

Opening Times



STOCKPORT AND SOUTH MANCHESTER CAMRA No. 33 JANUARY 1987

BASS GET IT WRONG!

By Andy Cooper.

Regular readers will recall last month we announced the impending introduction of traditional Bass beers into 100 of their managed houses in the North West. However, as we predicted, the new policy has scarcely affected the lot of the local drinker.

Drinkers in the more upmarket areas of Stockport & South Manchester have seen some cask beer introduced in their areas, with the conversion of Fobs Wine Bar in Didsbury, and the Hope Inn, Heaton Norris to traditional beers, presumably as Bass can charge a higher price for their 'Real Ales' in these areas. However, those areas with concentrations of Bass pubs have had no improvements whatsoever - hard luck, Woodhouse Park & Rusholme!

As mentioned last month, local CAMRA members have been carrying out a survey of Bass licencees' attitudes to selling traditional beers. This has shown in general that the landlords have no great enthusiasm for the Brewery's traditional products, although most would sell them if the Brewery insisted. However, even where licensees are keen to sell Traditional Bass beers, the Brewery have given them no say in the matter.

Quote of the survey came from the licensee of a particularly unpleasant, sleazy outlet, who told our surveyor that he had no interest in selling cask beer as it was "unhygienic". With licensees like that, what hope have we got?

But come on Bass, get your act together, and at least offer all your landlords the chance of selling traditional beers.

BUSY BODDIES

There's been a busy week for Boddingtons with the completion of 2 major refurbishments. On 15th., December the Old Garratt on Princess Street (corner of Granby Row) re-opened and on the 19th., December it was the turn of the 'Vic' in Bramhall, with its new name Victoria Tavern.

Full marks to Boddies for an extremely tasteful job in the Old Garratt - and for introducing Higsons & Oldham to the City, although Higsons was the only mild available. The price list shows the full range of cask conditioned milds & bitters all priced at 72p & 74p but Higsons is being charged at 76p. One cloud on the horizon - an early estimate puts the sale of Boddies as 95% of the total - it will be a great pity if the others don't sell in sufficient quantity to ensure their retention.

Now the Victoria Tavern. This again can only be described as extremely tasteful although the flashing electric 'fires' are a bit obvious.

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THERE'S A TREAT IN STORE

Stockport drinkers should prepare themselves for the arrival of several unusual beers this coming April, when the First Stockport Beer Festival will take place at Stockport College of Technology, Wellington Road South (opposite the Nelson.)

The Festival will be open from the evening session on Thursday 23rd to close of business on Saturday 25th., April.

Subject to availability, beers from such exotic locations as the Isle of Lewis (Borve House) and Hereford (Wye Valley) will delight the palate and give drinkers a chance to sample beers not previously seen in Stockport.

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BUSY BODDIES! - cont. from P 1.

The bar is in the same position, the juke box has gone, and good use has been made of raised areas to give the impression of a larger pub - the 'conservatory' is an extension, and of course the original vault has gone, but apparently there's about 30% more drinking area now. No 'other' beers here - just Boddies mild and bitter at 72p and 74p - on handpumps though.

Thoughts on the two pubs? The loss of the Vault in each case is greatly regretted.

HOSTS OF CHANGES

Last month we promised, if that's the word, a feature on the group of Pennine Hosts refurbishments that reached completion shortly before Christmas along the A6 in the Levenshulme/Longsight area. Here it is - don't all rush

The Levenshulme, once a selection for the Good Beer Guide, is little changed in layout. The vault, always simply furnished, is now rather brighter than before but commendably retains the trophy case; the lounge is standard up-market Host Group, with deep carpet, reproduction French paintings, sub-Laura-Ashley wallpaper - and a distinct lack of seats. As before the sole real ale is handpumped Wilsons bitter.

We now come to the Pack Horse, now retitled 'Sports' like so many Host Group pubs round the country. It's not actually all that sporting, though the pool tables are there if you look for them - otherwise its appeal is mainly to lovers of bright spotlights and garish colours. Beer is handpumped Wilsons and Websters bitter.

