

# WHAT'S DOING



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## TETLEY CLOSE ONE ....

The Moulders Arms, Heyrod Street, Ancoats, will soon join the ever-growing list of Manchester pubs closed by the big breweries. If Tetley's record is anything to go by, there isn't much chance of the pub continuing as a free house.

## AND GREENALLS SELL ANOTHER

The Crown, Derby Street, Bolton, is to become a social club for Buffs members. The pub is situated next to the former Magee Marshall brewery and was once the brewery tap. It is understood that the building will be sold only on condition that Greenalls beers will be sold (surprise, surprise!)

In the past year, Greenalls have sold the Aima to Burtonwoods and the Ancient Shepherd to Thwaites. If their policy continues, Bolton will soon have no traditional Greenalls outlets, as the Tanners on Lever Street has recently gone over to bright beer.

Another pub sold by Greenalls to Burtonwood was the Scot Lane Inn. It is due to reopen soon, the new licensee coming from the Royal Oak, Liscard, Wirral, a Good Beer Guide pub.

Bert Kerks



## JOHN SMITHS - WHY NO REAL ALE ?

"One of the few remaining examples of old fashioned draught bitter. It's still matured in the cask. It still has the subtle, distinctive, old fashioned flavour. Your landlord won't serve it until it's reached its full character."

What does that describe? A pint of Walkers? Wilsons? Robinsons? It could describe many a pint of bitter in Greater Manchester. Actually, it's an advert for Courage Best Bitter.

So why, if it's good enough for the South, can't we have real Courage in the North? In the past 50 years, the companies that eventually formed Courage (now part of Imperial Tobacco) have taken over more than 50 breweries between them and with them has gone part of our heritage - local beers, local firms, local pubs.

In the North the company operate at John Smiths Tadcaster Brewery Ltd, which only produces keg and bright beer. The Barnsley Brewery, John Smiths' only real ale brewery, was closed in 1975 and since then Smiths have refused to supply any traditional beer to their pubs in the North West. Despite protests, Smiths turn a deaf ear and steadfastly claim that there is "no demand for real ale". Have they asked Wilsons, who were convinced by CAMRA that there was a demand and subsequently changed their policy? (The change, incidentally, seems as popular with their customers as was predicted.) Have they asked the public if they would like a choice of "old fashioned draught bitter"?

Smiths' once renowned beers (remember Magnet Bitter?) have been reduced to thin, fizzy, processed products. Courage/John Smiths won't give us, the customers, the choice - or the chance - of traditional beer, and only concerted action can convince them that there is a demand for real ale. If you are concerned about John Smiths' policies, why not write to them and say so? The address is: J M Whitworth, Managing Director, John Smiths (Tadcaster) Ltd, The Brewery, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire LS24 9SA.

Humphrey Higgins

## OLDHAM BREWERY TAKEOVER

Rumours are rife of a possible takeover of Oldham Brewery by Northern Foods. It is not the first time that there has been speculation of this kind. This supermarket and food chain have already diversified by taking over the old Hulf Brewery Company (now renamed North Country Breweries) a few years ago. Perhaps they only go in for breweries who like to filter their beers!

Steve Lawton

## BASS BREAKTHROUGH

It is now two years since the handpumps in the New Inn, Halliwell Road, Bolton, were last used to serve real ale. However, things are looking up. The new landlord, a former wrestler, has had the pumps overhauled and hopes to serve three Bass cask beers later this year.

Until then, Bolton will have to do without any real Bass beers. The General Havelock on Sidney Street, which for several years sold cask Brew Ten through Stones dispensers, has now gone over to the fizzy stuff.

Bert Kerks



## BURY BEER FEST

The Rochdale, Oldham and Bury branch of CAMRA are to organise a beer festival in the land of the black pudding. The venue is the Derby Hall, Market Street, Bury. The festival will be open for three sessions as follows:

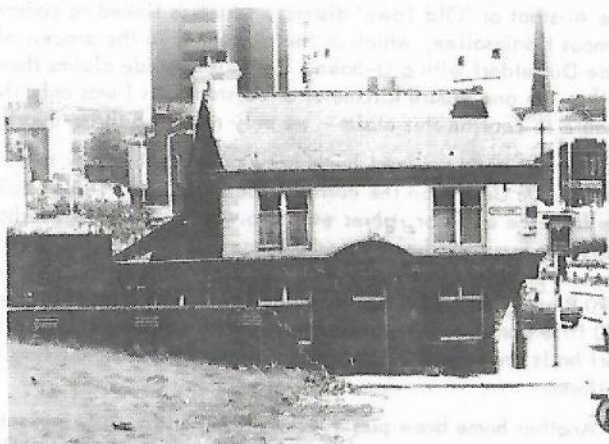
Friday 31st October	5.00pm - 11.00pm
Saturday 1st November	11.00am - 3.00pm & 5.00pm - 11.00pm

Food (including black puddings, of course) will be available, as will entertainment. Admission to card-carrying CAMRA members will be free; otherwise a small charge will be payable at the door. It is hoped to have about ten different breweries represented and details of these, together with the types of beer on sale, will be given in next month's What's Doing.

Steve Lawton

## ROCK STEADY

In last month's article about the reopening of the Spread Eagle in Stockport we gave the impression that the Rock House on Great Egerton Street was shut. It isn't. Despite the threat of 'that motorway' this Robinsons house is still serving.



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# REAL ALE IN DUSSELDORF

Düsseldorf is the state capital of Nordrhein-Westfalen, with a population of well over half a million. It is the headquarters of much of German industry and also boasts its own peculiar brewing style. Throughout Germany Düsseldorf is renowned for its 'Alt' beer.

As German scholars will know, this literally means 'old beer', but it must not be confused with the old ale ranges in Britain. The most common explanation given for the derivation of the term 'Alt' comes from the fact that Altbier is brewed by top fermentation rather than by the more modern and much more common bottom fermentation.

