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The Manchester Beer Drinker's Monthly Magazine

Pub to shut for Metrolink line?

First the good news. After representations from CAMRA, the Metrolink line to Ashton has been rerouted to miss the Auld Lang Syne on Pollard Street and the Sir Humphrey Cheetham and the Grove on Ashton New Road. But they've also rerouted it in Audenshaw, so that the Snipe on Manchester Road will need to come down. The original route down North Road did not involve any demolition, but now another Robinsons pub is at risk.



National Beer Prices Survey

CAMRA's annual survey found that the cheapest beer in Britain is Wickwar Coopers WPA, which sells at 88p a pint in Avon, 2p less than Holts mild and bitter around here. In the list of the ten most expensive real ales are Marstons Owd Rodger and Robinsons Old Tom in the North West, both at £2 a pint. The most expensive of the lot is Gibbs Mew Bishops Tipple, sold at £2.30 in the South East. The average price of a pint was £1.47, 5% up on last year and representing an increase of almost twice the rate of inflation. Twenty years ago a pint cost about 15p, so there has been an increase of 980% in the price of beer, compared to 442% for food products.

As the statistics were being compiled, the big brewers announced that they were going to bang up the price of a pint by another four or five percent and this is expected to raise the average to £1.51.

The survey also noted that a guest beer is significantly more expensive than the same stuff sold in the guest brewer's own pubs. On average, we are paying 9p a pint over the odds for the privilege of drinking a guest beer. Also, one in ten pubs are still breaking the law by not displaying price lists and CAMRA reckons it's about time the offenders were prosecuted.

The prices of soft drinks, wines and spirits rose by 1% in the past year, less than half the rate of inflation, so it's plain to see the big brewers' monopoly is alive and doing very nicely for itself. Their well-publicised whingeing about tax on beer (which hasn't increased) and cheap imports by a handful of enterprising souls does seem to be at best an irrelevance and at worst a ploy to deflect criticism from their own behaviour. The late Lew Grade once said that commercial television was a licence to print money - somebody should have told him about the brewing industry.

Brook to Change

The Brook, the former Brooklands Station building, is now in the hands of Michael Prophet of the nearby Amblehurst Hotel and will close for alteration to a railway theme bistro. It is to be hoped that a bar and Lees cask beers will be retained.

Walkden

The Bulls Head is now a Whitbread Cask Ale House selling Castle Eden (£1.37), Boddies (£1.28) and Flowers (£1.54). There is also Scrumpy Jack on "pretend" handpumps.

Kings Ale

Leo King

In recent months Whitbread have been busy converting pubs into "Hogsheads", "Beer Engines" and the like, and even BodPubCo are involved with real ale free houses. Now Greenalls are getting in on the act. Just by chance, whilst riding on the upper deck of a bus travelling along Wilmslow Road, I noticed the Dog & Partridge in the centre of Didsbury was about to become the Dog & Partridge Beer House.

It opened at 7.30pm on Thursday June 16th and I turned up the following evening to find seven handpumped beers and four on gravity. Apart from bare wooden floors covered with wood chippings (will these be trampled down into sawdust?) and some books on shelves, there are no daft gimmicks. The Dog & Partridge represents the first attempt by Greenalls to do a Whitbread and provide a real ale theme pub. Among the beers were Wadworths 6X (on gravity at £1.45 a pint), Adnams, Coach House and Flowers; the only Greenalls product was Thomas Greenalls Original. The pub is open all permitted hours and I would recommend a visit as this is something that has been really needed in South Manchester. The service is good, the beer is good and the prices are not too bad.

Planning News

Tetleys are hoping to open another pub in what is becoming a popular part of town. The premises concerned are a warehouse on Grosvenor Street near the Mancunian Way. In Spring Gardens, yet another listed building is set to become a pub if Marstons receive listed building consent. In Cheetham, our favourite brewer is so busy that planning permission is being sought for two more fermenting vessels.

