

WHAT'S DOING



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OLD VET and GREY MARE SAVED



Salford Corporation's plans to demolish two Weaste pubs have been thwarted. In July 1977 two public enquiries were held into the Compulsory Purchase Orders which had been placed on two Greenalls pubs selling cask-conditioned beer. In previous public enquiries the Council had put forward concrete proposals for the sites of the pubs which they wished to knock down. For example, the big Derby site was scheduled for use as a football ground and the Welcome site is to be an adventure playground. In the case of the Old Veteran on Duxbury Street and the Grey Mare on Eccles New Road, however, the Council had firm plans for neither the sites of the pubs nor even for the whole areas which they were redeveloping.

The retention of the two pubs was considered essential to Camra because they would, if saved, be the only two outlets for over a mile selling real ale (The Grapes on Eccles New Road was included in

the CPO and not opposed by Wilsons). We were particularly concerned about the number of Greenalls pubs threatened by both housing and road schemes and had contacted the brewery about the problem. The brewery were grateful that the dangers had been brought to their attention and were determined to fight both CPOs at the enquiries. Robin Bence appeared at the Grey Mare enquiry and Roger Hall at the Old Vet enquiry to put forward Camra's point of view.

Because of the Council's indecision, the views of the brewery and Camra proved persuasive and the Inspector recommended that both pubs be excluded from the Compulsory Purchase Orders, a view which was upheld by the Secretary of State.

The overturning of Council policy in these two instances has more far-reaching implications than the saving of two pubs. The council, if they are aware that every CPO will be strenuously fought, will certainly reconsider their policies. There are indications that this has already taken place. Pubs like the Vavasour, the Albert, the Palatine, the Clowes, the Osborne, the Waverley and the Dover have been withdrawn from demolition schemes as the Council have begun to recognise the role which old pubs play in helping to maintain a sense of continuity and belonging in changing environments.

It is evident that public opinion can bring about changes in Councils' plans. The biggest shadow now hanging over the future of Salford's pubs is the possibility of GMC road schemes. Regent Road, Broughton Road and Chapel Street are blighted because of possible road-widening schemes whilst many Cross Lane pubs will shortly disappear when the new roundabout is built at the Eccles New Road junction. If the same pressure can be brought to bear on the GMC then perhaps we may be able to retain at least some of our traditional pubs. It is in the interest of pub customers to be aware of possible schemes in order to be able to oppose them at the earliest stage.

Future road schemes may affect the following Salford pubs:-

Chapel Street

Punch Bowl, Nelson, Albert Vaults, Brown Bull, Griffin, Olde Nelson

Broughton Road

Unicorn, Railway

Regent Road

Wellington, Grove, Spread Eagle, Albert, Gloucester, Duke of York, Gas Tavern, Live and Let Live, Borough, Star.

The following pubs are still subject to public enquiries into CPOs: The Priory, Duke of York (York Street), Trafford,

OLD HOUSE AT HOME SAVED



A campaign different in nature from those opposed to Corporations' demolition of pubs was the campaign to prevent Wilsons selling one of their pubs to ICI, who wanted the land for expansion. The greatest factor in stopping the sale was the determination of the regular customers of the Old House at Home that the pub would not go. In many previous campaigns pub regulars have approached news of possible demolition with the half-hearted, almost resigned attitude that they are mere pieces on a chess board manipulated by huge organisations. Not so the customers of the Old House. Not for them the path of indifference and apathy, followed subsequently by nostalgia and regret. Active objection and a positive approach can and will alter the policies of even the largest organisations.

Commercial undertakings are influenced by factors which play little part in discussions with local authorities and Government Inspectors. At a public enquiry decisions are made on the basis of logical arguments put forward by both sides and are based on fact rather than emotion. Profit making concerns are also particularly conscious of their image and do not want to seem to be doing anything which is in any way detrimental to the environment, to customers or to employees.

It was over the latter, somewhat more delicate and ill-defined issues that discussions about the Old House took place. It is probable that if negotiations between ICI and Wilsons could have taken place in secret, the sale would have gone through to the satisfaction of both parties with little recrimination other than expressions of regret from customers. However, as soon as the news of the negotiations broke, it was widely publicised both locally in Blackley and in the local and national press. A petition was drawn up with 2,000 names

on it and protests were made to the Town Hall and to Blackley's MP, Paul Rose.

