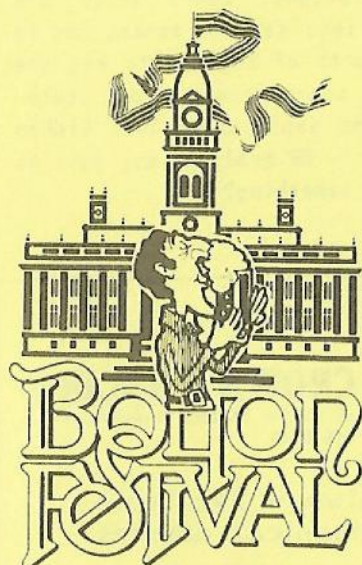


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BOLTON BEER FESTIVAL



26-29 AUGUST 1983

At long last Bolton is getting its first Beer Festival. This is being held in the Metro College (BTC) on Manchester Road, Bolton, on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the August Bank Holiday weekend. (August 26th-28th). Opening times are 11am-3pm and 5.30pm-11pm on Friday and Saturday, plus the Sunday lunchtime 12noon-2pm - provided there is enough beer! Beers from about 28 different breweries will be available, which means you'll have to attend more than one session to get through them all. To whet your appetite, we won't be having Greenalls and Greenalls, but Adnams, Batemans, Abbey, Greene King, Hoskins, Everards, Ruddles, Taylors, Moorhouses, Fails-worth, Devenish, Eldridge Pope, Butcombe, Felinfoel, Smiles, Wadworth, Archers, Gales, Ringwood, Chiltern, etc.

Faced with that choice can you seriously go anywhere else for the weekend? Admission prices are 30p at lunchtimes and 5.30-7pm; 50p 7pm onwards. There is also a 50p glass deposit. Of course, current card-carrying CAMRA members get in free. New CAMRA members joining at the festival will get £2 worth of beer tokens free. Entertainment and good food will be available at all sessions. The beer festival is part of the Bolton Festival and a wide variety of other events will be taking place. Don't miss out.

WHAT'S DOING

CROWN & ANCHOR

The new landlord of the Crown & Anchor, Hilton Street, Manchester, is Dave Glass, formerly of the Duke of York, Eccles. The pub now sells handpumped Chesters mild and bitter and Taylors Landlord and Golden Best. Lunchtime meals are available and bar snacks are always available. We are promised that the House of Horrors theme will soon disappear!

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NO LAUGHING MATTER

Boddingtons bitter has been taken out of the Laughing Cavalier in Stalybridge. The range is now cask Chesters mild and bitter and Whitbread keg beers. Is it no longer a free house?

WHITBREAD FORUM

Whitbread have £3,000,000 to spend on pub "improvements", but £250,000 of it has already gone on the former De Tabley Arms at Ribchester (north of Blackburn). This is now a pay-at-the-door club on a Roman theme: The dance floor is known as "The Arena", the piano bar is "Nero's", the lounge bar "Chariot's", the video lounge "Hadrian's Hideaway", the ice cream/coffee lounge "Caesar's Den" and the restaurant "Apollo's". Local Whitbread Managing Director, Peter Watkins, performed the opening from a horse-drawn chariot flanked by Centurions. Customers are served by a selection of "Lydia Girls", dressed in mini-togas. Phew! Where's the Vomitorium, pal?

The White Horse, Holcombe Road, Helmshore, has been converted to cask beer. Whitbread have given it their three-week treatment. The pub has been much improved, though the concentration is still on the food side. On the opening night Managing Director Peter Watkins was present, posing for photographs, but he'd left his chariot at home. Also missing was the cask beer, though four handpumps were ready and waiting on the bar.

POSTER FOR SALE

For many years a somewhat ancient poster depicting a cavalier extolling the virtues of Bells Brewery adorned the wall of the Flying Dutchman on Hillgate, Stockport. (Bells were taken over by Robinsons in 1949). Landlady Irene Hughes has now retired and is interested in selling the poster. Anyone interested should contact Mrs Hughes on 480 3294.

BRINSOP CHANGES

The Brinsop Arms, 590 Chorley Road, Westhoughton, has changed hands. The range of beers in this free house has changed slightly, with the dropping of the Ruddles bitter, leaving Boddingtons bitter, Hartleys XB, draught Bass, Hammonds (Bass cask bitter, really) and Bass 4X mild. New stillages have been installed as well as nine new handpumps. One of these was earmarked for OB mild but as Boddingtons refuse to supply cask OB mild this is now lying spare.

OLD GENERAL

Handpumped Chesters mild is now available at the Old General, Crescent Road, Dukinfield, alongside the Chesters bitter. A beer garden has also been created at the back of the pub.

LUCKY DIDSBURY

Tetleys have been granted planning permission for an American style pub/restaurant on the site now occupied by the Cloisters Press at the bottom of Burnage Lane, Didsbury. The cost will be about £700,000. One crumb of comfort is that it will not incorporate a disco.

