

WHAT'S DOING



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PARK IN PERIL



The South Lancs branch of CAMRA are fighting to save their Pub of the Year - the Park Hotel, Wigan, which is threatened by an amendment to the market redevelopment plans. This would replace the Park Hotel with a magnificent concrete ramp, leading to a multi-storey car park. It is believed the developers would offer the brewery (Peter Walker Ltd) a new pub site within the redevelopment. Clearly, it would be impossible to replace a pub like the Park, steeped in character and atmosphere, with a new pub of the type we have all come to know and hate.

The campaign has taken the form of a petition, a press campaign and councillors and planners have been lobbied. Thus far Peter Walker have said they will oppose the Compulsory Purchase Order on the Park, but have not been enthusiastic in helping or joining CAMRA and the pub regulars in the fight to save one of their best pubs. It is to be hoped the brewery will stick to its traditional principles and are not planning a sell-out.

Brian Gleave

THE THIN END OF THE WEDGE

Oldham Brewery

The turn of the year just ended produced an exciting and important development for our Company – the acquisition of Oldham Brewery, whose shareholders have now accepted our offer.

English Pubs and Pub life, particularly their role in the local community, are a heritage which we as a Company shall do everything in our power to promote. We recognise that this imposes an obligation on us, not just to invest heavily in our Tied Estate but also to pursue policies and provide products which give every possible aid to our Licensees to prosper in a competitive and currently dull market.

When this merger was first announced I was asked by one enquirer whether it meant that Boddington's would cease to put so much emphasis on traditional beer. I replied very firmly "No". Boddingtons' locally-brewed, traditional bitter and mild, with their faithful and still growing following, are the core of our business, and I have no doubt that they will continue to be so for many long years to come.

In his annual report Ewart Boddington, Chairman of Boddingtons Brewery made the above remarks. There is little doubt that the brewery's treatment of their tied estate has become significantly more sympathetic to both the buildings and the traditional requirements of their customers. With such a commitment from Ewart there is no reason to doubt that this will continue.

The brewery's commitment to a continued emphasis on traditional beer may, however, seem less than sincere in view of what has happened since the "merger" with Oldham Brewery.

On 10th May six CAMRA members met Mr Boddington and two senior managers from the brewery. Despite the plethora of trite palliatives and meaningless non-committal remarks, one major problem did emerge. OB mild is to go on sale in 30 Boddingtons houses. This will all be chilled and filtered. There are no plans to try OB traditional beers in Boddingtons pubs.

As it is unlikely that any pub will serve both real Boddingtons mild and chilled and filtered OB mild, the withdrawal of traditional mild is inevitable. How long will it be before Boddingtons goes the same

way as Greenalls and Wilsons, with pub after pub changing to tank or keg mild?

This course of events is unavoidable unless Boddingtons believe that there is a demand for traditional mild. If pubs ask for cask-conditioned OB mild and customers kick up enough fuss about the disappearance of real ale, it may be possible to help Boddingtons buck the trend. If there is not voluble dissent now, we may never see another Chairman's statement emphasising traditional beer.

Information about Boddingtons houses which would be interested in cask conditioned OB beers is urgently required. Please contact Bob Wise, Eafield Avenue, Milnrow OL16 3UN. 061 832 2063 (work)

Roger Hall

WHAT'S DOING

TUDOR CASK

Tudor Taverns have spent £25,000 on doing up the Greyhound, Boothstown. The bar has been moved back and traditional Wilsons beers are now on sale. They have also done the decent thing at the Ace of Spades, Fircroft Road, Oldham; the Foresters, Fir Tree Lane, Dukinfield and the Windmill, Lord Lane, Failsworth.

RUDDLES

The White Swan, 300 Wheatley Lane Road, Wheatley Lane, north of Burnley, now sells Ruddles bitter at 60p. This joins Youngers No.3, Wilsons bitter, Theakstons bitter and dark mild and Moorhouses Premium bitter. All are on handpumps, served from a very small bar. The other pub in the village, the Sparrow Hawk, sell draught Bass (64p), Cask Bitter (60p) and 4X mild (59p).

CAKES AND ALE

The Land o' Cakes on Great Ancoats Street is now selling cask Chesters bitter.

