewery Trips and social events and we meet twice a month throughout the area. On joining you receive "Whats Brewing" each month, which keeps you in touch with what's happening in the beer world locally and nationally.

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We would like to thank all the licencees and breweries who have supported this Passport Scheme.

On a recent visit to Radcliffe I was disappointed to see a pool table in the Masons Arms on Sion Street, as it takes up most of the floor in the games room and blocks off one of the real fires. (God help the guy who has to play a tricky shot with his behind up against the fire in full roar on a cold night!) Not to be put off, I tried the newly introduced Thwaites Best Mild at £1.18 a pint.

The pool table is for a trial period of one month - let's hope that's as long as it lasts! But let's hope that the Best Mild stays. I found it to be superior to the ordinary mild by far.

Still in Radcliffe, there are plans to landscape around the Bridge, opposite the market, which could be good for enjoying a cool drink in the sun. The pub is still selling a superb pint of Burtonwood bitter, which is 95p a pint during 'happy hour' (Mon-Fri till 8pm). It's a shame that there's no mild and the Top Hat is keg.

Around 250 different beers have been sold in the Tap & Spile, Bury, since Alistair Rutledge took over as manager. Cains Superior Stout was one of the latest great new beers on the bar and there's talk of Cotleigh mild being sold throughout the month of May, the "make mine a mild" month.

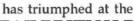


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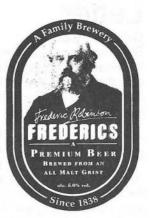
#### WARRINGTON STREET ASHTON-U-LYNE



#### Freddie's Back

Robinsons have brought out a new beer called Frederics. It's a 5% ABV brew and according to the brewery's marketing chaps it is "unashamedly aimed at the quality conscious drinker". The price is expected to be about £1.50 a pint.

It's funny how attitudes change, isn't it? It doesn't seem that long ago that Robinsons were all for playing down the 'Frederic' part of the company name because it looked foreign. Now great-great-grandad has been brought out of the closet, so to speak, and thrust to the fore.



#### Rossendale's Micro-Brewery

City dwellers, fancying a change of surroundings, may be interested in a brand new micro-brewery in Haslingden. Former accountant David Porter celebrated the reopening of the Griffin (a former brewer's pub, closed last August) on 19th March. David has been a keen home brewer for many years and he has perfected four recipes for the brewery he is operating in the pub's spacious cellar.

The beers are Mild (3.3% ABV), Bitter (3.8%), Sunshine (5%) and Porter (5%) and bar prices range from 95p for the mild to £1.30 for the top of the range. The brewery is a full mash system which David designed himself. He's using hop pellets, including some unusual varieties from around the world.

The Griffin is a 150-year-old pub which is well worth finding. It's on Hud Rake, off the A680 on the Accrington side of Haslingden. The microbrewery is a bold new venture which deserves every success.

#### Beer House changes

The new licensee at the Beer House is Iris Phillips from Liverpool. Idy, as she is known, was licensee at the GBG-listed Swan in Liverpool from 1983 until 1988. From 1989 she acted as assistant manager in a number of Liverpool pubs, including the Swan, the Cracke and the Cumberland Tavern. Already there are signs that Idy intends to emphasise traditional pub activities in one of Manchester's flagship free houses.

The Good Beer Guide says of her old pub, the Swan, "Lively ex-bikers' pub with the best jukebox in the city". Whether it used to be a bikers' pub or is now home to geriatrically-challenged former motorcyclists is unclear. Our Scousely correspondent interprets "best jukebox" as meaning suitable only for the hearing-impaired (PC√). Let's hope that the Beer House can cater for more than the leather-jacketed deaf.

#### Letter

#### Gricers' Corner

Sir - I note from Central Manchester Pubs - The Guide, that the Peveril of the Peak was named after a Manchester to London post coach. Was it not also the title of a novel by Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832)? The name was also carried by the Great Western Railway "Saint" class locomotive No.2985.

