

# The Tour Journals of the Sunday Afternoon Drinking Club At The Saxon **S.A.D.C.A.T.S.**

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## Joint 'Real Ale Socials' - NW Wilts CAMRA & SADCATS LIVERPOOL Crawl 2011

*Have you ever put something on your calendar for the wrong date? That's what I did for this tour, although I had booked the hotel for the right weekend! This led to Kath booking a holiday in Portugal for the same weekend!! So guess which one we had to change! And for this I apologise to Roger & Gwyn as it resulted in me letting them down on the car sharing, but at least we made it!*

**Thursday 16 June 2011**

So, having flown back from Portugal into *John Lennon* and spent a couple of nights with Kath's family in Kirkby, we were at Lime Street Station around 13:10 to meet Rog & Gwyn's train. It's a short drive to The Dolby Hotel in Queen Dock but the check in computers were slow so we didn't get to the first pub until 14:20.

### ① The Baltic Fleet



Unusual view of The Baltic and probably the 1<sup>st</sup> time I've approached from that direction!



Motley crew enjoying our 1st half in the Baltic Fleet.

I offered to reciprocate for the guy who kindly took our picture as he was with several mates, most of whom were anxious NOT to have their picture taken: Should be on a course, off sick, girlfriend doesn't know etc etc.....

Ex-Bass, Liverpool's only Brew pub dates from 1780 although the main pub was built in 1850's on the site of an old port & wine house. The name comes from a Scandinavian fleet of the time importing timber and the building looks like a ship with its own funnels on the roof! down to 6 hand pulls serving 5 house beers +1 cider. A good old basic boozier, character, no frills, friendly staff and good grub. To expand the basement brewery the loos have been moved upstairs. A 'Classic' to be preserved as it is! Grade II listed. Although I understand the Bar is being moved back to its former location facing the door!

Almost a lifelong **Beatles** fan, I never expected to marry a Scouser and find Liverpool such a large part of my life. The city, especially Matthew St, is of course a Mecca for fans but there are more historic buildings here than in any city outside of London. The fact that many of them are pubs or Beatle related makes it all the more enjoyable, for me at least! So it's really special for me when friends join me for a tour of 'Liddypool' and want to know all those little snippets that interest me.

So, here we go.... Into **The Cavern QuarTer!!**

## ② Cavern Club – 10 Matthew St.



Roger at the present day Cavern entrance

Not quite the place it was when the **BeaTles** made their debut lunchtime appearance on Thurs 9 Feb 1961 for the princely sum of £5~0~0d. Surviving bankruptcy in 1966 the original Cavern closed its doors for the last time on 27-May-73. The warehouse was bulldozed to provide a working site for construction of the new underground railway becoming a temporary car-park until the new Cavern Walks complex opened in Spring 1984.

To Roger's left (pic above) the brown tiles mark the position of the old entrance. The Club was rebuilt using bricks saved from the original and whilst not an exact replica, it is as near as possible occupying 50% of the original site. Live bands still play here and a replica **BeaTles** set of **VOX** amps are displayed on the small stage.



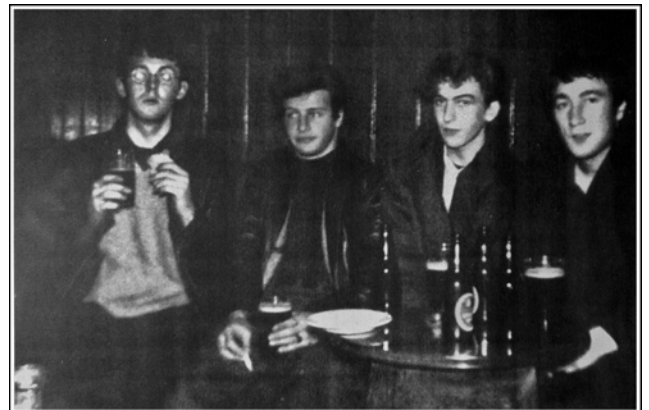
A surprising addition to the bar was a modernistic Black Sheep hand-pull which purported to dispense their Bitter. Not brilliant but, hey-ho!

Leaving The Cavern, one has to do what The **BeaTles** would have done after a gig and pop across the road to The Grapes for a pint. I used to go there every Xmas and sit in their Settle enjoying a pint of Cains. Sadly the pub has gone well down hill since being sold by the brewery!

## ③ Grapes (Matthew St)



2 hand pulls offer Green King IPA and Courage Directors but you can't guarantee they will be on, or the quality! No one takes any notice of us and I quickly show Rog & Gwyn the famous Settle over which hangs an early picture of the group sat there.



Paul, Pete Best, George, & John

None of us wanted to try either of the beers which is just as well as we were overcome by (presumably) the stench from the loos and left.

## ④ White Star





A Chandlery turned Pub in the 1880's and has changed little since. Still has original oak panelling, leather seats & tiled floor. One of 5 pubs bought after WW2 by Mr.Quinn giving rise to its other monica – Quinns 2. Ladies toilet added 1987 that's why it's upstairs! Beatles wall in back room where original promoter Alan Williams used to pay them after appearing in Cavern. Historic 6'x3' Bass Mirror in back room has sadly been broken. 6 hand pulls usually offer Bass plus selection of local breweries. Today we have 4 Bowland Beers.



## 5 Beehive (Paradise St)



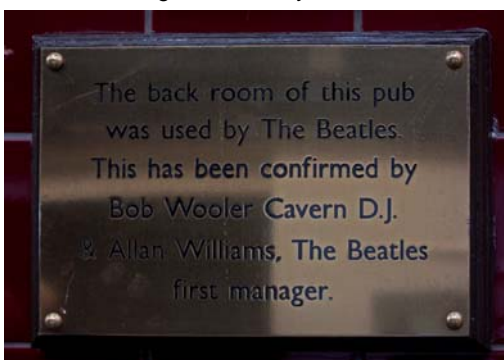
Old narrow city centre pub with long bar to one side, retains character in front area with carpets & many shelves of old books but lost at the rear with an open plan kitchen and eatery. 3 hand pulls with pubco beers. Old photo in bar shows the pub prior to 1914 when it was known as 'Walkers Grill'.

