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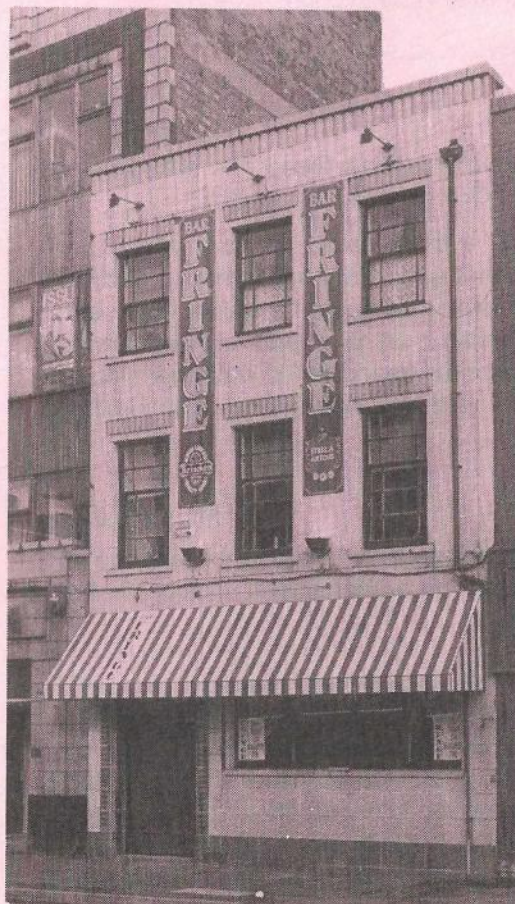


The Manchester Beer Drinker's Monthly Magazine

ON THE FRINGE

The former Old White Bear on Swan Street, Manchester, reopened as Bar Fringe last month. It is in the area which has been designated the 'northern quarter', which certainly isn't the trendiest part of the city, but this opening represents a bold move with an eye to the future. The Fringe is run by John Henley, who has had a hand in a number of operations, latterly at the Grand Central on the other side of town.

John describes the Fringe as being a 'relaxed, comfortable, alternative venue that can act in a support role to the Band on the Wall/Frog & Bucket at night; lunchtime, a non-nonsense meeting place for local workers.' The pub is open all hours Sunday to Friday and 7pm-11pm Saturday. Lunchtime food is



available at reasonable prices in the vein of Dukes 92 (cheese, pâté, etc). Beers are from the Whitbread list - Boddies (155p) and Old Speckled Hen (170p). The latter may not be permanent and it is hoped to have three beers on sale once the pub is established.

The conversion from the old pub (next door to Natsopa House) has been imaginative - the exterior gives the impression of a café, but the interior is definitely pubby. Thus we have bare boards (the old woodwork was removed because of extensive dry rot), plain walls and a scattering of furniture. Cartoons from papers and magazines adorn the walls, all on a pub-ish theme.

The most striking feature has been the removal of the first floor at the front of the building to create a decorative upper gallery. This has the added benefit of allowing natural light to flood into the interior.

Grey Mare

The licensee of the Grey Mare on Eccles New Road has asked us to state that the pub was not closed in October (WD last month).

This former Greenalls pub is now a free house, and the ornate bar fittings are complemented by different upholstery schemes for each of the three distinct drinking areas. There is a piano on a corner stage and the sole trace of the pub's Greenalls past is a pair of hornblowing coloured glass windows which have been repositioned on either side of the entrance door. The pub sells a variety of beers from John Smiths, Websters and Bass.

Anvil Tales

Keith Egerton

Billy Westwoods has again been well received and is to continue in production for the time being. It may be a permanent addition to the Hydes range if demand is sustained.

Even better news is that 4X Anvil Strong will reappear in early December, with the same recipe and abv (6.8%) as last year, and it is expected to sell at around £1.90 per pint. Distribution is likely to be limited, so if you want it in your local, pester the licensee, and if you find it, make sure you drink sufficient quantities to ensure that it will reappear in future. If demand is slack, then it is unlikely that 4X will be brewed again for many years. So it's up to you - some dedication to the cause is obviously required!

Mitchell saved

Mark McConachie

Last month it was speculated that the Mitchell Arms in Ancoats had been spared from demolition to make way for Metrolink. Well, now it's official and Peter Black, Planning Officer at GMPTE, has sent us the revised plans to prove it. The original plans had the pub making way for a new road junction, but now a new, short length of roadway will pass to the west of the pub and link to Beswick Street.

