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# What's Doing

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The Manchester Beer Drinker's Monthly Magazine

## NEW MANCHESTER PUB FOR HOLTS

Holts have been given the go-ahead for their new pub on John Dalton Street in Manchester city centre. There were fears that planning consent would not be granted because the building is close to St Mary's Church (the 'Hidden Gem'), but the brewery has co-operated with the church authorities and substantial sound





insulation will be installed in the walls adjacent to the church. (When you're enjoying a nice quiet pint with friends, there's nothing worse than having it spoiled by loud organ music or choir practice.)

Work on the building will start early next year. Holts haven't got a name for it yet - any suggestions? Historically, the White Hart would be a good choice, as that was the name of an alehouse which once stood near the site.

When John Dalton Street was laid out at the beginning of the Victorian era it replaced Tasle Street, one of old Manchester's less respectable thoroughfares. A local writer recalled that the street was narrow and the houses were high, making it 'frowningly dark', which suited the 'courtezans and sly tradesmen' who frequented the area. The houses were 'inferior and inhabited by people of easy virtue' and there were two pubs - the White Hart and the Princes Tavern (below).

The White Hart was on the south side of the street, a few doors down from Cross Street, and the Princes Tavern was opposite, on the corner of Cross Street. This large building survived the first redevelopment and was pulled down when Cross Street was widened at the beginning of the twentieth century. The Princes Tavern's claim to fame was that it was one of the first buildings in Manchester to be illuminated by gas - crowds used to turn up each night to see the novel new light. The landlord manufactured the gas in one of his cellars - Joseph Holt would have approved of that.



## Bury Beer Festival

The Organisation Committee would like to thank all those who attended and helped to make the event a sell-out. Thanks also to the 40-odd volunteers who put in 55 hours each over the five days of set-up, opening and take-down. Details of a "thank you" trip will be sent out in due course. With the help of the volunteers, some of whom sacrificed annual leave or took unpaid leave, the Festival could not have taken place.

There was an unprecedented response to the 'Beer of the Festival' draw. 280 people took the time and trouble to complete the slips and help improve the Festival by offering suggestions and opinions. Replies are currently being sent out to anyone who submitted a comment.

The results of the 'Beer of the Festival' are as follows:

3rd	R.C.H East Street Cream
2nd	Caledonian Murray's Heavy
1st	<b>Phoenix Bury Boggart Bitter</b>

The first out of the hat was a nameless person from Morecambe who did supply a full address. The T-shirt is in the post.

## Millgate News

There was a new beer at the Millgate in Failsworth in October - 'Two Steps Back', a 5.1% brew selling at £1.40 a pint. Produced to mark the launch of the 1996 Good Beer Guide at the pub, the beer was very popular over the two weeks that it was on sale and it is hoped that it will be a regular beer in the New Year. Also in the pipeline is a Christmas season ale. The name, strength and price are yet to be decided, but it will be 'a very bitter, dark, strong ale,' to quote the brewer.

If you have a copy of the new Good Beer Guide, you'll find the Millgate on page 210. If you don't, then the Millgate is located on Ashton Road West, Failsworth, ten minutes from Failsworth Station.

## Blob Shop

The Yates's Wine Lodge on High Street, Manchester reopened on November 3rd as the Blob Shop. There have been no structural alterations and the basic layout, with bar along the left side, is still in place. The pub now has bare boards, tables of different sizes, hard benches and booth seating to the right.

As well as the blobs, reasonably priced food is also available. The beer is still an attraction, too, and at £1 a pint for Boddies, Stones or Thwaites, it promises to keep the place bustling.



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## Boddies Ditch

A new BodPubCo pub/café bar opened on November 10th - the Via Fossa on Canal Street in the city centre. Next door to the Rembrandt and overlooking the Rochdale Canal, this is a venture that is sure to do well.

Set in a former warehouse, the bar occupies three floors, but with numerous stairways and intermediate levels it seems like more. The decor and furnishing include church artefacts - carved stonework, wood columns, pulpits, screens and ornate grilles, chairs and tables. Floors are mainly of bare wood or tiled in decorative patterns. Walls, too, are different, ranging from bare brick to wood panelling and brightly-coloured wall hangings. Even the ceilings got the treatment - some vaulted, some panelled and others with simple rustic decoration.

