

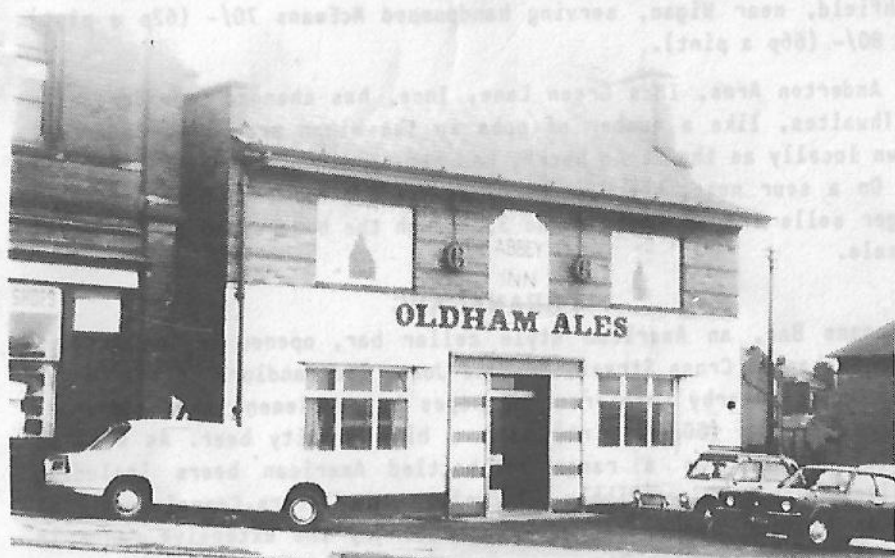
WHAT'S DOING



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OB GOES REAL



The rumours reported in WD last month regarding Oldham Brewery's possible switch back to traditional beer have now been confirmed. Three keg only pubs have just made the change back to the real stuff. The Abbey, West Street, and the Park, Park Road, both in Oldham, and the Waterloo, Oldham Road, Ashton under Lyne, have at long last gone full circle and now offer the type of beer that they were designed to sell.

Whilst handpumps are a guarantee of real ale within OB's tied estate, it should be remembered that this rule does not apply to the free trade. Both the Diggle Hotel, Saddleworth, and Yates' Wine Lodge, Oldham, sell handpumped keg beers. So beware!

WHAT'S DOING

WIN ONE - LOSE ONE

The Farmers Arms (Whitbread), Stockport Road, Levenshulme, now sells Chesters traditional bitter. However, the Railway on the corner of Stockport Road and Albert Road in central Levenshulme no longer sells real ale. Before it was modernised Chesters real bitter was on sale.

WORDS FROM WIGAN

Sinclairs, a pay-at-the-door haunt for "New Romantics" and posers of that ilk, is selling Moorhouses Pendle Witch and bitter on handpumps. Let's hope that the real ale does better here than the short-lived Wilsons in nearby Squires.

A new pub has opened in the Wigan area - the Venture, Billinge Road, Highfield, near Wigan, serving handpumped McEwans 70/- (62p a pint) and 80/- (66p a pint).

The Anderton Arms, Ince Green Lane, Ince, has changed from Greenalls to Thwaites, like a number of pubs in the Wigan area. The Anderton, known locally as the "Long Neck", has had a pair of handpumps installed. On a sour note, the Rock Ferry in Warrington Road, Lower Ince, no longer sells IPA or Youngers No 3, though the handpumped YSB is still on sale.

BRANAGANS

Branagans Bar, an American style cellar bar, opened in The Arcade, Royal Exchange, Cross Street, in late June. The landlord is the former cellarman of nearby Corbieres and hopes to complement the handpumped Chesters bitter (60p a pint) with a high gravity beer. As well as Chesters, there is a range of bottled American beers including Schlitz, Pabst Blue Ribbon, Michelob and Millers. Connoisseurs of foreign bottled beers are recommended to try the extensive range in the neighbouring Danish Bar.

DRABS

Handpumps have replaced the electric pumps at the Park Hotel, Monton.

EAST SIDE STORIES

The latest Hyde Road pub to close its doors is Whitbread's Hyde Road Hotel near the bus garage, a one-time cask Chesters bitter outlet. It still sports a banner advertising the Heineken promotion, so a house of horrors job could be on the cards.

