

WHAT'S DOING

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GONE FOR A BURTON-WOOD

Motorway madness hit Denton last month as Burtonwood's only outlet for miles was boarded up. The Queens Hotel, a candidate for the Greater Manchester Good Beer Guide, stood in isolation on Manchester Road, above Denton railway station.



Trade had dropped to almost nothing since nearby houses had been demolished and, ironically, the M67 relief road had made access difficult. The brewery lease the building from British Rail, and so this is likely to be surrendered. There are no plans for a replacement pub in the town.

OPENSHAW PUBS MAY BE SAFE

Some of the threatened pubs in the Openshaw area (see last month) may now be safe. Bass North West believe that the CPO on the Mechanics Arms may be withdrawn, as the council don't have the cash to build their new road. If this is so, then presumably the CPOs on the Concert (Boddingtons) and the Royal Oak (Wilsons) will also be withdrawn. Bass say they were expecting a CPO on the Prince of Wales but again, public spending cuts now make this unlikely.

NEW BREW FOR TRAFFORD

There is good news for drinkers in the Timperley area, especially those of the Liberal persuasion, because J W Lees brewery are providing the financial backing for the new Liberal Club on Park Road. The site is close to Timperley Station between the bridge and Frieston Road where the old hut used to be, so it's a question of 'watch this space'. All the required applications have been passed, contracts signed and work should start soon with an autumn completion date. This is the first outlet for Lees in the Borough of Trafford and they will be supplying their traditional draught bitter and mild.

Mick Rottenbury

SPECIAL BITTERS

Two pubs in Saddleworth, Oldham, have gained "Special Bitters" recently. The Roebuck at Strinesdale (Matthew Brown) is selling the Special in addition to the company's ordinary bitter and the Cross Keys at New Delph is selling Walkers Warrington Ale in addition to Tetleys mild and bitter.

The Crime View, a Tetley pub in Failsworth, has recently stopped selling its only real ale - Walkers Warrington. The handpump remains, so all is not lost

Steve Lawton

MAJOR CHANGE

Whitbread Cask has disappeared from the Major, Bolton Road, Ramsbottom, because of alterations inside the pub and the complications of keeping cask beer in the 'cold cellar'. The landlord, who, incidentally, thinks all beer should be 'cask' is hopeful that the beer will return in the near future.

At the moment real ale in 'Rammy' is limited to Thwaites and Wilsons, although Whitbread Cask is still available at the Duckworth Arms on Whalley Road, Shuttleworth, not a million miles away.

James Hurst

FIZZY GRAPES

The Grapes Inn, St John Street, Lees, near Oldham, has now reopened following extensive internal alterations. Not unexpectedly, the cask conditioned Greenall ales have gone, being replaced by an extremely cold, fizzy, tank variety. Surely the drinkers of Lees didn't express a preference for such a change?

Steve Lawton

BEER TENTS



It's boats and beer again at the Portland Basin, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday and Sunday 26th and 27th July, when the High Peak branch of CAMRA are providing a selection of real ales at this year's Tameside Canals Festival. These include Winkles, Boddingtons, Marstons, Hydes, Wilsons, Walkers, Lees, Thwaites, Wards and Robinsons.

Portland Basin makes an ideal site for a canal festival, being the confluence of the Ashton, Huddersfield Narrow and Peak Forest Canals, and an interesting site for a beer festival. The canals lie between the beer tent and the road (which might account for the odd minnow in your mild) and also between the beer tent and the Portaloos. In previous years this has led to some moments of delicate confusion as courting couples and those with some other call of nature vied for the same clump of bushes!

But such matters are of minor significance compared to the charm of real ale, boats, fairground entertainment, fresh air and fun.

Fresh air and fun, together with Lees, Hydes, Burtonwood, Walkers, Matthew Brown and real ales from the Vaux Group can also be had at this year's Newton Show (Saturday 9th August 11.30am-4.30pm). Once again South Lancs CAMRA's beer tent joins the side shows and dog show on this family day out - plenty of amusements for mum and the kids, walkies for Fido and walkies to the beer tent for dad.

Mike Shipley, Ian Ogden

THE STATION, ASHTON

It is now six months since Ashton under Lyne gained a new free house, the Station on Warrington Street. The pub sells handpumped Boddingtons, Marstons bitter, dark mild, Pedigree and Merrie Monk; there is a beer garden and hot and cold lunches and cold evening snacks are available.

The Station was built in 1845 near to the (then) only Ashton Station on the new Sheffield, Ashton and Manchester Railway Company's line. Like many others, the pub was extended and given a new facade of Accrington brick in the 'Gay Nineties'. Over the years, it is rumoured that the pub had gained a reputation for the dispensing of more varied services than those of ale and lodging alone and, in later years, a good fight could be enjoyed on most nights of the week.

In 1972 the pub, then tied to Tetleys, was condemned when there were plans to route the town by-pass through the tap room. The by-pass was later re-routed through the station yard next door and private enterprise stepped in to renovate and re-open the building as a free house.

Stewart Revell

THE PUBS OF CHEETHAM HILL

Until the middle of the nineteenth century Cheetham Hill was a pleasant rural village separated from Manchester by fields and the picturesque nature of the village was reflected in its pubs. The earliest licensing records - alehouse recognizances from 1629 - show there were three licensed premises in the village, the licensees being Thomas Smith, Jacob Quilliam and Edward Boardman. It is possible that the last named was an ancestor of William Boardman, a nineteenth century brewer who was subsequently absorbed by Cornbrook and eventually Bass Charrington.