This is wonderful news for the area, owners Banks's and licensee Mick Hynes, and the pub is receiving a fully deserved redecoration. (The photograph was taken in mid-November.)



This result demonstrates how worthwhile the whole campaign was, and shows that a small effort can reap big rewards. The saga began around three years ago when two pubs in Clayton were threatened - the Sir Humphrey Chetham and the Grove. These were saved after a CAMRA campaign. The Mitchell campaign followed a workable path after the announcement of the proposals:

1. Obtain the detailed plans of the proposed route.
2. Submit a reasoned, written objection to the GMPTE, including alternative routes/solutions.
3. Attend the public meetings to raise the PTE's awareness of our concern and to 'sound them out'.
4. Publicise the campaign in local newsletters and press, and get the pub's locals involved.

The Mitchell Arms seems set for a good future and even Peter Black of the PTE looks forward to its appearance in the Ashton-u-Lyne TRAWL guide.

Sorry . . .

Due to the uncertainty of the opening date of our new venture, Stalybridge Buffet Bar, (sometime in November is our hope, Railtrack permitting!), we're postponing the Porter's Festival until late January.

However this will now be . . .

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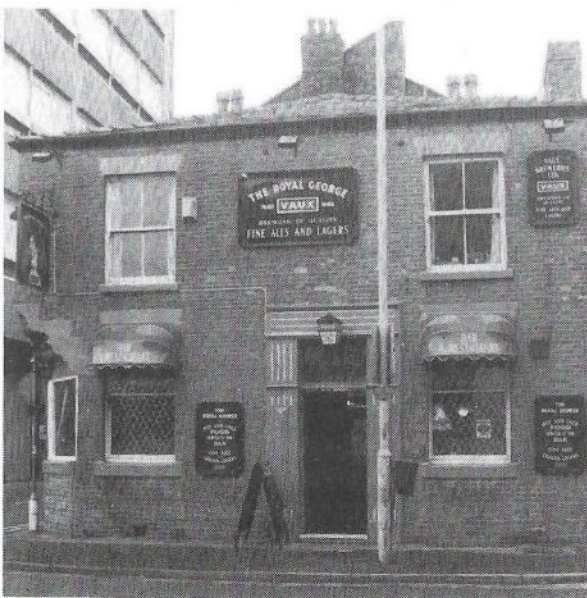
This 1997 Good Beer Guide pub in the Old Market Place used to be called the Unicorn and, years ago, the building was Altrincham's Town Hall. Now it is styled a Hogshead Ale House and serves up to eighteen different real ales each week, with eleven handpumps and three beers on gravity.

Licensee Wayne Reece, who did a short spell at the Crown & Anchor/Beer Engine in Manchester city centre, runs a social club which has regular brewery trips and visits to other Hogshead outlets over a wide area. A recent trip to the Thomas McGuinness brewery in Rochdale, with buffet, cost just £4. Tuesday and Sunday nights at the Hogshead are Band Nights, Wednesday is Quiz Night and Thursday is Jug Night (four pints of cask ale for the price of three).

At the end of November there will be a Scottish Ales and Malt Whiskies Festival, with beers from the Caledonian Brewing Company (Flying Scotsman, Merman XXX, Deuchars IPA), Belhaven (80/-, St Andrews Ale), Heather Ale Ltd and Broughton Ales. The whiskies will include Laphroaig, Talisker and Macallan.

Royal George

The Royal George on Newton Street in the city centre has been selling only one real ale of late - Vaux Samson - but licensee Tony plans to change this soon by turning the pub into a real ale free house. He is hoping to break from the Vaux tie soon and he will be installing extra handpumps. To make more room in the bar area, the pool table will be moved upstairs. A beer festival is a distinct possibility for the near future.