HARE AND HOUNDS

Renovation work at the Hare and Hounds, Holcombe Brook, Bury, was only just in time. Contractors discovered that a 14" bow on a gable wall had hidden the fact that the main beams were hanging on by only 2". The building is at least 344 years old, as one of the chief ceiling timbers bears the date 1639. Changes over the centuries brought the road level up to the original first floor level. The present cellar was once the main bar and traffic could pull up off the old coaching road. During the modernisation an old sovereign was discovered in the timbers; new £1 coins have replaced it to be discovered when Tudor Taverns next alter the pub.

YATES' FACE-LIFT

Another Wine Lodge has recently been upgraded. The Rochdale Yates', the Bluebell on Newgate, has undergone a complete transformation along the lines of its neighbour in Oldham. The good news is that all the draught beers are cask conditioned real ale. The range comprises Wilsons bitter, Holts bitter and Stones best bitter, all served through beer engines. Prices are 60p for the Holts, 62p Wilsons and 64p Stones. All beers are in 36 gallon barrels and sales stand at 10-12 barrels per week. Managers Trevor and Ann Knight took over when the premises reopened in May, and are no newcomers to Yates' since they once managed the Bolton pub in Bradshawgate. Food is available at lunchtime, including the renowned hot roast beef sandwich, chillies and curries, etc. Ann hopes to attract the "straight from work" trade by offering food in the early evening. Trevor has put his faith in cask conditioned bitters and is now considering a suitable cask mild to complete the line-up. Let him know your preferences as a final decision has yet to be made.

WILSONS ANTICS

The Cheshire Hunt on Hyde Road, Belle Vue, has been closed for several weeks, while the Devonshire on Stockport Road, Ardwick, appears to be undergoing transformation into something called Coco's Fun Bar. (Good grief!) Both pubs formerly sold real ale.

DRABS

There are a lot of rumours going about, but it appears there may be a grain of truth in the one about Holts buying the Brigadier, Race-course Estate, Ashton-on-Mersey, from Whitbread.

KNOTT MILL NEWS

Real ale has returned to the White Lion on Liverpool Road, Manchester 3. This Whitbread tied house now sells Chesters mild and bitter on handpump

NICE ONE LEO

WD contributor Leo King won joint first and second prize in Whitbread's "name the beer" competition for the Lass o'Gowrie home brew. Leo now gets two free pints a day for a year and has an engraved tankard as well. The new beers are now called LOG 35 and LOG 42. (Geddit?)

NEW BULL

The Bulls Head, Swinton, is undergoing extensive internal (and some external) alterations. The ground floor is being given an open-plan layout and a bistro is being created on the first floor. Of particular interest to lovers of cask conditioned ale is the news that Ind Coope Burton Ale will be provided. If all goes to plan the Bulls Head will reopen on July 29th.

NEW PUB

Rossendale gained a new pub earlier this year when Ye Olde Boot and Shoe opened its doors. Situated on Millar Barn Lane opposite Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School, Taylors dark mild and best bitter and Thwaites mild and bitter are available from handpumps at 56p and 58p a pint. This low-ceiling pub, with false beams and wattle-and-daub style walls has been a club under various names, the most infamous being the Black Knight Club of the late sixties and early seventies. The shop next door houses one of the few remaining cloggers in Lancashire.

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MILD OUTLOOK

The introduction of traditional Chesters mild at Mama's (formerly the Victoria Inn), Rochdale Road, and at the Red Bull, Mason Street, is a turn up for the book. The nearby Royal George has two handpumps on the small bar selling Chesters mild. The demand for mild appears to be quite good. Other outlets selling cask Chesters mild in central Manchester include the Land o'Cakes, Great Ancoats Street, Crown & Anchor, Hilton Street, Nip and Tipple (formerly White Hart), London Road and the Lass o'Gowrie, Charles Street. Other Whitbread pubs take note: why not give Chesters mild a try?

OPEN GROVE

Boddingtons' Grove on Bury New Road has been re-roofed and is now in the process of being renovated and extended. The nearby Waterloo remains firmly boarded up.

WALKERS IN SADDLEWORTH

Walkers Warrington Ales have appeared in a Denshaw free house. The Printers Arms now sells Tetley mild and bitter, Walkers bitter and dark mild and Taylors best bitter, all through beer engines. The pub has recently been revamped internally and is always busy.

HYDE NEWS

The Royal Albert on Hamnett Street, Hyde, now only sells traditional bitter (handpumps); the mild is keg. Chesters bitter has disappeared from the Wheatsheaf, Manchester Road (both keg and cask). The Hideaway has been put up for sale by auction.

JENNINGS

The complete list of Jennings outlets has now become available. The Rochdale and Littleborough area has the most, with 14. Poor old Heywood, with its countless Bass pubs, all selling Bass fizz except for the odd 4X mild outlet) has none at all.

