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# WHAT'S DOING

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## GREENALLS CHANGE FOR THE BETTER



Have Greenalls finally given in to beer drinkers' demands? The thought of a CAMRA-led campaign against them must have proved too much, as it has brought about a major change in the company's pro-keg policies. With the launch of a new cask beer (Greenalls Original Bitter) and the reintroduction of handpumps, there is something to smile about in Greenall Whitley Land!

Greenalls Original Bitter is on sale in the following outlets in the Bolton area. It retails at 63-64p a pint.

Victory, Chorley Old Road, Bolton (E)  
Oddfellows Arms, St Helens Road, Daubhill (E)  
Queen Elizabeth, Fletcher Street, Bolton (H)  
Fourgates, Chorley Road (A6), Westhoughton (H)  
Boars Head, Churchgate, Bolton (H)



Some farther flung outlets are:

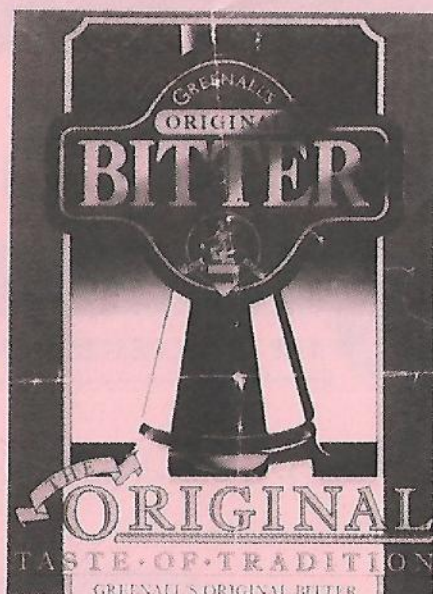
Cricketers, St Helens  
Old Ball, Warrington  
Punch Bowl, Atherton  
Tudor, Wroughtington

Meanwhile, handpumps have appeared in the following Bolton pubs:

Crofters, St George's Road  
Green Barn, M/cr Road, Blackrod  
Victoria (Fanny's), Victoria R  
Loose Goose, Chorley Rd, W'h'ton  
(All sell both mild and bitter)

The Crofters, St George's Road, has been tastefully modernised with many features of the old pub retained. The carved bar has been turned round, dividing the pub in two and one big lounge replaces the old lounge and pool room. The tap room stays. The Queen Elizabeth, Fletcher Street, has had its lounge tastefully extended. The Loose Goose, Chorley Road, Westhoughton, formerly the Dog & Pheasant and "Amigo's Fun Pub", has been tarted up and is still a "fun pub". At the Pack Horse, Nelson Square/Bradshawgate, Bolton - the town's most prestigious hotel - the public bars are closed for a major renovation.

Jim Hurst



## MOSS SIDE BREWS NEWS

The brewing of traditional beer may begin again at Scottish & Newcastle's plant at Moss Side. The company plan to spend between £8 million and £10 million on extending the site and real ale is a distinct possibility in 2-3 years time - and we are promised it won't be brewed to the bland Boddingtons/Chesters formula!

Scottish & Newcastle real ales are a rarity in our area, but there are some encouraging signs. At the beginning of the summer 11 gallon containers of traditional beer were put on trial in free houses in North Wales and at the end of last month they became generally available in the North West. As 36's and 22's had hitherto been the only casks on offer, the new size is expected to go down well in free trade outlets where there is a low turnover in real ale.

BLACKLEY 80 YEARS AGO

S & N are also looking into extending their free trade in the area; pub swaps are a distinct possibility, although the company have problems in finding suitable pubs to swap! They will be opening a new pub at Broomfield, Burnley, soon (selling traditional Scotch and IPA) called the Thornton Arms.

The following S & N pubs in the Lancashire and Greater Manchester area are selling cask beer:

Managed

Brockholes Arms, Garstang  
Cross Keys, Slyne, nr Lancaster  
Fishermans Rest, Southport  
Greyhound, Halton, Lancaster  
King Edward VII, Lancaster  
Lanky's, Lancaster  
Ley Inn, Chorley  
Market Tavern, Wigan  
Strawberry Gardens, Heysham  
Rudolph's, Runcorn  
The Venture, Wigan  
Kenyon Arms, Little Hulton, Manchester  
Craven Heifer, Darwen  
Langroyd Hall, Colne  
Star Inn, Hulme, Manchester

(The Star began selling traditional beer on Thursday 20th October)

Tenanted

Rock Ferry, Lower Ince  
Hark to Dandler, Bury  
Peel Arms, Padfield  
Bolton Arms, Manchester

There are also the following free trade outlets:

Church Inn, Uppermill (No 3)  
Lord Raglan, Nangreaves, Bury (No 3)  
Church Inn, Birtle (No 3)  
Leewood Hotel, Buxton (No 3 & Scotch bitter)

No 3 was on sale at the Kenyon Arms, Manchester Road, Little Hulton, for a meeting between CAMRA and representatives from Scottish & Newcastle in October. It is hoped that this beer will become a permanent feature at the Kenyon.



