

# WHAT'S DOING

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## LEES IN ROCHDALE



J W Lees have recently bought the Commercial on Milnrow Road, Rochdale, from Thwaites. The pub was in a neglected condition and planning permission has already been sought for improvements to the building.

Steve Lawton

## HOP SCOTCHED

The Hop Pole, Horsemarket Street, Warrington, has been revamped in Greenall Whitley fashion and has lost its cask beers.

Roy Walker



# CASHING IN

## 2 Particulars of proposal for which permission or approval is sought

(a) Full address or location of land/buildings to which the application relates (also edge red on plans)

FORMER SITE OF THE FLYING HORSE PUBLIC HOUSE,  
GREENGATE,  
SALFORD

(b) The area of the site 555.75 m<sup>2</sup>/664 sq. yds

(c) Particulars of proposed development including the purpose(s) for which the land and/or buildings are to be used (see note 3)

LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Tetleys have applied to put the site of the Flying Horse, Greengate, Salford, to more profitable use. With land value running at £2.00 per sq ft per annum in this area, the brewery's 6,000 sq ft should keep their accountants happy. Perhaps the day will come when they'll pull all their pubs down and go into property development. It would have its advantages - no more draymen to go on strike, no more stropky landlords; they could even redevelop most of the brewery site, as long as they kept an office somewhere with a couple of accountants and a big till.

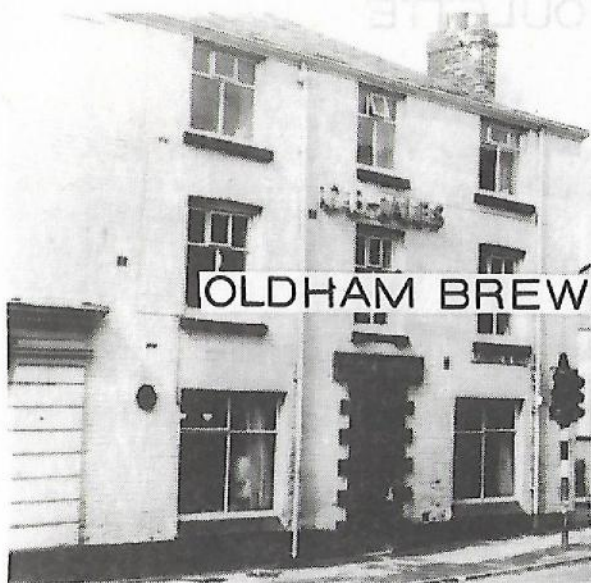
## AT LAST, NEARLY

Lees' first pub in Bolton for many a year, the Lodge Bank Tavern, will open in the near future. The delay has been caused by various technical complications - not least the Compulsory Purchase Order which Lees have only just had removed and which nobody (except maybe Boddingtons, the sellers) seemed to have noticed at the time of the sale. In view of this, alterations will be carried out after the pub has opened after 'a good clean out'. Information: Don Chattwood

## PROGRESS REPORT

Whitbread Special Cask Bitter in the Volunteer, Cross Street, Sale, and Tetley Walker Warrington Ale at the Stonemasons, Stockport Road (corner of Park Road), Timperley, are selling steadily, the equivalent of about two barrels a week each. Both landlords are happy with the additions to their range of beers and there are other pubs in the Trafford & Hulme branch area that would like to give them a try.

Mick Rottenbury



## OLDHAM BREWERY NEWS

Oldham Brewery have sold the 120 year old Market Hotel in the town centre for use as a "retail sales shop". A spokesman for the brewery, Mr Albert Mitchell, said the new owner (whose name was being kept secret) had made an offer "too good to refuse". The Market is one of the last pubs in the town with an upstairs bar and concert room in regular use.

Locals at the Westwood on the corner of Featherstall Road have drawn up a petition to keep the handpumps when their pub is rebuilt. As OB are infamous in their traditional to tank beer conversions it will be interesting to see whether they will take any notice of their customers. It is rumoured that rebuilding is also planned for the Westbourne, round the corner.

## NICE TRY

The Ince Hall Hotel, Lower Ince, has been refurbished and is now officially known by its former nickname, the Black Diamond. Thankfully, Greenalls have resisted their usual urge to convert to bright beer and RL fans will immediately recognise the landlord as Dave Willicombe, formerly of Wigan and Wales.

Ian Ogden

## SAM PLAYS IT AGAIN

The Spinners in Hollinwood has recently been equipped with four handpumps to serve Sam Smiths Old Brewery bitter, although the other beer remains 'bright'.

