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# WHAT'S DOING

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The King Willaim, Mosley Common, one of 54 Tetley pubs selling Walkers bitter. Full list inside. Also: the pubs of Broadheath and Timperley; High Lane and Marple; the origins of some pub names; Munich Oktoberfest; traditional beer and the other sort in Salford; plus usual features.

## HAPPY ENDING



Alan and Iris Johnson finally moved out of the Welcome Inn on Ordsall Lane, Salford, last month and the pub now stands boarded up waiting for the demolition men. Many people will be sorry to see the Welcome go, particularly after the campaign to save it last year, but in the circumstances the story has the best possible ending. Alan and Iris have taken over the tenancy of the Ordsall, a Wilsons pub just down the road, and have taken their customers with them. One customer who is particularly happy with the turn of events is Vina Lewis, Iris's mother, who had been a regular at the Welcome ever since she retired when her own pub, the Masons Arms, was pulled down for the rebuilding of Ordsall.

The Ordsall sells handpumped Wilsons beer and Iris still provides sandwiches and hot snacks at lunchtimes - well worth a visit.

## GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

It seems now that Hartleys beer will not be blessing the bars of Whitbread pubs in Greater Manchester. The Golden Lion on the A666, Clifton, will, however, soon be selling the new Whitbread real ale through handpumps. The beer, brewed at Liverpool, is also to be test-marketed in four pubs in Salford, three in Bury and one in Bolton (the Railway in Daubhill).

## WHAT'S DOING IN TRAFFORD & HULME



Broadheath and Timperley are two areas that have been unhappily ignored in this column, perhaps giving the wrong impression that there is nowhere worth visiting. On the contrary, there are many good pubs and every class of drinker is catered for, from obese beer swiggers to Rupert Periwigle itself. In downtown Broadheath, two Boddingtons pubs provide the first real ale on the A56 after leaving Old Trafford, although the Waggon and Horses in Sale may by now have improved that route. The Cheshire Cheese is the more visible of the two because of its large size and black and white frontage. A few yards further on is the Railway, a gem of a place looking more like a terraced house from the outside. There is no spirits licence and the beer has a reputation for being one of the most consistently well kept pints in Trafford. Boddies strong ale is available on gravity in the winter. Continue towards Altrincham, cross the road and just over the canal to find the Old Packet, (Wilsons), which was once a staging post for packet boats. Although 'Watneyfied', it possesses a fine panelled bar and the real oak beams are still there under the plastic covering! The Navigation (Bass) opposite is one of only four pubs serving fizzy beer in the area. The others to avoid are the Woodlands Hotel, Old Hall (Whitbread) and Stonemasons (tankd Tetleys) all in Timperley.

Timperleyboasts a further six real ale pubs. The Gardeners Arms (known locally as the 'Blood Tub' - anyone know why?) on Deansgate Lane has the most loyal following, partly because it is Boddingtons and partly because of the atmosphere built up over the years. Although extensively modernised it has retained much of its character with thoughtful interior decoration and some nice touches like the 'tropical marine aquarium' and grandfather clock. Waiter service saves you losing your seat when it's busy (which is most of the time).

Less than a ten minute walk away, the Moss Trooper (Wilsons) has recently had handpumps installed after two years of trying by the present landlord, who will not be able to enjoy his success for long as he is leaving the pub before the end of October.

The choice of beer in Timperley is enhanced by the Quarry Bank, Bloomsbury Lane, (Hydes,) where good food is available at lunchtimes at decent prices and where Hydes Strong Ale is to be found during the winter months on the floor of the bar in the vault (in a barrel of course). The Hare and Hounds (Marstons) on the corner of Wood Lane and Shaftesbury Avenue completes the choice, though Pedigree has unfortunately long since been discontinued due to poor sales, a surprising fact considering the huge turnover. The Hare is well known for its restaurant meals, lunchtime food and nightly live music.

The two remaining pubs are the Sylvan (Wilsons), Woodhouse Lane East, a huge place expensively modernised but still serving cask conditioned beer through free flow pillar taps, and the Broomwood (Boddingtons), Mainwood Road, a modern estate pub.

Finally, back in Altrincham, the new Wilsons pub, the Axe and Cleaver, on the edge of the Petros town centre development scheme, (on Stamford New Road between the station and Stamford Street) could be open by the time this is printed. Reliable sources suggest that handpumps are being installed to dispense the beer.

Mick Rottenbury

## NEW PUB

Wilsons latest new pub to serve real ale - The Kestrel on Hugo Street in Moston - was opened on Thursday 21st September.



