

Camra Bolton Branch and its Pubs as seen by the What's Doing/Elephant & Castle Contributors 1994

Bolton Branch Pubs included in the 1994 Good Beer Guide were

Bolton – Anchor (Union Buildings), Bolton Castle, Clifton Arms (Gateway), Lodge Bank Tavern, Pilkington Arms, Sweet Green Tavern, Watergate Toll, Waggon & Horses

Harwood – House Without a Name

Little Lever – Horseshoe, Jolly Carter

Stoneclough – Nelson

Westhoughton – Hartcommon House, White Lion

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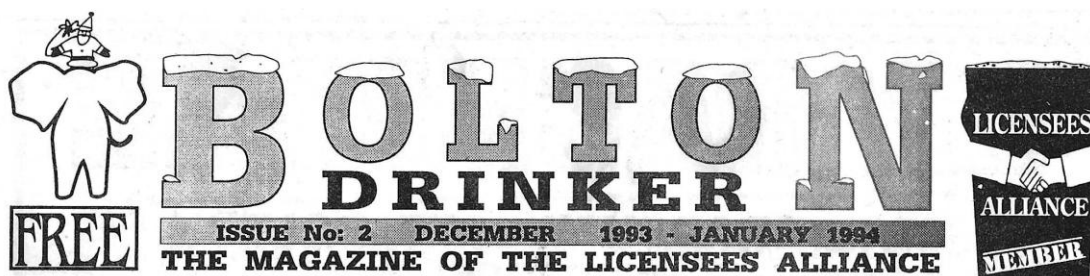
Bolton

Thur 6 Jan 8.30pm, Branch Meeting and Pub of the Year Presentation, Sweet Green, Crook Street. Includes GBG 1995 nominations

Thur 20 Jan 8pm, GBG 1995 shortlisting, Pilkington Arms, Derby Street

Thur 3 Feb 8.30pm, Branch Meeting, Pilkington Arms, Derby Street

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BOAR'S HEAD TO GO

The Boar's Head, one of Bolton's oldest pubs, is to be demolished to make way for an office block. The owners, Greenall's, put forward a planning application in September to demolish the Churchgate pub, the adjoining Chip Inn takeaway and Gatehouse cafe on safety grounds. All three properties have been empty for some time and the application is expected to be passed.

The Boar's Head was built in 1721 and was once the town's principal inn - being used as a post office and a magistrates court. It came into Greenall's hands in 1958 following the takeover of local brewers Magee Marshall & Co.

After a refurbishment in 1982 it became Bolton's first Greenall's pub in some years to serve real ale through handpumps, it had previously served cask-conditioned beer electrically using the diaphragm system. It became an early outlet for Greenall's premium beer of the time, Original Bitter (not the same as Thomas Greenall's Original), and appeared in the Good Beer Guide in 1985 and 1986.

During the late 80's Greenall's were forced to strengthen the pub's living quarters and in 1989 they lodged a planning application to demolish the pub and the two adjoining properties and replace them with a new pub and four storey office block. The plan was rejected after the Borough Surveyor visited all three properties. He found that although both the Gatehouse Cafe and the Chip Inn required some attention the Boar's Head itself was in reasonably good condition. In March 1992 Greenall's closed the pub and in September this year the current application was made to replace the three properties with a four storey office building. Unlike the 1989 application however, there is no provision for a new pub. Bolton Civic Trust, who had publicly opposed the earlier redevelopment scheme, have withdrawn their opposition on safety grounds following an inspection.

It is particularly sad that we are now to lose much of a conservation area in an attractive part of Churchgate. What was once a pleasant street in the shadow of the Parish Church will soon be a collection of ugly office blocks and isolated period buildings like the Olde Pastie Shoppe and the Man & Scythe.

Of course it shouldn't be argued that an unsafe building must be allowed to stand, but in 1989 the Boar's Head was said to be reasonably sound. Now it is unsafe. Yet Greenall's do not appear to have gone out of their way in the last few years to do anything to save the pub or the adjoining properties and their thinking has been that, if left, it was only a matter of time before the properties became unsafe and at that stage any application for their demolition could not be refused.

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SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS



Bolton Branch of CAMRA have voted The Sweet Green Tavern on Crook Street, Bolton CAMRA Pub of the Year, for the second year running. At least they won't need to shift the banner! Well done Tony & Lilian.

IN DECEMBER & JANUARY'S

BOLTON DRINKER

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR
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Sadly the designation "conservation area" that used to describe that end of Churchgate has, in this case, proved to be worthless. It will continue to be so until there is some responsibility on the part of the owners of properties like these to conserve. Conservation does not and cannot mean waiting for the property to fall into a sufficient state of disrepair to warrant its demolition and as long as this kind of attitude is allowed to prevail property developers will go on tearing down part of our cultural and architectural heritage before our very eyes.

This is the second Greenall's pub in Bolton to be demolished in the space of a year. Last October the Clarence Hotel on Bradshawgate was demolished along with much of the adjoining row of shops. The Hen & Chickens on Deansgate was recently rumoured to be under threat of demolition with the site to be turned into a car park, but that threat has receded with the decision of the manager to take on the pub as a tenancy. With their demolition of the Tommy Ducks pub in central Manchester (for which they were fined - and for which there was no good reason to demolish except greed) - having got rid of their breweries, one wonders whether they are a pub management company or a property developer, pure and simple. *this item first appeared in Elephant and Castle*

I was disgusted to read that Andrew Thomas, the chief executive of Greenalls, had been given an award as North-West Businessman of the Year. Apparently this was in recognition of his achievement in transforming the company from a regional brewery to a national pub and drinks retailer. Is that really anything to applaud - shutting breweries, throwing workers on the dole and reducing consumer choice? It seems to me about as appropriate as the Ghengis Khan Award for urban regeneration. Greenalls, of course, have won a far more fitting trophy this year - CAMRA's Pub Vandalism Award, given particularly in relation to their shameful demolition of Tommy Ducks in Manchester, for which they were subsequently convicted and fined. It is a sad reflection of the state of business ethics in this country when we are asked to celebrate the achievements of companies which blatantly pursue their objectives by such unlawful means.

A GUIDE TO THE LICENSEES ALLIANCE AND WHAT'S ON....

This is basically a taster of what is to come in Bolton Drinker next year. From the first issue of 1994 we will feature a bumper illustrated list of all Alliance member pubs, with their beer and product range, opening times, food, facilities and regular and occasional special events. So if you want to know where they are and what they do - read it in Bolton Drinker...

ALBION Moor Lane

Tetley Bitter (H), Mild, Castlemaine XXX, Skol, Strongbow
OPEN ALL DAY

Attractively refurbished pub near bus station, specialising in lunchtime food. Very comfortable and friendly. Opened out, but with two smaller rooms on the left. Central island bar. Snacks at all times. Quizzes. Pool. Dominoes.



