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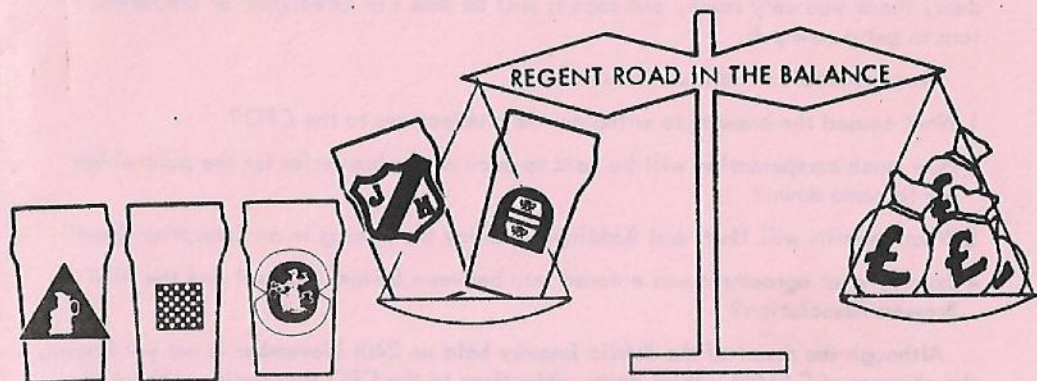


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BREWERS SELL OUT - 6 OLD PUBS TO GO!



Both Salford Council and the Brewers have in the past, in their separate ways, been responsible for the destruction and ruination of the City's pubs. What chance, then, might there be when they join forces? Very little! Salford Council and the North West Brewers have worked out a nice little plan which would mean the demolition of all but one of Regent Road's pubs and the building of two new pubs in the Enterprise Zone.





This plan would leave the Live and Let Live in splendid isolation, making nonsense of the Council's argument: "In improving the appearance of this important frontage at a gateway into the City, it is considered that the retention of older buildings in isolation until the implementation of the highway improvement could be severely detrimental to the success of the Enterprise Zone".

The two new pubs would be built behind the Spread Eagle and the Wellington and would go to - surprise, surprise - Holts and Boddingtons. These two brewers have been responsible for some of the least attractive new pubs and pub renovations and have little feeling for the tied estate which they own.

It is now part of the conventional wisdom for brewers (except Holts) to pay lip-service to pub-preservation, yet, when the chips are down, the brewers are, without doubt, better guardians of their own fortunes than they are custodians of part of our heritage. No doubt, Boddingtons and Holts will do very nicely from the deal, thank you very much, and soon it will be Bass's or Greenalls' or Whitbread's turn to get a new pub.

Many questions remain unresolved:

- 1 What caused the brewers to withdraw their objections to the CPO?
- 2 How much compensation will be paid to each of the breweries for the pubs which are to come down?
- 3 What benefits will Holts and Boddingtons enjoy from being in an Enterprise Zone?
- 4 Exactly what agreement was entered into between Salford Council and the N W Brewers Association?

Although the result of the Public Enquiry held on 24th November is not yet known, the chances of CAMRA's third party objections to the CPO succeeding without the support of the brewers are remote indeed.

And so the brewers and the council will, in unison, drive more nails into the City's coffin, hastening the day when blandness rules OK and nothing remains to distinguish Salford from any other city. This objective will be attained against the wishes of the population and at vast expense.

R H



WHAT'S DOING

TWO DOWN

The Manchester Umpteen Brew Pub Crawl is but a shadow of its former self. Thwaites was taken off at the Crown and Anchor a few months ago and now the Bolton Arms (Youngers) is shut. Seasoned crawlers are advised to tie knots in their hankies when stumbling from the Harp & Shamrock, as a reminder not to bend their noses on the Bolton's boarded-up doorway.

ART FOLLOWING NATURE?

Whitbread are turning the back room of the Midland Hotel, West Didsbury, into a disco. The brewery say the room is to be given a "fifties look" and they are going to call it - Bilko's! Surely the Good Sergeant isn't giving up his Eccles amber nectar emporium to purvey onion budgies to the bright young things of Didsbury?

