

Camra Bolton Branch and its Pubs as seen by the What's Doing Contributors 1980

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Into the new decade with a Cover Story. The 1980 GBG (£2.60) pubs were

Bolton – Dog and Partridge, Manor Street; George Great Moor Street; General Havelock, Sidney Street; Globe, Higher Bridge Street; Howcroft, Pool Street; Rose Hill, Manchester Road; Stanley Arms, Chorley Old Road, York, Newport Street.

Farnworth – Market, Brackley Street, Original Halfway House, Worsley Road

Horwich – Toll Bar.

Little Lever – Queen Anne

Lostock – Duke of Wellington

Stoneclough – Lord Nelson

Westhoughton – White Lion, Market Street

LOCAL BITTER OR BITTER LOCALS?

Readers of the Rochdale Observer may remember the piece by Greenall Whitley advertising their new town centre pub, the Merry Weaver. The advert was full of the usual public relations twaddle, telling us how wonderful they are and headed, 'The Merry Weaver is Selling Beer From the Wood'. The Merry Weaver has in fact been selling chilled and filtered beer from cellar tanks since a few weeks after it opened. Part of the advert goes, 'Greenall Whitley pubs keep the local flavour with local beer, local atmosphere and local locals'. Not many miles away from their new local stands the local town of Bolton. In the last few months Greenall Whitley have closed two town centre pubs, or locals, as they like to call them – the Alma and the Ancient Shepherd. There are an increasing number of these boarded up locals throughout the county –



Towns like Ince, Westhoughton and Blackrod all have their share. They even had a boarded-up brewery once, but they sold that soon after there was an article in the Salford City Reporter about the council screwing them for full commercial property rate on the offices. The advert talks about local beer too, but there isn't as much as that about as there used to be. There was once Groves and Whitnall and Magee Marshall local beer, but the only stuff they sell in their pubs these days comes from miles away.

Who are they trying to kid?

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Lees' first pub in Bolton for many a year, the Lodge Bank Tavern, will open in the near future. The delay has been caused by various technical complications – not least the Compulsory Purchase Order which Lees have only just had removed and which nobody (except Boddingtons, the sellers) seem to have noticed at the time of the sale. In view of this, alterations will be carried out after the pub has reopened after 'a good clean out'.

Whitbread Special Cask Bitter has been introduced at the Derby, on Derby Street.

Until about seven years ago the Brinsop Arms on the A6, less than a quarter of a mile from Blackrod, was known as the New Inn. In those days and as recently as eighteen months ago the pub belonged to Bass. However, trade was poor and so the pub was offered for sale. The present licensee, David Scott, purchased the pub with adjoining buildings from Bass and is now enjoying a steadily increasing trade. This increase is probably due to the fact that traditional beers have been introduced and dispensed through handpumps.

Recently, the end shop adjoining the pub has been undergoing alterations with the object of extending the bar and to give more elbow room. A larger cellar has already been provided to take extra casks. The beers currently available are Bass 4X Mild, Draught Bass, Cask Bitter, and Boddingtons Bitter. A further traditional ale will be introduced when the 'knock' through is completed.

In Branch diary the February branch meeting was on the 5th at the George, Great Moor Street, and the March one also on 5th at the Lord Nelson in Ringley. Socials/Committee meetings were at the Queen Anne at Little Lever on 19th and on 27th March at the Victoria Bridgeman Street. There was a meal on February 29th at Cromptons Mule about £2.50 followed by the White Lion at 9.30.

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Warrington Ale is no longer available at the Albert, Derby Street, nor the White Hart, Deane Road. The White Hart has also ditched its handpumps in favour of fast flow dispenserettes. The handpumps were installed in this newish pub only two years ago.

In Branch diary there was a pub crawl on April 23rd (see article below), on 30th there was joint crawl with South Lancs meeting at the Wheatsheaf on Wallgate. The May branch meeting was at the York on Newport Street on 6th when Mr Bowden from Burtonwood brewery was to be guest speaker.