Today's beers: Bombardier, Directors, Hobgoblin

Not to be confused with the other Beehive in Mount Pleasant which Tess Riley turned into one of Liverpool's best family run pubs in the mid 70s. She helped her eldest daughter Joan take a lease of the Paradise St Beehive in 1983 and it too was a success. When the lease ran out Joan & Denis Fay moved to The Stanley Arms, Aughton.



Sitting where 'They' once sat!



Richard Putley is 1<sup>st</sup> of The Crew to find us!



## ⑥ Carnarvon Castle



Opened in the 1880s another long narrow pub tastefully rooted in the past and the only survivor of 8 that once stood on Tarleton Street. In recent times the Smoking Ban has seen the pub move out onto the pavement *al fresco* style and replace the two windows (Centre & right) with folding doors. Sandwiches at £2 are great value. 5 Hand pulls:-

*Theakstons, Best 4.0%*  
*Theakstons, Mild 3.5%*  
*Courage, Directors*  
*Marstons, Pedigree 4.5%*  
*Wells, Bombardier, 4.2%*

## ⑦ Dr. Duncan's



This fine Gothic revival style building of 1901 is one of only 2 original buildings to survive the radical Queen Square development. In it's time a Royal Navy recruitment office, Pearl Assurance offices, and bus workers canteen the pub only opened in 1999, and occupies just the right hand third of the building (last 3 black window arches). 9 hand pulls offer various Cains beers and a guest.



Today's guest is: Triple fff, Moondance 4.2%

Designer Steve Holt, former MD of Cains, was commended by CAMRA - English Heritage Pub Design Awards in the best refurbishment category for his restoration of the former Pearl reception area (the high-ceilinged Tiled Room) which is where we met up with Shaun & Co.



Dr William Henry Duncan, England & Liverpool's very 1<sup>st</sup> Medical Officer for Health saved thousands who fled the Irish famine in mid 19<sup>th</sup> Century.



## ⑧ Ship & Mitre



Bents brewery tap built in 1829. By 1835 it was known as The Mitre. Demolished in 1934 and rebuilt in 'Art Deco' style a year later, taken over by Bass in 1968. In 1985 the main bar was turned into a galleon and pub renamed The Flagship until its last name change in 1990. Now boasts 13 hand pulls + 2 real cider, and regular Beer Festivals. Friendly atmosphere, and good snack menu. Liverpool's *Not To Be Missed* Premier Real ale pub!



We managed to squeeze our group into the front corner of the main bar and duly ordered food from the Burning Kitchen. The 'New' menu started on Monday : Burgers £6, Wraps £4-50. Enjoyed my burger and by 9pm the pub was getting busy and we were told to move to the back bar if we didn't want to be in the quiz!! So we moved to .....

## ⑨ Vernon Arms



One time tie to Liverpool Brewing Co, bought c1994 by Martin and Helen Ainscough who called time in November 2004 and the pub became derelict. In the current climate it's a miracle this has reopened. The new landlord is Jimmy Monaghan who started out at the Brunswick (now the James Munro) in Tithebarn Street, in 1998, and moved to Dale Street's Excelsior in 2000. Having leased(?) the pub from the Ainscoughs, he has refurbished in fine keeping and re-opened in April 2009. 7 hand pulls provide 6 real ales + 1 cider.



2 guys playing a quiet guitar set, a group photo, ornate ceilings and some memorabilia from the landlady – many thanks!





Seems to have been a long day and without the aid of a 'Joey' (scouse for Taxi) we wend our weary way back to The Dolby Hotel in Queen Dock. I think Kath really wanted a cab. It's difficult to say because she's not talking to me! But to cheer me up there is a knock at the door and my take-away arrives! A box of home made Kentucky style chicken,  
Thanks Gwyn!!

## Friday 17 June 2011

Before going our separate ways last night we arranged to meet up this morning at 10am for breakfast. But we couldn't remember where..... Eventually, thanks to mobile phones, we get together outside Central station and the group heads for St John's Market for a greasy spoon. As we pile into the 1<sup>st</sup> one we see, a canny waitress secretly warns us *"He doesn't do Bacon!"*. The clue was there, but we ignored the fact he had no customers! Thanks love, 'coz we don't do Muesli (sic), quickly do an about turn and head into the next one which must be good as people are eating Bacon *already!* A girt plateful with 2 of everything and a mug of tea is £4. Good, but beans not best! Kath & I need a phone shop so we agree to meet in 20mins at The Dispensary. We get there at 10:30 to find it isn't open yet, but where are the Lads? As I phone Dave, I can see him waving from .....

### 10 Roscoe Arms



On the opposite corner to The Dispensary. Not been a Real Ale pub long, making 1<sup>st</sup> appearance in the annual Pub Passport Sep-2010. The Landlord came to ask our opinion of his beers which from 3 hand pulls were: Doom Bar, and Bombardier. A Punch Taverns house.



Heading for the furthest pub and working back would make sense now but we try The Fly in the Loaf and that's not open either!



But in the road directly opposite there's an appropriate poster and somewhere that is!

### 11 The Pilgrim



4 hand pulls offering:

*Phoenix, Spotland Gold 4.2%*

*Liverpool Organic, Best 4.2%*

*Cains, Formidable 5.0%*

They always have a Phoenix beer on and rotate the guests. I've no history for this place. The pic of the main bar-room says it all: dark, Cavernesque, old tables & chairs but the beer is cheap and so is the food. So it's a Mecca for students! They open at 10am, even on Sunday so we decide to come here then for breakfast! The mini Juke Boxes at the booths don't work, but the main one is playing The Beatles in the background! Yeah, Yeah, Yeah!!!!