Although nothing seems to match anything else, here it doesn't matter and it all works very well. There is a strong emphasis on food - no menu item is over £5. The beer is a touch pricey - Boddies and Flowers Original and both over £1.50 a pint. However, where else in Manchester can you gaze out on other drinkers from a choice of three pulpits? And there's a potty collection, too.



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# Kings Ale

Leo King

## Beer Festivals

The Bury Beer Festival was a great success on both nights - it must have been as we were all packed in there like whales in a sardine tin! We could do with more than one festival at Bury, Oldham, Stockport, etc, a year, although I know it is hard work organising such events. By the end of the Bury Festival almost all the beers had run out and towards the end what was left was selling for £1 a pint. Good timing, that was. I tried the Lees Harvest Ale at 1150 og (11.5% ABV) and I have to compliment the brewery on a damned fine ale. Unfortunately it was just a one-off, produced for the beer festival. Come on Lees, let's have some in your tied houses and/or free trade pubs! It was a superb beer, the strongest at the festival, but I couldn't get any more on the Saturday evening as it had all gone.



There was a high proportion of women at the Bury Beer Festival and lots of them were drinking pints, which sure blows the myth that beer is a man's drink and lager is a woman's drink.

But it does amaze me when a woman comes into the Beer House in Manchester with her male partner, looks up at the blackboard with its long list of traditional beers on sale, then turns to him and asks for a lager!

There were 41 different ales at the Bury Beer festival, but over a period of four days at the recent Beer House beer festival there were some 52 on sale. The success of these regular events at the pub is due to the enthusiasm of licensee Iddy.

Still on the subject of beer festivals, no doubt the next Great British Beer Festival will be staged in London again. I collected 354 signatures on my 1993 petition to get the GBBF mobile - not all members live in the capital! I approached John and Christine Cryne at the CAMRA AGM in Salford but they had no interest in the idea. CAMRA members have a right to see the annual GBBF located in other parts of Britain, but there seems to be no enthusiasm to get it away from the capital. I certainly won't be making the 400-mile round trip to the next GBBF or at any other time.

On the other hand, Salford and Manchester do very well for real ale outlets. At the Beer House alone, more real ales have been on offer in a

few months than at the GBBF. So in a way this pub and our other free houses more than make up for the once-a-year GBBF.

### **New brews**

More and more new micro-breweries are coming on to the scene and so there are more and more beers. Even the established independents and national brewers have joined in the name game and before the ink was dry on the new Good Beer Guide several more had appeared.

Here is a guide to some recent new brews with their % ABVs, where known, courtesy of the Labologists' Society. (\* indicates not listed in the GBG)

Bass Museum: Derby Beer Festival  
18th Birthday Brew\* 4.8

Batemans: Strawberry Fields\* (a  
strawberry beer) 4.4

Batemans: Lincolnshire Yellow Belly  
Bitter\*

Belvoir - Beaver Bitter 4.3

Bullmastiff: Brindle 5.0

Church End: Wheat-a-Bix\* (a wheat  
beer) 4.2

Church End: Will's Old Farts\* 4.6

Freedom Brewery: Freedom Lager\* 5.4

Greenwoods: Amber Gambler 5.5

Greenwoods: Gold Prospector 4.6

Greenwoods: Mahogany Mild\* 3.4

King & Barnes: Summer Ale 3.8  
(renamed Wealdman?)

Lichfield Brewery: Real Monty Wheat  
Beer\* 4.0

Oak Brewery: Sticky Wicket\* 5.4

Oak Brewery: Thirsty Moon 4.6

Roosters: Smoked Beer\* 4.3

Shardlow: Stalking Horse\* 4.0

Shardlow: Wheat Beer\* 5.2

Spinnaker: Tandoori\* (a curry beer) 4.6

Springhead: Hersbrucker Weizenbier\*  
3.6

Sutton Brewery: Knickadroppa Glory  
5.5

Theakstons: Lightfoot\* 3.7

Titanic: White Star\* 4.8

Whim: Black Bear Stout 6.2

Whim: Snow White\* (a wheat beer) 4.4

Whitby Brewery: Nut Brown 4.5

Smoked beer, curry beer (yuk!) - what next? Beer brewed with mushrooms, mustard, rhubarb, Ovaltine?