The speed of the reaction and the amount of publicity obtained were evidently impressive to both the brewer and ICI. ICI responded with arguments about job creation which proved to be considerable exaggerated. In the end the newly independent (well, almost!) Wilsons decided that their customers were more important than short term profitability and chose not to sell the pub.

It is interesting to see an organisation actually doing what its customers want and retaining a pub with character and individuality rather than accepting a bland alternative, which excited nobody and appealed to the lowest common denominator of taste.

Small is not necessarily beautiful but it can be effective against big companies. The commitment and involvement of dedicated people can often achieve the seemingly impossible. I doubt that what a group does is important in the final analysis. The fact that they are seen to be committed wholeheartedly to a cause and that they are creating public interest in what concerns them does however influence the decision makers in large organisations who have an eye to Public Relations.

Roger Hall

(The photos were taken at the celebration party at the Old House at Home)



BEER AND BOATS

If you had to draw up an archetypal picture of a CAMRA member you would start (after the statutory beard and glasses, of course) with another passion for preservation. Traction engines, steam locomotives and thirties' sheet music cast a spell no less entrancing than the nuances of secondary fermentation. In the circumstances, then, it was no surprise that the Huddersfield Canal Society, intent on preserving and renovating that same canal, should link arms recently with the High Peak and North East Cheshire branch of CAMRA recently at the Tameside Canal Festival.

Our part in the affair was to run a beer tent and after previous experiences at Charlesworth and Glossop we felt up to the task. The first riddle, on reaching the canal basin, was how to get in. Canals crossing rivers and vice-versa, bridge leading nowhere and water at all levels lent the site a Kafkaesque quality. The breweries obliged by delivering on time - one after the other - thus exposing the muscular flaws of our sedentary workers, the writer included. Wilsons, Robinsons, Walkers, Hydes, Lees and Marstons arrived on site, followed by a welcome gift from Greenall Whitley and preceded by the spectacular canal journey of Theakstons, much reported in the world press.

Overnight guards were rewarded with free breakfast, much to the chagrin of all who had chosen warm beds at home; and Saturday saw the first fine day



for several years. Blessed with the weather and the arrival of Jack Hopwood's fabled handpumps, Saturday was a golden day. The night favoured us with a barbecue, very steady custom and the novelty of two drunks rolling along the floor into the tent and duly obliging by rolling out again. Such was our only brush with danger. We were honoured during Saturday by the visits of various guests and the writer, whilst busy at the sink, was privileged to overhear a discerning discussion on the comparative merits of trolley-buses in Manchester and Bournemouth.

The weather resumed normal service on Sunday with rain, attendant grey skies and cold. Hot soup outsold Dandelion and Burdock and Vimto in the neighbouring refreshment tent and the morning's only good news was that D Breeze was made to pay for his tea.

Sunday afternoon proved surprisingly hectic and by 4.30pm the natives were becoming increasingly restless, having put their pop away fairly well. Still, it was all good-humoured and the beer was enjoyed by all - or nearly all. Those brews on gravity without a head were sometimes either eyed suspiciously or, on very odd occasions, returned with a request for the server to remark on their flatness. Heaven knows where the moral lies! Dismantling was, as always, a more complex and strenuous task than was thought. Our cargo ships were becalmed and we resorted to towing stringed buoys of empty barrels along the canal to their overnight resting place (possibly a first), and Peter Broadbent valiantly paddled a rubber dinghy across the basin trying, with slow but steady success, to guide a lurching, near-empty wooden cask to the opposite bank (surely a first.) All was stowed safe and sound in the end and three days' huffing and puffing, murderous exercise was suddenly over. We made money, some new friends and laughed a lot.

Rod Oliver

MORE THWAITES IN BOLTON

A second Bass pub in Bolton has changed hands. The Dog and Partridge, Manor Street, was bought at a public auction by Thwaites recently. As reported last month, the Swan on Bradshawgate is now selling Burtonwood beers.

REAL BASS IN FAILSWORTH

The Eight Bells - a 1960s estate pub in Failsworth - has gone back to selling traditional beer. Handpumped Bass, Brew Ten and Toby Light are now available.

