

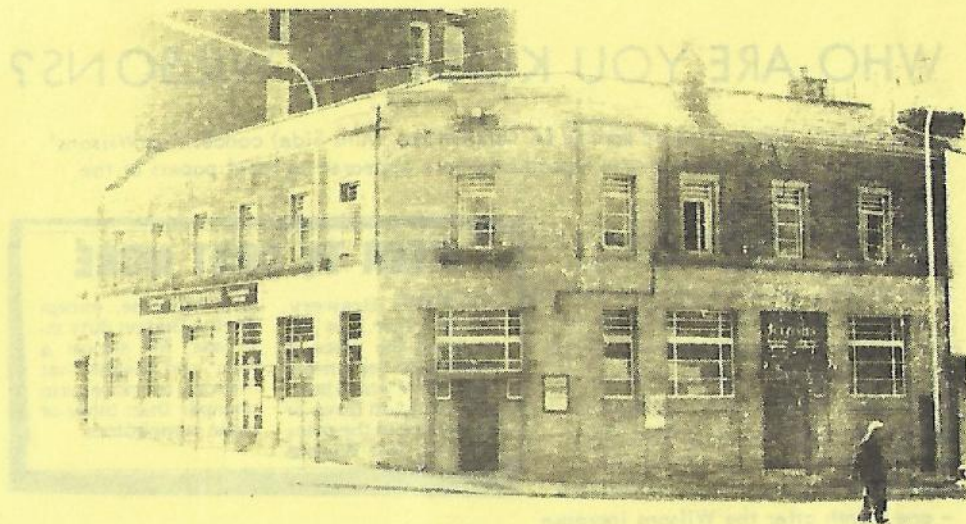
WHAT'S DOING



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MANHATTAN TRANSFER



Real ale is again available at the only Higsons pub in Stockport. The George, on the corner of Wellington Road South and Chestergate, has acquired a new tenant who speedily reinstated cask-conditioned mild and bitter, which is now available from free-flow electric pumps. The pub has been refurbished in its original style and has reverted back from the Manhattan to its old name. Built in 1934, the George has an unusual interior, planned by the architects who designed for the great Atlantic liners of the 1930s.

The George is now a very smart pub - a reputation which will soon be enhanced when Dallas, the landlord, opens his restaurant on the Chestergate side of the building. An increase in choice of beer and byriani for Stockport?

Pete Ogden

WHITBREAD CASK COMEBACK

Six years and a few days after the Cook Street brewery ceased production of cask beer, Whitbread are again to brew the real thing there. On 5th November they are launching a cask-conditioned version of the new Chesters Best Bitter which will go into 115 tied houses in the Salford trading area, as well as a few free houses. It will be served only through handpumps, and advertising on the bar will distinguish it from the bright version. At the same time, the beer will be marketed under the name of Duttons Best Bitter (again both cask and bright) in the Samlesbury-served pubs roughly within Greater Manchester.

Whitbread are to drop the strength (and price) of Special Cask Bitter to compete with Trophy and/or replace Tankard in the Liverpool area. The beer may disappear from some pubs in Greater Manchester.

If the brewery's "back to cask" exercise is judged a success, then Duttons Best Bitter will become more widely available and traditional Chesters Mild will be resurrected.

Noble

WHO ARE YOU KIDDING, WILSONS?

Last month WD carried an article (A Talk On the Mild Side) concerning Wilsons' pricing policy. The press release reproduced here appeared in local papers at the end of August.

The last phrase made me wonder just who Wilsons regarded as their 'main competitors', since I could find nothing to beat the 48p charged for bitter in their top priced establishments. To be fair, 45p was the average Wilsons bitter price and at least one pub in Hulme was only charging 41p. Our regular price survey, carried out during the first two weeks of October - one month after the Wilsons increase

and after increases by Bass, Lees, Tetley, Greenalls and Sam Smiths - produced the following figures, all referring to 'best side' prices for bitter.

Boddingtons	37-38p	Holts	35-40p	Lees	40p
Hydes	40-41p	Marstons	39-44p	Robinsons	42-43p
Sam Smiths	42-45p	Tetley	43p	Greenalls	43-45p
Bass(Cask)	45p	Whitbread (Sp Cask)	45p		

Of 12 Wilsons pubs visited, 5 were at 45p, 2 at 46p, 3 at 43p, 1 at 48p and 1 at 41p.

Draw your own conclusions!

Mick Rottenbury

BEER TO COST MORE

WILSONS Brewery, Manchester, is increasing the price of its beers on September 1 in a move which is expected to add three or four pence to the price of a pint. It is Wilsons

first increase, except for the Budget duty increase, for almost a year and means that Wilsons beers remain cheaper than those of main competitors.

WHAT'S DOING



● NOT FUNNY

The Jester, Crawshawbooth (Bass), suffered an unexpected delivery of paper, direct to the bar, when a fully loaded articulated lorry crashed into the pub around 8.00am on Wednesday 8th October. Although no serious structural damage was caused, first estimates of the damage are around £12,000.

● WINKLES

Winkles Saxon Cross bitter is now on sale at the Strawbury Duck, Entwistle, as well as in the bars of two of our educational emporia, Manchester Poly and Stockport Poly.