# BLACKLEY 80 YEARS AGO

The photographs show:

1 The Paul Pry, which stood off Crab Lane and was the first beerhouse in the village. The pub closed in 1923.

2 The Flying Horse complete with skyboards on Crab Lane

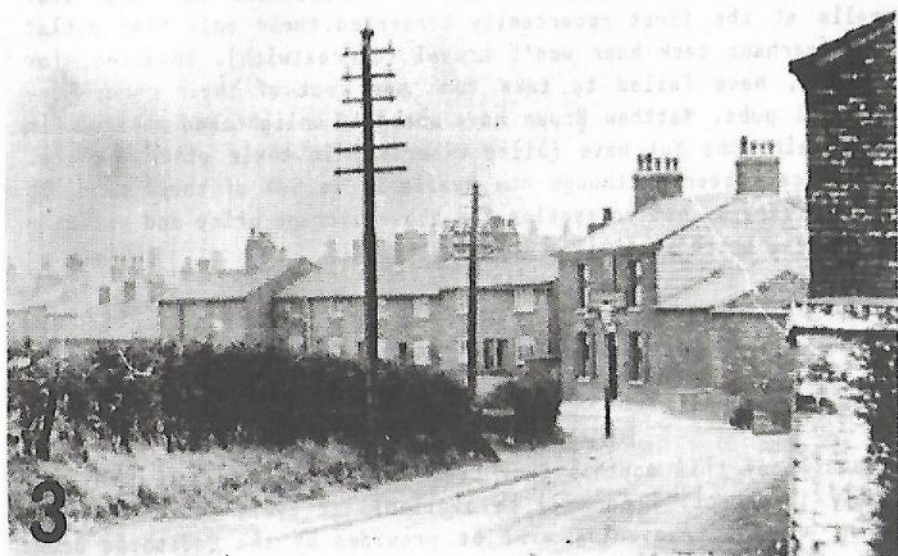
3 The Original Duke of Wellington on what was then Heaton Park Road near Foxholes Farm.



# BURY REAL ALE LIST

4 The old Farmyard at Barnes Green about 1895. The pub was known as the Printers Arms, The Halfway House, but more usually as Kay's, after the family who were licencees for over 50 years. In 1896 the pub was replaced by the present building, which is now an exemplary house of horrors.

Roger Hall





# BURY REAL ALE LIST

Since the last comprehensive list for Bury was compiled the number of real ale outlets has increased from 117 to 139, mainly due to the reintroduction of various cask beers by Whitbread, whilst Tetleys have remained apathetic to the drinker's best interests and Bass have gone on their usual fizzy downward slope to an all-time cask beer low. Greenalls at the first opportunity converted their only tied outlet to keg (perhaps cask beer won't travel to Prestwich). Thwaites, for their part, have failed to take tank beer out of their three non-traditional pubs. Matthew Brown have shown an enlightened attitude in one of their pubs but have failed miserably in their other outlets. Whitbread cask beer, although now available in 50% of their pubs, is often indifferent, not to mention the above-average price and variable quality. Yes, there is still a long way to go!

## WHAT'S DOING

### BURY BEER FESTIVAL

The details of this month's Bury Beer Festival given last month were slightly incorrect. Food will be available at every session. Entertainment on Friday evening will be provided by the Cadishead Brass Band and on Saturday evening by the Bedford Brass Band. Saturday lunchtime will feature Ye Olde Waggon Inn folk group.

### RUHR EXPERIENCE

The Cellar Vie on Charlotte Street, Manchester is selling Dortmunder Kronen Classic Export. An advertisement in the local press claimed the beer would meet with the approval of CAMRA members as it is brewed in Germany and is unpasteurised.

### MORE CHESTERS BITTER

The Edinburgh Castle on Blossom Street in Ancoats is now serving handpumped Chesters bitter. Sales have increased and it is hoped that cask ~~old~~ may soon follow.

### SAD GAY

Theakstons bitter has disappeared from the bar of the Gay Willows, Clifton.

### HYDES SEEK PERMISSION

Hydes propose to extend the Victoria Hotel on Wilmslow Road, Withington, into the off-licence next door.

### LOST MARBLE

Wilsons are selling the Marble Arch on Rochdale Road, Manchester,

which has been boarded up for some time. As the only competition is the Harp and Shamrock, hidden away in a back street, and a few Whitbread pubs, budding entrepreneurs should snap this one up and show Wilsons that it can be profitable.

### WOT, NO HORRORS?

The Heald Green Hotel, next to Heald Green Station, has been selling handpumped Chesters mild and bitter for some months. In view of the large food trade here, Chesters have adopted an up-market approach towards the decor instead of raiding the local junkyards. Perhaps that's why the Chesters bitter costs 64p a pint.