WILTON CHANGES

The Wilton Arms, Bury New Road, Prestwich has had the Whitbread treatment. Before May the only real ale available was Chesters bitter but, following the reopening, Duttons and Castle Eden have been introduced. (Unfortunately, at the time of writing, Castle Eden was still not

flowing.) The new-look Wilton or, to give it its new name, "The Barley Malt", now purports to resemble a brewery. If the loud music is too much, try drinking in the vault.

DRABS

Holts are advertising for a free trade manager. Is this the end of the world as we know it?

STANLEY GOES

The Stanley on the Rock, Bury, a former Wilsons pub, has been demolished. The pub had been closed for around two years, presumably due to lack of custom.

NOTES FROM IRLAM

The Nags Head, Higher Irlam proudly advertises traditional ale, hand drawn from the cellar, but beware - this refers to the Chesters mild only. There is also a plethora of tank and keg products in yet another pub which has been given the Chesters overkill treatment.

Handpumped mild and bitter is available over Liverpool Road at the White Lion. Tudor Taverns have closed the vault area and turned it into a restaurant-cum-functions room.

Further down Liverpool Road, the White Horse has recently seen the introduction of Ind Coope Burton Ale to complement the handpumped Tetley mild and bitter. This is Irlam's only "foreign" ale and represents a welcome increase in choice for the area. The Horse is Irlam's entry for the 1983 Good Beer Guide.

CHANGES AT THE GRANTS ARMS

The Grants Arms, Rolls Crescent, Hulme, is being altered. The lounge and music room are being knocked into one very large area. This Boddingtons pub, which is probably the largest in Hulme, has had its vault left intact but pleasantly decorated and new handpumps have been installed. It looks like the handpumps will stay in the best side too. Whether a new bar will be built remains to be seen, as the new room will be massive. A new licensee has taken over, but it is still a bitter-only house.

AH, SO!

A correspondent was fortunate to meet a CAMRA member from Japan in the Rising Sun on Queen Street, Manchester, but less fortunate in choosing to drink mild, which was keg. How long will it be before draught mild disappears from all Tudor Taverns hostelries.



A sombre occasion caught by the camera outside the Live and Let Live during the Regent Road Wake of April 7.

BASS CASK LOSS

Cask ales are no longer on sale at the Wharf Tavern, a Bass house on Caroline Street in Stalybridge. The pub is typical of the corner Victorian pubs in the area and looks as though it should sell cask ales - especially as three handpumps are centrally placed on the bar. The landlord says that the customers tend to prefer the keg beers on sale (Stones, Toby Light, Black Label lager).

MITRE MAKE A BITTER DIFFERENCE?

Wilsons plan to extend the Mitre, Manchester, into adjoining shop premises at the same time as they carry out internal alterations. Let's hope that they manage to get rid of the depressing atmosphere which makes a Dominican monastery look like Ceasar's Palace.

TAYLORS IN ASHY VALLEY

The Egerton Arms, Ashworth Valley, near Rochdale now sells Taylors best bitter, Landlord and dark mild on handpumps. This isolated pub is more geared to food, with its own restaurant, and attracts the usual crowds of poseurs and directors with their secretaries. However, it's just the place to take the girlfriend/wife/somebody else's wife, who will no doubt be impressed, and you get a decent drink as well.

DUKE OF YORK CLOSES

Whitbread sent the lads round to Eccles to change the locks and remove the cellar equipment but, surprise, surprise, it was the wrong Duke of York. The Duke in question was the first of the Regent Road pubs to close its doors. The £66,000 compensation may help towards one of Whitbread's tasteful refurbishments.

FEATHERING THE NEST?

The Throstles Nest (Whitbread) on Seymour Grove, Old Trafford, Stretford, which was damaged by fire some time ago shows no signs of re-opening. The windows are still boarded up but a wheelbarrow and some cement have appeared on the car park, so something is happening. The Throstles Nest was an Egon Ronay pub serving first-class meals. It also sold first-class Chesters bitter on handpumps, and surely must have been one of the most comfortable pubs in Stretford.

BLACKLEY BOOST

The Farmyard, a turn of the century Threlfalls house, now serves Castle Eden, Hartleys and Chesters. The Berkshire, Wilsons' last remaining non-real ale pub in Blackley, has now been fitted up with handpumps. So, despite the knockings down, Blackley has more real ale outlets than it had 10 years ago. The magical 100% is unlikely to be reached as long as Bass remain intransigent and Tetleys maintain their significant ration of non-real ale pubs.