● MANOR ALTERATIONS

Last month, the Manor House, Norden, Rochdale, opened its doors to the public, with restaurants and bars and the promise of other comforts for the tired executive, such as accommodation, saunas and swimming pool to follow. The building has been converted from an old mansion and most of the inside has stone walls and flags hanging from the ceilings. The beer is all keg Tetleys, who have presumably funded the conversion. (What about my local, with its nicotine-stained wallpaper? You may well ask). Everything has been thought of, including five fake handpumps on the bars. And if that isn't enough to put you off, you may also have to pay an admission charge. Bitter price was 50p a pint and mild 47p.

● DEAR BEER

The Douglas, a non-real ale City Centre Wilsons pub, has been driven to offering cheap spirits and a free jacket potato with every first pint due to "recession in trade" - Due to Wilsons price increases perhaps?

● BETTER BODDIES?

Rumour has it that the handpumps will stay at the Dutton, Barton Road, Eccles, after "Bodernisation", following a petition by the locals.

● SIGN LANGUAGE

Thwaites are replacing their "Mature Draught" cask sign with a new, white "Real Draught" design. "Mature" is giving way to "Real" on pump clips too.

● SMOKEY JOE'S

"Smokey Joe's Real Ale Bar", in the Concorde Suite of Droylsden Civic Hall, is

selling Pollards beers at 30p a pint. Crib, dominoes, darts, shove-ha'penny and other games are played on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Wednesdays there is a folk night with international acts every week (it says here). Entrance is normally 60p, but card-carrying CAMRA members get in for nothing. For the benefit of leg-weary guzzlers, the beer can be bought in 7 pint jugs to take to the tables. Further information from John Bridgewood 370 6111 ext 29

CASK COMPLIANCE

A "Real Bass" petition started by Derek McKewan of the Rusholme Times and supported at the Manchester Beer Festival, on behalf of the landlord of the Clarence, Wilmslow Road, has met with success this month. Bass NW have installed Cask Bitter in the pub. At 45p a pint it is competing directly with Stones, not to mention a plethora of variously priced kegs.

As the only cask Bass house in the area, sympathisers are encouraged to call in and "ask for cask". It seems that Bass NW are prepared to follow through their policy of answering landlords' requests for real ale, where feasible. There may be other outlets in the area if this proves successful, such as the Huntsman, Birch Villa, Phoenix and the Duke of Lyonnais.

ON THE CARDS

The Carders Arms, Hindsford, between Atherton and Tyldesley, is being altered and extended. There will be a new lounge, a central bar and the original pub will become the new tap room with pool and darts. The alterations, which at this stage appear quite tasteful for Greenalls, should be finished by Christmas. Until then, keep away. The pub is selling keg beer only whilst the work is in progress.

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INCE INCENTIVE

Things are looking promising in Ince, near Wigan. The town, which has recently lost several pubs for the widening of Manchester Road, may soon have two free houses. Greenalls have put the Manley, Ince Green Lane, and the Conquering Hero, just round the corner, up for sale complete with licences. As there isn't a multi-real-ale free house in the whole of Wigan Metro at the moment, developments are eagerly awaited. Is there an entrepreneur somewhere seeking the opportunity of introducing Ince to the heady delights of amber nectar from the wickets?

ICE AND LEMON, SIR?

Boddingtons plan to demolish the Royal Oak next to their Strangeways brewery and replace it with a new pub, complete with training facilities for employees. There is no truth in the rumour that the nearby Salvation Army hostel have set up a training school to teach their clients how to behave in their new local. No doubt the unspoilt leisured men will continue to grace the Ducie across the road, unless Manchester's cult brewery's intention to level this also comes to fruition.

CHEAP BEER

The Gloucester Arms has been selling Pollards beers at 28p a pint as a protest against the impending demise of the pub. It seems strange that this should come as a surprise to Mr Pollard, because the demolition of the pubs on Regent Road has been reported regularly in What's Doing since 1977.

QUIZ

Q. What have the Pineapple, Water Street, the Peveril of the Peak, Gt Bridge-water Street, and the White Bear, Swan Street, in common?

A. Greater Manchester Council have decided to pull them down, along with half a dozen or so other central Manchester pubs. Full details next month.

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REAL ALE IN BURY METRO

Bury Metro consists of the old boroughs of Bury, Radcliffe, Whitefield, Prestwich, Tottington and the Ramsbottom and Summerseat part of the old Ramsbottom Urban District. There are a total of 198 pubs in the area, distributed as follows:-

TOWN	NON-REAL ALE	REAL ALE	TOTAL
Bury	44	49	93
Radcliffe	19	14	33
Whitefield	10	12	22
Ramsbottom	12	9	21
Prestwich	5	14	19
Tottington	4	6	10
	94	104	198

Just over half serve cask beer, and they are fairly evenly distributed throughout the area. There is quite a variety of choice, taking the area as a whole, with fifteen breweries supplying cask beer.

