

# WHAT'S DOING

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THE MANCHESTER BEER DRINKER'S NEWSLETTER

# MORE REAL ALE IN MANCHESTER - and more to come!

Nicklebys in Dale Street is Wilsons latest real ale pub in central Manchester. Formerly the Haunch of Venison, the pub has been renovated and furnished with a new set of handpumps. Thirty years ago it was one of the few houses owned by Daniel Clifton & Co., one of Manchester's many family brewing businesses. (see inside)

Work is starting on converting five more Wilsons pubs back to real ale. These



Firbank, Wythenshawe
Jolly Sailor, Davenport
Rising Sun, Queen Street,
Manchester
Angel, Salford
Brocklehurst Arms, Macclesfield

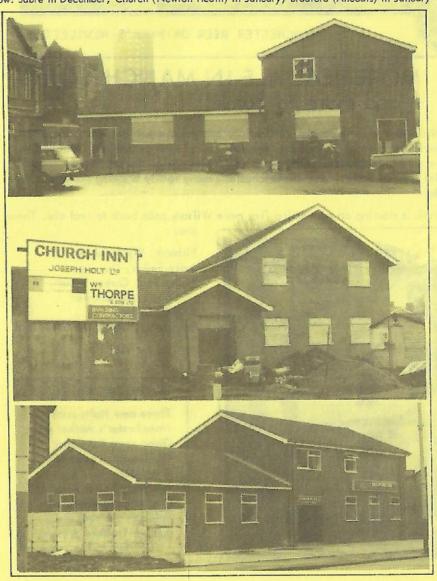
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# THREE NEW PUBS FOR HOLTS

Of the three new Holts pubs – the Sabre, the Church and the Bradford Inn – shown below in the course of their construction, the Sabre and the Bradford are now open. The Sabre, in Salford's new Ordsall development, is named after a Manchester Ship Canal Company tug (Mr Peter Kershaw of Holts brewery is on the MSCCo board) and pictures of the tug adorn the pub's walls. The landlord is Doug Davidson and this is his first pub. Previously he was cellarman at the Broadway.

Below: Sabre in December, Church (Newton Heath) in January, Bradford (Ancoats) in January



# MARKET PUBS

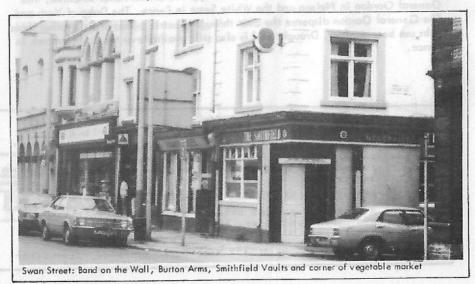
Those of us who remember the old Smithfield Market in Manchester will also remember the wealth of character which the area possessed and which was reflected in the neighbouring pubs. The pubs have certainly suffered since the market moved to Openshaw. The quaint licensing hours disappeared, many of the local personalities were no longer to be seen and the pubs were frequently deserted.

However the building of houses on the site of the old market seems to have given several of the pubs a new lease of life. Admittedly the George and Dragon in Swan Street, which was closed for a long time, has been lost to the world of traditional pubs, resembling as it does a sort of licensed discotheque. The Burton Arms has been redecorated, though, and the handpumps in the Smithfield Vaults have been repared so that the pub now serves cask conditioned beer for the first time in years. Down on Shudehill the Hare and Hounds has had handpumps installed (Tetleys took them out about 5 years ago).

Whilst things are improving in Central Manchester, the position in Openshaw is less encouraging. As with thenew Covent Garden in London, the new Wholesale Market on Ashton Old Road was designed as a model of efficiency. As is so often the case efficiency and personality are uneasy bedfellows and seemingly incompatible. It was perhaps the overcrowding and the cheek by jowl existence of the old market which helped to create its character. Conversely the spaciousness and clinical efficiency of the new market prevents it acquiring the same complexity of character which singled out its predecessor.

The area immediately surrounding the new market is not well endowed with pubs and consequently the City of Manchester has made available a site for a public house adjoining the market on the corner of Bessemer Street. So far, there have been no takers from the local or national brewers.