Altbier is usually a medium-brown-coloured beer, although in some particular brews it can be very dark, like a dark mild in Britain. It has an alcoholic content of just over 3.5% and therefore has a similar strength to the weaker British bitters. Like the Kolsch beers of Köln described last month by Jim Davies, Altbier is usually served in .2 litre glasses.

The pubs of Düsseldorf seem to reflect the character of the town itself. There are many modern pubs in the main city centre, along with the usual collection of speciality bars in the Red Light district. The greatest number and best choice of pubs can be found in the Altstadt or 'Old Town' district, which is linked to commercial Düsseldorf by the infamous Königsallee, which at the moment is in the process of being ripped apart to provide Düsseldorf with a U-Bahn. The tourist guide claims that one can find over 200 inns within the one square kilometer of Altstadt. As I was only there for three evenings, I am unable to confirm this claim - we only managed three-quarters of them!

Altstadt boasts several home brew pubs and brewery taps. The most famous home brew one is Zum Uerige on the corner of Bergerstrasse. This building, looking quite unimpressive from the exterior, gives way to a whole warren of beerhalls inside. In one of these halls is a huge window from where one can observe the brewing process whilst sampling the end product. In my opinion, this was not only the cheapest Altbier but also the best - 90 Pfennig for .25l. On a Friday evening in Zum Uerige we observed a newly tapped 150 litre barrel being emptied in under three minutes! Like the Kölnbierhalls, Düsseldorf halls are served by an army of Köbes (Jacobs) wearing the traditional all-blue uniform.

Another home brew pub in Altstadt is Ferdinand Schumacher - the beer here has a rather metallic taste not too dissimilar to a brew produced not a million miles from Middleton Junction. Schumacher's main pub is at 123 Oststrasse in the main shopping centre. Brewing ale like that, he certainly lives up to his name (Cobblers!) A more pleasant home brew was found in Altstadt on Ratingenstrasse at Im Fuchschen, which lives up to its name with a ceiling festooned with stuffed foxes.

The largest Altbierbräuerei is Schlösser and their own brewery tap is very similar to



**RÖMER  
ALT**



**Gatzweilers  
Alt**





**Schlösser Alt.**  
**Echt Düsseldorfer Alt.**



a home brew pub, with huge beer halls and a high frequency Jacob service. The Gatzweiler brewery tap is also in central Altstadt and is certainly worth a visit.

Whilst not finding Altbier quite as enjoyable as Kölsch, it is still a very palatable drink (especially Zum Üerige) and in my opinion is superior to most British beers. As Düsseldorf is within easy reach of the two other main brewing centres of Nordrheinland - Westfalen, these being Köln and Dortmund, it makes an ideal centre for a beer drinking holiday. The other advantage is the other tourists - there aren't any!

Paul Roberts

## YOUTH HOSTELRIES

Seasoned members of CAMRA have adopted a "youth policy" to help swell the ageing ranks. July's area meeting agreed to launch a membership drive among the university populace. The inaugural meeting of UCC (the University Campaign Committee) took place recently at the Peveril of the Peak.

The campaign hopes, by distributing leaflets and holding meetings, to get the CAMRA message across to the many new students arriving in Manchester this October. Later on, we should like to publish a comprehensive guide to the educational hostelries, both real and otherwise. If anyone has information about drinking establishments in our educational emporia - or if anyone would like to help with this campaign - would they contact their local branch? A further meeting will take place on Monday, 8th September, at the Peveril of the Peak.

Dave Eckett

## NEW LANDLORDS IN ALTRINCHAM

The Jolly Friar (Greenalls) Lloyd Street, Altrincham, now has its third manager since it opened last September as the "first pub / old style fish restaurant in the country". Empty seats in the restaurant half meant that that idea had had its chips, so now full lunches are offered six days a week including a "businessman's" lunch. From 7.00 until 10.00 in the evening (except Sunday) it becomes a steakhouse. Present landlord Dave Clayton took over in mid August and assures us that he will continue with cask bitter and, if demand makes it possible, revert to cask mild as well.

Another pub to change hands in August was the Old Packet House (handpumped Wilsons) Manchester Road, Broadheath, on the banks of the Bridgewater Canal. It was once a staging post for the packet boats. New manager Pete Fidler used to have the Malt Shovel in Cheadle and he is enjoying the change from tank beer to cask conditioned bitter and mild.

Mick Rottenbury



# MANCHESTER BREWERIES 19

## Manchester Brewery Co.



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THE BUNG, TAP & VENT HOLES WHEN EMPTY SHOULD BE STOPPED.

Michael Jacobson, in "200 Years of Beer", records that Boddingtons' two nearest rivals during the 1860s were Threlfalls and Deakins. Of these two, Threlfalls is still a well-remembered name but Deakins, later the Manchester Brewery Company, has passed into obscurity. Despite early prosperity, bad management and over ambitious expansion brought the firm to the very edge of bankruptcy. Saved by the intervention of Walker & Homfrays, the company enjoyed a further period of activity until the 1920s, when all brewing ceased at MBC's Britannia Brewery. From then on the concern became just a "paper company" and as such passed to Wilsons Brewery with the takeover of Walker & Homfrays in 1949.

As far back as 1838 a brewery existed on Broadie Street in Ardwick, then in the hands of a brewer called William Nell. By 1848, the occupiers were Benjamin Smith and Sons and the premises had been named the Britannia Brewery. The name Benjamin Smith appears nearly sixty years later on a list of directors of the Manchester Brewery Company. It is unclear whether or not this is a coincidence.

The first mention of the Deakins is around 1850, when various members of the family are listed as pub owners and brewers. George Deakin brewed at Butler Street, Oldham Road and owned such pubs as the Grapes on Great Ancoats Street, the Rainbow Hotel in Spring Gardens and the Brown Cow, Canal Street. James Deakin, who brewed at Kenyon Street, Rochdale Road, also kept several houses, like the Egerton Arms at 179 Chester Road which eventually passed to Wilsons. James Henry Deakin had taken control of the Britannia Brewery by 1860.

