

**BEER**

**Tony Wilson**

As an answer to:  
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THE CAMPAIGN for Real Ale (CAMRA) has been one of the major consumer success stories of the last few years. From humble origins in 1972, when a handful of exiled Mancunians got together in London to bemoan the lack of a decent pint in the face of virulent and malignant Watnification, the campaign has grown to a 30,000-strong army of peaceful pint drinkers, with a network of over 100 branches throughout the British Isles.

The Merseyside branch was formed in the autumn of 1973, and the national campaign has grown from strength to strength.

We concern ourselves primarily with the quality of beer on Merseyside, and before going further, I'd better explain what we mean by 'real ale'.

This is beer produced from the traditional ingredients of malted barley, yeast, hops and water. We deplore the use of chemicals used by some brewers to stabilise the 'head' etc, and view with concern the increasing use of maize flakes and rice grits. Incidentally, only Germany and the Isle of Man in Europe boast any form of pure beer legislation. The beer must leave the brewery in a vented cask, either wood or metal, without having been filtered or chilled, or having been put in a keg with carbon dioxide added. In the cellar of the pub the cask must be tapped and vented and no top

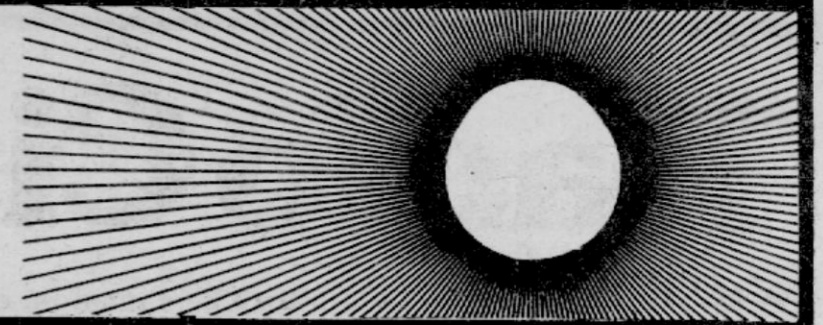
pressure (carbon dioxide) added.

The means of delivery can be either straight from the cask via hand pumps, electronic metered pumps or electric push button. All these are capable of serving the 'real' thing, but beware, for all can serve gassed or chilled/filtered beer too — the only ways to be totally sure are the evidence of your own taste buds and a visit to the cellar. It is this increasing revulsion with beer which has been 'tampered with' which has caused the rapid increase in CAMRA membership — for too long people have suffered gas-bloated stomachs and carbon dioxide-induced morning after headaches.

In future articles I shall be dealing with some of the campaign's other activities and reviewing local brewers' products, visiting pubs etc. Your comments would be welcome too.

● *Legislation as from 1st December: Pubs must display price lists. CAMRA, along with other consumer bodies, had a large say in this.*

**INFORMER**



**SMALL ADS**

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£5-£10 for your fur coat. Cash for pre-1950s clothing at Oily's, Aunty Twacky's Bazaar, 18 Mathew Street, Liverpool. Tel: 227 1672.

ONE WEEK'S holiday in Wales. Organised walking and general good time. Includes New Year's party. Apply: Jim Lyon, 127 Greenhill Road, Liverpool L18 7HQ.

TIME on your hands? Then why not come along to a free improvised activity workshop? 2 p.m., Every Monday. Unity Theatre Studio, top floor 19 Williamson Street (off Church St) Liverpool. Tel: 724 4369.

CHEAP REMOVALS and haulage. Cheap for community groups. Tel: Ananda Marga, 728 8242.

CHILDREN'S toys and games and nursery equipment is urgently needed for kind of kindergarten. Van available for collection. Tel: Ananda Marga, 728 8242.

PHOTO-COPYING. A4 and foolscap. 10 copies 30p; 25 copies 75p; 60 copies £1.20; 100 copies £1.60.— Impact Resource Centre, Waterloo Building, Cases Street, Liverpool 1. (051-708 7172)

MOST STRING instruments repaired. Lutes, Irish harps (Clarsachs) and dulcimers made on request. Phone: Chester 376828.

SMALL manual harmonium wanted. I would like to meet acoustic/folk musicians in the Chester-Wirral area with a view to forming a group. Phone Chester 376828.

