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## WILSONS SWAP MEANS REAL ALE LOSS



Wilsons have exchanged four of their cask beer pubs in Manchester with five John Smiths pubs in Birkenhead. This means that John Smiths bright beer will replace Wilsons real ale in the following pubs:-

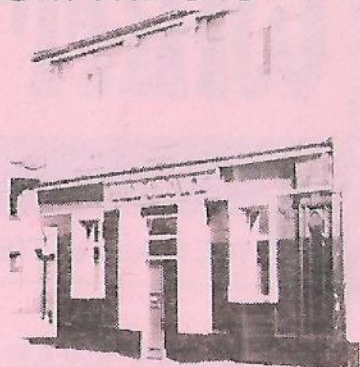
The Crown, Jackson Crescent, Hulme  
 The George & Dragon, Ardwick Green, Manchester  
 The Grapes, Church Street, Eccles  
 The Oddfellows, Bolton Road, Pendlebury

In Birkenhead, Wilsons plan to introduce traditional beer in four of the five pubs: The Firemans Arms, the Windsor Castle, the Shamrock and the Graving Dock.



## PUB SWAPS - REACTION FROM THE CROWN

The headline in the Manchester Evening News ran 'Cheers! Pubs will do beer swap'. For the regulars in the Crown, Jackson Crescent, Hulme, however, the reaction was anything but 'Cheers'. As part of the swaps agreed between Wilsons and John Smiths, the Crown is destined to change from Wilsons traditional beers to Smiths chilled and filtered Yorkshire brew in April - and the locals don't like it! The change-over is in line with the brewers' promises to look at their pub holdings in areas of high concentration and, through a swap system, give customers a greater choice of beers. In theory the idea of pub swaps is a good one, but the question asked by drinkers in the Crown is 'Why us?' Here is a thriving pub with a strong local following of people who like their beer in traditional form. John Smiths do not supply traditional beer, so as far as the locals are concerned their choice of drinking is diminished, not extended. The only way to keep everybody happy would be for John Smiths to start brewing real ale again - and that's another story!



Mick Rottenbury

## WHEATSHEAF REOPENS

The Wheatsheaf on the corner of Manchester Road and Oldfield Road, Altrincham, reopened on February 13th after a complete renovation. Wilsons traditional beers are still available, the original handpumps having been replaced by new beer engines designed to enable bar staff to pull the pints with the minimum of effort - unlike those installed in some recent conversions where the handle disappears behind the bar, requiring leverage that would do a barperson credit on 'Superstars'.

The pub itself is tastefully modernised in the style of most other conversions carried out by Lanchester Taverns (Wilsons managed houses) recently. It is fully carpeted, the seats are comfortable and the interior decoration is interesting without being gimmicky. Food is available at lunchtimes and snacks in the evening. One interesting find by the builders carrying out the alterations was a 1905 copy of the "Sale Guardian" under the floor. One of the adverts in it was for a 'Five bed roomed house and stable' for rent at 7s 11d a week.

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## ALL THINGS BRIGHT UNSUITABLE



Until now the Manchester Camra branches have all but ignored the presence of the handful of John Smiths pubs in the area, since there are plenty of real ale alternatives. However, when the swap with Wilsons is completed there will be a reduction of choice of beers, not only in the pubs themselves but also in areas like Swinton & Pendlebury, where cask Wilsons will no longer be available. And this may be the thin end of the wedge - John Smiths will presumably be looking for more outlets this side of the Pennines. Merseyside has already suffered the loss of a dozen Tetley pubs in a swap with the Yorkshire company. If Tetleys go ahead with their plans to sell off 30 pubs to offset recent losses, John Smiths will certainly be in the market.

So who are John Smiths and why do they present such a threat to the lover of traditional beer? John Smiths are a subsidiary of Courage, one of the 'Big Six' brewers, which in turn is owned by the Imperial Group (Woodbines, Ross fish fingers - you name it, they own it.) Courage do brew some real ale in the south but John Smiths are autonomous in the north and the plant at Tadcaster is the only major brewery not producing any traditional beer at all. The firm hit its first all-time low in public opinion in 1976 when it closed down the Barnsley Brewery and production of Barnsley Bitter came to an untimely end. Since then they have refused to reintroduce any real ale of their own in spite of public demand and they will not allow other beers in their pubs - not even cask beers from Courage itself.

## BIGGER BODDIES

Boddingtons are seeking planning permission to extend the Royal Oak, Cross Lane, Gorton, into the house next door.

## NEW PUB FOR ASHTON ON MERSEY



Wilsons Brewery have had their application approved to turn Mersey House, Carrington Lane, into a pub. Outline plans were first put to the council in August, drawing a storm of protest from local residents who feared that it would lower the value of their own property. The main objection to the planning proposal was that the site was situated on a dangerous bend in the road. Residents were also concerned that two fields at the back of Mersey House would be turned into car parks. However, local councillors have agreed that a pub would be a good idea and would solve many problems at the site.

Moves to develop Mersey House have been made since as far back as 1955. Since 1969, six applications have been made ranging from use as offices to a nightclub. Wilsons are the first concern to have their application approved.

