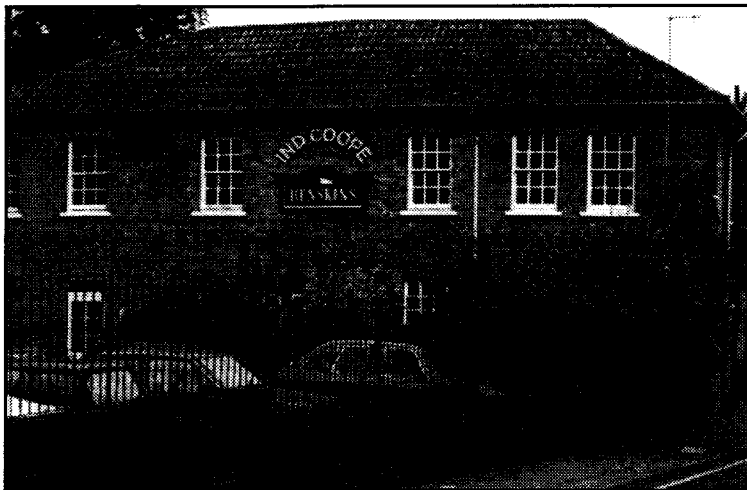
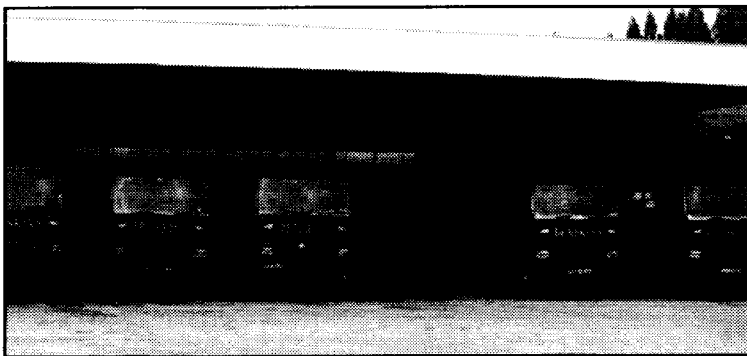


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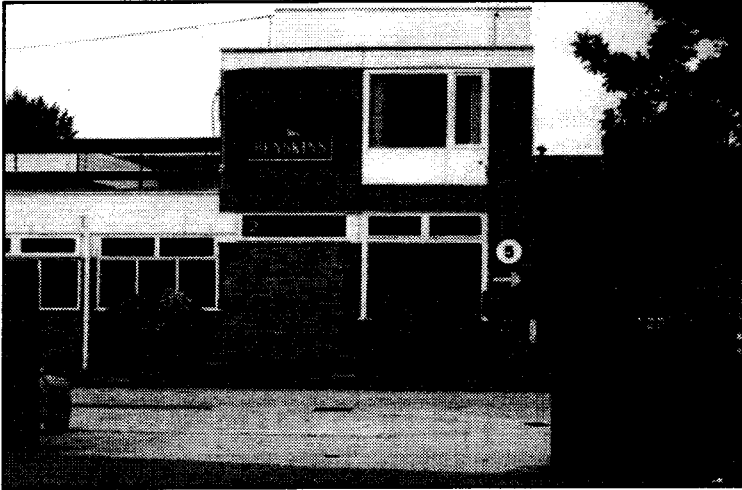
The BHS Archives have a few pictures of one of Benskin's depots. It is the Hunton Bridge yard at Kings Langley, Herts. Can anyone confirm that this used to be the premises of John Edward Groome's brewery and whether the depot is still in operation?



*Benskin's Hunton Bridge Depot, Kings Langley, Herts, in 1989. Photo: BHS Archive*



*The drays at Benskin's Hunton Bridge Depot in 1989. Photo: BHS Archive*



*Benskin's Hunton Bridge Depot, Kings Langley, Herts, in 1989. Photo: BHS Archive*

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## **From: THE BREWING TRADE REVIEW**

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### **Benskin's Watford Brewery Ltd - New Bottling Store**

**T**wo giant bottling machines clinked into action on 15th July at Benskin's Watford Brewery, filling 640 beer bottles every minute. This was the climax to a plan, which began to take shape in 1954, and, during the past few weeks, entailed extensive testing of the machines by the engineers.