Amplifying two August WD items: Wilson's Devonshire in Ardwick has become the Circus, while signs outside indicate that Bass have found a buyer for the Railway opposite Ashburys station.

ON THE STATION

Ruddles bitter has joined the range of beers at the Station Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne. The pub, a Good Beer Guide entry, also sells Ruddles County, Boddingtons bitter, Marstons Pedigree and Merrie Monk.

HOP IT

A recent visit to Wilsons brewery revealed that their "Original" beers are somewhat less than original. Real hops in those massive sacks called pockets are, alas, no more. Pellets and powder have taken their place. A semblance of originality is injected by dry hopping with compressed hops before the beer leaves the brewery. As good as it ever was? If Wilsons want people to swallow their beers as well as their PR guff they're going to have to do better than this.

WATCH THIS SPACE

The fourth Bury Real Ale Extravaganza is about to be unleashed on to an unsuspecting public. Dates for the diary are 11th and 12th November (Fri/Sat). Full details next month.

HEATON ALE

The adjoining Stockport districts of Heaton Chapel and Heaton Moor form a tiny haven for the real ale drinker. Five of the six outlets sell traditional beer, the exception being the Elizabethan in Heaton Mersey - Greenalls, of course. The two districts are situated at each side of Heaton Chapel railway station. The two Boddingtons outlets will be listed in the local real ale guide, but there are three newcomers. The pubs are as follows:-

Heaton Chapel Chapel House, Wellington Road North (next to Manchester Road) Chesters Bitter (handpumps)

George and Dragon, Manchester Road. Boddingtons mild and bitter (electric pumps)

Heaton Moor (All three pubs are on Heaton Moor Road)

Crown Hotel, Boddingtons mild and bitter (handpumps)

Moor Top (Moor Top, Heaton Moor) Wilsons mild and bitter, handpumps. This pub is about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile along the road opposite the Savoy Cinema.

Plough, Tetleys bitter on handpump. It is also dispensed from a small, rectangular, illuminated box-type pump.

ECCLES ALE

The Town Hall Hotel, Church Street, Eccles, is selling traditional Wilsons again, after a lapse of a few years.

GREENALLS ORIGINAL

Greenalls are being very secretive about their new Original Bitter.

Nobody seems to want to talk to CAMRA about it, dunno why. However, we have learned that it will have an original gravity of 1042 and go in about 50 pubs. (The same old Special Cask/Warrington Ale story, won't these brewers ever learn?) Four outlets are expected to be the Crawford Arms, Crawford, near Skelmersdale; Black Horse, Moss Bank, St Helens; Cricketers Arms, St Helens; Old Ball, Warrington.

VINE ABOUT TURN

The Vine, Washway Road, Sale, is to become more like a pub again, barely a year after it became an official House of Horrors. The vault is to be reinstated and the whole interior is to be gutted. No wonder Whitbread beers are so expensive!

A PITY ABOUT THE OLD BLUE PIG

After spending over £31,000 on doing up Ye Olde Blue Pig public house in Audenshaw, it was hoped that real ale would be reintroduced. Not a bit of it. The excuse that was given was "something to do with the cellar". Surely 600 years ago, when the pub was built, keg had never been thought of?

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WILSONS NEWS IN TAMESIDE

Handpumps have been installed in the best room of the Tontine, Penny Meadow, Ashton-under-Lyne. The Dog and Pheasant, Stalybridge, has gone over to real ale served by handpumps. The Organ, Stalybridge, is believed to be going on to handpumped traditional beers (electric pumps for bitter at present - the mild is keg).

WICKETS

The Railway Hotel, once a rather basic local opposite Garswood Station, has recently been tastefully decorated and Greenalls have installed handpumps to serve the bitter and mild. The pub is also suitable for White Shield aficionados.

PARRÓTING

Dukinfield's oldest pub, the Astley Arms, a Robinsons house on Crescent Road, has recently changed licensees. The most talked about feature of the Astley, the landlord's pet parrot, has gone too. The new licensee comes from the Broom House, a Bass keg-only pub in Denton.

