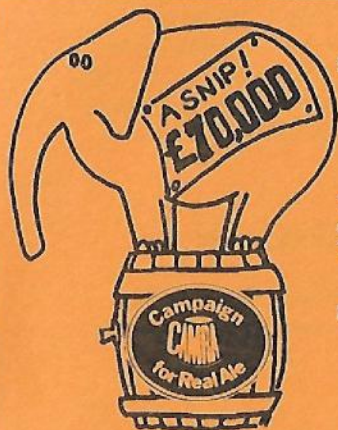


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NEW PUB FOR WIGAN

The Turnkey Restaurant, King Street, Wigan, has been transformed into a pub called, imaginatively, the Turnkey Cellars. Boddingtons mild and bitter on electric pumps are available.

Ian Ogden

NEW BODDIES FOR SALE?

No, it is not a mis-spelt advert for the live flesh trade, but an application by Boddingtons Breweries Ltd to build a pub in Ashton-on-Mersey, Sale, at the junction of Catterick Avenue and Firs Way. This will be a real breakthrough for residents of the 'Racecourse' estate as at present their nearest pubs are all fizzy: the Bechers (Wilsons), the Bridgewater (Whitbread), the Cock Robin (John Smiths) and the Lively Lobster (Greenalls). Should their application be approved, Boddingtons should be sitting on a gold mine with that sort of competition.

Mick Rottenbury

WILSONS - GREENALLS SWAP

The Volunteer on London Road, Northwich, was the first of the swapped pubs to sell Wilsons beer early this month. Wilsons brewery state that all their acquisitions will sell cask beer through handpumps if the cellar conditions permit and there seems to be no problems at present. This means a cask beer gain at the Blue Barrel, Chester Road, Castle.

In contrast to John Smith's vandalism, Wilsons are far more enlightened. A nice etched mirror advertising "Greenall Whitley Noted Ales and Stout" is being retained by them at the Freemasons, also on Chester Road, Castle.

Roy Walker

Whilst there may be dancing in the streets of Northwich, there is certainly no cause for celebration at the Manchester end of the pub swap. Greenalls have unceremoniously announced that their acquisitions will have tank beer installed. Needless to say, this attitude has incensed licensees and customers alike. Most of the landlords are exercising their option to apply for another Wilsons house.

CHANGES AT THE WHEATSHEAF

There is a new tenant at the Wheatsheaf, Oldham Road, Manchester, the first for fifty years. Bass 4X mild, once the only beer sold in the pub, has now been joined by a range of keg beers.

TRADITIONAL TETLEYS IN HORWICH

Whilst Wilsons clearly lead the field in the handpump stakes, Tetleys are still in there somewhere. A recent conversion is the Bowling Green in Horwich.

SAM SMITHS PULL OUT

Handpumped Sam Smiths bitter is no longer available in the Failsworth Arms, Ashton Road West. The reason given is that sales of the newly introduced Taddy Bitter (chilled and filtered) is such that the demand for the real stuff has virtually ceased. The apparent popularity of the new beer is not surprising since it appears to be policy to offer Taddy Bitter when bitter is asked for, even when the handpumped version is available. It will be interesting to see whether Sam Smiths reverse their token real ale swing on this side of the Pennines.

Steve Lawton

FROM MIDDLETON JUNCTION WITH LOVE

John Willie Lees must have some good advertising agents. Have you seen the publicity Moonraker's been getting recently?

SPEND, SPEND, SPEND

Wilsons these days seem to be laying out more cash than that bird who scooped the pools fortune. The most interesting project in the Trafford and Hulme branch area is the proposal to convert the Sale Hotel, Marsland Road, Sale from tanked beer to cask. It appears that cellar space will not permit a total conversion, so real Wilsons mild and bitter will only be available in two of the bars after the pub has undergone a major refit in the autumn. It will be interesting to see how the sales of cask and tanked beer will compare if they are both to be available in the same pub.

The Woodcourt, Brooklands Road, Sale has always served real ale, but the casual visitor could be misled by the sight of push-button electric pumps. The changeover to handpumps later this year will soon put that right. The preparatory work has already been completed ready for installation of the beer engines, so it should not be too long before the barpersons are building up their biceps (remember what they say about it making you lop-sided!)



Among the other 'minor works' projects being planned by Wilsons at the moment are extensive alterations at the Orange Tree, improvements at the Roebuck and a beer garden at the Wheatsheaf, all in Altrincham. Perhaps if I paint my house red and hang a red barrel outside they'll come and do that up too!

Mick Rottenbury

TETLEYS SELL OFF

After Tetley's hysterical declaration of intent during their strike season to sell 30 pubs, it seems they are getting round to disposing of some of their less profitable properties. Originally they had proposed to sell the pubs without licences but indications are now that they will sell them as going concerns as there is obviously more money in it that way. Judging by the number of ex-Greenalls houses still awaiting buyers, they are probably doing the right thing! After all, whoever heard of people turning former pubs into farmhouses or synagogues? It's usually the other way around.

One pub already closed and awaiting a decision on its future is the Griffin on Chapel Street, Salford.