WHAT'S DOING IN TRAFFORD & HULME

Having spent an idyllic week in sunny North Devon, with the discovery that handpumps had taken root in many bars like rhubarb on a dunghill, I returned home thinking that little would have changed in our comfortably static, real ale haven. Not so. The first addition to the choice of beers in Altrincham since Sam Smiths went 'live' at the Malt Shovels has been the welcome return of Marston's Pedigree to the Railway on Stamford Street. Ordinary mild and bitter have always been available dispensed by electric metered pumps, but the landlord has (at his own expense!) installed a beer engine for the Pedigree to give the added boost of seeing it pulled from a handpump. The pub itself has a comfortable lounge, a basic vault offering pool, darts, dominoes and cards, and juke box and table football in the back. Good food is available at lunchtimes, with a varied menu.

Just up the road, the Victoria Tavern is now newly decorated, a darts team has been formed, and when trade has picked up sufficiently a 'real' bitter will join the cask-conditioned Bass 4X mild. Suggestions are welcomed over the bar as to which one to offer, whether it be Bass, Worthington Best Bitter or Brew Ten - none of which is at present available in the area.

Competition is certainly hot on Stamford Street with no less than six real ale pubs, representing four breweries, all within groping distance of each other. For those unfamiliar with the area, they are: the Barrington (Wilsons), Railway (Marston's), Malt Shovels (Sam Smiths), Victoria (Bass), Roebuck (Wilsons) and across



the main road the Orange Tree (Wilsons). Reverse the order if you prefer going downhill! A new Wilsons pub to be called the Axe and Cleaver, replacing one demolished a few years ago to make way for town centre development, is due to open soon behind the Malt Shovels, with the assurance from the brewery that it will be serving cask-conditioned beer.

Wilsons are again showing their increased commitment to traditional beer with the conversion from tanks to casks in the Waggon and Horses, Cross Street, Sale. At the time of writing, work is well advanced and should be completed before the end of September. The beer will be served through handpumps so a glance round the door will tell you if it's worth going in for a quick gallon. Wilsons are also after a new outlet in the Sale area. They have applied to build a pub at Mersey House, Carrington Lane, Ashton-on-Mersey, but if local residents have anything to do with it the application will be unsuccessful!

A (definitely!) final word on two Sale pubs whose names have crept into this column on several occasions, causing people to complain both verbally and by letter that I have been far too kind or far too unkind to the houses concerned! They are the Railway (Robinsons), Chapel Road, and the Bridge (Boddingtons), Dane Road. Both have been completely renovated at considerable cost to both breweries and tenants, and the latter have had to put up with very difficult conditions while work was in progress. The final item to be installed in the Railway is the cellar-cooling equipment which should be in place and functioning well before this issue of What's Doing is published. The Bridge, too, has had its finishing touches since I last mentioned it, so both pubs can now be judged fairly.

Mick Rottenbury

ALBERT TO BE ENLARGED



Rumour has it that the Albert, Pendlebury, is to be re-Boddified. It is thought that the brewery has bought the cottage next door and will soon be knocking the odd wall down. The present 2-roomed pub was smartened up not long ago.



REAL ALE in SOUTH MANCHESTER



ARDWICK

Church	Ardwick Green North	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Cleveland	Stockport Road	Wilsons	M, B(H)
George and Dragon	Stockport Road	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Kings Head	Chancellor Lane	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Star	Hyde Road	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Union	Union Street	Wilsons	M, B(E)

BELLE VUE

Concert	Fairfield Road	Boddingtons	M, B(H)
Imperial	Birch Street	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Jennisons Ale House	Hyde Road	Tet, Wil,	B(H)
Nags Head	Hyde Road	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Rock Inn	Hyde Road	Tetley	M, B(H)
Travellers Call	Hyde Road	Hydes	M, B(E)
Unicorn	Hyde Road	Boddingtons	B, M(E)

BESWICK

Old House at Home	Ashton Old Road	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Seven Stars	Ashton Old Road	Holts	M, B(H)
Travellers Call	Ashton Old Road	Wilsons	M, B(H)

BRADFORD

Alexandra	Mill Street	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Bradford Arms	Ashton New Road	Tetley	M, B(H)
Britannia	Rowsley Road	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Navigation	Mill Street	Greenalls	M, B(E)

BRUNSWICK

Grafton Arms	Grafton Street	Holts	M, B(H)
Plymouth Hotel	Plymouth Grove	Boddingtons	M, B(E)

BURNAGE

Albion	Burnage Lane	Hydes	M, B(E)
Mauldeth	Kingsway	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Victoria Inn	Burnage Lane	Boddingtons	M, B(E)