### TRADITIONAL O.B - SLAPPED WRISTS!

Whilst the cellar tanks have been removed from the Waterloo at Ashton-under-Lyne, they have not, however, been replaced by casks! The beer is served from kegs (chilled and filtered beer) by electric pumps.

September's cover story also stated that the Diggle Hotel, Saddleworth (a free house), was selling handpumped keg O.B ales. The licensee took strong exception to this statement, so much so that a local branch committee member was asked into the cellar! The beer is handpumped from 36 gallon barrels stillaged in the normal manner. However, the beer is chilled and filtered and stored under a low pressure CO<sub>2</sub> "blanket". Obviously not traditional, by CAMRA's definition, but not keg by the licensee's! Touche.

### GREAT BRITISH BEERMATS (1)

#### BAR EXERCISES 4. THE BUTTOCKS

This little exercise is properly called Buttock Firming, but to avoid jocular remarks it's sometimes called Posterior Posturing.

Whatever name you give it, the aim is to tone and firm up your buttocks and give you confidence that your behind isn't letting you down behind, so to speak.

So, stand up straight, feet apart, with one hand on your hip and the other clutching your Gaymers Lite.

Take a sip, thinking all the while about the sugar you aren't consuming.

Breathe in, then draw in and contract the buttock muscles firmly, holding them taut for six seconds.



Release, take another sip of Gaymers Lite followed by another deep breath, then contract again.

Do this exercise regularly and before long the days when your backside bothered you will be well behind you.



**Marston's**

# BURTON BITTER

**BB**

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by  
Marston's**



## TRAMWAY

The Bowling Green, a Wilsons house on Manchester Road, Denton, has been renamed the Denton Tramway

## IMPROVEMENTS

The Bolton Arms, New Bridge Street, Manchester, serves a rather variable pint of Youngers Scotch bitter and IPA. It is understood, however, that S&N are going to spend some money on a general re-vamp, including improvements to the cellar and expansion into the adjoining premises.

## RAIL ALE (146)

Plans are afoot to build a new pub on the Cheadle Station site on Manchester Road.

## RECORD OKTOBERFEST

The 1983 Oktoberfest ended on Sunday 2nd October, having broken all previous records. Due to the best autumn weather for over a century (and a little help from certain North Manchester CAMRA members), over 4.6 million litres of the strong Märzenbier were supped. (Compared to 4.2 million in 1982). To help relieve the pangs of hunger, 100,000 pork knuckles, one million half-chickens, 59 oxen and several million sausages were consumed by the 6.5 million visitors. So get saving now for 1984 and let's see the 5 million litre barrier passed!



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EDITION

# REAL ALE in BURY



INCLUDING RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON, RADCLIFFE,  
WHITEFIELD AND PRESTWICH

# BURY

Arthur Inn	Bolton Road	Elton	Thwaites	M,B(E)
Bay Horse	Parr Lane	Unsworth	Holts	M,B(E)
Bird in Hand	Manchester Road	Blackford Bridge	Castle Eden	(H)
Black Bull	Ainsworth Road	Starling	Thwaites	M,B(E)
Black Bull	The Rock	Centre	Wilsons	B(H)
Blue Bell	Bury New Road	Sunnybank	Holts	M,B(E)
Blue Bell	Bolton Road	Elton	Duttons	B(H)
Brewers Arms	Bell Lane	Freetown	Bulmers Cider	(H)
Brickcroft	Brook Street	Freetown	Thwaites	M,B(E)
Bridge Inn	Manchester Road	Blackford Bridge	Thwaites	M,B(H)
Brunswick	Moorgate	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Church Inn	Spring Street	Centre	Castle Eden	(H)
Church Inn	Bell Lane	Freetown	Thwaites	M,B(H)
Clarence	Silver Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Claybank	Rochdale Road	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Cotton Tree	Moorgate	Centre	Duttons	B(H)
Crown	Rochdale Road	Centre	Duttons	B(H)
Derby Arms	Bolton Road	Elton	Thwaites	M,B(H)
Dusty Miller	Croxtons Road	Woodhill	Castle Eden	(H)
Elton View	Eagley Drive	Elton	Thwaites	M,BM,B(E)
Fairfield	Rochdale Old Road	Fairfield	Thwaites	M,B(E)
Flying Shuttle	Clerke Street	Centre	Thwaites	M,B(H)
Garsdale	Woodhill Road	Woodhill	Wilsons	M,B(H)
George	Market Street	Centre	Castle Eden	(H)
Hare & Hounds	Bolton Street	Centre	Trophy	(H)
Help Me Thro'	Croxtons Road	Woodhill	Wilsons	B(E)
Hollins Bush	Hollins Lane	Hollins	Thwaites	M,B(H)
Jolly Waggoner	Manchester Old Road	Centre	Lees	GBM,B(E)
Knowsley	Knowsley Street	Centre	Castle Eden	(H)
Lamb	Tottington Road	Woolfold	Duttons	B(H)
Lord Raglan	Walmersley Old Road	Nangreaves	Castle Eden	(H)
Nags Head	Barlow Street	Centre	Trophy	(H)
Napier	Bolton Street	Centre	Duttons	B(H)
New Inn	Walmersley Road	Walmersley	Youngers	No3(H)
New Inn	Bell Lane	Freetown	Thwaites	BM,B(H)
Old Blue Bell	Bell Lane	Freetown	Thwaites	M,B(E)
Old Duke	Brandlesholme Road	Brandlesholme	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Old White Horse	Church Street	Ainsworth	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Pleasant View	Tottington Road	Woolfold	Wilsons	M,B(H/E)
Queen Anne	Hollins Lane	Unsworth	Castle Eden	(H)
Roach	Rochdale Road	A58	Thwaites	M,B(H)
Roach Bank	Croft Lane	Hollins	Thwaites	M,B(H)
Robin Hood	Rochdale Road	Centre	Castle Eden	(H)
Rose & Crown	Manchester Old Road	Centre	Castle Eden	(H)
Rose & Crown	Cockey Moor Road	Starling	Thwaites	M,B(H)
Royal Huntsman	Market Street	Centre	Thwaites	M,B(H)
Sir Robert Peel	Sunnybank Road	Sunnybank	Castle Eden	(H)
Spotted Cow	Bell Lane	Freetown	Trophy	(H)
Star Inn	Bridge Street	Freetown	Thwaites	M,B(E)
Swan	Tottington Road	Woolfold	Boddingtons	(E)
			Wilsons	M,B(H)
			Wilsons	M,B(H)
			Thwaites	M,B(H)