Dog Inn, Revidge Rd, Blackburn

Boars Head, Church Street, Newchurch-in-Rossendale

Bulls Head, Lanebottom, Ogden, Rochdale

Industry, 15 Sladen Street, Dearnley, Rochdale

New Inn, 132 New Road, Dearnley, Rochdale

Ox and Plough, 178 New Road, Dearnley, Rochdale

Royal Oak, 41 Church Street, Littleborough

Royds Arms, Rooley Moor Road, Spotland, Rochdale

Waggon and Horses, 479 Halifax Road, Smallbridge, Rochdale

Mayfield, Albert Royds Street, Rochdale

Reed, Yorkshire Street, Rochdale

Burns Tavern, 59 Norden Road, Bamford, Rochdale

Summit Inn, 140 Summit, Littleborough

Drakes, 34 Drake Street, Rochdale

Halfway House, Market Street, Facit, Whitworth

Cock and Magpie, Tong End Lane, Whitworth
 Derby Arms, Newmarket Street, Colne
 North Valley, North Valley Road, Colne
 Crown Hotel, Albert Road, Colne
 General Gordon, 2 Halifax Road, Nelson
 Rock Tavern, Church Street, Trawden, Colne
 Fanny Grey, High Lane, Salterforth, Colne
 Waggoners, 168 Colne Road, Burnley
 Jester, Burnley Road, Crawshawbooth
 New Masons Arms, Corporation Street, Crawshawbooth
 Ashworth Arms, 128 Burnley Road, Rawtenstall
 Masons Arms, Burnley Road East, Waterfoot
 Packet House, Bancroft Street, Blackburn
 Britannia, Guy Street, Padiham
 Bridge Inn, Henry Street, Church
 Crown Inn, Whalley Road, Dyke Neck, Accrington
 Broadway, Burnley Road, Accrington
 Whalley Range, Church Street, Padiham
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Reindeer, Railway Street, Burnley
Corners, Melbourne Street, Accrington
Stag, Henry Street, Church
Bridge Inn, Bank Parade, Burnley
Dugdale Arms, Dugdale Road, Burnley
Deerplay, Bacup Road, Cliviger, Burnley
Stanley, 164 Oxford Road, Burnley
Concord Bar, Boot Way, Burnley
Ye Old Sparrow Hawk, Wheatley Lane, Fence, near Burnley
Harrows Inn, 159 Bolton Road, Marland, Rochdale
Free Gardeners, St Giles Street, Padiham
Kings Head, Church Street, Colne

UNTIED

Since the Prince of Wales in Glossop was freed from Bass's tie and began selling Marstons beers, turnover has increased from 3 barrels per week to 22. Is there a Bass executive somewhere thinking, "Where are we going wrong?" and, if there isn't, shouldn't there be?

ALTERCATIONS IN PENDLEBURY

Whitbread's awful "Dukes" on Bolton Road, Pendlebury, has been refused an entertainments licence following complaints that regulars are "worse than football hooligans". Meanwhile, just up the road, Boddingtons have got the go-ahead to convert the Springfield Guest House at the top of Agecroft Road into a pub.

OB GOING TRADITIONAL?

Rumours circulating within Oldham Brewery's tied estate indicate that more keg/tank pubs are to be converted to sell real ale once more. More than 20 years ago, one of Oldham's oldest licensed premises, the Abbey on West Street, was "modernised" by OB and became one of the first casualties in the switch to chilled and filtered beer. Rumour has it that real ale will shortly be available once more, with other pubs to follow. OB's estate currently stands at 85 houses, with only 25 selling the real thing (excluding those selling only Boddingtons real ale and keg OB).

OFF THE RAILS

Not to be outdone by Tetley, Greenalls or Wilsons, Bass North West have joined the league of pub sellers. The Railway on Pottery Lane, Openshaw, is for sale, not as a warehouse or office, but complete with licence.

CELLAR TOURS

Tourists and aficionados of the hop are being treated to tours of the cellar of the Three Crowns, Deansgate, Bolton. It is the idea of landlord Ken Reardon, proud of his cask conditioned beers. Visitors are introduced to the mysteries of spiling, venting and tapping.

FLANAGAN AND CHESTER

Flanagans in the Royal Exchange Arcade is now serving cask Chesters.

WALLNESS

Salford University Students' Union have taken a ten year lease on the Wallness Tavern, near the campus, with the aim of making a bob or two in the licensed trade. Early reports say that the Tetleys beers have improved.

SAM SMITHS IN BURNAGE?

Sam Smiths have submitted plans to turn the Milton Lodge Hotel at 586-588 Burnage Lane, Burnage, into a public house.

BODDIES

The following information was gleaned from BLO Kevin Buckley's first meeting with Boddies' PR people (the management won't talk to CAMRA).

1 The strong ale has been discontinued because of lack of volume (less than 1% of sales). In 1981-2 more was returned than sold.

2 Only a very few Boddies tied houses (due to lack of turnover) sell OB keg mild.

3 Some of the gossip in Camera (sic) circles about OB cask being phased out is rubbish and cask Boddies mild is not going to be replaced by keg OB.

4 The front page article in May's WD did us no good. Any proposed action should be cleared with Kevin Buckley, Leafy Acre, The Orchard, Huyton, Liverpool (we kid you not).

NOT SO GREENGATE

Many years ago the bottom end of Greengate in Salford was known as Paradise. This is no longer the case. On 13th July the Shears (Wilsons) was shut, the beer in the Three Legs of Man (Robinsons) was suffering from heatstroke, the Eagle (Holts) had run out of beer because of the go slow, the Waterloo's (Wilsons) beer was on the sour side and the Boddies in the King Billy was a little cold and metallic. Only the Chesters bitter in the Star came up to scratch. A little further afield the Boddies in both the Braziers and the Blackfriars were in fine fettle and the Wilsons in the revamped Globe was excellent.

