

Camra Bolton Branch and its Pubs as seen by the What's Doing Contributors 1995

Bolton Branch Pubs included in the 1995 Good Beer Guide were

Bolton – Anchor (Union Buildings), Bob's Smithy, Clifton Arms (Gateway), Lodge Bank Tavern, Lord Clyde, Pilkington Arms, Waggon & Horses

Bromley Cross - Flag

Little Lever – Horseshoe, Jolly Carter

Stoneclough – Nelson

Westhoughton – Cross Guns, Rosehill Tavern

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New bar in Bolton

The old Painters Arms (across from the Sweet Green Tavern) was painted bright yellow and reopened as the Academy Bar last month. Since it ceased to be a pub, the place has been used as a “nite spot” under a variety of names and now it is aimed at the local student population. Signs outside offer £1-a-pint Websters and “happy hour” prices on production of a student union card. Our correspondent's union card went the way of his school cap some years ago, so he did not venture inside.

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Big dog

Mick and Mary Hayward of the Egerton in Cheetham have left Holts to take over a Paramount pub in Bolton. The Greyhound on Manchester Road is a much larger affair than the Egerton; we wish them well.

One or two free trade outlets have given up Holts, but there are some new outlets:

Wingates Labour Club, 33 Chorley Road, Westhoughton
Grapes, 12 Mossfield Road, Farnworth

Canary, 96 High Street, Little Lever
Clock Face, 65 Old Hall Street, Kearsley
Park, 259 Bridgeman Street, Bolton

Bolton

Sat 4 Feb, Bradford Crawl by Rail. Meet at Bolton Station at 10.00am for 10.15 train. (Approx £8)

Tues 7 Feb 8.30pm, Branch Meeting, Lord Clyde, Folds Road. Includes hot pot supper

Tues 21 Feb, Branch trip to Hydes Brewery. Max 25. Book with Paul Warbrick 01204 708645. Cost approx £2.50. Coach leaves Sweet Green Tavern at 7pm.

Thurs 2 March 8.30pm, Branch meeting, Nightingale, Lever Street. GBG '96 VOTING - VALID MEMBERSHIP CARDS REQUIRED TO VOTE!!

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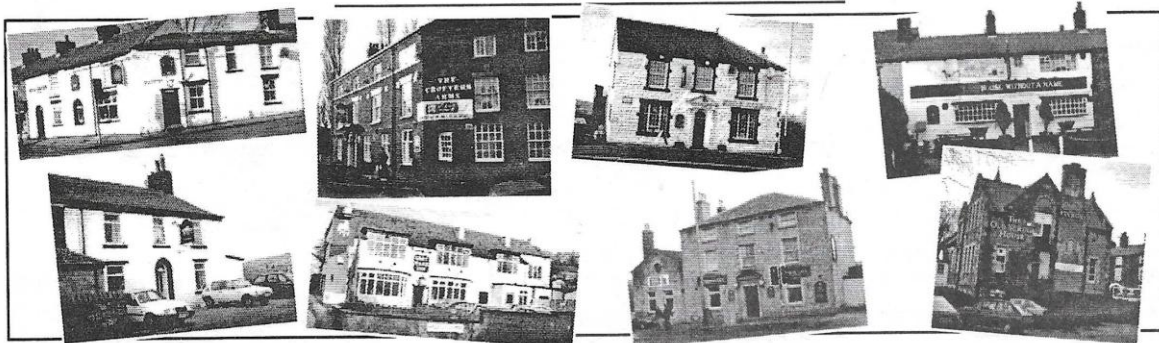
CAMRA has produced an inventory of pub interiors which are considered to be "nationally outstanding". The aim of the exercise is to highlight the relatively few truly outstanding interiors in the country - less than 250 - and thereby raise awareness of the threat to our pub heritage in general.

Bolton

Howcroft, Clarence Court

On the Fringe

This month we feature Bradshaw, a small, thriving community boasting eight pubs. We provide a pen portrait of each one.



The Crofters Hotel
Bolton Road,
Bradshaw
Brewery: Tetley

Fun pub/restaurant catering for the younger end of the market.

The Crofters is an imposing pub at the crossroads of Bolton Road and Bradshaw Road in Bradshaw. Refurbished from the original building eight years ago. The pub used to have one of the best bowling greens in the district with a devilish 'dip' in one corner into which only the brave used to cast their block. (You wouldn't reach 'corner to corner' now on the bowling green site - it's a massive car park).