FOR SALE

Bass have put the Bridge Inn, College Road, Rochdale, up for sale, with licence. Like the Railway, it is being offered free from tie. Tenders should be in by 16 September. Come on Drabs!

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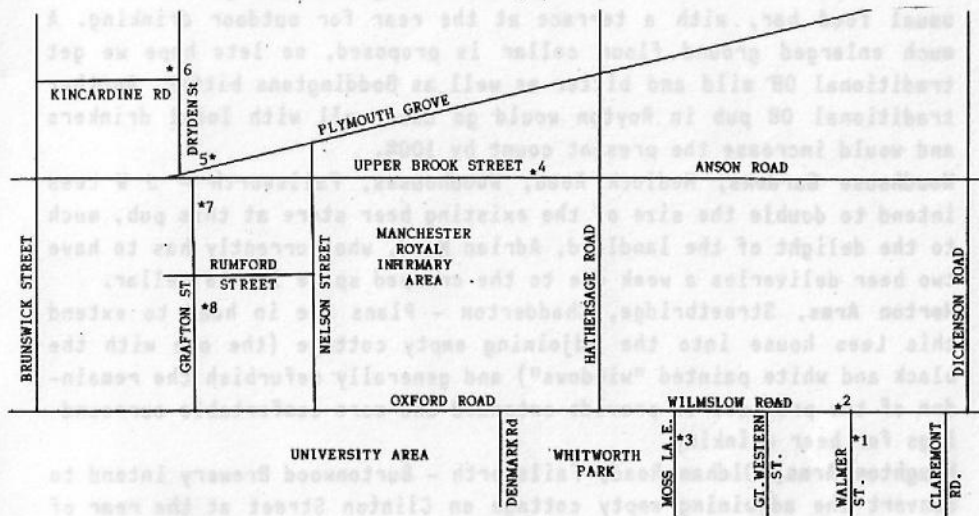
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- 1 Albert Inn, Hydes (E)
- 2 Clarence, Bass, Draught Bass (H)
- 3 Whitworth, Marstons (H)
- 4 Doctor Fosters (formerly the Blackstock), Chesters (H)
- 5 Plymouth, Boddingtons (E)
- 6 Falcon, Wilsons (H)
- 7 Bowling Green, Greenalls (E)
- 8 Grafton Hotel, Holts (H)



R's OVER

Tetley, it would seem, are keen to spend money on the pubs they haven't sold. Hot on the heels of the Bulls Head, the Foresters in Swinton has also been renovated. Pity that the etched glass window in the revamped foyer reads "FORRESTERS".

PUB OF THE MONTH

The South Manchester Pub of the Month for September is the Silver Jubilee, Hamilton Street, off Belmont Way, Stockport. The Jubilee, serving Robinsons Best Bitter and Mild, has been tenanted since May by Ron and Colette Brindley, formerly of the Unity Inn. For those who recall the quality of the beer at the Unity (Pub of the Month last December) the choice of the Jubilee will come as no surprise. Formerly the Oddfellows, the Silver Jubilee was rebuilt and renamed

in 1977 and comprises a large games room and comfortable lounge, both redecorated by the new tenants. The lounge now boasts a pianist on Fridays and Saturdays and more entertainment is planned, not least for the patio - when the enclosing wall is built.

The social side is not overlooked, with 2 pool teams, a bowling team and darts teams.

The presentation night is on Thursday, September 22nd, and a good do is assured.

PLANNING NEWS IN OLDHAM

Summit Inn, Rochdale Road, Royton - Oldham Brewery have submitted plans to refurbish and extend this tied house which currently only sells keg OB mild and bitter. A single storey extension is proposed at the rear and side to provide an enlarged drinking area and the usual food bar, with a terrace at the rear for outdoor drinking. A much enlarged ground floor cellar is proposed, so lets hope we get traditional OB mild and bitter as well as Boddingtons bitter. Another traditional OB pub in Royton would go down well with local drinkers and would increase the present count by 100%.

Woodhouse Gardens, Medlock Road, Woodhouses, Failsworth - J W Lees intend to double the size of the existing beer store at this pub, much to the delight of the landlord, Adrian Wood, who currently has to have two beer deliveries a week due to the cramped space in the cellar.