Moving north, don't bother with the Victoria - the latest, unimpressive revamp of this place sees it still without a drop of cask beer; a surprise as most of the Wilsons/Pennine

Hosts renovations these days incorporate at least a token handpump. The Midway a few doors down was a real ale gain at the time of its refurbishment a few months back, and continues to provide an acceptable pint of bitter.

Finally we come to the Crown, at the junction of Stockport Road and Slade Lane. In terms of decor this is probably the most successful of this crop of renovations - a pub which formerly made awkward and unattractive use of the considerable space available to it has been made into a highly attractive drinking place. However it's a great shame that traditional mild has been lost, leaving Wilsons bitter as the only real ale; and on a recent lunchtime visit it was surprising to note that no food of any description was on sale - surely Longsight Market shoppers could be tempted by some well chosen and keenly priced specialities?

ROYAL OAK

The rebuilt Royal Oak (High Street, Stockport) reopened in early December and once again Robinsons have proved themselves completely inept when it comes to deciding what goes to make a good pub.

The Royal Oak can be viewed two ways, one, unfairly perhaps, as a successor to the old pub or on its own merits as a new pub. It fails dismally on both counts.

Those who remember the Old Royal Oak, grotty perhaps, but characterful and welcoming, will just cry into their beer at the sight of the featureless structure that's replaced it, however to be fairer let's look at it as a new pub, forgetting the old.

The first thing to stress is that a lot of money has been spent on the place, no cheap tat here, but despite this the result is deeply disappointing. The 'rooms' are almost featureless despite some fairly inoffensive prints and fake flower arrangements. The ceilings are suspended (or look it anyway) which creates a box like feel and of course there's the usual garish, almost antiseptic, lighting, just to eliminate any trace of atmosphere.

If Robinsons really want to know how to build or convert pubs sensibly, why don't they look at recent offerings by Boddingtons (The Old Garratt) or Banks's (The Milestone, Burnage; the Station at Cheadle). These companies seem to know what the public want.

HANDPUMP HOODWINK!

In recent months Whitbread have put up signs outside their pubs on the lintels of the doors using a handpump as a motif to promote the beers. You would think that once in the pub at least one real ale - but no! In a number there are no handpumps & no cask conditioned beer. We will take up this matter locally.

STATION MAKES A TON

Records show that the Station in Didsbury was first licensed as a public house on the 20th., November 1886 and in commemoration of a hundred years trading, licensees John and Ann Wigglesworth threw a big celebration at the Station on Saturday, November 22nd.

The event was celebrated in great style, and the pub was packed from early on. Both customers and staff arrived in fancy dress, which included a punk, roman centurion, schoolgirls, french maid, drag artists, laughing cavalier, a soldier in front line battle dress, clown, elf and others.

A folk group entertained and there was free Station punch for the adventurous which consisted of Sangria - 4 bottles of wine, 1 bottle of brandy, 1 bottle of sweet cider and a bottle of lemonade.

Quite how the pub managed to pack so much into such a small place I'm not quite sure, but manage it they certainly did. Many of the other Didsbury pubs would do well to learn a few lessons from the Station as although it may be the smallest pub in Didsbury it's the one with the biggest heart.

Here's to the next hundred years!

BELGIUM IN STOCKPORT

A choice of highly distinctive bottled beers produced in Belgium can now be enjoyed in Stockport - not at a pub, but at the bizarely named Coconut Willy's vegetarian restaurant on St. Petersgate. The restaurant started stocking Belgian beers only in the latter part of 1986, so the range is still subject to experimentation - on a visit in mid-December they had Liefmans Kriek (a cherry flavoured brown ale from Oudenaarde), four Trappist Monastery beers (all three Chimay beers plus the one from Orval), and the wondrous Duvel from the Moorrtgat brewery at Breendork near Antwerp. The place has a restaurant licence only, but the food is good and not extortionately priced (main courses under a fiver - beers reasonably priced as well) - try it!

A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR FROM "OPENING TIMES" TO ALL OUR READERS.

