

WHAT'S DOING

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ONE MORE FOR HOLTS

The Rose Hill Tavern, Daisy Hill - known locally as "The Bug" - will soon serve its last pint of Tetley keg beers. The good news is that Holts are taking over. This represents a 100% increase in Holts pubs in the Bolton branch area (the other is the White Lion, just up the road in Westhoughton). The Rose Hill is adjacent to Daisy Hill station; 516 and 627 buses pass the door. The change at the Rose Hill leaves the Daisy Hill Hotel as Daisy Hill's last non real ale outlet. Who owns this last outpost for keg beer? Greenalls!

John Dickinson

GBG 1984

South Manchester branch selections for the 1984 Good Beer Guide are as follows:-

CITY CENTRE	Coach & Horses (free), Grey Horse (Hydes), Bulls Head (Burtonwood)
UNIVERSITY	Grafton (Holts)
GORTON/ WEST GORTON	Suburban (Lees), Dolphin (Marstons)
LONGSIGHT	Waggon & Horses (Wilsons)
BURNAGE	Victoria (Boddingtons)
DIDSBURY/EAST DIDSBURY	Crown (Greenalls), Gateway (Hydes)
NORTHENDEN	Crown (Boddingtons)
MOSS NOOK	Tatton Arms (Robinsons)
STOCKPORT CENTRE	Arden Arms (Robinsons), George (Higsons/Bass), Royal Oak (Robinsons), Swan with Two Necks (Rob)
EDGELEY/SHAW HEATH	Armoury (Robinsons), Florist (Robinsons)
HEAVILEY	Blossoms (Robinsons)
HEATON NORRIS/HEATON MERSEY	Griffin (Holts), Nursery (Hydes)
REDDISH	Union (Robinsons)
CHEADLE	Printers (Robinsons), Star (Hydes)
GATLEY	Horse & Farrier (Hydes)

Branch members monitor beer quality in GBG pubs throughout the year as a guide to the following year's selection. This year, the monitoring system has been extended to embrace a "reserve list" of pubs considered to be potential candidates for the 1985 Guide. The current reserve list stands as follows:-

RUSHOLME	Osborne (Hydes), Whitworth (Marstons)
DIDSBURY	Railway (Marstons)
STOCKPORT CENTRE	Boars Head (Sam Smiths), Bulls Head (Robinsons)
STOCKPORT (HILLGATE)	Red Bull (Robinsons)
DAVENPORT/GREAT MOOR	Dog & Partridge (Robinsons), Travellers Call (Robinsons)
CHEADLE HULME	Church (Robinsons)

Monitoring survey forms are available at South Manchester branch meetings.

Rhys P Jones



240 NEXT YEAR?

According to a list of Manchester's oldest inns in the Manchester Guardian of 1905, the Lower Turks Head was first licensed in 1744. Although the building dates back to the early eighteenth century, its claim to being a licensed house for 239 years is more tenuous. The title deeds of the Lower Turks Head are less revealing than might be expected. The plot of land on which the pub is built was sold in 1724 to William Bentley and in 1856 "all that land and the Lower Turks Head erected thereupon in the occupation of Thomas Wilkinson" was sold for £1,000 by the trustees of M Bentley. It may be assumed that the property was built soon after 1724, but this gives no indication of the date when the premises were first licensed.

The first Manchester directory of 1772 records a pub called the Grand Turk at the top of Shudehill occupied by William Hearst. This is confirmed by the recognizances of the same year when pub names were first recorded - Turks Head, William Hearst. By 1788 there were two Turks Heads in Shudehill - the Old Turks Head - Ann Cresswell, and the New Turks Head - Edward Newton - but unfortunately there are no street numbers in the directory for that year. Was the Lower Turks Head originally the Old Turks Head or the New Turks Head? The Higher Turks Head was on the other side of the road, opposite Smithfield Market, between Hanover Street and Mayes Street. The early directories point to the Higher Turks Head as the original pub. In Mrs Raffald's first directory the Grand Turk is listed as being at the top of Shudehill, which more accurately describes the location of the Higher Turks Head. Mrs Raffald's second directory gives the address as 14, Shudehill. At this time it was normal practice to number houses consecutively up the left hand side and back down the right hand side. The highest street number recorded in that directory is 34 Shudehill, which would put number 14 fairly close to the top of the left hand side of Shudehill. In 1800 the pubs were referred to as the Turks Head and the Lower Turks Head, which lends further authority to the former's antiquity.

The Lower Turks Head may not be 240 years old, but it may already have celebrated its 200th year as a public house.