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*Der Löwenbräu*  
Moderne Braunkunst, eine fast  
600-jährige Tradition und  
edelmste Hopfen geben diesem  
wichtigen und feinen Spitzenbier  
seinen einzigartigen Charakter.



Das schönste Pils  
ist das vom Faß.



## OKTOBERFEST REVISITED

There are many words in the German language which cannot be directly translated into English. 'Oktoberfest' is a prime example. Some people try to call it 'The Munich Beer Festival', but that is a misnomer as beer plays only a small role. Each of the beerhalls at Oktoberfest has a theme and it is not surprising that the most common theme is 'Der Münchener im Himmel' (the Munich Man in Heaven). Heaven certainly couldn't be any better!

The average Bavarian comes here in a solid state of continuous drunkenness to be outnumbered three to one by the most beautiful blue-eyed blondes one could ever imagine, to eat consistently from a range of half chickens, oxen, legs of pork, pigs' trotters, cheeses and of course a whole range of sausages. He sings and sways to drinking song after drinking song and work seems so far away - another world almost. As well as this there is also the beer - special 'Wiesenmärzenbier' brewed particularly for the Oktoberfest with a minimum alcoholic content of 4½%, of which over one million gallons will be drunk in the course of the two weeks.

The beerhalls open at 11.00am and continue until 11.00pm, although last orders is at 10.30pm and the bands finish then. The Oktoberfest fair-ground goes on for a couple of hours more, so one can go on a big dipper or one of the biggest wheels in the world with a dozen litres swilling away inside - or perhaps try a local delicacy such as a chocolate covered banana or a sandwich which consists of sardines, cheese and onions topped with tomato ketchup! Remember, though, the on-the-spot fine for being sick in a taxi on the way home is DM250 (£65).

Although the Oktoberfest bierhallen close at 11pm, the Pschorr-keller and the Hackerbräu Keller on the neighbouring Therese Höhe are open until 1pm. When they close there is a whole selection of pubs and bierkellers some of which are open twenty-four hours a day. In one Löwenbräu-keller where we were drinking until 6.30 in the morning, the place was packed for the whole time, with the Bavarian band going full blast, the locals singing and swaying and the ale flowing as though there were no tomorrow.

Bavaria is the brewing capital of the world and its people drink more litres per head than any other nation. In a state which is much smaller than Britain, there are almost 1,100 breweries, or 62% of the total number in Germany. Most villages have at least one. Holzenkirchen is a prime example - a beautiful little village 25 miles south of Munich in rural Bavaria with only a couple of shops but two breweries - Oberbräu and Postbräu - the latter being the best ale I've tasted anywhere in any country. Most breweries produce draught Hellbier and Dunkelbier. Hellbier is similar to our bitter, only much lighter, and Dunkelbier is very sweet, dark beer, such as Thwaites dark mild. Pils is also produced and is occasionally found on draught. Other common beers are 'Weissbier' (white beer) and 'Weizbier' (wheat beer). There is also a Berliner Weissbier, which normally has colour added and is served red, green or orange! Each beer is served in a special glass.

Across the border in the Tyrol and Oberösterreich provinces of Austria some good ales can also be found, although there is a much more limited choice. Zipfer Bier dominates and this has about as much taste as a pint of Ind Coope - not to be recommended! Other better brews include Stiegl and Sternbräu and also Brau Ag Kaiser, which can be found almost everywhere and is very good.

After reading this, I hope you will decide to visit the 1979 Oktoberfest which should take place from 15 September to 1 October. 1978 has already been a record year for the Oktoberfest, so the 1979 one should be really something to look forward to. If you do go, make sure you visit the nearby Spatenalm. Not only is it one of the most friendly pubs I've ever been to, it serves excellent Spatenbräu beers at less than London prices and has the most gorgeous landlady I've seen anywhere.

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Paul Roberts

# WALKERS BITTER



In March 1976 we published a list of 66 pubs selling Walkers bitter, compiled for us by the brewery. There are now 54 as detailed below. The only new outlets are the Sir Charles Napier, Golborne, the Horse Shoe in Ormskirk and the Old Crow in Newton-le-Willows. Of those which have gone, the Portland Arms in Bolton no longer sells real ale and the Gypsy's Tent and the Ainsworth Arms are serving traditional Tetleys.