Finally, watch out for another new one. Burtonwood Brewery has produced Almonds Original Stout, with a picture of Mr Almond himself on the pump clip. Before Burtonwood took the company over some years ago, Almonds of Standish (about six miles north of Wigan) had some excellent products, but whether the new stout is brewed to an old recipe, I do not know.

I am not too keen on old brewery names being brought back long after the brewery has closed, but I have to admit that the stout was delicious. Anyway, Burtonwood and Almonds were both Lancashire breweries - the names of some defunct breweries are being used by the companies which took them over many miles from the home town. Take Theakstons, for example - say no more!

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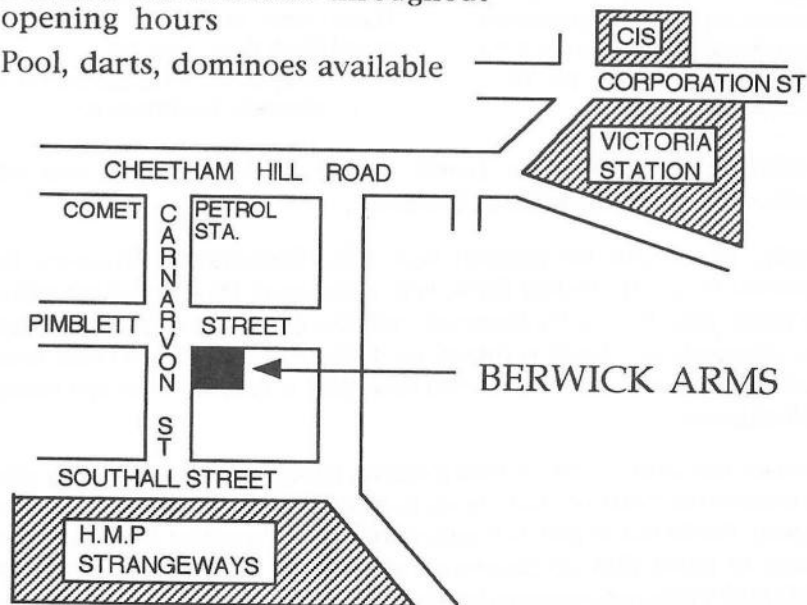
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## Castle & Falcon

As a result of pressure from both within and outside the Town Hall, Greater Manchester PTE has withdrawn its planning application to demolish the Castle & Falcon (WD October & November). So we didn't get the public hearing and it's back to square one.

What now? Will they let the building deteriorate so it becomes dangerous and they have to knock it down anyway? Or will they take up the offer from one of the builders who are interested in the property and sell it for a small sum so that it can be restored?

## Holts briefly

The annual Holts price increase came on 14th November, with just 1p added to the price of a pint of mild and bitter. (If it makes you feel any better, their ordinary lager went up 2p a pint, from £1.05 to £1.07 a pint, so beer drinkers fared rather well!)

It now seems unlikely that draught Sixx will reappear this winter. Holts acknowledged the letter of encouragement from CAMRA's Greater Manchester Region, but said that the promotion for Sixx this time will consist of offering two bottles for £1, which means a lot less effort for the bar staff in the pubs. (2 bottles = about 2/3 pint)

## Another Rat

The Barnaby Rudge restaurant on Old Bank Street, between St Ann's Square and Cross Street, Manchester, has become the Rat & Parrot.

## Entrepreneurs' Corner

Fancy your very own pub in Ancoats? The Smiths Arms (right) on Sherratt Street is going for £38,000.

Alternatively, for just £35,000 you can buy the Druids Arms on Liverpool Street, Salford.



## Anvil Tales

Hydes 4X strong ale, brewed to the 1960s recipe at 6.8%, was due to go out to the pubs in the last week of November. Make sure you try it as it is partly in response to CAMRA's requests that the beer is being reintroduced. Better still, when you have tried it, tell the licensee, the brewery or CAMRA's Brewery Liaison Officer (Keith Egerton) what you think of it. Customer feedback is welcomed at the brewery and will determine whether 4X is to be brewed again in future years.

When Roger Protz launched his *Ultimate Encyclopaedia of Beer* in Manchester, Hydes provided the sole English beer for the accompanying reception. Mr Protz described Hydes thus: 'A cobnuttty flavour and a lovely earthy, pungent aroma. A quite marvellous example of the cask conditioned bitters of this area.' So now you know!