The site is ideal for a pub. There would be a good lunchtime trade from the market



and a steady evening trade from local housing developments. The site offers a unique opportunity to build a new pub which could accomodate the needs of the new market and help to create a personality for the locality. Perhaps Camra Investments might be interested in building and running a pub where there is a real need and where a genuine clientele would create a proper pub rather than a trendy showpiece. Failing this, we ought to be able to persuade one local brewer to build on the site the kind of new pub which we would like to see.

Roger Hall

# BASS TAKES THE PRESSURE OFF

The Wellington in the Shambles, which served beers under pressure when it first re-opened, now serves these beers without any top-pressure at all according to Bass Charrington. The Cross Keys in Eccles, which also used CO2 to prime the pumps, now serves its beer free from pressure. This is an encouraging move from the brewers who have until now taken an uncompromising line on CO2 pressure on their cask conditioned beer.

DUREOF YORK 129 COCNERO 39 Trafalgar SV

# BASS IN BURNLEY

Draught Bass has been introduced to five tenanted houses in the Burnley area – The Duke of York and the Waterloo in Burnley, The Crown Hotel in Colne, The General Gordon in Nelson and the White Swan in Fence. The Duke of York and The General Gordon dispense the beer through electric pumps and the other three pubs use beer engines. Draught Bass is also still available at the Sparrowhawk in Fence.



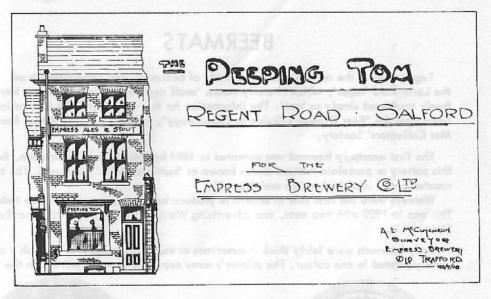
REAL ALE IN MANCHESTER CENTRAL..... 20p + s.a.e.

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



Available from Roger Hall, 123 Hill Lane, Blackley, Manchester



One of the smallest pubs in Salford closed recently. The Peeping Tom, on the north side of Regent Road, will be demolished along with much of its neighbourhood to make room for the road to be widened. The pub was built in the middle of the last century when the Cross Lane/Trafford Road part of Salford was developed.

The Peeping Tom will be remembered for its fine tiled front, which was added seventy years ago by the Empress Brewery Company of Old Trafford. It later became a Walkers, then a Tetleys pub and its passing leaves only five Tetleý pubs selling real ale in the city: the Albion, the Flying Horse, the Hyde Park Corner, the Prince of Wales and the Punch Bowl,

The drawing of the Peeping Tom is taken from plans submitted to the Salford Building Committee by the Empress Brewery in 1908.

## THE BOROUGH

The Borough, the Salford pub acquired by Burtonwood from Whitbread last year, is to open later this month after extensive alterations. The handpumps are to stay.

## WANTED

#### INFORMATION WANTED

Tony Flynn, 18 Gilda Crescent Road, Eccles, 736 1575 (work), would like to hear from anyone with recollections of old Salford and Manchester pubs and breweries. Photographs can be copied, and any information used in articles in What's Doing will be credited.

#### LABELS WANTED

Keith Osborne, 211 Pinewood Park, Cove, Farnborough, Hants. GU14 9LQ, would like to hear from anyone possessing old beer labels from local breweries.

## BEERMATS

Tegestology is the name given to the study of beermats. The name comes from the Latin word 'teges', which literally means 'small rug', but which collectors have freely translated simply as 'mat'. The information for this article and the illustrations come from the "Beer Drinker's Guide to Tegestology", published by the British Beer Mat Collectors' Society.

The first woodpulp beermat was patented in 1892 by Robert Sputh of Dresden. Before this pottery or porcelain tankard stands known as 'bottle coasters' were used. The term coaster is still used in America and Australia.

Watneys were the first firm in Britain to produce beermats as we know them today. This was in 1920 with two mats, one advertising Watneys Pale Ale and the other Reid Stout.