O'Shea's Irish Pub

This used to be the Lancaster Tavern and it is sited on the corner of Whitworth Street and Princess Street in the city. The Irish theme is captured with Guinness memorabilia everywhere, high-backed booth seating, green tiling and other items. The place is large and has a food servery and eating area too. Beer emphasis is strongly towards stout and the sole cask beer is Tetley bitter at £1.40 a pint. Keg Kilkeny bitter is also available for those who desire an Irish product.

Castle Ruin

Greenalls' Castle in Kersal was torched after the licensee quit the pub a few weeks ago. Another victim of the vandals and fireraisers is Summervilles at Irlams o'th'Height. This ex-Bass pub closed some time ago and had been systematically vandalised.

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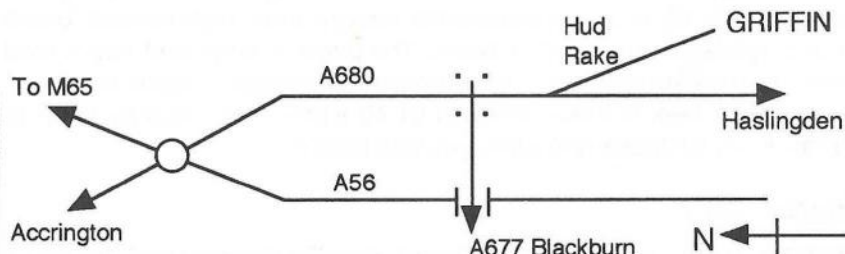
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How Important are the Independents?

Nationally, the independent brewers own less than 20% of our pubs and brew less than 20% of our beer. In Manchester that is not the case. Manchester has long been the home of a number of independent brewers who have had a strong influence on both ownership of pubs and drinking habits.

An analysis of 350 pubs in North Manchester and Salford shows that a third of them are owned by independent brewers. The full picture is as follows:

<u>Independents</u>		<u>Big Brewers</u>		<u>Pub Chains</u>	
Banks's	9	Bass	32	BodPubCo	45
Burtonwood	18	Courage	39	Greenalls	20
Holts	47	S&N	2	Temple	2
Hydes	1	Tetley	35		
Lees	5	Whitbread	42		
Marstons	6				
Robinsons	8				
Sam Smiths	4				
Thwaites	1				
Vaux	<u>16</u>				
	<u>115</u>		<u>150</u>		<u>67</u>

Figures for big brewers include 4 Centric houses, 2 Blezard houses and 1 Belhaven house, all of which serve Bass or Tetley beers. There are in addition 18 true free houses.

Independent brewers make a stronger showing here in the North West than they do nationally. Many of the pubs owned by BodPubCo and Greenalls serve beers from independent brewers and an increasing number of big brewer pubs are also serving guest ales, many of them from independent breweries.

Independent breweries offer choice, variety and value for money. Their beers are often tastier than those of their bigger rivals. What's Doing's guide to independents' pubs over the next few months is aimed to encourage consumption of these ales and to increase their availability throughout the region.

Sunken bar is all sewn-up

The Captain's Bar (ex-Mama's) on Rochdale Road, Manchester, has dropped anchor for the final time. This long-time keg pub is now a haberdasher's.

Further up the road, the Robert Tinker in Collyhurst was boarded up on 19th June.

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Holts Corner

Stewart Revell

Following on from last month's list of free trade outlets, brewers' agent Max Taylor informs me that the Everyman Theatre in Liverpool and the Turks Head, St Helens, are now being supplied with Holts.

The Holts AGM was held at the Roebuck Hotel, Flixton, on 14th June. To allay fears about the quality of the mild and bitter, one of the senior brewers told me that neither is filtered, which some people are apparently thinking. The much improved clarity of the beer is due to a measured amount of finings, added automatically to each cask at the racking stage.

The beer on the upper floor at the Old Monkey is not served under gas pressure - the pumps are electrically assisted.