BREWERY	NON-REAL ALE	REAL ALE	TOTAL
Whitbread	68	5	73
Wilsons	10	19	29
Thwaites	4	39	43
Holts	-	19	19
Bass	3	5	8
Lees	-	4	4
Boddingtons	-	4	4
Hydes	-	2	2
Marstons	-	1	1
Matthew Brown	2	-	2
Tetley	2	2	4
Scottish & Newcastle	-	1	1
Free houses	4	1	5
John (wash your mouth out)			
Smiths	1	-	1
Greenall Whitley	-	1	1
	94	104	198 or 52.5% real ale

It is apparent that Whitbread are by far the worst offenders in supplying bright beer to the area, with over 70% of the pubs belonging to them. The majority of their pubs are former Duttons houses, supplied from Samlesbury. This state of affairs may soon improve when traditional "Duttons Best Bitter" becomes available. (see "Whitbread Cask Comeback").

Surprisingly, Wilsons still have ten bright beer pubs but, taking into account recent trends, this figure should drop in the next few months. Pubs like the Cross Keys (Whitefield), Hark to Towler (Bury), Rams Head (Radcliffe), could be favourites for early conversions. Wilsons' presence in the area is due to a series of takeovers involving Walker & Homfrays (Salford), Chadwicks Walmersley Brewery and Crowthers Star Brewery.

Most of Bury's cask beer is supplied by Thwaites, who took over the Bury Brewery Co in 1949. Virtually all their pubs are in the northern half of the area. The southern

half has most of the independent Manchester breweries' pubs, with a concentration of Holts houses in Prestwich.

For the pub crawling enthusiast, the Bell Lane/Rochdale Old Road area of Bury is full of earthy boozers. Also, for the Thwaites drinker, an evening on Tottington Road is well spent. The southern half of the area has already been covered in August and September What's Doings. Whitefield appears this month. One thing which Bury Metro lacks is a good free house; most free houses offer only insipid keg products.

For a more detailed look at Bury Metro, its brewery history, the real ale pubs and other information, you can do no better than invest 50p in a copy of the Bury Beer Guide. The Guide is a comprehensive 20 page booklet, covering all the real ale pubs in the areas mentioned above. It is available by post from Roger Hall, 123 Hill Lane, Blackley, Manchester for 50p + s.a.e.

Don Chattwood



GRIFFIN

Two sets of plans for the Griffin have now been passed by Stockport Council - Holts' plans, which involve the demolition of the pub, and the Victorian Society's which keep it as a central part of an extended and improved public house.

Costings have been made of both schemes and show that the Victorian Society proposals would cost less than half of the £280,000 estimated for Holts' identikit pub. Detailed plans and costings have been submitted to Holts for their consideration, in the hope that economic sense may prevail where appeals for conservation have markedly failed.



THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY PLANS



Meanwhile the Campaign continues. Leaflets outlining the major issues have been distributed to Holts shareholders, customers at the Griffin and residents of Heaton Mersey. Local and national press, TV and radio have shown considerable interest and already there are signs that even Holts are beginning to react to the publicity which has been generated.

NOW YOU SEE IT - NOW YOU DON'T

Walkers Warrington Ale has been playing hide-and-seek in the Stonemasons Arms, a Manchester Good Beer Guide pub in Timperley. In fact, shortly before our glorious summer, the cask conditioned Tetleys bitter and mild were replaced with the chilled and filtered variety. At the same time, Warrington Ale was withdrawn because of poor turnover. Landlord Roy Slater had already dropped his order to 9 gallon casks in an attempt to keep the solitary handpump in operation, but the locals were just not drinking it and the inevitable happened. However, on a recent visit, Walkers Warrington was again available and in good condition, so full marks to Roy for effort - but unless a few more customers make it their regular drink it seems unlikely to continue and the number of Tetley pubs serving real ale in Trafford and Hulme will be reduced to one.

This one outpost provides something of a contrast with the plush surroundings of the Stonemasons lounge bar, being a basic, though friendly, local in Hulme. The Cornbrook is at 256 Chester Road and at present serves cask conditioned mild and bitter through electric pumps. Keg mild has in the past replaced the cask, but it is hoped that that was a temporary aberration!

There are six other Tetley outlets in Trafford and Hulme, with very little prospect of real ale making an appearance. Next to Sale Station is the Queens Hotel, a large and much modernised establishment with steakhouse attached. As with all Sale pubs it's very busy and the landlord sees no point in even contemplating a switch to cask beer. Jackson's Boat, at the end of the mud track leading from the M63 to the River Mersey, seemed a likely candidate, but apparently people are happy drinking the chilled and filtered beer. I would have thought real Tet's at the Boat would have attracted all those trendy wind surfers from the neighbouring water park.

In downtown Hulme there was far more interest shown at the Boatmans Home, City Road East, but this time the landlord wanted cask beer and it was the cellar that proved unsuitable! Of the remaining three pubs, I could not imagine anyone holding a pint of amber nectar up to the light in the White Horse on Hulme Walk, nor did there seem much likelihood in the Chequered Flag, Boundary Lane. For me, though, the pub with the best atmosphere was the Salutation in the middle of the waste land near the Lloyds Arms (behind the Royal Northern College of Music). Mind you, my taste in pubs has been questioned before, but this is the one I'd like to see real Tetleys in.

Michael Rottenbury

PUB OF THE MONTH

November's Pub of the Month (South Manchester & Trafford & Hulme) is the Griffin Hotel on Didsbury Road, Heaton Mersey, Stockport. For anyone just returned from the North Pole, this pub is 150 years old, a delight to be in, and fighting guess-who for its existence. There are still plenty of people campaigning for its survival and if the pub is still standing on November 27th (Thursday), we are looking for an extra large turnout. A representative of the brewery has been invited to attend.