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## LEES GET PUB IN BOLTON

Boddingtons have sold the Lodge Bank Tavern, Bridgeman Street, Bolton, to John Willie Lees. This will be the fourth Lees pub in Bolton. The first three were acquired from a slightly less reputable company, the Whitefield Brewery Company (see Manchester Breweries No.5). The Hare and Hounds, Bank Street, was closed in 1911 for being 'ill conducted'; the Victoria and the Union Arms were sold to Hamers Brewery over 50 years ago and the Union is still standing on Eskrick Street, now a Whitbread pub.

## ANOTHER SALFORD PUB GOES

The Flying Horse, Greengate, Salford was demolished over the weekend 23rd/24th February. It is not known exactly why, but it is probable that the building had become unsafe when adjacent buildings were pulled down.



## THE PUBS OF DENTON

Denton, including Haughton Green, is now in the Tameside Metropolitan Borough, and offers a surprisingly rich variety of beers. Indeed, the number could reach double figures if the various Whitbread pubs reintroduce real ale. As it is, 18 different real beers from 9 brewing companies are available to quench your thirsts. In the 32 pubs (almost one per thousand population) there is a two thirds chance of finding cask beers.

Half a mile over the Gorton border is the QUEENS, a Burtonwood out-post overlooking the railway station. In addition to the rare light mild, and bitter, draught cider is available (as my wife has found to her cost!). Going in the direction of Hyde, along Manchester Road, the next pub is the CHURCH, a Wilsons house. Opposite is the BOWLING GREEN (also Wilsons), which was once known as the Blue Ball. 1831 saw the last bull-baiting of Denton Wakes, held at the pub. The bull was provided by Mr Dakin of Salford.

Over Crown Point junction is the BROOM HOUSE INN, Bass Charrington owned. Its only concession to real ale is bottled Worthington White Shield, but still a pleasant enough pub. Incidentally, many of the Bass, Whitbread and Robinsons pubs in the area sell this bottle-conditioned beer. Slightly further on is the COACH AND HORSES, a deservedly popular Marstons outlet. The ANGEL may be considered the 'black spot' of the area. Although the oldest pub in Denton, first licensed in 1597, it attracts young lager and fizz-kids. When walking past, note the milestone built into the building at ground level.

Sample Bass Charrington's more acceptable beers at the COTTAGE INN,

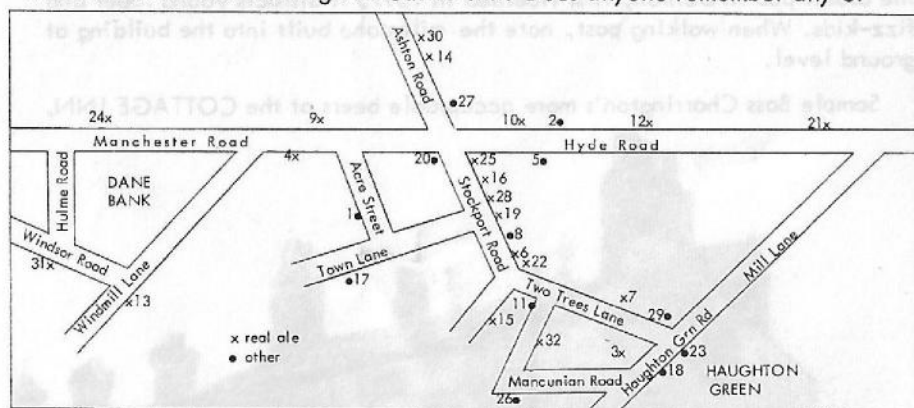


The Old Red Lion, Crown Point

a former Openshaw Brewery house. Brew Ten bitter and Toby Light mild are both served through beer engines. Behind the bar are an old 'Chesters' flagon and a 'Guinness' one. Just before the Hyde border is the LOWES ARMS on Broomstairs Bridge. The pub is about two years old and replaces one which once had a brewery attached. No mild is available here, (a new brewery policy?) which is a shame because when I have to drink Boddingtons I drink it mixed.

Moving south from the Audenshaw boundary, the first pub is the WHITE HOUSE, where Samuel Smiths Old Brewery Bitter has been reintroduced fairly recently (and successfully!). Next door but six is the DOG AND PARTRIDGE. The increasingly rare Robinsons ordinary bitter, along with best mild, is to be found here on handpumps. The SILVER SPRINGS is adorned outside with mementoes of the short-lived Threlfalls-Chesters partnership. Inside is some lovely tiling and, surrounding the bar, leaded windows in polished wooden frames. Altogether I got the feeling that Heineken and Trophy bitter were completely out of place here, and the pub deserved Whitbread's new cask bitter.