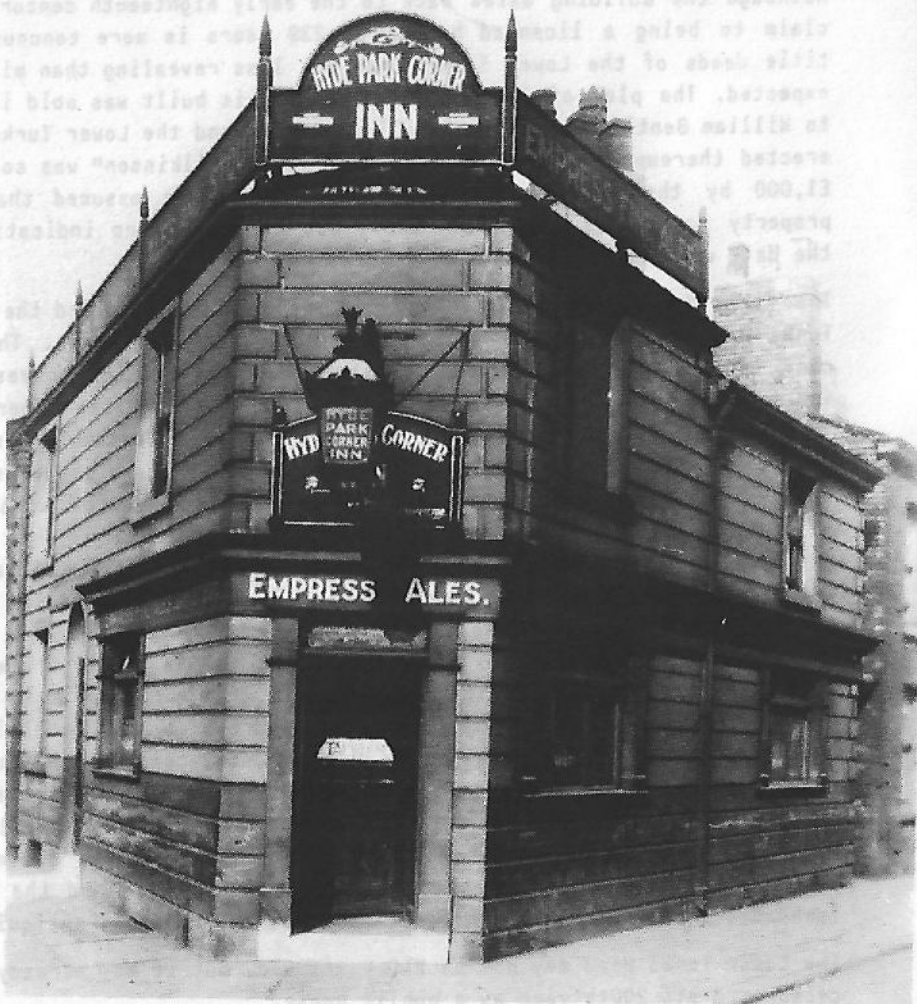
Roger Hall

WHAT'S DOING

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HYDE PARK CORNER

Another victim of Tetley's recent asset disposal exercise is the Hyde Park Corner in Salford's Adelphi area. The pub is boarded up awaiting a purchaser or a bulldozer.



PEDIGREE

The Marston Tavern, Rochdale Road, Royton, is now selling Pedigree at 64p a pint. The handpump on the bar is redundant no longer.

BAR BILLIARDS

The Corporation on Stockport Road, Ashton-under-Lyne (near Guide Bridge Station) now has an unusual pub game for the area. A bar billiards table has been installed in a corner of the lounge.

SOUTHERN OFFENSIVE

Boddingtons have taken another step on the road to the big time. They've launched their beer in draught form in the Smoke and in Bodkans elsewhere. No doubt the southern trendies who are used to drinking brackish gunge will treat this as God's gift and fall over themselves to pay daft prices for the amber fluid.

DROPPING A BRICK

The Brick House, Great Ancoats Street, may or may not sell real ale (Letters, last month), but a notice outside proudly announces traditional cask conditioned mild and bitter. Is this true? We should be told. The pub is usually shut at times when most people are likely to go in.

MACCLESFIELD PRESERVATION

The campaign to preserve the Harrington Arms, Gawsorth, near Macclesfield (WD April) is having some results. Macclesfield Borough Planning Committee have ruled that Robinsons have made alterations without listed building consent and have served an enforcement notice on them, requiring the brewery to restore the old bar area to its former state or "to the condition it would have been in if the terms of a Listed Building Consent had been observed".

The recent campaign to prevent Boddingtons closing the Meridian in Bollington appears to have been successful. A new licensee has taken over and the brewery say they are obtaining estimates for the work required to make the building sound.

NEW WING

Wilsons have plans to extend the recently revamped Swan on Withy Grove into the bookshop next door.

PROFITS

The Greater Manchester CAMRA Slush Fund Investments have returned the following dividends:

Boddingtons	9p	Greenalls	10p
Grand Met	24p	Holts	30p

This in no way reflects the relative standing of the breweries in the Campaign's eyes.