UP IN ARMS AT THE CARTERS

Shock! Horror! People from Marstons keep coming down to the Carters Arms, Northenden Road, Sale Moor, with bits of paper showing how they are going to knock walls down and make great big enormous through rooms. The customers like it as it is, the landlord and landlady like it as it is, so why muck it about? Mind you, we wouldn't mind another room being built on so we can hold meetings there, but that is a distinct impossibility. In the meantime, the Trafford & Hulme branch of CAMRA have written to the Tied Trade Director at Marstons expressing concern at the proposed alterations and asking for a meeting to discuss those proposals. It would be a shame if the Carters should go the way of two other Sale real ale pubs that lost much of their character with modernisation.

Mick Rottenbury

WHITBREAD CASK

The latest 'Special Cask' sightings are the Bay Horse, Heywood; the Turf at Prestwich; the Drovers Arms, Church Street, Frodsham; the North Western, Wharton Road and the White Lion, Delamere Street, both in Winsford.

Information: Steve Lawton & Roy Walker

SHIPPO'S IN SILLY COUNTRY

An off-licence in Droylsden is currently selling flagons of beer from Shipstones of Nottingham. Could this possibly be a low-key introduction by Greenall Whitley of their subsidiary's beers into the Manchester area? Doubtless very many drinkers (and some landlords) would welcome such a move towards Shipstones draught beers, which are deservedly acclaimed and competitively priced.

Grahame Tonge

WICKETS

Handpumps are still being installed in Wilsons pubs at a cheering rate. In Orrell, the licensee of the Abbey Lakes has paid for the conversion - the pub previously sold only bright beer. The Limelight on Hollins Road and the Yarn Spinners on Manchester Road in Oldham are also conversions to cask beer. The latter must rate as one of the most improved Wilsons pubs in the town; once a semi-disco pub, it is now well worth a visit. (Sadly, the Britannia on Hollins Road now sells only chilled and filtered beers). In central Manchester, the Britannia on Newton Street has been converted from electric pumps to handpumps and the Star on Hyde Road, Ardwick, is being given the full Wilsons treatment, with handpumps due to be installed soon. Finally, there is the Golden Hind, Lisburne Lane, Offerton.

Information: Ian Ogden, Steve Lawton, Roger Hall, Humphrey Higgins

PIKE VIEW



The Pike View, a traditional well-kept locals' pub on Derby Street, Bolton, will soon change from serving Greenall Whitley beers in traditional form to serving tank beers. Internal alterations on a large scale are now in progress and should be finished in the next couple of months. This will be a sad loss in an area which has lost many 'real' Greenalls pubs.

Bert Kerks

Wales gets DIY pub

The Publican 14/6/79

WALES' first serve-yourself pub has opened in a picturesque Ceredigion valley.

Customers can fill their own pint glasses at 33p a time from a row of barrels, all of them traditional ales.

But Keith Mees, aged 46, who runs the Halfway Inn at Pisgah, near Aberystwyth,

hates anyone calling it a pub.

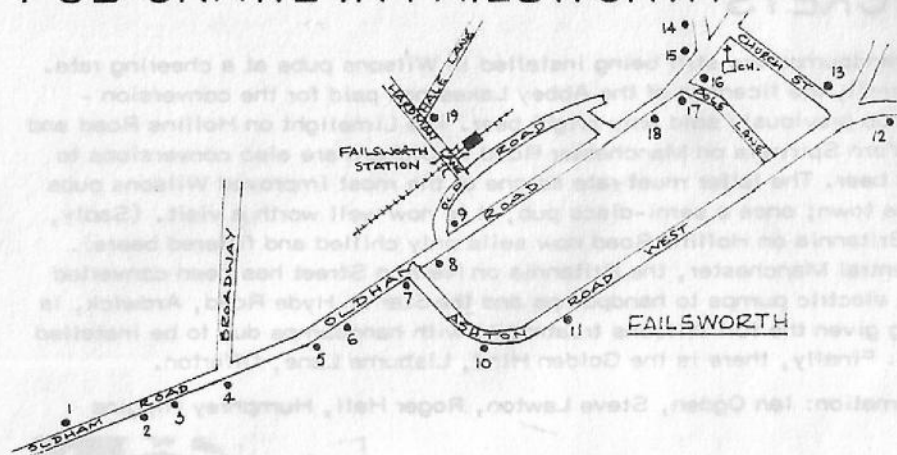
"It's an ale house", he insists. "I am trying to turn the clock back and recapture some of the colour of the inns and ale houses of 100 years ago."

He has removed all signs of modern equipment, including anything made of plastic, formica, laminates and chrome.

The electric lights in one of the bars have even been replaced with candles.

Mr. Mees has gone as far as to remove all the signs outside advertising the inn and replaced them with an up-turned barrel on a post. "That's all customers saw outside an ale house a century ago," he said.

