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WE HOPE YOU ENJOY VISITING THE PUBS AND EXPLORING OTLEY!

THE HISTORIC OTLEY ALE TRAIL IS YOUR GUIDE TO OTLEY'S PUBS. THE TRAIL TAKES YOU ROUND ALL THE TOWN'S PUBS AND SHOWS YOU WHERE OTLEY'S 'LOST PUBS' USED TO BE. IN OTLEY, IT IS ALMOST A CASE OF WHAT HASN'T IN THE PAST BEEN A PUB!

the historic otley ale trail

THERE ARE HISTORICAL REASONS WHY OTLEY HAS SO MANY PUBS. OLD LICENSING LAWS PERMITTED PUBLIC HOUSES TO OPEN ALL DAY ON MARKET DAYS. THE SITES OF THE MARKETS HAVE CHANGED OVER THE YEARS, AND THE PUBS ESTABLISHED TO SERVE THEIR TRADERS REFLECT THIS. AS THE TOWN GREW, MORE PUBS WERE OPENED, TO SERVE THE WORKERS IN THE VARIOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. THERE WERE ALSO SEVERAL HOTELS CONSTRUCTED, ONE OF WHICH CONTINUES IN ITS ORIGINAL ROLE.

OTLEY IS A FAMOUS YORKSHIRE PUB TOWN. FOR A TOWN OF ITS SIZE, THERE ARE A SURPRISING NUMBER OF TRADITIONAL PUBS SERVING REAL ALE AND GOOD BEER. INDEED OTLEY HAS VIED WITH A SELECT HANDFUL OF TOWNS IN ENGLAND FOR THE DISTINCTION OF HAVING THE MOST PUBS PER HEAD OF POPULATION. AT ITS HIGHEST NUMBER, OTLEY HAD OVER 30 PUBS! LUCKILY 17 OF THESE PUBS ARE CURRENTLY STILL OPEN PLUS FOUR NEW ONES OPENED IN RECENT YEARS MAKING 21 IN TOTAL.

pub town

the famous yorkshire

HORSE AND FARRIER



Bridge Street - 01943 468400
Now a Market Town Tavern with their usual selection of excellent local real ales, continental beers and quality food. Attractively refurbished, with B&B accommodation. Large beer garden and car parking at rear.

THE FLEECE



61 Westgate - 01943 465034
Wonderfully located next to the river Wharfe, with a beautiful beer garden, just a short walk from the town centre but with car parking at rear. Local food and beers, open fires and a great 'tap room'.

THE CROSS PIPES



Bondgate - 01943 850140
Attractive lively local, built c1762 as two cottages and an Inn. It was the last pub in Otley to brew its own beer. Cosy feel with a real fire, as well as a dartboard, pool table, and endless choice of music.

THE OLD COCK



11 - 13 Crossgate - 01943 464424
Compact stone-floored freehouse with 2 rooms downstairs and 1 up. Opened in 2010, but has already won multiple Leeds CAMRA awards. Specialises in local and Yorkshire beers. 9 handpumps always on. No music and no children allowed!

STEW AND & OYSTER



The Old Grammar School, Manor Square - 01943 465363
Located in one of Otley's finest historic buildings, dating from the 1700s, the newest addition to Otley's pubs, Stew & Oyster, offers an extensive range of beers, wines and good food in a relaxed atmosphere on two floors plus an attractive outdoor area.

THE ROYALTY



Yorkgate - 01943 463732
This famous old pub sits at the top of Otley Chevin and offers superb views. Large front bar where muddy boots and dogs are welcome, and even larger dining area overlooking the Aire valley at the rear. Well worth the walk up the Chevin to quench your thirst with real ales.

THE ROEBUCK



Roebuck Terrace, Newall with Clifton - 01943 463063
An attractive 'country pub' just up the hill out of Otley on the Blubberhouses road. Also known locally as The Spite (worth asking why!). Good beer, good food and a pleasant beer garden with fine views over Otley and the Wharfe valley.