Pete Ogden

REAL ALE in STOCKPORT



ADSWOOD/DAVENPORT/HEAVILEY

Adswood Hotel	Adswood Lane West	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Blossoms	Buxton Road	Robinsons	M, B, OT(H)
Cross Keys	Adswood Road	Hydes	M, B(E)
Crown	Buxton Road	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Dog & Partridge	Buxton Road	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Duke of York	Buxton Road	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Travellers Call	Buxton Road	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Jolly Sailor	Bramhall Lane	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Wembley Hotel	Adswood Road	Wilsons	M, B(H)

BRINNINGTON/BREDBURY

Cheshire Cat	Middlesex Rd, Brinnington	Robinsons	M, B, OT(E)
Cow & Calf	Bents Lane, Bredbury	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Crown Inn	Stockport Road, Bredbury	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Farmers Arms	Brinnington Rd, Brinnington	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Greyhound	Bents Lane, Bredbury	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Horsefield Arms	Ashton Road, Bredbury	Robinsons	M, B(E)

Jack & Jill	Brinnington Rd, Brinnington	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Lowes Arms	Stockport Rd E, Woodley	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Navigation	Hyde Road, Bredbury	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Rising Sun	Stockport Rd E, Woodley	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Sportsmans Arms	Bents Lane, Bredbury	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Travellers Call	Stockport Road, Bredbury	Lees	M, B(E)

BRAMHALL/WOODFORD

Davenport Arms	Chester Rd, Woodford	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Ladybrook	Fir Road, Bramhall	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Pownall Arms	Ladythorn Rd, Bramhall	Tetley	M, B(E)
Victoria Hotel	Ack Lane, Bramhall	Boddingtons	M, B(E)

CHEADLE/GATLEY/CHEADLE HULME

Crown	High Street	Hydes	M, B(E)
Church Inn	Church Rd, Cheadle Hulme	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Griffin	Wilmslow Rd, Heald Green Halts	M, B(E)	
Horse & Farrier	Gatley Road	Hydes	M, B(E)
Junction	Station Rd, Cheadle Hulme	Halts	M, B(H)
High Grove	Silverdale Road	Hydes	M, B(E)
Old Star Inn	High St, Cheadle	Hydes	M, B(E)
Prince of Wales	The Green, Gatley	Hydes	M, B(E)
Printers Arms	Stockport Rd, Cheadle	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Queens Arms	Stockport Rd, Cheadle	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Railway	Manchester Rd, Cheadle	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Red Lion Hotel	Stockport Rd, Cheadle	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Royal Oak	Stockport Rd, Cheadle	Robinsons	M, B, OT(H)
Vine Inn	High Street, Cheadle	Wilsons	M, B(H)
White Hart	Gatley Road, Cheadle	Boddingtons	M, B(E)

EDGELEY/SHAW HEATH/CHEADLE HEATH

Alexandra Hotel	Northgate Rd, Edgeley	Robinsons	M, B(E); OT(G)
Armoury	Greek Street	Robinsons	M, B(E); OT(G)
Bluebell	Shawheath	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Bulkeley Arms	Northgate Road	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Church Inn	Moseley Street	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Florist Hotel	Shaw Heath	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Gardeners Arms	Northgate Road	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Grapes Hotel	Castle Street, Edgeley	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Greyhound	Bowden Street, Edgeley	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Hollywood Hotel	Bloom Street, Edgeley	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Jolly Crafter	Castle Street	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Prince Albert	Castle Street	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Pineapple Inn	Castle Street	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Plough Inn	Shaw Heath	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Royal Oak	Grenville Street, Edgeley	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Sir Robert Peel	Castle Street	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Swan	Shaw Heath	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Victoria Vaults	Chatham St, Shaw Heath	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Windsor Castle	Castle Street	Wilsons	M, B(E)

HAZEL GROVE/HIGH LANE

Anchor	London Road	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Bird in Hand	London Road	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Bulls Head	High Lane	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Cock Hotel	London Road	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Five Ways	Macclesfield Road	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Grapes	London Road	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Grove	London Road	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Horseshoe	Buxton Road	Robinsons	B(H)
Royal Oak	Buxton Road	Burtonwood	DM, B(H)
Royal Oak	Commercial Road	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Rising Sun	London Road	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Three Tuns	London Road	Robinsons	M, B(H)
White Hart	London Road	Robinsons	M, B(E); OT(H)
Woodman	London Road	Robinsons	M, B(E); OT(G)

THE HEATONS & REDDISH

George & Dragon	Manchester Rd, Heaton Chapel	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
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Crown	Didsbury Rd, Heaton Mersey	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Dog & Partridge	Didsbury Rd, Heaton Mersey	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Griffin	Didsbury Rd, Heaton Mersey	Holts	M, B(H)
Mass Rose	Didsbury Rd, Heaton Mersey	Hydes	M, B(E)
Crown	Heaton Moor Rd, Heaton Moor	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Bridge Inn	Georges Rd, Heaton Norris	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Ash Hotel	Manchester Rd, Heaton Norris	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Grapes	Old Rd, Heaton Norris	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Silver Jubilee	Belmont Way, Heaton Norris	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Navigation	Lancashire Hill, Heaton Norris	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Nip Inn	Penny La, Heaton Norris	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Nicholson's Arms	Penny La, Heaton Norris	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Nursery Inn	Nursery Rd, Heaton Norris	Hydes	M, B(E)
Three Crowns	Manchester Rd, Heaton Norris	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Grey Horse	Broadstone Rd, Reddish	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Union Inn	Broadstone Rd, Reddish	Robinsons	M, B(E):OT(H)