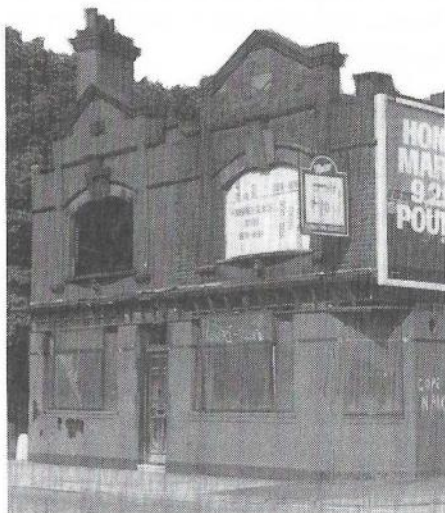


Salford surveyed

Daddy Bell

The Prince of Wales on Oldfield Road has not closed (as was reliably rumoured to be imminent in WD August). The pub has had a lick of paint, and live music at weekends, 'secure' car parking, takeaway-style catering and Guinness promotions seem to be attracting new customers - but real ale has been withdrawn from this one-time GBG entry. Even the Shiners bitter (the house beer) has gone, though a defunct handpump remains. Boddies bitter and Flowers IPA are available in nitrokeg form. This means that there is now no real ale on Oldfield Road south of Holts' Kings Arms.

Still on Oldfield Road, scaffolding was for some weeks on half the frontage of Hobsons Choice (ex-Brown Cow, right). The scaffolding is down now, but so is the pediment which was atop that portion of the building, and somebody has been hacking away at the tiling by the front door.



All is not well in Weaste. The Waverley (left) is still for sale (for £55,000!). After the fires at the Swan on Eccles New Road, the first floor windows have been blocked up; the ground floor orifices were blocked up earlier. The Royal (aka Widow's Rest) has been metalled up, though some activity was recently witnessed there.

Two hotels opened in Salford in the summer. The Campanile on Regent Road (on the old Groves & Whitnall brewery site) has a separate bistro selling the ubiquitous Boddies nitrokeg. I do not know what is available in the Dolby at the corner of Blackfriars Road and Trinity Way.

On the Crescent, the last surviving Groves & Whitnall window, which was somewhat damaged but repairable, surely, has been removed from the Black Horse. Shame!

Finally, on November 19th the Burger King on Regent Road (formerly the Regent pub) was peremptorily closed and the signs removed. I suppose there is little chance of its reverting to a pub?

On the move

The Wellington and Sinclairs in Shambles Square are going to be moved again as part of the rebuilding of the city centre. The pubs will be turned and shifted a few yards to the west to make room for the opening up of a pedestrian way from St Ann's Square and the Cathedral.

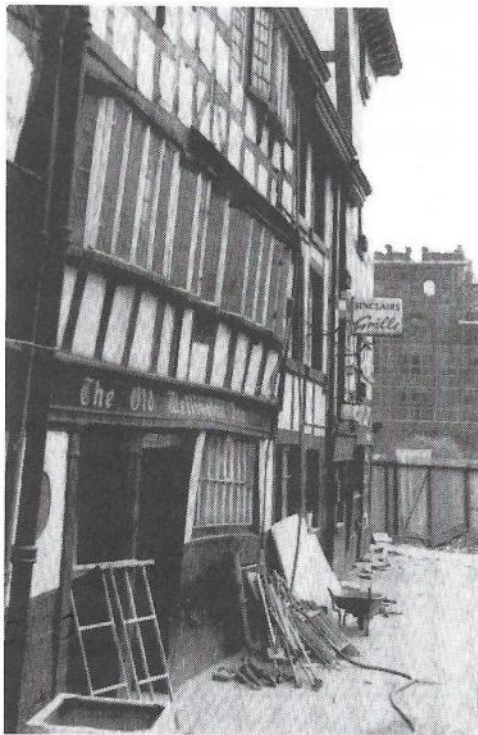
This photograph was taken by Peter Wadsworth at the time of their last move in 1970, before Shambles Square was constructed.

Bury Beer Festival

Thank you to all the staff and over 2,100 customers who helped to make the Sixteenth Bury Beer Festival an enjoyable success. We were drunk dry! We apologise to anyone who was disappointed owing to the beer list having to be amended several times, but hope we managed to provide enough variety to suit most tastes.

Also, thanks to the organisers and caterers of the What's Doing 21st Birthday Bash - a most excellent and social evening.

Sue Barker & Alan Ainsworth



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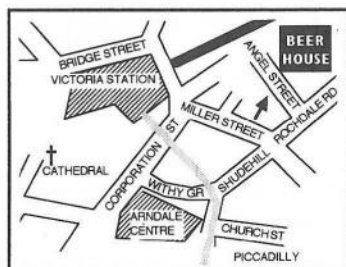
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Wigan and District

Dave White

The sleepy village of Orrell has found itself in the midst of a national campaign to challenge Britain's guest beer policy. Wendy George, licensee of the ABBEY LAKES HOTEL, Orrell Road, has argued that the pub would benefit from an increase in custom if she were able to sell a Bavarian lager or something similar, instead of an extra cask ale. Last summer, your scribe enjoyed several pints of Gray's bitter in the Abbey Lakes, a welcome change from the run-of-the-mill Landlord and Pedigree which so many pubs offer as guest beers. Goodbye to all that?