PUB CRAWL IN FAILSWORTH



1 Bulls Head	Sam Smiths	B(H)	10 Mare and Foal	Marstons	M,B(H)
2 Cloggers Arms	Greenalls	M,B(E)	11 Failsworth Arms	Sam Smiths	
3 Lamb Inn	Boddingtons	M,B(E)	12 Cotton Tree	Marstons	M,B(H)
4 Weavers Arms	Wilsons	M,B(E)	13 Star Inn	Thwaites	
5 Half Way House	Greenalls	M,B(H)	14 Pack Horse	Marstons	M,B(H)
6 Guido Inn	John Smiths		15 Church Inn	Robinsons	M,B(E)
7 Black Horse	Marstons	M,B(H)	16 Royal Oak	Bass	
8 Foresters	Wilsons	M,B(E)	17 Crown & Cushion	John Smiths	
9 Brow Cow	Bass		18 Bridge Inn	Marstons	M,B(H)
			19 Bricklayers Arms	Bass	

This pub crawl is a sequel to the Newton Heath crawl in the June edition of What's Doing. We start at the Bulls Head (1) on Oldham Road which is a Sam Smiths house, having been acquired from Whitbread a few years ago. The taproom and concert room, where a piano is played at weekends, are separate from the bar. Towards Oldham on the opposite side of the road stands the Cloggers Arms, which is a typical local consisting mainly of a small tap room with TV and another small room. The next pub, the Lamb Inn (3), was for many years renowned for its excellent Boddingtons on handpumps in rather bare surroundings. In line with the brewery's recent policies, electric pumps have now been installed and the premises are being modified and an extension built at the rear. The result will be a much needed larger pub but the past character of the building will disappear. At the junction of Broadway and Oldham Road is the Weavers Arms (4), which is quite pleasant inside and the juke box is usually playing a pleasant enough selection. Passing the Bees Knees club (formerly the Broadway) we arrive at the Half Way House (5) which has Greenall Whitley's mild and bitter on handpumps, a rarity these days. Consisting of three rooms and a spacious bar, it is a must for the 'real ale' drinker.

The next pub, the Guido Inn (6), is the saddest of the crawl as not only is the brew John Smiths (bright beer), but at the rear is a "graveyard" that was once one of the finest bowling greens in the area. The green is now a mass of weeds due to neglect and yet at one time used to provide large sums of

money for the Broughton House charities with the popular bowling handicaps. This is one pub that Wilsons could do a swap for and the resurrection of the bowling green would be a winner.

At the corner of Ashton Road West is the Black Horse (7), a Marstons house which has recently been internally restructured and is very popular. On the opposite corner stands the Foresters Arms (8) which has a very large lounge due to an extension a few years ago and at weekends a pianist sometimes plays. A very peaceful and pleasant atmosphere. The Brown Cow (9) across the road is just an ordinary Bass house consisting of three small rooms with TV in the tap room.

Retracing our steps slightly and turning up Ashton Road West, we arrive at the Mare and Foal (10). This pub sells a good pint from handpumps into measured glasses, thus ensuring a beer level to the line and a good head on the beer. Full marks to the publican Arthur Hamnett, who previously kept the Black Horse and was responsible for the changeover to handpumps. The Mare and Foal is very busy and although darts and pool predominate, the premises are large enough for a quiet talk and the beer is excellent. Next call is the Failsworth Arms (11), which years ago was the Failsworth British Legion Club. The room which now houses a multiple of pool tables and was the concert in its club days. The lounge is very large and luxurious and an organ is the weekend attraction, although the room is never overcrowded. Unfortunately the traditional Sam Smiths bitter has been withdrawn.

A walk along Ashton Road West brings us to the Cotton Tree (12), which is another Marstons house. An excellent pint is served in small but pleasant surroundings. Across the road is the well known Star Inn (13), which is famous for its bowling green, lunches and a concert room where dances are often held on Friday nights. Card games are the favourite in the tap room



BRIDGE INN, FAILSWORTH

whilst the beer is Thwaites, a rarity in the area.

Crossing Oldham Road we arrive at the Pack Horse (14) on Wickertree Lane, which is a very popular Marstons house. Although usually crowded, service is prompt due to a large bar staff and the publican, Tom Lowe, is usually on hand. The only complaint is that the beer is often served in warm glasses which have just been sterilised - a small point, but it often causes the handpumped beer to lose its 'top'. A beer garden is in use at the rear in summer - weather permitting.

We now return in the Manchester direction and a short distance away lies the Church Inn (15), the only Robinsons pub in the area, consisting of four separate rooms for pool, darts and cards, TV and, the largest, a lounge with a juke box.

The Royal Oak (16) is situated across Oldham Road and is one of the area's "in" pubs and therefore collects a lot of passing trade. Although the beer is 'bright' Bass, it is quite palatable. On the other side of Failsworth Pole is the Crown and Cushion (17), which is a favourite of the younger set. Attractions are pool, juke box and John Smiths bright ale. Ah well, perhaps they'll learn eventually!

The Bridge Inn (18) is built where Oldham Road crosses the Rochdale canal and even on the hottest day you can be sure of an excellent cool pint of Marstons in a moderate temperature. Antonio Rubio is the young publican; his appearance would be more suited to an exotic foreign restaurant.

The pub crawl ends at Failsworth Station, where you can have your last drink at the Bricklayers Arms (Bass). This pub is a typical local with a large central bar.

Trains from Failsworth travel to Manchester Victoria or Oldham and Rochdale, but not on Sundays.

