

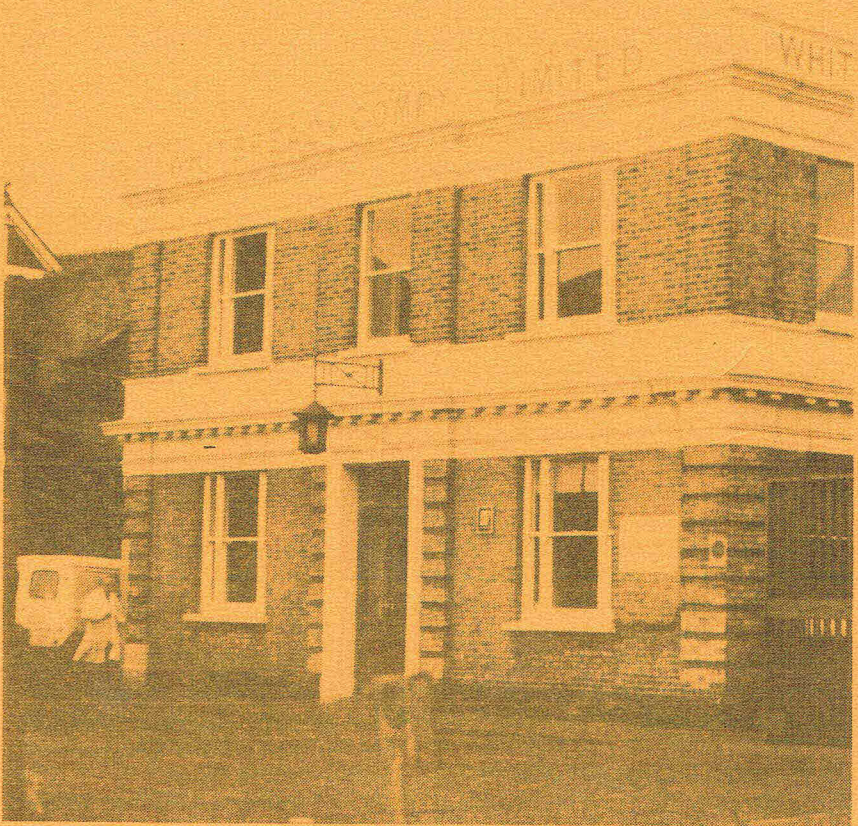
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'Blacksmith' opens

The company originally set up by CAMRA to own and operate a chain of pubs opened its second London pub last month. "The Village Blacksmith", in Hillreach, Woolwich, SE18, was a former Courage house which CAMRA Investments acquired last year. After extensive renovations and the building of an extension to the bar space, the pub re-opened on June 18th.

The pub has a "local" atmosphere which we hope will not be lost to the trendy market which all too often infests good Real Ale pubs in the Capital. Although the prices are a bit on the high side, the beer is being served in good condition. At the time of writing the brews on tap were Young's Special and Ordinary Bitters, Shepherd Neame Bitter, and Courage Directors' Bitter (of which there is a desperate shortage in the area). Opening the pub, CAMRA's Executive Director Chris Hutt said that the company hoped to add a Mild to the range of brews sold, and would also be stocking the new beer from Simon's Tower Bridge Brewery when that came on stream in the next couple of months.

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