## 1 2 Ye Cracke



Built 1852 as Ruthin Castle probably after a ship of the time. Nicknamed Ye Crake as small original Rt Hand bar could only hold 10 people. Adjoining house added in 1876 but name stuck. 5 rooms cluster around 2 bars, one is the Snug (aka The War Office) where dispatches from Boer War were read & discussed. Large collection of ink drawings by RW Thomas of 1960s Liverpool (when it was A Beacon Ales pub) adorn largest room. Beatle memorabilia relates to being a favourite haunt of John Lennon while at college. 6 hand pulls in use give a changing range of beers in fine condition. Good value pub grub. Toilets recently refurbished. Popular walled beer garden, one of few in city.



Here we are in the main bar making best use of the many mirrors! 6 hand pulls here, + 3 in the original snug which are no longer in use and the room is so small an extra wide angle lens is needed! (*Kath!*)

All the girls in our party have gone shopping but Gwyneth soon drags Kath back to the fray! Thanks Richard for taking the group shot!



Rarer than usual Beatles songs were playing in the background and the consensus was that we had made a good choice to get here before it got too busy! The music stopped and I asked the barman if we could have The Beatles on again? The reply was, "Sure, have as much as you like, it's a free Juke Box". We stayed here for well over an hour!



The 4 Dissenters ~ 1960



The 4 Dissenters ~ 2011

Do the Lads finally look bored? Surely not texting? No just entering the beers into their databases!!





## ① ③ Peter Kavanagh's



Built pre 1844, No2 was licensed in 1854 as The Liver Inn. Present building dates from 1870. Nos 4+6 were acquired in the 60s and refurbished in early 70s extending pub as it is today. Renamed then to honour the eccentric Licensee, inventor and Alderman who ran it from 1897, when he changed name to The Grapes, until his death in 1950 aged 77. By then the Pub was known simply as 'Peters'. Current Licensee (the 26<sup>th</sup>) Rita Smith (since 1992) has been a good custodian and little changes. 5 hand pulls offer changing range of excellent beers. 3 rooms full of character plus the bar. No food, but sign says you can bring your own!



Having safely navigated to the farthest pub, it's time to wind our way back into town!

## ① ④ Blackburne Arms



Not Georgian, like its neighbours, but cannily not looking out of place, this Grade II listed building was purpose built as a pub by Higson's Brewery in 1930. Discerning students of the public house will no doubt have noticed the pub retains its old brewery sign with carved Liver bird sat on top! Bought by Ivan & Samantha Jenkins in 2004 and transformed into the gastro pub it is today with 6 hand pulls & 8 en-suite bedrooms.

During the Toxteth riots of 1981 you would have found this pub close enough to the disturbances for smoke to drift by the window! Today's story of regeneration in this largely Georgian district is perhaps epitomised by The Blackburne.

Beers today were:-

*Sandstone, Sandstone Edge, 3.8%*  
*Blakemere, Navajho 3.9%*  
*George Wright, Longboat 3.9%*  
*Green King, Abbot 5.0%*

6 modern chrome hand pulls provide 4 beers today

*Higson's, Best Bitter 4.1%*  
*Coach House, Cheshire Gold 4.1%*  
*Black Sheep, Bitter 3.8%*  
*Copper Dragon, Scott's 1816 4.1%*





Time for the obligatory Group photo just to show the group is starting to grow.....



### 15 The Caledonia



Admiral Taverns Ex-Higson's pub. Licensee Laura King does a great job: 20+ Rums!! 4 hand pulls offering 3 guests plus Timothy Taylors Golden Best 3.5%. Probably the only pub in town that sells this which I think we'd confirmed this by the end of the tour! Admiral won't pay to repaint the drab exterior which clearly doesn't fit in this Georgian quarter now it's no longer a Launderette!!



'Ello, 'Ello, 'Ello – What's going on 'ere, then?  
Did the girls want to try all the Rums, Shaun?

### 16 The Cambridge



Marston's for some time, this ex-GBG pub has seen better days. Some of the crew remember 2 banks of hand pumps where now there are only 2 pumps and today the only beer on was Marstons Bitter 3.8%. Student ¼ pub with not much to say about it. Move on!

### 17 Everyman Bistro (EyB)



#### 'Murder on Hope Street'

An Everyman Theatre Production

A tragic story of the death of a Liverpool Legend appeared in the Spring edition of MerseyAle. Opened in 1970 it is a building of it's time which became a legend in its own lunchtime. Well priced award winning food and real ales in a GBG bar that has a Tavern feel to it and the tag 'Most Bohemian Bar in Town'. A good friend of mine, sadly not on this Tour, has a saying: "Nothing ever changes for the better!" I think he is mostly right. If you can find a character pub that has been bulldozed, rebuilt and still retained its unique atmosphere, Let me know!! I won't hold my breath!!!



The cast take a final bow at the EyB



The EyB closes for the very last time on Sat 2 July and we are lucky our tour has brought us here in time! We are recording History here! So I've indulged the photos..... adios!



## 18 The Philharmonic



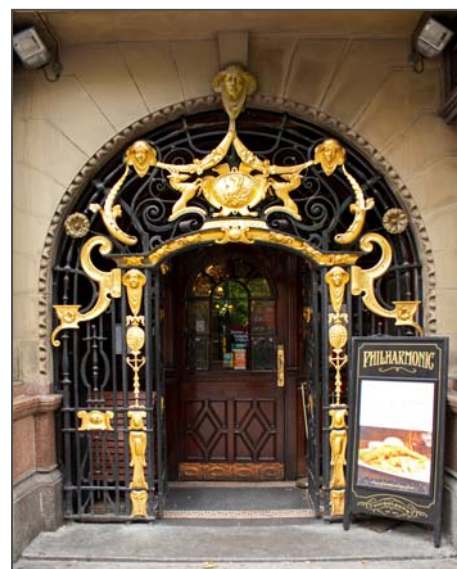
CAMRA National Inventory & Grade II listed it has been described as Britain's most ornate pub. Built from 1898-1900 during the Boer War, two Heroes of which are depicted in the stain glass windows – Earl Marshall & Lord Baden-Powell. Commissioned by Robert Cain as a Gentleman's Club it opened as The Philharmonic Dining Rooms which are still open upstairs. The famous Gents marbled toilets are in keeping with its original status and visited by many ladies! Women were not admitted until 1975 when the Ladies toilets were added upstairs. A favourite of John Lennon who famously lamented that becoming famous meant he could no longer go to 'The Phil' for a pint. Today there are 10 hand pulls.