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Regular readers will know that CAMRA strongly supports free houses, and would like to see many more in the Manchester area - always provided they are genuinely free, not surreptitiously tied to a major brewer. Of late the declining industrial zone of East Manchester has become a surprise growth area for free houses, as enterprising individuals have taken on pubs abandoned by the big brewers - the Why Not? pioneered the trend, followed by the Travellers Call, the Strawberry Duck and the Alexandra.

Latest welcome member of this select club is the Imperial, Birch Street, West Gorton. Formerly a much-loved back-street Wilsons house whose beer always seemed to be excellent despite a distinct lack of trade much of the time, the Imperial reopened on Monday, November 17th., as a plainly but pleasantly furnished one-room free house, selling bitter from Banks's and Boddingtons together with Tetley mild, all in good condition and reasonably priced (e.g. 70p for Banks's) - with 6 working handpumps, there's also scope for guest beers.

The Imperial is hard, but possible, to spot from the main road (especially as the external signing wasn't completed when it opened), but it is well worth seeking out - from the City Centre, follow A57 Hyde Road and turn left on Birch Street. Buses 203 (Manchester-Stockport the pretty way) and 211 (Manchester-Glossop) pass nearby and Belle Vue station on the Bredbury line isn't far off either.

CHURCH STONED

As foreshadowed last month, Bass's Church Inn, Stockport Road, Longsight re-opened in late November. Formerly hampered by a reputation for trouble, this handsome building now boasts an equally handsome interior in comfortable lounge style. How sad that real ale has not been installed - given the licensees extensive experience in handling cask beer.

Bass are doing their damndest to persuade us that they are 'going for cask' - but don't be fooled.

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STAGGER

THE WET WALK: EDGELEY BLIND SIDE CRAWL - By Andy Cooper.

A miserable evening saw a group of hardy souls gather in the Alexandra, Northgate Road, at the start of a wander around the less central pubs in the Edgeley area. The Alexandra is an excellent large Robbies pub selling good quality Best Mild & Best Bitter & whilst quiet at 7pm can get extremely crowded later on. There is a superb stained glass mural at the top of the stairs, which should not be missed, & the pub also contains a handpump clip for Hancocks HB Bitter, from deepest Wales, collected by the landlord whilst on holiday.

We then ventured down the road to the Gardeners Arms, a Wilsons outlet, where the classic 1930s exterior hides a comparatively bland interior, with the wood panelling being the only apparent reminder of the former days. The pub is, however, comfortable, with no obvious nasty features. The beers were of a poor standard on our visit, and the mild tasted as if it was brewery conditioned Special Mild, although it was sold as Wilsons Original Mild.

We then moved on to the Bulkeley Arms on Brinkswy, where once again a classic exterior hides a modernised (1960s) interior. The atmosphere was not unpleasant though. The pub is also one where the glasses are engraved to show the pub's name. Unfortunately, again the beer was disappointing.

On now to the recently reopened Hague, formerly the Woolpack, on Brinksway Bridge. The new owners appear to have attempted to cater for every taste by providing a basic vault, a comfortable lounge and an 'Open House' style room with flashing lights and a video jukebox. Unfortunately the pub does not appear to be completely finished, and as it is located in an area with little passing trade, few locals and few surviving businesses, it will be interesting to see whether it will prove successful. A variety of beers were available although all those present stuck to the Burton Ale, which was quite pleasant.

Next stop was the Bridgewater, a free house, formerly selling Holts & Wilsons (still doing so according to the sign) but now stocking Tetley Bitter & Jennings Bitter. Both beers were of a good quality, although the pub still appears to suffer from identity problems & a lack of clientele. The moral of these last 2 pubs is that drinkers should support their local free houses. Stockport does not have that many.

Just down the road next to the Bridge Inn, a Robinsons pub selling only Best Bitter, and then only of indifferent quality. The pub itself is

small but quite pleasant, and cluttered with artefacts, and a lively clientele.

Again a short walk to Boddingtons' Comfortable Gill, another pleasant, unmemorable horse-brass bedecked pub. The clientele at the time of our visit gave some cause for concern, consisting mainly of bus-drivers. Let's hope they HAD all finished work!