Salford round up

The Druids on Liverpool Street, which has had a chequered past, is trading again. Across the road the Railway, in its time owned by Wilsons, Greenalls and John Smiths, is now sporting Whitbread insignia. On Adelphi Street the Brewery Tavern has closed and reopened; the nearby Dick and Puppet remains closed. On Chapel Street the Punchbowl is serving Tetley bitter at £1 a pint and the Rovers Return is up for sale.

That's Magic

When Grand Met sold 1,650 pubs to Scottish & Newcastle, the purchasers indicated that a sizeable proportion of them would eventually be sold on. 168 have been sold on to Labatt, who have been building up a chain of pubs in this country since 1991, and 280 have been acquired by Michael Cannon's Magic Pub Company. Grand Met naturally sold off the least attractive of their Chef & Brewer estate and given the lacklustre ambience of many of the pubs, it will take more than magic to transform them!

GBBF Competition

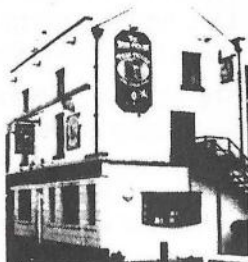
Only 10 of the 863 entries received correctly identified Chris Cryne. To mix her up with John Cryne is understandable, but surely Ted Brunning and Michael Jackson are reasonably famous? Many people confuse Paula Carder and Golliponda, but they are surely distinguishable from the lovely Chris. Nine of the ten correct answers completed the phrase in a way which is far too vulgar and offensive to be repeated in these pages. The only entry which can be printed is baffling: "Chris Cryne is blonde, petit and eats stoats". Consequently there is no winner so the tickets for the Great British Beer Festival will be awarded to the winners and runners up of the Independents' Treasure Hunt on 2nd July.



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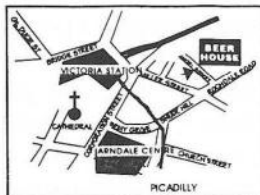
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Trip to Huddersfield? Sair-tainly not! *Sue Barker*

Saturday 30th April was the day Rochdale, Oldham & Bury CAMRA members and new recruits planned to visit several locations between Uppermill and the Sair Inn, Huddersfield. The trip got off to a bad start - our coach driver had been given the wrong starting time by his company and the previous night's party had thrown up on the coach, necessitating a clean-up job. Thus our departure was almost an hour late. It was a bright but extremely cold morning and not one for hanging about on street corners, although we are well used to this being part of trip procedure! Our Social Secretary, waiting in the comfort of his home at Uppermill, received frantic phone calls from members demanding to know where the coach was, but the Rochdale contingent was happy to take advantage of the delay by persuading the Flying Horse to open up slightly early, so getting a head start on the rest of us.

Everyone collected, our first port of call was the Cross Keys at Uppermill and the approach hill proved a challenge to the severely limited gearbox of the fully-laden twenty-year-old 49-seater. A round of applause and a cloud of oily smoke signalled our safe arrival in the pub car park. The thirsty travellers crowded into the bar and were met by our fraught Social Secretary. A swift and pleasant pint of Holts was downed and then it was back on to the coach in an effort to make up lost time. The descent into Uppermill village presented no problems!

We now headed in the direction of Yorkshire and our lunch stop at the Navigation, Dobcross. Here we acquired more hangers-on, a hasty bite and a choice of Marstons Pedigree, Camerons Strongarm, Hansons and Banks's bitters. We now found more than enough time to get our breath back - the coach refused to start. It was sunny and decent ale was to hand so we didn't mind - much. The repair man arrived after an hour, kicked the fuel pump and we were mobile again.

It was now too late to proceed to Sair (we've rescheduled the visit for September), so Contingency Plan No.1 was brought into play. A short trip to the Diggle Hotel rewarded us with Taylors Golden Best, Landlord and Flowers Original. The coach decided to stay put and several members were seen up to their elbows in its internal workings. Their efforts proved successful and we headed back to Uppermill, where a Festival was being held to celebrate the Bicentenary of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal. The beer tent offered Banks's and Hansons bitters and traditional sideshows and craft stalls were enjoyed in the late afternoon sunshine.