At the end of the eighteenth century, there were still only three public houses in the village - the Griffin, the Bird in Hand and the Eagle and Child. The Griffin, on the site of the present pub, had a bowling green and in the winter balls were held in the largest room of the pub. The Bird in Hand on the site of the present Empress was the last house in the village and had water troughs outside for horses. The village stocks were near this most picturesque of pubs. The old Bird in Hand was demolished at the end of the last century and the present Empress built in its place. The Empress was at first called the Bird in Hand and indeed a representation of a bird in a cupped hand can still be seen decorating the outside of the pub. It is rumoured that the Empress acquired its present name when Queen Victoria on a visit to Manchester turned in her carriage towards the pub.

The Eagle and Child on the site of the present Temple is mentioned by Robert Wood in his book on bowling greens:

"On the Cheetham Hill Road there was formerly an old hostelry or roadside public house, known as the Eagle and Child. This house was framed with timber, had projecting gables, and was altogether a picture of old age, and at last became so ruinous that about twenty five years ago (about 1851) it had to be taken down, and the present Temple Hotel was built in its place. To this house there was a bowling green attached from time immemorial, and was probably as old as the house itself, which by appearance would be nearly three hundred years old. It was on this green on the 17th August, 1819, that Samuel Bamford and a few coadjutors lunched off cold veal and ham, a part of what should have been their previous day's dinner, if they had not been so roughly handled and dispersed by the yeomanry."

Samuel Barnes was the landlord of the inn in 1824, by which time the Robin Hood had become Cheetham Hill's fourth public house.

During the next forty years Cheetham Hill became built up. By 1863 the public houses had increased to seven with the addition of the Royal Oak, the Crumpsall Hotel and the Mile House. There were also a dozen beerhouses which had sprung up as a result of the 1830 Act. Sadly, the number of pubs has declined, particularly in recent years. Ironically the four oldest pubs still exist - the Temple, the Griffin, the Robin Hood and the Empress, although all but the Robin Hood have been rebuilt. Some of the beerhouses still exist in rebuilt form but many pubs of character have disappeared forever.

The Horseshoe on Coke Street, a once busy Robinsons pub in a terrace, is now no

more than a memory. The Joiners Arms on Tyson Street was also demolished in the 1960s, whilst the New Crumpsall is a poor substitute for its predecessor. Despite the loss of a number of pubs Cheetham Hill still offers reasonable choice in a variety of outlets.

REAL ALE

Crumpsall Hotel	Bury Old Rd	Holts
Egerton Inn	Hanlon Street	Holts
George Hotel	Bury Old Rd	Wilsons
Griffin	Cheetham Hill Rd	Wilsons
Kildakin	St Kilda Drive	Boddingtons
Mile House	North Street	Boddingtons
Robin Hood	Cheetham Hill Rd	Wilsons

NON REAL ALE

Empress	Cheetham Hill Rd	Whitbread
Half Way House	Middleton Road	Bass
Temple	Cheetham Hill Rd	Bass



There are several other pubs near Cheetham Hill which are worth a visit, including three Holts pubs - the Duke of York on Marlborough Street in Salford, the Apollo on Heywood Street and the brewery tap, the Cheetwood Arms on Derby Street. There are two Boddingtons pubs on Waterloo Road, the Mechanics Arms, a new estate pub and the Waterloo, a massive 5-roomed pub nearer to Strangeways. The nearest Tetley outlet is the Queens on North Street towards Red Bank from the Mile House.

Roger Hall

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3 ROYAL OAK. Hydes mild and bitter, electric pumps. Worthington White Shield also available. Cosy local without a juke box, television or pool table to spoil conversation.

4 COMMERCIAL. Handpumped Tetley mild and bitter. A Good Beer Guide pub relatively unspoiled by modernisation. A popular, friendly house run by entertainer Jerry Harris.

5 PARKSIDE. Boddingtons mild and bitter, electric pumps. Spacious 'Boddified' pub with concert room.

David Rowlinson

PICTURE PUZZLE

Does anyone recognise this pub? This faded photo was found among a collection of postcards with no indication of its whereabouts. The only clues are the licensee's name (Smith, unfortunately!) and the sign of a lion (probably white, but possibly another colour).

The sky-sign says the pub sold Whittle Springs Ales. This was a Chorley brewery taken over by Nuttalls in 1928, at a time when Nuttalls were under the control of Matthew Brown.

If you recognise the pub, please write/phone the editor. No prizes - but we can keep your name out of Periwinkle!



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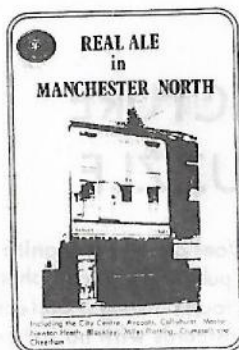
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NEW GUIDES

The fourth Central Manchester guide and an updated 'Real Ale in Manchester North' are out this month. 'Real Ale in Central Manchester' lists every real ale pub and bar within about one mile of St Peter's Square, together with a map, introductions to the breweries supplying the area and articles descriptive of the beery delights of the City Centre, Hulme, Ancoats and Salford.



