

HITCHMOUGH'S BLACK COUNTRY PUBS



KINGSWINFORD

(INC. HIMLEY, WALL HEATH)

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INTRODUCTION

Well over 40 years ago, I began to notice that the English public house was more than just a building in which people drank. The customers talked and played, held trips and meetings, the licensees had their own stories, and the buildings had experienced many changes.

These thoughts spurred me on to find out more. Obviously I had to restrict my field; Black Country pubs became my theme, because that is where I lived and worked. Many of the pubs I remembered from the late 1960's, when I was legally allowed to drink in them, had disappeared or were in the process of doing so.

My plan was to collect any information I could from any sources available. Around that time the Black Country Bugle first appeared; I have never missed an issue, and have found the contents and letters invaluable. I then started to visit the archives of the Black Country boroughs. Directories were another invaluable source for licensees' names, enabling me to build up lists. The censuses, church registers and licensing minutes for some areas, also were consulted. Newspaper articles provided many items of human interest (eg. inquests, crimes, civic matters, industrial relations), which would be of value not only to a pub historian, but to local and social historians and genealogists alike.

With the advances in technology in mind, I decided the opportunity of releasing my entire archive digitally, rather than mere selections as magazine articles or as a book, was too good to miss. This would allow those people with interests, such as mentioned above, to search for relevant information. (sic) The files contain information about every pub that has been found to exist in each of the districts within the Black Country, along with a number of illustrations.

Originally a series of 3 CDs was for sale, covering the Black Country boroughs. After 2 editions of each CD I am now producing individual files for each township sub-area. These files are available for free download by anyone interested.

A number of years have passed since the first CD came out. In that time I have looked at a lot more sources of information (discovering some new old pubs), acquired many more photographs, and made many helpful friends. Thanks to the many people such as Denis Harper and Keith Hodgkins, who have allowed their own photographs to be used. In 2010 I was asked by the relatives of the late John V. Richards to sort through his own archive of material, in order to redistribute it to appropriate groups. This has been very useful in confirming, and providing new, information. I have also been asked to disseminate information gathered by Jim Laws, Wolverhampton CAMRA's pub preservation officer/pub historian, who is unfortunately incapacitated.

I hope you find this file useful. Please, if you can, show your appreciation by contributing information or photographs. If you feel so inclined you can even make a donation via the [downloads](#) page on the website to help defray our expenses.

The work, as ever, continues.

Tony Hitchmough
November 2015

With many thanks to the 'back office': Janet, Sam and Gavin.



Hitchmough Meditates

DISTRICTS

The districts covered by the CDs were generally based on the modern places created in the 1970's, ie, Sandwell, Dudley, Walsall and Wolverhampton.

These are then subdivided into the old townships which had existed for many years previous, and are as follows:-

SANDWELL

Oldbury (inc. Causeway Green, Langley, Oakham, Rounds Green, Tividale)

Rowley Regis (inc. Blackheath, Cradley Heath, Old Hill, Whiteheath)

Smethwick (inc. Bearwood, Londonderry, Warley)

Tipton (inc. Dudley Port, Great Bridge, Princes End, Toll End)

Wednesbury (inc. Kings Hill, Leabrook, Mesty Croft)

West Bromwich (inc. Golds Green, Greets Green, Hill Top, Lyndon)

DUDLEY

Brierley Hill (inc. Pensnett, Quarry Bank, Round Oak)

Dudley (inc. Harts Hill, Kates Hill, Priory, Woodside)

Halesowen (inc. Colley Gate, Cradley, Hasbury, Lapal)

Kingswinford (inc. Himley, Wall Heath)

Netherton (inc. Darby End, Dudley Wood, Saltwells, Windmill End)

Sedgley (inc. Coseley, The Gornals, Woodsetton)

Stourbridge (inc. Amblecote, Lye, Wollaston, Wollescote, Wordsley)

WALSALL & WOLVERHAMPTON

Bilston (inc. Bradley, Hallfields)

Darlaston (inc. Butcroft, Moxley, Wood's Bank)

Walsall (inc. Bloxwich, Leamore, Palfrey, Pelsall, Rushall, Shelfield, Walsall Wood)

Wednesfield (inc. Ashmore Park, Fallings Park, Heath Town, Moseley Village, Park Village, Wood End)

Willenhall (inc. Bentley, New Invention, Portobello, Short Heath)

Wolverhampton (inc. Blakenhall, Codsall, Oxley, Penn, Tettenhall, Whitmore Reans)

UPDATES

I am planning to continue my researches, and will be producing updated versions of each file (for free download) as sufficient additional content is found. Hopefully new old pubs will continue to be discovered, as will some mysteries be cleared up.

I maintain an Update service on the website to advise of pub discoveries made during the interim between releases.

If anyone is able to provide extra, relevant information and / or pictures, about any of the pubs and people contained within this work, I would be grateful to hear from you, initially by e-mail at:

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I look forward to hearing from you.

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ABOUT THIS FILE

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ALBION

High Street, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Craddock [1861]

William Timmins [1872] – [1882]

NOTES

It had a beer and cider license.

1861 Census

High Street – Beerhouse

[1] *John Craddock* (39), butcher and victualler, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Ellen Craddock* (30), wife, born Kingswinford;

and family of six:

Stourbridge Observer 27/6/1874

“A well attended meeting of colliers connected with the Shut End Colliery, was held on Thursday afternoon, at the ALBION INN, Kingswinford, and after a long discussion, it was unanimously resolved ‘to remain out, and not to follow the example of the few who had returned at the drop.’”

A wine license was granted in 1875.

It closed in 1882.

ALBION

382, (14), (19), Albion Street, WALL HEATH

OWNERS

Elizabeth Munday [1886]
Eli Bird
Alfred Alt Kinsey
J. P. Simpkins (acquired in April 1955) [1982]
Greenall Whitley [1994]
Enterprise Inns

LICENSEES

John Munday [1858] – **1878**);
Mrs. Elizabeth Munday (**1878 – 1881**);
Joseph Bate (**1881 – 1884**);
Enoch Bennett (**1884 – 1894**);
Matthew Bartlett (**1894 – 1898**);
Sarah Bartlett (**1898 – 1901**);
Eli Bird (**1901 – 1918**);
Mary Bird (**1918 – 1919**);
Alfred Albert Kinsey (**1919 – 1920**);
Walter Alt Kinsey (**1920 – 1932**);
Florence Annie Kinsey (**1932 – 1935**);
Alfred Alt Kinsey (**1935 – 1940**);
Elizabeth Kinsey (**1940**);
John Thomas Davis (**1940 – 1952**);
Lawrence Geoffrey Walton (**1952 – 1955**);
William Ball (**1955 – 1968**);
George James Scarratt (**1968 – 1975**);
Gwendoline Lilian (Scarratt) Pardoe (**1975 – 1986**);
Peter Cluett (**1986 – []**)
Barrie Hickman [1994]
Martin McGrath (**1999 – [2000]**)
Duncan Edmonds [2007]
Bev Guest [2012]

NOTES

19, Albion Street [1861]
21, Albion Street [1871]
14, Albion Street [1901], [1911]
382, Albion Street

It closed at 10pm.

A spirit license was granted in August 1858.



1861 Census

19, Albion Street

- [1] *John Munday* (40), victualler and tailor, born Trysull;
- [2] *Elizabeth Munday* (39), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Francis Maria Munday* (14), daughter, scholar, born Trysull;
- [4] *Caroline Ann Munday* (13), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Charles Whitenore Munday* (10), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *John Munday* (6), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Elizabeth Munday* (6), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford:

John Munday was also a tailor. [1864], [1870], [1872], [1873]

1871 Census

21, Albion Street – ALBION INN

- [1] *John Munday* (49), tailor and licensed victualler, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Munday* (48), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Frances M. Munday* (24), daughter
- [4] *Charles W. Munday* (20), son,
- [5] *John Munday* (16), son,
- [6] *Elizabeth Munday* (16), daughter,
- [7] *Mary E. Munday* (8), daughter,
- [8] *Mary Legge* (16), niece,
- [9] *William Timmins* (17), apprentice,
- [10] *Robert Wilson* (51), boarder,

1891 Census

Albion Street – ALBION INN

- [1] *Enoch Bennett* (60), innkeeper, born Lower Gornal;
- [2] *Eliza Bennett* (59), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Maud Aston* (13), granddaughter, born Lower Gornal:

A team from here took part in the Elwell, Williams and Company Cricket League. [1901]

It was put up for auction in October 1900. - “freehold, full licensed”

1901 Census

14, Albion Street

- [1] *Eli Bird* (40), builder and publican, born Gornal;
- [2] *Mary Bird* (38), wife, born Gornal;
- [3] *Ann L. Bird* (17), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Jenbal Bird* (15), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Denis Bird* (13), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Rose M. Bird* (11), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *Ann Bird* (63), mother, widow, born Sedgley:

Eli Bird was also a builder. [1904], [1912]

1911 Census

14, Albion Street

- [1] *Eli Bird* (54), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Bird* (55), wife, married 33 years, assistant in the business, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Ann Louisa Bird* (22), daughter, assistant in the business, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Jubal Bird* (21), son, clerk, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Rose Bird* (17), daughter, assistant in the business, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Tissly Bird* (5), visitor, born Willenhall:

Plans were approved, for improvements to the sanitary arrangements, at the adjourned Licensing Meeting, on 4th March 1930.

George J. Scarratt died in 1975.

Lilian Pardoe was married to Jack.

Peter Cluett was married to Mary.

Martin McGrath was married to Sharon.

[2010]

Closed [2011], [2013]

It was damaged in an arson attack on 29th August 2013.

It was converted into housing. [2015]



2000



2009

BELL

614, (12), High Street, Town End, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Mark Rollinson, Brierley Hill (acquired c.1894)
leased by William Henry Simpkins
leased by North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd (c.1896)
Arthur Thomas Allen
J. H. Davies, The Brewery, Netherton
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Voyager Pubs [2004]
Enterprise Inns

LICENSEES

Joseph Ward [1842]
Joseph Wall [1849] – [1861]
John Rollinson [] – **1864**);
John Hand (**1864** – []
Joseph Wall [1864] – **1872**);
Frances Wall (**1872** – **1887**);
Eliza Legge (**1887** – **1888**);
Richard Adams (**1888**);
Willoughby Goodwin (**1888** – **1889**);
Albert Hall (**1889** – **1892**);
Thomas Taylor [1891] manager
William Malpass (**1892** – **1899**);
Elizabeth Malpass (**1899** – **1900**);
George Davies (**1900** – **1903**);
Mrs. Sarah Jane Davies [1901]
John Edwards (**1903** – **1904**);
Henry Herbert Shaw (**1904**);
Enoch Butler (**1904**);
Arthur Thomas Allen (**1904** – **1938**);
Alexander Taylor (**1938** – **1959**);
Leslie Walter Evans (**1959** – **1960**);
Ena Doris Evans (**1960** – **1961**);
Joseph Alfred Cooper (**1961** – **1962**);
John Victor Haywood (**1962** – **1971**);
Clara Haywood (**1971** – **1972**);
Trevor Simon (**1972** – **1982**);
Marian Simon (**1982** – **1983**);
Keith Michael Geoffrey Davis (**1983** – **1985**);
Barry Frederick Payne (**1985** – **1989**);
Steven Alan Smith (**1989**);
Donald Astley []
Peter Miles [1995]
Julie Woollaston [2000]
Dave Shotton [2012]
Brett Holden [2013] lessee
Peter Mann [2015]



c. 1980s



2015

NOTES

12, High Street [1901], [1911]
614, High Street [2009]

OLD BELL [1920]

It had a beerhouse license.

Joseph Wall, beer retailer and shopkeeper, Town End. [1849]

1851 Census

Dudley Road – BELL INN

- [1] *Joseph Wall* (61), boot and shoe maker, born Ditton Priors;
- [2] *Frances Wall* (56), wife, born Upton on Severn;
- [3] *Matthew Mills* (30), visitor, carpenter, born Bidford, Warwickshire;
- [4] *John Nash* (38), visitor, agricultural labourer, born Griffon Fivel, Warwickshire;
- [5] *Hannah Pardoe* (17) house servant, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Joseph Smith* (60), visitor, agricultural labourer, born Sandon, Staffordshire;
- [7] *John Legge* (24), visitor, agricultural labourer, born Sedgley;
- [8] *Eliza Legge* (33), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Eliza Beddard* (11), visitor, birthplace not known;
- [10] *Elizabeth Thomason* (3), visitor, birthplace not known:

Joseph Wall, beer retailer and grocer, Town's End. [1860]

1861 Census

High Street

- [1] *Joseph Wall* (71), beerhouse keeper, born Ditton Priors;
- [2] *Frances Wall* (66), wife, born Upton on Severn:

Joseph Wall, beer retailer and tobacconist, High Street. [1865], [1872]

1871 Census

High Street – BELL INN

- [1] *Joseph Wall* (82), innkeeper, born Nelchured (?), Shropshire;
- [2] *Frances Wall* (75), wife, born Upton on Severn:

1881 Census

High Street

- [1] *Frances Wall* (86), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Upton on Severn;
- [2] *Eliza Legge* (63), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Harriet Cartwright* (78), lodger, widow, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Thomas Wall* (55), lodger, farm labourer, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *William Fasey* (64), lodger, farm labourer, born Claverley, Shropshire;
- [6] *Thomas Webb* (70), lodger, retired butcher, born Wordsley:

1891 Census

High Street – BELL INN

- [1] *Thomas Taylor* (75), beerhouse manager, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Eliza Taylor* (63), wife, born Prestwood:

William Malpass, beer retailer, High Street. [1896]

1901 Census

12, High Street

- [1] *George Davies* (49), coal miner, hewer, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Sarah Jane Davies* (45), wife, beerhouse keeper, manageress, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *William George Davies* (22), son, coal miner (loader), born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Sarah Louisa Davies* (17), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Jeremiah Davies* (15), son, moulder in brickyard, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Albert John Davies* (13), son, labourer in brickyard, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Mary Ann Davies* (11), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Joseph James Davies* (9), son, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Frederick Arthur Davies* (6), son, born Kingswinford;
- [10] *Minnie Davies* (4), daughter, born Kingswinford:

The Advertiser 3/1/1903 - Advert

“To be Let – BELL INN, Kingswinford on rental of £30 per year. Easy ingoing to suitable man. Apply on the premises or to North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd, Stourbridge.”

The Bell on the wall, bay window and porch were added in the early 20th century.

1911 Census

12, High Street

- [1] *Arthur T. Allen* (42), brewer and publican, born Bradley;
- [2] *Sarah Ann Allen* (42), wife, married 21 years, helping in business, born Tipton;
- [3] *William Allen* (19), son, engine fitter, born Bradley;
- [4] *Arthur Allen* (17), son, draughtsman, born Bradley;
- [5] *Emily Allen* (16), daughter, draper's assistant, born Bradley;
- [6] *Joseph T. Allen* (15), son, ironworker, born Pensnett;
- [7] *Sarah Ann Allen* (8), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [8] *Annie Robinson* (54), sister, widow, helping in the house work, born Tipton;
- [9] *Ethel M. Robinson* (16), niece, coat and mantle maker, born Tettenhall:

County Express 4/12/1915

“Yesterday an inquest was held at the BELL INN, Kingswinford, before Mr. A. T. Stokes (coroner) on the body of *George Wilfred Booth*, aged 16, of 18 High Street, Kingswinford. The evidence was that lockjaw had been caused through a sore in his foot, caused by a nail in his boot. A verdict of Death from Tetanus was returned.”

County Express 6/1/1917

“DIVIDEND CLUBS

BELL INN, Kingswinford.– The 12th annual dinner was held on Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. *Allen* (host and hostess) catering excellently. Mr. E. J. Smith (secretary) presented the financial report, which showed after paying 50 weeks' sick pay, two deaths claims and other expenses, there would be a dividend of £1 1s 2d for each of the 78 financial members. There had been a record membership of nearly 100. Mr. Herbert Badger was re-elected chairman and Mr. Joseph Rushton vice-chairman, and the treasurer and secretary were re-appointed.”

It had a bowling club. [1930]

It had a bowling green. [1930]

Barry Payne was married to Pat.

He died on 26th January 2008, aged 71.

See also NEW INN, Stourbridge.

It was demolished and rebuilt.

The new pub opened in 1990.

[2015]

BOARD

Bromley Lane, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mary Jones [1834]

BRICKMAKERS ARMS

Ketley, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Hannah Hall [] - **1871**);
David Stokes (**1871 - 1883**):

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Stourbridge Observer 4/10/1873

“*David Stokes*, beerhouse keeper, Kingswinford, was fined 20s and costs, for keeping his house open during prohibited hours.”

The license lapsed after 2nd August 1883.

BRIDGE

118, Moss Grove, (17, (51), Dawley Brook), (Dolly Brook), KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Walter Edwards
B. & T. Woodhouse [c.1928]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [c.1932]
Marstons plc [2014]

LICENSEES

James Bowler [1845] – [1851]
Benjamin Webb [1851]
Henry Aston [1854]
William Tomlinson [1860] – [1862]
William Gadsby [1864] – [1870]
Alfred Aston [] – **1868**;
William Hall **(1868 – 1870)**;
George Brown **(1870 – 1872)**;
Mrs. Harriet Porter **(1872 – 1877)**;
Elizabeth Walker **(1877 – 1879)**;
George Cawthorn **(1879 – 1884)**;
Elizabeth Cawthorn **(1884 – 1893)**;
John Henry Walker **(1893 – 1894)**;
Walter Edwards **(1894 – 1909)**;
Mrs. Sarah Edwards **(1909 – 1914)**;
Harry Westwood **(1914 – 1924)**;
Sidney Marsden **(1924 – 1927)**;
Edward John Bird Martin **(1927 – 1928)**;
Lewis Bevan **(1928 – 1930)**;
Vera Lilian Bevan **(1930 – 1931)**;
William Fullwood Tonks **(1931 – 1933)**;
Thomas Harry Bunce **(1933 – 1935)**;
Ernest Fellows **(1935 – 1936)**;
Leslie Marshall Walker **(1936 – 1938)**;
William Walker **(1938 – 1941)**;
Thomas Pearce **(1941 – 1951)**;
John Henry Hawthorne **(1951 – 1956)**;
Norman Edward Jeffrey **(1956 – 1967)**;
John Leslie Fokinther **(1967 – 1969)**;
Colin Munro **(1969 – 1970)**;
Dorothy Eileen Munro **(1970 – 1979)**;
Sidney Humpage **(1979 – 1980)**;
David George Goodwin **(1980)**;
Alan David Smith **(1980 – 1984)**;
Charles Henry Carson **(1984)**;
Trevor Robert Sandall **(1984 – 1985)**;
Patricia Richards **(1985 – 1987)**;
David Nicholas Price **(1987 – 1988)**;
Robert Bird **(1988 – [])**
A Stevens [1993]

Darren Wortley [2001]
Mrs. Susan Jane Rogers (2004 – [2010])
Stu McAuley and Stuart Quarry [2012] – [2013]
Paula and Alan Newton [2014]

NOTES

51, Dawley Brook [1871]
17, Dawley Brook [1901], [1911]
118, Moss Grove

OLD BRIDGE [1851], [1864], [1872], [1896], [1898], [1904], [1912], [1916], [1940]
BRIDGE [1849], [1850], [1851], [1854], [1862], [1881], [2000], [2008], [2010]

James Bowler = James Bowdler

1851 Census

BRIDGE INN

- [1] *James Bowler* (32), blacksmith and publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Harriet Bowler* (32), wife, born Wombourn;
- [3] *Mary A. Bowler* (10), daughter, born Wombourn;
- [4] *Adeline Bowler* (7), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Arthur Bowler* (6), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *James Bowler* (3), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Lucy Bowler* (6 months), daughter, born Kingswinford:

1861 Census

Dawley Brook – BRIDGE INN

- [1] *William Tomlinson* (29), widower, innkeeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Cartwright* (25), general servant, born Wombourne, Staffordshire:

William Gadsby = William Cadsby

1871 Census

51, Dawley Brook – BRIDGE INN

- [1] *George Brown* (36), licensed victualler, born Chosley, Berkshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Brown* (31), wife, born Shrewsbury;
- [3] *John Edward Brown* (7), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Alice Brown* (4), daughter, born Penn:

Stourbridge Observer 23/12/1871

“At the Petty Sessions held on Thursday, before I. Spooner, Esq, *George Brown*, landlord of the OLD BRIDGE INN, Dawley Brook, Kingswinford, was summoned by Superintendent Mills for knowingly harbouring Police-constable Williams in his house during the time he was on duty. Mr. Stokes defended.

Police-constable White said that on Sunday morning the 26th November, at 25 minutes to one o'clock, he was on duty near the defendant's house. He heard some people talking in the bar. Stood there about five minutes, when he tried the front door, and found it fastened. He then knocked at the door. The landlord came and asked who was there. Witness said, 'Police; open the door.' The landlord then went back into the bar, and returned in a few minutes, and opened the door by unbolting it. Witness went into the bar with Police-constable McCrea, and there found Police-constable Williams by the fire, with half a glass of ale before him. Williams asked witness to have a glass. He refused. The defendant then asked him, but he refused. Witness then left. It was the duty of Williams to meet witness at that point at one o'clock.

Police-constable McCrea corroborated.

Mr. Stokes addressed the Bench for the defence, and called Police-constable Williams, who said he went into the defendant's house, seeing a light, and asked him if he had heard of a dog being lost. Was not in the house more than three minutes. Had nothing to drink. There was a glass of liquor on the table.

Superintendent Mills gave evidence to the effect that he had made inquiries, and instituted the proceedings.

The learned Stipendiary went through the evidence, commenting upon it, and considered that he must believe the two policemen. He then cautioned defendant, and ordered him to pay the costs."

George Cawthorn = George Cawthorne

1881 Census

Dawley Brook – BRIDGE INN

[1] *George Cawthorne* (63), licensed brewer, born Wem;

[2] *Elizabeth Cawthorne* (56), wife, born Oldswinford;

[3] *Hannah Adams Walker* (21), stepdaughter, domestic servant, born Halesowen;

[4] *Frank Thomas Walker* (18), stepson, bricklayer's labourer, born Halesowen:

Elizabeth Cawthorn = Elizabeth Cawthorne

1891 Census

Dawley Brook – BRIDGE INN

[1] *Elizabeth Cawthorne* (67), widow, landlady, born Pedmore;

[2] *Elizabeth M. Walker* (19), granddaughter, barmaid, born Tipton;

[3] *Frank T. Walker* (28), stepson, fitter, born Halesowen;

[4] *William Jarvis* (50), servant, barber, born Smethwick:

Dudley Herald 22/1/1898 - Advert

"Look Here! / The Largest Pig Alive / To Be Seen At / *Walter Edwards's* / The OLD BRIDGE INN, Dawley Brook / Kingswinford and no deception / Admission free / Fine Home Brewed Ales, Wines and Spirits of the Finest Quality."

County Express 1/4/1900

"William Hickman, Nash's Fold, Wallheath, was charged, under the County Bye-laws, with throwing a snowball at Wallheath on the 10th of February, doing damage to the clock of the Wallheath Mission Church. Mr. Joseph Higgs prosecuted, and Mr. Waldron defended. Mr. Higgs said he was instructed by the vicar of St. Mark's, Kingswinford (the Rev. E. H. Streeten). On the night of the offence the defendant, in company with five or six other men, were snowballing, and Hickman was seen by Police-constable Robinson to deliberately throw a snowball at the mission church clock. Some years ago the mission church was erected by Mr. Baggot, and it was here that the damage was done. Robinson saw the snowball hit the opal clock face, and heard the crash, the damage being £1.

Mr. Waldron said no damage could be claimed under the bye-law, and none was mentioned in the summons.

Police-constable Robinson stated that at 10.25pm he saw Hickman and others snowballing, and saw the defendant throw at and break the mission church clock. Defendant ran away and witness followed and saw him at the BRIDGE INN, Dawley Brook when defendant said that if witness charged him with breaking the clock he should — off next Monday. Cross-examined: Hickman was convicted and fined on February 19th for snowballing.

Mr. Waldron contended that as defendant had already been convicted this summons must be dismissed.

The Bench said they were advised that the previous summons did not bar this one.

Mr. Waldron said his client was singularly unfortunate inasmuch as besides having been fined 10s and costs on February 19th for the same offence, he also had to bear the cost of an adjournment last week to oblige the prosecution. As to the facts he should call evidence that the defendant did not throw in the direction of the clock, and further he should call a witness to prove that the clock was broken as early as 8.50.

Hickman, John Southall, and John Hughes were called, each denying that Hickman struck the clock, Hughes adding the clock was about 20 feet high.

Mr. Higgs: I should think you were taking Spion Kop.

Mr. Waldron: No, there are no church clocks at Spion Kop.

Charles Stevens stated the he saw the face of the clock was broken at ten minutes past ten o'clock.

Charles Henry Patrick also gave evidence, and the Bench dismissed the case."

1901 Census

17, Dawley Brook

[1] *Walter Edwards* (42), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Sarah Edwards* (36), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Henrietta Edwards* (11), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Fred Edwards* (9), son, born Kingswinford;

[5] *Nellie Elks* (18), general servant, born Kingswinford:

1911 Census

17, Dawley Brook

[1] *Sarah Edwards* (46), widow, hotel proprietress, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Fred Edwards* (19), son, brewer, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Thomas Henry Westwood* (29), son in law, railway waggon builder, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Henrietta Westwood* (21), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[5] *Jack Westwood* (12), grandson, born Kingswinford;

[6] *Mary Ann Bradley* (20), general servant, born Kingswinford:

Thomas Pearce delivered coal (collected from the coal wharf which was almost opposite) in a lorry. He was married to *Norah*.

It was refurbished in 1987 at a cost of £75,000.

Robert Bird was married to *Tracey*.

Alterations were made in 1989.

Susan Jane Rogers was married to *Roy*.

[2015]



1995



2015

BRITISH OAK

Stallings Lane, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Paul H. Foley

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1907)

LICENSEES

James Corbett [1845] – [1851]

Daniel Sheward [1854] – [1861]

Richard Growcutt Snr [] – **1870**);

Richard Henry Growcutt (**1870 – 1872**);

Henry Harvey (**1872 – []**)

Edward Harvey [1873]

Samuel Hayward [] – **1874**);

Edwin Harvey (**1874 – 1878**);

Nancy Harvey (**1878 – 1881**);

Matthew Bartlett (**1881 – 1888**);

Sarah Billingsley (**1888**);

Isaiah Beddard (**1888 – 1889**);

William Webster Wyman (**1889 – 1892**); manager

Reuben Hardwick (**1892 – 1903**);

George Henry Glaze (**1903 – 1904**);

Samuel Evans (**1904 – 1910**);

John William Evans (**1910 – 1934**);

Emily Evans [1911]

Francis Donald Cox (**1934 – 1941**);

Edith Emma Jones (**1941 – 1956**);

William Francis 'Billy' McDermott (**1956 – 1969**);

John Fokinther (**1969 – [1974]**)

Eric Geoffrey Walker [] – **1974**);

William Douglas Victor McGill (**1974 – 1982**);

Reginald Leslie Homer (**1982 – 1983**);

David Malcolm Keen (**1983 – 1984**);

Ronald Tilley (**1984 – 1985**);

Robert Isaacs (**1985 – 1987**);

David Moss (**1987 – 1988**);

Richard Harold Jones (**1988**);

David John Laverick (**1988 – 1989**);

David Christopher Woods (**1989 – 1990**);

Robert Isaacs (**1990 – 1991**);

Simon John Gleaves (**1991**);

Elizabeth Sarah Allin (**1991 – 1993**);

Michael Robert 'Mike' Stafford (**1993 – []**)

Ian and Mandy Passmore (**2000 – [2005]**)

Sandra Hanke [2009] manager



NOTES

Black Country Bugle (1974) - Pub of the Month

“That venerable pub - the BRITISH OAK - sandwiched between the suburban edge of Kingswinford and the green fields which stretch towards Himley Hall, is under a death sentence - due to be carried out in May.

Built in 1684, when the vast Pensnett Chase - the hunting grounds of noble and king - stretched from the foothills of Dudley to embrace the village of Kinver, the house was originally a solitary farm, known as Duncalf's Barn Old Stallings Farm was dismantled several months ago and already the brick red tentacles of suburbia are claiming the land worked since time immemorial.....”

1851 Census

BRITISH OAK

- [1] *James Corbett* (40), farmer and publican, born Prestwood;
- [2] *Mary Corbett* (40), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Benjamin Corbett* (13), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *James Corbett* (12), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Mary Corbett* (120), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *John Corbett* (9), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Esther Corbett* (3), daughter, born Stallings Lane;
- [8] *John Bissell* (46), lodger, labourer;
- [9] *Ann Farley* (18), servant of all work:

1861 Census

Stallings Lane – BRITISH OAK

- [1] *Daniel Sheward* (45), farmer of 25 acres (employing 2 men), victualler, born Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Rosanna Sheward* (42), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Sarah A. Sheward* (14), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Thomas Sheward* (12), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Alice H. Sheward* (8), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Rosanna Sheward* (5), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Elizabeth H. Sheward* (3), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *David Sheward* (1), son, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Nancy Sheward* (67), visitor, (mother), widow, born Kidderminster;
- [10] *Elizabeth Lamb* (16), niece, born Stourbridge:

Richard H. Growcutt = Richard H. Growcott

1871 Census

8, Stallings Lane – BRITISH OAK

- [1] *Richard H. Growcott* (22), farmer of 20 acres, employing 1 boy, and licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Ann M. Growcott* (21), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Mary A Horrral* (14), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

Stourbridge Observer 20/1/1872 - Advert

“BRITISH OAK, Stallings Lane, Kingswinford. Mr. Hinton has received instructions to Sell by Auction on Monday next, January 22nd 1872, the excellent public house fixtures, Stock in Trade, Farming Stock, Cows, Horses, Pigs, Poultry, Hay and Straw, Swedes and Mangolds, lot of seed Wheat and Potatoes, Ales, Spirits, Household Furniture, and other Effects, belonging to Mr. *H. R. Growcott*, who is giving up the business.”

[Should the above be R. H. Growcutt?]

Stourbridge Observer 17/5/1873

“At the Petty Sessions, held on Thursday, before I. Spooner Esq., Stipendiary, *Edward Harvey*, landlord of the BRITISH OAK, Kingswinford, was charged by Superintendent Mills with keeping his house open for the sale of beer during prohibited hours on the 27th ultimo. Police-constable Hume said that on the above date he visited the defendant’s house at four o’clock in the afternoon. Found a man in the tap room, with a pint jug three parts full of ale. Asked him what he had got. The man said, ‘Only a drop of fourpenny’ and added that he was a traveller. Witness had since found that the man’s name was Williams and that he lived near the defendant’s house. This being his first offence, the learned Magistrate fined defendant 20s and costs. William Williams was charged with being found in *Harvey*’s house during prohibited hours on the 27th unltimo. Police-constable Hume proved the case. Fined 10s 6d. – The learned Magistrate remarked that it was a rather dear cup of beer.”

Black Country Bugle

‘Life Was Always Like This’

“.....But *Edwin Harvey* was not so lucky when he went to town one June day in 1878. Edwin who was landlord of the BRITISH OAK, Stallings Lane also went to Dudley. He got a little drunk and accepted a lift home with the son of Mr. Hillman who was landlord of the CROSS HOTEL. It was a hot afternoon and *Edwin Harvey* felt very drowsy. He dozed off and as the pony and trap was negotiating a bend in the road he fell out, striking his head with such force that it killed him.”

1881 Census

Stallings Lane – BRITISH OAK

[1] *Matthew Bartlett* (52), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;

[2] Sarah Bartlett (51), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] Emily Smith (24), servant, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

BRITISH OAK

[1] *William Wyman* (47), licensed victualler, manager, born Wolverhampton;

[2] Lizzie Wyman (50), wife, born Wolverhampton:

1901 Census

9, Stallings Lane

[1] *Reuben Hardwick* (66), farmer. Born Kinver;

[2] Ann Hardwick (59), wife, born Bobbington;

[3] Benjamin Hardwick (36), son, born Kingswinford;

[4] Reuben Hardwick (19), son, plate layer, born Kingswinford;

[5] John Hardwick (16), son, stationary stoker, born Kingswinford:

County Express 13/9/1902

“Henry Gardener, of High Street, Wallheath, was charged with being drunk on the licensed premises of the BRITISH OAK, Stallings Lane, Kingswinford, on the 30th ult., and on the evidence of PC Dale was fined 5s and costs.”

Samuel Evans was the nephew of George Glaze, and cousin to Will and Benjamin Evans of Gornal. He was also a chartermaster (he leased the No.7 pit (Oak Lane) from the Earl of Dudley).

1911 Census

Stallings Lane – BRITISH OAK

[1] *John Evans* (46), engineer, born Netherton;

[2] Emily Evans (49), wife, married 23 years, innkeeper, born Brierley Hill;

[3] Sidney Evans (17), son, timer keeper, born Brierley Hill;

[4] Gladys Evans (15), daughter, school, born Brierley Hill;

[5] Esme Evans (10), daughter, school, born Brierley Hill;

[6] Alice Evans (7), daughter, school, born Brierley Hill:

It was demolished in 1974.
It was rebuilt on present site.

It reopened on 11th December 2000 after being closed for 8 weeks for a £500,000 refurbishment.

Mandy Passmore married Ian Passmore.
They had previously kept the Stewponey Hotel, Kinver.

Closed
It reopened on 29th March 2003 after a £125,000 refurbishment.

[2015]



2015

BUSH

KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Reynolds [] - **1864**);
Edward Walton (**1864** - []

COCK

KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Besley [] - **1872**);
Henry Price (**1872** - []

NOTES

Check Moor Street, Brierley Hill.

COPPY OLD ENGINE

Crawley Plain, (Crowley Plain), KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Elizabeth Beddall [1842] – [1845]
Daniel Beddall [1861]

NOTES

Crowley Plain [1842]

OLD ENGINE [1861]

COTTAGE

18, Cottage Street, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

John Rolinson and Son Ltd.
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired on 15th March 1932)

LICENSEES

Edward Steward [1868] – [1870]
Daniel Fereday **(1907 – 1925);**
Ethelbert John Smart **(1925 – 1931);**
John Albert Roberts **(1931 – 1940);**
Walter Joseph Tompkinson **(1940 – 1950);**
William John Daniel Baggott **(1950 – 1951);**
Alfred Morris **(1951 – 1953);**
Louise Broome **(1953 – [1958]**

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

The license was granted on 6th December 1869.

Edward Steward, COTTAGE, Kingswinford. [1870]

[Possibly an off license.]

COTTAGE

534, (25), (18), High Street (Dudley Road) / Cottage Street, Town End, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Thomas Jasper
Frederick Chettoe (acquired in 1869)
James Harnett Denning
Joseph Brettle (acquired in 1921 for £2250)
Mr. Henry Samuel Colley, 169, Barnett Lane, Kingswinford
Scottish and Newcastle Ltd. (William Younger)
Punch Taverns [2015]

LICENSEES

Thomas Jasper [1851] – [1865]
Frederick Chettoe (1869 – 1881);
Harry Reynolds (1881 – 1888);
James Harnett Denning (1888 – 1909);
Daniel Henry Marsh (1909 – 1921);
Joseph Brettle (1921 – 1961);
Mrs. Martha Ann Brettle (1961 – 1964);
Mrs. Nellie Simmonds (1964 – 1966);
Harold Victor Raybould (1966);
Mrs. Nellie Simmonds (1966 – 1967);
Margaret Colley (1967 – 1968);
Henry Samuel Colley (1968 – 1969);
Kenneth Brian Neville (1969 – 1970);
Henry Samuel Colley (1970 – 1971);
John Sarginson (1971 – 1972);
Bernard Peter Whitbread (1972 – 1973);
Geoffrey Henry Leonard (1973 – 1976);
William James Aherne (1976);
Donald Stuart Railand (1976 – 1978);
John Michael White (1978 – 1980);
Steven Willcock (1980 – 1981);
Robert David Kitching (1981 – 1983);
Lawrence Thomas Doherty (1983 – 1990);
Michael Birch (1990 – []
Gary Parsons [2012] – [2015]

NOTES

Dudley Road [1851]
18, High Street [1871]
25, High Street [1901], [1904], [1911], [1912], [1916], [1940]
534, High Street [1993], [1996], [2004]

An application for a spirit license was granted in August 1857.

It was formerly the COTTAGE OF CONTENT. [1861]

Kingswinford, Staffordshire.

VALUABLE OLD-LICENSED PUBLIC-HOUSE AND BUILDING LAND.

TO be SOLD by AUCTION, by Mr. HAWKINS, on MONDAY, JUNE 28th, 1869, at the house of Mr. Hillman, the CROSS INN, KINGSWINFORD, at Six o'clock in the Evening, subject to conditions to be then read, in the following or other Lots, as may be agreed upon at the time of sale:—

Lot 1.—All that desirable and well-situated Old-Licensed PUBLIC-HOUSE and Premises, known as "THE COTTAGE," situate in the centre of Kingswinford, comprising Tap Room, Bar, Parlour, three Chambers, Brewhouse, Cellar, two Stables, productive and well fruited Garden, with pair of Entrance Gates, situate in High-street, and fronting the Kingswinford and Dudley turnpike road, in the occupation of Mr. Frederick Chettoe.

Advert 1869



Token

It was known locally as 'The Pump'.

1851 Census

Dudley Road

- [1] *Thomas Jasper* (40), beer shop, born Aston;
- [2] *Jane Jasper* (39), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Mary Jane Jasper* (2), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Sarah Barrington* (15), servant, born Kingswinford:

County Express 15/1/1966

"COTTAGE INN Kingswinford Wanderers FC. had headquarters here For the past 40 years the COTTAGE has been kept by the members of the *Brettle* family, but they recently sold it to Mr. H. S. Colley, builder of Barnett Lane, Kingswinford, who has erected the new COTTAGE partly on the site of the old bowling green.....

In 1869, *Jane Jasper*, widow, and *George Jasper* a railway clerk of Oldbury, sold the COTTAGE INN to *Frederick Chettoe* and in 1895 the licensee was *James H. Denning*. At the turn of the century the inn came into the possession of the Marsh family of Gornal and in 1910 *Daniel H. Marsh* took over the license and in July 1921 the inn was sold to *Joseph Brettle*, a miner of 104, Mill Street, Brierley Hill, who brewed his own beer there. When he died in 1961 his widow, Mrs. Martha Brettle took over the license and after her death it was continued by her daughter, Mrs. *Simmonds*. Home brewing was carried out by Mr. *Joseph Brettle* and his son Albert."

Blackcountryman (Summer 1998)

'Is Gibraltar Redundant' by John Sparry

".....had a special attraction. This was a symphonium, a large penny-in-the-slot machine playing metal records."

1861 Census

High Street - COTTAGE OF CONTENT

- [1] *Thomas Jasper* (49), publican and labourer, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Jane Jasper* (48), wife, born Aston, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Eliza Walcot* (16), general servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 12/6/1869 - Advert

"To be Sold at Auction, by Mr. Hawkins, on Monday, June 28th, 1869.....

Lot 1 – All that desirable and well-situated Old-Licensed Public House and Premises, known as The COTTAGE, situate in the centre of Kingswinford, comprising Tap Room, Bar, Parlour, three Chambers, Brewhouse, Cellar, two Stables, productive and well fruited Garden, with pair of Entrance Gates, situate in High Street, and fronting the Kingswinford and Dudley turnpike road, and in the occupation of Mr. *Frederick Chettoe*....."

Frederick Chettoe, beer retailer, Kingswinford. [1870]

1871 Census

18, High Street – COTTAGE INN

- [1] *Frederick Chettoe* (40), licensed victualler, born Bradley, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Sarah Chettoe* (33), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Samuel Edward Chettoe* (11), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Frederick J. Chettoe* (7), son, born Dudley;
- [5] *James Robinson Chettoe* (3), son, born Kingswinford:

Frederick Chettoe was a brewer. [1873]

1881 Census

High Street – COTTAGE INN

- [1] *Harry Reynolds* (30), iron founder and publican, born Wordsley;
- [2] *Ellen Reynolds* (32), wife, born Himley:

1891 Census

High Street – COTTAGE INN

- [1] *James Harnett Denning* (39), publican, born Lymptone, Devonshire;
- [2] Susan Denning (35), wife, born London;
- [3] Jemima Fiddaman Denning (5), daughter, scholar, born Lymptone, Devonshire;
- [4] Frederick James Fiddaman Denning (2), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] Mary Ann Denning (72), mother, born Weymouth;
- [6] Alice Wordell (13), domestic servant, born Old Hill:

County Express 28/4/1900

“The COTTAGE Sick And Draw Club held its annual dinner last week, when a good number sat down to the repast provided by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. *Denning*. Mr. J. Cartwright presided. The Secretary (Mr. T. Salter) read the report of the club, and the accounts allowed a dividend of 18s 1½d to each member. Mr. H. Webb proposed a vote of thanks to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. *Denning*, and Mr. *Denning* responded. An enjoyable evening was spent.”

County Express 23/6/1900 - Advert

“Messrs. Fox and Harrison, of Walsall, by instructions of the executors under the will of Henry Turner (deceased) formerly of Cheslyn Hay, offered for sale by auction at the COTTAGE INN, Kingswinford, on Wednesday last, June 20th, 1900, two freehold dwelling houses.....”

County Express 29/9/1900

“Joseph Tallett, Water Street, Kingwinford, was charged with assaulting James Brown, of the Village Green, Kingswinford. Defendant said ‘I am guilty of making him sit down.’ Brown said he was in the club room at the COTTAGE INN, Kingswinford, on September 8th, and was chairman of the meeting. He called on the secretary of the sick and draw club to read the minutes of the last meeting, whereupon ‘Brother’ Tallett, who was sitting on the right got up, and said ‘Sit down you ——,’ and knocked witness down. He vacated the chair forthwith and fetched Police-constable Pailing, and in his presence asked if all present had not seen the assault.

Defendant: You were talking and wanted to have it all your own way, and I told you to sit down. You were not going to rule all the club.

The Clerk: The Chairman has control of the meeting for the time being.

Defendant: I did not strike him; I merely put my hand against him and pushed him down on his seat, and I said ‘You ought to be there while we have a say.’ He wanted to rule the club.

The Clerk: Did he strike you with his fist or with his open hand? – Complainant: It was that sudden, I don’t know whether it was open or not. Defendant apologised, and said he was sorry, but I would not accept it; and then he said if I took him to Brierley Hill, when I came outside he would give me more.

William Downing said he was at the club meeting; the blow was with the open hand.

Joseph Homer said Tallett merely pushed Brown to make him sit down.

The Bench fined defendant 15s.”

1901 Census

25, High Street

- [1] *James H. Denning* (49), licensed victualler, born Lymptone, Devonshire;
- [2] Susan Denning (46), wife, born London;
- [3] Jemima F. Denning (15), daughter, born Lymptone, Devonshire;
- [4] William C. F. Denning (6), son, born Kingswinford:

County Express 21/9/1901

“On Saturday the annual dinner of the members of Lodge No.45 of the South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire Amalgamated Miners’ Association was held at the COTTAGE INN, Kingswinford. Following the dinner, the catering for which was admirably carried out by the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. *Denning*), Mr. H. Harrison was voted to the chair of the subsequent meeting.

The Chairman spoke upon the many advantages which the power of organisation conferred upon the whole body of workmen in the trade.

Mr. E. J. Smith (secretary) gave a resumé of the year's work, which was very satisfactory; and he urged all the members to work together, mutually assisting each other to make the lodge stronger by bringing in outsiders to its membership.

The annual election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, following which, Mr. T. Mansell, general secretary of the association, addressed the meeting. He spoke of the sad disasters that had taken place in the mines during the present year. All, he said, that science could do was not sufficient yet to protect the miner from those hidden dangers which now and then overwhelm him without warning or mercy. He then went on to refer in terms of admiration to the heroic attitude of the men in the Scottish disaster, some of whom sacrificed their lives in the endeavour to save their comrades. Such acts of heroism were quite worthy of honour as deeds of daring on the battlefield. Every encouragement, he concluded should be given to the advocates of any legislation which had for its aim a maximum of safety and a minimum of danger – (cheers).

The rest of the evening was spent in harmony, Bros. Dunn, Lownes, Rushton, and others contributing to the entertainment, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the host and hostess for their able catering."

County Express 23/11/1901

"*James H. Denning*, landlord of the COTTAGE INN, Kingswinford, was charged with selling whiskey which was diluted 107 per cent beyond the statutory limit. Mr. Van Tromp (inspector under the Food and Drugs Act) prosecuted, and Mr. Waldron defended. On October 10th Samuel Edwin Toy, inspector under the act, went to the COTTAGE INN and asked for half-a-pint of whiskey, which defendant's daughter supplied, and for which he paid 1s 4d. He then told her the purpose for which it was required, and divided it as usual. Mr. *Denning* was not present at the time, but he came in later and told him that they 'broke' the whiskey down themselves. Mr. Van Tromp produced the certificate of the county analyst (Mr. E. W. T. Jones), showing it to be diluted 107 per cent with water beyond the limit of 25 per cent.

Mr. Waldron said Mr. *Denning* had never had a complaint in the 14 years he had lived at the house. He bought proof whiskey, and adopted the system of adding half-a-pint of water to a quart of spirit, which was the 25 per cent allowed, but the whiskey in question was broken down by his wife and a girl named Kendrick in the defendant's absence. Under these circumstances there was no attempted fraud, and he asked for a small penalty.

The Stipendiary imposed a fine of 40s and £1 1s costs."

James Harnett Denning was fined £4 5s, including costs, on 22nd July 1908, for permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises.