Although the outcome of the trip was not as expected, everyone enjoyed themselves (thank goodness it didn't rain!). It was later remarked that our

only two disastrous trips had both been free. Are we to draw some conclusions from this? We have been assured that it won't be the same coach that carries us on our next venture - to Snowdonia Brewery!

New Pubs?

Planning permission is being sought for a new pub and restaurant in a proposed leisure development off Sanford Lane in Reddish.

Bass are hoping to convert one of the ground floor units in the University Shopping Precinct on Oxford Road into a pub. Let's hope it's an improvement on the place upstairs.

In Ancoats, somebody thinks the time is right to reopen the Two Terriers on George Leigh Street (below), which shut eighty-odd years ago. The applicants must be pretty hopeful of an upturn in the economy. The immediate area has lost many pubs over the years - at one time there were three on George Leigh Street alone. Recently we've lost the Church Inn and the Green Dragon on Jersey Street, the Crown & Kettle, the White Bear, the St Vincent and the O'Connell Arms.



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Letter

Beech Plug

Sir - In all of the talk about good beer and pubs (WD passim), how come no mention is made of the excellent Beech on Beech Road, Chorlton? This is one of Whitbread's "extended range" (or perhaps "ale house") pubs and although it isn't very large there are still three rooms and usually seven or eight beers to choose from (not all Whitbread either). A recent range was Chesters bitter, Flowers, Taylors bitter and Landlord, Youngs Special, Wadworth 6X, Pedigree and Old Speckled Hen. Prices are reasonable, too, such as £1.30 for Taylor bitter and £1.47 for the Youngs. So come on WD, let's hear more about true gems like the Beech, not just contributors' favourite free houses and the like!

L Sprytalker

Stalybridge Buffet

The Friends of Stalybridge Station are arranging for a blue plaque to be fixed to the wall of Stalybridge Station Buffet, stating that "This Victorian Buffet Bar is unique and is authentic in detail since being rebuilt in 1885". The official unveiling is expected to take place at 12 noon on 16th July. Earlier in the month, FOSS will have a stall at the Tameside Canals Festival (8-10 July), selling T-shirts and cassettes of a special recording by Stalybridge Band.

The Friends have suggested that Stalybridge Station be given some floral decoration and they are looking for donations of plants, tubs and hanging baskets and the services of amateur gardeners. The more attention the Station gets, the less likely it is that British Rail or Rail Track will move in and mess the Buffet about.



Bottom Derby reopens

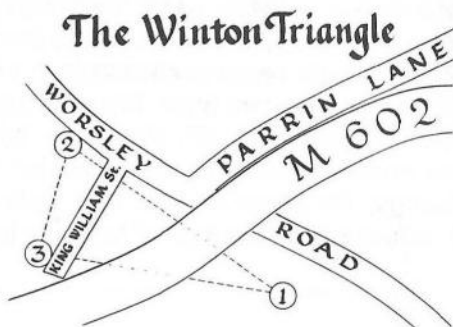
After more than two years of putting up with the shabby, boarded-up exterior of the Derby Arms on Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, it is good to report that the place has been painted. Even better news is that this ex-Bass house reopened on June 16th as the New Derby Arms, styled as a free house. The inside has been thoroughly decorated and consists of a large lounge and a spacious vault. Three handpulled beers are on sale, all at a very competitive 95p (permanent prices, our reporter was told). The beers are Banks's bitter (a first in Harpurhey), John Smiths and Wilsons bitter.

The Winton Triangle

Pete Cash

A more compact crawl would be hard to find than that offered by the three pubs at the Winton end of Parrin Lane, Eccles.

The Brown Cow (1) is a 1960s Robinsons house which replaced the original pub, demolished to make room for the M602 motorway. Large and sprawling, with wide corridors and a function room at the back, it can give an impression of wasted space when empty, as at 7pm on a Wednesday evening. Once an outlet for Robinsons Ordinary Bitter (now renamed Old Stockport Bitter), the pub is now restricted to the Best Bitter and Best Mild (renamed "Hatters" - they must be mad!) at 105p and 115p.

