

# WHAT'S DOING

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## NEW LOOK ROSE

Harry Wilde, director, and Richard Lees-Jones, chairman, of Lees Brewery behind the bar of the Rose of Lancaster, Chadderton. The brewery have recently spent £130,000 on doing the pub up and an extension.



## MANCHESTER'S OLDEST PUB

At first sight the Pack Horse on Oldham Road seems an unlikely contender for the title of Manchester's oldest pub. It is not mentioned in the earliest directories and the Manchester Brewery Company facade is typical of the inter-war years. Even the pub's former position, sandwiched between a church and a school, gives no indication of the age of the building.

The name, however, the Pack Horse or Old Pack Horse, is a clue that the pub may have existed before wheeled traffic became commonplace in the last years of the eighteenth century. There is a clear reference to the Pack Horse in Newton Lane in the 1788 Manchester directory, when Thomas Dickenson is recorded as the licensee. The building, set back from the road, is clearly identifiable on Green's map from 1787 and a Pack Horse appears in the 1772 licensing records, with William Dickin as the alehousekeeper. The clearest evidence of the pub's age, however, comes from the title deeds. The land was sold by Thomas Hope, yeoman, to Samuel Swift, weaver, on 21st November 1761, with the condition that a dwellinghouse be built within two years. In 1771 the premises were sold to William Dickin.

The fact that the basic structure of the pub is 220 years old can be verified by a close examination of the rear. Beyond the MBCo monumental gate and behind the outbuildings, the original back wall of the Old Pack Horse can still be seen. Unlike the front elevation of the pub, the rear has remained relatively unscathed by the depredations of progress and shows how the Pack Horse may have looked two centuries ago.

Roger Hall



# WHAT'S DOING

## *OSBORNE TO LOSE?*

The future of Wilsons' Osborne on Eccles New Road is in some doubt. Sales have suffered since the motorway was completed and plans for a car park have been turned down. Let's hope that if the pub is sold it goes to a small brewery like Failsworth, rather than being turned into an unlicensed furriers or a Lamborghini showroom.

## *THROSTLE BACK IN THE NEST - ALMOST*

The Throstles Nest on Seymour Grove reopened some weeks ago after being severely damaged by fire. The beautiful interior has not returned, although it has not had the hideous Whitbread House of Horrors treatment. Unfortunately the handpumps went up with the flames and have not been replaced

## *ABANDON HOPE*

Another kick in the teeth for the "ban the jeans and training shoes" brigade. One Sunday night recently a posse of police cars screeched up outside the Inn of Good Hope in Salford to sort out the besuited rabble who were displaying an excess of high spirits inside and throwing glasses at the grandfather clocks.

## *UP FOR SALE*

Tetley Walker have put the Assheton Arms on Booth Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, on the market. It is believed the pub will either be sold as a free house or converted into offices.

## *WIGAN ALE*

A new bar has opened in Upper Dickinson Street, Wigan, about two minutes walk from the Market Square. It is called the Alrar. This once private residence has been converted into a hotel with a public bar area, serving a good pint of Youngers Scotch bitter (60p) and Youngers IPA on handpumps.

## *JOB CREATION SCHEMES FOR UNEMPLOYED SUPERNUMARIES (Part 6)*

If Health Inspectors have their way, the death of the autovac or econo-miser may be imminent. Prosecutions have been threatened in Greater Manchester. Fears about handpumps being ripped out are, however, unfounded. Wilsons Brewery, if they were required to remove their econo-misers, would still retain handpumps. No doubt excess beer will be left lying about in buckets and poured back into the barrel later - a far more hygienic arrangement and one which will help justify the existence of environmental health inspectors.

## *FAREWELL TO TAVERN*

The landlady of the Thirteenth Mounted Volunteer Cheshire Rifleman in Stalybridge, the pub with the longest name in the country, has left



after running the pub for the past 21 years. She ran it single-handed after being widowed shortly after moving in. Mrs Doris Taverner was presented with a set of commemorative plates by Wilsons' District Manager, Stuart Clarke.

### **LANCASTER LORE**

One of Lancaster's most well known pub names, the White Cross on Penny Street, is to disappear following the merger of the pub with the Farmers Arms next door. Both are owned by local brewers Yates & Jacksons. An unfortunate feature of the combined establishment is the curious refusal to serve pints of beer to women. The recommended procedure is therefore to order the requisite number of pints for the gentlemen in the party and when these have been pulled, order for the women. When service is refused, as it will be, the correct action is to walk out, leaving the unsold pints on the bar.

Just across the canal, that rather happier establishment, the Water Witch, is now selling "Cumberland Strong Bitter", a new 1050og brew from the Westmorland Brewery of Appleby, Cumbria (still with me?)

Meanwhile, on the other side of town, and controlled by the "other firm", Mitchells' Tramway on St Leonardsgate has been refurbished in a refreshingly restrained manner, when compared with the antics of a certain Big Six brewery. Even so, it does contain certain curiosities - such as a caged tram driver (caught drinking on duty?) and a juke box inescapable even in the gents! The ale, however, is excellent!