Horton Arms, Streetbridge, Chadderton - Plans are in hand to extend this Lees house into the adjoining empty cottage (the one with the black and white painted "windows") and generally refurbish the remainder of the premises to provide extended and more comfortable surroundings for beer drinking.

Houghton Arms, Oldham Road, Failsworth - Burtonwood Brewery intend to convert the adjoining empty cottage on Clinton Street at the rear of the pub into a licensed pool and darts room. An extended bar is also proposed. Perhaps the most intriguing proposal is that to convert the gents' toilet into the ladies' toilet and vice versa. The change over night could be quite interesting!

Dog and Partridge, Roundthorn Road, Oldham - the tap room at this pub is currently being enlarged by the inclusion within the building of a former passageway between the pub and the adjoining houses. Tall customers are still obliged to duck their heads on entering the room!

WHAT! NO DRABS?

The latest addition to the ever increasing number of Bolton real ale outlets (excluding Greenalls, of course) is Yates' Wine Lodge on Bradshawgate. Wilsons mild and bitter (56p and 58p) and Thwaites Best mild and bitter (56p and 58p) are available in basic traditional splendour, if somewhat spoiled by an overloud juke box.

REAL ALE in SALFORD

Including
Swinton & Pendlebury, Eccles,
Irlam & Cadishead and Worsley



There are numerous Whitbread pubs in Salford, some of which do sell traditional beer. In most cases, however, the beer has not been regularly available. Only those pubs which have served cask conditioned beer regularly and where there is reasonable certainty that they will continue to do so have been included.

CITY OF SALFORD

Albion	Ordsall Lane	Tetley
Beehive	Holland Street	Greenalls
Bird in Hand	St Stephens Street	Wilsons
Black Friar	King Street	Boddingtons
Borough	Encombe Place	Burtonwood
Borough	Regent Road	Greenalls
Braziers	Hodson Street	Boddingtons
Bricklayers	Ordsall Lane	Holts
Bridge	Strawberry Road	Wilsons
Britannia	Bank Lane	Wilsons
Broadway	Broadway	Holts
Brown Bull	Chapel Street	Marstons
Chequerboard	Fallow Field	Wilsons
Church	Ford Lane	Wilsons
Church	Hilton Street	Boddingtons
Clowes	Trafford Road	Wilsons
Coach and Horses	Eccles New Road	Sam Smiths
Corporation	Cross Lane	Wilsons
Crown	Blackfriars Street	Wilsons
Dover	Fenney Street	Greenalls
Druids Arms	Liverpool Street	Wilsons
Druids Home	Silk Street	Wilsons
Duke of York	Marlborough Road	Holts
Eagle	Collier Street	Holts
Feathers	Laundry Street	Wilsons
Globe	Regent Road	Burtonwood
Globe	Bury Street	Wilsons
Grey Mare	Eccles New Road	Greenalls
Horseshoe	Back Hope Street	Bass Cask, 4X
Inn of Good Hope	Eccles Old Road	Wilsons
Irwell Castle	Great Clowes Street	Wilsons
Jubilee	Tatton Street	Boddingtons
Kersal	Moor Lane	Boddingtons
Kildakin	St Kildas Drive	Boddingtons
Kings Arms	Bloom Street	Greenalls
Kings Arms	Oldfield Road	Holts
King William IV	Springfield Lane	Boddingtons
Live and Let Live	Regent Road	Wilsons
Lord Nelson	Chapel Street	Wilsons
Mariners	Liverpool Street	Wilsons
Mark Addy	Stanley Street	Boddingtons
Old House at Home	Whit Lane	Holts
Old Ship	Chapel Street	Boddingtons
Old Veteran	Duxbury Street	Greenalls
Ordsall	Ordsall Lane	Wilsons