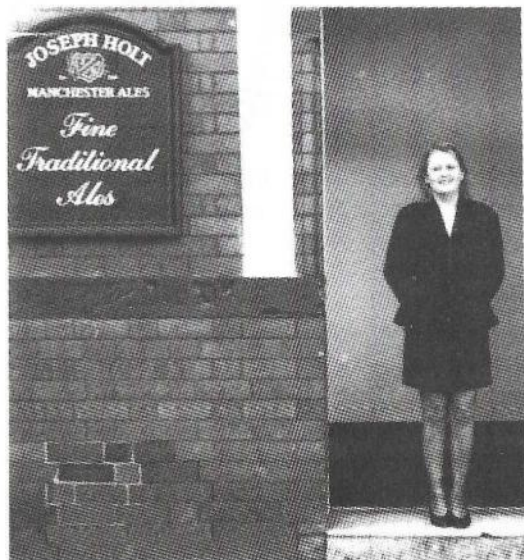


The Egerton Arms (2) is a Boddington house with vault, small snug and large lounge-cum-darts room at the rear. In addition to Boddies mild (112p) and bitter (117p) there is now a regular guest beer. Castle Eden, Eden Bitter, Fullers Chiswick, Winter Royal, Cornish and Brains bitter are just a few of those which have appeared, or can be expected to appear.

Last but not least is the Ellesmere Inn (3), where Lil and Paul Finley have

just completed their first year as licensees. (The photo shows Lil outside the pub.) Tucked away under the edge of the motorway, this Holts house has seen several improvements since they took over. New carpets and upholstery and redecoration in a subdued style have increased the comfort level, whilst a pop quiz (Sundays) and solo singers (Thursdays) have become regular features.

Early in June, Lil and Paul



entertained the assembled glitterati of CAMRA North Manchester, when beef and vegetarian curries, bhajis, rice and chapattis were served to accompany the excellent Holts mild (90p) and bitter (96p). All but two members, that is, who disappeared without trace in the Triangle, somewhere between pubs 1 and 2!

Miles Platting Misery

If you thought the pub situation in Miles Platting had reached its nadir, think again. A further two pubs have fallen victim to the inner-city curse. First, on Oldham Road the White Hart (Ascot Holdings, ex-Belhaven) has been closed, boarded and badly vandalised. We wager that the slates will have gone from the roof and the place will have been burnt to the ground by the time you read this. The second sorry tale is of the Cricketers Arms (Marstons) on Bradford Road. This is now closed and boarded up after a fire. Let us hope this nasty trend does not continue or Miles Platting will soon have no pubs. In the last two years eight out of sixteen have closed and two of them have been demolished.

Golden Gate shut

Salford pub-goers are saddened by the closure of one of their favourite pubs. Discovery Inns have given in to pressure from the authorities and shut the Golden Gate on Cross Lane. According to a Manchester Evening News article, they are hopeful about reopening it in a few months' time.

Cains Cheetham cheer

Down in the back streets of Cheetham and Strangeways things are stirring. The Berwick Arms on Carnarvon Street is now free of its Bass tie and has added Cains bitter at £1.30 to its range of four handpulled beers. The other three are Lees bitter, Boddies and Websters.

Farnworth

First the bad news. Farnworth has lost its Holts at both the Freemasons and the Queens and the Market Hotel has stopped rotating its four guest beers. But now the good news. The Market (on Brackley Street) has introduced a new rotation of guest beers from the "Tapsters Choice" programme run by Carlsberg-Tetley. Here's what's on for the rest of the year:

From 11 July, Davenports bitter; 25 July, Arrols 80/-; 8 Aug, Harvest Ale; 22 Aug, Thomas Hardy Country; 5 Sept, Marstons bitter; 19 Sept, Allsopps IPA; 3 Oct, Youngs Special; 17 Oct, Holts Entire (the other Holts); 31 Oct, Allsopps Winter Warmer; 14 Nov, Greenalls Original.

