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## WHITBREAD REAL ALE - AT LAST!



There are 'about seventy' pubs selling the new Whitbread real ale. The following are among the outlets in the Greater Manchester area:

Salford Arms, Chapel St, Salford  
 Hat & Feathers, Mason St, Mcr.  
 White Lion, Liverpool Rd, Mcr.

Bulls Head, Hyde Rd, Manchester  
 Golden Lion, Pendlebury  
 Heaton Park Hotel, Middleton Rd.  
 Talbot, Moss Side  
 Tippings, Blackburn Rd, Bolton  
 Railway, Daubhill, Bolton  
 Globe, Woolfold, Bury  
 Gamecock, Rochdale Old Rd, Bury  
 Volunteer, Sale



## WHAT'S DOING IN TRAFFORD & HULME

The new Axe and Cleaver, across the road from Altrincham's bus/rail interchange, finally opened its doors to the drinking public on October 11th at an estimated cost of £60,000 to Lanchester Taverns. The three sets of handpumps at present dispense Wilsons traditional bitter and mild, though it is possible one of the mild pumps may be switched to Brewers Bitter in the future if the demand for mild is low - quite a possibility since both mild and bitter are sold at the same price!

The pub itself is comfortably furnished and consists of one large lounge bar, though the shape of it does successfully split the room into three drinking areas. One of these is a sort of alcove designed as a 'games corner' to accommodate darts and doms players, though at the time of writing neither activity has appeared. One local paper got quite carried away on the subject. I quote: "Inside, the overall impression is Edwardian and you can almost imagine yourself in a gentleman's club at the turn of the century with its deep, rich colours, velvet seating, mirrors, antique prints and artefacts." Where's me Top Hat?! The same writer also reported that the Bollin Morris Men and Charlie Smart's Banjo Kings entertained the customers - which pub did you go to chum, 'cos they weren't in the Axe? He was, however, accurate on other physical features; the windows bearing the legends 'Commercial Room' and 'Smoke Room' are from the old Axe & Cleaver and the mahogany bar was rescued from another demolished pub. I think manager Paul Thorpe has a successful house on his hands, the type of place to which you could take your girl friend from Bowdon and get a decent pint into the bargain.

More activity round the corner at the Victoria Tavern has seen the long awaited arrival of draught Bass to complement the 4X best mild. Certain of our members have been known to call in several times every evening, 'just to check if it's all right'. The beer seems to be selling quite well!

The Pedigree at the Railway, Stamford Street, has been doing very nicely too, and its success has prompted the landlord to enquire as to the possibility of adding Merrie Monk to the range. All in all, our pub crawl on November 18th (see Branch Diary) has certain advantages, covering 16 pubs with 18 different brews, assuming Boddies Strong

Ale is available by then. It does allow the moderate drinker to be selective!

By way of contrast, pubs in the northern part of our branch area are experiencing little change, perhaps as a result of poor campaigning - could it be that few people care what's happening in Hulme? Our December crawl on Saturday 16th begins at the Lloyds Arms on Higher Ormond Street, a short walk from Oxford Road Station. The Lloyds is very popular with students, being close to the university, and offers Brew 10 bitter and Bass 4X best mild, both on handpumps. As with the next two pubs on the crawl, the facilities are basic but the atmosphere friendly. The second pub, across a pleasantly grassed area of rural Hulme (not to be undertaken in bare feet,) is the Church (Greenalls handpumped bitter) on Cambridge Street. This pub was shut on my last visit and I am awaiting news as to the reason why. I hope the degree of shutness is not too severe! Is it a candidate for demolition? A few yards away Clynes Wine Bar, Cavendish Street, is far more permanent and serves Wilsons mild and bitter through handpumps in a strongly Irish atmosphere. There are a further seven pubs on the walk, and these will be dealt with in next month's What's Doing, so to avoid disappointment place your order today!