(PS - Jimmy Ribble would like to thank all concerned for providing a new edition of "Real Ale in Bolton" last month to coincide with his recent move to that town)

### **MOVEMENTS IN THE CEMETERY**

Rochdale's foremost free house, the Good Beer Guide listed Cemetery on Bury Road, Rochdale, has recently undergone some structural alterations. The admittedly cramped bar has been extended by about ten feet, thus providing more room for the customers and the many hand-pumps adorning the bar top. Fortunately, the rest of the pub remains as before, with a vault, lounge and snug. The upstairs room is still used for catering.

The range of beers is constantly changing since Ethel, the licensee, decided to try out various guest beers. Boddies and Taylors provide the mainstay, together with Robinsons and Marstons. At the time of writing, guest beers include Prior, Everards and Ruddles. What is more to the point, all the beers are served in excellent condition, unlike many other "beer exhibition" pubs!

The range of bottled beers is about to expand to include foreign beers

and lagers. Who knows, perhaps names such as Chimay, Gueuze and Kriek might become as commonplace in Rochdale as tripe and cowheel!

### **REAL ALE REVIVALS**

The Boot & Clogger, Woodley (adjoining Woodley Precinct), the Rising Sun, Bredbury (next to the rail station) and the Stockdove on Compstall Road, Romiley, now sell traditional handpumped Wilsons mild and bitter. The Romiley Arms (Whitbread-Chesters), immediately opposite Romiley Station, now sells traditional Chesters mild and bitter. The pub has been modernised to a reasonable standard, unlike some recent conversions.

### **SET & MATCH**

Badgers Restaurant, which opened in Manchester city centre in December serving Taylors beers, has closed due to lack of custom.

### **OPEN PLAN**

Whitbread have altered another of their houses in Denton, the Chapel House on Stockport Road. The bar has been moved to the right hand side of the pub and there is now a large, open plan lounge with plush seating. The House of Horrors treatment does not seem to have been applied here.

### **UP FOR AUCTION**

The Lydgate on Blackstone Edge Old Road, Littleborough, is up for sale. This is one of three pubs owned by a group of Rochdale businessmen - the others are the Cemetery and the Ladybarn, Milnrow. The Lydgate is an isolated moorland pub of an unusual split level design.

## **Hooded visitors to the house of horror**

The above headline appeared in the Daily Express and led to certain questions being asked. (1) Who are these people and why are they so ashamed to show their faces in a Twitbread pub? (2) Is one of the masked fiends the versatile Mr Alistair L Walker? (3) Will Mr Walker be stuffed and hung in a suitable corner of one of these disco wax-works-cum-Steptoe's junkyards? (4) Will this affect Perry Drab's outgoing image?



## N.W.W.A. REVEALS ALL

Overheard on a recent "J Y prog" concerning the water workers' strike and its subsequent effects on the quality of tap water, a NWWA spokesperson, describing the yellow crud emanating from some taps, said that it could best be described as "lager-like". So that's how they make it!

## SPITFIRE

A fire at Yates' Wine Lodge on Great Ancoats Street, known affectionately as the Yacht Club, may result in hundreds of displaced customers invading other hosteleries. They can be recognised by their Savile Row suits and the charred sawdust on their Gucci shoes.

## GLOBE GOES FULL CIRCLE

Back in July 1982 it was reported that the Globe on Tottington Road, Bury, was selling keg Trophy through handpumps. The local branch expressed their concern to Whitbread (WD Nov 1982), who didn't seem to care either way. Since the New Year, the Trophy has returned to its rightful (!?) place - and the handpump now dispenses Castle Eden Ale. What a coincidence!

## NEWBOROUGH CHANGES

The Newborough, Astley Street, Dukinfield, changed hands on 11th February. This GBG Hydes house has been kept by John and Jennie Lomas for the last four years. The new hosts are Mary and Stan Smith, who previously had the Hope Inn on Chester Road.

## PIFFLE

After reading the extracts from the "In Inns of Lancashire", printed in a recent WD, B Needham of Hazel Grove has owned up to being the proud possessor of a copy of "In Inns of Cheshire". He sends the following extract from the introduction:

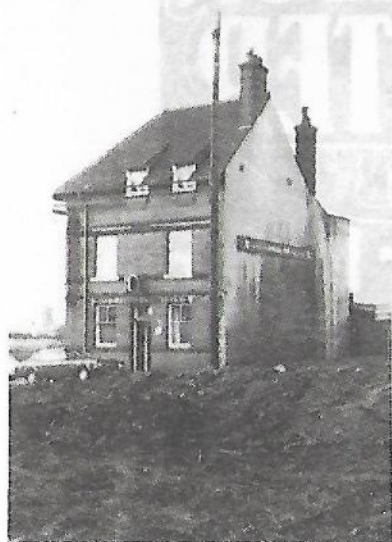
### Choose your poison

What's yours — a bitter? A scotch? Beware of being behind the times in your drinking habits. Today it's lager — or one or two of the favourite Kegs. Vodka has been in . . . and seems to be taking an exit again. Now it's Bacardi.

You'll be sure that the Inns you see on our pages will have chosen their cellars with a great deal of care and thought for what **you** want to drink. Sometimes you'll see a bar crowded with ten or twelve 'heads' of different beers and lagers, with whining electric pumps and shushing aeriated taps galore. The place is all the better for them. It means that you get the drink you want fast. The proud days of the Pull pump and the barmaids sinewy arm may be behind us, but it **does** mean more drinking time. And isn't that what it's all about?

