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THE MANCHESTER BEER DRINKER'S NEWSLETTER



The Britannia, the only Bass-Charrington pub in Blackley selling traditional ales, will soon be demolished.

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NEW WILSONS PUB

Two months ago we reported that work had once again started on the new Wilsons pub on Bank Lane, Irlams o'th' Height. The building is now nearly finished, although it still hasn't got a name. Wilsons Brewery have confirmed that traditional draught beer will be sold.

THE PRIORY

The Priory, a small Boddingtons pub on Gardener Street, Salford, is being extended. Unconfirmed reports indicate that the brewery has bought the two empty cottages between the pub and the railway line. Since the cottages are on the same side as the vault, it looks as if Boddingtons will be redesigning the whole interior of the pub.

PIT YOUR WITS

Outside the draughty, crumbling shell of the Boathouse in Irlam are the foundations of the new building, which will no doubt rise like a Phoenix from the wreckage. These consist so far of a concrete cellar sunk into the ground. On the nearby wall, some wit has chalked 'Please don't feed the hippo', perhaps as a reminder to us all of Boddingtons' architectural taste as we gaze in open mouthed indolence at their latest act of desecration.



REAL ALE IN MANCHESTER CENTRAL..... 20p + s.a.e.

This is an illustrated guide to every real ale outlet within 1 mile of St Peter's square, including map, suggested crawls and brewery information.

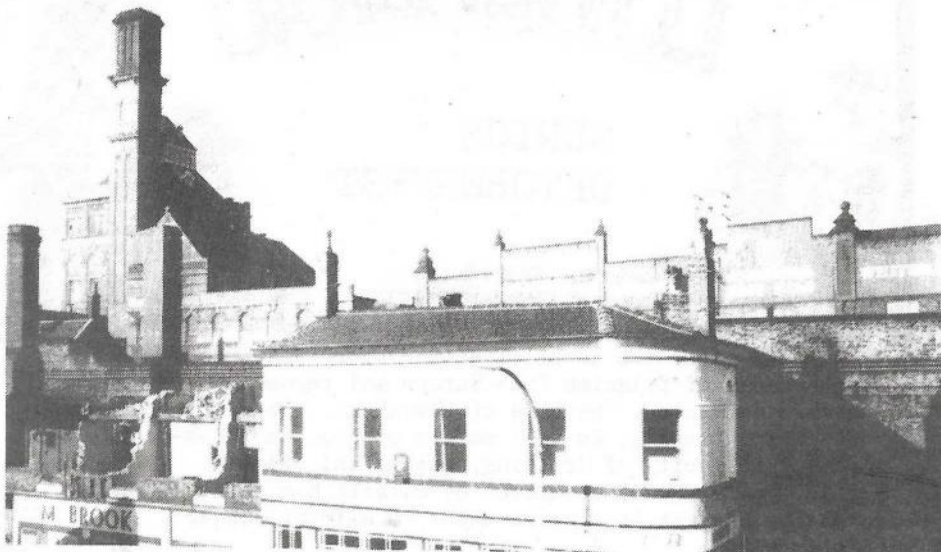
REAL ALE IN MANCHESTER AND SALFORD . 10p + s.a.e.

A list of every pub selling real ale in central and north Manchester, Eccles, Salford, Swinton and Irlam.



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REAL ALE BREAKTHROUGH AT WHITBREAD



Whitbread have at long last shown signs of recognising the demand for traditional ales in their tied houses. The brewery has asked a number of licensees in Greater Manchester and elsewhere whether they wish to sell cask-conditioned beers. It is understood that landlords are not just being offered the option of selling other brews alongside Whitbreads keg and tank range, such as the Bass available in the Seven Oaks, Manchester. Instead, it seems that the company is considering brewing draught beer at Salford and Blackburn once again. So far the response from landlords is not known, so if you are interested in the future of real ale, now is the time to visit your local Whitbread pubs.

RAIL ALE

Traditional hand-drawn Thwaites and Boddingtons bitter are now on sale on Preston station.

LÖWENBRÄU

MUNICH OKTOBERFEST

Paul Roberts

In the first two weeks of autumn every year, tens of thousands of pilgrims from Europe and beyond converge on Munich. The home of Löwenbräu, the world's most famous brewery, as well as six others, is transformed into a city of drinking, eating and singing. For 160 years now, the capital of Bavaria has celebrated the harvest in its own way - to wit the unique Oktoberfest.

The Oktoberfest takes place at the Theresawies'n some 3 or 4 kilometers from Munich city centre. At the Wies'n each of Munich's seven breweries has at least one huge bierhalle seating between 5,000 and 10,000 drinkers. Each brewery provides a special brew for the Oktoberfest. This Mass'n brew is the only drink available at the festival and is served only in litres (no half measures). It is all gravity dispensed from dozens of barrels on tap at the same time. All the brews are the same price - DM4.25 (about £1.06) per litre - and are far stronger than they at first appear.