Next, bypassing John Smiths' keg only Tom Thumbs, we climbed the hill to another free house, the much improved Olde Vic, which is now under new, enterprising management, & well worth a visit. The new landlady is even threatening to introduce guest beers, to add to the attractions. For previous visitors to the pub, we can advise that the juke box has been turned down dramatically, and the re-decoration is quite tasteful, really.

Next, we moved to an area of pubs on every street corner; the first stop being Boddingtons Greyhound. Unlike some of the previous outlets, an unprepossessing exterior hides a surprisingly good interior. A good example of a modern estate pub, selling above average Mild & Bitter.

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STAGGER - Continued.

Directly opposite lies Robinsons' Church Inn, which is due for renovation, and arguably in need of it. The pub is best described as a basic drinkers den, although there is a BBC Philharmonic sticker on one door, and the pub has a larger collection of mugs. The beer got mixed reviews, although in general, it was not well thought of.

Our next stop was the Blue Bell, which is unusual for a Wilsons pub, in selling traditional beer through an electric pump. The pub has been tastefully renovated, to include plastic wooden beams. The beer was okay, though.

Finally we came to the highpoint of the evening, the Good Beer Guide listed Grapes; a former Pub of the Month, selling both Robinsons beers, on very good form. Another friendly pub, well cluttered with artefacts.

So came to an end another, very wet, ramble round the highways and bi-ways of Stockport. As usual many of the pubs are well worth seeing for yourself. Full details can be found in the Comprehensive list of Real Ale pubs in Stockport, mentioned elsewhere in this Edition, and, as usual, the comments about the pubs and the beer merely reflect the opinions of those who attended on the night.

REAL ALE IN CENTRAL & SOUTH MANCHESTER - Update no. 10.

A number of pubs opened, or re-opened in time to catch the Christmas trade. In the City Centre, Pennine Hosts, the managed house arm of the Watney Empire, opened the Bridge Street Tavern in a former wine bar on Bridge Street, selling handpumped Wilsons & Websters Bitters (but not on Sunday, when the pub is closed). Bulldog Taverns, who run the keg only Studios Bar on Piccadilly, re-opened the King on Oldham Street selling handpumped Tetley mild & bitter and Ind Coope Burton ale; while on Deansgate, Rico's bar opened in the basement of a Mexican fast-food joint, selling handpumped Websters Bitter (and it seems imposing dress restrictions on certain nights.) Another to add to the City Centre list is the Trafalgar on York Street, omitted in error as it was temporarily closed when the list was compiled - as before it sell handpumped Tetley Bitter. Two City Centre bars are now understood to be no longer selling real ale - Seftons and Yates's Merchants. And before leaving the City Centre, don't bother with the Conservatory, in the former Old Bank St., Brewery premises - notwithstanding reports elsewhere, the ale is not handpumped Tetleys but fizzy Websters. Rounding off the reopenings are the Church Inn, Church Road, North-ended (handpumped Tetley mild & Bitter) and the Imperial, Birch Street, West Gorton, with handpumped Banks's bitter, Boddingtons Bitter and Tetley mild.

A number of changes this month concern Websters bitter, which in its handpumped form has gained a further three City Centre outlets - the Brunswick (which also has Choice on handpump), the Imperial, and Nickleby's (where Wilsons bitter has disappeared) - together with the former Pack Horse, now named 'Sports' in Levenshulme. In Bradford, the Duke of Edinburgh is taking Jennings Bitter, handpumped on a trial basis, while the Why Not? has replaced its Thwaites beers with handpumped Tetley Mild and Bitter; at

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UPDATE - Continued.

The Crown in Longsight the mild is now keg, but conversly the Romper at Ringway has gained handpumped Boddingtons Mild; while in Rusholme the mild sold at the Albert is Best Mild, not ordinary, and the dispense method at the Gardeners Arms is electric pump.

DOG GONE!

The Dog & Partridge in Heaton Mersey re-opened its doors recently in a new guise as the Mersey Vale.