Early beermats were fairly thick – sometimes as much as a quarter of an inch – and usually printed in one colour. The printer's name appeared in small writing on the



bottom of the mat - those with 'A Brown' are likely to have been issued before 1936. Those bearing 'Regicor' (Reginald Corfield) date from 1935-50, and 'Tresises' also appeared up to at least 1955. There are several beermat printers in existence now, but by far the largest is 'Quarmbys', whose name is found on most early Guinness mats.

Since 1939 most beermats have been printed on woodpulp about an eighth of an inch thick but the type of surface has changed. Mats with a pitted or stippled surface were probably issued before 1955 whilst those with a bleached surface have been issued only in the last few years.

For many the heyday of beermat production has passed. They are increasingly expensive to produce and, more significantly, there are now far fewer breweries to issue them.

The British Beermat Collectors' Society holds meetings in almost every part of the country. Membership is £3.00 and further details can be had from the Hon Sec, Brian Pipe, 28 Northumberland Road, Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 7RD.



# DANIEL CLIFTON & Co.

The cover of this month's issue shows the new-style Haunch of Venison on Dale Street, Manchester. Together with a handful of other pubs still standing, it was once the property of Daniel Clifton & Co. The company was formed in 1894 and operated from the Royal Oak Brewery, Cooper Street, Stockport. It was later owned privately by John Henry Davies, one of the directors of Walker & Homfrays Salford Brewery. By that time Cliftons were no longer brewing but still owned several pubs and forty or fifty off-licences.

Two of these pubs, Harry's Bar and the Haunch of Venison, were sold to Wilsons in 1951. Of the others, the Joiners Arms in Hulme went to the corporation under a CPO and was subsequently demolished. Four others were sold to Whitbread ten years later. These were the Old House at Home, Burton Road, The Swan, Everton Road, Ardwick, the Bulls Head on Hyde Road and one at Bollington near Macclesfield. The Swan and the Bulls Head were supplied by Duttons of Blackburn and it is probable that the others were too. Most of the off-licences were sold to tenants between 1973 and 1975.

The company was always a family concern and this is reflected in the way they treated their tenants - an annual dinner was held for them each year. Mr Davies himself was also a benefactor of Newton Heath football club. He gave them money towards the purchase of a football ground at Old Trafford. The club now goes by the name of Manchester United.



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An off-licence in Altrincham



# REAL ALE in TRAFFORD & HULME







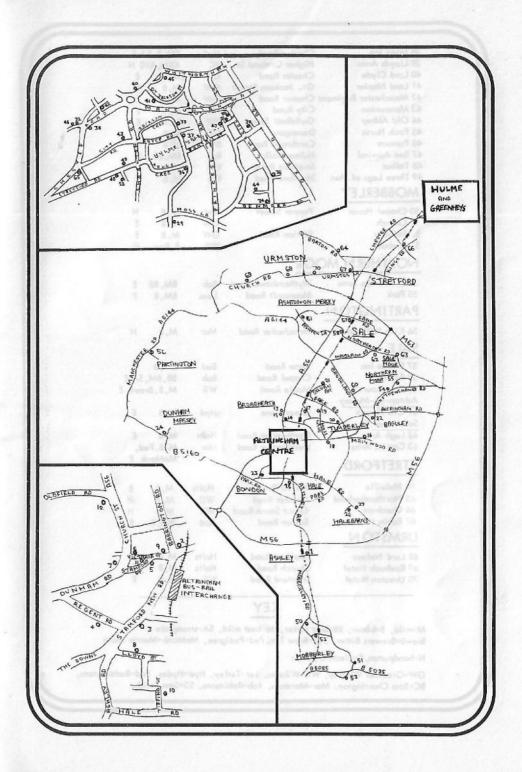








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4 Grapes	Regent Road	Bod	M,B	Н		
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7 Orange Tree	Old Market Place	Wil	M,B	Н		
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24 Rope and Anchor		Bod	BM, B	E		
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26 Bulls Head	Wicker Lane	Rob	BM, BB	E		
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33 Crown	Jackson Crescent	Wil	M, B	E		
34 Denmark Hotel	Lloyd Street North	Hyd	M, B	E		
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36 Grand Junction	Rolls Crescent	Hyd	BM, B	E		
37 Grants Arms	Royce Road	Bod	В	Н		