Oxford	Bexley Square	Wilsons
Paddock	Cross Lane	Boddingtons
Pen and Wig	New Bailey Street	Wilsons
Priory	Gardner Street	Boddingtons
Punch Bowl	Chapel Street	Tetley
Railway	Broughton Road	Boddingtons
Railway	Liverpool Street	Greenalls
Red Lion	Bolton Road	Holts
Red Lion	Chapel Street	Wilsons
Rovers Return	Guy Fawkes Street	Wilsons
Sabre	Taylorson Street	Holts
Ship	Cross Lane	Wilsons
Spinners	Oldfield Road	Marstons
Spread Eagle	Regent Road	Holts
Star	Back Hope Street	Robinsons
Star	Greengate	Chesters
Three Legs of Man	Greengate	Robinsons
Unicorn	Broughton Road	Greenalls
Union Tavern	Liverpool Street	Holts
Waggon and Horses	Bolton Road	Holts
Wallness	Wallness Lane	Tetley
Waterloo	Greengate	Wilsons
Wellington	Bolton Road	Holts
Wellington	Regent Road	Boddingtons
Winston	Churchill Way	Holts

SWINTON AND PENDLEBURY

Albert	Bolton Road	Boddingtons
Bowling Green	Bolton Road	Tetley
Buckley Arms	Partington Lane	Tetley
Bulls Head	Chorley Road	Tetley
Butchers Arms	Bolton Road	Thwaites
Cricketers	Manchester Road	Holts
Farmers Arms	Manchester Road	Boddingtons
Football	Swinton Hall Road	Tetley
Foresters	Chorley Road	Tetley
Lord Nelson	Bolton Road	Holts
New Cross	Swinton Hall Road	Tetley
Newmarket	Bolton Road	Holts
Park Inn	Worsley Road	Holts
Robin Hood	Bolton Road	Tetley
Weavers	Swinton Hall Road	Boddingtons
White Horse	Worsley Road	Boddingtons
White Lion	Market Place	Robinsons
White Swan	Worsley Road	Holts
Windmill	Bolton Road	Sam Smiths

ECCLES

Albert Edward	Church Street	Sam Smiths
Bird in Hand	Liverpool Road	Holts
Black Boy	Liverpool Road	Wilsons
Bridgewater	Liverpool Road	Holts
Brown Cow	Worsley Road	Robinsons
Church	Church Street	Wilsons
Crown & Volunteer	Church Street	Holts

Diamond XX	Liverpool Road	Wilsons
Dog and Partridge	Church Street	Greenalls
Duke of York	Church Street	Chesters, free house
Dutton Arms	Barton Road	Boddingtons
Egerton Arms	Worsley Road	Boddingtons
Ellesmere Inn	King William Street	Holts
Ellesmere	Liverpool Road	Boddingtons
Fox Vaults	Church Street	Greenalls
Golden Cross	Liverpool Road	Holts
Golden Lion	Barton Lane	Boddingtons
Grapes	Liverpool Road	Holts
Kings Head	Barton Lane	Boddingtons
Lamb	Regent Street	Holts
Monton Green	Monton Green	Wilsons
Oddfellows	Church Street	Boddingtons
Old Bulls Head	Church Street	Holts
Packet House	Liverpool Road	Boddingtons
Park	Monton Road	Holts
Queens Arms	Green Lane	Boddingtons
Railway	Church Street	Tetley
Red Lion	Chapel Street	Boddingtons
Royal Oak	Barton Lane	Holts
Ship Canal	Barton Lane	Wilsons
Stanley Arms	Liverpool Road	Holts
Star	Church Street	Greenalls
Town Hall	Church Street	Wilsons
Wellington	Church Street	Holts
Wellington	Worsley Road	Greenalls
White Horse	Gilda Brook Road	Robinsons
White Lion	Liverpool Road	Holts

IRLAM AND CADISHEAD

Boat House	Boat Lane	Boddingtons
Coach and Horses	Liverpool Road	Boddingtons
Lion	Liverpool Road	Tetley
Nags Head	Liverpool Road	Chesters
Railway	Liverpool Road	Boddingtons
White Horse	Liverpool Road	Tetley
White Lion	Liverpool Road	Wilsons

WORSLEY

Antelope	Manchester Road West	Tetley
Bell	Manchester Road East	Tetley
Bridgewater	Barton Road	Boddingtons
Cock	Walkden Road	Boddingtons
Dun Mare	Salford Road	Tetley
Greyhound	Boothstown	Wilsons
Kenyon Arms	Manchester Road West	S&N
Morning Star	Manchester Road	Holts
Pied Piper	Eastham Way	Robinsons
Royal Oak	Leigh Road	Wilsons
Vulcan	Bolton Road	Boddingtons
White Lion	Manchester Road West	Boddingtons

CHEADLE CHANGES

The Railway, Manchester Road, has been modernised and Boddingtons mild and bitter on handpump (plus Oldham keg) are available along with home made food at lunchtime. The decor features many old and interesting pictures and relics from local railway history.