Key to the pub guide (overleaf)

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OTLEY IS SITUATED NORTH WEST OF LEEDS, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES AWAY. A GOOD NETWORK OF ROAD LINKS GIVES EASY ACCESS BY CAR TO OTLEY FROM THE SURROUNDING TOWNS AND VILLAGES. PARKING IS AVAILABLE ON SEVERAL SITES AROUND THE TOWN, ALL ARE WELL-SIGNED AND EASY TO FIND.

by car

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OTLEY IS LINKED TO THE RAIL NETWORK AT MENSTON STATION WITH A REGULAR BUS SERVICE INTO THE TOWN.

by train

A GOOD NETWORK OF DAILY BUS SERVICES LINK OTLEY TO LEEDS, BRADFORD, ILKLEY, MENSTON, ADDINGHAM, SKIPTON, HARROGATE, WETHERBY, TADCASTER, GUISELEY, YEADON, HOLT PARK AND LEEDS/BRADFORD AIRPORT. OTLEY IS LINKED TO LEEDS AND ILKLEY BY FIRST BUS EXPRESS SERVICE X84, RUNNING UP TO EVERY 20 MINUTES VIA HEADINGLEY, BRAMHOPE, OTLEY AND BURLEY-IN-WHAFFEDALE.

by bus



getting to otley

WHITAKERS



49 Kirkgate - 01943 462580
This attractive pub has traditional ale house ambience. The fires, like the ales, are real and there is a 'hidden gem' of a walled beer garden to the rear. Lunchtime food, local guest ales and pub games.

THE OTLEY TAVERN



29 Newmarket - 01943 463711
Tucked down Newmarket, this is a small but attractive pub with partly separate areas including a sunken level complete with dart board. Multi-channel sports TV, and live entertainment every weekend.

THE BOWLING GREEN



18 Bondgate - 01943 858980
Now a sensitively extended Wetherspoon's with two very large rooms and an alcove decorated with pictures of old Otley. Large and lively outdoor frontage facing The Chevin. Wide range of food and drinks served all day

THE MANOR HOUSE



7 - 9 Walkergate - 01943 969931
The only Brewery-tied pub in Otley [Thwaites]. Community pub with a large rear garden, known for its Irish connections. Music sessions every other Wednesday, and huge celebrations on Mayo day and St Patrick's Day.

THE WHITE SWAN



68 Boroughgate - 01943 511760
An 18th century three-roomed local with a coaching house style exterior. Original stables and ostler's house remain at the rear. Wide range of real ales, and lively music sessions every Thursday.

THE YEW TREE



Newall Carr Road - 01943 461330
Friendly community local North of the river. 10 minutes' walk from town centre, but with huge car park. Large comfortable lounge and separate bar with pool and TV. Home-cooked food.

OTLEY TAP HOUSE



66 Boroughgate- 01943 466755
One of the new generation of pubs converted from other uses. Opened in 2013 it has characterful interior with bench seating and 7 real ales. Has a piano, live music and open mic nights, and hidden suntrap garden.

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"OTLEY IS WELL KNOWN FOR ITS PUBS..
..EVERYONE'S GOT THEIR FAVOURITE."

COME AND ENJOY THE NUMEROUS PUBS
IN THE HISTORIC MARKET TOWN OF OTLEY,
WITH TALES OF ALES, LIBERAL LICENSING
HOURS, LEGENDARY LANDLORDS,
GUZZLING TROOPS, FEUDS AND GHOSTS.

YOUR GUIDE TO OTLEY'S FAMOUS PUBS



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THE ROSE AND CROWN



20 Bondgate - 01943 461278
An attractive corner pub that dates back to 1731. Rustic feel with low beams and partitions to create several cosy areas. Popular for food at lunchtimes then on Friday and Saturday nights becomes Otley's disco! Heated beer garden at back.

THE JUNCTION



44 Bondgate - 01943 463233
One of Otley's best-known pubs, with tiled floor and open fire. Up to 11 real ales, inc. micros. Tables at front and rear for an outdoor pint. Tuesday's live bands are always popular, as are the Wednesday quizzes.

THE BAY HORSE



20 Market Place - 01943 466383
A small unspoilt two-roomed cosy pub often thought of as a 'proper boozier'. The tiny front tap room is a gem. Serves mainly Yorkshire ales from local breweries. Pub snacks at lunchtime including beef dripping sandwiches!