The seven Munich breweries are Löwenbräu, Hofbräu, Spatenbräu, Pschorr-bräu, Hackerbräu, Augustinerbräu and Paulanerbräu. Löwenbräu has two enormous bierhallen at the Weizenplatz as well as many bierkellern, stüben and hotels throughout Munich. Most Munich people are devoted to Löwenbräu and will argue that it is the best beer in the world. Whilst not entirely agreeing with that I have to admit it is very good and is nothing at all like the keg Löwenbräu on sale in Britain. Hofbräu has its famous Hofbräuhaus which is featured in the most popular of all German drinking songs. Spatenbräu has the fantastic 'Schottenhamel', a tent with Scottish tartans on the walls,



Das Oktoberfest
München (Land) von 1810
ist die größte Volks- und
edellestige Feiern der Welt
erhalten auf dem Oktoberfest
einen europäischen Charakter.

Das Oktoberfest
München (Land)

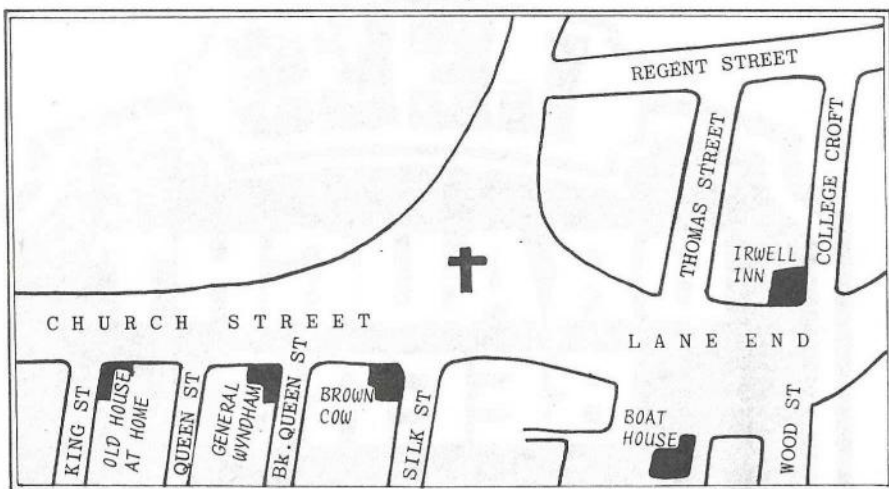


Ein Spezialbier
für den Gastwirt.



Das Hofbräu





Boat House closed in 1930, probably to make room for the bus station, but The Irwell Inn, although closed at the same time, remained a private house well into the 1940s.

WORTH GOING INTO A FEW PUBS FOR

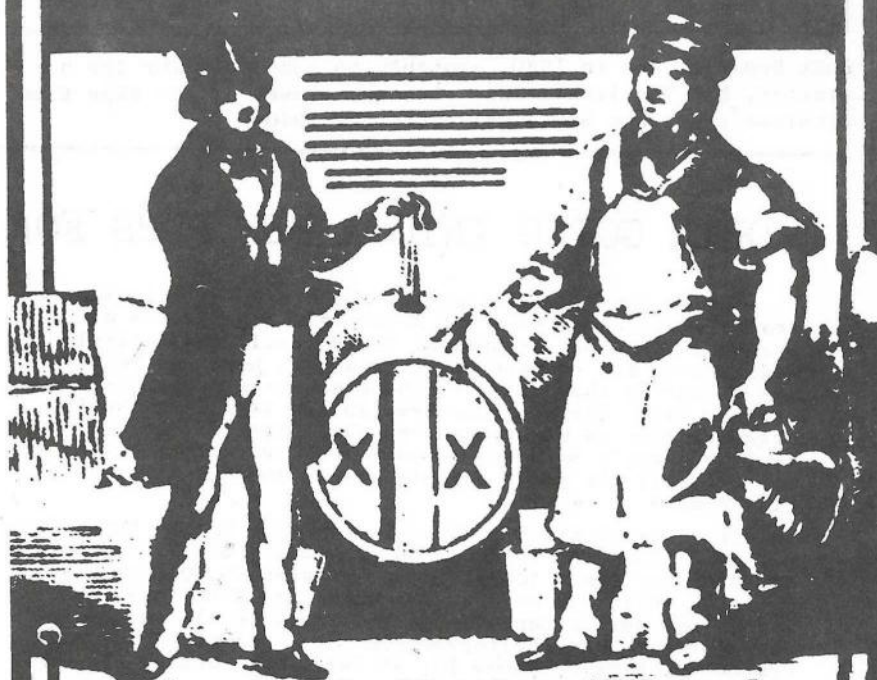
One of the first things which the true aficionado of real ale learns is to avoid Whitbread, John Smiths and Bass houses in Greater Manchester. Consequently those little black boxes and red and white triangles have not received the attention they deserve. There are many more pubs around selling Bass, Worthington, Brew 10 and 4X mild without pressure than we might have thought. There may be many more that we haven't bothered to look at. The following list includes all the known outlets within about 4 miles of the city centre.....