AND WHITBREAD SPAKE UNTO MOSES

The Moses Gate Hotel, Farnworth, is now a Duttons cask house with the added attraction of Hartleys XB and Castle Eden bitter. The pub has been revamped, with split level seating and partitions, a vast improvement. The redecoration is, however, reminiscent of the "Victorianising" which Watneys inflicted on some Wilsons pubs some years ago, and poor ventilation means that the lounge tends to get smoky and stuffy.

BREWERS DROOP

An application has been made to change the use of 42 Market Street from a public house to retail shop premises. Could this mean the permanent closure of the Brewers, with its variety of beers and architectural styles?

SCOTCH ROCK

The Rock Ferry, Lower Ince, is now selling handpumped Scotch bitter - and 8p cheaper than the Market in Wigan town centre!

ODD BOGS

Boddingtons are applying to increase the size of the Oddfellows Arms, Higher Openshaw. New toilets, a food bar, etc, should make this pub even better, providing the character of the place survives. The old handpumps are going but new ones are promised.

SPA SPECULATION

A new licensee has taken over at the keg Wilsons pub, the Spa, in the centre of a council estate in Little Hulton. What chance real ale?

A LAND FIT FOR HEROES

Lancashire Heroes have plans to open a takeaway in Burton Road, Withington. Although there have been one or two setbacks, the owners hope to be on stream by Christmas. The area badly needs a shot in the arm, with only four real ale outlets in or around the village. These are: Waterloo (Wilson's), Orion (Chesters), Victoria (Hydes) and the Albert (Wilson's), which is an entry in the 1982 GBG



NEW VIC BEER

The Victoria Inn, Chorley New Road, Horwich, now has Duttons bitter on handpumps. The Vic is a well-preserved ex-Threlfalls pub with an unchanged wood and tile interior. Well worth a visit.

MORE WHITBREAD REAL ALE

Whitbread's moves towards tied "free houses" continues apace with the installation of cask beer at the Albert, Ribble Drive, Hillock Estate, Whitefield. Beers so far have been Chesters (of course) and Saxon Cross. Our scout in Whitefield reports that both were served at sub-zero temperatures, since the cellar cooling was designed to cater for tank/bright beers only.

Nearby, the Dragon at Unsworth now sells cask conditioned Wilsons ales through beer engines.

REAL ALE TAKE HOME

The Wine and Beer Store, Moorside, Aspull is selling Moorhouses bitter (44p per pint) from a beer engine mounted on the counter. Also available (though more expensive) is an interesting range of British and foreign bottled beers, including naturally conditioned Trappist beer. This is the first off-licence in the Wigan area to do "jug and bottle" sales for some considerable time; let's hope it's not the last!

CHESTERS KNOCK-BACK FOR HULME

Traditional Chesters bitter is no longer on sale at the Platford on Stretford Road. The handpump has been removed because "there is no demand for it". For the same reason, there is no longer any real ale at the Sir Henry Royce, Royce Road. The Bulls Head on Chester Road is now the only Hulme pub to sell Chesters bitter, although there is an ominous gas pump right alongside the handpump.



PUB OF THE MONTH

The December Pub of the Month in South Manchester is the Gateway, Wilmslow Road, East Didsbury. A National Good Beer Guide pub since 1975, the Gateway serves Hydes bitter and mild, at its best, from electric pumps under the energetic direction of Ralph and Jean Heatley. The Heatleys have been in the pub for the past eight years, having previously been at the Osborne House in nearby Rusholme.

The pub serves full meals at lunchtimes, sandwiches in the evening and has a large room for weddings, parties, etc. It has been the regular haunt of South Manchester CAMRA meetings for seven years and an excellent evening is promised for the presentation night on Monday, December 14th.

Geoff and Marian Gartside welcome you to the

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DRAUGHT MOONRAKER THROUGHOUT DECEMBER

Take home service

GLOBE

Wilsons have reopened the Globe on Bury Street, Salford. The pub has been completely transformed and now sells lunches - book now for Christmas Dinner (£4). The Globe is a welcome addition to the real ale pubs of the Greengate/ Broughton Road area.

GRAVITY

Whitbread appear to be putting up original gravity charts in their pubs. Our correspondent spotted one in the Town Hall Tavern, Salford, displaying for all to see the relative strengths of weak, rip-off lagers, keg beers and real ale in the Whitbread-Chesters range.

