

WHAT'S DOING

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PLUS ONE...



The Altrincham Real Ale Crawl recently increased by one when Chesters bitter (hand-pumped) became available in the Unicorn, Old Market Place. Scaffolding outside suggests a facelift is on the way.

...POSSIBLY TWO...

Strong rumours indicate that the Bakers Arms, Pownall Road, Altrincham, is to change from Whitbread to Hydes, which would be another real ale gain for the area.

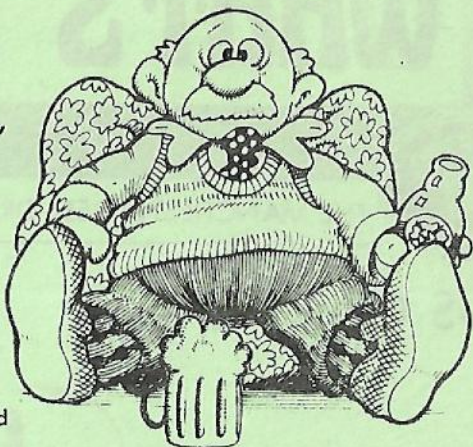
...OR THREE

Since the closure of their bottling plant, Hydes have been taking Whitbread bottled beers. As part of the deal they are getting two Whitbread pubs, one of them being the Bulls Head at Lymm.

HEROES HERE

On the border between the proud townships of Eccles and Swinton - in leafy Monton to be precise - there has been established a real ale off-licence, "Legendary Lancashire Heroes".

This worthy enterprise has brought together a tempting selection of ales, dispensed straight from the barrel or through the half dozen handpumps on the counter. The breweries regularly represented include Belhaven, Hydes, Boddingtons, Camerons, Hartleys, Ruddles, Robinsons, Taylors and Theakstons. These will be supplemented by a selection of "guest beers" from all corners of the realm and the choice will peak at weekends with ten or more different brews.



It is pleasing to see that the price per pint generally reflects the strength of the beer; the current range is 39p for Hydes mild to 66p for Theakstons Old Peculier. Customers can bring their own containers or purchase a variety of sizes on the premises. Party and festival organisers should note that cask sizes go up to 288 -pint barrels.

In addition to cask ale, there is a selection of wines and cider, together with sherries and whisky. A browse along the shelves will reveal bottles of special issue and rare brews from home and abroad.

Travellers in Lancastria may encounter two similar establishments in Darwen and Preston, but those seeking this welcome addition to the real ale scene should head for Rocky Lane, Monton. (Telephone 789 5669 for what's on, what's coming and opening times.)

Rob Dunford

GREENALLS SURVEY - ECCLES

The belief that Greenalls are now Public Enemy Number One is widely held in local CAMRA branches, but before any co-ordinated campaign is launched, comprehensive knowledge about Greenalls pubs in Greater Manchester is being obtained. The six Greenalls pubs in Eccles were surveyed on 23rd September.

Four of the six serve cask beer, the other two are on tanks. However, only one of the four cask pubs sells cask mild; the others have been converted to keg. Greenalls policy appears to be that if turnover falls below 1½ barrels a week for any cask beer, the licensee is asked to take kegs. Mild sales have fallen to such an extent that more and more pubs now sell keg mild. At the other end of the scale, large pubs with a turnover of 10 barrels a week are encouraged to sell tank beer. This is chilled and filtered and is served by the Porter Lancastrian system (air pressure on a plastic bag containing the beer in the tank). The two licensees

of the tank pubs were enthusiastic about their beer, emphasising the hygiene and the value for money aspects.

The four cask landlords all had a positive attitude to traditional beer and regretted the loss of cask mild. They all recognised the impossibility of keeping mild in good condition when turnover was less than a barrel a week.

Only one of the six pubs was managed, and the prices here were 48p for mild and 50p for bitter. All the tenanted houses were either 2p or 1p a pint cheaper and all six pubs had a 2p differential between mild and bitter.

Overall, we gained the impression that Greenalls had a favourable attitude to cask beer in pubs with a turnover in the middle range of, say, 6 to 12 barrels a week, but that it was unrealistic to expect them to maintain cask beers in outlets with very low turnovers. There also seems little likelihood of their converting tank pubs back to traditional beer.

Roger Hall

WHAT'S DOING

BODDIES BULLETIN

Mild - For the first time in years, sales of the recently improved mild, which won the first prize for cask-conditioned mild at the 1980 Brewex, are increasing.

Handpumps - Until recently, Boddingtons had a policy of changing from handpumps to electric pumps in all their tied houses. This has now changed. Although the brewery still prefers electric pumps, handpumps may be retained in tenanted houses or installed in new pubs. Two successes are:

Railway, Ramsbottom - bought from Whitbread

Milehouse, Cheetham Hill - undergoing modernisation

The Smut Inn, Hollinwood, may be added to this list, since Tommy Binns is keen to keep his handpumps.

New Acquisitions:-

George & Dragon, Elland
Navigation, Mirfield

Fusilier, Prescott
Railway, Ramsbottom

Beer Prices - The present managed house prices and recommended prices for tenants are 43p for bitter and 41p for mild. Tenants may charge a penny or two more, but "silly" prices, like 50p a pint for mild, are frowned upon and the tenant is soon told off.

OLD PACKET - NEW LANDLORD

Brian O'Leary took over as manager of the Old Packet House, Manchester Road, Broadheath, Altrincham on August 4th, after working for two years as a relief manager for Wilsons. He applied for the Packet because he particularly wanted a real ale house (mild and bitter are on handpumps) and aims to inject new life into the pub. Turnover has increased significantly since his arrival.

SO SOON?

Chesters bitter is no longer on sale at the Spread Eagle, Stamford Street, Ashton under Lyne.



STAMFORD STAYS

Burtonwood have decided not to sell the Stamford Arms in Salford. Instead, they are going to close the pub for a while and renovate it.

WIGAN WICKET

Wigan Cricket Club, Bull Hey, Parsons Walk, Wigan, five minutes from the town centre, is now selling real ale. A new Bar Committee has recently been formed and, as a result, Matthew Brown's John Peel Special Bitter (48p) is on sale. The Cricket Club is the only outlet in the Wigan area to sell traditional Matthew Brown, and What's Doing readers are invited to try a pint of this excellent brew - after signing the visitors' book, of course!

GOOD GRIEF!

Scamps night club in Bolton has started selling cask beer. That's the good news; now for the bad - It costs 70p a pint and it's Greenalls.