Opposite was, until 5 months ago, the Old Soldier (Wilsons) and two years ago the Gun & Target (Greenalls). Both served as fodder for the hungry onslaught of the M67. Other pubs which once stood in the area include the Exchange Inn (Crown Point), Clarke's Arms (Mill Lane), Millstones and the Nottingham Castle Inn. Does anyone remember any of



1 Acres Inn	Acre Street	Whitbread-	18 Jolly Hatters	Houghton Green Road	Bass -----
2 Angel	Hyde Road	Bass -----	19 Jolly Hatters	Stockport Road	Bass:Bass,TobyL(H)
3 Bay Horse	Houghton Green Road	Wil:M,B(E)	20 Kings Head	Stockport Road	Whitbread-
4 Bowling Green	Manchester Road	Wil:M,B(E)	21 Lowes Arms	Hyde Road	Bodd:B(E)
5 Broom House Inn	Hyde Road	Bass -----	22 Masons Arms	Houghton Green Road	Rob:BM,BB(E)
6 Carters Arms	Stockport Road	GW:M,B(E)			Old Tom(G)
7 Chapel House	Two Trees Lane	Rob:BM,BB(E)	23 Old Dog	Houghton Green Road	Whitbread-
8 Chapel House Hotel	Stockport Road	Whitbread-	24 Queens	Manchester Road	B'wood:LM,
9 Church Inn	Manchester Road	Wil:M,B(H)			B(E) Cider(G)
10 Coach & Horses	Hyde Road	Mar:M,B(E)	25 Red Lion	Stockport Road	Hydes:BM,B(E)
11 Cock	Two Trees Lane	Wil -----	26 Shakespeare	Mancunian Road	Wil -----
12 Cottage Inn	Hyde Road	Bass:BrewX,TobyL(H)	27 Silver Springs	Ashton Road	Whitbread-
13 Dane Bank	Windmill Lane	Rob:BM,BB(E)			
14 Dog & Partridge	Ashton Road	Rob:BM,B(H)	29 Top House	Two Trees Lane	Wil -----
15 Fletchers Arms	Stockport Road	Rob:BM,BB(E)	30 White House	Ashton Road	SSSmiths:B(H)
16 Gardeners Arms	Stockport Road	Rob:BM,BB(E)	31 Windmill	Hulme Road	Bass:Bass(E)
17 Jolly Hatter	Town Lane	Whitbread -	32 Manor House	Mancunian Road	Mar:M,B(E)

these?

On Stockport Road, the **KINGS HEAD** is a former Chesters house. It was rebuilt in 1867 by Thomas Chester, and then had a bowling green at the rear. If only he could see it now - the pub sign must be in the running for the most ridiculous ever erected! Go over the road to the **RED LION**, the second oldest pub in town, for Hydes real ales. In 1857 it was acquired by Samuel Lees, brother of James and William Lees, who founded Denton's Town Lane Brewery. It's a fairly large pub but offers quiet drinking areas in pleasant surroundings without having separate rooms.

The **GARDENERS ARMS**, a Robinsons house, has electric pumped best mild and best bitter. The lounge is dominated by some vintage timepieces. The **TOLLPOINT** offers cask-conditioned Wilsons through unusual, vertically mounted diaphragm pumps. Thoughtfully, 'Hedex' is on sale at the bar.

The **JOLLY HATTERS** is a Good Beer Guide listed pub. Bass and Toby Light are both served through beer engines. The **CHAPEL HOUSE HOTEL** is a huge Whitbread pub (formerly Chesters). Stables are to be found at the rear. Superb etched windows catch the eye at the pub's front. The landlord is eagerly awaiting the cask bitter. As he was once in the employ of Joseph Holt he should have a pretty fair idea of the intricacies of real ale! The **CARTERS ARMS** is a Greenall Whitley pub selling the beer as real as Greenalls can be. The lounge is dominated by a pool table, a terrible state of affairs. The **MASONS ARMS** is a small, plain Robinsons pub with a cheering coal fire as the focal point of the lounge. Old Tom is available occasionally. The **FLETCHERS ARMS** is another, larger, Robinsons outlet, and is a pub to be 'in'. Both pub and car park are usually packed (with people and vehicles respectively).

Haughton Green covers the south east area of the district, with only three of the eight pubs selling real ale. Unfortunately, the **COCK**,



Dog & Partridge, Ashton Road

SHAKESPEARE and TOP HOUSE are all selling chilled and filtered beer, which is a pity as Wilsons are going to great lengths to promote the chequerboard as the 'sign of a real beer drinker'. See what Wilsons can brew at the BAY HORSE, a pleasant pub with an easier atmosphere. The MANOR HOUSE is a four year old Marstons pub offering traditional Burton Bitter and mild (beware the keg variety). It is to be hoped that the new landlord will give thought to a more readily recognisable dispense system than the present push-button meters. Beware the fake handpumps (complete with 'Toby Light' clips) at the JOLLY HATTERS. This former Bents and Gartsides pub must have undergone some changes since its takeover - a change in the choice of beers would be welcome. The landlady very helpfully told me, though, that I could get 'beer from the wood' at the White Gates. Ta! The OLD DOG is a plain, two-roomed Whitbread pub. The CHAPEL HOUSE is a friendly, comfortable Robinsons pub offering best bitter and mild. Some pretty little barpersons here too!

In the area once known as 'the City', are two pubs, both Whitbread owned. The JOLLY HATTER (yes, yet again!) is a large, former Chesters pub. The ACRES INN is a small, plain pub, which I believe is used by the brewery for the training of cellar management - could this make it a candidate for Special Cask?