HANSOM PRICE FOR AN UGLY PINT

The Hansom Cab Bar in the Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street, Manchester, is selling bitter at lunchtimes for 50p a pint instead of the usual 68p. But just before you all rush down, there's just one drawback - it's John Smiths!

Not to be outdone, the bar in the Britannia Hotel has a lunchtime offer of 46p per pint. However, this again is no good news for the real ale drinker - it's tank Wilsons.

GRAPE JUICE

The Old Grapes, off Deansgate, Manchester, is now selling Wilsons Original mild and bitter on handpumps instead of Chesters mild and bitter. Boddingtons bitter remains. Also on sale is that famous Halifax-brewed "lager", Fosters.

ST ANNES HORROR

Drinkers who are disgusted with the Whitbread "House of Horrors" treatment are advised to avoid the latest real ale establishment in St Annes. The Bounty, which sells handpumped Boddingtons and Tetleys bitters, is set out on a "desert island" theme. There are huge green creepers hanging from the ceiling, an upstairs series of caves and a full size fountain. Behind the bar is a fish tank which, as well as taking up half the Irish Sea reserves, could easily accommodate Jaws I, Jaws II and any subsequent offspring. If that isn't bad enough, there is a large parrot which screeches non-stop and piped jungle sounds. For Alistair L Walker's benefit, the Bounty can be reached by changing trains at Kirkham and it is only two minutes walk from St Annes station.

More particular beer drinkers are advised to try the downstairs public bar in the nearby Savoy Hotel, where an excellent pint of John Peel Special is served through handpumps at only 58p a pint. Handpumped Wilsons Original bitter is also available.

YELLOW AND WET

Kevin Buckley, the new Boddies BL0, is struggling to find a suitable description for their bitter for inclusion in the Good Beer Guide. If you can think of a pithy phrase of not more than 6 words give him a ring on 051 489 9678.

CENTRAL MANCHESTER REAL ALE

A Birmingham correspondent recently returned from these parts notes the following real ale pubs were omitted from the Central Manchester guide: Red Bull, Mason Street; Victoria, Rochdale Road (both Chesters)

SIXTH TAMESIDE CANALS FESTIVAL - BEER TENT

The High Peak & N E Cheshire branch are again organising the beer tent at the Tameside Canals Festival at Portland Street Basin, Ashton-under-Lyne. The dates and opening times are:-

Friday 15th July 7.30 to 11.00

Saturday 16th July 12.00 to 5.00 and 7.00 to 11.00

Sunday 17th July 12.00 to 4.30

There will be approximately 15 different beers, cider wine, etc, and live music entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings; plus food and catering facilities. Other attractions include canal narrow boats, sideshows, amusements, arts and crafts, water entertainments and sporting contests, vintage vehicles, etc.

For further information please contact Tom Lord (061) 427 7099.

BOARDERS REPELLED

Wilsons' Mitchell Arms on Beswick Street, Ancoats, has lost its boards and seems to be undergoing a process of renovation prior to welcoming a new licensee. Strange that such a popular pub should ever have to close.

HEROES WELCOME

Another Legendary Lancashire Heroes real ale off licence has opened in Thatch Leach Lane, Whitefield.

LEES IN DUKINFIELD

Lees traditional mild and bitter is now available at Dukinfield Central Working Mens Club on Chapel Street (otherwise known as Lime Street Club). Bitter is 50p a pint and mild is 40p a pint.

NOT A DROP

Real ale (Matthew Brown bitter) has disappeared from the Last Drop, Bromley Cross.

MORE JENNINGS

Handpumped Jennings bitter has appeared in three Bass pubs in the Rochdale area:

Royal Oak, Littleborough: This pub also sells cask bitter and 4X mild on electric pumps. It is something of a youngsters' pub and on our investigator's visit the Jennings was not very nice.

Waggon and Horses, Smallbridge: Cask bitter and 4X mild here also. Jennings on good form.

The third outlet is an establishment called **Drakes** on Drake Street.

SPECIAL PUB

The Dog and Partridge, a Good Beer Guide pub on Constantine Street, Greenacre, now sells John Peel Special as well as Matthew Brown mild and bitter. The Dog and Partridge is off the beaten track, but well worth seeking out.

NEW STREETBRIDGE

Ewart Boddington and the Mayor of Oldham opened the new Streetbridge Inn on Roman Road, Hollinwood, on Monday 20th June. The original OB house closed three months ago. The new pub sells traditional Oldham mild and bitter, which is something of a surprise, and Boddingtons bitter. This is in marked contrast to the last new Boddingtons/OB house, the Brook Tavern, where the Oldham beers are keg. The Streetbridge is the first "OB" house in 10 years or so to sell real ale.

Hand-pump pubs are frowned on

LOCAL pubs which have turned back the clock to serve beer through hand-pumps, have been frowned on by a health chief.