The front page cover story was about the Three Crowns in Little Lever which was due to be demolished for a clearly unnecessary road scheme as the building still stands today albeit as a Nursery. It was delicensed in February 2011 by Admiral Taverns.

PUB TO CLOSE FOR NEW ROAD



The Three Crowns in Fletcher Street, Little Lever, will be demolished to make way for a new traffic light controlled junction (which many locals feel is **not** needed) soon. It means that one of Little Lever's oldest - built 145 years ago - and most popular 'real ale' pubs is to be lost forever. The draft scheme for the road was drawn up as long ago as 1964, approved in 1968 by Lancashire County Council and in 1976 an amended plan was approved by the GMC.

The Landlord, Fred Cookson, has run the pub for the past 30 years. Once known as the 'Blood Tub', due to its reputation for fights, the Three Crowns is now one of the last pubs in which waiter service is available in the tap room. The pub will remain open for a little longer and a good pint of Wilsons, one of the cheapest in the village, is served through beer engines. Drinkers are not deafened by juke boxes nor do they hear the clatter of one-armed bandits as Fred refuses to have them.

Bert Kerks



BOLTON PUB CRAWL

- 1 GENERAL HAVELOCK An end-terrace Bass house which is well worth the effort of finding offers both 'real' mild and Cask Bitter. Electric pumps
- 2 SWEET GREEN TAVERN One of the original four Tetley houses in Bolton, and now sells a good pint of Walkers bitter. The lounge is cosy and has a rosewood fireplace. Tetley mild, handpumps.
- 3 YORK HOTEL Popular Burtonwood house handy for Trinity Street Station. Sells both milds and bitter on electric pumps.
- 4 CLIFTON ARMS Basic pub with handpumped Tetley mild and Walker bitter
- 5 GEORGE One of only a few Wilsons houses in Bolton. Traditional tap room and a good passing trade. Mild, bitter, electric pumps.
- 6 NEW ZEALAND CHIEF Good pint of Greenalls - beware of customers falling down the steps outside the pub! Mild, bitter, electric pumps.
- 7 PRINCE WILLIAM Last remaining Boddingtons house in Bolton. Bitter only, electric pumps
- 8 SWAN Recently acquired by Burtonwoods. Handpumped mild and bitter in the "Malt and Hops" and "Buttery" bars only. Watch that your glass does not disappear one second after drinking up time!
- 9 YE OLDE MAN AND SCYTHER Real cider. Early of Derby supped his last pint here before being chopped for backing the wrong side in the Civil War.
- 10 BOARS HEAD Built in 1721 and once the principal inn in Bolton. Gets crowded. Greenalls mild, bitter, electric pumps
- 11 DOG AND PARTRIDGE Good Thwaites on handpumps. Bought from Bass two years ago.

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Note the vault door had not been bricked over in this photo.

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Cask Mild has replaced the keg version in the Malt and Hops and Buttery Bars of the Swan Hotel, Bradshawgate.

The Ancient Shepherd, closed by Greenall Whitley four months ago has reopened on March 31st. It now serves Thwaites Mild and Bitter via new handpumps which replace Greenalls electric pumps. The only alterations were the moving of the bar in the lounge some 18 inches, giving a little more drinking space and a coat of paint in the lounge and bar.

The landlord is new to the trade, having formerly worked at Strangeways. Another newcomer to the trade has taken over the Dog and Partridge, Manor Street, the Thwaites house bought from Bass two years ago. He was a drayman for Scottish and Newcastle! The Dog and Partridge now sells Thwaites best Mild instead of the ordinary.

In Branch Diary the May branch meeting was repeated see April, plus on 23rd a Mild crawl of Hindley with S Lancs branch, details from their diary - Dray King, Cumberland, Cross Keys, Royal and Ellesmere where the Burtonwood Light Mild was making a guest appearance.

