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WHAT'S DOING

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The Thirteenth Volunteer Mounted Cheshire Rifleman in Stalybridge. The longest pub name in the country?

INSIDE THIS ISSUE: Who loves ya, Boddingtons? Whitbread calls it off, Greenalls tries it on, Holts lets it go. Real ale in Stalybridge; Manchester's oldest pubs; rebellion in Oldham; the Moss Side Brewery; a beer guide to Malta. Plus all the usual features and latest pub news. Special Supplement: Real Ale in High Peak & NE Cheshire.



BODDINGTONS AND CAMRA

Two newspaper articles recently have tried to make some mileage out of the difference between Boddingtons and the North Mancher branch of Camra. The Morning Advertiser picked up Grahame Tong's article in June's What's Doing and confronted Boddingtons with it. In a poorly written article in the New Manchester Review Andrew Caesar quoted extensively and out of context from a telephone conversation with Roger Hall using journalistic clichés in gay abandon as he attempted simultaneous self-aggrandisement and the creation of a major controversy.

There is, however, nothing new in the opposition of this branch to some of Boddingtons' plans. We have criticised their pub conversions for some considerable time and have also voiced concern about the quality of the beer from time to time. This is not to say that the branch is totally opposed to the brewery. Two or three years ago Boddingtons was probably the best and certainly the most consistent beer available in Manchester. The beer was strong and cheap and offered very good value for money. The licensees kept good pubs and were trained to a very high standard.

It was the very popularity of the beer which brought about changes at the brewery and gave us cause for concern. The strength of a small regional brewery lies in the quality of the beer and in the brewery's relationships with its customers, tenants and managers and its employees. It is not, of course, unnatural for an organisation to want to expand. Expansion brings about changes not only in the scale of an operation but also in its fundamental nature. A rapid growth such as Boddingtons has undergone will inevitably mean a bigger turnover in the pubs, a change in the style of the pubs and an increase in the number and type of outlets. It may also mean changes in the training of staff, and relationships with employees. Expansion of output may necessitate major alterations in production technology and in distribution, marketing and advertising. Large organisations differ from small ones not only in size but more importantly in kind.

We've seen one or two brewers who emphasise 'tradition' do things which are far from traditional for reasons of expediency. Sam Smiths, who are Yorkshire's Oldest Brewery, have withdrawn their cask mild and Greenalls, who place great store by wooden barrels and 'local beer', seem intent on supplying tank beer wherever possible.

We have not been conducting a vendetta against Boddingtons. We are concerned that the brewery maintains its excellent reputation in the future. Of course the brewery must expand but surely this can be done gradually without sacrificing the quality of the beer, the well-trained and experienced staff, the good industrial relations and the excellence of their pubs. We recognise that Boddingtons is one of the best brewers in the country - they still brew only cask conditioned beer, most of their pubs still maintain a traditional atmosphere and their beer is usually well kept. Let us hope that Boddingtons recognise their strength and don't dismiss criticism as the biased carplings of a minority. It was after all a minority, albeit a vociferous one, which transformed the demand for real ale five years ago.



NASTY GOINGS-ON AT GREENALLS

Despite assurances from Greenalls that they are not committed as a matter of policy to converting pubs to bright or keg beer, it is apparent that cask beer is being replaced at a rapid rate. During the last three months the Albert in Hulme, the Prince Saxe-Coburg in Atherton and three pubs in Salford - the Church, the Black Horse and the Greyhound have stopped selling real ale. With the exception of the Black Horse these are not pubs which are big enough to benefit from tank beer. Why is it, at a time when Wilsons, Tetleys, Whitbreads, Scottish and Newcastle and Bass Charrington are all expanding their traditional beer outlets, that Greenalls are moving in the opposite direction?

Perhaps it is because of some misguided conception about the increase in sales which a move to bright beer brings. At five past ten on Monday 19th June we were checking out the Greyhound in Ordsall, a National Good Beer Guide pub, and were told by the licensee that his takings had gone up by £200 a week since he switched from casks to kegs. At the time there were four people in the pub. Why? Every other Greenalls pub we had visited that evening which sold cask beer had had many more customers including the Smithfield, the Jersey Lily, the Palatine, the Station and the Borough. Nor can it be reasonably claimed that the Greyhound is badly located. The Palatine is in an equally unpopulated area. All the other pubs in and around Ordsall Lane - the Ordsall, the Chequerboard, the Derby (Wilson's), the Bricklayers (Holts), the Welcome(Lees) and the Albion (Tetleys) - seem to be much busier than the Greyhound. Again we ask - why?

As Greenalls have no discernable policy on cask beer it is unlikely that any of their pubs will be included in future National Guides. There is always the danger that real ale will be taken out at the drop of a hat and replaced with keg or tank beer. Instead of trying to get into the big time by acquiring other breweries, it would be more useful if they were to concentrate on supplying consistent cask beer in all their pubs in this area, a policy which has brought results to other local brewers like Boddingtons, Holts, Hydes and Lees.

Roger Hall

WHITBREAD
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YES - IT'S NO

It now seems extremely unlikely that real ale will again be brewed at Whitbread's Salford brewery. The company apparently considered the test brew of 50 barrels or so a failure. If real Whitbread is made available in this area at all, it will come from Liverpool.

Wilson's are building two pubs in Liverpool - one of which will serve cask beer.

Barrfield Club, Pendleton, is now serving Tetleys beer via beer engines.

WHAT'S DOING IN TRAFFORD & HULME



This month sees our first branch meeting in Hulme, at Clynes Wine Bar on Cavendish Street (see Branch Diary). Comments have ranged from 'About time too' to 'Good God, what on earth for?' I am in sympathy with the former response. After all, with one CAMRA member in the whole of this planners' paradise and its population of 17½ alcoholics per square foot there must be a great untapped source of would-be militant CAMRAphiles burning with pent up energy to unleash against unsuspecting tankers, keg plant, CO2 factories and lager drinkers. Actually we even mislaid the one member we did have in Hulme. If you're out there somewhere, please phone Mum, she misses

the sound of rolling milk bottles when you come home each night. And in reply to the second response, well, because it's there! To its credit, Hulme has a good number of unspoiled pubs, not quite the places you might take the in-laws from Bowdon, but good, lively locals where you can spill your beer without spoiling the Axminster.