OLD COCK

Whitbread want to turn the disused outbuildings in the rear courtyard of the Old Cock at Didsbury into a restaurant. Coq au Chesters may be served.

TWADDLE



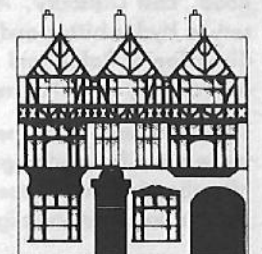
**ROGER
SEDGLEY
TAKES
TO WATER**

Another less strenuous session can be had in the town of Eccles on the Bridgewater canal, mooring outside the **Steam Packet**, a Bodington's House, and then into the town with its numerous Holts pubs. I recommend the **Stanley Arms** and the **Duke of York** a freehouse serving Thwaites, Burtonweed, Chesters and perhaps one or two more!

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PLANNING NEWS

Wilsons have applied to pull down the garage behind the Church Inn, Jersey Street, Ancoats and build new toilets.

The Griffin on Chapel Street, Salford, has been closed for over a year now, but it looks as if Tetleys have at last found a buyer for the (de-licensed) building. Plans are afoot to turn the old pub into a workshop and showroom.

WIGAN WICKETS

Matthew Brown John Peel Special (WD Oct) has been removed from Wigan Cricket Club, as regular tipplers found it rather heady. However, the club has replaced it with cask Lion bitter - from the wicket. It is proving very popular, as one would hope, considering that canistered Matty's Light is the main competition!

CELLAR DROP

Since Wilsons changed from 3 man to 2 man drays, they have withdrawn hogsheads and begun to alter their cellar drops with facilities for casks to be roped down. Old habits, however, die hard and the draypersons are still wont to boot the casks into the cellar as they have done for years. Whitbread draymen, having been feather-bedded with tank beer for ages, seem reluctant to handle anything bigger than an 18 gallon cask.

FYLDE FUGGLES

Whitbread Castle Eden is now on sale at the Hop Inn (ex-Veevers Arms), Cookson Street, Blackpool, alongside Duttons cask and Hartleys XB. It is also available at the Talbot in Lytham and the Mackenzie Arms, Bamber Bridge. Hartleys is also on sale in the Captains Cabin, Lytham and Maguires Tavern, Preston, is selling Youngers No 3.

KIRKLESS HALL

The Kirkless Hall, Aspull, has invested in a set of handpumps to serve the full range of Burtonwood real ales.

CHANGE OF BEER

The Clifton Windmill, on the A583 Preston-Blackpool road opposite Salwick UKAEA bomb shop, is now selling Mitchells. Boddingtons and Hartleys have been taken off.

PUB OF THE MONTH

South Lancs Camra's pub of the month for December is the Bridgewater, Leigh, an excellent Greenalls pub where mine hosts always give Camra members a pleasant welcome. A representative from the brewery will be at the presentation on December 11th.

WILSONS GOING CHEAP

Following the success at the Oxford (Salford), where a 6p reduction in the price of beer led to an increase in turnover from 5 to 12 barrels per week, the six tenanted Wilsons pubs in Blackley are following suit. The Old House at Home, the Grove, the White Lion, the Swan, the Derby and the Golden Lion will all be selling beer at 6p a pint less than current prices for a trial period of 6 months.

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NEW BREWS IN ALTRINCHAM

As forecast in October WD, Hydes have taken over a former Whitbread house, the Bakers Arms, Pownall Road, Altrincham. Peter and Sheila Hastwell began their tenancy on Monday November 9th after leaving the Grove, a Wilsons real ale pub on Ashton Old Road. The Bakers has been redecorated throughout downstairs and brand new electric dispense equipment has replaced the cellar tanks in a cellar that seems purpose built for a pub anticipating a large turnover in cask beer. It is a friendly, though architecturally unimaginative, hostelry, built 14 years ago to replace a pub of the same name that was demolished nearby. There are just the two large rooms; a vault with darts and colour TV and a long lounge with juke box and a pool table at one end. The seating is being re-upholstered but no structural alterations are planned, though there is no need for a gimmicky pub when you have good beer at 45p a pint (mild) and 48p (bitter) - lounge prices - and an enthusiastic landlord. Peter hopes to have strong ale available at lunchtimes. Live entertainment is also under consideration.