Clientele mainly young lager drinkers, so not much choice of bitters but considerable bottles on show.

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The Old School House
Lea Gate,
Bradshaw
Brewery: Whitbread

Pub/restaurant, part of the Beefeater chain
Recently refurbished both upstairs and downstairs.

Converted from the original School House nine years ago and providing much needed restaurant facilities in the village. Good selection of beers downstairs with cosy atmosphere. Its first metamorphosis was as the first site of Dave's Aquarium, now in larger premises on Folds Road.

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House Without a Name
Bolton Road,
Bradshaw
Brewery: Whitbread

Small pub in row of terraced cottages.

Quaint and mostly original pub catering for loyal clientele. Has had many changes of

landlord over the years, but now settled down. Although Whitbread pub, Joseph Holts bitter now sold to the discerning bitter drinker at the standard price of £1 a pint.

Among many other facilities put on by landlord Mr Clarke this pub has now become the meeting and finishing point for the now well established Trafalgar Day celebrations where volunteers are culled from around and about to celebrate Nelson's victory at Trafalgar. Surely not another excuse for a pub crawl?

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Seven Stars
Bolton Road,
Bradshaw
Brewery: Whitbread

Oddly-shaped pub frequented by the locals of Bradshaw and Harwood.

Recently extended into the adjoining cottages on Tottington Road and rumoured to be extending further into Threshers next door, also owned by Whitbread.

Proudly announces on a banner outside that there is a beer garden available. Used to be a pub where bowling matters were uppermost. Still may be.

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The Grey Mare
Tottington Road
Bradshaw
Brewery: Bass

The 'locals' pub of Bradshaw.

New landlord and landlady only just installed. Homely establishment serving usual Bass selection of beers with few guests added. Headquarters of the Grey Mare Rose Society who hold regular exhibitions and talks in praise of the rose and the Grey Mare Golfing Society.

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The Royal Oak
Bolton Road,
Bradshaw

Brewery: Greenalls

Large imposing pub at traffic lights.

Situated at traffic lights on Bradshaw Road. Well lit at night. Meetings of the now sadly defunct Birtenshaw Campaign were held here. Greenalls hand pumped bitter and Davenports. Good selection of food at lunchtime. Large beautifully kept bowling green at the rear, still used regularly by teams from round and about.

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The Lamb Hotel
Bradshaw Road,
Bradshaw
Brewery: John Smith

Small, quaint pub halfway up Bradshaw Road

Seemingly run for time immemorial by the same landlord and containing probably the only basketball game inside a pub in Bolton. Where exactly the catchment area for this pub is I have yet to find out. Serves guest beers in addition to standard Courage fare.

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The Bull's Head
Bradshaw Road,
Bradshaw
Brewery: Whitbread

Large, well furnished pub at crossroads of Bradshaw Road and Bury Road

Under new management for only a few weeks. Landlord came from a pub in Atherton. Keeps immaculate pub serving selection of guest beers including Pendle Witch, Ruddles, Directors, Speckled Hen etc. Real ale buff of landlord, keen to build up clientele of pub which had previously been let go a little. Once the only pub in the area with an Egon Ronay recommendation. With this landlord's dedication and commitment to good wholesome food it may yet get another mention!

Pub Names

Sweet Green Tavern

The name originates from a time when the area surrounding the pub comprised of fragrant and picturesque gardens, orchards and an uninterrupted view over to Fletcher Street. Very similar in fact to what it's like now!!

Tansy Green

'Tansy' is connected with various plants and grasses but it also meant in some areas a merrymaking or festival held on Shrove Tuesday. This pub name probably refers to a village green where such a tansy was traditionally held.

Alma Inn

The name of a river in the Crimea (Ukraine). In 1854 it became the scene of the first battle won by the Allies over the Russians. The name was widely used for pubs streets and the daughters of soldiers who had fought there.

Doffcocker Inn

The name originally meant to 'doff' (take off) one's 'cocker' (or pair of cockers), which were either high laced boots or a kind of legging which was formerly worn during bad weather, especially when snow had fallen. Probably the only pub to be so named in England. I bet you thought 'cocker' was Bolton-speak for chum.

Old Man & Scythe

Relates to Sir William Trafford, a wealthy royalist in the 17th century. When told that Cromwell's troops were about to visit him, he hid the family treasures under some straw, disguised himself as a rustic, and was found by the troops making sweeping movements in the air with a scythe. They believed him to be mad and left him alone.