D Mason

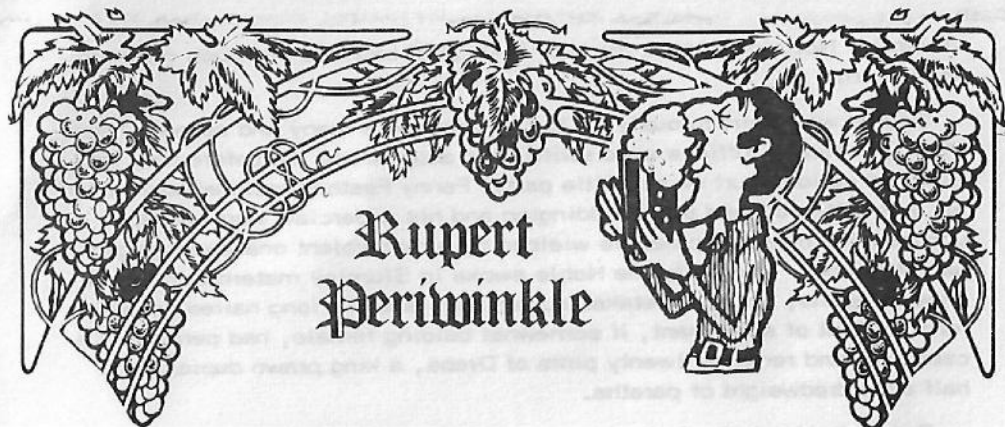
(There were two errors in D Mason's Newton Heath article last month: The White Lion is on bright beer and the Robin Hood is on handpumps. Sorry, my fault - Editor)

ON THE MOVE

Mr Ronald Cripps, who recently took over the Dutchbirds in Failsworth, is on the move again. He will be taking over the Marston Tavern, Rochdale Road, Royton, from Mr Jack Fletcher, who has been there since its modernisation a few years ago. Jack, who previously had the popular Britannia on Hollins Road, Oldham (now on Wilsons bright beer) and the Bowling Green, Hollinwood (traditional Lees) is now retiring from the trade.

Mr Cripps hopes to extend the range of snacks available at the Marston Tavern, with a more home-made flavour, and possibly introduce Pedigree at a later date.

Geoff Gartside



In a transparently naive exercise of diplomacy, hatched on a curry shop floor, the Noble has engineered a contrived partition of the North West so that Bogbrush would avoid an eyeball to eyeball confrontation situation vis a vis the Bunty Fortescue instant whitewash squad. The stalwarts of Grotley have been allocated some bearded sea captain as their demi RO. Paradoxically, the Noble's efforts were otiose as the inevitable has occurred - Bunty's in prison.

It's rather a long story but I suppose it all started with a crass missive from a self-publicising homosexualist in "What's Brewing". Bunty was incensed and in an apoplectic paroxysm of barely restrained wrath decided to arrange a real ale and gay bashing trip to Dimcaster. As he walked in the Dockers Wedge to spearhead a campaign to stamp out what he referred to as "rampant pansyism", he was greeted by a chorus from the vault. As they'd all been shanghaied into the Campaign they'd all read their "What's Brewings" and shouted in unison "Hello dearie! Pint of real is it?" A chant of "Bunty is a p***" died on their lips as my colleague's ire exploded



SMOKE RISING FROM THE RUINS OF THE DOCKERS WEDGE THE MORNING AFTER BUNTY'S OUTBURST

violently. Not since Atilla the Hun's siege of Lewis's has such mayhem been seen.

Deaths were miraculously nil but injuries were many and severe. Those ribald, wretched ruffians were swiftly put asunder but not before they had inflicted serious hurt on our little party. Fanny Featheringstonehough's left ear was bitten off and both Boddington and his underclaw were rendered unconscious by a pump handle wielded by a malevolent one-eyed gargantuan stevedore. Tragically the Noble awoke in Slumley maternity hospital were surgeons, having mistaken our adipose adept's long haired, obese form for that of a pregnant, if somewhat balding female, had performed a caesarian and removed twenty pints of Drabs, a king prawn dupiaza and half a hundredweight of paratha.

Before the break the following morning, Bunty was ticked off rather. In sending Bunty down for GBH, ABH, Assault, Battery, Attempted Murder, Causing an Affray, Disturbing the Peace, Drunkenness, Arson, Conspiracy to Frighten and Attempting to Ravish a Woman whilst armed with an Irishman's foot, Lord Justice Maltravers expressed mystification as to how a person with young Fortescue's background could have plumbed the depths of sordid squalor and depravity. "Fortescue, for this scrofulous calumny you will serve 30 days in prison." Happily the uncouth desperados of the Dockers Wedge were all given 7 years, which might have something to do with Maltravers having been at Sandhurst with Bunty's pater.

As Bunty's membership card has been withdrawn, this kicks his application for RO on the head. There's no doubt he would have been quite brill, but now I fear that the mantle of responsibility must fall on Fanny or Fiona unless we wish to see a bifurcated Manchester run by absentee hirsute Scousely graffiters.

BEER EXHIBITION



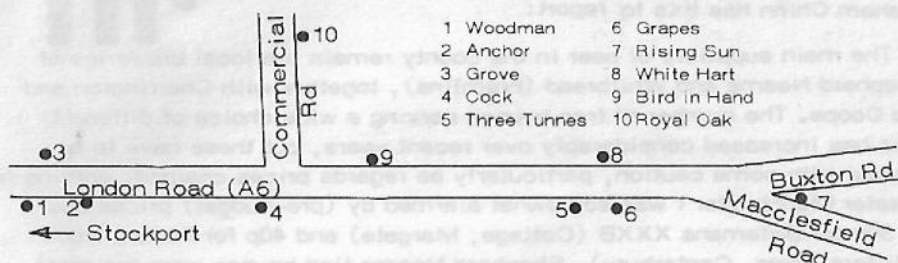
South Lancs CAMRA are holding a Mini Beer Exhibition at the Newton le Willows Town Show on Saturday 11th August 1979.

