

Camra Bolton Branch and its Pubs as seen by the What's Doing Contributors 1997

Bolton Branch Pubs included in the 1997 (£10.99) Good Beer Guide were

Bolton – Bob's Smithy, Clifton Arms (Gateway), Lodge Bank Tavern, Lord Clyde, Maxim's, Sweet Green Tavern, Watermillock

Bromley Cross – Flag

Harwood – House with No Name

Horwich – Old Original Bay Horse

Little Lever - Horseshoe

Stoneclough – Lord Nelson

Westhoughton – Cross Guns, Rosehill Tavern

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Magees

The former Crofters Hotel (aka Magees) on St Georges Road, Bolton, appears to have new owners. A few weeks ago, signs advertising 'Gallagher's Oyster Bar' were being fitted.

At a visit to a North Grotley brewery in December, one of the infiltrating agents will ensure that a fermenting vessel lid falls into a brew of festive ale, thereby ruining seven barrels of amber nectar and throwing the blame on to a Campaign member and the local branch.

Branch Meeting – Lord Clyde January 9th 8.30pm

GNWBF Meeting – Clifton Sunday January 12th 12.15pm

GBG Selection Meeting – Sweet Green Tavern January 23rd 8.30pm

Bolton

Thur 6 Feb 8.30pm, Branch Meeting, Howcroft, Pool Street, Bolton

Sun 9 Feb 12 noon, Beer Festival Meeting, Clifton, Newport Street, Bolton

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Bolton Beer Festival

The 1997 Great North Western Beer & Cider Festival will be held at the Bolton Excel Centre, behind Bolton College, Lower Bridgeman Street, Bolton, from 19th to 22nd March. (The old 'Great North Western...' title has been revived in order to avoid confusion with the non-CAMRA beer festival held at the Howcroft.)

The festival opening times will be as follows:

Wednesday 19th March: 6pm-11pm

Thursday 20th - Saturday 22nd March:

11.30am-3pm, 6pm-11pm

The venue is completely 'No Smoking'.

For further information contact Jon Seddon,
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Volunteers to help staff the festival are required -
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Bolton's Bank Top Brewery will be brewing a beer specially for the event, using the new 'First Gold' dwarf hops.

Bolton briefly

Yates Brothers plc have purchased the old N&P site on Bradshawgate for £240k - no reports yet as to what is happening.

Gallaghers Oyster Bar (formerly the Crofters/Magees) on St Georges Road opened last month selling Tetley mild and bitter, Pedigree and a guest beer (Wadworths 6X), all on handpump.

ITS COMING HOME
TO BOLTON EXCEL SPORTS HALL
BOLTON EXCEL, LOWER BRIDGEMAN STREET, BOLTON



WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH - SATURDAY 22ND MARCH

ADMISSION: THUR, FRI, SAT LUNCH £1; WED, THUR, SAT EVE £1.50; FRI EVE £2

CAMRA MEMBERS:- THUR, FRI SAT LUNCH FREE; WED, THUR, FRI, SAT EVE £1



PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A NO SMOKING VENUE



TETLEY PUBS SALE

Hope & Anchor, Chorley Old Road, Bolton

Park Hotel, Bridgeman St, Bolton

Sally Up Steps, Chorley Old Road, Bolton

Holts in the free trade

The Volunteer in Darcy Lever, Bolton, one of the pubs acquired by Holts from Greenalls last year, is now owned by Greenwood Leisure. The pub still sells Holts bitter, as do the five others in the Greenwood chain. These are the Original British Queen on Blackburn Road, Bolton; House with no Name, Lee Gate, Harwood, Bolton; Jolly Wagoners, Manchester Old Road, Bury; Peel Hotel, Rochdale Road, Bury, and Bird in Hand, Manchester Road, Blackford Bridge, Bury.

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THE GREENALLS SELL-OFF

Victory, Chorley Old Road, Bolton

Failed to reach the Reserve Price

Bolton takeover

Having become seriously disappointed with what was once Bolton's principal traditional boozer, the Dog & Partridge at the bottom of Manor Street, members of the local CAMRA branch have taken over.