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#### All Change at the Junction

John and Ruth Coney have retired from the trade after fourteen years at the Junction Inn, Denshaw - a lengthy period of tenure in this day and age. Peter and Carol Wild are the new tenants and they have run a number of pubs in the Oldham area; their last was Bucks, a Vaux keg pub in the town centre. Because of his long association with Oldham, it is perhaps no surprise that Peter is an avid Latics supporter, but then nobody's perfect! Rumours that the pub will be closed on match days have so far turned out to be untrue.

Located on the Lancashire-Yorkshire border, the Junction is a popular watering hole for groups travelling from one county to the other. Unusually for a John Willie Lees house, it has been selling Moonraker strong ale all year round as well as bitter and GB mild from electric pillar taps. There will be some internal redecoration, but no structural changes are planned and there will be a continuing emphasis on the food side of the business.

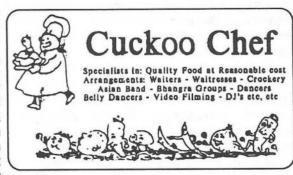
At the nearby Black Horse, an ex-Bass house which has retained its traditional atmosphere, well-kept beers from the Wolverhampton & Dudley Brewery have been on offer for the past three years. In addition to the widely available Banks's mild and bitter, the Black Horse now sells the rarer Hansons bitter - all on handpump.

Working back up the hill towards Oldham, the Printers is a well-run pub with a wide selection of malt whiskies and an interesting collection of ceiling-hung water jugs. Regrettably the collection of beers is not so interesting, but the usual Courage range of John Smiths, Websters and Ruddles bitters and Directors is somewhat enhanced by a guest beer. As well as the ubiquitous Pedigree and Speckled Hen, Moorhouses Pendle Witch was seen recently.

Continuing up the hill, last (and, arguably, least!) comes the Golden Fleece, which over the years has changed from Bass to free trade to Grand Met to Courage and is currently a Vaux managed property. In sharp contrast to its heyday as a thriving free house, the Golden Fleece now offers Vaux Double Maxim and Samson as well as something called Vaux mild (brewed by Wards). During a recent visit only the Double Maxim was on sale.

Manchester's newest Indian restaurant opened on 8th April. OK, so it's not completely new, but it is a restaurant. The Cuckoo Chef on the corner of Thomas Street and Oldham Street has long been a café, on the posher side of rough. They've now opened up the basement to make a proper restaurant complete with tables in the foyer, made out of big brass plates and furnished with tablecloths, china and cutlery. And very nice it is too.

The food quality compares favourably with the Sanam, the Shezan, the Shere Khan and the Tabah in Rusholme, with freshly prepared dishes. It costs around £6 for a starter and a main course with nan, which is nearly twice what you'd pay in a café, but



the ambience is there and it's open later - 12-10 on Mondays and Tuesdays, 12-11.30 Wednesdays to Saturdays and 12-4 Sundays. What could be nicer than a few pints of Robbies in the Castle and a Chicken Shashlik and Sag Gosht in the Cuckoo Chef? Dinner at Maxims? I should coco.

Sorry, Ed, I keep trying to report on the real ale scene in Manchester's vibrant clubs, but I keep getting chucked out. Any suggestions?

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## Rupert

I've still not been invited to a Mars Bar party so I'm unable to report on that. Hattie Nightingale tells me that she has arranged numerous Smarties parties and that she held the world record with six tubes. I'm impressed; it would make me throw up. Well, I see that the new topers' vignette has hit the streets of Grotley. It is seemingly marginal in political correctness in not according appleade its high profile

necessary in this urban colony of Zummerzett with its smock-wearing peasants. And, whilst heaping paeans of praise on arriviste smarty - pants trendies' bars with naughty door policies, it is dismissive of megaethnic. salt-of-the-earth

traditional taverns like the Trapeze and Clown. I'm totally in agreement with the critics. Any hostelry which denies access to such luminaries as Rumpled-shirtscream, Eastwood Chef and Jamie Frotter deserves excluding from any vademecum produced by the Campaign.