Tipton Herald 13/3/1909 - Advert

".....Alfred W. Dando and Co have received instructions to Sell by Auction, at the CROSS HOTEL, Kingswinford, on Tuesday, March 30th 1909....."

The Well-known, Old-established, Freehold Property, The COTTAGE INN, on the main road at Kingswinford, with a frontage of about 21 Yards, and to Cottage Street of about 40 Yards, containing the very large area of 1,000 Square Yards, or thereabouts. The House, which is one of the best known in the district and has been in the present hands for upwards of 20 years, is most substantially built, and contains Portico Entrance and Side Halls, Smoke Room 24ft by 16ft, Snug Bar, Living Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, arched Cellar, with Brewhouse, Stabling, Cow Shed, Loft, Malt Room range of five Brick built Pigstyes, and Full size Bowling Green, approached by Gateway Entrance from Cottage Street, the entire premises being thoroughly enclosed by substantial Walls....."

1911 Census

25, High Street

- [1] *Daniel Henry Marsh* (33), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Jane Marsh* (33), wife, married 11 years, assisting in business, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Victor Marsh* (6), son, born Pensnett;
- [4] *William Hickman* (59), widower, father in law, publican's assistant, born Sedgley;
- [5] *May Price* (18), domestic servant, born Sedgley;

Joseph Brettle issued tokens from here.
He bottled his own beer.

It had a bowling team, and its own green. [1927]

It had a football team. [1947]

It was the headquarters of Kingswinford Wanderers FC.

Mrs. *Nellie Simmonds* was the daughter of *Joseph Brettle*.

The bowling green became the car park.

Express and Star 14/10/1971

“One of the few remaining ‘free house’ pubs in the West Midlands is to be auctioned. The extensively modernized and extended COTTAGE INN, in High Street, Kingswinford, is expected to sell for more than £30,000.

Known locally as ‘The Pump’ because the public water supply once came from a pump outside it, the 17th century inn is being sold on behalf of its owner, Mr. *H. S. Colley*, by Nicholas Siviter and Co, Stourbridge.

Mr. *Colley*, a local builder, bought the property – then a small ‘spit and sawdust’ pub – about seven years ago. He systematically gutted and completely rebuilt it, leaving largely only the ancient structure intact....”

Lawrence Doherty was married to Louise.

The Kingswinford Branch of the University of the Third Age met here from 2003.

[2015]



1999



2015

COTTAGE VIEW

Hill Street, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Price [1881]

NOTES

1881 Census

Hill Street – COTTAGE VIEW INN – Public

[1] *Joseph Price* (54), publican, born Dudley;

[2] *Mary Ann Price* (46), wife, born Darby Hand [Darby End, Netherton];

[3] *Sarah Jane Emily Price* (2), daughter, born Rowley Regis:

CRESTWOOD

Blenheim Road / Lapwood Avenue, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Ansells Ltd.
Adventure Taverns Ltd. [2003]
Midland Ale Houses [2004]
Punch Taverns

LICENSEES

Bernard McDermott [1984] – [1985]

NOTES

[1981]

It closed in 1986.
Reopened.

[2015]



2007



2015

CROSS

4, High Street (Dudley Road) / Moss Grove, Town End, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Diana Briscoe, Summerhill, Kingswinford [1822]
Joseph Cope
Eliza Mary Dudley [1886]
Messrs. Showell and Son (leased) [1896]
Ind Coope and Allsopp (acquired in July 1935)
Ansells Ltd. [1963]
Holt, Plant and Deakin (acquired in 1987)
Spirit Group [2003]
Chris Silcox [2011]
Davern Taverns (Nigel Davidson) (acquired in 2011)
Punch Taverns

LICENSEES

John Gretton [1822] – [1824]
Mary Gretton [1834] – [1835]
Benjamin Fieldhouse [1841] – [1843]
Mrs. Elizabeth Fieldhouse [1851] ???
Elizabeth Wheeler [1850] – [1851]
Nathaniel Bissell [1854] – [1858]
Samuel Glover [1860] – [1862]
Elijah Hillman [1864] – **1880**);
Henry Downes [1881] manager?
Robert Sudbury (**1880 – 1887**);
Charles Frederick Bullivant (**1887 – 1888**);
Edward Hammond (**1888 – 1890**);
Charles Howland (**1890 – 1892**);
Richard Clifford Hartill (**1892 – 1899**);
Harry Peters (**1899**);
Charles John Wood (**1899 – 1900**);
Ernest Edward Oxberrow (**1900 – 1905**);
William Henry Drinnan (**1905 – 1919**);
John Vernon Bricknell (**1919 – 1921**);
Henry Wake (**1921 – 1923**);
John Pickford (**1923 – 1924**);
James Anderson (**1924 – 1926**);
Frederick Ernest Mealing (**1926 – 1929**);
Charles Thomas Ashwin (**1929 – 1931**);
Alfred Benbow (**1931 – 1954**);
Robert Graham Terry (**1954 – 1955**);
Donald John George Harper (**1955 – 1956**);
John Cyril Cowley (**1956 – 1957**);
Paul Hamilton Eyre (**1957 – 1958**);
Jack Harold Martin (**1958 – 1959**);
Paul Hamilton Eyre (**1959 – 1967**);
Robert Kitchen (**1967 – 1974**);
Terence Howard Casswell (**1974 – 1983**);

FREEHOLD PROPERTY.
TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE CONTRACT,
SIX DWELLING HOUSES, with Gardens and
Outbuildings, situate at Dawley Brook, near Kingswinford.
This Property belongs to the Amicable Society, held at
the Cross Inn, Kingswinford.
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Michael James Billingham **(1990 – []**
John Unwin [1994] – [1997]
Rob and Kate Lawler **(2000 – []**
Kathryn Farr [2001]
Christine Cullen [2012]
Rachel Witherington [2015]

NOTES

CROSS HOTEL [1891], [1901], [1909], [1912], [1921]

It was Grade II listed.

William Fowler's Map 1822

“CROSS INN. Malthouse, Stabling, Garden, Yards etc.”

Mary Gretton was also a maltster. [1835]

1841 Census

Town's End – CROSS INN

- [1] *Benjamin Fieldhouse* (50), innkeeper, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Emma Fieldhouse* (20), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Jane Cooke* (80);
- [4] *John Vaughan* (50);
- [5] *Emma Perrins* (15), born Staffordshire;
- [6] *John Black* (25):

Wolverhampton Chronicle – September 1843 - Advert

“Venison Dinner, CROSS INN, Town's-End, Kingswinford / *Benjamin Fieldhouse* respectfully informs his friends and the public that his Annual Venison Dinner is fixed for / Tuesday, September 19th 1843 / S. S. Briscoe, Esq. – President / W. H. Cope, Esq. – Vice President / Dinner on the table at half past three o'clock. / Tickets 12s each – including a bottle of wine.”

[Samuel Stone Briscoe was also a JP. He lived at Fir Tree House.]

1851 Census

Dudley Road – CROSS INN

- [1] *Elizabeth Wheeler* (42), widow, victualler, born Bridgnorth;
- [2] *William Wheeler* (14), son, scholar, born Bridgnorth;
- [3] *Mary Jane Wheeler* (9), daughter, born Bridgnorth;
- [4] *Elizabeth Bubb* (25), servant, born Droitwich;
- [5] *Eliza Cotton* (22), servant, born Bromsgrove;
- [6] *Naomi Wootton* (38), servant;
- [7] *John Beasley* (22), visitor, shingler in iron work, born West Bromwich:

Nathaniel Bissell was also a maltster and brickmaker. [1854]

Gough's omnibus from Stourbridge to Wolverhampton called here in both directions. [1854]

An omnibus ran from here to Tipton Station twice a day. [1854]

An Amicable Society was based here. [1857]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 28/2/1857 - Notice

“Excellent Building Land, Townsend, Kingswinford. A Public Meeting will be held at the CROSS INN, Kingswinford, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of March, 1857 at Seven o’clock in the Evening punctually, for the purpose of forming a Society to Purchase a Field of Freehold Land, at Dawley Brook, fronting the Wolverhampton and Stourbridge Turnpike Road.

The whole of the Mines and Minerals will be sold with the Land, upon which there is no claim whatever.

As the quantity is limited, being only 4 Acres it is requisite to make an early application to secure an allotment.

Any person requiring further particulars before the Meeting, can apply to Mr. Benjamin Skelding, Butcher, or to Mr. John Pargeter, Kingswinford. Philip Pargeter, Audnam.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 23/5/1857 - Advert

“CROSS INN, Kingswinford. To Be Let, that Excellent Commercial Inn with Liquor Shop, Malt House, Coach House, good Stabling, Piggeries, Two Gardens, and about four Acres of good Meadow Land. Apply to Mr. *N. Bissell* on the Premises.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 24/4/1858 - Advert

“CROSS INN, Kingswinford To be Sold by Auction, by Enoch Lovatt, on Monday, May 3rd, 1858, the valuable, neat, and clean Household Furniture removed to the house Mr. *N. Bissell*, for convenience of Sale.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/5/1858

“On Friday morning a meeting was held at the CROSS INN, Kingswinford, convened by W. Matthews Esq., on the requisition of some of the principal inhabitants of the neighbourhood, to consider the bill now being promoted in Parliament by the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Co. to authorize the abandonment of the Kingswinford branch of the line.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/1/1861 – Advert

“County Of Stafford. Weights And Measures. District C. or South Staffordshire.

Notice is Hereby Given that William Tullett, the Inspector of Weights and Measures.....

Will attend at the undermentioned Times and Places for the purpose of Comparing and Examining all such Weights and Measures as shall be brought to him for that purpose, and Stamping such of them as shall be found correct, viz:—.....

At the CROSS INN, at Kingswinford, on Thursdays, January 10th, February 7th, and March 7th, 1861, at two o’clock pm.....

All persons residing in the said District, desirous of having their Weights and Measures Stamped, may bring or send them to any of the above places for adjustment, as shall be convenient; or to No.29, King-street, Wolverhampton, on any other than the days above appointed.....”

1861 Census

Town’s End

[1] *Samuel Glover* (61), hotel keeper, born London;

[2] *Maria Glover* (35), wife, born Hounslow, Middlesex;

[3] *Ann Fisher* (30), general servant, born Oxford:

Dudley Chronicle 2/11/1861 - Advert

“The Kingswinford Smithfield / Three Miles from Stourbridge, Three from Dudley, and Seven from Wolverhampton / Fair Day. Toll Free. / Monday, November 11th 1861 / Messrs. Davies and King will Sell by Auction, on the above named day, in the Kingswinford Smithfield aforesaid, a quantity of Fat and Store Stock, viz. / Sheep, Cows, Pigs, Horses, &c. / and a Light Spring Cart / Particulars will appear in Catalogues, which may be had at the CROSS INN, Kingswinford, or the Auctioneers’ Offices, High Street, Stourbridge.”

Stourbridge Observer 16/7/1864

“*Elijah Hillman*, landlord of the CROSS INN, Kingswinford, was summoned by P.C. Woolley, of Walsall, for allowing skittle playing for money on his premises.

Mr. Maltby appeared for the defendant, and called several witnesses to prove that the house was conducted in a most respectable and orderly manner, and played a pretty little game of cross purposes with the informant, but could not extricate his client from the grasp of the lion’s paw.

Fined 10s and costs £1 9s 6d.”

Stourbridge Observer 15/7/1865

“On Saturday last, W. H. Phillips Esq., Coroner, held an inquest at the CROSS INN, Kingswinford, on the body of a newly born female infant, found in a box, in the bedroom of Mercy Ann Howell, a domestic in the service of Mr. L. Freer, of Bromley Lane, on the previous Wednesday. After taking some evidence, the inquest was adjourned for a post mortem examination. The girl, who is ill, is under the surveillance of the police.”

Stourbridge Observer 23/3/1867

“At the Petty Sessions, on Thursday last, before I. Spooner, Esq, Stipendiary, William Price, cooper, and John Stafford were charged with stealing a quantity of cigars on the 20th inst, the property of *Elijah Hillman*, of the CROSS INN, Kingswinford. Mr. Burbury defended.

Ann Elizabeth Parrish said: I am barmaid at the prosecutor’s. On the night of the above date, about a quarter past eleven o’clock, I went out of the shop to have my supper. On returning I saw the prisoner, Price, on the counter with the cigars in his hands, and Stafford standing by him. I said ‘Oh, you nasty thieves, what are you doing?’ I then told Mr. *Hillman* that Price had taken the cigars. He then pulled them out of his pocket and put them on the counter. There were about 26. Price then tried to get away, but Mr. *Hillman* would not let him, and he said he would make the window fly. They had a struggle, and the prisoners were kept till the policeman came.

Elijah Hillman said he kept the CROSS INN, Kingswinford. On Wednesday night the last witness came to him, and said the prisoners had been stealing some cigars. He went into the liquor shop and accused them of stealing them. They were worth 2s 6d.

Police-constable Farmer said that he apprehended the prisoners and charged them with stealing the cigars, and locked them up.

Mr. Burbury addressed the Court for the prisoners, and commented on the conduct of the landlord in using unmanly violence by kicking Price on the eye, in consequence of which the sight was injured. He hoped the learned Magistrate would be as lenient as possible.

The learned Stipendiary said the case was as clear as it could be. As regarded the injury to the eye, that was to be deplored, but there was no doubt the prisoner brought that on himself, as it was done in a struggle. He should sentence Price, who had been once previously convicted, to three months’ hard labour; and Stafford to six weeks’ hard labour.”

Stourbridge Observer 30/7/1870

“*Elijah Hillman*, landlord of the CROSS INN, Kingswinford, was summoned for allowing drunkenness in his house, on the 2nd inst. Mr. Burbury defended.

Police-constable White said: On the above date from information received, I went into defendant’s house. There were from 40 to 50 persons in the tap room, most of whom were disorderly. I went again about half past ten, and saw nearly 70 people in the room. Most of them left the place about twelve o’clock.

Cross-examined: Recognised two men who were there. Someone was playing the piano. There was no applause after the playing. They were quarrelling altogether about fighting. Did not assist in turning the men out. Did not see any fighting in the house. Have cautioned defendant before.

Police-constable Kettle said: On the above date I heard a noise at the CROSS INN, and on going in at a quarter to twelve saw about 30 persons in the room. Heard defendant order them out.

Cross-examined: Had not been on duty with White. There was no singing or music in the room. They were all talking about betting. Defendant said, ‘Now, men, it is twelve o’clock.’

The Bench did not consider the case proved, in consequence of so great a number being present there was a doubt in the case, and they should give the defendant the benefit and dismiss the case.”

AND

“Richard Vaughan was charged with assaulting John Connor, and also with being drunk and riotous, at Kingswinford, on the 18th inst.

Police-constable White proved the drunkenness.

Connor said he was at the CROSS INN, on the 18th. Had a dog under his arm, and defendant asked him to put it down. He refused to do it, and defendant struck him on the mouth.

Police-constable Kettle corroborated White in respect to the charge of drunkenness.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the assault, but not guilty to the drunkenness.

Defendant was fined 5s and costs for the assault, and the charge of drunkenness was dismissed.”

Stourbridge Observer 11/3/1871

“James Eveson, blacksmith, of Wall Heath, was brought up on remand, charged with committing a rape upon Emma Clifford, a professional concert hall singer, on the 20th ultimo. Mr. Burbury appeared to prosecute, and Mr. Addison for the prisoner.

From the evidence of the complainant it appeared that she was under an engagement as singer, at the CROSS INN, Kingswinford, and on returning home the prisoner, and two men, named Perry and Meek, followed her for some distance, when the two latter left. The prisoner continued to follow her till she got near a field, when he put his arm round her waist, threw her down, knelt upon her chest, and committed the offence complained of. She resisted and screamed.

Witnesses were called who heard her screams.

A number of witnesses were called for the defence.

The Bench said the evidence was so conflicting that they should not decide the case themselves, but send it for trial.

Prisoner was then committed to take his trial at the Assizes, bail being accepted – himself in £100, and two sureties of £50 each.”

Stourbridge Observer 18/3/1871

“At the Staffordshire Spring Assizes, on Thursday, before Mr. Justice Montague Smith, Joseph Eveson (on bail) was indicted for criminally assaulting Emma Clifford, on the 20th February, at Brierley Hill. Mr. Young prosecuted, and Mr. Motteram defended.

After hearing the evidence, which has previously appeared in our columns, the jury found the prisoner guilty, but recommended him to mercy.

His Lordship sentenced the prisoner to five years’ penal servitude.”

1871 Census

Towns End – CROSS INN

[1] *Elijah Hillman* (37), licensed victualler, born Dudley;

[2] *Louisa Hillman* (37), wife, born Dudley;

[3] *Polly Hillman* (8), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;

[4] *Elijah Hillman* (6), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[5] *Minnie Hillman* (5), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[6] *Edward Hillman* (5), nephew, born Penkridge;

[7] *Richard Smith* (46), servant, maltster, born Himley;

[8] *Isabella Smith* (25), domestic servant, born Lye;

[9] *Betsy Bingham* (23), domestic servant, birthplace not known:

Stourbridge Observer 20/5/1871

“The Queen has been graciously pleased to grant a free pardon to Joseph Eveson, of Wall Heath, who was convicted at the last Stafford Assizes, and sentenced to five years’ penal servitude for an alleged rape upon Emma Clifford, a concert hall singer engaged at the CROSS INN, Kingswinford.

Messrs. Homfray and Holberton, and Mr. W. O. C. Addison, of Brierley Hill, are the solicitors who have been engaged in getting up the petition, and obtaining his release.”

Stourbridge Observer 23/9/1871

“Abraham Pearce, of Kingswinford, was charged by Richard Henry Growcutt with setting a bull and terrier bitch on him on the 28th ult. He was further charged with assaulting Henry Bourne at the same time. Mr. Waldron appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Holberton for defendant.

Growcutt proved that he went to Mr. *Hillman*'s, the CROSS INN, Kingswinford. Defendant afterwards came in and wanted to fight the dog with his mouth. Witness told him he did not want to fight the bitch. Defendant, who was in a volunteer's uniform, stabbed the dog in three places, and killed it. The dog was worth £3.

Henry Bourne said he was in the CROSS INN. The defendant, who was formerly in the employ of Growcutt, came into the CROSS INN, and wanted to fight with the dog. Witness told him the dog did not want to fight. He said he would fight witness. The latter told him he did not want to fight. Defendant struck him a blow on the chest. Witness struck him on the nose, when the defendant drew his bayonet and struck him on the thumb, the bayonet penetrating through his waistcoat.

Caroline Perks gave corroborative evidence, and said she thought Bourne was killed, and screamed out, as she saw the bayonet go through his clothes. Defendant swore he would run it through Bourne's heart. Did not see the dog go to bite the defendant.

Harry Broome also gave evidence.

Mr. Holberton, for the defence, said defendant was attacked by the bulldog, and he drew his bayonet for the purpose of defending himself against the dog, and that he was justified in killing it. But he could not defend the man for drawing his bayonet to Bourne. A volunteer should never draw his bayonet unless in his ordinary duties, or in defence of his country.

Obadiah Morgan was called, and said the dog was very savage, and running after the defendant, and that Pearce was obliged to draw his bayonet to defend himself, and struck the dog twice with the bayonet.

Mr. Firmstone, in passing sentence, said they had given the case their best consideration. They considered the use of the knife very bad, but for a volunteer to draw his bayonet was much worse, and they were determined to mark their sense of it, and should fine the defendant 40s and costs; in default one month. There was no evidence to prove that the dog was a savage one; but it had proved on the contrary that the dog was a quiet one, and they were determined to mark their sense of that, but not to the extent of the other case, and fined defendant 5s for the assault, and ordered him to pay 10s, the value of the dog; in default 14 days.”

Stourbridge Observer 2/11/1872

“At the Police Court, on Thursday, before Mr. I. Spooner, stipendiary, *Elijah Hillman*, landlord of the CROSS INN, Kingswinford, was charged with having supplied spirituous liquors to a drunken person. Mr. Perry of Stourbridge, defended.

Police-constable White deposed that on the night of the 19th ult., he saw an intoxicated man, named James Green, in High Street, Kingswinford. Witness requested him to go home, and five minutes afterwards he saw Green handing a glass of spirits to his wife, who was standing outside the inn, and he then entered. He (witness) followed, and saw him leaning on the counter, with a glass of spirits before him. Mr. *Hillman*'s attention was called to the circumstance, and he said, ‘I don't know how he came by it; somebody must have given it to him.’ The witness said he considered the man drunk, and defendant replied, ‘If he is I will take the liquor from him, and turn him out.’ The liquor was then removed and defendant led the man out of the house.

Cross-examined: I told Mr. *Hillman* I saw the man drunk in the street, and he said I ought to have prevented the man coming into the house. Mr. *Hillman* has complained to the Chief Constable about my conduct before now, and I was reprimanded.

The Stipendiary remarked that he did not think the police should have allowed the man to go into the inn. He should say nothing about the case itself, and it was only his view of a police officer's duty to assist in every way to keep people out of these scrapes, instead of allowing them to fall into them and then charging them with offences. At the same time, he must caution the defendant.

James Green was then charged with being drunk at the CROSS INN. Defendant denied that he was drunk, but admitted he had had a glass or two. Evidence was given pro and con, and the Stipendiary inflicted a fine of 5s and costs.”

Elijah Hillman was also a maltster. [1873]

Stourbridge Observer 6/6/1874

“Colliery Fatality at Himley. On Wednesday morning, Mr. W. H. Phillips, deputy coroner, opened an inquest at the CROSS INN, Kingswinford, respecting the death of William Roberts, aged 31, described as a banksman. The evidence showed that the deceased had been lately employed at the bottom of the shaft, at No.4 pit, as a cager, instead of his ordinary work on the bank. He was found badly crushed by the cage. The whole of the witnesses, five in number, swore that the deceased was capable of doing the work, and that he was of sound mind; but the brother of deceased affirmed that he was ‘silly’, and was not fit to go down the pit, although he could do the work on the bank.

Mr. Spruce, the mine agent, said it was far more dangerous for a man to be on the bank than in the pit, he was of unsound mind.

The Coroner said that at present all the evidence was in favour of Mr. Darby, the chartermaster, who was not aware, either by experience or notice, that the deceased was incapable; but to give the relatives of the deceased an opportunity to bring evidence, he should adjourn the enquiry until Monday next.

Mr. Stokes represented Mr. Darby.”

AND

Stourbridge Observer 13/6/1874

“On Monday last, Mr. W. H. Phillips, deputy coroner, resumed the inquiry at the CROSS INN, Kingswinford, respecting the death of William Roberts (31), who was killed at No.4 pit, Himley Colliery (Earl Dudley’s). It will probably be remembered by our readers that the deceased’s brothers told the coroner that the manager of the colliery was to blame in engaging the deceased down the shaft, as he was to their opinion ‘silly’. The coroner adjourned the inquiry to enable the brothers to call witnesses in support of their statement.

Mr. Stokes attended the court on Monday on behalf of the Earl of Dudley, and Mr. J. A. Clulow was present on behalf of the Dudley Association of Miners, of which the deceased was a member.

Richard Roberts, blacksmith, said deceased was his brother. He was engaged to work on the bank, but towards the close of the month of May, he was sent down the pit, and worked as a ‘cager’. His ordinary work would not necessitate his going near the pit’s mouth. Deceased had worked at the colliery for years.

At this stage the Coroner said what parts of the evidence taken at the previous enquiry, when Mr. Darbey, the chartermaster stated that he never had any notice from the deceased’s relatives that he was not fit to work down a pit.

Richard Roberts, continuing his evidence said: I never saw Darbey before this occurrence. My deceased brother could not take care of himself like other men.

By Mr. Stokes: I once worked for Mr. Darbey, and was discharged by him for neglect of work. I had heard that my brother was at work down the pit as a cager, but I made no communication with the manager. I never knew him make a mistake about his money. He was a good workman. He had to play some time on account of the colliers’ strike. I don’t know that he went to work at the reduction.

Edward Roberts also expressed his belief that the deceased was not of sound mind. It was not safe to let him work close to a well’s mouth. Although he (witness) knew his brother was engaged on the bank at the Himley Colliery, he took no steps to prevent him getting into danger. He never gave any kind of notice to Mr. Darbey as to the state of his brother’s mind, or asked him to watch his brother.

Mr. John Thompson, surgeon, Pensnett, said he had seen deceased many times, but he had never attended him professionally. Witness was his club doctor, and he had always looked upon him as a man of deficient intellect. There was a want of intelligence about him. Witness never had occasion to tell deceased’s friends that he was in a dangerous state. He could tell when danger was at hand, but had not his full reasoning faculties. He ought not to have been engaged in any dangerous place in a pit.

The Coroner: Did his appearance at any time warrant special notice being given to his relatives?

Witness: No. He was wanting in intelligence, and in a certain sense was ‘silly’.

Mr. Stokes: Did you think him capable of doing the ordinary work of a banksman?

Witness: Yes. My opinion is that he would be safer on the bank than in the pit.

The Coroner: I think it is very important that competent men should be engaged in the pits.

Witness: Hardly any one would have a doubt but that the deceased was hardly the thing.

The Coroner then read the 24th rule of the Act, which says that the chartermaster ‘shall be responsible for any damage arising from his neglect and from the employment of incompetent persons’.

By Mr. Stokes: I thought him competent to discharge the duties of a banksman.

After a brief consultation, the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and added ‘That they wished to recommend to the manager of the pit at Himley Colliery that greater care should in future be exercised in the employment of men to work down the pit. The deceased was not fit to undertake the duties of a cager’.

The Coroner: I quite concur with the jury, but I am of opinion that if the friends of the deceased had done their duty, the man would be alive now.”

1881 Census

Townend – CROSS INN

- [1] *Robert Sudbury* (43), hotel keeper, born Kingsbury, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Ellen Sudbury* (40), wife, borndeston, Nottinghamshire;
- [3] *Henry Downes* (53), innkeeper, born Carpishaw (?), Shropshire;
- [4] *Esther Downes* (50), wife, born Moor Lane, Staffordshire; [Was this Moor Lane in Brierley Hill?]
- [5] *Sarah Ann Downes* (23), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Henry Downes* (21), son, teacher of music, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Benjamin Thomas Downes* (17), son, grocer’s assistant, born Kingswinford:

Evening Express 26/4/1881

“On Monday an inquest was held at the CROSS HOTEL, Kingswinford, before W. H. Phillips, Esq. (Coroner), on the body of Mr. Edward Hollies (79), who was killed under circumstances already reported, a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Evening Express 3/5/1881 – Advert

“Wanted, at once, a good General Servant. Apply. Mrs. *Robert Sudbury*, CROSS HOTEL, Kingswinford, near Dudley.”

1891 Census

Townsend – CROSS HOTEL

- [1] *Charles Howland* (43), licensed victualler, born Ashford, Kent;
- [2] *Sarah Jane Howland* (38), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Annie Edith Fenton* (12), niece, scholar, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Charles Watkin* (24), ostler, born Shrewsbury;
- [5] *Sarah Clansey* (19), housemaid, born West Bromwich:

It had a bowling green and quoits ground. [1890’s]

Black Country Bugle (February 1996)

“.....Harry Harris [World bantamweight boxing champion] had been quartered at the CROSS which was then [1900] a well-known ‘milling house’, equipped with ring and gymnasium, whilst he prepared for his fight with Pedlar Palmer.”

County Express 13/1/1900

“On Tuesday evening a meeting of leading pigeon fanciers of the locality was held at the CROSS HOTEL, and it was decided to form a flying club for the neighbourhood, persons within a radius of two miles from the village being eligible as members.....”

County Express 3/2/1900

“On Sunday evening Walter Evans, a Reservist, who received notice to join his regiment, the 4th Hussars, on Monday, for active service in South Africa, was presented in the CROSS HOTEL with a purse containing £2, the results of a collection made that evening from the proprietor and customers of the hotel.”

County Express 23/6/1900

“The first of a series of smokers which Mr. *Oxberrow*, of the CROSS HOTEL, intends to give during the cycling season, was given on Thursday. Notwithstanding the miserable night the room was well-filled with a representative audience, who showed enthusiastic signs of their approval, many items being encored. Mr. Twyford presided during the first half of the programme, and Mr. Webb afterwards.....”

County Express 30/6/1900

“The second of the weekly smokers, promoted by Mr. *E. Oxborrow*, of the CROSS HOTEL, took place on Thursday. There was a large attendance over which Mr. Walter Pugh presided. An interesting programme was much enjoyed, the following taking part:- Messrs. E. Howard, A. Hinton, H. Elwell, E. Thompson, W. Pugh and *E. Oxborrow*. Votes of thanks were passed to the chairman and those who took part in the proceedings.”

County Express 8/9/1900 - Advert

“H. King and Son are favoured with instructions to Offer For Sale By Auction, at the CROSS HOTEL, Kingswinford, on Wednesday, September 12th, at Six o'clock in the Evening, and subject to Conditions of Sale then to be produced, the following Lots.....”

1901 Census

4, High Street – CROSS HOTEL

- [1] *Ernest Edward Oxborrow* (37), licensed victualler, born Frislin, Suffolk;
- [2] *Bella Gatis Oxborrow* (37), wife, born Hornsey, Middlesex;
- [3] *Bella Jane Oxborrow* (14), daughter, born Coventry;
- [4] *William Ernest Oxborrow* (7), son, born Coventry;
- [5] *Emma Hobday* (26), waitress, born St. Helens, Lancashire;
- [6] *Martha Hayes* (24), cook, born Kingswinford:

County Express 20/4/1901

“On Monday week Jabez White comes to the CROSS HOTEL to train for his coming match with Chester, which is to take place at the National Sporting Club on Monday, in Derby Week. The match is for £200 a side and the National Sporting Club purse, and the weight is to be 9st 6lbs. White will train under the supervision of Harry Diamond (his brother-in-law), and Mr. *Oxborrow*.”

[I could find no record of this fight taking place in 1901, but, Jabez White fought Bill Chester at the National Sporting Club, Covent Garden, London, on April 21st, 1902, and, after winning by a knockout in round 5, claimed the British Boxing Board of Control lightweight title.]

County Express 2/11/1901

“The annual Court Leet was held at the CROSS HOTEL at noon on Monday, Mr. Bourne occupying the chair, and Mr. David Dawes the vice-chair.....”

County Express 9/8/1902

“Edward Sullivan, alias Ted Ward, aged 26, stated as being of no fixed abode, but described as an 8st 10lb boxing champion, and champion featherweight boxer of the army and navy, appeared in custody on remand, charged with having on the 7th ult. stolen an American punching ball, valued at £1, the property of Mr. *Edward Oxborrow*, manager of the CROSS HOTEL, Kingswinford.

Sullivan pleaded ‘Guilty to taking the ball, but not guilty of any felonious intent.’

Mr. Oxborrow said on July 7th prisoner came to the hotel, and at about 7 o'clock asked permission to ‘punch the ball’ i.e. to practice boxing. He assented, and about the same time Sullivan said he would like to take a swivel of his that was in the practice room. He was given a screw driver to detach the swivel, and he promised to be ‘back on the lawn in ten minutes.’ He did not return, and witness, on going to look for him, found he had decamped, and the punching ball was gone. Witness accordingly communicated with the police.

PC Dale deposed to receiving prisoner, together with the ball, into custody from Worcester city police, on July 21st. On reading the warrant to him prisoner said:- ‘I admit taking the ball, but should have returned it when I finished training. I sold the ball to Harry Wakefield for 5s on condition that he should allow me to use it after returning from a match I was training for.’

Prisoner here remarked this was scarcely correct. He borrowed 5s on the ball from Wakefield, the landlord of a public house at Worcester where he was training, on condition that after he had finished the training there he should redeem the ball. He then intended bringing it back to Mr. *Oxborrow*, and completing his course of training for the fight with two weeks’ stay at the CROSS HOTEL.

Supt. Spendlove elicited from PC Dale the fact that ever since the ball disappeared he had been in search of Sullivan, in Birmingham and in Bilston, and could not find him.

Prisoner asked Mr. *Oxborrow* why he did not write to him at Worcester.

Mr. *Oxborrow* replied he did not know his address, otherwise he should certainly not have informed the police of the matter.

Sullivan was sent to a month's hard labour at Winson Green."

County Express 18/10/1902

"Two houses, Nos.8 and 9, New Street, Barnet Lane, were sold by auction at the CROSS HOTEL, by Mr. W. Fiddian, on Wednesday evening, and realised £382 10s. Mr. C. W. Wyndham was the vendor's solicitor."

County Express 1/11/1902

"The annual Court Leet of the Earl of Dudley was held at the CROSS HOTEL, Kingswinford on Tuesday. Mr. J. S. Bourne (steward) presided over the meeting....."

County Express 13/12/1902

"A [billiards] match between Joe Chapman, Birmingham champion, and Harry Williams, of Messrs. Burroughes and Watts, took place at the CROSS HOTEL on Thursday. It was a game of 1,000 up, Williams receiving 250 start. The champion soon got to work to reduce the handicap, and at the interval had succeeded in overhauling his opponent, who was in very bad form, and in addition, had hard luck. Eventually Chapman gained the victory by 146 points. The best breaks were:- Chapman: 58, 32, 31, 20, 53, 29, 13, 24 72, 45, 27, 30, 44, 67, 21, 64, 24, 25, 29, 22. Williams: 20, 23, 36, 31, 23, 33, 25, 26, 29, 28, 24."

County Express 20/12/1902

"The CROSS HOTEL, Kingswinford, was crowded to excess on Saturday night to witness the final of the billiard handicap which had been promoted by the proprietor, Mr. *E. Oxborrow*. The two gentlemen left in were Mr. W. Parrish, of Pensnett, and Mr. J. Round, of Kingswinford. A pretty game ended in an easy win for Mr. Parrish, who seemed much the cooler of the two. His victory was extremely popular. The first prize was a ten guinea cup, and the second prize a silver medal."

Tipton Herald 7/11/1903

"On Tuesday evening Mrs. *Oxborrow*, landlady of the CROSS HOTEL, died at her residence. She has been ailing for some months, and it was feared that the end was near. Deceased was well known in the village, and highly respected. Her death will be mourned by a large circle of friends."

Tipton Herald 27/3/1909

"CROSS HOTEL Bowling Club. The annual 'smoker' and distribution of prizes took place at the club house, on Monday evening, when Mr. Jack Chambers presided over a fair attendance....."

Tipton Herald 19/6/1909

".....Councillor Webb moved that the paving of the footpaths from the CROSS INN, Kingswinford, to the Church be proceeded with, and from the CROSS INN, on the other side, to Freeman's Farm be also done. He thought it only right and fair, seeing that the paving in other districts was well advanced, that this should be done....."

1911 Census

Kingswinford – CROSS HOTEL

[1] *William Henry Drinnan* (50), hotel manager, born Bolton;

[2] *Rosina Drinnan* (40), wife, married 5 years, born Oxford;

[3] *M. E. Hill* (26), assistant, barmaid, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Agnes Deakin* (19), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Village Voice (Kingswinford, Wall Heath, and Wordsley) September 2015

"During the period of the Suffragette movement and the campaign to gain votes for women a branch of the politically active Women's Social and Political Union was formed in Kingswinford. Berta Ryland was the organizer and a number of meetings were held at the CROSS HOTEL during 1911. Interest, however, soon waned and by the end of the year the meetings had ceased."

County Express 5/3/1921

“In the case of an application to transfer the license of the CROSS HOTEL, Kingswinford, a representative of the firm stated that the outgoing tenant [John Vernon Bricknell] had not attended court, although he had received an invitation to do so.

The Clerk said that a witness's summons ought to have been taken out, seeing that the outgoing tenant was not ill. Instructions were given for a witness's summons to be taken out.”

It had a billiard room, with one full sized table. [1926]

Charles Thomas Ashwin – see also ROSE AND CROWN, Pensnett.

Oliver Lodge (no.4335) of Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes met here. [1935]

It was the headquarters of Kingswinford Royal British Legion until 1950.

Express and Star (March 1981)

“A Dudley councillor wants to see a listed building at Kingswinford bulldozed to the ground to ease traffic problems. Councillor Dennis Harty's call for the CROSS HOTEL to be flattened came at last week's council meeting. He said the hotel was to blame for the traffic problems at Kingswinford Cross. ‘It may be useful to drink in but for looks it is horrible’, he added.

Councillor Harty said the present improvement line ran through the new MEB building and the shops. ‘It was always intended that the CROSS should be demolished so improvements could be made on the east side,’ Councillor Harty added. This scheme, he said, would be cheaper than carrying out work on the other side of the road.

Planning committee chairman Councillor Joe Rowley said every possible care would be taken to reach the right decision. A sub-committee is to meet representatives of the County Council to discuss the improvement line.”

It closed in 1986.

It reopened as a Holt Plant and Deakin pub, in June 1987, after a £95000 refurbishment.

Colin Green was married to Pat.

Closed

It reopened on 16th July, 2007 as the ARIZONA CROSSING, after a £600,000 refurbishment.

[2011]

It was renamed The CROSS. [2012]

Dudley Chronicle 15/5/2014

“A landmark pub is being re-launched as part of a national chain.

The CROSS in the High Street, Kingswinford, shut on April 28 and is undergoing a major £226,000 transformation that will create 30 new jobs. It is becoming a Flaming Grill pub, one of the Spirit Group Company's brands.

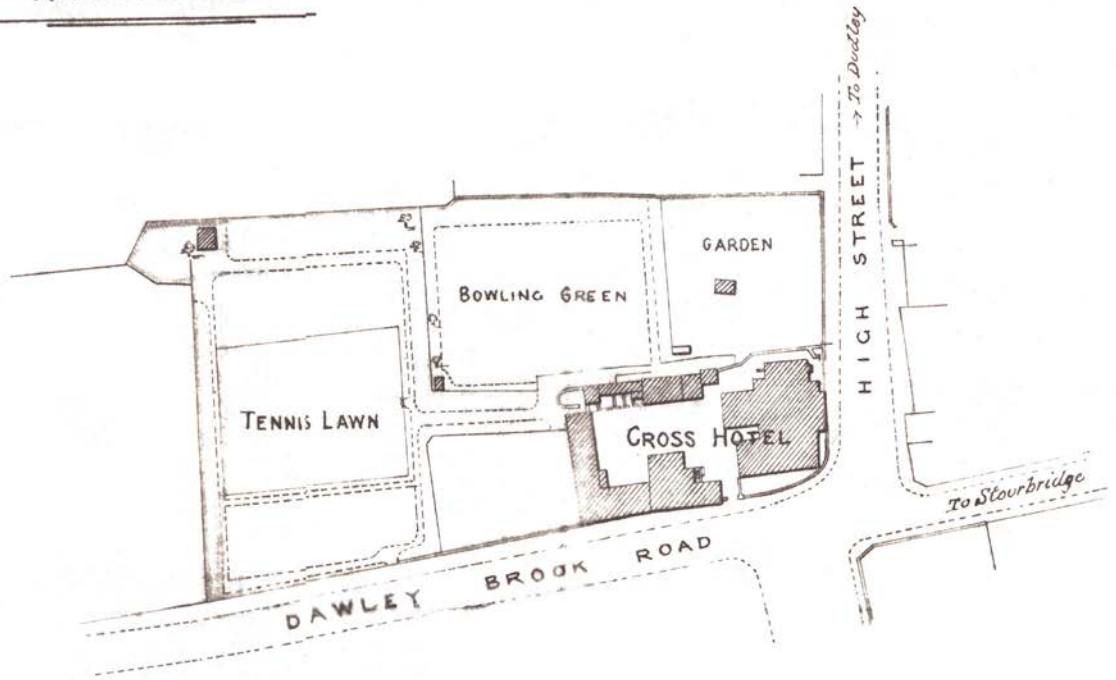
The CROSS is scheduled to be re-launched today following the refurbishment, which includes a full internal makeover. It will offer a new menu with menu dishes cooked on a chargrill and served on hot skillets.”

[2015]



2015

PLAN OF PROPERTY
— Situate at —
KINGSWINFORD.



Plan

CROSS KEYS

Dudley Road, Towns End, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler [1849] – [1851]
James Samuel Asbury [1872]

NOTES

CROSS KEYS Commercial Inn [1849], [1850]

Check CROSS

DOG AND PARTRIDGE

KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Dair [] - **1864**);
Richard Immins (**1864** - []

DRILLMAN'S ARMS

18, (4), Albion Street / 16, Albert Street, WALL HEATH

OWNERS

Lewis Adams

Joseph Perks, Himley Road, Dudley

R. A. Harper, Old Park Brewery, Bilston [c.1900]

Manchester Brewery Co. Ltd. (acquired on 25th March 1907)

LICENSEES

Lewis Adams [1861] – **1881**;

Enoch Bennett (**1881** – []

George Akenhead (**1889** – **1890**);

Thomas Wilks (**1890**);

Edward Cottam (**1890** – **1893**);

Joseph Smout (**1893** – **1895**);

Caleb Dando (**1895** – **1898**);

Enoch Watkins (**1898** – **1899**);

Beaufoy Malpass (**1899** – **1908**);

NOTES

It was originally known as the FOSTERS ARMS.

It had a beerhouse license.

It was licensed before 15th July 1869.

1861 Census

16, Albert Street – DRILLMANS ARMS

[1] *Lewis Adams* (45), drillman and beer seller, born Suffolk;

[2] *Elizabeth Adams* (50), wife, born Dudley;

[3] *James Adams* (21), son, stone miner, born Dudley;

[4] *Samuel Adams* (19), son, coal miner, born Dudley;

[5] *Hannah Adams* (17), daughter, scholar, born Staffordshire:

Stourbridge Observer 14/5/1864

“*Lewis Adams*, of Wall Heath, in the parish of Kingswinford, beerhouse keeper, was charged with allowing gambling in his house, on the 26th ult.

Thomas Lewis said he and several more were playing at cards for drink; his party had two games for a quart a time, and there were others playing for five quarts at a time, in the middle of the day.

In cross examination by Mr. Burbury, who appeared for defendant, he said he would not answer the question ‘How long is it since you were all charged with pear stealing?’, and he declined to answer other questions put to him, but upon being told that he must reply, he said, ‘It is perhaps 7 or 8 years ago.’ He gave information to Mr. Hughes, the police officer, on the same night, he did not put the jacket on with intention to keep it, and he pulled it off without assistance; he did not steal the coat, he was told to put it on, and he took it off without being made; the landlady did say she would not allow any cards, but *Adams* did not say anything about them, he struck me; he did not tell me to give him the coat first. The Bench thought it rather a suspicious case, but under the circumstances they felt bound to dismiss it. Mr. Superintendent Mills said the defendant’s house was one of the greatest nuisances in the county.”
[This is a very confusing report, but it is reproduced above as it appears in the newspaper. Where the coat comes in I do not know! The pears I can understand, as previous offences were admissible in court at this time.]

Lewis Adams, beer retailer, Albion Street, Wall Heath. [1865]

1871 Census

18, Albion Street

[1] *Louis Adams* (57), beerseller, born Peasenall, Suffolk;

[2] Elizabeth Adams (63), wife, born Peasenall, Suffolk:

The name was changed to DRILLMANS ARMS c.1880.

1881 Census

Albion Street

[1] *Lewis Adams* (66), publican, born Peasonhall, Staffordshire;

[2] Elizabeth Adams (66), wife, born Peasonhall, Staffordshire:

Lewis Adams went into liquidation in 1881.

1891 Census

Albion Street – DRILLMANS ARMS

[1] *Edward Cottam* (51), innkeeper, born Chesterton, Shropshire;

[2] Ann Cottam (53), wife, born Trysull:

1901 Census

4, Albion Street

[1] *Beaufoy Malpass* (35), publican, born Bobbington, Staffordshire;

[2] Hannah Malpass (31), wife, born Brettell Lane;

[3] Alice Malpass (8), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[4] Eleanor Malpass (7), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[5] Eva M. Malpass (2), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[6] Eleanor Evans (15), servant, born Brierley Hill;

[7] Matthew Bartlett (72), boarder, blacksmith, born Cannock;

[8] Sarah Bartlett (71), boarder, born Alverley, Shropshire;

[9] Albert Bartlett (16), boarder, carpenter, born Bushbury:

County Express 8/11/1902 - Advert

“Under A Distress For Rent.

This Day (Saturday, November 8th), at 12 o'clock at the DRILLMANS ARMS, Albion Street, Wallheath, near Kingswinford. To be Sold By Auction by V. F. L. Rollason, a useful Quantity of Household Furniture consisting 2 sofas, Cane-seated and other Chairs, Iron Fenders, Kitchen tables, Rocking Chair, Child's Chair, Dressing Stands, and other Useful Articles of Furniture, and removed to the above address for convenience of Sale.

Sale to commence at 12 o'clock prompt.

Certificated Bailiff's Offices: Victoria Chambers, Stourbridge.”

License renewal refused 20th June 1907.

License extinguished 25th April 1908.

DUDLEY ARMS

Stourbridge Road, (Wolverhampton Road), HIMLEY

OWNERS

Earl of Dudley [1886]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [c.1929]
Marstons plc
Don Hirst (leased [2003], [2006])

LICENSEES

Josiah Cartwright [1818]
Joseph Cartwright [1845]
Robert Leigh [1849] – [1871]
Mrs. Jane Leigh [1872] – **1883**;
Robert Ludgate Leigh **(1883 – 1904)**;
William Anslow **(1904 – 1916)**;
Robert Thompson Glover **(1916 – 1922)**;
Harold Jenkins **(1922 – 1928)**;
Mrs. Mary Ann Jenkins **(1928)**;
Rupert Fletcher **(1928 – 1935)**;
John Barrett Wells **(1935 – 1936)**;
Mrs. Alice Wells **(1936 – [1938])**
H Challenor [1940]
Bill Howe [1982] – **1984**)
Graham Bowes []
Fred Phillips [1998]
Don Hirst [2003] – [2013]
Pearl (Judd) Mills [2004] – [2011] manager

NOTES

LORD DUDLEY'S ARMS [1840]
DUDLEY ARMS [1849]
WARD ARMS [1854]
WARD'S ARMS [1871], [1881]
HIMLEY ARMS [1886], [1900], [1901]
DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL [1891], [1901], [1911]

Posting house

Josiah Cartwright was also a farmer. [1818]
[Probably Whitehall Farm.]