NAPPY CHANGING

The Napoleon, a Marstons pub on Botany Lane, Ashton-under-Lyne has been extended into the property next door. It remains a friendly locals' pub and does not appear to have lost any of its character through the changes.

BASS BEWILDERMENT

27th February 1982 - Peter Hadfield, Chairman, Bass North West Ltd, states categorically that cask Stones will not be supplied to Manchester or anywhere else west of the Pennines.

May 1982 - Cask Stones arrives in several outlets west of the Pennines.

What conclusions can be drawn from this?

- (A) Brewery bosses don't know what's going on?
- (B) Brewery bosses tell fairy stories?
- (C) CAMRA is very clever at making brewery bosses change their minds?

CASK STONES STOP PRESS

Four handpumps began dispensing traditional Stones bitter at the Cross Keys, Eccles, on 21 May.

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DUKE OF YORK

It looks like Whitbread have had a change of heart over replacing Robin Bence with a manager at the Duke of York, Eccles. He will be staying on and it is expected that in the not-too-distant future Robin and his merrie men will be taking over another pub in the Manchester area to turn into an amber nectar emporium. More news next month.

WHAT'S DOING SMALL ADS

Got a Holts beermat printed on both sides? Or an 18th century beer engine? Why not advertise to over 2,000 like-minded cognoscenti in What's Doing. 10p per line. Contact Dave Eckett, 82 Beverley Road, Fallowfield, Manchester 14.

DEAR BEER (23)

The licensee of the Queen Ann Inn, Golborne (a Greenalls pub-cum-restaurant serving a la carte fizz) has been ordered to reduce his beer prices by the brewery. Bitter is 56p a pint and mild 54p - pretty expensive for Greenalls, you might say - except that these are the lowered prices! Bitter was originally 64p and mild 62p!

Meanwhile, the nearby Legh Arms (cask Greenalls) is thriving under new management and is justifiably South Lancs' Pub of the Month for June.



CLUB CLUB

Robin Bence hasn't had it all his own way with new ideas. The Lamb has beaten the Duke of York in being the first pub in Eccles with its own golf club.

EDENFIELD ALE

The Pack Horse, Market Street, Edenfield is now selling Taylors best bitter (55p) on electric pumps and Theakstons bitter (56p) on a hand-pump. All the four pubs in the village now sell traditional beer - the other three are the Rostrons Arms (Wilsons), the Horse & Jockey (Boddingtons bitter, Thwaites mild and bitter), the Coach and Horses (Wilsons). Just about right for a short crawl and all the pubs are on the main road.

DRABS

What's Doing's spy at the Court of Sir Joseph reports that the brewery prefers the name "Derby Brewery Tap" to "The Sir Joseph Holt" for the former Knowsley/Nevada Bar on Cheetham Hill Road.

HOUSE OF HORRORS

Whitbread have completed alterations to the Jolly Waggoners on Manchester Old Road, Bury. This has included the provision of a wine bar and plushing up and enlarging the lounge. Marstons Pedigree has now joined Duttons bitter on sale in the pub. These alterations just go to prove that Whitbread are capable of doing a tasteful modernisation. But within a week they had opened up their latest House of Horrors. This time they picked on a typical traditional street-corner local for gross mutilation. And what a mess they've made. The pub concerned is the Woolpack, Wood Street, Bury. Most of the standard House of Horrors features are present - dark green walls, plastic vines, bedstead ends, raised seating areas, shelves full of mindless jumble, etc. Specialities of the house include a rocking horse over a bedstead end and a stuffed white swan in flight. The piles of wool bales are believed to be only a temporary feature, as they are destined to furnish the padded cell for the designers.

OB OUT, WHITBREAD IN

Oldham Breweries' own lager, Rheingold, has been ousted from all their outlets by Heineken, Whitbread's lager as sold in Boddingtons pubs. It will sell for at least 6p more than the Rheingold. But, of course, as all drinkers know, the extra taste will be well worth the money!



REEL ALES

The new landlord at the Bolton Arms on New Bridge Street has had an additional handpump installed for Youngers IPA. The two original pumps now dispense Youngers Scotch bitter, which has replaced McEwans Scotch. (The Youngers Scotch -XXPS- and IPA are virtually identical to McEwans 70/- and 80/-.)