**POLITICS**

CHILE SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE: Fri 28 Nov: Flag day in city centre and picket of Brooke's delicatessen in Bold St, who sell Chilean wine. Evening: Human rights meeting Sat 29 Nov. Flag day throughout Liverpool. Night: Social, with Chilean singers, food and booze. More details: Celia Burn (733 8667).

UNIVERSITY Communist Society. Meetings Tues 5 p.m. in Union. Speakers: Joan Robinson (Nov 4); Frank Wilkinson (Nov 11); John Eatwell (Nov 18); Joan Jara (Nov 25); K J Campbell FRIBA (Dec 2); Cuban Embassy representative (Dec 9).

LIVERPOOL Workers Socialist League are holding a series of classes. The next one is on Wed Nov 19 at 7.30 in the AUEW Hall, Mount Pleasant. Topic: 'The Revolution in Portugal.' More details from Joe Quigley, 42 Crosswood Crescent, Huyton with Roby. Tel: 480 4588.

**LITTLE BIRD TELLS YOU...**

LITTLE BIRD information package is produced every month and consists of leaflets, documents, handbills etc. Its function is to keep radical people informed of forthcoming events, and in touch with what other people are doing.

It is distributed by post on a subscription basis (50p for six issues to 'News From Nowhere', 48 Manchester Street, Liverpool 1). If you have any documents or leaflets for circulation please provide up to 100 copies.

**EXHIBITIONS**

Until 4 Jan. BODY & SOUL. Art about people. Includes work of Francis Bacon, Mark Boyle, Edward Burra, David Hockney, Allen Jones and L.S. Lowry. Walker Art Gallery. (Adults 10p, children 5p).

Until 25 Nov. CECIL BEATON'S CAMERA. Crosby Library.

Until 22 Nov. ANTHONY GROSS. New paintings and prints by a major British artist. Bluecoat Gallery.

Until 16 Nov. ENGLISH CREAMWARE. A Victoria and Albert travelling exhibition. County Museum.

Until 28 Dec. NEW SHIPPERIES — exhibition from the Liverpool museum's large collection of ship models, relics, paintings and documents. County Museum.

3-15 Nov. THOMAS MANN centenary exhibition. University Senate House.

3-24 Nov. PATRICK CAULFIELD prints. Sudley Art Gallery.

3-28 Nov. MOODS— II. Paintings and sculpture. Neptune Theatre Gallery.

3-14 Nov. DAVID MURRAY SCHOLARS Work by the three Polytechnic students who won the David Murray Scholarships for landscape. Academy Gallery.

5-30 Nov. MERSEYSIDE ARTISTS ASSOCIATION. Paintings and sculptures by members. Williamson Art Gallery

10-15 Nov. LIVER SKETCHING CLUB. Paintings and drawings by members. Bluecoat Hall.

13 Nov.-24 Dec. CHRISTMAS SHOW. Oils, watercolours and prints with Christmas in mind. Allerton Gallery.

17-28 Nov. GARETH GRIFFITH. Landscapes of Jamaica, Mexico and North Wales. Academy Gallery.

From 20 Nov. ABC OF MINERALS. County Museum.

24 & 25 Nov. BOOK FAIR. Thousands of second-hand and rare books. Maps, prints etc. Bluecoat Hall. Admission 10p.

25 Nov.-6 Dec. CERAMICS by Julia Carter-Preston. Bluecoat Display Centre.

27 Nov.-14 Jan. THE CAMERA AND THE SAILING SHIP. Bootle Library.

**WHERE**

ACADEMY GALLERY 65 Renshaw Street, Liverpool. 709 4088.

ALLERTON GALLERY 117 Allerton Road, L'pool 18. 724 5206. Open Mon-Fri 10.00-6.00, Wed and Sat 10.00-1.00

BLUECOAT HALL School Lane, Liverpool 709 5689. Tues-Fri 10.30-5.00. Sat 10.00-2.30. (Display Centre open Tues-Fri 10.30-5.30; Sat 10.30-2.30)

BOOTLE LIBRARY Oriol Road, Bootle. 922 4040. Mon-Fri 9.00-7.00; Sat 9.00-1.00.

COUNTY MUSEUM William Brown Street, Liverpool. 207 0001. Mon-Sat 10.00-5.00; Sun 2.00-5.00.

CROSBY LIBRARY Crosby Road North. 928 6487. Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 9.30-8.00; Thurs 9.30-1.00; Sat 9.30-5.00.

NEPTUNE GALLERY Neptune Theatre, Hanover Street, Liverpool. 709 7844. Mon-Fri 10.00-2.30; Sat 10.00-12.00.