Royal Oak

Second most popular pub sign in England (the Red Lion being the most popular). Charles II hid from noon to dusk in the Boscobel Oak, near Shifnal, Shropshire, in order to escape from the Roundhead soldiers who were pursuing him. The popularity of the pub sign suggests rejoicing that the monarchy had been restored.

Shed a tear for Serendipity's on Newport Street – it soon will be no more! Greenalls are closing the once-popular pub and it is unlikely that any other brewery will take it over. There has been a pub on the site for over 150 years and although many different tacks have been taken to try and get the punters in, it is just at the wrong end of town. Not near enough to the accepted 'good pubs' at the top end of Newport Street. In its heyday Great Moor Street boasted nine hostelries. No more are the Peacock, the Grey Man, the Vulcan, the Flag and the New Zealand Chief. The Griffin is still there as is the George and the Railway has been renamed after its owner, Donaghys.

If ever it does open as a public house again a new name which might be considered could be The Roundhouse!



Maxim's on Bradshawgate is now closed for refurbishment, to be opened in March as the new super night spot on Bradshawgate. Vaux are spending £750,000 on the face-lift and hope the money will turn an already popular venue into something more in tune with the '90s.



No further news of the Whitbread pub which is opening at the end of Silverwell Street, opposite the Pack Horse. Whitbread are not releasing any details, but I believe it will be a real ale emporium, not just another fun pub of which we have quite enough on Bradshawgate thanks.



The Academy (the old Painters Arms) on Crook Street seems to be going well. It is a members only club open until 1am most nights with 2am on Thursdays. It is a student pub/club with various acts on the agenda, more of which I will tell you when I have visited said establishment.

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Free Trade Holts

The Wellington in Hyde and the Old Original British Queen on Blackburn Road, Bolton, are now selling Holts as a guest beer.

Market Force

The Market Hotel on Brackley Street, Farnworth, is selling Ind Coope Burton Ale as a regular guest beer. The house beers are Walkers Best Bitter and Best Mild.

Branch Meeting – Nightingale, Bridgeman St, 8.30pm Thursday 6th April

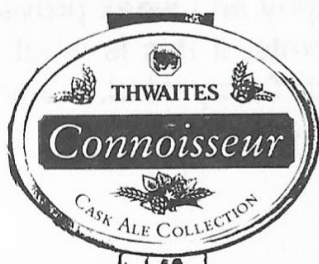
Train Trip to Bradford – Saturday 22nd April meet Bolton Station 10.00 am

Branch Meeting – Malt 'n' Hops Bar, Bradshawgate Thursday 4th May 8.30pm

More cask ales from Thwaites

In April Thwaites launched their 'Connoisseur Cask Ale Collection'. Nine different cask beers - one a month - will be available to selected pubs.

The beers are Daniels Hammer (5.2% ABV), Town Crier (4.5%), White Oak (3.8%), Scallywag (4.5%), Snigbrook Ale (4%), Thunderbolt (4.5%), Big Ben (5%), Fawkes Folly (4.8%) and Old Dan (6.5%).



The Horseshoe at Ringley is one of the participating pubs and was selling Daniels Hammer in mid-April.



Branch Meeting – Malt 'n' Hops Bar, Bradshawgate Thursday 4th May 8.30pm

NEW LOOK MAXIMS OPENS

Maxims re-opened on Thursday, April 6 to a fanfare of Victorian splendour with a split personality.

The hostelry on Bradshawgate has undergone a massive refurbishment and is hardly recognisable from the Maxims that closed a few months ago. During the day it will provide both food and drink for business people and shoppers from 11.30am to 4pm and in the evening the ground floor will continue to live up to its claim to be a traditional town centre pub while upstairs it will transform into a pub with a night club atmosphere between the hours of 7.30 and 11pm (10.30pm on Sundays).