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Tetley Walker have sold the Gaiety, (later the now closed Flying Flute) Bradshawgate to Vaux from Sunderland. The new owners moved in on May 1st and installed their Strong Samson bitter along with their usual fizzy range. The beer is served from Handpumps – the ones Tetley installed to serve their Warrington Ale. Vaux's price list is more honest than most as it lists its range of beers under the headings 'keg', 'tank', and 'cask conditioned'. The Gaiety is an Edwardian pub which had a complete facelift in 1972. It was originally called the Fleece and now that Tetley's fascia boards have been removed the old name can be again seen in the stonework.

Greenall Whitley have sold the Alma, Bradshawgate, to Burtonwood, who intend to open the pub later this year. The Alma featured in the Good Beer Guide for many years as a small-town centre pub with a friendly atmosphere, serving an excellent pint of beer. Plans are to install handpumps, and there is a good chance that Buttonwoods' Light Mild will be sold, as Bolton is by tradition a 'light mild' area, with the York Hotel, Newport Street, selling some 5 barrels of light mild to everyone of Dark.

The Hulton Arms, Manchester Road, Hulton Lane Ends would appear to be the next Greenalls pub to succumb to the brewery tank beer policy. Two years ago, trade was at a very low level of 1 and a half Barrels of Mild and Bitter, when the previous tenant left. After a not inconsiderable sum had been spent on much needed redecoration, the new landlord has now built-up trade to such an extent that the cellar is too small to cater for demand, and the quality control officer, who lives just round the corner from the pub has advocated tanks. Anyone paying their last respects is warned to stay clear of the mild, as this is already keg, to make more room for the bitter on the limited stillage space.

There was also a letter complaining that there were some notable omissions from the April's 11 town centre pub Pub Crawl which had left out several pubs such as Sally Up Steps, Howcroft, Bradford. It also repeated information covered in other articles as well.

It was pointed out that this list was not meant to be definitive, it was as the title suggested, a crawl of pubs within easy walking distance, and by implication not an endurance feat of walking and drinking.

In Branch diary the June 3rd and July 1st branch meetings were at the George, Great Moor Street, with a Joint social with S Lancs at a Lancashire Evening of 'real' Lancashire food at the Derby Arms, Derby Street on 10th.

The second Houldsworth Hall beer festival took place at the end of the month, once again staffed by some Bolton branch members. It was now branded as the Amber Nectar Show, the ability to taste cheeky little bitters and malty mellow milds had been extended to breweries further afield such as Yates and Jacksons (Lancaster), Hardy and Hansons, Ruddles, Hoskins and Everards from the East Midlands, with Vaux, Lorimers, Wards and Darleys via the Gaiety. Also new breweries Appleby and Moorhouse's, and the newly introduced but short lived Lees Cask Lager.

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Branch Diary repeated the July 1st branch meeting which was repeated for the August 5th meeting too. Notable was the July 16th 'Kilsby Kick off' at Cromptons Mule, which was by now selling Theakstons Bitter. Les Kilsby, the branch chairman was moving out of the area.

MAGEE MEMORIES

The gentleman on the right is a large papier mache model of the trade mark used by Bolton brewers, Magee Marshall. The model is now on permanent display along with other items from the town's last brewery in the Bolton Museum of Local History, St Georges' Street. The figure is said to be based on an old farmer from Markland Hill who would always be found there on market days with his pint and a plate of bread and cheese. The model was used by Magees to advertise the brewery at agricultural shows and carnivals and spent some time on Blackpool Prom until the 1940s.



The exhibition has a fine collection of bottles from local brewers and soft drinks firms. Also on show is a Measham ware teapot from the Foundry Inn, Nelson Street (now demolished) presented to Chris Adamson by the brewery in recognition of his services as a well-borer. There is also an 'allowance jug' of his, for home consumption, dating from the 1880s.