Among the beers available are: Timothy Taylors (Best Bitter, Landlord, Porter, Ram Tam and Mild); Boddingtons bitter, Sam Smiths bitter, Burtonwood (bitter, light mild and dark mild) and Lion bitter.

There is a 30p entrance fee to the showground (which features other attractions - vintage cars, etc). The showground is just off the A49, or within walking distance from Newton Station. (Manchester to Liverpool line).

A ROUND IN SOUTH MANCHESTER

Hazel Grove



If you like Robinsons, you'll love Hazel Grove! Nine out of ten pubs are Robinsons, with one Wilsons house if you fancy a change. With one exception all the pubs are on London Road and they vary from the plastic to the basic boozier.

Start at the WOODMAN (Robinsons Best Mild and Best Bitter on handpumps). It's a cosy pub and pleasant, if only you could avoid hearing the juke box. Two strides away is the ANCHOR serving Robinsons Best Mild and Best Bitter, on electric pumps, like the rest of the Robinsons pubs which follow. The ANCHOR is a bright, one-roomed pub with an obvious naval theme, popular with younger drinkers. Across the road is the GROVE INN. There's a nautical atmosphere in the snug with an excellent range of food available at lunchtimes in this warm and friendly house. Over the road again to the COCK, a many roomed and varied pub with a keen and helpful landlord. Next call is the THREE TUNNES, a good, plain drinkers' pub. Next door is the GRAPES. A former coaching inn dating back to 1640, it's a pleasant pub with a lively vault and an active functions room. For a respite from Robinsons, the RISING SUN is next for electrically served Wilsons mild and bitter. A big landmark of a pub at the centre of the Grove.

Cross the road again (use the crossing!) and into the WHITE HART for more Robbies in a small friendly pub. Then to the BIRD IN HAND, a no-frills basic pub. Finally, on Commercial Road, is the ROYAL OAK, a spacious pub with friendly service and an organist.

Humphrey Higgins

MORNING HAS BROKEN

The gentleman from the Morning Advertiser who was to have spoken at the North Manchester branch meeting has been banned from coming by his bosses in London. The newspaper, which was established in 1794 and is owned by the Society of Licensed Victuallers, could surely have little to fear from CAMRA, unless of course the takeover by What's Doing is being seriously reconsidered in the City.

NORTH EAST KENT SCENE



Following a recent holiday on the Kent coast
Graham Chinn has this to report:

The main suppliers of beer in the county remain the local breweries of Shepherd Neame and Whitbread (Fremilins), together with Charrington and Ind Coope. The number of free houses serving a wide choice of different ales has increased considerably over recent years, but these have to be treated with some caution, particularly as regards prices charged: coming from Greater Manchester I was somewhat alarmed by (pre-budget) prices such as 50p for Batemans XXXB (Cottage, Margate) and 40p for Fullers Hock (Millers Arms, Canterbury). Shepherd Neame tied houses were the most reasonable in this respect, typical charges being mild 31p, bitter 33p, best bitter 35p.

Very much against the local trend in the South East, it was heartening to see Shepherd Neame mild selling very well. This pleasant, rather fruity drink actually outsold the bitter in two pubs I visited and is available in the majority of Sheps pubs.

I sampled two recently introduced beers during my stay. Fremilins Tusker (og 1046) has had a successful test market, mainly in the Maidstone area, and is now slowly spreading throughout the county. I tried a pint in the Bat and Ball, which overlooks the Kent County Cricket ground in Canterbury. The strongish, well hopped pint cost 42p. In the same city I tried Canterbury Ale, brewed by the licensee of the aforementioned Millers Arms. Apparently the beer is made with malt extract and tasted rather similar to some 'kit' beers, but was not unpalatable. It can also be found, to my knowledge, at the Dolphin, Herne Bay and the Artillery Arms, Ramsgate.

As to the pubs themselves, I found particularly friendly landlords and customers at the smaller Shepherd Neame houses. A short pub crawl of Faversham began and ended in one pub, the Mechanics Arms on West Street. I had passed five other Shepherd Neame pubs shortly after 10.00am before finding this one open, but the good beer and pleasant company led me to stay, then pass all the other pubs (open by now) on my way back to the station. I just had time to divert via Abbey Street, where the two Faversham breweries are on opposite sides of the street. It is sobering (!) to note that there is only one 'real' Whitbread pub in the town, as opposed to 16 Shepherd Neame.

Another pub with a friendly reception was the small, one-roomed Duke of Edinburgh in Margate. A good ten minutes walk from the sea front but well worth seeking out. Here I heard reminiscences of many defunct breweries, including locals Cobb and Company, but missed meeting an ex-patriate Salfordian who frequents this local.

Finally I can recommend the Kent local beer guide, an attractive publication which includes 8 town maps for the larger boozing centres, and the Canterbury branch of CAMRA who were very helpful with additional local information.

