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ANOTHER PUB FOR HOLTS



Holts have bought the Cross Yates, Whitworth Road, Rochdale, from Bass. This very basic pub is now awaiting the Holts redecoration. Mild (40p) and bitter (42p) are now available from handpumps. This is the first Holts pub in Rochdale.

Holts have also moved into the free trade: the bitter (41p) is on sale at Newtown Social Club (CIU) on Nixon Street, Castleton, Rochdale, and the beers are also available at Prestwich Liberal Club, Bury New Road.

BURY BEER FESTIVAL

As promised last month, full details are now available for the forthcoming beer extravaganza at the Derby Hall, Market Street, Bury. The festival is to be held over Friday/Saturday 4th/5th December and will be open between 11.30-3.00 and

5.00 - 11.00 on both days. The range of amber nectars is yet to be finalised but, subject to satisfactory responses from the breweries concerned, it is hoped to feature such brews as Ruddles, Everards, Greene King, Adnams, Elgoods and Hoskins from the East Anglian region and Wadworths, Eldridge Pope and Hall & Woodhouse from the south west. The micro-breweries will be ably represented by the local West Riding and Two Shires, and possibly Smiles, Butcombe and Mendip from Avon. Entertainment at the evening sessions will feature two brass bands with a Buster Keaton film show on Friday lunch (no kidding!) Good food will be available throughout the festival.

Entrance fees will be 20p at lunchtimes and up to 7.30pm, and 50p thereafter. Admission to card carrying CAMRA members will be free. No tickets, just pay at the door - but come early! For further details contact Steve Lawton 061 620 9239 (h) or 061 236 4411 (ext 7237)

REGENT ROAD

Salford Council's continued attempts to accomplish what the Luftwaffe failed to do come to a head this month at a public enquiry to be held over three days at Swinton Civic Centre from 24th - 26th November. The inquiry concerns the compulsory purchase of land north of Regent Road, which includes 9 pubs, 2 of which are no longer used.

Once again the planners have trotted out the same hackneyed reasons, couched in the same bureaucratic gobbledygook. They say that "the overall impression of the Regent Road frontage is one of dereliction and neglect" and that "the retention of a dilapidated and run-down mainroad frontage until the implementation of the highway improvement which is at least 10 years hence would be severely detrimental to the success of the redevelopment of the remaining lands within the Order and contrary to the objectives of the Enterprise Zone". In other words, it's a damn sight easier to start with a clean slate rather than to try to integrate the old and the new.

It's worth while having a look at Salford's record of wholesale redevelopment in the last 20 years and what their present proposals will mean for Regent Road. Trinity and Hanky Park were the first areas to be comprehensively redeveloped and almost everything was swept away by the bulldozer. The "visual amenity" is arguably better but virtually all sense of community has been lost. The retention of existing street patterns and some public houses may have helped to prevent this loss of a sense of belonging.

Since 1963 no fewer than 28 pubs have closed in the area immediately surrounding Regent Road. Two have been rebuilt (Regent Queens) and 5 new pubs have been built (Rovers Return, Sabre, Jubilee, Chequerboard, Moonraker). If the proposals to clear Regent Road proceed there will be only 8 public houses in the area bounded by Oldfield Road, Ordsall Lane, Trafford Road, Cross Lane and Liverpool Street. This is clearly inadequate, particularly as the enterprise zone is expected to bring employment to the area. No doubt it would be necessary to supplement the existing stock of public houses with new pubs.

Rarely do new pubs succeed in achieving the atmosphere and character which our older public houses possess. They are uniform and unimaginative in design, similar

in size and unsuccessful in the way they make use of space. They cannot immediately become part of the community in which they are located. In contrast, a random selection of existing pubs would reveal a variety of sizes, architectural styles and character which has evolved over a number of years. The Regent Road pubs certainly fall into this category. The seven threatened pubs represent seven different breweries, only 5 of which are present elsewhere in the area. The Gloucester is Pollard's only tied house and the only outlet in Salford.

Regent Road's pubs are reasonably maintained buildings. Any appearance of "a dilapidated and run down" frontage has been caused entirely by former demolition and the uncertain future of the area. Regent Road, in common with other parts of the City, has been blighted by vague planning proposals. The seven pubs have survived a period of colossal upheaval and are evidently considered viable by the brewers. The retention of the pubs for 10 years would certainly benefit the community, provide ready-made leisure facilities for people in the enterprise zone and help to span the transition from the Regent Road of the 1970s to the Regent Road of the 1990s. If the road widening does eventually take place, the pubs could perhaps be rebuilt near their present locations, which may create a better feeling of continuity than comprehensive redevelopment can achieve.

In previous compulsory purchase orders Salford's planners have argued about the absolute necessity of acquiring certain sites and their arguments have won the day. Who would want to retain a public house when the site could be used for 4 bed-spaces or a playground? Yet a survey of the sites of former pubs reveals that little has been done with them. The Welcome on Ordsall Lane was to be replaced with a play area. The play area is unused, semi derelict and could have been located 20 feet away without affecting the pub. To the untutored eye it is also more detrimental to visual amenity than the pub ever was.

The 'Big Derby' on Derby Street had to come down to make way for a football field. For years the football field remained as a rubbish-strewn croft. The Derby



could easily have remained on the edge of the field. The list of unused sites in Salford is almost endless, yet the arguments for demolition are still used. The site can't be adequately developed, access is bad, etc.

In three recent Public Inquiries the Council's requests to demolish pubs have been refused. The Inspector in each case appreciated the role which the pub plays in the community and the spurious nature of arguments which suggested that a building occupying some 200 square yards was an impediment to the development of an area of several acres. The Grey Mare, the Old Veteran and the Priory will survive the demolition around them and continue to serve the new residents of Weaste and Brunswick in the way they have done for upwards of a century. The brewers and the licensees are evidently optimistic about the future of these 3 houses.