HORRORS HITS MILNROW

Whitbread's latest licensed aberration has opened in Milnrow. The Lord Nelson on Milnrow Road, Firgrove, has all the trappings expected of a Whitbread conversion. They're all there folks! Cask conditioned ales are Duttons bitter and Castle Eden Ale.

NO MILD

The Church Inn (Lees), Cambridge Street, Hulme, no longer sells mild. It has been withdrawn due to exceedingly poor sales. Are the drinkers in the Hulme area getting faddy? There is no Boddingtons mild in the Grants Arms, nor Wilsons cask mild in the Alexandra Park.

CLUB NEWS

The North Manchester Club on Delaunay's Road, Blackley, is in the news again. When the Old House at Home was threatened with demolition there was a suggestion that swapping the club for the Old House would allow Wilsons to retain a pub and give ICI possession of the entire site. A nice idea except the Old House at Home regulars found out about it and kicked up a fuss. The Old House at Home remained, ICI sold the club, and John Willie Lees put the money up. Now there is an application to change the use into guess what? Yes, that's right, a public house with restaurant. Surprise, surprise.

GAY NEWS

The only Vaux pub in Bolton, the Gaiety, Bradshawgate, has reopened after a three week closure for modernisation and extensions. It is now called Maxim's and acceptably dressed persons are admitted by three bouncers on the door. Once inside, the modernisation is fairly tasteful, or very tasteful when compared with Whitbread's attempts. Seating capacity is rather low, but most of the walls have shelves and padded bum rests. When the pub closed Samson was 64p a pint; now it is 70p, and it is served in unlined, unstamped oversize glasses. So the 70p will be for over- or short-measure.

NO FIRE

A number of rumours concerning the sale and purchase of several pubs in Manchester have been kyboshed by the brewers concerned. It was widely believed in many places that Holts had bought the Angel (Chapel Street, Salford), the Osborne (Eccles New Road) and the Woodcourt (Brooklands) from Wilsons and Lanchester Taverns and sold the Newmarket and the Lord Nelson in Pendlebury to Banks's. This was categorically denied by Mr Dempsey at Holts, Mr Butterworth at Lanchester Taverns and Mr Clewley at Banks's. The Angel is still for sale and has not been bought by Holts, Banks's or anybody else. The Woodcourt is certainly not for sale and the appearance of Banks's beers in Holts pubs is only a temporary measure during Holts' production dispute. The only truth seems to be that Banks's are interested in opening pubs in Manchester and it may not be too long before they purchase their first outlet.

IRLAM TT NEWS

Tudor Taverns have reopened the White Lion vault in Higher Irlam after a somewhat barren period as a "functions" room. It have gone to town and introduced two darts lanes, two pool tables, two gaming machines, a television and a juke box. In this haven of peace and quiet you'll be able to enjoy a good pint of Wilsons Original.

Traditional beer has also been promised at that other IT in Higher Irlam, the Tiger Moth. As yet there has been no action on this matter. Perhaps they've forgotten where it is.

TETLEY CASK

The following list of Tetley Walker cask beer outlets in the What's Doing area comes from a recent brewery print-out. In November 1982 TW had 819 tied houses; there are 317 pubs on the complete print out, which makes 38.7% real ale. This is lower than expected, and some of the pubs listed will be on some form of top pressure.

Robin Hood, Manchester Road, Clifton, Swinton	TB,TM
Millstone, Bolton Road, Anderton, Chorley	TB,TM
Turf & Feather, Glover Rd, Locking Stumps, Padgate	Burton Ale
Lion Hotel, Liverpool Road, Cadishead	TM,TB
Black Horse, Elliot Street, Tyldesley	TM,TB
Bulls Head, Southword Rd, Newton-le-Willows	TB,TM,BA
Manx Arms, School Brow, Warrington	WBB,TM
Buckley Arms, Partington Lane, Swinton	TM,TB
Football, Swinton Hall Rd, Swinton	TM,TB
New Cross, Swinton Hall Rd, Swinton	TB,TM
Railway, Church Street, Eccles	TB,TM
White Horse, Liverpool Rd, Irlam	TB
Punch Bowl, Chapel Street, Salford	TB,TM
Lord Rodney, Winwick Road, Warrington	TB,TM
Mersey, Mersey Street, Warrington	TM,TB
Turks Head, Morley Street, St Helens	TM,TB
Albion, Ordsall Lane, Salford	TM,TB