CHORLTON

Southern Hotel	Mauldeth Road West	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
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CLAYTON

Bricklayers Arms	Ashton New Road	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Church	Clayton Lane	Bass	M, B(E)
Crabtree	Crabtree Lane	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Folkestone	Folkestone Road	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Greens Arms	Ashton New Road	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Grove	Ashton New Road	Holts	M, B(H)

Victoria	Croft Street	Wilsons	M, B(H)
<u>DIDSBURY</u>			
Albert	William Street	Hydes	M, B(E)
Crown	Wilmslow Road	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Gateway	Parrs Wood	Hydes	M, B(E)
Nelson	Barlow Moor Road	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Parrs Wood	School Lane	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Royal Oak	Wilmslow Road	Marstons	M, B, Ped(H)
Station	Wilmslow Road	Marstons	M, B(H)
<u>FALLOWFIELD</u>			
Friendship	Wilmslow Road	Hydes	M, B(E)
White Swan	Rink Street	Robinsons	BB, BM(E)
<u>GORTON</u>			
Angel	Wellington Street	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Birch Arms	Gorton Lane	Bass	4X, BrewX(H)
Cheshire Hunt	Hyde Road	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Coach and Horses	Belle Vue Street	Robinsons	BB, M(E)
Cotton Tree	Cross Lane	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Dolphin	Cloves Street	Marstons	M, B(H)
Friendship	Hyde Road	Marstons	M, B(H)
Gorton Mount	Mount Road	Boddingtons	BM, B(E)
Hare and Hounds	Abbey Hey Lane	Boddingtons	BM, B(H)
Lord Nelson	Hyde Road	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Oddfellows Arms	Abbey Hey Lane	Boddingtons	BM, B(H)
Plough Hotel	Hyde Road	Robinsons	BB, M(E)
Railway	Chapman Street	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Railway	Pottery Lane	Bass	4X(H)
Royal Oak	Cross Lane	Boddingtons	BM, B(H)
Suburban	Gorton Cross Street	Lees	M, B(E)
Wagon and Horses	Far Lane	Holts	M, B(H)
Vulcan	Gorton Lane	Wilsons	M, B(H)
<u>LEVENSHULME</u>			
Horseshoe	Chapel Street	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Levenshulme	Stockport Road	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Pack Horse	Stockport Road	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Polygon	Barlow Road	Boddingtons	M, B(H)
Union	Stockport Road	Boddingtons	B(H)
<u>LONGSIGHT</u>			
Bay Horse	Stockport Road	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Crown	Stockport Road	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Lancaster Hotel	Stockport Road	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Garrett	Pink Bank Lane	Holts	M, B(H)
Waggon and Horses	Stockport Road	Wilsons	M, B(H)

MOSS NOOK

Airport Hotel	Ringway Road	Robinsons	M, B
Tatton Arms	Ringway Road	Robinsons	BM, BB(H)

MOSS SIDE

Alexandra Park	Alexandra Road	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Claremont Hotel	Claremont Road	Holts	M, B(H)
Denmark Hotel	Denmark Road	Hydes	M, B(E)
Ducie Arms	Devon Street	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Great Western	Sedgeborough Road	Greenalls	M, B(H)
Old Abbey	Guildhall Street	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Robin Hood	Lloyd Street	Robinsons	BM, B(E)

NORTHENDEN

Crown Inn	Church Street	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Farmers Arms	Longley Lane	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Jolly Carter	Royle Green Road	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Post House Hotel	Wythenshawe Road	Wilsons	B(E)

OPENSHAW

Concert	Fairfield Road	Boddingtons	M, B(H)
Crown	Ashton Old Road	Boddingtons	M, B(H)
Dog & Partridge	Ogden Lane	Boddingtons	M, B
Farresters	Ashton Old Road	Robinsons	BM, BB(H)
Gransmoor	Ashton Old Road	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Hare and Hounds	Ogden Lane	Boddingtons	M, B(H)
High Bank	Ogden Lane	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Garibaldi	Abbey Hey Road	Tetley	M, B(H)
Locomotive	Ashton Old Road	Boddingtons	M, B(H)
Lord Nelson	Hyde Road	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Lord Raglan	Ogden Lane	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Railway	Manshaw Road	Holts	M, B(H)
Royal Oak	Ogden Lane	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Wrexham	Ashton Old Road	Boddingtons	M, B