Shot of the bar to show the 5 hand pulls and someone had to stand in front of the right hand trio which dispense 2 guest ales and a cider. The ceramics are original Higson's! House beer Everyman Bitter 3.6% brewed by Liverpool Organic



Atmospheric party style tables!







One of the banks of hand pulls of which there are 10. Many ornate and secluded drinking areas in this magnificent pub which proves difficult to photograph when it's full of people!



Had a few Gwyneth? Best go to The Loo!



Tour Rules dictate that we pick up whatever snack food can be found along the way and look for an evening nosh when needed. It's 5:30 and we've lost track of this so I grab a sarnie from the shop round the corner, but really need proper soakers! I point out China Palace Buffet @ £6/head before 6pm but it seems the majority would rather 'wait a bit' and pay more like £10. Richard feels, like us, that this is a no brainer and we retire to the Palace!

7:15 and stuffed like pigs we waddle back to The Dispensary to meet up with the others.

## ①⑨ The Dispensary



A pub for over 100 years and formerly known as The Grapes. Acquired by Cains who gutted it and tastefully renovated with a pharmaceutical theme to re-open in Feb'98. CAMRA - English Heritage refurbishment award and Mersey CAMRA POTY'99 and again 2010 & 11. 8 hand pulls offer Cains + guests.



Small side door entrance in Renshaw St.

The crew are still here but looking like they need food. The girls, who we haven't seen all day, have found a Chinese buffet and we arrange to meet up at The Ship & Mitre after they are fed.

In the meantime it is my duty to find some more exclusive watering holes for our little group. Well just around the corner is a fine little boozer.....



## 2 ① Roscoe Head



Named after William Roscoe (1753-1831) poet biographer & reformist MP. Converted from a house it's probably the finest example of how a small pub can be divided up into a series of intimate drinking areas. Screening & glazing date from 1930s refit. The tiny front bar (Snug) measuring 12'x6' must be the smallest around and contributes to the homely atmosphere engendered by the Joyce family for several decades. Daughter Carol (Ross) took over from Mum Margaret in 1997 and has 6 hand pulls offering Tetley Bitter, Jennings Cumberland Ale and 4 guests. Pubs that have been in every GBG are dwindling but this is one of those Magnificent 7.



Courtesy of Roscoe Head website

Unfortunately this popular watering hole was absolutely packed to the gunwales by a mixture of folks, most of who were on their way home from work. A close day weather wise saw us finish our beers in the beer garden – The Pavement!

At 9pm we dutifully arrive at The Ship & Mitre and quaff a couple of ales while we wait for the others to finish their nosh. Sadly they seem to have changed plans and although we are texted with a sting of "We're now in the..." we never caught up with them. The Ship was getting busy and we thought it was a good idea to pay another visit to The Vernon where we finished last night. It's been a long day and a quiet pint to finish would be grand. We find The Vernon packed to the pavement and a live band so I have to pluck something out of the bag! Another tiny back street pub in which I have often enjoyed a quiet pint.

## 2 ① Poste House



Private house first licensed in 1820 as The Waggon & Horses. When the new General Post Office opened nearby in 1899 it became the New Post Office Hotel changing finally in 1962. In 2002 CAMRA & English Heritage battled to save the little pub from demolition and in 2003 the builders were told to build round it! The scaffolding, building site rubble & dust turned the pub into a bomb site and it was nearly lost. Happily renovation was in keeping with the stain glass partitions & the Waltzer seating was reupholstered in leather. Generally brightened up, gaye you might say, or at least the upstairs bar is, according to the sign! 3 hand pulls, 2 beers.

The pub was of course packed. We chose Bath Ales Golden Hare 4.2% and stood with our backs to the fireplace which is when Roger saw the sign! What we need is a quietish pub where we can sit down and enjoy the last pint of the day. So Roger & I stop off at The Baltic Fleet while Kath & Gwyn go back to the hotel for a hot chocolate!





## SATURday 18 June 2011

Another change of plans sees the 4 of us having a bistro breakfast in The Cavern Quarter while the others do The Pilgrim a day early and then try to get their girls into the Gents at The Phil but they are thwarted by opening times. Eventually they grab a pint at The Baltic Fleet and we arrange to meet at The Cornmarket. In the meantime Rog & I grab a couple while Kath & Gwyn meet Kath's daughter Margaret & Robbie Williams in town.

### ② ② The Globe



Situated between Central Station & Clayton Sq it was once a Spirit dealers, listed as The Globe since 1859 but the building dates from 1888 surviving The Blitz, the 1960s regeneration & Clayton Sq development! A Higson's house until 1980 it has an interesting sloping floor which varies standing height at the bar. The inaugural meeting of Liverpool CAMRA took place here on 18-Jan-1974. Won a CAMRA – English Heritage award for refurbishment in 1996. 5 hand pulls: Cains Bitter, Black Sheep & 3 guests.



### ② ③ Richmond Pub



The pub sign depicts WWII veteran Paddy Golden (1926-2004) a much missed regular and one of the 1<sup>st</sup> to land on the D-Day Normandy Beaches. 6 modern chrome hand pulls usually offer Bass, 2 local beers + 3 guests. 4 beers on today inc Bass. A former Bass house with a nice collection of Bass mirrors. It also has 10 of the Classic Malts racks! So 60 Malts! An odd atmosphere which isn't particularly friendly so I wouldn't say it was on the must do list.



About 12:05 we are trying to rendezvous at The Cornmarket. Decorators have one door closed, there are lights on, but nobody appears to be in!

### ② ④ Pig & Whistle



Why it stands all alone as it does is an enigma. It looks as though it may fall down at any moment. Inside is a different story where traditional wood panelling has been ripped out and replaced with plastics & laminate. Once a haven of Harrison Line staff. In the 1840s it is reputed that sailors & dockers mingled in the downstairs bar while Captains & other officers ate upstairs. 2 hand pulls and 1 beer on – Taylor Landlord.