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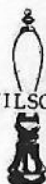
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Duke of Edinburgh, Mill Street, Bradford, Manchester	TM, TB
Britons Protection, Gt Bridgewater St, Manchester	TB, TM
Moulders Arms, Mottram New Road, Hyde	TM, TB
White Bear, Swan Street, Manchester	TB
Circus Tavern, Portland Street, Manchester	TB
King William, Stamford Street, Ashton-u-Lyne	TB, TM
Grey Mare, Varley Street, Manchester	TB, TM
Weavers Arms, Angel Street, Manchester	TM, TB
City Arms, Kennedy Street, Manchester	Burton Ale
Old Oak, Manchester Road, Tintwhistle, Hyde	TB
Assheton Arms, Booth Street, Ashton-u-Lyne	TB, TM
Britannia, Lancashire Street, Newton Heath	TB, TM
Cornbrook, Chester Road, Manchester	TB, TM
Cross Keys, Jersey Street, Ancoats	TB, TM
Gladstone Arms, Lower Hillgate, Stockport	TB, TM
Lane Ends Inn, Ley Lane, Marple	TB, TM
Lord Napier, Albion Street, Ashton-u-Lyne	TB, TM
Moulders Arms, Heyrod Street, Manchester	TB, TM
New Inn, Market Street, Hollinworth, Hyde	TB, TM
Rock Inn, Hyde Road, Manchester	TB, TM
Smiths Arms, Sherrat Street, Manchester	TB, TM
Mawson Hotel, Francis Street, Manchester	TB, TM
Falcon, Church Street, Littleborough	TB
Pack Horse, Market Place, Stockport	TB, TM
Wheatsheaf, Oak Street, Manchester	TB, TM
Foresters Arms, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey	TB
Victoria, Hardman St, Manchester	TB, TM, BA
Kings Arms, Helmsshore Walk, Manchester	TM, TB
Bulls Head, Town Lane, Mobberley	Burton Ale
White Lion, King Street, Knutsford	TB, TM
Millstone, Blackley New Road, Blackley	TM, TB
Junction, Queens Road, Harpurhey	TM, TB
British Protection, Hough Hill Road, Stalybridge	TM, TB
Foresters Arms, Chorley Road, Swinton	TM, TB
Hare and Hounds, Shudehill, Manchester	TM, TB
Bowling Green, Bolton Road, Pendlebury	TB
Bulls Head, Chorley Road, Swinton	TM, TB
Greenwood Tree, Greenwood Road, Wythenshaw	TB, TM
King, Oldham Street, Manchester	TB, TM
Plough, Heaton Moor Road, Stockport	TB
Pied Bull, Leigh Road, Leigh	TM, TB
Woodlands Hotel, Woodlands Road, St Helens	TM, TB
Old Crow, Crow Lane East, Newton-le-Willows	TB, WBB, TM
Hope & Anchor, City Road, St Helens	TM, TB
Red Admiral, Boston Avenue, Runcorn	TM
Junction, Rose Grove Lane, Burnley	TM, TB
Junction Hotel, Bury New Road, Whitefield	TM, TB
Bowling Green, Lee Lane, Horwich	TM, TB
Grey Man, Hindley Road, Westhoughton	TM, TB
Saddle, King Street, Farnworth	TM, TB
Prince Rupert, Holmeswood Road, Bolton	TM, TB
Stags Head, St Helens Road, Bolton	TM, TB
Bradford Arms, Bradford Street, Bolton	TM, TB
Travellers Rest, Orrell Road, Orrell	TM, TB
Manor, Church Street, Golbourne	TM, TB
Bamfurlong Hotel, Lily Lane, Bamfurlong	TB, WBB, TM
Lathom House Inn, Latham Lane, Kitt Green	TB

Rams Head, Bolton Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield	TM, TB
Bricklayers Arms, Hallgate, Wigan	WBB, TM
Tippings Arms, Poolstock Lane, Wigan	TM, TB
Rose & Crown, Church Street, Orrell	TM, TB
Bath Springs, Wigan Road, Bryn	TM, TB
Hare & Hounds, Upholland Road, Billinge	WBB, TM
Bowling Green, Wigan	TB
Shepherds Arms, Warrington Road, Lower Ince	TM, TB
Railway Hotel, Appley Lane, Appley Bridge	TM, TB
Victoria, Haigh Road, Haigh	WBB, TM
Black Bull, Hardybutts, Wigan	TM, TB
Imperial, Market Street, Hindley	TM, TB
Albion Hotel, Bolton Street, Chorley	TM, TB
Prince of Wales, Woodhouse Lane, Wigan	TM, TB
Bird i'th' Hand, Gidlow Lane, Wigan	TM, TB
Bulls Head, Warrington Road, Goose Green, Wigan	TM, TB
Engineers Arms, Belle Green Lane, Higher Ince	TB
Brookhouse Inn, City Road, Kitt Green, Wigan	WBB, TM
Caledonian, Bolton Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield	TM, TB
Commercial, Cale Lane, New Springs, Wigan	WBB, TM
Cumberland Arms, Chapel Green, Hindley	WBB, TM
Market Tavern, Cleveland Street, Chorley	Burton Ale
Navigation, Gathurst Lane, Wigan	TM, TB, WBB, WB, WM
Platt Bridge Inn, Walthew Lane, Platt Bridge	TB, WBB, TM
Queens Head, Lucas Nook, Aspull	WBB, TM
Walmesley Arms, Warrington Road, Lower Ince	TB, TM
White Lion, Church Street, Upholland, Wigan	TM, TB
Dog & Partridge, School Lane, Standish, Wigan	TB, WBB, TM
Golden Lion, Gerard Street, Ashton-in-Makerfield	TM, TB
Ball and Boot, Orchard Street, Wigan	TM, TB
Colliers Arms, Greenslate Road, Billinge	TM, TB
Railway Hotel, Bag Lane, Atherton	TM, TB
Queens Arms, Market Street, Farnworth	TM, TB
Bobs Smithy, Chorley Old Road, Bolton	WBB, TM
Colliers Arms, Chorley Old Road, Bolton	TM, TB
Doffcocker Inn, Chorley Old Road, Bolton	TB
Gardeners Arms, Valletts Lane, Bolton	TB
Kings Arms, Chorley Old Road, Bolton	TM, TB
Three Crowns, Lower Leigh Road, Westhoughton	WBB, TM
Bell, Manchester Road East, Little Hulton	TM, TB
Bromilow Arms, Alexandra Road, Lostock	TM, TB
Clock Face Inn, Old Hall Street, Kearsley	TM, TB
Cross Guns, Bolton Road, Westhoughton	WBB, TM
Dun Mare, Manchester Road West, Little Hulton	TM, TB
Spread Eagle, Manchester Road, Kearsley	TM, TB
White Hart, Albert Road, Farnworth	TB
Red Lion, Church Street, Atherton	WBB, TM
Duke of Wellington, St Johns Road, Lowock, Bolton	WBB, TM
Hare and Hounds, Market Street, Stoneclough	TM, TB
Fleece, Westleigh Lane, Leigh	TM, TB
Nevison Inn, Plank Lane, Abram	TB, WBB, TM
Railway Hotel, Twist Lane, Leigh	WBB, TM, BA
Ring o' Bells, Tickle Street, Leigh	WBB, TM
Grey Mare, Bolton Road, Westhoughton	TM, TB
Golden Lion, Gladstone Road, Farnworth	TM, TB
Walness Hotel, Walness Lane, Salford	TB
White Horse, Egerton Street, Farnworth	TM, TB
George VI, Flapper Fold Lane, Atherton	TM, TB