Having disposed of their non-real ale outlet in Altrincham, Whitbread have gone one better and introduced Chesters mild on handpump at the Unicorn, Old Market Place, no doubt encouraged by the increasing sales of the cask bitter there. External decorating is now complete and the interior is now receiving the full treatment. Live entertainment is already established here and Heavy Metal and Chesters Mild make for Pretty Unusual Nights Kids.

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WHITEFIELD AND PRESTWICH

BURY

Arthur Inn	Bolton Road	Elton	Thwaites	M, B(E)
Bay Horse	Parr Lane	Unsworth	Holts	M, B(E)
Black Bull	Ainsworth Road	Starling	Thwaites	M, B(E)
Blue Bell	Bury New Road	Sunnybank	Holts	M, B(E)
Brewers Arms	Bell Lane	Freetown	Thwaites	M, B(E)
Brickcroft	Brook Street	Freetown	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Bridge Inn	Bury New Road	Heap Bridge	Thwaites	M, B(E)
Bridge Inn	Bridge Street	Freetown	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Bridge Inn	Manchester Road	Blackford Bridge	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Brunswick	Moorgate	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Church Inn	Bell Lane	Freetown	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Clarence	Silver Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Claybank	Rochdale Road	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Derby Arms	Bolton Road	Elton	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Elton View	Eagley Drive	Elton	Thwaites	M, BM, B(E)
Fairfield Inn	Rochdale Old Road	Fairfield	Thwaites	M, B(E)
Flying Shuttle	Clerke Street	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Garsdale	Woodhill Road	Woodhill	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Golden Fleece	Bell Lane	Freetown	Bass	TL(H)
Hare & Hounds	Bolton Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Hark to Dandler	Walmersley Old Road	Walmersley	Youngers	IPA(H)
Help Me Thro'	Croston Road	Woodhill	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Hollins Bush	Hollins Lane	Hollins	Lees	BM, B(E)
Lamb	Tottington Road	Woolfold	Duttons	B(H)
Masons	Walmersley Old Road	Nangreaves	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Lord Raglan	Walmersley Old Road	Nangreaves	Youngers	No3(H)
Nags Head	Barlow Street	Centre	Thwaites	BM, B(H)
Napier	Bolton Street	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(E)
New Inn	Bell Lane	Freetown	Wilsons	M, B(H)
New Inn	Walmersley Road	Walmersley	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Oddfellows	Tottington Road	Woolfold	Bass	Cask, 4X, TL(E)
Old Blue Bell	Bell Lane	Freetown	Wilsons	M, B(H/E)
Old Boars Head	Bury New Road	Heap Bridge	Bass	4X(E)
Old Duke	Brandlesholme Road	Brandlesholme	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Pleasant View	Tottington Road	Woolfold	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Queen Anne	Hollins Lane	Unsworth	Thwaites	BM, B(H)
Robin Hood	Rochdale Road	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Rose & Crown	Manchester Old Road	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Rose & Crown	Cockey Moor Road	Starling	Duttons	B(H)
Royal Huntsman	Market Street	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(E)
Sir Robert Peel	Sunnybank Road	Sunnybank	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Spotted Cow	Bell Lane	Freetown	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Star Inn	Bridge Street	Freetown	Wilsons	M, B(H)

Swan	Tottington Road	Woolfold	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Swan & Cemetery	Manchester Road	Redvales	Thwaites	M, B(E)
Trafalgar	Manchester Old Road	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Turf	Wash Lane		Lion	M, B(E)
Two Tubs	The Wyld	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Waggon & Horses	Walmersley Road	A56	Duttons	B(H)
Waggonmakers	Tottington Road	Woolfold	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Waterloo	Manchester Road	A56	Thwaites	M, B(H)
White Boar	Radcliffe Road	Warth Fold	Thwaites	BM, B(E)