D Mason



# GREENALLS ROULETTE



'Warrington Watchers' report that Greenalls are in the process of selling two of their growing number of boarded-up pubs. The Ancient Shepherd in Bolton is going to Thwaites and the Scot Lane Inn, Blackrod, is going to Burtonwood. This month's closure is the Alexandra, Whelley, Wigan.

Ian Ogden reports that the Wellington in Earlestown has reopened as a Burtonwood house. The brewery have put the emphasis on their traditional beer in their publicity material and the beer is served through electric pumps.

## ANOTHER OLDHAM CLOSURE

The Gardeners, a Marstons house on Middleton Road, Oldham, is due for demolition within a month or so as it is in the Westwood CPO area.

Steve Lawton

## DIGGING UP THE PAST

Among old bottles unearthed from beneath the floorboards in the Wheatsheaf, Altrincham, were two small whisky bottles labelled 'Ballantrae Special Old Scotch, Strangeways Brewery, Manchester' and a beer bottle engraved 'Manchester Brewery Company Ltd, Manchester'. Can anyone throw some light on their history?

Mick Rottenbury

## DEAD BODDIES



Motorway Madness has finally hit Stockport, leaving two excellent Boddingtons houses derelict and awaiting the bulldozers. The Huntsmans Tavern on Huntsman Brow and the Club House on Didsbury Road closed just after Christmas to make way for the road. A pub which has already been demolished was the Egerton Arms on Brinksway, a Whitbread house. A similar fate seems to be in store for both the Gardeners Arms on Georges Road and the historic Rock House Tavern.

Humphrey Higgins

## PINTS AND PIZZAS

The Roebuck at Strinesdale, near Oldham, has recently undergone a standard Matthew Brown 'instant pizza house' transformation. All the carpets and furnishings have been removed from the bar, leaving a rather austere atmosphere in which to drink. In my experience, the pizzas available represent good value for money but I was not able to wash the food down with a pint of real ale. Supply problems over the festive season resulted in only chilled and filtered beers being available, although assurances were given that things would be back to normal in the New Year. With six handpumps on the bar it would be a pity if the real ale was lost forever, since this one time free house built its reputation on the choice and quality of its beers.

Steve Lawton

## DERBY WINNER

Whitbread Special Cask bitter has been introduced at the Derby on Derby Street in Bolton.

Bert Kerks



# UP T'VALLEY

Over the last few months a number of changes have taken place in Ramsbottom and its surrounding districts. On the change of tenancy at the Coach & Horses in Edenfield, Wilsons dug very deep in their cellar and produced two sets of 1940 Gaskell & Chambers handpumps to replace the clapped out diaphragm electric pumps. Also in the village, the Horse and Jockey (a free house) introduced Boddingtons bitter about 18 months ago, followed by Thwaites bitter and best mild. Until recently there was competition from the usual array of S&N keg products as well as Tetleys keg mild and bitter. It's nice to see only the cask beers are now available. Just down the road at the Rostrons Arms (Wilsons), the tap room has been converted into a restaurant, the entrance to which is on the right hand side as you go down the passage to the gents.

The tap room of the Railway Inn, Stubbins (Wilsons), has been known as the Corner Pin for a good number of years. Since the closure of the railway line in June 1972 the significance of the pub's name has diminished somewhat, and on repainting the name has been changed to the Corner Pin. However, the faded neon sign from the Watney era still clings to the building, to confuse the issue.

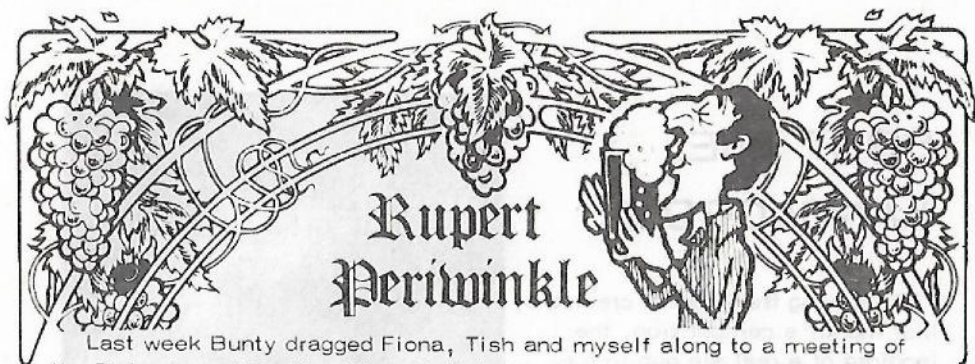
Down in Summerseat, the Hamers (Wilsons, again) has seen the introduction of a mini-tap room, consisting of two tables with built-in peg boards for cards and dominoes and a dart board, in the corner of what is still a one room 'lounge' pub.