After discussions with Thwaites Brewery, Angus Crompton has become the licensee, with Steve Kerry 'living in', 'Fletch' the cellarman and much volunteer help from other members of the branch. They have put their own money into the venture and are determined to make a go of the Dog.

Until trade picks up, only Thwaites bitter is available at £1.40 a pint. The pub is open every evening from 7.00pm, and from noon until 3.00pm Friday, noon until 4.00pm Saturday.

One in the eye

Thwaites have applied for planning permission to make some changes at the Lord Nelson in Ringley, where the North Manchester branch of CAMRA was formed in the 1970s. Not much has changed at the pub since then, but now the brewery wants to knock a bit down in order to build an extension to accommodate a new cellar, kitchen, lounge and toilets.

Holts Corner

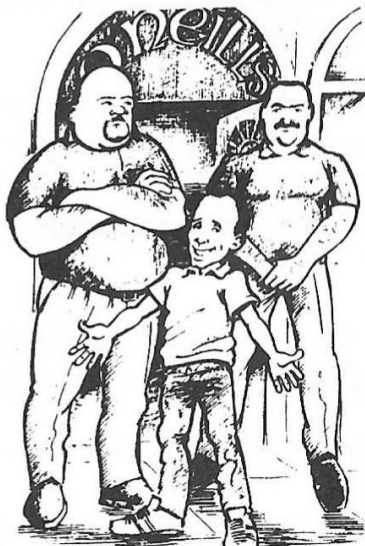
Stewart Revell

latest free trade list

Ye Olde Man & Scythe, Churchgate, Bolton
Old Original British Queen, Blackburn Rd, Bolton
Volunteer, Radcliffe Road, Darcy Lever, Bolton
House Without A Name, Lee Gate, Bolton
Canary, High Street, Little Lever

Hare & Hounds, Market Street, Stoneclough

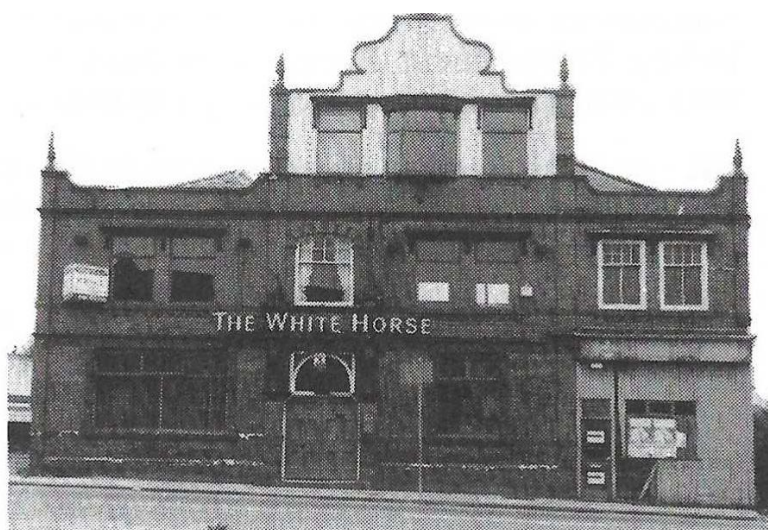
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*Duke, Ruffley and Kurt Berks
sketched outside O'Neill's,
Peterborough*

You bet

Sir - With reference to Rupert's discourse on 'pub lists' last month. As well as pubs with a dog on the roof, pubs selling beer in half pint pots with handles, pubs with revolving doors and so on, another list could be pubs with a betting shop next



door. I think there are a few around the Manchester area, although the category only came to mind when I noticed two changes near where I live.

First, the White Horse at Moses Gate and its adjoining betting shop are both closed and the pub is up for sale. Down in Stoneclough, the bookie's next to the Hare & Hounds was demolished recently and the space has been taken over for use as a car park for the pub, which sells a good pint of Holts.