GRAPE EXPECTATIONS

The Grapes (Boddingtons), Regent Road, Altrincham is undergoing extensive alterations and the finished product is beginning to take shape. It's nice to see that, at the tenant's request, four new pairs of handpumps are being installed. (Full write-up next month)

WESTMORLAND BREWERY

The South Lancs branch of CAMRA recently visited the Westmorland Brewery (formerly Appleby Brewery), which is situated in a small factory unit in Appleby. The company is also a wines, spirits and beer wholesaler, and recently acquired a tied house - the Water Witch at Lancaster. The brewer is Chris Roddis, who worked for Theakstons before going to study the art at Herriot Watt. Chris runs the brewery single-handed, working a seven day week and brewing on two of them. The brewery is producing around 15 barrels per week and the new brewing plant can cope with up to 40 barrels

per week - the limiting factors are the fermenting vessels, which are converted pub cellar tanks. Most of the production goes to the Water Witch, but Slaters Bitter can also be found at the Horse & Farrier, Bentham, the Drunken Duck at Hawkeshead and the Lithwaite Hotel, Windermere.

NEW PACK

The Old Pack Horse, Audenshaw, has been given a new lease of life by Robinsons. Rumour had it that the brewery were going to knock the pub down and build a new one. Now they intend to knock through part of the existing living quarters and make a separate games room and restaurant.

BREWERY TAP DRY?

Why is it that the Salford Arms, near Cook Street Brewery, runs out of cask beer so often? We should be told.

BURTONWOOD CHANGES

The Royal Oak, Standish Lower Ground, Wigan, has a new landlord. The pool table has gone from the lounge and decoration is in progress. Burtonwood have installed free-flow electric pumps, although the handpumps still stand on the bar, and light mild has been promised.

Two Burtonwood pubs in Wigan are closed for the time being - the Crown at New Springs, which requires repair, and the White Duck, Standish, which has tenancy problems.

WOOF! (3)

Clive Winkle's special brew, Kinder Bitter, brewed for High Peak CAMRA's beer tent at the Hayfield Sheep Dog Trials, proved to be a great success when it outsold the other beers available (Marstons, Burtonwood, Wilsons and Robinsons). Not bad for a first-timer.

NEW LANDLORD

The Melville Hotel, Stretford, greeted new manager John Adams (previously of the Church, Newton Heath) on 14th September. The previous manager of the Melville, Colin Gowan, has departed to Harrow, Middlesex, to serve handpumped John Bull best bitter at the Apollo.

PRESS RELEASE

A police raid on the George & Dragon in Bridge Street, Manchester, at 12.40 am on Sunday August 16th was not widely reported in the local press. This obviously has nothing to do with the fact that among those present in the hostelry were Detective Superintendent Kenneth Foster, Head of Greater Manchester CID, and numerous local hacks. One wonders whether a responsible organ like Whats Doing would report the event if, say, Nestfeather and Periwinkle were caught bending the elbow A/T in the Rat and Handbag.

HANDPUMPS

Warrington Watchers report that Tetleys are installing handpumps in some managed houses. The Raven, Wigan, the Eagle & Hawk, Leigh, the Travellers Rest, Lamberhead Green and the Old Crow, Newton le Willows have all been converted recently. It is thought that there may be some managed pubs reverting to real ale in the near future.

TETLEYS

The policy of painting the exterior of some of their pubs in the new Walkers livery is no guarantee that the customer will find cask Walkers beers, or even Tetleys cask beers, on sale inside. Visitors to the Grey Mare, Bolton Road, Westhoughton, are still being fobbed off with keg beers, even though the handpumps remain on the bar. It does seem a waste, painting up the outside and leaving the staple product of a local such as this in a state of fizz. Things may be improving though, as Tetley Walker are currently looking for a Project Accountant "to conduct special investigations into areas of profitability." (and losses, presumably), as well as "fixed asset utilisation". With a bit of luck he'll prove once and for all that keg beer is less profitable than cask beer, just like Wilsons did a couple of years ago, and initiate the conversion of the pubs back to real ale.

HEYWOOD BEER FESTIVAL

As mentioned last month, the Rochdale, Oldham and Bury branch of CAMRA are assisting the Heywood Lions in organising a real ale extravaganza, to be held at the Civic Hall, Heywood, on Friday and Saturday 23rd/24th October. The festival will be open on Friday from 11.00am until 3.00pm and 5.00pm til 11.00pm; on



Saturday from 11.00am til 3.00pm and 5.00pm til 11.00pm. Admission will be 50p at each session (pay at the door). Food will be available throughout the festival and the Bury Silver Band will entertain. A total of twenty breweries have been approached and it is hoped that at least thirty real ales and ciders will be available. Many local brews will be on sale, plus "out of town" beers such as Holdens, Simpkins, Banks's, Darleys, Vaux, West Riding and Gooseye, to name but a few. There will be about six milds and three strong ales, together with Bulmers "scrumpy" (medium and dry).

All proceeds will go to charity. A publications stall (manned by CAMRA staff) will be selling local real ale guides and drumming up support for the cause. For further details contact Vic Chanin (Lions) 061 764 5251 (h) or Steve Lawton (CAMRA) 061 620 9239 (h)

HAPPY HOUR

The Station, Warrington Street, Ashton under Lyne, has a 'happy hour' every Monday between 8.00pm and 9.00pm. During this hour, beer can be bought for 15p a pint cheaper than normal. Customers who get the taste for it and decide to stay for the whole evening will usually be entertained by a folk or jazz band.

UP FOR SALE?

The Dog & Partridge (Wilson's), Stacksteads, Rossendale is rumoured to be up for sale. Trade has dropped to a fairly low level and only bitter is now available. The pub itself is fairly basic, except for the toilet facilities, which would do most pubs credit. Then again, superb toilet facilities don't attract customers, except perhaps a certain scouser. (Hello, Bogbrush)

RAIL ALE (96)

Blackburn Station bar is now selling Boddingtons - at 60p a pint.

CHEQUERED HISTORY

The regulars at the Harlequin, Middleton Road, Chadderton have welcomed the arrival of Walkers Warrington Ale with open arms (not to mention wobbly legs and bad

heads). Peter Gibbs, the tenant - formerly manager of the Town Hall Tavern, Manchester - says that the beer is very popular. The pub itself has undergone a transformation this year, changing from a Wilsons managed house to a Tetley tenancy. This pub used to have a poor reputation, but Peter and his wife Jenny keep those people of a rantipolean* nature out of the pub - there is now a thriving football club, darts club and the local Round Table meet here. Good food at very reasonable prices is available throughout the lunchtime session and in the earlier part of the evening. What's Doing is also available.

*Rantipole - a rough sort of person. "Word of the Month" from Sheila Frazer

BURY BEER FEST

Full details will be given next month, but make sure that the weekend 4th/5th December (Fri/Sat) is kept free in your diary!