## OB CLEAR. OUT

Boddingtons have recently given notice to nine managers of OB pubs. They intend to replace them with tenants. They claim that the pubs "were not viable". Of the nine, only two sell cask beer. They are the GBG listed Rose of Lancaster and the Gardeners Rest on Acre Lane.



## ANCHORS AWEIGH

The Anchor on Bury Old Road, Bolton, is opening up as a free house. This ex-Greenalls pub has been derelict for some time. The building has been repaired, sand-blasted and a sign proclaiming Boddingtons beers has appeared.

## HEINEKEN KEGGED IN OLDHAM

Boddingtons have recently commissioned the new Heineken kegging line at OB. This investment represents Boddingtons much vaunted commitment to the future of OB. The Strangeways brewery is now the only independent company in the country to keg this lager. Representatives

from Boddingtons, OB and Heineken were present as the first keg rolled off the line. Whitbread's representative was one Mr Jasper Clutterbuck. With a name like that Mr Clutterbuck should watch out for himself whilst in the North West - he could quite easily find himself festooned in a gibbet in a corner of some House of Horrors.

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## Branch Diary

### SOUTH MANCHESTER

Thurs 10 Mar Branch Meeting, Gateway Hotel, East Didsbury.

Thurs 24 Mar Pub of the Month - Imperial, Birch St, West Gorton.

Date to be arranged - Trip to Burton Bridge Brewery - phone Ian McDermott for details 864 1668

Thurs 14 April Branch AGM, Gateway Hotel, East Didsbury - members please attend

Wednesday 20 April, Robinsons Brewery visit - places still available.

Contact - Sue Sproson 061 225 4058



#### ROCHDALE, OLDHAM & BURY

Tues 8 Mar 8.00pm. Branch meeting Welcome (Holts), Bury Old Rd, Whitefield. GBG Editor Roger Protz in attendance. All welcome.

Sat 12 Mar Lunchtime coach trip to Cheshire Ring, Hyde.

Tues 22 Mar 8.00pm Committee meeting, Friendship (Holts), Scholes Lane, Prestwich

Tues 5 April 8.00pm Branch Meeting, Healey (Robinsons), Shawclough, Rochdale.

Tues 19 April 8.00pm Committee meeting Lark (Bass), Durham St, Rochdale

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#### NORTH MANCHESTER

Wed 15 Mar Branch AGM, White Swan, Swinton. 8.00

Wed 23 Mar. Coach trip to Lancaster. £2.50. From Duke of York, Eccles. 6.15pm

Weds 6 April. Trans Irwell Crawl. Brown Bull 7pm, Mark Addy 8pm

Weds 13 April. Coach & Horses, Cadishead. 8.00pm

Weds 20 April, Branch Meeting, Bulls Head, Swinton 8.00pm. Peter Walker Speaker.

Contact Roger Hall 740 7937

#### HIGH PEAK & NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Tues 8 Mar 9.00 Committee meeting (venue to be arranged)

Tues 5 Mar 8.30 Branch meeting, Highland Laddie, Old St, Ashton under Lyne (Boddingtons) Speaker from OB or Boddingtons if available.

Contact Tom Lord 061 427 7099

#### BOLTON

Sat 5 Mar Day trip to Edinburgh. £9.00 Train 8.51am from Bolton, return 10.20. (Book Merry-maker Special)

Wed 9 Mar 8pm. Branch Meeting. 10 Year Scroll presentation at York Hotel, Newport St, Bolton. Burtonwood speakers. Moving to Scamps disco (handpumped Greenalls) 10.30-2.00

Sun 20 Mar 12noon. Social Toll Bar, Harwich. Moving to Amsterdam Bar 1.00pm

Fri 1st April Day trip to Brighton (Ring for details)

Wed 6 Apr Branch Meeting, George, Gt Moor St, Bolton

Sun 17 Apr 12noon. A session on the Jumpin Joes, White Lion, Market St. Westh'ton

Contact Jim Hurst Tottington 3532

#### TRAFFORD & HULME

Thurs 3 Mar Committee/Social Crown, Deansgate, Manchester (nr station) 7.30pm

Thurs 17 Mar Branch meeting, Cheshire Midland, Ashley Rd, Hale, 8.00pm

Thurs 24 Mar "Pub of the Month" Imperial Hotel, Birch St, West Gorton, 8pm (With S Manchester)

Thurs 31 Mar WD collation, Barrington, Barrington Rd, Altrincham. 7.30pm PROMPT! moving to Victoria Tavern, Victoria St, Altrincham for Social about 8.30pm

Thurs 7 April Committee/Social, Windmill, Manchester Rd, Carrington 8.00pm

Contact Alan Hurdle 973 2103 (h)







I'd always thought that the reaction of the typical brewer to What's Doing dropping on his doormat would be to consign it to the waste paper basket or hang it in the smallest room. But no! Almost without exception the Beerage studies every word, looking for the odd bit of encouragement in the sea of criticism. Efrem Brobdingnag smuggles his copy into his office inside the Beano and foams at the teeth, biting the carpet in paroxysms of apoplectic dander behind closed doors. Even Perry Drab, since the successful completion of his "On the Move" course, now reads What's Doing. Matthew Dillon dreads the arrival, lest there should be more critical comment with regard to his architectural talents.