There have been quite a few changes since last year's guide was published - the number of city centre real ale bars is still increasing, more pubs have returned to real ale and, sadly, some have closed. The new entries include the Midland Hotel's Butty Boat Bar, where you can rub shoulders with the rich and famous, and Wilsons' recent convert, the Dancing Weasel, where you can presumably imbibe in the company of gyrating stoats. The guide is available as usual from Roger Hall, 123 Hill Lane, Blackley, Manchester, for 50p + stamped, addressed envelope.

This month sees the last of the What's Doing centre page real ale lists. In future these guides will be published separately, owing to the amount of other material arriving for publication each month. 'Real Ale in Manchester North' is the latest list to be revised; it covers central Manchester and areas such as Cheetham, Blackley, Moston and Newton Heath. 10p + s.a.e. from the above address.

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OLDHAM AREA (Including Hollinwood, Lees, Bardsley, Waterhead and Grains Bar)

Alexandra	Derker Street	Derker	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Alexandra	Park Road	Glodwick	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Auld Lang Syne	Manchester Road	Werneth	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Black Diamond	Ashton Road	Bardsley	Bass	CB,TL(E)
Bulls Head	Ripponden Road	Moorside	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Bulls Head	Ripponden Road	Grains Bar	Bass	CB,TL(E)
Bulls Head	Bridecack Street	Waterhead	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Bulls Head	George Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Bridge Inn	Moorhey Street	Clarksfield	Lees	M,B(E)
Bird in Hand	Yorkshire Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Bank Top Tavern	King Square	Centre	Lees	M,B(H/E)
Black Horse	Ripponden Road	Watersheddings	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Black Horse	Manchester Road	Werneth	Robinsons	M,B(H)
Black Horse	Lees Road	Mumps	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Black Swan	Huddersfield Road	Mumps	Lees	M,B(E)
Boundary	Shaw Road	Higginshaw	Lees	M,B(E)
Briggewater	Manchester Road	Werneth	Holts	M,B(H)
Britannia	Busk Road	Busk	Marstons	M,B(E)
Bowling Green	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Lees	M,B(E)
Colliers Arms Cross	Ashton Road	Hathershaw	Marstons	M,B(E)
Crown	Huddersfield Road	Hill Stores	Oldham B	M,B(H)
Commercial	West Street	Werneth	Lees	M,B(E)
Cranberry	Cranberry Street	Glodwick	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Crown & Mitre	Hollins Road	Hollinwood	Oldham B	M,B(E)
Church	Lee Street	Coppice	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Clarksfield	Ronald Street	Clarksfield	Oldham B	M,B(H)
Church	Bardsley Street	Waterhead	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Church	Chapel Road	Werneth	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Derker Hotel	Stoneleigh Street	Derker	Bass	CB,TL(E)
Dog & Partridge	Constantine Street	Greenacres	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Dog & Partridge	Roundthorn Road	Roundthorn	Lees	M,B(E)
Dog & Duck	St Domingo Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Daisyfield	Keb Lane	Bardsley	Marstons	M,B(H)
Elevenways	Featherstall Road North	Westwood	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Falconers	Hollins Road	Copster Hill	Lees	M,B(E)
Flower Pot	Shaw Road	Higginshaw	Oldham B	M,B(E)
Farewell	Lees Road	Clarksfield	Oldham B	M,B(E)
Farmers Boy	Huddersfield Road	Hill Stores	Oldham B	M,B(H)
Filho	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Friendship	Lees Road	Salem	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Friendship	Manchester Street	Werneth	Oldham B	M,B(H)
Grapes	St John Street	Hey	Greenalls	M,B(E)
Gardeners Arms	Dunham Street	Waterhead	Robinsons	M,B(H)
Gardeners Arms	Acre Lane	Derker	Oldham B	M,B(E)
Greaves Arms	Ashton Road	Copster Hill	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Greenacres Hotel	Greenacres Road	Greenacres	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Greengate	Accia Road	Limeside	Lees	M,B(E)
Grey Horse	Union Street	Centre	Robinsons	M,B(E)
Grapes	Yorkshire Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Highfield	Ripponden Road	Moorside	Oldham B	M,B(E)
Hat & Feathers	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Marstons	M,B(E)
Honeywell Arms	Ashton Road	Hathershaw	Robinsons	M,B(H/E)
Hope	Greenacres Road	Greenacres	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Hawthorne	Roundthorn Road	Roundthorn	Oldham B	M,B(H)
Half Way House	Ashton Road	Bardsley	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Horseshoe	Ashton Road	Bardsley	Bass	TL(E)
Jolly Carter	Lees Road	Clarksfield	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Junction	Shaw Road	Higginshaw	Robinsons	M,B(E)
Kings Arms	Delph Road	Grains Bar	Oldham B	M,B(H)
Kings Arms	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Holts	M,B(H)
Limelight	Hollins Road	Hollins	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Moorside Hotel	Ripponden Road	Moorside	Bass	TL(E)
Morning Star	Featherstall Road South	Westwood	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Minders Arms	Huddersfield Road	Hill Stores	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Miners Arms	George Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Mare and Foal	Ashton Road	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Navigation	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Wilsons	M,B(H)