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5 Pack Horse	Deansgate	GW	M,B	E
6 Pomona	Cornbrook Road	Mar	M,B	н
7 Red Admiral	Hulme Walk	Rob	BM, BB	E
8 Talbot	Stretford Road	Wil	M,B	Н
9 Three Legs of Man	Stretford Road	Wil	M,B	H
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#### KEY

M=mild, B=bitter, BB=best bitter,BM=best mild, SA=strong ale BrewB=Brewers Bitter, B10=Brew Ten,Ped=Pedigree, MeMonk=Merrie Monk

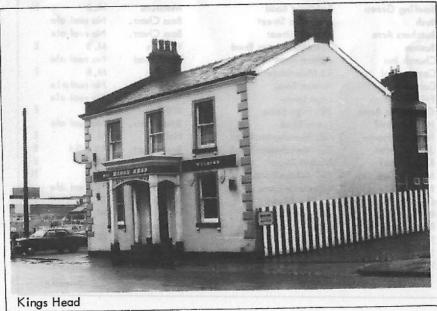
H=handpumps, E=electric pumps

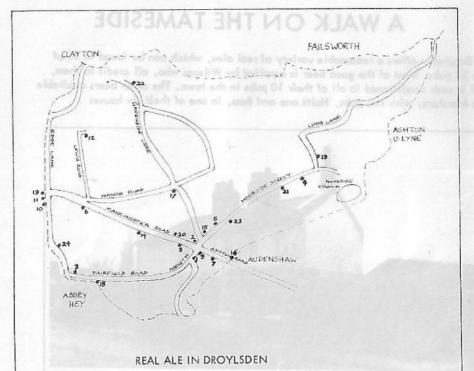
GW=Greenall Whitley, Wil=Wilsons, Tet=Tetley, Hyd=Hydes, Bod=Boddingtons, BC=Bass Charrington, Mar=Marstons, Rob=Robinsons, SS=Sam Smiths

# A WALK ON THE TAMESIDE

Droy!sden offers a reasonable variety of real ales, which can be found in 14 of the 24 pubs. Most of the good beer is supplied by Wilsons who, all credit to them, sell it cask conditioned in all of their 10 pubs in the town. The other beers available are Marstons, with two pubs, Holts one and Bass, in one of their six houses







1	Astley Arms	14 Ashton Hill Lane	Wilsons	M,B	E
2	Beehive	Market Street	Wilsons	M,B	E
3	Bowling Green	Fairfield Road	Marstons	M,B	Н
4	Bush	Moorside Street	Bass Charr.	No real ale	
5	Butchers Arms	Market Street	Bass Charr.	No real ale	
6	Buxton	339 Manchester Road	Wilsons	M,B	E
7	Church Inn	Ashton Road	Whitbread	No real ale	
8	Commercial	43 Manchester Road	Wilsons	M,B	E
9	Cotton Tree	Ashton Road	Bass Charr.	No real a le	
10		Edge Lane	Whitbread	No real ale	
11	Gardeners Arms	285 Edge Lane	Wilsons	M,B	E
12	Haddon Hall	Lewis Road	Bass Charr.	No real ale	
13		435 Manchester Road	Holts	M,B	E
14	Jolly Carter	231 Manchester Road	Bass Charr.	4X mild	E
	Kings Head	Market Street	Wilsons	M,B	E
	Moss Tavern	101 Ashton Road	Wilsons	M,B	Н
	New Inn	Greenside Lane	Bass Charr.	No real ale	
18	Old House at Home		Wilsons	M,B	E
19		326 Lumb Lane	Wilsons	M,B	E
20		Manchester Road	Whitbread	No real ale	
21	Strawberry Gardens	68 Moorside Street	Marstons	M, B	E
22	Sundial	Greenside Lane	Wilsons	M, B	E
	White Hart	Market Street	Whitbread	No real ale	
	Yew Tree	Edge Lane	Whitbread	No real ale	