It was put up for sale in August 1840.

Joseph Cartwright was also a farmer and miller. [1845]
[Probably Whitehall Farm and Himley Mill.]

Robert Leigh was also a farmer and miller. [1861]

HIMLEY STOCK SALE.

THE Next SALE of STOCK will take place
at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, on TUESDAY, DECEM-
BER 15th, 1868.
Early Entries are respectfully solicited.
W. HINTON, Auctioneer, Pensnett.

Advert 1868

Stourbridge Observer 26/9/1868

“A Stock Sale was held at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, on Tuesday last. A numerous and respectable company were present.....”

1871 Census

The WARDS ARMS INN

- [1] *Robert Leigh* (58), innkeeper and farmer 330 acres, employing 11 men and 1 boy, born Corhampton, Somerset;
- [2] *Jane Leigh* (60), wife, born Selworthy, Somerset;
- [3] *Robert Leigh* (29), son, born Minehead;
- [4] *Mary A. Leigh* (24), daughter born Minehead;
- [5] *Emily J. Leigh* (22), daughter, born Himley;
- [6] *Martha Morris* (33), domestic servant, born Wall Heath;
- [7] *Elizabeth Day* (19), domestic servant, born Wall Heath:

Mrs. Jane Leigh was also a farmer and miller [1872]

1881 Census

Himley – WARD'S ARMS

- [1] *Jane Leigh* (70), farmer and innkeeper, employing 6 men, 2 boys, born Selworthy, Somerset;
- [2] *Robert Ludgate Leigh* (38), son, manager, born Minehead;
- [3] *Emily Jane Leigh* (30), daughter, born Himley;
- [4] *Annie Fereday* (44), visitor, born Sedgley;
- [5] *William Bure* (20), ostler, born London;
- [6] *Catherine Tomkins* (18), kitchen maid, born Wombourne;
- [7] *Emily Perry* (14), house maid, born Wall Heath:

1891 Census

DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL

- [1] *Robert L. Leigh* (49), widower, farmer and licensed victualler, born Minehead;
- [2] *Harriet A. Haynes* (31), housekeeper, born Romsley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Ann Gould* (24), cook, born Wall Heath;
- [4] *Robert Siderlin* (?) (53), visitor, living on own means, born East Quantockhead, Somerset:

Robert Ludgate Leigh was also a farmer. [1892], [1904]

He was a sergeant in the Staffordshire Yeomanry.

County Express 1/12/1900

“Yesterday week a cow and calf belonging to Mr. *R. L. Leigh*, of the HIMLEY ARMS HOTEL, were being driven to the hotel along the road, when, near the vicarage, Mrs. *Leigh*, with her little dog, meeting them, endeavoured to pass. The dog barking irritated the cow which ran at the animal and then at Mrs. *Leigh*, and tossed her. The vicar, the Rev. Harold Smith, hearing cries, ran out, and succeeded in beating off the cow with a stick. Mrs. *Leigh* was found to have been badly bruised about the body, and her clothing was pierced in places. Dr. Pearson has attended her.”

County Express 2/11/1901

“On Monday, Mr. T. A. Stokes (coroner) held an inquest at the HIMLEY ARMS touching the death of William Butler, aged 71, an old villager. Butler was at work on the 19th ult. pointing some brickwork at Himley Hall, when he overbalanced and fell to the ground some 11ft below, dislocating his shoulder. He was taken home and died last Saturday. Butler had been suffering from heart disease, and Dr. A. W. Pearson, who attended him for some time, said the fall was not directly the cause of his death. The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes.”

1901 Census

DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL

- [1] *Robert L. Leigh* (59), farmer and innkeeper, born Minehead;
- [2] *Harriet A, Leigh* (42), wife, born Aveley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Joan M. Leigh* (14), daughter, scholar, born Himley;
- [4] *Robert B. Leigh* (12), son, scholar, born Himley;
- [5] *Clara M. Haynes* (51), sister in law, born Aveley, Shropshire;
- [6] *Ada Berrington* (19), barmaid, born Newnham Bridge, Worcestershire;
- [7] *Annie Trevis* (24), cook, born Gornal:

1911 Census

DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL

- [1] *William Anslow* (37). Farmer and licensed victualler, born Claverley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Agnes Mary Anslow* (42), wife, married 10 years, household duties, born Worcester;
- [3] *Helen Jordan* (24), barmaid, born Trysull;
- [4] *Adelaide Sarah Ligs* (22), domestic servant, born Himley;
- [5] *William Gregory Anslow* (9), son, born Wombourne:

William Anslow was also a farmer. [1912]

Robert Glover was also a farmer. [1921]

Harold Jenkins also managed a nearby farm.

Mr. Challenor was a retired policeman.

Pearl Judd married a *Mr. Mills*.

£800 was raised here, for the Little Princess Trust, in June 2014.

[2015]



2005



2015

DUKE WILLIAM'S ARMS

KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Enoch Bennett [] - **1884**);
Josiah Eden (**1884** - []

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

FOX AND GOOSE

Bromley Lane, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.



LICENSEES

Malcolm Cartwright [1985]
George Townsend []
Brent Shaw []
Mark Williams **(2005 - [2006]**
Sean Aston **(2007 - 2010)**

NOTES

[1976]

It was refurbished in 2002.

It was the headquarters of the Wall Heath Camera Club. It having moved from the SUMMER HOUSE, Portway Road in May 2002. [2003]

Its entertainment license was revoked in November 2005.
It was reinstated in February 2006.

[2010]

It closed
It was converted into a Tesco Metro store in 2012.



2009

GATE

46, Moss Grove, Dawley Brook, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Mary Ann Worrall
Frederick Warren, Plough Brewery, Brierley Hill
Frederick Smith and Co. (acquired on 1st February 1926)
William Butler and Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Howard Prytherch (acquired in 1984)

LICENSEES

Mrs. Mary Bate [1865] - **1874**);
Richard Downing (**1874 - 1877**);
Catherine Downing (**1877**);
Mary Bate (**1877 - 1881**);
Ellen Allen (**1881**);
Joseph Worrall (**1881 - 1899**);
Mrs. Mary Ann Worrall (**1899 - 1905**);
Alfred Harris (**1905 - 1911**);
William Jukes (**1911 - 1925**);
Harry Ernest Blount (**1925 - 1926**);
Annie Foley (**1926 - 1932**);
Richard Cropper (**1932 - 1960**);
Winifred Mary Cropper (**1960 - 1963**);
Geoffrey Chappell (**1963 - 1965**);
Jack Cheshire (**1965 - 1968**);
Florence Robinson (**1968 - 1975**);
Pritpal Singh (**1975 - 1977**);
Leonard Timmis (**1977 - 1978**);
James Stewart Grimmond Gellatly (**1978 - 1979**);
Audrey Gwendoline Gellatly (**1979 - 1980**);
Michael Norman John Wright (**1980 - 1983**);
Howard Prytherch (**1983 - []**)
John Pardoe []

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

It was originally known as the GATE

Its name was changed to GATE HANGS WELL (1874 - 1875)

Its name was changed back to GATE in 1875.

Mary Bate, beer retailer, Dawley Brook, Kingswinford. [1865]

Mrs. Mary Bate, beer retailer, Kingswinford [1868], [1870]

Mrs. Mary Bate, beer retailer, Dawley Brook, Kingswinford [1872]

1871 Census

Dawley Brook

- [1] *Mary Bate* (60), widow, publican, born Shropshire;
- [2] *Mary Bate* (21), daughter, born Himley;
- [3] *Martha Bate* (20), daughter, barmaid, born Himley:

1881 Census

Dawley Brook – GATE INN

- [1] *Joseph Worrall* (45), carpenter and publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Ann Worrall* (38), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Edward H. Worrall* (17), son, foundry labourer, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Elizabeth Worrall* (14), daughter, domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

A wine license was granted on 24th September 1888.

1891 Census

Dawley Brook – GATE HANGS WELL INN

- [1] *Joseph Worrall* (54), brewer, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary A. Worrall* (48), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Edward Worrall* (27), son, general labourer, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Elizabeth Morris* (24), daughter, married, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *John Morris* (25), son in law, iron moulder, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Leonard Morris* (3), grandson, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Edith A. Morris* (5 months), granddaughter, born Kingswinford:

1901 Census

46, Dawley Brook – GATE INN

- [1] *Mary Ann Worrall* (58), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Bromley;
- [2] *Edward H. Worrall* (37), son, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Elizabeth Worrall* (34), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Leonard Worrall* (13), grandson, born Dawley Brook;
- [5] *Edith A. Worrall* (10), granddaughter, born Dawley Brook;
- [6] *Amy B. Worrall* (8), granddaughter, born Dawley Brook;
- [7] *Winnie Morris* (6), granddaughter, born Dawley Brook;
- [8] *Edward Parker* (61), servant, general labourer, born The Oak, Staffordshire;
- [9] *William Pargeter* (36), visitor, living on own means, born Kingswinford:

County Express 26/10/1901

“William Pargeter, lodging at the GATE INN, Dawley Brook, Kingswinford, was charged with being drunk in the GATE INN, on September 18th. Police-constable Charles Dale proved the offence, and defendant was fined 5s and costs.”

Mrs. *Mary Ann Worrall*, beer retailer, Dawley Brook. [1904]

1911 Census

GATE INN

- [1] *Alfred Harris* (47), beerhouse keeper, publican, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Mary Harris* (45), wife, married 25 years, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Sophia Amelia Harris* (24), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Howard Harris* (20), son, brewer, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *William Henry Harris* (17), son, assistant brewer, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *John Harris* (14), son, school, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Wilhelmina Harris* (10), daughter, school, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Alfred Harris* (3), son, born Kingswinford:

William Jukes = William Duke

William Duke, beer retailer, Dawley Brook. [1912]

It was sold at auction in March 1926 to Abbott Fisher for £1,550.

Described in catalogue as:

“Beerhouse on. Under short tenancy. A substantially erected, brick built and slate roofed, double fronted property, situate on a good main road, within a short distance of the cross roads, occupying a large area from Penzer Street at the rear. The accommodation includes: Entrance passage from front to back, spacious vaults at front, smoke room (front), smoke room (back), kitchen, five bedrooms and arched cellar. In partly paved yard is a large assembly room, coal place, wash-house, WC, stable and piggery. There is a good garden and piece of land at the rear with separate approach from Penzer Street. Electric light is installed and the house is in a good state of repair. License £8. Compensation Fund levy £1 10s. Rated at £17.”

[Was Abbott Fisher acting for Frederick Smith Ltd.?)

A full license was granted on 4th February 1952.

John Pardoe was married to Sandra.

[1989]

It closed in 1991.

It became a fish and chip shop and Chinese take-away. [1996]



1996

GLYNNE ARMS

Coppice Mill, Stoney Fields, HIMLEY

OWNERS

Sir Stephen Glynne [1872]
James Walker, Kingswinford [1886]
George Veitch, Holbeache House, Kingswinford [1911]
Sarah Ann Glaze
Johnson and Phipps Ltd.
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1954 for £3,259)
Marstons plc
Brett Harrison (leased from 2003)
Wayne and Jason Penn (leased from November 2008)

LICENSEES

John Cartwright [1841] – [1849]
Joseph Woodcock [1861] – **1877**);
Joseph Bate (**1877 – 1881**);
William Henry Evans (**1881 – 1884**);
Thomas White (**1884 – 1895**);
Charles Wemm (**1895 – 1899**);
Mrs. Sarah Ann Glaze (**1899 – 1938**);
George Henry Glaze (**1938 – 1939**);
William Henry Glaze (**1939 – 1941**);
Herbert Williams (**1941** – [1943]
Samuel Green [] – **1966**);
John Arthur Love (**1966 – 1982**);
Mrs. Florence May Love (**1982 – 1983**);
Richard Horrell (**1984**);
Gary Thomas Ensor (**1984 – 2003**);
Louise Patten (**2003** – []
Brett Harrison (**2003 – 2008**);
Wayne Penn (**2008** – [2012]
Jason Penn [2014]

GEORGE H. WILKINSON,
IMPORTER OF
FOREIGN WINDS & SPIRITS,
HIGH STREET, DUDLEY;
AND
GLYNNE ARMS, OAK FARM,
HIMLEY.
IMPORTER OF CIGARS.
Advert 1855

NOTES

It was known locally as "The Siden House" and "The Crooked House".

It was reputedly haunted by a serving wench named Polly.

It was built as a farmhouse in 1765.

1841 Census

Cartwright House

- [1] *John Cartwright* (62), miller, farmer and beershop-keeper;
- [2] *Sally Cartwright* (56);
- [3] *Sarah Baylis* (25), f.s.;
- [4] *Hannah Baylis* (15), f.s.;
- [5] *Mary Welington* (15), f.s.:

It was put for sale in April 1849, as part of the properties belonging to the Oak Farm Company (the insolvent):

London Gazette 16/2/1849

“In the Matter of Alexander Macnaughtane Paterson, John Walker, James Boydell, and Charles Blayney Trevor Roper, late of the Oak Farm Works, in the parish of Kingswinford, in the county of Stafford, Iron Founders, Iron Masters, and Edge Tool Manufacturers, Dealers and Chapmen and Copartners, against whom a Fiat in Bankruptcy dated the 11th day of February 1848, hath been issued.

To be peremptorily sold, pursuant to an order of the Right Honourable Sir James Lewis Knight Bruce, Knight, one of the Vice Chancellors acting in bankruptcy, dated the 25th day of March 1848, and made on the petition of Sir Stephen Richard Glynne, Baronet, and others.....

Also all that conveniently situated and commodious dwelling-house, now used as a Public-house, with the garden, stabling, outbuildings and appurtenances, and water corn mill, now in the occupation of Mr. *John Cartwright*.

The whole of the above extensive works and premises are held under lease from Sir Stephen Richard Glynne, Baronet, for 31 years, from the 26th day of December 1835, whereof 18 years are now unexpired, (together with the benefit of any extension thereof, which there may be an understanding with the landlord to grant, if any such exists), and will be sold, subject to the rents and royalties, by the said lease reserved, and the covenants therein contained, and also subject to a mortgage of the said premises, to George Talbot, Esq. of Green-hill, near Kidderminster, for £30,000.....”

1851 Census

Himley Oak Farm Mill

- [1] *Sally Cartwright* (66), widow, farmer of 30 acres, employing 1 man, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Joseph John Cartwright* (26), son, miller, born Himley;
- [3] *Fanny Amis* (76), sister, widow, annuitant, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Sarah Baylis* (44), house servant, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Hannah Baylis* (30), house servant, born Sedgley:

Billing Directory 1855 – Advert

“George H. Wilkinson, / Importer of / Foreign Wines & Spirits, / High Street, Dudley; / and GLYNNE ARMS, Oak Farm, / Himley. / Importer of Cigars.”

George H. Wilkinson, wine and spirit merchant, Market Place, and GLYNNE ARMS, Oak Farm, Himley. [1855]

Joseph Woodcock was born on 12th February 1809, at Rough Hill, Shropshire. He married Gwynne Jones.

1861 Census

Stoney Fields – GLYNNE ARMS

- [1] *Joseph Woodcock* (52), innkeeper, born Leach, Cheshire;
- [2] *Gwinne Woodcock* (58), wife, born Northwick (?), Monmouthshire;
- [3] *Mary Woodcock* (20), daughter, domestic at home, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Elizabeth Woodcock* (20), daughter, domestic at home, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *William Southall* (20), servant, carter, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Elizabeth Woodcock* (4), granddaughter, scholar, born Kingswinford:

1871 Census

GLYNNE ARMS

- [1] *Joseph Woodcock* (62), widower, innkeeper, born Dodleston, Cheshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Woodcock* (14), granddaughter, domestic servant, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Joseph Barrow* (32), son in law, pattern maker, born Himley;
- [4] *Martha Barrow* (30), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Joseph Barrow* (2?), son, scholar, born Himley;
- [6] *Mary Barrow* (1), daughter, born Himley;
- [7] *James Dawes* (16), visitor, servant (unemployed), born Himley;
- [8] *Isaiah Morris* (34), boarder, colliery engine driver, born Preston, Manchester(?):
[Dodleston is about 5 miles SW of Chester.]

1881 Census

Unoccupied

1891 Census

GLYNN ARMS

- [1] *Thomas White* (43), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *Mary Ann White* (53), wife, born Cradley;
- [3] *Elizabeth White* (20), daughter, born Dudley;
- [4] *Thomas White* (16), son, cow boy, born Dudley;
- [5] *Ellen White* (14), daughter, scholar, born Dudley:

Set of postcards published by John Price & Sons – no.58

“The GLYNNE ARMS, Kingswinford, is situated in the parish of Himley, Staffordshire, about three miles from Dudley. It is named after Sir Stephen Glynne - the brother-in-law of the late Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone - to whom the estate on which it is situated at one time belonged. Its peculiar position at the extreme edge of the estate - where it is joined by land belonging to the Earl of Dudley - causes it to be sometimes described in error as being on the estate of his lordship. This, however, is not the case, but it explains why the coal has only been mined from under one end of the house. Thus, while one end of the house is at its original level, the southern portion (or lower end) has sunk several feet; yet, owing to the house being unusually well built, not a crack is to be noticed, and in this respect it is almost unique. It had stood in this peculiar position for more than half a century, and has long been known as ‘The Crooked’ or ‘Siden House’.

The appearance of the interior is even more striking and interesting. Everything seems out of plumb, and the general law of gravity set at defiance. Here, walking through the slanting rooms and passages, you have all the sensations peculiar to a visit to the famous Tower of Pisa, in Italy, or pacing the deck of a ship in a heavy sea. W.H.F.”

1901 Census

GLYNN ARMS

- [1] *Sarah Ann Glaze* (47), widow, licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *George Henry Glaze* (25), son, journeyman butcher, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Mary Ann Guest* (69), widow, laundry woman, born Dudley:

Postcard published by Geo. E. Lee, Wolverhampton

“Extract from T.P.’s Weekly, June 17, 1904.

On the estate of Earl Dudley, at Himley, there is a very curious habitation known as ‘The Crooked House’. It is a red brick building with a wide passage right through, leading to back premises. It is altogether out of the perpendicular, and slanted towards the south end, which is heavily shored up with thick red brick buttresses. Some part of the outer wall is buried several feet in the ground.

These peculiarities are the result of mining operations, the under-stratum of the earth in these parts being completely ‘honeycombed’. It is as difficult to walk steadily through the doorway as to pace the deck of a vessel in a rolling sea. As you walk along the warped floor your head and shoulders lean very palpably across the passage, and to maintain the equilibrium is a matter of the greatest difficulty. The rooms of the house are equally out of joint, and present some remarkable optical illusions.

The clocks on the walls, although absolutely perpendicular, as their pendulums testify, appear to be hanging side ways at a very pronounced angle. A short glass shelf, one end of which appears to be a foot higher than the other, proves to be absolutely level; while in the tap room, is a table which is apparently slanting, but on which if round marbles are placed at the seemingly lower end they roll to all appearance uphill to the top of the table, and fall over with a bump. These do not exhaust the remarkable features of this curious tenement, but those quoted fully justify its title to the name of 'The Crooked House'."

1911 Census

Himley – GLYNN ARMS

- [1] Sarah Ann Glaze (57), widow, publican, born Netherton;
- [2] George Harry Glaze (35), son, brewer, born Kingswinford;
- [3] Florence Grove Glaze (31), son's wife, married 8 years, domestic helper, born Birmingham;
- [4] Dorothy Glaze (7), children, born Kingswinford;
- [5] William Henry Glaze (2), children, born Himley;
- [6] Thomas Hickman (36), boarder, labourer, born Gornal:

County Express 13/8/1921

"Joseph Carter Foster (31), a railway labourer, Brick-Kiln Croft, Wolverhampton, was charged with stealing three spoons, the property of Sarah Ann Glaze, licensee of the GLYNNE ARMS, Himley, on Bank Holiday Monday.

Mr. J. T. Higgs prosecuted on behalf of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, and said the GLYNNE ARMS was more popularly known as the Crooked House. On the day in question defendant, with two other men and three ladies called at the house and ordered tea. Having had the meal, the party got clear of the premises without paying for what they had had, and it was afterwards discovered that three spoons were missing.

PC Tompkinson was quickly informed, and it was not long before the officer found the party. They were some 300 yards from the house, and all commenced to walk back. After 100 yards, the officer saw defendant throw away six spoons (three of which belonged to Mrs. Glaze), and said to him, 'I shall have to charge you with stealing them'.

Mr. Higgs urged that licensees should have the protection of the Court.

George Harry Glaze (son of licensee), Dorothy Glaze (his daughter), and PC Tompkinson gave evidence.

Defendant said he was sorry it happened, and promised it would not occur again. He had been in the Army eleven years, and had never been in trouble.

Re-called, Mr. Glaze said that numerous articles had been stolen recently, including ornaments from the shelf and the brass handles from the clock. At Whitsuntide three score glasses were taken.

Defendant fined 40s."

Bilston & Willenhall Times 5/9/1925

"It is somewhat unusual for an outing to take place to the Black Country, but this was the case on Wednesday, when a party of some 150 ladies of the Tamworth Co-operative Guild paid a visit to Darlaston. They first of all made a tour of Himley and the CROOKED HOUSE [GLYNN ARMS] and then went to the DUKE OF YORK, Darlaston, where tea was served by the hostess (Mrs. Nicholls). The party then made a tour of the town, and afterwards were entertained by Mr. Jack Pratt, of Cheslyn Hay, and his jazz band, and Mons. Purchase and his ventriloquial dolls. Songs were also rendered, and during the evening the Guild presented the secretary (Mrs. Patrick) with a handsome handbag, for which she suitably thanked the gathering."

Sarah Ann Glaze boasted of fine home brewed ales.

She died aged 84.

Letter 1954

From Johnson & Phipps, Limited, Brewers, Wine & Spirit Merchants to D. Simpkins Esq., Dennis Brewery, Brierley Hill.

"Dear Sir. Further to our conversation this morning, we are prepared to sell the GLYNNE ARMS for the sum of £3,250.0.0.

This offer remains open until February 26th 1954."

[the letter is annotated by hand 'sold W&D']

A new lounge and indoor toilets were built as part of a £300,000 renovation, and were opened on 6th August 1987.

Gary Ensor was married to Dawn.

It was renamed CROOKED HOUSE. [2002]

Brett Harrison was born c.1972.

He was married to Amanda.

They also owned The Lock at Wolverley.

They and their family emigrated to Australia in 2008.

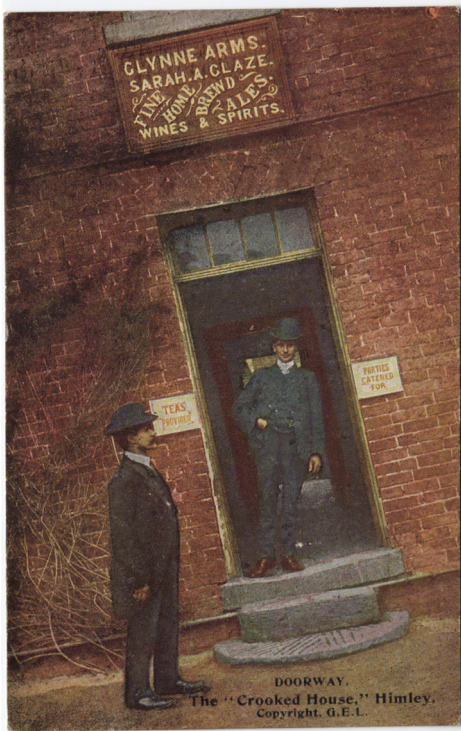
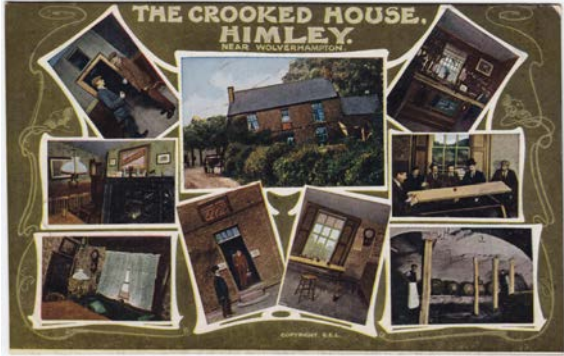
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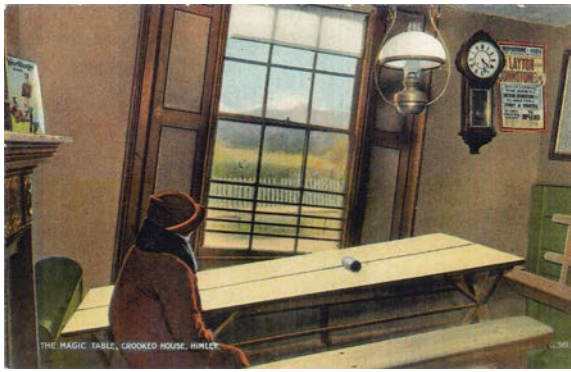
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Postcards



THE MAGIC TABLE, CROOKED HOUSE, HIMLEY



CROOKED HOUSE, HIMLEY



BAR ROOM, CROOKED HOUSE, HIMLEY



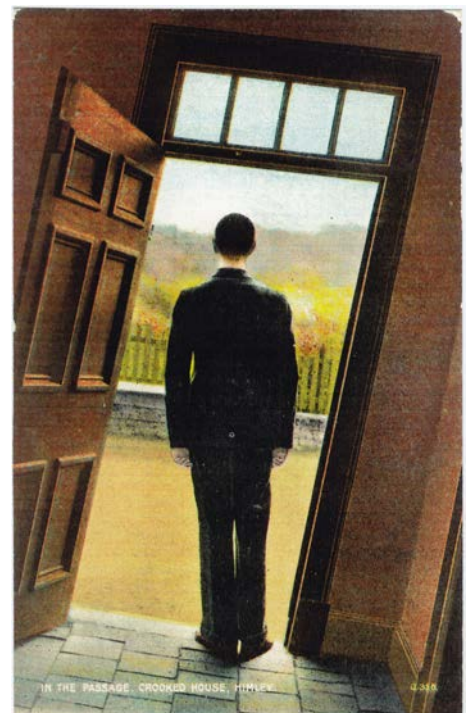
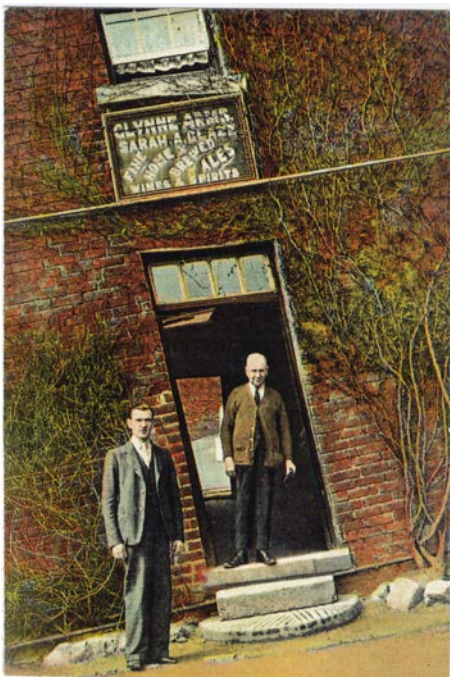
Bar Room, Crooked House, Himley.



Glyne Arms, Himley
(The Crooked House.)
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SITTING ROOM, CROOKED HOUSE, HIMLEY



IN THE PASSAGE CROOKED HOUSE, HIMLEY

Postcards

TELEPHONE No. 20004

TELEGRAMS:
JOHNSON & PHIPPS, WOLVERHAMPTON

JOHNSON & PHIPPS, LIMITED
Brewers, Wine & Spirit Merchants

Registered Office:

Fryer Street,

Wolverhampton



TRADE MARK

26th January 1954.

D. Simpkins Esq.
Dennis Brewery,
Brierley Hill.

Dear Sir,

Further to our conversation this morning, we are prepared to sell you the "Glyme Arms" Whisky for the sum of £3250.0.0.

This offer remains open until February 26th 1954.

Yours faithfully,
p.p. Johnson & Phipps Ltd.,

A. W. Phipps

Managing Director.

Sold W & P.

Letter 1954

GRAND TURK

Bromley Lane, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Henry Savage [1858]
Thomas Banks []

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 30/1/1858

“*Henry Savage*, beerhouse keeper, was charged by PC Singer with allowing fighting and disorderly conduct in his house, at Bromley, on the 18th inst. Fined 10s and costs.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 15/5/1858 - Advert

“GRAND TURK INN, Bromley. Mr. *Henry Savage* begs most respectfully to inform his Friends that he intends having a Tea Party and Ball, at the above house, on Whit Monday, May 24th, 1858. Tea on the table at Five o’clock. The Proprietor has also engaged a first rate Comic Singer, who will much _____ throughout the Evening. A full Quadrille Band is engaged for the occasion. Tickets One Shilling Each.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 2/10/1858 - Advert

“.....To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. W. Hawkins, on Monday, the 11th day of October, 1858, at the house of Mr. *Hughes*, the KINGS HEAD INN, Commonsides (by direction of the Mortgagee).....
All that newly erected and well built Public House, and Butcher’s shop and premises, known by the sign of GRAND TURK INN, situate in Bromley Lane in the occupation of Mr. *Henry Savage*, estimated value, £35 per year. The house and premises comprise Front Tap Room, Butcher’s Shop, Back Parlour, Bar, Four Chambers, Large Club Room, Good Cellaring, Brewhouse, Stable, Slaughterhouse, Piggeries, Pump of Water, Soft Water Cistern, with large and enclosed yard, containing in the whole 463 square yards.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 4/12/1858

“*Henry Savage*, beerhouse keeper, of Bromley, whose case was remanded from last week, again appeared to answer the charge of allowing gambling by means of dominoes in his house on the 13th ult. It will be remembered that the case was adjourned for further evidence in support of the information, as a witness named Lowe swore positively that he was in the defendant’s house during the hours mentioned in the information, and that no gaming took place. Today two witnesses named George Tucker and John Morgan, were called, and they positively swore to having themselves played at dominoes for drink on the day named, and at the time specified. The latter witness, however, stated that the landlord was not present when they were playing. For the defence Mr. Perry submitted that it had been decided that dominoes was an innocent game, and did not come under the term gaming, unless they were used to play for money for money’s worth. And as *Savage*, the defendant, was stated not to have been present when the gaming took place, he could not be responsible for such proceedings. The Bench, however, fined the defendant 10s and costs. The second information against the defendant was withdrawn. Lowe was called up by the Bench, and cautioned as to his mode of giving evidence in future, being also informed that although he was a brother in law to the defendant he should not allow his friendship to induce him to foreign veracity.”

GRAND TURK INN, BROMLEY.

MR. HENRY SAVAGE

BEGS most respectfully to inform his Friends that he intends having a TEA PARTY and BALL, at the above house, on WHIT-MONDAY, May 24th, 1858. Tea on the Table at Five o’clock.

The Proprietor has also engaged a first-rate COMIC SINGER, who will much please throughout the Evening. A full QUADRILLE BAND is engaged for the occasion.

TICKETS ONE SHILLING EACH.

Advert 1858

London Gazette 10/5/1864

“*Thomas Banks*, now residing in lodgings at Commonsidge, in the parish of Kingswinford, in the county of Stafford, following no occupation, previously thereto of Rushall-lane, Pelsall, in the parish of Wolverhampton, in the county of Stafford, Chartermaster, and theretofore of the GRAND TURK INN, Bromley, in the said parish of Kingswinford, Beer Retailer and Chartermaster, having been adjudged bankrupt under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, filed in the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Stourbridge, on the 5th day of May, 1864, is hereby required to surrender himself to John Harward, Esq., a Registrar of the said Court, at the first-meeting of creditors to be held before the said Registrar, on the 23rd day of May instant, at ten o’clock in the forenoon precisely, at the said Court. John Harward, Esq., is the Official Assignee, and William Cole Maltby, of Stourbridge, is the Solicitor acting in the bankruptcy.”

GRAND TURK

6, Cot Lane, California, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Fanny Lowe
Thomas Lowe

LICENSEES

David Lowe [1870]
Joseph Hinton [] - **1871**);
William Lawley (**1871 - 1872**);
Fanny Lowe (**1872 - 1873**);
Joseph Thompson (**1873 - 1876**);
Thomas Lowe (**1876 - 1886**);
John Hickman (**1886 - 1887**);
Mary Hickman (**1887**);
George Wassell (**1887**);
Sarah Timmins (**1887 - 1889**);
Ann Thompson (**1889 - 1890**);
Josiah Eden (**1890 - 1896**);
Harry Hardiman (**1896 - 1904**);
George Sadler (**1904 - 1905**);
William Henry Morgan (**1905 - 1910**);
John Henry Kinsell (**1910 - 1919**);
Florence Mary Penn (**1919 - 1937**);

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Stourbridge Observer 18/3/1871 - Advert

“Kingswinford / Sale at the GRAND TURK, Mount Pleasant / To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Hinton, on Monday Next, March 20th, 1871, the capital Brewing Plant, Furniture, Carts, Spring Trap, Useful Horse, Three Sows In-Pig, Fat Pig, 7 Bags of Potatoes, lot of Old Iron, and a variety of useful Effects, belonging to Mr. *Joseph Hinton*, who is retiring from the Public Business / Sale at Eleven o’clock.”

1871 Census

Cott Lane

[1] *William Lawley* (51), publican, gardener, born Aston Newport, Shropshire;

[2] *Martha Lawley* (50), wife, born Edgmond, Shropshire:

KINGSWINFORD.

SALE AT THE GRAND TURK,
MOUNT PLEASANT.

TO be SOLD by AUCTION, by Mr. HINTON, on Monday Next, March 20th, 1871, the Capital BREWING PLANT, FURNITURE, Carts, Spring Trap, Useful HORSE, Three SOWS In-Pig, Fat PIG, 7 Bags of POTATOES, lot of Old IRON, and a variety of useful Effects, belonging to Mr. Joseph Hinton, who is retiring from the Public Business. Sale at Eleven o'clock.

Advert 1871

1881 Census

Cot Lane – public house

- [1] *Thomas Lowe* (48), licensed victualler, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Fanny Lowe* (42), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *William Lowe* (13), son, scholar, born Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford;
- [4] *Fanny Lowe* (9), daughter, born Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford;
- [5] *Minnie Lowe* (6), daughter, born Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford;
- [6] *Thomas Lowe* (4), son, born Cot Lane, Kingswinford;
- [7] *Harry Lowe* (2), son, born Cot Lane, Kingswinford:

1891 Census

Cot Lane – GRAND TURK

- [1] *Josiah Eden* (31), beerhouse keeper, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Mary A. Lowe* (35), wife, born Aston;
- [3] *Ernest A. Eden* (11), son, scholar, born Aston;
- [4] *Lilley B. Eden* (7), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford:

1901 Census

6, Cot Lane

- [1] *Harry Hardiman* (31), widower, licensed victualler and brewer, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Harold Hardiman* (6), son, born Kidderminster;
- [3] *Florence Hardiman* (5), daughter, born Kidderminster;
- [4] *Abigail Doughty* (38), housekeeper, born Kinver;
- [5] *Alfred Doughty* (25), servant, labourer, born Stourbridge:

Harry Hardiman, beer retailer, Mount Pleasant. [1904]

1911 Census

6, Cot Lane

- [1] *John Henry Kinsell* (35), licensed holder, beerhouse, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Hannah Elizabeth Kinsell* (36), wife, married 13 years, born Birmingham;
- [3] *John Howard Kinsell* (12), son, school, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Violet Elizabeth Kinsell* (10), daughter, school, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Sidney Clarence Kinsell* (5), son, born Brierley Hill:

John Kinsell, beer retailer, Cot Lane. [1912]

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on 1st March 1937.
It closed on 31st December 1937.

GREEN LANE INN

2, Green Lane, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Scriven [1871]

David Stokes [1874] – [1881]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

2, Green Lane – GREEN LANE INN

[1] *John Scriven* (67), formerly puddler, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Sarah Scriven* (63), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Cornelius Scriven* (26), son, iron worker, roller, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

Green Lane – GREEN LANE INN

[1] *David Stokes* (42), beerhouse keeper, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Sarah Ann Stokes* (40), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *William Stokes* (20), son, setter in brickworks, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Mary Maria Stokes* (17), daughter, general servant, born Kingswinford;

[5] *James Stokes* (14), son, boat boy, born Kingswinford;

[6] *Eliza Stokes* (11), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[7] *John Stokes* (8), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[8] *Samuel Stokes* (5), son, born Kingswinford;

[9] *David Stokes* (3), son, born Kingswinford;

[10] *Lilley Stokes* (3 months), daughter, born Kingswinford:

HIGH ACRES

Rangeways Road, (Madeley Road), Bromley Estate, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Ansells Ltd.
Sycamore Taverns (acquired in 1992)
Punch Taverns

LICENSEES

Ray Cox [1986]
Richard Parsons [1998] – [1999]
George Fox [2013]

NOTES

[1976]

It had two function rooms for hire. [2009]

[2015]



2001



2015

HILLCREST

Portway, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Ansells Ltd.

LICENSEES

NOTES

[1976]

A snooker room was opened in 1983.

HIMLEY HOUSE HOTEL

Stourbridge Road, HIMLEY

OWNERS

Homespreads

Chef and Brewer [1993], [2002]

Scottish and Newcastle Hotels

Spirit Group [2013]

LICENSEES

Chris Ludlow **(2002 - [2004]**

Claire Turner [2012] - [2013]

NOTES

It was originally the dower house for the Earl of Dudley's family.

It was the home of Francis Grazebrook JP. [1912]

It became a private hotel.

It closed in January 2002 for a £1.3m refit.

It reopened on 6th May 2002.

Chris Ludlow was married to Mandy.

See also ODDFELLOWS, Compton and SPRING HILL, Penn.

It underwent renovation in 2010.

It reopened in June 2010.

[2015]



2015

HOP AND BARLEYCORN

Mount Pleasant, California, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Home Brewery (Quarry Bank) Ltd. (acquired in March 1920)

LICENSEES

William Barklam [1871] – **1878**);
Richard Harper (**1878 – 1896**);
Lydia Harper (**1896 – 1909**);
Isaiah Round (**1909**);
William Henry Harper (**1909 – 1911**);
Edward Fletcher Jnr. (**1911 – 1915**);
Edward Henry Lindsay (**1915 – 1920**);

NOTES

It had an ante '69 beerhouse license.

William Barklam married Harriett Cadman on 27th February, 1871.

1871 Census

California

- [1] *William Barklam* (54), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Harriath Barklam (19), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] Mary Barklam (20), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] Mariah Barklam (14), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] John Barklam (13), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] Elizabeth Barklam (6), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

California – Public House

- [1] *Richard Harper* (39), manager of public house, born Gornal;
- [2] *Lydia Harper* (34), wife, born Gornal;
- [3] Richard Harper (69), visitor, bricklayer, born Gornal;
- [4] Ann Harper (61), visitor, born Gornal:

1891 Census

Mount Pleasant – The HOP AND BARLEY CORN

- [1] *Richard Harper* (49), beerhouse keeper, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Lydia Harper* (46), wife, born Dudley Port;
- [3] Annie Harper (23), visitor, born Crewe:

William Henry Harper was fined £5 including costs, in 1910, for selling intoxicating liquor during prohibited hours.

Edward Fletcher, beer retailer, Mount Pleasant. [1912]

County Express 7/2/1920

“Licensing Sessions At Brierley Hill Houses Put Back.....

Supt. Rowbotham asked that the HOP AND BARLEY CORN INN, Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford, be also put back. Neighbouring licensed houses could supply all the needs of the locality. In the case of the OLD CROWN INN, High Street, Kingswinford, the Clerk said there were a great number of public houses in that part of the district. Mr. W. H. Thompson for the owner, offered no objection.

In the above three cases, and also those of the EAGLE INN, Turners Lane, The Delph, Brierley Hill, and the QUEEN INN, Buckpool, the justices adjourned the renewal of the licenses to the adjourned sessions when they will be dealt with on the ground of redundancy.”

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority as being redundant on 1st March 1920.

Confirmed on 15th July 1920.

Compensation of £1,100 was agreed.

License extinguished on 31st December 1920.

HORSE AND JOCKEY

24, (3), (11), High Street, WALL HEATH

OWNERS

John Powell, Pensnett [1873]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired c.1897)
Marstons plc

LICENSEES

Frederick Hackett [1861] – **1883**);
Henry Jordan (**1883 – 1886**);
Richard Roberts (**1886 – 1898**);
Harry Southan (**1898 – 1900**);
Richard Ashmole (**1900**);
Robert Thomas Collins (**1900 – 1902**);
Robert Ford (**1902 – 1906**);
Henry Dufield (**1906 – 1907**);
Charles Pratt (**1907**);
Alfred Edmunds (**1907 – 1911**);
Thomas Higginson (**1911 – 1935**);
Norman Victor Southan (**1935 – 1941**);
Gertrude Ann (Southan) Evans (**1941 – 1954**);
Arthur Whitaker (**1954**);
George Ward (**1954 – [1958]**)
Tony Garrett [1993]
Jennifer McGreene [2012]

NOTES

11, High Street [1861]
25, High Street [1871]
3, High Street [1901], [1911]
24, High Street

It had a beerhouse license.

It had a bowling green.

Black Country Bugle (April 1984)

‘Wallheath Then and Now’

“There is a legend that the HORSE AND JOCKEY was so named because its first proprietor rode the winner in the Mile Flat Stakes and was so handsomely rewarded by the animal’s owner that he was able to finance the public house with the proceeds.”

Frederick Hackett = Fredrick Hacket

1861 Census

11, High Street – HORSE AND JOCKEY

- [1] *Frederick Hackett* (45), mail contractor, born Halesowen;
- [2] Abigail Hackett (44), wife, laundress, born Himley;
- [3] Sarah Ann Hackett (11), daughter, scholar, born Birmingham;
- [4] Joseph H. Hackett (9), son, scholar, born Wombourn, Staffordshire;
- [5] Mary E. Hackett (2), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] Frederick Smith (17), son in law, colliery clerk, born Himley;
- [7] Frederick Smith (14), son in law, colliery clerk, born Wombourn, Staffordshire;
- [8] Frances E. Sellers (19), house servant, born Birmingham:

Frederick Hackett, beer retailer and mail contractor, Wall Heath [1868], [1870]

Frederick Hackett, beer retailer, High Street, Wall Heath [1865], [1872]

1871 Census

25, High Street – HORSE AND JOCKEY

- [1] *Fredrick Hacket* (55), retired mail contractor, born Halesowen;
- [2] Abigail Hacket (54), wife, born Himley;
- [3] Sarah Ann Hacket (22), daughter, barmaid, born Birmingham;
- [4] Henry Joseph Hacket (20), son, iron worker, born Birmingham;
- [5] Mary Emily Hacket (12), daughter, assistant barmaid, born Kingswinford;
- [6] Lydia Webb (19), niece, general servant, born Alveley, Shropshire;
- [7] Benjamin Webb (17), nephew, railway clerk, born Alveley, Shropshire:

1881 Census

High Street – HORSE AND JOCKEY INN

- [1] *Frederick Hackett* (63), widower, publican, born Halesowen;
- [2] Sarah Jordan (44), daughter, born Himley;
- [3] Henry Jordan (45), son in law, carrier, born Himley;
- [4] Sarah Mullett (17), general servant, born West Bromwich:

London Gazette 14/10/1882

“*Frederick Hackett*, for four days last past residing in furnished lodgings at the HORSE AND JOCKEY INN, Wall Heath, in the parish of Kingswinford, in the county of Stafford, out of business and employment, previously of the HORSE AND JOCKEY INN, Wall Heath, in the parish of Kingswinford aforesaid, Mail Contractor and Beer Retailer, having been adjudged bankrupt.....”

1891 Census

High Street – HORSE AND JOCKEY INN

- [1] *Richard Roberts* (45), publican and blacksmith, born Leominster;
- [2] Rebecca F. Roberts (41), wife, born Old Hill;
- [3] John F. Roberts (13), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] Sarah A. Roberts (11), daughter, born Wall Heath;
- [5] Ada L. Roberts (4), daughter, born Wall Heath;
- [6] Mary Guest (17), general servant, born Wombourne:

Richard Roberts was also a blacksmith. [1892]

1901 Census

3, High Street – HORSE AND JOCKEY INN

[1] *Robert T. Collins* (52), publican, born Winkfield, Berkshire;

[2] *Jane Collins* (53), wife, born St. Pancras, London;

[3] *Alfred Collins* (21), son, wheelwright, born Trentham, Staffordshire;

[4] *Grace Collins* (11), daughter, born Trentham, Staffordshire:

1911 Census

3, High Street

[1] *Alfred Edmunds* (39), publican, born Lower Boddington, Northamptonshire;

[2] *Priscilla Edmunds* (33), wife, married 13 years, born Lower Boddington, Northamptonshire;

[3] *Edward Alfred Edmunds* (8), son, school, born Whitley, Coventry:

A full license was granted in 1948.

Gertrude Ann Southan remarried to a *Mr. Evans*.

[2015]



1994



2015

HORSE SHOE

High Street, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Pearsall and Son [1850]

LICENSEES

Henry Wellings [] - **1866**);
Mary Wellings (**1866** - []

NOTES

Henry Wellings died in 1866.