THE BLACK BULL



Market Place - 01943 462288
Reputed to be the oldest pub in the town and drunk dry by Cromwell's Marston Moor troops. In the market place, below street level, the stone floors and low oak beams are original. Children and dogs are welcome.

THE BLACK HORSE



Westgate - 01943 468261
A classic Victorian hotel, some consider it Otley's finest building. A fine interior, function room and local ales. Serves breakfasts made with local products, and meals throughout the day. 11 rooms offering bed & breakfast.

THE RED LION



47 Kirkgate - 01943 464500
Traditional town centre pub, with a large welcoming open fire and comfy chairs in one of the semi-open plan rooms. Plenty of space in the others for watching multi-sports TV or listening to music at the weekend. Separate games room with pool table at rear.

NORTH BAR SOCIAL



8-10 Bondgate - 01943 468061
Specialist real and craft ale pub, part of the Leeds North Bar group. Range of continental and international beers as well as hot drinks and cake. Upstairs room and outside tables, popular with local cyclists.

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AS WELL AS ALL OTLEY'S CURRENT PUBS, THE ALE TRAIL ALSO SHOWS WHERE OTLEY'S 'LOST PUBS' USED TO BE, PUBS NOW SADLY CLOSED! THE FULL LIST OF OTLEY'S LOST PUBS IS BELOW

Look out for surviving signs of the lost pubs!

- 1 ROYAL OAK**
Closed 1970 - now Savage Crangle.
Two Royal Oak signs still on the building!
- 2 BLUE BELL**
Closed 1928 - now part of Natwest Bank.
- 3 ROYAL WHITE HORSE HOTEL**
(Ex The White Horse Hotel)
Closed 1973 - now Barclays Bank.
Royal White Horse Apartments!
- 4 HALF MOON**
Closed 1971 - now shop next to Westgate Arcade.
- 5 GEORGE**
Closed 1908 - now shop unit.
- 6 MELBOURNE VAULTS**
(Ex The Vaults) Closed 1973 - now Vision Value.
The Bay Horse toilets were shared by the Melbourne Vaults!
- 7 LEEDS HOUSE**
Lost liquor licence in 1962 - but now Leeds House licensed café!
- 8 WHEATSHEAF INN**
(Ex The Barleysheaf)
Closed 1933 - now restaurant.
- 9 THE WHARFEDALE**
(Ex The Carpenter's Arms)
Closed 1907 - now bottom part of the road called Crossgate.
- 10 NEW INN**
Closed 1988 - now Superdrug.
Bracket for pub sign and stone sign just inside the entrance to New Inn Court!
- 11 QUEEN'S HEAD**
Closed 1955 - now PDSA Charity Shop.
- 12 GREEN MAN**
Closed 1883 - now Rhythm & Booze.
In Walker's Yard there is a stone lintel with "Catharine Gree" on - wife of former landlord Samuel Green!

- 13 GREY HORSE**
Closed 1848 - now Yorkshire Bank.
- 14 STAR INN**
Closed 1920 - now Chip-in-Dales fish & chip shop.
- 15 WESTBOURNE**
Closed 2006 - now Westbourne Spice restaurant.
- 16 MASON'S ARMS**
(Ex Skinner's Arms) Closed 1981 - now a private house.
House called 'The Old Mason's Arms', bracket of pub sign & cellar flaps!
- 17 WOOLPACK**
(Ex King's Arms) Closed 2009 - now a music studio.
Pub sign still there, pub lamp on side!
- 18 COCK & BOTTLE**
Closed 1919 - now the left hand side of Bondgate Bakery.
- 19 YEOMAN**
(Ex The Waterloo & the Fountain) closed 2009 - currently to let, but unlikely to reopen as a pub (2016).
- 20 SUMMERCROSS**
Closed 2007 - building has planning permission to become a care home but work not started (2016).
- 21 WILSON'S ARMS**
(Ex The Plough) Closed 1852 - now East Chevin Farm.
- 22 ASHFIELD**
Closed 2000 - now apartments.
- 23 TRAVELLER'S REST**
(also known as the Malice!)
License lapsed 1884 - now private house.
House called Traveller's Rest Cottage
- 24 THE BRIDGE**
Formerly a doctors surgery & Auto Discount
License lapsed 2014 - now private house.