Magee Marshall's Crown Brewery still stands on Derby Street and is now partly used by Greenalls as a store for their soft drinks. The company was founded in 1866 by David Magee and Daniel Marshall, who built the four-storey brewhouse. The brewery was extended in 1875 and ten years later a bonded warehouse was built at the end of Ashburner Street in the town centre. In 1888 Magee Marshall went limited and by 1910 they were a very large and prosperous firm, having bought out Robinson & Co of Wigan and Halliwell & Son of Bolton, as well as a malting business at Castleton. For many years the brewery imported water from Burton on Trent in their own railway wagons, each of which held 2-3,000 gallons, to their private sidings on the Bolton-Leigh line. In 1958 the company was taken over by Greenall Whitley and brewing ceased on October 2nd, 1970.

The Bolton Museum of Local History is open daily 10.00am-12.00noon, 1.00pm-5.00pm. Closed Thursdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

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During the last couple of years Bolton town centre has seen a dramatic rise in both real ale and the choice of brews available.

The latest to change for the better is the Old Three Crowns, Deansgate, where Brian and Glynis Firth have thrown out the Wilsons keg beers for cask conditioned mild and bitter served via four new Angram handpumps. Brian and Glynis have been CAMRA members for four years and are keen collectors of brewery memorabilia and old brewery photographs. While Brian is busy with the beer

his wife is organising the excellent and expanding catering side of the business. A good range of lunches is provided at reasonable prices.

The Old Three Crowns is to undergo major internal refurbishment at a cost of £20,000 as well as having a curved centre window replaced at the front of the house, which was broken many months ago; the cost is in the region of £900. The pub will be closed for some two weeks later in the year for the duration of the work.

The Greater Manchester Good Beer Guide was advertised, the branch provided the content for the Bolton Metro entries in this 64-page selected guide to about 1,000 pubs in the region. It was the one with a shady brown cover depicting a local's pub in the shadow of a mill. The guide met with a cool reception from the branches, partly because they had to manually collate and staple the guide themselves and there were a lot of blank pages that made this even more difficult than it otherwise would have been. The Bolton Metro entries were listed together as follows. The scan copy below comes from a specially made copy of one-sided pages rather than the correct double sided pages.

Branch meetings on 5th August and 2nd September were at the George on Great Moor Street, there was a social at the Derby Arms on Derby Street on September 22nd.

BOLTON METRO

Metropolitan Bolton consists of the former borough together with the towns and villages of Westhoughton, Horwich, Little Lever and Farnworth. Real ale in Bolton is dominated by two breweries - Tetleys and Greenalls. Greenalls presence dates from their takeover of Magees Crown Brewery which can still be seen on Derby Street. Tetleys pubs were acquired from Walkers in 1960 who in turn had taken over the licensed houses of local brewers Sharmans and William Tong. There are still some Tetleys houses bearing the names of these former brewers. By reason of the Walker inheritance several Tetleys pubs in Bolton still serve Walkers bitter.

Breweries other than Tetleys and Greenalls are poorly represented in Bolton although choice is fairly wide with real ale available from Boddingtons, Bass, Holts, Hydes, Sam Smiths, Burtonwood, Wilsons, Thwaites and Whitbread. Lees, who at the turn of the century had three pubs in Bolton, have recently returned to the district with the purchase of the Lodge Bank Tavern from Boddingtons.

As with other Greater Manchester urban areas Bolton has suffered many pub losses through comprehensive redevelopment of the former borough. Pub names like the Farmers Arms, the Boilermakers and the Bull and Wharf are now mere memories. Nevertheless many of the older pubs still remain in the town centre and in some of the older industrial areas lending a sense of continuity to Bolton. Pubs like the Spread Eagle, the Queen Elizabeth and the General Havelock still exist as reminders of a past when Bolton was a town of terraced streets and mill chimneys.