Unicorn, Church St, M/cr (Bass, 4X (E)): Burton Arms, Swan St, M/cr (Bass, Worthington BB, 4X (E)): St. Vincent, Oldham Rd, M/cr (Brew 10, 4X (H)): Wheatsheaf, Oldham Road, M/cr (4X (H)): Seven Oaks, Nicholas St, M/cr (Bass (H)): Birch Inn, Gorton Lane, Belle Vue (Brew 10, 4X (H)): Railway, Pottery Lane, Belle Vue (4X (H)): Lloyds Arms, Higher Ormond St, Beswick (Brew 10, 4X (H)): Britannia, Rayson St, Blackley (Brew 10, 4X (H)).

The Seven Oaks is a Whitbread house and The Britannia's demise is imminent, but the other pubs would seem to have a reasonably secure future. Sadly many of them are ill frequented and the beer is not always up to the standard you'd expect of cask conditioned beer, but greater publicity about the availability of Bass Charrington real ale may encourage more people to visit these pubs, thereby improving the quality and increasing the demand.

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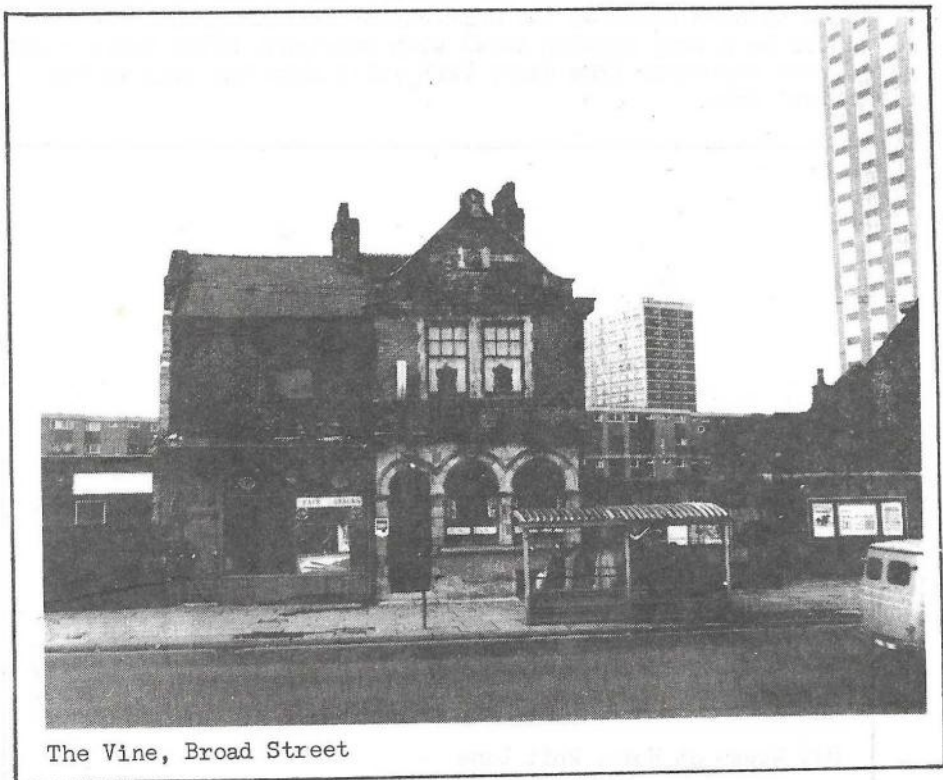
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FROM MANOR HOUSE TO OLD HOUSE

Tony Flynn & Neil Richardson

Landlord Gerald Yates of the Old House at Home, Whit Lane, Salford, has worked for no fewer than five breweries in his career as a publican. His father, who previously had a pub in Leigh, was the licensee of the Manor in the Adelphi area of Salford. The Manor was the brewery tap of the long defunct Manor Brewery, Salford, later to become part of the Rochdale and Manor Company, which has now been absorbed by Sam Smiths. (This accounts for the Yorkshire brewery's presence in this part of Lancashire, although the Manor pub itself was closed before Sam Smiths' takeover).

As a child, Ged remembers the large cellars of the Manor which connected with those of the brewery and the plates which covered the well from which the brewery's water was once drawn. During the war the pub was taken over by the police and the ARP and the extensive cellars were used as air-raid shelters.



The Vine, Broad Street

In 1937, Ged's father took over the Old House at Home, a Groves and Whitnall pub on Pimlot Street. One of the better known regulars of the Old House - and previously of the Manor - was the assistant public hangman, Billy Backhouse, together with his ominous black suitcase. Ged Yates took over the licence from his father in 1950 and was there until it closed in 1963 for the redevelopment of Hanky Park. Ten pubs closed on this day - known as Black Sunday - and Ged remembers Sid Harrison, the licensee of the Welcome on Ellor Street, being paraded up and down the road in a coffin.