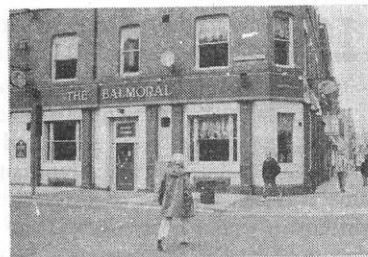
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Burtonwood Bitter, Forshaws Bitter (H)Mild, full range of lagers and spirits
Traditional pub, friendly atmosphere, bikers, rockers welcome. Refurbished in the last year

ANCHOR Union Bldgs

Bass Bitter (H), full range of keg beers and lagers

Friendly, nicely decorated and well run local, just off Bradshawgate serving a first class pint of draught Bass and with an excellent range of good value pub grub. The lunchtime Steak sandwiches are justly famous!



BALMORAL, Bradshawgate Greenalls.

Large busy pub, often packed in the evening. Historic, but after successive modifications, open plan town centre pub with disco.

BEARS PAW Churchgate

Tetley Bitter (H)

Historic, but after successive modifications, open plan town centre pub with disco.

BLUE BOAR Deansgate

Boddingtons Bitter (H) + usual range
Large, popular, one room pub with moderately successful division into two parts, all day opening, very popular with students. Closed Sunday. Lunchtime food.

APOLOGIES TO THOSE ALLIANCE PUBS NOT YET INCLUDED - YOU WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT ISSUE - WITH PHOTOGRAPHS.

CHESTER

Bradshawgate

Boddingtons Bitter (H)+ full range of lagers, ciders, spirits and pre-mixed cocktails

Busy young persons pub with disco-like atmosphere. Service very good, even when busy. Very noisy but good value during happy hour.



CHURCHILLS Manchester Road

Boddingtons Bitter, Holts Bitter (H)+ lagers and ciders

Fascinating bit of pub architecture. Formerly the Rose Hill Tavern, the pub consists of two buildings knocked into each other the front being Grade 2 listed, with arched fanlight and etruscan columns. Inside there are major lounge and public bars, on two levels. Furnishings and decor and pleasant, staff friendly and efficient.

CLIFTON ARMS Newport Street
Tetley Bitter, Mild, Imperial, Moorhouses Premier, Jennings Bitter,

MOONSHINES

Walker Bitter (H) + spirits and lagers
Busy, popular pub close to rail station. Wide range of excellently kept beers, with mini beer festival co-inciding with the festival.

CORKS WINE BAR Bradshawgate

Worthington Bitter (H) and full range of lagers and spirits.

Smart and upmarket town-centre bar that used to be a bank! Dress restrictions at weekends. Open all day Friday. Closed Sunday. Friendly atmosphere. Background music at bearable volume!

CROWN & CUSHION Mealhouse Lane

Boddingtons Bitter, Old Speckled Hen, Heineken, Stella, Strongbow, Max Dry
Full lunchtime menu. Open 11-12 Mon - Wed, 11-1 Thurs, 11-2 Fri & Sat. Sun 7-10.30. Large comfortable pub, with entertainment and on-site snooker club.

DOG AND PARTRIDGE Manor Street

Thwaites Bitter, Best Mild, Craftsman
Unspoilt gem lying just off Deansgate. Small curved public bar, and larger split lounge with pool. Consistent good beers.

DONAGHY's Great Moor Street

Tetley Bitter, Mild Jennings Bitter (H)
Lowenbrau and range of Lagers/Ciders. Platefulls of food make this one of the best value lunches in Bolton. Irish music at weekends, very mixed clientele in ages and occupations. Good popular town centre pub.

HAWTHORNS, Spa Rd

Tetley, Castlemaine, Carlsberg, Lowenbrau, Guinness, Strongbow & Woodpecker.

Food Thurs - Sat while open in evenings, Thurs & Fri Lunch. Late night live music venue with disco. Moderate door charges.

LA RACHELLE Bradshawgate

Tetley, Carlsberg, Bitberger
Daytime Restaurant with tremendous value, including Fish Chips Peas and All Day breakfast.



MAXIMS Bradshawgate

Vaux Samson Bitter, guest beers
Full range of ciders, Guinness and Beamish-Plush, attractive, town centre pub attracting predominantly young clientele in evenings. Regular 'events' held in the pub. Lunches.. Closed Sunday.

MILLSTONE Crown Street

Tetley Bitter (H) Plus lagers
Cosy small town-centre pub. Friendly atmosphere with a wide range of clientele. Recently refurbished. Discos Thurs, Fri & Sat

OLDE MAN & SCYTHE Churchgate Boddingtons Bitter, Whitbread Flowers IPA, Holts Bitter plus regular guest, Currently 3 Traditional Ciders (H & G) Oldest pub in Bolton. 7th Earl of Derby was executed outside, and his chair is in the pub. Busy, and open all afternoon. Good beer and cider in a fabulous atmosphere. Dress code at weekends.

OLD THREE CROWNS Deansgate Websters Yorkshire Bitter, Ruddles Bitter (H), mild. Wide range of lagers and ciders

Magnificent frontage across Deansgate leads into a long deep town centre pub with a food emphasis at lunchtime (the quality of which they are justly proud of), and a (rather noisy) disco-ish emphasis in the evening. Spotless cellar and considerable efforts made to serve a consistent quality pint. Open all day.

OSCARS CAFE BAR

Wellsprings, Victoria Sq Walkers Best Bitter (H) Tetley, XXXX, Copperhead cider, 4 lagers

Lively music venue attracting a varied cross section of bands and customers. Tremendous mix in clientele in one of the friendliest pubs in Bolton. No obvious doormen or dress restrictions. Good food served until 7pm Monday - Saturday. Well worth visiting what is almost certainly Boltons best live pub music venue. Good food lunchtimes

ROYAL PAVILION, Bank Street Theakstons Bitter, McEwans Lager, Guinness, Coors, 2 ciders Disco and dancing, events and promotions

SAMS BAR Bradshawgate

Boddingtons Bitter + guest (H) + range of lagers etc.

Pubco house created in 1990 from the Prince William. Guest ale from Whitbread Cask Ale Collection but reasonably priced. Loud. Popular with a largely young but smart clientele. Dress restrictions weekends.

SWAN HOTEL Chuchgate/Bradshawgate

Burtonwood Bitter, Mild + numerous guests in Malt & Hops Bar (H)

Smart, and somewhat expensive town centre hotel that has survived a recent demolition threat. Lunchtime food, discos. Dress restrictions at weekends. Newly created Malt & Hops Bar is a beer drinkers delight (in most respects) with bare floors and numerous guest beers, usually in excellent condition. Previously high prices have recently been reduced significantly. Unbeatable range, however, and quick turnover ensures high quality.

SWEET GREEN TAVERN Crook Street

Tetley Bitter, Mild Hydes Bitter + rotating guest beer (H) + full range of lagers

Friendly and tidy town centre local, close to bus/rail interchange. Lunchtime meals. Voted CAMRA Pub of the Year by the local branch in successive years, and well deserved the award was. A very pleasant pub to relax in over a good pint.