LIBERAL LEES

The new Timperley Liberal Club on Park Road, between Timperley Station and Frieston Road, is due to open on November 1st. Lees beers will be on sale, though initially not available in 'real' form. It is envisaged, however, that once trade becomes established and experienced volunteer bar staff can be found, that traditional Lees bitter and mild will be installed. There will be one lounge bar with a pool table, fruit machine and probably darts. Hours of opening will be 7-10.30 weekdays, 7-11.00 Fridays and Saturdays. It is hoped to be able to open Saturday and Sunday lunchtimes. One way of encouraging an early switch to real ale would be for as many CAMRA sympathisers as possible to join. Membership is £5.75 a year or £9.20 for joint membership, with concessions for senior citizens.

STAR TURN

Boddingtons' recent acquisition from Bass, the Star Inn on Old Street, Ashton under Lyne, is soon to be altered. The bar and the living quarters will be affected, and there will be a new beer drop.

OLDHAM HANDPUMPS

Oldham Brewery would appear to have modified their policy of converting pubs onto tank beer when they are modernised. The only recent exception was the Rose of Lancaster. However, the Westwood on Featherstall Road, still undergoing drastic alterations, now has two new handpumps in the lounge bar. One set of handpumps from the old bar is in use on the new tap room side. Perhaps OB might like to correct some of their past mistakes as well, or is that asking too much?

NAGGING QUESTION

The Old Nags Head, Liverpool Road, Irlam, has been given the Chesters "traditional image" treatment, but there has been no change over to real ale. There are a couple of mirrors stating that Chesters now "reflects tradition" - they might be doing in some pubs, but not in the Nag.

SNOTES

At last the Snotes Revolution has begun to falter. Two years ago the Isle of Man was subjected to the treatment, but the 'beer' has now all but vanished from the pubs. It is hardly surprising, as mainland prices were being charged - between 49p and 52p. Both Okells and Castletown beers sell at between 41p and 43p in all the pubs. Obviously, even the tourists from the mainland haven't been buying it, when they

can get a better and cheaper cask product in every pub. Just think, if Bass were to wake up and brew good cask beers that were widely available, they wouldn't have to spend thousands on advertising keg rubbish like Snates.

HARTLEYS

The Moses Gate Hotel, Farnworth, may soon be selling Hartleys bitter alongside Duttons. Hartleys also made an appearance in Audenshaw during the recent strike at Robinsons, when it was sold at the Old Pack Horse.

The Wilton Arms, 883 Belmont Road, Bolton, is now selling Hartleys XB and Bulmers Cider on handpumps in addition to the Duttons bitter.

HOPE SOLD

Wilsons have sold the Hope Inn on Greenacres Road, Oldham. The pub is now a free house selling Boddingtons and Oldham Brewery beers.

NAME THAT PUB

Holts are building a new pub on Fairy Lane in Cheetham. A prize of four pints in the new hostelry is offered for the pub name most fitting for the address. (8 pints if Holts use it). Printable suggestions so far include: Holts House at Gnome, Elf Service Pub, Raise the Titania, the Butch Arms.

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BURTONWOOD BREWERY - LIST OF TIED HOUSES

Perhaps a little more demanding than the Holts 83, Bogbrush has recently turned up with the following Burtonwood 280.

* No real ale

ANGLESEY

Albert Vaults, Holyhead
George Hotel, Holyhead
Kings Head Hotel, Amlwch
Bald Arms, Beaumaris
White Lion, Beaumaris*
Stag Inn, Cemais Bay
Black Lion, Llanfaethlu
Crown Inn, Aberffraw*
Crown Inn, Bodedern
Dinam Arms, Gaerwen
Panton Arms, Pentraeth
Prince Llewellyn, Aberffraw
Queens Head, Ty Croes
Valley Hotel, Valley*

ARFON AREA

Albion Inn, Bangor
Kings Arms, Bangor
Mostyn Arms, Bangor
Three Crowns Inn, Bangor
Union Inn, Bangor
Gardfian Inn, Port Dinorwic

Ship & Castle, Caernarfon

CONWAY VALLEY

London Hotel, Llandudno
Olde Shippe Inn, Trefriw

LLEYN PENINSULA

Madryn Arms, Chwilog*
Queens Hotel, Porthmadog*
Ship Inn, Llanbedrog

MERIONYDD AREA

Stag Inn, Dolgellau
Tal-y-Don, Barmouth
White Lion, Trawsfynydd
Royal Oak, Penrhyndeudraeth

CLWYD - Alyn & Deeside

Blue Bell, Hawarden
Crown & Liver, bet. Hawarden
Stags Head, Ewloe & Ewloe
Hawarden Castle, Queensferry
Mechanics Arms, Queensferry
Plough Inn, Queensferry*
Bridge Inn, Caergwile

Castle Inn, Shotton
Ye Olde Shippe, Connahs Q.
Hope & Anchor, Buckley
Grandstand Inn, Buckley
Red Lion, Buckley*
New Inn, Sandycroft*
White Bear, Mancot*

CLWYD - Colwyn & Rhuddlan

Mountain View, Machdre
Bee Hotel, Rhyl*
North Wales Hotel, Rhyl*
Queens Hotel, Rhyl*
Load of Mischief
Nant Hall, Prestatyn
Royal Victoria, Prestatyn*
Cross Keys, Dyserth

GLYNDWR AREA

Berwyn Arms, Corwen
Crown Hotel, Corwen
Bull Inn, Llangollen*
Grapes Hotel, Llangollen
Boars Head, Ruthin

Wynnstay Arms, Ruthin*
Prince of Wales, Cynwyd
Raven Inn, Llanarmon-yn-Ial

DELYN AREA

Boars Head, Holywell
Volunteer Arms, Holywell
George & Dragon, Flint
Lletty Hotel, Mostyn Dock
Mostyn Arms, Mostyn*
Owain Glyndwr, Mold
Swan Inn, Mold
Queens Head, Mold
Red Lion, Mold
Farmers Arms, Treuddyn
Colomendy Arms, Cadde
Druid Inn, Llanferres*
Butchers Arms, Nercwys
White Lion, Nercwys
Lyn-y-Mawn, Brynford*
Miners Arms, Gwerhaffield
Prince of Wales, Leeswood
Red Lion, Rhosmor
Rock Inn, Lloc
Royal Oak, Hendre
Boars Head, Northop Hall

