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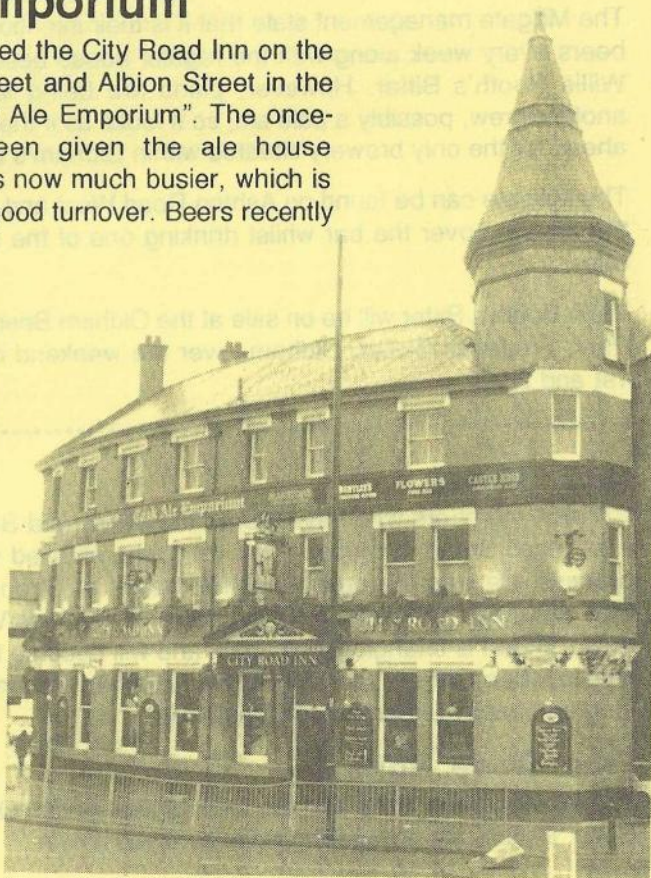


The Manchester Beer Drinker's Monthly Magazine

## Ale Emporium

Whitbread have converted the City Road Inn on the corner of Whitworth Street and Albion Street in the city centre into a "Cask Ale Emporium". The once-dismal interior has been given the ale house treatment and the pub is now much busier, which is what real ale needs - a good turnover. Beers recently on offer included Boddies bitter at 140p, City Road Ale at 100p and guests such as Pedigree, Old Speckled Hen and Taylors Landlord (150p).

*(Readers will be pleased to know that WD is now on sale here after being chucked out of the Britons Protection over the road - see this month's Letters.)*





## **Failsworth Brew**

As reported briefly in January WD, the Millgate (formerly the Failsworth Arms) has resumed trading after a major refurbishment by pub operator David McConville. As well as providing a restaurant and function room (capacity 175), David saw his dream come to fruition last month when the first regular brew of Willie Booth's Bitter (ABV 4%) came on line. A very palatable hoppy and fruity brew, it has been well received by the regulars and priced at £1.16 a pint it is competing well with the house beers, Holts mild and bitter and Boddingtons bitter.

General Manager Gary Lewis has recently introduced a new range of guest beers, including the excellent Batemans XB, which he remembers fondly from his days in Wainfleet. Other guests have been Timothy Taylors Landlord, Eldridge Pope Thomas Hardy Country Bitter and Royal Oak, and Marstons Pedigree at a very competitive £1.26, surely the cheapest in Manchester! All the beers are kept in fine fettle by Cellarman/Brewer Lee Sim.

The Millgate management state that it is their intention to retain two guest beers every week along with the regular house beers and of course the Willie Booth's Bitter. However, plans are being laid to introduce yet another brew, possibly a pale ale, so it looks as if there are exciting times ahead for the only brewery situated within Oldham's boundaries.

The Millgate can be found on Ashton Road West and customers can view the brewery over the bar whilst drinking one of the several real ales on offer.

Willie Booth's Bitter will be on sale at the Oldham Beer Festival at Werneth Park, Frederick Street, Oldham, over the weekend of March 31st, April 1st and 2nd.