Instead of living in fear, it would be much better if the brewery bosses discontinued the daft practices for which they are pilloried, but there is no understanding their eccentricities. Deviant behaviour is not, however, confined to the upper echelons of the brewing fraternity. Even relative newcomers begin to act oddly after a short while. One Slumley Parva tavern keeper, who shall remain nameless, has become aberrant in the extreme. When he hosted a recent Grotley branch meeting he introduced the novel idea of holding other meetings simultaneously in adjoining rooms. It was a real joy to meet members of the Decibels Punk Rock Band and the winners of the Tarzan Emulation Society after their wet underpant competition.

It was perhaps a fitting irony that mine host could not be present for the vote of thanks. He had, it seems, gone to take part in a Shakespeare lookalike extravaganza and was last seen on a No 12 bus dressed up as a giant rabbit with a key in his back, heading for the Scotton dog track to launder his ill-gotten readies. With a bit more practice our tavern keeper could become as eccentric as Efrem Brobdingnag or Perry Drab. What an asset that would be!

## HISTORY LESSON

Twenty or so years ago when Watneys took over Wilsons, they sent the boys round to see how best Watneys could cash in their new property. A copy of their report fell off the back of a dray the other week and we are printing it as a reminder of what could have quite easily happened. In brief, this is what was suggested:

**BRICKLAYERS ARMS**, George St, Altrincham. Possible User: Shops conversion or redevelopment.

**BIRD IN HAND**, Yorkshire St, Oldham. First class multiple position for shop development. Would appear to be easy conversion.

**CLARENCE HOTEL**, Silver St, Bury. Possible User: shops or offices. Conversion or redevelopment.

**TOUCHSTONE**, Princess St, Stockport. Possible user: shops, redevelopment. Very valuable shopping site on key corner.

**MASONS ARMS**, Market Place, Middleton. Good shop conversion

**THE VINE**, High St, Cheadle. Easy conversion in very good trading posn.

**GRAPES**, Yorkshire St, Oldham. Make a fine supermarket development

**PRINCE WILLIAM OF GLOUCESTER**, Market Place, Oldham. Very good site for redevelopment. Possibility of rehousing pub round corner. Would prefer to leave this and take both Bird in Hand and Grapes.

**OXFORD BAR**, Oxford St, Manchester. Entire block from J&J Shaw (Furniture) Ltd depth only 30ft, would make an easy shop/office conversion.

**QUEEN ANN**, 26 Market Place, Heywood. Easy conversion to multiple shop

**PINEAPPLE**, Castle St, Edgeley, Stockport. Good multiple shopping posn. Investigate acquisition of 2/3 cottages and vacant land for supermarket.

**BRUNSWICK HOTEL**, 99 Piccadilly, Manchester. Possible User: Shops/Offices/ Commercial conversion. Long leasehold with covenant to maintain licence.

**SWAN WITH TWO NECKS**, Withy Grove, Manchester. Possible User: Ground floor shop and commercial upper part.

**TATTON ARMS**, Mill Lane, Northenden. Might make a residential scheme. It is in an area to which people come for caravanning. Rowing and golf nearby. Apparently 1½ to 2 acres, but check this.

**THE IMPERIAL**, 28 Piccadilly, Manchester. Upper part already in use as offices. Easy conversion or rebuild. Brewery - consider scheme with in-built licensed premises

**SWAN HOTEL**, Waterloo St, Crumpsall. Possible site for industrial development. Check extent of company's holding. Adjoins Co-operative biscuit factory who might be buyers.

**NEW YORK INN**, Bloom St, Manchester. Possible garage/petrol station



MIDWAY HOTEL, Longsight Road, Longsight. Possible garage/petrol station. Entire rebuilding. P.H. already set back. A large site with good service station possibilities.

LION AND LAMB, Victoria Ave, Blackley. Good class main frontage. Residential with some shops nearby. An interesting possible garage or residential scheme.

NEW WHITE LION, Middleton Old Rd, Blackley. Possible garage/petrol station. Doubtful, because of sloping nature of site.

MILLSTONE, Thomas St, Manchester. Seems a reasonably straightforward shop conversion, or redevelopment with adjoining properties.

MITRE HOTEL, Cathedral Gates, Manchester. Stone face building in a good position which would make a good office conversion.

WAGGON & HORSES, Southgate, Manchester. Doubtful, but possible for commercial or offices. Wilsons - affected by road proposals.

BULLS HEAD, 84 London Rd, Manchester. Early consideration Spot figure £8-10,000. Possible road troubles. Brewery would willingly part. Watney Mann not interested. If brewery wish to dispose they should close and auction.

BERKSHIRE TAVERN, Victoria Avenue, Blackley. Possible garage/petrol station. Prestige pub but could make extension to Esso garage.

BESSEMER HOTEL, Gorton Lane, West Gorton. This may well be included in council redevelopment but Gorton Lane is heavily trafficked and a service station with the adjoining property included may be good thing

WOODCOURT HOTEL, Brooklands Rd, Sale. Possible entire rebuilding. A block of flats or good class housing. Wilsons:- considered for petrol station.