How rapidly things change in Grotley North. Charlie Bass has left Mrs Tiggywinkle's for pastures new and next door the tarmac carpet's gone. Rumours still abound about tavern-keepers and other tavernkeepers' wives but there's little truth in those; they're just the prattlings of an over-indulging Beinlos as he travels home. What's this I hear of Royal Hall and Tubs Caries slugging it out in an alehouse bar? Billy Shippon and Charlie Super believe it to be true and so it must be. Yet, Royal bears few signs of bruising from blunted bicuspids or cuts from crumbling canines, so I'm confused.

Lovely to see that Nora
Tackler has been to an
image consultant
who's told her to have
a bath and forget her
past. She's done that
and put up to join the
boss group yet again.
By the time you read
this she may well be there.

When she was boss of Grotley she brought humour to such serious subjects as financial probity and did for journalism what Eddie Waring did for ballet and Roger Leavitt for the criminal justice system. More power to her elbow! Little wonder that so many have learned to love her. If she joins that happy band of men and women, she'll be able to help Billy Bog string two words together and remember who he is, tasks which the strains of high office seem to have rendered unattainable.

## **Branch Diary**

Bolton

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 Thur 19 May, Social & Crawl of Breightmet. 7.30 Bulls Head, 8pm Feathers; Hare & Hounds, Black Horse, Bowling Green, Bradford; 10pm Wellington, Anchor, Lord Clyde Thur 2 June, Branch Meeting, Malt & Hops, Bradshawgate, 8.30pm Contact: Judith Spragg 0204 595342 (h), 0204 396350 (w)

Trafford & Hulme

Thur 5 May 8pm, Committee Meeting, H R Fletcher's, St Mary's Street, Manchester, followed by Deansgate survey Sat 7 May noon, Wheat Beer Tasting, Kendlegate Wines, Northgate Road, Stockport Thur 12 May, Flixton/Urmston Survey. Church Inn, Flixton Road, 8pm. Roebuck, Flixton Road, 9.30pm Thur 19 May 5pm. Cains Brewery Trip. Meet Orange Tree, Old Market Place, Altrincham Thur 26 May, Hale Barns Survey. Meet Romper, Ringway, 8pm. Bulls Head, Wicker Lane, 9.30. Finish at Railway, Hale Thur 2 June, 8pm. Stockport Beer Festival Sat 4 June, noon. Pilsen beer tasting, Kendlegate Wines, Northgate Road, Stockport. Followed by Stockport Beer Festival

Contact: Roger Wilson 061 832 8237 (w), 061 941 5602 (h)

#### North Manchester

Wed 4 May, Bury Crawl. Victoria Station Buffet Bar 7.30pm; Tap & Spile, Manchester Old Road, Bury, 8.30pm Wed 11 May, Moorings, Boothshall Way, Boothstown, 8pm Wed 18 May, Branch Meeting, Queens Arms, Honey St, Cheetham, 8pm Wed 25 May, Committee & Socal: Stalybridge Station Buffet Bar, 8pm Wed 1st June, Winton Crawl. Brown Cow, Worsley Road, 7pm; Egerton Arms, Parrin Lane, 8pm; Ellesmere, King William Street, 9pm Wed 8 June, Regional Meeting, Kings Arms, Helmshore Walk, Chorlton on Medlock, 8pm Contact: Roger Hall 740 7937

Rochdale, Oldham & Bury Tues 3 May 8pm, AGM, Hogshead, Union Street, Oldham. Guest speaker - Mayor of Oldham Tues 24 May 8pm, What's Doing collation, Flying Horse, Town Hall Square, Rochdale ALL MAY: Mild Passport Scheme - see centre pages.

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