Recent changes from electric pumps to handpumps have taken place at the New Inn, Walmersley, Bury, and also at the Woolpack, Helmshore.

The Strawbury Duck, Entwistle, now offers accommodation and Timothy Taylors best bitter, Landlord and Ram Tarn; Theakstons bitter, Old Peculier makes the occasional appearance.

Don Chattwood





Last week Bunty dragged Fiona, Tish and myself along to a meeting of the Defenders of Grotley Slum Hostelryes, Inns and Taverns. All manner of people were there assembled and I was pleased to meet Badge and Madge Fairplastic for the first time. Boddington whispered in my ear that The Noble Robin, Demyss Roussos, Elsie Clockwork-Nun and other persons, to whom the Campaign is a surrogate career, had met in secret enclave and expressed serious worries about Badge and the administration of Grotley. I find this hard to understand. I found them a charming couple. Madge was more stunning than Golliponda with none of the brashness of Wonderwoman or other televisual females. It's only to be hoped that when Dermatitis is rocketed into premature pre-eminence as Greater Grotley Co-ordinator, that he doesn't develop a Hitler complex as so many others have done and upset Dave Hiccup and Eddy Nestfeather.

Back to the meeting. Peter Hammerstein who seems to want to preserve hovels which should have been knocked down years ago decided that the meeting should be held at 2.15pm so that the shy, retiring people were able to get hopelessly legless and lose their natural reticence. This stratagem certainly worked. It was not long before the entire D.O.G.S.H.I.T. meeting was in complete disarray, with Bogbrush, Wislon-Molyneux, The Noble and a bunch of effete foreigners boring everyone to death and Dermatitis competing with a child/dog double act whilst attempting to encapsulate the national situation in a few well chosen, if somewhat blurred, words. Eventually Peter Hammerstein gave up pretending that he was in control of the meeting and everyone departed. Some obese gourmands lurched into curry shops and Royal Hall had his fingers trodden on by inconsiderate pedestrians in Oldham Street.

Whether anything was achieved I don't know, but as a thrash it compares favourably with Ag's Funeral and Desperate Dan's sister's punk wedding to which Fiona took me last September. I suppose it's a fitting irony that the Grade I listed building in which the meeting was held collapsed in a heap of smouldering rubble as the last D.O.G.S.H.I.T. member crawled out of its portals.

Finally I would like to dispel any rumours which readers may have heard from Beinlos Roberts via Cumulus, an Eccles Parva Tavernkeeper, with regard to Peregrine Drab. There's no truth that their beer is going to rocket in price but Perry has toured his alehouses and might be introducing such features as carpets and wallpaper in the not too distant future.



## SPOT THE LANDLORD 2

Following the interest created by last month's competition, the landlord of a real ale pub in the Trafford & Hulme branch area is offering 5 free pints (or equivalent) to the first man or woman who can give Mick Rottenbury a copy of What's Doing signed by the person in this photograph. The landlord in question uses a till dating back to the early 1900s. Last month's photo was of Fred Beetham, Railway, Sale. You've not changed a bit Fred!



Anyone claiming the prize or offering an old or unusual photo of a pub for next month's competition, please contact Mick on 969 7013.

## MANX ALE

The Manx Arms in Warrington is now selling Walkers Warrington Ale alongside Walker Bitter and Tetley Mild.