RAMSBOTTOM

Eagle & Child	Whalley Road	Peel Brow	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Good Samaritan	Peel Brow	Peel Brow	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Grants Arms	Market Place	Centre	Burtonwood	DM, B(E)
Grey Mare	Bolton Street	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Hamers	Higher Summerseat	Summerseat	Lion	M, B(H)
Hare & Hounds	Bolton Road	Holcombe Brook	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Major Hotel	Bolton Road West	Centre	Duttons	B(H)
Masons Arms	Bolton Road West	Dundee Lane	Thwaites	M, B(E)
Old Dun Horse	Bolton Road West	Dundee Lane	Thwaites	M, B(E)
Railway	Bridge Street	Centre	Boddingtons	M, B(H)
Red Lion	Bolton Road	Hawkshaw	Boddingtons	B(E)
Royal Oak	Bridge Street	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(E)

TOTTINGTON

Bulls Head	Holcombe Road	Greenmount	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Duncheon	Turton Road	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Hark to Towler	Market Street	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Nailors Green	Brandlesholme Road	Greenmount	Thwaites	M, B(E)
Pack Horse	Watling Street	Affetside	Hydes	M, B(E)
Printers	Turton Road	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(H)
White Horse	Hall Street	Walshaw	Thwaites	M, B(H)

RADCLIFFE

Bridge Inn	Dumers Lane	A6053	Duttons	B(H)
Bulls Head	Bury New Road	A58 nr Brightmet	Duttons	B(H)
Colliers Arms	Water Street	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(E)
Hare & Hounds	Ringley Road	Outwood	Holts	M, B(H)
Masons Arms	Sion Street	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Morning Star	Thomas Street	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(H)
New Inn	Ainsworth Road	Black Lane	Bass	Cask, 4X(E)
Old Cross	Eton Hill Road	Radcliffe Hall	Holts	M, B(H)
Papermakers	Church Street East	Centre	Holts	M, B(H)
Queens	Bradley Fold	off A58 & A665	Thwaites	M, B(H)

Turf Hotel	Bolton Road	A665	Thwaites	M, B(E)
Wellington	Stopes Road	off A665	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Wellington	Stand Lane	Centre	Bass	4X(E)
Wilton Arms	Coronation Road	Black Lane	Holts	M, B(E)
Woolpack	Stand Lane	Centre	Tetley	M, B(H/A)

WHITEFIELD

Albert	Albert Road	Hillock Estate	Chesters, Saxon	X B(H)
Church Inn	Bury New Road	Centre	Holts	M, B(H)
Coach & Horses	Bury Old Road	Besses o' th' Barn	Holts	M, B(H)
Dragon	Parr Lane	Unsworth	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Eagle & Child	Higher Lane	Stand	Holts	M, B(E)
Frigate	Thatch Leach Lane	Besses o' th' Barn	Holts	M, B(E)
Goats Gate	Radcliffe New Road	Chapel Field	Holts	M, B(E)
Junction	Bury New Road	Besses o' th' Barn	Tetley	M, B(H)
Lord Clive	Mersey Drive	Hillock Estate	Lees	M, B(E)
New Grove Inn	Bury New Road	Centre	Holts	M, B(E)
Red King	Bury New Road	Centre	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Welcome Inn	Bury Old Road	Besses o' th' Barn	Holts	M, B(E)
Wheatsheaf	Bury New Road	Centre	Robinsons	M, BB(H)

PRESTWICH

Commercial	Bury Old Road	Heaton Park	Tetley	M, B(H)
Farmers Arms	Simister Lane	Simister	Lees	BM, B(H)
Foresters	Bury New Road	Centre	Holts	M, B(H/E)
Friendship Inn	Scholes Lane	Hilton Park	Holts	M, B(H)
George Hotel	Bury New Road	Sedgeley Park	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Grapes Inn	Bury New Road	Centre	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Ostrich Hotel	Bury Old Road	Heaton Park	Holts	M, B(E)
Parkside Hotel	Bury Old Road	Heaton Park	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Plough	Hilton Lane	Rainsough	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Railway & Naturalist	Bury New Road	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Red Lion	Bury New Road	Centre	Holts	M, B(E)
Royal Oak	Whitaker Lane	Heaton Park	Hydes	M, B(E)
Same Yet	Simister Lane	Simister	Lees	M, B(E)
Staff of Life	Hilton Lane	Rainsough	Marstons	Ped, M, B(H)
Turf Tavern	Bury Old Road	Heaton Park	Chesters	M, B, Hartleys
			XB, Thwaites	M, B, Marstons
White Horse	Bury New Road	Centre	Holts	M, B(H)
Wilton Arms	Bury New Road	Centre	Chesters	B(H)
Woodthorpe Hotel	Bury Old Road	Heaton Park	Holts	M, B(E)

CHRISTMAS WITH CAMRA

A welcome is warmly extended to all drinkers to the South Manchester 1981 Festive Functions.