Mick Rottenbury



In the Trafford & Hulme branch area What's Doing is on sale at:  
Hulme: The Hope Inn    Urmston: Lord Nelson    Stretford: Melville  
Sale: Railway; Sale Homebrew Supplies    Sale Moor: Carters Arms  
Ashton on Mersey: Old Plough    Timperley: Quarry Bank    Broadheath: Railway  
Altrincham: Orange Tree; Roebuck; Malt Shovels; Barrington Hale: Railway  
Mobberley: Railway

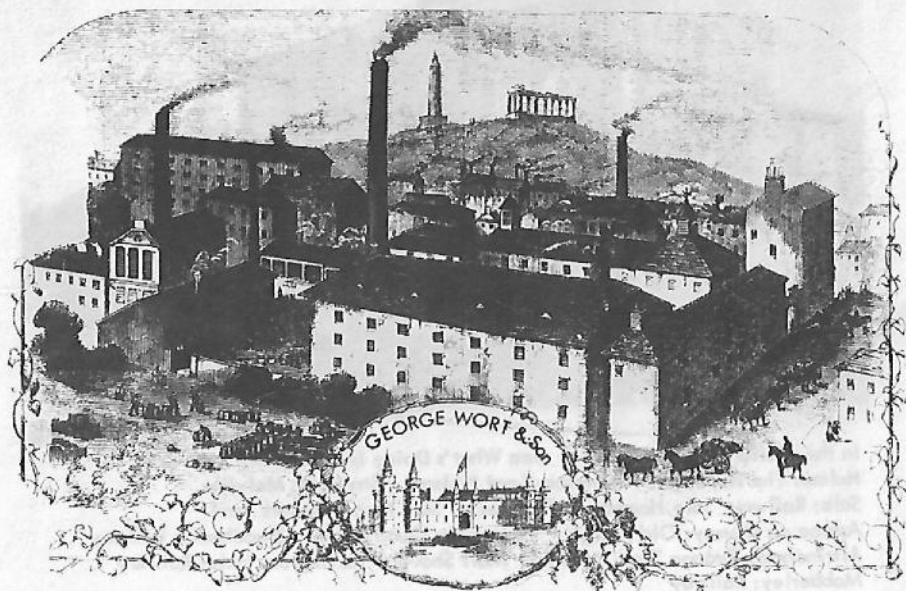


## A TALE OF OUR TIMES

Once upon a time, the local firm of George Wort & Son brewed a rich dark mild, a light mild and two bitters. In the winter, old George would leave his desk in t'office to supervise the brewing of Owd Socks, a heavy malty ale, according to an ancient family recipe.

Unfortunately, George had little education and was unable to see that the future lay in expansion and rationalisation. In contrast, his son Hubert had gained an ONC in business studies and whilst at college had fallen in with a group of accountants. Hubert, an ambitious lad, set about gaining control of the firm through deceit, bribery and standard business techniques. Sick at heart, poor old George admitted defeat and retired, taking with him the secret of Owd Socks. 'No matter,' said Hubert, 'the product range needed pruning anyway. Only senile old men drink mild and the two bitters can be replaced by a keg version of the weakest one.'

With a view to obtaining a local monopoly, Hubert had his eye on the only other brewery left in town, a firm called Sponges. However, Sponges had already been bought out by Squibbs, who then merged with Troons and who were taken over by Amalgamated Breweries. The



only answer was to amalgamate with Amalgamated. Eventually this great event took place and United, Amalgamated & Combined Breweries Ltd was formed. All breweries except the original Wort premises were closed. The less profitable pubs also got the chop, especially those in areas where the next pub was over 10 miles away.

After an exceptionally hot summer, United decided to concentrate on lager brewed the Bavarian way (well United's version of the Bavarian way). £2M was allocated to building a new lager brewery and £5M for advertising the stuff. 'Join the United, Amalgamated & Combined Breweries lager men' and 'United lager is good for putting out fires' were both very successful slogans of the period.

In his annual report to stockholders, Sir Hubert Wort had this to say, 'This has been a splendid year for the company but some people and organisations have seen fit to criticise the quality of our products. I defy anyone to tell the difference between our beer and traditional ale which has also been filtered and pasteurised and is served at a refreshing minus 15°F under 200lb psi of carbon dioxide.'