Roy Walker

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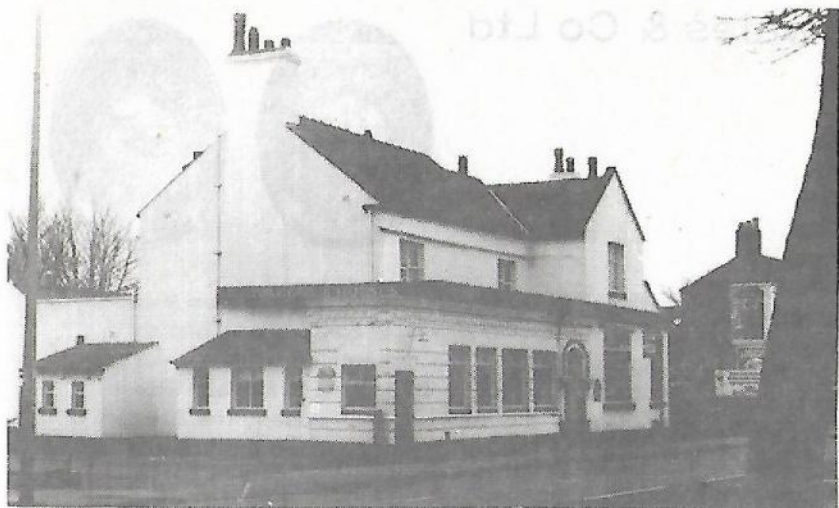
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## REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL Part 3



The Waggon and Horses, Cross Street, Sale (handpumped Wilsons) has had an internal refit. The raised 'platform' has been removed to give a larger and more comfortable lounge. Two of the original fireplaces have been opened up to incorporate the new 'real fire' effect gas fires that seem to have sprung up in nearly all the recent Wilsons improvement jobs (trouble is, they're so real that people keep flinging cigarette packets and crisp bags on them). All the seating has been re-upholstered, new lights installed, the bar refaced with wood panneling and the games room enlarged to give more space for pool, table football and darts.

Further south along the main road, before you break free from Sale's stranglehold of traffic lights that make London's Oxford Street Christmas illuminations seem like a string of fairy lights, stands the Vine. At present the Vine serves Wilsons tank beer, though formerly it boasted handpumps, cask mild and bitter, and draught Bass. The landlord would certainly like to go back to traditional beer and hoped that recent improvements would include this step. However, it would appear that Wilsons' relations with their tanker drivers could become somewhat strained (chilled and filtered) if many more of their runs disappear in the direction of the draymen.

Another Wilsons pub which might come across the same problem is the Sale Hotel on Marsland Road, but all is not yet lost! The present manager, John Taylor, took over in early December and is trying hard to get cask beer in the small bar. This would certainly be a Good Thing as the Sale has improved no end since alterations, and good old fashioned piano sing songs are packing 'em in on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

Mick Rottenbury

# MANCHESTER BREWERIES No 15

## J G Swales & Co Ltd



The history of Swales can be traced back to soon after Queen Victoria's coronation in 1837, when the Victoria Brewery of Salford was named in her honour. Founded by James Wheeler, the brewery stood in a small area then generally known as Greenbank, with access to Raval Street and Back Hampson Street. One of the earliest tied houses, the Brewery Tavern on Raval Street (later the Brewers Arms), faced the brewery gates.

In 1851, an advertisement in the 'Manchester Guardian' offered the brewery for lease complete with attached dwelling house. The brewery was described as being 'well supplied with spring water' and capable of producing 70 to 100 barrels per week. Whatever the outcome of the advert, which appeared in several issues throughout the year, James Wheeler continued as sole owner until about 1857 when the partnership of Wheeler & Clowes was formed. This lasted less than seven years and by 1864 the company had become Wheeler & Swales.

The Victoria Brewery narrowly missed being demolished to make way for the construction of Blackfriars Road, but needed partially rebuilding as the new road clipped the corner. After the completion of the new thoroughfare in the 1870s the brewery stood less than 100 yards from the junction with Greengate.

The partnership of Wheeler & Swales acquired outlets around Salford, Manchester and in outlying districts such as the Oddfellows in Cheadle and the Freemasons Arms at Handforth. On 6th August 1891, the firm became a registered company under the name of J G Swales & Co Ltd, but remained a family concern. The steady increase in the number of tied houses and the relatively small size of the Victoria Brewery are probably the reasons why Swales decided to move. Wilsons Brewery acquired Cardwell & Co during July 1899 and so had a spare brewery available. Agreement was soon reached between Wilsons, Swales and Henry Cardwell (Liquidator for Cardwell & Co). An Indenture dated 19th December 1899 gave J G Swales & Co control of the Naval Brewery together with a beerhouse known as the Naval Arms. Also included with the property were 121-127 Warde Street, Hulme.

T W Farrimond, whose father had started brewing at the Newtown Brewery



in 1883, sold out to Swales in 1945. This gave Swales about a dozen pubs in the Wigan area. Brewing continued at Newtown until about 15 years after the takeover.