In the Dane Bank area there are two pubs. The WINDMILL (Bass Charrington) replaces a much older one. Here draught Bass is served, albeit in slightly garish surroundings. Fake handpumps don't help either. For 'real pub' lovers, the DANE BANK is a better bet. The entrance to the pub has a beautiful mosaic pattern on the step. It serves as a memorial for the death of the Bell's Hemphshaw Brook Brewery of Stockport in 1949, which can't have been too long after the building of the pub. This large pub offers best bitter and mild through electric pumps in spacious, well maintained surroundings.

So with the White House (not the magazine), the Broom House, Top House, Manor House, two Chapel Houses and three Jolly Hatters (guess what the major industry used to be!) - there's plenty of room for confusion. However, it's worthwhile checking out the real ale and pubs in the town, for hours of fun for (nearly) all the family.

Grahame Tonge

## NEW TETLEY CASK BEER

Several Tetley pubs will soon be selling a new 'premium' beer from Warrington. The pubs, which include the Foresters Arms, Swinton, the Cherry Tree, Culcheth and the Golden Lion, Ashton-in-Makerfield, have each had a handpump installed in readiness.





## LEES IN HULME

John Willie Lees have taken over the Church, Cambridge Street, Hulme. Until it closed a few months back, the Church served Greenalls bitter and it was with sorrow that we learned that Greenalls had 'ceased trading' there as it meant one less real ale outlet in the area. It was therefore much to our surprise - and delight - that we learned of Lees' interest in the premises and in fact it is due to reopen in mid March dispensing Lees' mild and bitter by handpumps.

Mick Rottenbury

## MORE REAL ALE IN IRLAM

It is now very likely that Wilsons traditional ales will be appearing in Irlam in the not too distant future. The latest news is that the White Lion on Liverpool Road should have handpumped mild and bitter by the spring.

It was originally planned to alter the pub but not the beer, but thankfully there have been second thoughts on the matter. This is great news for Irlam drinkers and in particular for yours truly as the pub is about two minutes stagger from my front door.

Bill Collier

## BASS

Draught Bass is now being sold in the Brahms and Liszt, New Brown Street, Manchester and in the Unity Brook, Kearsley. Stewart Revell reports that Bass has been on sale in the Hop Pole, Ashton, for some time, although no-one seems to have noticed.

## NEW BREWERY

The landlord of the Swetenham Arms, Goostrey, Cheshire, has begun brewing in Harpur Hill, Buxton. The beer is called Saxon Cross Ale (1038 bitter). Details in next month's What's Doing.

## LYTHAM BEER FESTIVAL 1979



Anyone involved in the various beer exhibitions put on by the N Manchester branch of Camra last summer will realise the vast amount of work put in by the voluntary helpers before, during and after the event. It is this free labour, which all Camra exhibitions have in common, that allows costs and therefore beer prices to be kept as low as possible. Even so, some criticism was levelled at the branch for the prices charged at certain events last summer and at the time one wondered what the true costs of running such an event with paid labour would be and what effect that would have on the prices.

The 'Lytham Beer Festival 1979', held in the Lowther Pavilion, Lytham, on 17/18 February provided the answer. The cost of the (presumably) paid labour raised the cost of admission (to what was, in all honesty, a rather modest event) to 60p and the price of a pint to upwards of 40p! The Exhibition was organised, not by Camra, but on a profit making basis by two local businessmen - reputedly the people who brought the world the Boddingtons tee-shirt - and followed a similar event held at the same venue last autumn.

To be fair, the range of beers was representative of both local (Boddingtons, Thwaites, Lees) and 'exotic' (Hook Norton, Everards, Wadworths, Arkells, Devonish (sic)) as well as old favourites, Sam Smiths, Marstons and Theakstons. Extensive research revealed most beers to be in peak condition, although one or two were past their best by the end of Saturday night (this applies equally to the customers). One serious criticism is the lack of mild - the only non-bitters were the strong Old Peculier and Moonraker - but otherwise the range of beers was most welcome in a town where the choice of real ale is restricted to Boddingtons, Matthew Brown and Whitbread with one pub each. Some more permanent relief is at hand, however, with a new Thwaites pub due to open in the town on March 1st.

If the organisers can be faulted on their prices and lack of mild, they must be praised for their organisation of the exhibition. Admission by ticket limited the numbers to within the capacity of the hall and the wild scenes experienced at, for example, the May Day Gala were not repeated. Musical entertainment was provided by the Fylde Coast Jazzmen and folk group 'Mynzapint' (Geddit?) and was very good, if a little loud.

The local Camra branch appeared to have ignored the event. One hopes that this was more a protest against the prices than a fit of pique at being upstaged, but 'What's Doing' sold well and a Camra stall could have done a good trade in local guide sales and new memberships.

It is interesting to see private enterprise moving into the hitherto voluntary-enthusiast world of the beer exhibition. It certainly brings with it a degree of organisation unknown to Camra but the profit motive is inevitably reflected in the price of both admission and beer. Certainly Lytham needs a wider choice of real ale, and I believe that a greater overall benefit would have been provided by a Camra run event. It would appear that on the Fylde Camra is being left behind.