MANCHESTER BREWERIES No9

Boardmans United Breweries Ltd



In about the year 1860 William Boardman began brewing at 9 Cheetham Street, Cheetham. By 1883 the premises had been enlarged and the firm was known as William Boardman & Company. A further change came in late 1895 when Boardman's Breweries Ltd was formed. The beginning of the next year saw the acquisition of J Atkinson & Co Ltd of the Commission Street Brewery in Bolton. The takeover brought them a number of pubs such as the African Chief, Moss Street, Bolton and the Fox Tavern on Bury Street, Salford.

On the 25th June, 1896, Boardman's United Breweries Ltd came into being as an amalgamation of several small companies. Those involved were Boardman's Breweries Ltd, Edwin A Rothwell of Hulme, John Greenwood (wine and spirits) of Halifax, J O & J Wood of Denholme, near Bradford, Crown Brewery Co of Bradford and Piccadilly (Manchester) Ltd. The centre of operations was moved to Rothwell's Russell Street Brewery in Hulme but shortly afterwards the Lancashire side of the business was dropped. The licensed houses (including the old Atkinson brewery) were taken over in 1898 by the Cornbrook Brewery Co Ltd for £483,750 and Boardman's moved to Bradford, retaining offices at St Ann's Square in Manchester. The Russell Street Brewery, which stood at the junction with Birch Street, later became a yeast factory.

In 1903 the company acquired the Denholme Gate Brewery and removed its business there from Bradford. Further property was leased to Stretton's Derby Brewery in 1905, by which time Boardmans were no longer brewing, the remaining houses being supplied by other breweries. This continued until 1921 when the Yorkshire properties, including 62 pubs, were taken over by Bentley's Yorkshire Breweries Ltd for £170,000. Finally, the company went into voluntary liquidation during May 1946.

Alan Gali

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.

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BLACK POWER



Guest speakers at a recent meeting of the Bolton branch of CAMRA were Messrs Dunn and Chapman from Guinness. Bert Kerks took notes ..

Guinness own very few tied houses, most of which are in Dublin, and visitors there might try O'Byrnes, Rathmines; O'Dougherty's, Harolds Cross; Barneys, Butt Bridge; Sheaf of Wheat, Coolock and the Cherry Tree, Walkinstown. Their only pub in England is the Castle Inn, Bodian, Robertsfield, near Battle, Sussex, which trades as a free house.

The company brews at Dublin and Park Royal, London, the brewery of origin of bottled Guinness being shown on the label. Although connoisseurs prefer the Dublin version, Guinness claim that there is no difference between the brews. Takeovers in the early 1960s gave Guinness interests in the confectionery industry and the second largest chemists' chain in England as well (what a tonic!) The company now has an annual turnover of over £600m.

All Guinness bottled in the North of England by other firms is brewed in Dublin, shipped by the tanker Lady Patricia to Runcorn and then transported to the bottlers by road tanker. The beer must be bottled within 48 hours, left at 60°F for 10-14 days and then held for a further 7 days by the retailer.

It was stated that the criteria for good Guinness are correct temperature, head size (often spoiled by washing detergent left in the glass) and the price. The yeast at the bottom of a bottle of Guinness is rich in vitamin B1 and so Guinness really is "good for you". The "draught" Guinness is a keg beer served with some 20lb/sq in pressure (2% nitrogen and 98% CO₂); the nitrogen gives the creamy head.

It seems strange that abroad in hot climates, Guinness sales increase as the temperatures increase, whereas in Britain Guinness sales increase in cooler weather and temperatures.

COACH AND HORSES

Handpumped Pollards and Boddingtons bitter are now permanent attractions at the Coach and Horses, London Road, (opposite Manchester Piccadilly Station) alongside the excellent Tetley mild and bitter.

Humphrey Higgins

STILL DYING FROM POISONED BEER

In the Manchester district deaths continue to occur from poisoned beer. The authorities are taking further action, and yesterday Mr Bell, assistant solicitor to the Manchester Corporation, applied for seven more summonses against beersellers. The offence is a breach of the Food and Drugs Act, and the application was granted. The summonses were made returnable on the 16th January. Since the outbreak of the epidemic the Manchester City Coroner has held 21 inquests on people whose death is attributed wholly or partially to arsenical poisoning. The epidemic is much milder now than it was some weeks ago. (Bolton Evening News 29 Dec 1900)

Does the fact that the epidemic became "much milder" later on indicate that initially it struck down bitter drinkers?

Barry Mills

BOOK OF THE MONTH

In a similar vein to the 'Salford's Pubs' series, the first volume of 'Wigan's Pubs' looks at the former pubs and breweries of the old county borough of Wigan. Written by Neil Richardson, Alan Gall and Jeff Wilson (former Secretary of South Lancs CAMRA), it covers in detail the old town centre pubs and other articles look at breweries like Farrimonds, Albion, Oldfields and Aireys, and show how the pubs they once owned were acquired by the larger firms of today. The book is illustrated with old photographs, beerlabels and labels dating from the turn of the century. 'Wigan's Pubs No1' is available by post for 45p including postage from Alan Gall, 61 Romney Street, Salford 6.