The following year the chairman was able to report, 'Yeast has long been the enemy of the modern brewer and in the past we, like others, have done anything in our power to ensure that the dreaded microbe never reaches the final product. I am happy to announce that United have gone one better than all the other brewers; we have eliminated yeast altogether. Alcohol is now being made directly from its elements, carbon, hydrogen and oxygen, at the new ICI plant in Wales. This is added in extremely small quantities to water, hop essence and malt flavour made from processed seaweed. Mixing of the ingredients is by traditional methods. Despite the obvious advantages to the consumer, the product will still sell for less than 50p a pint. In conclusion I would like to say, if the customers weren't satisfied with our products then they wouldn't buy them, would they?'

Alan Gall

## BEER GUIDE CORRECTIONS

In the January issue of What's Doing we will be publishing a correction sheet to bring the nine real ale guides up to date. Would all contributing CAMRA branches please let Roger Hall have their amendments within the next few weeks. Corrections from readers would also be appreciated.



## REAL ALE IN TRAFFORD

Altrincham centre is the best pubbed area of Trafford with Wilsons, Bass Charrington, Samuel Smiths, Marstons, Boddingtons and Greenall Whitley all being available within a short walking distance. Wilsons dominate the area with six pubs. The small but excellent Orange Tree, the Wheatsheaf to the north and the Faulkners near the station all offer handpumped beer, while the Old Roebuck, the Barrington and the brand new Axe and Cleaver use electric dispense systems. Bass Charrington only supply one real ale pub in the whole of Trafford, the Victoria Tavern, which sells electric dark mild but pressurised bitter. Sam Smiths bitter and live jazz are available at the Malt Shovels, Marstons at the Railway opposite and Greenalls at the Park Inn. Both Boddingtons pubs in central Altrincham are unspoilt by modernisation and serve mild and bitter by handpump. The Grapes sells ordinary



mild and the Tatton Arms best mild.

Broadheath has handpumped Boddingtons at the unspoilt Railway and electric Boddingtons at the more modern Cheshire Cheese close by. Handpumped Wilsons can be drunk at the Old Packet House.

Timperley has six pubs spread over a wide area: Boddingtons at the modernised Gardeners Arms and Broomwood, Wilsons at the also modernised Sylvan and Moss Trooper, Hydes at the Quarry Bank and Marstons at the huge Hare and Hounds, all dispensed by electric pumps.

In the Altrincham perimeter towns, electric Boddingtons is available in the large, trendy Stamford Arms at Bowdon and in the Rope and Anchor at Dunham. Robinsons can be drunk at the Railway at Hale and the Bulls Head at Halebarns. Hydes is sold in the Unicorn at Halebarns and Marstons in the King William IV at Partington.

Sale has only seven real ale pubs out of twenty-four but these are well spread out with a good choice of beer. The Railway, the only real ale pub in Sale centre, sells Robinsons. Just north of the centre Boddingtons is sold in the newly modernised Bridge Inn and Wilsons in the recently converted Waggon and Horses. Wilsons is also sold in the posh Woodcourt at Brooklands. Sale Moor offers Holts at the Legh Arms and a large range of Marstons beers at the Carters Arms. Just outside Sale, Lees is available at the Jolly Butcher in Baguley and at the Park Inn in Northern Moor. Robinsons





is sold at the Gardeners Arms in Northern Moor.

The large area of Stretford has only four real ale pubs. The Northumberland at the northern tip sells handpumped Wilsons, as does the Quadrant near Lancashire County Cricket Club. The large, plain Robin Hood near the Arndale Shopping Centre sells Boddingtons and the Melville on Barton Road sells Holts, both by electric pumps.

Urmston has only three real ale pubs. Holts is sold at the Lord Nelson and the Roebuck and Wilsons at the modern Urmston Hotel, all by electric pumps.



## BACK FROM ELBA

The Napoleon, Cornwall Street, Higher Openshaw, re-opens on Thursday 9th November as a free house selling traditional Tetley mild and Boddingtons bitter. This former Tetley pub closed some months ago, and it was thought at the time that it was a candidate for demolition.