There is no reason why the pubs of Regent Road should not survive. The amount of land they occupy is negligible and not a serious barrier to rebuilding. More, rather than less, pubs will be needed as more people move into the area. The brewers are convinced of their viability. Most importantly, however, the pubs are part of Salford. They are an important link with the past, something which creates the individuality and character that is Salford. Their loss would mean more than the disappearance of some familiar landmarks. It would mean the severing of another piece of identity in a city already devastated by the imposition of blandness and conformity.

Roger Hall

WHAT'S DOING

ALTY ALTERATIONS

The rumoured switch from Whitbread to Hydes of the Bakers Arms, half way between the Jolly Friar (Greenalls, real bitter, keg mild), Lloyd Street, Altrincham and the Tatton Arms (Boddingtons), Tipping Street, should have taken place by the time you read this. It remains to be seen whether Hydes will spend any money on improvements; the vault in particular is rather bare and gloomy.

The scaffolding outside the Unicorn, Old Market Place, was an indication that major renovation work was planned. Eventually it will be completely 'done up' and it seems probable that Chesters mild in traditional form will join the bitter on handpumps. The Unicorn also has bed and breakfast accommodation (13 beds) and joins the Barrington (7 beds) as the only real ale B&B's in the area.

The promised write-up for the Grapes (Regent Road - Boddingtons) will have to wait. Although well enough advanced for customers to be able to drink in comfort, it is still far from finished.

ANCHOR RANCOUR

The Crown & Anchor on Hilton Street (near Piccadilly Gardens), Manchester, recently changed landlords and became one of Whitbread's "experimental" pubs, selling Thwaites bitter, Marstons Pedigree and Bulmers draught cider alongside the Chesters mild and bitter, all on handpump. At first the Thwaites sold extremely well but then deliveries became mysteriously patchy until they ceased altogether. Sales swiftly shifted to Marstons, which easily outsold everything else until very recently, when the brewery removed that as well. The change appears to be permanent

since both handpumps have been removed and replaced with bright new Trophy dispensers. So much for Whitbread being unafraid of competition.

LOWER BROUGHTON BEER DESERT?

On a recent tour of Lower Broughton real ale was in short supply. The (real) mild in the Irwell Castle was sour and undrinkable. It was with great reluctance that the barmaid in the Grosvenor eventually served some Chesters bitter. Neither the Vavasour nor the Albert had any Chesters at all and the Palatine (Greenalls) had been converted to keg.

Since the Albert was an entry for the 1982 Good Beer Guide, the pub was revisited to ensure the absence of cask beer was only temporary. Alas, there was still no beer and the handpumps are to be removed. The reason was that the beer was "inconsistent"; cloudy pints would appear for no apparent reason and a lot of beer needed to be returned to the brewery.

The other Chesters entry for the GBG, the Red Bull, Mason Street, still had cask beer and it was in good form. The landlord explained that he had had trouble with cloudiness at first but was now quite happy with the beer. He believed that it was a lot to do with knowing how to look after cask beer, something which many Whitbread licensees had not experienced for some considerable time. Ironically, he would like to install cask mild, but the brewery will not allow him to have it.

CEMETERY STIRRINGS

The range of beers at the Cemetery, Bury Road, Rochdale has just been changed. Taylors porter is back for the winter and joins the best bitter, Landlord and dark mild. Wilsons has gone, not surprisingly, to be replaced by various guest beers. Moorhouses was available until recently and Saxon Cross is on the cards. The licensee will collect beers herself, so let her know your preferences (in the amber nectar related field!)

MORE AMBER NECTAR

Youngers No 3 has at last arrived in Greater Manchester and is now on sale at the Church Inn at Uppermill, Saddleworth (as well as Youngers IPA) and also at the Lord Raglan, Nangreaves, Bury (54p). Down the road from the Raglan, the Masons Arms (free house) is now selling Wilsons mild and bitter on handpumps. Still on the old road up to Nangreaves, the new landlord of the Hark to Dandler has installed two handpumps to dispense traditional IPA at 58p a pint. The locals are now allowed to play traditional pub games such as cards, which were previously banned, as they were not in keeping with the image of this Tartanised lounge pub.

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ACE OF CLUBS

Sale Wardens Association, Wardle Road, Sale, now has Youngers No 3 as well as Scotch Bitter, both on handpumps. The beer is very well looked after and moderately priced. The club has a comfortable, though smoky, lounge, an excellent snooker table and membership is about £3 a year. New members are still being accepted and anyone wishing to join or to be 'signed in' for an evening should contact Mick Rottenbury 969 7013 (home)

GREENALL GRUMBLINGS

Nigel Park, landlord of the Dog and Pheasant, Manchester Road, West-houghton, is moving to the White Crow, Worthington, near Standish. The Dog & Pheasant is to be leased to someone who wants to turn it into a "Fun Pub". This exciting new concept will involve making the lounge into one big room, moving the bar to the back wall and, of course, replacing the cask beer by keg. Sounds like a barrel of laughs eh, Fred? - Yet another case of Smile Please, You're in Greenall Whitley Land?

BRIGHT SAID FRED



CHEAPEST IN MANCHESTER?

A recent change from Robinsons ordinary bitter to best bitter at the Blue Bell, Shaw, was not accompanied by a price increase. Current lounge price is 46p - is this a record?

GROVE CONCERN

An application has been made to alter and extend the Grove Inn, Bury New Road on the Manchester/Salford boundary. Alterations are certainly necessary. The vault is served by an enormous bar, whilst a tiny hatch in the back of the bar is the only service point for the other 3 rooms in the pub. The Grove dates back to the eighteenth century and is a building of some character. It is to be hoped that Boddingtons' treatment of the pub is sympathetic to both the internal layout and external aspect of the Grove.