Ged then moved to the Vine, a Walkers pub on Broad Street. This was a small, two-roomed pub, different from the modernised Old House, which had a concert room as well as the vault, lobby and snug. The Vine closed in 1968 and for a fortnight Ged was the landlord of a Robinsons pub near Bexley Square - the Duke of Lancaster, which was later demolished to make room for the Post Office Exchange.

Ged Yates and his wife Ellen now run another Old House at Home; a Holts pub on Whit Lane. The present building dates from 1939, replacing an older one nearby, and is one of a handful of pubs to have survived the Charlestown redevelopment. The Old House is a very popular local with excellent Holts beers - and former customers from Hanky Park still make the trip to Ged Yates' pub.



Old House at Home, Whit Lane

THE PUBS OF BLACKLEY

Blackley is a district of Manchester with a history dating back to the Domesday Book. At the beginning of the nineteenth century it had a population of 2361, making it one of the most populated districts of Manchester. The settlement was concentrated around the two villages near Old Market Street and Crab Lane. Although Higher Blackley or Crab Village is reputedly older, there is no evidence in the directories to suggest that there was a public house there before the middle of the nineteenth century. In 1825 three pubs were listed - the White Lion, the Golden Lion and the Printers Arms. The first two can still be seen, albeit in rebuilt form, in Blackley village and it is probable that the Printers Arms was also in this area.

The second half of the century saw considerable activity in pub building and most of Blackley's pubs date from then. One or two individual histories give an indication of general trends during the years.



THE PLEASANT

The plot of land on the corner of Chapel Lane and Crab Lane where the Pleasant now stands was sold by the Earl of Wilton to a Richard Worsley in 1857. In 1868 Richard Worsley died and when the land was conveyed to his son, Robert Worsley, two years later, there was a shop and dwelling house on the site. At some time during the next twenty-five years, a beer house called the Pleasant was built on the site, which was sold to James Kay in 1895. Two years later the Pleasant Inn and adjoining buildings became the property of Kay's Atlas Brewery for the sum of £1400. In 1929, Kay's Atlas Brewery was acquired by Frederic Robinson Limited.

THE RED LION

The Red Lion on Rochdale Road was built in 1865 and was a privately owned alehouse until it was purchased by Stopfords Brewery (Gorton) in 1890. The house was subsequently bought by the Palat-

ine Bottling Company and leased to Walker and Homfrays in 1935. The Red Lion became a Wilsons house at the time of their takeover of Walker and Homfrays in 1948.

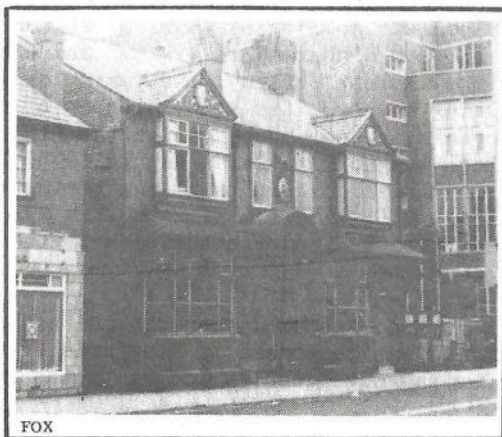
Most of the pubs in Blackley started as private alehouses and were acquired by their present owners either by direct purchase or through the acquisition of small breweries. Some of the pubs have been rebuilt on the same site. The New White Lion on Middleton Old Road was bought by Wilsons in 1913 and the Old House at Home in 1937, both from local landowners. The Grove, which was built at the same time as the Red Lion, was also acquired from the Walker and Homfray takeover. The Old House is possibly the oldest pub building in Blackley, dating as it does from the early nineteenth century, but the building was originally five cottages, not a pub.

Bass Charrington's presence in Blackley dates from their acquisition of the Cornbrook Brewery in 1961. Of the three houses which they acquired, the Pikefold has been rebuilt, the Wilton has been demolished and the Britannia is to be demolished this year.

REAL ALE

All the old pubs in Blackley with the exception of the Red Lion and the Mariners Tavern serve real ale. The choice is fairly wide too.

Bass Charrington	Britannia, Rayson Street
Boddingtons	Alliance, Rochdale Road; Flying Horse, Crab Lane; Millstone, Blackley New Road
Holts	Duke of Wellington, Weardale Road; Fox, Old Market Street, Golden Lion, Old Market Street
Robinsons	Pleasant Inn, Chapel Lane
Wilsons	Grove, Rochdale Road; New White Lion, Middleton Old Road; Old House at Home, Bottomley Side



Unfortunately, the public houses which have been built since the war do not sell real ale. The Clough, the Heaton Park, the Hill-top, the Pikefold, the Charlestown and the Berkshire were all built to service the new estates and their size and location have meant that tank or chilled and filtered beer has been installed. The Red Lion and the Mariners Tavern are both old pubs which have been renovated to cater for a young clientele. The Mariners Tavern was originally the Lion and the Lamb, but became the Wrecker after a theme transformation in the late 1960s and changed its name to the Mariners Tavern in September this year.