## SECONDS OUT!

In last month's What's Doing Mick Rottenbury asked if anyone knew why the Gardeners Arms, Timperley, is known as the 'Blood Tub'. The following may help to explain it.

'Blood Tub' is an old slang name for a particularly brutal form of boxing popular in the 1920s and 30s which was little more than licensed grievous bodily harm. One version of the sport had both fighters standing toe to toe in a barrel - that way the unfortunate victim couldn't retreat to his corner if he wanted to.

Manchester had plenty of famous fighters, including 'Nipper' McFarland, Tommy Brown, Johnny King, Dyke Archer and the Marchant brothers, whose gym still stands on Gardner Street, Salford, a mere Ali shuffle away from that popular Boddingtons pub, the Priory Arms.

A pub well worth a visit if you like pugilism and pints is the Fox Inn, a Holts pub on Old Market Street, Blackley. The landlord, John Donnelly, has an excellent collection of boxing memorabilia, including boxing advertisement bills from the 1920s and 30s. Old-time fighter Harry Evans is mine host at the Commercial Hotel, Liverpool Road, Manchester, and is always ready to talk about the old blood tub days with anyone interested. The AG Irish National Club, 110 Tib Street, holds meetings on the first Sunday in the month at which the old boxers meet.

Sluggar Flynn

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## BOXING

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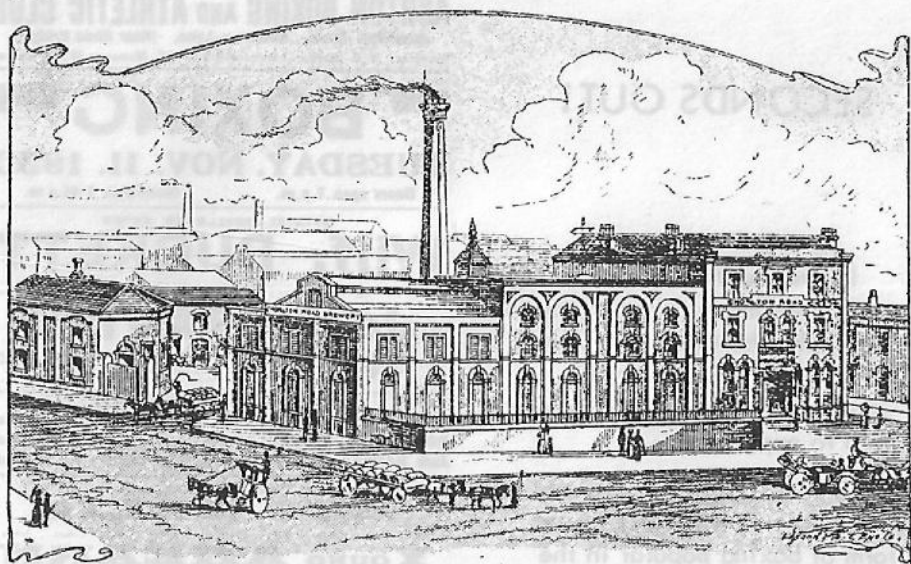
Commence 7-45 p.m.

SPECIAL CHALLENGE MATCH

## WILF. BUCKETT

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## MANCHESTER BREWERIES No3 - THE CHORLTON ROAD BREWERY



In the mid-1800s many commercial enterprises were springing up in and around Manchester. Hulme, in particular, was favoured by the early industrialists and the area attracted many members of the brewing trade. One of the better known establishments at the time was the Chorlton Road Brewery, founded in about 1855.

Smalley & Evans was the name of a partnership that had been brewing at the Ducie Bridge Brewery since 1848. Later they moved to Chorlton Road and by 1861 Titus Smalley was the sole owner of the brewery, which he ran for several years before his death. The trustees of Titus Smalley appointed as General Manager Mr William Dockray, who was later to assume ownership.

Although the above picture of the brewery gives the impression of a large building, the plant was in fact only of 8-quarterm size (many were 10-20 quarters) and by the 1900s employed just 10 skilled workers. Adjoining the brewery can be seen the Chorlton Road Hotel, one of several fully licensed houses owned by Smalleys.