Old Post Office	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Oldham B	M,B(H)
Oddfellows Hall	Lees Road	Salem	Oldham B	M,B(H)
Oldham Hotel	Yorkshire Street	Centre	Marstons	M,B(E)
One and Three	Manchester Street	Centre	Marstons	M,B(E)
Ordnance Arms	Park Road	Glodwick	Oldham B	M,B(E)
Oxford	Oxford Street	Werneth	Robinsons	M,B(E)
Plough	Huddersfield Road	Waterhead	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Prince Albert	Lee Street	Coppice	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Prince of Wales	Bleasby Street	Hill Stores	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Prince of Wales	Spencer Street	St Marys	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Queens	Rochdale Road	Coldhurst	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Queens	Manchester Street	Werneth	Robinsons	M,B(E)
Royal	Rochdale Road	Coldhurst	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Rose of Lancaster	Manchester Street	Werneth	Oldham B	M,B(H)
Royal Oak	Manchester Road	Werneth	Robinsons	M,B(E)
Royal Oak	Union Street	Centre	Robinsons	M,B(H)
Royal	Horsedge Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Reebuck	King Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Robin Hood	Lees Road	Clarksfield	Oldham B	M,B(E)
Railway	Lees Road	Mumps	Wilsons	M,B(H/E)
Spinners	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Sam Smiths	B(H)
Spinners	Shaw Road	Higginshaw	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Shepherds Boy	Huddersfield Road	Waterhead	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Spotted Cow	West Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Smut	Manchester Road	Werneth	Boddingtons	M,B(H)
Streetbridge Inn	Roman Road	Hollinwood	Oldham B	M,B(H)
Sun Inn	Henshaw Street	Bar Gap	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Tommyfield	Henshaw Street	Centre	Lees	M,B(E)
Temple	Huddersfield Road	Waterhead	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Victoria	Hollins Road	Hollins	Marstons	M,B(H)
White Hart	Chadderton Way	Northmoor	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Westbourne	Middleton Road	Westwood	Oldham B	M,B(H)
Westwood	Featherstall Road South	Westwood	Oldham B	M,B(H)
Wagon and Horses	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Woodman	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Lees	M,B(E)
Wagon and Horses	Huddersfield Road	Hill Stores	Oldham B	M,B(H)
Weavers	Huddersfield Road	Hill Stores	Lees	M,B(E)
White Swan	Huddersfield Road	Hill Stores	Robinsons	M,B,SA(E)
Waterloo	Union Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Windsor	Shaw Road	Higginshaw	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Wheatshaf	Derker Street	Derker	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Wellington	Ripponden Road	Watersheddings	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Yarn Spinners	Manchester Road	Werneth	Wilsons	M,B(H)

FAILSWORTH AREA (Including Woodhouses)

Black Horse	Oldham Road	Centre	Marstons	M,B(H)
Bridge Inn	Oldham Road	Centre	Marstons	M,B(H)
Bay Horse	Wickentree Lane	Centre	Marstons	M,B(H)
Cloggers Arms	Oldham Road	Broadway	Greenalls	M,B(E)
Church	Oldham Road	Centre	Robinsons	M,B(E)
Cotton Tree	Ashton Road East	Holt Lane End	Marstons	M,B(H)
Crime View	Cutler Hill Road	Crime Lake	Walkers	WA(H)
Dog and Partridge	Medlock Road	Woodhouses	Marstons	M,B(E)
Dutchbirds	Oldham Road	Centre	Marstons	M,B, Ped(H/E)
Eight Bells	Alder Road	Holt Lane End	Bass	4X, TL, Bass(H)
Foresters	Oldham Road	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Grey Horse	Oldham Road	Centre	Lees	M,B(H)
Houghton Arms	Oldham Road	Centre	Burtonwood	M,B(H)
Halfway House	Oldham Road	Broadway	Greenalls	M,B(H)
Lamb	Oldham Road	Broadway	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Mare and Foal	Ashton Road West	Centre	Marstons	M,B(E)
Nelson	Hulmes Road	Brookdale Park	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Pack Horse	Wrigley Head	Centre	Marstons	M,B(H)
Sun Inn	Oldham Road	Centre	Bass	4X(H)
Woodhouse Gardens	Medlock Road	Woodhouses	Lees	M,B(H)
Wheatshaf	Oldham Road	Centre	Marstons	M,B(H)
Weavers Arms	Oldham Road	Broadway	Wilsons	M,B(E)

CHADDERTON AREA (Including Mills Hill)

Albion	Drury Lane	Hollinwood	Lees	M,B(E)
Boat and Horses	Broadway	White Gate	Lees	M,B(E)
Britannia	Washbrook	Coalshaw Green	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Chadderton Arms	Broadway	Burnley Lane	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Crown	Walsh Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Hustlers	Middleton Road	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Hare and Hounds	Block Lane	Freehold	Lees	M,B(E)
Hunt Lane Tavern	Middleton Road	Hunt Lane	Lees	M,B(E)
Horton Arms	Middleton Road	Centre	Oldham B	M,B(E)
Horton Arms	Streetbridge Road	Healds Green	Lees	M,B(H)
Rose of Lancaster	Haigh Lane	Mills Hill	Lees	M,B(E)
Rifle Range	Burnley Lane	Westhulme	Lees	M,B(E)
Sportmans	Broadway	Foxdenton	Bass 4X,TL,Bass(E)	
Sun Mill Inn	Middleton Road	Centre	Oldham B	M,B(E)
Springbank	Hunt Lane	Stock Brook	Wilsons	M,B(E)