OXFORD HOTEL, Oxford Street. Possible shops/offices redevelopment

CLYNES VAULTS, Oxford Rd, Manchester. Secondary shopping district. A possible shop. Wilsons:- held on short lease 7 yrs from 1962. Possible BBC site.

WHITE HART, Oldham Rd, Manchester. Possible garage/petrol station. Wilsons do not own Oldham Rd frontage. Possible widening 1972.

WATERLOO HOTEL, Burton Rd, Withington. Held on short lease. Doubtful development but could have possibilities for residential purposes.

WAGGON & HORSES, Stockport Rd, Longsight. Possible garage development.

SIR COLIN CAMPBELL, Regent Rd, Salford. Affected by poss. rd widening

WALDORF HOTEL, Cooper St, Manchester. Even with an overall reconstruction a conversion of the building for office or commercial use seems a very distinct possibility. Highly valuable site £50,000+

CLOWES HOTEL, Trafford Rd, Salford. Possible garage/petrol station.

GROVE INN, Eccles New Rd, Salford. Poss. shops. Affected by rd widening

CROSS KEYS INN, Broad St, Pendleton. Small easy corner shop conversion to about £550-600 per annum. Wilsons:- worth more than £600 p.a. as a P.H. Affected by redevelopment of Broad Street.

ORIGINAL INN, Lower Broughton Rd, Salford. Possible shop conversion or development in medium class local centre. Redevelopment 1965-80

OSBORNE INN, Eccles New Rd, Salford. The off licence 28 Eccles New Rd is at other corner of this block with shops in between. Block extends along Eccles New Rd from block incorporating Ship Hotel. Two blocks together as a shop scheme would make a spectacular development.

SHIP HOTEL, Eccles New Rd, Salford. On very prominent corner with a Wilsons P.H. (Grove, Wellington) at each corner along the two frontages. With the adjoining property and some slum houses at the rear this would make a rather spectacular island site shop and supermarket development worked up with the co-operation of the council.

PRIORY INN, Hr Broughton, Salford. Possible residential development.

TOWER INN, Broad St, Pendleton. Small frontage but easy shop conversion in £500-600 per annum class of rental. Wilsons:- worth more than £600 to us as P.H.

THATCHED HOUSE, Broad St, Salford. Easy shop conversion to perhaps £650 per annum. Wilsons:- worth more than £650 as P.H.

ROYAL GEORGE, Lever Street, Manchester. Possible for commercial development.

ROYAL THORN HOTEL, Altrincham Rd, Wythenshawe. Very prominent position. Suit petrol station or residential development.

ROYAL OAK HOTEL, Altrincham Rd, Wythenshawe. Not considered quite good enough for residential development but possible for service station.

STAR INN, Hyde Rd, Ardwick. Site set well back off main road and could make a good service station.

SAWYERS ARMS, Deansgate, Manchester. An easy shop conversion. Up to £5,000 p.a. rental value. Brewery profit is about equal to rental value. Very suitable for bank or building society. Would convert easily.

PACK HORSE, Stockport Rd, Levenshulme. Possible shop development - may interest Co-op next door.

SHAKESPEARE HOTEL, Fountain St, Manchester. Possible shops or offices. Good position just off Market St. Possible planning complications to redeveloping.

GOLDEN TAVERN, Rochdale Rd, Harpurhey. Poor class local shopping centre but possible petrol station - on busy corner.

CROWN & KETTLE, Oldham Rd, Manchester. Possible shops/commercial. Out of best shopping area but a bold and interesting corner.

DUCIE BRIDGE, Corporation St, Manchester. This could make an island site development but as adjoining property is likely to be owned by CIS this property might well be disposed of to them. Co-op might pay £8-10 or even £15,000. Wilsons:- will disappear for road works.

DOUGLAS HOTEL, Corporation St, Manchester. Could make interesting shop and office development with adjoining properties.

CROWN INN, Deansgate, Manchester. Suitable for development if required



by Williams Motor Co (Lancs) Ltd, who are Company's tenants on adjoining garage premises.

DEVONSHIRE HOTEL, Stockport Rd, Manchester. There is no shortage of service stations in this locality, but the site is good enough and important enough for a good-class service station development.

ALBERT HOTEL, Wilmslow Rd, Withington. This would make a first class shop development.

MAULDETH HOTEL, Kingsway, Manchester. Make a good service station, Kingsway being main AA route in and out of Manchester and to and from London.

HAUNCH OF VENISON. This is an old building and will want rebuilding as a public house fairly soon. There may well also be room for offices

....and so the list goes on. There are notes on another 30 or so pubs which were investigated, most of which were demolished for council redevelopment in the early 1970s.

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## HULME AND ST GEORGES

To many people, the area bounded by Boundary Lane/Moss Lane West/ Erskine Street/Bridgewater Canal (Egerton Street) is regarded as Hulme, but this is not so; the Chester Road area, including Cornbrook, is in the district of St George's. This district has its own parish church and once contained a barracks and a pub named after the district - the St Georges Tavern on Egerton Street, which was blitzed in the war. A temporary prefabricated pub was built further along Dawson Street in the Knott Mill area and was nicknamed "The Birdcage". Handley's brewery was in St Georges, adjoining the Bulls Head pub. St Georges had its fair share of pubs, along with its two closest rivals; Hulme and Ordsall. It now has only 11 pubs (8 sell real ale). The Star on Bentinck Street was reputed to be the only McEwans house in Manchester and sold real first class ales (draught light and draught dark was the order). It was sadly demolished, for what reason I will never know. It was replaced by a modern pub which I think has its beers drawn via Gaythorn Gas Works.