In 1888 the Manchester Brewery Company Ltd was formed, with John and Edward Deakin as joint managing directors. The following year MBC's Chairman, H J Gurdon-Rebow, became involved with the purchase of three breweries and a distillery in Prague for £324,000. Gurdon-Rebow served as a director of the new company, called Bohemian Breweries Ltd. MBC itself became more directly involved with several other companies during the next few years. John Ratcliffe's Coldhurst Brewery in Oldham was acquired in 1889. A number of pubs accompanied the purchase, examples being the Lancashire Hotel, Higginshaw Lane and the Queens Arms, Busk Street.

Nathan P Sandiford was a wine and spirit merchant who founded his business at premises on Chester Road, Hulme. When Greenall Whitley bought out James Hampson of Northwich in 1888, their brewery on Witton Street became available. Sandifords then leased or bought the building to brew their own beer for a time. In 1895, N P Sandiford sold out to MBC and joined the board as joint managing director with W R

Deakin. At this time, MBC also had a mortgage on a brewery in Walsall, in addition to owning the one in Oldham.

During 1899, MBC bought Broadbents Ltd, Wingfields Silverwell Brewery Co Ltd and entered into a contract to buy the property of G F Carrington & Sons. In the case of Carringtons, the purchase was not completed until seven years later. Carrington stopped brewing at the Clarence Brewery, Hulme and probably received supplies of beer from MBC during this period. Broadbents was liquidated shortly after the takeover but later all the property had to be sold to Threlfalls because of financial troubles. The proceeds of the sale were used to pay mortgages amounting to £62,500. Also liquidated shortly after takeover was Wingfields of Bolton.

Rather unwisely, MBC entered into a contract during 1901 to buy land in Trafford Park at a chief rent of £1,046 per year and to erect, prior to March 1906, a brewery costing at least £40,000. The brewery was never built. Edward Deakin died from a severe attack of gastritis on 23rd March 1903. The next year, the worsening financial situation came to a head. In an attempt to save the company, several directors were dismissed and replaced with members of known business ability. The removal of Benjamin Smith, the old managing director, cost the firm £2,000. Smith still had three years to run under an agreement which guaranteed him £1,250 a year. The other directors were less fortunate; they had to pay the firm £12,000 to avoid being taken to court. The lineup of Gurdon-Rebow, Smith, D E Cardinal, H A Haig, R J Wood and John Deakin gave way to a new board consisting of John Henry Davies (Chairman), G E Haworth, N P F Sandiford and W R Deakin. John Deakin, however, remained on good terms with the company. The new Chairman, J H Davies, had occupied a similar position on the board of Walker & Homfrays since 1902 and was an up and coming figure in the trade. Various measures were taken: improvement in the quality of beer, renovation of property, development of a bottling plant, the writing down of the company's capital and the disposal of Broadbent's property.

Walker & Homfrays gained complete control of the Manchester Brewery Company in 1912, when they agreed to buy 93% of the share capital. Brewing at the Britannia Brewery did not continue past 1924 - by this date MBC had been transferred to Walker & Homfrays Woodside Brewery. Under the control of W&H, MBC acquired Chadwicks Walmersley Brewery Ltd and Stopfords Brewery Co Ltd in 1927. The Palatine Bottling Co, a W&H subsidiary, moved into Stopfords Imperial Brewery on Birch Street, West Gorton, and Stopford pubs were also transferred to Palatine.

MBC's tied estate was quite extensive, reaching as far as Kidderminster in the south and Barrow in Furness in the north. The letters "MBC" can still be seen in the tilework of the George in Bolton as well as on the stonework of a number of other pubs. Most ex-MBC pubs, however, show no signs of their origin.

The Manchester Brewery Company was officially liquidated on 6th November 1956. Nothing now remains of the Britannia Brewery but, although Broadie Street no longer exists, the exact site can be pinpointed. The brewery stood on the south bank of the River Medlock, to the left of Hoyle Street as you walk towards Temperance Street from the Mancunian Way.

Alan Gall

## TETLEY IN DIDSBURY

Tetleys have bought the Didsbury Lodge Hotel, Barlow Moor Road, Didsbury, formerly a Whitbread free house.



# TETLEY WALKER CASK PUBS

This list, correct to July 1980, comprises all the Tetley Walker tied houses which are equipped to take at least one cask beer. Those marked "K" also sell keg beer, "T" tank beer and \* Walker bitter.

Tetley Walker have decided to reduce the strength (and price) of Walkers Warrington Ale. The "new" beer will be sold in about 100 pubs and the brewery hope to build the number of outlets back up again. It is likely, therefore, that several pubs which are on the list because they sell Warrington Ale may by now be keg or tank only again.

(Information - Roy Walker)