WREXHAM & MAELOR AREA

Black Lion, Brymbo
Blue Bell, Acrefair*
Cross Keys, Ponciau
Old Black Horses, Rhosyllen
Holly Bush, Cefn Mawr
Kings Head, Cefn Mawr
Mill Inn, Cefn Trevor
Great Western, Ruabon
Sun Inn, Rhosllanerchrugog
Cross Foxes, Pentre Broughton
Butchers Arms, Rossett
Four Crosses, Bwlchgwyn
Hand & Heart, Holt Village
Red Lion, Gresford*
Royal Oak, Coedpoeth

POWYS

Bricklayers Arms, Welshpool*
Crown Inn, Welshpool
Top Hat Inn, Welshpool*
Pheasant Hotel, Newtown*
Four Crosses, Llanymynech*
Red Lion, Trefeglwys
Skinners Arms, Machynlleth
Sarn Inn, Sarn

SHROPSHIRE

Lion Hotel, nr Llanymynech*
Halfway House, Halfway House
Seven Stars, Halfway House
Sun Inn, Marton
Victoria Hotel, Whitchurch

STAFFORDSHIRE

Blacksmiths Arms, Kingsley Holt
Golden Lion, Rushton Spencer
Isaac Walton, Cresswell

Miners Rest, Cheadle
Red Lion, Ipstones
Red Lion, Leek
The Forge, Knutton*
Swan Inn, Talke Pits
George & Dragon, Meaford
Greyhound, Burston
Holly Bush Inn, Salt
Roebuck Inn, Hilderstone
Royal Oak, Eccleshall
Seven Stars, Sandon Bank
Wharf Inn, Shebdon

CHESHIRE - Halton Area

Wellington, Hale Village*
Cock & Trumpet, Halebank*

CHESHIRE - Warrington area

Chat Moss Hotel, Glazebury
Bridge Inn, Burtonwood
Elm Tree Inn, Burtonwood
Mad Hatter, Warrington*
Raven Inn, Glazebury
Sportsmans Arms, Penketh

CHESHIRE - Ellesmere Port

Westminster, Ellesmere Port*
White Swan, Great Sutton*

CHESHIRE - Chester Area

Rake Hall, Little Stanney*
Kings Head, Chester

CHESHIRE - Vale Royal area

Brighton Belle, Winsford Stn.*
Carriers Inn, Norley
Tigers Head, Norley
Cholmondeley Arms, Frodsham
Leigh Arms, Acton Bridge
Raven Inn, nr Winsford
Crown Hotel, Tarporley

CHESHIRE - Crewe & Nantwich

Vine Inn, Nantwich
White Lion, Barthomley

CHESHIRE - Macclesfield Area

Old Kings Head, Gurnett

DERBYSHIRE

George, Hayfield

WEST YORKSHIRE

Griffin Inn, Barkisland

GTR M/CR - Bolton area

Alma Inn, Bolton
Sportsmans Arms, Bolton
Swan Hotel, Bolton
York Hotel, Bolton
Poacher, Scot Lane
Stags Head, Deane*
Alexandra, Westhoughton
Waggon & Horses, Westhoughton
Rawsons Arms, Farnworth

GTR M/CR - Rochdale Area

Brunswick Hotel, Heywood



Waggon Inn, Milnrow

GTR M/CR - Oldham Area
Radcliffe Arms, Middleton Jct.
Houghton Arms, Failsworth

MANCHESTER

Castle & Falcon, Bradshaw St
Union Hotel, Princess St
Bulls Head, London Rd

SALFORD

Borough Arms, Encombe Place
Globe Hotel, Regent Rd

TAMESIDE

Stamford Arms, Stalybridge

STOCKPORT AREA

Golden Lion, Stockport
Ups & Downs, Stockport*
Royal Oak, High Lane

WIGAN AREA

Buck 1st Th' Vine, Wigan
Grapes Hotel, Wigan
Horseshoe Hotel, Wigan
Old Pear Tree, Wigan
Royal Oak, Wigan*
Ship Hotel, Wigan
White Horse, Wigan
Bold Hotel, Worsley Mesnes
Halfway House, Pemberton
Cherry Gardens, Wigan Lane
Woodhouse Inn, Woodhouse La

Dog & Partridge, Wigan*

Ince-Hindley-Atherton area

Amberswood Tavern, Ince*
Bird 1th Hand, Ince
Oak Tree Inn, Higher Ince
Prince of Wales, Higher Ince
Squirrel Inn, Ince Bar
Bridgewater Arms, Hindley
Dog & Partridge, Hindley
Ellesmere Inn, Hindley
New Amberswood, Hindley
Worthington Hotel, Hindley
Spinners Arms, Hindley Green
Concert Inn, Atherton

Standish-Aspull-Haigh-N Springs

Balcarres Arms, Haigh
Moorgate Inn, Aspull
New Inn, Aspull
Black Bull, Standish
Boars Head, Standish
Horse Shoe Hotel, Standish
New Seven Stars, Standish
Old Original 7 Stars, Standish
Royal Oak, Standish Lwr Gr'd.
Wheatshaf Hotel, Standish
White Duck Inn, Standish
Crown Hotel, New Springs
Colliers Arms, New Springs
Kirkless Hall, New Springs

Ashton/Golborne/Bryn Area

Angel Hotel, Ashton
Commercial Inn, Ashton
Cross Keys, Ashton
Cross Keys, Ashton
Bryn Hall, Bryn Gats
Park Hotel, Bryn*
Royal Hotel, Golborne*

Orrell Area

Delph Tavern, Orrell*
Fishgate Inn, Orrell
Running Horses, Orrell
Station Hotel, Orrell*

Old Springs Inn, Kitt Green

EAST LANCASHIRE

Cross Gates, Blacko
Black Bull, Old Langho
Queens Hotel, Holme Chapel
Red Lion Blacksnape

FYLDE

Welcome & Railway, Marton*

Chorley/Euxton/Coppull area

Eagle & Child, Leyland
Ye Old Orig. Withy Trees,
Bamber Bridge
Rose & Crown, Ulmes Walton
Mill Tavern, Higher Walton
Alison Arms, Coppull
Oak Tree, Coppull
Printers Arms, Coppull*
Railway Hotel, Coppull
Springfield Arms, Coppull*
Railway Tavern, Euxton
Euxton Mills, Euxton
Cavendish Arms, Brindle
Hinds Head, Charnock Richard
Hoghton Arms, Hoghton*
Howard Arms, Whittle Springs*
Leigh Arms & Station Hotel,
Chorley

Parbold, Ormskirk & W Lancs

Almond Tree, Skelmersdale NT*
Victoria, Upholland
Skelmersdale Arms, Old Skem*
Beacon Inn, Dalton Heights
Prince William, Dalton
Dicconson Arms, Appley Bridge*
Farmers Arms, Bispham Green
Railway Hotel, Parbold
Red Lion, Newburgh
Scarbrick Arms, Wrightington
Dog & Gun, Aughton Park
Halton Castle, Westhead,
Ropers Arms, Ormskirk
Snigs Foot, Ormskirk