The machines, both fully automatic and the most modern in the country, are part of a big new bottling store built at the brewery in Watford and opened by Mr Edward Thompson, MBE, TD, Chairman of the parent company, Ind Coope & Allsopp Ltd. At the ceremony in front of the store, Mr Thompson unveiled a plaque to commemorate the event.

The solution for the bottle washing machines is supplied from bulk liquid storage tanks on the roof, storage 14 tons.

The main contractor was Messrs. Adlam & Sons Ltd, Bristol; the building contractors Messrs. Percy Trentham Ltd, Rainham Essex. The service mains were run by Messrs Brightside Engineering Ltd; Sheffield and the electrical wiring was carried out by Messrs J W Russell Ltd, Queens Road, Watford.

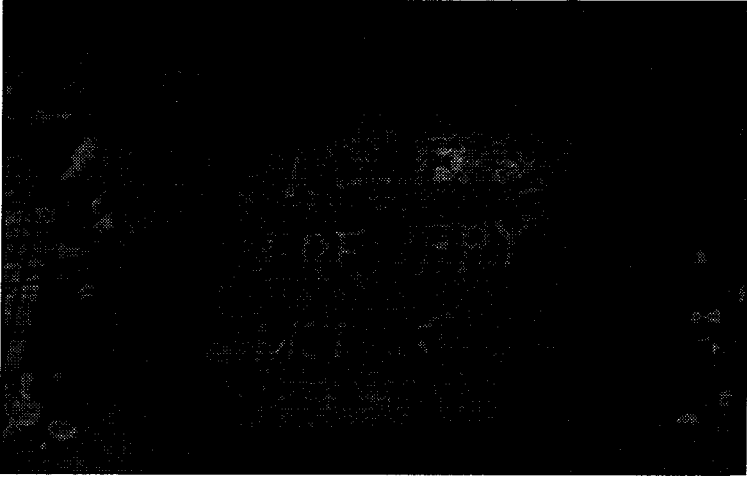
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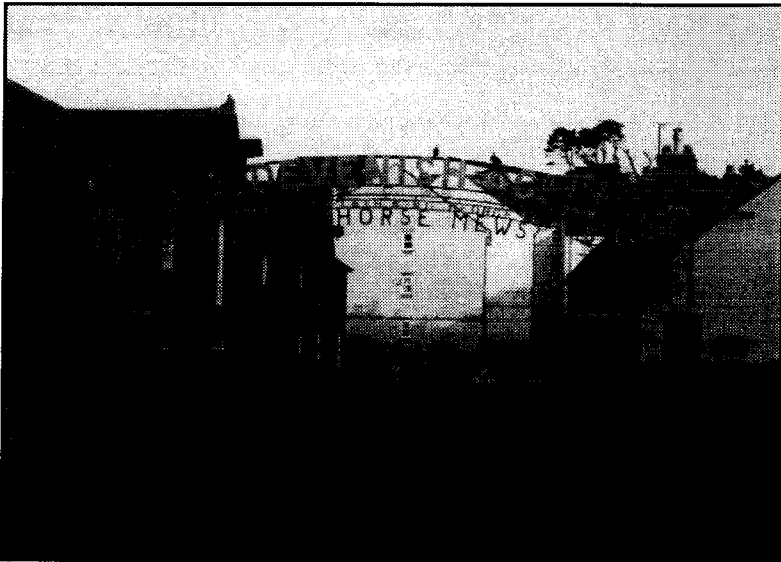
As a man who is constantly on the look-out for existing brewery buildings, Ian Peaty could not resist responding to my request for photos of any sites visited during 2002. There are more to come over the next few issues.



