

# EVERY PUB HAS A STORY

Join the  
Fitzrovia  
crawl from  
March 28 to  
April 2

*Fitzrovia News* is organising a week long crawl of all the area's 46 pubs - and giving a teshirt to anyone who drinks in each one.

The start is at the Green Man opposite Great Portland Street station at 7pm on Monday, March 28, covering the first eight. Bring this paper with you and look for the rest of us with ours.

Then from 7pm to 11pm:  
Tuesday: pubs 9 to 16,  
Wednesday: pubs 17 to 24,  
Thursday: pubs 25 to 32, Friday:  
pubs 33 to 40, Saturday (from 1  
pm) pubs 41 to 46.

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## 1. Green Man, 383 Euston Road (opp Great Portland St station).

The oldest pub in the area, dating back to 1708 when it was called the Farthing Pie House on account of its very popular mutton pies costing only a farthing each. Now the pies cost £8.15 each - for which you could have got 7,824 at the original price.

Radical MP John Wilkes washed down his pies with large quantities of claret and port while canvassing in the pub for votes in the 1760s and 1770s. Another regular in those days was landscape painter Richard Wilson who played skittles here.

Other regulars included authors Daniel Defoe and Alexander Pope.

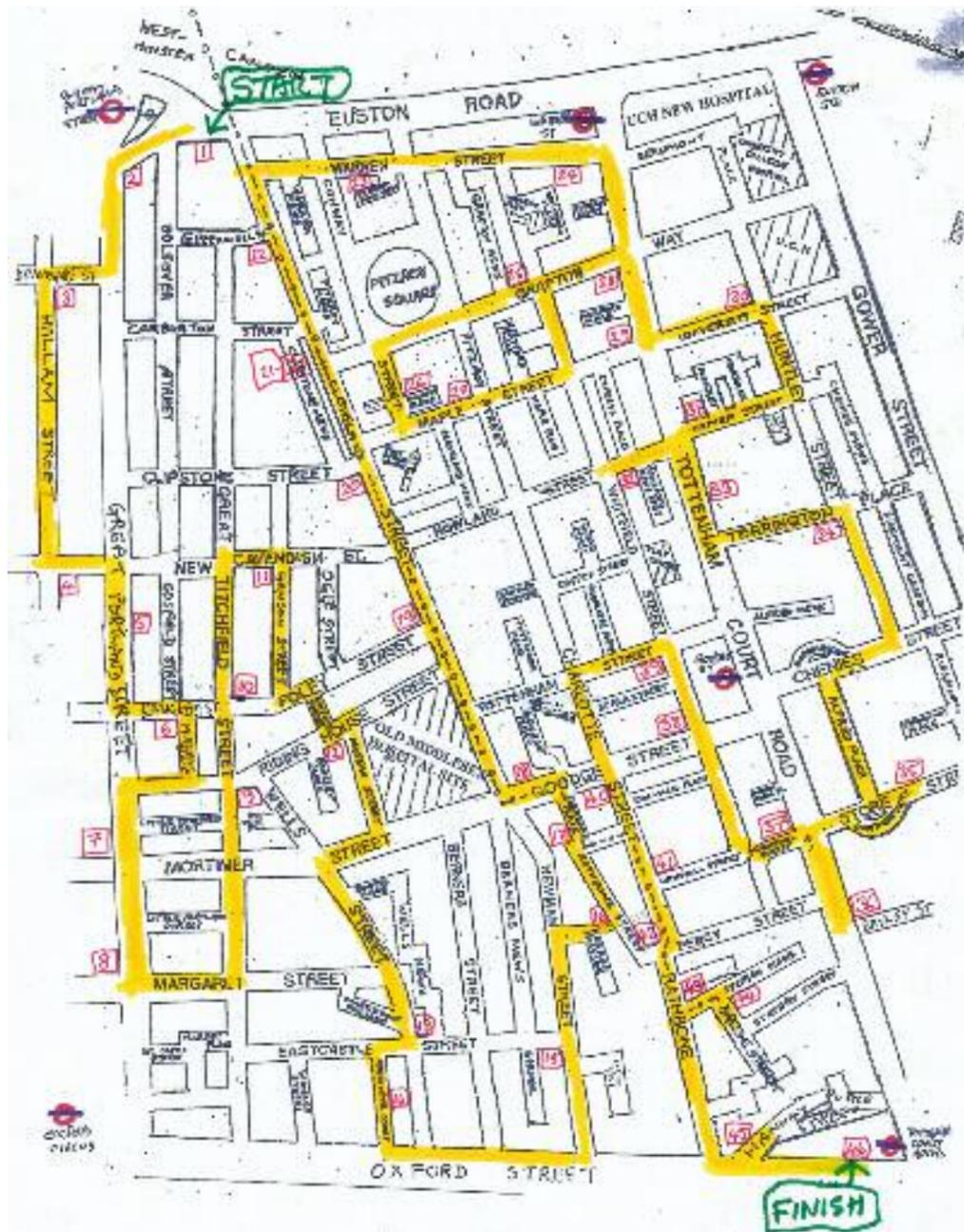
It was renamed the Green Man in 1809.