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## **New Brewer**

CAMRA members who have toured the Whitbread-Boddingtons brewery may recall Stuart Thompson, the man who showed visitors the brewing process. He was the quality control brewer at Strangeways and before that worked for Higsons in Liverpool until Boddies/Whitbread closed it down. Stuart is changing jobs again and will become the Head Brewer at Hydes when Chris Hyde retires. We wish him well in his new job and a long and happy retirement to Chris Hyde.

## **Free Trade Holts**

The Wellington in Hyde and the Old Original British Queen on Blackburn Road, Bolton, are now selling Holts as a guest beer.



## City News

*Roger Wilson*

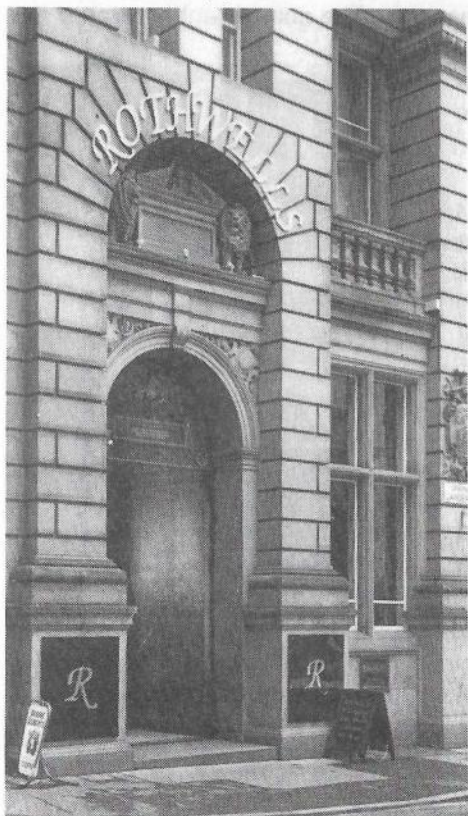
Rothwell's on Spring Gardens (Marstons) and the Athenaeum on York Street (free) were both created out of old banks and both are to open up what were the manager's offices. These rooms, which hold 40-50 and 100-150 respectively, will be available for hire for private functions. At the Thirsty Scholar (owned by the Jabez Clegg company), which is situated in a railway arch near Oxford Road Station, an upstairs room was opened for hire on Friday 17th March. This pub recently held a successful beer festival, with around twelve beers complementing the six usually available. It is hoped that this venture will be tried again in the future.

Across Wakefield Street from the Thirsty Scholar, the Salisbury Ale House (Scottish & Newcastle) has a new licensee. Cathleen Yarwood took over in February, having moved from Paddy's Goose on Bloom Street (Grand Met). The Salisbury is due to close in early May for three or four weeks so that it can be converted into a "T&J Bernard Ale House", offering, it is expected, seven different beers. Although the pub is being refurbished, it appears that Scottish & Newcastle plan to do little or

nothing with the rest of the building, which is a pity, since there are believed to be a dozen or so rooms, including a large function room, upstairs. Come on S&N, where's your spirit of enterprise?!

Around the corner in Whitworth Street is the Canal Bar, most definitely a keg establishment despite the "real ales" sign outside - beware!

Joe and Tina Laffin took over at the Royal Central on Windmill Street, popularly known as Cox's Bar (BodPubCo) in February. They have been in the trade for many years and have had pubs all over the country, latterly in Telford, Shropshire. Joe is keen to promote real ales at Cox's and hopes to be able to provide one or maybe two guest beers alongside the Boddingtons bitter.



The Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza (known to all Mancunians as the Midland Hotel) is to start selling a guest beer alongside Boddingtons bitter in the Wyvern Bar (formerly Lowry's and, before that, the Butty Boat Bar).

During the recent refurbishment at the City Road Inn on Albion Street (Whitbread), internal walls decorated with glazed tiles and ornate Victorian ceilings were apparently uncovered. After protests from the licensee the workmen refrained from destroying these legacies from a bygone age and merely covered them over to create the latest Whitbread theme. Come on, Whitbread, get real! Why try to create old ale houses with a theme that may last only a few years when you've got the real McCoy in place?

The Sportsman on Market Street (Lees), once known as the Auld Reekie Tavern, is due to close on or about 27th June 1995. It has been decreed that it shall make way for a Tesco supermarket.