Other pubs were the Greyhound (Ind Coope), Chester Road Inn (Groves & Whitnall), Bridgewater (Wilsons), Egerton, Egerton Street (Hardys), Egerton, Chester Road (Wilsons), Ivy Leaf (G&W), Hulme Hall Inn (G&W) -replaced by the Manchester Regiment, Wheatsheaf (Hardys) and others.

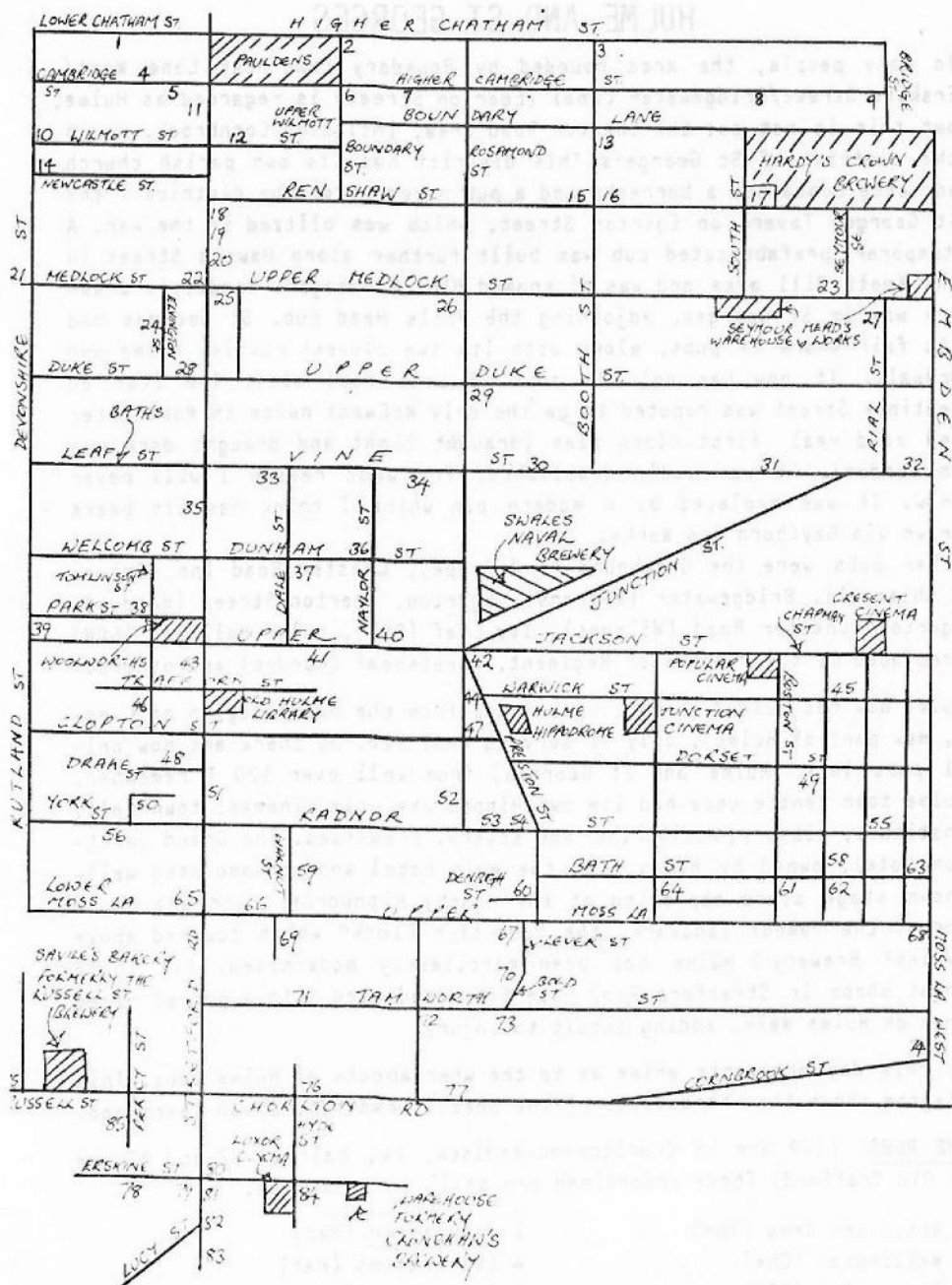
Hulme now has just 22 pubs (including 2 from the outer region of C-on-M, now part of Hulme), only 12 serving real ale. So there are now only 31 pubs left (Hulme and St Georges) from well over 120 I remember. Hulme town centre once had its own Hippodrome, six cinemas, town hall, institute, library, Woolworths and several breweries. The Grand Junction Hotel, owned by Hydes, was the main hotel and accommodated well-known stage stars appearing at the nearby Hippodrome. And who could forget the famous landmark, the "Junction Clock" which towered above Swales' Brewery? Hulme has been mercilessly modernised. All those great shops in Stretford Road have been condensed into a pocket sized area on Hulme Walk, adding insult to injury.