ROYTON AREA (Including Heyside and Higginshaw)

Angel Inn	Shaw Road	Heyside	Lees	M,B(E)
Blue Bell	Broadway	Boundary Park	Lees	M,B(E)
Carters Arms	Oldham Road	Centre	Oldham B	M,B(E)
Dog and Partridge	Middleton Road	Royley	Lees	M,B(E)
Duke of Edinburgh	Market Square	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Duke of York	Heyside	Heyside	Lees	M,B(E)
Greyhound	Elly Clough	Holden Fold	Lees	M,B(E)
Grey Mare	Oldham Road	Boundary Park	Oldham B	M,B(E)
Hope and Anchor	Sandy Lane	Centre	Bass	TL(E)
Haggate	Middleton Road	Royley	Lees	M,B(E)
Halfway House	Rochdale Road	Cozewood	Lees	M,B(E)
Hare and Hounds	Higginshaw Lane	Higginshaw	Lees	M,B(E)
Marston Tavern	Rochdale Road	Centre	Marstons	M,B(H)
Railway	Oldham Road	Centre	Lees	M,B(E)
Turks Head	Springfield Lane	Thornham	Wilsons	M,B(H/E)
White Hart	Oldham Road	Boundary Park	Wilsons	M,B(H)

CROMPTON/SHAW AREA (Including High Crompton)

Black Horse	Rochdale Road	High Crompton	Lees	M,B(H/E)
Blue Bell	Market Street	Centre	Robinsons	M,B(E)
Coach and Horses	Market Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Duke of York	Market Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Morning Star	Greins Road	Clough	Lees	M,B(E)
Puckersley	Thornham Road	Thornham	Lees	M,B(E)
Park	Buckstones Road	Crompton Fold	Wilsons	M,B(H/E)

SADDLEWORTH AREA (Including Uppermill, Delph, Denshaw, Greenfield, Lydgate, Dobcross, Diggle, Austerlands, Springhead and Scouthead)

Black Horse	Ripponden Road	Denshaw	Bass	Bass(H)
Cross Keys	Runninghill Gate	Uppermill	Lees	M,B(E)
Cross Keys	Huddersfield Road	New Delph	Wilsons, Pollard, Theakstons	M,B,SA(H)
Commercial	High Street	Uppermill	Bass	4X(E)
Church	Runninghill Gate	Uppermill	S&N	IPA(H)
Farrars Arms	Oldham Road	Grasscroft	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Golden Fleece	Ripponden Road	Denshaw	Boddingtons, Oldham B, Pollards, Theakstons	M,B(H)
Hanging Gate	Huddersfield Road	Diggle	Bass	XL(E)
Horse and Jockey	Stanedge Road	Stanedge	Bass, CB	Bass, M,B(H)
Junction	Ripponden Road	Denshaw	Lees	M,B(E)
King William IV	Chew Valley Road	Greenfield	Bass	XL(E)
Old Original	Thorp Road	Scouthead	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Printers	Ripponden Road	Denshaw	Tetley, Thwaites	M,B(H)
Reebuck	Brighton Road	Strinesdale	Matthew Brown	B(H)
Rams Head	Ripponden Road	Denshaw	Theakstons	M,B,SA(G)
Rose and Crown	King Street	Delph	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Railway	Station Brow	Greenfield	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Spinners	off Cooper Street	Springhead	Lees	M,B(E)
Swan	The Square	Dobcross	Bass	CB, 4X(H)
Three Crowns	Huddersfield Road	Scouthead	Wilsons	M,B(H)
White Hart	Stockport Road	Lydgate	Bass	Bass, XL(H/E)
White Lion	King Street	Delph	Bass	4X(E)
Waggon	High Street	Uppermill	Robinsons	M,B,SA(E)

MARSTONS IN TRAFFORD & HULME

To continue our survey of every pub in the branch area we thought we'd enjoy ourselves a bit more this month and visit the seven Marstons outlets (all 'real'). Hulme has two of these, the Mancunian, City Road and the wonderfully named Pomona Palace on Cornbrook Road. The Mancunian is a modern pub with a large vault, comfortable lounge and reputation for good lunches. Mild and Burton Bitter are available served by electric dispense. There was a brief affair with Pedigree about a year ago, but they don't go for fancy names in Hulme so it was withdrawn through lack of demand. Less than half a mile away, the Pomona is a traditional dockland pub with plenty of character despite the intrusion of the pool table in the 'best' side. Mild and bitter are on handpumps.

The other five pubs are spread right across the area. The King William IV is on Manchester Road, Partington, a smart, three-roomed house with handpumped mild and bitter (except in the 'cocktail bar' which has keg mild). Sale Moor has the permanent Marstons beer exhibition at the Carters Arms, Northenden Road. Large numbers of drinkers can be observed swilling Pedigree, Merrie Monk, Owd Rodger (winter), mild and bitter down their throats like there's no tomorrow (or the day after). The Carters is to be modernised in the near future, though it is hoped the alterations won't be too drastic - perhaps a new lightbulb in the Gents or fresh coat of paint for the carpet!