GOOD BEER GUIDE SHOCK HORROR!

Lack of consultation can produce an excellent selection of Manchester City Centre pubs for the 1983 Good Beer Guide. The likely candidates are:-

Bulls Head (Burtonwood)	Grey Horse (Hydes)
Coach & Horses (Tetley, Boddingtons, Saxon Cross)	
Cox's Bar (Boddingtons)	Peveril of the Peak (Wilsons)
Square Albert (Tetley) Yes, Really!	
Sinclairs (Sam Smiths)	Hare & Hounds (Tetleys)
Crown & Kettle (Wilsons)	Jolly Angler (Hydes)
Unicorn (Bass)	

Letters of congratulation should be sent to the appropriate branch.

DUTTONS

The Swan and Railway on Spring Lane, Radcliffe (near the station), has had a handpump installed for cask Duttons.

GOOD CAUSE

A fund-raising fete in aid of Hawthorn Special School, Corporation Road, Audenshaw takes place on Sunday 20 June. CAMRA High Peak will be running the bar from 1.00pm to 5.00pm and it is to be hoped that we will boost the proceeds of the event for this worthy cause. Beers available are likely to be Boddingtons and Winkles; all drinkers are welcome.

FRIGATE

Joseph Holt's Frigate at Whitefield changed hands last month. The new landlord is Chris Hunt who, after a brief spell at the Melville, used

to be with Whitbreads. With room prices of 47p for bitter and 45p for mild, this pub serves the cheapest pint in the area.

BROWN BULL BOOST

The Brown Bull, Chapel Street, Salford has been completely redecorated inside and out and was recently offering a meal and a drink for £1.10. Our correspondent got stuck into roast beef, Yorkshire pud, peas and chips, washed down with a pint of Marstons bitter - not bad for £1.10!

NOTES FROM WIGAN

A former Good Beer Guide entry, the Belle Vue, Woodhouse Lane, Wigan, has replaced Duttons bitter with Castle Eden Ale. This is the only Whitbread real ale outlet in the town.

Another ex-GBG pub, the Market Tavern in the town centre, no longer sells Youngers No.3, due to lack of demand. IPA is still available on handpumps.

There is another real ale gain in Wigan. Squires (formerly the Wigan Arms) in Barrack Square is now selling handpumped Wilsons bitter at 54p a pint.

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Dunham Massey: Rope & Anchor **Mobberley:** Railway

Carrington: Windmill

Partington: King William IV

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Sale Moor: Legh Arms, Carters Arms

Northern Moor: Park, Jolly Butcher **Stretford:** Melville

Chorlton: Alan's Wines & Spirits **Hulme:** Pomona Palace, Church

Manchester Centre: Crown, Peveril of the Peak, Seven Oaks, Millstone, Wheatsheaf (Oak Street)

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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JOLLY ANGLER



Sir - Your unsubstantiated rumour department is correct in saying that the Jolly Angler is being done up for its return to the Good Beer Guide. Wouldn't it be nice to think that when the ballroom is finished it could display the Pub of the Month plaque for September 1981, which Dave has never had, and would love to get it. Also, Dave and Kath have started a bottled beer collection, which presently stands at 50+; any contributions will be gladly accepted

DEAR BEER

I Gladwell

Sir - At the Crown on Blackfriars Street in Salford I was sold a pint of Wilsons handpumped, traditional bitter. All very well, but at 60p a pint I didn't feel very well. This pub should be in the Good Dear Guide. Can anyone let What's Doing know of a dearer pint of Wilsons than that? Incidentally, I was sold a nice pint of Wilsons at the Ordsall on Ordsall Lane at a considerably lower price - the "special offer" price of 45p.

Leo King

MATTHEW BROWN CASK

Sir - I was interested to read your list of Matthew Brown real ale outlets (WD May). Not listed, however, was the Last Drop's Drop Inn at Bromley Cross, Bolton. They are now serving handpumped Matthew Brown bitter (60p a pint) and handpumped John Peel Special (presumably costing more than 60p). This is just about the least likely real ale outlet that anyone can imagine. Sales of the bitter were going well when I was there.