To this day arguments arise as to the whereabouts of Hulme pubs. This diagram shows the whereabouts of the ones I remember, 25-30 years ago.

THE PUBS. (1-9 are in Chorlton-on-Medlock, 74, half of 82 and 83 are in Old Trafford) Those underlined are still in existence.

- 1 Artillery Arms (Thr)
- 3 Wellington (Che)
- 5 Church Inn (G&W)
- 7 Royal Oak (Wil)
- 9 White Lion (Mar)

- 2 Salutation (Har)
- 4 Stonemasons (Har)
- 6 Criterion (Mar)
- 8 Corporation (Thr)
- 10 Beverley Arms (G&W)





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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 11 <u>Clynes Wine Bar</u> (Wil)                 | 12 Royal Oak (Mar)                    |
| 13 Crown Vaults (G&W)                           | 14 Transvaal Inn (G&W)                |
| 15 Melbourne (Mar)                              | 16 York (Wil)                         |
| 17 <u>Crown</u> (Har) the brewery tap           | 18 Shakespeare (Wil) Nelly Kelly's    |
| 19 Stretford Rd Hotel (Rob) Billy Meredith's    |                                       |
| 20 Mitre (IC)                                   | 21 Bridgewater Arms (Wil)             |
| 22 Dolphin (Har)                                | 23 Kings Head (Rob)                   |
| 24 Red Lion (G&W)                               | 25 Roebuck (CB)                       |
| 26 White Lion (Mar)                             | 27 Royal Oak (G&W)                    |
| 28 Albion (Har)                                 | 29 Brighton (Wil)                     |
| 30 Swan (G&W)                                   | 31 Blue Post (G&W)                    |
| 32 Greenheys (Tet)                              | 33 Standard (YCB)                     |
| 34 Rob Roy (Har)                                | 35 Golden Eagle (Wil) The Nudger      |
| 26 Manchester Arms (G&W)                        | 37 Roebuck (Mar)                      |
| 38 Hope Inn (G&W)                               | 39 Grants Arms (Bod)                  |
| 40 Britannia (Wal)                              | 41 Nelson(Che), Sir Henry Royce site  |
| 42 <u>Junction</u> (Hyd)                        | 43 Wellington (Har) rep. by Iron Duke |
| 44 Waterloo (Wil)                               | 45 Warwick (G&W)                      |
| 46 Duke of Brunswick (Tet) "Totty's"            | 47 Nottingham Arms (Wal)              |
| 48 Wheatsheaf (Wil)                             | 49 Kennett's Vaults (Wil)             |
| 50 Concert (Mar)                                | 51 White Horse (Wal)                  |
| 52 Clarendon (Mar)                              | 53 Radnor (Thr)                       |
| 54 Lincolns Inn (Wal)                           | 55 Crown (G&W)                        |
| 56 York Inn (Wal)                               | 57 Raglan (Thr)                       |
| 58 Briston (Yng)                                | 59 Walnut (YCB)                       |
| 60 Ivy Bower (Wil)                              | 61 Boston Hotel (Hol)                 |
| 62 Langham Inn (JWL)                            | 63 Albert Inn (Wal)                   |
| 64 Derby (G&W)                                  | 65 Eagle (Wil)                        |
| 66 Trafford Arms (Mar) Bertha Clough's          | 67 Marlborough (Wil)                  |
| 68 Prince of Wales (Wil)                        | 69 Great Eastern (Wil)                |
| 70 Prince of Wales (G&W)                        | 71 Tamworth House (Rob)               |
| 72 Tamworth Hotel (Wil)                         | 73 Cricketers (G&W)                   |
| 74 Crown (Mar) known as Round House, also Ben's | 75 Talbot (Wil)                       |
| 76 Unicorn (Wil)                                | 77 Chorlton Rd Hotel (Yng)            |
| 78 White House (G&W)                            | 79 <u>Three Legs of Man</u> (Wil)     |
| 80 Old Trafford (Har)                           | 81 <u>Platford</u> (Thr)              |
| 82 <u>Talbot</u> (Wil)                          | 83 Exhibition (Wil) blitzed           |
| 84 <u>Albert</u> (G&W)                          | 85 Joiners Arms (Yng)                 |

#### THE BREWERIES

Bod=Boddingtons, Che=Chesters, CB=Cornbrook Brewery, G&W=Groves & Whitnalls, Har=Hardys, Hol=Holts, Hyd=Hydes, IC=Ind Coope, JWL=Lees, Mar=Marstons Rob=Robinsons, Tet=Tetley Leeds, Thr=Threlfalls, Wal=Walkers, Wil=Wilsons, YCB=Yates Castle Brewery, Yng=Youngers

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## SPOT THE PRINCE

A PEACE mission is being staged by brewery bosses in a bid to pacify Alderley Edge councillors and residents whose complaints may shut "The Brookies" public house.

Council chairman, Cllr Hugh Thornburn attended last week's annual licensing meeting at Wilmslow Magistrates' Court and successfully asked magistrates to adjourn their decision when the pub's landlord asked for a renewal of his licence.