NAGGING QUESTION (2)

Although they are promoting a traditional image, the Chesters bitter Whitbread are promoting at the Nags Head, Irlam, is anything but traditional. The prices charged are 46p in the vault and 47p on the best side, compared with Trophy bitter at 49p and 50p. Traditional Chesters bitter, sold in many Whitbread outlets, usually retails at 50p to 52p. This kind of behaviour can only lead to further speculation concerning Whitbread's future commitment to real ale.

GEORGE AND DRAGON

One of South Manchester CAMRA's entries for the 1982 GBG now has its own built-in Chinese restaurant. The George (Higsons), Mersey Square, Stockport, is very likely unique in this venture. The restaurant's entrance is in Heaton Lane, and it is named the "Golden City".

CAMRA BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The 4th October was an historic day for the Rochdale, Oldham & Bury branch, when their first CAMRA Open Bowling Tournament was launched at the Eagle and Child, Whitefield. Tony Smith, landlord of this impressive Holts pub, is himself a keen bowler and enthusiastic real ale drinker. A generous gesture by Tony was to donate the trophy, which will now be played for annually. Many thanks also to the Eagle & Child Bowling Club, without whose help the tournament would not have been possible. Fine weather contributed, along with good food and beer - not to mention the extension - to an enjoyable day.

POACHER

The Poacher, Scot Lane, Blackrod is now selling, for a trial period, Burtonwood light mild. The pub was acquired by Burtonwood a year or so ago from Greenalls, when it was called the Scot Lane Inn. Trade has been steadily improving and excellent lunchtime and evening meals and snacks are available. The Poacher is the third pub in the Bolton branch area to give light mild a try. The pub is at the south end of the village, at the junction of Scot Lane and Manchester Road, about 10 minutes walk from Blackrod Station and the 313, 616 and 618 buses pass the door.

MORE HANDPUMPS

In line with their policy of installing handpumps in cask managed houses, Tetley have put sets in the Bulls Head, Leigh and Miners Arms, Astley, the latter having been turned into a very pleasant local.

PUB OF THE MONTH

The South Manchester branch Pub of the Month for November is the Castlewood, Bridge Street Brow, off Great Underbank, Stockport. Excellent handpumped Wilsons mild and bitter is served in this somewhat unusual two-level pub - both

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It is licensees Eddie and Vilma's first pub; they moved in when it reopened as the Castlewood in 1980. The pub was formerly the Hole i' th' Wall, or the Kings Arms, and it derived its unusual name from a large hole or cavern in the Castle-Yard wall at the rear of the house. The pub dates from the 1820s. Home made food is available both at lunchtimes and in the evenings; there is an old-time sing-song around the piano on Saturdays and live entertainment on Wednesdays. Eddie also has a fascinating collection of chamber pots (all empty!) Everyone is welcome to the presentation and social night on Thursday Nov 25th

PUB OF THE MONTH (2)

South Lancs Pub of the Month for October was the Carders Arms, Hindsford, Atherton, which must rate as one of Greenalls' best attempts at enlargement and modernisation. The vault is now as large as the whole pub was before, and it's nice to see pool and space invaders well away from those out for a quiet drink or a game of cards or dominoes. The brand-new lounge is large and well-appointed.

While on the subject of enlightened pub improvements, Burtonwood receives the November accolade for the Houghton Arms, Earlestown, where a plain pub has been interestingly upgraded. Purists may feel that the exterior is rather too pink.

LAMB LAMENTATION

The Lamb Inn, Tottington Road, Bury was selling Two Shires bitter during the recent Whitbread strike. The locals are believed to have been reluctant to return to Duttons cask bitter as, in their opinion, it doesn't represent good value when compared with the Two Shires beer.



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REAL ALE in OLDHAM



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

Alexandra	Darker Street	Darker	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Alexandra	Park Road	Gladwick	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Auld Lang Syne	Manchester Road	Werneth	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Bank Top Tavern	King Square	Centre	Lees	BM, B(H/E)
Bird in Hand	Yorkshire Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Black Horse	Lees Road	Mumps	Wilsons	M, B(H)