Paul Lever



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We had been talking about the Noble's silliness in biting the hand that poisons him when Bilko himself walked into the snug of the Rat and Handbag. Dressed in a new George Melly suit which makes Patrick Moore look like a picture of sartorial elegance, he was a sorry sight. In an attempt to break the embarrassed silence Fiona brought up the ongoing internecine warfare situation in Snoot Magna. Why, she wondered, when other branches could coexist in an atmosphere of obfuscated bonhomie, were they forever stabbing each other in the front?

Tish explained how the situation had arisen. Apparently, in days of yore when Mr Cobbler was a lad, Grotley's first emergent branch was formed with the barrel shaped accountant's ectomorphic sibling as boss person. Over the years the said boss person became heavily into pouring keg Snotes through his beard with other like-minded members of the Amalgamated Society of Toadstretchers, Molestrangers and Skunkfettlers. Strangely, he remained boss of the Snoot Magna Campaign, which did less and less campaigning despite the electric dynamism of stalwarts like Humphrey Dumpty, who in three short years almost completed a list of Snoot Magna amber nectar hostelryes.

But Mr Kelly had reckoned without the bravery of Dermatitis, who was determined to put an end to the lethargy. Snoot Magna had seen off other boss persons like Max Wall, Martin Boreman and Badge Fairplastic and could surely fear nothing from our cupboard-dwelling RO? But no - at the AGM there was a fight for Snoot Magna chairperson between the two. Dermatitis lost - narrowly - but serves on the committee instead of the rejected naughtyboy Hiccup to keep an eye on Mr Kelly.

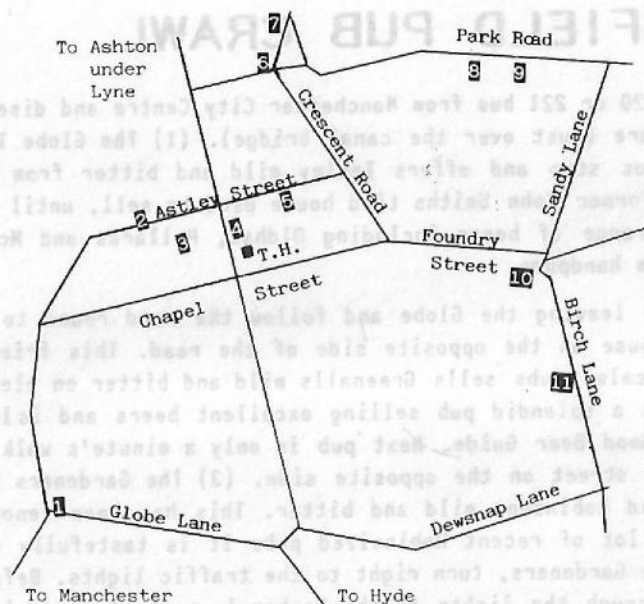
As committee meetings are now closed, little information is forthcoming, but the usual approaches of bribery, blackmail, plying with drink and subterfuge should enable What's Doing to report with accuracy on the machination of the little junta. Will Fidel Galtieri survive? Will Dermatitis become branch boss when he's sacked as RO for insubordination and bringing the Brownies into disrepute? Watch this space.

DUKINFIELD PUB CRAWL

Collect the 220 or 221 bus from Manchester City Centre and disembark at Globe Square (just over the canal bridge). (1) The Globe Inn is facing the bus stop and offers Tetley mild and bitter from hand-pumps. This former John Smiths tied house used to sell, until quite recently, a range of beers including Oldham, Pollards and McEwans 70/-, all from handpump.

Turn right on leaving the Globe and follow the road round to (2), the Chapel House on the opposite side of the road. This friendly, two-roomed locals' pubs sells Greenalls mild and bitter on electric pump. This is a splendid pub selling excellent beers and is listed in the 1982 Good Beer Guide. Next pub is only a minute's walk further down the street on the opposite side. (3) The Gardeners sells electric-pumped Robinsons mild and bitter. This has been renovated but unlike a lot of recent Robinsized pubs it is tastefully done. On leaving the Gardeners, turn right to the traffic lights. Before continuing through the lights to the Newboro', a short diversion is necessary to call in (4) the Newmarket, a former Openshaw Brewery





pub selling hand-drawn Toby Light. Unlike a lot of Bass pubs, this one has kept some character. On Friday and Saturday evenings a good sing-song can be seen and heard (after a few pints anybody joins in).