TROTTERS 36 Bradshawgate

Trophy, Boddingtons, Murphys, lagers, ciders, wine from bar handpull. Different functions, live music. Pool. Late license in upstairs bar. Hot & Cold Food.

WAGGON & HORSES Manchester Road

Tetley Bitter, Mild, Boddingtons Bitter Guest Beer (H) plus four lagers, ciders and spirits

Opened out well-run pub with late licence (2am Fri/Sat) close to football ground. Pub is spacious and comfortable with well defined 'areas' on different levels. Lunches and regular events. Live music once a month. Guest beers are usually fairly unusual in Bolton.

YATES WINE LODGE Bradshawgate John Smith, Toby Light, Bass XXXX, Stones plus 4 lagers and two ciders as well as the famous Yates wine and spirit range. Discos six nights a week. Open All Day Mon-Sat and Sunday evening.

YORK HOTEL Newport Street

Burtonwood Bitter, Mild (H)

Largely opened out pub, with reasonably well defined 'areas' to a large lounge, with semi detached pool area. Opposite rail station.

OUT & ABOUT....

THE FLAG Bromley Cross

So what's new and different about the Flag Inn in Bromley Cross, what on God's good earth could induce you on a cold and wet winter evening, to take a taxi ride to the outskirts of Bolton when you could simply wander down to your local and quaff a foaming pint or two of your regular tipple there instead?

The answer to what's new about the Flag is simple, absolutely nothing. From the stone floors to the absence of a wurlitzer juke-box machine, with the exception of a bit of modern technology to heat the pies and mushy peas up with, there is nothing you wouldn't have expected to see in a pub thirty years ago. Except perhaps the range of cask conditioned beers available to you, we've had beers from the Orkney Islands, Cornwall and most areas in between, well in excess of 250 since February, and up to eight to choose from at any one time, and if by chance we've not yet featured your all time favourite, ask us for it, if enough people do we'll get it in.

Just imagine on that cold winter evening, sitting in front of one of our open fires, watching the rain beat against the windows, clutching a pint of Sarah Hughes



Dark Ruby Mild and talking to your friends (as opposed to shouting at them over the top of the juke-box). Now to my mind that's what makes winter bearable, and that's the non-innovation that makes the Flag Inn different from a lot of hostelrys you may've frequented in the past.

So why not try nothing new at the Flag one evening, you'll be assured of a warm welcome and a welcome pint, but that's nothing new here. (P.S. We also sell a bit of lager too)

Editors note: One other excellent feature of the pub is that they serve large hot pies throughout the day - till 7pm. They add a great base for several pints....

Bolton News

Des Nogalski

The Gypsy's Tent at the corner of Deansgate and Marsden Road is now selling beers from the Bass guest list. One guest beer at a time is on sale alongside the cask Stones bitter, but there are plans to put the Stones on keg and bring in another guest. Highgate Old Ale, Fullers London Pride, Greene King Abbot and Thwaites Craftsman have all made recent appearances at what seems to be a standard price of £1.35 a pint.

Meanwhile, across the road the White Lion remains closed. Another Innpreneur/ex-Wilsons pub, the George on Great Moor Street, reopened just before Christmas although the "To Let" sign remains outside.

Speaking of the White Lion, Richard James, a former landlord, is now at Arkwright's Ale House on Valletts Lane and he is hoping to introduce guest beers there. Richard was best known at the White Lion and at the Bowling Green on Bury Road, where he held a popular annual outdoor beer festival. He had a spell at the Howcroft on Pool Street earlier last year following the departure of Dennis Lund. Dennis has recently been seen behind the bar of the Astley Bridge Conservative Club.

The Jolly Miller on Chorley Old Road, Doffcocker, has reopened after being closed for almost twelve months. The pub has reverted to its original name after being one of Pennine Host's Sports outlets and, before that, it was known as Barnabys. Tetleys bitter is on sale, although guest beers are a possibility.

Finally, Greenalls have been given planning permission to demolish the Boars Head on Churchgate (see Dec WD). Work is expected to start shortly.

Bolton

Thur 3 Feb, Branch Meeting, Pilkington Arms, Derby Street, 8.30pm

Thur 17 Feb, Social & Crawl of Daubhill. Meet Morris Dancers 7.30pm, Stags Head 8pm, Oddfellows, Shamrock, Albert, Pilkington 10pm, Derby 10.30pm.

Thur 3 Mar, Branch Meeting, Cattle Market, Orlando Street. Includes GBG '95 voting. (Current card-carrying CAMRA members only)

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Thur 3 March 8.30pm, Branch Meeting, Cattle Market, Orlando Street. Includes GBG 95 voting (current card carrying branch members only)

Sat 19 March, visit to Oldham Beer Festival. Meet Bolton Station 10am for 10.10 train

Thur 7 April 8.30, Branch Meeting, Flag, Bromley Cross

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Morlands Olde Speckled Hen

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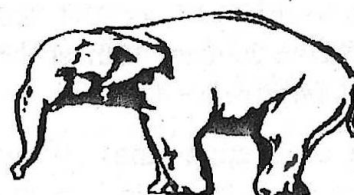
Plus up to 2 guests.

Travel

By Bus : 521, 524

Description

An excellent roomy pub in Little Lever which is well worth a visit. Is one of the few places to have Old Speckled Hen on as a regular beer. Serves a good range of well prepared food seven days a week at dinner times aswell as early evening meals Monday to Thursday. Well deserved entrant in present Good Beer Guide.



Boltons lost locals 1981-1993

1981 SPREAD EAGLE, Hulme Street, off Folds Road. Closed by Tetley. Subsequently demolished. Site used for St. Peter's Way extension

1982 WAGGON AND HORSES, Albert Rd., Farnworth. Closed by Greenall's. Subsequently demolished. Site vacant.

1984 NEW ZEALAND CHIEF, Great Moor St. Closed and sold by Greenall's on the basis that a number of licensees had tried and failed to make a go of it. Bought by a property developer. Demolished early 1986. Site now an office block.

1985 BLACK DOG, Halliwell Rd. Closed and sold by Greenalls. De-licensed and now apparently used by local Muslim women from a nearby mosque

1985 PEEL, Higher Bridge St. Closed and sold by Greenalls. Subsequently demolished for Top Way extension.

1985 TANNER'S ARMS, Lever St. Sold by Greenall's. Became a joiners workshop but has since been sold on again. Still standing.

1986 FALCON Kay St. Closed by Tetley. Demolished to make way for St. Peters Way extension.

1988 THE DOME, Knowsly St. Ill fated, short lived wine bar development which closed when the owners went out of business. Premises bought by Gregory and Porrits. Refurbished as showroom.

1988 SUNNYSIDE, Bloom St. Sold by

Tetley's in 1983. Became a free-house catering for the Irish community. Sold again in 1985, this time to a CAMRA member who couldn't make it pay. Sold back to the Irish former owner in 1986. Became a nursing home when the owner received an offer he "couldn't refuse" believed to have been around £250,000.