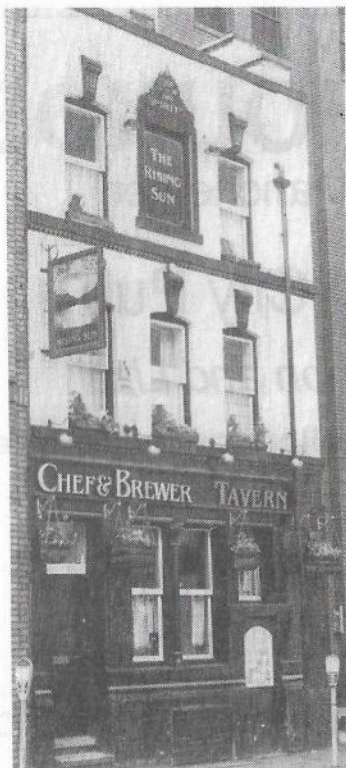
Mr Thomas's Chop House on Cross Street has been in receivership for some two years now. There have been problems in trying to find a buyer, caused in part by the fact that the establishment has two landlords, one of whom is himself reportedly in receivership. The annual rent and rates are rumoured to be in the £30,000-£35,000 region. Despite the problems, BodPubCo are said to be interested.

The Conservatory on Old Bank Street (free) is to extend its range of real ales (currently John Smiths bitter and Whitbread Trophy bitter) in the basement bar. Licensee Paul Graham wants to introduce three guest beers and serve them in the bar at street level, which will have to have a specially constructed 'cellar' behind the bar. Older readers will remember this used to be the Old Bank Street Brew House, which ceased brewing and closed about ten years ago.

The Victoria on Hardman Street (Allied) has become the Rumburbar Café Bar. Whilst it is still a keg pub, the licensee is keen to bring back



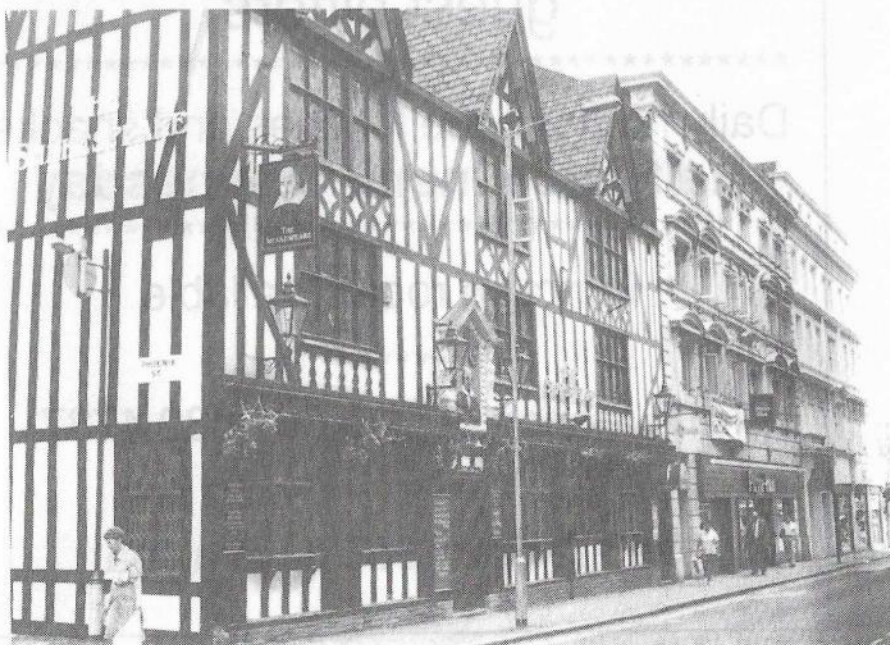




real ale and get the three handpumps, which have stood idle for many a year, working again.

The Rising Sun on Queen Street (Grand Met) is due to close soon so that it can be turned into a 'one-bar London pub'. Considering the variety of one-bar pubs available in our capital city, it will be interesting to see what is created - but let's hope they don't incorporate London prices!