Check PENSNETT or BRIERLEY HILL.

KINGFISHER

Kidderminster Road, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Individual Holdings Group

LICENSEES

Zol Cox **(2013 - []**

Tom Evay [2015] general manager

NOTES

It was originally a country club.

Midland Chronicle 19/6/1965

“There were over 80 Rotarians and their ladies at Brierley Hill Rotary Club’s ladies luncheon, held at the Kingfisher Country Club, Wall Heath, on Tuesday.

The President, Mr. E. C. Wakefield, welcomed the guests, who included Mrs. M. Fairfield, the President of Brierley Hill Inner Wheel. He also thanked Mrs. S. F. Hall for presenting each of the ladies with a rose, a custom which for her late husband often observed.

An entertaining talk was given by Mr. Wesley Perrins, a former Member of Parliament for Yardley. He gave an amusing account of his election to Parliament and his first impressions of Westminster. Mr. Perrins explained the progress of bills through the committee stage, and the intricacies of divisions.

Thanks to the speaker were voiced by Mr. G. Cotton, President elect.”

It opened as a pub in August 2013.

It closed in August 2015, after experiencing cash flow problems.



2013

KINGSWINFORD

Dudley Road, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Beefeater

Brewers Fayre [1999]

Premier Inns (Whitbread Group) [2008]

LICENSEES

Mark McHugh [2008] manager

NOTES

It opened in 1998.

[2015]



2015

LEOPARD

3, Summer Street, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired c.1896)
Joseph Elcock, Kates Hill (acquired c.1905)
Harry Howell (acquired c.1905)
William Albert White
J. P. Simpkins (acquired in February 1945) [1982]
Shrewsbury and Wem

LICENSEES

Benjamin Guy [1864] – 1882);
Mary Ann Guy (1882 – 1884);
Samuel Ward (1884 – 1885);
Joseph Wasley (1885 – 1886);
Jane Wasley (alias Fellows) (1886 – 1887);
John Lownes (1887 – 1889);
Thomas Pope (1889);
James Bibby (1889);
James Kidson Massey (1889 – 1890);
Frank Twemlow (1890);
Richard Furber (1890 – 1893);
William Cotton (1893 – 1894);
Joseph Allport (1894 – 1895);
William John Henry Milward (1895 – 1896);
Henry Parker Rowberry (1896 – 1897);
Alfred George Giller (1897);
Albert Henry Judson (1897 – 1898);
Richard Bates (1898 – 1901);
Seymour John Melhuish (1901);
William James Molineux (1901 – 1905);
John William Matthews (1905);
Harry Howell (1905 – 1907);
William Albert White (1907 – 1933);
Lucy Cartwright (1933 – 1934);
Richard William Wyatt (1934 – 1936);
William Hyde (1936 – 1944);
Mary Hyde (1944 – 1947);
Thomas Sourbuts Dewhurst (1947 – 1951);
Derek Bernhard Kennedy (1951 – 1953);
Charles Arthur Scott (1953 – 1955);
Arthur George Gordon (1955 – 1976);
Ann May Gordon (1976 – 1977);
Duncan Leslie Gordon (1977 – 1980);
Susan Gordon (1980 – [])
David Mitchinson [] – 1988)
William Hill [1996]
Stan Reid [1997] – [1999]
Ian James Mills (2012 – [2015])



1999



2015

NOTES

1871 Census

Summer Street – LEOPARD INN

- [1] *Benjamin Guy* (36), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Guy* (32), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *John Guy* (9), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Mary A. Guy* (7), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Benjamin Guy* (5), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Hannah Guy* (3), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Abraham Guy* (2), son, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *William Guy* (4 months), son, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

Summer Street – LEOPARD INN

- [1] *Benjamin Guy* (46), licensed victualler, born Oak Farm, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Ann Guy* (42), wife, born Pensnett;
- [3] *Mary Ann Guy* (17), daughter, milliner, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Hannah Guy* (14), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Abraham Guy* (12), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *William Guy* (10), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Albert David Guy* (8), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *George Frederick Guy* (5), son, scholar, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

Summer Street – Public House – LEOPARD INN

- [1] *Richard Furber* (60), brewer and victualler, born Shrewsbury;
- [2] *Hannah Furber* (56), wife, born Stoke on Trent:

1901 Census

3, Summer Street

- [1] *Seymour J. Melhuish* (36), licensed victualler, born Ayre, Gloucestershire;
- [2] *Leonara F. Melhuish* (31), wife, born Bath;
- [3] *Herbert S. Melhuish* (7), son, scholar, born Liverpool:

1911 Census

3, Summer Street

- [1] *William Albert White* (44), licensed victualler, born Lye;
- [2] *Ellen White* (42), wife, married 19 years, born Hagley;
- [3] *Elsie White* (19), daughter, born Stambermill;
- [4] *Nellie White* (17), daughter, born Stambermill;
- [5] *Lily White* (15), daughter, born Stambermill;
- [6] *May White* (12), daughter, school, born Stambermill;
- [7] *William Albert White* (6), son, school, born Stambermill:

William Albert White was vice-chairman of Stourbridge, Lye and Cradley LVA [1921]

David Mitchinson – see also BLACK BEAR, Lower Gornal

Stan Reid was married to *Lilian*.

Ian James Mills – see also TALBOT, Pensnett.

[2015]

LION

Back Lane, WALL HEATH

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowler [1849] – [1854]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Mrs. *Elizabeth Bowler*, beer retailer, Wall Heath. [1849], [1854]

1851 Census

Back Lane

[1] *Elizabeth Bowler* (59), widow, iron foundry and public house, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Edward Bowler* (22), son, iron moulder, born Kingswinford;

[3] *John Bowler* (13), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Elizabeth Bowler* (6), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford:

Closed

It became a private residence called Foundry House.

MARKET HALL TAVERN

33, (13), Market Street, Townsend, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

John Pargeter
Jane Sykes
Thomas Jones
Matthew Smith (Queens Cross, Dudley) (acquired c.1897)
Dick Chambers
Clifford Chambers
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1961)
Marstons plc

LICENSEES

Thomas Brook* [1866]
Thomas Ebenezer Brooks* [1868]
Charles John Brown [] - **1870**);
John Pargeter (**1870 - 1888**);
Jane Sykes (**1888 - 1889**);
Thomas Jones (**1889 - 1891**);
William Freeman (**1891 - 1893**);
Henry Hale (**1893**);
Evan Jones (**1893 - 1895**);
Jabez Pargeter (**1895 - 1897**);
William Henry Talbot (**1897 - 1900**);
William Horace Jones (**1900 - 1903**);
Dick Chambers (**1903 - 1950**);
Clifford Haydn 'Cliff' Chambers (**1950 - 1961**);
Maud Chambers (**1961**);
Kathleen Julia Price (**1961 - 1965**);
Robert Peter Sankey (**1965 - [1966]**)
Bill Fowkes [1986]
John Rolfe [1993]
Joanne Drago-Ferrante (**1999 - []**)
Andrew Larden (**2000 - []**)
Marie Foster [2012]
Hannah Foster [2013] - [2015]



Token

NOTES

13, Market Street [1901], [1904], [1912], [1916], [1921]
33, Market Street [1993], [1996], [2003], [2004]

It was described as MARKET HALL INN until 1889.

It had a beerhouse license.

It was a home brew house.

Stourbridge Observer 28/7/1866

“At the Petty Sessions [Wordsley], on Monday last, before T. V. Lee and H. O. Firmstone, Esqs, *Thomas Brook*, landlord of the MARKET HALL INN, Kingswinford, was charged by Superintendent Mills with keeping his house open for the sale of beer after eleven o'clock on the night of the 16th inst. Mr. Burbury defended.

Police-constables Farmer and Taylor gave evidence to the effect that they found defendant's house open, and several men inside drinking, at twenty-five minutes past eleven.

Mr. Burbury addressed the Bench for the defence, and called several witnesses who proved that the church clock struck eleven when they came out of the house, and the Bench dismissed the case.”

*possibly the same person

Thomas Ebenezer Brooks, beer retailer, Market Street. [1868]

Dudley Herald 5/12/1868 - Advert

“Unreserved sale [8/12] MARKET HALL TAVERN, Townsend, Kingswinford, of grocers' shop fixtures, brewing plant....”

1871 Census

Market Street – MARKET HALL INN

- [1] *John Pargeter* (41), stocktaker at iron works, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Sarah Pargeter* (42), wife, born Cookley, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Frederick Pargeter* (15), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *John Pargeter* (10), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *William Pargeter* (7), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Martha Pargeter* (5), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Sarah Pargeter* (3), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Maria Evans* (17), general servant, born Kingswinford:

John Pargeter, beer retailer, Market Street. [1872]

John Pargeter was born in 1829. He died on 8th October 1891.

The pub was sold for £1,000 as part of his estate.

1881 Census

Market Street – MARKET HALL INN

- [1] *John Pargeter* (51), beer seller, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Sarah Pargeter* (52), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *John Pargeter* (19), son, saddler's apprentice, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *William Pargeter* (17), son, shoe manufacturer's apprentice, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Martha Pargeter* (15), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Sarah Pargeter* (13), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

Market Street – MARKET HALL INN

- [1] *Thomas Jones* (68), widower, beerhouse keeper, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Alice Mullett* (30), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

13, Market Street

- [1] *William H. Jones* (29), wheelwright, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Ann Jones* (24), wife, born Roundhay, Yorkshire;
- [3] *John Hughes* (37), boarder, labourer (navvy), born Highley, Shropshire:

Dick Chambers, beer retailer, 13, Market Street. [1904], [1912]

He issued tokens from here.

1911 Census

MARKET HALL INN

- [1] *Dick Chambers* (44), beerhouse keeper, born Old Hill;
- [2] *L. K. Chambers* (37), wife, married 9 years, assisting in business, born Old Hill;
- [3] *Dorothy E. Chambers* (8), daughter, born Old Hill;
- [4] *Eveline K. Chambers* (7), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Clifford Chambers* (6), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Mary A. Dickens* (23), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

Cliff Chambers was a churchwarden.

A full license was granted on 6th November 1961.

Robert Peter Sankey was known as Peter.

Express and Star 24/11/1997 - Advert

“Good condition. One room pub in centre of Kingswinford.”

Closed

It reopened on 18th November 1999 as MHT after a £150,000 refurbishment.

Andrew Larden's partner was *Jacqui Allard*.

[2015]



Licensee Cliff Chambers



1997



2015

MOUNT PLEASANT

115, (1), Cot Lane, California, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

John Mullett, boatman, Moor Lane, Brierley Hill

John Rolinson and Son Ltd.

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired on 15th March 1932)

Helen Little and Stuart 'Sid' Hingley [2008]

LICENSEES

John Squires [1857] – [1865]

Mrs. Hannah (Squires) Cartwright [] – **1867**);

Samuel Cartwright (**1867 – 1880**);

John Mullett (**1880 – 1881**);

Edward Tranter (**1881 – 1884**);

Joseph Dexter (**1884**);

William Gould (**1884 – 1891**);

Silas Jewiss (**1891 – 1912**);

James Thomas Harper (**1912 – 1913**);

Samuel Poyser (**1913 – 1924**);

Ralph Coltman (**1924 – 1927**);

George Baker (**1927 – 1936**);

Alice Baker (**1936 – 1937**);

Harriet Elsie Wallins (**1937 – 1938**);

Joseph Herbert Wallins (**1938 – 1940**);

William Henry Pearce (**1940 – 1965**);

Edwin William Portch (**1965 – 1972**);

Henry Stokes Hadley (**1972 – 1973**);

Stephen Charles Parrish (**1973 – 1978**);

Gerald Whitehouse (**1978 – 1984**);

Gerald Fordham Grosvenor (**1984 – 1992**);

Thomas Alan 'Tom' Sidaway (**1992 – []**)

Carl Cusack [2000]

Mark Rose (**2011 – []**)

Alexander Coull [2015]



NOTES

Cot's Lane [1865]

MOUNT PLEASANT TAVERN [1874], [1940]

MOUNT PLEASANT INN [1999], [2004]

1861 Census

Cote Lane

- [1] *John Squires* (47), victualler, born Cleobury Mortimer;
- [2] *Susannah Squires* (48), wife, born Solihull;
- [3] *Edward Forrest* (15), nephew, born Yardley;
- [4] *Louisa Hall* (26), general servant, born Kingswinford:

Susannah Squires married *Samuel Cartwright* in 1866.

1871 Census

Cott Lane – Public House

- [1] *Samuel Cartwright* (66), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Susannah Cartwright* (58), wife, born Solihull;
- [3] *Elizabeth Cartwright* (16), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Elizabeth Beddard* (53), visitor, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Elenor Bedard* (53), visitor, born Birmingham:

Stourbridge Observer 12/7/1873

“An inquest was held on Saturday, at the MOUNT PLEASANT INN, Kingswinford, before Mr. M. T. Phillips, coroner, on the body of William H. Wilcox, a miner, who was killed at the Yew Tree Colliery, on the previous Wednesday. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Stourbridge Observer 12/12/1874

“An inquest was held on Wednesday last, before Mr. T. M. Phillips, Coroner, at the MOUNT PLEASANT TAVERN, touching the death of Matilda Phillips, aged 54. The evidence went to show that deceased was taken ill, and died in ten minutes. The jury found that deceased died from Natural Causes.”

1881 Census

Cot Lane – Public House

- [1] *Edward Tranter* (50), cooper and publican, born Dudley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Tranter* (42), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Edward Tranter* (13), son, scholar, born Paddington, Middlesex;
- [4] *Benjamin Tranter* (10), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *Ada Tranter* (5), daughter, born Hopwood, Worcestershire;
- [6] *Henry Tranter* (1), son;
- [7] *Ann Bullock* (18), visitor, born Wombourne:

1891 Census

Cot Lane

- [1] *Silas Jewiss* (29), iron moulder and licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Alice Jewiss* (27), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Ellen Pearson* (54), mother, widow, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Maria Barrett* (13), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

County Express 8/12/1900

“William Harold Phillips, aged four-and-a-half months, of 7, New Street, Kingswinford, died suddenly on Wednesday. At an inquest on Thursday, before Mr. T. A. Stokes, at the MOUNT PLEASANT TAVERN, a verdict of Natural Causes was returned.”

1901 Census

1, Cot Lane

- [1] *Silas Jewiss* (38), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Alice Jewiss* (36), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Ruth Jewiss* (10), visitor, born St. Helens, Lancashire;
- [4] *Matilda Ryder* (15), servant, born Kingswinford:

County Express 19/4/1902

“Stourbridge County Court. Before His Honour Sir Richard Harington, Bart (Judge). An action was brought by Mrs. Harriet Hodgetts (62), of 47, Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford, who claimed from Walter Ryder, Ann Fleetwood, and Emily Jukes, the secretary and stewards of a Female Funeral society held at the MOUNT PLEASANT TAVERN, Kingswinford, the sum of £5, due and payable to her on the death of her daughter, a single woman, named Florence Hughes; and in the alternative, the plaintiff claimed from the defendants 12s 4½d, monies paid to the defendants as secretary and stewards to the society, on a consideration that had failed. Mr. Waldron appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. S. Ward defended.

The former, in opening, said this action was an important matter for South Staffordshire, as there were a number of these societies called Women’s clubs. This particular club, the Female Funeral Society, was held at the MOUNT PLEASANT TAVERN, Kingswinford, and his client joined it some three years ago. The principle on which it was conducted, so far as he could understand, at the end of each year the money paid in was divided, but a certain amount was put by to meet the funeral payments and expenses of the ensuing twelve months. On November 5th of last year a daughter of the plaintiff died at Worcester, and plaintiff made an application for the funeral money, producing a certificate of death. She was entitled under the rules to £5, and was told the club would consider her case. The defence, so far as he understood it, was that the rules only applied to single persons, and not to married children, but as a matter of fact the rules were not a correct construction. The only answer that had ever been made was the plaintiff was not entitled to the money, as defendants suggested the plaintiff’s daughter was a married woman, but that was inaccurate.

Mrs. Hodgetts, in her evidence stated that she had been married twice, and the daughter in question, Florence Hughes, whose age was 37, was a daughter by her first marriage. Since she was sixteen years of age this daughter had lived with a Mr. John Dovey at Worcester, and since the death of his wife had been his housekeeper. Her daughter died on November 5th, 1901, and was buried at Worcester Cemetery. She then gave evidence in corroboration of Mr. Waldron’s statement as to joining the club held at the MOUNT PLEASANT TAVERN, Kingswinford. In cross-examination by Mr. Ward, she admitted that according to the rules no-one could be admitted as a member who was over 50 years of age, and that she was considerably over 50 when she joined. She spoke to a Mrs. *Jewiss*, the landlady of the inn about wanting to join the club, but she denied going into the club room before she became a member. Mrs. *Jewiss* did not tell her the members said she was too old, neither was she called into the club room and questioned before she was admitted into the club. They never asked her how old she was. She did not receive a copy of the rules before she joined, neither did she say she would be as good as any other member, because there was only her and her old man to be provided for. She denied saying that all her children were married and doing well; what she did say was that some of her children were married and doing well. She did not say there would only be her and her old man for funeral benefit. Her daughter did not pass as Mrs. Dovey, and was not known amongst the neighbours as Mrs. Dovey.

His Honour said he did not think it was necessary for him to call upon Mr. Ward. This society or club was a voluntary one not existing under the Act of Parliament. The action was brought to recover a sum of money to be paid upon the death or burial of a person. The plaintiff must prove that there was a contract that the money should be paid by some individual or another, and that that individual should be a person who was the defendant in the action. He could see no evidence of contract with Ryder or the other defendants, and the action would be dismissed.”

County Express 1/11/1902

“At noon on Wednesday, John Robinson, aged 46, a retired glassmaker, died suddenly at his house, 112, Mount Pleasant. He went upstairs to repair a window cord, and a few minutes afterwards his wife heard him winding up a clock. She was suddenly startled by hearing the clock fall to the floor, and, hastening upstairs, found her husband lying on the floor. With the assistance of some neighbours she raised him, but he died in a few minutes. Deceased who was a life-long teetotaller, had been in early years subject to fits. A post mortem was held on the coroner’s orders, and an inquest took place yesterday at the MOUNT PLEASANT TAVERN.”

Alice Jewiss died in 1903.

Silas Jewiss married Elizabeth Fisher in 1903.

1911 Census

Mount Pleasant – MOUNT PLEASANT TAVERN

[1] *Silas Jewiss* (48), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[2] Elizabeth Jewiss (38), wife, married 5 years, assisting in the business, born Brockmoor;

[3] Renie Jewiss (5), daughter, born Mount Pleasant;

[4] Silas Jewiss (1), son, born Mount Pleasant;

[5] Ruth Jewiss (20), niece, barmaid, born St. Helens, Lancashire:

It had a bowling green from 1984 to [2006]

A bowling club was formed from the BRIDGE Inn Bowling Club, who played at Kingswinford Park and The Dell, Brockmoor, until 1984.

[2010]

It closed on 24th January 2011.

It was reopened in May 2011.

Mark Rose was married to Claire.

[2015]



1995



2015

NAVIGATION

WALL HEATH

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Insley [1849] – [1850]

NEW INN

52, High Street (Dudley Road) / Water Street, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Henry Downes
leased to Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Elwell, Williams and Co. (acquired in 1897)
Smith, Williams (acquired c.1916)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)

LICENSEES

Francis Harrison [1849] – [1850]
Samuel Horne [1851] – **1874**);
David Horne (**1874 – 1881**);
Henry Downes (**1881 – 1891**);
John Bennett (**1891 – 1893**);
Mrs. Sarah Ann Bennett (**1893 – 1898**);
Arthur Poultney (**1898 – 1909**);
Lucy Olive Poultney [1901]
Alfred Phillips (**1909 – 1911**);
Percival Billingham (**1911**);
Alfred Harris (**1911 – 1930**);
Alexander Taylor (**1930 – 1937**):

NOTES

It was situated opposite to the OLD CROWN.

It had a six-day license.

1851 Census

Dudley Road – NEW INN

[1] *Samuel Horne* (58), widower, victualler, born Chaddesley Corbett;
[2] Ann Horne (39), daughter, born Dudley;
[3] James Horne (24), son, maltster, born Stafford;
[4] David Horne (5), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
[5] Mary Ann Horne (2), daughter, born Kingswinford;
and a servant:

Samuel Horne, shopkeeper and beer retailer, Kingswinford. [1854]

1881 Census

High Street – NEW INN

[1] *David Horne* (35), grocer and publican, born Kingswinford;
[2] Isabella Horne (34), wife, born Worfield;
[3] Enoch William Horne (7), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
[4] Minnie E. Horne (5), daughter, born Kingswinford;
[5] George Harry Horne (1), son, born Kingswinford;
[6] Eliza Smith (15), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

High Street – NEW INN

- [1] *Henry Downes* (63), publican, born Caynam, Shropshire;
- [2] *Esther Downes* (61), wife, born Moor Lane;
- [3] *Ada Tonks* (14), visitor, scholar, born Walsall:

County Express 16/3/1901

“In connection with the money club held at the NEW INN, High Street, a supper was provided on Saturday night, when upwards of 30 sat down. After the cloth was drawn Mr. Samuel Dunn was voted to the chair, and Mr. Harry Southall to the vice-chair. A convivial evening was spent, songs being given by Mr. R. Burrows and Mr. B. Arthur, and recitations by Mr. John Spencer. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. *Poultney*) for the able manner in which they catered.”

1901 Census

52, High Street – NEW INN

- [1] *Arthur Poultney* (38), stocktaker at ironworks, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Lucy Olive Poultney* (31), wife, licensed victualler, manageress, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Charles E. A. Poultney* (7), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Elsie May Poultney* (11), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Phoebe Ann Southall* (17), general servant, born Lye Waste:

County Express 31/8/1901

“A supper was held at the NEW INN, on Monday night, in connection with a birthday party. After the cloth was drawn, Mr. T. White was voted to the chair, and Mr. C. Surrall to the vice-chair. Toasts suitable to the occasion were given, and after which recitations and songs were given by the following:– Messrs. T. White, J. Lowns, S. Cadman, T. Tallett, the host (*Mr. Poultney*), J. Spencer, and Ben Arthur, whose comic songs were splendidly given. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the host and hostess for the able manner in which they had catered. The singing of the National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.”

County Express 12/10/1901

“A supper was held in connection with the money club held at the NEW INN, on Saturday, at which 35 sat down. After the cloth was drawn, Mr. Samuel Dunn occupied the chair and Mr. Henry Harrison the vice-chair. After the usual toasts had been honoured, the following contributed songs and recitations: Mr. E. Smith, the host, Mr. W. Salter, and Mr. John Spencer. A hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.”

County Express 16/11/1901

“*Arthur Poultney*, landlord of the NEW INN, High Street, Kingswinford, was charged with selling whiskey which was not of the substance and quality required.

In this case, Samuel Edwin Tay, inspector under the Food and Drugs Act, bought half-a-pint of whiskey at the defendant's house, for which he paid 1s 2d. He was supplied from a stone barrel by the defendant's daughter, aged 12. He explained what he wanted it for to the defendant's wife.

Mr. H. Van Tromp produced the analyst's certificate, which stated the whiskey was adulterated 8% beyond the statutory limit.

Fined 40s and costs.”

[samples of whiskey were bought by inspectors and sent for analysis to check the strength]

County Express 8/3/1902

“A supper was held on Saturday at the NEW INN, in connection with the money club. After the cloth was drawn, Mr. Samuel Dunn was voted to the chair, and Mr. Harry Harrison to the vice-chair. Songs were contributed by Messrs. B. Arthur, W. Salter, and the host. A hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess brought a very pleasant evening to a close.”

County Express 1/11/1902

“A supper was held at the NEW INN on Saturday, in connection with the money club held there. Thirty sat sown to an excellent repast. After the cloth was drawn, Mr. Samuel Dunn was voted to the chair, and Mr. John Lowns to the vice-chair. Several toasts were honoured, and the following contributed to the enjoyment of the evening: the Chairman, Mr. E. Smith, Mr. W. Salter, the host, and Mr. J. Spencer. A hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. *Poultney*) brought an enjoyable evening to a close.”

County Express 6/12/1902

“At the NEW INN on Wednesday the fitters and turners from the Leys Iron Foundry held their annual supper. After the cloth was drawn, Mr. Fred Phillips (foreman) was voted to the chair, and Mr. Timmins to the vice-chair. After the usual toasts had been duly honoured, the rest of the evening was spent convivially. Songs were rendered by Messrs. W. Whitehouse, A. Poultney, T. Lodge, and I. Peat. Mr. T. Lodge was an able accompanist. A hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.”

1911 Census

52, High Street

[1] *Percival Billingham* (27), license holder, born Lye;

[2] Elizabeth B. Billingham (25), wife, married 1 year, assisting in business, born Himley:

Percival Billingham – check also CROWN, Pensnett.

Plans were approved, for improvements to the sanitary arrangements, at the adjourned Licensing Meeting, on 4th March 1930.

Alexander Taylor was still listed in a Directory of 1940.

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that piece of land situate at Kingswinford in the county of Stafford adjoining the public road from Townsend to Dudley and known as High Street and having a frontage thereto of ten yards and the like width at the back in depth on each side forty and a half yards and in the whole four hundred and five square yards and bounded on one side by Water Street and on the other side and at the back by property now or late of Thomas Male and William Webb And Also those two messuages or dwelling-houses and premises with the appurtenances thereto belonging erected on the said land one now or late occupied by William Fincher and the other known by the sign of the NEW INN.....”

License referred to the Compensation Authority on 1st March 1937.

House to be closed on 31st December 1937.

NEW INN

High Street, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Hartle [] - **1858**);
John Caddick (**1858** - [1868])

NOTES

Brierley Hill Advertiser 27/11/1858 - Advert

“Sale at the NEW INN, near the Toll Gate, Kingswinford. To be Sold by Auction by Mr. Detheridge, on Monday next, November 29th, 1858, a quantity of Household Furniture removed to Mr. *John Caddick*'s, the above Inn, for convenience of sale.....”

John Caddick was also a butcher. [1860]

1861 Census

High Street

- [1] *John Caddick* (33), butcher and victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Ellen S. Caddick* (30), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Mary Caddick* (11), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Thomas H. Caddick* (9), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Laura S. Caddick* (7), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *John J. Caddick* (5), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *William H. Caddick* (3), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Phoebe E. Caddick* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Elizabeth Haden* (20), general servant, born Amblecote;
- [10] *Sarah Cadman* (13), general servant, born Kingswinford;
- [11] *Francis Phillips* (30), general servant, born Kingswinford:

John Caddick, beer retailer and butcher, High Street. [1865]

John Caddick, beer retailer and butcher. [1868]

NOAHS ARK

KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Samuel R Timmins [] - **1864**);
Hugh Hannah (**1864** - []

OAK TAVERN

Golds Lane, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Round [1861]

NOTES

1861 Census

Golds Lane – OAK TAVERN

[1] *John Round* (36), colliery labourer, (beerhouse keeper), born Dudley;

[2] *Mary A. Round* (35), wife, born Dudley;

[3] *Joseph Round* (15), son, colliery labourer, born Dudley;

[4] *George Round* (12), son, colliery labourer, born Dudley;

[5] *Agnes Round* (9), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;

[6] *Mary A. Round* (6), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;

[7] *Emma Round* (4), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[8] *Sarah J. Round* (9 months), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[9] *Ruth Bevington* (19), house servant, born Bromsgrove:

OLD COURTHOUSE

55, (61), High Street, (Dudley Road), KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Earl of Dudley [1822]
Bindley and Co. (Burton) (acquired c.1900)
Ind Coope and Co. Ltd. (acquired c.1915)
Ansells Ltd. (leased 1922 - 1924) (acquired in 1924)
Clive Burke
Terry Cable [2002]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 2005)
Marstons plc
New River Retail (acquired in 2014)

LICENSEES

William Fletcher [1834] – [1835]
William Allen* [1840] – [1849]
Thomas Bailey [1842] – [1849]
William Allen* [1851] – [1861]
George Taylor [] – **1864**;
William Pearson (**1864** – []
William Allen* [] – **1865**;
Richard Williams (**1865 – 1894**);
John Hollingsworth (**1894 – 1901**);
Frederick Hinton (**1901 – 1928**);
Harold Hinton (**1928 – 1932**);
Arthur Edward Strange (**1932 – 1933**);
John Imm (**1933 – 1935**);
Thomas Alfred Bridgwater (**1935 – 1940**);
John Whitehouse Bird (**1940 – 1954**);
Gertrude Ann Evans (**1954 – 1975**);
Will Marsh (**1975 – 1982**);
Albert John Robinson (**1982 – 1983**);
Clive David Burke (**1983 – 1990**);
Terry Cable (**1990** – [2000]
Alastair Donson [2009] manager
Chris Silcox [2012] – [2013]
Coral Smith [2015]



NOTES

Dudley Road [1861], [1871], [1881]
61, High Street [1940]
55, High Street [2012]

EARL OF DUDLEY'S COURT HOUSE [1834]
OLD COURT HOUSE OF THE EARL OF DUDLEY [1845]
LORD WARD'S COURT HOUSE [1849], [1850], [1851], [1854], [1860]
COURT HOUSE [1835], [1851], [1858], [1861], [1862], [1864], [1867], [1868], [1871], [1872],
[1881], [1901]
OLD COURTHOUSE [1864], [1896], [1904],[1940], [1985]

It was Grade II listed.

Black Country Bugle - Pub of the Month

“Dating the building accurately is a difficult task. It appears vaguely 17th century and whilst it was probably built as a private residence it was for many years the local court house of the Earl of Dudley - dealing with matters which occurred within the dynasty's Kingswinford parish.”

Built c.1775

The 1775 Enclosure Act was discussed here.

First court meeting here on 10th May 1781.
Last Court Leet held here in 1850.

* probably the same person

William Allen was also a builder [1845], and timber dealer.

1851 Census

Dudley Road – COURT HOUSE

- [1] *William Allen* (58), timber dealer and licensed victualler, born Blithfield, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Allen* (51), wife, born Lockington, Leicestershire;
- [3] *Jane Allen* (21), daughter, born Kegworth, Leicestershire;
- [4] *James Allen* (19), son, engine fitter, born Stafford;
- [5] *William Allen* (13), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *William Meller* (51), visitor, coachman, born Alton, Staffordshire;
- [7] *Mary Meller* (36), visitor, born Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire;
- [8] *Mary Southall* (22), house servant, born Kingswinford:

William Allen was also a wheelwright. [1854]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 17/4/1858

“According to the intimation given at the meeting of colliers on Monday, the 5th inst, an important meeting of coal-masters, and colliers on the west side of Dudley took place at the COURT HOUSE, Kingswinford. The subject of the meeting, which was convened by the workers themselves was to consider the late reduction of wages, and whether that reduction was just and equal, compared with the current price of coal, in addition to other questions affecting the interests of the coal trade generally.....”

1861 Census

Dudley Road – COURT HOUSE

- [1] *William Allen* (61), innkeeper and timber merchant employing 6 men, born Blythefield, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Allen* (61), wife, born Kegworth;
- [3] *James Allen* (29), son, born Shenstone;
- [4] *William Allen* (23), son, mechanical engineer, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Jane Bullock* (25), house servant, born Wellington, Shropshire:

Stourbridge Observer 13/8/1864

“John Stafford was charged with threatening to shoot *William Pearson*, of the OLD COURT HOUSE INN, Kingswinford. Complainant deposed that he is a publican, and he had his attention drawn towards the defendant for some time, as he felt sure all was not right. On the 23rd June last he came down stairs and found the defendant in the act of having an improper intimacy with his wife. The defendant had also been caught with a loaded rifle in his possession for the purpose of shooting him, and he is afraid he will do him some grievous bodily harm.

Mr. Addison appeared for the complainant and Mr. Maltby for the defence. After some consultation between the legal gentlemen and the bench, the case was not proceeded with. Stafford was then charged with wilfully damaging a chair, the property of *Pearson*.

Complainant said defendant came into his house – (the complainant was about to give evidence from notes he had prepared, when Mr. Maltby objected, and insisted upon looking at them. Mr. Addison refused and ultimately the complainant put the paper in his pocket, very carefully.) Complainant then began by saying that when he got home on the 6th July, about six in the evening, his wife was preparing for brewing, and he heard Stafford’s voice in the alley. He then went into the taproom and asked defendant’s father to get him home. His father went into the alley, and the defendant came into the house cursing and swearing, and said he would kill him. His father prevented him from doing this, and he then struck at the cane-seated chair and broke it. The damage done to the bottom of the chair amounted to two shillings at least.

In cross examination by Mr. Maltby, the complainant said that from what he had seen he sent word by the defendant’s father that if defendant did not keep away from his premises he would shoot him. He would not shoot him off his own premises. He had only told his father he would shoot him with a pistol. He did send word that if he did not leave the alley he would shoot him. The defendant did not come in and say, ‘Let us have it cleared up.’ He (the complainant) did not say he would shoot him because of the improper intimacy with his wife. Defendant said he would murder him. He did send for a police officer to have him ejected. He did not name the charge he had made against him. He told his father that if he came on his premises he would shoot him. The value of the chair would be about three or four shillings.

By the bench: He did carry a pistol, but it was not loaded. He showed it to defendant’s father to deter him.

Henry Jones deposed that he lived in Kingswinford. On the 16th July he was in the complainant’s parlour, and the defendant would have struck him if his father had not prevented him. He saw him damage the chair. He had never seen anything wrong between the defendant and complainant’s wife. Stafford senior was there on the 6th of July. Joseph Davis was there at the time. Defendant came to the bar, and said ‘What have you got against me?’, and the complainant then charged him with the improper intimacy with his wife. Defendant being a little irritated, said it was a lie, and struck the chair. He was a master cooper, and worked for *Pearson*.

In the second place Stafford was charged with damaging a window of *Pearson*’s on the 15th of July. Jones said he was watching for Mr. *Pearson*. On the Friday morning, about twenty minutes to two, he went round the COURT HOUSE at Mr. *Pearson*’s request. He heard the defendant come to the door, and then he went round to the front door where defendant was rattling. He was not admitted, and he went on the road and groped, and threw, but did not hit the window. He threw again and broke the window. It was a beautiful night.

In cross-examination he said he went to Mr. *Pearson*’s house on the next night, and told him that the defendant had broken a bedroom window. No one came to the window when defendant threw. Mr. *Pearson* was from home that night. The pane would be worth about tenpence.

Richard Bradley, a youth, said he was with Jones, and saw Mr. Stafford go round from the back door to the front door and smash the glass.

Another case was then preferred against *Pearson*, for being drunk and disorderly at his house on the 15th July. P.C.156 said he was near the CROSS, and Jones came to him and said the defendant was at *Pearson*’s drunk, and they wanted him to go and take him home. This was about twelve on Friday night. He declared he would stay and have his rights.

In cross examination witness said Mrs. *Pearson* was not there, but the woman who was in charge of the house requested him to go. Jones corroborated this statement. Joseph David said he was at *Pearson*’s when Stafford came in, and he did not perceive that he was drunk. It was about ten o’clock when he came in. Witness left about half an hour after. Defendant had two small bottles of porter. The Bench took time to consider the case.”

AND

“*William Pearson*, landlord of the COURT HOUSE, Kingswinford, was summoned on a similar charge [having his house open for the sale of beer during prohibited hours]. As there was some doubt in the matter, the Bench dismissed the case.”

Stourbridge Observer 20/8/1864

“*William Pearson*, of the OLD COURT HOUSE, Kingswinford, was also summoned on the charge of drawing porter against the tenure of the Act.

P.C. Hill said he was at defendant’s house at ten minutes to eleven, and he caught two men there. They told him they had got a little dirty water, and he found they had a quart of porter.

Henry James deposed that he is brother in law to defendant’s wife; he had been getting water for the girl; he brews for the defendant, and he went about half past eight in the morning and commenced to ladle the water out of a pool over a high wall; he was always allowed a quart of ale or porter whenever he did a job: the girl had drawn the porter for him, and he had drunk twice; he saw Jim Pawlson coming along the road, and he called to him to come and drink, and he gave him a drop for which he paid nothing.

Emily Gill said she is servant at defendant’s house, and that she drew the drink for James without asking permission; she had given the same quantity to him on previous occasions when he had been getting water.

Mr. Addison senior, who appeared for the complainant, addressed the Bench, who dismissed the case.”

Stourbridge Observer 27/7/1867

“*Richard Williams*, of the COURT HOUSE, Kingswinford, was summoned by Superintendent Mills for keeping his house open for the sale of beer, on Sunday morning last. Police-constable Mee proved that he visited the defendant’s house at five minutes past eleven, and found two men in the house drinking. Pleaded guilty. Fined 1s and costs, 10s 6d.”

Stourbridge Observer 12/11/1870

“Joseph Taylor was brought up on a charge of entering the dwelling house of *Richard Williams*, licensed victualler, Kingswinford.

Remanded for a week.”

Stourbridge Observer 19/11/1870

“At the Petty Sessions held on Thursday last, before I. Spooner, Esq, Stipendiary, Joseph Taylor was brought up on remand, charged with being on the premises of *Richard Williams*, licensed victualler at Kingswinford, on the 3rd inst, for an unlawful purpose, and was sentenced to 3 months’ hard labour.”

1871 Census

Dudley Road – COURT HOUSE

[1] *Richard Williams* (44), licensed victualler, born Widburn, Herefordshire;

[2] Jane Williams (38), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] William Williams (14), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[4] Joshua Williams (11), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[5] James Williams (9), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[6] Jane Williams (6), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[7] John Williams (4), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[8] Thomas Williams (3), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[9] Fanny E. Williams (3 months), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[10] Ellen Horne (16), general servant, born Bridgnorth:

1881 Census

Dudley Road – COURT HOUSE

[1] *Richard Williams* (54), licensed victualler, born Whitburn, Herefordshire;

[2] Jane Williams (48), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] James Williams (19), son, gas fitter, born Kingswinford;

[4] Jane Williams (16), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[5] Thomas Williams (12), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[6] Fanny Williams (10), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[7] David Williams (8), son, scholar, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

Village – OLD COURT HOUSE

- [1] *Richard Williams* (68), licensed victualler, born Whitburn, Herefordshire;
- [2] *Jane Williams* (59), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Jane Williams* (26), daughter, imbecile, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *David Williams* (18), son, shoemaker, born Kingswinford:

John Hollingsworth was born in Cubley, Derbyshire on 27th June 1830.

He was married to *Mary*.

He died on 5th January 1901.

1901 Census

61, High Street

- [1] *Frederick Hinton* (43), licensed victualler, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Sarah Hinton* (40), wife, born Rawtenstall, Lancashire;
- [3] *Arthur Hinton* (11), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Harold Hinton* (8), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Sydney Hinton* (5), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Mary Hildick* (17), general servant, born Pensnett:

County Express 13/4/1901

“Rudge-Whitworth Cycling Club. The run for last Thursday was to the COURT HOUSE, Kingswinford. Owing to the holidays only a few members turned up to participate in what was considered a thoroughly enjoyable outing. Mr. *Hinton* (the host) was very energetic in his efforts for the comforts of the members of the club. After songs and recitations had been given by the members and friends the return commenced, and headquarters was reached at 10pm.”

County Express 20/4/1901 - Advert

“Preliminary Advertisement.

Kingswinford, COURT HOUSE HOTEL.

Mr. Herbert Humphries will Sell By Auction, on Monday, May 6th, 1901, the Valuable Horses, Harness, Brougham, Landau, Wagonettes, Traps, Carts, etc., etc., together with the Household Furniture & Effects, belonging to Mr. *Hinton*, who has taken to the COURT HOUSE HOTEL, and has no further use for same.

Auction Offices: Brierley Hill and Stourbridge.”

County Express 29/6/1901

“Rudge-Whitworth C.C.- Kingswinford was the spot selected for last Thursday’s run, and as delightful weather prevailed it was decided to extend it via Stewpony and Prestwood. After an enjoyable ride their destination (OLD COURT HOUSE) was safely reached, and on their arrival a capital spread awaited the members. After this, harmony was resorted to, and a most enjoyable time prevailed. Headquarters was reached at 10.30.”

County Express 6/7/1901

“On Monday evening Mr. *F. Hinton*, of the OLD COURT HOUSE INN, gave a dinner there in honour of the safe return of his son, Trooper *J. Hinton*, from South Africa. A company of some 65, including many tradesmen of the village, and friends of Trooper *Hinton* from the district round, sat down to an excellent repast. Trooper *Hinton* entertained the company with an account of his experiences at the front, and toasts and songs were given during the evening, which throughout was most enjoyable.”

County Express 13/9/1902

“A supper in connection with the Kingswinford Amateur Flying Club was held at the OLD COURT HOUSE INN on Saturday, when 28 sat down to an excellently served meal. The prizes won during the season were distributed as follows:— First race, from Ashchurch, Mr. John Green 1st and 2nd; second race from Gloucester, Mr. Deeley 1st, Mr. J. Green 2nd; third race from Berkley Road Station, Mr. Deeley 1st, Mr. W. Price 2nd; fourth race, from Bristol, Mr. Deeley 1st, Mr. W. Price 2nd. After the prizes were distributed a most enjoyable evening was spent, and songs followed by Messrs. B. Bradley, Howett, J. Hinton, and Churchman. A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. *Hinton* for their catering closed the proceedings.”

Blackcountryman (Spring 1998)

Frederick Hinton once “lived in Rectory Farm and had been the mail cart contractor for the Dudley - Kingswinford run.”

1911 Census

High Street – OLD COURT HOUSE

- [1] *Frederick Hinton* (53), widower, innkeeper and mail contractor and carrier etc, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Maud Pritchard* (39), sister, housekeeper, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Arthur Hinton* (21), son, driver etc, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Harold Hinton* (18), son, driver etc, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Sidney Hinton* (15), son, driver etc, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Ivy Pritchard* (10), daughter, born Barmouth;
- [7] *Edith Pritchard* (8), daughter, born Brymbo, North Wales;
- [8] *George Pritchard* (5), son, born Brymbo, North Wales:

Headquarters of the Kingswinford Royal British Legion since May 1939.

A restaurant license was granted on 6th February 1950.

Closed

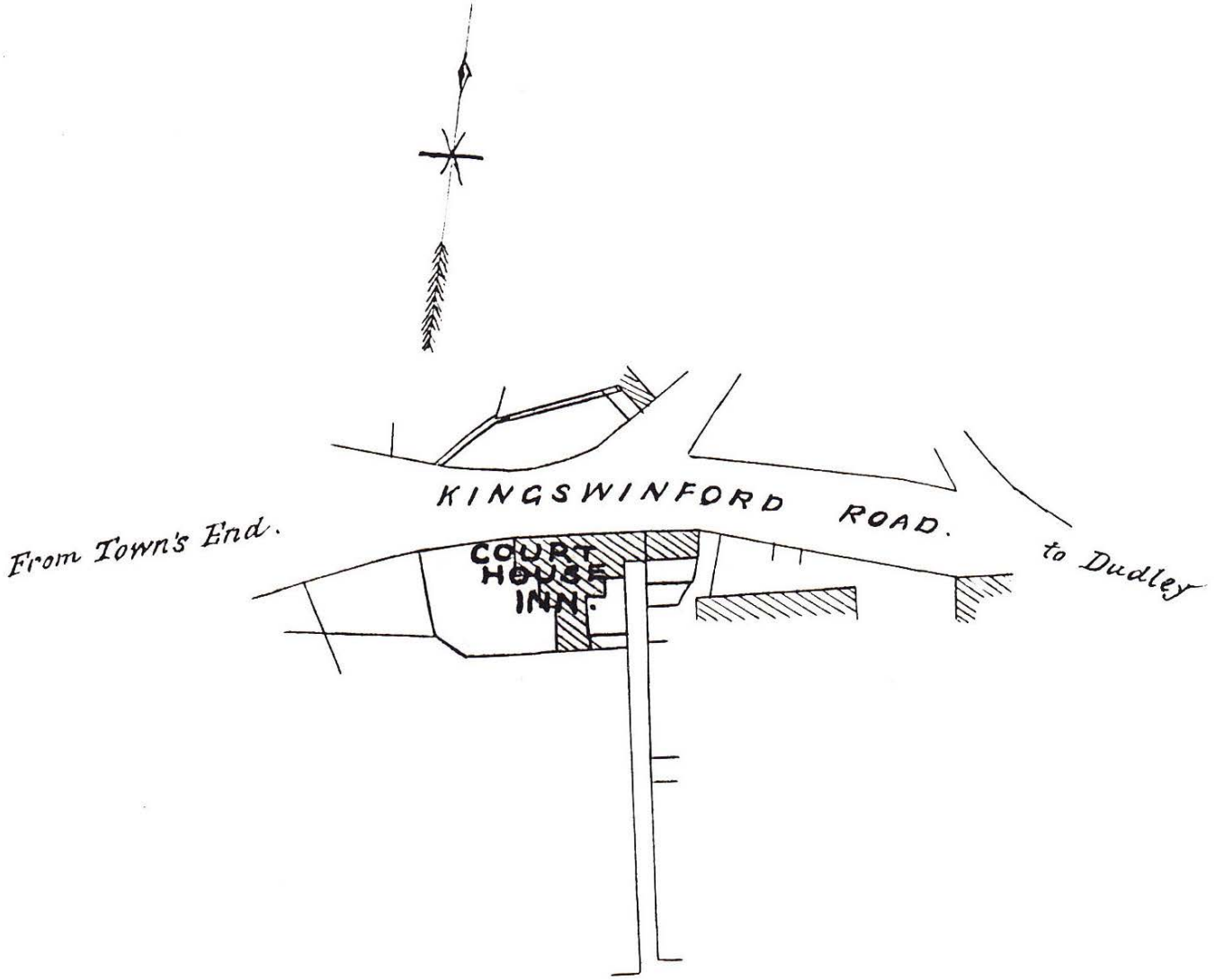
Reopened c.1984.