Black Horse	Manchester Road	Werneth	Robinsons	BM, BB(H)
Black Horse	Ripponden Road	Watersheddings	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Black Swan	Huddersfield Road	Mumps	Lees	BM, B(E)
Boundary	Shaw Road	Higginshaw	Lees	BM, B(E)
Bowling Green	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Lees	BM, B(E)
Bridge	Lees Road	Salem	Bass	TL, Bass(H)
Bridge Inn	Moorhey Street	Clarksfield	Lees	BM, B(E)
Bridgewater	Manchester Road	Werneth	Holts	M, B(H)
Britannia	Busk Road	Busk	Marstons	M, B(E)
Bulls Head	Brideoak Street	Waterhead	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Bulls Head	George Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Bulls Head	Ripponden Road	Grains Bar	Bass	TL, CB(H)
Bulls Head	Ripponden Road	Moorside	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Church	Bardsley Street	Waterhead	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Church	Chapel Road	Werneth	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Church	Lee Street	Coppice	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Clarksfield	Ronald Street	Clarksfield	Oldham	M, B(H)
Calliers Arms Cross	Ashton Road	Hathershaw	Marstons	M, B(E)
Commercial	West Street	Werneth	Lees	BM, B(E)
Cranberry	Cranberry Street	Glodwick	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Crown	Huddersfield Road	Hill Stores	Oldham	M, B(H)
Crown & Mitre	Hollins Road	Hollinwood	Oldham	M, B(E)
Daisyfield	Keb Lane	Bardsley	Marstons	M, B(H)
Derker Hotel	Stoneleigh Street	Derker	Bass	TL, CB(E)
Dog and Duck	St Domingo Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Dog and Partridge	Constantine Street	Greenacres	Matthew Brown	M, B(H)
Dog and Partridge	Roundthorne Road	Roundthorn	Lees	BM, B(E)
Elevenways	Featherstall Rd N	Westwood	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Falconers	Hollins Road	Copster Hill	Lees	BM, B(E)
Farewell	Lees Road	Clarksfield	Oldham	M, B(E)
Farmers Boy	Huddersfield Road	Hill Stores	Oldham	M, B(H)
Filho	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Flower Pot	Shaw Road	Higginshaw	Oldham	M, B(E)
Friendship	Lees Road	Salem	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Friendship	Manchester Street	Werneth	Oldham	M, B(H)
Gardeners Arms	Acre Street	Derker	Oldham	M, B(E)
Gardeners Arms	Dunham Street	Waterhead	Robinsons	BM, BB(H)
Grapes	Yorkshire Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Greaves Arms	Ashton Road	Copster Hill	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Greenacres Hotel	Greenacres Road	Greenacres	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Greengate	Acacia Road	Limeside	Lees	BM, B(E)
Grey Horse	Union Street	Centre	Robinsons	BM, B(E)
Half Way House	Ashton Road	Bardsley	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Hat & Feathers	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Marstons	M, B(E)
Hawthorne	Roundthorn Road	Roundthorn	Oldham	M, B(H)
Highfield	Ripponden Road	Moorside	Oldham	M, B(E)
Honeywell Arms	Ashton Road	Hathershaw	Robinsons	BM, BB(H/E)
Hope	Greenacres Road	Greenacres	Boddingtons/Oldham	M, B(H)
Jolly Carter	Lees Road	Clarksfield	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Junction	Ripponden Road	Hill Stores	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Junction	Shaw Road	Higginshaw	Robinsons	BM, B(E)
Kings Arms	Delph Road	Grains Bar	Oldham	M, B(H)
Kings Arms	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Holts	M, B(H)
Lancashire Vaults	Manchester Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Limelight	Hollins Road	Hollins	Wilsons	M, B(H)
More and Foal	Ashton Road	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Minders Arms	Huddersfield Road	Hill Stores	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Miners Arms	George Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Moorside Hotel	Ripponden Road	Moorside	Bass	TL(E)
Morning Star	Featherstall Road S	Westwood	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Navigation	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Nelson	Union Street	Centre	Chesters	B(H)
Old Post Office	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Oldham	M, B(H)
Oldham Hotel	Yorkshire Street	Centre	Marstons	M, B(E)
One and Three	Manchester Street	Centre	Marstons	M, B(E)
Ordnance Arms	Park Road	Glodwick	Oldham	M, B(E)
Oxford	Oxford Street	Werneth	Robinsons	BM, BB(E)

Plough	Huddersfield Road	Waterhead	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Prince Albert	Lee Street	Coppice	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Prince of Wales	Bleasby Street	Hill Stores	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Prince of Wales	Spencer Street	St Mary's	Matthew Brown	M, B(E)
Queens	Manchester Street	Werneth	Robinsons	BM, BB(E)
Queens	Rochdale Road	Coldhurst	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Railway	Lees Road	Mumps	Wilsons	M, B(H/E)
Railway	Railway Road	Hollinwood	Chesters	B(H)
Robin Hood	Lees Road	Clarksfield	Oldham	M, B(E)
Roebuck	King Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Rose of Lancaster	Manchester Street	Werneth	Oldham	M, B(H)
Royal	Horsedge Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Royal	Lees Road	Salem	Chesters	B(H)
Royal	Rochdale Road	Coldhurst	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Royal Oak	Manchester Road	Werneth	Robinsons	BM, BB(E)
Royal Oak	Union Street	Centre	Robinsons	BM, BB(H)
Sergeant at Arms	King Street	Centre	Chesters	B(H)
Shepherds Boy	Huddersfield Road	Waterhead	Matthew Brown	M, B(H)
Sholwer Inn	Sholwer Lane	Sholwer	Lees	BM, B(E)
Smut	Manchester Road	Werneth	Boddingtons	M, B(H)
Spinners	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Sam Smiths	B(H)
Spinners	Shaw Road	Higginshaw	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Spotted Cow	West Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Streetbridge Inn	Roman Road	Hollinwood	Oldham	M, B(H)
Sun Inn	Henshaw Street	Bar Gap	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Temple	Huddersfield Road	Waterhead	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Tommyfield	Henshaw Street	Centre	Lees	BM, B(E)
Victoria	Hollins Road	Hollins	Marstons	M, B(H)
Waggon & Horses	Huddersfield Road	Hill Stores	Oldham	M, B(E)
Waggon & Horses	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Waterloo	Union Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Weavers	Huddersfield Road	Hill Stores	Lees	BM, B(E)
Wellington	Ripponden Road	Watersheddings	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Westbourne	Middleton Road	Westwood	Oldham	M, B(H)
Westwood	Featherstall Rd 5	Westwood	Oldham	M, B(H)
Wheatsheaf	Derker Street	Derker	Wilsons	M, B(E)
White Hart	Chadderton Way	Northmoor	Wilsons	M, B(E)
White Swan	Huddersfield Road	Hill Stores	Robinsons	BB, BM, OT(E)
Windsor	Shaw Road	Higginshaw	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Woodman	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Lees	BM, B(E)
Yarnspinners	Manchester Road	Werneth	Wilsons	M, B(H)

FAILSWORTH AREA (Including Woodhouses)