Finally, John Schofield recently took over at the Shakespeare on Fountain Street (Scottish & Newcastle). His clientele includes a fair proportion of our longer-standing consumers of the amber nectar and to satisfy them John wants to sell a cask mild. However, the brewery is not prepared to supply one. The Shakespeare, another ex-Chef & Brewer pub, may do well converted to a T&J Bernard Ale House serving, of course, a real mild!



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## Lees Corner

Bernie Jackson

Lees' free trade outlets cover approximately the same areas as their tied estate - Manchester, Cheshire and North Wales. There are also a couple in Todmorden and, yes, there is a tied house there as well (Letters, WD February) - hardly East of the Pennines, though, is it? The number of free trade outlets which have taken Lees beer is approaching 200 and at the time of writing there are 94 regular accounts, of which 85 are for cask conditioned bitter, the brewery's 'core product'. They dislike selling through wholesalers and prefer to sell directly, relying on product quality and the cellar service they can provide.

When asked about the possibility of Lees tied houses taking guest beers from other breweries, the company made it clear that this is not an option, pointing out that the practice would endanger the livelihood of some 'borderline' pubs. Lees also state that whenever a new free trade outlet is proposed, the account is not accepted if a nearby tenancy could suffer. On the question of cheap beer (most readers will be aware that some pubs offer Lees bitter at 90p a pint) the brewery insists that no huge discounts are given. They point out that their wholesale price is below average at £174.60 per barrel and any extra reduction is made by clients cutting their profit margins.

At a time when most breweries (including Lees) find their tied trade stagnant or even falling, they see the free trade as the growth area for sales in the future. To further this aspect of the business, the elder of the chairman's sons, William Lees-Jones, has recently joined the company.

*Most of the above information came from a recent conversation with William Lees-Jones and Free Trade Manager, Jack Partington. Thanks to both.*

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## Egerton

Following the appointment of new licensees at the Egerton (Holts) in Cheetham, the pub's refurbishment has now been completed. Complementing the new decor is a re-styled bar and the return of handpulls to replace the free-flow electric pumps.

## Crown & Anchor

After many years at the Good Beer Guide listed Crown & Anchor in Manchester, licensee Eric Lindley has moved to the White Swan on Worsley Road, Swinton. His successor at the C&A is Geoff Connor from the Grand Junction (S&N) in Preston. Some years ago he was tenant of the Packet House in Patricroft.



## **Pub Violence**

Assurances by the police that all is well with our Salford pubs are wearing a little thin. Two incidents in March bear witness to this. A violent disturbance at the Bridge in Lower Broughton made national TV news, perhaps because several people were seriously injured. All the evidence indicates that this incident was the result of a drunken fracas, and could be regarded as a one-off. Those with a knowledge of the area might doubt that.

The incident at the Wellington in Ordsall was certainly in a different category. An armed raid involving a machete attack on the licensee and a £2,500 robbery has left Regent Road's last pub closed. (In 1963 there were nineteen pubs on this stretch of road.) Although some pubs like the Jubilee have reopened after violent incidents, many do not and, at this rate, it won't be long before the old city can no longer attract any licensees.

Armed robbery is no longer confined to inner city Salford. There was a raid in the first week in March on J W Johnson's, an upmarket venue in Deansgate. In the early hours of 12th March staff at the Wilton in Rhodes, Middleton, had guns held to their heads during a raid at what is now a middle class eatery. Busy pubs take a lot of cash and are highly vulnerable. It is important that brewers, licensees and the police act in concert to stop this growing trend which creates an atmosphere of fear and threatens to close more pubs.

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### **Roses Round the Door (1)**

Central Manchester. New licensee's second day. "Can me mate come in, he's been barred? You're not going to bar him, are you?"

"Yes. I don't want him in here."

Customer remonstrates, swears at landlord, who takes pint off him and gives him his money back. Customer continues to swear, accuses landlord of having had sex with everyone in Manchester and his wife of being a slag. Licensee asks customer to leave and moves him gently to the door. Customer lashes out with feet, kicks door and landlord. Other customers join in, some on side of licensee, others to protect the customer, who's "an old man". Landlord's hand is bleeding. Wife phones police. Customer goes away.