MERSEYSIDE - Wirral

Eastham Ferry, Eastham*
Pier Bar, Eastham
Green Lodge, Hoylake
Royal Oak, Wallasey

LIVERPOOL District

Cambridge Hotel, Liverpool 7
Childwall Abbey, Liverpool 16*

Sefton District

Bootle Arms, Melling Village*
Queens Hotel, Southport
Zetland Hotel, Southport
Scotch Piper, Lydiate

Knowsley District

Brickwall Inn, Tarbock*
Fur & Feather*

St Helens District

Brown Edge Vaults, Thatto H'th
Glass Blower, St Helens
Prop & Pony, St Helens*
Manor Farm, Rainhill Stoops
Forresters Arms, Billinge
Stork Hotel, Billinge*
Holts Arms, Billinge Hr End
Houghton Arms, Earlestown
Wellington Hotel, Earlestown
Vulcan Inn, Vulcan Village
Stag Inn, Garswood

PARROT IS STRANGLER

LICENSEE Mrs. Pat Shaw was stunned yesterday after a customer at her pub strangled her pet 15-year-old African grey parrot.

The parrot, called Timmy, was a favourite with regulars at the Victoria Inn in Midland Place, Derby. Police are investigating.

Morning Advertiser

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REAL ALE

in

HIGH PEAK & N.E. CHESHIRE

MARPLE, HIGH LANE, ROMILEY, BREDBURY, COMPSTALL, WOODLEY

Andrew Arms	George Street, Compstall	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Bowling Green	Stockport Road, Marple	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Bulls Head	Buxton Road, High Lane	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Bulls Head	Market Street, Marple	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Cow & Calf	School Brow, Romiley	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Crown	Hawk Green, Marple	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Crown	Stockport Road, Bredbury	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Devonshire	Longhurst Lane, Mellor	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Dog & Partridge	Buxton Road, High Lane	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Foresters Arms	Sandy Lane, Romiley	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Friendship Inn	Stockport Road, Romiley	Robinsons	M, B(E)
George Inn	Compstall Road, Compstall	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Greyhound	Bents Lane, Romiley	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Hare & Hounds	Millbrow, Mellor	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Hare & Hounds	Chadkirk	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Hatters Arms	Church Lane, Marple	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Horseshoe	Buxton Road, High Lane	Robinsons	B(H)
Jolly Sailor	Stockport Road, Marple	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Lane Ends	Glossop Road, Lane Ends	Tetley	M, B(E)
Little Mill	Rowarth, Mellor	Robinsons B, Winkles B, Pollard B, M(H)	
Midland	Marple Bridge	Whitbread	ChesB(H)
Navigation	Stockport Road, Marple	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Northumberland	Compstall Road, Compstall	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Otterspool Inn	Cross Lane, Marple	Whitbread	ChesB(H)
Pineapple	Market Street, Marple	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Railway	Town Street, Marple Bridge	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Railway	Stockport Road, Marple	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Railway	Stockport Road, Romiley	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Red Lion	Buxton Road, High Lane	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Romiley Arms	Stockport Road, Romiley	Whitbread	ChesM, B(H)
Romper	Ridge Road, Marple	Theakstons B(E), Marstons Pedigree(H)	
Royal Oak	Strines Road, Strines	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Royal Oak	Buxton Road, High Lane	Burtonwood	M, B(H)
Royal Oak	Longhurst Lane, Mellor	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Spread Eagle	Hatherlow, Romiley	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Ring o Bells	Church Lane, Marple	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Spring Gardens	Compstall Road, Compstall	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Sportsmans	Bents Lane	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Sportsmans	Strines Road, Strines	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Travellers Call	Lane Ends	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Travellers Call	Stockport Road, Bredbury	Lees	M, B(E)
Lowes Arms	Stockport Road, Bredbury	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Windsor Castle	Compstall Road, Compstall	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Wrights Arms	Marple Road, Offerton	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Navigation	Stockport Road, Woodley	Robinsons	M, B(E)

Hunters Inn	Chisworth	Robinsons	M, B(E)
<u>HYDE, HOLLINGWORTH, MOTTRAM, BROADBOTTOM, GEE CROSS</u>			
Albion	Market Place, Hyde	Wilsons	M, B(H/E)
Albert	Hamnett Street, Hyde	Wilsons	M, B(H/E)
Bank Cottage	Throstlebank Street, Hyde	Tetley	M, B(H/E)
Bankfield Hotel	Mottram Road, Hyde	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Bay Horse	Talbot Road, Newton	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Bee Hive	Commercial Street, Newton	Tetley	M, B(H)
Bricklayers	Reynold Street, Hyde	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Bush	Market Street, Hyde	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Chapman Arms	Stockport Road, Hattersley	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Cheshire Cheese	Ashton Road, Newton	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Cheshire Cheese	Market Street, Hyde	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Church Inn	Market Street, Hyde	Boddingtons	B(H)
Clarence	Talbot Street, Hyde	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Clarendon	Market Street, Hyde	Whitbread	ChesB(H)
Clarks Arms	Stockport Road, Gee Cross	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Commercial	Commercial Brow, Newton	Marstons	M, B(E)
Cotton Tree	Markham Street, Newton	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Crescent	Market Street, Broadbottom	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Crown	Market Street, Hyde	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Crown & Cushion	Victoria Street, Newton	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Duke of Sussex	Victoria Street, Newton	Bass	Toby Light(H)
Flowery Field Hotel	Throstle Bank Street, Newton	Whitbread	ChesB(H)
George	Great Narbury Street, Hyde	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Godley Hall	Godley Hill, Godley	Wilsons	B(H/E)
Grapes	Stockport Road, Gee Cross	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Griffin	Market Street, Broadbottom	Whitbread	ChesB(H)
Hare & Hounds	Werneth Lane, Gee Cross	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Junction	Mottram Road, Mottram	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Junction	Ashton Road, Newton	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Moulders Arms	Mottram Road, Hyde	Tetley	M, B(E)
Navigation	Manchester Road, Hyde	Wilsons	M, B(H)
New Inn	Mottram Road, Hattersley	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Organ Inn	Market Street, Hollingworth	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Pack Horse	Ashworth Lane, Mottram	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Queens	Clarendon Place, Hyde	Whitbread	ChesB(H)
Railway	Commercial Brow, Newton	Boddingtons	M, B(H)
Rising Moon	Matley Lane, Newton	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Shepherds Call	Market Street, Hyde	Greenalls	B(E)
Shoulder of Mutton	Market Street, Broadbottom	Thwaites/Tetley	M, B(H)
Unity	Croft Street, Hyde	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Wagon & Horses	Broadbottom Rd, Broadbottom	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Wellington	Manchester Road, Hyde	Whitbread	ChesB(H)
Werneth	Stockport Road, Gee Cross	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Wheatsheaf	Manchester Road, Hyde	Whitbread	ChesB(H)
White Gates	Manchester Road, Hyde	Sam Smiths	B(H)
White Hart	Broadbottom Road, Mottram	Wilsons	M, B(E)
White Hart	Old Road, Flowery Field	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Woolley Bridge	Woolley Lane, Hollingworth	Bass	Toby Light(H)
White Lion	Market Place, Hyde	Robinsons	M, B(E)

