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Bolton Wanderers Football Club supporters met at the Duchess of Markham pub last weekend. The dedicated fans get together to cheer on the English soccer club.

## Wanderers fans meet to cheer on home team

English soccer club supporters gather in Ontario

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The English-based Bolton Wanderers Football Club did not take to the pitch last Saturday.

Nor did they visit Markham. But their supporting cast from southern Ontario was here in full force.

Some 55 members, ranging in age from 30 to 70, converged at The Duchess of Markham eatery on Main Street to rehash old times and display pieces of memorabilia pertaining to the English first division football club.

Jack Aspery, The Duchess of Markham manager, said this was the first time the Wanderers support club, which originated two-and-a-half years ago as a five-member group out of Stratford, gathered in Markham.

A native of Bolton, located just northwest of Manchester, England, Aspery did not know such a support club existed until he received a telephone call out of the blue last month from a member.

Making the call was Steve Czartorynsky who was in Richmond Hill to visit his sister-in-law, Carol.

Searching for a British pub to have dinner, Czartorynsky came across the Duchess.

"I then remembered from a prior meeting that one of the guys from the support club mentioned there was a guy in Markham who had a British pub. I didn't think anything of it at first. I called the place and Jack (Aspery) came on and I asked him if he was from Bolton and he said yes."

Aspery was invited to join the club, and in return offered to host a club meeting.

"We had a chat and (Czartorynsky) said that every year they hold a get-together on the nearest Saturday to Guy Faulkes Night," Aspery said.

"For the first few years they were holding it at someone's house. But now, with the number of members that they have, it's too big to do at a home, so they were looking for a place to have it."

In addition to the English ales served at the Duchess of Markham, the fare of the day had a flavour of Bolton as meat and potato pie, mushy peas and pickled red cabbage were served.

"It's a northern England standard thing that you would get in a pub over there," Aspery said.

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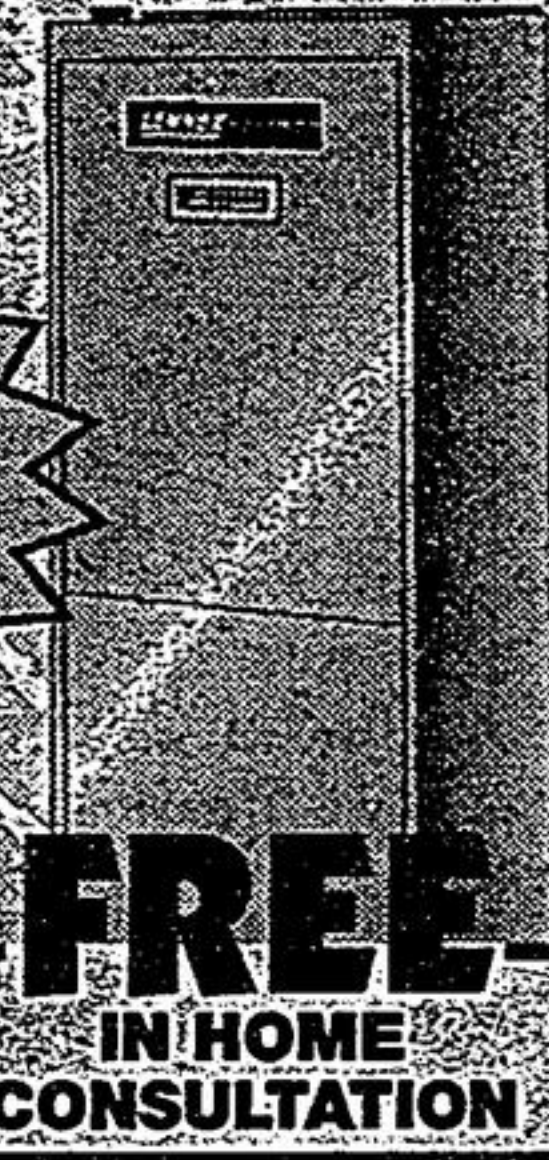
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