### **Roses Round the Door (2)**

Central Manchester. Somewhat run-down but fairly busy pub. Enter five of the boys - early thirties, built like telephone boxes, camel hair coats, suits, trilbies. Give landlord the eye. Move towards back room with landlord. Other customers drink up and leave. Was this bad news?



## **Ramsbottom & Bury News**

The Old Dun Horse in Ramsbottom, a 'Vintage Pub Guide' entry, is closed for refurbishment. The horseshoe bar has been removed and an internal wall taken down, resulting in the loss of some of the old tiling for which the pub was well known. It is rumoured that the rest of the tiling is to be covered up, so it remains to be seen whether Thwaites manage anything like a sensitive refurbishment job.

At Holcombe Village, the Shoulder of Mutton has had Vaux Waggle Dance for a few weeks now. The beer is made with honey and is worth a try if only for the novelty value. The other beers on offer are Taylors Landlord, Vaux Samson and Wards bitter.

In Bury, the Clarence on Silver Street, a Vaux house, has taken a turn for the worse. The licensees who ran the pub after it was done up last year have moved on and on a recent visit the Samson was in poor nick, with the bitter being sort of passable. The disco-volume music in a near-empty pub didn't help, either.

### **New Beer from Hydes**

Hydes are currently test-brewing a new premium beer (around 4.5%ABV) which should be available in their pubs by this summer. The recipe has not yet been finalised, but as with all their other beers it will be an all malt mash.

Further good news is that they are also considering reintroducing the 4X Anvil Strong for the winter of 1995. The recipe may be altered from the previous one, depending on what are perceived to be the market requirements at the time.

Finally, Hydes are negotiating the purchase of the Gardeners Arms in Burnage from Greenalls. The pub is currently shut following a fire bombing and the police are objecting to the licence, but if it is granted the property will be completely refurbished and become Hydes' 62nd tied house.

### **Market Force**

The Market Hotel on Brackley Street, Farnworth, is selling Ind Coope Burton Ale as a regular guest beer. The house beers are Walkers Best Bitter and Best Mild.

### **Di diddley**

Surely we've got enough Irish pubs in Manchester without them springing up in Salford. Trinity now boasts two - the Squealing Pig, formerly the Lima, has been joined by Mulvany's (formerly the Bird in Hand) on St Stephen Street. The beer at Mulvany's is still keg.

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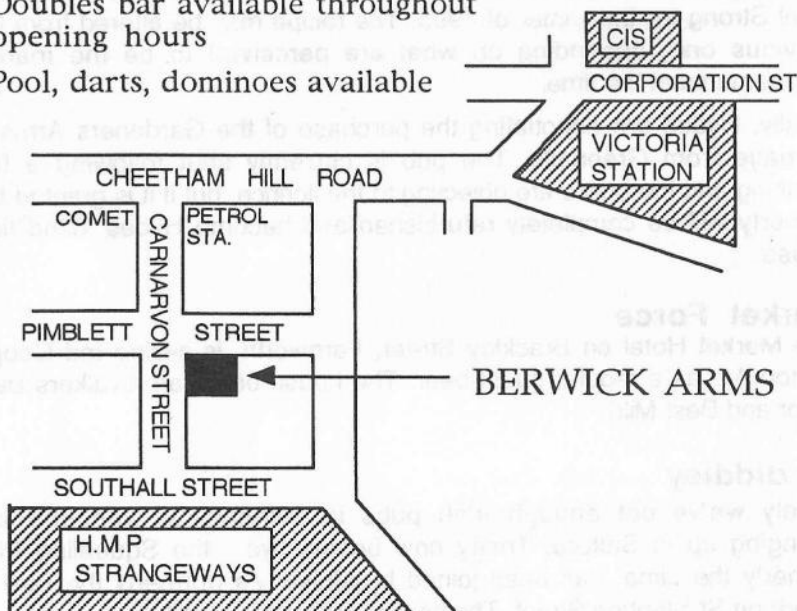
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## Beer Quality

A few months ago we published a letter criticizing the quality of Holts in a Whitbread house. Well, the free trade department at Holts has communicated its concern about the letter in rather strong terms. They recommend that in future if there is anything wrong with their beer, you should tell the licensee. If that doesn't do any good, tell the brewery.