THE FUTURE

Only one Blackley pub, the Wilton, has been demolished in recent years and the future is secure for most of the remainder. The Britannia is to be demolished as part of a road widening scheme and as there is no suitable site in the area, Bass Charrington have no immediate plans to replace the pub. Their only outlet in the area will be the Pikefold, an uninspiring modern estate pub selling bright beer. The Alliance on Rochdale Road is shortly to be demolished and will be replaced by a new pub near the existing one. The new pub, according to Boddingtons, will be similar to the Kildakin on St.Kilda's Drive. Boddingtons have no plans at present for their other two pubs - the Millstone and the Flying Horse.

Although Robinsons have as yet no approved plans for alterations to the Pleasant, some improvements are due to be carried out within the limitations of the site. Wilsons have no plans for major alterations in the immediate future, as most of their tied houses have recently undergone considerable change. The Mariners Tavern is not owned by Wilsons but by an associate company of Grand Metropolitan. The likelihood of the pub reverting to its former identity as the Lion and the Lamb is remote.

Holts have been characteristically unforthcoming about both the history and the future developments of their tied estate in

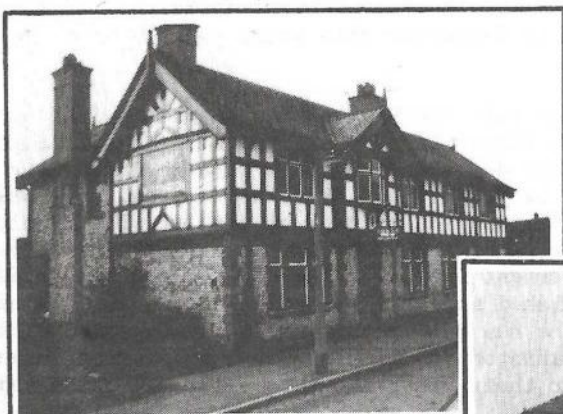


ALLIANCE



FLYING HORSE

Blackley. It would seem, however, that there is little scope for dramatic changes. The Golden Lion was subjected to a monumental internal transformation some five years ago. Apart from cosmetic measures, there doesn't seem to be much that could be done to improve the internal arrangements of either the Fox or the Duke of Wellington. But with Holts you never know. The most unlikely pubs have been renovated at great expense or demolished and rebuilt whilst more obvious candidates have been allowed to remain in their original Edwardian condition.



DUKE OF WELLINGTON



NEW WHITE LION



GROVE



MILLSTONE

Unless Whitbread reintroduce draught Bass at the Heaton Park, the future of their pubs is likely to be of minimal interest. It is unfortunate that Tetleys have no traditional pubs in the area, but it is possible that their new Tetley-Walker company image may result in greater availability of cask-conditioned beer.



GOLDEN LION

Roger Hall



RED LION

I would like to thank Mr Peter Robinson of Robinsons and Mr Bruce Cunningham of Wilsons, whose detailed information about their tied houses was much appreciated.