BOWLING IN BOLTON

As the spring/summer weather is here, what better to work up a thirst than a game of bowls? The Howcroft, Pool Street, and the Sunnyside, Bloom Street, both have greens. At a cost of 10p and 15p respectively to use the greens (bowls provided) it must be the cheapest game around. Both are Tetley pubs serving real ale. The Howcroft has handpumps and serves Walkers bitter; the Sunnyside dispenses via electric pumps.

Only four other pubs in Bolton have greens; the Hare and Hounds, Bury Road, the Kings Head, Junction Road, the Brooklyn Hotel, Green Lane and the Halliwell Lodge Hotel, Mornington Road. The Bowling Green, Eskrick Street, although serving a good pint of Greenall Whitley, lost its bowling green many years ago to make way for garages. The Stags Head, Junction Road, which sold real Burtonwood until modernisation a few years ago, had a beautiful green, which made way for a car park, like so many others.

Bert Kerks

BODDIES IN THE CLUBS

The following list of clubs selling Boddingtons draught beer has been supplied by the brewery. If you're a Conservative doctor old enough to have fought in the war who plays lacrosse, or a Labour Party working man employed by ICI who plays bowls (and if you're on a sabbatical at Lancaster University) there are plenty of doors open to you.

Armitage Labour Club	Little Hulton	ICI Recreation Club	Thornton, Fleetwood
Armoury Club	Macclesfield	Ladybarn British Legion	Fallowfield, Manchester
Beech Hill Social Club	Cheetham Hill, M/cr	Leeds University Union	Leeds
Blackpool Rangers FC	Blackpool	Littleton Rd Sports Centre	Salford 7
Blackpool Subscription Bowling Club	Blackpool	Lytham Ex-Servicemens Club	Lytham
Bredbury Botanical WMC	Bredbury, Stockport	Manchester Polytechnic	Manchester
Bredbury Hall Hotel & Country Club	Bredbury	M/cr Prison Officers Club	Strangeways, Manchester
BRSA Club	Old Trafford, Manchester	Mobberley Victory Hall	Mobberley
BRSA Club	Tulketh, Preston	Morecombe Pleasure Park Casino	Morecombe
BRSA Club	Victoria Approach, M/cr	Morley Village Club	Wilmslow
British Steel Recrn. Club	Irlam	National Dock Labour Soc. Club	Salford
Brun Grove WMC	Blackpool	Newbridge Lane Cons. Club	Stockport
Calf Green Cons. Club	Stockport	Newton Moor WMC	Hyde
Cheetham Cricket Club	Crumpsall, Manchester	Nimble Nook WMC	Chadderton
Christie Hosp. Staff Club	Withington, Manchester	Norbreck Bowling & Tennis Club	Blackpool
Cleaves WMC	Cleaves	North Cheshire Sport & Leisure Club	Heaton Moor
Casey Soc. Club & Inst.	Haslington, Crewe	Old Trafford Cons. Club	Old Trafford
County Catholic Club	Bamber Bridge, Preston	Post Graduate Centre, Park Hospital	Davyhulme
County College	University of Lancaster	Patricroft WMC	Patricroft
Davenport Golf Club	Paynton	Pelham Mount Social Club	Blackpool
Dan International Social Club	Crumpsall, Manchester	Phoenix Sporting & Leisure Centre	Blackpool
Droylsden Catholic Club	Droylsden, Manchester	Pickmere Country Club	Knutsford
Droylsden WMC	Droylsden, Manchester	Pilkingtons Club	St Helens
Edgeley Conservative Club	Edgeley, Stockport	Paynton WMC	Paynton
Fairey Eng. Social Club	Heaton Moor, Stockport	Preston Grasshoppers RFC	Preston
Farnworth & Kearsley Lab. Club	Farnworth	Prestwich Church Mens Inst	Prestwich
Fleetwood Cons. Club	Fleetwood	Prestwich Liberal Club	Prestwich
Flowerly Field Liberal Club	Hyde	Radcliffe Borough FC	Radcliffe
Fulwood Leisure Centre	Preston	Royal British Legion	Longridge, Preston
Furness College	University of Lancaster	Royal British Legion	Penwortham, Preston
GEC Club	Stretford, Manchester	St Annes Civil Service S & S Club	St Annes
Glossop & Carter Motor Mens Soc. Club	Glossop	St Benedicts Social Club	Ardwick, Manchester
Glynwed Social Club	Audenshaw	Salisbury Cons. Club	Brinnington, Stockport
Godley WMC	Hyde	South M/cr Brit Legion	Levenshulme
Gordon WMC	Morecombe	South Shore Bowling Club	Blackpool
Gorton St James Cons. Club	Gorton, Manchester	Stalyward Nal Cons. Club	Stalybridge
Granada	Stables Bar, Manchester	Stalyward Liberal Nal	Stalybridge
Grange Social Club	Stockport	Stretford Borough Police	Stretford
David Greaves Comm. Sports Centre	Blackpool	Stretford Ex-Servicemens Assoc	Old Trafford
Hazel Grove Reform Club	Hazel Grove	Stretford Trades & Labour Club	Stretford
Heaton Moor Cons. Club	Stockport	Swinton British Legion	Swinton
Hebers WMC	Middleton	Swinton Labour Club	Swinton
Henbury & Broken Cross	Macclesfield	Swinton Cons. Club	Swinton
Hr Broughton Cons. Club	Salford 7	Taylor Bros Social Club	Eccles
Hr Openshaw Cons Club	Hr Openshaw	Tyldesley Cons. Club	Blackpool
Highfield Road Social Club	Blackpool	UMIST Union	Manchester
Doctors Residency, Hope Hospital	Salford	Urmoston Lacrosse Club	Urmoston
Hurst Village Reed Band Club	Ashton-under-Lyne	Whitfield WMC	Glossop
Hyde Botanical Institute	Hyde	Winston Cons. Club	Wythenshawe
ICI Social Club	Crumpsall	Withington Bowling Club	Fallowfield, Manchester
ICI Sports Ground	Crumpsall	Withington Public Hall & Institute	Withington
ICI Recreation Club	Hyde		