OFFERTON/OFFERTON FOLD

Emigration Inn	Hall Street	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Fingerpost	Dialstone Lane	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Gardeners Arms	Little Street	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Golden Hind	Marple Road	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Grapes Hotel	Spring Gardens	Robinsons	M, B(E):OT(G)
Strawberry Gardens	Offerton Lane	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Thatched House	Churchgate	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Victoria	Hall Street	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Wrights Arms	Marple Road	Wilsons	M, B(E)
White House	Hempshaw Lane	Wilsons	M, B(E)

ROMILEY/COMPSTALL

Andrew Arms	George St, Compstall	Robinsons	M, B(H)
George	Compstall Rd, Compstall	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Lane Ends	Glossop Rd, Compstall	Tetley	M, B(E)
Northumberland Arms	Compstall Rd, Compstall	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Spring Gardens	Compstall Rd, Compstall	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Travellers Call	Glossop Rd, Compstall	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Windsor Castle	Compstall Rd, Compstall	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Cow & Calf	School Brow, Romiley	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Foresters Arms	Sandy Lane, Romiley	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Friendship	Stockport Rd, Romiley	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Railway	Stockport Rd, Romiley	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Spread Eagle	Hatherlow, Romiley	Boddingtons	M, B(E)

MARPLE/ROSEHILL/MELLOR

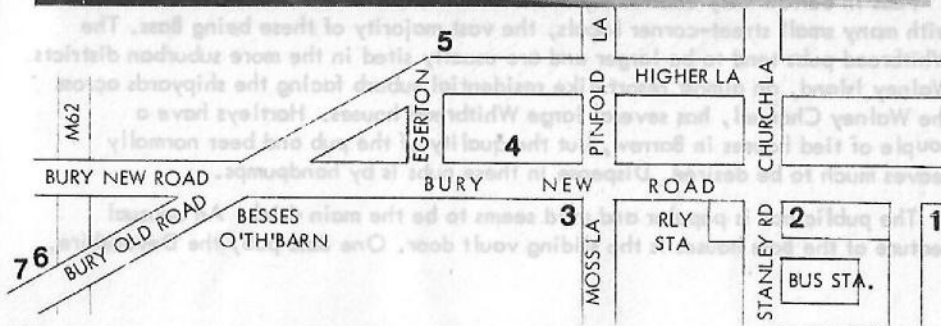
Bulls Head	Market St, Marple	Robinsons	M, B(E/H)
Bowling Green	Stockport Rd, Marple	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Crown	Hawk Green	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Devonshire	Longhurst Lane, Mellor	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Fox	Brookbottom, Marple	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Hare & Hounds	Millbrow, Marple Bridge	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Hare & Hounds	Otterspool Rd, Chadkirk	Wilsons	B(H)
Hatters Arms	Church Lane, Marple	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Jolly Sailor	Stockport Rd, Marple	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Little Mill	Rowarth, Marple Bridge	Pollards	M, B(H):Winkles
			B(H):Robinsons B(H)
Navigation	Stockport Rd, Marple	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Pineapple	Market St, Marple	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Railway	Rosehill	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Ring o' Bells	Church Lane, Marple	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Royal Oak	Mellor	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Royal Oak	Strines Rd, Strines	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Royal Scot	Town St, Marple Bridge	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Sportsman	Strines Rd, Strines	Wilsons	M, B(E)

STOCKPORT (CENTRAL AREA)

Arden Arms	Millgate	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Bakers Vaults	Market Place	Robinsons	M, B(E)