Swan & Cemetery	Manchester Road	Redvales	Thwaites	M, B(E)
Trafalgar	Manchester Old Road	Centre	Burtonwood	M, B(H)
Turf	Wash Lane	Not Centre	Matthew Brown	M, B, JP(H)
Two Tubs	The Wylde	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Waggon & Horses	Walmersley Road	Chesham	Trophy	(H)
Waggonmakers	Tottington Road	Woolfold	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Waterloo	Manchester Road	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Wellington	Bolton Road	Barracks	Castle Eden	(H)
White Boar	Radcliffe Road	Redvales	Trophy	(H)
White Lion	Bolton Street	Centre	Thwaites	BM, B(E)
Woolpack	Wood Street	Elton	Duttons	B(H)
RAMSBOTTOM			Castle Eden	(H)
Eagle & Child	Whalley Road	Shuttleworth	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Footballers	Higher Summerseat	Summerseat	Duttons	B(H)
Fusilier	Bolton Road West	Hazelhurst	Duttons	B(H)
Good Samaritan	Peel Brow	Centre	Wilsons	B(H)
Grey Mare	Bolton Street	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Hamers	Higher Summerseat	Summerseat	Matthew Brown	M, B(E)
Hare & Hounds	Bolton Road	Holcombe Brook	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Major	Bolton Road West	Centre	Castle Eden	(H)
Masons	Bolton Road West	Dundee Lane	Trophy	(H)
Old Dun Horse	Bolton Road West	Dundee Lane	Thwaites	M, B(E)
Pack Horse	Whalley Road	Shuttleworth	Thwaites	M, B(E)
Railway	Bridge Street	Centre	Duttons	B(H)
Red Lion	Bolton Road	Hawkshaw	Boddingtons	M, B(H)
Royal Oak	Bridge Street	Centre	Boddingtons	B(H)
Shoulder of Mutton	Holcombe Road	Holcombe Village	Thwaites	M, B(E)
Waggon & Horses	Bolton Road	Hawkshaw	Duttons	B(H)
			Duttons	B(H)
TOTTINGTON				
Bulls Head	Holcombe Road	Greenmount	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Dungeon	Turton Road	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Hark to Towler	Market Street	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Nailors Green	Brandlesholme Road	Greenmount	Thwaites	M, B(E)
Pack Horse	Watling Street	Affetside	Hydes	M, B(E)
Printers	Turton Road	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Robin Hood	Market Street	Centre	Trophy	(H)
White Horse	Hall Street	Walshaw	Thwaites	M, B(H)
RADCLIFFE				
Boars Head	Blackburn Street	Centre	Boddingtons	B(H)
Bridge Inn	Dumers Lane	A6053	Trophy	(H)
Bulls Head	Bury New Road	Brightmet A58	Duttons	B(H)
Colliers	Water Street	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(E)
Hare & Hounds	Ringley Road	Outwood	Holts	M, B(H)
Masons	Sion Street	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Morning Star	Thomas Street	Centre	Thwaites	M, B(H)
New Inn	Ainsworth Road	Black Lane	Bass	Cask, 4X(E)
Old Cross	Eton Hill Road	Radcliffe Hall	Holts	M, B(H)
Papermakers	Church Street East	Centre	Holts	M, B(H)
Queens	Bradley Lane	Bradley Fold	Thwaites	M, B(H)

Railway  
Royal Oak  
Staff of Life  
Turf  
Wellington  
Wellington  
Wilton Arms  
Woolpack