## 2. The Albany, 240 Great Portland St.

This pub dates back to between 1866 and 1870. For a short time it was renamed the Fitz & Firkin in 1996 before going back to its original name.

## 3. Masons Arms, 58 Devonshire St.

A pub is shown on this site on an 1832 map, and it is identified as the Masons Arms in an 1841 street directory.



## 4. Stags Head, 102 New Cavendish St.

This was the first port of call for poet Dylan Thomas most days and where his generous patron Margaret Taylor (wife of historian A J P Taylor) tried to track him down. He used to hide behind the bar from where "his hand would sneak round the flap, groping for another pint" until she had gone.

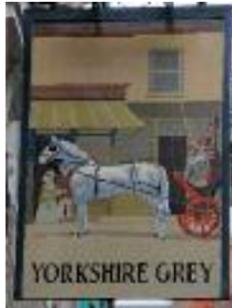
It was also frequented by the actress Ellis "Lally" Powell, who played the title role in the radio soap "Mrs Dale's Diary" from 1948 until her heavy drinking led to her being sacked and replaced by Jessie Matthews.

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## 5. Horse & Groom, 128 Great Portland St.

This pub dates back to at least 1826.



## 6. Yorkshire Grey, 46 Langham St (corner of Middleton Place).

Author and playwright J B Priestley used to drink here when doing his inspirational radio talks in Broadcasting House during the second world war. Once his life was saved when he did an unscheduled extra talk while his hotel was being bombed. Another regular was the bandleader Billy Cotton whose Sunday radio show, beginning with his catchphrase "Wakeeeeee Waaaakay", was broadcast round the corner in the 1950s.

The pub dates back to at least 1826.

## 7. The George, 55 Great Portland St.

Orchestral conductor Henry Wood (1869-1944) nicknamed the pub "the Gluepot" because his musicians got "stuck" there too long during intervals of the concerts in the nearby Queen's Hall at 4 Langham Place (which was destroyed by bombs in 1941). Eventually he arranged

for a man with a handbell to summon them back to the hall.

Poet Louis MacNeice was punched in the mouth by fellow poet Roy Campbell here in a literary dispute after the second world war. With admirable self-control MacNeice staunchly held the blood with a silk handkerchief and muttered: "There is no need to behave like that, Campbell." They then bought each other pints and became firm friends.

Just after the second world war one of the guests of the Brains Trust radio programme failed to turn up on one occasion. The producer at Broadcasting House was desperate for a replacement so went to The George looking for volunteers. Michael Arton, a painter and sculptor who lived in All Souls' Place stepped forward and saved the day.

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**8. The Cock, 27 Great Portland St.**

This pub dates back to at least 1771.



**9. Kings Arms, 68 Great Titchfield St.**

Newscaster Reginald "Boozie" Bosanquet was barred from here for demanding to be served ahead of others in the 1970s when the ITN studio was opposite in Wells Street. Until then he was said to have nipped in for a swift half during the adverts on News at Ten. After reading the news fellow newscaster Trevor McDonald went for a meal at the Glory restaurant in Goodge Street - and was happy to summarise the news again for customers who had missed it.

The pub dates back to at least 1809.

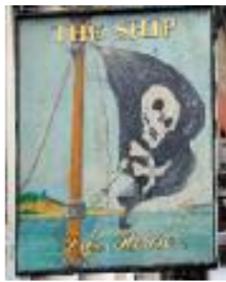


**10. Crown & Sceptre, 26-27 Foley St.**

Nye Bevan, the founder of the National Health Service, and his wife Jennie Lee, creator of the Open University, drank in this pub at the end of Nye's life when they lived at 35 Gosfield Street in the late 1950s.