"This is a retrograde step from a hygiene point of view," says Mr. Dennis Eckersley, Oldham Director of Environmental Health.

"It will involve more beer spillage and the use of beer slops."

Automatic

He says there are some local licensed premises where there has been a return to the old-fashioned type hand-operated beer pumps from the automatic beer dispensers.

"In public houses where these beer engines have been installed, it will be most important to have highly efficient glass - washing arrangements and for licensees to use a clean glass each time beer is ordered, and to decline the refill of a customer's used glass," he adds in his annual report.

NEW PUB IN SALFORD (Yes, really!)

An extension to the Holmlee Hotel on Great Clowes Street in Broughton is shortly to be opened as the Albert Park Inn. Although it is a private venture, Bass Charrington have put up some money so it's not unlikely that their beers will appear in Salford's second new pub this decade. Given Bass's appalling record, the chances of real ale seem fairly remote. The original Albert Park on the other side of the park was a real ale Marstons house, but it had to go so that the garden of a caretaker's house could occupy the site.

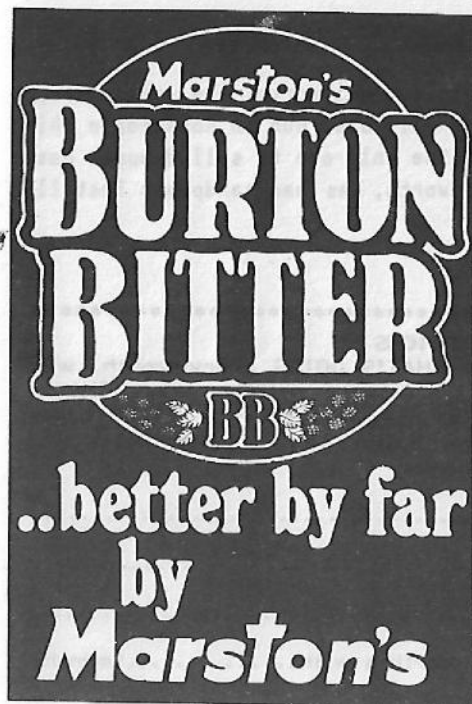
HORRORS

Whitbread have transformed the Robin Hood in the centre of Tottington from a bland open-plan pub selling Hartleys XB to hordes of drinkers

to an emporium with plastic plants (even McDonalds have real ones) and darkish segregated drinking areas with spotlights. You can choose between Castle Eden (64p) and Duttons bitter (61p). Food is available as well.

MOUTHWASH

WD readers worried by last month's letter from John Smiths to their landlord will be pleased to know that he is still selling beer by handpump and a protest letter from numerous fellow landlords has been sent to the brewery. Perhaps this is why John Smiths have been desperately getting quotes for a racking line and a cask washing plant recently.



KENYON ARMS

The Kenyon Arms, Little Hulton, is still doing a fine trade with about 70% of draught beer sales taken up with McEwans 70/- bitter. The rest, keg bitter, keg mild and lager, accounting for 30%. This large volume sale of real bitter at 56p a pint is due no doubt to the devotion by the tenant, Arthur Humphries (ex Bolton Arms). Strong competition from local pubs in the area, White Lion (Boddingtons), Dun Mare (Tetleys) and Pied Piper (Robinsons) prevent other real beers being introduced.

TANKED OUT

Allan Johnson (formerly of the GBG Friendship in Oldham) recently completed his first six months as tenant of the Willow Tavern on Ashton Road East, Failsworth. The pub is just over 20 years old and had cellar tanks since it was built. Allan had Wilsons take out the tanks and now seven handpumps serve traditional Wilsons mild and bitter. He has had tremendous support from his regulars following the change to cask conditioned beer and sales have more than doubled since he commenced his tenancy (previously the house had always been managed). Perhaps of more importance, the price of beer has been reduced by 3/4p per pint to 54p for bitter and 52p for mild. The brewery also intend internal alterations to the vault (and possibly the lounge) and it is hoped that catering facilities will be included.

BASS

The Birches, 145 Market Street, Broadley, Whitworth, now sells draught Bass (66p). Until now, this was the only Bass pub in Rossendale which didn't sell any real ale; now it's the only one to sell draught Bass. The Cock and Magpie, Tong Lane, Whitworth, has had handpumps installed for the 4X mild.