The Greenall Whitley 'Dirty Tricks' Department has been working overtime in changing the Greyhound, corner of Councillor Lane/Ladybridge Road, Adwood, into the 'Game Bird'.

An expensive-looking, hand-painted sign advertises 'Traditional Ale' on sale. The lines of handpumps on the bar look equally impressive. What a pity they all go 'click' when pulled, and dispense chilled and filtered beer - an outstanding example of Greenalls blatantly conning the public.

HOLTS VALUE

The Friendship Inn (Holts), Scholes Lane, Prestwich, must be considered one of the most tastefully modernised pubs in the county. Although walls have disappeared and old tiles covered, the Friendship has been far from spoiled (Whitbread and Boddingtons take note). Prices are 50p for bitter and 48p for mild - each 1p cheaper in the vault. Good food at reasonable prices is also available.



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In the wake of recent increases by several breweries it is a pleasure to report one pub which has lowered its prices. The Ostrich Hotel (Holts), Heaton Park, dropped 2p off a pint recently.

It is interesting to note that four pubs in Prestwich and Whitefield (all Holts houses) have waiter service. Is this not proof that cheap prices fill pubs?

REVAMPED COMMERCIAL

The Commercial Hotel, West Street, Oldham, has been tidied up and redecorated in keeping with the age of the pub - it dates back to around 1830. There are traditional Britannia tables and crystal chandeliers and new kitchens and toilets have been fitted.

JUMPING FOR THE REP.

Landlord Kevin Platt of the Dog & Partridge, Greenacres, Oldham, a Good Beer Guide listed pub, has joined forces with several other local daredevils to raise funds for the Oldham Coliseum (Oldham "Rep" to you). Parachuting is the name of the game and on 20th August Kevin made the Big Jump. He survived the 1,000 feet drop and he and his fellow jumpers raised £100 each in sponsorship.

WHITEFIELD HEROES

At last Whitefield has a real ale off-licence, thanks to Legendary Lancashire Heroes. It stands on Thatch Leach Lane, near Besses o'th' Barn railway station, and beers on sale are Taylors best bitter, Theakstons Old Peculier and best bitter, Ruddles County, Everards

Beacon and Tiger, Saxon Cross, Moorhouses and Pendle Witch. Also available is a choice of scrumpy and various bottled beers and lagers.

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According to a report commissioned by the International Lager Festival, which is taking place throughout this month in clubs and pubs in Southern England, nearly four out of every ten pints sold in Britain are now lager.

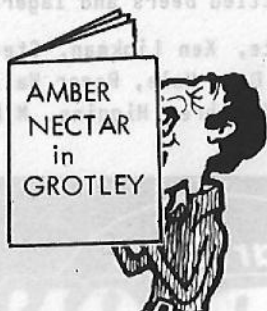
In sales promotion, images are all-important. According to this same festival report, the women surveyed thought that lager-drinking males were "more sophisticated, slimmer and better dressed than beer drinkers"; and that they were "more widely-travelled, drive fast cars, are better educated, and are even better in bed."

George Agar says he takes a delicious pint of Boddington's at 54p whenever he calls at his head office in Wilmslow. Last week he was delighted to find Boddington's in a pub at Broadstairs. That was till he learned the price - £1.23 a pint.