Holts are very particular about who is allowed to sell their beer in the 'free trade' and if it isn't looked after properly, the account is cancelled immediately.

## Waverley

Despite the continued presence of auctioneer's signs, we understand that the Waverley on Eccles New Road, Salford, has been sold. This further reduces Whitbread's representation in a city which once had 31 of their pubs. Now there are 10.

## Badge Brewing

Those of us who believed that Whitbread wouldn't carry on brewing small batches at Strangeways have been vindicated. After successful trials, both OB mild and bitter are being brewed by Burtonwood alongside Chesters bitter, which they have been producing for Whitbread for some time. Boddies mild is still being brewed at Strangeways in accordance with Whitbread's promise, but how long will that last?

The franchising of traditional beers to small brewers creates feelings of ambivalence. Many people felt that when Oldham Brewery closed, then that was it. But continuing the tradition in a small brewery does ensure that choice remains. Could it possibly be better if Whitbread scrapped OB altogether? Is OB now so far removed from the OB of the past that choice is merely illusory? What do readers think?

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# Letters

## Beer Festivals

Sir - As a member of CAMRA I like to attend as many beer festivals as I can in the Manchester area. There are numerous festivals to choose from around Manchester, but why is there no festival within the City Centre itself? There must be several suitable venues to choose from. Can you shed some light on this anomaly?

Gary A Page

*(Until recently there has not been a suitable venue in Central Manchester. It is hoped that a festival will be run early in 1996 at Campfield.)*

## Measuring up

Sir - In response to Philip Levison's letter regarding spirit measures in the March WD:

The Standard Measure in the early sixties was one-fifth of a gill, more easily defined as one fluid ounce. 1964 saw the introduction of the option to dispense spirits in one-sixth of a gill (five-sixth of a fluid ounce) measures. Some outlets kept the full fluid ounce measure, others chose the five-sixth measure. Question One: Why were one-sixth of a gill measures introduced in 1964?

It may be of some interest to readers to compare the cost of twenty-five millilitre measures with both of the Imperial Standards: One-fifth of a gill to metric is a 2.8% reduction in volume; one-sixth of a gill to metric is a 4.6% increase in volume. The one-sixth gill is most common and metrification adds approximately 5% (5p in the pound or 7p on £1.40). Question Two: How does your local measure up? (Caution: The above figures do not allow for the expense of re-equipping!)

Clint Cooke

## Cider

Sir - Regarding Geoff Atkins' complaint about cider prices (WD March), I can confirm that it is the same over the far side of the Pennines. The other day I took my lads into a Bass tenancy in Huddersfield, they all had draught Bass and I had a pint of dry cider and was charged £6.71 for the round: £1.62 for Bass and a swingeing £1.85 for cider. It's a good job we normally drink Smith's OBB at £1.16; otherwise I would be filing for bankruptcy!

Laurie Shoard

# Briton's Protection Hotel

50 Great Bridgewater Street, Manchester M1 5LE—Telephone: 061-236 5895

Mr Peter Wadsworth  
CAMRA

OUR REF:

DATE:


25 January 1995

Dear Peter

It has for some time been considered that the 'Whats Doing' Publication that we sell for you through our outlet does not come up to the standard of other publications issued by similar CAMRA Branches. Its presentation leaves much to be desired and the contents are often inaccurate.

It has been decided not to continue to support this particular publication, however, if you are able to supply copies of 'Opening Times', we would be happy to provide our support.

Yours sincerely



for  
Management Team



*(The above letter was handed to one of What's Doing's couriers. We wish to emphasise that this can't possibly have anything to do with a report in the January issue which mentioned price increases of 25% at the B.P and referred to their pricing structure as 'cloth-headed'. As the 'management team' wouldn't sell February's issue, they would not have seen the (no doubt inaccurate) letter about the price of bread in the self-same hostelry. By the way, we lost the Olympic bid.)*

## Foreign foam

Sir - I had considered a detailed reply to Herr Kurze's letter in the March WD, in which he criticised the points I made in February about short measure and Germany's 'foaming head' fiddle. But since the lead story last month supported the points I made, I will not risk disturbing him again.