## 25 The Lion Tavern



CAMRA National Inventory & Grade II listed. In 1915 the original pub was amalgamated with adjoining licensed premises giving the two lounge layout we see today. Named after famous preserved locomotive built for the Liverpool & Manchester Railway in 1838. John O'Dowd (Landlord 2002-10) increased hand pumps from 2 to 8 + a real cider, returned the bar to its original French polish and developed this as a community pub with its own Malt Whisky Appreciation Group. He sold the lease to revitalise The Belvedere. New Licensees Sean & Michael say they don't plan major changes, but they have taken the locomotive off the old pub sign. The grander exterior of The Railway is adjacent.



8 hand pulls and whisky all round!



Many ornate features. Looking back through to main bar, and in the next shot the decorative ceiling dome.



Roger seems to be getting it all into focus, but sadly I'm not. To me Group shots are an important part of recording the day out. Sorry!

Rog grabs a hand made pork pie and we move on..

## 26 Ye Hole in Ye Wall







Built in 1726 in the reign of George I when America was still a colony, Ye Hole in Ye Wall is 285 years old and the oldest in Liverpool. Adolf Hitler frequented it while studying art here in 1920s. Has an unusual upstairs cellar. Last men only house in town succumbing to the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 when a ladies toilet was built upstairs. 5 Hand pulls serving a range of guest ales. Back windows look into the courtyard of Rigby's.

The landlady was very helpful, changing a beer that had gone and asking us to choose from a short list of those ready to go on. Unfortunately we went for the Triple fff Alton Pride which was a bit green and we suggested leaving it until tomorrow.

## ② ⑦ Thomas Rigby's



Grade II listed building part of a complex that included The George pub which being adjacent Ye Hole in Ye Wall dated it back to 1726 although present building is much newer. Named after Thomas Rigby (1815-86) a wine & spirit dealer who became owner of several pubs and an Alderman in 1868. Front facing added in 1865, major refurbishment in 1922. At the rear is the spacious square oak-panelled 'Nelson room'. Allegedly Lord Nelson frequented the pub in the 1790s. Bought by Okells brewery in 2003 and refurbished to present condition. Lovely rear courtyard. 8 hand pulls offer 2 Okells beers, guests and a cider.

Taking our drinks into the courtyard sun trap we made ourselves at home while sampling beers from Rigby's and their sister pub across the yard.



## ② ⑧ The Lady of Mann



The building behind us in the above photo, formerly The Courtyard Restaurant it's now an open plan single bar which can be hired and shares the courtyard. 3 hand pulls with 2 Okells beers on. Named after the car ferry operated by the Isle of Man Steam Packet Co 1976-2005.

## ② ⑨ The Welkin

Opened 11-Mar-02 this Wetherspoon pub takes its name from the Old English word for sky, and commemorates Jeremiah Horrocks, one of Liverpool's greatest sons and the Father of English Astronomy. 10 hand pulls seemed to be fully manned. Packed and noisy. Kath has popped back to the shops and we have no one to translate for us..... Errrrmmmm.....Move on!



**Classic Registration for a Local Dignitary!**



I may have got this next bit slightly out of sync as it has taken me ages to write this Journal due to my thyroid related eye problem which limits my time on the computer. BUT, the crew wanted to visit 2 Beatles pubs that we had done on Thursday.

### ③ Grapes (Matthew St)

I did warn them, but they insisted. Armed with my memorabilia they popped in found the 2 hand pulls each covered with an empty glass and came out! Moving on then, to another gem round the corner..

### ④ White Star

We stayed here for one beer while I regaled everyone with The Beatles 1<sup>st</sup> manager paying them in the back room after playing The Cavern.



The Fab 3 have trouble locating next pub

### ③ ① Ma Boyles Oyster Bar



This place has gone down hill really badly. Don't know what is going on, but the downstairs food bar is shut and the actual bar with 4 hand pulls is cased in a metal grill. Upstairs 3 hand pulls offer 1 beer which was Liverpool One, King's Regiment Ale 3.9% and tasted awful. Decided to move on..



### ③ ① The Railway



Can't find much written about this place. Looks like a Cains pub at one time. Outside has been cleaned up and the interior had a makeover about 3 years ago. Pleasant and busy. Seemed to have 3 hand pulls with 3 headline beers which we decided not to bother with, and moved on.

### ③ ② Excelsior





Jimmy Monaghan ran this for 9 years before going to re-open The Vernon in 2009. A Punch Tavern with 6 hand pulls offering 5 beers today. Pie & Mash for £7. We were joined by two of the Girls who had been on The Beatles Taxi tour, we had a beer and retired to The Ship for a couple before heading off for our evening meal.

### ③③ The Bridewell



The City's main lock up for 160 years closed in 1999 and was sold at auction in 2004. The 45 cells on 2 floors have been subdivided and this establishment is the ground floor where about 4 cells remain. Opened as Colin's Bridewell, a restaurant and small selection of real ale. When it went up market as Jalon's it failed and has been vacant for 18 months. Now leased by the new Liverpool One Brewery as their Brewery Tap it has 6 hand pulls dispensing their ales, although only 3 on tonight. Our Crew of 14 had 2 cells and we had a great evening. Well done!



Maximum Security Cell for 8



Relaxed open ended Cell for 6



Bang to rights, Guv!



And finally, A Line Up!

There's just time for one more so we wander up the hill

### ③④ The Monro





Grade 2 listed Gastro Pub named after three masted sailing ship, The James Monro which was the first scheduled sailing service from Liverpool to New York in 1817. The Clipper, was itself named after the then newly elected US President James Monro (1758-1831) who stood for 8 years until 1825. Very nice inside and with a good looking albeit expensive menu which makes it unusual for a city pub. 4 hand pulls and 3 beers on. Has a similar sister pub in Tithebarn St – The James Monro. Both Marstons tied.

And so the Tour comes to an end. We bid farewell to the rest of The Crew and head back to our hotel...hang on, just time to pop in The Baltic...