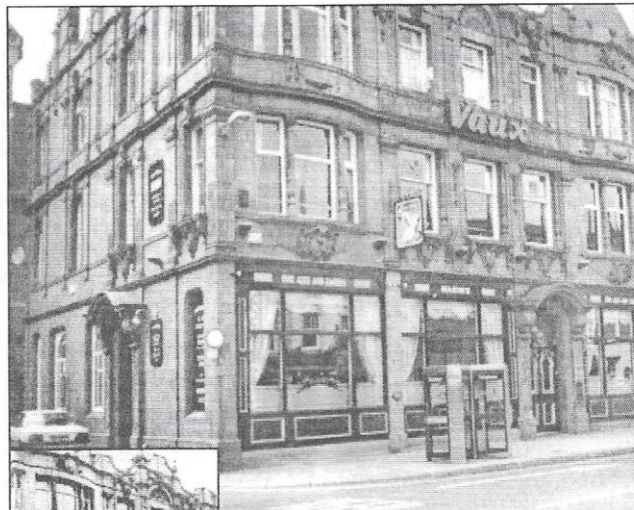
From 7.30 in the evening it will transform itself into a pub with a distinctive 'night club' atmosphere with specialist DJs with a phenomenal sound and a distinctive light show.

James and Debra Bollard, who have been at Maxims for 18

months, head the management team and are very much looking forward to the challenge. It is a concept which is completely unique in Bolton and as such is expected to be a huge success.

James is somewhat of a real ale buff and intends to serve his hand-drawn Vaux ales with a 'village pub' quality rather than the sort that has become associated with town centre venues. Accompanying the Vaux selection of beers and lagers will be Guinness, Murphys, Labatts and Heineken plus regular guest beers and ciders plus all the designer bottled beer products.

A rather unusual selection is a traditionally-brewed cask ale from Vaux which is flavoured with a blend of pure honey and called Waggle Dance which, it seems, is the name given to the dance bees perform in order to locate a distance source of nectar. Maybe the sign above the door should read 'Comb, Sweet Comb'. Sorry.



Maxims old and new: above, the new look Maxims after the £5,000 refit and left, the way it was in its earlier days.

NEW BOLTON BREWERY?

There are plans afoot for a new Bolton brewery. If this venture comes off, which I and the brewer are sure it will, it will be the first brewery to be established in Bolton since the demise of Bolton last brewery, Magee Marshall in 1970.

In the last century the town boasted at various times, 11 major breweries and before the last war many beerhouses brewed their own beer. Some of these which are still in existence, but sadly not brewing their own beer include the Greyhound, Manchester Road; Lord Raglan, Halliwell Road.

It is possible still to see the names of Magee Marshall, Joseph Sharman & Son and William Tong & Sons Ltd engraved on windows in local pubs in the Bolton and Farnworth areas reflecting a time long gone, but who knows, may return with the name of the new Bolton brewery engraved on them for posterity. More news about the new brewery in the next issue of Bolton Pub Scene.

Clifton Arms

Continuing with Peter Morris's theme week idea a Jennings Week was held on the last week in April where all of Jennings fare was on offer including Snecklifter, Cockerhoop, Cumberland Ale, Oatmeal Stout and Jennings Bitter. It is probably the only time the complete range of Jennings beers has been on offer in one pub at the same time in this area.

CLIVE BUILDS ON HOWCROFT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Howcroft landlord Clive Nightingale on his achievements in the Bolton Business Awards. He came runner-up in the Sales and Marketing Section and picked up a cheque and a trophy as well as the undoubted kudos of now being a rising business person.

His undoubted business skills have been put to excellent use at the Howcroft where events such as quiz nights, both league and friendly, live music events held regularly as well as barbecues in the summer complete with jazz band.



Clive (right) with Brian Steele.

These outdoor events especially have been spectacular successes, but I suppose his most outrageous and enterprising achievement was to hold the 'Alternative Bolton Beer Festival' on the bowling green behind the pub.

The green was covered with a large festival tent and the five-day event which included live entertainment every night and over 100 guest beers and

specialist bottles ales, ciders and lagers. There are not many beer festivals in the country which can boast so many different ales – and all of them served via hand pumps and not the usual gravity fed drippings that you see at many other beer festivals. The event, I am sure, will become a regular event and this year's event is already well advanced in the planning stage with certainly more ales and a special guest already booked to open the event. I know who it is – but you don't – so there!

Although Clive has only been in the licensed trade since 1993 he has made a spectacular success of the Howcroft and the venue is regularly on the list of local organisations such as rugby clubs, Bolton Little Theatre and various organisations throughout the town who want good food, good drink and a good time!

Clive's latest venture is to take over the running of the Hare and Hounds on Bury Road. He has brought in management couple Brian and Shirley Steele to manage the place and although he will be based at the Howcroft he calls in the Hare and Hounds often just to wave his magic wand which he wielded so effectively so far at the Howcroft.