Firstly, the branch are holding a pub games night at the Gateway on Thursday, December 10th. There will be a FREE hot pot supper and a giant raffle, with innumerable valuable prizes, will be held to defray expenses. Anyone who has games to loan or has suggestions for games (which must, of course, be in keeping with the lofty moral tone adopted in Snoot Magna) please let me know. (Tel 432 0059)

The spotlight then shifts to Stockport on Friday December 18th, for the Third Annual Christmas Crawl of Hillgate. Once again there will be active participation by the more sober elements of the North Manchester Branch and a darts match will be played in the 13th pub. Curries are now available at an establishment at the bottom of Hillgate.

As is customary (and sensible) we start at the top in the Blossoms at 7.00pm and finish at the Spread Eagle (very appropriate). The full crawl is:

- 1 Blossoms (Robinsons)
- 2 Wheatsheaf (Wilsons)
- 3 Royal Mortar (Robinsons)
- 4 Bowling Green (Wilsons)
- 5 Flying Dutchman (Robinsons)
- 6 Star & Garter (Robinsons)
- 7 Rams Head (Wilsons)
- 8 Crown (Wilsons)
- 9 Golden Lion (Burtonwood)
- 10 Black Lion (Boddingtons)
- 11 Waterloo (Robinsons) (optional extra)
- 12 Red Bull (Robinsons)
- 13 Gladstone (Tetleys)
- 14 Royal Oak (Robinsons)
- 15 Spread Eagle (Robinsons)

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A seventeenth century inventory from the Pack Horse, an account of the growth of beerhouses in the 1830s, the origins of individual pubs and their ownership, lists of licensees and the story of brewing in Swinton and Pendlebury all help to bring the past alive. Which is the oldest pub? Which pub had the first licence? How did they get their nicknames? Where was the Throstle or the Crosby Cock? The answers to these and many other questions can be found inside the book.

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Poets' Corner

A POEM FOR CHRISTMAS

It was Christmas night in the local.
The regulars sat on their chairs
Watching the hard-worked landlord
And customers crowding the stairs,
When the voice of the brewery surveyor
Came echoing from the snug,
Saying, "Guess what you're getting for
Christmas?"

A brand new, spanking pub!

We're bringing you Space Invaders,
Removing the inside walls,
Installing a nice, loud juke box
And pool tables, cues and balls."
But the voice of the oldest local
Came echoing from the vault,
"You'll not see me in here, then, lad -
It's the brewery's bloody fault."

It was Midsummer night in the local,
The landlord was saying his prayers,
Hoping the builder's merchant
Would soon put back his stairs,
When the voice of the new director
Came in from the restaurant halls,
Singing, "What do you want for
Christmas?"

The customers shouted, "Walls!"

It is Christmas night in the local,
The landlord's in deep despair
Apart from a few Hell's Angels
His pub is empty and bare
And the voices of former locals
Echo dimly across the road
They've gone for the old tradition
And moved to the Rat and Toad.
Then the voice of the area manager,
His up-market, with-it boss,
Says, "What do you want for
Christmas?"

"My pub to be just as it was."

THE GREAT DEBATE

"Divine Intervention - or How the Angler
Nearly Got Away" (with apologies to
Max Boyce)

I read it in What's Doing,
I thought they surely lied -
Whitbread pubs in Salford in,
But Dave - NOT IN THE GUIDE!

So I rang the local CAMRA branch,
When their number I had found,
I asked: "What's the idea?
You'll be laughed out of town!"

And there the matter rested
For an anxious month or two,
And still the rumours spread around,
And still the protests grew.

Then came the next What's Doing -
The Salford pub they'd tried
Had taken out the handpumps
To let Dave back in the Guide.

And the brewers down at Moss Lane West
Knelt down in thanks and praise -
"The Guide," they said, "doth often work
In strange and wondrous ways."