One particularly good pub has recently taken on a new lease of life. The Albert, Erskine Street, Hulme, (just off Stretford Road behind the Talbot) now has a new landlord and is fully operational. It used to open only when there was a full moon and the wind was blowing from the north. Consequently custom was not exactly regular, trade was low and the darts team who were never very good at geography always used to get it all wrong, find themselves locked out, and have to move across the road to the Three Legs of Man. At the moment only the bitter is 'real' but we hope the landlord might change from keg to cask mild in the near future. On recent visits the beer was in good nick and the atmosphere friendly. Apart from the bar itself there are two smaller rooms to choose from and I reckon it's well worth a visit.

New landlords have meant changes at two pubs in the Altrincham area. One is the only 'real' Greenalls pub in Trafford selling cask conditioned mild and bitter, the Park Hotel on Lloyd Street. This has changed from a tenancy to a managed house and the interior is likely to be extensively altered, but there are no plans to replace the cask beer with cellar tanks, though if the pub becomes very popular with a much larger turnover tanked beer would become a distinct possibility. At present trade has certainly increased on Thursday nights when live groups have been introduced. What next, Fred? Strippers on Sunday?

The most recent change takes place after the time of writing with the departure of Pat Muir from the Victoria Tavern, Stamford Street, after a long struggle to earn a crust. The new landlord should be installed by the time you read this and we wish him well. I anticipate there will be some improvements to the physical comforts of the place and let's hope the cask mild will remain, perhaps even to be joined by other

cask beers? Further report next month!

The first success since this branch was formed will be the changeover from tanks to casks in the Waggon and Horses, Cross Street, Sale. It will definitely be on hogsheads and new beer engines are to be installed, but early September is the likely completion date, not July as mentioned in last month's What's Doing. The pub is also to have a new signboard, a replica of the original one which can be seen in a news cutting framed on a pillar near the bar.

IN BRIEF

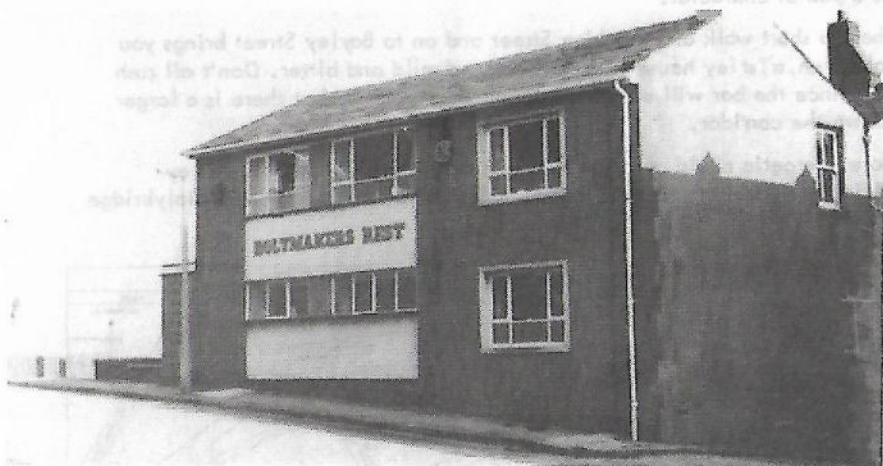
Apologies to the architect responsible for the Railway's alterations in Sale for not writing in greater detail about them. I know Robbies forked out enough money to buy Scotland a new football team and you lost so much sleep you had to go to Malta to recover, but I'd rather people went to see it for themselves and formed their own opinions!

Congratulations to Bryn in The Orange Tree, Altrincham, for winning a holiday in Spain in a competition run by Wilsons concerning cellar hygiene, beer sales and consistency of beer. A deserved success.

Flanagans on Oxford Road has draught Bass and 4X mild served without pressure in the downstairs bar. If you are ever in the vicinity after 7.00pm, Thursdays to Saturdays, call in and have a chat with Jerry behind the bar. You'll find it difficult to leave. Also sign the petition to eliminate the pool table!

Finally our thanks go to Bob Haslam of 'Good Health', Moorfield Walk, Urmston, for a highly interesting talk on home brewing at our last meeting.

Mick Rottenbury



Greenalls are not alone in their persistence in converting real ale pubs to keg and tank beer. Oldham Brewery have been pursuing this policy for some time, despite mounting public opinion in favour of traditional ales.

One pub in Oldham which has resisted the changes is the Boltmakers Rest on Rock Street. In recent years landlord Vinny Hulley has fought off the brewery's advances several times, and, according to Our Man in Oldham, sells one of the best pints of traditional Oldham ale in the town.

PEAK CONDITION - STALYBRIDGE

Stalybridge offers a fine choice of traditionally brewed and dispensed beer with Robinsons, Wilsons, Marstons, Burtonwood, Boddingtons and Tetleys all available on handpumps. The town is well served by public transport from Manchester and the surrounding towns of Hyde, Stockport, Ashton and Oldham.

Here's a sample itinerary of seven pubs, which should not be too arduous for people who care what they drink. For those on foot, take the number 389 bus, from the town centre, to Ridge Hill Lane and the Fox Tavern. This is a national Good Beer Guide pub serving Marstons mild and bitter through handpump.

A short walk down Ridge Hill Lane on to Stamford Street brings you to the Stamford Park Inn, another Marstons house. On leaving here cross the road and walk down to the Stamford Arms. This is a Burtonwood pub, with bitter and both the light and dark milds, all on handpump.

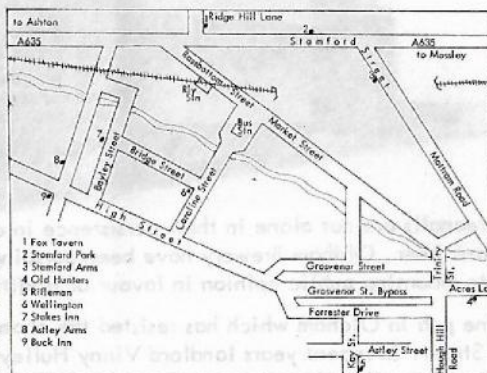
The next suggested stopping place is the Old Hunters Tavern on Acres Lane. This pub serves Robinsons mild and bitter, handpumped of course. It is a fine pub, with oak panelling and a roaring fire in winter and well burnished bar and handpumps.