We all managed a half of Summer Ale 4.2% and decided to call it a day. On the way out we were each given one of their pies. Very nice too! Seems the food service has changed and gone back to basics, and it works.

## SUNday 19 June 2011

### ①① The Pilgrim



We decided to stick with the original plan of breakfast here and very good it was too. Richard joined us and unlike the others yesterday, we were served Pints with our fry-up!! MAGIC!!

Then we took Rog & Gwyn to visit Kath's family in Kirkby and a trip to the best pub around.....

### ③⑤ Derby Arms, Aughton



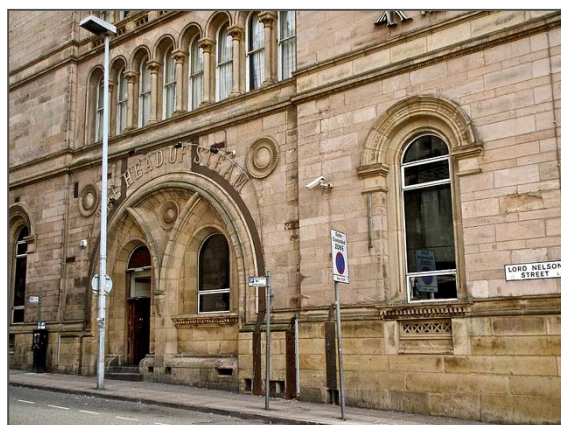
A multi award winning GBG pub and a great example of how pubs should be refurbished. Sadly I don't have any history of this one, but 5 ales on, 2 guests and 1 is £1-50/pint. The food is good value too. A warming friendly pub with Real fires and a nice little beer garden at the rear. Landlady Janice Brogden has been doing a great job here since 1995. When we stay with family in the real ale desert of Kirkby this pub is only 3 miles away – wish I had found it sooner!

As I drove lunchtime I decided to have an orange juice while Rog & Gwyn sampled the Empire Brewing Whalebone 4.1%. Not to worry, after dropping them back at Lime St station I'll be coming back tonight with Robbie for a few!

Gave them a nice circular tour into the city and dropped them in plenty of time for their train so they managed to get one more pub and beer in. This was shut when Kath and I tried to pop in last Thur while waiting to meet their train! But we did call in on a recent trip.

### ③⑥ Head of Steam

Reputedly the largest licensed premises on Merseyside occupying half of the ground floor of the former North Western Hotel at Lime St Station. This building is exceptionally grand and used to be the best hotel of the London & North Western Railway. It had lain totally derelict for many years before a massive renovation to a very high standard, as it is a grade 2 listed building. The outlet comprises 4 bars, Houses a large collection of railway memorabilia. Virtually all the wall paneling is original.





So, that's it! Another Tour over. Hope it went as well for you as it did for me. Could we have done anything differently? Possibly. I can only think of 8 pubs we could have added, 5 of which are GBG. But then, Shaun, Dave, & Co (The Famous Four) arranged a similar tour last year. So this time the plan was to stay a while longer in pubs they had liked and do some different ones. It probably didn't quite go to plan for them, but then again the Plan was, 'There is no Plan!'

In the very 1<sup>st</sup> 1974 GBG Liverpool had just 9 pubs listed. Do you know how many of those we visited this weekend?

Anyway, we really enjoyed it so thanks guys for organising the Crawl and shirts! Until the next time.....



***Bob the Bank  
Editor***

#### **The missing pubs:**

Cains Brewery Tap  
Belvedere \*\*  
Grapes (Roscoe St)  
Swan \*\*  
Font (Walked past it!)  
Augustus John \*\*  
Fly-in-the-Loaf \*\* (It wasn't open!)  
James Monro \*\*

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**Walking by The Font**

## **Acknowledgements**

If you've ever tried to write anything about the history of a pub you will realise how difficult it is to dig out information to compile these notes. I would therefore like to thank and acknowledge my various sources:

#### **Liverpool & District CAMRA for:**

- \* GBG entries
- \* MerseyAle magazine
- \* Their superb book 'Liverpool Historic Pub Guide'
- \* The now annual 'Liverpool Pubs Passport' which supports the City's 6 week Real Ale promotion each Sept-Oct.



#### **Mike Chapple**



Award-winning journalist at The Liverpool Daily Post both for his Column and splendidly candid book 'The Great Liverpool Pub Crawl'

#### **Ron Jones**



For his superb book 'The Beatles Liverpool - The Complete Guide'



## APPENDIX I

In accordance with our normal practice on these trips here are the black & white statistics and our nominations for those who deserve special mention.

### ***The Statistics:***

Non-GBG Pubs visited – 17  
GBG Pubs visited – 19  
Total Pubs visited – 36

## AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

### ***Best Pub:***

The Lion Tavern

### ***Best Beer:***

Mordue, Northumbrian Blonde 4.0%  
(@Ship&Mitre)

### ***Barperson of the Weekend:***

Bar Maid at The Vernon  
&  
Landlady at Ye Hole in Ye Wall

### **And finally - Awards for Crapiness**

### **Watney's Red Barrel Award**



Ma Boyles Oyster Bar



### **The WHITBREAD Tour of Destruction Award**

Everyman & Playhouse Theatre Group  
for  
The Everyman Bistro - Closing 2 July

## Special Award

### **Saving Our ENGLAND Award**



Jimmy Monaghan



**For His Miraculous  
Resurrection  
of**

**The Vernon Arms (closed in 2004)**

## APPENDIX II

Beers Sampled over Weekend (attached)

## APPENDIX III

Copy of the 2010 Pub Passport Map  
(attached)

## APPENDIX IV

The Postcard 'Liverpool Heritage Pub Crawl'  
which I know Gwyneth would have liked to  
tick off! (attached)

## APPENDIX V

The Poster 'Liverpool BeaTle CiTy Pub Crawl'  
which I will probably never manage to tick  
off! (attached)