William Dockray was a committee member of the Manchester Brewers' Central Association in 1878 and 1879. At that time the Association included such people as Henry Boddington, Andrew Bleakley (of Woodside

Brewery, later to be used by Walker & Homfrays), William Heathcote (of Beaumont & Heathcote, which merged with James Kay to form Kay's Atlas Brewery) and William Groves of Groves & Whitnall. Dockray must have known the last named gentleman especially well as he later sold most of his property to Groves & Whitnall and his son became a brewer at the Regent Road Brewery.

The Globe on Bury Street in Salford is now a Wilsons house but once belonged to William Dockray. It later became a Manchester Brewery Company pub, one of the few not to be sold in the deal with Groves & Whitnall.

Alan Gall

## BASS REAL ALE REPLACES TETLEY

Bass-Charrington now own about a dozen former Tetley pubs in the Leigh area - a sad loss for Tetley drinkers but it does have its compensations. Traditional draught Bass is now available in at least 6 pubs which once served only bright beer. Among them are the Kings Head in Atherton (which also has traditional 4X mild and Toby light), the White Lion and the New Inn in Leigh and the Jolly Carter in Lowton. Of the pubs which used to sell real Tetleys, only one, the Gardeners in Atherton, will definitely not be offering cask beer.

The South Lancs branch of CAMRA is holding a meeting in the Kings Head in Atherton on 29th November, at which a spokesman for Bass-Charrington will be present to outline his company's policies and answer questions.





# TRADITIONAL MATTHEW BROWN

The following list of Matthew Brown pubs selling real ale has been provided by the brewery. At the time of going to press there are two corrections to be made; the Bird in Hand, Gathurst should be added and the Old Swan, Ince, removed. The Old Swan is closed awaiting demolition. If any readers have further corrections please get in touch with the editor.

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| Admiral Lord Rodney, Waterside Road, Colne            | Duckworth Hall Inn, Duckworth Hall, Oswaldtwistle |
| Alexandra Hotel, Alexandra View, Darwen               | Duke of Edinburgh, Deepdale Mill Street, Preston  |
| Alma Inn, Manchester Road, Baxenden                   | Duke of Kent Hotel, Kent Street, Preston          |
| Army & Navy Hotel, Meadow Street, Preston             | Duke of York, Friargate, Preston                  |
| Bank Hotel, Hope Street, Blackburn                    | Dun Horse Hotel, Market Street Lane, Blackburn    |
| Bay Horse Hotel, Fence                                | Eagle & Child Hotel, High Street, Garstang        |
| Black Boy Inn, Moor Road, Chorley                     | Elephant & Castle Hotel, Bolton Road, Adlington   |
| Black Bull Hotel, Belmont, Bolton                     | Exchange Hotel, Fox Street, Preston               |
| Black Bull Hotel, Bolton Road, Turton                 | Foundry Arms, Wood Street, Darwen                 |
| Black Horse Hotel, Long Lane, Limbrick, Chorley       | Fox & Grapes Hotel, Fox Street, Preston           |
| Borough Hotel, Bolton Street, Chorley                 | General Codrington Hotel, New Hall Lane, Preston  |
| Bretherton Arms, Eaves Lane, Chorley                  | General Havelock Hotel, Brook Street, Preston     |
| Bridge Inn, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale             | Greyhound Hotel, Whitehead Street, Blackburn      |
| Bridge Inn, Rising Bridge, Baxenden                   | Harpers Hotel, Harpers Lane, Chorley              |
| Brookes Arms, Brook Street, Chorley                   | Harrisons Arms, Bolton Road, Blackburn            |
| Butlers Arms, Pleasington, Blackburn                  | Hartcommon Hotel, Wigan Road, Westhoughton        |
| Castle Hotel, Whalley Road, Accrington                | Hornby Castle Hotel, Brook Street, Preston        |
| Castle Hotel, Chequers, Clayton-le-Moors              | Hotel Commodore, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands   |
| Cemetery Hotel, Burnley Road, Huncoat, Accrington     | Imperial Hotel, Union Street, Chorley             |
| Cheetham Arms, London Road, Preston                   | Jutland Hotel, Jutland Street, Preston            |
| Colliers Arms, Moor Road, Chorley                     | Keystone Inn, Brook Street, Preston               |
| Commercial Hotel, Water Street, Chorley               | King Street Tavern, Manchester Road, Preston      |
| Commercial Hotel, Whalley Road, Clayton-le-Moors      | Knuzden Brook Inn, Knuzden Brook, Blackburn       |
| Cordwainers Arms, Livesey Street, Chorley             | Leigh Arms, Ladies Lane, Hindley                  |
| Cotton Tree Inn, Lyons Lane, Chorley                  | Leopards Head, Lime Street, Blackburn             |
| County Arms, Darwen Street, Blackburn                 |   |
| Crown Hotel, Chapel Street, Chorley                   |   |
| Derby Arms, Eaves Lane, Chorley                       |   |
| Derby Inn, Ribbleson Road, Preston                    |   |
| Dog & Partridge Hotel, Chorley Lane, Charnock Richard |   |
| Dog & Partridge Hotel, Back Lane, Baxenden            |   |
| Drovers Arms, Brook Street, Preston                   |   |
| Dr Syntax Hotel, Fylde Road, Preston                  |   |