Walk on from here to a Wilsons pub, reputed to have the longest pub name in the country: The Thirteenth Mounted Volunteer Cheshire Rifleman. It is hard to find, but worth the effort for the handpumped bitter and mild. The pub also has two taprooms, one for darts and the other for cards and dominoes.

Boddingtons fans do not despair, for the next house, the Wellington, is well-liked for its handpumped bitter and mild, and is a regular haunt for Camra members. It is a pub of character.

From here a short walk along Bridge Street and on to Bayley Street brings you to the Stakes Inn, a Tetley house with handpumped mild and bitter. Don't all rush in at once, since the bar will only hold about six at a time, but there is a larger taproom down the corridor.

The more energetic could carry on to the Buck (Robinsons) and the Astley Arms (Boddingtons), but the truth is that it is impossible to do justice to Stalybridge in one evening.



WHAT'S DOING IN SOUTH MANCHESTER

June turned out to be a fairly active month, by South Manchester standards anyway. The month kicked off with the Ulverston/Lancaster coach trip. Although the trip was run 'through public demand' a mere 14 people turned up. Some of the beer sampled was rather disappointing, and we were told by the local branch in Ulverston that this was due to the poor conditions of cellars in some Hartleys pubs, which affected the beer during warm weather. This was proved when we sampled the best Hartleys of the day in a Whitbread house which had cellar cooling. We spent the evening session in Lancaster and decided after sampling Mitchells in various pubs that they must have a similar problem to Hartleys. The quality and consistency of the Yates and Jackson certainly saved the day.

My thanks to Mr Neil Hyde of Hydes Brewery for an interesting talk at the branch meeting - and for standing the free round of drinks! The motion that Mr Hyde should speak at every meeting was passed unanimously.

A small but dedicated party turned out for the Gorton pub crawl to sample some excellent quality ales from Wilsons, Tetleys, Hydes and Boddies.

The highlight of the month was a meeting at the Whitworth Hotel in Rusholme. The landlord, Mr Murray, is also chairman of the Manchester & Salford LVA and he kindly sat with us and gave a short talk on one aspect of the trade with which we are not too familiar - the licensing laws and authorities. The evening included a trip round the cellars and a demonstration of his unusual method of barrel tilting.

July looks like being a bit quieter, but with the 1979 Good Beer Guide pubs to survey, I may just snatch the odd half. - Cheers.

Barry Pryme



After a lapse of a year or so, the Diamond XX on Liverpool Road, Patricroft, is selling real ale again. The pub, above, has just undergone the now-familiar Wilsons facelift.



Once again the time has come for us to select suitable hostelrys for inclusion in the National Beer Guide. It's a bit early this year, perhaps because the talented editor, Boris Pratt, is following in the footsteps of his predecessor, Grotty Hardman, and adding tomes of monumental wisdom to the library of literature on real ale. I had mistakenly assumed that 'Pulling a Fast One' was a manual of self-abuse but it is in fact a cogently argued invective against the monopolistic big brewers. It is encouraging to see dedicated employees of the Campaign using information gained during their employment for the furtherance of our aims with little thought of personal gain.

Anyway, back to the beer guide. This year the noble Robin has decreed that we should start from scratch in Grotley and North Slumley. This would have the advantage of removing some of the appalling hovels of the spit and sawdust variety which people have seen fit to include in the past. At one fell swoop we'll be able to eliminate the Gungesmealers Arms, the Dockers Wedge, The Rat and Handbag, The Mrs Hitler, The Donkeys Donger and the Flatulent Wombat and replace them with establishments more in keeping with the tastes of our members and readers.

Many of our members from Wealthshire have visited Grotley in good faith and lost the odd ear as a result of their ill-advised venturing into badly selected public houses. Not a pretty sight.

Some of the pubs which I put forward as suggestions for inclusion in the '79 guide are The Poseurs Rest, The Fatted Pseud, The Lord Cardboard, Hark to Plastic, The Pretender and the House that Boddies Wrecked. All of them are places where one can have a drink in peace without being mocked and taunted by ignorant peasants envious of one's bearing and attire, not to say one's accent and air of effortless superiority.

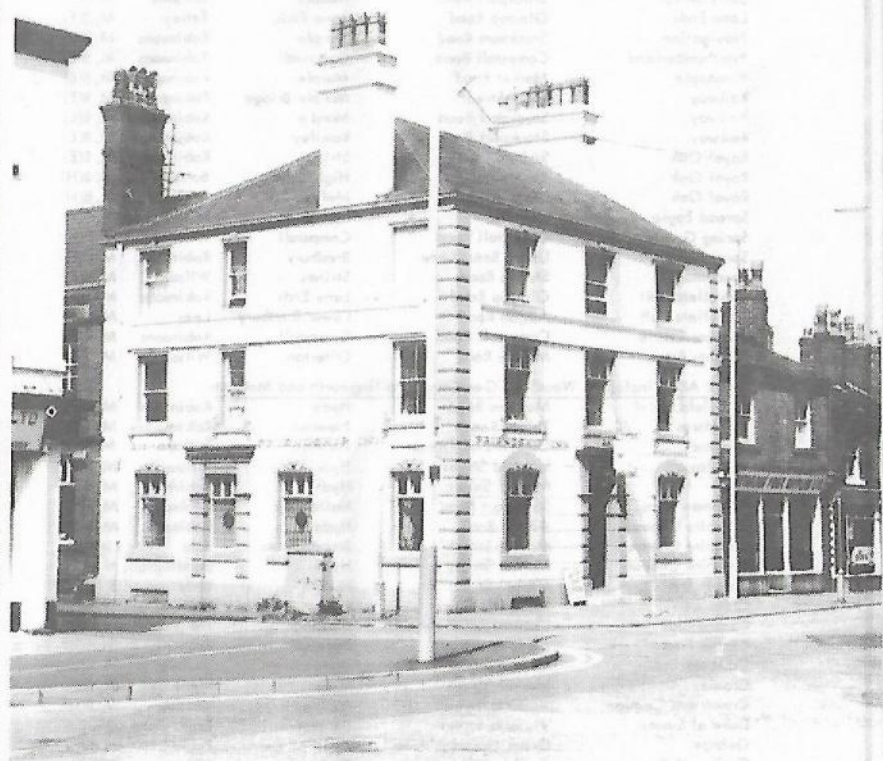
A little bird tells me that other branches may also be engaging in a total restructuring of entries. Such is the commitment to personal research of the Snoot Magna chairman that he has spent several lunchtimes in the Salisbury, no doubt to reinforce at first hand his distaste for bright Wilsons beer. It won't be too bad if they don't include hundreds of semi-derelict Drabs houses which Robin's likely to do in Slumley given half a chance.

STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER

Robin's parrot, Boddington, tells me that he may soon be moving perch to licensed premises. His obese master is, it seems, seeking a suitable public house to purchase or otherwise acquire. No doubt if this materialises we'll be able to sample Fullers ESB and other esoteric brews in the environs of Greater Grotley. Ironically, our adipose adept may be the only person to spend less time on licensed premises as a licensee than he did as a customer.



REAL ALE **in** **HIGH PEAK & N.E. CHESHIRE**



**INCLUDING MARPLE, HYDE, ASHTON, AUDENSHAW,
DUKINFIELD, STALYBRIDGE, MOSSLEY AND DENTON**

MARPLE AREA including High Lane, Romiley and Bredbury

Andrew Arms	George Street	Compstall	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Bowling Green	Stockport Road	Marple	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Bulls Head	Buxton Road	High Lane	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Bulls Head	Market Street	Marple	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Cow and Calf	School Brow	Romiley	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Crown	The Green	Hawk Green	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Crown	Stockport Road	Bredbury	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Devanshire	Longhurst Lane	Mellor	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Farresters Arms	Sandy Lane	Romiley	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Friendship Inn	Stockport Road	Romiley	Robinsons	M, B(E)
George	Compstall Road	Compstall	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Greyhound	Lower Bents Lane	Bredbury	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Hare and Hounds	Millbrow	Marple Bridge	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Hatters Arms	Church Lane	Marple	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Horseshoe	Buxton Road	High Lane	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Jolly Sailor	Stockport Road	Marple	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Lane Ends	Glossop Road	Lane Ends	Tetley	M, B(E)
Navigation	Stockport Road	Marple	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Northumberland	Compstall Road	Compstall	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Pineapple	Market Road	Marple	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Railway	Town Street	Marple Bridge	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Railway	Stockport Road	Marple	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Railway	Stockport Road	Romiley	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Royal Oak	Strines Road	Strines	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Royal Oak	Buxton Road	High Lane	Burtonwood	M, B(H)
Royal Oak	Langhurst Lane	Mellor	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Spread Eagle	Hatherlow	Romiley	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Spring Gardens	Compstall Road	Compstall	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Sportsmans	Upper Bents Lane	Bredbury	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Sportsmans	Strines Road	Strines	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Travellers Call	Glossop Road	Lane Ends	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Travellers Call	Ashton Road	Lower Bredbury	Lees	M, B(E)
Windsor Castle	Compstall Road	Compstall	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Wrights Arms	Marple Road	Offerton	Wilsons	M, B(E)

HYDE AREA including Woodley, Gee Cross, Hollingworth and Mottram

Bankfield Hotel	Mottram Road	Hyde	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Bay Horse	Talbot Road	Newton	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Beehive	Commercial Street	Newton	Tetleys	M, B(H)
Bricklayers	Reynold Street	Hyde	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Bush	Market Street	Hyde	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Chapman Arms	Stockport Road	Hattersley	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Cheshire Cheese	Ashton Road	Hyde	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Cheshire Cheese	Market Street	Broadbottom	Boss Toby Light	(E)
Cheshire Cheese	Market Street	Hyde	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Church Inn	Market Street	Hyde	Boddingtons	B(H)
Clarence	Talbot Road	Hyde	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Commercial	Commercial Brow	Newton	Marstons	M, B(E)
Cotton Tree	Markham Street	Newton	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Crescent	Market Street	Broadbottom	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Crown	Market Street	Hyde	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Crown and Cushion	Victoria Street	Newton	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Duke of Sussex	Victoria Street	Newton	Boss Toby Light	(H)
George	Great Norbury Street	Hyde	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Godley Hall	Godley Hill	Godley	Wilsons	B(H)/E
Grapes	Stockport Road	Gee Cross	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Hare and Hounds	Werneth Low	Gee Cross	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Junction	Mottram Road	Mottram	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Junction	Ashton Road	Newton	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Lord Clyde	Market Street	Broadbottom	Thwaites M, B, Lees B	(H)
Lowes Arms	Stockport Road	Woodley	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Moulders Arms	Mottram Road	Hyde	Tetley	M, B(E)
Navigation	Stockport Road	Woodley	Robinsons	M, B(E)
New Inn	Mottram Road	Hattersley	Robinsons	M, B(E)
New Inn	Market Street	Hollingworth	Tetley	M, B(H)
Organ	Market Street	Hollingworth	Robinsons	M, B(H)

Railway	Commercial Brow	Newton	Boddingtons M, B(H)
Rising Moon	Simpson Street	Hyde	Wilsons M, B(H)
Royal Albert	Matley Lane	Dukinfield	Robinsons M, B(E)
Shepherds Call	Hamnett Street	Hyde	Wilsons M, B(H/E)
Unity	Market Street	Hyde	Greenalls B(E)
Wagon and Horses	Craft Street	Hyde	Robinsons M, B(E)
Wagon and Horses	Mottram Gap	Mottram	Robinsons M, B(H)
Werneth	Broadbottom Road	Broadbottom	Robinsons M, B(E)
White Hart	Stockport Road	Gee Cross	Boddingtons M, B(E)
White Hart	Broadbottom Road	Mottram	Wilsons M, B(E)
White Gates	Old Road	Flowerly Field	Robinsons M, B(E)
	Manchester Road	Hyde	Boddingtons B; Thwaites BM; Pollards B; Theakstons B & OP; Marstons Ped (H)
White Lion	Market Place	Hyde	Robinsons M, B(E)

