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Philip Stanley collection



Phoenix, Pubs & Patteson

No collection about this part of Norwich could avoid the mention of beer.

Of course the area had many pubs, some surviving but most now lost, including three which lay directly in the path of the inner ring road. There was also once the Phoenix Brewery at 96 Magdalen Street, a mansion originally acquired by Patteson's but later becoming part of Hurrell's shoe works. It had to be rebuilt after WW2 destruction but was then cleared away a few years later to create the lovely Edward Street.



Pageants, Parades & Protests

City life gives opportunities for public displays and Norwich has a rich history: from religious pageants to guild and civic processions. The streets have also been the stage for protests and riots as well as celebrations. Every era has had its public dramas, from the methodically choreographed to spontaneous expressions of joy, relief or anger. The more solemn or pompous the display, the greater the incentive for mischief, mimicry and satire.

The Anglia Square site has seen its share. In the Middle Ages, the worsted weavers' pageant wagon - a stage drawn by horses for performing religious plays - would have rolled by, en route way from St Botolph's Church.

In the 1530s the folk of the city passed by on their way to the Magdalen Fair, led by the constables and watchmen in full armour. Around this time, the more sombre gallows processions, when the condemned were led from the Guildhall prison or the Castle to the place of execution outside Magdalen Gates, would also march past.

The flour riots of 1816 erupted nearby. In 1868 newly elected Tory MP Henry Josias Stracey drove past, celebrating amid bells and whistles. (He was thrown out of office for bribing electors with beer).

The Vineyard pub on Magdalen Street was the starting point for a mock 'chaining' - a procession of the victorious candidates in the general election of 1841. Philip Augustus, the musical pianist and Jerry, the Lucifer match seller starred, with speeches, costumes and much bowing. It attracted thousands of spectators. The Norwich Mercury admitted that it had helped to restore 'the peace and good humour that the election had banished.' Both stars were later to be regulars before the magistrates for drunkenness and public nuisance.

< 'Wonders Will Never Cease' announces a spoof procession by the hard-pressed Norwich weavers, protesting against triumphalist civic parades that proudly showcased their industry whilst their wages were squeezed and their families starved.

The small print declares: *The Procession will go along to Tomland, where it will halt, and give three cheers to their master, the celebrated SLAVE DRIVER... Who will tell them that they had better work for half a loaf, than a whole one.'*

WONDERS
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A GRAND
PROCESSION
WILL TAKE PLACE ON
TUESDAY, Aug. 31st. 1830.

350 POWER-LOOMS are expected from Yarmouth, to Vote in the *Blue and White Interest*, they will be met at Bishop-Bridge, by a large Cavalcade. The Procession will move in the following order:—

1st.—Two Trumpeters on Horseback, playing, "Britons never shall be Slaves."
2nd.—The Operatives' Committee carrying *Blue and White*.
3rd.—The wonderful T.O., the Man of the People, supported on the right, by the Governor of ST. ANDREW'S BOOKERY, and on the left, by the *Dignity Governor*.
4th.—The *Wynandson Globe-Breaker* with a white BEEVOR, on his right, will be seen a gold FINCH, who has gained the leave of its Mother, to let its Brother walk on the left.
5th.—DICK, the MUSKET-lover, will be seen with a *Large Bag* at his back, on the right, his new brother BOBBY, on the left, a Gold-face MARTIN, and in the rear, SLUSSY TOM, LYING DICK, and Great ALFRED from St. Andrew's, who will keep continually plucking at Dick's Bag.
6th.—A long train of *Place-Holders*, with their *Capitain*, (the well-known WILD man at their head,) supported by the long *Larger* carrying a STAFF in his hand, and a *left-off Scurd-Bearer's Cup* on his head, with a *Black Berry* on the left.
7th.—JACK, the noted stone-cutter, who is employed to street the *Corporation Strone* to prevent the Power-Looms from being injured.
8th.—The Power Looms, which will be followed by DOLLY STROT as *Band-Major*,—the Band playing, "be delivered the Poor that Cryed."
9th.—The astonishing WISE MAN from the East, who is employed to pry into the corners, to see that nothing "indecent" is going on, supported on the right, by that excellent well-known *Upstart*, the GRAND lawyer, and on the left, by MERCURY BACON, alias, THE WEATHERCOCK.
10th.—POOR OLD SYRUS from the North, who will carry a Blue and White Cockade between his nose and chin,—he will be supported on the right, by Johnny Big-Pint, alias, *Tread Eels*, and on the left, by a lean-looking *Bredlin*.
11th.—700 half-starved Freeman and Weavers.
12th.—The well-known BILLHAM, on his right, will be seen the *Brother-in-Law* of Jack Straw, supported on the left, by the RIDING WILD man.

The Procession

Will go along Bishop-Street, to Tomland, where it will halt, and give three cheers to their Master, the celebrated SLAVE DRIVER.—It will then proceed towards Queen-St., where it will be met by their old Friend, *Yes and No*, who will tell them, "that they had better work for half-a-loaf, than a whole one."—From there it will move to the corner of the *Red Well*, where it will form a close column, and bow down and worship a *Golden Image*, which will then be set up. It will then go down London Street, and when about the centre, they will be addressed, by BARONET GEORGE, the Book-binder, who will tell them, "that he is sorry to see them so dejected, and that the depressed state of the Country is not owing to the Machinery (now in the Procession), but that it was the *Fixation*; you have also heard me talk of *Reform*—I, and my friends, did Reform the Court of Guardians, and upon the benefits resulting therefrom, it will be necessary for me to say a few words;—you know, it was the practice of the old Court, to relieve the Widow and the Fatherless, 2s. and 2s. 6d. each, per week; now, it has been the practice of US as REFORMERS, to allow them ONE Shilling per week.—I need say no more, only, that I trust you will support the Premises of Machinery." The Procession will then move to the Market-Place, where it will stop, by request of the Governor of St. Andrew's Bookery, who will give the following orders:—"That the Power Looms shall ascend the Goal-Hill, to the *Pull-Back*, from thence to the *Angel-Inn*, and that the Freeman and Weavers proceed immediately to the *Workhouse* with their Looms."

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