Stanley Arms, Chorley Old Road, Bolton
 Mountain Dew, Market Street, Atherton
 Bay Horse, Bolton Old Road, Atherton
 Clifton Arms, Newport Street, Bolton
 Derby Arms, Halliwell Road, Bolton
 Falcon, Kay St, Bolton
 Gipsys Tent, Deansgate, Bolton
 Commercial, Bury Old Road, Prestwich
 Fox and Stork, Halliwell Road, Bolton
 King William, Commonsides Road, Boothstown
 Albert, Derby Street, Bolton
 Woolpack, Stand Lane Radcliffe
 Townley Arms, Berry Lane, Longridge, Preston
 Sweet Green Tavern, Crook Street, Bolton
 Crooked Billet, Smith Street, Worsthorne
 Golden Ball, Burnley Road, Colne
 Spinners Arms, Primet Bridge, Colne
 Alma Inn, Hill Lane, Laneshaw Bridge, Colne

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ASIAN CORNER

Much of Asian Corner has been concerned with the food of the Indian subcontinent with an occasional look at what Manchester's Cantonese restaurants have to offer. Yet Manchester is unique in having the only Mongolian

restaurant in Europe. The Ulan Batur is hidden away in a basement in Back China Lane. It is unsigned and difficult to find and caters almost exclusively for the city's tiny Mongolian population, some of whom are students at UMIST. Mongolian food bears little similarity to either Cantonese or Indian food - the nearest cuisine would be Szechwan or Persian. The menu, such as it is, gives no description of the food, but dishes such as Gurum-nor, Karinsk, Kedu and Setereng are lamb-based with the addition of yoghurt and cinnamon. Dried, salted camel is unavailable in England, but has been replaced by venison for such traditional dishes as Bulun Tokhoi, Shargol and Uneke. Tarbagatai is reminiscent of Algerian couscous, whilst Tarkira, Tannu and Kobdo are not unlike Middle Eastern Kebabs made from ground lamb and wheat flour. Desserts are much of a muchness, being virtually all date based. Adak and kufi are probably the most palatable. Although the Ulan Batur is unlicensed, several patrons can be seen drinking Baidarik beer or Tsingtao Porter imported from China. A three course meal will set you back about £3.50 if you can find a Mongolian friend to guide you through the menu.

Gog Pud

Bacup's first Indian restaurant has opened on Market Street. The Taj Mahal Tandoori Restaurant is housed in a fine stone-built building with a turret at one end and arched windows - altogether very Indian looking. The usual meals and side dishes are available; main meals are priced around £3. The building once belonged to the Lancashire & Yorkshire Bank (later Martins, then Barclays) and most of the original windows are intact - one of these appropriately reads, "Overseas Business Transacted"! It may well be that credit facilities are extended to patrons incapable of writing cheques (perhaps Humphrey knows?)

All pubs bar one sell cask mild and bitter in Bacup, and your chances of finding this one are remote. There are 7 within 100 yards of the Taj Mahal, or 8 if you include the Conservative Club (Lees). The most appropriate to visit after your meal would be the Waterworks (Youngers IPA and No3). Bacup has a lot to offer besides high unemployment!