ASHTON

Albion	Penny Meadow	Ashton	Robinsons M, B(E)
Broad Oak Hotel	Broad Oak Road	Ashton	Robinsons M, B(E)
Burlington	Oldham Road	Ashton	Wilsons M, B(E)
Buck and Hawthorn	Katherine Street	Ashton	Robinsons M, B(E)
Caledonia	Warrington Street	Ashton	Robinsons M, B(E)
Cambridge Inn	Cambridge Street	Ashton	Bass M(E)
Cottage Tavern	Mossley Road	Ashton	Greenalls B(E)
Dog and Partridge	Brook Street	Ashton	Lees M, B(E)
Friendship Inn	Old Street	Ashton	Robinsons M, B(H)
Gatefield	Cavendish Street	Ashton	Marstons M, B(E)
Highland Laddie	Old Street	Ashton	Boddingtons B; Tetley B (H)
Hillgate	Pot Hill	Ashton	Wilsons M, B(E)
Junction Inn	Turner Lane	Ashton	Robinsons M, B(E)
King William IV	Stamford Street	Ashton	Tetleys M, B(E)
Lord Napier	Albion Street	Ashton	Tetleys M, B(H/E)
Lord Nelson	Nook Lane	Hurst Cross	Marstons M, B(H)
March Hare	Crowhill Road	Ashton	Robinsons M, B(E)
Miners Arms	Mossley Road	Ashton	Marstons M, B(E)
Miners Refuge	Kings Road	Hurst Cross	Marstons M, B(E)
Napoleon Inn	Batony Lane	Ashton	Marstons M, B(H)
New Inn	Mossley Road	Ashton	Wilsons M, B(E)
Odd Whim	Mossley Road	Ashton	Wilsons M, B(E)
Oddfellows Arms	Kenyon Street	Ashton	Wilsons M, B(H)
Oddfellows Arms	Kings Road	Ashton	Robinsons M, B(H/E)
Old Ball	Broad Oak Road	Ashton	Marstons M, B(H)
Pineapple	Stockport Road	Ashton	Bass M(E)
Pitt and Nelson	Old Street	Ashton	Tetley M, B(E)
Prince of Orange	Warrington Street	Ashton	Robinsons M, B(E)
Queen	Oldham Road	Ashton	Marstons M, B(E)
Railway Inn	Wellington Road	Ashton	Wilsons M, B(E)
Robin Hood	Oldham Road	Ashton	Bass M(E)
Star Inn	Oldham Road	Ashton	Bass M, B(H)
Sycamore	Stamford Street	Ashton	Robinsons M, B(E)
Tartine	Penny Meadow	Ashton	Wilsons M, B(H/E)
Wagon and Horses	Margaret Street	Ashton	Bass Toby Light (E)
Waterloo Tavern	Oldham Road	Bardsley	Oldham M, B(E)
Wellington	Oldham Road	Bardsley	Wilsons M, B(H)
Woodcock Inn	Newmarket Road	Ashton	Marstons M, B(E)

AUDENSHAW

Boundary	Audenshaw Road	Guide Bridge	Wilsons M, B(H)
Dog and Partridge	Ashton Road	Audenshaw	Robinsons M, B(H)
Old Packhorse	Guide Lane	Audenshaw	Robinsons M, B(H)
Old Soldier	Ashton Road	Audenshaw	Wilsons M, B(H)
Queens Arms	Guide Lane	Audenshaw	Greenalls B(E)
Snipe Inn	Gainsborough Road	Audenshaw	Robinsons M, B(E)
White House	Ashton Road	Audenshaw	Sam Smiths B(H)

DUKINFIELD

Albion	Oxford Road	Dukinfield	Robinsons M, B(E)
Astley Arms	Crescent Road	Dukinfield	Robinsons M, B(H/E)
Brunswick	Park Road	Dukinfield	Wilsons M, B(E)

Chapel House	Astley Street	Dukinfield	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Commercial	King Street	Dukinfield	Tetleys	M, B(E)
Forester	Fir Tree Lane	Dukinfield	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Gardeners Arms	Astley Street	Dukinfield	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Globe Inn	Globe Square, Globe Ln	Dukinfield	Pollards	M, B; Tetley B (H)
Lamb Inn	Crescent Road	Dukinfield	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
New Inn	Dewsnap Lane	Dukinfield	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Newboro Inn	Astley Street	Dukinfield	Hydes	M, B(E)
Snipe Inn	Birch Lane	Dukinfield	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Tame Valley Inn	Park Road	Dukinfield	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Victoria Inn	Victoria Road	Dukinfield	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Wheatshaf	Birch Lane	Dukinfield	Marstons	M, B(E)