Ainsworth Road  
Water Street  
Cross Lane  
Bolton Road  
Stopes Road  
Stand Lane  
Coronation Road  
Stand Lane

Black Lane  
Centre  
Centre  
A665  
off A665  
Centre  
Black Lane-ish  
Centre

Duttons B(H)  
Castle Eden (H)  
Castle Eden (H)  
Thwaites M,B(E)  
Thwaites M,B(H)  
Stones, Bass 4X(H)  
Holts M,B(E)  
Tetley M,B(H/A)

# WHITEFIELD

Albert  
Beehive  
Bulls Head  
Church Inn  
Coach & Horses  
Derby  
Eagle & Child  
Elizabethan  
Frigate  
Goats Gate  
Junction  
Lord Clive  
Masons

Albert Road  
Bury New Road  
Bury New Road  
Bury New Road  
Bury Old Road  
Bury New Road  
Higher Lane  
Ribble Drive  
Thatch Leach Lane  
Radcliffe New Road  
Bury New Road  
Mersey Drive  
Bury New Road

Hillock Estate  
Besses o'th'Barn  
Centre  
Centre  
Besses o'th'Barn  
Centre  
Stand  
Hillock Estate  
Besses o'th'Barn  
Chapelfield  
Besses o'th'Barn  
Hillock Estate  
Centre

Castle Eden (H)  
Duttons B(H)  
Trophy (H)  
Holts M,B(H)  
Holts M,B(H)  
Duttons B(H)  
Holts M,B(H)  
Wilsons M,B(H)  
Holts M,B(E)  
Holts M,B(H)  
Tetley M,B(H)  
Lees GBM,B(E)  
Castle Eden (H)  
Duttons B(H)  
Holts M,B(E)  
Castle Eden (H)  
Duttons B(H)  
Boddingtons M,B(E)  
Holts M,B(E)  
Robinsons M,BB(H)

New Grove  
Parkfield

Bury New Road  
Park Lane

Centre  
Stand

Red King  
Welcome  
Wheatsheaf

Bury New Road  
Bury Old Road  
Bury New Road

Centre  
Besses o'th'Barn  
Centre

# PRESTWICH

Barley Malt  
Commercial  
Farmers Arms  
Foresters  
Friendship  
George  
Ostrich  
Parkside  
Plough  
Railway & Naturalist  
Red Lion  
Royal Oak  
Same Yet  
Staff of Life  
Turf Tavern

Bury New Road  
Bury Old Road  
Simister Lane  
Bury New Road  
Scholes Lane  
Bury New Road  
Bury Old Road  
Bury Old Road  
Hilton Park  
Bury New Road  
Bury New Road  
Whitaker Lane  
Simister Lane  
Hilton Lane  
Bury Old Road

Centre  
Heaton Park  
Simister  
Centre  
Hilton Park  
Sedgeley Park  
Heaton Park  
Heaton Park  
Rainsough  
Centre  
Centre  
Heaton Park  
Simister  
Rainsough  
Heaton Park

Chesters B(H)  
Tetley M,B(H)  
Lees GBM,B(H)  
Holts M,B(H/E)  
Holts M,B(H)  
Boddingtons M,B(E)  
Holts M,B(E)  
Boddingtons M,B(E)  
Wilsons M,B(H)  
Wilsons M,B(E)  
Holts M,B(E)  
Hydes M,B(E)  
Lees GBM,B(E)  
Marstons BB(H)  
Chesters M,B(H)  
Thwaites B(H)  
Trophy (H)  
Holts M,B(H)  
Holts M,B(E)

White Horse  
Woodthorpe

Bury New Road  
Bury Old Road

Centre  
Heaton Park



## SHEARS PERSISTENCY

The Old Shears, Greengate, Salford, struggles on. After a lapse of several months, a new licensee has been found and the pub is open again. The Wilsons bitter sells at 55p a pint.

## FOR SALE

Three Tetley pubs in Bolton are up for grabs:

The Gypsies Tent, Deansgate

Sunnyside, Adelaide Street, Daubhill

Vulcan, Junction Road

Rumour has it that the Gypsies Tent has been purchased by a firm who run pool tables and gaming machines and plan to turn the pub into a free house. The Sunnyside is also believed to have been purchased by a consortium.

## CHANGES AT THE SWAN

The White Swan, Green Street, Fallowfield (Robinsons), a Good Beer Guide entry from 1975 to 1983, saw new tenants last month. Steve and Jean Weston have moved to the green pastures of the Horseshoe, Willaston, near Nantwich, and taking over at the Swan are Jim and Josie Ashall, who have moved from the Three Crowns, Heaton Norris (Boddingtons), after five years.

Gone is the bottled beer collection, to be replaced by an impressive array of water and Toby jugs and a plethora of pub mirrors. In keeping

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with the "new broom" policy, new pumps (electric) are to be installed, a pool team is hoped to be established, together with a social club. The Swan was not selected for the 1984 Guide, but from the look of things it will be a strong contender for 1985!