Kings Head

The MOSS TAVERN is a typical Wilsons pub of Droylsden, pleasant and comfortable with two rooms. The handpumps are still used in here. On similar lines are the BEEHIVE, GARDENERS ARMS, ASTLEY ARMS, RAILWAY, OLD HOUSE AT HOME, COMMERCIAL, BUXTON and the KINGS HEAD. The other Wilsons pub is the SUNDIAL, which was built in the 1930s, and has a very attractive wood interior in



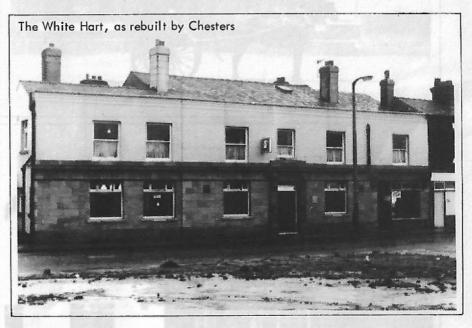


spacious surroundings. The BOWLING GREEN (which unfortunately does not live up to its name) still serves Marstons through beer engines. The other Marstons pub, the STRAWBERRY GARDENS, has quite an interesting past. Although rebuilt in 1916, the original building dates back to the 1400s. In the late 19th century people paid 2d to enter the strawberry gardens at the back of the pub. Some regulars in the pub still remember those days.

The BUTCHERS ARMS, HADDON HALL, NEW INN and the BUSH all unfortunately sell Bass Charrington's pressurised beers. The COTTON TREE may appeal to Guinness drinkers with a passion for table football; 4X mild does bring a little relief however at the JOLLY CARTER, a pub which will appeal to those who keep fish.

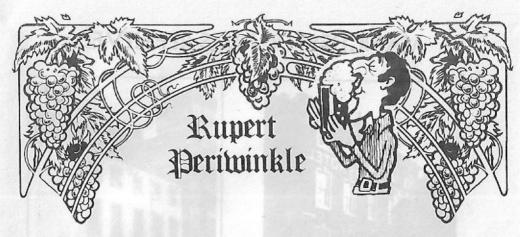
Former Chesters pubs are the CHURCH INN, ROYAL OAK, FRIENDSHIP and YEW TREE, the last which still retains its handpumps, though not in use. About the only thing Whitbread can boast is that the WHITE HART is the oldest pub in the town, first opening as an inn in 1781, although the front of the pub has been completely modernised.

Holts provide what is arguably the best pint in Droylsden – at the HALFWAY HOUSE, known to some as the 'Pratty Wench'. It's a large, homely pub, with the coal fire and revolving door contributing to its generally pleasant atmosphere.



Suggested crawl: Jolly Carter (Bass), Buxton (Wilsons), Halfway House (Holts), Gardeners Arms (Wilsons), Bowling Green (Marstons), and, (although 300 yards away in Openshaw,) the Concert Inn (Boddingtons), still on Fairfield Road.

Graham Tonge



Things are certainly coming to a pretty pass. Last week I was dragged into a secury back room in the Vapid Toad by Ag, Tish and Fiona. I was feeling more than a little despondent, having just learned that my entry for the Goosegreese and Dishwater Paint a Pub Sign competition had not even been commended. In all modesty I consider my imaginitive rendering of the Cock and Pullet to be a masterstroke, but whilst conceding the painting's ingenuity the judges in their wisdom considered it to be unsuitable for public display.

Ignoring my self-piteous grumblings, my three companions after a few minutes of intense discussion, announced that they had formed the Provisional Wing (Grotley Battalicn) of the Campaign for Real Ale. Personally I've always had a great deal of respect for the administrative system of the Campaign, In particular I've always had a tremendous personal admiration for Martin Boreman. Fiona, however, seems to have got the idea into her head that Camra should be doing fairly useless things like organising a full-scale beer exhibition in Central Manchester, opposing compulsory purchase orders on threatened pubs, surveying pubs and publishing a comprehensive guide to the real ale pubs of the county. Martin Boreman, of course, takes a more sensible, sedentary view of things, preferring to further the aims of the Campaign by visiting the Fatted Pseud and the Poseurs Rest in Snobley and chatting amiably to like minded p ersons about issues of moment. It was entirely because of this difference of opinion that Boreman agreed to organise a meeting in Central Manchester between all the local branches. Quite understandably, our dynamic leader forgot to tell half the branches that there was a meeting and the other half that he and the Snoot Magna contingent wouldn't be coming.