Not far away, the STATION HOTEL by Orrell BR has reverted to keg (Burtonwood) ale, and the COLLIERS ARMS, a large Tetley pub on Green Slate Road, Great Moss, has closed.

Back in Wigan, the FOX & GOOSE, Wigan Lane, has undergone a mini re-vamp. Gone, alas, are the attractive leaded Walkers windows, as is the podium which housed the pool table. The traditional Walkers ales have gone the same way as the windows (and the brewery, for that matter), but a handpump has been retained and was recently used to dispense a decent drop of Cains bitter.

Further to last month's report, the name of the new pub in Newtown is the RED ROBIN, situated on Scot Lane and part of the new shopping



complex. This 'Big Steak Pub' serves food between 1200 and 2200 hours all week, and there is a 'Wacky Warehouse' for the wains. The Red Robin opened on November 19th and the cask beers on sale were Tetley bitter, Marstons Pedigree and Ind Coope Burton Ale.

The word is out that J D Wetherspoons, Market Place, will open its doors in time for Christmas 1996. Don't hold your breath! Meanwhile, two Wallgate pubs are being refurbished; BERKELEY SQUARE, subtitled a 'Good Time [keg] Emporium', has closed for the time being, but the SWAN & RAILWAY continued to trade behind the scaffolding. Amongst the improvements is a sign hanging over the entrance, advertising the Banks's beers that have been on sale at the GBG pub for some time, which should cheer up ROB branch no end.

News in brief. Real ale has lost its always-tenuous toehold at the HONEYSUCKLE, Swan Meadow Road, Poolstock, and nitrokeg Boddingtons now graces the bar... cask ale returns at long last to the CROSS KEYS, Bolton Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield, in the form of Theakstons best bitter and Courage Directors... the PLOUGH on Atherton Road, Hindley, has reopened. Once a run-down Walkers tavern (vividly described as a 'roadside pub' in the 1994 local beer guide), the Plough re-emerged under the Enterprise Inns banner, but had been closed for some months. Alas, this reporter arrived one evening in mid-November before opening time - does anybody know what the beer range is like?

Trafford closures

The Northumberland (Sports), Old Trafford, is currently closed and the Railway, Broadheath, is closed and surrounded by scaffolding. The licensee has moved out and windows are broken. Let's hope for an early reopening in unspoilt form, after repairs to this classic, listed pub.

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Holts Corner

Stewart Revell

Holts have decided to keep the Railway at Moses Gate. In the last few weeks this ex-Greenalls outlet has been given a much needed facelift and transformed into a Holts managed outlet.

I hear that the Angel at Knutsford is due to reopen early in December. This is another ex-Greenalls pub which was closed for a complete refurbishment. The licensee from the Old Monkey in Manchester is to take over at the Angel and the licensee of the Starkey Arms in Heywood is believed to be moving to the Old Monkey.

Holts had their annual price increase early in November, putting 2p on a pint of mild and bitter. Also (not that CAMRA members are too bothered) 2p went on Diamond Lager, which at £1.22 a pint for a 5% abv lager is incredible value for money.

Last month the Manchester Evening News reported the death of Lady Holt. She was the wife of the second Sir Edward Holt, grandson of company founder Joseph Holt.

Last Post?

The Post Office Club on Quay Street (below), a city centre outlet for Joey Holt beers, is expected to close in 1997.



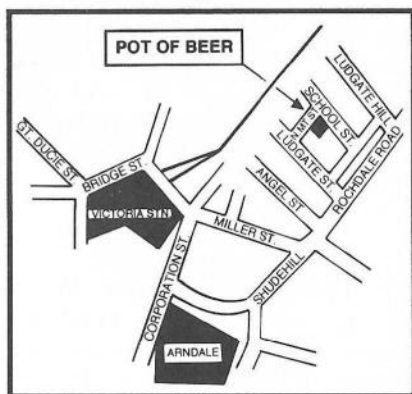
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Letters

On the fringe

Sir - How sad that twenty-one years' pub crawling should have left Roger Hall (WD Nov) with such a sour taste. I can't claim Roger's length of toping service in the city, but when I moved to my present 'fringe inner city' address (halfway between Gorton and Longsight) in 1982, it was for two reasons: I could get anywhere in the Manchester region easily without a car, and there were lots of good pubs.