RINGWAY

Romper	Pinfold Lane	Boddingtons	M, B(H)
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RUSHOLME

Albert	Walmer Street	Hydes	M, B(E)
Osborne House	Victory Street	Hydes	M, B(H)
Welcome Inn	Rusholme Grove	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Whitworth Hotel	Moss Lane East	Marstons	M, B, Ped(H)

WITHINGTON

Albert Inn	Wilmslow Road	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Victoria Inn	Wilmslow Road	Hydes	M, B(E)

WYTHENSHAW

Anvil	Greenwood Road	Hydes	M, B(H)
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MANCHESTER BREWERIES

1 Cardwell & Co

When Boddingtons acquired the business of J G Swales & Co Ltd in 1970, they brought to a close 120 years of brewing at the Naval Brewery in Hulme.

Originally founded in about 1850 by Hargreaves Brothers, the brewery was bought by a Mr Renshaw and Henry Cardwell in 1876. They embarked on a programme of rebuilding and expansion such that, by the 1890s, fifty workers were employed. The brewery at this time was of 40 quarter size, ranking it as one of the larger concerns. (Holts, for example, was of 25 quarter size) Mr Renshaw died in about 1880 but his name was retained in the company title.

Meanwhile, at about the same time that the Naval Brewery was founded, Mr Joseph Cox was setting up business at 219 Chester Road. By 1860 he was producing strong ale, mild, bitter and extra stout. In 1889, the Chester Road Brewery Co Ltd was formed but the name then changed to Cox's Brewery Ltd. It was in 1894 that Cox's acquired Henry Cardwell's business with a fair number of tied houses. Brewing moved to the Cardwell premises and a new company was formed under the name Cardwell & Co Ltd. Major H Cardwell became joint managing director with a Mr J J Jackson. An example of an ex-Cardwell pub still standing is the Oxford in Bexley Square, Salford.

Only five years after formation, financial problems had overtaken Cardwell & Co and they moved into liquidation. In July 1899 Wilsons acquired the remains. The brewery was surplus to requirements so Wilsons sold the building to Swales, who moved there from the Victoria Brewery, Salford, in 1890.

Alan Gall



CHESTER ROAD BREWERY,
1899.

JOSEPH COX,
MILD AND BITTER ALE AND PORTER BREWER.

FAMILIES WELL SUPPLIED WITH SMALL CASKS.

SOLE AGENT FOR

CAFFREY & SON'S DUBLIN PORTER.



We were slumming in the Rats Vomit last week commiserating with Fiona, who had just failed in her attempt to become the first woman atheist Pope, when Tish and Ag turned up with more scandal about the Campaign. Apparently, Tish said, according to her gutter rag, The Cardboard Pratt in Hampstead had not been included in the Good Beer Guide - something about the pub selling real ale badly and the quality of the facilities provided. Now as Pratties (as the hostelry is known to its aficionados) is owned by Camra Investments, Roger Pratt (no relation), the GBG editor, was somewhat snookered. That's why this years GBG has an advert for the Camrail pubs. Anyway, according to Tish, the local branch inspector was barred for life by the mine host, a decision which was endorsed by Nicholas Titterlove and Chris Utterly, bosspersons of Camrail.

This of course could never happen in our own dear Poseurs Rest, which was rescued from obscurity and earned prominence when Camrail took it over. This former grotty local catering for doss house dregs has now moved considerably upmarket, with tasteful conversions à la Buckley, and with its choice of 47 different draught beers offers a service to the discerning drinker unparalleled in Greater Manchester. There have been vague mutterings in the Grotley branch about the place but most reasonable people take the view that few things can compare with the pleasure of drinking the odd half of good ale with like-minded people in congenial surroundings.

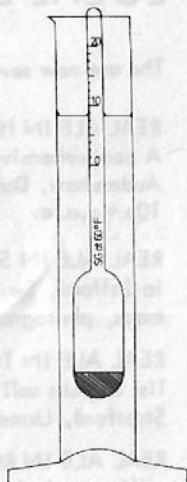
It will come as a distinct surprise and shock to many people that Boddington and the Noble Robin are returning to the metropolis from whence they came. This will leave an immensely large gap in the Grotley branch and applications are invited for chairperson. Apparently my application will not be considered. An ability to go in hundreds of pubs, drink like a fish, eat curries all night, order too much beer for exhibitions and to have no sense of punctuality is considered to be far more important than my own talent for conversing with educated and refined persons about little known brews, for using my experienced palate to detect nuances of flavour in different brews of beer, and for describing these differences in lucid terms for readers of the Good Beer Guide.