There are perhaps less pubs in Bolton than in other metropolitan districts, but many older pubs have been modernised and revamped to attract customers who demand a greater standard of comfort than the traditional pub provides. In some cases the converted pubs have managed to retain something of the character of the Bolton public house but in some, atmosphere has been sacrificed by a treatment which makes them indistinguishable from pubs in any other area of Manchester.

Bolton

AINSWORTH ARMS 606 Halliwell Road Tetley M, Walker B (H) A busy local with waiter service	BOARS HEAD 39 Churchgate Greenalls M, B(E) Very busy - popular with young people	BOWLING GREEN HOTEL 97 Eskrick Street Greenalls M, B(E) A pleasant local
	BOB'S SMITHY 1448 Chorley Old Road Tetley M, Walker B (E) Comfortable moorland pub	BOWLING GREEN 271 Bury Road Wilson's M, B(H) Well kept pub

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BRADFORD HOTEL 107 Bradford Street Tetley M, Walker B (H) Recently converted to real ale	FINISHERS ARMS 487 Higher Bridge Road Greenalls M, B(E) Pleasant well kept local	PEEL HOTEL 52 Higher Bridge Street Greenalls M, B(E) Well kept town centre pub
CLIFTON ARMS Newport Street Tetley M, Walker B (H) Town centre drinking house	GARDENERS ARMS 1 Valletts Lane Tetley M, B (H) Large popular local	PRINCE WILLIAM 11 Bradshawgate Boddingtons B (E) Very popular - the only Boddingtons in Bolton
CRAVEN HEIFER 452 Blackburn Road Thwaites M, B(E) Popular and lively	GENERAL HAVELOCK 110 Sidney Street Bass 4X (E) Pleasant back street pub	QUEEN ELIZABETH 230 Fletcher Street Greenalls M, B(E) Pleasant local
CROFTERS HOTEL St George's Road Greenalls M, B(E) Large unspoiled Edwardian pub	GEORGE HOTEL 92 Great Moor Street Wilson's M, B(E) Comfortable town centre pub	ROCK HOUSE HOTEL 65 Duke Street Wilson's M, B (E) Back street local
CROMPTON'S MULE Spa Road Thwaites B (H) Restaurant licence; closed Sunday, Monday	GLOBE Higher Bridge Street Wilson's M, B(H) Excellent local	ROSE HILL 122 Manchester Road Greenalls M, B(E) Near football ground
CROWN HOTEL 215 Derby Street Greenalls M, B(E) Next to former Magees brewery	GIPSY'S TENT 178 Deansgate Tetley M, B(H)	ROYAL OAK Tonge Moor Road Greenalls M, B (E) Popular and comfortable
DOG AND PARTRIDGE 28 Manor Street Thwaites M, B(H) Popular and friendly	HOWCROFT 36 Pool Street Tetley M, Walker B (H) Popular local with bowling green	SPORTSMANS ARMS 1135 Chorley Old Road Burtonwood DM, LM, B(E) Recently modernised
DUNSCAR ARMS Darwen Road Wilson's M, B(E) Friendly locals' pub on main road	JOLLY PLOUGHMAN 2 Doffcocker Lane Wilson's M, B (E) Smart suburban pub	SPREAD EAGLE 29 Hulme Street Tetley M, Walker B (H) Friendly local in redevelopment area
FALCON 90 Kay Street Tetley M, B(H) Unspoilt pub	NELSON HOTEL 30 Chorley Old Road Tetley M, B (E) Small urban pub	STANLEY ARMS 99 Chorley Old Road Tetley M, B(H) Locals' pub - better known as 'Sally up th' steps'
	NEW ZEALAND CHIEF 5 Great Moor Street Greenalls M, B (E) Town centre pub	STORK TAVERN 548 Halliwell Road Tetley M, B(H) Small and cosy

THE DERBY BREWERY CO.