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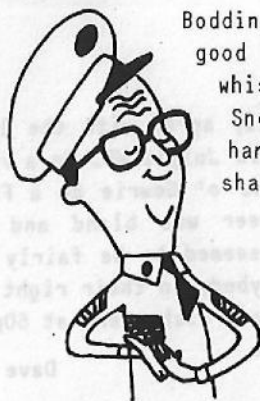
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Rupert Periwinkle



Boddington II, who is now firmly ensconced on the good Duane's ample shoulder, tells me that the whisper is that the post of el supremo of the Snoot Magna branch is up for grabs. This I find hard to believe. Since the demise of the barrel shaped accountant's ectomorphic sibling, the branch has been thrust into a semblance of dynamism by the new chairperson. Mr Dumpty's excesses have been curtailed and new faces have strengthened the politburo. Internecine warfare has been eliminated and it

looked as though all the members were united. Indeed they were, but their unity was against their chairman. This is indeed a tragedy. There was a time when high ranking members were held in high esteem. Max Wall, Martin Boreman and Badge and Madge Fairplastic are remembered with warmth by all those who had the honour of meeting them.

So what's changed? Merely because the charming Dermatitis occasionally indulges in teddy bear clutching and cupboard hiding, can be somnifacient, rude to breweries and violent on buses, this is no reason to shun him and lose confidence in him. Do the stalwarts of Snoot Magna want to return to the era of keg Snotes quaffing? Anybody who believes that they can lead the folk of Snoot Magna into 1984 should apply in the first instance to the Whingeing Sartorial Scot, c/o H.Q., St Allballs.

There could soon be another vacancy for the post of co-ordinator of the Smash Goosegrease Campaign. The well intentioned and youthful Mr Roolager doesn't appear to have achieved very much and the powers that be don't seem to be unduly concerned. Nobody seems to know why we don't like them, what they've done wrong, what else they should do,

how we should attack them. Small wonder that they've moved into leisure, turned pubs into pizza parlours and killed off real mild in many outlets. Some people even did silly things like survey all their pubs and question licensees about cask beer, but quite rightly our Kevin Turvey lookalike threw this stupid information away and shouted at all and sundry for doing sweet f.a. One wonders what the Red Max will do with regard to Brobdingnags.



SORRY LASS

Sir - I must fully agree with the letter of Paul Roberts in July's WD. On a recent visit to the Lass o' Gowrie on a Friday lunchtime the beer was bland and even cloudy. The pub seemed to be fairly well packed but how anybody in their right mind can drink a pint of "dishwater" at 60p per pint is beyond me.

Dave Hale

THE NEW ALEX

Sir - The Alexandra Park (Wilsons) on Alexandra Road, Moss Side, has been modernised to provide a nice degree of comfort. My report in last month's WD stated that only traditional bitter was on sale and the mild was tank. However, traditional mild has been reinstated once again. Both mild and bitter are dispensed by handpumps and sell for 57p and 58p respectively.

Leo King

STRAIGHT FROM THE CAMEL'S MOUTH

Sir - After the Central Manchester Beer Guide fiasco, it comes as no surprise that What's Doing should get it wrong again. I spent over an hour looking for the Ulan Batur mentioned in last month's Asian Corner only to find that the restaurant had been closed by the Health Department at the beginning of June. The proprietor, Mr Naryn, is now apparently running a restaurant called the Samarkand off Princess Street. Can we have a review of this before it too closes?

Wayne Beresford

(The Editor has received several communications regarding the Ulan Batur. Would future contributors please ensure their information is up to date?)



Branch Diary

ROCHDALE, OLDHAM AND BURY

Tues 3 Sept 8pm. Branch Meeting, Welcome (Holts), Bury Old Road, Whitefield. Speaker from Holts Brewery

Sat 17 Sept lunchtime trip to West Riding Brewery's only pub at Elland.

Tues 20 Sept 8pm. Committee meeting, Royal Oak (Hydes), Heaton Park, Prestwich

Tues 4 Oct 8pm. Branch Meeting, Cemetery (free house), Bury Road, Rochdale

Tues 18 Oct 8pm, Committee meeting, Railway (Bass), Inghams Lane, Littleborough

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

HIGH PEAK AND NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Tues 13 Sept Branch Meeting, Tollemache Arms, Mossley, 8.30pm (Robinsons)

Tues 27 Sept, Day trip to Wards Brewery, Sheffield (for 2.30pm). Contact Stewart Jamieson for further details 061 427 2463

Contact Tom Lord 061 427 7099

BOLTON

Wed 7 Sept, 8pm. Social, Lodge Bank Tavern (Lees), Bridgeman Street, Bolton

Sun 11 Sept 12noon. Meeting White Lion (Holts), Market Street, Westhoughton. Speaker applied for. Please note change of venue.