Sir Charles Napier, High Street, Golborne \*  
 Manor Arms, Church Street, Golborne  
 Bamfurlong Hotel, Lily Lane, Bamfurlong \* K  
 Latham House Inn, Latham La, Wigan K  
 Rams Head, Bolton Road, Ashton in M  
 Bricklayers Arms, Hallgate, Wigan \*  
 Tippings Arms, Poolstock Lane, Wigan  
 Rose and Crown, Church Street, Orrell  
 Bath Springs, Wigan Road, Bryn  
 Imperial Hotel, Manchester Road, Ince K  
 Hare & Hounds, Upholland Road, Billinge \*  
 Bowling Green, Wigan Lane, Wigan  
 Swan & Railway, Wallgate, Wigan  
 Shepherds Arms, Warrington Road, Lwr Ince  
 Railway Hotel, Appley Lane, Appley Bridge  
 Victoria Inn, Haigh Road, Haigh \*  
 Black Bull, Hardybutts, Wigan  
 Imperial, Market Street, Hindley  
 Prince of Wales, Woodhouse Lane, Wigan  
 Bird i' th' Hand, Gidlow Lane, Wigan  
 Boars Head, Warrington Road, Wigan \*  
 Engineers Arms, Belle Green Lane, Hr Ince  
 Foundry, Warrington Lane, Wigan \*  
 Hare & Hounds, Billinge Road, Wigan  
 Prince of Wales, Victoria Street, Wigan  
 Park, Hope Street, Wigan \*  
 Raven Hotel, Wallgate, Wigan \*  
 Silverwell, Darlington Street, Wigan \*  
 Brookhouse Inn, City Road, Wigan \*  
 Caledonian, Bolton Road, Ashton in M K  
 Commercial, Cale Lane, New Springs \*  
 Cumberland Arms, Chapel Green, Hindley \*  
 Derby Arms, Castle Hill Road, Hindley \*  
 Kings Arms, Warrington Road Ashton in M  
 Navigation, Gathurst Lane, Gathurst \*  
 Platt Bridge Inn, Walthew Lane, Platt Bridge \*  
 Queens Head, Lucas Nook, Aspull \*  
 Rigbye Arms, Whittle Lane, Wrightington \*  
 Stocks Tavern, Parbold, Wigan \* K  
 White Lion, Church Street, Upholland  
 Golden Lion, Gerard Street, Ashton in M  
 Colliers Arms, Greenslate Road, Billinge  
 Belle Vue Inn, Woodhouse Lane, Wigan  
 Railway, Bag Lane, Atherton  
 Three Crowns, Lwr Leigh Rd, Westhoughton \*

Cross Guns, Bolton Rd, Westhoughton \*  
 Railway Tavern, Westleigh Lane, Leigh K  
 Church Inn, Newton Road, Lowton K  
 Fleece, Westleigh Lane, Leigh K  
 Eagle & Hawk, Chapel Street, Leigh \*  
 Ellesmere, St Helens Road, Leigh K  
 Nevison, Plank Lane, Leigh \*  
 Railway, Twist Lane, Leigh \*  
 Ring o' Bells, Tickle Street, Leigh \*  
 Black Horse, Elliot Street, Tyldesley K  
 Bulls Head, Southworth Road, Newton  
 Manx Arms, School Brow, Warrington \*





Cherry Tree, Common Lane, Culcheth K  
 George VI, Flapper Fold La, Atherton  
 Mersey, Mersey Street, Warrington  
 Bowling Green, Wigan Road, Leigh \*  
 Bay Horse, Bolton Old Road, Atherton \*  
 Ainsworth Arms, Halliwell Rd, Bolton \*  
 Bobs Smithy, Chorley Old Rd, Bolton \*  
 Church Hotel, Crook Street, Bolton K  
 Clifton Arms, Newport Street, Bolton \*  
 Cross Guns, Deane Road, Bolton K  
 Derby Arms, Halliwell Road, Bolton  
 Doffcocker, Chorley Old Road, Bolton K  
 Falcon, Kay Street, Bolton  
 Gardeners Arms, Valletts Lane, Bolton  
 Gypsies Tent, Deansgate, Bolton \*  
 Howcroft, Pool Street, Bolton \*  
 Kings Arms, Chorley Old Rd, Bolton  
 Millstone, Crown Street, Bolton K  
 Spread Eagle, Hulme Street, Bolton \*  
 Stark Tavern, Halliwell Road, Bolton  
 Crofters Arms, Bradshaw Road, Bradshaw K  
 Bell, Manchester Rd E, Little Hulton  
 Clock Face, Old Hall Street, Kearsley  
 Dun Mare, Manchester Rd W, Little Hulton  
 Spread Eagle, Manchester Rd, Kearsley  
 White Hart, Albert Rd, Farnworth  
 Red Lion, Church Street, Atherton \*  
 Duke of Wellington, St Johns Rd, Lostock \*  
 Hare & Hounds, Market Street, Stoneclough  
 Lion, Liverpool Rd, Cadishead  
 King William, Commonsides Rd, Mosley Common\*  
 Spinners Arms, Liverpool Rd, Eccles  
 Sunnyside, Bloom Street, Bolton  
 Railway, Church Street, Eccles  
 White Horse, Liverpool Rd, Irlam K  
 White Hart, Deane Rd, Bolton K  
 White Horse, Egerton Street, Farnworth K  
 Albert, Derby Street, Bolton K  
 Woolpack, Stand Lane, Radcliffe  
 Stanley Arms, Chorley Old Rd, Bolton  
 Sweet Green Tavern, Crook St, Bolton \*K  
 Mountain Dew, Market Street, Atherton \*  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Mill Street, Manchester  
 Commercial, Bury Old Rd, Manchester  
 Britons Protection, Gt Bridgewater St M/cr  
 Moulders Arms, Mottram New Rd, Hyde  
 Old White Bear, Swan St, Manchester  
 Prince of Wales, Oldfield Rd, Salford  
 Circus Tavern, Portland St, Manchester  
 King William IV, Stamford St, Ashton uL K  
 Grey Mare Inn, Varley St, Manchester  
 Weavers Arms, Angel St, Manchester  
 Talbot, Market St, Stalybridge K  
 City Arms, Kennedy Street, Manchester K  
 Old Oak, Manchester Rd, Tintwistle  
 Hyde Park Corner, Silk St, Salford K  
 Buckley Arms, Partington Lane, Swinton  
 Football, Swinton Hall Rd, Swinton  
 New Cross, Swinton Hall Rd, Swinton