Terry Cable was married to *Julie*.

[2015]



2015



Plan 1898

OLD CROWN

53, (46), High Street (Dudley Road) / Water Street, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Benjamin Baker, Kingswinford

Harry Reynolds

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in February 1900 for £2,550) [1905]

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Edward Baker [1849] – **[1858]**;

Thomas Baker **(1858 – [1865]**

Mrs. Mary Baker [1868] – **1872)**;

Joseph Day **(1872)**;

John Baker **(1872 – 1888)**;

Harry Reynolds **(1888 – 1900)**;

Emma Reynolds **(1900)**;

George Howard Willetts **(1900 – 1901)**;

Frederick Rowley Hough **(1901)**;

William Henry Talbot **(1901 – 1902)**;

Henry Jackson **(1902 – 1904)**;

William Holden **(1904)**;

John Henry Hill **(1904 – 1905)**;

John Horatio Pepper **(1905 – 1906)**;

Thomas Ellerton **(1906)**;

Howard Benjamin Turley **(1906 – 1908)**;

Alfred Crowther **(1908)**;

Richard Cardo **(1908 – 1910)**;

Arthur Poultney **(1910 – 1911)**;

Henry Higginson **(1911 – 1912)**;

Elizabeth Bishop **(1912 – 1913)**;

George London Barnfield **(1913 – 1914)**;

Samuel James Staves **(1914 – 1922)**;

Frederick Denning **(1922 – 1924)**;

Elizabeth Butler **(1924)**;

NOTES

Water Street [1865]

46, High Street [1871]

53, High Street [1901], [1911], [1912]

CROWN [1849], [1851], [1854], [1857], [1858], [1860], [1862], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1872], [1892], [1896], [1901], [1903], [1911]

OLD CROWN [1912], [1925]

It had a boxing ring in the stables at the rear.

1851 Census

Dudley Road – CROWN INN

- [1] *Edward Baker* (46), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Maria Baker* (42), wife, born Lambeth;
- [3] *Caroline Southall* (18), house servant, born Kingswinford:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 12/12/1857 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale, at the CROWN INN, near the Toll Gate, Kingswinford. A Quantity of the Modern and Genteel Household Furniture removed to Mr. *Baker*'s, the above inn, for convenience of Sale.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 28/8/1858 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale at the CROWN INN, Kingswinford, To be Sold by Auction, by Enoch Lovatt, on Monday next, Sept. 5th, 1858, the Valuable Household Furniture, comprising belonging Mr. Thomas Brown, who is going to Australia.....”

1861 Census

High Street

- [1] *Thomas Baker* (64), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Baker* (66), wife, born Shropshire;
- [3] *Harriet Jones* (19), general servant, born Kingswinford:

1871 Census

46, High Street – CROWN INN

- [1] *Mary Baker* (80), widow, publican, born Chelmarsh, Shropshire;
- [2] *Mary Jane Day* (14), niece, born Himley;
- [3] *Sarah Male* (23), general servant, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

High Street

- [1] *John Baker* (38), bricklayer and innkeeper, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Sarah Ann Baker* (38), wife, born Cradley;
- [3] *Evaline Baker* (14), daughter, scholar, born Pensnett;
- [4] *Laura Baker* (12), daughter, scholar, born Pensnett;
- [5] *John J. Baker* (6), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Major Baker* (1), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Ann Trowman* (71), widow, mother in law, born Dudley Wood;
- [8] *Joseph Trowman* (36), boarder, stocktaker at ironworks, born Old Hill:

1891 Census

High Street – OLD CROWN

- [1] *Harry Reynolds* (39), publican, born Wordsley;
- [2] *Ellen Reynolds* (41), wife, born Himley;
- [3] *Mary Blacklock* (21), barmaid, born Birmingham:

Harry Reynolds died in 1900.

Dudley Herald 10/2/1900 - Advert

“Herbert Humphries will Sell by Auction, upon the Premises, The OLD CROWN INN, High Street, Kingswinford, on Monday, February 12th 1900.....

Lot 1. The Important Freehold and Valuable Full Licensed Inn and Premises known as the OLD CROWN INN, Kingswinford, aforesaid. This noted Double Fronted is Absolutely Free, and early possession may be had by the purchaser. The Trade and Domestic Accommodation have been carefully arranged, and comprises Four Bed Chambers, large Tap Room, with Bay Window; capital Smoke Room with ditto; spacious and well-fitted Bar with Bay; Private Kitchen, Roomy Brewhouse, capital Dry Cellaring, with Rolling Way; two-stall Stable, with Loft over; two Brick-built Piggeries, capital Range of Shedding 37ft by 15ft; and Meal Store, covered with Corrugated iron and

laid with quarries; Timber built Harness Room, Coach House, Cask Store, &c. The large retired Yard is partly Paved, and approached by a Gateway Entrance. At the rear is a large productive Garden, having a frontage of 30ft 4in, to Water Street, well-planted with choice Fruit Trees, and which can be readily sold off for building purposes. This fine Business Premises occupies a commanding corner position of High Street with Water Street, to each of which streets it has long frontages. It is unquestionably the most popular Inn in the district, and the trade is soundly established, and in a most flourishing position.

In addition to the Retail Trade a growing Family Cask Business is connected.

Please Note – The Death of the late Owner is the Sole Reason of Sale.”

[The pub was sold to North Worcestershire Breweries.]

1901 Census

53, High Street – CROWN INN

[1] *Frederick R. Hough* (24), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Alice Hough* (26), wife, born Birmingham;

[3] *Muriel Hough* (3), daughter, born Walsall;

[4] *Edith Marie Hough* (1), daughter, born Walsall;

[5] *Clara Blakemore* (28), cousin, barmaid, born Birmingham;

[6] *Susan Hadley* (18), general servant, born Cannock Chase;

[7] *Sarah Hadley* (15), general servant, born Cannock Chase:

County Express 19/4/1902

“The members of the OLD CROWN money club sat down on Monday evening to a substantial supper. Mr. J. Hackett was afterwards voted to the chair. The following added to the harmony of the evening: Messrs. T. Elwell, J. Jackson, J. Hale, E. Davies, W. Jackson, and G. Male. Miss Beatrice Jackson accompanied. A vote of thanks to the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. *Jackson*) brought an enjoyable evening to a close.”

Tipton Herald 14/3/1903

“The adjourned Licensing Sessions for the Kingswinford and Wordsley Division were held on Tuesday last [10th March] in the Town Hall, Brierley Hill.

CROWN INN, Kingswinford. Mr. Thompson made the application with regard to this house, and Mr. Garrard spoke as to the transfers. A question of a door connecting the licensed premises with an adjoining garden was raised as a magisterial visit of inspection. It was stated that it was intended that this garden should be converted into a bowling green. It had been decided that admittance should not be obtained from the licensed premises, but from the road. On this undertaking the license was renewed.”

William Holden married Sarah Ann in 1891.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 18/2/1905

“To Let. OLD CROWN INN, Kingswinford.....”

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“All that messuage or tenement now used as an inn and known as The OLD CROWN INN situate at the junction of High Street and Water Street in Kingswinford aforesaid. Together with the brewhouse stabling harness-room coach-house piggeries shedding store rooms and other outbuildings yards gardens.....”

1911 Census

53, High Street – CROWN INN

[1] *Arthur Poultney* (48), iron works stocktaker, licensed beerseller, born Quarry Bank;

[2] *Lucy Olive Poultney* (41), wife, married 22 years, born West Bromwich;

[3] *Elsie May Poultney* (21), daughter, assisting in business, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Charles Poultney* (17), son, carter, timber merchants, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *Davies Poultney* (8), son, school, born Kingswinford:

County Express 7/2/1920

“Licensing Sessions At Brierley Hill Houses Put Back.....

Supt. Rowbotham asked that the HOP AND BARLEY CORN INN, Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford, be also put back. Neighbouring licensed houses could supply all the needs of the locality. In the case of the OLD CROWN INN, High Street, Kingswinford, the Clerk said there were a great number of public houses in that part of the district. Mr. W. H. Thompson for the owner, offered no objection.

In the above three cases, and also those of the EAGLE INN, Turners Lane, The Delph, Brierley Hill, and the QUEEN INN, Buckpool, the justices adjourned the renewal of the licenses to the adjourned sessions when they will be dealt with on the ground of redundancy.”

County Express 9/4/1921

“Brierley Hill Police Court.....

Thomas Dawes (33), Bell Row, High Street, Kingswinford, and Daniel Cotterill (33) High Street, Kingswinford, were charged with being drunk and disorderly on the 28th ult.

PC Longman stated that he saw defendants struggling together at 10.30pm outside the CROWN INN, High Street. Both men were on the ground, drunk, and with injured faces. They were stripped for fighting, and had evidently been hitting each other.

Defendants, who pleaded guilty, were each fined 30s.

Joseph Dawes also of High Street, was summoned for disorderly behaviour at the same time and place.

PC Plummer said defendant had a crowd of people round him. He was swearing and shouting to his brother to give Cotterill ‘some more.’

Fined 20s.”

County Express 27/8/1921

“District Bagatelle League.

The committee of the Ensign Club, Wordsley, were recently approached with reference to reviving the Wordsley and District Bagatelle League which lapsed during the war, and various clubs were invited to attend a meeting to discuss the subject. There was a hearty response, and it was unanimously agreed to restart the League, following clubs signifying their intention of joining.

ROSE AND CROWN (Wordsley), SAMSON AND LION (Wordsley), TURKS HEAD (Audnam), NEW INNS (Wordsley), UNION (Kingswinford), RED LION (Bretell Lane), and Ensign Club. At a further meeting on Tuesday at the club, the CROWN (Kingswinford) and THULL GHANT (Wordsley) offered their co-operation. This left a vacancy of three to make the total up to twelve. Names should be submitted at the next meeting on Wednesday, August 31st, at the Ensign Club, at 7.30pm. It was decided that the headquarters of the league be the Ensign Club, and after formation meetings be held at each club in rotation. Mr. Albert Careless was elected Chairman of the committee, Mr. Simpson vice-chairman, and Mr. Bert Rowbottom secretary. The first match is to take place on Wednesday, October 3rd, and others each Wednesday to March. A committee will be appointed (comprising one member from each club) which will formulate rules, fix entrance fees, etc, and report to the next general meeting on Wednesday.”

Referred to Compensation Authority on the grounds of redundancy on 3rd March 1924.

The license was extinguished on 31st December 1924.

Dudley Herald 10/1/1925

“OLD CROWN INN, High Street, Kingswinford - recently delicensed is this week being razed to the ground.....”

PARK TAVERN

182, Cot Lane (Barnett Lane) / Broad Street, Summerhill, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Thomas Plant and Co. Ltd. (acquired c.1900)
Ansell's Ltd. (acquired c.1937)
Allied Domecq
Punch Taverns [2007]
Spirit Group [2008]
Individual Holdings Group [2012]
Alice Park Inns [2015]

LICENSEES

William Huxley [1871] – **1872**);
William Brooks (**1872 – 1874**);
James Massey (**1874 – 1881**);
William Huxley (**1881 – 1890**);
John Brooks (**1890 – 1894**);
William Taylor Burton (**1894 – 1895**);
William Knott (**1895 – 1897**);
Walter Billingham (**1897 – 1899**);
Joseph Bale (**1899 – 1900**);
Thomas Harley (**1900 – 1912**);
Frederick Geens (**1912 – 1913**);
Noah Cartwright (**1913 – 1922**);
Joseph Green (**1922 – 1923**);
William Henry Dunkley (**1923 – 1924**);
John Hickman (**1924 – 1931**);
Harry Johnson (**1931 – 1939**);
Edward McLoughlin (**1939 – 1943**);
Frank James (**1943 – 1944**);
Jack Harris (**1944 – 1947**);
Frederick Charles Baker (**1947 – 1952**);
Edna Baker (**1952 – 1953**);
Edna Newman (**1953 – 1958**);
Archibald Harold Stokes (**1958 – 1959**);
Arthur Holford Webster (**1959 – 1968**);
John Charles Eugene King (**1968 – 1973**);
Derek Burford (**1973**);
John Norman Froggatt (**1973 – 1991**);
Wendy Collins (**1991**);
Philip Harold Butler (**1991 – 2006**)
Dave Facer [2012] – [2013]



2015

NOTES

Barnet Lane [1891]

It had a beer and cider license.

1871 Census

Park – PARK TAVERN

- [1] *William Huxley* (56), gardener, born Himley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Huxley* (25), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Leonora Huxley* (9 months), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Mary Price* (12), general servant, born Kingswinford:

William Huxley, beer retailer, Kingswinford. [1872]

John Brooks = John Brookes

1891 Census

Barnet Lane – Public House & Seed Shop – PARK TAVERN

- [1] *John Brookes* (68), publican and seedsman, born Red Marley D'Abitott, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Emma Brookes* (48), wife, born Wenbury, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Emily Ann Brookes* (18), daughter, professor of music, born Oldswinford;
- [4] *Gertrude M. Brookes* (16), daughter, milliner, born Oldswinford;
- [5] *Frank Brookes* (14), son, packer in glass works, born Oldswinford:

A wine license was granted in 1895.

1901 Census

Cot Lane – PARK TAVERN

- [1] *Thomas Harley* (34), publican, born Penn;
- [2] *Emma Harley* (37), wife, born Kingswinford
- [3] *Henry Harley* (7), son, scholar, born Claverley, Shropshire;
- [4] *Sidney Harley* (4), son, scholar, born Claverley, Shropshire;
- [5] *Gladys Harley* (3), daughter, born Claverley, Shropshire;
- [6] *Henry Harley* (70), father, widower, wheelwright, born Wordsley:

1911 Census

Cot Lane – PARK TAVERN

- [1] *Thomas Harley* (45), publican, born Penn;
- [2] *Emma Harley* (47), wife, married 18 years, assisting in the business, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Henry Harley* (81), widower, father, retired wheelwright's pensioner, born Wordsley;
- [4] *Sidney Harley* (14), son, gardener, born Claverley;
- [5] *Gladys Harley* (12), daughter, school, born Claverley;
- [6] *Henry Harley* (18), son, shop assistant, born Claverley;
- [7] *Mabel Mandell* (25), niece, barmaid, born Wordsley:

Thomas Harley, beer retailer, Summer Hill. [1912]

Noah Cartwright, beer retailer, Summerhill. [1916], [1921]

A full license was confirmed in 1949.

It was put up for sale in September 2008.

[2015]

PORTWAY

Stream Road, (Wolverhampton Road), (Portway Road), KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

George Gough
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)
Marstons plc

LICENSEES

Joseph Shakespeare [1861] – [1865]
Robert Wright Crutchley [1871] – **1872**;
Joseph Shakespeare **(1872 – 1873)**;
William Timmins **(1873 – 1874)**;
Joseph Shakespeare **(1874 – 1875)**;
Elizabeth Shakespeare **(1875 – 1877)**;
George Gough **(1877)**;
Absalom Loynes **(1877 – 1878)**;
John Henry Deeley **(1878 – 1879)**;
William Henry Parsons **(1879 – 1886)**;
Walter Edwards **(1886 – 1894)**;
George Gough **(1894 – 1896)**;
Joseph Edwards **(1896 – 1901)**;
William Taylor **(1901 – 1903)**;
William Horace Jones **(1903)**;
David Winton **(1903 – 1904)**;
John William Morris **(1904)**;
Enoch Butler **(1904 – 1916)**;
Elizabeth Butler **(1916 – 1924)**;
Francis Donald Cox **(1924 – 1934)**;
Enoch Thomas Fincher **(1934 – 1951)**;
Bessie Helena Fincher **(1951 – 1954)**;
Gerald Thomas Fincher **(1954)**;
Jack Walter Field **(1954 – 1968)**;
John Albert Robbins **(1968 – 1978)**;
Glyn Harding Fuller **(1978 – 1979)**;
John William Parry **(1979 – 1982)**;
Clifford Michael Rich **(1982 – 1984)**;
Robert Peter Sankey **(1984 – 1987)**;
Frederick Thomas Lee **(1987 – 1989)**;
Malcolm Joseph Cartwright **(1989 – 1990)**;
John Edward Oliver **(1990 – [1993]**
Kay Baker [2012]
Paul Tyler [2013]

NOTES

It was originally known as the HALFWAY HOUSE

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

41, Portway or Market Street – HALFWAY HOUSE

- [1] *Joseph Shakespeare* (29), beerhouse keeper, born France (British subject);
- [2] *Elizabeth Shakespeare* (28), wife, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [3] *Mary Shakespeare* (7), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Emma Shakespeare* (1), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *John Shakespeare* (28), brewer, born France (British subject);
- [6] *Hannah Colley* (24), general servant, born Wellington, Shropshire:

J. Shakespeare, beer retailer, HALFWAY HOUSE, Kingswinford. [1865]

1871 Census

Portway – HALFWAY HOUSE

- [1] *Robert W. Crutchley* (26), publican, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Mary Crutchley* (36), wife, born Shropshire:

Joseph Shakespeare, beer retailer, HALFWAY HOUSE, Kingswinford. [1872]

1881 Census

Wolverhampton Road - PORTWAY

- [1] *William Henry Parsons* (32), publican, born Gothersley, Kingswinford;
- [2] *Barbara Parsons* (30), wife, born Invergordon, Scotland:

A wine license was granted in 1889.

The name was changed to PORTWAY INN in the licensing register in 1889

1891 Census

Portway Road

- [1] *Walter Edwards* (32), glass maker and publican, born Wordsley;
- [2] *Sarah Edwards* (27), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Henrietta Edwards* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Elizabeth Deeley* (58), mother in law, widow, living on her own means, born Hadley, Shropshire;
- [5] *Elizabeth Shakespeare* (19), sister in law, living on her own means, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Thomas Shakespeare* (18), brother in law, iron moulder, born Kingswinford:

George Gough, beer retailer, Portway. [1896]

1901 Census

PORTWAY INN

- [1] *William Taylor* (35), brass axle box moulder and licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary A. Taylor* (35), wife, born Sedgley:

County Express 15/11/1902

“On Wednesday morning, Mrs. *Taylor*, landlady of the PORTWAY INN, died suddenly while engaged in the business of the house. Mrs. *Taylor* had been medically attended for an affection of the heart, and had but recently rallied from serious illness.”

David Winton, beer retailer, Kingswinford. [1904]

1911 Census

Kingswinford – PORTWAY INN

[1] *Enoch Butler* (42), innkeeper, born Netherend, Cradley;

[2] *Lizzie Butler* (42), wife, married 22 years, assisting in business, born Cradley Heath;

[3] *Lawson Butler* (18), son, mould maker (terracotta works), born Cradley Heath;

[4] *Sidney Butler* (4), son, born Kingswinford:

Enoch Butler, beer retailer, Portway. [1912]

Mrs. Elizabeth Butler, beer retailer, Portway. [1916], [1921]

A full license was granted on 7th February 1949.

Robert Peter Sankey was known as Peter.

He was married to Irene.

[2015]



1996



2015

PRINCE ALBERT

34, (33), (21), (20), High Street, WALL HEATH

OWNERS

William Crumpton
Annie Growcott, Chapel Street, Wall Heath
John Solari
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Marstons plc

LICENSEES

Mrs. Susannah Edmonds [1849] - **(1858)**;
John Bradley **(1858 - [1861]**
Mrs. Althea Emma Bradley [1864] - [1871]
Emma Bradley [] - **1877)**
William Herbert Crumpton **(1877 - 1897)**;
Charles Alfred Crumpton **(1897 - 1901)**;
John 'Jack' Solari **(1901 - 1937)**;
Arthur Bird **(1937 - 1939)**;
Maurice Woodward **(1939 - 1940)**;
Rupert Fletcher **(1940 - 1947)**;
Leslie George Webb **(1947 - 1954)**;
Thomas Sourbuts Dewhurst **(1954 - [1958]**
J Fereday [1993]
Kelly Ward [2005]
Rachel McConnell [2012]
Melvyn Edwards [2014]

NOTES

20, High Street [1861]
21, High Street [1871]
33, High Street [1901], [1911]
34, High Street

The original building was situated next to the present one, which was formerly a private dwelling occupied by the Harvey family.

1851 Census

PRINCE ALBERT

[1] *Susannah Edmonds* (65), widow, victualler, born Wall Heath;
[2] *Mary Cooper* (38), niece, housekeeper, born Highgate Common:



1994



2015

Brierley Hill Advertiser 9/10/1858 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Public House and Premises, Wall Heath, Kingswinford. Mr. H. King has received instructions to offer for Sale by Auction, on Tuesday, the 14th day of October, 1858, at the CROSS INN, Townsend.....

All that very desirable Old Licensed, Freehold, Public House, The PRINCE ALBERT, with capital 3-horse Stable, Brewhouse, Piggeries, Yard, Garden, Pump of excellent Hard water, Soft water Cistern, with Pump and appurtenances thereto belonging, situate at Wall Heath fronting the Wolverhampton and Kidderminster Turnpike Road; and comprising an area 496 square yards or thereabouts, late in the occupation of the Widow *Edmonds*, deceased.

The House contains Front Parlour, Tap Room, Smoke Room, Kitchen, Two-arched Cellar, large Club Room, and Two Bed Rooms; the premises which possess every requisite accommodation for carrying on the Public Business, are substantially built, and in an excellent state of repair.....”

1861 Census

20, High Street – PRINCE ALBERT

[1] *John Bradley* (54), carter and victualler, born Sedgley;

[2] *Althea Bradley* (45), wife, born Enville;

[3] *Annemaria Bradley* (11), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Martha Bradley* (7), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[5] *Emma Bradley* (4), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[6] *John Baker* (50), lodger, labourer, brewer, born Billingham, Sussex:

Stourbridge Observer 14/1/1865

“*Emma Bradley*, landlady at the PRINCE ALBERT INN, Wall Heath, was charged by Superintendent Mills with having her house open for the sale of beer on the morning of the 1st inst, before the time allowed. The case was clearly proved and defendant was fined 20s and costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 9/7/1870

“*Emma Bradley*, publican, Wallheath, was charged with allowing cows to stray on the high road at Wallheath, on the 26th ultimo. Mr. Burbury appeared for defendant.

Police-constable Williams said on the above date about four o’clock in the afternoon, he found defendant’s cows straying on the highway leading from Swindon to Wordsley. There was no one with it. Sent it home. He saw it straying on the same road afterwards.

Cross-examined: Do not know that defendant sold the cow three weeks ago.

Mr. Burbury contended that the cow did not belong to the defendant, but the Bench ordered defendant to pay the costs.”

1871 Census

21, High Street – PRINCE ALBERT

[1] *Althea Emma Bradley* (55), widow, licensed victualler, born Hartlebury, Worcestershire;

[2] *Emma Lovinia Bradley* (14), daughter, dressmaker, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Sarah Jane Moore* (14), domestic servant, born Oldbury;

[4] *William Jervis* (30), lodger, hairdresser, born Kinver, Staffordshire:

Stourbridge Observer 19/9/1874

“*Emma Bradley* of the PRINCE ALBERT INN, Wall Heath, was charged with keeping her house open during prohibited hours, on the 30th ult. Police-constable Baynton, stationed at Wall Heath, said he visited defendant’s house at fifty minutes past nine o’clock on the morning in question, and found two men in the back kitchen. One of them tried to hide a jug, but he found it under his legs. On tasting it he found it contained ale and gin. The daughter of defendant said the man that had the drink was a lodger at the house, and she did not think she was doing wrong giving him the gin and ale. The other man was a neighbour, and he had only come to the house for some milk. Defendant was ordered to pay costs, 10s.....”

1881 Census

High Street – PRINCE ALBERT INN

- [1] *William Crumpton* (33), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Elenor Crumpton* (32), wife, born Wombourne;
- [3] *Harry Crumpton* (8), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Charles Alfred Crumpton* (6), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Lucy Crumpton* (3), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Jonah A. Crumpton* (1), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Harriet Southall* (17), general domestic servant, born Himley;
- [8] *Elizabeth Caswell* (75), visitor, widow, annuitant, born Dudley;

1891 Census

High Street – PRINCE ALBERT INN

- [1] *William Herbert Crumpton* (44), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Eleanor Crumpton* (42), wife, born Wombourne;
- [3] *Harry Crumpton* (18), son, carpenter and joiner, born Wall Heath;
- [4] *Charles A. Crumpton* (16), son, born Wall Heath;
- [5] *Lucy Crumpton* (12), daughter, born Wall Heath;
- [6] *Ellen Crumpton* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wall Heath;
- [7] *Jonah A. Crumpton* (11), son, scholar, born Wall Heath;
- [8] *May A. Crumpton* (5), daughter, scholar, born Wall Heath,

County Express 20/10/1900

“On Saturday evening the annual supper of the Young Men’s Bible Class Cricket Club was held at the PRINCE ALBERT INN, when an excellent repast was served up by the host, Mr. *C. Crumpton*. Some thirty sat down to the supper, and the evening was afterwards spent socially, a most enjoyable time was being passed.”

1901 Census

33, High Street

- [1] *Charles Crumpton* (26), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Wall Heath;
- [2] *Nellie Humphries* (27), cousin, born Cradley Heath;
- [3] *Mary A. Humphries* (69), aunt, widow, born Cradley Heath;

1911 Census

33, High Street

- [1] *John Solari* (32), licensed victualler and brewer, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Mary Ann Solari* (30), wife, married 4 years, assisting in business, born Wordsley;
- [3] *Marie Solari* (2), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *John Solari* (7 months) son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Edith Minnie Bailey* (22), general servant, born Pensnett;

John ‘Jack’ Solari was a tool maker at Hobson’s, Accuracy Works, Cousins Street, Wolverhampton. He installed the first petrol pump in Wall Heath, outside the pub.

An application was made to move the license to a house known as “Laurels”, situate at the junction of Enville Road and High Street.

Granted 1st February 1937.

[2015]

QUEENS HEAD

High Street, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

R B Green [1983]

NOTES

[1938]

RED LION

5, High Street, Towns End, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Caswell [1865] – **1878**;
Henry Downes (**1878 – 1881**);
James Thomas (**1881 – 1883**);
Edward Tranter (**1883 – 1886**);
Richard Furber (**1886 – 1890**);
James Bird (**1890 – 1907**);
Victor Dingley (**1907**):

NOTES

It was originally known as the TOWNSEND.
The name was changed to RED LION in 1877.

It had a beerhouse license.

John Caswell, beer retailer, Town's End. [1868], [1872]
He was fined 1s and costs for selling ale during prohibited hours on 26th October 1865.

1881 Census

Townsend

- [1] *Henry Downes* (53), innkeeper, born Caynham, Shropshire;
- [2] *Esther Downes* (50), wife, born Moor Lane;
- [3] *Sarah Ann Downes* (23), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Henry Downes* (21), son, teacher of music, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Benjamin Thomas Downes* (17), son, grocer's assistant, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

Townsend – LION INN

- [1] *James Bird* (37), beerhouse keeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Bird* (39), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *John Bird* (12), son, scholar, born Kingswinford:

James Bird, beer retailer, Townsend. [1896]

1901 Census

5, High Street – LION INN

- [1] *James Bird* (47), beer retailer, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Bird* (49), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Agnes Lavinia Growcott* (38), sister in law, unmarried, living on her own means, born Kingswinford:

James Bird, beer retailer, 5, High Street. [1904]

The license renewal was refused on 18th June 1906.
The license was extinguished on 24th August 1907.

RED LION

KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Cartwright [1858] – [1862]
John Mountford [] – **1869**;
Isaac Mountford (**1869** – []

NOTES

A spirit license was granted in August 1858.

[This is probably the one in High Street.]

ROSE AND CROWN

Bell Street, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Moore [1849] – [1850]

NOTES

Check Brierley Hill.

ROSE AND CROWN

Bromley, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Enoch Hale [1860]

ROSE AND CROWN

Gosty Bank, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Isaiah Baker [1849]

SEVEN STARS

17, (5), (4), High Street, WALL HEATH

OWNERS

William Eades
Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Gorton [1834] – [1835]
John Eades [1840] – [1845]
Mrs. Mary Eades [1849] – [1851]
Thomas Hughes [1854]
William Simpson [1860]
Joseph Billingsley [1862] – **1866**;
Lewis Adams (**1866 – 1867**);
Ezariah Rowley (**1867 – []**)
Deborah Rowley [1871]
Issacher Rowley [1868] – **1875**); [1881]
George Evason (**1875 – 1886**);
Emma Louisa Rowley (**1886 – 1890**);
Mary Ann Haddon (**1890 – 1892**);
Isaac Lewis (**1892**);
Mrs. Patience Bate (**1892 – 1897**);
Frederick William 'Fred' Northwood (**1897 – 1902**);
Daniel Westwood (**1902 – 1903**);
Alfred Joseph Lowder (**1903 – 1904**);
Louisa Cooper (**1904 – 1905**);
Zachariah Marsh (**1905 – 1908**);
Harry Edwards (**1908 – 1910**);
Arthur Hough (**1910 – 1911**);
John Mason (**1911**);
William Dudley (**1911 – 1912**);
Rebecca Rogers (**1912**);

NOTES

4, High Street [1861]
5, High Street [1871]
17, High Street

OLD SEVEN STARS [1845], [1849], [1850], [1854], [1868], [1870], [1872], [1873], [1892], [1896]

1841 Census

Wall Heath – SEVEN STARS

[1] *John Eades* (30), victualler, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Mary Eades* (30), born Staffordshire;

[3] *Mary Baker* (20), fs:

1851 Census

SEVEN STARS INN

- [1] *Mary Eades* (40), widow, victualler, born Kinver;
- [2] *Mary Eades* (9), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *John Oakley* (26), brewer, born Kingswinford:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/10/1856 - Advert

“Staffordshire. Capital Freehold Inn and Land, Wall Heath, Kingswinford. To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Hawkins, on Monday, October 20th 1856, at the SEVEN STARS INN, Wall Heath, aforesaid, all that Old-Licensed Inn and Premises, known as the YEW TREE INN, situated at Wall Heath, Kingswinford, and fronting the highway leading from Wall Heath to Green’s Forge, comprising Four Rooms on the ground floor, with Cellaring thereunder, Two Chambers and large Club Room, together with Stabling, Gig House, Brewhouse, Piggeries, Coal Houses, and other Outbuildings. Also all that Piece of Land adjoining thereto, used as a Pleasure Garden in connection with the said Inn, containing in quantity, with the site of the YEW TREE INN, 1 acre and 2 roods, or thereabouts.

The above Property is situated near the Oak Farm Works, is substantially built in the Gothic style, and well fitted up with every convenience for trade.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 5/9/1857

“On Saturday last, a show of dahlias, between the Wall Heath and the Himley growers, took place at the SEVEN STARS INN, Wall Heath. The Wall Heath growers were declared winners. Some splendid blooms were shown, especially those of Mr. Samuel Price. Mr. and Mrs. *Hughes* erected the stands, and undertook the task of arranging the flowers, which they accomplished to the entire satisfaction of all present. The show being free was well attended by a very respectable company.”

1861 Census

4, High Street – SEVEN STARS INN

- [1] *Joseph Billingsley* (44), victualler, born Worfield, Shropshire;
- [2] *Sarah Billingsley* (48), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Jane B. Billingsley* (14), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Mary Hughes* (54), visitor, house proprietor, born Bilston;
- [5] *Martha Merriss* (12), house servant, born Kingswinford:

1871 Census

5, High Street – SEVEN STARS INN

- [1] *Deborah Rowley* (59), widow, licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Issacher Rowley* (29), son, iron worker, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Sarah H. Rowley* (21), daughter, dressmaker, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Esther J. Rowley* (19), domestic servant, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *John E. H. Rowley* (16), son, iron worker, born Kingswinford:

Issacher Rowley = *Issachar Rowley*

1881 Census

Wall Heath – SEVEN STARS INN

- [1] *Issachar Rowley* (40), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Emma Rowley* (33), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Mary Andrews* (18), domestic servant, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Sarah Parton* (13), nurse, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Mary Rowley* (6 months), daughter, born Wall Heath:

1891 Census

SEVEN STARS

[1] Mary A. Haddon (50), widow, licensed victualler, born Coventry;

[2] Ada Haddon (28), daughter, born Tipton;

[3] Harriet Haddon (21), daughter, born Erdington;

[4] Herbert Haddon (18), son, born Erdington;

[5] Arthur Haddon (16), son, born Erdington:

County Express 3/3/1900

“*Frederick Northwood*, landlord of the SEVEN STARS INN, Wallheath, was charged with assaulting his brother-in-law, John B. Bradley, of Pensnett, on February 18th. Mr. Barradale (Dudley) prosecuted, and Mr. Waldron defended. Mr. Barradale said Bradley was a medical student living at Pensnett, and had married *Northwood*’s sister. He might as well be frank, and say there had been between Bradley and his wife for some time very unhappy differences, and their quarrels seemed to have culminated the week before last in his wife going to her father’s at Wallheath. Next day, Sunday, the 18th, complainant was going to Wallheath to see his wife, and called at Mr. Albert Glaze’s, another brother-in-law. *Northwood* came there accompanied by Bradley’ wife, and he upbraided complainant respecting his conduct to his wife. Bradley promised that he would either behave better, or would be willing to accept a separation. *Northwood* then adopted a dictatorial tone, and Bradley said he would not be dictated to. *Northwood* then struck Bradley in the eye. Perhaps there might have been a little provocation up to this time, but what followed was most brutal. *Northwood* held his arm round complainant, and punched him repeatedly in the face, making his nose bleed profusely. Bradley went into the china pantry to escape, but defendant followed and struck him again. Afterwards Bradley ran into the dining room and picked up a poker. Mrs. Glaze was there, and she said to defendant ‘Give him some more,’ and complainant’s wife said ‘A good hiding will do him good.’ Then *Northwood* again assaulted the defendant, whose eyes were badly blacked.

Bradley gave evidence bearing out these statements. When first struck by *Northwood* witness was sitting in a chair, and this blow stunned him. He called upon Mr. Glaze to stop defendant, but Mr. Glaze said ‘No, it serves you — well right.’ Cross-examined: Witness had been married nearly three years. During this time he had had money from the practice, and also from Mr. *Northwood*, sen. He did not consider he had been kept all this time by his wife’s father. He had not had between £300 and £400 from his father-in-law; he had only had £200 from him, and that was not enough to keep him. It had helped. During this period he had been drunk at times — A Good many times? — Several times. He was sober on this occasion. On the Saturday his wife left, the two servants also left, and one of them alleged something against him. When *Northwood* came to Mr. Glaze’s, he told witness he had come about his conduct towards his wife. Witness did use an expression to his wife in the presence of one of the servants, and in respect of which *Northwood* upbraided him. Witness did not say he would not apologise, but he said he was not going to be a — mouse, and that if he married the daughter, he had not married the family. Witness had a cane, with him, but did not strike at defendant with it.

Mr. Waldron said complainant had admitted using very atrocious language toward his wife, and the defendant simply asked for an apology, which was reasonable to do. Complainant, however, was obstinate, saying he was not going to be a mouse, and then there was some talk about the one brother-in-law threatening to give the other a thrashing unless his conduct mended. Complainant struck at *Northwood*, and he then struck Bradley.

Albert Glaze said Bradley first struck at *Northwood*, after which there was a general melee, each doing the best he could. Witness pulled defendant away, and then Bradley ran and got the poker and struck at *Northwood*.

Cross-examined: Complainant was not badly injured, but his nose bled. There was really no violence; complainant just boxed a little.

Northwood also gave evidence. His sister made complaints about the complainant’s conduct and language, and witness told complainant that if he repeated his conduct he would get a good thrashing, and he richly deserved one. Bradley asked if witness could do it, and when witness rose and said he could complainant struck at him with a stick, and he received a blow on the arm. Then witness struck him once. Bradley went to another room, got the poker and hit witness on the hat with it.

The Stipendiary said although there might have been what was called moral provocation, still he believed the defendant struck the first blow, when complainant would not apologise. He was fined £3 and costs, or a month.”

1901 Census

17, High Street

- [1] *Fred Northwood* (35), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Louisa Northwood* (33), wife, born Banbury;
- [3] *Elsie Northwood* (11), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Marie Northwood* (10), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Winnie Askew* (38), visitor, clerk, bookkeeper, born Banbury;
- [6] *Florence J. Perks* (19), domestic servant, born Tipton:

County Express 10/5/1902

“*Frederick Northwood*, landlord of the SEVEN STARS INN, Wallheath, was summoned under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, for selling whiskey diluted 6.4 per cent beyond the statutory limit of 25 per cent under proof. Mr. H. Van Tromp prosecuted, and Mr. W. Waldron defended.

Samuel Toy, inspector under the Act, deposed to visiting the SEVEN STARS INN, Wallheath, and paying 1s 9d for three quarters of whiskey, which was the price usually paid for good spirits. He was supplied by the barmaid.

Mr. Waldron: According to the certificate, there was not much the matter with the samples. Defendant was not there at the time.

Mr. Tromp said the case was not a bad one, the certificate of the county analyst showing it to be diluted 6.4 per cent beyond the limit allowed by statute.

Mr. Waldron said according to the prosecution the case was not a bad one. The practice had been to mix one quart of water with four of whiskey to bring it to the limit allowed by the law, and this was rough and ready means had resulted in some slight mistake arising. There was no intent to cheat or defraud. He submitted that if the costs were paid justice would be satisfied.

A fine of £3, including costs was inflicted.”

Alteration Order granted on 2nd February 1904.

1911 Census

Wall Heath – SEVEN STARS

- [1] *John Mason* (37), publican, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Isabel Alice Mason* (32) wife, married 11 years, assisting in business, born Lye;
- [3] *Nancy Mason* (10), daughter, school, born Lye;
- [4] *Rose Mason* (1), daughter, born Lye;
- [5] *Lucretia Hill* (17), general servant, born Lye:

License renewal refused on grounds of redundancy on 18th July 1912.

The license was extinguished on 28th December 1912.

It became a private dwelling.

It became a shop.



Ex Pub 2009

SHINGLERS ARMS

4, (5), Stallings Lane, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Benjamin Gibbons
John Rolinson and Son Ltd. [1900]

LICENSEES

Henry Walker [1861] – **1891**);
Mrs. Sarah Walker (**1891 – 1894**);
Mary Elizabeth Walker (**1894**);
John Henry Walker (**1894 – 1899**);
George William Whatmore (**1899 – 1900**);
William Stoddart (**1900 – 1911**);
Joseph Marsh (**1911 – 1913**);
Adam Smith (**1913 – 1915**);

NOTES

5, Stallings Lane [1901]
4, Stallings Lane [1911]

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

Stallings Lane – SHINGLERS ARMS

- [1] *Henry Walker* (34), publican (beerhouse), born Alverley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Sarah Walker* (29), wife, born Illey, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Anne Walker* (4), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Sarah J. Walker* (2), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Jane Bennitt* (20), house servant, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Emma Jones* (16), house servant, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Walter Hutson* (46), lodger, agricultural labourer, born Derby;

Stourbridge Observer 17/12/1864 - Advert

“A Wonder of the Age. / A fat pig, weighing seventy-one scores / to be seen alive. / This extraordinary animal is creating the greatest sensation throughout the mining districts of South Staffordshire. Its immense size staggers all beholders while the compactness of its form – being thoroughly well-proportioned in all its parts – calls forth the admiration of all. The animal weighs seventy-one scores, is 12 hands and one inch high, and 10ft long. This great curiosity may be viewed daily, free of cost, at Mr. *Henry Walker*'s, SHINGLERS ARMS, Stalling's Lane, Kingswinford.”

[A score is 20 or 21 pounds. A hand is 4 inches.]

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Advert 1864

1871 Census

Stallings Lane – SHINGLERS ARMS

- [1] *Henry Walker* (44), licensed victualler born Alveley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Sarah Walker* (39), wife, born Halesowen;
- [3] *Sarah J. Walker* (12), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *John H. Walker* (9), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Mary E. Walker* (7), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Alice Walker* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Eliza Ridgway* (20), general servant, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] *William Cooper* (36), servant, jobbing brewer, born Sedgley:

1881 Census

Stallings Lane – SHINGLERS ARMS

- [1] *Henry Walker* (54), licensed victualler, born Alveley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Sarah Walker* (48), wife, born Worcestershire;
- [3] *Sarah J. Walker* (22), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *John H. Walker* (19), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Mary E. Walker* (17), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Alice Walker* (12), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Eva Finnie* (?) (27), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

Stallings Lane – SHINGLERS ARMS

- [1] *Sarah Walker* (58), widow, licensed victualler, born Halesowen;
- [2] *John H. Walker* (29), son, farmer, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Mary E. Walker* (27), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Alice Walker* (21), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Mary Head* (20), general servant, born Bloxwich:

Sarah Walker was also a farmer. [1892]

John Henry Walker was also a farmer. [1896]

George William Whatmore was found guilty of stealing coal and ordered to close the pub in October 1900. The house was in very poor condition - affected by mining. The license was granted to *William Stoddart* on 5th November 1900.

County Express 3/11/1900

“Mr. Waldron, applied for a temporary permit to be granted to *William Stoddart*, in respect of the SHINGLERS ARMS, Stalling’s Lane, Kingswinford. He mentioned that until a short time ago the license was held by *George William Whatmore*, who, he said, was convicted and fined for stealing a quantity of coal. It was a fact in law that any publican fined for stealing was for ever again unable to hold a license. A publican thus convicted became a felon, and *Whatmore* was ordered to go home and close the house. The license was therefore forfeited and on behalf of Messrs. J. Rollinson and Company he had now to state that a new tenant had been found. He pointed out that the Bench had jurisdiction to grant a temporary permit in case of a new tenant being found. A similar course had been pursued over and over again in that Court. He admitted the SHINGLERS ARMS was in a very dilapidated condition, but it was being renovated throughout, and put into proper order.

William Stoddart, the applicant, stated to the Court that he had agreed to take to the house when the repairs were finished, and had arranged to pay £20 a year rent. He knew the house well, and was aware it was in very poor condition structurally. In reply to Mr. Superintendent Spendlove, applicant admitted he had never seen such a house in all his life, and agreed really it wanted pulling down. There was not a single door to any of the outbuildings. In Stalling’s Lane there were three public-houses, the SHINGLERS ARMS being in the middle, and there was one private house just in that district. He was not aware that the person in the private house was a teetotaler – (laughter). He knew there was plenty of traffic down Stalling’s Lane to and from Wallheath and other places.

Mr. Waldron here stated the house had been licensed over sixty years.

The Clerk asked the applicant if he had signed any agreement? – *Stoddard*: Yes, sir.

The Clerk asked for it to be produced. – *Stoddart* replied the agreement he referred to was the deposit he had paid on the valuation.

William Morris, manager and cashier for the firm, said the property belonged to Gibbon's trustees, and his firm took it on an annual rental of £40, which included land at the back and front of the house, and another piece at Kingswinford. The firm were having the premises restored, and he undertook, on behalf of the firm, to carry out whatever the Bench desired. No limitation was made to the owners when *Whatmore* had got into trouble.

In reply to Mr. Chambers, witness stated the firm paid £40 a year for the house and land. They let the house to *Whatmore* at £20, and the land was in the occupation of Mr. Roberts and Mr. Hinton.

Mr. Spendlove asked him if he considered the house in a satisfactory condition? – Mr. Morris replied it could not be expected in a house which had been up for forty or fifty years or more.

Mr. Spendlove said he should think it was nearer a hundred and fifty. He gave evidence, stating he visited the place, and had never seen a public-house in such a condition in all his life; it was a tumble-down old place, and wanted entirely re-building. There was a full-licensed house 500 yards away, and the workers at the brickworks in that locality would have to pass this one to reach the SHINGLERS ARMS. The house was really not fit for occupation, and when he went there he found the rain coming through the roof on to the bed.

Mr. Grazebrook: Do you think, in the general interest of the public residing there, that the public would be put to serious inconvenience if license is withdrawn? – Mr. Spendlove: I should say not sir; if I express my opinion, there is no need for a public-house there, and I don't think there is such a large amount of traffic in Stalling's Lane. He added that he was not aware, at the time of the last Licensing Sessions, that the house was in such a wretched condition, or he would have raised objection to it then.

George William Whatmore, called to give evidence, said he had pointed out the bad state of the roof to the superintendent, and told him it was not fit for habitation. He still believed that it was not fit to live in. At present there was a man in possession of the house because witness was unable to pay the rent. It was impossible for him while there, to get a living.

In answer to the Clerk, witness said he had not yet left the house; he was living there, and his furniture was also there.

The Clerk: That is conclusive against you, Mr. Waldron. – Mr. Waldron said this being so, he asked the Bench to withdraw it, so that the applicant could get into actual possession and the repairs completed.

The Bench decided to refuse the application, on the ground that the present applicant was not in possession.”

County Express 10/11/1900

“District Police Courts. Brierley Hill. – Monday. Before Messrs. G. K. Harrison, P. Harris, and W. H. Stuart.