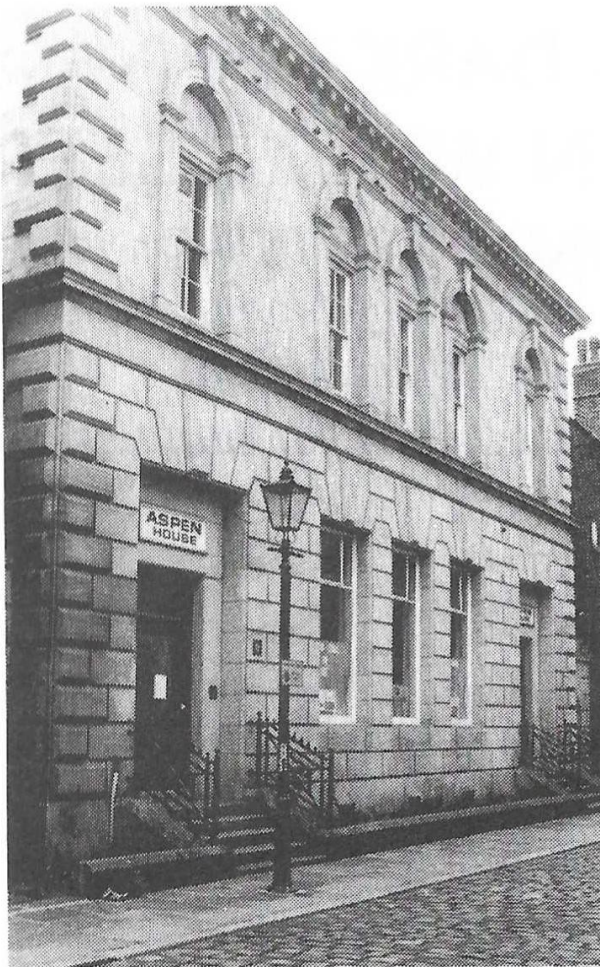
Fred Farnworth

I have also heard that Holts are after a pub in Horwich. The brewery tells me that it is too early to confirm this acquisition. Before taking over a pub, Holts have to be sure of just what they are getting for their money by carefully checking the details. For example, what land is associated with the property? (Car park, bowling green, tennis court, safari park, etc.) Only when all the i's are dotted and all the t's crossed will Holts go ahead.

Bolton briefing

Estate agents and building societies seemed to be taking over all the old shops in and around Bolton's Bradshawgate not too long ago. These days, whenever an old business closes down there is usually somebody waiting to convert the building into licensed premises.

The latest planning application comes from an outfit called Cafe Inns, who want to turn an old bank in Wood Street (*below*) into 'Hartleys', with a pub downstairs and restaurant upstairs. Wood Street is a Conservation Area and apart from the rather chunky, stone-built bank building, consists of Georgian houses mostly inhabited by solicitors, estate agents and the like, who may not be best pleased with the idea.



Across Bradshawgate in Nelson Square, the old Scholes & Scholes shop and adjoining property have been demolished and work has started on Bolton's J D Wetherspools.

On Bradshawgate itself, Corks Wine Bar, which opened in the former National Provincial Bank about twenty years ago, has become an O'Neill's Irish bar. At the other end of Bradshawgate, the Trotters (aka Duck & Firkin, etc) is surrounded by boards. This 1960s pub has been closed for some time and is either in for a serious bit of refurbishment or demolition.

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Horwich

The Saddle (M Brown) on Lee Lane is now selling cask ale. Theakstons BB, Grays bitter and a guest from Everards were all available recently in what is quite a reasonable pub. Down the road, Greenalls' Crown was shut. Are Joey Holts really going to take the pub over?

Branch Meeting – Maxims October 16th 8.30pm

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Last month a contributor asked if Holts were really going to buy the Crown at Horwich. Well, the answer is yes. Now it has been signed and sealed, the deal can be confirmed. News of the purchase of three more pubs is expected in the next week or two.

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