In 1947, Swales introduced a new trade mark, which up till then had been a simple JGS monogram. The new version combined the idea of the Naval Brewery with the Swales name by showing a whale inside a life-belt. Later on, a tall glass of foaming liquid replaced the whale.

Boddingtons Breweries Ltd bought Swales during 1971 and so acquired 38 pubs from the last operating brewery in Hulme.

Alan Gall

I would like to thank John Barge, Alan Bethal, Maurice Fitzgerald of Boddingtons Breweries Ltd, Keith Osborne and Malcolm Smith of Wilsons Brewery Ltd for their help.

## QUE?

Dear Sir,

In the article (or was it an advert?) by Jim Davies on the availability and merits of San Miguel lager he omits to state whether or not it is 'real ale'. Could you please clarify this and also state whether it is recommended by CAMRA?

D Mason

Over to you, Mr Davies....

Oh dear, I appear to have upset D Mason again. As to whether San Miguel lager is 'real ale' or not the short answer is that I really don't know. It is simply not possible to apply CAMRA's strict British criteria to Continental beers. Laws concerning ingredients and brewing methods differ so widely as to make comparison meaningless. There is a growing interest in Continental beer within CAMRA and I suggest Mr Mason try the stuff himself without waiting to be told whether or not he will enjoy it.

Jim Davies

Has anyone else any thoughts on the subject?

## WILMSLOW BEER EXHIBITION

The Wilmslow Rugby Club are undertaking a tour of Holland later this year and as part of the numerous fund raising events for the tour the South Manchester branch of CAMRA have been asked to organise a one-night beer exhibition at the Club in Wilmslow on Friday, March 28th. The exhibition will be on similar lines to the one we organised last June, though indoors this time as opposed to a tent! Further details about the beers available, etc, next month, but in the meantime please make a note of the date.

Humphrey Higgins

# ANYBODY REMEMBER HULME?

Several districts of Manchester have been drastically altered by the slum clearance and redevelopment of the 60s and 70s; many pubs have gone and one area to have lost more than most is Hulme. As I remember there were 119 pubs selling the products of 20 different breweries in Hulme prior to my National Service in 1949. On being demobbed in 1951 I lived in a large doctor's house on the corner of Boston Street and Upper Moss Lane (near St Mary's Church) and within a  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile radius I could visit pubs selling 19 different brews (Walker & Hornfrays was not available then). I had no need to go to town - just move around my own area to drink a grand selection of real ales from Bass (in Wilsons houses), Boddingtons, Chesters, Cornbrook, Groves & Whitnalls, Hardys, Holts, Hydes, Ind Coope, Lees, McEwans, Marstons, Robinsons, Tetleys, Threlfalls, Walkers, Wilsons, Yates and Youngers. There were also several breweries in Hulme itself, the three major ones being Hardys, Cornbrook and Swales (all now disappeared). Like Salford, Hulme has suffered a vast reduction of pubs and choice of beer; there are only 16 beers from 12 breweries now. Out of a total of 33 pubs 16 sell real ale, so Hulme is not really too badly off for traditional ales - just under 50%. It would have been slightly over 50% if it hadn't been for the pub swap between Wilsons and John Smiths at the Crown, Jackson Crescent. But how I yearn for the original Hulme, not only for pubs, but also for atmosphere.

Leo King

Pubs in Hulme before redevelopment set in. Can anybody remember any more?

Royal Oak	Shakespeare	Stretford Rd Inn	Mitre	Melbourne	Crown Vaults
York	Crown	Griffin	White Lion	Brighton	Royal Oak
Kings Head	Swan	Greenheys	Blue Post	Rob Roy	Standard
Vine	Junction	Britannia	Nelson	Manchester Arms	Roebuck
Notts Arms	Waterloo	Ivy Bower	Lincolns Inn	Derby	Boston
Prince of Wales	Prince of Wales	Trafford Arms	Albert	Raglan	Radnor
Warwick	Reindeer	Linwood	George	Albion	Kennetts
Crown	Bristol	Transvaal	Benerley Arms	Dolphin	Red Lion
Globe	Clarendon	Boatmans Home	Lord Clyde	Lord Napier	Walnut
Langham	Albion	Half Way House	Albert	Forresters	Black Boy
Sir Charles Napier	White Lion	Crown	Grants	York	Concert
Roebuck	Swan	Wilton	Seven Stars	Wheatsheaf (3)	Railway Guard
Clarence	Coopers	White Lion	Great Eastern	Talbot (2)	3 Legs of Man
Joiners	Albert	Platford	Tamworth (2)	Cricketers	Eagle
Golden Eagle	White Horse	Blue Ball	Cheshire Cheese	Greyhound	Britannia
Hope	Star	Hulme Hall	Chester Rd Inn	Bulls Head	Railway
Cornbrook	Turville	Pomona Palace	Ivy Leaf	Egerton (2)	White House
Victoria (2)	Emboden	Gaythorne	Duke of Brunswick	Falstaff	Trafford