1989 GOLDEN LION, Gladstone Road, Farnworth. Refurbished during the mid'80's as "Banana's" Fun Pub which flopped. Subsequently sold by Tetleys and is now a painters premises.

1989 CROWN, Derby St. Former Magees brewery tap. Closed as a pub by Greenall's in 1984 but handed over to the Royal Antediluvian Order of the Buffaloes to become the RAOB Club. Club moved to the Ram's Head further up Derby St. when Greenall's decided they wanted to demolish the CROWN and use the site for a car park for their Cambrian Mineral Waters subsidiary on the former Magees site.

1989 LOWER NAGS HEAD, Deansgate, Known in its later years as "Olivers". Closed and sold by Greenalls. Premises now form part of a branch of Abbey National.

1989 WHITE HART, Deane Rd. Refurbished as Carringtons Wine Bar. Sold after arson attack and never re-opened. Subsequently sold by Tetley. Premises now a medical centre.

1991 BLACK SWAN, Harwood Precinct. Closed by Greenalls as part of precinct re-development.

1992 BOARS HEAD, Churchgate. Closed by Greenall's for safety reasons. Soon to be demolished.

1992 CLARENCE HOTEL, Bradshawgate. Closed by Greenall's. Subsequently demolished along with much of the adjoining row. Site now covered by advertising hoardings.

1993 Black Swan, Harwood Precinct. Closed by the Precinct owners Metrolands to allow redevelopment of site. Formerly leased by Greenalls and managed by them for all but the last 2 years, when it was run by a subsidiary of Metrolands.

In addition to the above, at the time of writing the White Lion on Deansgate, an

Inntrepreneur pub, is closed awaiting new licensees. Ben Topps at the top of Bath St., perpetually dogged by financial problems since it opened in 1986 has been boarded up for some time. The Brinsop Arms on Chorley Rd. Westhoughton went into receivership in the spring of 1990. Although it was supposedly sold to a leisure group afterwards for over £1 million redundancy notices were served on the staff the following July and the pub closed down. Recently, however it has been rumoured that it may be re-opening soon, but no details are known at this point. Brunel's on manor St. closed Xmas 1992, but has recently re-opened as 'WISE GUY'S'

DES NOGALSKI

BOOZERS EYE VIEW

Well having got my 1994 Good Beer Guide I was taken aback as, yet again there was not a single pub listed for the town of Farnworth. Surely, I thought, there could be at least one out of the many pubs in the town centre worthy of a mention in the Good Beer Guide.

So I thought, why not do a survey of some of the pubs and started with The Queens on Market Street, this is a Tetley Pub and is now selling Joseph Holts Bitter for £1 a pint (like a lot of other pubs in the area). Just around the corner in Brackley Street you will find The Market Inn, ideal for calling in when you've just done the shopping on a Saturday afternoon. On my visit to the Market you could get Walkers Mild and bitter on Handpump. For those of you who like your cider Addlestons is available on handpump. There is also a choice of 5 bottled ciders. If while in

the Market you fancy a bite to eat there is reasonable pub food, including curry and rice for £2.50 (get down there richard) and a ploughman's lunch at only £1.80.

The Britannia in King Street sells Boddies and Flowers IPA, both on handpump and this pub must be the only pub in the area that has a juke-box that still takes old 10 pences. If you want to hear some music you've got to ask the bar staff for the 10p. Finally in my short tour I ventured into Ye Olde White Hart, another Tetley house, which sells JW Lees Bitter on handpump.

There are more, but I'll let you try them out yourselves, so here endeth the first Boozers Eye View.

Paul Warbrick 12/93

***** **IMPORTANT BOLTON BEER FESTIVAL NEWS** *****

Would anybody willing to help **organise** a Bolton Beer Festival sometime this year please attend a meeting at the Dog and Partridge during diner on Sunday 20th Feb. This meeting is to see if there is enough organisational help to make the event possible, if you are able to help organise but can't attend the meeting then could you let the branch contact know. Also if anybody can help staff the event please let us know by writting to the editor before the 20th of Feb.

BRANCH DIARY

THURSDAY 17 FEB.

CRAWL IN DAUBHILL

7.30 MORRIS DANCERS

8.00 STAGS HEAD

ODDFELLOWS

SHAMROCK

ALBERT

10.00 PILKINGTON

10.30 DERBY ARMS

THURSDAY 3RD MARCH

BRANCH MEETING

CATTLE MARKET 8.30

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH

TRIP TO OLDHAM BEER FEST.

BEER FESTIVALS...

THUR 24 -SAT 26 FEB.

LLANDUDNO FESTIVAL

FRI 26 - SAT 26 FEB.

FLEETWOOD FESTIVAL

THUR 3 - SAT 5 MARCH

WIGAN BEER FESTIVAL

If you want more details on any of these events, or anything to do with CAMRA please feel free to contact the branch via the numbers below

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Thur 7 April, Branch Meeting, Flag, Bromley Cross, 8.30pm

Thur 14 April, Town Centre Prices Survey. 8pm Dog & Partridge; 8.30pm Man & Scythe; 9pm Clifton; 9.30pm Sweet Green Tavern

Sun 1 May, Harwood Prices Survey. Meet Nab Gate noon; 12.30 Grey Mare; 1pm House Without a Name, finishing at Bolton Castle

Thur 5 May, Branch Meeting, Dog & Partridge, Manor Street, 8.30pm

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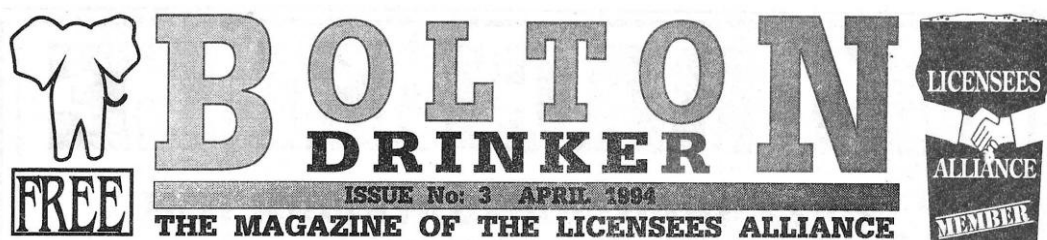
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Bolton Drinker - <https://bolton.camra.org.uk/bolton-camra-newsletters/1993-1995-bolton-drinker-bolton-pub-scene>



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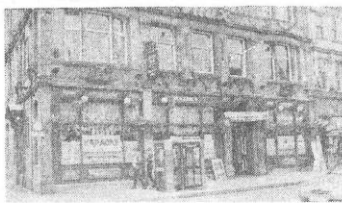
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Tetley Mild & Bitter, Carlsberg, Bitberger

Daytime Restaurant with wide range of foods, all tremendous value, including Fish Chips Peas at £1.20 and All Day breakfast. Alcohol served with full meals only.