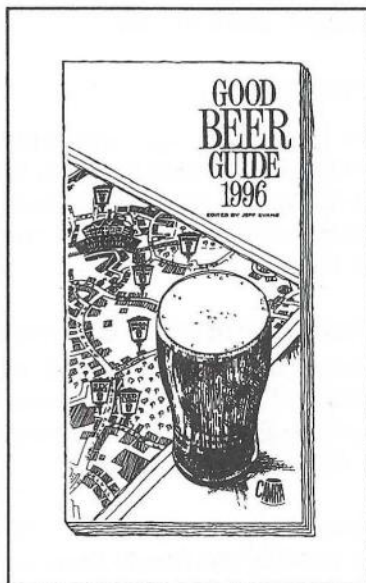
Avid followers of *Coronation Street* may have noticed that Hydes Brewery featured in the programme as 'Nuttall's' on Friday 10th November. Horse-drawn drays were in the brewery yard for the first time since 1942. The 'tasting' in the programme was done in Hydes' sample room, where the Nuttalls pump clips were the same shape as Hydes. The 'porter' being sampled was Hydes mild, with extra caramel for colouring. It is not known whether Nuttalls will be featured again, but if Newton & Ridley are being thrown out...

## Good Beer Guide

No sooner has the 1996 Guide been published, than we start thinking about the 1997 edition. For North Manchester and Salford the shortlisting will take place at the January 10th meeting.

Final selection for the City Centre will be made at the Kings Arms, Bloom Street, on February 7th. Entries for the rest of the branch area will be chosen at the Unicorn, Church Street, on February 28th.

We had a few hiccups last year, with three licensees changing in Central Manchester. And can this be right - three entries for Eccles and five for Gorton?





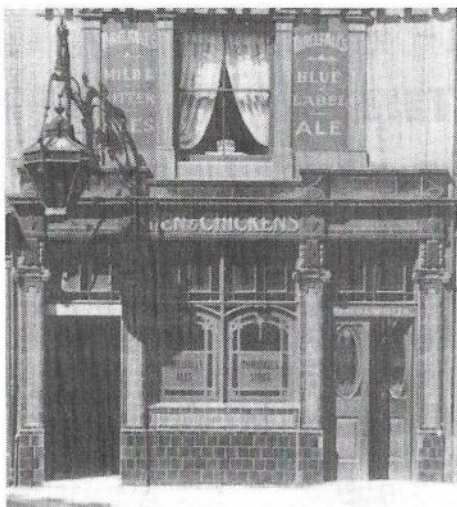
## I-Spy

**Q.** This Central Manchester pub shut in the 1930s but the building is still there. Where is it?

*Just a minute. It says Hen & Chickens and you did the Hen & Chickens last month.*

Yes, and I told you last month that the Oldham Street Hen & Chickens has been knocked down. The building I am talking about now is still there. Pay attention.

*Oh, I know. It's on Deansgate, near the corner of Liverpool Road.*



You've looked at the picture at the bottom of the page, haven't you?

*Maybe. What's so special about it - a classic example of a pub converted into a bike shop?*

I'll ignore that. It's the only original pub building left on Deansgate. Victorian road widening and development saw off umpteen of them and the Crown and the Sawyers were rebuilt. The Hen & Chickens building dates from a time when they were still digging the canals thereabouts.

*And swans glided on the Irwell, right?*

You got it.





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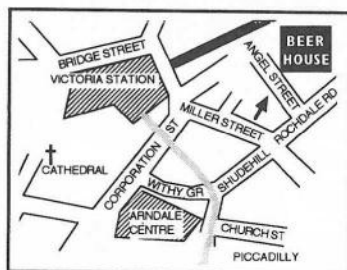
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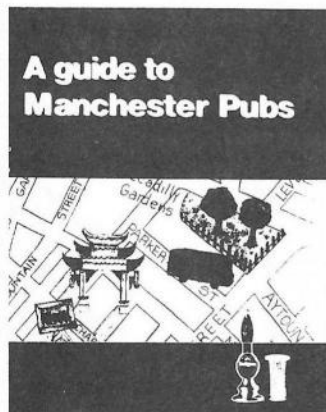
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## New Guide