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Branch Diary

NORTH MANCHESTER

Branch Meeting: Weds 18th July, 8.00pm, White Swan, Swinton
Pub Crawl: Weds 1st Aug, Swinton. 7.00 Red Lion, 8.00 Bulls Head
Social/Committee Meeting: Weds 8th Aug. Hare & Hounds Shudehill 8.00pm
Branch Meeting: Weds 15th Aug, 8.00pm White Swan, Swinton
Contact: Roger Hall 740 7937

TRAFFORD AND HULME

Branch Meeting: Thurs July 19th, Railway, Stamford Street, Altrincham.
Speaker: Mr Alpin, Head Brewer, Marstons.
Social: Thurs July 26th, Greyhound, Ashley
Committee/Social: Thurs Aug 2nd. Faulkners, Stamford New Road, Altrincham
Contact: Mick Rottenbury 969 7013 (home)

ROCHDALE, OLDHAM AND BURY

Branch Meeting: Tues 10th July, Kings (Thwaites) Market Place, Heywood
Committee: Tues 17th July, Brunswick (Burtonwood) Bridge Street, Heywood
Brewery Visit: Mon 30th July. Matthew Brown. FULLY BOOKED
Branch Meeting: Tues 14th Aug, Welcome, (Holts) Besses o th Barn, Whitefield
Committee Meeting: Tues 21st Aug. White Horse (Holts) Bury New Rd, Prestwich
Contact: Steve Lawton 061 620 9239 (h) 061 236 4411 ext 7236 (w)

SOUTH MANCHESTER

Thurs 12 July: Branch Meeting at the Gateway, East Didsbury at 8.00pm
Sun 15th July: Darts & Doms Social with Trafford & Hulme branch: 12noon
White Swan, Green St, Fallowfield M14
Thurs 19th July: Social at Junction Hotel, Station Rd, Cheadle Hulme (Holts)
Thurs 9th Aug: Branch Meeting at Gateway, E Didsbury, 8.00pm
Speaker - Joe Goodwin, CAMRA National Chairman
Mon Aug 27th: Bank Holiday Day Out to Leicester including a visit to the
CAMRA beer tent at the Abbey Park Show. £3.00 per head,
contact D Eckett (225 4058)
Contact: Humphrey Higgins 432 0059

BOLTON

Social: Thurs 12 July, 'Sally Up Steps' (Stanley Arms) Chorley Old Road
8.30 onwards
Branch Meeting: Thurs 19th July 8.30. Peel Hotel, Higher Bridge St
Contact: Les Kilsby Westhoughton 812884

GM BEER EXHIBITION : Meeting Tues 24th July, Crown & Kettle, Oldham Rd
AREA MEETING: Wheatsheaf, Oldham Road ($\frac{1}{4}$ mile from Crown & Kettle)
David Sumner of GMC present plus new ROs invited.
Food available. Weds 25th July

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.

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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 ☐
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or I/We enclose completed standing order authority ☐
(Any additional amount will be welcomed as a donation).

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FULL NAME (Block capitals)

FULL POSTAL ADDRESS (Block capitals)

SIGNATURE

DATE

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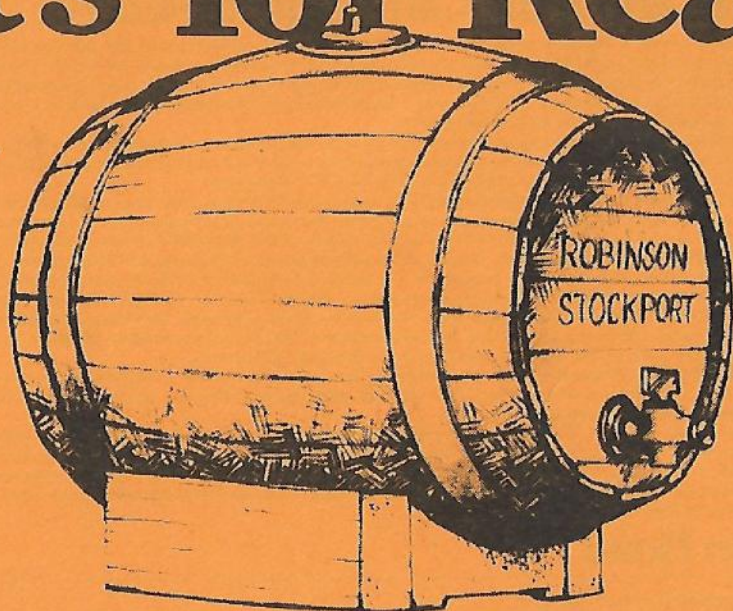
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