Timperley has the posh one, the Hare and Hounds on the corner of Wood Lane and Shaftesbury Avenue. Its restaurant 'Le Bon Viver' is in this year's Good Food Guide, and there is a good (but pricey) cold buffet at lunchtime as well as a wide range of hot snacks. The bowling green is in good nick, live music is available every night and if you're on an expense account you can enjoy Pedigree as well as the mild and bitter. Pedigree is also available on handpump at the Railway, Stamford Street, Altrincham, a pub with table football in the no-man's land between vault and lounge and one of the most mixed clienteles I've seen under one roof! The mild and bitter are electrically dispensed.

Lastly there is the Eagle, a modern estate pub on Greenbrow Road, Wythenshawe. Mild and bitter only here; a basic vault, plain smoke room and lounge and an excellent juke box. Not the place to make a phone call from, though - the receiver's right under the speaker!

Mick Rottenbury

T SHIRTS WITH ARMS

Joseph Holt have given their official blessing to T-shirts bearing the brewery escutcheon; a shield sable crossed with an ordinary bend gules from dexter chief to sinister base and charged with the majuscules J,H.

The shirts, which also carry the name of the pub, are available for £2.50 in large and medium sizes (small to order) from the White Swan, Swinton. Similar shirts can also be obtained from the Lamb, Eccles and certain other Holts pubs.

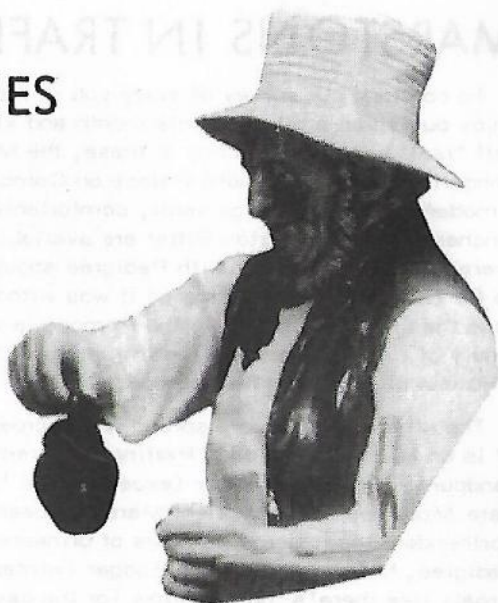
Pete Cash

MAGEE MEMORIES

The gentleman on the right is a large papier mache model of the trade mark used by Bolton brewers, Magee Marshall.

The model is now on permanent display along with other items from the town's last brewery in the Bolton Museum of Local History, St Georges' Street.

The figure is said to be based on an old farmer from Markland Hill who would always be found there on market days with his pint and a plate of bread and cheese. The model was used by Magees to advertise the brewery at agricultural shows and carnivals and spent some time on Blackpool Prom until the 1940s.



The exhibition has a fine collection of bottles from local brewers and soft drinks firms. Also on show is a Measham ware teapot from the Foundry Inn, Nelson Street (now demolished) presented to Chris Adamson by the brewery in recognition of his services as a well-borer. There is also an 'allowance jug' of his, for home consumption, dating from the 1880s.

Magee Marshall's Crown Brewery still stands on Derby Street and is now partly used by Greenalls as a store for their soft drinks. The company was founded in 1866 by David Magee and Daniel Marshall, who built the four-storey brewhouse. The brewery was extended in 1875 and ten years later a bonded warehouse was built at the end of Ashburner Street in the town centre. In 1888 Magee Marshall went limited and by 1910 they were a very large and prosperous firm, having bought out Robinson & Co of Wigan and Halliwell & Son of Bolton, as well as a malting business at Castleton. For many years the brewery imported water from Burton on Trent in their own railway wagons, each of which held 2-3,000 gallons, to their private sidings on the Bolton-Leigh line. In 1958 the company was taken over by Greenall Whitley and brewing ceased on October 2nd, 1970.

The Bolton Museum of Local History is open daily 10.00am-12.00noon, 1.00pm-5.00pm. Closed Thursdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Bert Kerks

ROSSENDALE GUIDE CORRECTIONS

Pub number 48, the Glory at Loveclough, has been renamed the Huntsman in recognition of its long association with the Holcombe Hunt. The Hargreaves Arms at Lumb is on handpumps, not electric pumps as stated in the guide (computer error).

PLEASANT CHANGE

As a regular of the Pleasant View, Tottington Road, Bury, I am pleased to report that the extensions and alterations are finished at last. Unlike many such renovations, this one has been tastefully done and fortunately not at the expense of the tap room, which is now quite enormous compared to the original one.



At the landlord's insistence handpumps have been retained (although they are a new set) and the beer (Thwaites) is always tip-top. Apart from this obvious advantage, the pub now boasts the finest lunches in the area and a Gents' actually on the premises! Fred assures me that there is in fact a pleasant view from the upstairs front windows.

Dave Arnold

RUDDLING POOR SHOW

Ruddles Brewery were approached to supply Ruddles County to the Greater Manchester Beer Festival. Four weeks after the order had been sent no reply had been received, so a telephone call was made to the order office. They replied that they refused to supply the Festival as it was outside their trading area. (There's a Sainsburys near Deansgate, but no matter.) They said that they did not want to encourage people to drink their beer, find that they enjoyed it and then find that they couldn't get it elsewhere.