Another Manchester Pub Guide came out in November, this time courtesy of Marstons Brewery and given away with the Guardian newspaper. There are details of 34 pubs and bars in the city centre and around 65 others under the headings of Bolton, Stockport, Tameside, Wigan, etc. The guide has been produced to promote Marstons Pedigree, but non-Pedigree outlets are included and some of the pub descriptions are better than usual. In the city centre, the Wellington and the Unicorn are conspicuous by their absence, but then they are owned by Bass, who would never sell Pedigree. Pubs belonging to independent brewers don't get much of a look-in either. On the other hand, some rather good Marstons pubs have been left out, which is odd. Not even the rather good Bridge Inn at Failsworth gets a mention.

No author is credited, but judging by the number of times *City Life* is mentioned, 'A Guide to Manchester Pubs' is the work of a *Manchester Evening News* hack. CAMRA guides appear to have provided the inspiration for the real ale pubs listed, although there are one or two entertaining gaps in the author's knowledge of geography, history and beer.

The guide has symbols for such essentials as food, outside drinking areas and access to the Internet. There is also a symbol for Manchester's 'Gay Friendly' bars - a red triangle, disappointingly.



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## Closed and Boarded Corner

Work continues inside the Griffin in Cheetham Hill. What is going on? When will it reopen?

The Pack Horse (Lees) on Oldham Road, Miles Platting, is no more. There are two theories about its sudden demise - the building was either blown down one night or it was razed because it was unsafe.

Over in Salford, the Unicorn (Whitbread) on Lower Broughton Road is boarded up. Will we be reporting a fire at the premises in next month's WD?



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# Letters

## Hogshead Challenge

Sir - The Hogshead in Altrincham (four minutes' walk from Metrolink) boasts a permanent range of twelve cask-conditioned beers served from ten handpumps and two barrels. In a recent stock check, manager Dave Collins found that 68 different beers had been sold in the space of 71 days. Dave reckons he offers the widest selection of real ale not only in Trafford, but in the whole of Cheshire. Can anybody prove him wrong?

*Geoff Atkins*

## Head Line

Sir - The writer of the 'Traditional Head' letter in last month's WD obviously doesn't drink in the Egerton, Higher Crumpsall. Here, we serve the right pint - first time - every time.

*Brenda Beaver*

## Manchester's railway hotels

Sir - Further to your article (Oct WD) on the Commercial Hotel, Liverpool Road, you may be interested to know that once the plans for Victoria Station had been made public, a hotel was built at the corner of Hunts Bank and Victoria Street - the Palatine Hotel. According to reports I have seen, the new hotel was intended to cater for passengers arriving at the station. Next door to it was a building which included a riding school on the upper floor! The Palatine Hotel appears to have been successful for eventually it extended into the former riding school.

The Palatine Hotel is still standing, now part of Chetham's School of Music. If you stand across the road from the building it is still possible to make out the words "Palatine Hotel and, if my memory serves me correctly, there is also a date there, "1843". Thus it may be said that when one hotel built to serve the railway travelling public closed, another opened.

*Chris E Makepeace*

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## Fox Refit

The Fox Inn (Holts), Blackley village, is having a much-needed revamp, no doubt in an effort to reverse the pub's decline. The work involves restoring the separate vault and lounge, fitting an entrance vestibule, new bars and a new corridor for toilet access.

This is all good news and the work completed to date certainly makes the pub look and feel a good deal better. The mild may return, too.

# Now & Then

No.92

## Canteen Inn

Rob Magee

29 Mulliner Street,  
Oldham

In 1964, when the terraced houses of the old St Mary's Ward in Oldham were being pulled down, the BBC made a film there, called "The End of the Street". The Canteen Inn on the corner of Mulliner Street and Radcliffe Street featured in the film, with landlady Catherine Mayall saying goodbye to her customers and wishing them well as they prepared to move out to the new estates around the town. Twenty years later the BBC returned and made another film, containing interviews with people living in the flats in the new St Mary's Ward and also featuring the 1964 scenes at the Canteen Inn. How things have changed in St Mary's Ward!