It was also the local of journalist John McCarthy, who worked at the nearby office of World Television News until he was kidnapped in Lebanon in 1986. There was a huge celebration at the pub when he was released after more than five years.

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**11. The Ship, 134 New Cavendish St.**

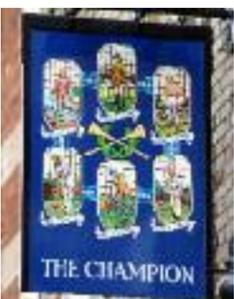
A full size snooker table owned by ex-world champion John Pulman (1923-98) was available for hire upstairs at this pub throughout the 1970s and 80s. Pulman, who was world champion from 1957 to 1968, kept it here so he could practise when in London. Later he became a television commentator on the sport. Live coverage of the 1980 Embassy world championship was interrupted by the Iranian embassy siege in London, and when it returned Pulman famously said: "Welcome back...from one embassy to another."

The pub dates back to at least 1809.



**12. Green Man, 36 Riding House St.**

This pub dates back to at least 1809.



**13. The Champion, 12-13 Wells St.**

Comedian Alexei Sayle came here in 1978 before becoming famous after appearing as part of an agit prop group at the nearby Polytechnic of Central London (now the University of Westminster). He had lured seemingly uninterested students from the bar to the performance by falsely claiming there was free bingo there. He came back a few years later to use the Channel 4 public video box outside the television's then headquarters at 60 Charlotte Street to attack it for not giving him a series just after it opened in 1982 - and they broadcast it in their viewers' feedback programme. It won him the Brass Neck of the Year Award, but no series.

The pub dates back to 1865, before which it was a beer retailer.

**14. Adam & Eve, 77 Wells St.**

Until 2009 the pub was called the Ben Crouch Tavern, after the bodysnatcher who provided corpses for the surgeon Robert Liston at nearby University College Hospital in the early 19th century. He also supplied bodies to anatomist

Joshua Brookes in Ramilles Street, a couple of hundred yards from this pub, and Joseph Carpue in nearby Dean Street.

The pub dates back to at least 1809 when it was the Northumberland Arms. In 1929 it changed its name to the Holyrood, and in 2000 to the Ben Crouch Tavern.



**15. Blue Posts, 81 Newman St.**

Karl Marx attended meetings of the Communist Club from 1874 to 1877 at this pub along with Frederick Engels before the club moved to nearby 49 Tottenham Street. In the 1850s Marx and a couple of German revolutionary friends went on a crawl of all 18 pubs that existed then in Tottenham Court Road (there are now just six).

Artist Victor Pasmore had so many drams of whisky and soda in the pub during the war that his painting of The Wave took from 1939 to 1944.

The pub dates back to at least the 1820s, and was renamed the Rose & Crown from 1987 to 1997.



**16. Newman Arms, 23 Rathbone St.**

Author George Orwell drank here just after the war and used it as the model for the "Proles Pub" in his novel Nineteen-Eighty-Four, published in 1949.

The pub appears in the background of the 1960 film "Peeping Tom" which was filmed mainly in a studio overlooking Newman Passage, and a poster advertising it is in the bar. The opening sequence from the ITV programme "Minder" which ran from 1979 to 1994 was also shot in the alley (when it had a bent lamp post) outside the pub.

It is not listed as a pub in post office street directories before 1949, previously being a beer retailer and known as the "beer shop" as it had no spirits licence. The pub states the building was established in 1730 and it became a tavern in 1860.

**17. Duke of York, 47 Rathbone St.**

The infamous razor gang known as Pirelli's mob marched into this pub during the second world war, ordered drinks without paying for them then threw the glasses against the wall, and threatened customers with the jagged glass butts. This was described by author Anthony



Burgess (1917-93) in his autobiography. When his wife Lynne said it was a dreadful waste of good beer this impressed the gang leader, who bought her several pints and told her: "If you're ever in trouble with those bastards of O'Flaherty's or the Maltese mob, you just call on Pirelli."

Alcoholic columnist Jeffrey Bernard was just 15 when he first drank in this pub, dressed in his nautical cadet uniform and claiming to be 18 in 1947. Here he met and played darts with 19-year-old Anna Grice, whom he married in 1951.