Whilst we can overlook their inability to reply to letters, Ruddles' refusal to supply beer must be questioned. Where exactly is their trading area? What's Brewing, in the June edition, carries a lengthy article praising Ruddles. It says - "In 1978 the company sold off 37 of its 38 pubs ... and marched out to conquer the free trade. Tony Ruddle says: "We've used money to plough it into producing more beer and that means more enjoyment." In 1978 Ruddles announced that in future they would concentrate solely on the free trade. In the article, the talk is of a fierce attack on the free trade, sales in 11 British Rail station bars, the rapid build up of sales in supermarkets all over the country.

It appears that the only way to avoid getting Ruddles County is to become a monk on the Isle of Skye - or go to the Manchester Beer Festival!

Humphrey Higgins

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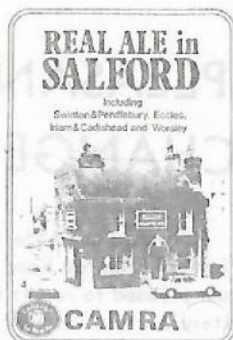
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TIED HOUSES

One aspect of public houses which is peculiar to this country is the tied house system, whereby brewers own the outlets in which their beers are sold. The tied house system more than anything else has been responsible for the concentration of ownership into very few hands so that 80% of public houses in England and Wales are controlled by 6 or 7 brewing giants. Concentration of ownership has in turn brought about many of the things about which Camra has complained - lack of choice, demolition of rural pubs, introduction of keg beers and radical alteration of traditional pubs.

Whilst it is fairly apparent that the tie has resulted in an undesirable state of affairs, it's not very easy to see how the position can be remedied. A total abolition of the tied houses is too simplistic and would have many unforeseen repercussions. For example, many small local breweries who are not concerned with expansion rely heavily on the tie and would suffer if pubs were put on the market to be snapped up by large leisure groups like Mecca and Ladbrokes.

Perhaps the only hope is once again not legislative but persuasive. Consumer pressure has brought about changes in the types of beer served in public houses, despite the wishes of the big six. It seems likely that demand for a variety of draught beers may help to bring about an increase in free trade outlets.

Already the number of untied pubs in Greater Manchester has grown and it's not unusual to find a pub which was sold by a brewery because it was unprofitable, doing very nicely under a new owner who has no tie to a particular brewery.

It is my hope that a process of continual change may help to create an atmosphere of competition between breweries which will keep them on their toes and benefit the consumer.

Roger Hall

YOUR VIEWS WANTED

We have been asked to amble round a few of Wilsons' managed houses in Timperley, Broadheath and Altrincham with the aim of making constructive criticism so that the consumer's voice can be heard when the brewery considers plans for new pubs or altering pubs. We shall be visiting the Old Roebuck, Axe and Cleaver, Old Packet, Wheatsheaf, Moss Trooper and Sylvan. Supper will be provided free of charge to anyone taking part and no doubt the Wilsons representatives accompanying us will turn a blind eye if you nip in for a quick pint of Boddies on the way! See Branch Diary for date, starting time and place.

Mick Rottenbury



Having managed to find Don Birnham's favourite watering place in Slumley Parva, the crowd of us began to discuss the recent undesirable trend for pseudonymous letters to appear in What's Doing. The rot probably set in with the vituperative Quentin Macdonald and continued via Harry Beandick to the latest vilification of the charming Mr Starsky by some defamatory lout calling himself Robin Pendragon. Fortunately Mr Starsky has been deported to Paraguay where he will be employed to persuade illiterate peasants of the wonders of jungle juice, so he probably never read the letter - unless of course he wrote it himself as a last-ditch, nose-thumbing job to his erstwhile employers.

Our erudite pontifications were interrupted by two brick-lavatory-like persons who previously had refused to buy CAMRA darts flights from us and after ten pints of Drabs had come back to insult us. I've been called some things in my time, like a hooray Henry or a slant-eyed pansy dwarf, but their boorish disparagement plumbed new depths. Omitting expletives, Fanny was dismissed as a "Rupert trousered philanderer" whilst Tish, Fiona and Ophelia Hampton were lumped together as "bloated dickless snooties." I myself was referred to as a "mincing little pooftah".

Not having Bunty to protect us because of his continued incarceration in Strangleways, we downed our halves of Drabs mild and would have left quietly had not Fiona been sick over the dominoes table. As it was, we were all roughed up in a sea of vomit and thrown into the gutter.

At first I thought this behaviour inexcusable, but it eventually came to light that we were mere scapegoats for the unforgivable behaviour of young Perry Drab. Customers of the Horse and Shovel have no objection to the cravat brigade trying to sell them little bits for their arrers whilst chatting about distinctive, hoppy, creamy bitters. Of course not. What had got them was Perry's new trick - installing new, micro-chip electronic tills, complete with integral police whistle and anti-fiddle device. Unfortunately the tills were incapable of being used from either the prone or supine position and were consequently not used by many of Mr Drab's tavern keepers. At this, Mr Drab got proper angry and started throwing P45s about and the consumers of his beers, understandably upset, started throwing one another about. Where will it all end? Perhaps an admirable solution would be for all the former Drabs purveyors to go and work for Mr Cobbler who gets through licensees faster than NSU in a brothel.

According to the over-tall Boris Pratt, Demyss Roussos may be shedding the mantle of supremacy, leaving the rest of the NE to fight like hyenas over the spoils of office. A nice irony which may have escaped one of the contenders, Elsie Clockwork-Nun, is that you can't really have a female piss-artist. Have you ever watched a woman write her name in the snow? -Not a pretty sight.