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JENNINGS

Jennings bitter has now appeared in numerous Bass pubs and in all cases it is served by handpump. This is somewhat unusual in itself, as in many of the outlets handpumps had long since disappeared. Most of the new handpumps have attractive pump clips and other advertising is limited to shelf stickers and, in one case, beer mats. The other amazing thing is the price of the beer - around 57p a pint - which in some cases is 2p cheaper than Bass's 4X mild. Such are the topsy turvey economics of cost effective large scale brewing. It is also surprising that the Bass North West Public Relations Department don't seem to know anything about the beer; like where it's being sold. Presumably they've been busy on some lager promotion. Never mind, What's Doing has found 16 outlets:

Wellington	Rochdale Road	Britannia
Halfway House	Station Road, Facit	Whitworth
Boars Head	69 Church Street	Newchurch
New Masons	254 Burnley Rd East	Waterfoot
Deerplay	Burnley Road	Deerplay
Jester	810 Burnley Rd, Goodshaw,	Crawshawbooth
New Masons Arms	Co-operation St	Crawshawbooth
Ashworth Arms	128 Burnley Road	Rawtenstall
Crown	Albert Road	Colne
Wellington	Towngate	Great Harwood
Prince Albert (FH)		Burnley
Waggoners	Colne Road	Burnley
Dugdale	Dugdale Road	Burnley
Stanley	164 Oxford Road	Burnley
Bridge	135 Henry Street	Church
Cock & Magpie	Tong Lane	Whitworth

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW

Bass and Wilsons had proper drays complete with those big horses with hairy feet. All Boddingtons could manage was a pre-war lorry complete with both Oldham and Boddingtons wooden barrels. Manchester's favourite brewery chucked out their wooden barrels ages ago and obviously those nasty tin ones would look incongruous on a 50 year old dray. So whence the wooden ones? On close examination, the ends of the barrels were seen to be less than perfectly flat, as though (perish the thought) some clever cooper had rubbed off someone else's name and stamped Boddies' on top. Will Oldham run out of wooden barrels? Will they go aluminium? Will Boddies go back to wooden barrels or will they merely be rolled out for parades of nostalgia? We should be told.

COOK STREET BREWERY

It has been on the cards for some time that Whitbread will sooner or later close their Salford brewery, the area's last working Victorian brewery. The CAMRA Greater Manchester Pub Preservation Group has received the following reply from the Department of the Environment to a submission to "list" the building:



Department of the Environment
Room 117 25 Savile Row London W1X 2BT

Telephone 01-734 6010 ext
GTN 2503

Dear Mr Hall

BUILDINGS OF ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST
WHITBREAD BREWERY, COOK STREET, SALFORD

1. Thank you for your letter of 1 May 1983 in which you asked us to consider the above mentioned building for inclusion in the statutory list.
2. The County Borough of Salford was fully re-surveyed a few years ago on the basis of our listing criteria and all buildings there were consequently inspected. I am afraid that the above was not found to qualify for statutory listing at the time of the re-survey and we see no reason to question the conclusion that the building is not of special architectural or historic interest.
3. I appreciate your interest in drawing Whitbread Brewery to our attention and realise that this reply must be disappointing to you. However, the decision whether to list a building is based on professional advice and once the Secretary of State has concluded that a building or structure does not merit listing he cannot lightly set aside that decision. Sometimes additional information is put to us about a building not included in the list such as historical associations or hidden older work or interior features of note of which the investigator was not aware. If in the light of such further information the building is found to be of special interest then it is added to the list. In the absence of solid additional evidence I am afraid we see no grounds for questioning the judgement that this building is not of special interest.
4. I am sorry to have to send you a disappointing reply.

Yours sincerely

R J Denham

R J DENHAM

BEER CHANGE

The Albion, Whitworth Road, Rochdale, now sells Castle Eden together with the Major, Bolton Road West, Ramsbottom. This has replaced the Hartleys XB. A sad loss.

Contributors: Roger Hall, Don Chattwood, Mike Robinson, Stewart Revell, Dave Hale, Tom Lord, John Dickinson, Paul Roberts



There was an emergency meeting of the Scousely elder statesmen earlier this year. "What are we going to do with Red Max?" cried Nellie Tweed. "Yes," mused Bogbrush, "there must be an opportunity of exporting someone who combines the talents of Richard III with the intellectual charisma of Idi Amin." "Got it!" shouted Zimbabwe-Talbot. "We'll export him to Grotley. They soon got shut of Badge Fairplastic. With a bit of luck they'll maul each other to death. We could put him in charge of Brobdingnags and see what happens." And so it came to pass. Red Max did indeed emerge in Grotley, whereupon he smacked everyone in sight, demonstrated acute arthritis of the pen but told the assembled swine how adept and clever he was. I couldn't help thinking that this was just the sort of chap we needed - someone who is self-assured, confident and abrasive, but unencumbered with the minutiae of local knowledge which might prove an impediment to his broad conceptual analyses. Someone who could, within seconds, raise the hackles of the gutless wallies who masqueraded as his colleagues and leave them mutilated and inarticulate would no doubt be an ideal person to smarm to Efrem. No doubt his articulateness and machiavellian charm, combined with a sense of humour unrivalled outside the Politburo, will succeed in winning round Brobdingnags to being highly wonderful once again. Any suggestions that the dynamic Red Max is a posturing megalomaniac wassock with paranoid delusions are totally unwarranted. No doubt when he's digested Elsie's five-page job description he'll settle down and allow his interpersonal skills and good humour to resolve what to lesser beings seems an intractable problem. Suggestions that he should be sent back to Scousely with his pudenda rammed down his trachea are uncalled for. Nor would it be fair to retaliate by sending the once-noble Robin to plague Bogbrush, Tweed and Zimbabwe-Talbot.