Despite his contempt for both Fiona and myself, I suppose it is with a tinge of regret that we see the Noble Robin depart. Who will follow him? - we can only wait and see what happens on 20th September.

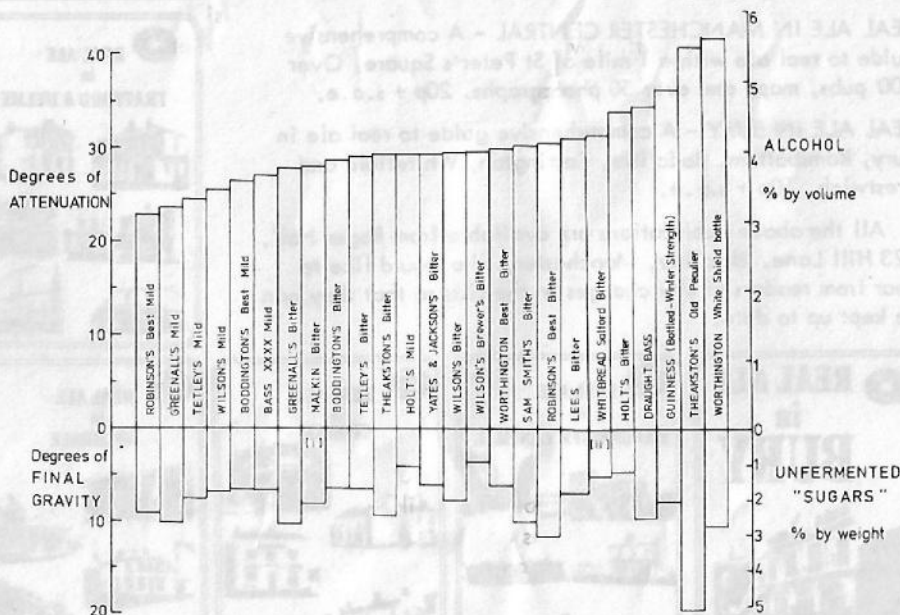
STRONG ARGUMENTS 2 - HOW THEY COMPARED

Last month I discussed why Original Gravity was not an accurate indicator of the strength of beer. We also need to know the Final Gravity since it is the difference between OG and FG which tells us how much alcohol is contained in the beer.

To measure FG it is necessary to obtain a sample of the beer - usually from a pub. An hydrometer, covering a narrow range of gravities from 0 to 20, is floated in the sample in a narrow glass jar. The level which the beer reaches on the scale is the FG. The temperature must also be measured since the hydrometer is only true at 60° F and a small correction is made when the beer is a few degrees cooler. Just as the percentage of alcohol can be found by dividing the attenuation by 7.46, the 'sugar' content of the beer is obtained by dividing the FG by 3.78. The chart shows all the beers I tested in order of increasing alcoholic strength. Alcohol and sugar are given both as degrees of gravity (left hand scale) and as percentages (right hand scale). Original Gravities are mainly from the Good Beer Guide. Finally, a word of warning: it would be wrong to assume that exactly similar results would be obtained every time. Most of the tests were based on just one sample of each beer and small variations in FG could well occur with real ale, which after all is a living beer.



Pete Cash



(i) Malkin Bitter - malt extract based home-brew, The Ribblesdale Arms, Gisburn, Lancs.

(ii) Whitbread Salford Bitter - experimental brew for CAMRA North Manchester May Day Exhibition; figure based on an assumed OG of 36.5

LOCAL BEER GUIDES

There are now seven local beer guides available.

REAL ALE IN HIGH PEAK AND NORTH EAST CHESHIRE -

A comprehensive guide to real ale in Marple, Hyde, Ashton, Audenshaw, Dukinfield, Stalybridge, Mossley and Denton. 10p + s.a.e.

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 Oldham, Failsworth, Royton, Chadderton, Saddleworth, Shaw, etc. 10p + s.a.e.