No.	Pub	Brewery	ABV	Beer
	<b>Thur 16 June 2011</b>			
1	The Baltic Fleet	Wapping	3.5%	Wapping
2	Cavern Club	Black Sheep	3.8%	Black Sheep Bitter
3	Grapes (Matthew St)	<i>See review</i>		
4	White Star	Bowland	3.9%	Daylight Robbery
		Bowland	4.0%	White Star Pale Ale
5	Beehive (Paradise St)	Charles Wells	4.3%	Bombardier
6	Carnarvon Castle	Marstons	4.5%	Pedigree
7	Dr Duncan's	Cains	4.0%	Bitter
		Cains	4.1%	Sundowner
		Triple fff	4.2%	Moondance
8	Ship & Mitre	Mordue	4.0%	Northumbrian Blonde
9	Vernon Arms	Sandstone	4.2%	Sleeping Policeman
		Phoenix	4.5%	Summer Madness
	<b>Fri 17 June 2011</b>			
10	Roscoe Arms	Sharp's	4.0%	Doom Bar
11	The Pilgrim	Phoenix	4.2%	Spotland Gold
12	Ye Crake	Copper Dragon	3.6%	Conqueror
		???	7.2%	Black Dragon
13	Peter Kavanagh's	Blakemere	3.9%	Navajho
		George Wright	3.9%	Longboat
14	Blackburne Arms	Liverpool Organic	4.1%	Higson's Best
15	The Caledonia	Timothy Taylor	3.5%	Golden Best
16	Cambridge	Marstons	3.8%	Bitter
17	Everyman Bistro	Liverpool Organic	3.6%	Everyman Bitter
		York	3.8%	First Light
18	The Philharmonic	Titanic	4.5%	Centenary
19	The Dispensary	Oakham	4.6%	Bishops Farewell
		Hawkshead	5.0%	Cumbrian 5 Hop
20	Roscoe Head	Kelham Island	4.3%	Factory Bitter
	<i>Ship &amp; Mitre</i>	Offbeat	3.9%	Outlandish Pale
		Northern	6.0%	Chocolate Stout
21	Poste House	Bath Ales	4.4%	Golden Hare
	<i>Baltic Fleet</i>	Wapping	4.2%	Summer Quencher
	<b>Sat 18 June 2011</b>			
22	The Globe	Castle Rock	4.4%	Preservation
23	Richmond Pub	George Wright	3.9%	Drunken Duck
24	Pig & Whistle	Timothy Taylor	4.2%	Landlord
25	The Lion Tavern	Joseph Holt	4.0%	Bitter
26	Ye Hole in Ye Wall	Robinson's	3.9%	Crusoe
		Triple fff	3.8%	Alton Pride
27	Thomas Rigby's	Okells	3.7%	Bitter
		Franklins	3.8%	Original Bitter
28	Lady of Man	Okells	4.5%	IPA
	<i>White Star</i>	Bowland	3.9%	Chipping Steamer
		Bass	4.4%	Bass
29	The Welkin	Peerless	4.1%	Triple Blonde
30	Ma Boyles Oyster Bar	Liverpool 1	3.9%	Kings Regt Ale
31	The Railway	<i>See review</i>		
32	Excelsior	Adnams	3.4%	Lighthouse
	<i>Ship &amp; Mitre</i>	Liverpool Organic	4.6%	Golden Ale
33	The Bridewell	Liverpool 1	4.0%	Mersey Mist
		Liverpool 1	4.2%	Three Graces
		Liverpool 1	4.5%	Ein Stein Lager
34	The Monro	Jennings	4.0%	Cumberland Bitter
	<i>Baltic Fleet</i>	Wapping	4.2%	Summer Ale
	<b>Sun 19 June 2011</b>			
	<i>The Pilgrim</i>	Phoenix	4.1%	Spotland Gold
35	Derby Arms, Aughton	Empire Brewing	4.1%	Whalebone
		Bronte Ales	3.7%	Wuthering Heights
36	Head of Steam			