Albion, Bag Lane, Atherton	Lorne, Brownlow Hill, Liverpool
Bamfurlong, Lily Lane, Bamfurlong	Manx Arms, School Brow, Warrington
Bay Horse, Bolton Old Road, Atherton	Masons Arms, Wigan Road, Atherton
Bishop, Beaufort Street, Liverpool	Mountain Dew, Market Street, Atherton
Bobs Smithy, Chorley Old Road, Bolton	Navigation, Gathurst Lane, Gathurst
Boundary, Manchester Road, Leigh	Nevison, Plank Lane, Abram
Bowling Green, Wigan Road, Leigh	New Inn, Warrington Road, Ince-in-Makerfield
Brook House, City Road, Wigan	Old Crow, Crow Lane East, Newton-le-Willows
Buck i' th' Vine, Burscough Street, Ormskirk	Park, Hope Street, Wigan
Bulls Head, Warrington Road, Wigan	Platt Bridge Inn, Walthew Lane, Hindley
Clifton, Newport Street, Bolton	Queens Head, Lucas Nook, Aspull
Commercial, Cale Lane, Aspull	Railway, Twist Lane, Leigh
Cross Guns, Bolton Road, Westhoughton	Raven, Wallgate, Wigan
Cumberland, Chapel Green, Hindley	Rigbye, Whittle Lane, Wroughton
Derby Arms, Castle Hill Road, Hindley	Ring O' Bells, Tickle Street, Leigh
Duke of Wellington, St Johns Road, Bolton	Royal, Wigan Road, Atherton
Eagle Vaults, Blackstock Street, Liverpool	Shakespeare, Williamson Square, Liverpool
Eagle and Hawk, Chapel Street, Leigh	Ship, Rosemary Lane, Haskayne
Farmers, New Lane, Burscough	Silverwell, Darlington Street East, Wigan
Foundry, Warrington Lane, Wigan	Sir Charles Napier, High Street, Golborne
Gardeners, Lovers Lane, Atherton	Spinners, Firs Lane, Leigh
Hare and Hounds, Upholland Road, Billinge	Spread Eagle, Hulme Street, Bolton
Heatons Bridge, Heatons Bridge Road, Scarisbrick	Spring View, Plank Lane, Leigh
Horse Shoe, Duncan Street, Liverpool	Three Crowns, Lower Leigh Road, Westhoughton
Horse Shoe, Southport Road, Ormskirk	Victoria, Haigh Road, Aspull
Howcroft, Pool Street, Bolton	Victoria, Sandy Lane, Skelmersdale
King William, Commons Road, Mosley Common	Wood's House, Hill Street, Liverpool



## MANCHESTER BREWERIES

### 2 The Swan Brewery

The history of the Swan Brewery can be traced back to 1887 when John Foster moved operations from the Dawson's Croft Brewery in Salford to Grey Street, Ardwick. Mr Foster was obviously a man of some wealth as we can tell from his choice of residence. In about 1883 he moved from Hazel Grove to The Polygon, Ardwick. This was an eight bedroomed house which had previously been occupied by J F Bateman of Bateman and Sherratt, a famous engineering firm. Apart from attached stables and pleasure grounds, there were seven acres of open land, guaranteed free from development, at the front of the house. In the event, he did not live long to enjoy it and by 1888 his executors were running the firm.

Soon afterwards, Chesters decided to make a bid and acquired the business in 1890. Although they used the brewery for a short time, it was soon placed on the market.

Simpson and Crummack were the successors of William Greateorex and had been brewing at premises on Oldham Road, from which they moved to the Swan Brewery in about 1893. Five years later they were bought out by the Empress Brewery Co Ltd and Henry Crummack became a director on the Empress board. Once again, the Swan Brewery was up for sale.

Neil Ryrie was a brewer working at John Wagstaffe's Lion Brewery in Hulme. In 1898 Watson, Woodhead and Wagstaffe Ltd was formed

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**Greateorex Brothers,**  
**BREWERS OF PORTER,**  
**PALE AND MILD ALES,**  
**QUEEN'S BREWERY, BROOKS' BAR**  
**Manchester.**

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when Watson and Woodhead of Salford bought the concern. Ryrie decided that the time was ripe for a move and so he set up in business for himself at the Swan Brewery. In 1926, Neil Ryrie vanished from the trade directories to be replaced two years later by the Swan Brewery Ltd.

By 1939 production was switched from beer to vinegar brewing - (unkind critics said there was an improvement in flavour). This continued until 1945 when the company ceased to operate.

Alan Gall

## EIGHT BELLS



Cartoonist Bill Tidy, landlord George Chadwick and friends at the Eight Bells in Failsworth.

The photo was taken at a ceremony at the pub to mark the installation of handpumps (see last month's What's Doing). Some Bill Tidy cartoons drawn 'on the spot' are to be framed to decorate the pub.

# PEAK CONDITION

## HIGH LANE AND MARPLE

These two villages close by each other provide a reasonably varied and not too strenuous evening's drinking, with the products of four real ale breweries.