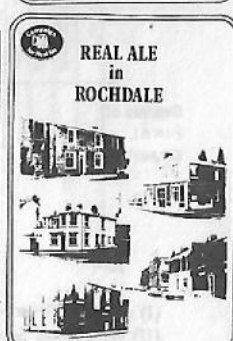
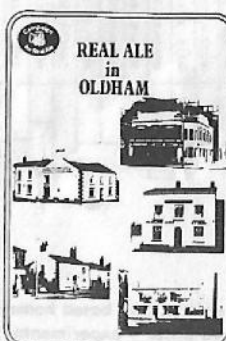
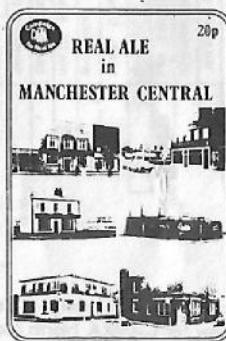
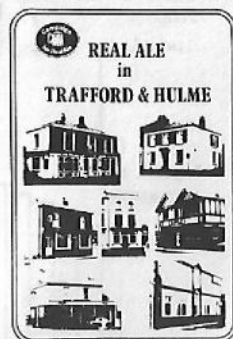
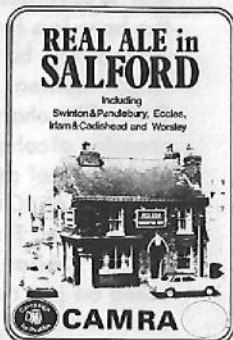
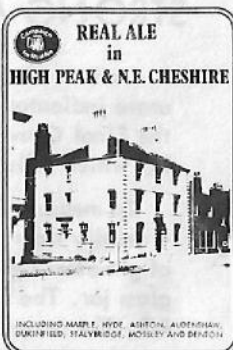
REAL ALE IN MANCHESTER CENTRAL - A comprehensive

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

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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.





WHITE LION, IRLAM

The White Lion, Irlam, is going to be revamped and redecorated in the autumn presumably to remove its Watney image in line with current Wilsons' policy. Unfortunately the changes are not going to extend to the beer, which will remain decidedly 'un-real'. This is a pity because if ever a pub needed real beer it's the White Lion, and if ever an area needed another traditional brew, it's Irlam. The current choice is restricted to Boddingtons and Tetleys.

The already declining trade of the White Lion may be increased with a new image, but on the other hand there will be severe competition from the new Boathouse (Boddingtons) and perhaps the Nags Head if and when real Whitbread arrives. The Boathouse in particular now appeals to a greater cross-section of the drinking public, including White Lion regulars who may not have been attracted to the older, more basic pub.

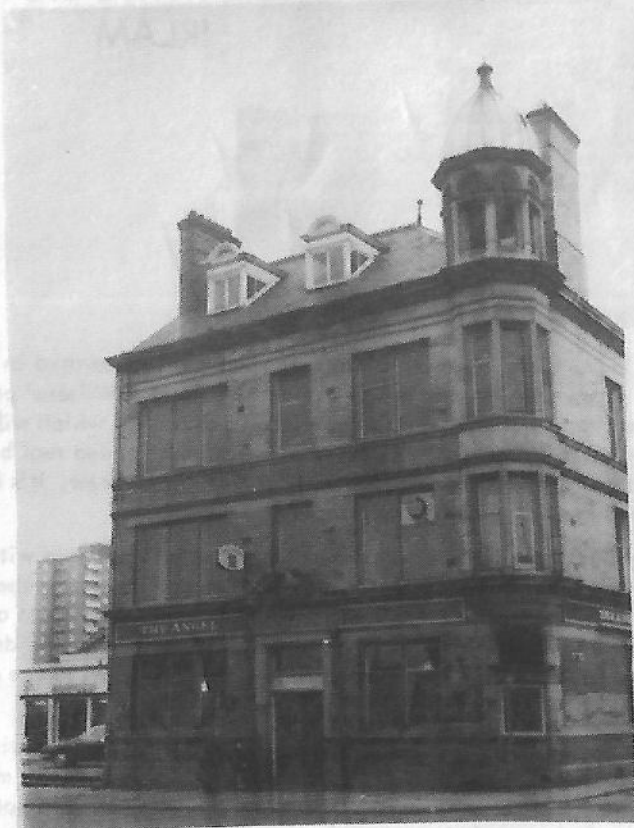
Wilsons' policy in Irlam, or should I say their lack of it as far as the beer is concerned, surprises me. The White Lion is very well situated on the main road and should be a very popular house. I would have thought the sales potential of top quality traditional ales would be quite good. Wilsons' beer has a poor reputation in Irlam, and no amount of pub titivation is going to change that unless the ale is changed as well. A lot of Irlam people have not forgiven Wilsons for knocking down the old White Lion and a reintroduction of real beer might do something to improve a very tarnished image.