Mr. Waldron applied for a temporary permit in respect of the SHINGLERS ARMS, Stalling's Lane, Kingswinford, for Mr. *Stoddart*. He made it under the Ale House Act, 1828, wherein provision was made whereby, under certain circumstances, where a license had been lost, the magistrates had power to grant a temporary permit. In the case of the SHINGLERS ARMS, the license was forfeit in consequence of the late tenant being convicted of an offence. It was really a trumpery matter, the theft of a few pence of coal. Gibbons' trustees were the owners, and the superior owners were Messrs. John Rollinson and Sons, brewers, Netherton. No notice was given to either of them of the conduct of the late tenant, *George William Whatmore*; if so, the owners would have taken care to have had the license transferred before the conviction was recorded, and thereby have saved the license. He was now only asking the Bench to restore to innocent persons that which had been taken from them by the misconduct of a third person. Last week the application came before the Court, but it was premature on the ground that the man now applying, *Stoddart*, was not in actual possession of the house. Certain opposition was set up by the police authorities against the condition. There was a reason why the house was in a dilapidated condition, viz., the result of mining operations proceeding there for the last four or five months. These were expected to cease shortly, when if found necessary, it should be rebuilt, but in the meantime his clients were ready to put the house into a state of repair to enable the business to be carried out.

Mr. Superintendent Spendlove said the objection was not only with regard to the structure, but also as to whether the district needed it.

Mr. Waldron said the answer to this was it had been a licensed house for a hundred years. There might not be a large number of houses in Stalling's Lane, but it was a well frequented place.

Mr. Mark Rollinson, auctioneer and surveyor, Brierley Hill, said he was agent to the trustees of the late Mr. Benjamin Gibbons, and this house was let to Messrs. John Rollinson and Sons, Netherton, on a yearly tenancy. The premises were not in repair in consequence of mining operations, and on behalf of the owners, he was prepared to put the

house into a thorough state of repair. He should think the house had been licensed for 70 or 80 years; at one time Mr. *Henry Walker* lived there and made some money.

Mr. Spendlove: You say Mr. *Walker* made a fortune there? – Mr. Mark Rollinson: No, I did not say so; I said he made some money.

You know the tenant got some ‘bums’ in the house for rent? – Yes.

Those are altered circumstances? – Yes, and it only shows there is a bad tenant in the house.

Is it not a fact that the present tenant has a distrait in the house, and does it point to the house being required? – It does not point that it is not required, because there are plenty of men who would go and make plenty of money, and another would go into the Bankruptcy Court.

Mr. Daniel Rollinson, managing director to Messrs. John Rollinson and Sons, Limited, Netherton, said he had no information as to the proceedings for theft, against *Whatmore* until after the conviction, and he at once took the necessary steps to try and get rid of him. The house had suffered from mining operations for some months. *Whatmore*’s rent was £20 a year, and they had put the bailiffs in for the rent in order to get rid of him. *Whatmore* was useless for trade.

Mr. King directed the witness to telephone to the brewery to ascertain the number of barrels delivered to the house during the last six months, and Mr. D. Rollinson ascertained it was 41 barrels.

Stoddart, the applicant, stated he was a labourer for the Canal Company. He repeated his evidence given last week as to the house structurally being a very bad one.

The evidence of Mr. Spendlove, as given last week, was read to the Court, and included the evidence of *Whatmore* that he did not take a quarter of a living to keep himself, and that there was not a room in the house fit to live in.

The Bench decided to grant a temporary permit on the understanding that the house should be put in proper order and repair as promised. Upon this rested the question of the actual renewal of the license.”

County Express 8/12/1900

“*William Stoddart*, tenant of the SHINGLERS ARMS, Stalling’s Lane, Kingswinford, applied for the full transfer of the license of this house. Mr. Waldron said it was really a formal matter. Originally the application for a temporary license came before the Court – before Mr. Grazebrook and Mr. Chambers – when it was refused on the ground that *Stoddart* at that time was not in actual possession. Subsequently on November 5th the application was renewed before Mr. G. King, Mr. W. H. Stuart, and Mr. Peter Harris, when the then justices granted the temporary transfer. There was an undertaking given to the police that the house should be put in a state of repair, and this would be done to the entire satisfaction of the police. The house belonged to the executors of the late Mr. Gibbons, and Messrs. Rollinson and Company, Netherton, were the tenants, and they sub-let to the applicants.

The Clerk said the justices on November 5th granted a temporary permit until the special transfer day, which was that day, when it was to be absolutely decided whether the full transfer should or should not be granted. The magistrates, on the last occasion, did not consider it necessary to take away the license, but, of course, it was entirely in the hands of the present Bench.

In reply to Mr. Grazebrook, the Clerk said the late tenant was convicted of stealing coal, and this conviction forfeited the license. There had not been any complaint against the house, and on the last occasion the justices granted the temporary permit, thinking that the fact of the previous tenant being connected with felons should not take away the license.

Mr. Grazebrook said when the case came on before, there were other questions which were brought before them, one being whether a necessity existed for the house.

Mr. Waldron: Which you cannot entertain.

The Clerk said it was not so. This was a full license, and the Bench had power to deal with it other than on the four grounds contained in the Alehouse Act.

Mr. Grazebrook said the question of whether there was a need for the house came before them on the first occasion, and he was under the impression the superintendent of police gave rather strong evidence confirming that point, and it was a point Mr. Waldron must deal with. There was also the question of the general repair, and it was represented the house was in a most shocking condition, and absolutely untenable.

Mr. Waldron said as to the question as to whether the house was required or not, the best answer to that was that it had been licensed for over fifty years, and the same conditions prevailed now as when the license was granted. The license was renewed last August, when no objection was raised by the police that it was not required, the license existed up till the time that the late tenant admitted having stolen two or three pennyworth of coal, and then the license was forfeited. That act imposed great hardships on the owners of the place, for they were not informed of any charge pending against the tenant. Had they known, the owners would have taken care, before the felony case

was tried, to submit another applicant for the license, and then there could not have been a forfeiture of it. The question of the number of houses in the district, or of the inhabitants, had nothing to do with the matter. As a matter of fact there was only one private house in the lane, although two licensed houses. They were way-side inns, and had they had relied solely upon trade from the immediate district, they must have died years ago.

Superintendent Spendlove said he would like to refer to the statement of Mr. Waldron, that there had been no objection laid against the house at the licensing sessions in August. He wished to say that notices were not served with regard to structural alterations, excepting where premises were so arranged as to facilitate illicit drinking. It was not part of his duty to see whether public-house property was kept in proper order. He thought that point might have been left alone.

Mr. Waldron said he did not attach much importance to the point mentioned by the superintendent as to the fact that no objection was made as to the requirements for the license. It was proved on the last occasion that the house was required, and the license was granted by the three justices named on an undertaking being given that the house should be put in a state of repair, and these repairs were in progress, and had been seen that same morning by the superintendent. He added that a number of similar applications had been made to this Court at different times, and had never known one refused.

The Clerk replied that in his opinion that there had not been a parallel case to this one. Previous reference had been made to the WHITE HART, but it could not be said that a big house like that, doing a big trade, ought to have its license taken away on such a ground.

Mr. Waldron said he should think if ever there was a house which ought to have gone that was the one, because they were as thick as bilberries, so to speak. If there was a victim, was it not better and more generous to lessen the licenses by notices being served and dealt with at the annual licensing sessions? The present application was driven to come before the justices by the criminal act of some person, and he asked that this act on the part of a third party ought not to be used against perfectly innocent persons.

Mr. Spendlove said he believed that as far as it could be repaired, this old house would be, but the owner admitted that he would ultimately apply for permission to build a new house.

Mr. Waldron: That shows that we think there is a necessity for the license, if we are willing to spend a lot of money in building a new house.

The Clerk said there was one rather important matter brought forward last time, viz., the number of barrels consumed weekly.

Mr. Waldron said the evidence was that up to the time the late tenant was in, it averaged three barrels a week.

Mr. Spendlove: I don't think it worked out at three a week.

Mr. Waldron: There was a decimal.

Mr. Spendlove: A big decimal too.

The Clerk added that practically it was three barrels a week, so far as he remembered.

Mr. Waldron expressed the hope that the justices present would not stultify what other justices had done, although they were not bound by the former decisions.

Mr. Grazebrook said it was an important point that the owners of public-houses should put a class of man who would not bring convictions on the house.

Mr. Waldron asked, was not the answer to this that the man in question was of good character, or assumed good character, or the police would never have permitted the man to have gone into the house? Like the police, the owners believed that he was a man of respectability.

Mr. Mark Rollinson, agent to Mr. Gibbon's executors, stated that when the temporary permit was granted an undertaking was given that the house should be well repaired, and this was in progress. He was prepared to say the alterations should be completed before January 1st.

William Stoddard gave evidence as to being in possession of the house.

The Bench then confirmed the temporary license granted on November 5th."

1901 Census

5, Stallings Lane

[1] *William Stoddart* (54), widower, licensed victualler, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Joseph Stoddart* (29), son, carter, born Staffordshire;

[3] *Elizabeth Stoddart* (24), daughter, born Staffordshire;

[4] *Jane Stoddart* (20), daughter, born Staffordshire:

1911 Census

4, Stallings Lane – SHINGLERS ARMS

[1] *William Stoddart* (64), widower, licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Joseph Stoddart* (39), son, canal labourer, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Elizabeth Stoddart* (34), daughter, assistant in business, born Kingswinford;

[4] *May Stoddart* (14), granddaughter, school, born Pilsley, Derbyshire:

License renewal refused on 29th July 1914.

License extinguished on 4th January 1915.

SHOVEL

KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

SPREAD EAGLE

Church Road, (15, The Village), KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Pearson [1861]
Joseph Fletcher [1869]
Richard Downing [1871] - **1874**);
Joshua John Beddard (**1874 - 1881**);
Emily Rebecca Wickstead (**1881 - 1882**);
James Taylor (**1882 - 1883**);
Thomas Parslow (**1883**):

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

Village Green

[1] *William Pearson* (38), beerhouse keeper, born Dudley;

[2] *Emma Pearson* (38), wife, born Kingswinford:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 15/5/1869 - Advert

“To Publicans, Brokers, and Others. Mr. Edwards will Sell by Auction, on Wednesday Next, May 19th 1869, without reserve, upon the premises, the SPREAD EAGLE INN, near the Church, Kingswinford, now in the occupation of Mr. *Joseph Fletcher*, for Rent, the Brewing Plant and Effects, comprising Table, Two Forms, Five Screens, Tap Cupboard, Frame Shelves, French Bedsteads, Brass Window Blind, Pair Wort Tubs, Oval Mash Tub, Brewing Tubs, capital Malt Crusher nearly new; six iron-bound Half hogshead Casks, 100-gallon Wrought-iron Furnace, American Bowling Alley, Sign &c.....”

1871 Census

15, The Village – SPREAD EAGLE

[1] *Richard Downing* (52), coal miner, beer seller, born Dudley;

[2] *Catherine Downing* (44), wife, born Dudley;

[3] *Catherine Jesson* (13), niece, born Oldbury:

Richard Downing check also GATE.

London Gazette 30/7/1880

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869.

In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Stourbridge.

In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *Joshua John Beddard*, of the SPREAD EAGLE INN, Kingswinford Beerhouse Keeper and Colliery Engineer.

Notice is hereby given, that a First General Meeting of the creditors of the above named person has been summoned on the 11th day of August, 1880.....”

1881 Census

Village – SPREAD EAGLE

[1] *Joshua Beddard* (55), beerhouse keeper and colliery engineer, born Sedgley;

[2] *Mary Beddard* (62), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Mary Beddard* (21), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Rachel Beddard* (19), daughter, dress maker, born Kingswinford;

[5] *John Beddard* (16), son, labourer in iron works, born Kingswinford:

The license lapsed in 1883.

STAGS HEAD

22, (21), High Street, WALL HEATH

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Bird [1860] – [1861]
Edward Porter [1864] – [1865]
Mrs. Harriet Porter [1870] – [1872]

NOTES

21, High Street [1861]
22, High Street [1871]

1861 Census

21, High Street – STAGS HEAD

- [1] *James Bird* (37), victualler and brick agent, born Bilston;
- [2] *Ann Bird* (34), wife, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Mary Elizabeth Bird* (11), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Hannah Jane Bird* (9), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Harriet Edith Bird* (8 months), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Mary Ann Jones* (11), visitor, scholar, born Staffordshire:

Edward Porter was also an engineer. [1864], [1865]

1871 Census

22, High Street

- [1] *Harriet Porter* (50), widow, licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *James Porter* (23), son, blacksmith, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Adaline Porter* (20), daughter, barmaid, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Edward Porter* (16), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Maria Porter* (16), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Ellen Porter* (8), daughter, born Kingswinford:

Dudley Herald 11/11/1871 - Advert

“To be sold by auction all that very valuable corner property, situate at Wall Heath in the Parish of Kingswinford comprising the STAGS HEAD, old licensed public house and premises together with the outbuildings, yard, garden and premises, held therewith and now in the occupation of Mrs. *Porter*.”

STAMFORD ARMS

3, Stallings Lane, Shutt End, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Daniel Nash

Messrs. Cutlack, Lower Gornal Brewery (acquired on 12th April 1887)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired c.1937)

LICENSEES

Thomas Jones [1857] – **1872**;

Miss Clara Jones (**1872 – 1874**);

Joseph Guest (**1874 – 1878**);

George Dando (**1878 – 1879**);

Daniel Nash (**1879 – 1887**);

James Hickman (**1887 – 1901**);

Josiah Hickman (**1901 – 1910**);

Benjamin Evans (**1910 – 1917**);

Mrs. Mary Eliza Evans (**1917 – 1932**);

Thomas Millward (**1932 – [1940]**)

NOTES

Brierley Hill Advertiser 18/4/1857

“On Monday last, about eight o’clock in the evening, a boy four years of age, son of Thomas Turner, Stallings Lane, set fire to his clothes during the temporary absence of his parents, and was so severely burned that he died in about three hours afterwards.

An inquest was held on the body before T. M. Phillips, Esq, at the house of *Thomas Jones*, STAMFORD ARMS INN, on Friday, when, after hearing the evidence, a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

1861 Census

Stallings Lane – STAMFORD ARMS

[1] *Thomas Jones* (39), victualler, born Tipton;

[2] Sarah Jones (37), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] Mary A. Jones (11), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[4] Ruth E. Jones (8), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[5] Thomas S. Jones (5), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[6] Sarah M. Jones (11 months), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[7] Mary A. Hartshorn (21), general servant, born Amblecote:

1871 Census

Stallings Lane – STAMFORD ARMS

[1] *Thomas Jones* (49), licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] Sarah Jones (47), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] Ruth E. Jones (18), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[4] Thomas S. Jones (15), son, born Kingswinford;

[5] Sarah M. Jones (10), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[6] William E. Jones (3), son, born Kingswinford;

[7] Mary Hale (17), general servant, born Sedgley:

Dudley Herald 21/6/1873 - Advert

“To be sold by auction all that freehold, well known, old licensed public house and premises called the STAMFORD ARMS, situate at Stallings Lane, Kingswinford now in the occupation of Miss *Jones*, comprising four tap rooms, parlour, bar, smoke room, lodge room, chambers and extensive cellaring. The outbuildings consist of a brewhouse with boiler, vats and fittings, stabling sufficient for ten horses, piggeries and store room.....”

Stourbridge Observer 31/10/1874

“Edward Allen was charged with refusing to quit the STAMFORD ARMS on the 23rd inst., when requested. Mr. Stokes defended. John Guest said that the defendant was not drunk, but refused to leave and used bad language to his mother adjourned.”

1881 Census

Stallings Lane – STAMFORD ARMS

- [1] *Daniel Nash* (36), licensed victualler, born Great Cheverill, Wiltshire;
- [2] *Hannah Nash* (40), wife, born Fenton, Lincolnshire;
- [3] *Hannah M. Mole* (17), general servant, born Birmingham:

1891 Census

STAMFORD ARMS

- [1] *James Hickman* (52), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Rosanna Hickman* (52), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Mary Bate* (15), servant, born Sedgley:

1901 Census

3, Stallings Lane

- [1] *James Hickman* (62), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Rosannah Hickman* (62), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Hannah Hickman* (41), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *May Hickman* (18), granddaughter, dressmaker, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Sarah Hickman* (16), granddaughter, school teacher, born Sedgley;
- [6] *William Hickman* (13), son, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Jane Guest* (16), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

Tipton Herald 3/1/1903

“On Tuesday, Mr. Stokes (coroner) inquired into the death of the man *James Guy*, aged 78, whose body was found in the water of a marl hole of Himley Brickworks. On the 26th inst, *Guy*, on his way home, called at the STAMFORD ARMS, Stallings Lane, for refreshments. He left the inn and proceeded on his way, but never reached home. The jury recorded a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Tipton Herald 21/8/1909

“Mr. T. A. Stokes held an inquest, last Saturday, at the STAMFORD ARMS, Shut End, Pensnett, on the body of a labourer, named *Joseph Flavell* (39), which was recovered from the canal on the previous day.

Isaac Flavell, father of the deceased, living at 15, Shut End, said his son, when in regular work, lived with him; but when he got beer he went to a young woman’s house to lodge. Witness last saw his son alive on the previous Sunday evening, when he came home to change his clothes so that he could do a turn of work on the following day. The body was brought home on Friday morning. Deceased had been drinking very heavily for some time past, and two years ago, when drunk, he fell down and injured his head, and when he was in beer he was very strange in his conduct. Witness recognised a cap and pouch (produced) which had been found on the towing path of the canal, as belonging to his son.

Charles Singleton, a labourer, of 15, Canal Cottages, Shut End, said he left home on Friday morning about half past five to go to work. He saw a pair of boots on the towing path of the canal, as well as a cap, which he recognised as belonging to the deceased. A little further on he saw the body of the deceased in the water, and recovered it with the aid of a boat hook. He saw the deceased a few days previously, and he seemed a little strange in his manner, and appeared to be upset about the work.

David William Turner, 18, Canal Side, Pensnett, found the tobacco pouch and purse produced, and picked up a bloodstained table knife on some ground belonging to him about 25 yards from the spot where the body was recovered from the canal.

Mary Ann Baker, of 4, Oak Farm Buildings, Kingswinford, said deceased had been staying at her house when he was out of work. He left the house about ten o'clock on the previous Thursday night, but before doing so complained about pains in his head. He went out for a short time, and then said he felt better, and that he was going to work in the morning. Deceased frequently complained about pains in his head.

The Coroner: Have you ever heard him threaten to commit suicide – No, sir. I have never heard him say anything of the sort.

Do you know of any reason why he did this? – No, I don't.

Did he appear to you to be friendly? – Yes, we never had a word with one another for five years. He promised me marriage several times, but I told him I would wait. I have courted him for five years.

Whose is that knife? – It is my bread knife; I don't know how he got it.

He has been drinking lately? – Not very much for the last fortnight.

He has been a heavy drinker? – Some time ago.

Has he hurt his head by tumbling about? – That is a long time ago – about two years. He had a blow on his head in falling down.

The jury returned a verdict that the deceased committed Suicide whilst Temporarily Insane.”

1911 Census

3, Stallings Lane – STAMFORD ARMS

[1] *Benjamin Evans* (37), licensed victualler, born Himley;

[2] *Mary Eliza Evans* (41), wife, married 12 years, assisting in the business, born Sedgley;

[3] *Kathleen Mary Evans* (9), daughter, school, born Himley;

[4] *Reginald Ino Evans* (7), son, school, born Himley;

[5] *Mary Jane Cook* (19), general servant, born Sedgley:

County Express 3/3/1917

“The funeral of the late Mr. *Benjamin Evans*, of the STAMFORD ARMS, Stallings Lane, Kingswinford, was at St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Norman Hemingway officiating.....”

Closed

It was used as offices.



Ex Pub 1999

SUMMERHILL HOUSE

Swindon Road, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Ansells Ltd.
Harvester (acquired in 2001)

LICENSEES

William Harold Sanders **(1964 - []**
R H Beatty [1980]
Jeff Golden []
Sam Inman [2004] manager

NOTES

It was originally Summerhill Court, the home of the Briscoe family.
It opened as a hotel on 7th September 1964.

It was Grade II listed.

It was renovated in 1989, at a cost of £275,000.

It was converted into a "Wacky Warehouse" in 1995.

Jeff Golden was married to Jean.

An Innkeeper's Lodge opened on 22nd October 2001, after a £2.5 million refit.

[2015]



2015

SUMMER HOUSE

Portway Road, (The Portway), Portway Estate, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Ansells Ltd. [1957]
Pubmaster Ltd.
Punch Taverns [2013]

LICENSEES

Donald Gilbert Webber [] - **1959**);
George Arthur Hardman (**1959 - 1966**);
Edward Gerard Hunter (**1966 - 1969**);
Joseph Edward Thompson (**1969 - 1976**);
Thomas Patrick Gill (**1976**);
Barry John Hawkins (**1976 - 1978**);
Hilda Mary Rudge (**1978 - 1979**);
William Ernest Vallence (**1979 - 1981**);
Raymond Dennis Perrins (**1981 - 1982**);
Gordon Beasley (**1982 - 1983**);
Gary Preston Butler (**1983**);
Peter John Cluett (**1983 - 1987**);
Malcolm James Piper (**1987**);
Alan Alfred Johnson (**1987 - [1996]**)
Adam Clarke [2013] tenant

NOTES

It opened in October 1957.

Alan Johnson was married to Pat.

It was the headquarters of the Wordsley Homing Society. [1996]

The Wall Heath Camera Club met here from May 2002.

The George Formby Club of Dudley met here. [2008]

It closed in 2015.



2013

SWAN (1)

74, Market Street, (49, Portway), KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

John Cartwright
William Baker
George Elwell, Delph (acquired c.1890)
Worcestershire Brewing and Malting Co. (acquired in 1897)
Kidderminster Brewery (acquired c.1914)

LICENSEES

Samuel Goodman [1864] – [1865]
William Moggridge [1868] – **1877**;
Mary Moggridge (**1877 – 1879**);
William Baker (**1879** – [1881])
Thomas Pinson [] – **1887**;
Selina Pinson (**1887 – 1888**);
Joseph Bache (**1888 – 1893**);
Thomas Edward Beddard (**1893 – 1897**);
Harry Bulluss (**1897 – 1899**);
Richard Clifford Hartill (**1899 – 1900**);
Arthur Legge (**1900 – 1907**);
Daniel Cooper (**1907 – 1910**);
William Charlton (**1910 – 1914**);
Harry Smith (**1914 – 1924**);
John Pickford (**1924 – 1927**);
Frederick Ball (**1927 – 1932**);
Frederick Ilsley (**1932**);
Agnes Rock (**1932** – [1938])
Ernest Fellows [1940]
Clifford Albert Wall [1953]

NOTES

SWAN HOTEL [1904]

1871 Census

Market Street – SWAN INN

- [1] *William Moggridge* (52), boiler maker and publican, born Lynton, Devon;
- [2] *Mary Moggridge* (46), wife, born Alveley, Shropshire;
- [3] *John Moggridge* (10), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Sydney H. Moggridge* (7), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Albert E. Moggridge* (5), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Edward Jones* (22), lodger, bricklayer, born Oakengates, Shropshire;
- [7] *Anne Jones* (22), lodger's wife, born Kingswinford:

William Moggridge died in 1877.

Mary Moggridge married *William Baker* (at Droitwich) in 1879.

1881 Census

Market Street – SWAN INN

- [1] *William Baker* (64), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Baker* (56), wife, born Alveley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Sidney Baker* (18), son, groom, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Thomas Moggridge* (20), stepson, labourer, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Sidney Moggridge* (17), stepson, labourer, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Ernest Moggridge* (15), stepson, labourer, born Kingswinford:

William Baker – see also UNION

1891 Census

Market Street – Public House – SWAN INN

- [1] *Joseph Bache* (36), publican, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Mary Ann Bache* (36), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Joseph W. Bache* (6), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Mabel Bache* (5), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Wallace Bache* (2), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Gladys Bache* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Eliza J. Wooldridge* (18), general servant, born Lye;
- [8] *Alice Lowe* (16), nurse girl, born Bromley:

1901 Census

49, Portway

- [1] *Arthur Legge* (38), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Phoebe Legge* (33), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Sidney A. Legge* (7), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Stanley F. Legge* (6), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton:

County Express 26/7/1902

“A terrible accident, resulting in the death of a child named Leonard Henry Edwards, aged 4½, occurred on Monday afternoon at the Portway, Kingswinford. The child’s father, William Edwards, lives beside the tram line in Portway Road, and the accident occurred through the child attempting to cross the tram line in front of a tram, the speed of which had been slackened to allow a restive horse to pass. Just as the motorman was increasing the tram’s speed again the child turned on to the route immediately in front. He was knocked down and crushed beneath the front wheel, which passed over his body. There were several people in the tram at the time. Mr. Supt. Spendlove happened to be in Kingswinford, and he and PC Wade were hastily summoned, and conveyed the remains to the SWAN INN, where an inquest touching the death was held on Tuesday afternoon by Mr. T. A. Stokes, the coroner. Mr. *Arthur Legge* was foreman of the jury. William Edwards, the father of the child was the first witness. Zephaniah Silvers Parkes, of Dudley, the motorman, was next called. He said that he was driving the 5.50 tram from Brettell Lane on Monday afternoon, and when just before Broad Street he slackened speed to allow a restive horse to pass with a cart. He had seen the child on the side of the road, but his attention was inevitably drawn to the restive horse, and just as he again increased the power of the motor, he saw the child turn on to the track just in front of the car. He immediately applied both the emergency and the foot brake, and pulled up within the distance of the car’s length, but only to find the child’s dead body at the back of the car. Samuel Woodhouse, of Dudley, the conductor, also gave evidence. The Coroner, in summing up, remarked the motorman seemed to have given his evidence very straightforwardly. He did not consider there was any blame whatever to be attached to the motorman, for he did all that he could have been expected to do. He had pulled up apparently in the length of the car, and the body was then lying on the rails. The jury concurred with the coroner’s opinion, and returned a verdict of Accidental Death. The case was watched on the Tram Company’s behalf by Mr. Waldron.”

1911 Census

The SWAN INN

[1] *William Charlton* (58), licensed victualler, born Shifnal;

[2] *Sarah C. Charlton* (53), wife, married 12 years, born Smethwick:

Dudley Herald 11/2/1956 - Advert

For sale - delicensed SWAN INN

Closed

The license transferred to site opposite (Greenfields), the new SWAN on 2nd January 1956.

It was later used by an estate agent.

SWAN (2)

Market Street / Greenfield Road, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Marstons plc

LICENSEES

Mark Silcox **(1956 - []**
Robert Isaacs [1984] – [1985]
Robert Isaacs [1988]
Vince O’Sullivan [2010] – [2013] manager

NOTES

It opened on 2nd January 1956.
The license was transferred from SWAN, situated opposite.

It was originally a private house known as Greenfields House.
It was once the home of Geoffrey R. L. Chance.

It had a bowling club.

Robert Isaacs was married to Pat.

[2015]



1994



2015

UNION

54, (29), (66), Water Street, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

William Baker

Mary Baker

David Weston

John Rolinson and Son Ltd. (acquired c.1898) [1909]

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired on 15th March 1932)

LICENSEES

John Cartwright [1860] – **1874**);

Enoch Evans (**1874 – 1880**);

John Cartwright (**1880**);

Enoch Evans (**1880 – 1882**);

William Baker (**1882 – 1895**);

Mrs. Mary Baker (**1895 – 1896**);

David Weston (**1896 – 1899**);

Ruth Weston (**1899**);

Noah Cartwright (**1899 – 1909**);

Wilfred Evans (**1909 – 1910**);

John Frederick Roberts (**1910 – 1913**);

Ernest Day (**1913 – 1915**);

William Pope (**1915 – 1924**);

Charles Henry Hollinshead (**1924 – 1932**);

Joseph Vickers (**1932 – 1962**);

Gloria Barrett (**1962** – [2002])

Hayley Baggott (**2004** – [])

Paula and Alan Newton [2009] – [2012]

David Luker [2015]



1994



2015

NOTES

66, Water Street [1871]

29, Water Street [1901]

1861 Census

Water Street

[1] *John Cartwright* (49), victualler, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Nancy Cartwright* (55), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *John Cartwright* (23), son, widower, coal miner, born West Bromwich;

[4] *Maria H. Cartwright* (11), granddaughter, born Wednesbury;

[5] *Caroline Debs* (26), general servant, born Wellington, Shropshire:

1871 Census

66, Water Street

[1] *John Cartwright* (68), widower, licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Sarah Hardwick* (24), domestic servant, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Rachel Henley* (14), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

Water Street

- [1] *Enoch Evans* (41), coal miner and publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Ann Evans* (45), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Emily Evans* (17), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Joseph Evans* (14), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *William Evans* (12), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Minnie F. Evans* (10), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Annie Evans* (7), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Thomas Evans* (5), son, scholar, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

Water Street – UNION INN

- [1] *William Baker* (74), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Baker* (66), wife, born Alveley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Sidney Baker* (28), son, groom, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Sidney Moggridge* (26), stepson, bricklayer, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Ernest Moggridge* (24), stepson, bricklayer, born Kingswinford:

William Baker – see also SWAN (1)

1901 Census

29, Water Street

- [1] *Noah Cartwright* (51), licensed victualler, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Sarah Jane Cartwright* (52), wife, born Scotland;
- [3] *Sarah Ann Cartwright* (22), daughter, draper's assistant, born Wordsley;
- [4] *Millie Cartwright* (20), daughter, born Wordsley;
- [5] *Noah Cartwright* (18), son, articled clerk, born Wordsley;
- [6] *Maude Cartwright* (16), daughter, born Wordsley;
- [7] *May Cartwright* (16), daughter, school teacher, born Wordsley;
- [8] *David Thomas Lewis* (49), boarder, general labourer, born Wordsley:

1911 Census

29, Water Street – UNION INN

- [1] *John Frederick Roberts* (32), colliery blacksmith, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Alice Roberts* (33), wife, married 12 years, born Gornal;
- [3] *Mary Edith Roberts* (12), daughter, school, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Annie Elizabeth Roberts* (11), daughter, school, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Fred Frank Roberts* (10), son, school, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Nellie Barbara Roberts* (2), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Mary Helen Southall* (26), visitor, born Gornal:

Joseph Vickers was also a hairdresser.

He was president of the Birmingham Federation of Hairdressers.

He died in 1962.

Gloria Barrett was born in the pub in August 1937.

She was the daughter of *Joseph* and *Gladys Vickers*.

She married *Dennis Barrett* (born February 1937, Wombourne).

She was vice chairman and secretary of Stourbridge and Brierley Hill Licensed Victuallers' Association.

[2001]

Hayley Baggott was married to *Nigel*.

[2015]

VINE

33, Market Street, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

John Walker [1872]
Julia Hanson and Son

LICENSEES

Joseph Worrall [1866] – **1869**);
John Walker (**1869 – 1874**);
Elizabeth Walker (**1874 – 1877**);
Joseph Hughes (**1877 – 1879**);
Ann Southall (**1879 – 1881**);
James Massey (**1881 – 1887**);
Mrs. Fanny Massey (**1887 – 1896**);
George Matthew Jeynes (**1896 – 1897**);
Charles Alfred Crumpton (**1897**);
Harry Crumpton (**1897 – 1902**);
William Bunn (**1902 – 1903**);
William John Highfield (**1903 – 1904**);
James Hyndman (**1904 – 1905**);
John Doorbar (**1905 – 1906**);

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

Stourbridge Observer 28/7/1866

“On Monday last, *Joseph Worrall*, landlord of the VINE INN, Kingswinford, was charged by Superintendent Mills with keeping his house open for the sale of beer after the hours allowed. Mr. Burbury defended.

Police-constables Taylor and Farmer stated that they went into the house and saw some men in at twenty-five minutes past eleven, drinking.

Mr. Burbury called several witnesses who proved that it was not eleven o'clock, and that it wanted several minutes to the time.

After hearing the defence, the Bench dismissed the case.”

Joseph Worrall, beer retailer, Market Street. [1868]

Stourbridge Observer 27/8/1870

“*John Walker*, landlord of the VINE INN, Kingswinford, was charged by Superintendent Mills with allowing gaming in his house on the 13th inst.

Police-constable White proved that he was at the defendant's house, and saw two men play a game of bagatelle for a quart of ale.

Witnesses were called to prove there was no bagatelle playing, and the case was dismissed.”

1871 Census

Market Street – VINE INN

- [1] *John Walker* (48), cordwainer and beerseller, born Alveley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Walker* (47), wife, born Pedmore;
- [3] *Walter Walker* (17), son, grocer's porter, born Alveley, Shropshire;
- [4] *Louisa Walker* (13), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Hannah Walker* (11), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Thomas F. Walker* (8), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *John Walker* (80), father, formerly farmer, born Cleobury Mortimer;
- [8] *Frederick Taylor* (48), lodger, cordwainer, born Upton on Severn, Worcestershire:

John Walker, beer retailer, Market Street. [1872]

1881 Census

Market Street – VINE INN

- [1] *James Massey* (54), publican, born Chetton, Shropshire;
- [2] *Fanny Massey* (45), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] *James Kidson Massey* (25), son, grocer, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Ann Massey* (22), daughter, barmaid, born Rugeley:

James Massey died in 1886.

1891 Census

Market Street – VINE INN

- [1] *Fanny Massey* (55), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Willenhall;
- [2] *James William Massey* (7), grandson, scholar, born Kingswinford:

Mrs. Fanny Massey, beer retailer and car proprietor, Market Street. [1896]

County Express 9/8/1902

“The facts concerning a sad case of suicide were enquired into by the coroner (Mr. T. A. Stokes) at the VINE INN, on Wednesday. The deceased was Miss Mary Ann Adderley, a single woman (aged 56), who was found at noon on Monday by her neighbours suspended by a blind cord from a hook in her bedroom. Miss Adderley was recently housekeeper to the late Dr. Timmins, of Dudley, who at his death left her a considerable legacy. She was in no monetary trouble, but had been somewhat strange and depressed in her manner. Her neighbours last saw her between 9 and 10 on Sunday night when she was apparently no worse than usual. On Monday morning, however, it was noted she was not about as usual, and shortly after noon an attempt was made to arouse her. No response being obtained, Mr. Samuel Westwood, with another neighbour, gained entrance to the house through a window she had left open, and they found her lifeless body in her bedroom as stated, suspended by a blind cord. Death was due to strangulation. PC Dale was immediately communicated with.

The jury, after hearing the evidence, returned a verdict of Suicide whilst of Unsound Mind.”

William John Highfield, beer retailer, 33, Market Street. [1904]

The license renewal was refused on 18th June 1906.

Compensation of £350 was paid.

The license was extinguished on 19th September 1906.

VINE

WALL HEATH

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Curtis [1867]

NOTES

Put up for auction in June 1867.

WAGGON AND HORSES

23, Enville Road, WALL HEATH

OWNERS

Walter Showell and Sons (acquired c.1891)
Ann Thompson (acquired c.1894)
Arthur James Rose
Hereford and Tredegar Brewery (acquired c.1919)
Ansell's Ltd. (acquired c.1937)

LICENSEES

Thomas Hall [1845]
Richard Hammond [1849] – [1850]
William Cox [1854]
John Howard [1861] – **1880**);
Phoebe Hannah Howard (**1880**);
Paran Earp (**1880 – 1883**);
Charles Cox (**1883 – 1890**);
John Fawke (**1890 – 1891**);
Reuben Hardwick (**1891 – 1892**);
John Powell (**1892 – 1894**);
George Jeynes (**1894**);
John Mitchell (**1894 – 1895**);
Thomas Ingram (**1895 – 1896**);
Donald Ross (**1896 – 1911**);
Arthur James Ross (**1911 – 1912**);
William Jabez Morrell (**1912 – 1919**);
Frederick Willetts (**1919 – 1923**);
Arthur Dugmore (**1923 – 1924**);
Sidney Lawrence Jones (**1924 – 1928**);
Benjamin Wilkinson (**1928 – 1929**);
George Bosley (**1929 – 1930**);
Florence Maria Smith (m. Ball) (**1930 – 1935**);
Rupert Fletcher (**1935 – 1940**);
Henry Grosvenor (**1940 – 1942**);
Albert Edward Green (**1942 – 1944**);
Samuel Swinglehurst (**1944 – 1945**);
Alexander Harold Gordon Peininger (**1945 – 1948**);
Archie Thom (**1948 – 1952**);
George Henry Harris (**1952** – [1957]
Beryl Margaret Field [] – **1969**);
Bernard Harold William Godding (**1966 – 1977**);
Paula Elizabeth Johnson (**1977 – 1982**);
Raymond Foster (**1982 – 1983**);
Christopher Kenneth Silcox (**1983** – []

NOTES

Wall Heath FC were based here.

1861 Census

1, Cross Roads – WAGGON AND HORSES

- [1] *John Howard* (26), victualler, born Wombourn, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Phobe Ann Howard* (27), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Mary Ann Merchant* (13), house servant, born Kingswinford;

1871 Census

23, Enville Road – WAGON AND HORSES INN

- [1] *John Howard* (36), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Phoebeann Howard* (37), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Frederick Howard* (13), nephew, scholar, born Wolverhampton:

1881 Census

Enville Road – WAGGON AND HORSES INN

- [1] *Paran Earp* (52), publican, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Jane Earp* (53), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *William L. Earp* (13), son, scholar, born Tunstall;
- [4] *Ann Ellen Earp* (18), daughter, domestic servant, born Codnor Park, Derbyshire;
- [5] *Harriet Andrew* (30), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *Georgina V. Turley* (3), granddaughter, born Bradley, Staffordshire:

1891 Census

Enville Street – WAGGON AND HORSES INN

- [1] *John Fawke* (33), publican, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Sarah Fawke* (34), wife, born Cradley, Malvern. Worcestershire;
- [3] *Alice Dean* (18), domestic servant, born Pittsburg, USA:

1901 Census

Enville Road – Tavern

- [1] *Donald Ross* (60), licensed victualler, born Scotland;
- [2] *Mary Ann Ross* (62), wife, born Walsall;
- [3] *Arthur J. Ross* (30), son, school teacher, born Handsworth;
- [4] *Edward Thompson* (59), boarder, living on own means, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [5] *Ann Thompson* (59), boarder, living on own means, born Redditch;
- [6] *Beatrice A. Jackson* (15), barmaid, born Wordsley;
- [7] *Arthur M. Pryce* (20), boarder, apprentice mechanical engineer, born Liverpool:

County Express 28/9/1901

“Albert Jeavons, jun., Albert Jeavons, sen., and Mathew Brown, Stafford Street, Dudley, were charged with disorderly conduct at Wallheath, on September 8th.

Police-constable Robinson stated he was fetched to the YEW TREE INN, Enville Road, Wallheath and saw the defendants leave the yard on a fish lorry. He followed them and found they had stopped at the WAGON AND HORSES INN. There he asked them if they were bona-fide travelers, as it was during prohibited hours, and also their names. They had two bull dogs and a whippet dog with them. As he went to the lorry to take their names from there, Albert, jun., caught hold of him by the collar, and said he would wring the witness's neck out, and at the same time one of the bull dogs went for him, catching hold of his whiskers with his teeth, and sticking his claws through his trousers.

The defendants contended that they did not refuse their names, and were not disorderly.

The Bench said from the previous convictions recorded against the whole of them at Dudley, it was evident their language was anything but choice.

Jeavons, sen. was fined 10s and costs, and Brown and Jeavons, jun. 15s and costs each, or a month.”

County Express 16/11/1901

“The annual dinner of the Wallheath Cricket Club was held on Saturday, at the WAGON AND HORSES HOTEL. A splendid repast was provided by the host, Mr. *D. Ross*.....”

County Express 27/9/1902

“The grounds of the WAGON AND HORSES, Wallheath were exceedingly well attended on Monday afternoon to witness Mr. J. Foley’s £5 Rabbit Coursing Sweepstakes, open for any breed of dog at 5s per share, weigh-in one yard to the pound, and a match. The contending dogs in the match were Mr. J. Boden’s Nance, of Kingswinford, near Dudley, and Mr. J. Williams’s Rough and Ready, of Bromley, Pensnett, near Dudley, who were to course the best of 21 courses, 60 yards law, weigh-in one yard to the pound, for 310 aside. Nance was much the better known, and 6 to 4 was freely laid on chance. She proved victorious 11 kills to Rough and Ready’s 9.

The winners of the heats were:– Marsh’s Maggie, Aston’s Nance, Smart’s Joe, Boynton’s Maggie, Aston’s Young Erin, Lovat’s Scamp (second chance), Smart’s Jack (second chance). Second round: Aston’s Nance beat Smart’s Joe by 2 to 1; Lovat’s Scamp beat Aston’s Young Erin by 2 to 1, Marsh’s Maggie beat Boynton’s Maggie by 2 to 1; Smart’s Jack a bye. Owing to darkness coming on a division was made between the four dogs left in; Aston’s Nance, Lovat’s Scamp, Marsh’s Maggie, and Smart’s Jack. Mr. J. Turner pistol firer, and Mr. L. Lloyd referee.”

1911 Census

WAGON AND HORSES

- [1] *Arthur James Ross* (41), publican, born Handsworth;
- [2] *Annie Maude Ross* (33), wife, married 6 years, assisting in business, born Redditch;
- [3] *Edward Arthur Ross* (5), son, born Wombourne;
- [4] *Joseph John Donald Ross* (2), son, born Wombourne;
- [5] *Annie Sophia Edwards* (20), general servant, born Kingswinford:

Florence Maria Smith married a Mr. Ball c.1931.

Waggon and Horses FC won the Brierley Hill League in the 1936/7 season.

Rupert Fletcher later moved to the Cat at Enville.

Closed

It became CHRISTOPHERS Night Club
It was renamed YESTERDAYS.

It closed in 1995.

Demolished

Houses built on the site. [1997]

WALL HEATH TAVERN

14, (1), High Street, WALL HEATH

OWNERS

South Staffordshire Brewery Co. Ltd. (acquired c.1890)
J. and J. Yardley Ltd. (acquired c.1898)
Old Wolverhampton Breweries Ltd. [c.1901]
Frank Myatt Ltd. [c.1921]
Ansell's Ltd.
Holt, Plant and Deakin
Individual Holdings Group [2012]

LICENSEES

John Webb [1842] – [1845]
Thomas Hall [1849] – [1850]
James Pagett [1851]
John Stokes [1854] – [1865]
Joseph Billingsley [1868] – **1873**
Thomas Benn (**1873 – 1892**);
Hannah Benn (**1892 – 1893**);
Edward Cottam (**1893 – 1897**);
Ellen Sarah Cottam (**1897 – 1898**);
William Sumner (**1898**);
Albert Edwin Hawthorne (**1898 – 1900**);
Thomas Turvey (**1900 – 1901**);
John Smith (**1901**);
Edward Mason (**1901 – 1902**);
D Ross [1901] ?
Joseph Evans (**1902 – 1904**);
Arthur Bailey (**1904 – 1908**);
Frederick George Grimes (**1908**);
Alfred Charles Moss (**1908 – 1909**);
Richard Henry Danily (**1909 – 1912**);
Alfred James Marsh (**1912 – 1915**);
Harry Edward Bayley (**1915 – 1922**);
Alfred James Marsh (**1922 – 1923**);
Thomas Payne (**1923 – 1924**);
Fred Ernest Charles Cool (**1924 – 1925**);
George Thomas Heath Powell (**1925 – 1927**);
Dora Emily Powell (**1927 – 1938**);
Winifred Mary Orpin (**1938 – 1939**);
Eli Sanders (**1939 – 1940**);
Ethel Gertrude Sanders (**1940 – 1942**);
Marie Joan Garner (**1942 – 1947**);
Headley Raxter Porter (**1947 – 1948**);
William Joseph Blackwell (**1948 – 1949**);
Walter Loynes (**1949 – 1950**);
George Thomas Potter (**1950 – 1957**);
Albert Wilden (**1957 – 1958**);
Arthur James Walker (**1958 – 1963**);

John Withey (1963 – 1966);
Samuel Cadman (1966 – 1967);
Brian Edward Taylor (1967 – 1968);
Frederick Arthur Brown (1968);
Joseph Henry Hutton (1968 – 1969);
George Colin Taylor (1969 – 1970);
Charles Arthur Price (1970 – 1971);
Geoffrey Marsh (1971 – 1972);
James William Perkins (1972 – 1981);
Garry Turner (1981 – 1983);
Terence Gall (1983 – 1989);
Michael Gerald Anthony Shorthall (1989 – 1991);
Michael Anthony Brooks (1991);
Frederick 'Fred' Trick (1991 – 1995);
Diana Groves (1995 – []
Noel McGreene [1998]
Colin Massey [2006] – [2007]
Dave Facer [2012]
Karen O'Brien [2013] – [2015] manager

NOTES

1, High Street [1861]
14, High Street [1901], [1911]

WALL HEATH INN [1850], [1861], [1868], [1871], [1881], [1891], [1900], [1901], [1904], [1912], [1940]

It was known locally as the 'Top House'.

John Stokes was also a butcher. [1854], [1860], [1865]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 6/6/1857

“On Whit Monday, the members of the Sir Stephen Glynne lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, held their anniversary at the house of Mr. *Stokes*, Wall Heath. An excellent dinner was provided for them which reflected great on the catering of the host, and in which ample justice was done. PG Edward Porter occupied the chair, and was well supported by PG. *J. Stokes*, in the vice chair.....”

1861 Census

1, High Street – WALL HEATH INN
[1] *John Stokes* (39), victualler, born Shropshire;
[2] *Elizabeth Stokes* (37), wife, born Kingswinford;
[3] *John Henry Stokes* (13), son, born Shropshire;
[4] *Thomas Stokes* (11), son, born Shropshire;
[5] *William Stokes* (9), son, born Kingswinford;
[6] *Elizabeth Maud Stokes* (5), daughter, born Kingswinford;
[7] *Emma Stokes* (4), daughter, born Kingswinford;
[8] *Edward Stokes* (2), son, born Kingswinford;
[9] *Ellenor Stokes* (6 months), daughter, born Kingswinford;
[10] *Hannah Downs* (18), house servant, born Wombourn, Staffordshire:

1871 Census

1, High Street - WALL HEATH INN

[1] *Joseph Billingsley* (55), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;

[2] Sarah Billingsley (52), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] Emma Daggett (18), general servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 18/11/1871

“Isaiah Clayton, of Wall Heath, was charged with assaulting George Slater, his brother in law, at Wall Heath, on the 6th instant.