# UP, UP AND AWAY

Each time there is a round of price increases, there appears to be a competition in every pub as to who can remember the cheapest pint. "I remember when I could buy a pint of mild, a bag of chips, a cheese and onion pie, pay my bus fare home, and still have change from five bob." "That's nowt, I remember when best bitter were sixpence a pint, a bag of chips, tuppence, and Bolton were top of Division One." And so it goes until some joker reckons he could get a gallon of Old Tom, go to the pictures, eat a plateful of tripe and onions, ride a taxi home, all for a penny, and there was a Liberal Government. By which time they've all fallen over and no one can remember the original point of the argument. Being a mere youngster, I have difficulty believing some people were actually drinking in pre-decimalisation days, so anything below twenty pence a pint is totally beyond my comprehension!

In January 1977, soon after the Government had put a penny on the price of a pint, I completed a price survey of some thirty pubs in the Trafford and Hulme area. A similar survey was completed last December, just before some breweries increased the price of their beer by as much as six pence a pint, so keep this copy and in a couple of months I will repeat the exercise and obtain a clearer picture.

All prices quoted are taken from the 'best side' and in each case, the same pub was revisited to obtain an accurate indication of the increase. The following list does not, therefore, include the cheapest outlet for any particular brewery; for instance Holts mild can vary from 28p to 33p, Marstons mild from 32p to 37p and Wilsons mild from 36p to 40p depending on the area, local competition, or amenities of the pub.

<u>Brewery</u>	<u>Beer</u>	<u>Price per pint</u>	
		JAN 1977	DEC 1979
Bass	4X Mild	26	33
Holts	Mild	23	32
Hydes	Mild	23	31
Lees	Mild	25	34
Marstons	Mild	22	32
Robinsons	Mild	24	35
Boddingtons	Bitter	23	32
Greenalls	Bitter	27	38
Sam Smiths	Bitter	26	37
Tetleys	Bitter	29	37
Wilsons	Bitter	25	38

Of the thirty pubs visited in December, the cheapest pint of mild was Holts, 28p in the Melville, Stretford (bitter 29p) and the most expensive, Wilsons, 40p in the Axe and Cieaver, Altrincham (bitter also 40p). The average price for mild worked out at exactly 34p and for bitter, 35.9p.

Mick Rottenbury

## CROWNING GLORY

The interior of the Crown & Kettle, on the corner of Oldham Road and Great Ancoats Street, has been altered and I must say it has been done well. The bar has been taken back to form a long, narrow rectangle giving much more room. The room which has the wall panelling from the R101 airship has been left intact, I'm glad to report, although the doorway of the meeting room has been removed. The gents toilets have been completely transformed and are now nothing like the old yard version, but watch your step as you walk in. Winston Churchill's portly figure is still there with his favourite gesture, as are the faded Private Eye covers. The Crown and Kettle has been expertly altered without any adverse effect on the structural and artistic lines of this magnificent building. Congratulations to Wilsons on their thoughtful preservation of the building.

Leo King

## BRINSOP ARMS

Until about seven years ago the Brinsop Arms on the A6, less than a quarter of a mile from Blackrod, was known as the New Inn. In those days and as recently as eighteen months ago, the pub belonged to Bass. However, trade was poor and so the pub was offered for sale. The present licensee, David Scott, purchased the pub with adjoining buildings from Bass and is now enjoying a steadily increasing trade. This increase is probably due to the fact that traditional beers have been introduced and dispensed through handpumps.

Recently, the end shop adjoining the pub has been undergoing alterations with the object of extending the bar and to give more elbow room. A larger cellar has already been provided to take extra casks. The beers currently available are: 4X mild, Bass, Cask Bitter and Boddingtons bitter. A further traditional ale will be introduced when the 'knock through' is completed.