Next pub is (5) The Newboro'. The landlord, John Lomas, sells an excellent pint of Hydes mild and bitter. The pub is interesting also because of its unusual layout. Leaving the Newboro' and continuing up to the crossroads, turn left and downhill to (6) the Lamb, another excellent locals' pub, this time selling electric-pumped Boddingtons mild and bitter.

Anybody wishing to try more handpumped Toby Light should continue down the hill to (7), The Park. Otherwise go straight to (8) The Tame Valley Hotel, a large open-plan pub selling Wilsons ales on electric pump. Further down the road handpumped Wilsons can be sampled at (9) The Brunswick, a two-roomed locals' pub.

The energetic may wish to continue the crawl by finishing off with some Marstons and even more Wilsons. A ten minute walk following the map will find the dedicated drinker at (10) The Wheatsheaf, another two-roomed pub, but this time selling Marstons mild and bitter on electric pump. The final part of the evening (or lunch time) can be (11) The Snipe, a modern(ish) Wilsons pub selling mild and bitter on electric pumps.

For those wishing to sample even more real ale, Dukinfield has a choice of 16 brews from 9 breweries in 18 pubs.

Dave Hale

DEAR DO AT CLASSY MASSEYS

"Have you heard there's a place in Bolton selling Theakstons," said John, "It's a place near the top entrance to the Arndale, at the back of the Wimpy, it's called Matty's, I think." We supped up, John went to the Derby for Hartleys, Jim and myself set out to find the place. Back Mawdsley Street it turned out to be, and it was called Masseys, There was a very impressive downstairs entrance, we went down and through the door, "Well, at least we haven't had to pay to get in," I thought. Sure enough, Theakstons was available, bitter and Old Peculier on pillar taps, "Beer from the Wood" it said on the pump clips. "Two pints of bitter, please," I asked. "Sorry, we only sell halves!" the barmaid replied. "Two halves then, please," I said. She served the beer into $\frac{1}{2}$ -pint oversize Stella Artios glasses. I had run out of smallish change and took out a tenner, just as well, "That's just a pound, please," she said, smiling. I casually tossed the tenner across the bar, thinking to myself, "Thank God they don't serve pints." We sat down. There was live jazz on in the other room, but not many people about, hardly surprising. We didn't stay for another round/pound's worth. "It should keep the riff-raff out, anyway," muttered Jim. "I suppose the only consolation was that lager was 60p a half," I replied with a sigh.

Don Chattwood

POOR ALBERT

Finding myself in the Hillock area of Whitefield I thought I would try a pint in the Albert. "A pint of Duttons, please," I asked. The barmaid obliged but, after a short pull on the pump, replied, "I'm sorry, this is water, the Duttons must be off." "Never mind," said I, "A pint of Saxon Cross." "I'm sorry, that is off as well. Would you like a pint of Trophy?" "No, thank you!" I left for a pint of John Willies in the nearby Lord Clive.

David Rowlinson

THE NAME GAME

At one time names like Old Tom or XXX may have been considered unusual for identifying beer. But what about these modern names:

Bullfrog, Quail (Abbey Brewery, Rotherham), Headstrong (Blackawton Brewery, Totnes), Wallop (Bourne Valley Brewery, Andover), Bootlace, Black Sheep, Dogbolter, Froghopper, Kneetrembler, Mindboggler, Sphincter - I'm not kidding either:- (Bruces Brewery, a London consortium), Nutcracker (Cotleigh Brewery, Somerset), Croaker (Frog & Frigate, Southampton), Tanglefoot (Hall & Woodhouse, Dorset), Old Devil (Martlet Brewery, Eastbourne), Clipper, Gravedigger (Pier Hotel, Gravesend), Blackjack, Fortyniner, Old Thumper (Ringwood Brewery, Hants), Old Grumble (Tisbury Brewery, Wilts), Black Hog, Wild Boar (Trough Brewery, Bradford).

Leo King

BOGBRUSH-THE NET TIGHTENS PIFFLE

such as dominoes, and cards.
For the beer connoisseur,
the Greenhall bitter is served
direct from the large tanks.
The mild and Crunhall lager
are chilled to give the perfect
pint each time, and there is
also draught Guinness.

The above pearls of wisdom appeared in an Oldham Chronicle advertising feature on the Big Lamp, Shaw. The pub was selling all-keg Marstons previously, so we have lost nothing in the change to Greenalls.