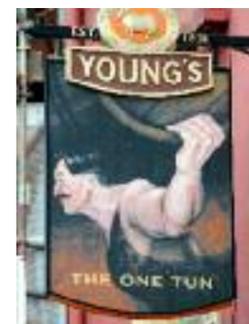
From 1938 until his death in 1964 the pub was run by the eccentric Major Alf Klein who, greeted new customers by snipping off the ends of their ties and hanging them behind the bar, collecting over 1,500 of them. He bought a giant bloodhound as a guard dog and it later appeared in the 1960s remake of the Sherlock Holmes film Hound of the Baskervilles.

As a young beatnik, the singer Ian Dury (1942-2000) was a regular in the late 1950s.

Pop singer Donovan was a regular in the early 1960s and wrote the song "Sunny Goodge Street" in this time.

Thabo Mbeki used the pub from 1967 to 1970 when a South African exiled member of the African National Congress, which had its office opposite at 49-51 Rathbone Street. On one occasion ANC members were present in the pub when a murder was committed, of which the South African secret police BOSS were suspected.

The pub dates back to at least 1773.



**18. One Tun, 60 Goodge St.**

For 45 years an IRA veteran conducted his doctor's practice next door to, and sometimes on the bench outside, this pub. He was Dr Pat Ahern, whose surgery was at number 62 Goodge Street from 1934 to 1979. His early republican activities were recognised by the Irish government who granted him a pension.

World darts champion Phil "the Power" Taylor popped in for a game of arrows a few years back, after which the pub promptly removed the dart board. Thankfully it has been restored to its rightful place.

The pub dates back to at least 1797.



**19. King & Queen, 1 Foley St.**

Bob Dylan sang upstairs in this pub in December 1962 before achieving super stardom. Unimpressed, fellow folk singer Nigel Denver said that Dylan "couldn't sing his way out of a paper bag." Riled by this, Dylan returned on New Year's Eve to barrack the singing of Denver, which led to the audience booing Dylan.

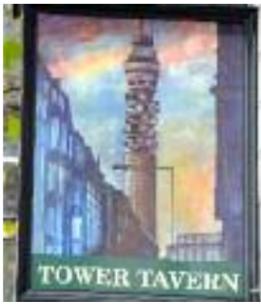
The pub was also a meeting place for the George Washington brigade of the Chartists in the 1850s, whose secretary was shoemaker Charles Murray, who lived in Riding House Street and was one of the founders of the first International Working Men's Association.

The West End branch of the Alliance of Cabinet Makers used the pub as a "house of call" for journeying members seeking work, in the early 19th century, and kept their own library in it.

The pub dates back to at least 1826.

**20. Tower Tavern, 21 Clipstone St.**

This was originally called the Bastard Arms in 1826 in honour of Henry Fitzroy (1663-1690), the bastard son of Charles II. Henry became the lord of Tottenham Court manor through marriage at the age of nine. Hence the area took its name from Fitzroy (meaning illegitimate son of a



king). He packed a lot into his short life, killing two opponents in duels, kidnapping his sister-in-law, joined the navy and dying in battle, after being made the Earl of Euston and Duke of Grafton. His mother, the Duchess of Cleveland (1641-1709) was said to be the lewdest of the king's concubines and was reported to have bitten the penis off a recently exhumed bishop.

By the 1840s the pub was renamed the more respectful Fitzroy Arms, until 1966 when it was knocked down as part of the building of the polytechnic (now University of Westminster) and reopened in 1972 as the Tower Tavern, after the nearby Post Office Tower (now BT Tower).

**21. Jet Lag, 125 Cleveland St.**

This pub opened as The Cunarder (because of its ship shape) in 1971, changed its name to The Cleveland in 1979, then the James Joyce for a short while. Joyce, the Irish author, stayed nearby at the Euston Hotel in Gower Street in 1926, and mentioned its manager E H Knight in his celebrated 1939 work "Finnegans Wake". The pub was then called The Cleveland again until 2000, when it was renamed the Southside Bar until 2006, when it was renamed the Spice Lounge until 2009, when it was renamed Jet Lag.



**22. George & Dragon, 151 Cleveland St.**

Just after the second world war this pub was known as "Mancinis' pub" after the boxing family that lived nearby and drank here a lot. One of the non-boxing members of the family to drink here was Arsenal and international footballer Terry Mancini (born 1942 in a prefab in Munster Square near Great Portland Street station). Because of his Irish grandfather he was chosen to play for the Republic of Ireland in 1973, even though he had never been in the country. As the band was playing the two national anthems before his first match for them, Mancini said to his team-mate: "This is rubbish, what's our's like?" His fellow player replied: "This IS our's."