SUDLEY ART GALLERY Mossley Hill Road, Liverpool 18. 724 3245. Mon-Sat 10.00-5.00; Sun 2.00-5.00.

WALKER ART GALLERY William Brown Street, Liverpool. 207 1371. Mon-Sat 10.00-5.00. (Open till 8 p.m. Thurs); Sun 2.00-5.00.

WILLIAMSON ART GALLERY Slaty Road, Birkenhead. Mon-Sat 10.00-5.00 (Thurs till 9 p.m.); Sun 2.00-5.00.

**ROCKNOTES**

**Mike Evans**

AS AUTUMN gets under way, so does the rock season — the colleges are in business once again, tours are hitting the Empire and the Stadium once or twice a week... by the time this first of my regular columns in the Free Press goes to press we'll really be in the thick of it.

Among the most memorable concerts ever at the Empire was the one a few weeks back by Paul McCartney and Wings. Paul played a bomb — obviously enjoying the fact that it was Liverpool, and a reported sixty-three of his relations were in the stalls. And the inclusion of some Beatle material proved for the audience the emotional high-spot of an amazing show.

A few days later at the Empire local interest focused again, this time on Liverpool 8 vocal act The Real Thing who played support on the David Essex tour, and also backed Essex in his own set. In fact their first single has been written and produced by D.E.

As far as the local scene is concerned, the fact that the work situation is marginally healthier than say a year ago means that the splits and reformations that have decimated Merseyside bands in the last few years are not quite so frequent, but even so in recent months we've seen the demise of the long-standing Medium Theatre, bass player Lionel Milgram going to funky

outfit Clean Slate who also seem plagued with personnel changes. A short lived and promising band was Filthy McNasty led by Alan 'Gazzer' Gaskell on sax. Just heard about their split at the time of writing this... pity. Another new group worth a listen who ARE still together are Bees Knees, including established veterans like Ronnie Bonnie and Richie Routledge.

Most of the current bands can be heard amongst other places at the excellent Wednesday night sessions at the Banyan Tree — and if you fancy disc intervals that concentrate on the cream of '50s and '60s rock'n'roll, I'm there most weeks to provide just that.

Events in November include Ray Stevens (forget 'The Streaker', remember 'Bridget the Midget?') at Southport Theatre; every Saturday at the Stadium — including Jess Roden AND Deaf School on the 29th, and Adrian Henri's monthly poetry events at the Everyman Bistro, scene of the now historic readings of the '60s poetry boom in Liverpool. And the 24th sees a special night at Crosby Library, with two '60s Merseybeat documentaries plus Alan Williams ('The Man Who Gave etc etc') playing the legendary Hamburg Beatles tapes. Should be fun.

● *Mike Evans is a musician, journalist and broadcaster. He plays in Deaf School.*

**WHAT'S ON**

Wed 5 Nov. Ray Stevens (Southport Theatre).

Sat 8 Nov. Edgar Broughton Band (Stadium).

Wed 12 Nov. Gong (Mountford Hall, University Students' Union).

Sat 15 Nov. Heavy Metal Kids (Stadium).

Sat 22 Nov. Osibisa/Funkees (Stadium). Mon 24 Nov. Beatles tapes/films etc (Crosby Library).

Fri 28 Nov. Blue Jays (Southport Theatre).

Sat 29 Nov. Jess Roden/Deaf School (Stadium).

**COMMUNITY**

THE Red Ladder Theatre return to Liverpool with their slick and professional production of 'A Woman's Work is Never Done'. They've been here before, but not for long enough. This time they're staying for a week, so try and see it.

Dec 8 Kensington Fields or Speke Community Centre.  
 Dec 9 Rialto Community Centre., Upper Parliament Street.  
 Dec 10 Tower Hill Community Centre, Kirkby.  
 Dec 11 Vauxhall Community Centre, Silvester St., Liverpool 3  
 Dec 12 Kensington Fields or Speke Community Centre.  
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**FOR CHILDREN**

RADIO MERSEYSIDE BROADCASTS FOR SCHOOLS

MONDAYS 2.30-2.45. "Time Line". A series for juniors which looks at the landmarks in the history of Liverpool in the last hundred years.

Nov 10 War, 1939  
 Nov 17 Rebuilding the city  
 Nov 24 The Pier Head  
 Dec 1 The Docks

TUESDAYS 2.30-2.45. "Living in the City". For 10-14 year-olds on the problems of life in an urban society with the help of local people who live with the problems.