Stewart Revell

## BURTONWOOD BLIGHT

The future of two Burtonwood houses looks uncertain. The Colliers Arms, Ashton, and the Grapes, Wigan, like several of the brewery's tied houses in South Lancashire, are in a poor state of repair. Indeed the Grapes on Wallgate, with its boarded-up windows and missing masonry has been compared with the Gungesmeare Arms of Grotley Guide fame! Both are fine traditional pubs which are worth preserving, so let's hope Burtonwood do something about them soon.

Ian Ogden



## MALE ORDER



If you missed your postman this morning in Stockport I'd lay a bet that he's probably at the Unity. This 'annexe' to the Post Office sorting office on Wellington Road is just across the road from the railway station.

Landlord Ron Brindley, no stranger to letter boxes himself, used to do a lot of walking when, prior to his two years at the Unity, he was a door to door salesman for a bakery. He and his wife have had a vested interest in the pub for some time - Colette has been a barmaid here for six years.

When I asked if there was anything unusual about his pub, Ron answered, "Only if you're a gentleman". The Unity is probably the only pub in Stockport that doesn't have its own gents lavatory. There is one behind the pub, but despite the fact that it is part of the pub it's run by Stockport City Council!

The Unity crowd are doing quite well at darts. They are 1979 champions of the C division, Stockport, and even the landlord has his trophies - he's the 1979 champion of the Robinsons Landlords darts knock-out trophy.

John Grove

## JOLLY GOOD

The Jolly Falstaff, a new pub on Blackbrook Avenue, Warrington New Town, is selling Warrington Ale. The landlord is Desmond McGrail, formerly of the Hyde Park Corner in Salford.

Roy Walker

## KINGS ALE

Stockport's only real ale Bass pub, the Old King on Great Portwood Street, now boasts Cask Bitter as well as traditional 4X mild and excellent Draught Bass.

Humphrey Higgins

## A KIND OF HUSH

The live music sessions I wrote of in January's edition of 'What's Doing at the Manchester Arms have been temporarily halted. Landlord an Brooks reports that they have to make a 'few alterations' to fire exits etc before they can reapply for a music licence. However, visitors to the pub are still invited to roll up their trousers and arrive in bare feet to continue the insanity of the 'loony themes' on Sunday nights.

John Grove



## Branch Diary

### ROCHDALE, OLDHAM & BURY

Tues 12 Feb: Branch Meeting, Railway (Wilsons), Townley Street, Middleton.

Tues 26th Feb: Committee meeting, Crown (Lees), Long Street, Middleton

Sat 23 Feb: Lunchtime outing to Windmill, Whiteley Green, nr Macclesfield  
Pick up points by arrangement

Tues 11 March: Branch Meeting: Eagle & Child, Higher Lane, Whitefield

Tues 25th March: Committee Meeting, Masons Arms (Thwaites), Sion Street, Radcliffe.

Contact: Steve Lawton 061 620 9239 (h) 061 236 4411 ex 7236 (w)

### AREA MEETING

Weds 26th March, Wheatsheaf, Oldham Road, Manchester

### NORTH MANCHESTER

Weds 13 Feb: Social/Committee, Red Cow, Albion Street, Salford 8.00

Weds 20 Feb: Branch Meeting, White Swan, Swinton 8.00pm

Weds 5th March: Holts Pub Crawl of Eccles. Grapes 7.00, Bridgewater 8.00

Weds 12 Mar: Committee/Social, Jolly Angler, Ducie Street, Manchester

Weds 19 March: Branch AGM, White Swan, Swinton 8.00

Contact: Roger Hall 740 7937

### SOUTH MANCHESTER

Thurs Feb 14th: Branch Meeting, Gateway, Wilmslow Rd, E Didsbury 8.00

Thurs Mar 13th: Branch Meeting, Gateway, Wilmslow Rd, E Didsbury 8.00



Fri Mar 28th: Beer Exhibition at Wilmslow Rugby Club, Pownall Park,  
Wilmslow - see article.

Contact: Humphrey Higgins 432 0059

#### TRAFFORD & HULME

Weds Feb 28th 8.00pm: Branch Meeting, Legh Arms, Northenden Road,  
Sale Moor. Guest speakers from Holts

Thurs Feb 28th 8.00pm: Social, Park, Sledmoor Road, Northern Moor

Thurs Mar 6th 8.00pm: Committee/Social, Faulkners Arms, Stamford  
New Road, Altrincham

Sat Mar 15th: Macclesfield Crawlabout. Meet 7.30 Nags Head, Waters  
Green (opp station) or 8.30 Castle, Churchwallgate