The pub dates back to at least 1826.

**23. Smugglers Arms, 28 Warren St.**

Bruce Reynolds planned the Great Train Robbery of 1963 in this pub, according to film maker Paulo Sedazzar. The trav-



elling post office from Glasgow to Euston was held up on August 7 near Mentmore, Bucks, and £2.6 million was stolen. Reynolds went on the run to Mexico but returned and was arrested in Torquay in 1968 and jailed until 1979.

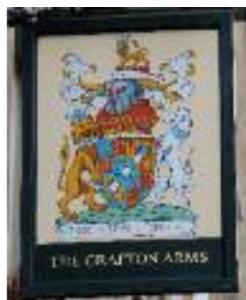
The pub dates back to at least 1826 when it was the Marquis of Cornwallis. It changed its name to the Smugglers Arms in 1969.



**24. Prince of Wales Feathers, 8 Warren St.**

Dick Barton, the popular radio detective serial of the 1940s with its daily cliff-hangers, was planned here in the presence of Noel Johnson who took the title role.

The pub dates back to at least 1826 when it was called just the Feathers. It added Prince of Wales to the name in 1968.



**25. Grafton Arms, 72 Grafton Way.**

The anarchist Frank Kitz formed the Social Democratic Club which met here regularly from 1877 to 1878. The son of a domestic servant he was a garment dyer and tramping printer. Fellow anarchist Johann Neve, a joiner, also attended these meetings in the pub.

The pub dates back to at least 1826.

**26. The Lukin, 4 Conway St.**

As the Adam's Arms, from at least 1826, it was originally named after the famous architect Robert Adam who lived opposite at 7 Conway Street. He designed Portland Place which was built in 1773 as the widest road in London with the expressed aim of dividing the trading classes (Fitzrovia) from the gentry (Mayfair). He also designed Fitzroy Square.

The pub changed its name to O'Neills Irish Bar in 1995, and to The Lukin in 2008.



**27. Potion, 28 Maple St.**

The pub was named the Prince Monolulu from 1991 to 2002 after the colourful race-course tipster of that name. Ras Prince Monolulu (1881-1965) as he called himself, was of Ethiopian origin, but claimed to be from Honolulu to suit the rhyme (his nom de plume had the same initials as his real name, Peter McKay). Bedecked in a feathered head-dress and flowing robes he sold tips in envelopes at courses with the catchphrase "I've got an 'orse" and was very successful (in terms of selling tips rather than them being winners). He lived close to the pub, first at 55 Howland Street up to the war, then at 83-85 Cleveland Street, where he was visited by American black radical singer Paul Robeson.

The pub dates back to at least 1826, when it was the Yorkshire Grey. After becoming the Prince Monolulu it was renamed Liquid Blue in 2002, then its present name in 2003.



**28. Northumberland Arms, 119 Tottenham Court Rd.**

Karl Marx and a few German revolutionary friends drank here in the early 1850s as part of a crawl of the 18 pubs in Tottenham Court Road that existed then. One of the revellers, Wilhelm Liebknecht described it in his memoirs in 1901, including how they smashed the street lamps at 2 o'clock in the morning and fled from pursuing police.

The pub dates back to at least the 1820s.

**29. The Court, 108a Tottenham Court Rd.**

Another which would have been on Karl Marx's pub crawl in the 1850s. In those days it was called the Roebuck (dating back to at least 1841). It changed its name to Canons in 1985, then the Flintlock & Firkin in 1996, and its present name in 2000.

**30. Jeremy Bentham, 31 University St.**

The skeleton of Jeremy Bentham (1748-1832) dressed in his clothes is just round the corner in University College London, Gower Street (in a glass case at the end of South Cloisters). The philosopher, an early supporter of the college, requested that his organs be used for medical research, and his embalmed head be placed on his skeleton dressed in his Quaker clothes. While his body was being dissected a violent



thunderstorm raged, lighting up his body in the lightning flashes. The embalmed head became distorted from age and being used as a football by students, so is now kept in a safe. The skeleton is still placed in the board room for meetings of the governors, the minutes of which record him as being present but not voting. His ghost is said to haunt the nearby hospital.