Wallness, Wallness Lane, Salford  
 Assheton Arms, Booth Street, Ashton uL K  
 Bradford Arms, Ashton New Rd, M/cr  
 Britannia, Lancashire St, Newton Heath  
 Cornbrook Inn, Chester Rd, Hulme  
 Cross Keys, Jersey Street, Ancoats  
 Gladstone Arms, Lwr Hillgate, Stockport  
 Hare & Hounds, Shudehill, Manchester  
 Lane Ends Inn, Ley Lane, Marple  
 Lord Napier, Albion St, Ashton uL  
 Moulders Arms, Heyrod Street, M/cr  
 New Inn, Market Street, Hollingworth  
 Queens Arms, Honey Street, Manchester  
 Rock Inn, Hyde Rd W, Gorton  
 Smiths Arms, Sherratt St, Manchester  
 Mawson Hotel, Frances St, Charlton  
 Punch Bowl, Chapel St, Salford  
 Pack Horse, Market Place, Stockport  
 Wheatshaf, Oak St, Manchester  
 Albion, Ordsall La, Salford  
 Bulls Head, Town Lane, Mobberley K  
 Peter Kavanagh's, Egerton St, Liverpool  
 Albany, Smithdown Rd, Liverpool  
 Ash Grove, Picton Rd, Liverpool  
 Boundary, Smithdown Rd, Liverpool  
 Bowring Park Hotel, Rimmer Ave, L'pool  
 Brook Farm, Mulliner St, Liverpool  
 Clevedon, Uppr Parliament St, L'pool  
 Coffee House, Church Rd N, Liverpool K  
 Dart, Lodge La, Liverpool  
 Empress, High Park St, Liverpool  
 Gardeners Arms, Broadgreen Rd, L'pool KT  
 Grosvenor, Bishopsgate St, L'pool  
 Grosvenor, Lodge Lane, Liverpool K  
 Masonic Arms, Lodge La, Liverpool K  
 Queens Arms, Blackbrow Brow, Huyton KT  
 Royal, Smithdown Rd, Liverpool  
 Seel Arms, Hall Lane, Huyton  
 Sefton, North Hill St, Liverpool  
 Spofforth, Spofforth Rd, Liverpool  
 Stanley Arms, Roby Road, Huyton  
 Waldeck, Lawrence Rd, Liverpool  
 Willow Bank, Smithdown Rd, Liverpool  
 Grapes, Northumberland St, Liverpool  
 Royal Oak, Upper Warwick St, L'pool  
 Barkhill Hotel, Starsdale Rd, L'pool  
 Belgrave, Bryanston Rd, Liverpool  
 Coach & Horses, Woolton St, Liverpool  
 English Rose, Mackets La, Liverpool KT  
 Falstaff, Gateacre Park Drive, L'pool  
 Masonic, Lark Lane, Liverpool  
 Mount, South Hill Rd, Liverpool  
 Orient, Eastern Avenue, Speke KT  
 Pineapple, Park Road, Liverpool  
 Poets Corner, Park Hill Rd, Liverpool  
 Wellington Vaults, Meal St, Liverpool  
 Mersey Beat, Park St, Liverpool K  
 Empire, Hanover Street, Liverpool K  
 Carousel, Myrtle Street, Liverpool K

Half Way House, Kensington, L'pool  
 Royal, Wavertree Rd, Liverpool  
 Liver Vaults, Gilead St, Liverpool  
 Newington House, Renshaw St, L'pool K  
 Royal William, Crown St, Liverpool  
 Shipperies, Durning Rd, Liverpool  
 Whitehouse, Duke St, Liverpool  
 Beaconsfield, North John St, Liverpool  
 Bee Hive, Paradise Street, Liverpool  
 Edinburgh, Prescot Rd, Liverpool K  
 Lister, Prescot Rd, Liverpool  
 Midland, Ranelagh Street, Liverpool K  
 Queen of Diamonds, Edge La, Liverpool  
 Rathbone, Rathbone Rd, Liverpool  
 Rose, Binns Road, Liverpool  
 Vine, Lime Street, Liverpool \*  
 Wellington, Poole Rd, Wallasey  
 Archers, Mark Rake, Bramborough  
 Clipper, Chapel Hill Rd, Morton  
 Dee Hotel, Grange Rd, West Kirby K  
 Farmers Arms, New Chester Rd, B'head  
 Golden Fleece, Old Chester Rd, B'head  
 Grosvenor, Uppr Mersey St, Ellesmere Pt  
 Happy Valley, Borough Rd, Birkenhead  
 King Edward, Gt Howard St, Liverpool  
 Mona Castle, Wheatland La, Seacombe  
 Monro, Duke St, Liverpool K  
 North Star, Cleveland St, Birkenhead  
 Old English Gentleman, " " "  
 Railway, St Pauls Rd, Rock Ferry  
 Stanley Arms, Borough Rd, Seacombe  
 Queens Arms, Hinderton Rd, B'head  
 Britannia, Old Chester Rd, B'head  
 Fir Tree, Gorton Rd, Reddish T  
 Hill Top, Heaton Park Rd, Blackley K  
 Church, Church Rd, Northenden K  
 Greenwood Tree, G'wood Rd, Wythenshawe  
 King, Oldham St, Manchester  
 Moonrakers, Wood Street, Middleton  
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 Foresters, Rochdale Rd, Harpurhey  
 Kings Arms, Helmsore Walk, Manchester K  
 Queens, Market Street, Farnworth  
 Market, Brackley Street, Farnworth \*  
 Forresters, Chorley Rd, Swinton  
 Saddle, King Street, Farnworth  
 Foresters, Bury Rd, Rochdale K  
 Prince Rupert, Holmeswood Rd, Bolton  
 Church, George St, Farnworth  
 Bowling Green, Bolton Rd, Pendlebury  
 Antelope, Manchester Rd W, Little Hulton  
 Bradford Arms, Bradford St, Bolton  
 Bulls Head, Chorley Rd, Swinton T  
 Oak Tree, Crow La E, Newton le W K  
 Woodlands, Woodlands Rd, St Helens  
 Upton Tavern, Upton Lane, Widnes K  
 Old Crow, Crow La E, Newton le W \*  
 Stag Inn, Orrell Rd, Orrell K