Police seek man after sex attack

LANCASHIRE police have issued an artist's impression of the man wanted in connection with a sex attack on a schoolgirl.

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Branch Diary

BOLTON

June 2 8.30 Derby Arms, Derby Street, Bolton. Speaker - Local Whitbread Area Manager
June 16 Committee/Social Meeting, York Hotel, Newport Street, Bolton
Contact James Hurst Tottington 3532

SOUTH LANCs

Tues 1 June, Legh Arms, Golborne. GBG Meeting 8.00
Thurs 10 June Railway Hotel, Twist Lane, Leigh. Branch Meeting
Sat 26th June Real Ale Bar at Shevington Carnival (subject to licence) 1.00-4.30
Contact Brian Gleave Atherton 876200 (w) 892965 (h)

NORTH MANCHESTER

Weds 16th June, Branch Meeting, Three Legs of Man, Greengate, Salford. Speaker - Mr Brian Harbit, Trading Standards Officer, GMC
Weds 7 July Pub Crawl of Peel Green and Patricroft. Unicorn 7.00, Packet 8.00
Weds 14 July Committee/Social Broadway, off Trafford Road, Salford 8.00
Weds 21 July Branch Meeting, White Swan, Swinton 8.00
Contact Roger Hall 740 7937

TRAFFORD & HULME

Thurs 17 June 8.00, Branch Meeting, Railway, Mobberley (by Mobberley Station)
Thurs 24 June Pub of the Month with South Manchester Branch
Thurs 1 July 7.30 Committ/Social, ASE Club, High Bank, Dunham Road, Altrincham
Sat 10 July, Chester Awayday. Meet 12 noon, Bull & Stirrup, Upper Northgate Street or 8pm Olde Customs House, Watergate Street.
Thurs 15 July 8.00. Branch Meeting, Malt Shovels, Stamford Street, Altrincham
Contact Mick Rottenbury 969 7013 (h)

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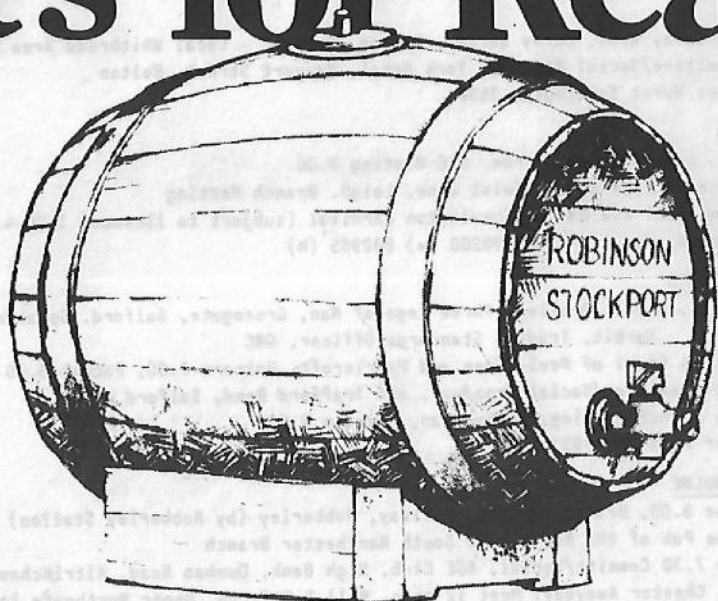
Tues 8 June Brack Meeting at the Cheshire Ring (former Navigation), Hyde 8.30
Tues 1 June, Committee Meeting at the Horseshoe, High Lane, 8.30
Sun 20th June CAMRA Bar at the Hawthorns Special School, Corporation Road, Audenshaw.
Opening hours 1.00-5.00. Beers - Winkles and Boddingtons
Contact Tom Lord 427 7099

ROCHDALE, OLDHAM & BURY

Tues 8 June 8.00 Branch Meeting, Alpine Gasthof (Sam Smiths), Whitworth Rd, Rochdale.
Speaker from Sam Smiths in attendance.
Tues 22 June 8pm, Committee Meeting, Turf (Whitbread "free house"), Bury Old Road, Prestwich.
Tues 13 July, 8pm. Branch Meeting, Fairfield (Thwaites), Rochdale Road, Bury
Tues 27 July 8pm, Committee Meeting, Brickcroft (Thwaites), Brook Street (Freetown), Bury.
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