BELLYACHE

Sir - I must take issue with no less than three of your correspondents to June WD:



Firstly, with J Gaunt. The licensee of the Harp & Shamrock was amazed to read that Pedigree was not available at his pub, since it has been sold without break since its introduction there. How long is it since Mr Gaunt visited the place, and indeed the others he mentions? The final admission, of a four year gap, must cast doubt on his entire list of "corrections".

Secondly, with Jim Hurst. Did he check the situation at the Strawbury Duck personally with Mr Duxbury, before putting pen to paper? We did, and a somewhat different picture emerges from the impression created by the letter.

Finally, but certainly not in the least, with the "whinging sartorial Scot". It is true that "next business" was moved on our AGM motion urging branches to co-operate in city centre pub selection; it was such obvious common sense that branches should be able to agree amongst themselves without bothering the AGM. Far from wishing to select everybody else's entries, North Manchester was the only branch which:

- (a) Invited nominations from "What's Doing" readership at large and printed the names and telephone numbers of people to contact.

- (b) Publicised the meeting at which the final selection was to be made.

- (c) Allowed all CAMRA members at the meeting, irrespective of branch, to nominate and vote on the choice of entries.

- (d) Published the results of these democratic decisions.

Would that other branches displayed a similar openness in their selection of Good Beer Guide entries!

Peter Cash, Chairman, North Manchester

POOR LASS

Sir - The Lass o'Gowrie, Charles Street, Manchester, is still managing to run out of its home brew at an alarming rate. Out of four recent visits it has only been available on one occasion. When it is on sale I fail to see how Whitbread can justify charging 60p for a very thin, bland, ordinary bitter and 70p for a so-called strong bitter, the o.g.

of which is a degree or so higher than Sam Smiths' and priced 15p per pint dearer. Whitbread cannot use their excuse of transport costs this time!

Paul Roberts

A DARKER SHADE OF ALE

Sir - In recent years mild has taken some nasty knocks, with several breweries withdrawing their mild beers. Many free houses stock only bitter and advertising in pubs (bar towels, beer mats, etc) is thin on the ground. The Merchants Hotel (Yates's) on Oldham Street/Back Piccadilly, has a board outside advertising five real ales and lists all their bitters; but traditional Oldham mild is also on sale. By all means advertise traditional bitter to a great extent, I'm all for it, but there is another beer which is brewed with practically the same ingredients as bitter, the only exception being that less hops are used and occasionally a touch of caramel is added. This product is called mild - it's nothing to be ashamed of, so let's give it more backing!

Leo King

RUDDLES

Sir - The Coach and Horses, London Road, Manchester, is now selling Ruddles bitter on handpump at 60p a pint. Has this replaced Winkle's Saxon Cross bitter? Perhaps somebody out there can confirm it. As always, Boddingtons bitter, Tetley bitter and mild and Taylors Landlord are available.

D White

WILSONS

Sir - As one who might conceivably have penned the piece on Wilsons relaunched beers, and as one who certainly believes that the aim of Real Ale in Every Pub can be detrimental to the reputation of real beer, I see no conflict. (See letters, last month.) If brewers introduce real ale because it is the trendy, in-thing to do and serve it indifferently in licensed junk yards, it's not going to do the image of real beer much good. At the same time, those brewers who have kept faith with traditional beer have retained their reputations. They didn't jump on keg, tank or lager bandwaggon and customers knew that if you went into one of their pubs you could be assured of a decent pint. Wilsons, along with Tetleys, Bass, Greenalls and Whitbread, didn't and their reputation was lost. Your average Joe still hasn't got much idea whether one of their pubs sells traditional beer until he gets to the bar. It might not be desirable for every Wilsons pub to serve traditional beer but it might do wonders for their reputation, particularly if the beer was always well kept in every outlet.

Roger Hall

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 SOUTH MANCHESTER - Gorton, Openshaw, Clayton, Didsbury, etc 10p + s.a.e.

REAL ALE IN STOCKPORT - Hazel Grove, Cheadle, Heaton Mersey, etc. 10p + s.a.e.