### FAKE WALKERS?

A recent visit to the Imperial, Ince, revealed the handpumps sporting cobwebs and the Walkers mild and bitter being dispensed via horrible rectangular free-flow pumps. The beer tasted thin and gassy - obviously served under top pressure. Is this the first (and only, we hope) case of non-traditional Walkers?

### DOGGIA

Tetleys plan to build a loggia, whatever that might be, on the Golden Lion, Wimslow Road, Withington.

### HOWCROFT

After the retirement of Frank Hardcastle at the Howcroft, Pool Street, Bolton (WD Oct), the new proprietors will be from the Raven, Wallgate, Wigan. Meanwhile, Carol and Tony Bretherton (whom the regulars wanted to take over from Frank) are going to the Ainsworth Arms, Halliwell Road, Bolton. We wish Frank all the best in his retirement.

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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. The first pint each is on us.



### **BASS**

A recent visit to the Bridge Inn, Ewood Bridge, Rossendale, revealed that the cask bitter was not on sale, nor was the cask 4X mild. Less than discerning drinkers could have keg 4X mild, provided they didn't mind it being served through a Toby Light pump!

### **DODGY**

Having finished the Foresters, the Bulls Head and the Buckley Arms in Swinton, Tetleys have now gutted the Brook Tavern in Wardley. We wait with bated breath to see what this hostelry holds in store for us.

### **CASTLE EDEN**

The House Without a Name in Bradshaw, Bolton, now sells Castle Eden in addition to the Bulmers Cider.

### **DRABS**

The Rose Hill Tavern, Daisy Hill, has finally gone over to Holts from Tetleys. There are no signs - just a couple of handpumps dispensing Holts bitter and mild.

### **SHUT**

Thwaites have boarded up the Bridge on Bridge Street, Bury. The Star (Wilsons), next door, remains open.

### **NEW LOOK WELLINGTON**

The Wellington, Waterloo Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, has been renovated. Sandy soil in the area caused structural problems to the pub and workmen had to dig down 18 feet to find solid ground when extensions were made to the tap room. A new catering kitchen and darts facilities are now available.

### **PEEL APPEAL**

The Peels Arms, Halliwell Road, Bolton, has finally had handpumps installed and now sells traditional Wilsons bitter and mild. The pub once had a reputation as a haunt of limp-wristed gentlemen with handbags, but these have been sent on their merry way.

### **RIP-OFF**

Back in 1974 the Boars Head on Blackburn Street in Radcliffe was reputedly about to become a real ale emporium. However, this never happened and fizz products from a variety of breweries have been on sale there ever since. That was until mid-October, when the pub was sold for an undisclosed large sum and Boddingtons moved in to oust the previous incumbents. Six handpumps are now on the bar selling bitter only. Local businessmen were somewhat peeved at having to pay 63p for their Boddies, pointing out that in the Cheshire stockbroker belt it was much cheaper. The new management relented after only two days of earache and the price is now 59p. Unfortunately, few people complained about the 0.8 keg mild, which is still 62p.

### **PUB FOR SALE**

The Rams Head, Denshaw, is up for sale. The pub has featured in the

Good Beer Guide for the past nine years, selling Theakstons bitter, mild and Old Peculier by gravity. The pub is part of the farm buildings on Ripponden Road, where the present licensee resides. He is to concentrate solely on sheep farming (hence the pub's nickname "Old Tups"). The pub has been in the same family for over 400 years.

### FAILSWORTH SUCCESS

Indications are that at last Failsworth Brewery have obtained a tied house. This is the ex-Whitbread pub opposite the White Gates and just down the road from the Cheshire Ring on Manchester Road in Hyde.

### BLOSSOMS

Friends of the Hillgate Crawl will be sorry to learn of the impending retirement of Bert and Peggy Sumner from the Blossoms, Buxton Road, Heaviley, Stockport, a GBG pub since 1979, after 14 years. South Manchester branch thank Bert and Peggy for their support for CAMRA over the years and wish them a long and happy retirement in Stockport.

### ARMLESS

The Nelson Vaults on Oldham Road, Ancoats, has shut. Are Wilsons turning yet another blind eye?

### PURE BEER

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Verbraucher seit nunmehr 466 Jahren vor  
Surrogat- und Chemiebieren.

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wollen auf diesen Schutz nicht verzichten!

**HACKER-PSCHORR BRAU**

Having failed in their bid to replace the British pint, the bureaucrats of the Common Market have turned their attention to West Germany's "Reinheitsgebot" or "Pure Beer Law". They argue that this law, which since 1516 has ensured that all beer sold in Germany is made only from hops, yeast, malt and water, contravenes the EEC's "free trade" policy and prevents foreign manufacturers from selling their inferior brews in that country.