MAXIMS Bradshawgate
Vaux Samson Bitter, guest beers Full range of ciders, Guinness and Beamish-Plush, attractive, town centre pub attracting predominantly young clientele in evenings. Regular 'events' held in the pub. Lunches.. Closed Sunday.



MILLSTONE Crown Street
Tetley Bitter, Mild (H) Plus lagers
Cosy small town-centre pub. Friendly atmosphere with a wide range of clientele. Recently refurbished. Discos Thurs, Fri & Sat

APOLOGIES TO THOSE ALLIANCE MEMBERS NOT YET INCLUDED - ESPECIALLY RAZAMATAZ AND THE PACK HORSE, WHICH STILL HAVE OUTSTANDING SURVEYS. YOU WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT ISSUE - WITH PHOTOGRAPHS.



OLDE MAN & SCYTHE Churchgate
Boddingtons Bitter, Whitbread Flowers IPA, Holts Bitter plus regular guest,
Currently 3 Traditional Ciders (H & G) Oldest pub in Bolton. 7th Earl of Derby was executed outside, and his chair is in the pub. Busy, and open all afternoon. Good beer and cider in a fabulous atmosphere. Dress code at weekends.

OLD THREE CROWNS Deansgate
Websters Yorkshire Bitter, Ruddles Bitter (H), mild. Wide range of lagers and ciders

Magnificent frontage across Deansgate leads into a long deep town centre pub with a food emphasis at lunchtime (the quality of which they are justly proud of), and a (rather noisy) disco-ish emphasis in the evening. Spotless cellar and considerable efforts made to serve a consistent quality pint. Open all day.

OSCARS CAFE BAR

Wellsprings, Victoria Sq
Walkers Best Bitter (H) Tetley, XXXX, Copperhead cider, 4 lagers
Lively music venue attracting a varied cross section of bands and customers. Tremendous mix in clientele in one of the friendliest pubs in Bolton. No obvious doormen or dress restrictions. Good food served until 7pm Monday - Saturday. Well worth visiting what is almost certainly Boltons best live pub music venue. Good food lunchtimes.

ROYAL PAVILION, Bank Street
Theakstons Bitter, McEwans Lager, Guinness, Coors, 2 ciders
Disco and dancing, events and promotions

SAMS BAR Bradshawgate
Boddingtons Bitter + guest (H) + range of 3 lagers and ciders plus variety of bottled lagers etc.

Pubco house created in 1990 from the Prince William. Guest ales reasonably priced. Loud and popular with a largely young but smart clientele. Happy Hour, discos Tues & Thurs, weekly promotions. Dress restrictions weekends.

SERENDIPITY

Greenalls Bitter & Mild, Labatts, Guinness

Pleasant, light and open, split level Cafe-Bar serving morning Coffees and afternoon teas from the bar, in addition

to lunches. Video wall (for MTV, normally off in the afternoons). Busy and noisy in the evenings

SWAN HOTEL Chuchgate/Bradshawgate

Burtonwood Bitter, Mild, Top Hat + numerous guests in Malt & Hops Bar (H)
Lunchtime food served in buttery bar and Malt & Hops includes new sandwich menu. Evening meals from specials board served in buttery bar 5.30-8pm. Mid-week live music now an added attraction.



tion. Two function rooms catering for weddings, 21sts, office parties etc. Can cater for up to 300. Dress restrictions weekends.

SWEET GREEN TAVERN Crook Street

Tetley Bitter, Mild, Imperial + rotating guest beer (H) + full range of lagers
Friendly and tidy town centre local, close to bus/rail interchange. Lunchtime meals. Voted CAMRA Pub of the Year by the local branch in successive years, and well deserved the award was. A very

pleasant pub to relax in over a good pint. Good range of single malt whiskies.

TROTTERS 36 Bradshawgate
Trophy, Boddingtons, Murphys, lagers, ciders, wine from bar handpull. Different functions, live music. Pool. Late license in upstairs bar. Hot & Cold Food.



WAGGON & HORSES Manchester Road

Tetley Bitter, Mild, Boddingtons Bitter Guest Beer (H) plus four lagers, ciders and spirits

Opened out well-run pub with late licence (2am Fri/Sat) close to football ground. Pub is spacious and comfortable with well defined 'areas' on different levels. Lunches and regular events. Live music once a month. Guest beers are usually fairly unusual in Bolton.

YATES WINE LODGE Bradshawgate
John Smith, Toby Light, Bass XXXX, Stones plus 4 lagers and two ciders as well as the famous Yates wine and spirit range. Discos six nights a week. Open All Day Mon-Sat and Sunday evening.

Bolton's 1981 Lost Pubs 1993

1981 SPREAD EAGLE, Hulme Street, off Folds Road. Closed by Tetley. Subsequently demolished. Site used for St. Peter's Way extension.

1982 WAGGON & HORSES, Albert Rd, Farnworth. Closed by Greenall's. Subsequently demolished. Site vacant.

1984 NEW ZEALAND CHIEF, Great Moor St. Closed and sold by Greenalls on the basis that a number of licensees had tried and failed to make a go of it. Bought by a property developer. Demolished early 1986. Site now an office block.

1985 BLACK DOG, Halliwell Road. Closed and sold by Greenalls. Delicensed and now apparently used by local Muslim women from a nearby mosque.

1985 PEEL, Higher Bridge Street. Closed and sold by Greenalls. Subsequently demolished for Top Way extension.

1985 TANNER'S ARMS, Lever St. Sold by Greenalls. Became a joiners workshop but has since been sold on again.

1986 FALCON, Kay Street. Closed by Tetley. Demolished to make way for St. Peter's Way extension.

1988 THE DOME, Knowsley Street. Ill-fated, short lived wine bar development which closed when the owners went out of business. Premises bought by Gregory & Porrits. Refurbished as showroom.

1988 SUNNYSIDE, Bloom Street. Sold by Tetley's in 1983. Became a free house catering for the Irish community. Sold again in 1985, this time to a CAMRA member who couldn't make it pay. Sold back to the Irish former owner in 1986. Became a nursing home when the owner received an offer he "couldn't refuse" believed to have been around £250,000.

1989 GOLDEN LION, Gladstone Road, Farnworth. Refurbished during the mid 80's as "Banana's" Fun Pub which flopped. Subsequently sold by Tetleys and is now a painters premises.

1989 CROWN, Derby St. Former Magees brewery tap. Closed as a pub by Greenalls in 1984 but handed over to the Royal Antediluvian Order of the Buffaloes to become the RAOB Club. Club moved to the Ram's Head further up Derby Street when Greenall's decided they wanted to demolish the Crown and use the site for a car park for their Cambrian Mineral Waters subsidiary on the former Magees site.

1989 LOWER NAG'S HEAD, Deansgate. Known in its later years as "Olivers". Closed and sold by Greenalls. Premises now form part of a branch of Abbey National.

1989 WHITEHART, Deane Road. Refurbished as Carringtons Wine Bar. Sold after arson attack and never re-opened. Subsequently sold by Tetley. Premises now a medical centre.