This previously large, but uninspiring two roomed pub, is now a large, modern 1930s style, open plan, one roomed house. It is brightly decorated in a mix of colours. Blue flowered carpet can be found next to pink flowered wallpaper, with pink wall seating and blue stools. Even the pool table is bright blue.

Lunchtime & Evening meals are sold ranging from Sirloin Steak (£3.50) to Mousaka (£1.95) with sweets & coffee also available.

Boddingtons Mild (72p) & Bitter (74p) are sold, and both were of reasonable quality on my visit.

If you can ignore the gaudy colour scheme, and the loss of the bar, this renovation is quite acceptable.



By John Clarke.

This month it's back to Stockport and a pub with a reputation for good music as well as good beer - the Boars Head, Market Place.

A long standing entry in the Good Beer Guide, the Boars Head sells two cask beers, Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter and the newly launched Museum Ale. This latter is a potent brew with an original gravity of 1052° and is so called after the Brewery Museum in Stamford, Lincolnshire. The museum is the old Melbourne Brewery and whose pubs are supplied by Sams.

There's music, often R & B or jazz at the Boars Head most bights and most lunchtimes there's quite an array of food.

The menu consists of quite a wide range of set items plus a choice of daily specials. The set items are fairly typical pub food, ranging from steaklette at £1.45, cheeseburger £1.25, to bacon at 90p. There are jackets potatoes at 45p, chips at 45p etc. Numerous other items make for quite a selection, too wide to detail here. In addition open sandwiches are available ranging from £1.45 for prawns to 85p for cheese. The average is about £1.10 and one of our party in fact chose a tuna open sandwich at this price and was well pleased. Two rounds of bread, nicely laid out with salad and plent of fish it was certainly judged good value.

On to the specials now and these were quite wide ranging. Bottom of the range, price-wise, was jacket potato with sausage, bacon and beans at only 85p. This came in an enormous bowl and the two in our group who tried it said it was both satisfying and well worth the monry. Indeed at 85p this must be one of the

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I chose Halibut & Swordfish Provencale at £1.65, this was basically a tomatoey fish stew, very nice indeed. This came with chips and mushy peas, which did seem a little out of place.

Also available was Braised Oxtail, chips and peas at £1.50 and scampi, chips and salad at £1.65. Tea and coffee are available at 35p and 40p respectively.

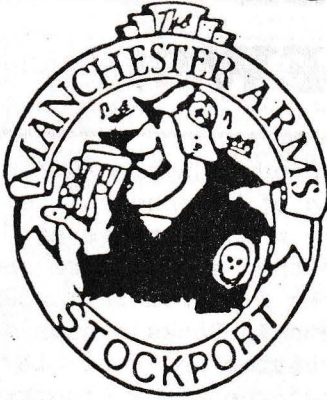
To conclude it only needs to be said that the Boars Head more than adequately holds its own amongst the clutch of 'food' pubs in and around Stockport Market Place - you can't say fairer than that.

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Due to the printers closure over the Christmas period this edition of 'Opening Times' probably won't be out until mid-January, so I'll start with Monday, January 12th., when we have a social at the Union in Reddish. Usual starting time 8-30-9-00pm. Next on Monday 19th., there's a social at the Hare & Hounds, Abbey Hey Lane, an excellent little Boddies pub this. On Thursday 22nd it's Pub of the Month at the Suburban, Hyde Road, Gorton (Lees - will Vintage Harvest Ale be available?)

This is followed on Monday 26th., by a social at the Grafton Arms, Chorlton-on-Medlock, our first social in a Holts pub for some time. At the end of the week, Friday 30th., there's the monthly crawl, this time in the City Centre. We kick off at the Coach & Horses (opposite Piuccadilly station approach) at 7-00pm and at 8-30 we will be in the Lass O'Gowrie.

In to February now - on Monday 2nd., there's a two way social in Heaton Moor - 8-30 to 9-45 in the Crwon and 9-45 to 11-00 in the Plough. This is swiftly followed by a trip to Boddingtons on Wednesday 4th., - we assemble at the Brewers Arms at 7pm prompt. Phone me if you want to know if there are any places left.