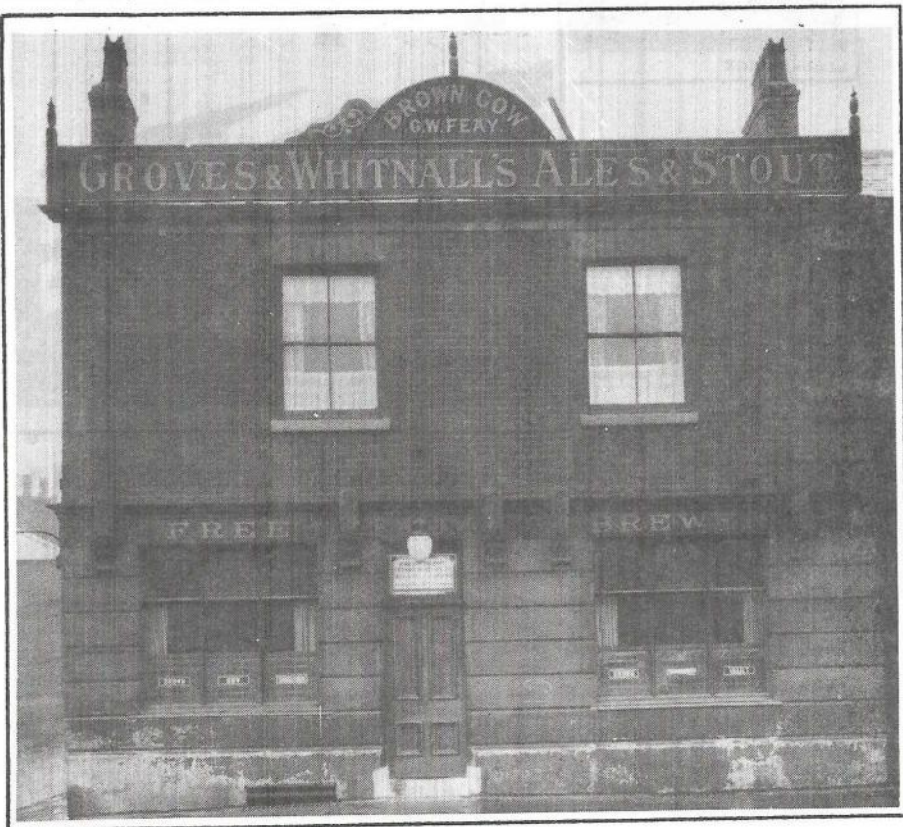
ECCLES BEERHOUSES

Neil Richardson & Tony Flynn

In recent years the number of pubs in Eccles has remained virtually unaltered. What changes have occurred have been through rebuilding - The Oddfellows on Church Street and The Park in Monton replaced pubs on or near the same site, as did the two Robinsons pubs affected by the M602, The Brown Cow and The White Horse.

In the first quarter of this century there were a good many more beerhouses, with five in the vicinity of Eccles Cross alone.

The Old House at Home closed in 1916, and was a private house for a time before being demolished in the 1920s. The General Wyndham was also knocked down in the 1920s and spent the last few years of its life as a fish shop. The Brown Cow lasted until 1930 and was on the site of the Queen Street Warehouse. The last licensee, Robert Talbot, had the pub for over forty years. The





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with probably the best atmosphere of all. Pschorr-bräu, Hackerbrau and Augustinerbräu all have large bierhallen but these do not seem as distinctive as the others. Paulanerbräu, the remaining brew, has three huge bierhallen. Each brewery also has a huge braterei. These are similar to the bierhallen, but here more emphasis is given to eating, with full chickens, roasted half-pigs, roasted oxen and of course the famous würstchen - the spicy small sausages normally served with a portion of kraut (cabbage).

All the bierhallen are open from 11 in the morning until 11 at night. In the afternoon they tend to be reasonably quiet, many being half empty. However after 5pm they spring to life and it is normally impossible to get a seat after this time. Then the thirty-or-so-strong Bavarian oompah band comes on and the atmosphere has to be experienced to be believed. Five thousand or more people in each halle are swaying, singing and clinking their glasses in a whole succession of famous drinking songs. The Bavarian people are extremely friendly and will always try to get you to join in with them. Young and old all drink at the same pace and sing as though they had no cares in the world. Occasionally somebody falls unconscious off a bench. He is then taken outside and revived with cold water and fresh air. As soon as he has regained enough strength to lift a stein he is taken back to his place. And so it goes on.

After dozens of choruses of 'Ein Prosit' and innumerable toasts, 10.30 soon comes and by agreement with local residents the bands must stop playing. All hallen end the day with the customary playing of 'Auf Wiedersehen' after which one must drink up and either go on to the fair, which reputedly has the biggest wheel and fastest big dipper in the world, or continue singing and supping in the nearby bierkellern until 3am.

German pubs are probably the nearest in character to English ones you will find whilst abroad. However there are still certain differences. The most welcome is the flexible drinking hours - they are open from 10am to 2am. As the German working hours are 7am to 3pm it is not surprising in smaller villages to find pubs closing at around 10pm. All German pubs sell food. They normally offer quite a variety and it is usually of very good quality and cheap by German standards. Most German ale is pils or hellbier - a light, lager-like brew. However in Bavaria a common brew is dunkelbier - literally 'dark beer'. This is much sweeter and is more like our own mild. In some pubs dunkelbier could be had for as little as DM2.60

per litre (37p a pint - very cheap). All pubs have boxes of matches bearing their own name and address and the landlord's name and telephone number. In several pubs we were presented with these as souvenirs.

The Germans are far more trusting than the British. One does not pay for one's drinks in the pubs until the end of one's stay. Every time one has a drink it is counted in the 'five-bar gate' style on the back of a beer mat and is totalled up when one is ready to leave.

That has all been good news about the German pubs - now the bad. Many do not have real draught ale as we know it. Several have 'Bier vom Fass' outside, which means 'beer from the barrel'. However, in several this turned out to be under far more top pressure than even our own dreaded keg. Yet in some pubs they have minute barrels on the bar holding about five gallons, and the ale is poured direct from these.

Germany is said to have about 1700 independent breweries. Different brews are to be seen in every town one passes through. A couple of the breweries I saw did not look much bigger than home brewing sheds. Each brew has its own glass with a colourful emblem on the side. Measures in pubs are the minute .2litre, .4l, .5l and of course the litre itself.