1991 WHITE SWAN, Harwood Precinct. Closed by Greenalls as part of precinct re-development.

1992 BOARS HEAD, Churchgate. Closed by Greenalls for safety reasons. Soon to be demolished.

1992 CLARENCE HOTEL, Bradshawgate. Closed by Greenalls. Subsequently demolished along with much of the adjoining row. Site now covered by advertising hoardings.

1993 BLACK SWAN, Harwood Precinct. Closed by the Precinct owners Metrolands to allow redevelopment of site. Formerly leased by Greenalls and managed by them for all but the last two years, when it was run by a subsidiary of Metrolands.

In addition to the above, at the time of writing the White Lion on Deansgate, an Innpreneur pub, is closed awaiting new licensees. Ben Topps at the top of Bath Street, perpetually dogged by financial problems since it opened in 1986 has been boarded up for some time. The Brinsop Arms on Chorley Rd, Westhoughton went into receivership in the spring of 1990. Although it was supposedly sold to a leisure group afterwards for over £1 million, redundancy notices were served on the staff the following July and the pub closed down. Recently, however, it has been rumoured that it may be re-opening soon, but no details are known at this point. Brunel's on Manor St. closed Xmas 1992, but has recently re-opened as "Wise Guy's".

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What's Doing May 1994 <https://greatermanchester.camra.org.uk/branch-magazines/whats-doing/>

Bolton

Sun 1 May, Harwood Prices Survey. Meet Nab Gate noon, 12.30 Grey Mare, 1pm House Without a Name, finishing at Bolton Castle

Thur 5 May, Branch Meeting, Dog & Partridge, Manor Street, 8.30pm

Thur 19 May, Social & Crawl of Brightmet. 7.30 Bulls Head, 8pm

Feathers; Hare & Hounds, Black Horse, Bowling Green, Bradford; 10pm Wellington, Anchor, Lord Clyde

Thur 2 June, Branch Meeting, Malt & Hops, Bradshawgate, 8.30pm

Contact: Judith Spragg 0204 595342 (h), 0204 396350 (w)

Clock Face

After thirty-two years at what was one of the last remaining unaltered pubs in old Lancashire, Eddie and Mary Tickle have retired and the worst has happened. The Clock Face, which featured in "Vintage Pubs" and "Pubs of Old Lancashire", has been opened out and the three-room layout has gone. Tetleys say that the small room to the right was "never used" and decided to open it up.

However, it must be said that the new licensees are committed to serving traditional beer in what used to be a traditional pub. Tetleys mild (120p) and bitter (123p) have been joined by Vaux Samson (100p). Opening hours are 12-11 Monday to Saturday and normal hours on Sunday. There is no pool table and no juke box, but the Clock Face now has muzak.



Real Ale Gains in Bolton

After umpteen years on keg beer, the Farmers Arms on Chorley Street is now selling real ale in the form of Greenalls bitter and Original and Stones bitter. Another real ale gain is the Bolton Moat House on Higher Bridge Street - but at £1.60 a pint! Apparently there are 'happy hours', when the price falls to a much more reasonable £1 a pint.

Also in Bolton, there is a revolving guest beer policy at the Sweet Green Tavern, the deservedly popular Tetley pub on Crook Street. There are usually two guests available at a time, but since the departure of Hydes bitter some have tended to stay longer than others.

Des Nogalski

Bolton

Thur 2 Jun, Branch Meeting, Malt & Hops, Bradshawgate, 8.30pm

Sat 18 Jun, Social & Crawl. Meet Toll Bar, Horwich, noon. 12.30pm Crown; 12.50 Queens Head; 1.30pm Bowling Green; 2.15pm Bridge Inn; 2.50pm Black Bull

Thur 7 Jul, Branch Meeting, Derby Arms, Derby Street, 8.30pm

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Whitbread News

The Canary on Plodder Lane, Farnworth, is now a Whitbread "Beer Engine" and is selling six handpulled real ales - Boddies bitter, Trophy and four changing guest beers. However, they haven't got it quite right yet. The management is advertising a competition whereby customers win a prize if they consume a pint of each beer and also a pint of Scrumpy Jack, the keg cider which is sold through fake handpumps!

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Licencee

Ken Hughes

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Beers

Bitburger Pils Lager

Bottled Budweiser Budvar

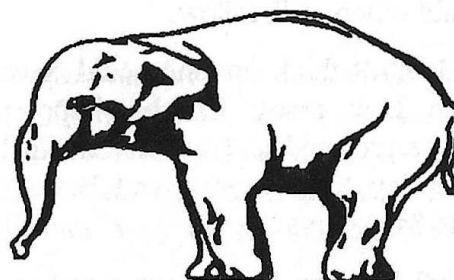
Weston's Olde Rosie

upto 8 guest ales

Guest ciders also available

Description

The Malt and Hops is the real ale bar at the Swan Hotel, previously it was a bikers pub but was refitted 2 years ago. It has been sympathetically refurbished with no juke box and has a prominent board displaying the beers available. 2nd anniversary beer festival to be held July 21st to 23rd with over 35 real ales on sale throughout the event.



New Local Brew !?

As this issue of the Elephant and Castle was going to the press there were rumours along the hop pole (we are beer drinkers?) that a brewery is to be established within the environs of Bolton. It seems that its all part of the Halliwell City Challenge but as yet no information has been forthcoming. If these rumours are true then it will be the first time since about 1970 that Bolton drinkers will be able to sup a pint of ale

brewed in Bolton- this means anyone over 40ish can legally buy Bolton brewed ale for the first time. If anybody knows anything about this project or if you are the brewer don't hesitate to contact the branch then we can pass on our congratulations in person, and also let other people know about it. P.s. on the pub front building work continues at the Brinsop! , soon to re-open ????

PIEMAN

BRANCH DIARY

Sat. 18th June

Social and Crawl in Horwich

12:00 Toll Bar

12:30 Crown

13:30 Bowling Green

14:45 Bridge Inn .

14:50 Black Bull .

Bus No 575 or 126 from Bolton

Thur 23rd June

Independents Crawl

For Details See Inside

Thur 7 July

Branch Meeting

Derby Arms, Derby St. 8:30 pm

Fri 8th to Sun 10th July

Ashton Canal Festival

Thur 21-23 July

Malt and Hops Beer Festival

Tue 2 - Sat 6 Aug

Great British Beer Festival, London

Thur 11 Aug.

Branch meeting

Lord Clyde, Folds Rd. 8:30pm

Thur 18 Aug.

Branch Barbeque

Sweet Green Tavern 7:30pm

£2 per person, non-members welcome, Names needed by 11 Aug at branch meeting

The Canary and other pubs

March 31st saw the opening of the first Whitbread Beer Engine in the Bolton branch area, this being the Canary on Plodder Lane. The other two recent Whitbread major redevelopments being the Cask Ale Houses the Flag on Hardmans Lane Bromley Cross and the Blue Boar in the Town centre. While the latter has only recently been converted to a Cask Ale House The Flag has proved to be very successful since it opened 14 months ago. During this time the Flag has served over 200 real ales with only Boddingtons Bitter and Old Rosie Cider being on throughout this period, the other six handpumps serving an ever changing array of cask beers.