Both pubs are on Peter Walker vanguard leases which gives Clive the freedom to manage them as his own business. "The Hare and Hounds is in a great spot and I know it will do well", says Clive. "Our offering is simple – well kept real ales served in a comfortable, traditional pub atmosphere at the right price!" Good luck Clive.

Rumour has it that the Trotters is about to pull its last pint. Punters will be thankful to know that this is completely untrue – it is in fact about to undertake a major refurbishment. My informants also tell me that the whole block is to be demolished and will become an addition to Ian Anthony, BMW dealership which is also a fairy story. Although the building will never win any awards architecturally, it is one of the few public houses left on the lower end of Bradshawgate.

Originally opened in 1966 as The Trotters (and looking like it), it replaced two Duttons pubs, the Brown Cow and the Queens Hotel which both closed in 1965. It was renamed the Duck & Firkin in 1981 and was imaginatively renamed The Trotters a few years later.



I see the Bear's Paw has changed its name yet again. The pub has undergone a considerable refurbishment both inside and out and has been renamed The Hungry Horse. From Lion to Bear and now to Horse. The marketing department of the Magic Pub Company, the chain which owns the pub must have an animal orientated marketing department.



The new pub which Bolton Pub Scene said would be opening soon is in fact opening early to mid May. It was to be called The Old Post Office, but now bears the name The Hogshead and will be a cask ale paradise from the Whitbread chain, catering for a mixed clientele from business people during lunch time to early doors trade and a different the more discerning drinker during the evening.

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Thwaites Connoisseur

Along with the Horseshoe at Ringley, another pub in the Bolton area, the Dog & Partridge on Manor Street, is selling beers from Thwaites' Cask Ale Collection. Town Crier (4.5%ABV) was on sale in both pubs in May; the June beer is White Oak (3.8% - "a clean drinking beer with a sharp, lightly hopped palate") and in July it will be Scallywag (4.5% - "a premium beer which is a bit of a rascal" Who writes this stuff?)

Bolton News

Des Nogalski

Whitbread's latest Cask Ale House in Bolton is the **Hogshead** on Bradshawgate, which opened at the beginning of May. The pub is situated in what used to be the VAT office at the corner of Silverwell Street. So far the beer quality appears to be good, with cask Boddingtons mild one of the twelve on sale - eight on handpump and four on stillage.

Another pub given the Cask Ale House treatment is the **Victoria** on Chorley New Road in Horwich, which is now known as the **Vic Beer Engine**. Two other Whitbread pubs in Horwich with a decent range of cask beers are the **Old Original Bay Horse** on Lee Lane and the **Bridge** on Church Street. The latter claims to have the highest sales of any Whitbread Partnership pub in the North West, with around 10 guest beers on offer each week.

The **Clifton Arms** on Newport Street has gained popularity in recent years for its regular beer festivals. Now a wider range of guest beers is being sold to complement the Tetley and Jennings beers. The pub recently had a special Jennings Week with the whole range of beers from the Cumberland brewery on sale.

The **Old Original British Queen** at the bottom of Blackburn Road has reopened after a lengthy closure. This ex-Whitbread pub has been bought by local company Greenwood Leisure. Greenwood's have a number of other pubs on lease from Whitbread in the Bolton and Bury area but the OOBQ is the first to be purchased outright. On sale are Tetley bitter, Holts bitter and a house beer, Pomp's Bitter. (Pomp's is the pub's old nickname.)

Planning permission has been put before Bolton Council to turn the **Albert** on Albert Road, Farnworth, into a car showroom. The building was originally the fire station before being converted into **Brando's Fun Pub** in the mid 1980s and then the Albert free house.

The **New Inn** at the bottom of Halliwell Road has been put up for sale by Bass, although the pub is still open. **Serendipity's** on Great Moor Street (formerly the **Wheatsheaf**) has been closed by Greenalls and it seems unlikely that it will reopen as a pub. A few months ago Greenalls looked set to sell **Magee's** on St Georges Road, which has been closed for over a year. Unfortunately the sale fell through and the premises are on the market again. Also put up for sale recently was **McGinlay's** on Bath Street, owned by a company in which Bolton Wanderers footballer John McGinlay has a stake.

Good News, Bad News

First the good news. The Black Horse, Higher Market Street, Farnworth, now does a monthly guest beer alongside regulars Greenalls bitter and Stones bitter. Forthcoming attractions include Marstons Pedigree, Tanglefoot, Bombardier and Anniversary Ale.