The Canteen opened in 1858 and it was typical of Oldham's street-corner beerhouses. Two small houses were combined to get the licence, but ten years after it opened the tenant was subletting the part fronting Radcliffe Street as a dwelling for 3/10d a week, plus 3d for the gas. He was told to reinstate the beerhouse or lose his licence. So the undertenant had to move out and find somewhere else to live for his 3/10d a week. By the 1880s brewers J W Lees owned the Canteen. It



was licensed to sell wine as well as beer in the 1890s and the building was then in fair repair with four drinking rooms, three bedrooms and overnight accommodation.

The Canteen became a fully licensed public house in 1961 but three years later Mulliner Street was about to be demolished and on 16th December 1964 Catherine Mayall called the final 'Last orders'.

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## **Dray Pull update**

The charity dray pull (WD August) organised by licensees Ian and Julie Slamon of the Egerton Inn, Cheetham, has so far raised over £512. The final amount will soon be presented to Citicars and go towards a day out for disabled children.

It took six hours to pull the dray from the Egerton to the Eagle & Child in Whitefield. The stopping places on the way were the Cleveland, Woodthorpe, Ostrich, St Margarets, Welcome, Coach & Horses, Frigate, Bay Horse, Robert Peel, Blue Bell and the Church Inn.

Congratulations to all who participated and gave of their time and money.

## **New innings for the Cricketers**

A few months ago it was reported that the Cricketers on Bradford Road, Miles Platting, might reopen. Well, it has - as the Cricketers Sports & Social Club, and very nice it is, too.

The club is well appointed and comfortable; there are two rooms and it is a complete contrast to the old pub. Although it is a club, our correspondent had no problem getting served, but maybe that was because it had only just opened. The bitters on sale are all keg, unfortunately, but a lone wicket dispenses good mild at £1.15 a pint. The bar staff couldn't tell our reporter what it was, but it was probably Chesters or perhaps Wilsons.

## **Beer festival**

If you are at a loose end after all the excitement of Christmas, you can always make your way to Lichfield for one of the first beer festivals of 1996. This takes place on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th January at the Guildhall, Bore Street. About thirty real ales are promised. For details phone 01543 262223.

## **Dottigub**

Thieves and vandals permitting, the Notts Castle on Oldham Road, Miles Platting, will reopen on 12th December.



# Rupert

My diary's been about as interesting as Salman Rushdie's over the last month - "Stayed in again!" You see, I too have a fatwa hanging over me, or, to be more accurate, several. Death threats have come thick and fast and, for the life of me, I don't know why. It's not as though I've talked about Humphrey Dumpty or mentioned a recent amber nectar show not a million miles from here from which £1,500 mysteriously went missing. Nor have I dredged up unsavoury details from people's pasts as I might have done, so I'm still puzzled, but life must go on.

Imagine the scene - Fat Old Greying Inebriate (FOGI 1) sitting in Grotley's premier ethnic caff on 2nd December. Along comes Fat Old Greying Inebriate 2 (FOGI 2), enters caff, sees FOGI 1, turns on his heels and goes the back way to eat in the Red Pepper. From the descriptions given by my informant, these characters can only be those loveable sweeties Royal Hall and Rumpleshirtscream, but who the shunner and who the shunnee we can only guess.

Scene 2: Two weeks later - Grotley's premier ale emporium's mini amber nectar show. FOGI 1 ensconced upstairs. FOGI 2 comes up, purchases amber nectar, spots FOGI

1 and promptly goes downstairs. Once again the spurned and spurning cannot be identified.

I've been analysing Opening Tripe to see why it's so successful. In the 16-page November issue I counted the pages of adverts and the pages of editorial and news. Well, there were 8 pages of self-congratulatory posturing drivel and the rest was

adverts. Accusations about unwarranted profit-making have apparently nearly resulted in fisticuffs at meetings of the Great and the Good, but it's swings and roundabouts. What you lose on the amber nectar shows you gain on the publications. What's Doing is not immune to criticism. The mega slush fund, which branch stalwarts threaten to squander on state-of-the-art electronic laser



A recently discovered photo of 'Boss Trev' Pictures of 'Bald Trev', 'Fat Trev', etc, to follow

staplers, has come to the attention of Ron Badloss by some circuitous route and he'll probably want to snaffle it back. And quite right too. Why should a magazine which makes money by insulting the weak and ineffectual be allowed to stash its loot away to fund further ventures when that money could be used to much better advantage in subsidising thieves who nick the takings from your friendly neighbourhood amber nectar show? We must learn to get our priorities right. More power to your elbow, Ron.