*Taylor & Co, Cotswold Brewery, Northleach, Gloucestershire. Photo: Ian P Peaty*



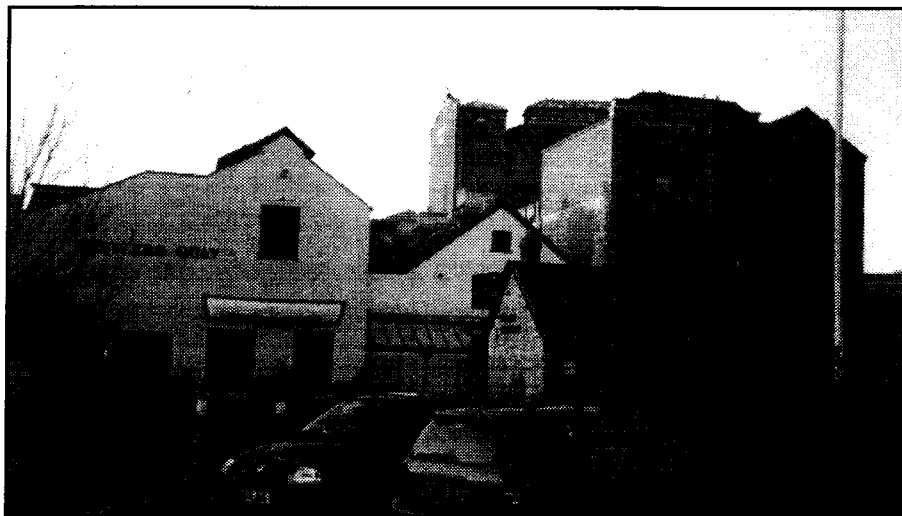
*The name and date panel on the tower of Tayler & Co, Cotswold Brewery, Northleach, Gloucestershire. Photo: Ian P Peaty*



*JA Devenish & Co, Weymouth, Dorset. Redeveloped as the Brewers' Quay tourist complex. The metal arch reads "Brewers to late King George VI". Photo: Ian P Peaty*



*The malshouses of JA Devenish & Co, Weymouth, Dorset. Photo: Ian P Peaty*



*JA Devenish & Co, Weymouth, Dorset. Photo: Ian P Peaty*



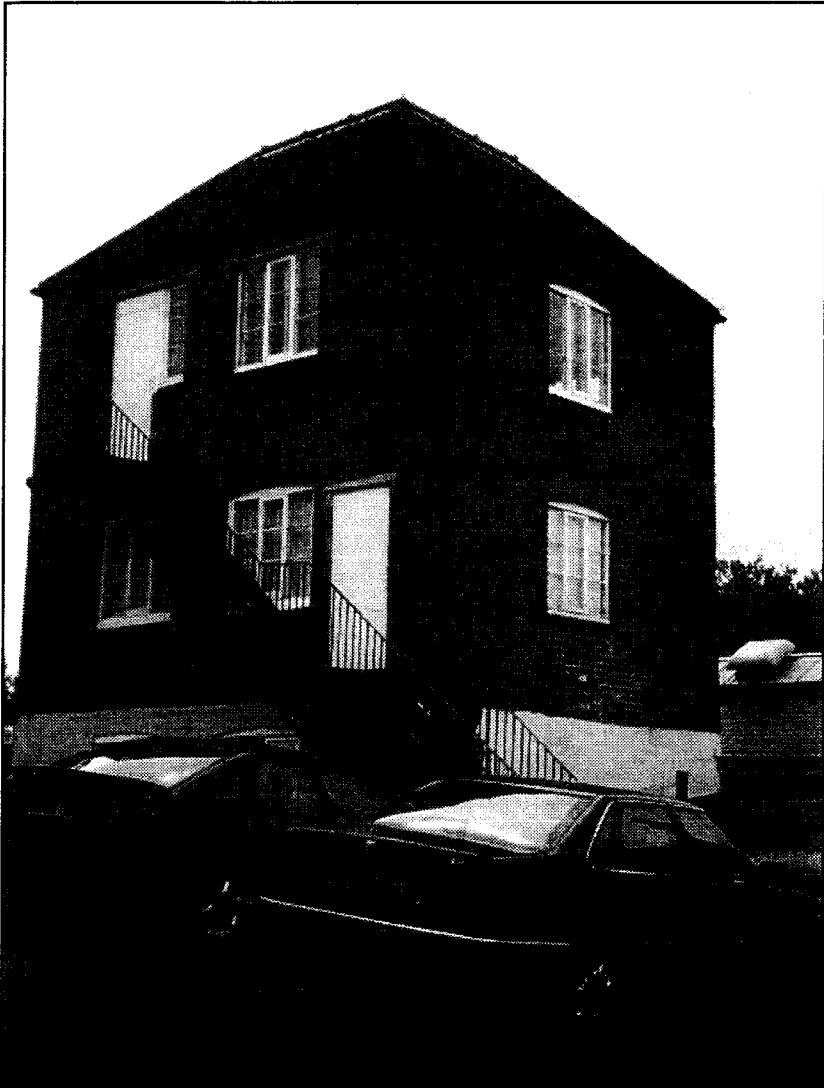
*Riverside Maltings, Ely, Cambridgeshire. Converted into council offices. There are some much older maltings also nearby on the river, now used as a large antiques complex.*