Mr. Stokes appeared for complainant, who said on the above date he was at the WALLHEATH INN, with a glee party, and as he was going out through the passage, defendant, who was sitting in the kitchen, jumped the table, ran at him and struck him on the mouth, making his mouth bleed.

A woman named Taylor, who was in the passage, saw the affair, and pushed complainant into the bar.

Elizabeth Taylor corroborated complainant.

Defendant denied the offence, and called Joseph Grainger, who said complainant said something to defendant, who thereupon got over the table, ran at complainant, and struck him; but did not think he hit him.

Defendant was fined 2s 6d and costs; in default seven days.”

William Benn = William Penn

Stourbridge Observer 12/12/1874

“.....inquest was held before Mr. T. M. Phillips [coroner] at the WALL HEATH TAVERN, touching the death of John Sadler (68), who died suddenly on Tuesday last. The evidence went to show that deceased fell down stairs, and was so injured that he died shortly after. Verdict of Accidental Death.”

1881 Census

WALL HEATH INN – High Street

[1] *Thomas Benn* (50), licensed victualler, born York;

[2] Hannah Benn (50), wife, born West Birdenshaw, Norfolk;

[3] Emma Bennett (20), domestic servant (general), born Stourport;

[4] Edward Gould (15), domestic servant (general), born Wall Heath:

1891 Census

WALL HEATH INN

[1] *Thomas Benn* (60), publican, born York;

[2] Hannah Benn (60), wife, born Bodinham;

[3] Edith Perry (16), servant, born Wall Heath:

County Express 3/3/1900

“*Albert Edwin Hawthorn*, landlord of the WALLHEATH INN, Wallheath, and James Gould, Victoria Street, Wallheath, were charged under the Cruelty to Animals Act with cruelty to two bantam cocks by setting them to fight at Wallheath on February 12th. Mr. Turton (Wolverhampton) prosecuted for the N.S.P.C.A., and Mr. Ward (Dudley) defended *Hawthorn*.

Mr. Turton opened the case, and called Arthur Collinson, a youth, who said he was at the WALLHEATH INN when Gould brought the cock in, which he described as ‘the gamest in the village.’ *Hawthorn* told his son to fetch the big cock in, and when this was done *Hawthorn* put his bird to face Gould’s, which was already in position on the table. Then the fight commenced on the table, and was continued on the floor for about a quarter of an hour. *Hawthorn* said he was ‘only doing it for a bit of fun for our kid,’ and added it was the best bit of sport he had had since he had been in the house.

Cross-examined: Whilst the fight proceeded under the table and chairs neither of the defendants attempted to stop them. No artificial spurs were put on the birds.

Police-constable Robinson said a number of people were looking through the window at the WALLHEATH INN. Witness heard *Hawthorn* say ‘Ain’t he a —— to fight.’ He then went into the bar, and saw defendants and a number of others there, Gould having hold of his bantam. The head of this bird was swollen, and blood oozed from its comb and wattle. There was blood on the floor. Afterwards he saw *Hawthorn*, and asked to see the bird, and defendant

said 'I don't know that I shall let you see it.' Witness said he should insist on seeing it, and *Hawthorn* then assented. In the yard witness saw two cocks, and one was badly knocked about on the head, and had blood and feathers on its spurs.

By Mr. Ward: Witness afterward bought the bird Gould had for 1s. It was a well bred bird.

Inspector Lockwood (N.S.P.C.A.) gave evidence to subsequently examining the birds, and detailed the injuries on them.

Mr. Ward for *Hawthorn*, said it was his son who brought the bird in and put it on the table. *Hawthorn* did not touch the bird. Nothing was added to the birds to make them more offensive than what nature had provided them with, and it was not a premeditated cock fight.

Hawthorn denied that he set the bird to fight Gould's. Whilst they were fighting he was out of the room serving a customer. Altogether it did not last two minutes. Cross-examined: He 'saw the crow,' but he did not see them fight. Sydney Edwin *Hawthorn* also gave evidence.

The Stipendiary said the fight would not have occurred had it not been for *Hawthorn*. It was not a fight in which the cocks appeared to have suffered serious injury, no artificial spurs being provided. *Hawthorn* would be fined £3 and cost (29s 6d), or a month, and Gould £1 and costs (12 6d), or fourteen days."

County Express 2/2/1901

"On Saturday, the members of Court Robin Hood, 2501, AOF, of Stourbridge district met to celebrate their sick funds reaching £1,004. About 57 of the above sat down to a good repast provided by the host, Brother *T. Turvey*, at the WALLHEATH INN. Brother H. Hough was voted to the chair, and Brother D. Hill to the vice-chair. Brother N. Mathews being called upon made some very feeling references to the death of the Queen. In the course of his remarks he said they met under the shadow and gloom of a sad national bereavement, and mourned the loss of a Sovereign who had won the hearts of all her subjects. We revered and loved her for her sterling worth. Whatever might be the differences in regard to religion, class, and creed were lost in their united admiration of that beautiful character, that noble life of which the nation was justly proud. Her long and prosperous reign had been an ever strengthening bond of love and devotion, between her and her people. They rejoiced in the marvelous influence she had so quietly and effectively exercised in furthering the interest of civil and religious liberty in that great Empire. As a mother and a Queen they revered and honoured her, and she stood out as a noble and worthy example to all women in the world. By rich and poor alike she would be held in everlasting remembrance. Brother H. Edwards, secretary, gave a very satisfactory report of the last ten years, showing the great progress the court had made, both financially and numerically, the number of members increasing from 84 to 179. The rest of the evening was spent musically."

1901 Census

14, High Street – WALL HEATH INN

[1] *Thomas Turvey* (39), publican, born Aldridge, Staffordshire;

[2] *Annie Turvey* (39), wife, born Aldridge, Staffordshire;

[3] *Maud E. Turvey* (14), daughter, born Aldridge, Staffordshire;

[4] *Samuel T. Turvey* (13), son, born Aldridge, Staffordshire;

[5] *Lydia N. Turvey* (9), daughter, born Aldridge, Staffordshire;

[6] *Mary E. Powell* (19), domestic servant, born Wall Heath;

[7] *Edmund Watson* (75), uncle, widower, ordinary agricultural labourer, born Aldridge, Staffordshire:

County Express 3/8/1901

"Joseph Lewis, Enville Road, Wallheath, was charged with being drunk and disorderly in Enville Road, Wallheath, on July 16th, and with being drunk in the WALLHEATH TAVERN on July 19th. Mr. Clulow defended. Police-constable Robinson proved the cases. For the first offence he was fined 20s and costs, or a month, and on the second charge 10s and costs or 14 days."

Alfred Charles Moss was fined 20s and costs, on 16th November 1908, for permitting drunkenness.

1911 Census

14, High Street

[1] *Richard Henry Danily* (38), publican, born Burlton, Shropshire;

[2] *Annie Elizabeth Danily* (42), wife, married 9 years, born Wolverhampton;

[3] *Elsie Marjorie Danily* (5), daughter, born Eaton, Ohio, USA;

[4] *Alice Perry* (21), general servant, born Wall Heath:

Frederick Brown was married to *Ingeborg*.

See also TEN ARCHES, Stourbridge and WHEATSHEAF, Turners Hill, Rowley Regis.

It reopened as a Holt, Plant and Deakin pub in October 1991.

Frederick Trick – see also BROCKMOOR HOUSE, Brierley Hill.

Renamed The RANCH [2004]

[2006]

It was renamed TOP HOUSE. [2007]

[2010]

It was renamed WALL HEATH TAVERN [2013]

[2015]



1995



2015

WHITE HORSE

WALL HEATH

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Worrall [1849]

John Legge [1854]

NOTES

1851 Census

The WHITE HORSE Public House

Void.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 24/5/1856 - Advert

“.....Mr. Hawkins, on Monday, June 2nd, 1856, at the WHITE HORSE INN, Wall Heath, aforesaid, at Five o’clock in the Afternoon, the following Lots.....”

WOODMAN

73, (31), Mount Pleasant (Road), California, KINGSWINFORD

OWNERS

Joseph Rowbottom, Wordsley
Hannah Rowbottom, Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford
Charles and George Bennett, Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired c.1905)
Pubmaster [2002]
Punch Taverns [2008]

LICENSEES

Growcott [1857]
Hannah Bennett [] - **1868**);
William Smith (**1868** - []
Charles Bennett [1872] - **1874**);
Alfred Pearson (**1874** - **1875**);
John Hollies (**1875**);
Simon Hickman (**1875** - **1876**);
Priscilla Hickman (**1876** - **1878**);
John Buckley (**1878** - **1879**);
William Burman (**1879** - **1880**);
Thomas Butterworth (**1880**);
Edward Tranter (**1880** - **1881**);
Isaiah Titley (**1881** - **1882**);
Josiah Eden (**1882** - **1884**);
William Beach (**1884** - **1885**);
Frederick Sauswell (**1885** - **1886**);
Francis Handley (**1886** - **1887**);
Charles Bennett (**1887** - **1889**);
George Bennett (**1889** - **1895**);
Charles Bennett (**1895** - **1897**);
Edward George Husselbee Snr. (**1897** - [1900])
Edward George Husselbee Jnr. [1901] - **1922**);
William Albert Ashby (**1922** - **1923**);
George Lewis (**1923** - **1926**);
Joseph Tate Hawley (**1926** - **1929**);
Bartholomew George Ager (**1929** - **1931**);
Frederick Charles Stibbs (**1931** - **1937**);
Mrs. Constance Mary Stibbs (**1937** - **1940**);
John Arthur Swann (**1940** - **1944**);
Joseph Aron Parish (**1944** - **1954**);
Jack Harris (**1954** - **1958**);
Francis Arthur Sheppard (**1958** - **1966**);
Herbert George Smith (**1966** - **1975**);
Doris May Smith (**1975** - **1977**);
John William Victor Smith (**1977** - **1979**);
Leslie David William Stirling (**1979** - **1983**);
Angela Joan Bilsby (**1983** - **1984**);
Graham Geoffrey Richardson (**1984** - **1995**);

TO BE LET, with Immediate Possession, that Old-Licensed PUBLIC-HOUSE the "WOODMAN INN," Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford. Rent £18 per annum. The present Tenant is leaving on account of the New Colliery Regulations. Fixtures at a fair valuation. Apply to Mr. Growcott, on the premises, or to Mr. Hawkins, Auctioneer, Round Oak, Brierley-Hill.

Advert 1857

Gary Riley (1995 - [1996])
Barry Reynolds [1998] - 1999);
Lynn Cusack (1999 - 2000);
Tina Youl (2000 - []
Carl and Lyn Cusack [2002] - 2008)
Paul and Dawn Chance (2014 - [2015] managers

NOTES

Boxing matches were staged here.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 9/5/1857 - Advert

“To Be Let, with Immediate Possession, that Old-Licensed Public House, the WOODMAN INN, Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford. Rent £18 per annum. The present Tenant is leaving on account of the New Colliery Regulations. Fixtures at a fair valuation. Apply to Mr. *Growcott*, on the premises, or to Mr. Hawkins, Auctioneer, Round Oak, Brierley Hill.”

Charles Bennett, beer retailer, Mount Pleasant. [1872]

County Express 6/1/1900

“Sick and Draw Clubs.....

WOODMAN INN, Kingswinford.— The annual dinner of the Sick and Draw Club was held on Thursday week, when all members were present. Mr. *E. G. Husselbee* presided. The programme of music after dinner was given by Messrs. Ben Beddard, John Sutton, Harry Bennett, *E. G. Husselbee*, Ben Powell, and Wm. Beard. The secretary's statement showed that although the club had been established only six months it was most successful. The dividend was 15s 5½d per member, 1s each being retained for the coming year.”

1901 Census

31, Mount Pleasant

[1] *Edward G. Husselbee* (32), publican, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Kate Husselbee* (30), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Ellen Pearson* (65), widow, mother in law, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Alice Edwards* (16), servant, born Kingswinford:

1911 Census

Mount Pleasant

[1] *Edward George Husselbee* (43), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Elizabeth Husselbee* (39), wife, married 5 years, born Dudley;

[3] *Nellie Jewiss* (22), general servant, born St. Helens, Lancashire;

[4] *Kate Marsh* (2), visitor, born Kingswinford:

County Express 30/8/1902

“On Monday, Mr. T. A. Stokes (coroner), held an inquest at the WOODMAN INN, touching the death of Emma Bennett aged 70, the wife of Charles Bennett, herbalist, of 42, Mount Pleasant, which occurred on Saturday, as the result of injuries received from a fall on August 7th. At midnight on that date Mrs. Bennett, while crossing the landing, slipped at the head of the stairs and fell down the flight of 15 steps to the room below. She received serious injury to her back and was taken to bed. Medical aid was not called till four days later, when, her condition growing worse, Dr. Pearson was sent for. He attended her daily till Saturday, when death resulted from her injuries. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

County Express 13/12/1902

“*Edward George Husselbee*, of the WOODMAN INN, Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford, was charged with furiously driving a pony and trap on the 2nd inst.

Mr. Supt. Spendlove stated that at mid-day he was between Wallheath and Stewponney, and saw defendant galloping a pony with a trap along the three-quarter mile stretch. Defendant made no effort to check the animal, and when witness came up to him at Wallheath he found the sweat dropping from the pony.

Defendant said the pony had bolted.

Mr. Spendlove said *Husselbee* mad no effort to check the pony.

Fined 10s and costs.”

Demolished

The present building opened in 1939.

It had a bowling green. [1997]

A folk club was held here from 1970 to 2008.

It underwent a refurbishment in 1996 at a cost of £200,000.

Carl Cusack was married to Lyn.

It closed in March 2008.

It reopened

It closed in October 2011.

It reopened in December 2014.

[2015]



2015

YEW TREE

39, (4), Enville Road, (8, Enville Street), WALL HEATH

OWNERS

Henry Aston
John Waterfield
Miss Ann Bradley, Prestwood
John Waterfield, Upper Gornal (acquired in 1875)
Mitchell and Co., Smethwick (acquired c.1893)
Edwin Butler
Joseph Foley
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Taylor [1849] – [1854]
W Aston [1857]
Henry Aston [1858] – **1875**;
John Waterfield (**1875 – 1877**);
Ambrose Knight (**1877 – 1880**);
Woodhouse Southgate (**1880 – 1881**);
William Waterfield [1881](?)
John Waterfield (**1881 – 1884**);
James Southall (**1884 – 1886**);
John Waterfield (**1886 – 1890**);
William Ford (**1890 – 1893**);
George Jeynes (**1893 – 1894**);
John Fennyhough (**1894 – 1896**);
William Boraston (**1896 – 1897**);
John Wilcox (**1897 – 1898**);
Edwin Butler (**1898 – 1900**);
Joseph Foley (**1900 – 1903**);
Harry John Bussell (**1903 – 1906**);
Harry Bruton (**1906**);
Edith Westley (**1906 – 1907**);
William Lloyd Roberts (**1907 – 1911**);
Alexander Thomas Mason (**1911 – 1917**);
Bertha Evelyn Mason (**1917 – 1919**);
Alexander Thomas Mason (**1919 – 1956**);
Martin Ridley Barnsley (**1956**);
Reuben Smith (**1956 – 1958**);
Ernest Tippler (**1958** – []
Penny Hallett [1986]
Frederick Tibbetts [c.1986]

NOTES

8, Enville Street [1861]
4, Enville Road [1871]
39, Enville Road

It had a ballroom.

Black Country Bugle

'Bull Baiting At Wall Heath'

"During the 1840s the YEW TREE INN was a favourite drinking townies who came to witness, or take part in, the Mile Flat meeting This tavern particularly attracted the dogmen of that era *Joe Taylor* - was a breeder of canine battlers used to bait the bull was a native of Rowley Regis."

1851 Census

Wall Heath

- [1] *Joseph Taylor* (41), victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Sarah Taylor* (38), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Joseph Taylor* (2), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *George Cooper* (40), gentleman's servant, born Stourport;
- [5] *John Littlewood* (59), visitor, agricultural labourer, born Kingswinford:

London Gazette 22/4/1856

"WHEREAS a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, bearing date the 21st day of April, 1856, hath been filed by *Joseph Taylor*, of Wall Heath, Kingswinford, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a bankrupt is hereby required to surrender himself to John Balguy, Esq., one of Her Majesty's Commissioners of the Birmingham District Court of Bankruptcy, at Birmingham, on the 2nd and 30th days of May next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, on each day, and make a full discovery and disclosure of his estate and effects; when and where the creditors are to come prepared to prove their debts, and at the first sitting to choose assignees, and at the last sitting the said bankrupt, is required to finish his examination. All persons indebted to the said bankrupt, or that have any of his effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to Mr. James Christie, No.37, Waterloo-street, Birmingham, the Official Assignee whom the Commissioner has appointed, and give notice to Mr. J. Homfray, Solicitor, Hales Owen, or to Messrs. Hodgson and Allin, Solicitors. Birmingham."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 10/5/1856 - Advert

"Capital Freehold Inn, Houses and Land, Wall Heath, Kingswinford. To be sold by auction, by Mr. Hawkins, on Monday, June 2nd 1856, at the WHITE HORSE INN, Wall Heath.....

Lot 1 – All that Old-Licensed Inn and Premises, known as the YEW TREE INN, situated at Wall Heath, Kingswinford, fronting the Highway leading from Wall Heath to Green's Forge, comprising Four Rooms on the ground floor, with Cellaring thereunder, Two Chambers and large Club Room, together with Stabling, Gig House, Brewhouse, Piggeries, Coal House, and other Outbuildings. Also all that Piece of Land adjoining thereto, now used as a Pleasure Garden in connection with the said Inn, containing in quantity, with the site of the YEW TREE INN, 1 acre, 2 roods, and 31 perches, or thereabouts. A Lodge and Life Club meet at the House.

The above Property, which is situated near the Oak Farm Works, is most substantially built in the Gothic style, and well fitted up with every convenience for trade. The Grounds have been tastefully laid out, at a considerable cost, and have several Harbours painted with scenery, a spacious Lawn, with an Orchestra and Bar thereto. The whole has been planted, and is well stocked with Shrubs and Trees...."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 24/5/1856 - Advert

".....Mr. Hawkins, on Monday, June 2nd, 1856, at the WHITE HORSE INN, Wall Heath, aforesaid, at Five o'clock in the Afternoon, (By Direction of the Assignees of Mr. *Joseph Taylor*, a bankrupt) in the following Lots, or together, as may be determined at the Sale, subject to conditions

Lot 1 – All that Old-licensed Inn and Premises, known as the YEW TREE INN, situated at Wall Heath, Kingswinford, fronting the Highway leading from Wall Heath to Green's Forge, comprising Four Rooms on the ground floor, with Cellaring thereunder, Two Chambers and large Club Room, together with Stabling, Gig House, Brewhouse,

Piggeries, Coal House, and other Outbuildings. Also all that Piece of Land adjoining thereto, now used as a Pleasure Garden in connection with the said Inn, containing in quantity, with the site of the YEW TREE INN, 1 acre 2 roods, or thereabouts. A Lodge and Life Club meet at he House.

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Brierley Hill Advertiser 21/6/1856 - Advert

“Old-Licensed Public House / The YEW TREE INN and Gardens, Wall Heath, Kingswinford / To be Sold by Private Contract, the Gardens, with the Site of the Buildings, occupying an Acre and a Half of Ground. Immediate possession may be had. / The greater part of the Purchase Money may remain as a Mortgage on the Property, at £5 per cent. / For particulars apply to Mr. J. Homer, Brierley Hill.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/10/1856 - Advert

“Staffordshire. Capital Freehold Inn and Land, Wall Heath, Kingswinford. To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Hawkins, on Monday, October 20th 1856, at the SEVEN STARS INN, Wall Heath, aforesaid, all that Old-Licensed Inn and Premises, known as the YEW TREE INN, situated at Wall Heath, Kingswinford, and fronting the highway leading from Wall Heath to Green’s Forge, comprising Four Rooms on the ground floor, with Cellaring thereunder, Two Chambers and large Club Room, together with Stabling, Gig House, Brewhouse, Piggeries, Coal Houses, and other Outbuildings. Also all that Piece of Land adjoining thereto, used as a Pleasure Garden in connection with the said Inn, containing in quantity, with the site of the YEW TREE INN, 1 acre and 2 roods, or thereabouts.

The above Property is situated near the Oak Farm Works, is substantially built in the Gothic style, and well fitted up with every convenience for trade.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 23/5/1857 - Advert

“YEW TREE Gardens, Wall Heath, Kingswinford. And on the direct Road to Enville, from Dudley and Wolverhampton.

W. Aston begs most respectfully to inform the Public in general, that he has taken to the YEW TREE INN, as above, and trusts to receive a liberal share of patronage, which it will be his utmost endeavour to merit, and wishes to add that it is his intention to Open these Celebrated Gardens, on Whit Monday, June 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

An Efficient Quadrille Band is engaged, and will be in attendance each day for Dancing on the Green.

For the accommodation of Visitors, the Great American Photographic Artist will be in attendance in a Tent erected expressly for the occasion, to take Portraits of Ladies and Gentlemen who may feel disposed.

Gardens open at One o’clock. Dancing to commence at Three each day. Admission, Three pence each.

Refreshments of the best quality, on reasonable terms.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 8/5/1858 - Advert

“Whitsuntide Hollidays. (sic) YEW TREE INN Pleasure Grounds, Wall Heath, Kingswinford. *H. Aston*, in returning thanks to his numerous Friends for their past support, begs to inform them that no effort or expense has been spared during the past Winter to make the Gardens, Harbours, and Green, deserving the Patronage he hopes to continue to receive through the coming Season, and that he intends holding his First Rural Fete on Whit Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, May 24, 25, and 26, 1858.

A Quadrille Band is engaged for Monday.

H. A. wishes to state that he has effected an engagement with Messrs. Field and Allcock for their efficient Sax-Horn Band, to play on the Tuesday and Wednesday. He has also retained the services of a Talented Vocalist, Glee Singers, &c, for the Wednesday, in addition to Field and Allcock’s Band.

Grounds Open at Midday. Dancing to commence Each Day at Two o’clock.

Fine Ales, Spirits, &c, of the Best Quality.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 29/5/1858

“During Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday last, about 1200 persons visited the YEW TREE INN, Wall Heath, to participate in the amusements there provided. A quadrille band was in attendance on Monday, and on the following days Messrs. Allcock and Field’s band, the latter appearing to give great satisfaction. In addition to instrumental music and facilities for dancing, there were glee singers engaged, and the whole affair was a great success.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 17/7/1858 - Advert

“YEW TREE Pleasure Grounds, Wall Heath, Kingswinford. / *H. Aston*, Proprietor. / The Public are respectfully informed that a Great Fete will be held in the above Delightful Grounds, on Monday, July 26th 1858, under the management of a select Committee, who have succeeded in engaging / Field and Allcock’s Celebrated Sax-Horn Band / which will Play, at intervals, Selections from the Great Masters / A large and efficient Quadrille Band is engaged for a Grand Bal Al Fresco. / Arrangements are pending for Conveyances to run to and from Stourbridge, Wolverhampton, and Dudley during the day. / Flights of Balloons will ascend during the day – For further particulars see small bills.”

1861 Census

8, Enville Street – YEW TREE INN

- [1] *Henry Aston* (45), victualler, born Wombourn, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Eliza Aston* (56), wife, born Alvley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Alexander Aston* (19), son, miller, born Womburn, Staffordshire;
- [4] *Alfred Aston* (16), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Jonah Aston* (13), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;

1871 Census

Enville Road – YEW TREE INN

- [1] *Henry Aston* (56), licensed victualler, born Netherton;
- [2] *Eliza Aston* (67), wife, born Alveley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Jonah Aston* (23), son, groom and gardener, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Eliza Cartwright* (18), granddaughter, general servant, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *William Jackson* (21), boarder, confectioner, born Mansfield;
- [6] *John Clowry* (23), boarder, gun maker, born Birmingham;
- [7] *William H. Cooper* (21), gas holder ribbetter [riveter?], born Dudley;

Dudley Herald 26/8/1876 - Advert

“YEW TREE HOTEL, Pleasure Gardens, Wall Heath. The proprietor of the above hotel begs to inform the inhabitants of the district that the gardens are now open to the public. The Gornal Wood String Band will be in attendance every Monday evening at 6 o’clock. Admission 3d each. Refreshments provided at Town Prices. Prop. *John Waterfield*.”

Dudley Herald 16/6/1877 - Advert

“YEW TREE HOTEL Pleasure Gardens, Wall Heath. The above gardens are open to the public every day at Ten o’clock am – Dancing on the Green – A Band is in attendance on Monday evening, from 6 o’clock pm until 10. Refreshments of the finest quality and at reasonable prices can be obtained on the grounds – *John Waterfield* proprietor.”

London Gazette 30/7/1880

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869.

In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Stourbridge.

In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *Ambrose Knight* formerly of the YEW TREE INN, Wall Heath aforesaid, Licensed Victualler and Nurseryman.....

Notice is hereby given, that a First General Meeting of the creditors of the above named person has been summoned on the 11th day of August, 1880.....”

1881 Census

Enville Road

- [1] *William Waterfield* (21), unmarried, publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *John Spruce* (19), visitor, engine fitter, born Dudley;

1891 Census

YEW TREE

- [1] *William Ford* (40), publican, born Marston Green;
- [2] *Sarah A. Ford* (33), wife, born Smethwick;
- [3] *Amy Ford* (11), daughter, born Smethwick;
- [4] *Caroline Ford* (7), daughter, born Smethwick;
- [5] *Rose Ford* (1), daughter, born Smethwick:

John Fennyhough = John Ferneyhaugh

County Express 5/5/1900 - Advert

“Preliminary. Wallheath, Near Dudley.

Valuable Freehold Old Licensed Premises and Building land.

H. King & Son have received instructions to Sell By Auction, on Monday, the 28th day of May, 1900, upon the Premises, the Valuable Freehold Licensed Premises, known as the YEW TREE HOTEL, with extensive Pleasure Grounds, Greenhouses, Stabling etc., situate at Wallheath near Dudley, together with a Freehold Messuage And Shop adjoining thereto, and about 12 Lots Of Ripe Building Land.

For Plans and Full Particulars, apply Mr. Thomas Jones, Solicitor, Wednesbury, or to the Auctioneers, Stourbridge.”

County Express 12/5/1900 - Advert

“H. King & Son are instructed to Offer For Sale By Auction, upon the Premises, on Monday, May 28th, 1900, at 4.30 o'clock in the Evening, and subject to Conditions of Sale then to be produced, the following properties:—

Lot 1. The Valuable Freehold Old Licensed Premises, known as the YEW TREE HOTEL, situate at Wallheath, with a bold frontage of 19yards and 1ft to the main road leading to Enville, together with the extensive Pleasure Grounds, large Kitchen Garden and Greenhouses, Stabling for ten horses, Piggeries, Fowl House, etc, now in the occupation of the owner.

The Hotel Accommodation comprises Bar 25ft 2in by 11ft 1in; Smoke Room, with movable partition, 53ft 4in by 13ft; Private Dining and Sitting Rooms, Cooking Kitchen, 18ft by 14ft; Covered Verandah, Store Rooms, large Cellaring, Six Bedrooms, etc, etc. The total area is 1acre 1 rood 29 perches or thereabouts.

The Premises have been well kept, are in a thorough state of repair, and in every way adapted for a large and lucrative business. Possession may be had on completion. A list of Trade Fixtures, etc, will be produced at the Sale, and the purchaser will be required to take to same valuation, to be made in the usual way, in addition to the purchase money. The Property was bought, and will be sold, subject to a Lease from Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd, to the Vendor, which expires on the 25th December, 1905, and under which Lease a balance of £10 per annum is payable, and the Vendor is restricted in the purchase of Beer, Wine, etc. The Lease can be inspected at the Office of the Vendor's Solicitor or at the Sale.”

[It was withdrawn after reaching only £1,200.]

1901 Census

39, Enville Road

- [1] *Joseph Foley* (40), married, publican, born Old Hill;
- [2] *Sarah E. Foley* (14), daughter, born Old Hill;
- [3] *Amy L. Read* (22), housekeeper, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Bertha Page* (19), domestic servant, born Dudley:

County Express 1/6/1901

“A special attraction has been provided for visitors during the holidays in a nigger minstrel troupe, located in the grounds of the YEW TREE HOTEL. Many brake loads of trippers from various points in the Black Country have visited Wallheath during the week, and on Monday and Tuesday the efforts of the troupe were patronised by many hundreds of people.”

County Express 28/9/1901

“Albert Jeavons, jun., Albert Jeavons, sen., and Mathew Brown, Stafford Street, Dudley, were charged with disorderly conduct at Wallheath, on September 8th.

Police-constable Robinson stated he was fetched to the YEW TREE INN, Enville Road, Wallheath and saw the defendants leave the yard on a fish lorry. He followed them and found they had stopped at the WAGON AND HORSES INN. There he asked them if they were bona-fide travelers, as it was during prohibited hours, and also their names. They had two bull dogs and a whippet dog with them. As he went to the lorry to take their names from there, Albert, jun., caught hold of him by the collar, and said he would wring the witness's neck out, and at the same time one of the bull dogs went for him, catching hold of his whiskers with his teeth, and sticking his claws through his trousers.

The defendants contended that they did not refuse their names, and were not disorderly.

The Bench said from the previous convictions recorded against the whole of them at Dudley, it was evident their language was anything but choice.

Jeavons, sen. was fined 10s and costs, and Brown and Jeavons, jun. 15s and costs each, or a month.”

County Express 6/9/1902 - Advert

“To Brewers And Others. Wallheath, Near Dudley And Stourbridge. Preliminary Notice of Important Sale By Auction of the Freehold, Old-Licensed Premises known as The YEW TREE HOTEL, with extensive Pleasure Grounds and Land of nearly 1½ Acres; together with 13 Plots Of Eligible Building land adjoining, which Alfred W. Dando is instructed to Offer For sale By Auction, at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, Dudley, on Monday, September 22nd, 1902, at Seven o'clock in the Evening precisely, subject to Conditions then to be produced.

For plans and particulars and further information apply to Mr. Thomas Jones, Solicitor, Wednesbury, or to the Auctioneer, 18, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley.”

County Express 13/9/1902 - Advert

“Wallheath, near Dudley. Important Announcement Of Sale By Auction, of Valuable Freehold Old-Licensed Premises, known as the YEW TREE HOTEL, With Extensive Pleasure Grounds, stabling Etc, and Thirteen Plots of Eligible Building Land.

Alfred W. Dando is instructed to Offer for Sale By Auction, at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, Dudley, on Monday 22nd, 1902, at Seven o'clock in the Evening precisely, subject to Conditions then to be produced, as follows:—

Lot 1. The Valuable Freehold Old-Licensed premises, the YEW TREE HOTEL, situate at Wallheath, near Dudley, with a bold frontage of 19 yards 1 foot to the main road leading to Enville, together with the Extensive Pleasure Ground, Stabling, etc, now in the occupation of the owner. The Hotel contains:—

On The Ground Floor: Entrance Hall, with Tessellated Floor; Bar, 23ft 2in by 11ft 1in; Smoke Room, with Removable Partition, and Two Fireplaces, 53ft 4in by 13ft; Private Sitting Room, with larder leading therefrom; Private Dining Room, 27ft by 11ft 6in; Cooking Kitchen, with Allen Foundry Range and soft water pump, 18ft by 14ft, and Larder on side; covered Verandah, with Tramway to Cellar, and hard water pump.

On The First Floor: Four Excellent Bedrooms, Spirits Store, Two Clothes Closets, and Landing 13ft 6in square.

Basement: Two well-ventilated Beer Cellars, and Two Wine and Spirit Cellars, large soft water cistern.

The Pleasure Grounds and Outbuildings: include: Stabling for Ten Horses, with Coach House, Enclosed yard, Piggeries, Poultry House, etc, Range of Greenhouses, 83ft long, heated with hot water apparatus; span-roof Greenhouse, 20ft by 12ft, with hot water apparatus; Bowling Green and Pavilion; Large Ornamental Pleasure Grounds planted with shrubs and conifers; Productive Kitchen garden, stocked with Choice Fruit Trees, etc. the whole containing an area of 1a. 1r. 29p. or thereabouts.

The Premises have been well kept, are in a thorough state of repair, and in every way adapted for a large and lucrative business. Possession may be had on completion. A list of Trade Fixtures, etc, will be produced at the time of sale, which the Purchasers will be required to take at valuation, to be made in the usual way, in addition to the purchase money.

Lots 2 to 14. Thirteen Plots Of Eligible Building Land.....”

Tipton Herald 27/6/1903

“Joseph Lewis, Enville Road, Wall Heath, was charged with being drunk on licensed premises at Kingswinford on the 16th inst.

PC Owen said that at 5.35pm on this date he found the defendant in the tap room at the YEW TREE INN, Wall Heath, very drunk. He was standing by the counter, and muttering to himself. The landlady came to witness, and said the defendant had just come into the house. She had refused to supply him because of his condition, but he would not leave. Witness ordered defendant out, and he then staggered up the road in the direction of his home, muttering, grumbling, and throwing his arms about. He made quite an exhibition of himself.

Defendant, who had been many times convicted, was fined 10s and costs, or, in default, 14 days imprisonment with hard labour.”

1911 Census

YEW TREE INN

[1] *Alexander Thomas Mason* (29), hotel keeper, born Cwmbach Dyserth;

[2] *Bertha Evelyn Mason* (32), wife, married 1 year, born Leaton;

[3] *Alice Florence Corliage* (37), visitor, no occupation, born North Barrow, Lancashire:

Alexander 'Alec' Thomas Mason was a gardener who had been trained in one of the royal gardens.

It was modernised in 1919.

[1990]

Closed

It was demolished in 1995.



STAFFORDSHIRE.
CAPITAL FREEHOLD INN AND LAND,
WALL HEATH, KINGSWINFORD.
 TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, BY

MR. HAWKINS, on Monday, October 20th, 1856, at the Seven Stars Inn, Wall Heath, aforesaid, at Five o'clock in the Afternoon, subject to conditions, all that Old-Licensed INN and Premises, known as the YEW TREE INN, situated at Wall Heath, Kingwinford, and fronting the highway leading from Wall Heath to Green's Forge, comprising Four Rooms on the ground floor, with Cellaring thereunder, Two Chambers and large Club Room, together with Stabling, Gig House, Brewhouse, Piggeries, Coal House, and other Outbuildings. Also all that PIECE OF LAND adjoining thereto, used as a PLEASURE GARDEN in connection with the said Inn, containing in quantity, with the site of the Yew Tree Inn, 1 acre and 2 rods, or thereabouts.

The above Property is situated near the Oak Farm Works, is substantially built in the Gothic style, and well fitted up with every convenience for trade.

For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer, or at the Offices of Mr. Jeston Homfray, Solicitor, both of Brierley-Hill; or Mr. Charles William Collis, Solicitor, Stourbridge.

CAPITAL FREEHOLD INN,
HOUSES AND LAND,
WALL HEATH, KINGSWINFORD.
 TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, BY

MR. HAWKINS, on Monday, June 2nd, 1856, at the "White Horse Inn," Wall Heath, aforesaid, at Five o'clock in the Afternoon, (by Direction of the Assignees of Mr. Joseph Taylor, a Bankrupt.) in the following Lots or together, as may be determined at the Sale, subject to conditions:—

Lot 1.—All that Old-Licensed Inn and Premises, known as the YEW TREE INN, situated at Wall Heath, Kingwinford, fronting the Highway leading from Wall Heath to Green's Forge, comprising Four Rooms on the ground floor, with Cellaring thereunder, Two Chambers and large Club Room, together with Stabling, Gig House, Brewhouse, Piggeries, Coal House, and other Outbuildings. Also all that PIECE OF LAND adjoining thereto, now used as a PLEASURE GARDEN in connection with the said Inn, containing in quantity, with the site of the Yew Tree Inn, 1 acre and 2 rods, or thereabouts. A Lodge and Life Club meet at the house.

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OLD-LICENSED PUBLIC HOUSE.

THE YEW TREE INN AND GARDENS,
WALL HEATH, KINGSWINFORD.

TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE CONTRACT, the Gardens, with the Site of the Buildings, occupying an Acre and a Half of Ground. Immediate possession may be had.

The greater part of the Purchase Money may remain as a Mortgage on the Property, at 25 per cent.

For particulars apply to
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 Brierley-Hill.

Adverts 1856

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Advert 1857

PRELIMINARY.
WALLHEATH, NEAR DUDLEY.
VALUABLE FREEHOLD OLD
LICENSED PREMISES
 AND
ELIGIBLE BUILDING LAND.
H. KING & SON have received instructions to
SELL BY AUCTION, ON MONDAY, the
28TH day of MAY, 1900, upon the PREMISES, the
VALUABLE FREEHOLD OLD
LICENSED PREMISES,
 known as
"THE YEW TREE HOTEL,"
 with the extensive Pleasure Grounds, Greenhouses,
 Stabling, etc., situate at Wallheath, near Dudley,
 together with a
FREEHOLD MESSUAGE AND SHOP,
 adjoining thereto, and about
12 LOTS OF RIPE BUILDING LAND.
 For Plans and Full Particulars, apply to Mr.
 Thomas Jones, Solicitor, Wednesbury, or to the
 Auctioneers, Stourbridge. 9608

Advert 1900

LIST OF KINGSWINFORD PUBS

ALBION High Street, KINGSWINFORD
ALBION 382, (14), (19), Albion Street, WALL HEATH
BELL 614, (12), High Street, Town End, KINGSWINFORD
BOARD Bromley Lane, KINGSWINFORD
BRICKMAKERS ARMS Ketley, KINGSWINFORD
BRIDGE 118, Moss Grove, (17, (51), Dawley Brook), (Dolly Brook), KINGSWINFORD
BRITISH OAK Stallings Lane, KINGSWINFORD
BUSH KINGSWINFORD
COCK KINGSWINFORD
COPPY OLD ENGINE Crawley Plain, (Crowley Plain), KINGSWINFORD
COTTAGE 18, Cottage Street, KINGSWINFORD
COTTAGE 534, (25), (18), High Street (Dudley Road) / Cottage Street, Town End, KINGSWINFORD
COTTAGE VIEW Hill Street, KINGSWINFORD
CRESTWOOD Blenheim Road / Lapwood Avenue, KINGSWINFORD
CROSS 4, High Street (Dudley Road) / Moss Grove, Town End, KINGSWINFORD
CROSS KEYS Dudley Road, Towns End, KINGSWINFORD
DOG AND PARTRIDGE KINGSWINFORD
DRILLMAN'S ARMS 18, (4), Albion Street / 16, Albert Street, WALL HEATH
DUDLEY ARMS Stourbridge Road, (Wolverhampton Road), HIMLEY
DUKE WILLIAM'S ARMS KINGSWINFORD
FOX AND GOOSE Bromley Lane, KINGSWINFORD
GATE 46, Moss Grove, Dawley Brook, KINGSWINFORD
GLYNNE ARMS Coppice Mill, Stoney Fields, HIMLEY
GRAND TURK Bromley Lane, KINGSWINFORD
GRAND TURK 6, Cot Lane, California, KINGSWINFORD
GREEN LANE INN 2, Green Lane, KINGSWINFORD
HIGH ACRES Rangeways Road, (Madeley Road), Bromley Estate, KINGSWINFORD
HILLCREST Portway, KINGSWINFORD
HIMLEY HOUSE HOTEL Stourbridge Road, HIMLEY
HOP AND BARLEYCORN Mount Pleasant, California, KINGSWINFORD
HORSE AND JOCKEY 24, (3), (11), High Street, WALL HEATH
HORSE SHOE High Street, KINGSWINFORD
KINGFISHER Kidderminster Road, KINGSWINFORD
KINGSWINFORD Dudley Road, KINGSWINFORD
LEOPARD 3, Summer Street, KINGSWINFORD
LION Back Lane, WALL HEATH
MARKET HALL TAVERN 33, (13), Market Street, Townsend, KINGSWINFORD
MOUNT PLEASANT 115, (1), Cot Lane, California, KINGSWINFORD
NAVIGATION WALL HEATH
NEW INN 52, High Street (Dudley Road) / Water Street, KINGSWINFORD
NEW INN High Street, KINGSWINFORD
NOAHS ARK KINGSWINFORD
OAK TAVERN Golds Lane, KINGSWINFORD
OLD COURTHOUSE 55, (61), High Street, (Dudley Road), KINGSWINFORD
OLD CROWN 53, (46), High Street (Dudley Road) / Water Street, KINGSWINFORD
PARK TAVERN 182, Cot Lane (Barnett Lane) / Broad Street, Summerhill, KINGSWINFORD
PORTWAY Stream Road, (Wolverhampton Road), (Portway Road), KINGSWINFORD
PRINCE ALBERT 34, (33), (21), High Street, WALL HEATH
QUEENS HEAD High Street, KINGSWINFORD
RED LION 5, High Street, Towns End, KINGSWINFORD
RED LION KINGSWINFORD
ROSE AND CROWN Bell Street, KINGSWINFORD
ROSE AND CROWN Bromley, KINGSWINFORD
ROSE AND CROWN Gosty Bank, KINGSWINFORD
SEVEN STARS 17, (5), (4), High Street, WALL HEATH
SHINGLERS ARMS 4, (5), Stallings Lane, KINGSWINFORD
SHOVEL KINGSWINFORD
SPREAD EAGLE Church Road, (15, The Village), KINGSWINFORD
STAGS HEAD 22, (21), High Street, WALL HEATH
STAMFORD ARMS 3, Stallings Lane, Shutt End, KINGSWINFORD
SUMMERHILL HOUSE Swindon Road, KINGSWINFORD
SUMMER HOUSE Portway Road, (The Portway), Portway Estate, KINGSWINFORD
SWAN (1) 74, Market Street, (49, Portway), KINGSWINFORD
SWAN (2) Market Street / Greenfield Road, KINGSWINFORD
UNION 54, (29), (66), Water Street, KINGSWINFORD
VINE 33, Market Street, KINGSWINFORD
VINE WALL HEATH
WAGGON AND HORSES 23, Enville Road, WALL HEATH
WALL HEATH TAVERN 14, (1), High Street, WALL HEATH

WHITE HORSE WALL HEATH

WOODMAN 73, (31), Mount Pleasant (Road), California, KINGSWINFORD

YEW TREE 39, (4), Enville Road, (8, Enville Street), WALL HEATH

HOW TO USE THE INFORMATION

PUB NAME

This is generally the name by which the pub was officially known. Other names, either changes or nicknames, are to be found in the notes section.

Names marked with + are, at present, not specifically identified as being any of those listed before them, and have not been attributed yet because of the lack of data available.

Pubs are not listed necessarily under their current name.

A number of beerhouses were never given a name, and these appear at the end of the pub lists as Beerhouse – Unnamed. Only those that I am pretty sure had 'on' licences are included.

This is sometimes the case with alehouses too.

Can't find the pub you want?

It's probably had its name changed. Try using the search facility to locate the pub name, or nickname, that you know.

ADDRESS

Eg. 52, (79), Haden Street, (Haden Lane) / Cox Alley, Kates Hill, DUDLEY

Numbers and street names in brackets denote earlier addresses. These are usually detailed in the notes section. Buildings were renumbered with development and demolition, or the renaming of the street etc.

/ = on the corner with.....

Sometimes districts are also included, such as Kates Hill above. These are often historical and are now obsolete, but can be located on early maps.

OWNERS

These are listed where known.

They include companies and individuals, and occasionally the dates acquired and prices paid.

LICENSEES

Often the owner was the licensee, and even when they employed managers their names would appear in directories.

Where known, names are appended with (manager, non-resident, tenant etc.).

Dates

These are differentiated by the use of brackets and/or italics.

[1862] = This was the case in 1862. Where the date appears on its own it refers to the earliest or latest reference found.

This also applies where a pub has its name changed, eg.

[2001] followed by "Its name was changed to XXXX. [2003]"

This means that in 2001 it still had its previous name, but by 2003 its name had been changed to XXXX.

[1862] = Information from a directory dated 1862, so may have been out of date when it was published. As much as five years in some cases!

[c. 1862] = About 1862, but exact date not known.

[1860's] = Some time in this decade.

[] = No date available, but the detail is inserted in roughly the right chronological place.

(1862 – [1863]) = Started in 1862 and was still the case in 1863.

[1862] – **1863) = It was the case in 1862 and ended** in 1863.

(1862 – 1863) = Started in 1862 and **ended** in 1863.

(1862 – 1863); the ; signifies that the licensee was immediately followed by the next person in the list. Sometimes the licence transfer came months after a person's death, but the transfer date is the one used, if date of death is not known.

Sometimes the licensing registers contradict findings from other sources such as directories. Where this occurs the ; is still used, the anomalous name is given a question mark and is placed in a suitable chronological place, and the next person is the one that follows the ;

Eg.

Fred Smith [1916] – **1927);**

Joseph Bloggs [1921] ?

George Jones **(1927 – 1932)**

In the register George Jones follows on from Fred Smith, but Joseph Bloggs was mentioned in another source in 1921. He is left in for completeness.

When using original documents, such as licensing registers, which are sometimes damaged, it is impossible to read some material (including dates). Where this has occurred, and only the decade or century is decipherable, I have used underscoring to replace the missing digits in an effort to keep the licensees in the correct order.

Eg. Fred Smith **(188_ – 18_);**

John Jones **(18_ – 189_):**

If the date is followed with a : this signifies the last person to hold the licence.