Now the bad news. The beers are all on top pressure. The licensee took our reporters into the cellar to show them that "beer gas" (a mixture of 25% carbon dioxide and 75% ordinary air) is fed at atmospheric pressure through the spile hole of the cask. He claims that this reduces the risk of infection and does not interfere with the secondary fermentation taking place in the cask. You pays your money and you takes your choice!

The Victoria on Market Street in Farnworth has gone on to keg beer. This fine boozier once sold four cask beers from the Vaux range and featured in the Good Beer Guide.

Branch Meeting and Social – Strawbury Duck, Entwistle Saturday June 17th at 12.30pm

Independents Month Event – Lodge Bank Tavern at 7.30pm, York, Maxims, Malt 'N' Hops, Dog & Partridge, Lord Clyde Thursday June 29th

Bolton Pub Scene 4 June 1995 - <https://bolton.camra.org.uk/bolton-camra-newsletters/1993-1995-bolton-drinker-bolton-pub-scene>

● Two pubs in Bolton have taken the first steps towards making children more welcome by applying for special Children's Certificates.

The Crofters in Bradshaw and the Red Lion at Four Lane Ends, Over Hulton became the first pubs in Bolton to be granted their certificates by the licensing magistrates.

Five pubs were due to apply but the Beehive at Horwich and the White Horse, Stitch-mi-Lane, Harwood have changed their minds. Also one applicant was refused. A trip to the local pub these days can be full of surprises, especially if you are taking children.

'What do you want *this time . . .*'



4 - Bolton Pub Scene

Following our article last month about the renaming of the old Golden Lion on Churchgate to the The Hungry Horse, the owners of the pub chain, The Magic Pub Company have cast a spell and renamed it yet again as The Brass Cat.

When the pub was first refurbished a number of years ago, as The Golden Lion, it was colloquially almost always known as The Brass Cat. So it proves that some brewery chains really do have a marketing department that listens to public opinion after all. It must be the shortest-lived pub name in Bolton or even the country.



ONE of the oldest and best private member's clubs in Bolton is finally calling it a day. Walkers Leisure, ex Walker Institute on Green Lane is being sold to Whitbread to be converted into a Brewer's Fayre family style pub and restaurant, similar to the Wilton on Belmont Road.

A Whitbread spokesman gave assurance that the bowling green and tennis courts were to stay but the snooker, darts and dominoes facilities were to be axed.

Bolton's newest pub

The latest addition to the Bolton pub scene is 'The Hogshead' which is housed in the old VAT offices at the corner of Silverwell Street and Bradshawgate, Bolton.

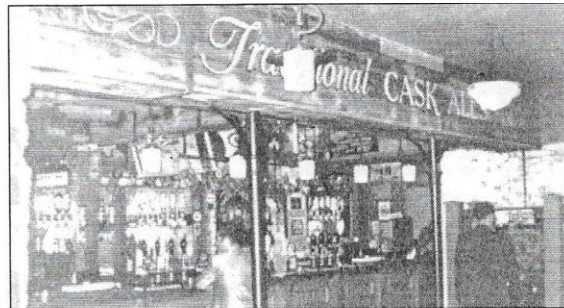
The new hostelry actually opened its doors on Thursday, May 4 and has, in a very short time, become a feature we wondered how we managed without.

The Hogshead chain caters for a particular person. He or she is discerning, a lover of good, wholesome food and ale and lagers of the more esoteric kind. The choice in The Hogshead is many and varied and all particularly good. Twelve or 13 different real ales are on offer each day and these are changed regularly to encompass a choice of over 500 different ales from all over the country, supported by a variety of fruit wines, which are growing in popularity by the minute.

The philosophy of the Hogshead chain of pubs is that they offer as a matter of course: no juke boxes, no pool tables or television and their aim is to try and engender stimulating conversation in a traditional pub without the frills and trappings of the modern public house.

It is a throwback to a time when things were more gentle; conversation was allowed and indeed encouraged in an atmosphere which did not stretch the vocal chords beyond the bounds of comfort. Where people can meet for a chat, a meal or a business meeting knowing full well that they need not necessarily get their point of view over before the gentle strains of *Bat Out of Hell* or some such soothing lullaby come blasting forth from the ubiquitous music machine.

Food is served from a full and varied range of good quality bar meals up until



2.30pm every lunchtime and from then on until 7pm every day hot and cold snacks are available.