Beehive	St Petersgate	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Black Lion	Middle Hillgate	Boddingtons	B(H)
Boars Head	Market Place	Sam Smiths	BB(H)
Bowling Green	Charles Street	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Bridge Inn	Chestergate	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Bridgewater	Chestergate	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Brinnington Inn	Great Portwood Street	Robinsons	M, B(E):OT(H)
Buck & Dog	Bridge Street	Boddingtons	M, B(H)
Bulls Head	Market Place	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Castlewood	off Great Underbank	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Coach & Horses*	Mersey Street	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Comfortable Gill	Kings Street	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
County Hotel	Millgate	Boddingtons	M, B(H)
Crown	Higher Hillgate	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Crown	Heaton Lane	Boddingtons	M, B(H)
Egerton Arms	St Petersgate	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Flying Dutchman	Higher Hillgate	Robinsons	M, B(E):OT(G)
George	Wellington Road South	Higsons	M, B(E)
Gladstone	Lower Hillgate	Terley	B(H)
Golden Lion	Middle Hillgate	Burtonwood	LM, B(H)
Grove	Norbury Street	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Inn with a Chance	Tiviot Dale	Pollards	M, B(H)
Imperial	St Petersgate	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Kings Arms	Great Portwood Street	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Kings Head	Tiviot Dale	Boddingtons	M, B(H)
Little Jack Horner	Wellington Street	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Magnet	Wellington Road North	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Manchester Arms	Wellington Road South	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Mister Chips	Chestergate	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Midway	New Bridge Lane	Bass(H):Boddingtons B(E):	
	Pollards B(H):Winkles B(H):McEwans 80/- (H):		
	Thwaites M(E), B(H)		
Nelsons Ale House	Wellington Road South	Wilsons	M, B(E)
New Inn	Wellington Road South	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Old King	Great Portwood Street	Bass 4X, Cask, Bass (E)	
Park Hotel	New Bridge Lane	Wilsons	M, B(AP)
Pineapple	Heaton Lane	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Queens Hotel	Warren Street	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Railway	Avenue Street, Portwood	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Railway	Wellington Road North	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Rams Head	Middle Hillgate	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Red Bull	Hillgate	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Rifle Volunteer	Carrington Rd, Portwood	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Rock House	Great Egerton Street	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Royal Mortar	Higher Hillgate	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Royal Oak	High Street	Robinsons	M, B(H):OT(G)
Spread Eagle	Lower Hillgate	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Star and Garter	Higher Hillgate	Robinsons	M, B(H):OT(G)
Stanley Arms	New Bridge Lane	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Stockport Arms	St Petersgate	Greenalls	M, B(H)
Swan with Two Necks	Princes Street	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Three Tuns	Great Egerton Street	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Tiviot Hotel	Tiviot Dale	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Unity Inn	Wellington Road South	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Warren Bulkeley	Warren Street	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Waterloo	Waterloo Road	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Wheatshaf	Higher Hillgate	Wilsons	M, B(E)

WHITEFIELD PUB CRAWL



- 1 **WHEATSHEAF** Handpumped Robinsons mild and bitter. Well kept beer in friendly local. Interesting collection of mirrors.
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- 3 **RED KING** Boddingtons mild and bitter, electric pumps. Small "Boddified" pub with cosy but narrow lounge.
- 4 **NEW GROVE** Holts mild and bitter, electric pumps. Popular games pub serving good beer. A pleasant surprise awaits the railway buffs.
- 5 **EAGLE & CHILD** Holts mild and bitter, electric pumps. Eagle and child was the emblem of Whitefield UDC, now part of Bury Metro. Local rugby players booze here.
- 6 **COACH & HORSES** Handpumped Holts mild and bitter. A locals' pub which fully deserves the GBG remark "good old-fashioned boozier". Coal fires burn during the winter months.
- 7 **WELCOME** Another GBG pub and yet again a Holts house serving good mild and bitter, electric pumps. The woodwork in this spacious pub is well worth seeing.

David Rowlinson

BOOZING IN BARROW

At first sight Barrow seems an unlikely place for discerning drinkers. Almost all the tied houses are either Bass or Whitbread, with the odd John (wash your mouth out) Smith and Matthew Brown pub thrown in.

However, things are much better than they first appear. Almost all the Bass houses sell cask conditioned Toby Light and dark mild, although there are no outlets for draught Bass and only one for cask bitter. The biggest surprise is in the Whitbread pubs - they don't sell Whitbread!! It seems that in 1966 Whitbread took over the pubs of James Thompson & Co, whose beer came from Hartleys of Ulverston. In what must be the best takeover agreement ever for real ale drinkers, Whitbread agreed to sell only Hartleys draught beers in the former Thompson houses, provided that Hartleys sold only Whitbread bottled beers. Consequently every Whitbread pub in Barrow, from the plush 3-star Victoria Park Hotel shown here, down to the Grotley-type establishments, sells traditional Hartleys best bitter, bitter and mild. These fine ales are dispensed through electric pumps, using standard Whitbread bar mountings displaying blue Hartleys labels.

Pubs in Barrow vary enormously. The town centre is full of old terraced houses with many small street-corner locals, the vast majority of these being Bass. The Whitbread pubs tend to be larger and are usually sited in the more suburban districts. Walney Island, an almost resort-like residential suburb facing the shipyards across the Walney Channel, has several large Whitbread houses. Hartleys have a couple of tied houses in Barrow, but the quality of the pub and beer normally leaves much to be desired. Dispense in these pubs is by handpumps.

The public bar is popular and mild seems to be the main drink. An unusual feature of the Bass houses is the sliding vault door. One Bass pub, the Devonshire,



takes the prize for being the roughest pub I've been in anywhere (including Salford). Many Bass houses already serving real ale are being converted from electric to handpumps. One former keg palace, the Duke of Edinburgh, has been converted back to real ale in the last couple of months. Only two or three keg Bass houses remain. All the Matthew Brown pubs are bright, as of course are the John (wash your mouth out) Smiths.

The surrounding districts also appear well blessed with real ale. Dalton-in-Furness is only three miles away and has over a dozen real ale pubs in the centre, mainly Whitbread houses selling Hartleys with a couple of Thwaites and Bass pubs. Thwaites have a couple of houses in Barrow selling real ale following the pub swap with Bass.