Following the Flags example the Blue Boar now serves a good range of real ales with Boddingtons again being on permanently. They have, however, still got Chesters mild and Trophy Bitter on Keg.

At the Canary there is a choice of upto 6 real ales with Boddingtons and Trophy Bitter being on permanently. The keg Trophy Bitter is being removed but may be returned if market forces dictate so visit this new Beer Engine and sample the delights of real ale and prevent the return of keg beer.

Whitbread are opening up Cask Ale Houses and Beer Engines in response to the demand for the ever increasing range of real ales now available. They are installing handpumps in these pubs in an attempt to draw people out of their houses and into the pubs, and also to

make some money of course. The resultant pubs being classified as either a Cask Ale House or a Beer Engine, the main difference being that Beer Engines are big enough to serve Real Ales on Gravity from behind the Bar. Although looking at the bar in the Canary I doubt they will be serving beer on gravity but as long as the beers quality is good, and it has been each time I've been in, what's in a name

Of course Whitbread are not the only pub ownership company to offer the drinker a wide range of beers in their pubs and as a result there are a few more establishments where you can taste the delights of a number of different beers.

In the town centre along with the Blue Boar there is the Malt and Hops bar at the Swan Hotel. Here you have the choice of upto 8 different real ales in a bar that is virtually devoted to the real ale drinker. Other pub such as the Clifton on Newport Street offer the drinker an increased range of beers by holding regular mini beer festivals, at these there are a range of beers brought in from around the country as well as the occasional special brew only available at the pub during the festival. These mini festivals usually last for a few weeks or until the beer runs out so watch the press for details, and this magazines future issues.

Away from the town centre there is an increased range of beers available from the Bob's Smithy on Chorley Old Road. This pub serves upto 6 real ales which

change on a regular basis. Mini beer festivals are also held at some pubs such as the Jolly Carter in Little Lever.

Thus if you feel like a change from the normal pint of Boddingtons there is plenty of choice available if you know where to go, so try out some of these

pubs, you may find something you like. Remember as well that most real ale pubs have a guest beer policy so if you find a beer you really like tell your landlord he may get it in for you, he wants your trade after all.

STOP PRESS. *There will be no Bolton Beer Festival this year, hopefully there will be more information in the next issue of Elephant and Castle.*

Independents Month

As most of you are aware July 4th is American Independence day- a cause for celebration. CAMRA however celebrates not just one day but a whole month, yes 31 days. The whole month of July is for CAMRA Independents month, with independent brewers being the cause for celebration.

What, I hear you cry are Independent brewers, well in the broadest sense of the word they are those brewers with less than 2,000 tied houses. They can vary in size from the large regional like Vaux to the smallest microbreweries such as Croton and Coach House.

Bolton branch is celebrating this year by again hosting an independents crawl along the pubs of the town centre where you can enjoy a pint of independently brewed ale. This event will take place on

the 28th June, this allowing use to distribute posters and beer mats to the independent pubs before the Month starts.

The pubs being visited are:-

7:30 Lodge Bank Tavern - JW Lees

8:15 Alma Inn - Burtonwood

Maxims - Vaux

Malt and Hops Bar - Burtonwood

Plus Guests

Dog and Partridge - Thwaites

Lord Clyde - Hydes

Founders - Burtonwood

So come on out with us and support the Independent brewers of the country.
PIEMAN

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Bolton

Thur 7 July, Branch Meeting, Derby Arms, Derby Street, 8.30pm. Including nominations for Pub of the Year 1994

Thur 11 Aug, Branch Meeting, Lord Clyde, Folds Road. Including nominations for Pub of the Year 1994

Thur 18 Aug, Barbecue and Social, Sweet Green Tavern. £2 each. Book places with contact by 11th August

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Farnworth

First the bad news. Farnworth has lost its Holts at both the Freemasons and the Queens and the Market Hotel has stopped rotating its four guest beers. But now the good news. The Market (on Brackley Street) has introduced a new rotation of guest beers from the "Tapsters Choice" programme run by Carlsberg-Tetley. Here's what's on for the rest of the year:

From 11 July, Davenports bitter; 25 July, Arrols 80/-; 8 Aug, Harvest Ale; 22 Aug, Thomas Hardy Country; 5 Sept, Marstons bitter; 19 Sept, Allsopps IPA; 3 Oct, Youngs Special; 17 Oct, Holts Entire (the other Holts); 31 Oct, Allsopps Winter Warmer; 14 Nov, Greenalls Original.

What's Doing August 1994 <https://greatermanchester.camra.org.uk/branch-magazines/whats-doing/>

Bolton

Thur 11 Aug, Branch Meeting & Hot Pot Supper, Lord Clyde, Folds Road. Including nominations and shortlisting for Pub of the Year 1994.

Thur 18 Aug, Barbecue & Social, Sweet Green Tavern. £2 each. Book places with contact by 11 Aug.

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Holts Corner

Stewart Revell

The free trade within the Greater Manchester area continues to expand. The Canary Tavern, 96 High Street, Little Lever, is one of the latest outlets.

What's Doing September 1994 <https://greatermanchester.camra.org.uk/branch-magazines/whats-doing/>

Bolton

Thur 8 Sept 8.30pm, Branch Meeting, Howcroft, Pool Street

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Farnworth

The Albert free house, which opened a couple of years ago in the old Fire Station building on Albert Road, is now boarded up.

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As if to drive yet another nail into the coffin I note that Magees on St Georges Rd.- formerly the Crofters- has been closed for the last few weeks. It boasts one of the few surviving examples of revolving doors in the area and is a splendid example of one of the old Magee Marshall houses. At one time such an abrupt closure would have caused considerable concern but now it seems just one more example of a trade in decline with people no longer interested in what goes on around them.

Pub News On 1st August a new pub open on Crompon Way ,The Watermillock is part of Bank's resteraunt redevelopment of the oldnursing home site. It serves Bank's Bitter and Mild on electric and Cameron's Strongarm on handpump

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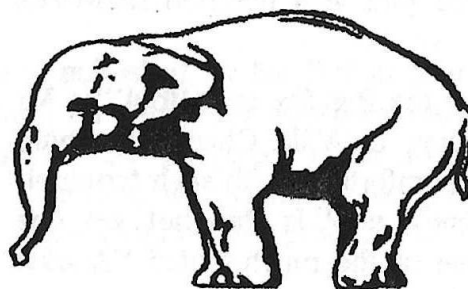
Beers

Boddington's Bitter

upto 5 guest ales

Description

The Canary has recently re-opened after a refurbishment carried out by Whitbread. It is now one of the groups Beer Engines serving 6 real ales with 5 constantly changing. This pub is definitely worth a visit even though it may be outside your normal drinking area....