Bay Horse	Wickentree Lane	Centre	Marstons	M, B(H)
Black Horse	Oldham Road	Centre	Marstons	M, B(H)
Bridge Inn	Oldham Road	Centre	Marstons	M, B(H)
Church	Oldham Road	Centre	Robinsons	BM, BB(E)
Cloggers Arms	Oldham Road	Broadway	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Cotton Tree	Ashton Road East	Halt Lane End	Marstons	M, B(H)
Dog & Partridge	Medlock Road	Woodhouses	Marstons	M, B(E)
Dutchbirds	Oldham Road	Centre	Marstons	M, B(E)
Eight Bells	Alder Road	Halt Lane End	Bass	TL, 4X(H)
Foresters	Oldham Road	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Grey Horse	Oldham Road	Centre	Lees	BM, B(H)
Halfway House	Oldham Road	Broadway	Greenalls	M, B(H)
Houghton Arms	Oldham Road	Centre	Burtonwood	DM, B(E)
Lamb	Oldham Road	Broadway	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Mare and Foal	Ashton Road West	Centre	Marstons	M, B(E)
Nelson	Hulmes Road	Brookdale Park	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Pack Horse	Wrigley Head	Centre	Marstons	M, B(H)
Sun Inn	Oldham Road	Centre	Bass	4X(H)
Weavers Arms	Oldham Road	Broadway	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Wheatsheaf	Oldham Road	Centre	Marstons	M, B(H)
Woodhouse Gardens	Medlock Road	Woodhouses	Lees	BM, B(H)

CHADDERTON AREA (Including Mills Hill)

Albion	Drury Lane	Hollinwood	Lees	BM, B(E)
Boat & Horses	Broadway	White Gate	Lees	BM, B(E)

Britannia	Washbrook	Coalshaw Green	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Chadderton Arms	Broadway	Burnley Lane	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Crown	Walsh Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Hare & Hounds	Black Lane	Freehold	Lees	BM, B(E)
Horton Arms	Middleton Road	Centre	Oldham	M, B(E)
Horton Arms	Streetbridge Road	Healds Green	Lees	BM, B(H)
Hunt Lane Tavern	Middleton Road	Hunt Lane	Lees	BM, B(E)
Rifle Range	Burnley Lane	Westhulme	Lees	BM, B(H)
Rose of Lancaster	Haigh Lane	Mills Hill	Lees	M, B(E)
Sportsmans	Broadway	Foxdenton	Bass	TL, 4X(E)
Springbank	Hunt Lane	Stockbrook	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Sun Mill Inn	Middleton Road	Centre	Oldham	M, B(E)

ROYTON AREA (Including Heyside and Higginshaw)

Angel Inn	Shaw Road	Heyside	Lees	BM, B(E)
Blue Bell	Broadway	Boundary Park	Lees	BM, B(E)
Carters Arms	Oldham Road	Centre	Oldham	M, B(E)
Dog & Partridge	Middleton Road	Royley	Lees	BM, B(E)
Duke of Edinburgh	Market Square	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Duke of York	Heyside	Heyside	Lees	BM, B(E)
Grey Mare	Oldham Road	Boundary Park	Oldham	M, B(E)
Greyhound	Elly Clough	Holden Fold	Lees	BM, B(E)
Haggate	Middleton Road	Royley	Lees	M, B(E)
Halfway House	Rochdale Road	Oozewood	Lees	BM, B(H)
Hare & Hounds	Higginshaw Lane	Higginshaw	Lees	BM, B(E)
Hope & Anchor	Sandy Lane	Centre	Bass	TL, 4X(E)
Lancashire	Higginshaw Lane	Higginshaw	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Marston Tavern	Rochdale Road	Centre	Marstons	M, B(E)
Railway	Oldham Road	Centre	Lees	BM, B(E)
Turks Head	Springfield Lane	Thornham	Wilsons	M, B(H/E)
White Hart	Oldham Road	Boundary Park	Wilsons	M, B(H)

CROMPTON/SHAW AREA (Including High Crompton)

Black Horse	Rochdale Road	High Crompton	Lees	BM, B(H/E)
Blue Bell	Market Street	Centre	Robinsons	BM, BB(E)
Coach & Horses	Market Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Duke of York	Market Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Jubilee	Milnrow Road	Jubilee	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Morning Star	Grains Road	Clough	Lees	M, B(H)
Park	Buckstones Road	Crompton Fold	Matthew Brown	M, B(H)
Puckersley	Thornham Road	Thornham	Lees	M, B(E)

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

Black Horse	Ripponden Road	Denshaw	Bass	4X(H)
Church	Runninghill Gate	Uppermill	Youngers	IPA(H)
Commercial	High Street	Uppermill	Bass	4X(E)
Cross Keys	Huddersfield Road	New Delph	Thwaites/Wilsons	M, B(H)
Cross Keys	Runninghill Gate	Uppermill	Lees	BM, B(E)
Farrars Arms	Oldham Road	Grasscroft	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Floating Light	Stanedge Road	Stanedge	Hydes	M, B(E)
Golden Fleece	Ripponden Road	Denshaw	Wilsons/Boddingtons/Oldham	M, B(H)
Horse & Jockey	Stanedge Road	Stanedge	Bass/Oldham/Theakston	Bass, M, B, OP(H)
Junction	Ripponden Road	Denshaw	Lees	BM, B(E)
King William IV	Chew Valley Road	Greenfield	Bass	XL(E)
Old Original	Thorp Road	Scouthead	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Printers	Ripponden Road	Denshaw	Tetley/Thwaites	M, B(H)
Railway	Station Brow	Greenfield	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Rams Head	Ripponden Road	Denshaw	Theakstons	M, B, OP(G)
Rose & Crown	King Street	Delph	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Spinners	Woodbrook (off Cooper St)	Springhead	Lees	BM, B(E)
Swan	The Square	Dobcross	Bass	4X, CB(H)
Three Crowns	Huddersfield Road	Scouthead	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Waggon	High Street	Uppermill	Robinsons	BM, BB(E)
White Hart	Stockport Road	Lydgate	Bass	Bass (H)
White Lion	King Street	Delph	Bass	4X(E)