Nov 4 Baths and wash-houses  
 Nov 11 Council housing  
 Nov 18 Work conditions  
 Nov 25 The Health Service  
 Dec 2 Disability & mental health

THURSDAYS 2.05-2.25. "Just around the corner". Series for 8-12 year-olds to encourage a closer investigation into the immediate environment.

Nov 6 Street furniture  
 Nov 13 Shops and shopping  
 Nov 20 Buildings and signs  
 Nov 27 Traffic  
 Dec 4 Advertising

FRIDAYS 2.35-2.45. "Story Time". For infants, "George" features in all of them. Nov 7 George and Footie; Nov 14 George and the Bargain Basement; Nov 21 George and Queen Victoria; Nov 28 George and the Marvellous Marigolds.

If you're tired of being treated like a child by the disc jockeys, tune in to the local school programmes where the content is more adult.

EVERYMAN THEATRE ANDROCLES AND THE LION by G.B. Shaw. Pre-Christmas musical treat. Matinees for children, 2 p.m. Tues-Sat from Dec 3. (50p)

THEATRE ROYAL (St Helens) POLKA. Nov 10-13. Children's theatre with actors and puppets. 2 p.m. Mon; 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tues-Thurs. (30p). SNOWHITE. Nov 24-29. Matinee Thurs and Sat at 2.15. (Children 50p).

SOUTHPORT ARTS CENTRE YOUTH THEATRE WORKSHOP. Nov 3, 10, 17, 25. Open to young people aged 12-18. Explores all aspects of theatre work from dance, movement and make-up to lighting and sound techniques. Only 10p per session. 7.15-9.30 p.m.

SOUTHPORT ARTS CENTRE Lord Street, Southport Tel: 40011. Ballet Rambert with a special show for children, "Take a Running Jump." Wed 19 Nov at 2 p.m. and Sat 22 Nov at 11.00 a.m. (75p, school parties 50p).

Nov 28-Dec 6. Chester Theatre Club in KING PATCH & MR SIMPKINS. Children's play by Alan Oulien. Chester Little Theatre, Gloucester St, Newtown. (40p).

● *Our thanks to the Merseyside Arts Association for their help in compiling much of the information on these pages.*

**HELP**

NIGHTLINE Student Telephone Service. A good Samaritan hot-line for students, financed by a grant from the students' union. Gives advice on practical, personal and social problems from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tel: 733 4178.

FRIEND MERSEYSIDE. 708 9552. Telephone advisory service for homosexuals. 7-10 every evening.

CHECK! Rights centre. 73 Canning St., Liverpool 8. (Tel 708 9665). Serves mainly the south city area but will provide information and advice on welfare rights on a wider basis when possible.

CHILDWALL Advice and Information Centre, Hartsbourne Ave, Childwall. Open every Wednesday, 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.. Run by Childwall Valley Residents' Association.

COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES, 25 St. Andrews Gardens, Liverpool. Free advice on legal or welfare matters. Tel: 708 0242.

HOUSING RIGHTS. A series of lectures organised by the Liverpool Legal Action Group at the University Department of Law, Chatham Street, Liverpool 7. 7.30-9 p.m. Nov 4 Rent Control  
 Nov 11 Tenants' rights on repairs.  
 Nov 18 Local authority housing.  
 Nov 25 Eviction procedures.  
 Contact John Linden, Vauxhall Law Centre (207 2004).

**TRANSPORT**

MERSEYSIDE Passenger Transport hire out single and double-deck buses for tours, outings and functions. —MPTE, Hatton Garden, Liverpool. 236 7411.

SPEKE Community Transport. Community Centre, off North Parade.

LIVERPOOL Community Transport. 37 Leeds Street, Liverpool 3. 236 9763. "To assist groups of residents in deprived areas to set up their own transport and linked activities in order to tackle the problems of urban living." [Transport goes a long way these days!]

DOVE STREET Community Centre. Old Cuckoo pub, 86 Lodge Lane. 708 0636. Two transit vans and 41-seater coach for use of local residents.

WHEELS Transport Co-op.. Double decker bus for hire. 727 5039.

And talking of buses... a woman on the 26 bus route started an argument with the driver about her fare.  
 "Ah go to Hell!" were her final words.  
 "If it's all right with you love, can he drop me off on Park Road first?" said a voice from the rear.