Fifteen (nearly) years on, the transport's still OK, and the pubs are fine - I have four Good Beer Guide pubs, all excellent and all four very different, within a mile of home. The few pubs that have closed locally were almost without exception marginal and scarcely missed. Those that remain all seem to be trading at least adequately - granted, their licensees aren't running BMWs, but since when was that considered to be the reward for running a modest, street-corner local? And with the spread of cellar coolers and other quality control measures, the average quality of cask beer has undoubtedly improved over the past two decades, as Mr Busman confirms in his piece on Eccles in the same issue.

I'm disappointed to see a CAMRA commentator so uncritically lap up the major operators' big lie that this country is significantly over-pubbed. The truth is that, except perhaps in the most desperate areas of all, the inner city still has lots and lots of good pubs. CAMRA should be celebrating them - not attempting to deny their existence!

Rhys P Jones

Rupert

Sir - Alas poor Rupert... or perhaps not? Can we really credit the fantastic tale of his bizarre demise, so tersely but touchingly reported in October's WD (though without the dignity of a decent thickness of black edging)? I suppose it could be that he had had sight of 'Disgusted of Denton's' letter, printed in the same issue, which was mildly critical of the excesses of Rupert's language. Surely, though, it would have taken more than this to send his mind adrift from its already corroded hinges.

And as for this unconvincing tale of death by tigers... Was it an unsuccessful attempt to emulate Daniel in the lions' den? A burning fiery furnace might have been a fitter ordeal for such an intrepid champion of equal opportunities as was portrayed by his obituarist in November's WD. As for his remains: one would counsel caution as to their publication. One remembers the damage sustained by the Oxford Movement after the publication in 1838-9 of the Remains of Hurrell

Froude, one of the Movement's most colourful and outspoken promoters - a Rupert-like character in many ways.

Or have we here something more akin to the disappearance of Reginald Iolanthe Perrin? Even the initials of forename and surname are identical. Did Rupert have a middle name? Igor? Icarus? Isambard? Ignatius? Ichabod? Iago? Hardly Innocent?



And why no notification of any funeral or memorial service? There are many who would have been keen to assist at Rupert's obsequies.

Daddy Bell

PS. Is the leggy lovely alongside Paul Mason's '21 Years Ago' piece in November WD the successor to Rupert?

Rupert 2

Sir - I, too was saddened by the news of Rupert Periwinkle's demise (WD Nov), but for the sake of the Campaign we have to think positively and look to the future.

The WD board of management must appoint Rupert's successor as soon as possible, and may I suggest an eminently suitable candidate? That fellow Rhys P Jones has a lot to say for himself, so why doesn't he take over dear, departed Rupert's column?

Has Mr Jones been asked? And if he has been, what did he say?

Concerned, Stockport

No stone unturned

The builders seem to be giving the Stonemasons Arms (Thwaites) in Heywood a thorough going over. There also seems to be a lot of activity at the back of the pub - a car park, perhaps?

Pink Hamster

The forlorn and empty Dancing Weasel on Great Ancoats Street was transformed into a gay bar at the end of October. A gay bar in Ancoats? Yes, the owner believes that there is a feeling in the gay village that they should have a place of their own away from the traditional Canal Street haunts. They reckon too many 'straights' are now going there. Whatever the reasoning, the result is bound to be an improvement on the old pub.

Now & Then

Rob Magee

No. 98 **Great Western Hotel**

194 Union Street, Oldham

This photograph of the Rhodes Bank end of Union Street was taken in 1913, when the King and Queen visited the town. On the right is the Western Hotel, which was almost facing the present-day Oldham Hotel. The beerhouse opened as the Great Western Hotel in the middle of the last century and by the 1880s it was being leased by J W Lees' brewery. A survey of the property around that time found the building in good repair but was critical of the fact that there was no backyard and the men's urinal was inside the house, near the bar!



In 1890 some cottages behind the beerhouse on Ingham Street were pulled down and a backyard was made and equipped with the approved sanitary facilities - ashcan, privy and urinal. Four years later the building was surveyed again and it was found to be in good repair, with three drinking rooms and two bedrooms, but there was no accommodation for travellers and no stabling for horses.