He said elderly residents in Brook Lane feared to open their doors because of vandalism and violence from young drinkers at the pub.

At a meeting of the parish council the night before the Licensing Court, Cllr Thornburn told colleagues he had received complaints about:

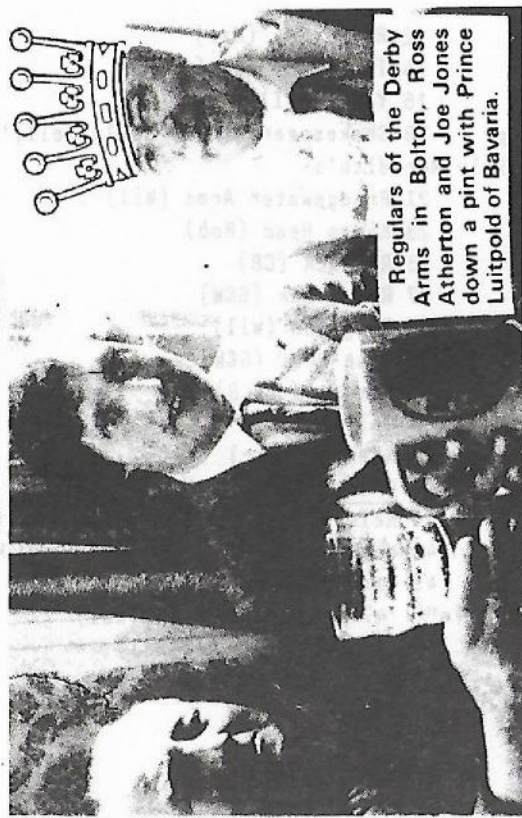
- Hedges being uprooted.
- Pint pots being thrown through windows.
- Drunks walking over cars.

- Urinating in gardens.
  - Garden gates being stolen.
  - Fences being broken.
  - Late-night car thefts.
- He repeated these allegations in court and his application for an adjournment was granted.

Cllr Thornburn pledged to colleagues: "I am not going to preside over a growth in disorder, lawlessness and vandalism in Alderley Edge."

● Presenting his report at the annual licensing meetings, Mr Wilfred J. Hipkins, chairman, told a crowded courtroom the committee was pleased with the modernisation of pubs in the area but warned:

"In some places where premises have been completely revamped, there has been a tendency for one or two establishments in particular to become focal points for the youth from the area to congregate and this, undoubtedly, is a problem to local residents who previously have lived in peaceful surroundings."



Regulars of the Derby Arms in Bolton, Ross Atherton and Joe Jones down a pint with Prince Luitpold of Bavaria.

**A CANAL boat, lock gates and water areas will be features of a new public house which brewers Greenall Whitley plan to build on the site of the former Ellesmere Cinema on the East Lancashire Road at Swinton.**

The brewer plan to call the new pub "The Narrow Boat" with an interior designed to reflect the place "a canal-side atmosphere". They also plan to reflect the same theme on the outside of the building, with the narrow boat's bows projecting from a wall facing Heniker Street.

The plans are described as "somewhat unconventional" by City Technical Services Officer Mike Shields.



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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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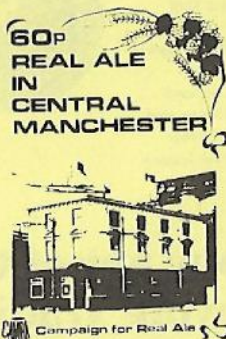
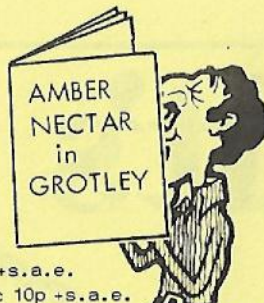
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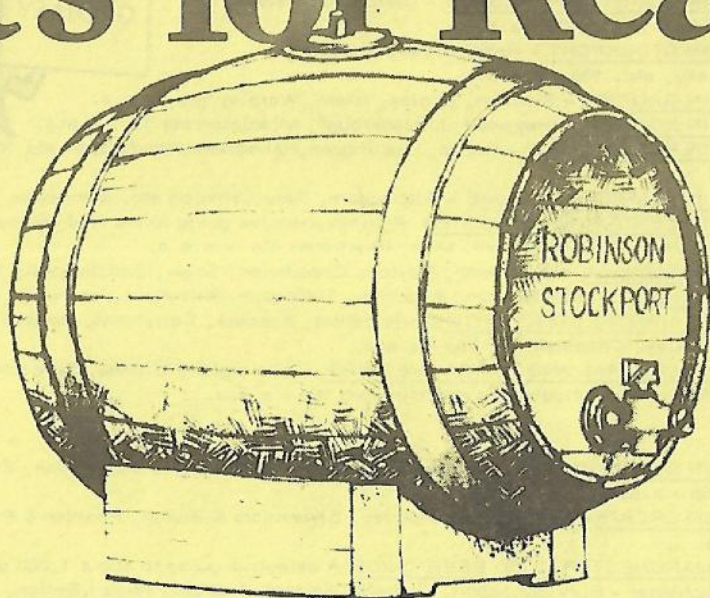
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