All three pubs in High Lane are on the A6 main road and are well within walking distance of each other. The first pub is the Boddingtons Bulls Head, with mild and bitter, and is situated by the canal bridge. When you have finished there, the next pub is the Horseshoe about a hundred yards away on the opposite side of the road, which has handpumped Robinsons. Two hundred yards farther on down the road is the Royal Oak, a Burtonwood house serving bitter and dark mild. This pub was formerly a Whitbread house, bought recently by Burtonwood, who installed a new set of handpumps.

For those on public transport, catch the hourly 394 Hazel Grove/Glossop bus outside the pub and alight at Hibbert Lane in Marple. Just around the corner from the bus stop, on Church Lane, is Marple's best pub, the Hatters Arms, again selling Robinsons on handpump. To finish off the evening you have the choice of two Wilsons pubs,



both by the traffic lights at the junction of Church Lane and Stockport Road. They are the Jolly Sailor and the Bowling Green; the first with electric pumps, the second with beer engines.

From Marple there is a frequent bus service to Stockport and Tameside and railway connections to Manchester.



### STALYBRIDGE STATION

Anyone having to change trains at Stalybridge would curse their luck, you might think, but as long as it is in opening hours, they are not so unfortunate. The reason is that Stalybridge station sports one of the few privately run refreshment rooms in the country, and one with a difference, as many a thirsty traveller has discovered, for it has Robinsons best bitter on handpumps.

You do not need to be travelling to visit the bar, and the quality of the beer makes it worth sampling in these unusual surroundings. When the ticket collector asks you where you are going you might reply, 'To platform one for a pint.'

## PUB NAMES & SIGNS - 3 THE TRAFFORDS

One of the oldest family names in the Greater Manchester area is that of Trafford, or de Trafford. The first known member of the family was a Ralph de Trafford who died about 1050 and legend attributes the origin of the family crest to his grandson, Robert. The crest represents a man with a flail and bears the motto 'Now Thus'. The story goes that Robert had put up a strong resistance to some Norman barons, but that they later took him by surprise and he disguised himself as a peasant threshing in one of his barns. One of the Normans, recognising him, asked why he so abased himself and he is said to have replied 'Now Thus'. Historians have offered several explanations of what on the face of it seems an odd thing to say when surrounded by the Norman foe. One suggestion is that it refers to the way the flail falls on first one side then the other of the handle, implying that the family changed its allegiance to survive through difficult times.

The centre of the Trafford estates was Trafford Park and in the 12th and 13th centuries the family acquired parts of Rusholme, Hulme, Sale and Stretford. Pubs named after them still exist in these areas. The big Trafford Hotel on Chester Road was owned by a Septimus Lambert for over twenty years from the 1850s. Contemporary records tell us that the pub had a bowling green, quiting ground and billiard room and Lambert also ran a cattle dealing business. Among those which have disappeared were the Trafford Arms on Upper Moss Lane, closed in the 1960s, and the Trafford Arms on King Street, Hulme, which closed ten years earlier.



There was another Trafford in Hulme in the 1960s on the other side of Erskine Street from the Platford Hotel. On the other side of Stretford Road is the Three Legs of Man, named after one of the emblems of the Earls of Derby, so it seems likely that the Trafford on the corner of Erskine Street once marked the boundary of the family's estates. The present Trafford Hotel in Salford is probably so called because of its position on the road leading towards Trafford territory.

In the early 17th century the family acquired further lands in Barton by a judicious series of marriages. Their estates seem to have stopped on the south side of the Irwell, but in Barton the Rock House Hotel still bears their crest of a man and flail on its sign and in 1824 there was another Trafford Arms in Barton, long since demolished.

Through intermarriage the Traffords had connections with several other local landowners - the Radcliffes, the Leghs, the Ashtons of Ashton and the Asshetons of Middleton, and the Pilkingtons, the Bulkeleys, the Booths and the Mosleys, all of whom have pubs commemorating their names in and around their respective manors. The connection with the Ashtons and the Pilkingtons dates back to the 15th century and both families have the man and scythe on their crest, which closely resembles the Traffords' man with flail. The Pilkingtons' crest can still be seen on the sign of the Pilkington Arms, Bolton.

The crest appears above the shield itself on a heraldic diagram. The Traffords' shield bore three griffins with the motto 'Gripe, Griffin, Holdfast' which can still be seen on the sign of the Trafford on Chester Road. Griffins appeared on many coats of arms but three pubs in Chorlton-on-Medlock were almost certainly associated with the family since they held land there. The Griffin Inn on Upper Medlock Street was demolished in the 1960s; the Griffin Wine Bar on Grosvenor Street disappeared in 1940 and the Griffin on York Street lasted into the 1970s.