DENTON, HAUGHTON GREEN

Arden Arms	Ashton Road, Denton	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Bay Horse	Haughton Green Rd, Haughton	Gn Wilsons	M, B(H/E)
Bowling Green	Manchester Road, Denton	Wilsons	M, B(H/E)
Carters Arms	Stockport Road, Denton	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Chapel House	Two Trees Lane, Haughton Gn	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Chapel House	Stockport Road, Denton	Whitbread	ChesB(H)
Church	Manchester Road, Denton	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Coach & Horses	Hyde Road, Denton	Marstons	M, B(E)
Cottage	Hyde Road, Denton	Bass	Toby Light, B(H)
Dane Bank	Windmill Lane, Denton	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Dog & Partridge	Ashton Road, Denton	Robinsons	M, OrdB (H)
Fletchers Arms	Stockport Road, Denton	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Gardners Arms	Stockport Road, Denton	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Horsfield Arms	Ashton Road, Brinnington	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Jolly Hatters	Stockport Road, Denton	Bass	Toby Light, Bass(H)
Jolly Hatters	Town Lane, Denton	Whitbread	ChesB(H)

Jolly Hatters	Haughton Gn Rd, Haughton Gn	Bass	Toby Light(E)
Kings Head	Crown Point, Denton	Whitbread	Ches B (H)
Lowes Arms	Hyde Road, Denton	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Manor House	Mancunian Road, Haughton Gn	Marstons	M, B(E)
Masons	Two Trees Lane, Haughton Gn	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Penny Farthing	St Annes Road, Denton	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Red Lion	Crown Point, Denton	Hydes	M, B(E)
Toll Point	Stockport Road, Denton	Wilsons	M, B(E)
White House	Ashton Road, Denton	Sam Smiths	B(H)

AUDENSHAW

Boundary	Guide Bridge	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Mechanics Arms	Guide Lane, Audenshaw	Bass	M(E)
Junction	Stelfax Lane, Audenshaw	Whitbread	Ches B(H)
Old Pack Horse	Guide Lane, Audenshaw	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Queens	Guide Lane, Audenshaw	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Snipe Inn	Manchester Road, Audenshaw	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Stamford Arms	Denton Road, Audenshaw	Wilsons	M, B(E)

DUKINFIELD

Albion	Oxford Road, Dukinfield	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Astley Arms	Crescent Road, Dukinfield	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Brunswick	Park Road, Dukinfield	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Chapel House	Astley Street, Dukinfield	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Dukinfield Arms	Birch Lane, Dukinfield	Whitbread	Ches B(H)
Gardners Arms	Astley Street, Dukinfield	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Globe Inn	Globe Square, Dukinfield	Tetley	M, B(H)
Lamb Inn	Crescent Road, Dukinfield	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Listons Hotel	Cheetham Hill Road, Dukinfield	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Lodge Hotel	Cheetham Hill Road, Dukinfield	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
New Inn	Birch Lane, Dukinfield	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Newbora Inn	Astley Street, Dukinfield	Hydes	M, B(E)
Newmarket	King Street, Dukinfield	Bass	Toby Light, M(H)
Park	Crescent Road, Dukinfield	Bass	Toby Light, M(H)
Snipe Inn	Birch Lane, Dukinfield	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Tame Valley Inn	Park Road, Dukinfield	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Victoria Inn	Victoria Road, Dukinfield	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Wheatheaf	Birch Lane, Dukinfield	Marstons	M, B(E)

ASHTON UNDER LYNE

Albion	Penny Meadow, Ashton	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Ashton Hotel	Katherine Street, Ashton	Whitbread	Ches B(H)
Broadoak Hotel	Broadoak Road, Hurst	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Buck & Hawthorn	Katherine Street, Ashton	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Burlington	Oldham Road, Ashton	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Caledonia	Warrington Street, Ashton	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Cambridge Inn	Cambridge Street, Ashton	Bass	Toby Light, M(E)
Corporation	Stockport Road, Ashton	Bass	M, Toby Light, B(E)
Corporation	Penny Meadow, Ashton	Bass	Toby Light, M(E)
Cottage Tavern	Mossley Road, Ashton	Greenalls	B(E)
Dog & Partridge	Brook Street, Ashton	Lees	M, B(E)
Dog & Partridge	Oldham Road, Ashton	Whitbread	Ches B(H)
Friendship	Old Street, Ashton	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Gatefield	Cavendish Street, Ashton	Marstons	MM, Ped, M, B(E)
Highland Laddie	Old Street, Ashton	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Hillgate	Pat Hill, Ashton	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Junction Inn	Turner Lane, Ashton	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Lord Napier	Albion Street, Ashton	Tetley	M, B(E)
Lord Nelson	Nook Lane, Ashton	Marstons	M, B(H)
March Hare	Crowhill Road, Ashton	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Miners Arms	Mossley Road, Ashton	Marstons	M, B(E)
Miners Refuge	Kings Road, Ashton	Marstons	M, B(E)
Napoleon Inn	Botany Lane, Ashton	Marstons	M, B(H)
New Inn	Mossley Road, Ashton	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Odd Whim	Mossley Road, Ashton	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Old Ball	Broadoak Road, Ashton	Marstons	M, B(H)
Oddfellows Arms	Kings Road, Ashton	Robinsons	M, B(H/E)
Pineapple	Stockport Road, Ashton	Bass	Toby Light, M(E)
Prince of Orange	Warrington Street, Ashton	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Queen	Oldham Road, Ashton	Marstons	M, B(E)
Railway Inn	Wellington Road, Ashton	Wilsons	M, B(E)

