

CAMRA Bolton Branch and its Pubs 2009

Bolton Branch Pubs included in the 2009 Good Beer Guide were

Bolton – Ainsworth, Barristers, Bobs Smithy, Doffcocker, Dog & Partridge, Hen & Chickens, Hope & Anchor, Lodge Bank Tavern, Spinning Mule, Sweet Green Tavern

Bromley Cross – Flag, Masons Arms

Harwood – House with No Name

Horwich – Crown

The following pubs closed during 2009 –

Anchor Inn, Eagle Street, Haulgh, Bolton. The Pub was delicensed 05/01/09 but probably well after closure during 2008, landlord Gulab Mistry, owner Mistry Brothers. It had been a Free House for around 25 years after Greenall Whitley had sold it.

Churchills (Previously Rose Hill Tavern) 122, Manchester Rd, Bolton. Pub closed 29/10/09, it had latterly been used as a Bus Drivers Social Club after Sainsburys site took over the original club and Depot on Crook St.

Clifton Arms, 94, Newport St, Bolton. The pub was in the Good Beer Guide from 1991 to 2000. From that point a succession of landlords struggled to make a go of it under Punch Taverns ownership. This included renaming the pub to the Gateway around 2004. It closed in late 2009 and was delicensed on 27/04/10, the final landlord was Geja Tobias and owner Punch Taverns.

Gibraltar Rock 244, Deane Rd, Bolton. The Pub was delicensed on 24/11/09 closure by Enterprise Inns was probably prior to this, maybe even in 2008. The last landlady was Joan Anderson.

Gypsy's Tent (later Winston's) 178, Deansgate. Pub delicensed 11/02/10 but shows on Council Unoccupied premises rates list as closed on 14/08/09 with Hilary Wilkes as landlady and requested by Chris Henry. Delicensed 11/02/10. Licensed as Gypsy's Tent not Winston's. The second meeting to Test Support for the new Bolton Branch was held here on November 9th in the upstairs room, complaints were made about the date because it clashed with Bolton v Burnley (Wanderers won 2-1), some members came along after the match, however this did not stop the decision to form the branch being made. It was noted that in an article about Bolton Branch that Jennings Bitter had been on sale here during the Tetley Warrington Strike at the time of the Inaugural meeting on December 2nd. So the pub was very much part of the branch history.

Pike View 321 Derby St, Bolton. The pub was delicensed on 04/03/09, landlord was Jon Stowell and owner Admiral Taverns.

Prince Rupert 48, Holmeswood Rd, Bolton. Delicensed 20/04/09, though it didn't seem to have had a designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) from 02/03/09, prior to this it was Joseph Thomas Holt. Previously it had been delicensed from 09/01/07 to 02/03/07.

The Branch Meeting in June was held at the Spinning Mule on 24/06/09. Social events planned were a Pub Crawl on Thursday 30th July from Bobs Smithy to the Hope & Anchor, Doffcocker and the Finishers. On Saturday 1st August a Horwich Crawl from the Crown, Original Bay Horse, Bowling Green and Blundell Arms. On Sunday a Breakfast Crawl starting at the Spinning Mule at 10.30 and then other town centre pubs to be determined on the day.