Other branches of the family were founded by younger sons and this explains the existence of pubs in outlying areas bearing the family name. Geoffrey de Trafford founded the house of Chadderton when he acquired the manor about the beginning of the 14th century. There was a Trafford Arms on Chadderton Street, Oldham Road, until the 1950s. Shortly afterwards Robert de Trafford founded the branch of the family whose seat was at Garratt Hall, from which the Old Garratt in Manchester derives its name.

# REAL ALE & THE REST IN SALFORD

With the reintroduction of real ale at the Angel, the Wallness and the Royal Archer, the number of pubs selling traditional beer is the same as it was a year ago, even though we have lost the Welcome and the big Derby and the Greyhound on Woden Street no longer sells real ale.

The following list includes every pub in Salford.

## BASS

### Real

Royal Archer, Lower Broughton Road

### Non-real

Albert, Regent Road

Black Lion, Blackfriars Street

Bridge, Lower Broughton Road

Dog & Partridge, Bolton Road

Horseshoe, Back Hope Street

Kettle Drum, Salford Precinct

Maypole, Broughton Road

Prince of Wales, Oldfield Road

Royal Hotel, Eccles New Road

## BODDINGTONS

### Real

Black Friar, King Street

Braziers, Hadson Street

Church, Hilton Street

Duke of York, York Street

Jubilee, Totton Street

Kersal, Moor Lane

Kildakin, St Kilda's Drive

Old Ship, Chapel Street

Paddock, Cross Lane

Priory, Gardner Street

Railway, Broughton Road

Red Cow, Albion Street

Wellington, Regent Road

## BURTONWOOD

### Real

Borough, Encombe Place

## GREENALLS

### Real

Beehive, Holland Street

Borough, Regent Road

Brunswick, Ordsall Lane

Dover, Fenney Street

Gas Tavern, Regent Road

Grey Mare, Eccles New Rd

Grove, Regent Road

Kings Arms, Bloom Street

Old Veteran, Duxbury Street

Palatine, Edward Street

Railway, Cross Lane

Star, Regent Road

Station, Cross Lane

Unicorn, Broughton Road

### Non-real

Black Horse, Crescent

Brass Tally, Liverpool Street

Bridge, Regent Road

Broughton Tavern, Blackfriars Rd

Castle, Kersal Way

Champion, off Broad Street

Church, Ford Street

Greyhound, Woden Street

Maonrakers, Phoebe Street

Poets Corner, Lower Broughton Rd

Racecourse, Littleton Road

Salisbury, Trafford Road

## HOLTS

### Real

Bricklayers, Ordsall Lane

Broadway, Broadway

Duke of York, Marlborough Road

Eagle, Collier Street

Old House at Home, Whit Lane

Red Lion, Bolton Road

Sabre, Taylorson Street

Spread Eagle, Regent Road

Union Tavern, Liverpool Street

Waggon & Horses, Bolton Road

Wellington, Bolton Road

Winston, Churchill Way