Serial prison escaper Alfie Hinds was drinking at this pub in 1953 with a gang who a few days later robbed Maples store round the corner at 141-150 Tottenham Court Road, taking £38,000. He was convicted for taking part in it and sentenced to 12 years in prison, claiming to have been framed. He kept escaping to publicise his innocence, and finally proved it in a libel case after 11 years in jail.

The pub dates back to at least 1841 when it was the Lord Wellington. It changed its name to the Jeremy Bentham in 1984.



**31. Mortimer Arms, 174 Tottenham Court Rd.**

Another of the six remaining pubs left from the Karl Marx 1850s pub crawl, and one of just three to retain its name from those days. It dates back to at least the 1820s.



**32. Carpenters Arms, 68-70 Whitfield St.**

This pub dates back to at least 1790.

**33. The Bar @ TCR, 183 Tottenham Court Rd.**

Dog fighting took place in two pits in the pub yard (when it was called the New Inn) in the early 19th century, leading to the pub landlord Cox being prosecuted by the last of the Poor Law officials in 1830. The so called "centres of amusement" were seen as a nuisance "on account of the disreputable class of people that frequented them." Cox pleaded guilty and the yard was closed.

The radical socialist Marylebone Central Democratic



Association met in the pub in 1881, among the members being Adam Weiler, a local cabinet maker who had spent several months in jail for picketing in 1875.

The pub dates back to at least 1826 and changed its name from the New Inn to Ye Olde Surgeon in 1993, then to The Pint Pot in 2002, and to its present name in 2008.



**34. Marlborough Arms, 36 Torrington Place.**

African National Congress members exiled from South Africa regularly drank in this pub during the 1960s and 1970s. One of them, Herbie Pillay, lived opposite, and his flat was often burgled by BOSS, the South African secret police. Others included Thabo Mbeki (who succeeded Nelson Mandela as president of South Africa), Dulcie September (who was assassinated by BOSS in Paris in 1988), Joe Slovo, Yusuf Dadoo, jazz musician Dudu Pukwana, and Sam Nujoma (who was later elected president of Namibia).

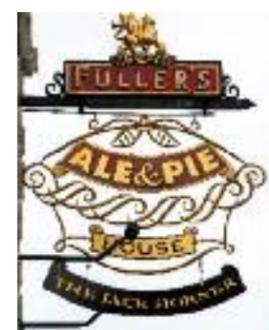
Professor J B S Haldane (1892-1964), who was a mainstay of the Brains Trust radio programme, met his wife and fellow UCL lecturer Helen Spurway in this pub. She was once arrested for treading on a police dog's tail outside the pub.

It dates back to at least 1809.



**35. College Arms, 18 Store St.**

As a pub this dates back to only 1971, when it opened as the University Tavern (replacing the Camden Hotel). It changed its name to the College Arms about six years ago.



**36. Jack Horner, 236 Tottenham Court Rd.**

This dates back to between 1842 and 1845 when it was the Bedford Head. It was renamed

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the Italian in 1848 until 1859 or 1860. It resumed the name of Bedford Head by 1861, and kept it until 1938 when it became a hotel and later a bank. It reopened as a pub under its present name in 1994.



**37. Rising Sun, 46 Tottenham Court Rd.**

This is the third of the three visited by Karl Marx in his 1850s pub crawl which retains its name from that time (although it was briefly renamed Presleys in the late 1980s and early 1990s). It dates back to at least 1826.



**38. The Fitzrovia, 18 Goodge St.**

This was called the Valiant Trooper from at least 1841 until 1996, then it became Finnegan's Wake until 2002, when it took its present name.



**39. The Hope, 15 Tottenham St.**

The blind poet John Heath Stubbs (1918-2006) and the deaf poet David Wright (1920-1994) used to have animated conversations in this pub regularly during the 1960s and 1970s, recalls local Fiona Green. "David could lip read John, and John could hear David, and it was fascinating watching them talking to each other for hours," she said.

Brendan Behan's playwright brother Brian was a regular in the pub in the 1980s and once brought their mother Kathleen who entranced customers with her stories. She had acted as a courier for James Connolly in the 1916 Easter Rising in Dublin. The book "Mother of All the Behans, The Autobiography of Kathleen Behan, as told to Brian Behan" was published in 1984.

The pub dates back to at least 1809.

**40. Northumberland Arms, 43 Goodge St.**

The novelist and dandy Julian Maclaren-Ross (1912-64) was often locked in upstairs at this pub by his publisher until he had met his deadline.