Lord Nelson Hotel, York, Blackburn  
 Masons Arms, Harpers Lane, Chorley  
 Maudland Inn, Pedder Street, Preston  
 Moor Hall Hotel, Elliott Street, Preston  
 Moor Park Hotel, Garstang Road, Preston  
 Oak Tree Inn, Blackburn Road, Accrington  
 Oddfellows Tavern, Mount Street, Preston  
 Old Dog Hotel, Church Street, Preston  
 Old England Forever, Church Street,  
 Clayton-le-Moors  
 Old Swan Hotel, Manchester Road, Ince  
 Pack Horse Hotel, Belthorn  
 Palatine Inn, Frederick Street, Accrington  
 Park Hotel, Montague Street, Blackburn  
 Park Hotel, Preston Road, Feniscowles  
 Parker Arms, Park Road, Chorley  
 Paviers Arms, Fylde Road, Preston  
 Pineapple Hotel, Johnson Street, Blackburn  
 Plough Hotel, Preston Road, Grimsargh  
 Plough & Harrow Hotel, Preston Road,  
 Coppull Moor  
 Prince of Wales, Cowling Brow, Chorley  
 Prince of Wales Hotel, Livesey Street,  
 Chorley  
 Prince of Wales, Montague Street,  
 Blackburn  
 Princess Alice Hotel, Hammond Street,  
 Preston  
 Princess Royal Hotel, Bolton Street, Chorley  
 Queens Hotel, Church Street, Church  
 Railway Hotel, Coppice Lane, Heapey  
 Railway Hotel, Pleasington  
 Railway Hotel, Steeley Lane, Chorley

Red Cat, Heapey  
 Rock Hotel, Warrington Road, Lower Ince  
 Rose & Crown Hotel, St Thomas's Road,  
 Chorley  
 Royal Hotel, Castle Hill Road, Hindley  
 Royal Hotel, Victoria Street, Blackburn  
 Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley Old Road,  
 Whittle-le-Woods  
 Salisbury Hotel, Peter Street, Blackburn  
 Seven Stars Hotel, Eaves Lane, Chorley  
 Shepherds Arms, Eaves Lane, Chorley  
 Ship Inn, Fylde Road, Preston  
 Sir Robert Peel, Newton Street, Preston  
 Spinners Arms, Cowling Road, Chorley  
 Stanley Arms, Garden Street, Blackburn  
 St Mary's Hotel, St Mary's Street, Preston  
 Stone Cottage Inn, Egan Street, Preston  
 Strangeways Hotel, Liverpool Road, Hindley  
 Swan Hotel, Bolton Road, Darwen  
 Tan Pits Inn, George Street, Church  
 Tardy Gate, Brownedge Road, Lostock Hall  
 Tramway Inn, Manchester Road, Accrington  
 Waggonmakers Arms, Railway Street, Chorley  
 Walmsley Arms, Queens Street,  
 Great Harwood  
 Warners Arms, Warner Street, Accrington  
 Waterloo Hotel, Friargate, Preston  
 Wheatshaf Hotel, St Thomas's Road, Chorley  
 White Bear Inn, Market Street, Adlington  
 White Bull Hotel, Market Street, Chorley  
 White Bull Hotel, Garstang Road, Bilsboro  
 White Horse Hotel, Bury Road, Turton  
 White Lion Hotel, Higher Gate, Huncoat