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Back to the Roots

The Oak Tree Root at the junction of Oak Street and Leigh Road, Howe Bridge (near the sports centre) has had a revamp. The pub was semi-open-plan before and now it is slightly more semi-open-plan, although a sense of divisions of space is retained. A vault area is quite distinct as it has vinyl rather than moquette seating and cushionfloor rather than carpeting. It also has a telly and a dart board.

The rest of the pub has been decorated in what might best be described as Laura Ashley Suburban, which sounds unkind but the effect is, in fact, quite pleasant. Good, simple fare is served at lunchtimes and this is prepared on the premises. The chips are of the pub's own manufacture and not those dreadful fried potato twigs served up in burger "restaurants" (whose owners seem hell-bent on covering the planet with products of consistent, identical mediocrity).

Of particular note is the pub's conversion to cask beer, served via beer engines. Tetley dark mild and bitter are available at £1.23 and £1.25 and there is a house beer, Oak Tree Root bitter. This is produced by the Trent Brewery Company and has an ABV of 3.3% (that's what it says on the pump clip). It costs £1.05 per pint and is selling well. On one visit the beer was not on sale as it was "still settling in the cellar". This is surely a good sign.

Now & Then

Rob Magee

No.83

Beer Emporium

94 Union Street, Oldham

Road widening has seen off a lot of Oldham pubs over the last twenty years and there is yet more to come. Buildings on the south side of Union Street have been under threat for a long time and in preparation for their eventual demise Oldham Council has acquired many of them. The Beer Emporium is one such property, but over the last nine years it has been leased to a number of individuals.

The pub was originally called the Waterloo and it was a Wilsons house when it closed for the first time in 1985. In 1986 somebody reopened it as 'Busby's', but that didn't last long and it was shut again in May 1987. Then in 1990 Alan Pepper reopened the pub as the Beer Emporium and it is still going strong today, now run by John Dyson, who until recently also owned the Witchwood in Ashton.

The Waterloo was licensed to sell beer only when it opened in 1862 and became fully licensed three years later. It's a sizeable building and from the start it was designed to attract the businessmen of the town and to accommodate visitors (there were six bedrooms). A plan of the original layout shows a vault on the corner, next to the serving bar, and to the right of the front door a 'commercial room', which was fitted with a number of screens so that customers had a degree of privacy if they wished to discuss business (or anything else). There was also a smoke room, a tap room and, over the gateway into the yard, a club room. There was a



substantial brewhouse in the yard, but by the 1870s this was being operated by a separate company.

The Waterloo joined the tied house system about ten years before most local pubs, as it was owned by J H Deakin's Manchester Brewery in the 1880s. Over the years there were alterations in keeping with the fashions of the times. The tap room and a kitchen were combined in 1905 to make a billiard room, then forty years later the billiard table was taken out to make more drinking space. The multi-room layout was lost in 1973/4, when Wilsons divided the interior in two - games room on the left and lounge on the right.

Today the Waterloo is enjoying a new lease of life as a real ale free house, so let's hope the widening of Union Street continues to be put off.

Rochdale Plans

Rochdale's Unitary Development Plan sets out the council's policies and proposals for land use up to the year 2001. The Deposit Plan can be consulted at libraries and information centres in the borough or at the Environment Department on Baillie Street. Responses in writing must be made by 15th July.

UDPs are an important part of councils' strategic plans which can have considerable impact on pubs both directly and indirectly. Representations and objections made now may prevent much hand-wringing and futile campaigns in the future when your favourite neighbourhood pub is knocked down for a new shopping precinct or a new road.

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Rupert

So nice to see that Jamie Frotter's back in town. East Titley's loss is Grotley's gain. We have missed him. Others have tried to fill the gap. Eastwood and Duke have been little treasures, trying to bring harmony between branches and drumming up enthusiasm for an amber nectar show in Slumley. Not everyone is euphoric. Eddy Nestfeather is in a slough of despond as criticisms are levelled at his fine organ.