Robin Hood	Oldham Road, Ashton	Bass	Toby Light, M(E)
Stamford Arms	Stamford Street, Ashton	Whitbread	ChesB(H)
Star Inn	Old Street, Ashton	Bass	Toby Light, M(E)
Station Hotel	Warrington Street, Ashton	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Sycamore	Stamford Street, Ashton	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Tontine	Penny Meadow, Ashton	Wilsons	M, B(H/E)
Trafalgar	William Street, Ashton	Bass	Toby Light, M(E)
Waggon & Horses	Margaret Street, Ashton	Bass	Toby Light, M(E)
Warrington	Stamford Street, Ashton	Bass	Toby Light, M(E)
Wellington	Oldham Road, Ashton	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Woodcock Inn	Newmarket Road, Ashton	Marstons	M, B(E)
Dog & Pheasant	Oldham Road, Ashton	Marstons	M, B(E)

STALYBRIDGE

Astley Arms	Tame Street, Stalybridge	Boddingtons	M, B(H)
Boars Head	Market Street, Stalybridge	Wilsons	M, B(E)
British Protection	Walmsley Street, Stalybridge	Tetley	M, B(E)
Buck Inn	High Street, Stalybridge	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Bulls Head	Knarl Street, Stalybridge	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Church Inn	Wakefield Road, Stalybridge	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Church Inn	Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge	Marstons	M, B(E)
Church Inn	Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge	Boddingtons	M, B(H)
Commercial	Melbourne Street, Stalybridge	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Dog & Pheasant	Stamford Street, Stalybridge	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Fox Tavern	Ridge Hill Lane, Stalybridge	Marstons	M, B(H)
Grosvenor	Grosvenor Street, Stalybridge	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Old Hunters Tavern	Acres Lane, Stalybridge	Robinsons	M, B(H)
Organ Inn	Acres Lane, Stalybridge	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Peacock	Ridge Hill, Stalybridge	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Pineapple	Grosvenor Street, Stalybridge	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Pointsman	Whitelands Road, Stalybridge	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Reindeer	Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Royal Oak	Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Station Buffet	Stalybridge Station	Robinsons	B(H)
Stamford Arms	Stamford Street, Stalybridge	Burtonwood	LM, DM, B(H)
Stamford Park Inn	Stamford Street, Stalybridge	Marstons	M, B(H)
Talbot Inn	Market Street, Stalybridge	Tetley	M, B(E)
Thirteenth Cheshire Vol	Anteater Mounted Rifleman	Astley Street Wilsons	M, B(H)
Victoria Inn	High Street, Stalybridge	Robinsons	M, B(E)
Wellington	Caroline Street, Stalybridge	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Friendship	Melbourne Street, Stalybridge	Bass	Toby Light, M(H)
Laughing Cavalier	Market Street, Stalybridge	Boddingtons	B(H)
Wharf Tavern	Caroline Street, Stalybridge	Bass	Toby Light, M(H)
Stop & Rest	Grosvenor Street, Stalybridge	Bass	Toby Light, M(H)
Hare & Hounds	Mottram Road, Stalybridge	Bass	Bass(H)

DROYLSDEN

Astley Arms	Ashton Hill Road	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Bee Hive	Market Street	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Bowling Green	Fairfield Road	Marstons	M, B(H)
Buxton Inn	Manchester Road	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Commercial	Manchester Road	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Friendship	Edge Lane	Whitbread	ChesB(H)
Gardners Arms	Edge Lane	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Half Way Hotel	Manchester Road	Holts	M, B(E)
Kings Head	Market Street	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Mass Tavern	Ashton Road	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Old House at Home	Fairfield Road	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Pig on the Wall	Greenside Lane	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Royal Oak	Manchester Road	Whitbread	ChesB(H)
Strawberry Gardens	Moorside Street	Marstons	M, B(E)
Sundial	Greenside Lane	Wilsons	M, B(E)
White Hart	Moorside Street	Whitbread	ChesB(H)

MOSSLEY

Britannia Hotel	Manchester Road	Marstons	M, B(H)
Dysarts Arms	Huddersfield Road	Robinsons	M, BB, B(H)
Friendship Hotel	Manchester Road	Wilsons	M, B(E)
New Bridge Inn	Micklehurst Road	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Railway	Manchester Road	Bass	Toby Light, M(E)
Stamford Arms	Stamford Street	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Tollmache Arms	Manchester Road	Robinsons	M, B(H)

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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The D-Notice and the English libel laws have always been anathema to the investigative journalist. Just as Bat Ears' betrothal to the painted harridan's step-granddaughter was relegated to a piece of adulatory sycophancy on the front page of *What's Doing*, so our readers must remain in ignorance of other issues of moment. It would, no doubt, be sub-judice to describe a certain tavern keeper's secret operation, the subsequent fitting of a false part and the birth of an egg-bound creature to complete the Robert Newton look.

I am also unable to report on the real reason for Bogbrush's removal from the NE and must accept his ghosted gibberish as gospel. Nor can it be divulged that Tom Duckfoot, who made mock of Grotley members at the Tykeley Amber Nectar Show, is a transvestite, masquerading as one Clarissa Maynard-Melanthrop. This is, perhaps, something which is endemic, if recent evidence of cloning on the NE is anything to go by - another fact which must remain unrecorded.

It is, however, a pleasure to be able to report on Drabs' recent policy reversal with regard to property maintenance. Since the early days of Josiah, prior to his appearance before a Master in Lunacy and his subsequent incarceration, Drabs' policy of apathetic neglect has been enshrined in the unwritten rules of the company. Build a pub, leave it for 70 years, knock it down, build another - that's the way it's always been done. But Perry, having elbowed Ebenezer into touch, has turned all this on its head. Bored with throwing P45s at hapless alehousekeepers, our new, dynamic helmsman has started employing people. Formerly decaying Drabs outlets are now festooned with scaffolding, crawling with roofers, pointers, painters and a vast array of other craftsmen.

How far will Perry go in stripping Drabs of its endearing idiosyncratic characteristics? The vinegar fly and the wino landlord are now mere nostalgic memories. The dilapidated pub with featured rising damp, emulsioned mahogany and mildewed carpets is fast giving way to the lego-identikit pub, or even the refurbished Edwardian tavern. Will Drabs keg re-emerge? Will Perry re-engage J Walter Pufflogger and employ their services to inundate Grotley with trendy advertising for their new wonder pubs? Who knows? Will Drabs be taken over by Blands? Heaven forbid. And finally, what will happen to Spotty Doris and Big Julie if Perry "improves" the Gungesmearens and the Rat and Handbag?

What's Doing's World's Nicest Landlord 1980 has departed from Greater Manchester. No doubt Bilkos and other local hostelrys will be jammed with his former clientele, pining for his joviality, bonhomie and generosity.

Fancy That



● Could any branches or individuals who have sent in cheques for the fund which have not been cashed please send them again — as organiser Robin Bence says some have gone astray. Send cheques to Joe Goodwin Memorial Fund, 34 Alma Road, St. Albans, Herts AL1 3BW.