## MARSTONS

### Real

Brown Bull, Chapel Street

King William IV, Springfield Rd

Spinners Arms, Oldfield Road

## ROBINSONS

### Real

Star, Back Hope Street

Three Legs of Man, Greengate

White Horse, Gilda Brook Rd

## JOHN SMITHS

### Non-real

Egerton, Gore Street

Pet Park, Chapel Street

## SAM SMITHS

### Non-real

Church Inn, Cross Lane

Coach & Horses, Eccles New Rd

Prince of Wales, Lr Broughton Rd

## TETLEYS

### Real

Albion, Ordsall Lane

Flying Horse, Greengate

Hyde Park Corner, Silk Street

Prince of Wales, Oldfield Road

Punch Bowl, Chapel Street

Wallness, Wallness Road

### Non-real

Albert Vaults, Chapel Street

Brewery Tavern, Adelphi Street

Carlton, Camp Street

Griffin, Chapel Street

Kings Arms, Whit Lane

Pied Piper, Salford Market

Red Dragon, Crescent

## WHITBREAD

### Non-real

Albert, Short Street

Brass Handles, Fitzwarren Street

Broughton Hotel, Gt Cheetham St E

Duke of York, Regent Road

Flat Iron, Salford Market

Flemish Weaver, off Broad Street

Golden Gate, Cross Lane

Griffin, Lower Broughton Road

Grosvenor Hotel, Gt Clowes Street

Hobsons Choice, Oldfield Road

Langworthy, Langworthy Road

Lima Arms, Peru Street

London & North Western, Cross La

Lowry, Langley Road South

Oakwood, Lancaster Road

Queens Arms, Regent Road

Regent, Regent Road

Salford Arms, Chapel Street

Star, Greengate

Swan, Eccles New Road

Tallow Tub, Chapel Street

Three Crowns, Blackfriars Road

Town Hall Tavern, Cleminson St

Two Brewers, Regent Road

Unicorn, Union Street

Vavasour, Sussex Street

Waverley, Eccles New Road

Weaste Hotel, Tootal Road

Ye Olde Nelson, Chapel Street

## WILSONS

### Real

Angel, Chapel Street

Bird in Hand, St Stephen Street

Bridge, Strawberry Road

Britannia, Bank Lane

Chequerboard, Fallow Field

Church, Ford Lane

Clowes, Trafford Road

Corporation, Cross Lane

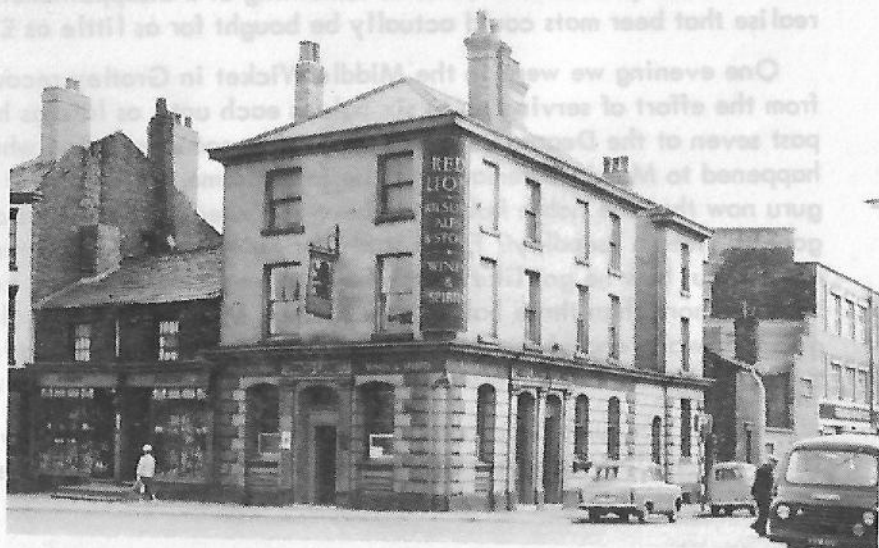
Crown, Blackfriars Street  
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 Falcon, Cross Lane  
 Feathers, Laundry Street  
 Globe, Bury Street  
 Globe, Regent Road  
 Grapes, Eccles New Road  
 Grove, Eccles New Road  
 Irwell Castle, Great Clowes St  
 Kings Arms, Oldfield Road  
 Live & Let Live, Regent Road  
 Lord Nelson, Chapel Street

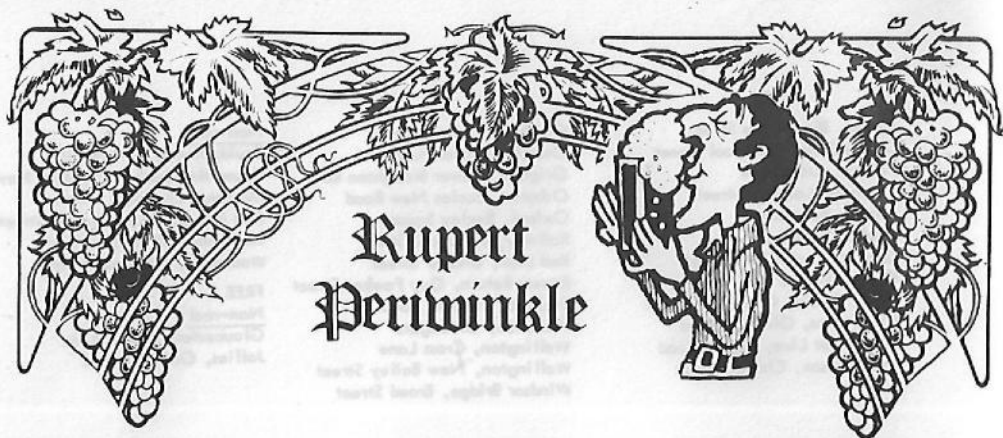
Old Shears, Greengate  
 Ordsall, Ordsall Lane  
 Original, Lower Broughton Rd  
 Osborne, Eccles New Road  
 Oxford, Bexley Square  
 Railway, Liverpool Street  
 Red Lion, Chapel Street  
 Rovers Return, Guy Fawkes Street  
 Trafford, Trafford Road  
 Waterloo, Greengate  
 Wellington, Cross Lane  
 Wellington, New Bailey Street  
 Windsor Bridge, Broad Street