I shall certainly be going back to the Oktoberfest in 1978, and this time I will know which pubs to avoid in Munich. It might not be a bad idea to have a German Good Bier Guide printed!



THE BLAND ARMS

The Wrecker, so we are told, has changed its name to the Mariners Tavern, because the customers took the name literally and vandalised the place. Many more pubs may be in trouble if their customers begin to take on the characteristics of the pubs name. There'd be offal and sawdust all over the Butchers Arms, trapeze artists and performing elephants in the Circus Tavern, negro monks in the Black Friar, queers in the Odd-fellows, lechers in the Bird in Hand, fairies in the Queens and voyeurs in the Peeping Tom, and who knows what you'd find in the Cock Inn?

TRAFFORD & HULME DIARY

Inaugural Meeting THU NOV 17th 8pm Malt Shovels, Stamford Street, Altrincham.

Bonfire and Thwaites Social SAT NOV 5th Metrovicks Rugby Club, Finney Bank Road (off Glebelands Road) Sale 7.30pm onwards. Bring own fireworks. Tickets (including food) from Metrovicks, Pete Marshall (834 7796 work) or Mick Rottenbury (969 7013 home). Informal Social THU OCT 27th 7.30pm onwards Railway, Hale. Altrincham pub crawl SAT NOV 12th Cheshire Cheese, Broadheath 7.00pm, Orange Tree, Old Market Place, Altrincham 8.30pm. Maps available.

The first test support meeting was quite successful, with some 80 people attending. Sorry if you had to stand up - come earlier next time! In contrast, only nine stalwarts made the start of the Hulme crawl although at one stage we reached fifteen. True, it was the wettest night of the year and it wasn't very pleasant without wellies. We managed the Cornbrook (Tetleys), Hope Inn (Hydes), Pomona Palace and Mancunian (both Marstons) when three young ladies brought the crawl to a premature end - well, it was wet! Of the four pubs, the Pomona was voted the best, marginally ahead of the Cornbrook.

We followed this with a trip to Blackpool the next night. What a disaster! Bass Charrington were on strike, it was blowing so hard half the beach ended up in your hair and the pubs wereso full only couples were allowed in. We tried holding hands but apparently they meant mixed couples. To his credit, the human mountain barring the door to the Dog and Partridge (Boddingtons) allowed the six of us in on production of a Camrabadge - we couldn't get to the bar, but what the hell, it was warm! For our next pint we had to take the tram to Bispham for some Thwaites at The Highlands (Queens Promenade) - room to sit and well worth a visit.

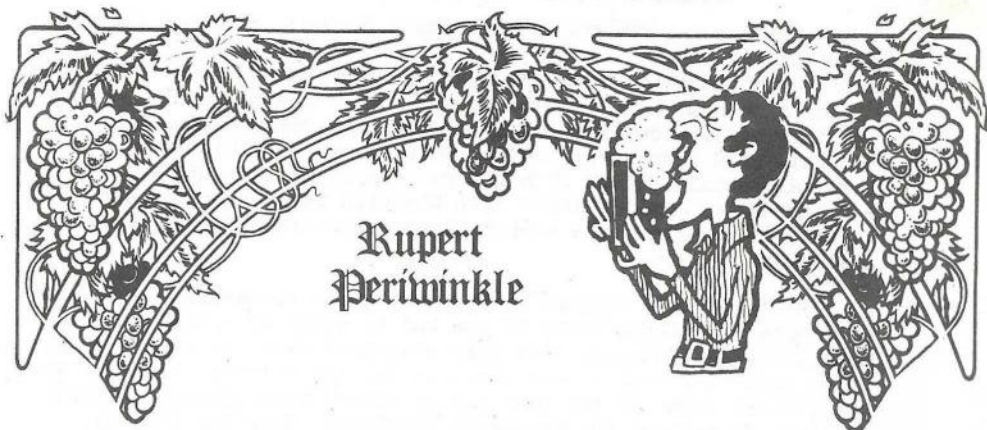
Back home the Bass Charrington strike has helped the real ale pubs in Trafford and Hulme since only the Victoria Tavern in Altrincham serves cask conditioned 4X mild and Brew 10 bitter. The Carters Arms (Marston) in Sale Moor, for instance, was packed out due to the closing of the Lindow down the road. Let's hope some of the new customers discover what they've been missing all this time.

Speaking of Bass, we apparently had a brief affair with draught Bass at Rollons, Cross Street, Sale, on the banks of the Mersey, the place that boasts a large selection of keg beers. After a trial period the Bass was taken out because of poor sales.

Brewers Bitter is losing ground in the only outlet in Trafford and Hulme. Eric Taylor, new manager of the Old Roebuck, Altrincham, reports fast declining sales and I can't see it staying on much longer.

Finally, the following pubs are now selling 'What's Doing': The Orange Tree and Malt Shovels, Altrincham; Carters Arms, Sale Moor; Metrovicks Rugby Club, Ashton on Mersey and Lord Nelson, Urmston.