M=mild, B=bitter, H=handpumps, E=electric pumps, G=gravity, BM=best mild, BB=best bitter, 4X=Bass best mild, TL=Toby Light, XL=Extra Light, CB=cask bitter, OT=Robinsons Old Tom, OP=Theakstons Old Peculier, DM=Burtonwood Dark Mild

INN SERVICE

Swift Radio Cars of 68 Market Street, Stalybridge, are operating New Country Inn Tours for parties of 4. It costs £3.50 per person and starts between 7.00pm and 7.30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Parties can go to any inn or inns of their choosing in Cheshire or Derbyshire. Return journey is 11.00pm. What a good idea!

REAL ALE OFF LICENCE

Grosvenor Stores on Newcombe Road, Summerseat now sells Taylors bitter and Landlord and Two Shires bitter direct from the cask. There are also bottles of European beers such as Eku 28, the strongest beer in the world, and various lambic beers, Russian Stout, Thomas Hardy Ale, etc.

NEW WALKER BEERS

On October 29th Tetley-Walker transferred 25 pubs from the Tetley banner to that of Peter Walker. The new Walker pubs sell 3 real ales by handpump, Tetley bottles have been replaced by Ind Coope's and Skol has been relegated in favour of a new Wrexham lager.

The widely acclaimed Walker bitter has been retained but renamed Walker Best Bitter. The new Walker (ordinary) bitter is a low strength (og 1032.8) beer that will sell 2-3p cheaper than Tetley bitter or Walker Best Bitter. At first tasting, it seemed rather thin and lacking the subtlety of, say, Burtonwood light mild, but our investigator reserves judgement until future sampling.

The new Walker mild (og 1031) was enjoyable; this is dark with a caramely texture reminiscent of Chesters mild.

This move of Tetleys to break down their own monopolies, and in particular provide cheaper alternative beers, should be welcomed by CAMRA. Let's hope others will change if these first pubs are a success - how about one in St Helens, where the vast majority of Tetley pubs are keg?

Most of the 25 are in Merseyside, the following are in Greater Manchester: The Market, Farnworth; the Eagle & Hawk, Leigh; Victoria (real ale gain), Platt Bridge; Victoria, Skelmersdale; Park Hotel and Raven, Wigan. Warrington Ale is no longer on sale at the Raven but the Park still has its Bass.

WOODMAN TAKEOVER

Rochdale, Oldham & Bury committee stalwart Geoff Gartside and his wife Marian have taken over the tenancy of the Woodman Inn, Manchester Road, Hollinwood. The pub is in a competitive area of Oldham but Geoff's John Willie Lees takes some beating. Get down and visit them and try to persuade Geoff to get some Moonraker on the bar for the winter.

RED LION

Geoff Briggs, landlord of the Red Lion Hotel, Bury New Road (Holts), has steered his pub into the 1982 GBG. A constantly good pint over the years has brought its reward. "Briggsy" is ably helped by a drayman of Joseph Holts called Joe Jehu, whose unusual surname derives from the Old Testament: "And the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously." Joe reckons driving a chariot isn't quite the same as driving a Holts dray.

BITTER SWEETENER

From 19th October Burtonwood have been holding back on price increases and have launched an advertising campaign on the theme of "Two Pints for One Pound".

The success of this venture will determine further price increases, if any. The campaign is to last until January. The Bulls Head, London Road, one of only two Burtonwood pubs in Manchester, will be reducing the price by a penny to 49p a pint.

OB NOTES

Oldham Brewery have bought two Bass fizz pubs in the Rochdale area. The Golden Ball on Spotland Road and the Joiners Arms in Middleton now sell a cheaper type of fizz!

At the other extreme, the recently revamped Westwood and Farmers Boy in Oldham now sport brand new beer engines (cask beer has always been available) and these boost the number of OB houses with new handpumps to a grand total of 3. At about the same time the nearby Westbourne lost its handpumps but retained its cask beer.

TURF TAVERN TURNABOUT

The Turf Tavern, Heaton Park, Prestwich opened as a Whitbead free house on 22nd October, selling:

Thwaites mild 50p bitter 52p; Hartleys XB 52p

Marstons Pedigree 52p; Chesters mild 49p bitter 50p

A fine array of handpumps now stand where once there were none. Not a drop was left by Sunday night - who was it who said there was no demand for real ale?

EXCELLENT ECCLES

Peter Dawson, formerly the cellarman at the Lamb, has taken over the Royal Oak on Barton Lane. The beer has improved, the juke box has been removed from the vault and the pool table has been taken out of the best room. It all looks very promising - give the pub a try.

STRET福德 BODDIES

Boddingtons bitter is now on sale at the Old Trafford Conservative Club, Seymour Grove (next to Throstles Nest). It has also been on sale at the Stretford Trades and Labour Club, Chester Road, for quite some time.



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THE GREAT DEBATE

Sir - I read with some amazement that the Jolly Angler is to be kept out of the 1982 Good Beer Guide! Surely the idea is to promote good beer houses! The Angler must sell by far and away the best pint of Hydes to be had anywhere. Come on CAMRA, wake up! Keep the Angler in -don't replace it with some sub-standard Whitbread house.

R L Gladwell

FIGHTING TALK

Sir - Chesters "Fighting (Best) Mild", Ardwick Brewery, around 1957-60. This beer had a reputation as a strong beer, superior to the ordinary mild and bitter and was the number one seller. Is this correct? Can any older drinker or brewery employee supply information, impressions or memories regarding this legendary brew?