Jim Davies

## SPOT THE PUB



This photograph is a recent addition to the Tony Flynn collection and so far has defied all attempts to identify the pub. The only clues are the landlord's name, Henry Henshaw, over the door, the date 1898 on the gutter box and a Lancashire United Transport timetable fixed to the wall on the left. If you recognise the pub or your dad in front of it, please let the editor know.



## MANCHESTER BREWERIES No6

### The Clarence Brewery, Hulme

Cleworth Street, situated off Chester Road, has changed considerably since the days when it was known as Clarence Street. Where houses now stand on Cleworth Walk once stood the Clarence Brewery, one of the many that have existed in Hulme. It might almost have been owned by Rent-a-Brewery Ltd, for at least seven brewers are known to have used the building.

In the 1870s Charles Dewse was the occupier. Dewse was among the first members of the Manchester Brewers' Central Association with others such as Alfred Woodhead (Watson & Woodhead of Salford) and Henry Charles Wilson (Wilsons Brewery). Apart from his own range of beers, Dewse also sold those of Thomas and James Bernard. This company, based in Edinburgh, survived up to 1960 when it was taken over by Scottish Brewers Ltd. It was not unusual for many of the leading Scottish brewing companies to have agents in Manchester and such names as John Jeffrey, William McEwan, Ushers and Taylor Macleod were well known.

Fulford & Co followed, spending about five years at the brewery. During this time they called the property the 'Empress Brewery', a name which was taken with them to a newly built brewery further up Chester Road.

Another name change occurred with the next occupants, Hargreaves & Heath, who adopted the style 'Docks Brewery' in about 1889. They lasted but a single year and were replaced by a similarly short lived firm called Fildes & Co.

The brewery does not seem to have been used for the next five years. In 1896 Crosby & Green appeared, only to be replaced by G F Carrington & Son in 1897. Carringtons had previously been at the Prestwich Brewery. This stood on Bury Old Road at about the position where the M62 now crosses. The company was acquired by the Manchester Brewery Co Ltd in 1899 and so a number of present day Wilsons pubs in the Whitefield-Prestwich area can be traced back to this firm.

After another period of vacancy, lasting again about five years, Handley's Brewery Ltd began operations in Clarence Street. They also obtained ownership of the attached pub, the Bulls Head Hotel, which, apart from a short lease on the Wilton Arms, Shudehill, and some off-licences, was their only outlet. In 1912 Handley's entire business was acquired by Threlfalls, who promptly closed the brewing plant and leased off the buildings.

Elliotts Brewery Co Ltd was based at premises on Cheetham Hill, at one time occupied by the Crumpsall Brewery Co. By 1914 George Elliott was advertising himself as a brewer at 2 Clarence Street. Since this was a dwelling attached to the non-functional brewery, it is not clear where he actually did his brewing. By 1917 he was no longer listed.

In May 1955 a Compulsory Purchase Order was made on the old brewery buildings and they were demolished during 1957.

Alan Gall

I am indebted to Mr F Cowan of Whitbread West Pennines Ltd (Blackburn) for his information on the Clarence Brewery and Handley's Brewery Ltd.

## SWINGS AND ROUNDABOUTS

In the last 15 months there has been a considerable increase in real ale outlets in the North Manchester branch area. Several pubs have, of course, disappeared through demolition and one or two have had cask beer removed but the overall trend is encouraging.

### PUBS LOST THROUGH DEMOLITION OR CLOSURE

Sun	Gt Cheetham St E	Boddingtons
Post Office	Hilton Street	Wilsons
Star	Regent Road	Greenalls
Derby	Derby Street	Wilsons
Welcome	Ordsall Lane	Lees
Papermakers	Clifden Place	Greenalls
Flying Horse	Greengate	Tetley

### PUBS LOST THROUGH WITHDRAWAL OF CASK BEER

Black Horse	Crescent	Greenalls
Church	Ford Street	Greenalls
Greyhound	Woden Street	Greenalls

### NEW PUBS

Kestrel	Hugo Street, Moston	Wilsons
Church	Droylsden Rd, Newton H	Holts
John Willie Lees	Withy Grove, M/c	Lees
Boddingtons 200	Carisbrook St, Monsall	Bodd.
Jubilee	Tatton St, Salford	Boddingtons
Sabre	Taylorson St, Salford	Holts
Britannia	Bank Lane, Salford	Wilsons

### NEW REAL ALE OUTLETS

Bulls Head	Charley Rd, Swinton	Tetley
Red Lion	Charley Rd, Swinton	Bass
Golden Lion	Bolton Rd, Pendlebury	Whitbread
Wallness	Wallness La, Salford	Tetley
Angel	Chapd Street, Salford	Wilsons
Druids Rest	Silk Street, Salford	Wilsons
Diamond XX	Liverpool Rd, Eccles	Wilsons
Salford Arms	Chapel Street, Salford	Whitbread
Royal Archer	Lwr Broughton Rd, Salf	Bass
Wellington	Old Shambles, M/c	Bass
Mitre	Cathedral Yard, M/c	Wilsons
Kenyon Arms	M/c Rd W, Little Hulton	S&N
Golden Tavern	Rochdale Rd, Harpurhey	Wilsons
Hat & Feathers	Mason St, M/c	Whitbread
White Lion	Liverpool Rd, M/c	Whitbread
Nickelby's	Dale St, M/c	Wilsons
Heaton Park Hotel	Middleton Rd	Whitbread
Cross Keys	Church Rd, Eccles	Bass