At the beginning of the twentieth century the Western Hotel was owned by the Phoenix Brewery of Heywood. The brewery may have continued

to keep the Western Hotel in good order, but the authorities decided there were too many pubs and beerhouses in the area and this was one they thought should close. At the 1913 brewster sessions there was an objection to the licence on redundancy grounds and the Western Hotel closed later in the year, soon after King George and Queen Mary passed by.

The building was turned into a shop and by the 1950s it was being used as a branch of Lloyds Bank, complete with a new façade. After the bank moved out the former beerhouse had a variety of tenants - in recent years it has been a local arts shop and a florist's. It is still there, having missed demolition by a whisker when Prince Street was opened up.

Planning News

There are plans for a two storey extension at the former lock keeper's cottage next to the Rochdale Canal basin on Dale Street. If permission is granted, it will be turned into licensed premises with food facilities.

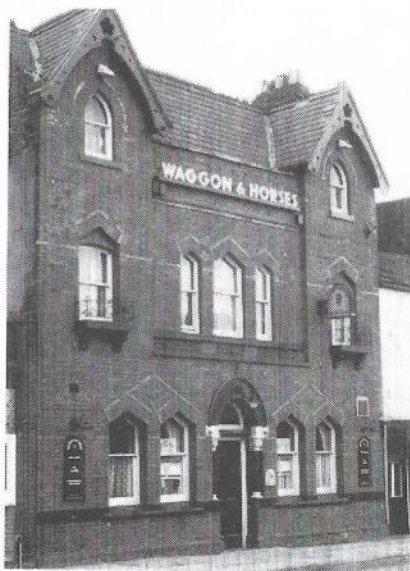
There has been an application to build a pub on Deansgate Quay, Bridgewater Wharf, Castlefield.

Hale Leisure, owner of the Joshua Brooks, corner of Princess Street and Charles Street in Manchester, has applied to have the restriction on opening hours lifted.

Bernard's B&B

The Waggon & Horses at Rhodes (right), a BodPubCo house which closed about six months ago, has been taken over by Bernard Manning junior. He plans to turn it into a traditional pub and guest house and promises a variety of ales.

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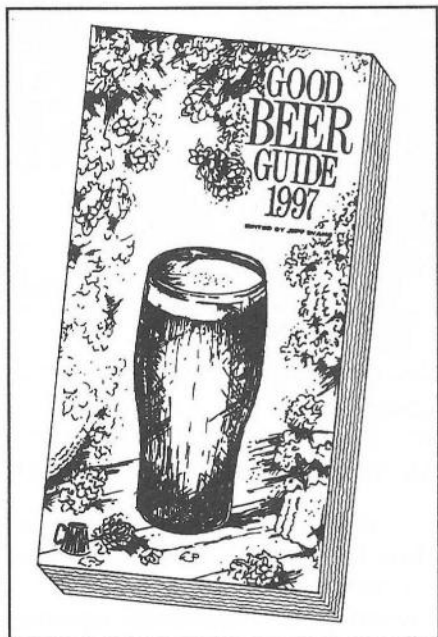
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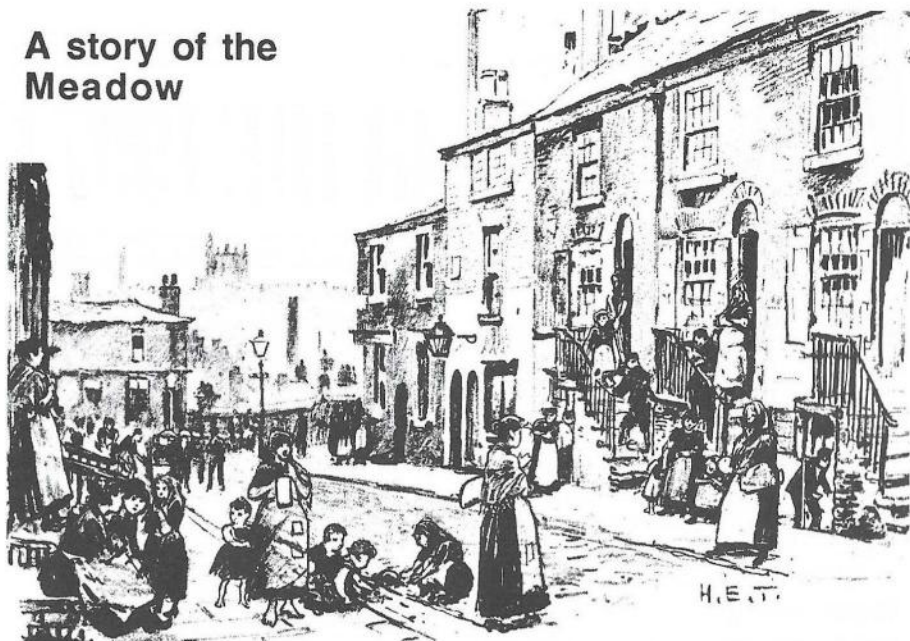