Dan Sak



It's all quite clear now, but for a long time we've all been perturbed about the Noble Robin's somewhat irrational behaviour. He would walk about with the embryonic Boddington II in an old sock and make absurd suggestions about including an early Dillons junk yard in the toper's vademecum. His unfulfilled rash promises nearly drove Billy Cosh to an early grave. But in the fullness of time all was explained - on the day that Boddington II emerged from his ovoid home the Noble, in a fit of entrepreneurial dynamism, installed Mr and Mrs de Verre in the Cloth Cap & Brick, soon to be known as Doberman's. Bilko's aberrant behaviour is behind him and he is as reliable, disingenuous and succinct as usual. The only aspect of his nature which defies explanation is his predilection for hostelry destruction. Strange but encouraging that age and baldness should confer on Bilko the wisdom to see that taverns should be either knocked down or turned into houses of horror, or Low Cost Victoriana conversions (LCV's) as Dillons euphemistically refer to them.

In contrast, Perry Drab has moved in the opposite direction. Far from knocking down redundant alehouses, young Mr Drab is reputed to be buying lots more from people like Kepples, who keep shutting them. Unfortunately, Perry's menials don't share his enthusiasm and won't make twice as much beer for the same pay. The ungrateful lot - they should be thankful that they have a job at all, let alone that they are privileged to work for one of the most enlightened employers in East Grotley. But the former P45 wielding Perry is a man of principle. Rather than pay them another 7 groats a week he's allowed them to go slow, starving his pubs of beer. In mid July Drabs was as rare as rocking horse do's, if somewhat more palatable.

It's a sad reflection on our times that men of vision are penalised for their success. Try and grow big and what happens? I should think that Messrs Drab, Broddingnag and Boringsod cry into their dry white wine at the Croquet Club about the iniquity of life. Will the budding hostelry master join their exclusive society? Will there be a strike at Bilko's? Only time will tell.

CHESTERS WITHOUT TEARS

The Steam Engine, Tonge Street, Ardwick (just off Chancellor Lane, under the railway arches), now sells handpumped Chesters mild and bitter. The pub has escaped the "House of Horrors" treatment and has simply been sensibly modernised (i.e. it still looks like a pub.)

LOCAL BITTER

The June edition of "What's Brewing", the CAMRA newspaper, contained an article in which Greenall Whitley stated that their real ale would not travel well. Therefore it would not be in good condition when it reached Carlisle and Cumbria, where they own over 50 pubs. All these presently sell only tank and keg beer. But cask Greenall Whitley is on sale in a Norwich city centre free house (66p a pint). Carlisle is approximately 136 miles from Warrington; Norwich is about 203 miles away. Could it be that Greenalls don't like the ups and downs on the A6? Maybe it's the run over flat Anglia which gives the beer time to settle before reaching the pub!

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ROBINSONS



Sir - Robinson's Pub Renewal Department has encountered certain difficulties in "improving" the protected interior of the Harrington Arms at Gawsorth. I trust someone from the band of "improvers" has checked that work now in progress on the listed Hare and Hounds, Low Leighton, New Mills, does not have a similarly protected interior.

B J Brownsword

RAILWAY DISASTER

Sir - Looking through South Manchester's reserve list of Good Beer Guide pubs, I noticed the Railway (Marstons), Didsbury. The proper name of this pub is the Station - it takes its name from nearby Didsbury Station (now closed). There is a pub called the Railway in West Didsbury, which some people call Didsbury. This is a John Smith's house, so that will never do!

The Station is Didsbury's smallest pub and sells really good traditional handpumped mild and bitter beers.

Leo King

P.S. In answer to D White's question in the July WD, Ruddles bitter has not replaced Winkle's Saxon Cross bitter. On occasions, when the beer runs out, the new delivery has to have time to settle and so it is not on sale. Saxon Cross appears to be a good seller at the Coach and Horses.

CASTLE & FALCON

This unusual pub, a reputed former prison, is surely a contender for the title of Manchester's oldest pub. The cellar which runs under Snow Hill has iron doors giving it a cell-like appearance and lending credence to the prison story. The Manchester Guardian list of Manchester's oldest inns gives the date of the Castle & Falcon as 1755. There is, however, little evidence to support this claim. The pub does not appear in the 1772 recognizances or in the directories for 1772, 1773 or 1778. Bradshaw Street itself may not have been built until the 1780s. There is no reference to it in the index of streets in 1773 and John Bradshaw of Bradshaw Hall's address is given as Shudehill in that year. Bradshaw Street was certainly built by 1788 and the Castle & Falcon had opened by the end of the century. But what of the former prison? The story seems to have little basis in fact but may have arisen from a confusion of unrelated facts.

In 1790 the New Bailey prison was opened and the former prison at Hunts Bank was altered and converted into an inn known as the Castle and later as the College. It is perhaps this historical anecdote which is at the bottom of the story of the Castle & Falcon. The old Castle or College disappeared when the railways came and the fallibility of human memory may have mixed up the two pubs. The myth was fuelled by the cell-like appearance of the cellar and perhaps the existence of Newgate Street opposite the pub.

There can be little doubt that the Castle & Falcon was built as a pub and not a prison some 25 years after 1755. This date may refer to the licence which may have been transferred from another, older pub nearby.