*Photo: Ian P Peaty*



*Riverside Maltings, Ely, Cambridgeshire.*

*Photo: Ian P Peaty*

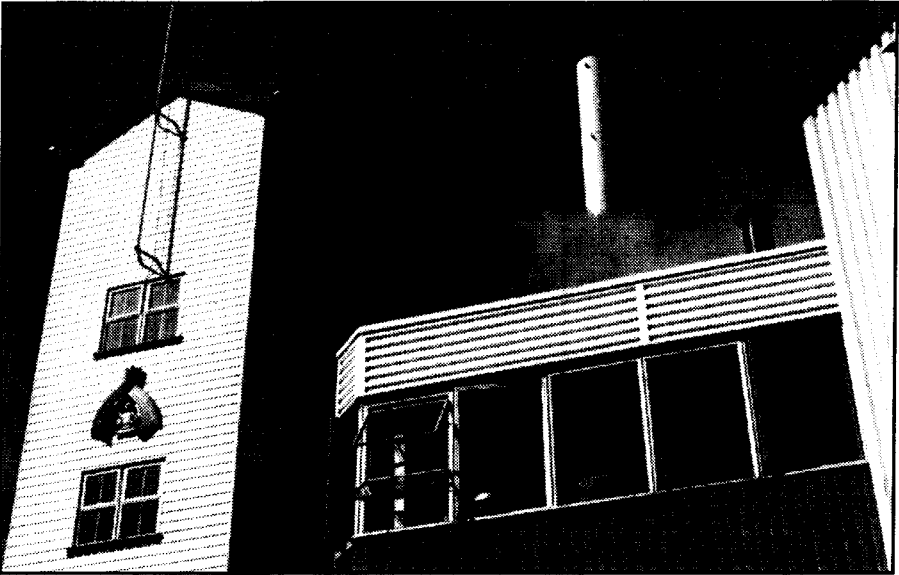


*Coombe's Brewery, Radstock, Somerset, at the rear of the Bell Hotel. Closed 1926.*

*Photo: Ian P Peaty*

## GALLERY - 3

Another reply to my request for those holiday shots of existing brewery buildings came from Margaret Bird. She wrote to say, "*Your plea at the end of the Journal (for which many thanks as always) came just as I was about to start cataloguing my latest bunch of photographs. I enclose some I took at Southwold on a day trip to Suffolk on 2nd September, 2002*".



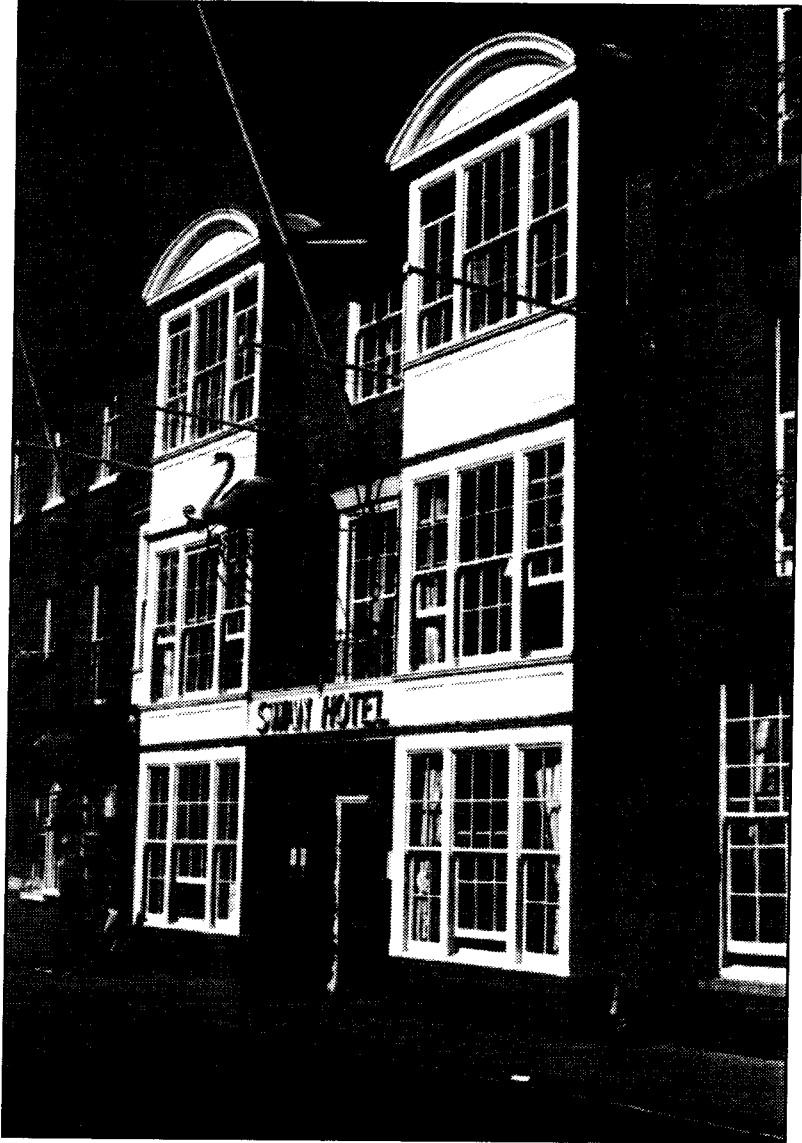
*The strong geometric lines of part of the roofline of Adnams overlooking East Green.  
The wonderful smells could be enjoyed all round the centre of the town.*