Weds 21st Sept 8pm. Branch meeting, York Hotel, Newport Street, Bolton

Sun 2nd Oct 12noon. Social at the Poacher, Scot Lane, Blackrod.

Wed 5th Oct 8pm **prompt**. Meeting Maxims (Samson, Lorimers), Bradshawgate, Bolton. Speaker from Vaux. Please support.

Weds 19th Oct 8pm. Committee meeting, White Lion (Wilsons), Deansgate, Bolton.

Contact Jim Hurst, Tottington 3532

SOUTH MANCHESTER

Tues 6 Sept. Open Committee meeting, 8pm, Swan with Two Necks, Princes Street, Stockport shopping precinct.

Thurs 8th Sept, Branch meeting, White Swan, Fallowfield, 8pm. Whitbread guest speaker.

Tues 20 Sept, Coach Trip to Burtonwood Brewery. Pick up points: Hazel Grove (Bulls Head) 6.30. Stockport (Pineapple) 6.40. Fallowfield (White Swan) 6.50. Few seats left

Thurs 22 Sept. Pub of the Month, Silver Jubilee, Hamilton Square, Stockport

Fri 30 Sept - Sun 2nd Oct. Trip to Dublin, including visit to Dempsey's Brewery. Details from B Pryme 061 225 6606(h), 061 344 2721 (work)

Tues 4 Oct Open committee meeting, 8pm, Gateway, Kingsway, East Didsbury

Thurs 13 Oct Branch Meeting, 8pm, Gateway. Hydes guest speaker

Contact Sue Sproson 061 225 4058

NORTH MANCHESTER

Weds 21 Sept, Branch Meeting, White Swan, Swinton 8pm

Fri 30 Sept. Train ride to Sheffield. Train from Piccadilly 18.45 (arrive Sheffield 19.45) Assemble Globe Inn, Howard Street (opposite the Polytechnic) 8pm.

Weds 28 Sept Boddingtons survey, Patricroft. Kings Head 7pm, Packet 8pm.

Wed 5 Oct..Winton & Patricroft crawl. Egerton 7.00, Brown Cow 8.00

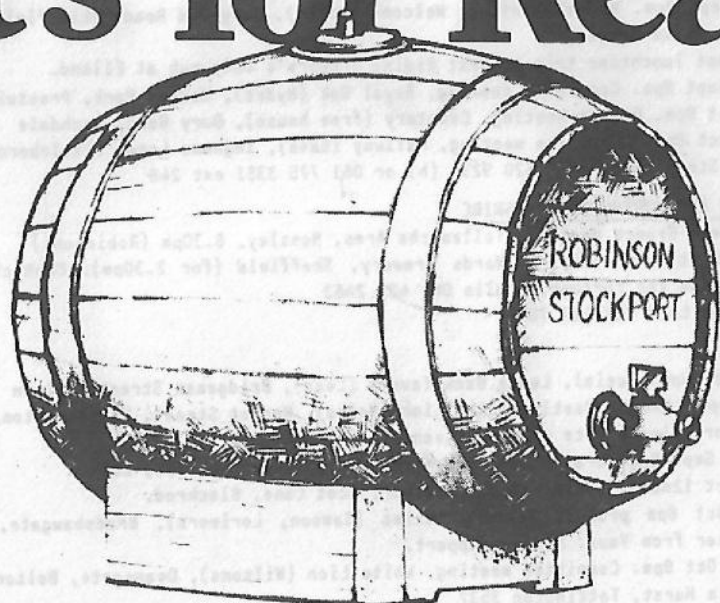
Wed 12 Oct, committee/social 8.00 Jolly Angler, Ducie Street, Manchester

Sat 15 Oct Trip to West Midlands

Weds 19 Oct Branch Meeting, Kenyon Arms, Manchester Road, Little Hulton. S&N speaker 8pm

Contact Roger Hall 740 7937

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