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## CASK CONDITIONED LAGER FROM LEES

'Real' lager made its first public appearance last month at the Wrexham Beer Festival. Lees brewery representatives stated that they were pleased with the way it was received at the festival, but they had no plans to introduce it into pubs yet. Technical note: The lager (og 1035) was kept at a low temperature by an immersion water cooler in the casks.

Information: Roy Walker

# THE HOLTS 83

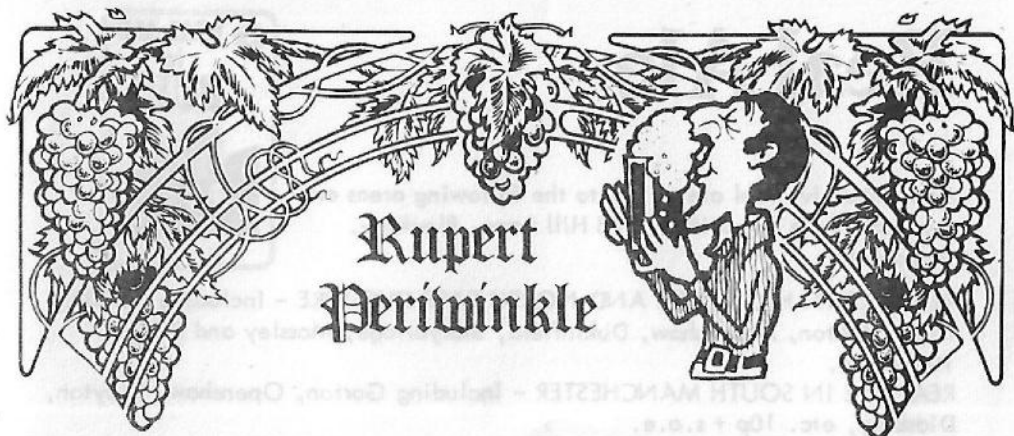
Three years ago this month we published a complete list of Holts pubs. By popular demand here it is again. There is just one addition, the Sabre, Salford. The Holts 83 Club is open to anyone who has drunk in each of these pubs in the space of one week. Each member will receive a Camra-engraved walking stick.

Apollo	Heywood Street, Cheetham	Halfway House	Manchester Rd, Droylesden
Bay Horse	Parr Lane, Unsworth, Bury	Hare & Hounds	Outwood Rd, Radcliffe
Bird in Hand	Liverpool Road, Patricroft	Junction Hotel	Station Rd, Cheadle Hulme
Black Dog	Belmont, Bolton	Kings Arms	Manchester Rd, Hollinwood
Blue Bell	Manchester Road, Bury	Lamb Hotel	Regent Street, Eccles
Blue Bell	Moston Lane, Moston	Legh Arms	Northenden Rd, Sale Moor
Bradford Inn	Bradford Road, Manchester	Lord Nelson	Stretford Rd, Urmston
Bricklayers Arms	Ordall Lane, Salford	Lord Nelson	Bolton Rd, Pendlebury
Bridgewater Hotel	Manchester Road, Hollinwood	Melville Hotel	Barton Rd, Stretford
Bridgewater Hotel	Liverpool Road, Patricroft	Morning Star	Manchester Rd, Swinton
Broadway Inn	Broadway, Salford	Mort Arms	Elliott Street, Tyldesley
Bulls Head	Church Street, Eccles	New Grove Inn	Bury New Rd, Whitefield
Cart and Horses	Manchester Road, Astley	New Market Inn	Bolton Rd, Pendlebury
Cheetwood Hotel	Derby Street, Cheetham	Old Cross Inn	Eton Hill Road, Radcliffe
Church Inn	Droylesden Road, Newton H.	Old House at Home	Whit Lane, Salford
Church Inn	Bury New Road, Whitefield	Ostrich Hotel	Bury Old Rd, Prestwich
Claremont Hotel	Claremont Road, Moss Side	Papermakers Arms	Church Street, Radcliffe
Cleveland Hotel	Crumpsall Lane, Manchester	Park Hotel	Monton Road, Monton
Coach and Horses	Bury Old Road, Whitefield	Park Inn	Worsley Road, Swinton
Cricketers Arms	Manchester Road, Swinton	Railway Hotel	Manshaw Rd, H. Openshaw
Crumpsall Hotel	Bury Old Rd, Cheetham Hill	Railway Hotel	Dean Lane, Newton Heath
Crown & Volunteer	Church Street, Eccles	Red Lion Hotel	Bolton Rd, Salford
Duke of Wellington	Weardale Road, H. Blackley	Red Lion	Bury New Rd, Prestwich
Duke of York	Marlborough Rd, Hightown	Royal Oak Hotel	Barton Lane, Eccles
Eagle & Child	Higher Lane, Whitefield	Roebuck Hotel	Chassen Road, Flixton
Eagle Inn	Collier Street, Salford	Sabre	Taylorson St, Salford
Egerton Inn	Hanlon St, Cheetham Hill	Seven Stars	Ashton Old Rd, Manchester
Ellesmere Inn	King William St, Winton	Spread Eagle	Regent Road, Salford
Foresters Arms	Bury New Road, Prestwich	Stanley Arms	Liverpool Road, Patricroft
Fox Inn	Old Market St, Blackley	Union Tavern	Liverpool Street, Salford
Friendship Inn	Scholes Lane, Prestwich	Waggon & Horses	Hyde Road, Gorton
Frigate Hotel	Thatch Leach La, Whitefield	Waggon & Horses	Bolton Road, Salford
Garrott Hotel	Pink Bank La, Longsight	Welcome Inn	Bury Old Rd, Whitefield
Goats Gate	Radcliffe New Rd, Whitefield	Wellington Hotel	Church Street, Eccles
Golden Cross	Liverpool Rd, Patricroft	Wellington Inn	Bolton Road, Salford
Golden Lion	Old Market Pl, Blackley	White Horse Inn	Bury New Rd, Prestwich
Grafton Arms	Grafton Street, Manchester	White Lion	Liverpool Rd, Patricroft
Grapes Hotel	Liverpool Rd, Peel Green	White Lion	Market Street, Westhoughton
Griffin Hotel	Wilmslow Rd, Cheadle	White Swan	Worsley Road, Swinton
Griffin Hotel	Didsbury Rd, Heaton Mersey	Wilton Hotel	Coronation Rd, Radcliffe
Grove Inn	Ashton New Rd, Clayton	Winston	Churchill Way, Salford
		Woodthorpe Hotel	Bury Old Rd, Prestwich