Mick Rottenbury 969 7013



Rupert Periwinkle

It was Laetitia who first brought it to my attention. We were in the Marquis Saint Excrement enjoying a pint of Sipstar 7X Barley wine, when she exclaimed, 'Oh, look, Roop! Have you seen this latest defamatory article about the Campaign in 'Private Eye'? There it was, in black and white, an article, libellous in the extreme, about Michael Hardman, one of the founding fathers of the Campaign and the former editor of What's Brewing. Loosening my Camra cravat in apoplectic fury, I read on. Not content with suggesting that the normally upright Mr Hardman was a beer swilling drunkard, this scurrilous gutter rag went on to insinuate that he had taken a job in public relations with Trumans, and that this was the reason why he supported their Tap bitter rather than from any fundamental personal belief, untainted by commercial considerations. They also suggested that Mr Hardman had applied for, and been turned down for, a job as deputy P.R.O. for Courage.

Their implication was that people should not use political and social organisations on which they spend their leisure time to further their own careers. I see no particular harm in doing this, even if it were true. People join Rotary Clubs, Round Tables, Masonic and Women's Institutes for much the same reasons. Since my recent open letter to Colonel Whitbread, feelers have been put out to me with a view to joining a public relations organisation. I would see no crisis of conscience in accepting this, but I await an approach from Holts, who are more in need of my skills.

As we moved from Barley wine to Wilson and Kepple's bitter, I began to wonder who could be their source of information. Who was the viper in the nest? What disaffected member of the N.E. could be feeding the muck-raking 'Private Eye' with totally inaccurate information about their colleagues? On second thoughts, this couldn't be the case. Surely there are no Campaign members, let alone N.E. members, who would compromise fellow campaigners in this despicable manner? All members of the Campaign accept as I do that our leaders are dedicated, selfless seekers after righteousness and not self-centred, money-grubbing, Machiavellian egomaniacs as some people would like us to believe.

ROUND ROBIN

I was pleased to see Max Wall, our Regional Organiser, at the last North Manchester meeting. Max is now a member of the Politburo and had come with the intention of inveigling the noble Robin Bence into accepting the prestigious position of Assistant Regional Organiser. The self-effacing Robin demurred, not because he thought this to be an invidious, thankless job, but because he feared that the CAMRA cummerbund which comes with the job would not go round the rotund Robin's middle.

CAMRA

Camra is a national consumer organisation concerned with maintaining the choice of beer and preserving the variety of pubs throughout the country. Until recently takeovers by the six major brewing companies resulted in the closure of local breweries and the loss of many draught beers. The threat is still there but as a result of Camra's efforts many pubs have gone back to serving cask-conditioned beer, and the big brewers are slowly realising that there is a demand for good beer in traditional pub surroundings.

If you want to preserve your right to choose what you drink fill in the membership form below. 'What's Brewing' is the Campaign's newspaper, sent free to members every month, and keeps them in touch with news and events throughout the country.

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The next meeting of the North Manchester Branch of CAMRA will be on Wednesday 16th November, in the Castle, Oldham Street, Manchester, starting at 8.00pm.

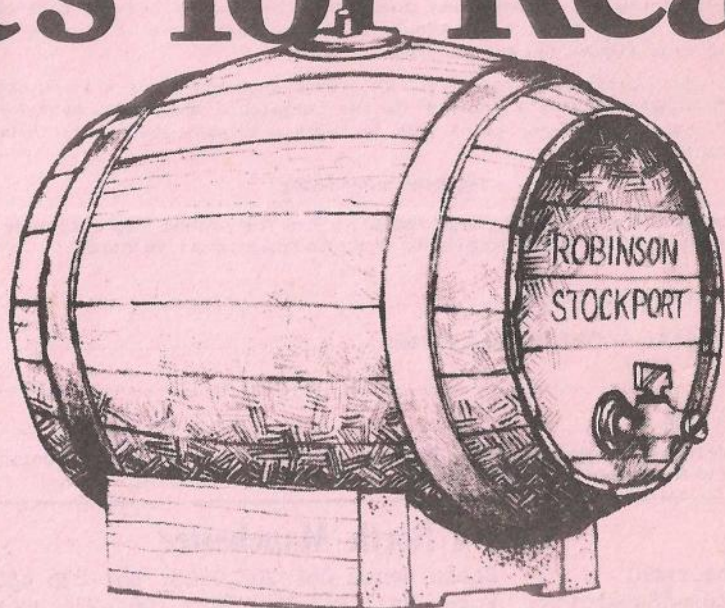


Tony Flynn, address 18 Gilda Crescent Road, Eccles, telephone number 736 1575, would like to hear from readers with recollections of old Manchester and Salford pubs and breweries. Readers' photographs would be copied and returned immediately and credited if used in publications.

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