What's Brewing

BEWARE OF TOP PRESSURE?

Sir — Oscars in Cooper Street may sell cask beer, but it could well be "under the influence" of carbon dioxide (City Desk, Sept.) Should you venture in, take a spoon with you and stir your pint — you'll get some funny looks but you'll probably find two things:

- 1 — Lots of gas will bubble up from the depths and
- 2 — Your pint will taste better afterwards

B J Brownsword

THE INCOMPLEAT GUIDE

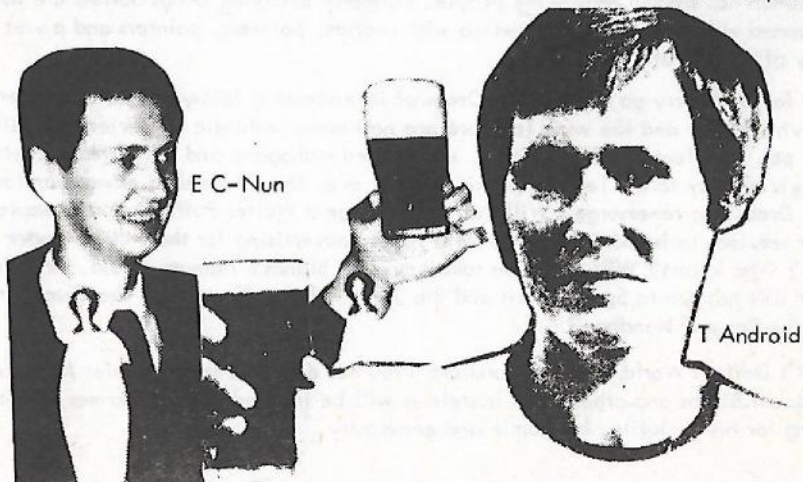
Sir — Yes indeed, sad but true! No longer will the Jolly Angler grace the pages of the National Good Beer Guide. There's nothing wrong with the pub, of course; it still serves an excellent pint, but our allocation of pubs remains the same and we felt that some representation of Whitbread's real ale pubs was required. All three Hydes pubs in central Manchester were in last year's guide, as was all the Holts pub. Perhaps the Eagle should have gone?

N Manchester CAMRA

BRING ON THE CLONES

Sir — I couldn't help noticing the remarkable similarity between Tom Android and Elsie Clockwork-Nun. Are they by any chance related?

Therese Hampton





Branch Diary

NORTH MANCHESTER

Weds 4th Nov Pub Crawl of Newton Heath. Railway 7.15, New Crown 7.15 (Trains from Victoria)
 Thurs 5th Nov. Real Ale Bonfire. Swinton Rugby Club
 Wed 11 Nov Committee/Social at Red Bull, Mason Street, Manchester 8.00
 Weds 18 Nov Branch Meeting White Swan, Swinton 8.00 Special Guest Star - Elsie Clockwork-Nun
 Contact Roger Hall 740 7937

TRAFFORD & HULME

Thurs 15 Oct 8.00pm Branch AGM, Malt Shovels, Stamford St, Altrincham
 Sat 17 Oct Altrincham Crawl. Meet 7.30 Orange Tree, Old Market Place or 8.30 Railway, Stamford St
 Maps available
 Thurs 22nd Oct 8.00pm Pub of the Month, Last Hop, Chester Road, Cornbrook, Hulme.
 Thurs 29 Oct 8.00pm Social, Hare & Hounds, Timperley
 Mon 2 Nov 7.30 Committee/Social, Railway, Stamford Street, Altrincham
 Contact Mick Rottenbury 969 7013 (home)

SOUTH LANCs

Thurs 8 Oct Branch meeting, Park Hotel, Wigan
 Fri Oct 9. Farewell to Ian Ogden Pub Crawl of Wigan 7.30 Grapes, Wallgate; 9.00 Raven
 Mon 19 Oct Pub of the Month Social - Corders Arms, Hindsford
 Contact Brian Gleave Atherton 876200 (w) 896965 (h)

HIGH PEAK & N E CHESHIRE

Tues 13 Oct 8.30pm. Branch Meeting, Grapes, Glossop
 Contact Tom Lord 061 427 7099

ROCHDALE, OLDHAM & BURY

Sun 4 Oct Bowling Tournament, Eagle & Child (Holts), Higher Lane, Whitefield (extension applied for)
 Tues 6 Oct 8.00pm Branch Meeting, Ordnance Arms (OB), Park Road, Oldham
 Tues 13 Oct. Trip to Mitchells Brewery, Lancaster
 Tues 20 Oct 8.00pm Committee meeting, Royal Oak (Robbies), Manchester Road, Oldham
 Fri/Sat 23/24 Oct Heywood Beer Festival (see elsewhere in this issue)
 Tues 10 Nov 8.00pm Branch meeting, Brunswick (Burtonwood), Bridge Street, Heywood
 Tues 24 Nov 8.00pm, Committee Meeting, Hare & Hounds (Wilsons), Green Lane, Heywood
 Contact Steve Lawton 061 620 9239 (h)

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Oct 7 Branch Meeting York Hotel, Newport St. Speaker - Mr Montgomerie from Burtonwood
 Oct 18 Sunday Lunchtime social at the Poacher, Scot Lane, Blackrod
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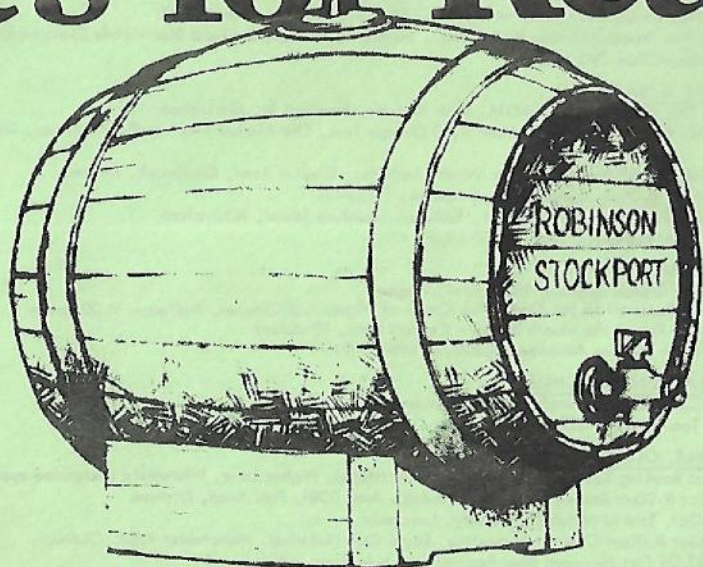
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