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NOVEMBER SKIES (200 years of licensing in Salford) £1.44 inc post

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WIGAN'S PUBS NO 1 50p inc postage

WIGAN'S PUBS NO 2 50p inc postage

THE PUBS AND BREWERIES OF MACCLESFIELD NO 1 £1.70 inc post

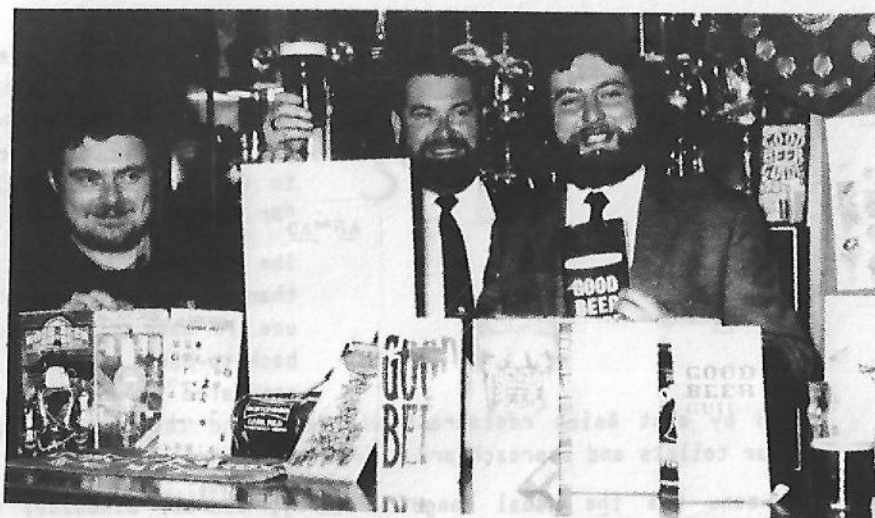
MANCHESTER BREWERIES NO 1 £1.20 inc post

WHERE HAVE ALL THE BREWERIES GONE? £3.75 inc post

THE PUBS OF SWINTON & PENDLEBURY £2.25 inc post

A HISTORY OF PRESTWICH PUBS £1.75 inc post





Last month the York Hotel, Bolton, was presented with its "10 years in the Beer Guide" certificate. In the photograph are Roger Dewhurst, the landlord, Angus Beaton, Area Manager, Burtonwood Brewery, and the sartorially elegant Jim Hurst, chairman of the Bolton branch of CAMRA.

The Cemetery Hotel

Bury Road
Rochdale
Rochdale 43214

A fine selection of handpumped real ales in traditional surroundings. Our current range is:-
RUDDLES COUNTY, HOLTS BITTER, VAUX SAMSON, EVERARDS TIGER, TAYLORS LANDLORD or PORTER, TAYLORS BITTER, BODDINGTONS BITTER

Guest beers are always available and in 1982 these included Adnams, Batemans, Matthew Brown, Clarks, Darleys, Failsworth, Hydes, Lorimer & Clark, Marstons, Moorhouses, Oldham, Priory, Robinsons, Theakstons, West Riding, Wilsons, Winkles

Why not organise a trip to see us. For parties we can provide a room, food and a beer of your choice (within reason!) Phone Ethel or Colin for further information.



Asian Corner

Located for many years on Victoria Street, the Shah restaurant recently moved up the road and round the corner to Cateaton Street, close to "Mr Chesters" pub.

The new premises are smaller than the old, but efficient use is made of the space by back-to-back bench seating separated by curtains. It is

plush by most Asian restaurant standards and the extensively tiled cellar toilets and approach are a feature in themselves.

The menu has the usual range of curry, madras, bindaloo, dansak, bhuna, pilau, kurma, biriani, rogan josh and dupiaza dishes, together with mogley specials: thamur bhuna chicken, momtaj methi gust, akber bhuna scampi and murghee mossalam, as well as tandoori specials. Prices go from £2.25 to £4.00 (main dishes). Side dishes are bindi, mushroom and vegetable bhazees, bombay potato and tarka dal. Lime pickle does not appear on the menu, but a request for "nimbu achar" sometimes produces the correct response. Service is always friendly and attentive and the location is ideal for buses from Victoria or the Arndale or trains from Victoria Station.

Al O'Matey



Branch Diary

BOLTON

- Wed 6 July 8pm. Branch Meeting, Bridgewater, Buckley Lane, Farnworth. Speaker from Sam Smiths
- Sun 10 July 10.00am. Hike up to Black Dog, Belmont Village. Meet at Three Pigeons, Astley Bridge, Bolton 10.00am
- Mon 11th July 6.30-ish. Brewery visit to Wilsons: Ring Bert Kerks Bolton 388172 to book.
- Wed 20 July 8.00pm. Festival Update meeting. George, Great Moor Street, Bolton
- Wed 3 August 8pm. Committee Meeting, George, Great Moor Street, Bolton
- Wed 10 Aug 8.00pm Branch Meeting, Church Hotel (Thwaites), Church Road, Farnworth
- Contact Jim Hurst Tottington 3532