Black Swan, Skelmersdale K  
 Owl & Pussycat, Egerton Hillside, Skem K  
 Eagle & Child, Scotchbarn La, Prescot  
 Hope & Anchor, City Rd, St Helens  
 Market, Alford Street, Widnes K  
 Red Admiral, Boston Ave, Runcorn  
 Yew Tree, Coronation Drive, Widnes K  
 Vulcan, Dallam Lane, Warrington  
 Jolly Falstaff, Blackbrook Ave, Padgate T  
 Bowling Green, Leigh La, Horwich  
 Grey Man, Hindley Rd, Westhoughton  
 Miners Arms, Manchester Rd, Astley  
 Pied Bull, Leigh Rd, Leigh  
 Dog & Partridge, School La, Standish  
 Travellers Rest, Orrell Road, Orrell  
 Victoria, Wallgate, Wigan K T  
 Ben Jonson, Warrington Rd, Wigan K  
 Clarence, Wallgate, Wigan K  
 Springfield Hotel, Springfield Rd, Wigan  
 Turf and Feather, Glover Rd, Padgate K  
 Bridge, Litherland Rd, Bootle  
 Hermitage, Lilly Grove, Liverpool T  
 Jubilee, Hatton Hill Rd, Liverpool  
 Litherland, Sefton Rd, Liverpool  
 Liverpool Arms, Gorse Lane, Liverpool T  
 Prince Alfred, Rice Lane, Liverpool  
 Prince Arthur, Rice Lane, Liverpool  
 Queen Anne, Fazackerley Rd, Liverpool  
 Queens Arms, Warbreck Moor, Liverpool K  
 Stanley Arms, Litherland Rd, Bootle  
 Stockwell Mount, Linacre Rd, L'pool  
 Strand Park, Sterrix La, Liverpool T  
 Victoria, Miranda Rd, Bootle  
 Walnut Tree, Orrell Road, Bootle T  
 Windham, Oriel Road, Bootle K  
 Coronation, Linacre Lane, Bootle T  
 Crown Vaults, Kirkdale Rd, Liverpool  
 Phoenix Inn, Foley Street, Liverpool K  
 Prince Albert, County Road, Liverpool  
 Sefton Arms, Westminster Rd, L'pool





Selwyn, Selwyn Street, Liverpool  
 Stanley Arms, Westminster Rd, L'pool K  
 Tramway, Delamore Street, Liverpool  
 Valley, St Domingo Rd, Liverpool  
 Griffin, Bankhall Street, Liverpool K  
 Melrose Abbey, Westminster Rd, L'pool  
 Royal, Bankhall Street, Liverpool K  
 Heriot Arms, Heriot Street, Liverpool  
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## BODDIES TO RISE FROM HOLE IN GROUND

In June 1979, Boddingtons put in an application to build a new pub on the Racecourse Estate in Ashton on Mersey. A derelict site on the corner of Catterick Avenue and Firs Way remained so for a further year, although Boddingtons advertised for a manager for the new pub soon after the application was granted. In July 1980, a hole appeared on the site which would indicate that in the new year of 1981 real ale will be available for the first time in this particular beer desert. At present the local inhabitants have the choice of fizzy beer from John Smiths, Greenalls, Wilsons and Whitbread, so the new pub should be something of a success.

Mick Rottenbury

## PUB OF THE MONTH

The September Pub of the Month for the South Manchester branch is the Crown Inn, Ford Lane, Northenden. It is situated in an historical part of the area opposite St Wilfrid's twelfth century church and next to Cromwell Cottages, where Oliver is reputed to have stayed for a while (the absence of Boddies obviously moved him on!)

The Crown is a small and busy Boddingtons house. It is Denis and Margaret Flaherty's first pub and they have been tenants for the past fifteen months. It was once known locally as the "Pin" because of the practice of serving jugs of ale for off sales from the cask on the bar. The pub now has a very active social club with darts and crib teams, and a very warm welcome will be extended to all members and friends at the Pub of the Month Social and Presentation Night on Thursday, September 25th.

Humphrey Higgins

## REAL ALE HOTEL

Until recently, when people phoned up to find out which real ale pubs had accommodation, I had to refer them to neighbouring branches. But at long last and after many delays (problems with contractors, fire regulations, etc) the Barrington Hotel (Wilson's mild and bitter) Barrington Road, Altrincham, is open for business. There are three double rooms with twin beds and one single, with bed and breakfast at about £8. Being very close to Altrincham Station and having its own car park, this represents an attractive alternative to other hotels in the area. Lunches are also now available and the tenant, Terry McQueeney, keeps a good pint.

Mick Rottenbury

## SPOT THE LANDLORD

This young man in Joe's Bar somewhere on the Isle of Man is now a licensee in the South Manchester area. The first reader to give his correct identity to Humphrey Higgins (phone 432 0059) wins a gallon of ale.



## WHITBREAD RUN OUT OF STEAM

I visited the Great Railway Exposition on the Saturday of the Folk Week, looking forward to good music and a drink in the "authentic pub selling real ale from one of the country's most famous breweries"(so said the advertising leaflet). If that was an authentic pub, then I've got Kew Gardens outside my back door. Never mind. "A pint of Special Cask please," (the most famous brewer was Whitbread and there were two handpumps on the bar).

"There's none on; the trouble is you lot have drunk it all." Actually I had only just arrived, but I presume the barman meant all his customers in general, since he addressed the comment to the four-deep queue at the bar. There was, of course, plenty of keg Chesters bitter and Chesters mild but apparently there was no Special Cask at the brewery, which no doubt explains why the Volunteer in Sale had none available the same weekend. What are Whitbread playing at? Surely, if they want Special Cask to be a success, they should have seized the opportunity of the six-week-long Exposition to introduce it to the Great British Public in style - "The world's first railway station to sell Whitbread Special Cask Bitter".

Mick Rottenbury

## DEAR BEER

The Grey Mare, Westhoughton, was taken out of the Good Beer Guide because it charged over the odds for Tetleys beers. The pub has now gone over to the bright variety, although the handpumps remain on the bar.