## CAR PARK

Holts have applied for permission to convert the bowling green of the Grapes, Peel Green, into a car park. Hands up everybody who knew they had one.





## Rupert Periwinkle

'Sad to see the Ayatollah Martin Boreman and the Snoot Magna branch trying to save pubs, Slumley style, instead of doing sensible things like chatting amiably in the Poseurs Rest,' I remarked at a recent meeting of the Rat and Handbag stunted dwarf darts Tuesday B team. 'Cobblers, yer daft git,' was the retort I got from Eric Snot, Letitia's latest plebeian, lame duck paramour as he shifted his gaze from the cleavage of Big Julie, who was bending down to serve a half of 7X Porter on gravity. 'A quite commendable act', Alistair observed, 'but why on earth do they have to pick on Josiah Drab for their first attempt instead of going for an easy touch like Boringsods or Wetbeds? Old Ebenezer Drab will seethe with wrath and foam at the ears. Once he gets his teeth into something he won't let go. He's like a clockwork bulldog and won't take kindly to a bunch of bearded oafs wrecking his plans. He's big into forelock tugging and won't countenance this unprecedented attack on his ineffable supremacy. I wish them luck but it's a bit like taking candy off a psychopathic, tenth dan gorilla. We'll see how it goes.'

Contrary to my previous reports about the resignation situation vis-a-vis Max Wall, it appears that Max can't yet stand down because of the replacement situation difficulty. The noble Robin's abodewise distance renders him non-suitable and the only applicant, a hirsute Scouser, is a non-starter according to Max because of his amazing facility for engendering screaming apoplexy wherever he goes.



A rare photograph of Boddington and his underclaw, the noble Robin, leading the massed choirs of Bill, Ken and Pete in Slumley's traditional rendition of the 'LUT Blues'.

# Real Ale

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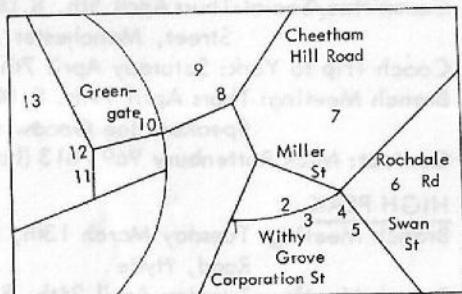
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# LUCKY 13

The introduction of Whitbread cask beer, the building of the John Willie Lees and the reintroduction of real ale in the Smithfield Vaults mean that it is now possible to sample draught beer from 13 breweries in Manchester and Salford in a walk of less than a mile.