What I must correct is his implication that fluids which What's Doing readers would recognise as beer are available 'in other countries'. As my



past articles on Denmark, Eire and France illustrated, real ale is mainly English. At a stretch, it is British. Its occurrence 'in other countries' is quite uncommon and English tourists often have to get by on lager-like alternatives.

Also, it seems to be worth pointing out that this country has a lot to be nervous about when you consider former German exports. They are responsible for sauerkraut, the Trabant and World War II, so I do not think we need short measure beer as well, do we?

*Robin Pendragon*

### **Chalkboard Jungle**

Sir - I was asked by the BBC to comment on 'pub blackboards' following a statement by CAMRA's Pub Group that they deplored the increasing use of these as a gimmick to create an old fashioned atmosphere. I'm afraid that I spoiled a good story. In my view chalk boards fulfil a useful function, clearly identifying what is available and at what price, whether this is draught beer or food. Far from being a gimmick, they provide valuable information for the customer and are easily updated. Long may they remain. What do other pub customers think?

*P.C 'Chalky' White*

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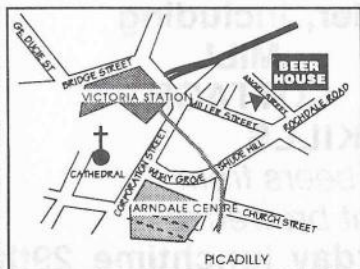
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## **Pack Horse**

Two years after the destruction of Tommy Ducks, Greenalls are at it again. The company is about to demolish the Pack Horse at Knott Mill so they can build a new hotel and bar on the site. The Old Nags Head and the Churchill will thus be the only Greenalls pubs in the city. But for how long?

## **Extrapreneur**

Good as their word, Innpreneur have begun their exodus from pub owning. One of the first pubs to be sold to the lessee was the Woolpack in Pendleton. Freed from the ludicrous rent (£37,000 per year) on this supershed, licensee Peter Charleson will be able to concentrate on continuing to run an excellent pub in a difficult area, without feeling that all his efforts reward a greedy landlord.

## **Courage Guest Beers**

In February Courage revised its policy of refusing discounts to tenants who served beers from outside suppliers. So now your friendly neighbourhood Courage house should be free to sell a wider and more enterprising range of guest beers, rather than the lacklustre list of in-house guests of the past.

## **Price Hike**

Tetleys managed houses have increased their prices again by 4p a pint. CAMRA's national prices survey in April will reveal price differentials between brewers, between regions and between pubs. The brewers seem to be shooting themselves in the foot by moaning about beer duty and running up prices at much more than the rate of inflation.

## **Closed and Boarded Corner**

There would appear to be some correlation between a pub having been a "Sports" in its Pennine Host days and its subsequent long, slow decline. A recent case in point is the Northumberland Hotel on Chester Road, Old Trafford. Now part of Ascot Holdings, this pub always appeared to be living on borrowed time. Well, that time is up and the place is closed. The future? Who knows? What a waste!

## **Branch News**

At North Manchester CAMRA's AGM in March Peter Cash was elected as the new (second hand?) chairman. He announced that his first act will be to ask the Regional Director to close the branch down. If the student liaison officer dynamited all our universities, the membership secretary serially killed all members and the treasurer ran off with the brass, we'd have a full set.



# Rupert

"It's a disgrace!" Fiona banged her glass down on the table. "I can't see Charlie Super's mob handling things like this."

"Look, you're just a little tired and emotional because chairpersonship was not thrust upon you." Ophelia Hampton tried to defuse the situation lest Bunty Fortescue got excited and sorted someone out.