Roger Hall





Branch Diary

NORTH MANCHESTER

Weds 17 Aug Branch Meeting, Duke of York, Eccles, 8pm. Whitbread Speaker invited
Sat 20 Aug. **BUXTON** by Peak Wayfarer (all day bus and rail ticket - £2.50) Trains from Piccadilly: 6.18pm - meet Railway Hotel, Bridge Street 7.30pm. 7.18pm - meet Grove Hotel, Spring Gardens, 8.45pm. Return train 11.08pm.
Optional day-time ramble including Cat & Fiddle Inn, train at 9.48am from Piccadilly - contact Pete Cash for details (794 5143)
Weds 24 Aug Boddingtons survey. Old Ship 7.00pm, Ducie Arms 8.00pm
Weds 31 Aug Bury Old Road Crawl. Parkside 7pm, Royal Oak, Whitaker Lane 8pm
Weds 7 Sept Coach trip to Breat British Beer Festival, Birmingham. 6.00 Crown & Anchor, Manchester; 6.30 Duke of York, Eccles.
Weds 14 Sept Committee/Social, Crown & Anchor, Hilton Street, Manchester 8.00pm
Weds 21 Sept Branch Meeting White Swan, Swinton 8.00pm
Fri 30 Sept Trip to Sheffield, details next month
Sat October 15th, Black Country trip. Details next month
Contact Roger Hall 740 7937

SOUTH MANCHESTER

2nd August - Open Committee meeting, Gateway, Kingsway, E Didsbury, 8pm
10th Aug Wilsons Brewery visit, meet outside brewery, Newton Heath at 7.30
11th Aug Branch meeting, Gateway, 8pm
12th Aug - Macclesfield pub crawl, train from Manchester Piccadilly, contact B Pryme (225 6606) for details
6th September - Open Committee meeting, Swan with 2 Necks, Princes Street, Stockport 8pm
8th September Branch Meeting, possible Whitbread speaker, venue to be confirmed.
Contact Sue Sproson 061 225 4058

BOLTON

Weds 3 Aug 8pm, Committee meeting, George, Gt Moor Street, Bolton
Wed 10 Aug 8pm, Branch Meeting, Church Hotel, Church Road, Farnworth
Wed 17 Aug, 8pm prompt. Final Festival Meeting, George, Great Moor Street, Bolton.
Members please attend
Fri/Sat/Sun 26-28 Aug. **THE FIRST BOLTON BEER FESTIVAL** (see elsewhere in this issue for details) Staff still required.
Wed 7 Sept 8pm. To be confirmed - branch meeting Maxims (formerly the Gaiety) Vaux, Bradshawgate, Bolton
Sun 11th Sept 12noon. "A jug at the Bug", Rose Hill Tavern (Holts), Daisy Hill.
Speaker applied for.
Contact Jim Hurst Tottington 3532

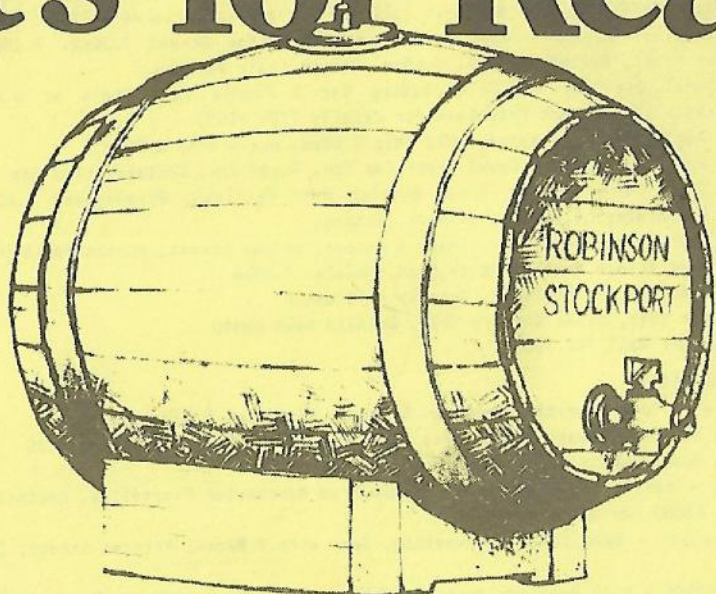
HIGH PEAK & NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Tues 16 Aug Branch Meeting 8.30, Grapes, Glossop (Boddingtons)
Tues 23 Aug Committee meeting 8.30pm, Crescent, New Mills (Tetleys)
Sat 27th Aug Rail trip to Lincoln (contact Tom Lord for further details)
Contact Tom Lord 061 427 7099

ROCHDALE, OLDHAM & BURY

Tues 2 Aug 8pm, Branch meeting, Church Inn (free house), Church Road, Uppermill
Tues 16 Aug 8pm, Committee meeting, Royal Oak (Robinsons), Manchester Road, Werneth
Tues 3 Sept, 8pm, Branch meeting, Welcome (Holts), Bury Old Road, Whitefield
Sat 17 Sept lunchtime trip to West Riding Brewery's pub, the Station Hotel, Elland.
Possible visit to brewery beforehand.
Tues 20 Sept 8pm. Committee meeting Royal Oak (Hydes), Heaton Park, Prestwich.
Contact Steve Lawton 061 620 9239 (h) or 061 775 3351 ext 248

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