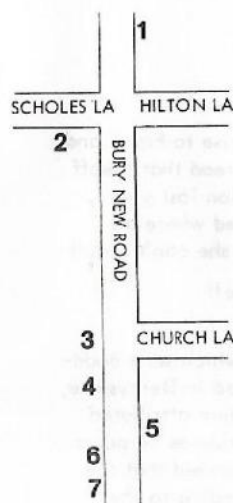
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- 4 **FORESTERS** Holts mild and bitter, electric pumps. Also handpumped bitter.
- 5 **GRAPES** Greenalls mild and bitter, electric pumps. Small, basic pub. Watch out for cue butts in the eye from pool players.
- 6 **RAILWAY AND NATURALIST** Wilsons mild and bitter, electric pumps. Popular with younger end escaping from nearby Whitbreads.
- 7 **WHITE HORSE** Handpumped Holts mild and bitter. Down to earth pub for the serious drinker.

David Rowlinson

## BOLTON BOOST

Peter and Barbara Astwick, managers of the Jolly Miller, a Wilsons house which was built some 18 months ago, have had six Angram handpumps installed to serve traditional mild and bitter. The Astwicks formerly had the all 'bright' Queen Anne on Junction Road, Bolton and some ten years ago the old Axe and Cleaver in Altrincham.

Handpumps will shortly be appearing in the White Horse, Bolton Road, West-houghton, another Wilsons house. Real ale is at present available via electric pumps.

Bert Kerks

## LETTERS

Dear Sir,

The Pub of the Month article (August What's Doing) came as a surprise to Frank and Joan Peake of the White Lion, Little Hulton. They were astonished to read that Geoff and Margaret Heathcote had "moved from the White Lion in Little Hulton last year", as they have been there themselves for the past 5½ years. They wondered where all

their food had been going! Joan's maiden name was Heathcoat, but she can't recall any brothers or sisters called Geoff or Margaret.

Stewart Revell

Dear Sir,

More news on the ghost trail front. The Bees Knees in New Mills, which sells Boddingtons and a range of keg beers is haunted by the last man to be hanged in Derbyshire, the place of his demise being a former courtyard in the pub. One incident attributed to the ghost was recounted by the landlord when he had an eerie sensation as he put on a new keg of Snots bitter. On returning to the bar, the landlord discovered that the so-called beer had stopped flowing after only four or five pints. Descending to the cellar again, he discovered that his discerning ethereal co-habitant had turned off the gas cylinder (shock horror)!

B J Brownsword

## MARKET RATES

It was reported last month that a tenanted Holts house had dropped the price of a pint by 6p upon becoming managed. In view of this, readers may be interested to know that the Newmarket at Pendlebury, a tenancy, offers mild and bitter at 33p and 34p in the vault and a penny extra in the room. Furthermore, the vault price is extended to the rest of the pub at lunchtimes. This must surely make the Newmarket the cheapest of Holts' tenancies - or does anybody know different?

P Cash

## WELLINGTON GETS THE BOOT

The Wellington in Ashton under Lyne, formerly one of the few Sam Smiths outlets in the area, may soon fall victim to the bulldozers. The pub is at present bricked up and derelict, and rumour has it that the building will be purchased by the Greater Manchester Economic Development Corporation Limited, who are not known for tastefully renovating unspoilt traditional locals





## Real Ale Guides

The following publications are available from Roger Hall, 123 Hill Lane, Blackley, Manchester. The guides are updated from time to time so if you know of any changes please contact the relevant branch - see Branch Diary.

### REAL ALE IN HIGH PEAK & NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

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Hanky Park, Regent Road, Cross Lane, Walker & Homfrays, etc. 78p inc post.

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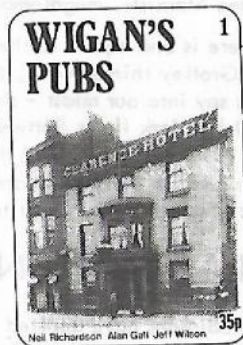
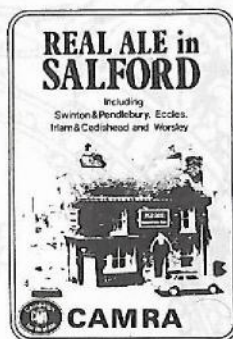
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Fiona, who knows about these things, has been chatting to important people at HQ, like Elsie Clockwork-Nun and the late Bogbrush, and it seems that my announcement about the impending resignation of Demys was somewhat premature. In order to stymie my 100% record of the gift of prophecy, the jacking-in situation will not be ongoing until after the AGM. This will give him time to people the NE with like-minded acolytes who won't vote in someone daft as the present lot might do. The competition is hotting up. The Noble Robin is running a do for Grotley club persons, introducing them to the joys of amber nectar for the hoi-polloi. In case this is somewhat too avant-garde to endear him to the rank and file of the Campaign, Boddington's underclaw has ensured his immortality by forcing Frothy's to sell real ale from the wickets at the Grotley Iron Horse Extravaganza. Under no circumstances am I to mention the launch of Dillons bitter in cask form later this year. Given the rumours about the possible closure of their Slumley beer factory, it doesn't seem very likely anyway.

Bunty is also making a play for a place in the hierarchy. When the tavern keeper's wife dried out, she was able to clear Bunty's name and Willy Wonker let him out of Strangeways with a Royal Pardon and a bundle of readies to keep stumm. Bunty has wasted no time in renewing his work of cleaning up the slum hostelryes, inns and taverns of Grotley and in campaigning against the senile mutterings of televisual divorcees, namedroppers, bearded Marxists, megalomaniac demagogues, parrotphiles and nonentities.

There is one aspect of the fight for power which is a bit worrying. Recognising that what Grotley thinks today, the world thinks the day after tomorrow, someone at HQ has sent a spy into our midst - one Miss Mole Whalebody who, whilst assuming the role of a would-be Mark II Ms Rottenbodge, eavesdrops on the latest dynamic doings of Bunty, Tish, Fiona and the rest of the gang and reports back to her unseen master. The evil doings of the caddish Perry Drab are probably as well known in St Allballs as they are in Slumley Parva, including the latest tavern-wrecking exploits.