Branch Diary

BOLTON

July 1st Branch Meeting, The George, Great Moor Street, 8.30pm

Weds July 16th. "Kilsby's Kick Off" - Les Kilsby leaving "do" at Cromptons Mule, Spa Road
(Food + Theakstons bitter) 7.30pm onwards

Tues Aug 5th. Monthly meeting at the George, Great Moor Street 8.30pm

Contact Bert Kerks Bolton 388172

TRAFFORD AND HULME

Thurs 3rd July 8.00pm Committee/Social, Volunteer, Cross Street, Sale

Fri 4th July Wilsons Survey. 7.30 Sylvan, corner Sylvan Ave and Woodhouse Lane East, Timperley
Free supper at last pub!

Thurs 17 July 8.00pm Branch meeting, Railway, Stamford St, Altrincham

Sat 19th July Pub treasure hunt (on foot!) Meet Railway, Altrincham 7.30-8.30pm

Weds 23rd July Day coach trip to Marstons Brewery. Return via Macclesfield, evening. Seats available £4 or less depending on numbers.

Thurs 24 July 8.00pm Pub of the Month Social, Railway, 153 Manchester Road, Broadheath

Thurs 7 Aug 8.00pm Committee/Social Osborne House, 32 Nelson Place, off Victory Street, M14

Thurs 21 August 8.00pm Branch Meeting, Plough, Green Lane, Ashton-on-Mersey

Contact: Mick Rottenbury 969 7013 (home)

SOUTH LANCOS

Sat 9th August Beer Tent at Newton Show 11.30am-4.30pm

Weds 13 Aug Trip to Wilsons brewery

Sat 16th August Leigh Walkabout. White Lion, Leigh Road 1.30pm

Contact: Ian Ogden Wigan 79534

ROCHDALE, OLDHAM & BURY

Tues 8th July 8.00 Branch meeting Miners (Wilson's), George St, Oldham

Tues 15th July 8.00pm Committee meeting Queens (Robinsons) Manchester Street, Oldham

Tues 12th Aug 8.00pm Branch meeting Kings (Thwaites), Market Place, Heywood

Tues 26th Aug 8.00pm Committee Meeting Bay Horse (Whitbread), Torrington Street, Heywood

Contact: Steve Lawton 061 236 4411 ext 7236 or 061 620 9239

HIGH PEAK & NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Tues 15 July Branch Meeting 8.30pm Jolly Sailor, Marple

Sat/Sun 26/27 July Beer tent at Tameside Canals Festival, Portland Street Marina, Ashton

Weds 30 July Social/Pub crawl of Glossop 8.00pm The Star, Howard Street

Sun 3rd Aug Social/Joint meeting with Macclesfield branch 12.30pm Bulls Head

Tues 12 Aug Branch Meeting 8.30pm, The Organ, Hyde

Contact Tom Lord 427 7099

NORTH MANCHESTER

Sat 12 July Preston Peregrination. Train from Manchester Victoria 7.15pm, Bolton 7.32pm

Weds 6th Aug Pub crawl, Patricroft/Winton. 7.00pm Packet House, 8.00pm Wellington

Weds 13 Aug 8.00pm. Committee/Social - Millstone, Thomas Street, off Shudehill

Weds 20th Aug 8.00pm. White Swan, Swinton

Contact: Roger Hall 740 7937

SOUTH MANCHESTER

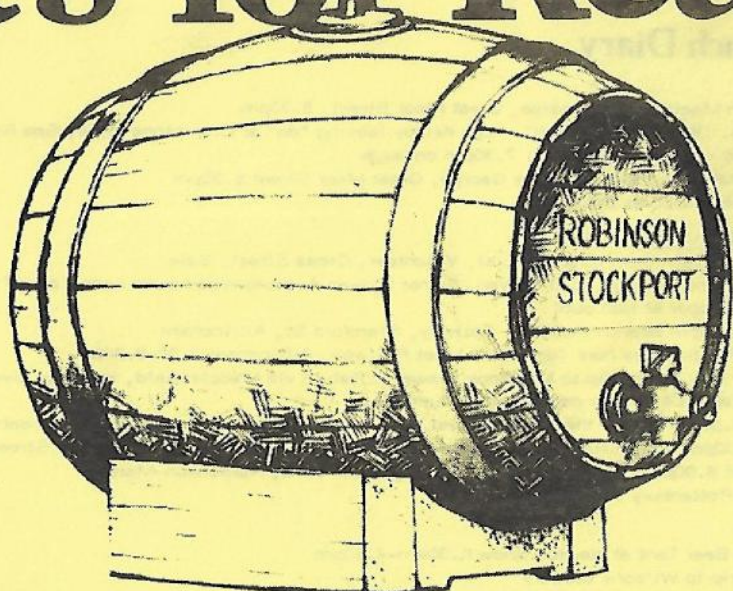
Thurs July 10 Branch meeting Gateway Hotel, Wilnslow Road, East Didsbury 8.00pm

Fri July 11th Mild Crawl of Cheadle - 8.00pm Railway, Manchester Rd, 8.30 White Hart, Gatley Rd

Thurs July 24th Pub of the Month - Railway, Broadheath - with Trafford & Hulme

Thurs Aug 14th Branch meeting 8.00pm - the Gateway, E Didsbury

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