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2 Lark Lane L17 Map D



3 Peach Street Map A



4 Wapping Map A



5 Paradise Street Map A



6 Suggall St (off Falkner St) Map A



7 Gateacre Brow Map D



8 Catharine Street Map A



9 Stanhope Street Map A



10 Catherine Street Map A



11 Mullberry Street Map A



12 Tareyton Street Map A



13 Childwall Abbey Rd Map D



14 Queens Drive Map D



15 Old Ropery (off Brunswick St) Map A



16 Quarry St Woolton Map D



17 Earle St (off Old Hall St) Map A



18 Lime Street Map A



19 Victoria Rd Crosby Map C



20 Allerton Rd Woolton Map D



21 Renshaw Street Map A



22 Penny Lane Map D



23 St John's Lane Map A



24 Sandown Lane L15 Map D



25 Woolton St. Woolton Map D



26 Hope Street Map A



27 Old Hall Street Map A



28 Vale Road Woolton Map D



29 Mill Lane West Derby Map B



30 South Rd Waterloo Map C



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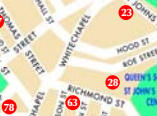
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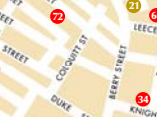
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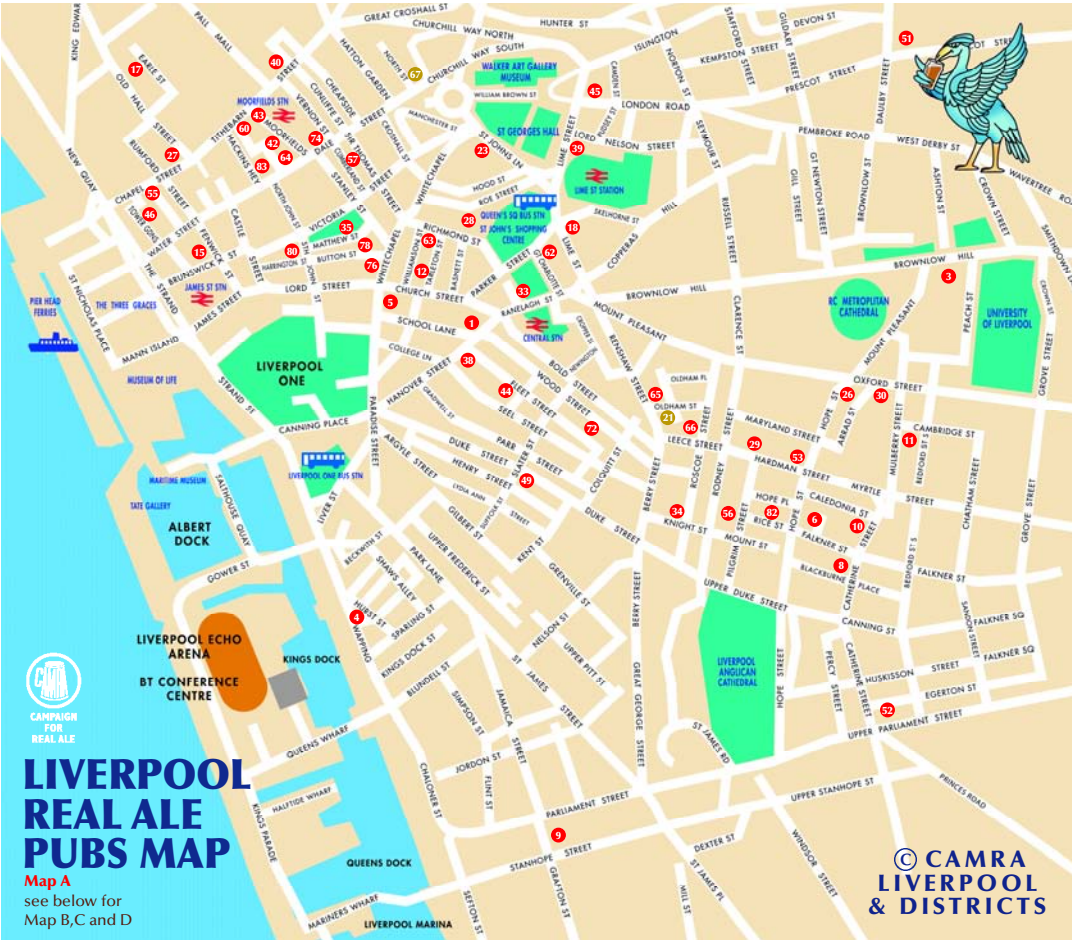
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# LIVERPOOL REAL ALE PUBS MAP

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& DISTRICTS

- Abhey
- Albert
- Augustus John
- Baltic Fleet
- Beehive
- Belvedere
- Black Bull
- Blackburne Arms
- Cains Brewery Tap
- Caledonia
- Cambridge
- Carnarvon Castle
- Childwall Abbey
- Childwall Fiveways
- Cormmarket
- Cosham Court
- Cross Keys
- Crown Hotel
- Crown's Nest
- Derby Arms
- Dispensary
- Dovedale Towers
- Dr Duncan's
- Edinburgh
- Elephant
- Everyman Bistro
- Exchange Bar
- Fall Well (Lloyds Bar)
- Fly in the Loaf
- Font
- Fulwood Arms
- Gardeners Arms
- Globe
- Grapes Knight St
- Grapes Mathew St
- Grapes Roscoe St
- Halton Castle
- Halton House
- Head of Steam
- James Monroe
- Kellys Dispensary
- Lady of Mann
- Lion Tavern
- Lime Kiln
- Lord Warden
- Ma Boyles
- Martin
- Merton
- Monro
- Navigator
- Old Fort
- Peter Kavanagh's
- Philharmonic
- Picturedrome
- Pig and Whistle
- Pilgrim
- Poste House
- Prince Leopold
- Pub in the Park
- Raven
- Richard J Blackler
- Richmond Pub
- Rigby's
- Roscoe Arms
- Roscoe Head
- Roscoe Street
- Ship & Mitre
- Stables
- Stamps
- Stamps Too
- Storrsdale
- Swan Inn
- Thomas Frost
- Vernon Arms
- Volunteer Canteen
- Welkin
- White Horse
- White Star
- Wild Rose
- William Gladstone
- Willow Bank
- Ye Cracke
- Ye Hole in Ye Wall
- Old Bank



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134 Walton Vale Map B



135 Gt Charlotte St Map A



136 Williamson Street Map A



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141 St Mary's Rd Garston Map D



142 Coronation Rd Crosby Map C



143 South Rd Waterloo Map C



144 Storrsdale Road Map D



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## WEST DERBY - WALTON - BOOTLE Map B



- 37 Halton Castle
- 48 Merton
- 50 Navigator
- 54 Picturedrome
- 58 Prince Leopold
- 61 Raven
- 73 Thos Frost
- 79 Wild Rose

- Merseyrail
- 1 SANDHILLS
- 2 BANKHALL
- 3 ORIEL RD
- 4 NEW STRAND
- 5 KIRKDALE
- 6 RICE LANE

## WATERLOO - CROSBY Map C



- 69 Stamps
- 19 Crows Nest
- 70 Stamps Too
- 47 Marine
- 75 Volunteer Canteen
- 84 Old Bank South Road



Old Bank

## SOUTH LIVERPOOL Map D



- 2 Albert
- 7 Black Bull
- 13 Childwall Abbey
- 14 Childwall Fiveways
- 16 County Court
- 20 Derby Arm
- 22 Dovedale Towers
- 24 Edinburgh
- 31 Fulwood Arms
- 32 Gardeners Arms
- 36 Halfway House
- 41 Kelly's Dispensary
- 49 Pub in the Park
- 59 Stables (closed)
- 68 Storrsdale
- 71 White Horse
- 77 Willow Bank

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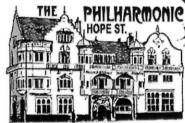
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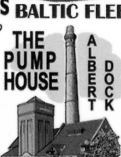
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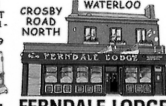
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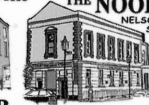
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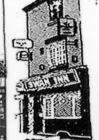
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