But we spared a thought for the also-rans,
And for their hopes and pride -
It wasn't really fair to them
With God on the Angler's side.

Rhys P Jones

(Editor's Note: The North Manchester
branch have decided to replace the
Albert with the Duke of York, Eccles.
The Angler is still out of the Guide.)



ASIAN CORNER

The "Curry Pot" on Union Street, off Church Street, Manchester 4, has recently undergone a minor facelift to emerge as the "Lahore Cafe & Sweet Centre". The facelift was achieved mainly by extending into another room, which more than doubled the eating area.

The Lahore is very much in the mould of the Wilmslow Road-type establishment, with the emphasis on a simple, straightforward menu. (Decent food at low prices - not a common combination in the city centre). It most certainly is not the place to visit after a pub crawl, but rather a place to call for Dinner (Lunch, to Southerners) after doing the shopping, or where to have Tea before embarking on a 17-brew alcoholic endurance test across the city.

Curries comprising meat, chicken or keema, with vegetables as and if required, are in the range 70p - 90p each. Tikkas are similarly priced. The kebabs are succulent and spicy (20p each) and the chappatis filling (10p each). Hence a good meal can be obtained for around £1.40. Rice is also available if preferred.

Should you have the time, the special "Thawa Meat" (£2) is well worth waiting the 35 minutes it takes to cook. This dish is generally prepared directly behind the serving counter, so the observant can pick up a few tips for their own kitchen.

If you have room for a pint afterwards, try the Unicorn on Church Street (Bass)

Tarka Dhal

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Only after much deliberation and heart-searching have I finalised my Yuletide gift list. I had originally bought a copy of Mein Kampf and a Monopoly Board for Elsie but she seems to have been cured of megalomania. Consequently I have decided to donate these items to Dermatitis, who has begun to show signs of incipient paranoia, despite what the voices tell him. I will present Elsie with something far more useful, a pair of silk horse underpants designed by the Reverend Nathan Blether's mother.

I spotted a wonderful book for Hamish Himmel, " $1+1=3$ - The New Mathematics", whilst Tom Android will receive a bumper fun pack of "A Day in the Life of A Hop - Tuesday" and "Real Ale in the Wig Boutiques of Papua New Guinea". For the Noble Robin I have at great expense purchased a new filing system, consisting of a brick, a nail and a starving goat. This, I am told, will be a vast improvement on the present system.

A 400 gallon tank of listerine will shortly be on its way to Scousely and the home of the graffiticious Bogbrush, whilst Bunty will be the proud recipient of a set of Swiss Files, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of plastic explosive and 200 yards of nylon rope, all disguised as an electric parrot. Duncan Busman and Royal Hall will both receive giant pelican plastic vomit bibs. Mr Hiccup will receive a cuckold clock but I don't know what to do with the paint spray I bought for Bazza Primp. Apparently he's already received a paternity suit from someone else, so who needs spray on trousers? Finally I have bought Boris Pratt a deaf aid and a pair of glasses.

RUMOUR DENIALS

The Daily Pinkmoney did not advertise a 100 year long established North West brewery for sale.

Jack Smugs are not going real and if they were they would not brew it at Newark. Perry Drab is not selling his beer for home consumption in new highly wonderful Portafizz containers. Nor has he rammed his prices up by 4p to cash in on the Yuletide trade. Our Perry do a thing like that! Unthinkable!

Real Ale Guides

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

REAL ALE IN HIGH PEAK & NORTH EAST CHESHIRE - Including Marple, Hyde, Ashton, Audenshaw, Dukinfield, Stalybridge, Mossley & Denton. 10p + s.a.e.

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THE PUBS AND BREWERIES OF MACCLESFIELD

NO 1 £1.70 inc post

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Branch Diary

NORTH MANCHESTER

6th December - Sunday Rover Trip to Hollinwood. An 80p bus ticket is all that is needed to transport you to the delights of Hollinwood. 18.42 No 82 from Piccadilly. Meet Bridgewater (Holts) 19.10. Bus back to Piccadilly at 10.29

Weds 6 Jan - Pub crawl of Moston. 7.30 Gardners, Chain Rd; 8.30 Blue Bell, Moston Lane

Weds 13 Jan Social & Committee meeting - Feathers, Cobden Street, Pendleton, 8.00