The suggested route starts at the John Willie Lees and includes the following pubs:-

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|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 John Willie Lees   | Withy Grove       | Lees        |
| 2 Castle & Falcon    | Bradshaw Street   | Burtonwood  |
| 3 Hare & Hounds      | Shudehill         | Tetley      |
| 4 Smithfield Vaults  | Swan Street       | Greenalls   |
| 5 Burton Arms        | Swan Street       | Bass        |
| 6 Hat & Feathers     | Mason Street      | Whitbread   |
| 7 Harp & Shamrock    | New Mount Street  | Marstons    |
| 8 Bolton Arms        | New Bridge Street | S&N         |
| 9 Dutton Arms        | Park Street       | Hydes       |
| 10 Ducie Arms        | Gt Ducie Street   | Boddingtons |
| 11 Old Shears        | Greengate         | Wilson's    |
| 12 Three Legs of Man | Greengate         | Robinsons   |
| 13 Eagle             | Collier Street    | Holts       |



## TRIP TO YORK

Seats are still available, price £2, for the coach trip to York on Saturday April 7th. The coach leaves Altrincham at 9.00am, stopping at Sale and Stretford, and leaves York for the return journey at about 11.00pm. Beers available in York include (real!) Stones, Bass, Theakstons, Tetleys, Sam Smiths, Camerons, Youngers, Batemans, Selby and Timothy Taylors. If you don't like drinking you can always visit the Railway Museum or York Minster - but we probably wouldn't let you back on the coach.

Mick Rottenbury

## SADDLEWORTH BEER EXHIBITION

VENUE: Uppermill Civic Hall, Saddleworth, Oldham  
6, 7, 8 April 1979

Admission 30p (including glass deposit) Pay at door

Most, if not all, of the following breweries will be represented:  
Wilson's, Marstons, Boddingtons, Lees, Oldham, Whitbread, Taylors, Wards, Camerons, Stones, Goose Eye, Batemans, Hartleys.

Sessions: Normal licensing hours. Friday evening only, Saturday lunchtime and evening, Sunday lunchtime only.

Food at reasonable prices. Entertainment. Camra Stand.





# Branch Diary

## TRAFFORD & HULME

Branch Meeting: Thurs Mar 15. 8.00pm Rope & Anchor, Dunham Woodhouses

Social: Thurs Mar 22nd. 8.00pm King William IV, Partington

Social: Thurs Mar 29th. 8.00pm Stonemasons, Timperley

Committee/Social: Thurs April 5th. 8.00pm Britons Protection, Gt Bridgewater Street, Manchester

Coach Trip to York: Saturday April 7th See 'A DAY IN YORK'

Branch Meeting: Thurs April 19th. 8.00pm Legh Arms, Sale Moor

Speaker: Joe Goodwin, Chairman of Camra

Contact: Mick Rottenbury 969 7013 (home)

## HIGH PEAK

Branch Meeting: Tuesday March 13th, 8.00pm. Navigation Hotel, Manchester Road, Hyde

Branch Meeting: Tuesday April 24th, 8.00pm. Wagon & Horses, Mottram Cutting, Stalybridge. (on A6018 between Stalybridge and Mottram)

AREA MEETING : Crown & Kettle, Great Ancoats Street, Manchester.  
8.00pm, Wednesday 29th March.

## NORTH MANCHESTER

Committee/Social: Weds 14th March. Lord Nelson (Wilsons), Chapel Street, Salford. 8.00pm

Branch Meeting: Weds 21st March, 8.00pm. White Swan, Swinton

Pub Crawl: Lucky Thirteen (see article) John Willie Lees 7.00pm, Burton Arms 8.00pm. Weds 4th April.

Committee/Social: Weds 11th April, 8.00pm. Grapes, Eccles (Wilsons)

Branch Meeting: Weds 18th April, 8.00pm. White Swan, Swinton

Speaker: Maurice Fitzgerald, Company Secretary, Boddingtons

## What's Doing

Contributions to the magazine are always needed. If you have any news of pubs opening, shutting, going back to traditional beer or going the other way, please get in touch with the editor, Neil Richardson, 51 Lime Street, Farnworth, Bolton. Farnworth 78138, 061-793 5329. Articles are always welcome.

**COPYDATE** for the April issue is Thursday 29th March

# 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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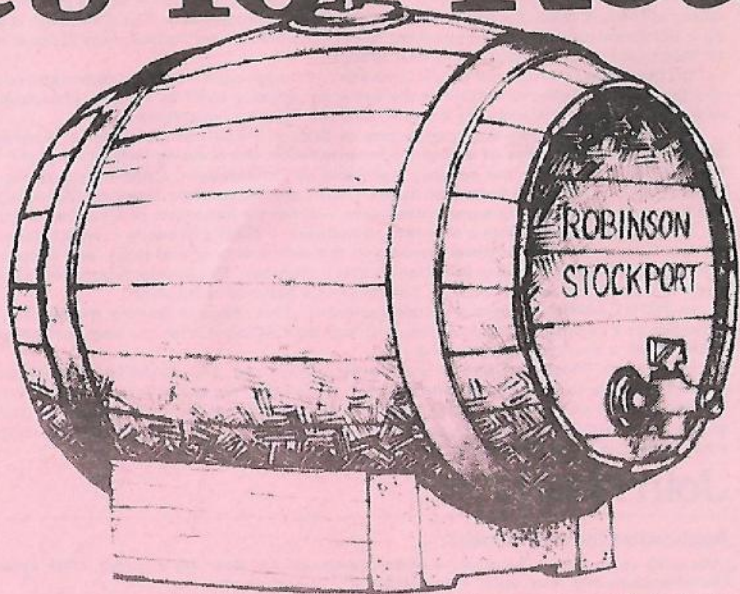
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