Eddy has long regarded What's Doing as an élite publication catering for a niche market of literate and educated aficionados of taverns and amber nectar. The cover price has always been seen as a barometer of demand. Yet, whilst What's Doing sales remain at 114 copies per month, those of Opening Tripe have reached 37,000. Opening Tripe is now threatening to take over the dynamic campaigning area of Smarmford & Slutch. Anathema as it might be to him, Eddy must surely now do something to compete. What's Doing cannot remain as a repository of dry-as-dust articles written by nonagenarian bores for themselves. It must become more populist to appeal to the casual drinker rather than the dedicated

enthusiast. It must be free - after all, how many drinkers can afford 25p? It must attract advertising from pubs which will not, of course, inhibit anything which is written about them.

Articles like "What We Did on our Pub Crawl", "Dwile Flonking News" and "Featured Pub of the Nanosecond" will really grab the readers' attention. Shorter words and sentences will also help those with a limited span of attention. Glossy paper and an A4 format would also be an improvement. Take heart, Eddy, all is not lost. You must recognise that you belong to another era and must learn to move with the times as Rupert Murdoch and Carlton TV have done. There is no need to try and end it all as you did on June 15th



by lying on a railway line - to no avail as the strike took place that day. Swallow your pride, Eddy, and recognise that you must go with the flow. Chuck your blue pencil away so that potential contributors will not be frightened off. Bring What's Doing into the 1990s by appealing to the new generation of drinkers and pub-goers. Even long-lived and highly-venerated literary institutions like Punch may die if they do not adapt to changing tastes. Above all, resist all attempts of takeover from Opening Tripe.

Branch Diary

Bolton

Thur 7 July, Branch Meeting, Derby Arms, Derby Street, 8.30pm. Including nominations for Pub of the Year 1994

Thur 11 Aug, Branch Meeting, Lord Clyde, Folds Road. Including nominations for Pub of the Year 1994

Thur 18 Aug, Barbecue and Social, Sweet Green Tavern. £2 each. Book places with contact by 11th August

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

Trafford & Hulme

Sat 2 July 12 noon, Mystery Beer Tasting Competition, Kendlegate Wines, Northgate, Stockport

Thurs 7 July 8pm, Committee Meeting, Legh Arms, Sale Moor

Thur 14 July, Flixton/Urmston Crawl. Meet Church Inn 8pm, 9.30 Roebuck

Thur 21 July 8pm, Branch Meeting, Peveril of the Peak, Great Bridgewater Street, Manchester

Thur 28 July, Hulme Crawl. Ducie Arms, Devas Street 8pm; Salutation, Higher Chatham Street, 9.30

Thur 4 Aug 8pm, Committee Meeting, Stalybridge Station Buffet Bar

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

North Manchester

Wed 6 July 7.30pm, Recruitment Drive: Beer House, Angel Street, Manchester. To include Independents Beer Festival

Wed 13 July, Pendlebury Crawl: Oddfellows, Manchester Road, 7pm; Shepherds, Hall Street, 8pm; Newmarket, Bolton Road, 9pm

Wed 20 July 8pm, Branch Meeting, Kings Arms, Bloom Street, Salford

Tues 26 July, What's Doing collation, Queens Arms, Honey Street, 6pm onwards

Wed 27 July, Salford Quays/Docks crawl: Pump House, Clipper Quay, 7pm; Flying Dutchman, Waterfront Quay, 8pm; Quay House, The Quays, 8.30pm; The Broadway, Broadway, 9pm.

Wed 3 August, Ancoats Crawl. White House 7pm, Land o'Cakes 8pm (both Great Ancoats Street), Walkers, Swan Street, 9pm

Contact: Roger Hall 740 7937

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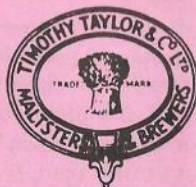
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