Non-real  
 Druids Home, Silk Street  
 House that Jack Built, Bury New Rd  
 Mariner, Liverpool Street  
 Old Priory, Great Clowes Street  
 Woodman, off Broad Street  
 Woolpack, off Broad Street  
 FREE  
 Non-real  
 Gloucester, Regent Road  
 Jollies, Oldfield Road

Last month we reported the pubs known to be threatened by Greater Manchester Council's new road schemes. It was thought at the time that Compulsory Purchase Orders had been placed only on the seven pubs at the Cross Lane/Regent Road junction in the way of their M602 extension, but it has now come to light that the Red Lion, Chapel Street, has also had a CPO served on it. The Red Lion is in the way of GMC's 'Inner Relief Route', scheduled to be built in five years' time.

So yet again the planners want to knock down one of the city's pubs, in this case one of the oldest. The Red Lion was built in about 1820 and has been owned by at least three of Salford's old brewery companies; the Sandywell Brewery sold it to the founders of Watson & Woodhead's Brewery in 1857 and in later years it was the property of Walker & Homfrays, a company which was merged with Wilsons in 1949.





Why there has to be so much criticism of the beer mat collectors is beyond me. Ag and Alistair went on for hours about little boys cramming thousands of these cardboard masterpieces into suitcases at the Houldsworth Hall recently, and about them hardly drinking any of the beer which the noble Robin had so thoughtfully supplied. Damned good thing, I should think! What is so wonderful about swilling gallons of the stuff, delectable as it might be, and what's wrong with criticising bar staff for putting beer on Boddingtons beer mats? The mats were far too beautiful to use functionally in this way. My only reservation about collecting breweriana and such like is that it seems wrong to have to pay for it. I was always under the impression that collectors stole their ashtrays, beer engines and barmaids' blouses from licensed premises. It came as something of a disappointment to realise that beer mats could actually be bought for as little as £70.

One evening we were in the Middle Wicket in Grotley recovering from the effort of serving up to six halves each until as late as half past seven at the Deansgate beer expo, when someone asked what had happened to Martin Boreman. Was he to reassume the mantle of area guru now that the noble Robin had been elevated to the Reichstag and gone to live in Pseudley? Fiona said that he'd joined a monastery to dry out but how he got like that is beyond me as he was never known to drink more than three halves at a sitting. Mind you, Fiona always gets the wrong end of the stick. Until recently she thought that a 99 twist and Muffin the Mule were sexual deviations, so there you are.

From all accounts Boddington is none too content in Pseudley. His ribald mutterings have not endeared him to the locals and he's

developed psittacosis again, probably as a result of the non-availability of Drabs, which is worse than the ongoing situation in their own pubs in Manchester. Boddington would dearly love his noble master to purchase a public house in the environs of Grotley in order to regain his health and sanity. God knows why - it's enough to drive the most stable person insane being exiled in Grotley and having to 'sup in t' Docker's Wedge', as the local dialect would have it. We're meeting again in the Gungesmeare's Arms tonight so that Fiona can draw up a curriculum vitae for her reapplication for the position of Pope.

## CAMRA BRANCH DIARY

### HIGH PEAK & NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Branch Meeting: Tues Oct 17th - Lord Clyde, Broadbottom, nr Hyde/  
Glossop, 8.00pm. Speaker on canalside pubs.

Trip: Lake District - Sat Oct 21st

Contact: Tom Lord, 061 427 7099

### TRAFFORD & HULME

Branch Meeting (AGM): Thurs Oct 19th, 8.00pm. Malt Shovels, Stamford  
Street, Altrincham.

Social: Thurs Oct 26th 8.00pm, Rope & Anchor, Dunham Massey

Brewery Trip: Wilsons, Monday Nov 13th

Branch Meeting: Thurs Nov 16th, 8.00pm. Melville, Barton Road,  
Stretford.

Pub Crawl: Sat Nov 18th. Altrincham: meeting points 7.00pm Cheshire  
Cheese, Manchester Road, Broadheath; 8.00pm Orange Tree,  
Old Market Place; 9.00pm Railway, Stamford Street; 10.30  
Railway, Ashley Road, Hale. Maps available.