STALYBRIDGE

Astley Arms	Tame Street	Stalybridge	Boddingtons	M, B(H)
Boars Head	Market Street	Stalybridge	Wilsons	M, B(E)
British Protection	Walmley Street	Stalybridge	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Buck Inn	High Street	Stalybridge	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Bulls Head	Knowl Street	Stalybridge	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Church Inn	Wakefield Road	Stalybridge	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Church Inn	Huddersfield Road	Stalybridge	Marstons	M, B(E)
Church Inn	Huddersfield Road	Millbrook	Boddingtons	M, B(H)
Commercial	Melbourne Street	Stalybridge	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Dog and Pheasant	Stamford Street	Stalybridge	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Fox Tavern	Ridge Hill Lane	Stalybridge	Marstons	M, B(H)
Freemasons Arms	High Street	Stalybridge	Bass	M(E)
Friendship	Melbourne Street	Stalybridge	Bass Toby Light	(H)
Grosvenor	Grosvenor Street	Stalybridge	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Hare and Hounds	Mottram Road	Stalybridge	Bass	M, B(E)
Hare and Hounds	Huddersfield Road	Stalybridge	Bass	M(E)
Laughing Cavalier	Water Street	Stalybridge	Boddingtons	B(E)
Listons Hotel	Cheetham Hill Road	Stalybridge	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Lodge	Cheetham Hill Road	Stalybridge	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Old Hunters Tavern	Acres Lane	Stalybridge	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Organ Inn	Acres Lane	Stalybridge	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Peacock	Ridge Hill Estate	Stalybridge	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Pineapple	Grosvenor Street Bypass	Stalybridge	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Pointsman	Whitelands Road	Stalybridge	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Reindeer	Huddersfield Road	Stalybridge	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Royal Oak	Huddersfield Road	Millbrook	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Stakes Inn	Bayley Street	Stalybridge	Tetley	M, B(H)
Stalybridge Station Buffet		Stalybridge	Robinsons	B(H)
Stamford Arms	Stamford Street	Stalybridge	Burtonwood	M, B(H)
Stamford Park Inn	Stamford Street	Stalybridge	Marstons	M, B(H)
Talbot Inn	Market Street	Stalybridge	Tetley	M, B(E)
Thirteenth Mounted	Cheshire Volunteer Rifleman	Astley Street	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Victoria Inn	High Street	Stalybridge	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Wellington Inn	Caroline Street	Stalybridge	Boddingtons	M, B(H)

MOSSLEY AREA

Britannia Hotel	Manchester Road	Mossley	Marstons	M, B(H)
Church Inn	Stockport Road	Mossley	Oldham	M, B(E)
Dysarts Arms	Huddersfield Road	Mossley	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Friendship	Manchester Road	Mossley	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Highland Laddie	Seel Street, Fox Platt	Mossley	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Junction	Mossley Road	Mossley	Robinsons	M, B(H)
New Bridge Inn	Micklehurst Road	Mossley	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Rising Sun	Stockport Road	Mossley	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Stamford Arms	Stamford Street	Mossley	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Tollemache Arms	Manchester Road	Mossley	Robinsons	M, B(H)

DENTON

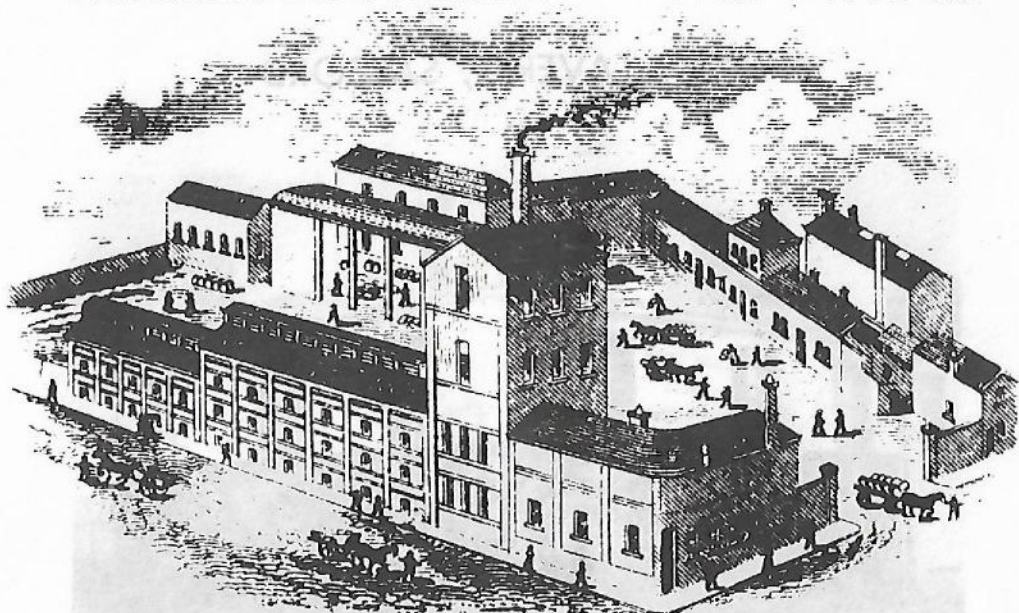
Coach and Horses	Manchester Road	Denton	Marstons	M, B(E)
Gardeners Arms	Stockport Road	Denton	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Jolly Hatters	Stockport Road	Denton	Bass	M, B(H)
Lowes Arms	Broomstair Hill	Denton	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Queens	Manchester Road	Denton	Burtonwood	M, B(E)
Red Lion	Manchester Road/Crown Point	Denton	Hydes	M, B(E)

UNION TAVERN, SALFORD



The Union Tavern on Liverpool Street is one of the few old Salford pubs to have escaped the attention of the city's planners, and according to Salford Corporation the building is safe for at least another ten years. The Union Tavern is owned by Holts, who are not the most enthusiastic brewery in Manchester when it comes to renovation and refurbishing their tied estate. (A good thing too, you may say, as you survey the latest Boddingtons 'improvements'.) The Union is badly in need of repairs. Damp has affected plaster and woodwork, but the brewery appear to show no interest. Landlord Larry Bradley has been in the pub for eleven years, and in this time he cannot recall Holts carrying out work in the pub. In fact he is still waiting for a pane of glass to be replaced which was broken in his first week of tenancy.

The Union Tavern is one of the oldest surviving buildings in the district. It was built about 1870 as a corner alehouse called the Royal Oak. In the 1920s it was enlarged, taking over the cottage next door. The name was probably changed at this time and the attractive tiled frontage added. When Larry Bradley moved in the pub was selling only two half-barrels of beer a week. Today he has built up a brisk trade and the quality of the beer has earned the pub a place in the Good Beer Guide. It would be a great loss if this historic building were allowed to deteriorate further through the neglect of the brewery.

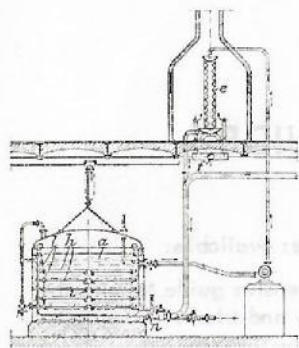


John Henry Lees had been brewing since 1889, first at the Wellington Brewery then at the Moss Side Brewery. In 1897 John Henry Lees Ltd was formed as a public company and a prosperous future seemed assured. Prosperity was not to last, however, and following the decision to wind-up, a Mr W Bolton was appointed as receiver and manager on 23rd January, 1913.