BREWERS OF EAST INDIA PALE,

SUPER and MILD

ALES & PORTER

No. 102, DERBY STREET, BOLTON.

E. CROMPTON, Principal

SUNNYSIDE HOTEL 1 Bloom Street Tetley M, B(E) Large unspoiled pub with bowling green	SWAN HOTEL Bradshawgate/Churchgate Burtonwood B(H) Real ale in Malt & Hops and Buttery bars only	SWEET GREEN TAVERN 127 Crook Street Tetley M, B(H) Undergoing extension
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TANNERS ARMS
61 Lever Street
Greenalls M, B(E)
Pleasant pub next to tannery

VICTORIA BRITISH QUEEN
124 Blackburn Road
Greenalls M, B(E)
Comfortable pub with collection of Bolton pub paintings

VICTORIA INN
238 Bridgeman Street
Greenalls M, B(E)
Cosy and friendly

YORK HOTEL
112 Newport Street
Burtonwood DM, LM, B (E)
Busy pub near railway station

Chew Moor

DUKE OF WELLINGTON
St John's Road
Tetley M, Walker B (H)
Comfortable well run local

Darcy Lever

ARTILLERY & VOLUNTEER
276 Radcliffe Road
Greenalls M, B(E)
Comfortable two roomed pub

Egerton

THE GLOBE
Bolton Road
Wilsons M, B (H)
Busy and popular

Farnworth & Kearsley

BRADFORD ARMS
47 Buckley Lane
Boddingtons M, B (E)
Modern busy local

BRIDGEWATER HOTEL
27 Buckley Lane
Sam Smiths B (H)
Comfortable and well run

CLOCK FACE
65 Old Hall Street
Tetley M, B (H)
Basic local

MARKET
11 Brackley Street
Tetley M, Walker B (H)
Fine town pub with Victorian lounge

OLD ORIGINAL HALF WAY HOUSE
69 Worsley Road
Boddingtons M, B (H)
Popular town pub

RAILWAY
2 Egerton Street
Moses Gate
Greenalls M, B (E)
Popular and lively; near Moses Gate railway station

RAWSONS ARMS
133 Peel Street
Burtonwood DM, B(E)
Very large town pub

SADDLE
53 King Street
Tetley M, B (H)
Traditional tap room

SHAKESPEARE
1 Glynne Street
Greenalls M, B(E)
Mock Tudor pub; comfortable and friendly

BROWN COW
Church Street
Greenalls M, B(E)
Small cosy local

CROWN HOTEL
Lee Lane
Greenalls M, B(E)
Large pub with young clientele

TOLL BAR INN
2 Charley Old Road
Thwaites M, B(E)
Large comfortable pub

Little Lever

HORSE SHOE INN
71 Lever Street
Hydes M, B(E)
Friendly local

ROBERT WOOD & SONS, Mild & Bitter Ale BREWERS,

PRINCE ARTHUR BREWERY,
ST. JOHN STREET, BOLTON.

FAMILIES SUPPLIED.

Horwich & Blackrod

BAY HORSE
141 Lee Lane
Greenalls M, B(E)
Lively pub with good selection of lunchtime snacks

BLUNDELL ARMS
Charley Old Road
Greenalls M, B(E)
Popular moorside pub steeped in history

BOWLING GREEN INN
175 Lee Lane
Tetley M, B(H)
Small cosy pub with original carved woodwork

QUEEN ANNE HOTEL
26 High Street
Thwaites M, B(H)
Large traditional pub

THREE CROWNS
7 Fletcher Street
Wilsons M, B (H)
Excellent local, due for demolition

Stoneclough

HORSESHOE
395 Folds Road
Thwaites M, B (E)
Comfortable pub near village stocks and clock tower

Westhoughton

BRINSOP ARMS
Charley Road (A6)
Bass 4X, Cask, Bass (H)
Boddingtons B (H)
Extensions underway to enable full meals to be served