# Branch Diary

## **Rochdale, Oldham & Bury**

Tues 5 Dec 8.30pm, Branch Meeting, Hogshead, Union Street, Oldham

Tues 12 Dec 8.30pm, Christmas Social, Wishing Well, York Street, Heywood. All welcome

Thur 28 Dec 8.30pm, What's Doing Collation, Flying Horse, Town Hall Square, Rochdale. Followed by 'Drown the Turkey' Rochdale Crawl.

Contact: Peter Alexander 0113 232 4023(w), 0161 655 4002 (h)

## **North Manchester**

Wed 6 Dec Two Cities Crawl. Moon Under Water, Deansgate, 7pm;

Punch Bowl, Chapel Street, 8pm; Eagle, Collier Street, 9.30pm

Wed 13 Dec, Social & Committee, Jolly Carter, Winton, 8pm

Wed 20 Dec 8pm, Branch Meeting, Queens Arms, Green Lane, Patricroft

Wed 27 Dec, Christmas Crawl & Curry: Jolly Angler 12 noon; Castle 2pm,

Beer House 3pm, Queens Arms, Honey Street, 4pm for curry.

Wed 3 Jan: Irlams o'th'Height Crawl: Dog & Partridge 7pm, Wellington 8.30pm, Red Lion 9.30pm.

Contact: Roger Hall 740 7937

## **Trafford & Hulme**

Sat 2 Dec, Day Trip to York. See branch contact for details

Thur 7 Dec 8pm, Commercial Hotel, Liverpool Road; Castlefield Hotel, Oxenbale, White Lion and Crown (Deansgate)

Contact: Roger Wilson 0161 827 0765 (w) or 0161 941 5602 (h)

## **Bolton**

Contact: Richard Spedding 01204 61244 (h), 01204 521771 x2305 (w)

## **Wigan**

Wed 15 Nov 8pm, Branch Meeting, Colliers Arms, New Springs

Contact: John Barlow 01257 427595 (h) 01257 426464 (w)

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## **Wetherspoons**

Love 'em or hate 'em, 'superpubs' have arrived in Manchester and J D Wetherspoon's latest is due to open on Piccadilly this month.



Dave and Jo welcome you to the

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4/6 Honey Street (off Red Bank), Cheetham

*Serving a large range of traditional ales supporting the independent brewers*

**Batemans Mild & XXXB - Mitchells  
Bitter - Old Peculier - Taylors Best  
Bitter & Landlord - weekly guest beers**



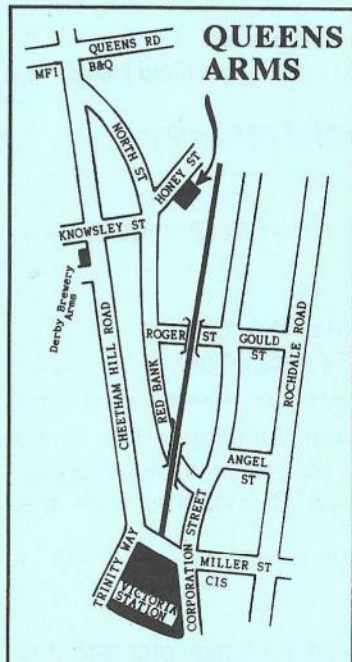
**Bitter from 95p a pint**

*Westons Traditional Cider on handpump*

**A large menu plus home-made specials  
available seven lunchtimes a week**

**Hot and cold food available until late evening**

**Opening Hours: 12.00-11.00 Mon-Sat; 12-10.30 Sunday**



Children's play equipment in the Beer Garden, with swings, slides, climbing net, etc.

*We have a Children's Certificate so families are welcome inside or in the Beer Garden.*

**Bar-B-Que for hire free of charge.**

**A permanent range of draught Belgian beers including Kwak, Le Trappe & Riva Blanche, not forgetting the Continental bottles**

**Bar Billiards, Backgammon, Chess, etc.**

**General Knowledge Quiz Night  
Tuesday. Beer Prizes**

**We're in the Good Beer Guide and  
CAMRA's Good Food Guide**