"I'm not talking about the AGM, although that was bad enough," Fiona rejoined. "What with Billy Cosh becoming chair, swallowing Instant Hitler pills, elbowing Duncan Busman out of the way and warming to his new-found

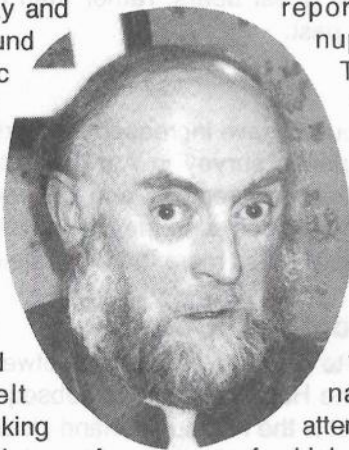
persona as a despotic mini-martinet by threatening to get Wayne Bluto to shut the Slumley Branch down. No, that's only to be expected from a bunch of moribund old farts. I bet S.J Hayward, who turned up, must have felt vindicated. No, I'm talking about the selection of hostelryes for the toper's vademecum, as Rupert would have it. What an incestuous, self-seeking farce that was. Tavern-keepers who you don't see for donkeys years crawl out of the woodwork and vote themselves into the guide. If they were MP's they'd be drummed out of the club and rightly so. Those with a money-grubbing stake in the outcome shouldn't be allowed to

vote."

"Oh, come on, Fiona," I exclaimed.

"Be fair. You're talking about some of the loveliest taverns in Christendom. Are you trying to say that inclusion depends not on excellence but on who turns up?"

"Well, no, not exactly, but the whole process is tainted and leaves a sour taste in the mouth. Surely a clever chap like Luke can devise a better system and persuade us of its usefulness to avoid in future plumbing the depths of sordid embarrassment."



On a happier note, I am pleased to report the forthcoming nuptials of one Nora Tackler, she of late regional boss-person status and serial befriender of the sartorially challenged and socially inept. There are unkind detractors in the Campaign who hope that the prospect of licit naughties will divert her attention away from a desire for high office, but personally I wish her well. What to buy for a present? Perhaps a collage of unsold Manky Ale, but I'm not sure how large her new house might be. What about a framed cheque from the slush fund for seven grand with which we might have paid for the Amber Nectar Show if we'd felt so inclined? She certainly deserves something. And what about the lucky chap? He does as well.

# Branch Diary

## **Rochdale, Oldham & Bury**

Tues 4 April 8.30pm, Branch Meeting, Flying Horse, Town Hall Square, Rochdale

Tue 18 April 8.30pm, Committee Meeting, Lancashire Fold, Kirkway, Alkington, Middleton

Wed 19 April 8.30pm, Spring Pub of the Season, Wishing Well, York Street, Heywood

Tues 25 April 8.30pm, What's Doing Collation, Flying Horse, Town Hall Square, Rochdale

Tues 2 May 8.30pm, Branch AGM, Eagle & Child, Higher Lane, Whitefield. All members welcome.

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## **North Manchester**

Wed 5 April, Ellenbrook & Boothstown Crawl. Boundary Stone, Bridgewater Road, 7pm; Woodside, Newearth Road, 8pm; Royal Oak, Leigh Road, 9pm.

Wed 12 April 8pm, Committee & Social, Egerton Arms, Gore Street, Salford

Wed 19 April 8pm, Branch Meeting, Crescent, Salford

Wed 26 April, Newton Heath Ramble: Bay Horse, Berry Brow, 7pm; Horseshoe, Droylsden Road, 8pm; Grosvenor, Eldridge Drive, 9pm.

Wed May 3, Eccles Crawl: Bird in Hand 7pm, Ellesmere 8pm, Crown & Volunteer 9pm (all Liverpool Road).

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## **Bolton**

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## **Trafford & Hulme**

Thur 6 April 8pm, Cornbrook Crawl: Pomona Palace, Railway, Cornbrook, Hope Inn, Crown, Deansgate

Thur 13 April 8pm, Altrincham Crawl: Old Mill, Railway Inn, Malt Shovels, Victoria, Roebuck, Hogshead, Orange Tree

Thur 20 April 8pm, H R Fletcher's, St Marys Street, Manchester; Courtney & Co, Mulligans, Ganders Go South, Grinch, Rothwells, Spring Gardens

Thur 27 April 8pm: Thirsty Scholar, railway arch by Oxford Road Station; Salisbury Ale House, Grand Central, Peveril of the Peak, Britons Protection, City Road Inn, Crown.

Thur 4 May 8pm, Knutsford Crawl: Builders Arms, Mobberley Road, then Legh Arms, Cross Keys, Freemasons, White Lion, White Bear

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