NORTH MANCHESTER

Weds 13 July Old Shears, Greengate, Salford 8pm

Weds 20 July White Swan, Swinton 8pm

Weds 3 Aug. Crawl of Pendleton. Ship, Cross Lane, 7.00; Winston 8.30

Weds 10 Aug Committee meeting Dean Brook, St Mary's Rd, Moston 8.00

Weds 17 Aug, Branch Meeting, Duke of York, Eccles

Weds 24 Aug Pub Crawl Salford. Ship, Chapel Street 7.00; Black Friar 8.00

Weds 31 Aug Pub Crawl Prestwich. Parkside, Bury Old Rd, 7.00. Royal Oak, Whittaker Lane 8.00

Contact Roger Hall 740 7937

TRAFFORD & HULME

Thurs 7 July Committee/Social 7.30 Crown, Deansgate

Thurs 21 July 8.00 Branch Meeting, Melville, Barton Road, Stretford

Thurs 28 July Pub of the Month Windmill, Manchester Road, Carrington. 8.00

Thurs 4 Aug 7.30 Committee/Social, King William IV, Manchester Road, Partington

Contact Alan Hurdle 976 1337

HIGH PEAK & NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Tues 5 July 8.30 Social Evening at Cheshire Ring Hotel, Hyde (free house)

Thurs 7 July 8.30pm Beer Tent Committee Meeting, Navigation, Woodley (Robinsons)

Tues 12 July 8.30 Branch Meeting Andrew Arms, Compstall (Robinsons)

July 15-17 (Fri-Sun) Beer Tent at the 6th Tameside Canals Festival at Portland Basin, Ashton-under-Lyne/Dukinfield. Range of approx 14 beers and cider also available.

Tues 26 July 8.30 pm Committee meeting, Gardners Arms, Dukinfield (Robinsons)

Contact Tom Lord 061 427 7099

SOUTH MANCHESTER

Friday 1 July. Gorton Grovel, Meet 7pm, Dolphin, 8pm Horseshoe

Tues 5 July Committee Meeting, Armoury, Greek St, Shaw Heath, Stockport. Open Meeting 8.00pm

Thurs 14 July, Branch Meeting, Manchester Arms, Wellington Rd South, Stockport 8pm

Tues 19 July, Whitbread Brewery visit. Meet Cook Street, Salford 7.30

Tues 2 August, Committee Meeting (Open), Gateway, Kingsway, E Didsbury 8pm

Weds 10 Aug, Wilsons Brewery visit. Meet outside brewery, Newton Heath, 7.30pm

Thurs 11 Aug, Branch Meeting, Gateway 8pm

Contact Sue Sproson 061 225 4058

SOUTH LANCASHIRE

Weds 13 July, Branch Meeting, Railway, Twist Lane, Leigh 8.30

Sat 13 August Beer tent at Newton Show. 15 different beers 11.30am-5.30pm

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

ROCHDALE, OLDHAM & BURY

Tues 5th July 8.00pm. Branch Meeting, White Hart, Rochdale Road, Middleton

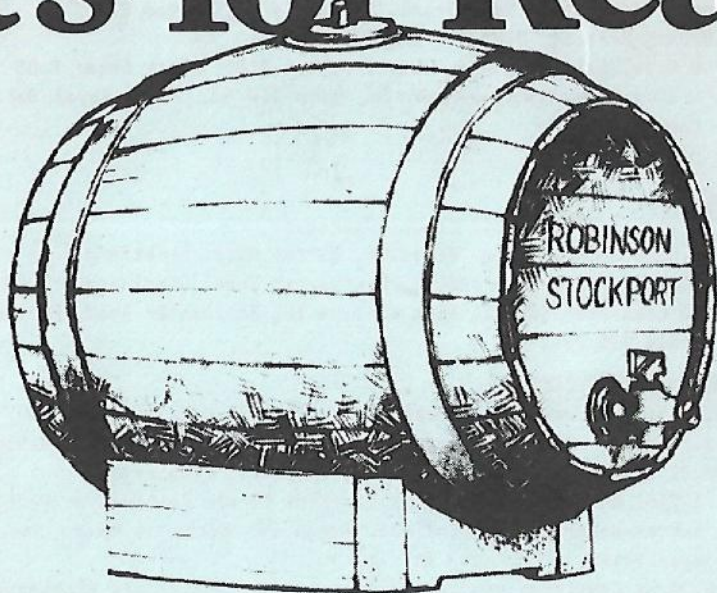
Tues 19 July 8.00 Committee Meeting, Hare and Hounds, Long Street, Middleton

Tues 2 August Branch Meeting, Church, Church Road, Uppermill 8.00

Tues 16 August Committee meeting, Royal Oak, Werneth 8.00

Contact Steve Lawton 061 620 9239 (h) 061 775 3351 ext 248 (w)

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