MEMORIES

Norman Thomas

Sir - Many of us remember the famous dark Chesters Best Mild, but did you know that Chesters also brewed a light mild, called Ordinary Mild? I could not recall seeing it on sale in the Manchester area but I noticed it was regularly on sale in towns such as Preston and Chorley. It was 1d cheaper than the Best Mild and tasted weaker. The beer came about because Chesters acquired the William Cross brewery in Preston in about 1951. The drinkers could not acquire the taste for dark mild and so a light mild was brewed, probably a near-recipe of the Cross mild.

Leo King

MARBLES

Sir - Have Trafford & Hulme branch lost their marbles? I refer to their choice of Pub of the Month for October, this being, for reasons better known to themselves, the Last Hop (late Turville), Chester Road, Hulme. The Campaign must encourage the licensee's switch to real ale but, after all, it is only to one cask ale amidst a bar full of keg Bass products. Surely there are more deserving pubs worthy of this accolade? (You can see two of them from the door of the Last Hop!)

Hulme Crawler

THE CASE OF THE EXPLODING GLASSES

Sir - Whilst delivering WD's to the Frigate (Holts) in Whitefield last month I (and other customers) almost dived for cover after a small glass exploded on a shelf behind the bar. No-one was anywhere near the shelf at the time. Landlord John Eagan informed me that it was about the tenth glass to explode recently for no apparent reason. Half of them went whilst being used by customers sitting at tables. Very nasty, I thought, especially if they were raised to the lips.

David Rowlinson

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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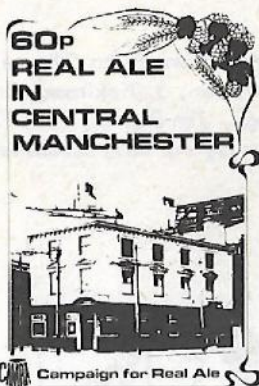
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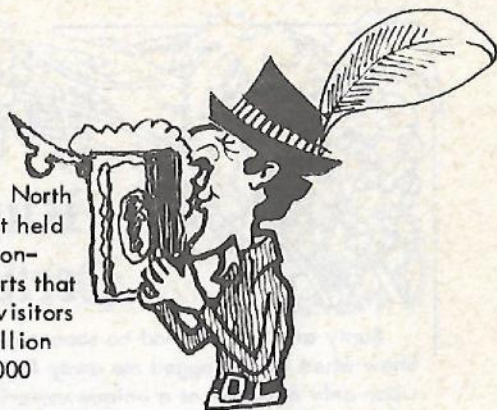
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OKTOBERFEST - NOT A RECORD

Despite the determined contribution of the North Manchester contingent, the 147th Oktoberfest held recently in Munich broke no records for ale consumption. The Munich newspaper, "TZ", reports that cold and wet weather reduced the number of visitors to the 16-day festival and that "only" 4.2 million litres of ale were supped. (Equivalent to 41,000 pints per hour of opening time!)



What the average Munchener lost out on the drinking he or she more than made up for on the food side. During the festival, 53 oxen were eaten (this was a record), together with 30 sides of venison, half a million chickens and 100,000 Stekkerlfische, which are cooked by smoking them on open wood fires in the festival grounds.

The slight drop in beer consumption meant that only 260 people had to be forcibly ejected from the festival for unruly behaviour, whereas 320 people (including 100 women but, this year at least, no children) were found totally paralytic and had to be carried out and left until they recovered.

As far as German honesty and efficiency are concerned, it is nice to note that the Hofbrau tent alone had 16,000 glasses stolen, of which the police have recovered a mere 330.

The organisation of the '82 Oktoberfest has already begun. The major bone of contention in newly inflation-conscious Germany will be the price of beer, set this year at DM5.25 per litre (about 70p per pint). Another potential controversy has been nipped in the bud with a statement by the city authorities confirming that all beer must continue to be served from the "good old wooden barrels."

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Bunty and Alistair had no sooner returned from the Krautley Bernstein Nectar Show when they dragged me away from the Fatted Pseud embroidery finals to what I can only describe as a unique experience. Apparently Mr Dermatitis had refused to go to meetings held in Rockall on Wednesday afternoons and had consequently been smacked by the hierarchy. However, despite an overwhelming vote of confidence by the assembled Grotley branches, our leader did his by now famous Teddy Bear act. When obstreperous persons were stupid enough to resort to reasoned argument and logical discussion, he quite rightly closed the meeting. We never seemed to have this kind of problem with Max Wall or Martin Boreman. Even Badge Fairplastic used to command immense respect throughout the area, as Madge can no doubt testify. Their presence at the Rat and Handbag brought an atmosphere of bonhomie to the Grotley branch meeting.

But enough of this incestuous domestic claptrap. I would like to take some space to dispel some ugly rumours which have been so persistent as to become part of the ongoing conventional wisdom at this moment in time. First of all, Boringsods have not bought Drabs. Old Josiah would be spinning in his straightjacket if there were a vestige of truth in this slur on Perry's integrity. The suggestion is as unfounded as previous reports which linked Drabs with both Brobdingnags and Brassos.

It has also been suggested that Kepples have reinstated the original gravities of their beers. As they were not reduced in the first place this is probably untrue. If the keeping qualities of the mild improve, it must be for some other reason.

Finally, I have been asked by Royal Hall and Duncan Busman to deny strenuously that during a Goosegrease and Dishwater pub survey they were simultaneously anacathartic outside a Slumley Parva alehouse. Nothing could contain less veracity.