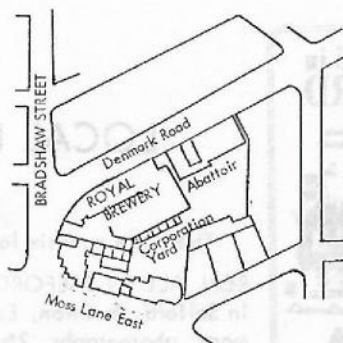
The following war years were to give the brewing industry many problems. 'The Spectator' was advocating total prohibition, the Chancellor of the Exchequer favoured nationalisation of the industry and Lloyd George was moved to say, 'Drink is doing us more damage than all the German submarines put together.' Not only were liquor duties heavily increased but raw material costs soared. In 1915 a Central Control Board was created to tackle the drink problem. They issued a compulsory dilution order to reduce beer gravity, imposed rigid licensing restrictions and, because of drunkenness amongst munitions workers, took over licensed houses in selected areas.

In view of these happenings it must have been difficult to find a buyer for the Moss Side Brewery. The receiver was at last successful and by 1915 a Mr E A Hamlyn had taken over brewing operations. Shortly afterwards, a private company was formed under the name Lees Moss Side Brewery Co Ltd.

Walker & Homfray's Ltd was a rapidly expanding brewery business in Salford. In September 1920 they formed the Palatine Bottling Co Ltd, described as bottlers of beer, hotel keepers and licensed victuallers. A number of Walker & Homfray licensed houses were later transferred to Palatine. It was Palatine who were to acquire the Moss Side Brewery and start the production of lager under the brand name 'Red Tower'. To achieve an authentic continental taste, a German brewer was imported to direct operations. The company had the dubious distinction of being one of the first to use pasteurisation of beer. They used the Nathan system, devised by Mr L Nathan who



THE NATHAN PASTEURISER



ROYAL BREWERY, MOSS SIDE. 1932

was a prolific inventor of brewing devices. Under the agreement they had exclusive rights to the system in an area of 100 miles radius from Manchester.

1933 saw the formation of the Red Tower Lager Brewery Ltd to take over lager brewing from Palatine. The Chairman of the new company was H P Gillow, JP, also chairman of Walker & Homfrays. Some time before this (exactly when is not clear) the name of the brewery was changed from Moss Side to Royal. There followed a number of years before the next major changes at the Royal Brewery.

Alan Gall

I COULDN'T FIND THE MALT IN MALTA

Malta is one of the in places for holidays this year, so a few words of advice, or warning, to anyone who is going.

According to Michael Jackson's 'Good Beer Guide of the World', Malta is the only Mediterranean island to produce top-fermented beer. This is quite true, but the bottled beer is pasteurised and the draught beer is chilled and filtered. All the draught beer is served from 18 gallon kegs by CO₂, although it is not carbonated at the brewery. A new barrel of beer and a low CO₂ pressure can result in a drinkable pint. The beer serves its purpose as a thirst-quencher during the hot days, but not for serious night-time drinking. For this, I found the local Maltese wine very pleasant. A choice of 5 or 6 wines are available for as little as 25p per full bottle in most bars. The beer and spirit prices in bars were about the same as English bar prices, so the wine represents good value, but beware - some of them are fairly potent, especially the wines of Gozo.

A free trip round Farsons Brewery can be arranged by contacting the brewery public relations officer, Mr Joe Cassar.

Bottled beers available: 'Hop Leaf' - a pale ale, but similar to a well-hopped lager; 'Blue Label' - a darker pale ale; 'Lacto' - a sweet stout, the nearest thing to English beer. Not available in every bar; 'Cisk' - a mellow lager.

Draught beers: 'Hop Leaf' & 'Blue Label' - both served by CO₂ but the beer isn't carbonated. At least it's a pint!!

Barry Pryme

REAL ALE in SALFORD

Including
Swinton & Pendlebury, Eccles,
Irlam & Cheadle and Worsley



LOCAL BEER GUIDES

There are now six local beer guides available:

REAL ALE IN SALFORD - A comprehensive guide to real ale in Salford, Swinton, Eccles, Worsley and Irlam. 150 pubs, maps, photographs. 25p + s.a.e.

REAL ALE IN TRAFFORD AND HULME - A comprehensive list of pubs selling real ale in Hulme, Altrincham, Sale, Stretford, Urmston, etc, with maps. 10p + s.a.e.

REAL ALE IN ROCHDALE - A comprehensive list of pubs selling real ale in Rochdale, Heywood, Milnrow, Littleborough and Middleton. 10p + s.a.e.

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REAL ALE IN MANCHESTER CENTRAL - A comprehensive guide to real ale within 1 mile of St Peter's Square. Over 100 pubs, map, and over 50 photographs. 20p + s.a.e.

REAL ALE IN BURY - A comprehensive guide to real ale in Bury, Ramsbottom, Radcliffe, Tottington, Whitefield and Prestwich. 10p + s.a.e.

All the above publications are available from Roger Hall, 123 Hill Lane, Blackley, Manchester, who would like to hear from readers of any changes in the lists so that they can be kept up to date.

REAL ALE in TRAFFORD & HULME



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INCLUDING RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON, RADCLIFFE,
WHITEFIELD AND PRESTWICH

PACK HORSE, WRIGLEY HEAD



Some months ago we printed a series of articles on the oldest pub in the county. A reader, Peter Huish, wrote to us suggesting that the Pack Horse on Wrigley Head, off Oldham Road, was worth considering.

The present landlord is Mr Tom Lowe, who gave us the following information. Mr Lowe has a drawing of the original pub building with an adjoining smithy. As the name Pack Horse suggests, the pub was on the main coach route from Manchester to Oldham, and the extension of Wrigley Head still bears the name 'Old Road'. Travellers and traders used to gather at the Crown and Kettle in Manchester and set off in groups for protection against the rogues and vagabonds in Newton Heath.