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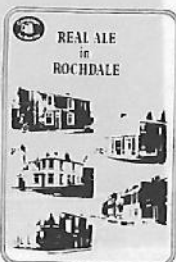
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All the above publications are available from Roger Hall, 123 Hill Lane, Blackley, Manchester, who would like to hear from readers of any changes in the lists so that they can be kept up to date.







Ag and I were sitting in the sumptuous lounge of The Stockbroker, having decided not to accompany the others on yet another slum pub crawl of Lower Grotley and were just enjoying our second half of Python 6X Porter when Fiona, Tish and Algy arrived, quite breathless. They'd just escaped from the most boring person in the world who was also totally avaricious. I don't know what else they expect if they insist on slumming it. Anyway they've no need to worry. From what they told us about the fellow he'll very soon be blind and won't be able to find his way about.

Tish had brought with her a copy of Mersey Drinker, an inferior sort of gutter-real-ale-periodical from Liverpool. I was pleased to see that someone had written to complain about the Graffiti articles. For some time now a column by 'Bogbrush' has conducted a competition looking for witty obscenities on toilet walls. It started off all right with amusing snippets like 'Dyslexia rules KO', 'Oedipus; phone your mother' and 'School Record' marked 12 feet up the wall, but rapidly deteriorated into a catalogue of sexual deviations. I know that this is only reflecting our toilet walls, but such toilets are avoidable, however. The ladies is no safe refuge, as I've found to my cost, but one can use toilets in restaurants and the better class hotels. A page in a beer drinkers' magazine is not avoidable and is offensive to many persons who find references to bestiality and onanism unsavoury. 'Bogbrush' is of course a pseudonym. The word was chosen obviously because both of the major contributors, Ian Macmillan and Tony Wilson, look like lavatory brushes. It must however be Mr Macmillan who is 'Bogbrush' because he not only looks like a lavatory brush but also behaves like one. Is it really fitting that a person who has the temerity to edit a magazine which has a regular feature of such appalling taste should also be a member of the National Newsletters Working Party? I have written to the noble Robin in Pseudley asking that 'Bogbrush' should be replaced by a more human, more understanding, more sensitive, more cultured member, namely the Hon R Periwinkle.

## BOOK OF THE MONTH

You guessed it - 'Salford's Pubs No2' is out. Compiled by Neil Richardson, Tony Flynn and Alan Gall it covers in detail Ordsall, Islington & Hampson Street and the oldest part of Salford, Greengate and Chapel Street. In the last mentioned district there were over 150 pubs - about as many as there are in the whole city now. In addition to the five still standing on Greengate, there were once the Polytechnic, the Paul Pry, the Round o'Beef and the Village Blacksmith, to name but a few. Ironically, the Railway was knocked down to build Exchange Station. Other names to conjure with were the Robinson Crusoe, the Good Intent and the Tripedressers Arms. Alan Gall has contributed a history of Threlfalls-Chesters and recorded over 70 breweries which have supplied the city's pubs over the last 150 years. In 1869 there were 657 pubs in Salford but it was then that local authorities were given power over licensing. The book traces the pattern of closures from the times when pubs were often described as 'resorts of thieves,



HORSE AND JOCKEY, WEST WORSLEY STREET



prostitutes and disreputable characters'.

Among the photographs are many lent by Whitbread (Salford) and Wilsons breweries which show the pubs as they were between 50 and 20 years ago. Others are from the Salford Local History Library or from local licensees.