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Branch Diary

SOUTH MANCHESTER

Thurs Nov 12 8.00pm - Branch meeting at the Gateway, Wilmslow Road, East Didsbury. GUEST SPEAKER - MARGARET CLARK-MONKS (NE) (E C-INUN to the ignorant)

Thurs Nov 26 8.00pm - PUB OF THE MONTH, Castlewood (Wilsons), Bridge Street Brow, off Great Underbank, Stockport

Fri Dec 4th. Coach to Bury Beer Fest. Leaves White Swan, Fallowfield at 7.15pm. Ring Branch contact to book seat.

Thurs 10 Dec - Christmas Social and Hot Pot supper at the Gateway. Pub games, giant raffle, etc. Drink early for Christmas!

Full details of Christmas with CAMRA next month!

Contact Humphrey Higgins 423 0059

SOUTH LANCASHIRE

Fri Nov 13 Branch meeting Rock Hotel, Ince 8.30

Weds 18 Nov Trip to Robinsons Brewery

Fri 20 Nov Pub of the Month - Houghton Arms, Earlestown

Thurs 26 Nov Pub Crawl of St Helens. Union 7.45

2nd Dec Branch Meeting - Worthington, Hindley 8.30

Contact: Brian Gleave Atherton 876200 (w) 896965 (h)

BOLTON

Weds 11 Nov Coach trip to Lees. Picks up from Falcon, costs £3. Details from Don Chattwood 061 723 3271 x39

Sun 15 Nov Lunchtime at the Queens Hotel, Bradley Fold (Thwaites)

Weds 18 Nov AGM George, Gt Moor Street 8.00pm

Sat 28 Nov. Crawl of Bolton Town Centre. 6.30 York, 7.30 Ancient Shepherd, 8.30 Gaiety

Weds 2 Dec Branch meeting Lodge Bank Tavern 8.30. Speaker Mr G Dennis, Head Brewer, Lees

Fri 11 Dec - Moses Gate/Farnworth walkabout. 7.00 Moses Gate, 8.30 Shakespeare. Train from Bolton 7.02 to Moses Gate 7.05. Train from Farnworth 10.41 to Bolton 10.49

Weds 16 Dec Cromptons Mule, Spa Road. Bistro meal and draught Bass

Contact Bert Kerks Bolton 388172

HIGH PEAK & NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Tues 10 Nov 8.30 - Branch meeting, Wellington, Stalybridge

Contact: Tom Lord 061 427 7099

NORTH MANCHESTER

Weds 18 Nov White Swan, Swinton 8.00pm Special Guest Stars: MARGARET CLARK MONKS

Weds 2 Dec Ancoats Crawl & Greenalls survey. 7pm Ancoats, 8pm Cross Keys, Jersey Street

Weds 9 Dec - Committee & Branch business. Red Lion, Irlam o th Height 8pm. Social later in Waggon & Horses if open

Weds 16 Dec Christmas Party at Duke of York, Eccles. Curry with compulsory budgies and optional ducks available. Extension applied for

Weds 30 Dec C.H.R.I.S.T.M.A.S. Acronymous pub crawl. Castle & Falcon 7.00 - Hare & Hounds -

Royal George - Imperial - Seven Oaks (8.35) - Town Hall - Midland - Abercrombie - St Matthews Tavern

Contact Roger Hall 740 7937

TRAFFORD & HULME

Thurs 19 Nov 8pm Branch meeting Rope & Anchor, Dunham Massey

Sat 21 Nov Macclesfield Marathon. 8pm Nags Head (opposite station) 9pm Jolly Sailor

Thurs 26 Nov 8pm Pub of the Month with S Manchester - Castlewood, Stockport

Thurs 3 Dec 7.30pm Committee/Social Volunteer, Cross Street, Sale

Contact Mick Rattenbury 969 7013 (home)

ROCHDALE, OLDHAM & BURY

Tues 10 Nov Branch Meeting Brunswick (Burtonwood), Bridge St, Heywood

Tues 24 Nov, 8pm Committee meeting Hare & Hounds (Wilsons), Green Lane, Heywood

Fri/Sat 4/5 Dec Bury Beer Festival - see elsewhere in this issue

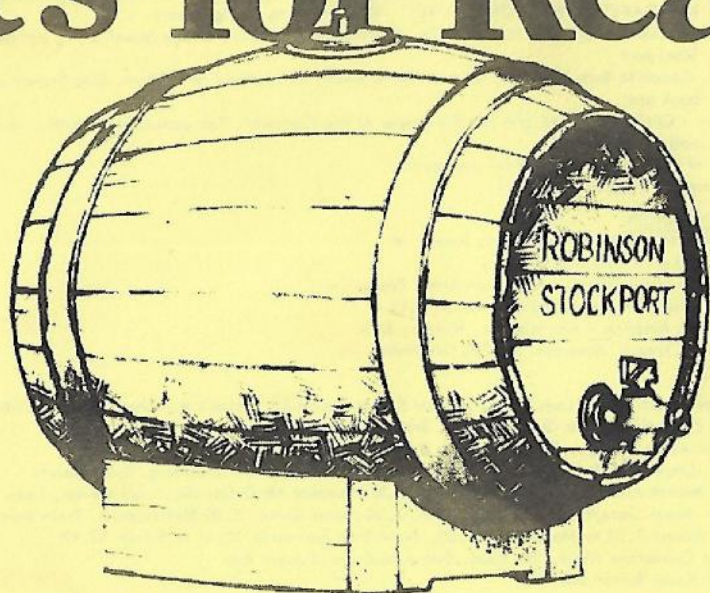
Tues 8 Dec 8pm Branch meeting Red Lion (Halts), Bury New Road, Prestwich

Tues 15 Dec 7.30 Christmas do Eagle & Child (Halts), Higher Lane, Whitefield

Contact Steve Lawton 061 620 9239 (h) or 061 236 4411 ext 7237

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