Finally advance notice of a trip to Bury Beer Festival on Friday 13th., February - cost will be about £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non-members (this includes admission.)

Phone me - John Clarke - any time on either 831 7222 ext. 307 (daytime) or 477 1973 at night for further details and information about any of the above events.

TOP STARS

The refurbishment at Holts' Seven Stars, Ashton Old Road, received its formal opening in December. The pub now sports a games room at the rear, a purpose built kitchen (so they now do hot snacks at lunchtime), and new gents and ladies toilets. Holts have also taken the opportunity to renew the furnishings in the vault - and are indeed worthy of congratulation for the good taste of their work in this fine pub. Occasional visitors may bemoan the 'loss' of the log-end dartboard - DON'T - it's still there only not in the vault now but in the games room. We do urge you to get into the Seven Stars, try the superb beer, and enjoy the atmosphere of what must be one of the best refurbished pubs anywhere in the area.

SOUR GRAPES?

This month you will notice the absence of the Websters advertisement - could it be that Grand Met have joined other brewers who have taken a vehement dislike to CAMRA in recent months?

The reason why some brewers have taken their bat and ball home is that CAMRA had the gall to say in the 1987 Beer Guide that some of their number were putting additives into their beer which could harm the people who drank the stuff. Could it be that they protest too much? CAMRA nationally have had a number of letters from people who suffer from asthma or allergies giving personal accounts of the problems caused by these additives. There could be many more who are unknowingly suffering also.

All this goes to show that CAMRA is still actively representing the rights of the beer drinker - get your voice heard today by joining CAMRA!!

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STEPNEY SUBSTITUTED

Alex Stepney has granted a transfer request to the Navigation at the top of Lancashire Hill, Heaton Norris (fee undisclosed) and has taken with him the numerous pictures of his triumphs which decorated the pub. This is all no great surprise as for sometime he had been conspicuous by his absence with his wife running the place

The pub is now leased to Palatine Inns who have installed Jack Howarth as the new manager. This is a little surprising as until recently Palatine (who are controlled by an ex-director of Wilsons) have been leasing run-down pubs from Wilsons and breathing new life into them. The Pomona in Gorton is a prime example of this where the cosy relationship has proved a success.

The Navigation, however, does not fall into this category as it certainly didn't need any refurbishment (other than the removal of all those pictures of Alex?)

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 - The Longsight, Belle Vue
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 - Mitchell Arms, Beswick
 - The Milestone, Burnage



PUB NEWS!

The refurbished Gransmoor on Ashton Old Road opened at the end of November. It's much more traditional, with pictures of old Manchester, but rather gloomy dark reds and greens although the flowered wallpaper is a definite improvement. Banks's cask conditioned mild and bitter are available but we are assured that the Black Country bitter is keg.

Congratulations to the pool team from the Royal Mortar on Stockports' Hillgate who raised over £35 for Santas Sales for Children after a sponsored match with the CEteam.

After a long period the alterations to the Union in Reddish have been completed., and it's another Robinsons special with all the character being destroyed along with the internal walls. The bar has been moved back and a much needed new toilet has been added. The whole effect though is bland. No doubt some work was needed but it's a great pity that Robinsons didn't build on the potential of the pub instead of destroying it.

Gordon McTear, formerly of the Good Beer Guide listed New Inn has moved onto the Town Hall, Church Street, Eccles. He has asked us to pass on his thanks to all Camra members and friends for their custom and support over the past few years.

The Hollywood, Edgeley, has been involved in a general redecoration and new seating. The overall effect is an enormous improvement and the pub has more of a Victorian feel to it and it's nice to see the revolving doors retained, they're usually ripped out these days. Beers available are Wilsons Mild and Bitter and Websters Yorkshire Bitter - all handpumped.

From the start of the Year the Manchester Arms, Wellington Road South Stockport has been offering its Robbies Best Mild and Best Bitter at 10p off from 5-30 until 6-30 Monday to Friday.

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