Weds 20 Jan Branch Meeting White Swan, Swinton 8.00

Contact: Roger Hall 740 7937

SOUTH LANCASHIRE

Dec 2 Branch meeting Worthington, Hindley 8.30

Dec 11 Pub of the Month Bridgewater, Leigh, 8.30

Dec 23 Xmas Social with Trad Jazz and food, Wheatsheaf, Wallgate, Wigan. Tickets in advance

Jan 5 Branch meeting Royal Alfred, St Helens 8.30

Jan 14 AGM and constitution change, Old Pear Tree, Wigan

Contact: Brian Gleave Atherton 876200 (w) 892965 (h)

TRAFFORD & HULME

Thurs 17 Dec 8.00pm Branch meeting, Cheshire Midland, Ashley Road, Hale (next to Hale Station)

Mon 21 Dec 8.00pm Christmas Social, Peveril of the Peak, Great Bridgewater Street, Manchester

Fri/Sat 8-9 Jan Meetings of Branches Committee and CAMRA National Executive at Sale Wardens Association Club, Wardle Road, Sale. Branch representatives wishing to attend as observers please contact Mick Rottenbury

Thurs Jan 21 Thwaites Brewery visit

Contact Mick Rottenbury 969 7013 (home)

ROCHDALE, OLDHAM & BURY

Fri/Sat 4/5 Dec Bury Beer Festival

Tues 8 Dec 8.00pm Branch Meeting Red Lion (Holts), Bury New Road, Prestwich

Tues 15 Dec 7.30pm Christmas "do" Eagle & Child (Holts), Higher Lane, Whitefield

Tues 12 Jan 8.00pm Branch meeting Napier (Thwaites), Bolton Street, Bury

Tues 19 Jan Evening visit to Sam Smiths brewery

Tues 26 Jan Committee meeting Lamb (Whitbread), Tottington Road, Bury

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

HIGH PEAK & NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Tues 8 December 8.30. Branch meeting Andrew Arms, Compstall

Sat 12 Dec Christmas Party at the Royal Hayfield. Coach arranged, details and tickets from Stuart Jamieson 427 2463

Contact Tom Lord 061 427 7099

SOUTH MANCHESTER

Thurs Dec 10 8.00pm Gateway, Wilmslow Rd - Christmas Social - Pub Games - Free Hot Pot Supper - Giant Raffle!!!

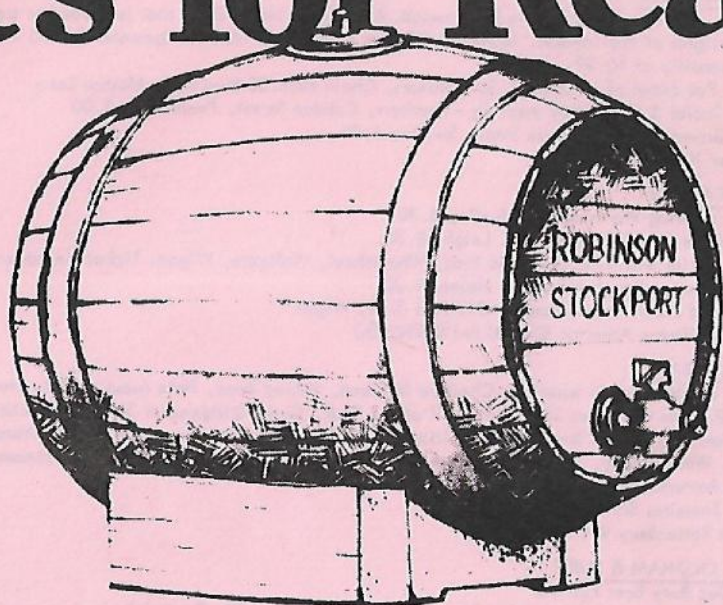
Mon Dec 14 8pm - Pub of the Month - Gateway, Wilmslow Road, E Didsbury

Fri Dec 18 3rd Annual Hillgate Crawl. 7pm Blossoms, Buxton Rd, 7.20 Wheatsheaf, Higher Hillgate, 8.15 Star & Garter (With North Manchester)

Thurs Jan 14 Branch meeting (venue to be announced)

Contact Humphrey Higgins 432 0059

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