Around Town

Boltons open-and-closed merry-go-round continues. **The White Lion** on the corner of Deansgate and Moor Lane re-opened in May after a closure of twelve months in mothballs. Boddington's Bitter is being sold on handpump.

During the period of the White lions Closure the **George** on Great Moor St. was sporadically open and shut. At the time of writing the pub is definitely closed although the 'to Let' sign has been taken down and there are some signs of activity in the yard at the back of the pub.

We have been keenly awaiting news about the **Brinsop Arms** on Chorley Road, Westhoughton for some time. A licence application went before Bolton Magistrates before the end of last year but since then nothing. Some refurbishment work has been done and it looks as though it will definitely re-open at some stage.

Until its closure in 1990 the Brinsop was Boltons premier free house with a range of at least six real ales. The pub - until the mid-70's a Bass house called the New Inn - expanded first into the

row of terraced houses next door and the backwards to provide a bistro and hotel and conference facilities. High interest rates forced the then owner Jim Hardy to call in the receivers and the pub was closed down and put up for sale a few months later.

The **Halliwell Lodge** on Mornington road closed down in July. This fine old house is currently the subject of planning permission to turn part of the living accommodation into flats.

Another recent closure is **Magee's** on St Georges Rd. which is currently closed and boarded up.

Finally the former Lion Oil Works on St Georges street is set to become a nightclub complex known as **The Village** following the granting of a licence recently. The owners of the Kiss Nightclub have bought the premises and are set to spend £1m on refurbishments. A few years ago this was to be the site of Boltons Heritage Centre with Greenalls even offering to site a micro-brewery there but spiralling costs meant it was not to be.

Des Nogalski.

What's Doing October 1994 <https://greatermanchester.camra.org.uk/branch-magazines/whats-doing/>

Bolton

Thur Oct 6th, Branch Meeting, Market, Brackley Street, Farnworth, 8.30pm

Thur 10 Nov 8pm, AGM & Branch Meeting, York, Newport Street. Includes election of branch officers. Current membership cards must be produced to vote. Note early start.

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Farnworth

Having a booze-up in Farnworth recently, I visited four Bass pubs (all keg) in search of a pint of Stones. I did not, of course, stay in any of these pubs and eventually found handpumped Stones best bitter in a Greenalls pub, the Black Horse on Market Street. The mind boggles! Bass must surely be bottom of the table for traditional ales in their outlets. At the Clock Face (Tetleys) the Holts bitter (£1.05 a pint) is doing well - the beer was superb.

What's Doing November 1994 <https://greatermanchester.camra.org.uk/branch-magazines/whats-doing/>

Bolton

Thur 10 Nov 8pm, AGM & Branch Meeting, York, Newport Street. Includes election of Branch Officers. Current membership cards must be produced to vote. Note early start.

Thur 1 Dec 8.30pm, Branch Meeting, Sweet Green Tavern, Crook Street. Includes nominations for Good Beer Guide 1996

Wed 14 Dec, Trip to Cains Brewery. Depart Bolton 5.30pm. £3.50 plus transport. Includes two free pints and light buffet. Minimum 12. Non-members welcome. Book with Paul Warbrick (01204) 708645

Wed 28 Dec, Crawl & Curry. 7.30pm Dog & Partridge, 8pm Man & Scythe, 8.30 Malt & Hops, 9.30 Clifton, 10pm York, 10.30 Sweet Green Tavern. Then 11.15pm Sunar Gaw, Manchester Road. Book for curry with Richard Spedding (01204) 61244

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Thur 5 Jan, Branch Meeting & Pub of the Year presentation - details from Branch Contact. Includes nominations for Good Beer Guide 1996

Thur 19 Jan 8pm, Good Beer Guide 1996 shortlisting meeting, Pilkington Arms, Derby Street. Note early start.

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Bolton Drinker - <https://bolton.camra.org.uk/bolton-camra-newsletters/1993-1995-bolton-drinker-bolton-pub-scene>



A welcome addition to or rather re-establishment of a hostelry at the nether end of Deansgate is the re-opening of the White Lion, a pub that many thought would be lost forever. We wish it every success.

Maxims will close for ten weeks after Christmas for a major refit. Although it seems only yesterday, the last time it was refurbished was six years ago. The new-look pub will be Victorian downstairs and upstairs will be a themed pub with a completely new look.

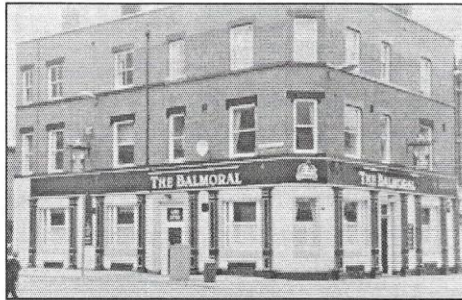
Another major refit taking place some time after all the crackers have been pulled will be Sam's Bar, which I am told are extending to the building next door, adding to the already substantial amount of investment currently being flung at Bradshawgate including the complete refit of Yates Wine Lodge and also The Balmoral.

I am led to believe that the old Painters Arms on Crook Street, known most recently as Mr D's night club has closed its doors for the last time but will reopen shortly as a students bar and night club, presumably thus being allowed to retain its late night licence. The colour of paint on the outside walls is undercoat surely!!

Pub Quiz League

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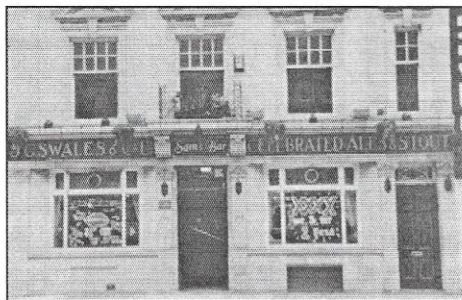
	W	D	L	Agg	Pts
Howcroft B	11	1	2	834	23
Howcroft A	9	1	4	799	19
Royal Oak	9	1	4	792	19
Sweet Green Tav	7	1	6	758	15
Dog & Part Camra	7	0	7	740	14
Brightmet Cons A	6	1	7	755	13
OLOL	2	1	11	710	5
Pineapple Stumps	2	0	12	716	4



LEFT: Balmoral, Bradshawgate. Greenalls. Mild, Bitter, Labatts, XXXX, Guinness. Large busy pub just been refurbished. Disco.



RIGHT: Swan Hotel, Churchgate. Burtonwood. Bitter, Mild, Top Hat. Extensive range of real ales served in Malt & Hops bar. Lunchtime food served in Buttery Bar. Dress restriction weekends.



LEFT: Sam's Bar, Bradshawgate. Boddingtons Bitter plus guest beers (H). Pub created from the ashes of the Prince William. Loud music, very popular with young smart clientele.



RIGHT: Olde Man & Scythe. Boddingtons Bitter, Holts Bitter, Whitbread plus guests. Range of ciders. Oldest pub in Bolton. Open all afternoon.