John Bermiston ran the pub from 1956 until 1993 (with a break from 1958 to 1969 when his stepbrother ran it) and attracted a mixed bunch of cus-



tomers - including a bishop (Eric Taylor) and an actress (Jan Servais).

When the Hit Factory recording studios opened in nearby Whitfield Street in the 1980s and 90s the pub was used by various pop stars including Bob Geldorf, Ronnie Wood, Clinton Ford, and Boy George (who had lived in a bedsit at 37 Goodge Street).

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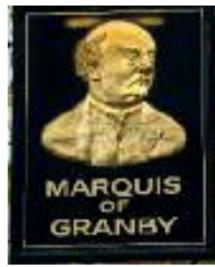
**41. Fitzroy Tavern, 16 Charlotte St.**

This pub has such a rich history that it has a whole book chronicling it ("The Fitzroy, The Autobiography of a London Tavern," by Sally Fiber, published 1995).

It dates back to at least 1833, but its heyday was from the 1930s to the 50s when its customers famously ranged from cabinet ministers to road sweepers. And in the days when homosexuality was a crime punished by long prison sentences, the pub was well known for its tolerance of gay customers. (These times were recalled by comedian Kenneth Williams in his diaries). Eventually the pub was prosecuted by police in 1955 for being a "disorderly house" and a "den of vice." The popular governor Charlie Allchild was found guilty on nine counts and suspended by the brewery. He won on appeal but was so disgusted with the brewery that he resigned.

The Labour MP and journalist, Tom Driberg, was a regular in the 1930s when he wrote the William Hickey column for the Daily Express. He was credited with coining the name Fitzrovia for the area around the pub.

A public executioner, Albert Pierpoint, and a convicted murderer, Douglas Burton, both drank in the pub. Burton was found guilty of bludgeoning a satanist to death with a sculptor's hammer in the 1930s but was saved from hanging by being declared insane.



**42. Marquis of Granby, 2 Rathbone St.**

After being court martialled from the army in the war, dandy writer Julian Maclaren-Ross saw a man kicked to death outside this pub in the 1940s. In view of this it was rather unwise of poet Dylan Thomas to pick a fight, as he did, with some guardsmen inside the same pub.

The pub and the newsagent opposite it are mentioned by Iris Murdoch in her first novel "Under The Net" in 1954.

The pub dates back to at least 1809.



**43. The Wheatsheaf, 25 Rathbone Place.**

Writer George Bernard Shaw and his then lover Edith Nesbitt, author of The Railway Children, dined here frequently in the 1880s when it was known as a cheap vegetarian eating place.

It was not the vegetarian food that attracted satanist Aleister Crowley here in the 1930s however. He drank his own cocktail called Kubla Khan No 2, which was a mixture of gin, vermouth, and laudanum. He also sold pills made from his own semen which he marketed as the Elixir of Life.

Another maverick who drank here was Quentin Crisp, who suffered the consequences of being openly gay when it was illegal. He became an icon after his autobiography The Naked Civil Servant was published in 1968.

Yet another maverick here was Julian Maclaren-Ross, whose biography by Paul Willetts, called Fear & Loathing in Fitzrovia, was published in 2003.

Sister Ann, a well known street prostitute who plied her trade under the Guinness Clock in Tottenham Court Road, had many an off duty pint here.

The pub dates back to at least 1800.

**44. Bricklayers Arms, 31 Gresse St.**

This pub is also known as the "Burglars' Rest" because a gang once burgled it at night, but could not resist drinking all



the bottled beer. Versions differ as to whether the landlord found them in a drunken stupor in the morning, or they escaped, leaving a pile of empties.

It was used as a meeting place for anarchists in the 1880s when the area was a hotbed of revolution. Other anarchist clubs nearby were in Stephen Mews (which was raided by police in 1885), and the Autonomie Club at 6 Windmill Street from 1886 until it was raided and closed by police in 1894. This was after they found a club membership card on Martin Bourdin, who was accidentally killed by his own bomb when it exploded in Greenwich.

Several of its members had got ten-year jail sentences in 1892 for manufacturing bombs.

The pub dates back to at least 1809.



**45. Bradley's Spanish Bar, 42 Hanway St.**

The haunt of bohemians since 1972 when it first opened (having been a wine house before that).



**46. The Tottenham, 6 Oxford St.**

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