Next time you fancy a scenic weekend take a trip to Barrow. The scenery there is as surprising as the availability of real ale. Where else can you sit in a pub garden drinking a pint of Hartleys watching a ship being launched? In contrast to the shipyards, there's excellent countryside on the doorstep. So, if you like Bass and Hartleys make Barrow the place for your 1981 holiday in the sun!

Paul Roberts

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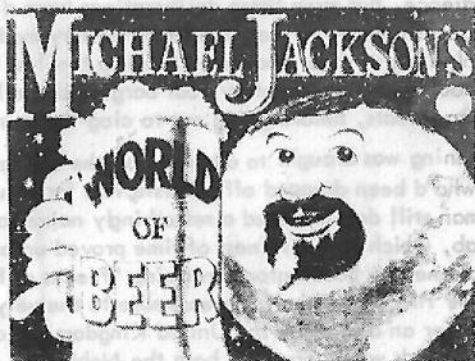
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Pseud Corner

These gloomy thoughts were dismissed when I found a couple of bottles of Bulldog, which I happily snook away and had for myself. I had forgotten what an interesting beer Bulldog is, with its expressive palate and an almost peachy fruitiness, neither sharp nor cloying, with bitter undertones rising to a hoppy finish.

What's Brewing





We were sitting in the Friar Tuck celebrating its acquisition by Albert and Maude Spooner when our festivities were disturbed by Tish, who ran in clutching a copy of her gutter rag. "Look!" she cried, "Bogbrush is advertising for a wife in the lonely hearts column!" She pushed an advert under our eyes and we nearly choked on our halves of Gollocks mild. It did seem like him - "Boring real ale aficionado seeks female companion with view to culmination in eventual legover situation - Northern based." However, as Alistair pointed out, it could equally well have been Elsie Clockwork Nun, eschewing megalomania and being into a potential lesbo job. All in all though, it's more likely to be our very favourite televisual divorcee who has, it seems, completely lost his marbles and has started peopling his expensive cheap organ with hirsute clone Periwinkles. I don't know whether he'll get any replies but I noticed Miss Mole Whalebody sloping off when she saw the ad. Possibly her getting the elbow and failing as the putative Ms Rottenbodge had something to do with her absenting herself.



The discussion turned to an analysis of why there was a causal relationship between one's position in a hierarchy and the ability to create instant somnolence in an audience. But even these deliberations were disturbed by the snoring of a horde of scruffy parasites from the local tertiary modern school, who'd wandered in to drink pints of lager and listen to some tuneless bearded moron sing boring ditties about nineteenth century coal bargees shovelling tripe down their proletarian throats, before going out to clog the aristocracy to death.

The evening was brought to a climax by the arrival of Martin Boreman and the Noble, who'd been dropped off by Elsie, who for some reason wouldn't come in. Mr Boreman still demonstrated a refreshingly naive faith in the sincerity of young Perry Drab, which in the fulness of time proved unfounded. The sleeping students were awakened by Boddington screaming "Pieces of Four!" as his underclaw dragged Mr Hiccup and half the ensemble to the very wonderful K2 Indian restaurant for an assault on the United Kingdom all-comers Dupiaza gobbling record. As luck would have it, both the Noble and Mr Hiccup were beaten into joint second place by Miss Mole Whalebody, who managed to hold five spoons in her greasy, ink-stained hands and cleared the table in 12 seconds flat. I

can't help thinking that all this is diverting us from our true vocation of explaining the nuances of amber nectar to the nescient and gauche who crowd our better hostelryes.

RUMOUR DENIAL : Boringsods have definitely not, either directly or through nominee shareholders, acquired 13% of Drabs shares.

DRINKING IN DORTMUND

Although Munich is more famous for its beer, Dortmund is in fact the biggest brewing town in the Federal Republic. Dortmund beers were so famous that, according to local legend, convoys of drays carrying them were frequently attacked by rival brewing towns. Poses of sharpshooters were said to shoot holes in the casks on the drays. Folklore has it that if these vandals were caught they were punished on the spot by being drowned in a barrel of ale!

With such an exciting history in mind, we eagerly travelled to Dortmund, expecting to find some of the best beer in Germany. We were in for a big disappointment.

On leaving Dortmund station, the first sight to greet us, apart from dozens of different coloured trams, was half a dozen breweries next to each other. The smell was, to say the least, quite pleasant. Thinking of Dortmund in terms of Sheffield, we expected all the pubs to be full of steelworkers supping endless litres of best bitter ale. Our first target was a Thier pub in the modern town centre. This is where the first shock hit home. Instead of being greeted with a foaming litre of bitter-like beer, we were presented with an eggcup-like .2 litre of ice-cold, fizzy, tasteless, British-lager-like liquid. We assumed we had struck unlucky in our selection of pub and promptly moved on, only to discover this was the standard Dortmund Export drink. Every brewery (with the exception of Krone) served this cold, tasteless Export.

After a night's drinking in Dortmund we realized how people get the wrong impression about German beer tasting like British lager. Certainly the Export did, but out of all the brewing styles in Germany I have encountered, Export is the only unpleasant example. However, all is not lost in Dortmund. As well as Export, all the pubs serve draught Pils and most serve draught Alt (described in the Düsseldorf article in a recent What's Doing). Dortmund is still worth a visit as an ultra-modern city, and it is quite a pleasant place - but don't build your hopes too high regarding the local brew.

Paul Roberts



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.