*Photo: Margaret Bird*

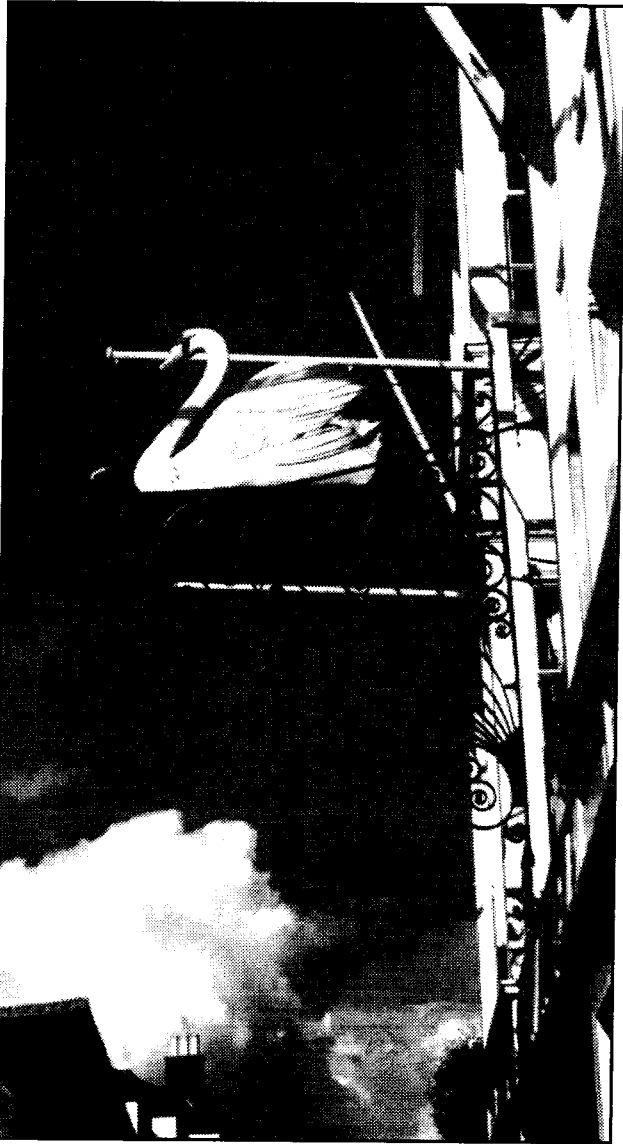




*The back of the Swan Hotel. The earliest surviving part of the brewery, which was in the back yard of the Swan from the 17th century or earlier and was there when the Adnams family bought it in 1872. The windows shown here now face the back of the present brewery. Photo: Margaret Bird*



*The Swan Hotel faces the main street. Photo: Margaret Bird*



*The Swan's stunning inn sign. Photo: Margaret Bird*



*The Crown nearby; I have a weakness for elegant wrought-iron signs. Photo: Margaret Bird*

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### BHS FACT FILE

Many defects of draught beer can be traced to careless treatment in the retailer's cellar, and the more progressive firms are, with advantage, devoting special attention to conditions of retail, as proved by the general improvement in collected test samples.....palate and colour have, no doubt, to be varied for different districts, but an appreciated beer must, to-day, be brilliant, well charged with gas, capable of forming and retaining a permanent "head" and of reasonable stability.

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