Tues Mar 18th: Brewery trip to Burtonwood

Thurs Mar 20th 8.00pm: Branch Meeting, Malt Shovels, Stamford Street  
Altrincham

Contact: Mick Rottenbury 969 7013 (home)

#### SOUTH LANCs

Thurs 7th Feb: Branch Meeting, Prince of Wales, Newtown, Wigan,  
followed by Social in Bowling Green

Thurs 14 Feb: St Helens 'Valentines' Pub Crawl: 8.00pm Talbot Hotel,  
Duke Street, 8.20pm Cricketers, Peter Street,  
8.40pm Phoenix, Canal Street, followed by Float,  
Liverpool Rd, Swan, Corporation St, Union, Pocket  
Nook.

Contact: Ian Ogden Wigan 79534

#### BOLTON

Tues 5th Feb 8.30pm: Branch meeting, George, Gt Moor Street

Tues 19 Feb 8.45pm: Social/Committee, Queen Anne, Little Lever

Fri 29th Feb 7.30pm: Cromptons Mule, Spa Rd for meal (cost about £2.50)  
then 9.30pm White Lion, Deansgate

Tues 4 March 8.45pm: Branch Meeting, Lord Nelson, Ringley

Thurs 27th March 1980 at 8.30pm: Social, Victoria, Bridgeman Street

Contact: Bert Kerks Bolton 388172

#### HIGH PEAK & NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Branch Meeting: Tues 12th Feb 8.00pm, Organ Inn, Hollingworth, nr.  
Glossop.

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## 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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## Real Ale Guides

The following publications are available from Roger Hall,  
123 Hill Lane, Blackley, Manchester.

**REAL ALE IN HIGH PEAK AND NORTH EAST CHESHIRE**  
- Including Marple, Hyde, Ashton, Audenshaw, Dukinfield,  
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**REAL ALE IN ST HELENS** - Including Sutton, Peasley Cross, Thatto Heath, Moss Nook,  
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## Pub & Brewery Histories

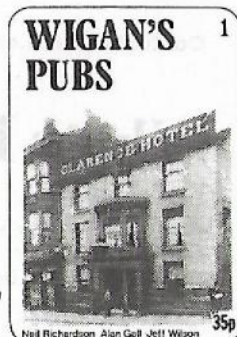
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# What is Real Ale?

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

## More about the Campaign for Real Ale.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Join Now!

### Application for membership

I/We wish to become a member(s) of the Campaign for Real Ale Limited. I/We agree to abide by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the campaign.

I enclose £4 (£6 Overseas) for full membership ☐

We enclose £5 for husband and wife membership ☐

or I/We enclose completed standing order authority ☐

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

### Application for Associateship

I wish to become an Associate of CAMRA Ltd.

I agree to abide by the aims of the organisation and enclose my fee of £1 ☐

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SIGNATURE..... DATE.....

Cheques should be made payable to Campaign for Real Ale Limited. Applications should be sent to Membership, CAMRA, 34 Alma Road, St Albans, Herts. AL1 3BW.

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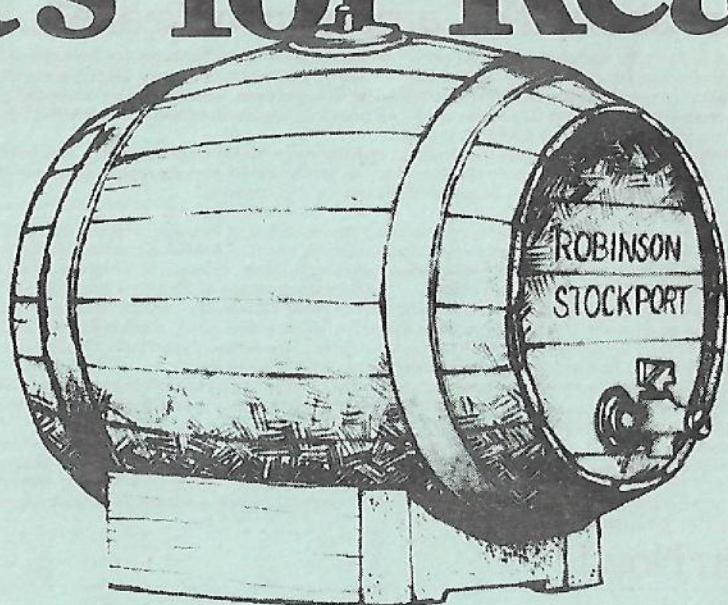
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# It's for Real



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