DOG AND PHEASANT
Charley Road (A6)
Greenalls M, B(E)
Large Edwardian pub - caters for coach parties

GREY MARE
Bolton Road
Tetley M, B(H)
Old local with modernised interior

HARTCOMMON
Wigan Road
Matthew Brown M, B(E)
Small local

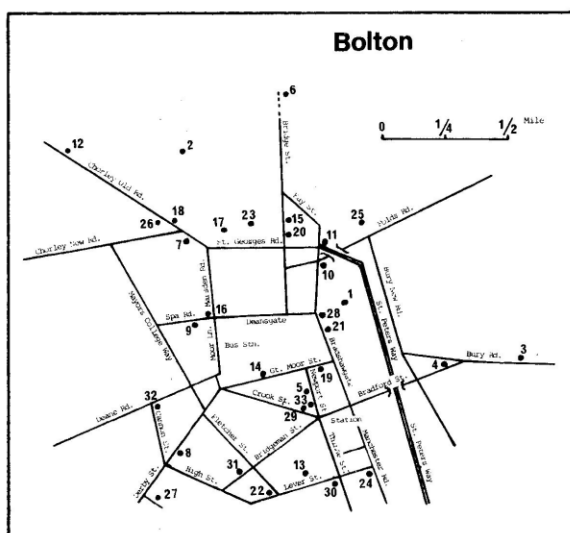
ROSE AND CROWN
Bolton Road
Greenalls M, B(E)
Recently extended and modernised

THREE CROWNS
Lower Leigh Road
Daisy Hill
Tetley M, Walker B (H)
Small unspoilt local

WAGON AND HORSES
Charley Road
Burtonwood DM, B(E)
Busy comfortable pub

WHITE HORSE
Bolton Road
Wilsons M, B(E)
Very popular; recently converted to real ale

WHITE LION
Market Street
Holts M, B(H)
Unchanged pub of real character



1. Boars Head
2. Bowling Green
3. Bowling Green
4. Bradford Hotel
5. Clifton Arms
6. Craven Heifer
7. Crofters Hotel
8. Crown Hotel
9. Crompton's Mule
10. Dog & Partridge
11. Falcon
12. Gardeners Arms
13. General Havelock
14. George
15. Globe
16. Gypsies Tent
17. Howcroft
18. Nelson
19. New Zealand Chief
20. Peel
21. Prince William
22. Queen Elizabeth
23. Rock House Hotel
24. Rose Hill
25. Spread Eagle
26. Stanley Arms
27. Sunnyside
28. Swan
29. Sweet Green Tavern
30. Tanners Arms
31. Victoria
32. White Hart
33. York

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– this was the exclusive blue inked front cover edition and on the front page was

The Crown, Derby Street, is to become a social club for Buffs members. The pub is situated next to the former Magee Marshall brewery and was once the brewery tap. It is understood that the building will be sold only on condition that Greenalls beers will be sold (surprise, surprise!)

In the past year, Greenalls have sold the Alma to Burtonwood and the Ancient Shepherd to Thwaites. If their policy continues Bolton will have no traditional outlets as the Tanners Arms on Lever Street has recently gone over to bright beer.

Another pub sold by Greenalls to Burtonwood was the Scot Lane Inn (now Poacher.) It is due to reopen soon, the new licensee coming from the Royal Oak, Liscard, Wirral, a good Beer Guide pub.

It is now 2 years since the handpumps in the New Inn, Halliwell Road, were last used to serve real ale. However, things are looking up. The new landlord, a former wrestler, has had the pumps overhauled and hopes to serve three Bass cask beers later this year.

Until then, Bolton will have to do without any real Bass beer. The General Havelock on Sidney Street, which for several years sold cask Brew Ten through Stones dispensers, has now gone over to the fizzy stuff.

The Grey Mare, Westhoughton, was taken out of the Good Beer Guide because it charged over the odds for Tetley beers. The pub has now gone over to the bright variety, although the handpumps remain on the bar.