The atmosphere is very much geared towards the pub being the place to meet and the place to discuss matters, indeed as it was in villages up and down the country from time immemorial.

It seems something of a misnomer to announce that one of the many regular events to be held at The Hogshead will be a beer festival where beers from up and down the country will be on offer – the choice of beers already on offer at the newest pub on Bradshawgate surely means that the drinking public

of Bolton will have their own mini beer festival each and every time they pop into The Hogshead. As they say in their introductory literature: 'For your delight and delectation, refreshment and sustenance; a new experience in the Bolton town centre'. A new experience indeed – try it, you won't be disappointed! For a limited period you can also win yourself a Boddington's T-shirt featuring the delectable Gladys Althorpe, you know the one, 'she who never buys her own' featured in the advert on telly. Buy a pint of Boddys and enter the free draw – it's nearly as good as the lottery and you've more chance of winning!

*Moorhouses Brewery would like
to thank the following
valued customers for
serving their beers so well.*

The Clifton Arms — NEWPORT ST.

The Sweet Green Tavern — CROOK ST.

The Kings Arms — CHORLEY OLD RD.

The Howcroft — POOL ST.

Malt and Hops Bar — BRADSHAWGATE

The Weavers Arms — CHORLEY OLD RD.

The Carters Arms — BELMONT RD.

Bob's Smithy — HORWICH

The Original Bay Horse — HORWICH

The Dusty Miller — BURY

The Pendle Witch — ATHERTON

*With more to follow in
the near future.*

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The latest "free trade" account is the Hare & Hounds (Tetley) at Stoneclough, a mile or so down the road from Holts' own Hare & Hounds on t'other side of the river at Outwood.

Branch Meeting – Lord Nelson Stoneclough July 6th at 8.30pm

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Nothing about Bolton Branch or its pubs.

Branch Meeting – Hogshead, Bradshawgate Thursday 10th August 8.30pm

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Branch Meeting – Dog & Partridge, Thursday 7th September 8.30pm

A non-quorate mini committee meeting (R Spedding, J Seddon, S Kerry) had been held at the Flag on September 1st where it had been decided that under Item 4)

- a) Branch meetings would be held two monthly from January 1996 in an easily accessible pub.
- b) Pub of the Year would be abolished.
- c) Adopt a new style of agenda and take minutes.
- d) Socials would be organised in non-branch meeting months
- e) To push and promote Elephant and Castle on a rewards type basis.
- f) Branch committee to meet as and when required via correspondence (No email yet!)

Item 8 under Membership Jon Seddon and Steve Kerry were noted as being no longer members

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Farnworth Illuminations

Bombay Potato

There's no need to travel to Blackpool to see the Lights any more. Just come to Market Street, Farnworth, and experience the new sign over the Royal Balti House. The new man at the helm of what was the Ajmeer has not only renamed the place but has improved the quality of the food to rival that in Rusholme.

Beers to wash down, or soak up, your curry include Holts bitter at the Clock Face, Burton Ale at the Market Hotel, Exmoor Gold or Youngs Ramrod at the Black Horse, Flowers Original at the Britannia and Vaux Samson at the Victoria, which has gone back to cask after being on keg for possibly the shortest time ever.

Branch Meeting – Howcroft, Thursday 5th October 8.30pm

No articles had been submitted for Elephant & Castle therefore it was effectively discontinued.

Bank Top Brewery (John Feeney) said Custom & Excise and Department of the Environment have checked out the site and the brewery equipment was being picked up from Daleside at Kirk Hammerton on 15/10/95 and brewing would commence shortly afterwards, and be available at the Howcroft Beer Festival on 25/10/95 to 29/10/95. Beers were Bridge Bitter (3.8%), Fred's Cap (4.0%) and Samuel Crompton's Ale (4.2%)

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Bolton Beer Festival

Throughout the month of November the Clifton Arms on Newport Street is having a mini beer festival. There will be sixteen beers altogether - not all on at the same time, but there could be something different every night.



AGM and Branch Meeting - Maxims Bradshawgate, November 9th 1995 at 8.00pm

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Nothing about Bolton Branch or its pubs.

Annual Pub Crawl and Curry was on December 28th, starting at the Sweet Green Tavern at 7.30pm then Clifton, Malt 'n' Hops, Dog & Partridge plus others, finishing at Leena Tandoori or Sunar Gaw.