## PLANNING NEWS

Robinsons have applied for permission to incorporate an adjoining house into the George Hotel, Norbury Street, Hyde.

In Ashton, the Swan in Stamford Square will be extended into an adjoining shop and altered internally, if planning permission is forthcoming.





## Branch Diary

### TRAFFORD & HULME

Thurs 4th Sept 8.00pm Committee/Social Bulls Head, London Rd (jct with Whitworth St) Manchester  
 Thurs 18 Sept 8.00pm Branch Meeting, Legh Arms, Northenden Rd, Sale Moor  
 Thurs 25th Sept 8.00pm Pub of the Month Social with S M/er branch Crown, Ford Lane, Northenden  
 Thurs 2nd October 8.00pm Committee/Social Barrington, Barrington Rd, Altrincham  
 Sat 11th Oct Annual Rape and Pillage of Chester. Meet 12.00noon Bull & Stirrup, Northgate & 7.00pm Old Custom House, Watergate Street  
 Thurs 16th Oct 8.00pm Branch AGM Malt Shovels Altrincham. All branch members and friends are urged to attend.  
 Contact: Mick Rottenbury 969 7013 (home)

### SOUTH MANCHESTER

Thurs 11 Sept 8.00pm Branch Meeting Gateway East Didsbury  
 Thurs 25th Sept Pub of Month (see Trafford & Hulme)  
 Thurs 9th Oct Branch Meeting Gateway East Didsbury 8.00pm  
 Contact: Humphrey Higgins 432 0059

### HIGH PEAK & NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Tues 16th Sept Branch Meeting, Swan, New Mills, 8.30pm  
 Friday 12th Sept Hyde Pub Crawl: White Gates 8.00pm  
 Friday 26th Sept Denton Pub Crawl: White House 8.00pm  
 Friday 3rd October New Mills Pub Crawl: Grove 8.00pm  
 Weds 15th October Branch Meeting: Travellers Call, Bredbury 8.30pm  
 Contact: Tom Lord 061 427 7099

### ROCHDALE OLDHAM & BURY

Tues 9th September 8.00pm Branch Meeting, Welcome (Holts), Bury Old Rd, Besses o th Barn, Whitefield  
 Weds 10th Sept Visit to JW Lees Brewery  
 Tues 16th Sept 8.00pm Committee Meeting Royal Oak (Hydes) Whittaker Lane, Prestwich  
 Tues 14th Oct 8.00pm, Branch Meeting, Gale (Bass) Whitworth Rd, Rochdale  
 Tues 21st Oct 8.00pm, Committee Meeting, Martins Nest (Wilsons) Brimrod Way, Rochdale  
 Contact: Steve Lawton 061 620 9239 (home) 061 236 4411 ex 7236 (work)

### BOLTON

Monday 22nd September: Social Evening Derby Arms, Derby St 8.30pm onwards includes hotpot  
 Tues 7th Oct Branch meeting George, Gt Moor Street, 8.45pm  
 Tues 14 Oct Burtonwood Brewery visit, details at above meetings  
 Tues 21st Oct Social evening Three Crowns, Deansgate 9.20pm onwards  
 Contact Bert Kerks Bolton 388172

### NORTH MANCHESTER

Weds 1st October Pub Crawl Cross Lane, Paddock 7.00pm, Ship 8.00pm  
 Weds 8th Oct. Farewell to Moulders Arms, Heyrod Street, Manchester, 8.00pm  
 Weds 15th Oct. Branch meeting, White Swan, Swinton 8.00pm  
 Sat 20th Sept. Shropshire Shimmy. Minibus trip to drink in the delights of Shropshire. 4.00pm from opposite Old Shears, Greengate, Salford  
 Contact: Roger Hall 740 7937

### AREA MEETINGS

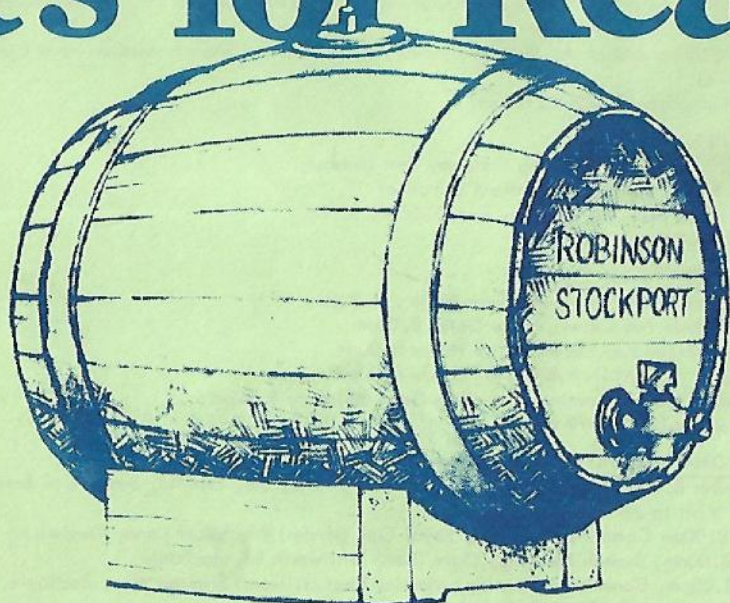
University Campaign Committee: Monday 8th September, Peveril of the Peak  
 Finance Meeting: Sunday 7th September, Peveril of the Peak 12.15pm

## MILD PROBLEMS

Sales of Wilsons mild appear to be falling rapidly in the Trafford and Hulme area. The Three Legs of Man, Stretford Road, Hulme, has recently stopped serving cask conditioned mild and several pubs have dropped from full barrels to 18 gallon casks. The number of Wilsons pubs serving a so-so pint of mild also seems to be on the increase.



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