A campaign is currently being waged in the Federal Republic to preserve the Reinheitsgebot and, with it, pure beer. Now Hacker-Pschorr, one of Munich's "big six" brewers has joined in with the issuing of a beermat in support of the Reinheitsgebot. Roughly translated, the message reads: "We are against bright, stabilised, artificial, preserved, chemical beer. We are for pure beer, which under the Reinheitsgebot of 1516 may only be made from hops, malt, yeast and water. These traditional brewing regulations ensure pure and healthy beer, and have protected the consumer for 466 years from beer made from substitutes or chemicals. We, the brewers and beer drinkers of Germany, do not wish to abandon this protection!"



Needless to say, the brewers and drinkers have the full support of their Government, and it is thought that they will attempt to gain exemption from the EEC regulations through a loophole which allows laws designed to protect "national treasures" to override the Common Market rules.

### FOLK'S HOME

Last month's WD made reference to the disappearance of the Folk Club from the Bulls Head, Swinton. It is pleasing to report that the Club has found a new home and now meets every Monday at 8.00pm at the White Lion (Robinsons), Manchester Road.

### CHESTERS

The Bay Malton, Seamons Road, Altrincham, has reopened without the house of horrors treatment. The local Whitbread area manager even went as far as to say that it is unlikely there will be any more of these perpetrated by the Salford brewery, although he couldn't speak for Blackburn. The new landlord of the Bay Malton is David Laws, previously of the Woodcourt (2 years ago), and he is selling handpumped Chesters bitter at 62p and mild at 60p.

### MYSTERY ALE AT BRANAGANS

Branagans Bar in the Royal Exchange is now selling "Branagans Special Bitter" on handpump alongside Chesters. The landlord won't divulge the source of the brew, but in taste it's not a million miles removed from Castle Eden. However, some visitors liken it to Trophy, so it looks like the management are shoving on whatever Whitbread choose to send them.

The bottled beer collection has been extended by the addition of Budweiser from the USA and the equally famous Chimay and Duvel from Belgium. Dutch Grolsch is still the top seller, with up to 15 cases a week!

Contributors: Paul Roberts, Don Chattwood, Jim Hurst, Steve Lawton, Humphrey Higgins, Jim Davies, Roger Hall, Rob Dunford, Keith Egerton, Philip Levison, Dave Hale, Rhys P Jones, Pete Cash, Terry Cunliffe

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Bob and Kath welcome you to the

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I suppose that the partial collapse of the Rat and Handbag was a direct result of the brouhaha and outbreak of fisticuffs which followed a slight difference of opinion among members of the Campaign. The amber nectar had been flowing from the wickets for some time when Tish shattered the complacency of the Sweetie Bogbrush Fan Club by suggesting that the Loss o'Gumption deserved a pub preservation award like Hitler deserved the Nobel Peace Prize. Evidently her tirade of abuse had some influence because Peter Hammerstein has decreed that the very wonderful Dillons fun pub is ineligible because it was altered in 1983. No doubt the Loss o'Gumption will win next year and Sweetie Bogbrush will be able to present the award - another stuffed pipe smoking fox or a chrome plated carthorse's leg.

If Tish's outburst caused dissent, then Fiona's announcement created mayhem. Dermatitis, it seemed, was stepping down from his post as Grotley Supremo and the Grotley branches were to vote for a new leader. Since he'd been deposed by the posturing cheekies of Snoot Magna, our mentor had developed anorexia nervosa and was no longer capable of shouldering the immense responsibility of office. As Regional Organisers have always been thrust upon us from on high there seemed little sense to many people in voting for someone whom we could not with impunity mock and ignore. At least this was Bunty's opinion. Martin Boremann, Max Wall and Badge Fairplastic had all proved highly wonderful from this point of view. If we had to vote for someone it might as well be someone who was dead or fictional.

A murmur of discontent ran round the pie-rolling alley and Bunty referred to his audience as a bunch of gutless jessies. Tarquin Lavender from Smarmford and Slutch had evidently not previously met Bunty. His dislocated jaw was not wholly unconnected with his suggestion that Bunty should distance himself from the company and certainly led to a general release of pent-up inhibitions and the throwing of furniture. Those of us who crawled from the debris avoided arrest but Bunty was not so fortunate and is once again awaiting trial. It is unlikely that he will be able to stand for Grotley Supremo. Other applicants, dressed appropriately as the rear ends of pantomime horses, should turn up in person at the Fatted Pseud on November 30th, when voting will take place.





# Branch Diary

## BOLTON

Wed 16 Nov 8pm prompt Branch AGM York Hotel, Newport Street, Bolton. Members please attend

Tues 22 Nov 8.30 Trying the original "new" Original Bitter. Boars Head, Churchgate, Bolton

To be arranged in December Party for helpers at Bolton Beer Festival. Details next month.

Wed 7th Dec 8pm Branch Meeting, Crofters Hotel, St George's Road, Bolton

Tues 13 Dec Pub Crawl of Bolton Town Centre. Details next month.