Peter and Barbara Astwick, managers of the Jolly Miller, a Wilsons house which was built 18 months ago, have had six Angram handpumps installed to serve traditional mild and bitter. The Astwicks formerly had the all 'bright' Queen Anne on Junction Road and some ten years ago the old Axe and Cleaver in Altrincham.

Handpumps will shortly be appearing in the White Horse, Bolton Road Westhoughton another Wilson's house. Real Ale is at present available via electric pumps.

In Branch Diary the Branch meeting was at the George, Great Moor Street on October 7th. The social mentioned last month on September 22nd now clarified that the 'real' Lancashire food was hotpot. There was to be a Burtonwood Brewery visit on October 14th, with a social at Three Crowns on October 21st from 9.20pm (the late start was due to Bolton playing at home that night. They were in the 'old' division two in those days and beat Preston North End 2-1)

There was also a lengthy Tetley Walker Cask pub list but this didn't include anything not previously covered for Bolton Metro.

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The Brinsop Arms, Manchester Road (Chorley Road), Westhoughton was now selling Moorhouse's Premier Bitter.

The revamped Lodge Bank Tavern on Bridgeman Street has at last reopened, the first Lees pub in the town since the turn of the century. The beer is hand pumped Bitter and Mild (38p and 37p) and Worthington White Shield is also to be had. Lees bought the house from Boddingtons last year, when it was Bolton's last beerhouse. The interior has been completely modernised in a manner which leaves something to be desired. The Victorian bar has been ripped out and the fine etched windows which displayed the name of the pub have also gone. One good thing to come out of the modernisation are the new toilets – in the old days such luxuries were virtually non-existent.

A lot depends on the new Lodge Bank Tavern for according to the manager, if it is successful then Lees will be looking for other outlets in the Bolton area. (We're still waiting!)

In Branch Diary for November was the branch meeting on 4th at the Spread Eagle on Hulme Street and a brewery visit to Lees on 19th.

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No Bolton articles

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The Gilnow, Deane Road was party to a pub swap between Tetley and Boddingtons, that would take place in 1981.

There was a two-page advert by Whitbread bringing back Chesters Bitter, but it passed Bolton by as supplies came from Blackburn from where the same beer would be known as Duttons Bitter.

Appendix

These are the approved Bolton Branch accounts from 01/11/78 to 31/10/80. These give an indication of what was going on in the branch at that time. The original Treasurer was Chris Molyneux who worked at William Glyn's Bank (now RBS), so no need to guess where the bank account was opened. The second Treasurer who took over on 10/07/78 at a meeting at the General Havelock on Sydney St was Don Chattwood. At the time of his appointment, he was on the M6 driving to the meeting after working in West Bromwich! (Car was a maroon-coloured company pool Ford MK3 Cortina NTJ 825 K with a lot of miles on the clock!)

At this time What's Doings were collated by the branch which required the purchase of a long arm stapler. Local Branches at the time were producing guides to their pubs which other branches helped to sell, the County guide referred to was the Shady Brown one with a selection of the better pubs from around Greater Manchester, this also had to be collated and what a lot of blank pages there were.

Camra Bolton Branch Accounts to 31/10/1980

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Cash B/Fwd	5.59	Postage on Extra Whats Brewings	22.85
Bank A/C B/fwd	30.44	What's Doings Payments	137.50
What's Doing Sales	107.15	Meeting Food	27.00
Income From Raffles	43.38	Postage and Other Expenses	21.07
Coach Trips	23.50	Stapler Purchase	7.38
GBG's	242.00	GBG payments	217.60
Other Guide sales	28.55	Other Guide Payments	34.25
County Guide Sales	91.90	County Guide Payment	69.60
		Cash C/Fwd	5.34
		Bank A/C C/fwd	29.92

Total

572.51

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