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A story of the Meadow



The decline of the inner city pub is a familiar theme in the pages of What's Doing. Today, 'inner city' means places like Miles Platting, Ancoats, Hulme and Moss Side, but in Victorian times areas much closer to the centre of Manchester were of concern to the forces of law and order.

One of these was Angel Meadow, a district between Rochdale Road and the River Irk known for its lodging houses and not very salubrious drinking shops - in the middle of the last century upwards of forty pubs and beerhouses existed there. The drawing reproduced here shows the bottom end of Angel Street, with the Victory Tavern at the end on the left and the Friendship in the middle of the picture with the lamp over the door. This story gives a flavour of the place...

After a spate of shop robberies in early 1853 it was decided to round up the local villains. On Friday, March 11th, plain clothes policemen spent the morning watching beershops and other venues where suspicious characters gathered, then at 11.00am the places were raided and a number of men arrested. About a dozen were picked up in the Grapes beershop on Charter Street (now part of Dantzic Street, between Miller Street and Ashley Lane/Angel Street). 'Thieves and fellows without known means of livelihood' were also collected from the Dog & Duck and other Charter Street beerhouses. (There were seven or more licensed houses on this short street.)

More villains were found in beerhouses at the bottom of Long Millgate, in the

Crown & Cushion public house and in the Union Tavern and other beershops near Union Bridge (the bridge over the Irk from Roger Street to Gould Street). Added to the men rounded up in the Meadow were others arrested in Miller Street and Shudehill beershops and about fifty were eventually detained in police lock-ups.

The men were next taken to a committee room in the Town Hall and, with policemen guarding all the doors, they were lined up along the walls according to size. Shopkeepers and other interested parties were then invited to look them over and see if they could identify any of them.

A local newspaper commented, 'We never saw a set of men with such low foreheads, coarse animal features, and generally brutal appearance, - unredeemed for the most part, by any of that perverted intelligence and intellect, which make the sharp, shrewd, clever thief.'

The paper didn't record who was convicted of what, although Dick Swift, mine host at the Grapes, was carted off to be charged with offences relating to the conduct of his beerhouse.

The Grapes, the Dog and Duck and many others had closed by the end of the Victorian era, but several pubs survived into the 1920s and 30s. The Weavers Arms (now the Beer House) at the top of Angel Street, the Harp & Shamrock (Pot of Beer) on New Mount Street and the Crown & Cushion at the end of Long Millgate (now Corporation Street) were on the edges of the Meadow, so next time you take a stroll between these pubs, remember what the place used to be like, and spare a thought for Dick Swift and his friends with the low foreheads.



The way to the Meadow. Looking down Long Millgate (now Corporation Street), with the original Crown & Cushion at the end of the row on the corner

Beinlos in Bavaria

Paul Roberts

Breakfast Beer

The liquid bread has always been popular in Bavaria. In the rural Bavarian hotels, breakfast waitresses usually ask visitors, 'Möchten Sie Kaffee, Tee oder Weißbier?' Being a non-tea and non-coffee drinker, I always opt for the beer. A half-litre bottle of Weißbier is sometimes followed by seconds! In fact, I think Weißbier is the only way to wash down a Weißwurst, especially if you are suffering from the excesses of the previous evening.



Karlheinz Altvatre, a vintner from Bad Dürkheim, has invented beer marmalade with an alcohol content of around 3%. A special 'Kölsch' variety is to be developed for the Rheinland. It is said that it would take around sixty rounds of toast smeared with the stuff to get one totally intoxicated.

Tin deposits

In the ongoing fight against canned beer, the Bonn government is demanding that all states impose a deposit on beer cans to discourage the litter which they create. The deposit would add about 25% to the cost and it is hoped that this will halt the trend away from bottled beer. Canned beer now accounts for almost 20% of supermarket beer sales, and bottled beer the other 80%. Bottled beer is infinitely superior to the canned version, being unpasteurized.