Any reasonable person would have shown forbearance, perhaps ascribing the non-appearance to a cataleptic paroxysm, but Fiona's chagrin was total. In an unprecedented histrionic outburst, she gave voice to her innermost feelings – "What on earth's the point of having umpteen branches in the area and achieving very little? We aught to be combining our activities and making everyone in Greater Manchester aware of Camra and its objectives. If the hierarchy can't achieve this we'll have to secede and the way it's going it'll be sooner rather than later. I'm sure Max Wall and Jimmy Slyme can't be too happy about what's happening. What an expletiving berk!" I could hardly agree with such subversive heresy but that speech heralded the birth of Provisional Camra here in Greater Manchester.

# MANCHESTER ARMS REPRIEVED





Then...

...and now

The Manchester Arms, one of the city's oldest pubs, is safe, at least for the time being. The City Planning Committee has told Greater Manchester Transport, the leaseholders, that they must not demolish the building, despite its derelict state.

The pub stands on Long Millgate opposite Victoria Station and dates from the early eighteenth century. It was once the home of the Howarth family whose name is commemorated by Howarths Gates, which was a narrow passage running along the side of the pub to Corporation Street. Just after 1786 when Joseph Howarth died, the building was converted to a pub. Long Millgate was one of the first thoroughfares of Manchester, leading to Scotland Bridge across the Irk and the road to the north. In 1788 a coach service ran from the pub to Bury on three days a week.

Greater Manchester Transport bought the property with the intention of demolishing it for the proposed Pic-Vic rail tunnel scheme. When this fell through, GMT sought permission to demolish it anyway because of the building's 'worsening condition' (sic). It will now cost at least £100,000 to repair the building.

# CAMRA BRANCH DIARY

#### TRAFFORD & HULME

Branch Meeting: Thu 16 Feb. 8.00 Malt Shovels, Stamford St, Altrincham Social: Thu Feb 23 Railway, Broadheath

Brewers Bitter Appreciation Night, Thu Mar 2. Old Roebuck, Altrincham
Pub Crawl: Sat Mar 4 Hulme, 7.30 Pack Horse (by Deansgate Stn) 8.30 Grants Arms,
Royce Road. 263 bus.

Pub Crawl: Sat Mar 11, Altrincham, 7.30 Malt Shovels, 8.30 Orange Tree. (This crawl coincides with the North West mini-Conference at the Malt Shovels, an opportunity to meet members from other branches and representatives from the NE) Branch Meeting: Thu Mar 16 Legh Arms, Sale Moor. 8.00.

Contact: Mick Rottenbury 969 7013 (home)

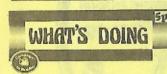
#### NORTH MANCHESTER

Branch Meeting: Wed 15 Feb 8.00 Three Legs of Man, Greengate, Salford
Pub Crawl: Wed 1 Mar, Ancoats. Fire Brigade, Pollard St 7.00, Jolly Angler, Ducie
St 8.30.

Social: Greater Manchester Inter Branch Social at the Railway, Twist Lane, Leigh. Wed Mar 8. Food, entertainment.

Branch Meeting: Wed Mar 15. Kings Arms, Oldfield Road, Salford. 8.00

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#### 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.

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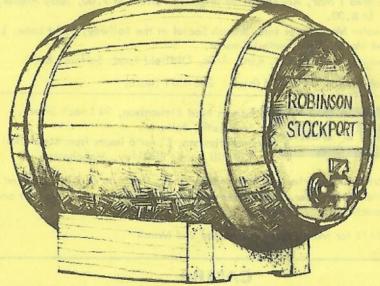
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