Contact Jim Hurst Tottington 3532

## NORTH MANCHESTER

Weds 9 Nov Committee Meeting, Brewers Arms, next to Boddingtons Brewery 8pm

Weds 16 Nov Branch Meeting White Swan 8pm

Weds 23 Nov Survey of Whitbread Salford pubs. 7pm or earlier, Duke of York; 9.15 Star, Greengate.

Weds 7th Dec Holts Crawl of Cheetwood. Egerton 7pm, Duke of York 8pm

Weds 14 Dec Committee meeting 8pm Ordsall, moving to Bricklayers 9.30.

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

Weds 28th Dec Christmas Pub Crawl "CRACKERS": Crown & Anchor, Royal George, Ancoats, Crown & Kettle, King, Edinburgh Castle, River, Seven Stars

Contact Roger Hall 740 7937

## ROCHDALE, OLDHAM & BURY

Tues 1 Nov 8pm Branch Meeting, Hark to Fowler (Thwaites), Market Street, Tottington

Tues 8 Nov 8pm. Final meeting to discuss Bury Beer Festival. Brunswick (Wilsons), Moorgate, Bury

Fri/Sat 11/12 Nov Bury Beer Festival

Tues 22 Nov 8pm Committee Meeting Old Dun Horse (Thwaites), Bolton Road W, Ramsbottom

Tues 6 Dec 8pm, Branch Meeting Royal Oak (Lees), Boarshaw Road, Middleton

Wed 14 Dec 7.30pm Xmas Social, Eagle & Child (Holts), Higher Lane, Whitefield

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

## TRAFFORD & HULME

Thurs Nov 3 Committee/Social 7.30 Crown, Deansgate, Manchester

Wed Nov 16 Trip to Hydes Brewery (evening) Contact Mike Goode, Atherton 891345 for details

Thu Nov 16th Branch Meeting, 8pm, Railway, Moberley

Sun Nov 20th 12noon. Darts, dows, etc Social. Sale Wardens Club, Wardle Road, Sale

Thu Dec 1st. Committee/Social, 7.30pm King William IV, Manchester Rd, Partington

Contact Alan Hurdle 061 976 1337

## HIGH PEAK & NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Tues 1 Nov 8.30 Committee Meeting, Wellington, Manchester Road, Hyde

Tues 15 Nov 8.30 Branch Meeting, George, Great Norbury Street, Hyde (Robinsons)

Sat 19 Nov Beer (Tent) Kitchen, Dane Bank School, Thornley Park, Denton

Contact Tom Lord 061 427 7099

## SOUTH MANCHESTER

Tues 1 Nov Open Committee meeting 8pm, Swan with 2 Necks, Princes Street, Stockport Shopping Precinct

Thurs 10 Nov Branch Meeting 8pm, Crown & Anchor, Hilton Street, near Piccadilly, speaker from Taylors

Fri 11th Nov Trip to Bury Beer Festival. Pick up Bulls Head, Hazel Grove 6.45pm.

Pineapple, Stockport, 7pm. White Swan, Fallowfield, 7.15pm

Tues 15 Nov Stones Brewery visit. Pick up White Swan 5.30pm, Pineapple 5.45pm, Bulls Head 6.00pm

Fri-Sun 18th-20th Nov Return trip to Dublin. Further details from B Pryce 061 225 6606 (home), 061 2721 (work)

Thu 24 Nov Pub of the Month, Nursery, Nursery Rd, Heaton Norris

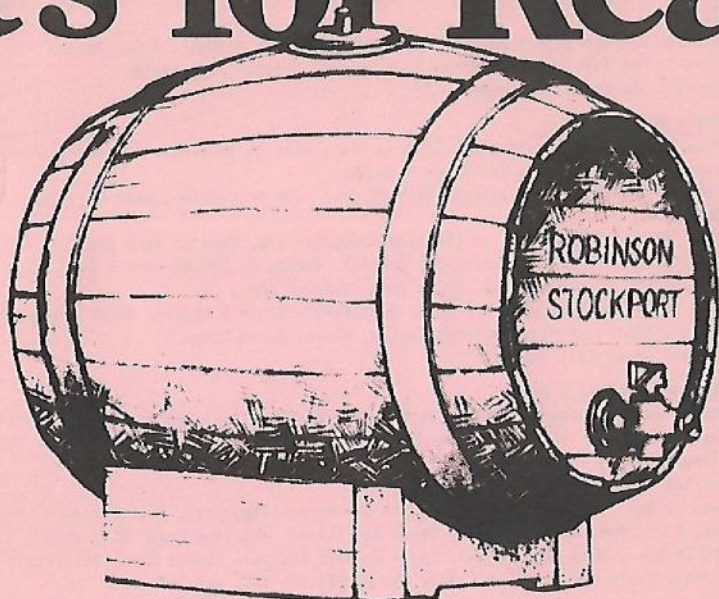
Thu 6th Dec Open Committee meeting, 8pm Gateway, Kingsway, E Didsbury

Thu 8th Dec Branch meeting/Xmas Social, 8pm, Gateway

Contact S Sproson 061 225 4058



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