As far as Mr Lowe can ascertain the building is late seventeenth century. The pub was extended according to a familiar pattern as trade along the road increased and townships developed. The stone mounting block marks the corner of the old building. Above it you can see how the original alternate corner stones have been turned to join the brickwork of the extension. Before Mr Lowe moved in, the brewery had removed a wall in the lounge and also ripped out the original beams. Since he took over the tenancy, he has restored oak beams to the lounge and removed the boxes which hid the original timbers in the vault and the tap room. (The vault was the parlour of the original pub.)

The stables are now Mr Lowe's garage, and the former hayloft above them is now used as a storeroom. The car park at the back of the building was once a bowling green, but it was originally lost to a better cause than the motor car. During the Second World War it was dug over to grow vegetables, as part of the 'Dig for Victory' campaign.

In recent years the Pack Horse was tied to Rothwells Newton Heath brewery and is now a Marstons pub selling a good pint of hand drawn real ale.

MATTHEW BROWN RUMOUR DENIED AGAIN

Further denials from both Matthew Brown and Wilsons make it likely that pub swaps between Chorley and Preston and Stockport and Oldham Road will not possibly take place at all ever. Even if they did Matthew Brown would not want a Central Manchester pub as a flagship and of course they wouldn't want to bring cask beer down to Manchester. So all in all it's quite a shame that it won't possibly happen.

BODDINGTONS GET IT RIGHT

A new Boddingtons pub has emerged secretly in the wastes of Harpurhey - The Boddingtons 200. Surprise, surprise, it's not the typical new Boddies estate pub but a moderately sized new pub which compares favourably with most other new pubs. The rooms are of a reasonable size and the pub, which is just behind the Ark Royal, is a pleasant and comfortable local.



BOOK OF THE MONTH

Over the past year Neil Richardson and Tony Flynn have regularly contributed articles to What's Doing on the history of Salford's pubs and breweries. In 'Salford's Pubs No. 1' they have expanded these articles and added others, using material which has come to light since the original publication. Other contributors to the book are Alan Gall, who has done considerable research into local breweries, and Roger Hall, an outspoken critic in What's Doing of planners' policies where they affect pubs.

Conversations with old Salford people have provided much of the raw material for the book. The rest has come from records kept in Salford's Local History Library and Archives Department, who also provided over 40 photographs dating from the 1880s to the 1970s.

The book is available from Grass Roots, Sherratt & Hughes and Willshaws in Manchester, Menzies in Salford Precinct, several Salford pubs, or from Tony Flynn, 18 Gilda Crescent Road, Eccles, for 60p (including p&p)

CAMRA BRANCH DIARY

TRAFFORD & HULME

Branch Meeting: Thurs July 20th 8.00pm. Clynes Wine Bar, Cavendish St, Hulme
(5 mins from Oxford Road Station)

Social: Thurs July 27th 8.00pm Quarry Bank, Bloomsbury Lane, Timperley.

Pub Crawl: Sat Aug 5th, City Centre. Meet 7.30 The Oxford, Oxford Road.

8.30 in Paddy's Goose (Back of Chorlton St bus station)

Branch Meeting: Thurs Aug 17th 8.00pm. Malt Shovels, Stamford Street, Altrincham

Coach Trip: Sat Sept 16th to Castle Donnington (lunch), Nottingham (evening)
Contact: Mick Rottenbury 969 7013 (home)

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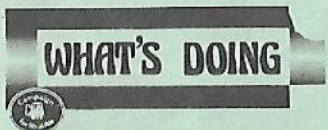
Saturday 22nd July: New Mills. Meet at New Mills Central Station approach 11.15am
Contact: Ian McDermott 775 2601 ex 3579

SOUTH MANCHESTER

Branch Meeting: Thursday 13th July. Gateway Hotel, 8.00pm
Informal Meeting: Weds 26th July, 8.00pm. Levenshulme, Stockport Rd,
Levenshulme.
Branch Meeting: Thurs 10th August. Southern Hotel, Chorlton. 8.00pm.
Contact: Barry Pryme 061 225 4949

HIGH PEAK & NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Branch Meeting: Tuesday 18th July, 8.00pm. Andrew Arms, Compstall, near
Romiley.
Beer Tent: Tameside Canals Festival, Portland Street Basin, Ashton. 29/30 July
Contact: Tom Lord 061 427 7099



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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.

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.

Application for membership

I/We wish to become a member(s) of the Campaign for Real Ale Limited. I/We agree to abide by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the campaign.

I enclose £4 (£6 Overseas) for full membership ☐

We enclose £5 for husband and wife membership ☐

Application for Associateship

I wish to become an Associate of CAMRA Ltd.

I agree to abide by the aims of the organisation and enclose my fee of £1 ☐

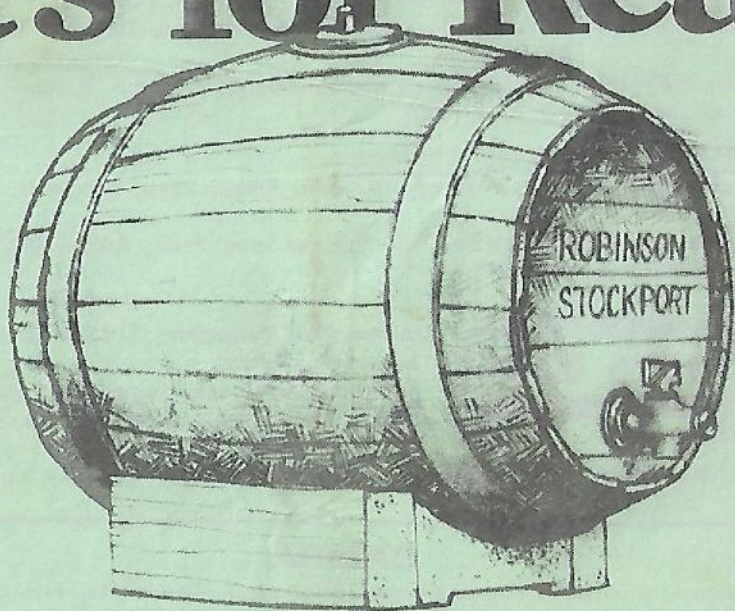
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