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Branch Diary

NORTH MANCHESTER

Weds 3rd Dec Pub Crawl of Ancoats. Brown Cow, Woodward St 7.00, Cross Keys, Jersey St 8.00

Weds 10 Dec Committee/Social White Horse, Irlam 8.00

Weds 17 Dec Xmas Social White Swan, Swinton 8.00

Fri 19 Dec Hillgate Crawl with S Manchester. Blossoms, Buxton Rd 7.00, 8.30 Star & Garter. See Aug 1979 WD for map of Hillgate.

Fri 28 Nov. Trip to Scousely. Assemble Vine, Lime St, 7.30. Trains 18.33 from Victoria or 17.57 from Oxford Road - calls at Urmston, Irlam etc. Contact Duncan Roberts 794 2494 for details

Contact: Roger Hall 740 7937

TRAFFORD & HULME

Weds 5th Nov Wilsons Brewery Visit

Thurs 6th Nov 8.00 Committee/Social, Unicorn, Hale Rd, Halebarns

Weds 12 Nov Coach to Tetleys Brewery (Warrington)

Sat 15 Nov Coach to West Midlands (Brierley Hill & Kinver)

Thurs 20 Nov 8.00 Branch Meeting Volunteer, Cross St, Sale

Sun 23 Nov 10.00am Trafford Cloggers v Warrington W. kers annual soccer match

Thurs 27 Nov 8.00 Pub of the Month with S Manchester branch. Griffin, Heaton Mersey

Thurs 4 Dec 8.00 Committee/ Social Victoria, Altrincham

Sat 13 Dec Broadheath - Altrincham - Hale pub crawl. 6.30 Railway, Broadheath, 7.30 Orange Tree, 8.30 Railway (Marston), Altrincham.

Contact Mick Rottenbury 969 7013 (home)

SOUTH MANCHESTER

Thurs 13 Nov Branch Meeting, Gateway, E Didsbury 8.00. The meeting will be addressed by Mr Neil Richardson on the rudiments of public house history.

Thurs 22 Nov Pub of the Month. Griffin, Didsbury Road, Heaton Mersey 8.00

Dec 11 Thurs Xmas Social Gateway, E Didsbury 8.00 Pub games - shove ha'penny etc.

Dec 15 Monday, Pub of the Month, White Swan, Green St, Fallowfield

Contact Humphrey Higgins 432 0059

HIGH PEAK & NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Tues 11 Nov 8.30 Branch meeting Dog & Partridge, Denton

Sat 15 Nov 8.00 Pub crawl of Poynton, starting at the Boars Head

Fri 28 Nov 8.00 Pub crawl of Whaley Bridge, starting at the Railway

Contact: Tom Lord 427 7099

ROCHDALE, OLDHAM & BURY

Tues 11 Nov 8.00 Branch meeting Cotton Tree (Lees), Boarshaw Rd, Middleton

Tues 25 Nov 8.00 Committee meeting Firwood Tavern (Lees), Joshua Lane, Middleton Junction

Tues 9 Dec 8.00 Branch meeting Angel (Lees) Shaw Rd, Royton

Tues 16 Dec 7.30 Xmas Knees-Up at the Ring o' Bells, via New Street, Middleton

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

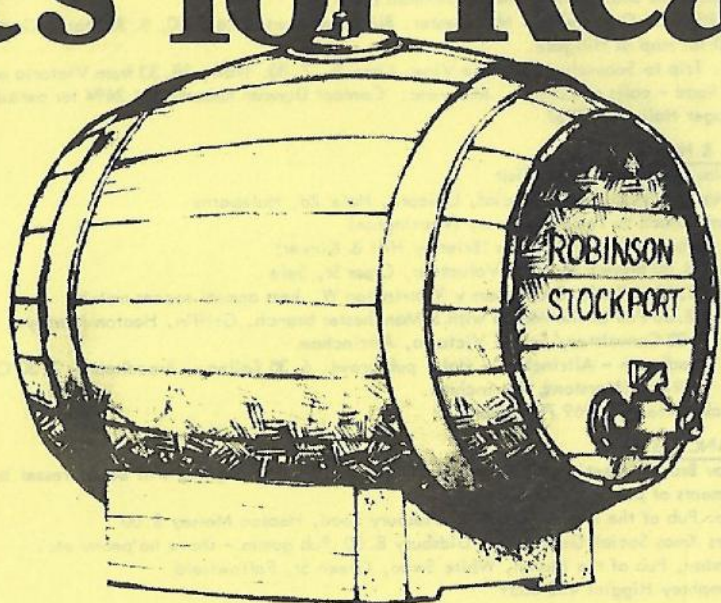
CAMPUS REVIVAL

The Manchester University Real Ale Society lives again. With CAMRA's support the new society will take its bow on Tuesday 25th November, at 7.30pm, in the Students' Union (Oxford Road). Students will be able to join at the meeting or by sending 25p to the Treasurer, myself, at 82 Beverley Road, Ladybarn, Manchester M14 8TH.

Also, there will be an open meeting at which all students are invited to discuss the burning real ale issues of the day with like-minded CAMRA acolytes. This will be in the back room of the Castle, Oldham Street, off Piccadilly Gardens, at 8.00pm on Monday 3rd November.

Dave Eckett

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