Lion Tamed

The 'largest pub in the world', the Mathäser Bierstadt in Munich, is to close this month. Löwenbräu are selling the site to be developed as a 3,500 seater cinema complex with bistros, bars and restaurants.

The Mathäser has a place in world history. In the mid 1930s, a slightly built Austrian with half a moustache (and, according to legend, half of something else) met there with several of his friends to discuss plans to visit neighbouring lands. These meetings became larger and soon Herr Schickelgrüber had quite a following - I suppose you've heard the rest!

The Mathäser was destroyed by Allied bombing raids in the war and it reopened in the late 1950s, although the present frontage is more modern than that. The place really is an institution - it has been unkindly remarked that most of the clientele are from an institution - and is well known to millions of regular visitors to Munich. If there ever was a cause for pub preservation and the listing of buildings, this is definitely one to save. When the Mathäser closes we will be losing a 'no frills', basic local - and where on earth will the several hundred alcoholics who are always in there go now?

Closed and boarded

The Albion (Tetley) on Manchester Road East, Little Hulton, was boarded up early in November. It could be only temporary as the Albion has been a fairly busy pub.

Robbies

There has been a change of policy at Robinsons Brewery towards the company's tied estate and in future, when a tenant leaves he will be replaced by a manager. This may have implications for brewery-inspired redevelopment of pubs and is something to watch.

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For Life and Overseas rates contact CAMRA HQ (01727 867201)

Send your remittance (payable to CAMRA Ltd) with this application form (or a photocopy) to:

The Membership Secretary,
CAMRA Ltd, 230 Hatfield Road
St Albans, Herts AL1 4LW



Branch Diary

Rochdale, Oldham & Bury

Tues 3 Dec 8.30pm. Branch Meeting, Mare & Foal, Ashton Road West, Failsworth

Tues 10 Dec 8.30pm, Xmas Social, Hogshead, Union Street, Oldham. All members welcome

Tues 17 Dec 8.30pm, Committee Meeting, Dog & Partridge, Middleton Road, Royton

Fri 27th Dec. Drown the turkey visit to Manchester. 8pm Marble Arch, 8.45 Pot of Beer, 9.30 Beer House, 10.00 Smithfield

Mon 30 Dec 8.30pm. What's Doing collation, Flying Horse, Town Hall Square, Rochdale

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

Trafford & Hulme

Thur 28 Nov, Chorlton Social: 8pm Bar, 9.30 Spread Eagle, both Wilbraham Road. 10pm and finish at Beech, Beech Road

Thur 5 Dec: 8pm Railway, Flixton, followed by Church, Roebuck, Lord Nelson and Manor Hey

Thur 12 Dec 8pm Hope (St Georges), followed by Dukes 92, Oxnohle, White Lion and Crown

Thur 19 Dec, Branch Curry. Meet 8pm, The Albert, Walmer Street, Rusholme

Thur 2 Jan 8pm, Tatton, Tipping Street, Altrincham, followed by Bakers, Park, Faulkners and Orange Tree

Contact: Roger Wood 0161 747 3987

North Manchester

Wed 4 Dec, Newton Heath crawl:

7pm Copenhagen, Oldham Road;

8.30 Railway, Dean Lane, 9.00

onwards Robin Hood, Droylsden Road

Wed 11 Dec 8pm, Committee/Social, Queens Arms, Patricroft

Wed 18 Dec 8pm, Branch Meeting, White Swan, Worsley Road, Swinton

Fri 27 Dec, WD collation, Queens Arms, Red Bank, 2.00pm

Sat 28 Dec: Curry Crawl

Contact: Roger Hall 0161 740 7937

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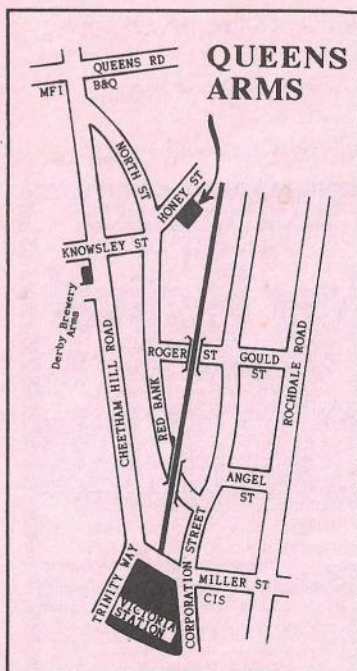


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