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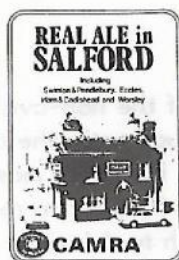


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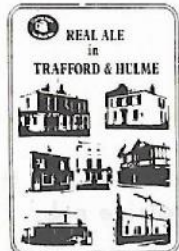
# LOCAL BEER GUIDES



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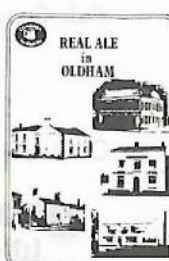
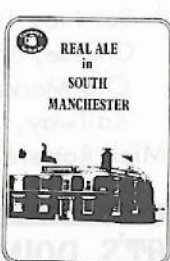
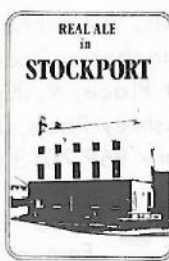
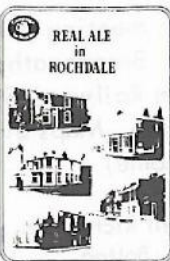
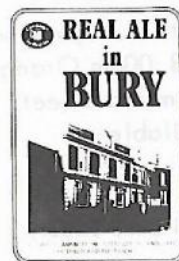
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## What is Real Ale?

CAMRA coined the term 'real ale' to describe beer brewed from traditional ingredients — malted barley, hops and yeast — kept in casks which allow it to continue 'working' in the pub cellar, and delivered to your glass by any method that does not involve the use of carbon dioxide.

## More about the Campaign for Real Ale.

CAMRA is the only national organisation which exists specifically to speak for the beer-drinker and pub user. Except for a small staff in St Albans, CAMRA relies on voluntary effort, and members subscriptions, to promote and publicise traditional draught beer. The Campaign is piloted nationally by a democratically elected Executive, and 140 branches are its lifeblood at local level. Few parts of the country are without a CAMRA branch.

CAMRA tries to increase public awareness through such means as publications and beer exhibitions, and seeks to influence the brewing industry itself by making responsible and intelligent representations to the industry's bosses and the nation's legislators.

The Campaign is now accepted as one of Britain's foremost consumer and conservation bodies. Its views on a wide range of subjects connected with the brewing industry and the licensed trade are listened to seriously by the industry itself and by Government. CAMRA's growing concern with a whole range of legal and technical issues — with pricing policies, brewing technology, monopolies, the licensing laws, and consumer protection — reflect a mountain of effort by unpaid individuals.

The Campaign publishes a monthly newspaper — What's Brewing — which takes a broad and critical look at all sorts of developments in the world of beer and pubs, and keeps members closely informed. What's Brewing is sent free to every member. The annual Good Beer Guide, listing the best Real Ale pubs in the country, has become a national institution.

In 1976 CAMRA became a limited company. This status in no way inhibits the Campaign's activities as a voluntary organisation, and has been adopted with the sole purpose of putting CAMRA on a sounder legal footing.

Remember, most of CAMRA's activities cost money, and CAMRA relies on its members for financial support. Your help is needed now. If you do care about your pint and your pubs, join CAMRA. Then contact your local branch. They will be delighted to see you at their meetings, socials and on the trips they organise from time to time. They will also welcome your views, and your help in their local ventures.

## Join Now!

### 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

or I/We enclose completed standing order authority

(Any additional amount will be welcomed as a donation).

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I wish to become an Associate of CAMRA Ltd.

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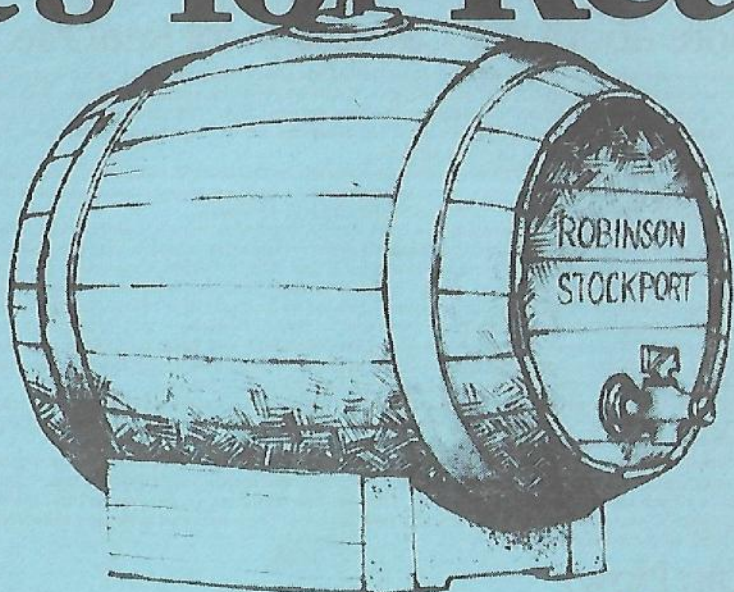
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