'Salford's Pubs No2' is available from several Salford pubs and shops or by post from Tony Flynn, 18 Gilda Crescent Road, for 60p including postage.

## MORE WILSONS REAL ALE OUTLETS

Good ol' Wilsons are still doing the decent thing. At least three more pubs have reverted to traditional beer recently - the Plough at Rainsough, the Moss Rose in Kearsley and the Mitre near Manchester Cathedral. All three have new sets of handpumps and the Royal Oak, Higher Openshaw, will be getting a set soon.



Across the road from the Moss Rose the opposite has happened. The Antelope, in common with many other Greenalls pubs, now sells only bright beer.

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# CAMRA BRANCH DIARY

## SOUTH MANCHESTER

Social: Tues 21st Nov, 8.00pm. Victoria Inn, Burnage

Pub Crawl: Friday Dec 1st. Stockport pubs due for demolition. 8.00pm  
in the Club House

Branch Meeting: Thurs 14th Dec. Xmas Social - Folk Singer & Hot Pot  
Supper. 8.00pm Gateway Hotel, Parrswood

Xmas Tipple: Friday 22nd Dec. Manchester Central 12 Brew Pub Crawl  
7.00pm Coach & Horses, 8.00pm Crown & Kettle

Contact: Barry Pryme 061 225 4949

## ROCHDALE, OLDHAM & BURY

Trip: 18th November - Wem & Chester

Branch Meeting: Tues 12th Dec at 8.00pm. Castle, Manchester Road,  
Rochdale

Contact: Ken Holt, Heywood 65288

## NORTH MANCHESTER

Branch Meeting: Weds 15th Nov, 8.00pm. Ordsall, Ordsall Lane, Salford

Contact: Roger Hall 061 740 7937

## TRAFFORD & HULME

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

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

Social: Thurs Nov 23rd. Mancunian, City Road, Hulme

Committee Meeting: Thurs Dec 7th. Railway, Mobberley. Members  
welcome.

Pub Crawl: Sat Dec 16th, Hulme. 7.30 Lloyds Arms, Higher Ormond  
Street; 9.00pm Grants Arms, Royce Road. Maps available.

Branch Meeting: Thurs Dec 21st, 8.00pm. Malt Shovels, Stamford  
Street, Altrincham.

Contact: Mick Rottenbury 969 7013 (home)

## HIGH PEAK

Branch Meeting: Tues 14th Nov. Railway, Whaley Bridge. 8.30pm

Branch Trip: Sat 18 Nov - late afternoon departure - evening in  
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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.

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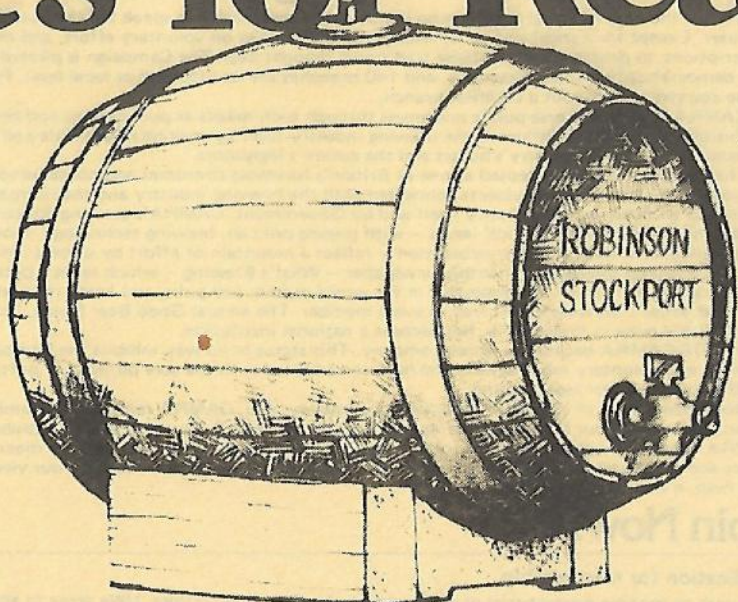
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