Bill Collier

MORE REAL ALE IN SALFORD

After a lapse of many years the Walness, Walness Lane, Salford, is selling hand-drawn real ale again. The pub has a new licensee and is being completely redecorated.

EVEN MORE REAL ALE IN SALFORD



Handpumps and real ale have at last returned to the Angel, Chapel Street, Salford. The pumps come from the big Derby, which was demolished last month. Wilsons promised landlord Gordon Watson the pumps many months ago when he left the Derby for the Angel.

CAMRA BRANCH DIARY

NORTH MANCHESTER

Branch Meeting: Weds 20th Sept, 7.30 pm, Britannia, Robert Street, Newton Heath. Speaker from Tetley-Walker.

Pub Crawl: Weds 4th October, Salford. Wallness 7.00pm, Angel 8.00pm

Social/Committee Meeting: Weds 11th Oct. 8.00pm Waterloo, Waterloo Rd
Contact: Roger Hall 740 7937

TRAFFORD AND HULME

Branch Meeting: Thurs Sept 21st. 8.00pm, Railway, Ashley Road, Hale. Speaker Chris Hutt (CAMRA Investments)

Social: Thurs Sept 28th, 8.00pm, Plough, Green Lane, Ashton-on-Mersey

Pub Crawl: Sat Oct 14th, Eccles. Meet 7.30 Packet House, Liverpool Road, Patricroft (by Worsley Rd, Barton Rd junction) or 8.30 Black Boy, 213, Liverpool Road.

AGM: Thurs Oct 19th, 8.00pm, Malt Shovels, Stamford Street, Altrincham
Contact: Mick Rottenbury 969 7013 (home)

SOUTH MANCHESTER

Social: Friday 22 Sept 8.00pm. Union Hotel, Reddish

Social: Tuesday 3rd Oct 8.00pm. Prince of Wales, Gatley

Branch Meeting: Thurs 12 Oct 8.00pm. Gateway Hotel, Parrswood. Slide show and talk by P Gilleney on pubs, breweries, etc.

Contact: Barry Pryme 061-225 4949

HIGH PEAK AND NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Branch Meeting: Sept 12th (Tues) White Gates, Manchester Road, Hyde. 8.30

Branch Meeting: Oct 17th (Tues) Lord Clyde, Broadbottom, nr Hyde & Glossop, 8.00pm. Speaker arranged.

Contact: Tom Lord 427 7099



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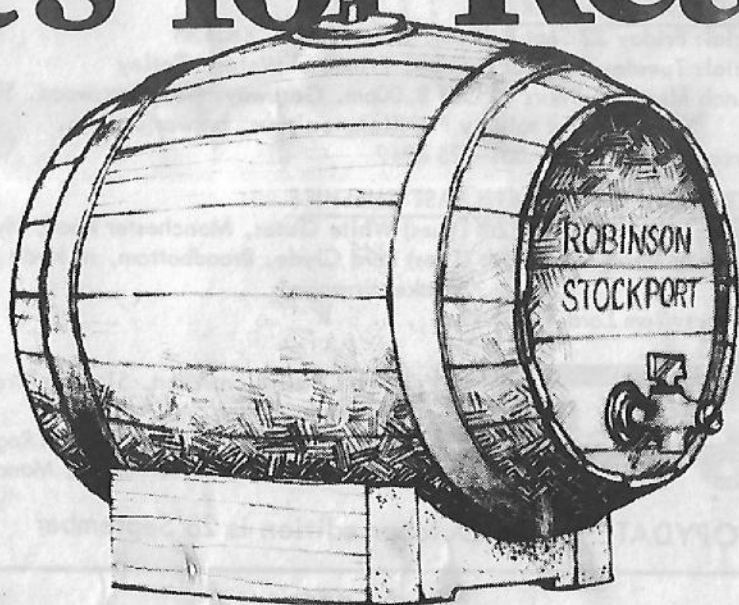
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