NOTES

These start with locations, and are followed by previous names or nicknames of the pub. These are then followed by other details, often where dates are unknown.

Historical details then follow chronologically where possible.

Some pubs listed are the same as others, but so far I have been unable to connect them. This is especially true when directories only list the pub name and licensee, and more than one pub of that name existed at the time. These are often identified by:-
Check OTHER PUB NAME.

Licensees are often associated with more than one pub, and pubs are sometimes rebuilt on different sites to their original one. These are identified by:-
See OTHER PUB NAME

Titles – only Miss and Mrs are used here (when known).
No other titles are used.
ie. Major George Cox was not a major. Major was his first name.

Often names were spelt differently in the sources used. This is identified where possible, and one spelling is used for consistency.

Where I have decided that different spellings are the same person I have identified this
eg. *Smith* = *Smithe* = *Smyth*

Where I am unsure about this I have identified it thus

* possibly the same person

or

* probably the same person

Where sources are quoted these appear in **colour**, followed by the quote in black in a different typeface from the remainder of the information. Sometimes I have paraphrased a quotation, and some have had additions entered by myself.

Information which has been transcribed by me from handwritten sources, such as censuses, parish records, licensing minutes etc., should be correctly spelt, but the reader is advised to check the original for themselves. In cases where I have been unable to transcribe individual names, only those letters that are clear are given. eg, Osbal__on ? The underscore does not indicate the number of missing letters, as this is often as unclear as the name itself.

Where I am not 100% sure that I have deciphered a name correctly this is indicated by a question mark in parentheses ie. (?)

Census records are presented in a different form than the original.

[1] = position in the household.

This is followed by the name and (age).

Relationship to [1] follows, and then occupation (if any is listed).

Finally comes the place of birth. Where these places are local to the Black Country, or are larger towns and cities, no county name is given.

Where birthplaces are given in the Black Country it has to be remembered:-

(a) Harborne once included Smethwick

(b) Kingswinford once covered places such as Brierley Hill, Pensnett, Quarry Bank and Wall Heath

(c) Sedgley once included Coseley and the Gornals

(d) West Bromwich once included Great Bridge (now in the Tipton file), Great Barr and Hamstead (not considered by me as part of the Black Country).

Most local newspapers were weekly and appeared on a Saturday.
This does not apply to the Express & Star, Midland Counties Evening Express, or Evening News / Star.

Newspaper articles sometimes spell the same thing (eg. Surname) differently in a single report. Where the proper spelling is known this is altered by me, but when I am unsure they are left as they appear.

A gazeteer is provided to give approximate locations of place names in relation to larger towns and cities in Britain.

Where a licensee changes her name by marriage, her former surname appears in brackets
ie. Jane (maiden or previous married name) Smith.

Where names of spouses are known, they are listed in the past tense, even though many may be still husband and wife. This is merely a convention used by me for convenience.

[text] Where square brackets occur, with text in a different typeface inside, this signifies comments of my own.

Some entries, in all sections, are followed by a number of question marks (without parentheses). These show the extent of doubt that I have over that entry.

The historical nature of the contents has meant that the old currency of pounds shillings and pence is used frequently. A pound (£) was divided into 20 shillings (s) and a shilling was divided into 12 pence (d). Halfpennies and farthings (1/4d) were also in use.

This is also the case where other measures, length, weight etc., are used. See glossary for details.

GLOSSARY

A number of terms may be unfamiliar and their meanings are listed below. Also abbreviations appear in quotations and they are translated below.

acre A measure of area equal to 4840 square yards.

alehouse An obsolete term meaning both a house licensed to sell ale, or one with a full license, as distinct to a beerhouse.

ante 1869 Licensed before 1st May 1869, and applies to beerhouses which were protected from refusal to renew the license, unless statutory rules were broken.

These were:-

(a) That the premises were frequented by thieves, prostitutes or people of bad character.

(b) Failure of an applicant to provide evidence of a good character.

(c) The applicant had been disqualified due to misconduct.

A.O.F. Ancient Order of Foresters

apprentice One who was bound to a skilled worker for a specified time to learn the trade.

axle tree maker One who made axles for coaches and waggons.

bagatelle A billiards derived game in which players have to negotiate wooden pins in order to navigate balls around a table.

bagman A travelling salesman.

banksman A man in charge of the cages at a pit head.

barm yeast / fermenting liquor

barrel A barrel containing 36 gallons.

base coin Counterfeit coin

beerhouse A pub which was only licenced to sell beer.

billiard marker A person who attends on players at billiards and records the progress of the game.

bill poster One who pastes up bills, notices or placards.

billycock A hard felt hat popular in Victorian times.

black list Anyone convicted of drunkenness was placed on this list. It was an offence to serve such a person, knowingly, for three years after being listed.

black saddler Someone who made cart, gig and other saddles in black leather.

blacksmith Someone who forges and shapes red hot iron with a hammer and anvil, also one who shoes horses.

bobber Metal polisher.

boots A hotel servant who cleans boots, runs errands etc.

brake A long waggonette.

breeze Furnace refuse used in making building material.

bridle cutter A person who cut leather to make horses' bridles.

brown saddler A person who made riding saddles from brown leather.

buckle tongue maker A person who made the metal points that go in the holes of belts, harness etc.

bushel A measure of 8 gallons.

butty A mining term for one who takes a contract for work in a coal mine.

c. circa

cabman One who drove a cab.

C.A.M.R.A. Campaign for Real Ale

carter A carrier, usually with a cart or waggon.

chartermaster A middleman who negotiated mining contracts and supplied the labour.

charwoman A cleaner.

cheap Jack A travelling hawker, who professes to give great bargain.

cobbler One who mended shoes.

commercial When applied to an inn or hotel it meant that commercial travellers were catered for, often at a reasonable price.

common brewer A brewer whose beer is brewed for the public, generally, not just for a pub.

Compensation Authority A body set up to decide the amount of compensation to be paid to the owner, when a licensing authority proposes to refuse a license renewal on grounds other than the statutory ones relating to the character or the conduct of the house.

Compensation was paid by the Inland Revenue from moneys collected from a levy on licenses.

compositor Someone who set type for printing.

cordwainer shoemaker (not a boot maker)

core A device used in casting and moulding processes to produce internal cavities.

Cork Club A charitable organisation in which the members had to carry a cork on their person at all times. They were challenged by other members of the club to produce their cork, and if they could not, they had to pay a 'fine' into the charity fund.

corn factor A middleman in corn deals.

C.R. Chief Ranger – an office within the Ancient Order of Foresters.

currier Horse groom / leather trade finisher who greases the dry leather to make it flexible.

cwt hundredweight, 112 pounds (approximately 51 kilograms)

d (old) pence

DCM Distinguished Conduct Medal

D.C.R. District Chief Ranger – an office within the Ancient Order of Foresters.

D.D.M. Deputy District Master – an office within the Ancient Order of Foresters.

die sinker Someone who engraves dies for stamping or embossing, or cutting screw threads on metal.

D.M. District Master – an office within the Ancient Order of Foresters.

doggy An overlooker of a certain number of men and boys in a pit.

draper A dealer in cloth, cloth goods, and sewing needs.

dray A low strong cart for heavy goods.

dropsy A morbid accumulation of watery fluid on any part of the body.

edge tool maker A person who made knives and agricultural tools such as scythes.

epithet A term or expression.

f. founded

factor's clerk A clerk to a manufacturer.

farrier A horse doctor, or blacksmith who shoes horses.

filling A Victorian term meaning to serve beer / alcohol.

firkin A barrel containing 9 gallons.

florin A coin of the value 2s (10p).

fob A small watch pocket.

four foot The space between the rails on a standard gauge railway.

footpad A highwayman on foot.

freehold Legal ownership and control of a building or a piece of land for an unlimited time.

French polisher Someone who polished quality furniture using French polish, wax or lacquer.

fs when on 1841 census, probably means female servant

fuller A scourer of cloth, or a finisher.

gaming The playing of games of chance for winnings.

gawn A small round tub with a handle, used for carrying the wort.

General Annual Licensing Meeting This was the principal licensing meeting, and was sometimes called the **Brewster Sessions**. They were usually held during the first fortnight of February every year.

grains of paradise Aframomum melegueta. A form of ginger native to the swamps of West Africa. The seeds (grains) were used in brewing to give the impression of strength. Its use became illegal in Britain in 1816.

grist ground malt used in brewing.

guinea An amount of £1 1s 0d.

haberdasher A dealer in small wares, as ribbons, tapes etc.

half crown A coin of the value 2s 6d.

hame One of the two curved bars of a draught horse's collar.

harbouring the police Allowing police officers to be on the licensed premises when they should be on duty. The exceptions being when they have permission of a senior officer, or are engaged in preventing / detecting a breach of the licensing laws, or keeping order.

higgler or **higler** pedlar, usually with a horse and cart

hogshead A barrel containing 52½ gallons.

hoof prints / marks During the winter of 1855 there was a spate of people reporting these marks being visible in the snow on their roofs.

hostler see ostler

indict to officially charge with a crime

indigent in need, especially of sustenance

inst. / instant (during) the current month

intoxicating liquor spirits, beer, cider, wine and British wine

japanner A person who made 'japanned' object using the Japanese lacquer techniques.

journeyman Fully qualified tradesman who had served an apprenticeship.

kilderkin A barrel holding 18 gallons.

liquor water (brewing)

L.M.S. London, Midland and Scottish (railway)

L.N.E.R. London and North Eastern Railway

long pull This was a practice in which more beer was served than the quantity ordered. It was originally encouraged by brewers to improve trade, but around 1900 they began to object to it, to improve takings!
It is no longer illegal.

m. married

M. U. Manchester Unity (of Oddfellows)

milliner A dealer in Milan goods, or more commonly a maker / seller of women's hats, trimmings etc.

Minorca a breed of laying poultry

moiety one of two parts or divisions

NUOFG National United Order of Free Gardeners

oliverman An operator of a forge hammer worked by foot

on tramp travelling

Order of Discharge An order by a court of law saying that a person or company that is bankrupt is no longer responsible for paying back its debts.

ordinary A meal provided at a fixed cost.

Ordinary Removal A method of attaching a license of any description to premises previously unlicensed by the removal of a license of the same description from other premises.

ostler Someone who attends to horses at an inn.

paviour One who does paving work.

PCR Past Chief Ranger (Order of Foresters)

Penny dreadful A cheap sensational serial or tale.

perch A measure of area equal to 30¼ square yards (25.3 square metres).

plaister An obsolete form of plaster.

platelayer One who laid and maintained railway tracks.

posting house (post house) A place where horses were kept as replacements to pull stage coaches, which arrived there. (A staging post is an alternative name.)

potboy / potman Someone who worked in public houses, collecting and washing dirty pots or glasses.

Preceptress Female preceptor (teacher).

provisional renewal When the Justices refer a license to the Compensation Authority this is granted. It enables the pub to continue until a decision is made. If the license is extinguished this renewal expires 7 days after compensation is paid, if not then it becomes unconditional.

publican's license This license authorizes the sale of any intoxicating liquor for consumption on or off the premises.

puddler (pudler) Wrought iron worker, he would stir molten pig iron to form wrought iron.

puncheon An Imperial measure of 72 gallons.

quart An Imperial measure of liquid equal to two pints.

quarter A measure of eight bushels; equivalent to 8 barrels of beer.

quartern A quarter of a pint.

R. A. O. B. Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes.

rat killing ledger A blood sport in which dogs kill as many rats, in a given time; the one killing most being the winner. Gambling took place – hence the ledger (book in which bets were recorded).

RFA Royal Field Artillery

rim lock A locking device that attaches to the surface of a door or window.

rood A measure of area of about a quarter of an acre.

s shillings

sennight A week (ago)

shingler Manipulator of puddled balls of iron to remove impurities.

Sick and Dividend Society A society in which annual / monthly / weekly contributions were made by its members in order to provide "insurance" payouts when work preventing sickness, or death, occurred to its members. A dividend was paid (usually in December) from the remaining investment.

sine die without a day (appointed), indefinitely.

sinker Well or shaft digger.

6 day license Pubs with this type of license were not allowed to open on Sundays.

smoking concert A concert where those attending were allowed (or even encouraged!) to smoke.

sovereign A coin of the value of £1.

spragging Mining term for propping.

stallman Keeper of stable underground (mining).

syncope a fainting fit caused by a sudden fall in blood pressure in the brain.

temperance hotel (house) A building run along the same lines as pubs / hotels, but without alcohol.

tuyere (or twyer or tweer) a nozzle for a blast of air.

ult / ultimo (during) the previous month

union fermentation system A system of fermentation, developed in the 19th century, in which fermenting beer is kept in rows of large barrels (unions) interconnected by pipes and troughs, which allows the yeast to continually circulate through the beer. It is often referred to as the Burton Union system.

W. B. A. West Bromwich Albion

whitesmith A metal worker in tin, or light metals.

WM masonic term for Worshipful Master.

wood turner Someone who turns wood on a lathe.

wort The malt solution that results from the main brewing operation.

£ pound

THE ACTS

Below is a list of some of the Acts of Parliament relating to licensing, and some of their effects. By no means is all legislation here.

Alehouse Act, 1828

Laid down, for the first time, a uniform code of procedure for annual licensing and transfer sessions. Premises licensed under this Act were enabled to sell not only 'Ale' but other intoxicating drinks.

Beerhouse Act, 1830

A reforming Act intended to discourage the consumption of spirits (especially gin). Excise licenses could be taken out without having to go through the justices, and this resulted in the growth of beerhouses nationwide.

Refreshment Houses Act, 1860

Effectively put the sale of wine on an even footing with beer, as it enabled a refreshment house keeper to sell wine without obtaining a justice's license.

Wine and Beerhouse Act, 1869

Gave the licensing justices control over all premises where intoxicating liquor was sold for consumption on the premises. No new licenses could be obtained without applying to them, but existing beer and wine licenses were protected (see ante 1869, above).

This inhibited the continuing growth of beerhouses resulting from the 1830 Act.

Licensing Act, 1872

This established a procedure whereby a new license was only valid after a second, Confirmation procedure had taken place.

Licensing Act, 1902

This granted justices the same rights over off licenses as they had over on licenses, since 1869.

Licensing Act, 1904

This set up the compensation procedure for the extinguishing of unnecessary licenses, or those of unsound premises, but did not affect ante 1869 beerhouses.

GAZETTEER

The following places appear in the main text. Below is their location in reference to bigger towns or cities. Distances and directions are approximate. Not all places in the text are mentioned below.

ABBERLEY, Worcestershire - 5 miles SW of Stourport on Severn

ABBOTS BROMLEY, Staffordshire - 7 miles S of Uttoxeter

ABERCARN, Monmouthshire - 10 miles NW of Newport

ABERGAVENNY, Monmouthshire - 15 miles W of Monmouth

ACKLETON, Shropshire - 7 miles NW of Bridgnorth

ACTON TRUSSELL, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Stafford

ADDERBURY, Oxfordshire - 3 miles S of Banbury

ADMASTON, Shropshire is part of Telford

ALBRIGHTON, Shropshire - 7 miles NW of Wolverhampton

ALDBOURNE, Wiltshire - 6 miles NE of Marlborough

ALDERMINSTER, Warwickshire - 4 miles SSE of Stratford upon Avon

ALDINGTON, Worcestershire - 3 miles E of Evesham

ALDRIDGE, Staffordshire - 4 miles ENE of Walsall

ALLENSMORE, Herefordshire - 4 miles SW of Hereford

ALLESLEY, Warwickshire - 3 miles W of Coventry

ALREWAS, Staffordshire - 7 miles SW of Burton upon Trent

ALSTON, Cumberland - 29 miles SE of Carlisle

ALTON, Hampshire - 9 miles SE of Basingstoke

ALTON, Staffordshire - 5 miles ENE of Uttoxeter

ALVECHURCH, Warwickshire - 4 miles NW of Redditch

ALVEDISTON, Wiltshire - 8 miles E of Shaftesbury

ALVELEY, Shropshire - 6 miles SE of Bridgnorth

AMESBURY, Gloucestershire - 7 miles N of Salisbury

ANSTEY, Leicestershire - 4 miles NW of Leicester

ARLEY KINGS - 10 miles N of Worcester

ARLINGTON, Wiltshire is part of Trowbridge

ARMITAGE, Staffordshire - 4 miles NNW of Lichfield

ASHBY CUM FENBY, Lincolnshire - 5 miles S of Grimsby

ASHOVER, Derbyshire - 4 miles NE of Matlock

ASTERLEY, Shropshire - 8 miles ESE of Shrewsbury

ASTLEY, Lancashire - a suburb of Chorley

ASTLEY ABBOTTS, Shropshire - 2 miles N of Bridgnorth

ASTON, Warwickshire is probably the part of Birmingham

ASTON CANTLOW, Warwickshire - 5 miles NW of Stratford

ATTLEBOROUGH, Norfolk - 14 miles NE of Thetford

ATTLEBOROUGH, Warwickshire – about 1 mile SE of Nuneaton

AUDLEY, Staffordshire - 4 miles NW of Newcastle under Lyne

AUSTREY, Warwickshire - 5 miles ENE of Tamworth

BADDESLEY ENSOR, Warwickshire - 3 miles W of Atherstone

BADGER, Shropshire is just to the N of Ackleton (see above)

BADSEY, Worcestershire - 2 miles E of Evesham

BALSALL HEATH, Worcestershire is part of Birmingham

BALSCOTT, Oxfordshire - 4 miles W of Banbury

BARFORD, Norfolk - 6 miles W of Norwich

BARNACLE, Warwickshire – 2 miles NE of Coventry

BARNBY DUN, Yorkshire is part of Doncaster

BARROW UPON SOAR, Leicestershire - 2 miles SE of Loughborough

BARSTON, Warwickshire - 9 miles W of Coventry

BARTON, Lancashire - 6 miles N of Preston

BARTON, Oxfordshire is a suburb of Oxford

BARTON, Yorkshire - 6 miles SW of Darlington

BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD, Staffordshire - 4 miles SW of Burton upon Trent

BASCHURCH, Shropshire - 7 miles NW of Shrewsbury

BAVERSTOCK, Wiltshire - 7 miles W of Salisbury

BAYSTON HILL, Shropshire - 3 miles S of Shrewsbury

BEARLEY, Warwickshire - 5 miles N of Stratford on Avon

BEDDINGTON, Surrey is part of the London Borough of Sutton

BEDSTONE, Shropshire - 5 miles ENE of Knighton

BEDWORTH, Warwickshire - 3 miles S of Nuneaton

BELTON, Rutlandshire - 6 miles SW of Oakham

BENNINGHOLME, Yorkshire - 6 miles N of Hull

BENTLEY, Warwickshire - 6 miles NW of Nuneaton

BEOLEY, Worcestershire - 2 miles N of Redditch

BERKELEY, Gloucestershire - 11 miles SSW of Stroud

BERRINGTON, Shropshire - 4 miles SSE of Shrewsbury

BICKENHILL, Warwickshire - 3 miles NE of Solihull

BIDFORD on AVON, Warwickshire - 4 miles S of Alcester

BILLINGSLEY, Shropshire - 6 miles S of Bridgnorth

BILSTONE, Leicestershire - 3 miles NW of Market Bosworth

BINFIELD, Berkshire - 8 miles SE of Reading

BIRSTALL, Leicestershire - 3 miles N of Leicester

BISHAMPTON, Worcestershire - 9 miles SE of Worcester

BISHOPS STONE, Herefordshire - 6 miles W of Hereford

BISHOP WILTON, Yorkshire - 12 miles ENE of York

BITTERLEY, Shropshire - 4 miles E of Ludlow

BLABY, Leicestershire - 5 miles S of Leicester

BLACKLEY, Lancashire is part of Manchester

BLACKWATER, Berkshire - 1 mile W of Camberley

BLEWBURY, Berkshire - 14 miles S of Oxford

BLOCKLEY, Worcestershire - 10 miles SE of Evesham

BLYMILL, Staffordshire - 10 miles SW of Stafford

BLYTHEFIELD, Staffordshire is part of Burton on Trent

BOBBINGTON, Staffordshire - 8 miles E of Bridgnorth

BOLAS MAGNA, Shropshire - 8 miles N of Telford

BONEHILL, Staffordshire is part of Tamworth

BONSALL, Derbyshire - 2 miles SW of Matlock

BOTTESFORD, Leicestershire - 16 miles N of Melton Mowbray

BOURNHEATH, Worcestershire - 3 miles N of Bromsgrove

BOURTON ON THE WATER, Gloucestershire - 4 miles SSW of Stow on the Wold

BRACKENFIELD, Derbyshire - 4 miles ESE of Matlock

BRADFORD ON AVON, Wiltshire - 8 miles SE of Bath

BRAILES, Upper and Lower, Worcestershire - 4 miles ESE of Shipston on Stour

BRAMFIELD, Suffolk - 10 miles NE of Framlingham

BRAMPTON, Derbyshire is part of Chesterfield

BRAMPTON, Huntingdonshire - 2 miles SW of Huntingdon

BRAMPTON BRYAN, Herefordshire - 5 miles E of Knighton

BRANSTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles S of Burton on Trent

BRAUNSTON, Northamptonshire - 3 miles NNE of Daventry

BRERETON, Staffordshire - 1 mile S of Rugeley

BREWOOD, Staffordshire - 6 miles W of Cannock

BRICKLEHAMPTON, Worcestershire - 3 miles SE of Pershore

BRIDSTOW, Herefordshire - 1 mile W of Ross on Wye

BRINDLE, Lancashire - 5 miles SE of Preston

BROADWAY, Worcestershire - 6 miles SE of Evesham

BROCTON, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Stafford

BROMLEY, Middlesex is part of London

BROOM, Worcestershire - 6 miles NNE of Evesham

BROOME, Worcestershire - 5 miles ENE of Kidderminster

BROSELEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

BROUGHTON GIFFORD, Wiltshire - 1.5 miles W of Melksham

BRYMBO, North Wales is part of Wrexham

BURGHILL, Herefordshire - 3 miles NNW of Hereford

BURLTON, Shropshire - 8 miles NNW of Shrewsbury

BURNHILL GREEN, Shropshire - 6 miles NE of Bridgnorth

BURNTWOOD, Staffordshire - 4 miles W of Lichfield

BURTON IN LONSDALE, Lancashire / Yorkshire - 9 miles E of Carnforth

BURWARTON, Shropshire - 10 miles NE of Ludlow

BYFIELD, Northamptonshire - 6 miles SSE of Daventry

CALNE, Wiltshire - 6 miles E of Chippenham

CANNING TOWN, Essex is part of London

CARLTON, Leicestershire - 12 miles W of Leicester

CARSINGTON, Derbyshire - 2 miles WSW of Wirksworth

CASTLE DONINGTON, Leicestershire - 12 miles SW of Nottingham

CASTLE FROME, Herefordshire - 10 miles ENE of Hereford

CASTLE MORTON, Worcestershire - 5 miles E of Ledbury

CASTOR, Northamptonshire - 4 miles W of Peterborough

CAVERSWALL, Staffordshire - 5 miles ESE of Stoke on Trent

CAYNHAM, Shropshire - 3 miles SE of Ludlow

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, Worcestershire - 4 miles ESE of Kidderminster

CHALFORD, Gloucestershire - 4 miles SE of Stroud

CHARMINSTER, Dorset - 1 mile N of Dorchester

CHEADLE, Staffordshire - 7 miles NW of Uttoxeter

CHEDDLETON, Staffordshire - 3 miles S of Leek

CHELMARSH, Shropshire - 4 miles S of Bridgnorth

CHERRINGTON, Shropshire - 6 miles N of Telford

CHESLYN HAY, Staffordshire - 2 miles S of Cannock

CHESWARDINE, Shropshire - 4 miles SE of Market Drayton

CHETTON, Shropshire - 4 miles WSW of Bridgnorth

CHILLINGTON, Staffordshire - 4 miles NW of Wolverhampton

CHILVERS COTON, Warwickshire - 1 mile SW of Nuneaton

CHINNOR, Oxfordshire - 4 miles SE of Thame

CHIRBURY, Shropshire - 3 miles E of Montgomery

CHOLESBURY, Buckinghamshire - 4 miles E of Wendover

CHORLEY, Staffordshire - 3 miles WSW of Lichfield

CHORLTON UPON MEDLOCK, Lancashire is part of Manchester

CHULMLEIGH, Devonshire - 13 miles NW of Crediton

CHURCH HILL, Worcestershire is part of Redditch

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire - 6 miles WSW of Congleton

CLAINES, Worcestershire - 2 miles N of Worcester

CLAYHANGER, Staffordshire is just W of Brownhills

CLEETON, Shropshire - 3 miles NE of Ludlow

CLIFTON, Bedfordshire - 9 miles SE of Bedford

CLIFTON, Derbyshire - 1 mile SW of Ashbourne

CLIFTON UPON DUNSMORE, Warwickshire - 2 miles E of Rugby

CLIFTON CAMPVILLE, Staffordshire - 10 miles E of Lichfield

CLIFTON ON TEME, Worcestershire - 10 miles NW of Worcester

CLOWS TOP, Worcestershire - 5 miles W of Stourport

CLUN, Shropshire - 5 miles N of Knighton

CLUNGUNFORD, Shropshire - 8 miles WNW of Ludlow

CLUTTON, Somerset - 8 miles WSW of Bath

CLYDACH, Breconshire - 4 miles SW of Abergavenny

CLYRO, Radnorshire - 1 mile NW of Hay on Wye

COALBROOKDALE, Shropshire is part of Telford

COALPIT BANK, Shropshire is part of Telford

COALPORT, Shropshire is part of Telford

COBRIDGE, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire - 3 miles E of Newark

CODNOR, Derbyshire - 2 miles N of Heanor

COFTON HACKETT, Worcestershire 16 miles NE of Worcester

COGGESHALL, Essex - 6 miles E of Braintree

COLD HATTON, Shropshire is part of Telford

COLLINGTON, Herefordshire - 4 miles N of Bromyard

COLTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles N of Rugeley

COLWICH, Staffordshire - 3 miles NW of Rugeley

COMBERFORD, Staffordshire - 2 miles NE of Tamworth

COMBERTON, Herefordshire - 4 miles WSW of Ludlow

CONDOVER, Shropshire - 5 miles S of Shrewsbury

CONGRESBURY, Somerset - 7 miles E of Weston-super-Mare

COOKLEY, Worcestershire - 2 miles N of Kidderminster

CORBIT, Worcestershire is possibly another name for Chaddesley Corbett

CORELEY, Shropshire - 5 miles NE of Tenbury Wells

COTE, Oxfordshire - 4 miles S of Witney

COTHERIDGE, Worcestershire - 4 miles W of Worcester

COTON, Warwickshire - check Chilvers Coton

COTON IN THE ELMS, Staffordshire - 5 miles S of Burton on Trent

COUNTRESTHORPE, Leicestershire - 6 miles S of Leicester

COVEN, Staffordshire - 5 miles N of Wolverhampton

COWBRIDGE, Glamorganshire - 7 miles W of Cardiff

CRADLEY, Herefordshire - 3 miles W of Great Malvern

CROOK, County Durham - 10 miles SW of Durham

CROPREDY, Worcestershire - 4 miles N of Banbury

CROWELL, Oxfordshire - 4 miles SE of Thame

CROWLE, Worcestershire - 2 miles E of Worcester

CRUDGINGTON, Shropshire - 7 miles NW of Telford

CUBBINGTON, Warwickshire is on the NE outskirts of Leamington Spa

CUBLEY, Derbyshire - 6 miles S of Ashbourne

CULLINGWORTH, Yorkshire - 4 miles S of Keighley

CURDWORTH, Warwickshire - 11 miles E of Birmingham

CUTNALL GREEN, Worcestershire - 3 miles N of Droitwich

DALLINGTON, Northamptonshire - 2 miles NW of Northampton

DARRINGTON, Yorkshire - 3 miles ESE of Pontefract

DAVENHAM, Cheshire - 2 miles S of Northwich

DAWLEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

DEDDINGTON, Oxfordshire - 6 miles S of Banbury

DEFFORD, Worcestershire - 2 miles SW of Pershore

DESFORD, Leicestershire - 7 miles W of Leicester

DEUXHILL, Shropshire - 4 miles SWS of Bridgnorth

DIDDLEBURY, Shropshire - 6 miles N of Ludlow

DILWYN, Herefordshire - 6 miles SW of Leominster

DITTON PRIORS, Shropshire - 7 miles WSW of Bridgnorth

DODDINGTON, Cambridgeshire - 4 miles S of March

DODLESTON, Cheshire - 5 miles SW of Chester

DONHEAD ST. ANDREW, Wiltshire - 4 miles E of Shaftesbury

DONNINGTON, Shropshire - 6 miles ESE of Shrewsbury

DORDON, Warwickshire - 3 miles NW of Atherstone

DOVERDALE, Worcestershire - 2 miles NW of Droitwich

DRAYCOTT IN THE CLAY, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Uttoxeter

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire - 6 miles SW of Leeds

DUDDINGTON, Northamptonshire - 6 miles SW of Stamford

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire - 3 miles S of Belper

DUKENFIELD, Cheshire is part of Greater Manchester

DYMCHURCH, Kent - 10 miles SE of Ashford

DYMOCK, Gloucestershire - 4 miles S of Ledbury

EARL SHILTON, Leicestershire - 10 miles SW of Leicester

EARLS BARTON, Northamptonshire - 7 miles E of Northampton

EAST HARLING, Norfolk - 8 miles E of Thetford

EASTLEIGH, Hampshire - 5 miles NE of Southampton

EASTNOR, Herefordshire - 3 miles E of Ledbury

EAST STOKE, Dorsetshire - 3 miles W of Wareham

EBRINGTON, Gloucestershire - 2 miles E of Chipping Campden

ECCLESFIELD, Yorkshire - 4 miles N of Sheffield

ECCLESHALL, Staffordshire - 6 miles W of Stone

ECKINGTON, Derbyshire - 7 miles NE of Chesterfield

EDENBRIDGE, Kent - 10 miles W of Tonbridge

EDGTON, Shropshire - 5 miles SE of Bishops Castle

EDWINSTOWE, Nottinghamshire - 6 miles ENE of Mansfield

EDGERTON, Shropshire - near Ludlow (OS SO605812), now abandoned

ELFORD, Staffordshire - 5 miles E of Lichfield

ELMBRIDGE, Worcestershire - 3 miles N of Droitwich

ELMLEY LOVETT, Worcestershire - 5 miles NW of Droitwich

ENDERBY, Leicestershire - 8 miles NNE of Hinckley

EPPING, Essex - 5 miles S of Harlow

EPSTONE, Staffordshire is probably a former spelling of Ipstones

ERDINGTON, Warwickshire is part of Birmingham

ESSINGTON, Staffordshire - 4 miles NE of Wolverhampton

ETTINGTON, Warwickshire - 5.5 miles SE of Stratford on Avon

EXHALL, Warwickshire - 4 miles NE of Coventry

EYNSHAM, Oxfordshire - 5 miles NW of Oxford

FALLING SANDS, Worcestershire is part of Kidderminster

FARRINGDON, Berkshire - 10 miles NW of Wantage

FEATHERSTONE, Staffordshire - 5 miles NNE of Wolverhampton

FECKENHAM, Worcestershire - 4 miles SW of Redditch

FENNY COMPTON, Warwickshire - 8 miles N of Banbury

FENNY STRATFORD, Buckinghamshire is part of Milton Keynes

FENSTANTON, Huntingdonshire - 2 miles S of St. Ives

FENTON, Lincolnshire - 5 miles ESE of Newark on Trent

FENTON, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

FEWCOTT, Oxfordshire - 4 miles NW of Bicester

FILLONGLEY, Warwickshire - 7 miles NW of Coventry

FLOCKTON, Yorkshire - 7 miles E of Huddersfield

FOLESHILL, Warwickshire is part of Coventry

FRADLEY, Staffordshire - 5 miles NE of Lichfield

FRAMLINGHAM, Suffolk - 9 miles N of Woodbridge

FRANKLEY, Worcestershire is part of Birmingham

FRESHFORD, Somersetshire - 6 miles SE of Bath

FRODINGHAM, Lincolnshire - 1 mile N of Scunthorpe

FULLBROOK, Oxfordshire - 6 miles WNW of Witney

GAILEY, Staffordshire - 4 miles W of Cannock

GILLINGHAM, Dorset - 4 miles NW of Shaftesbury

GLASBURY, Radnorshire - 4 miles SW of Hay on Wye

GNOSSALL, Staffordshire - 6 miles ENE of Stafford

GOOSNARGH, Lancashire - 5 miles NE of Preston

GOSCOTE is part of Walsall

GREAT ALNE, Warwickshire - 6 miles SE of Redditch

GREAT BARR, Staffordshire is part of Birmingham

GREAT BOWDEN, Leicestershire - 1 mile N of Market Harborough

GREAT CHEVERELL, Wiltshire - 4 miles S of Devizes

GREAT DALBY, Leicestershire - 3 miles S of Melton Mowbray

GREAT HAYWOOD, Staffordshire - 4 miles NE of Rugeley

GREAT MARLOW, Buckinghamshire - 4 miles SSW of High Wycombe

GREAT SHELSLEY, Worcestershire is the former name of Shelsley Beauchamp

GREENS MORTON, Northamptonshire - 1 mile NW of Towcester

GRENDON, Warwickshire - 5 miles SE of Tamworth

GRESSINGHAM, Lancashire - 5 miles E of Carnforth

GRIMLEY, Worcestershire - 3 miles N of Worcester

GRIMSCOTE, Northamptonshire - 5 miles NW of Towcester

GUILSFIELD, Montgomeryshire - 3 miles N of Welshpool

HADLEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

HAGBOURNE, Berkshire - 1 mile S of Didcot

HAGLEY, Worcestershire - 2 miles S of Stourbridge

HALSALL, Lancashire - 3 miles NW of Ormskirk

HAMPTON LUCY, Warwickshire - 4 miles NE of Stratford on Avon

HAMSTALL RIDWARE, Staffordshire - 4 miles ENE of Rugeley

HANBURY, Worcestershire - 4 miles E of Droitwich

HANDSACRE, Staffordshire - 5 miles N of Lichfield; 3 miles S of Rugeley

HANDSWORTH, Staffordshire is part of Birmingham

HANLEY, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

HANLEY CASTLE, Worcestershire - 8 miles S of Worcester

HARBURY, Warwickshire - 6 miles SE of Warwick

HARLEY, Warwickshire - 10 miles SE of Shrewsbury

HARPOLE, Northamptonshire - 4 miles W of Northampton

HARTINGTON, Derbyshire - 9 miles NNW of Ashbourne

HARTLEBURY, Worcestershire - 4 miles S of Kidderminster

HARVINGTON, Worcestershire - 2 miles ESE of Kidderminster

HARWELL, Berkshire / Oxfordshire - 2 miles W of Didcot

HASELOR, Warwickshire - 1 mile E of Alcester

HATHERTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles W of Cannock

HAWARDEN, Flintshire - 6 miles W of Chester

HAYFIELD, Derbyshire - 10 miles N of Buxton

HAZLETON, Gloucestershire - 10 miles E of Cheltenham

HEDNESFORD, Staffordshire - 2 miles NE of Cannock

HENTOR, Oxfordshire - 3 miles W of Princes Risborough

HIGHAM, Derbyshire - 8 miles S of Chesterfield

HIGH HAM, Somerset - 8 miles SE of Bridgwater

HIGHBRIDGE, Somerset - 7 miles N of Bridgwater

HIGHLEY, Shropshire - 7 miles S of Bridgnorth

HIGHWORTH, Wiltshire - 6 miles NE of Swindon

HILDERSTONE, Staffordshire - 9 miles N of Stafford

HIMBLETON, Worcestershire - 6 miles SE of Droitwich

HINDLIP, Worcestershire - 4 miles NE of Worcester

HINTS, Staffordshire - 3 miles W of Tamworth

HIXON, Staffordshire - 5 miles ENE of Stafford

HOLDGATE, Shropshire - 7 miles SE of Church Stretton

HOLLINGTON, Derbyshire - 5 miles ESE of Ashbourne

HOLMES CHAPEL, Cheshire - 8 miles N of Crewe

HOLT FLEET, Worcestershire - 5 miles N of Worcester

HONEYBOURNE, Worcestershire - 3 miles E of Evesham

HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire - 4.5 miles NE of Chipping Norton

HOPTON HEATH, Shropshire - 8 miles W of Ludlow

HOPWOOD, Worcestershire is in South Birmingham

HORSEHAY, Shropshire is part of Telford

HORSLEY, Gloucestershire - 4 miles S of Stroud

HUGGLESCOTE, Leicestershire - 1 mile S of Coalville

HUNTINGTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles N of Cannock

HURLEY, Warwickshire - 8 miles E of Sutton Coldfield

HYDE, Cheshire is part of Greater Manchester

ILMINGTON, Warwickshire - 8 miles S of Stratford

INGESTRE, Staffordshire - 3 miles ENE of Stafford

INGLETON, Yorkshire - 10 miles NW of Settle

INKBERROW, Worcestershire - 6 miles SSW of Redditch

IPSTONES, Staffordshire - 5 miles SE of Leek

IRONBRIDGE, Shropshire is part of Telford

IRONVILLE, Derbyshire - 3 miles N of Heanor

IVINGHOE, Buckinghamshire - 4 miles N of Tring

KEMPSEY, Worcestershire - 4 miles S of Worcester

KEMPTON, Shropshire - 11 miles NW of Ludlow

KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire is part of Newcastle under Lyne

KILSBY, Northamptonshire - 5 miles SE of Rugby

KINGS ARLEY, Worcestershire - see Arley Kings

KINGS BROMLEY, Staffordshire - 4 miles N of Lichfield

KINGSBURY, Warwickshire - 6 miles S of Tamworth

KINGSLAND, Herefordshire - 4 miles WNW of Leominster

KINGS LANGLEY, Hertfordshire - 2 miles S of Hemel Hempstead

KINGTON, Worcestershire - 7 miles E of Worcester

KINLET, Shropshire - 8 miles S of Bridgnorth

KINVER, Staffordshire - 4 miles W of Stourbridge

KIRK LANGLEY, Derbyshire - 4 miles NW of Derby

KIRKTON, Dumfriesshire - 4 miles N of Dumfries

KNUTSFORD, Cheshire - 11 miles NW of Macclesfield

LAMPART, Northamptonshire - 8 miles WSW of Kettering

LAPLEY, Staffordshire - 7 miles WNW of Cannock

LEAGRAVE, Bedfordshire is part of Luton

LEA MARSTON, Warwickshire - 7 miles SW of Atherstone

LEEK WOOTTON, Warwickshire - 3 miles N of Warwick

LEIGH SINTON, Worcestershire - 5 miles SW of Worcester

LEINTWARDINE, Herefordshire - 8 miles W of Ludlow

LENTON, Nottinghamshire is part of Nottingham

LEYLAND, Lancashire - 6 miles S of Preston

LILleshall, Shropshire - 3 miles NE of Telford

LINDRIDGE, Worcestershire - 8 miles W of Stourport

LINGEN, Herefordshire - 11 miles SW of Ludlow

LINTON, Herefordshire - 3 miles E of Ross on Wye

LISKEARD, Cornwall - 12 miles E of Bodmin

LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire - 5 miles E of Walsall

LITTLE BRICKHILL, Berkshire - 5 miles N of Leighton Buzzard

LITTLE BUDWORTH, Cheshire - 4 miles W of Winsford

LITTLE COMPTON, Gloucestershire - 4 miles NW of Chipping Norton

LITTLE HORWOOD, Buckinghamshire - 4 miles ESE of Buckingham

LITTLE HAYWOOD, Staffordshire - 5 miles E of Stafford

LLANDWSILL, Montgomeryshire - 2 miles from Montgomery

LLANDYFRIOG, Cardiganshire - 16 miles SW of Lampeter

LLANFAIR WATERDINE, Shropshire - 4 miles NW of Knighton

LOCKINGTON, Leicestershire - 7 miles NW of Loughborough

LONG BENNINGTON, Lincolnshire - 7 miles N of Grantham

LONGBOROUGH, Gloucestershire - 2.5 miles N of Stow on the Wold

LONG BUCKBY, Northamptonshire - 5 miles NE of Daventry

LONG COMPTON, Warwickshire - 12 miles SW of Banbury

LONG ITCHINGTON, Warwickshire - 6 miles E of Leamington Spa

LONGDON, Staffordshire - 2 miles NNW of Lichfield

LONG LAWFORD, Warwickshire - 2 miles NW of Rugby

LONG MELFORD - 14 miles S of Bury St. Edmunds

LONG SUTTON, Lincolnshire - 13 miles E of Spalding

LONGTON, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

LOWER BODDINGTON, Northamptonshire - 5 miles NE of Banbury

LOWER HEYFORD, Northamptonshire - 6 miles W of Bicester

LOWESMORE, Worcestershire is part of Worcester

LOXLEY, Warwickshire - 3 miles ESE of Stratford on Avon

LOYSWEEDON, Northamptonshire - see Weedon Lois

LUDGEBRIDGE BROOK, Worcestershire - Lye

LUGWARDINE, Herefordshire - 1 mile NE of Hereford

LULLINGTON, Derbyshire - 6 miles S of Burton on Trent

LYNTON, Devon - 16 miles W of Minehead

MADLEY, Herefordshire - 6 miles W of Hereford

MADELEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

MANGOTSFIELD, Gloucestershire - 3 miles NE of Bristol

MANTON, Wiltshire - 1 mile WSW of Marlborough

MARCHINGTON, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Uttoxeter

MARCHWOOD, Hampshire - 2 miles SW of Southampton

MARGAM, Glamorganshire - 3 miles SE of Port Talbot

MARSTON GREEN, Warwickshire - 4 miles NNE of Solihull

MARTLEY, Herefordshire - 7 miles NW of Worcester

MARTON, Shropshire - 6 miles SE of Welshpool

MEASHAM, Derbyshire - 4 miles SSW of Ashby de la Zouch

MASBROUGH, Yorkshire is part of Rotherham

MEIFOD, Montgomeryshire - 7 miles NW of Welshpool

MELFORD, Suffolk (see Long Melford)

MELVERLEY, Shropshire - 10 miles WNW of Shrewsbury

MEOLE BRACE, Shropshire - 2 miles S of Shrewsbury

MERTON, Surrey became a London borough

The MIDDLE, Shropshire - 8 miles NW of Shrewsbury

MIDDLETON, Warwickshire - 3 miles ENE of Sutton Coldfield

MIDDLETON CHENEY, Northamptonshire - 2 miles E of Banbury

MILFORD, Staffordshire - 3 miles ESE of Stafford

MILSON, Worcestershire - 10 miles W of Stourport. It is now in Herefordshire.

MINETY, Wiltshire - 8 miles WNW of Swindon

MOIRA, Leicestershire - 3 miles WSW of Ashby de la Zouch

MONKHOPTON, Shropshire - 5 miles W of Bridgnorth

MONK BRETTON, Yorkshire - 2 miles NE of Barnsley

MONMORE GREEN is between Wolverhampton and Bilston

MORETON IN MARSH, Gloucestershire - 8 miles WNW of Chipping Norton

MORETON MORRELL, Warwickshire - 6 miles E of Stratford upon Avon

MOULTON, Cheshire - 3 miles S of Northwich

MUCH WENLOCK, Shropshire - 7 miles NW of Bridgnorth

MURSTON, Leicestershire - 5 miles W of Grantham

NAILSEA, Somerset - 10 miles WSW of Bristol

NAILSTONE, Leicestershire - 3 miles NE of Market Bosworth

NAPTON ON THE HILL, Warwickshire - 10 miles ESE of Warwick

NEEN SAVAGE, Herefordshire - 11 miles E of Ludlow

NEEN SOLARS, Shropshire - 3 miles S of Cleobury Mortimer

NESSCLIFFE, Shropshire - 8 miles NW of Shrewsbury

NESTON, Cheshire - 10 miles NW of Chester

NEWBALD, Yorkshire - 13 miles NW of Hull

NEWBOLD ON AVON, Warwickshire - 1.5 miles NW of Rugby

NEWBOLD VERDON, Leicestershire - 9 miles W of Leicester

NEWDAL, Shropshire is part of Telford

NEWENT, Gloucestershire - 8 miles NW of Gloucester

NEWHALL, Derbyshire - 3 miles SE of Burton upon Trent

NEW INVENTION is part of Willenhall

NEW MILLS, Derbyshire - 8 miles SE of Stockport

NEWNHAM, Worcestershire - 8 miles ESE of Ludlow

NEWPORT, Shropshire - 15 miles ENE of Shrewsbury

NEWSTEAD, Nottinghamshire - 9 miles WNW of Nottingham

NEWTON SOLNEY, Derbyshire - 3 miles NE of Burton on Trent

NORLEY, Cheshire - 6 miles W of Northwich

NORMANTON, Derbyshire is part of Derby

NORTHENDEN, Cheshire - 5 miles S of Manchester city centre

NORTHFIELD, Worcestershire is a part of Birmingham

NORTH NIBLEY, Gloucestershire - 2 miles NW of Wotton under Edge

NORTHWICH, Cheshire - 18 miles E of Chester

NORTON CANES, Staffordshire - 2 miles ESE of Cannock

OAKAMOOD, Staffordshire - 10 miles E of Stoke on Trent

OAKENGATES, Shropshire is part of Telford

OCKER HILL is part of Tipton

OLD PARK, Shropshire is part of Telford

OMBURY, Shropshire - 5 miles NW of Ludlow

OPENSHAW, Lancashire - 2 miles E of Manchester city centre

ORTON ON THE HILL, Leicestershire - 6 miles E of Tamworth

OSGATHORPE, Leicestershire - 7 miles W of Loughborough

OVERTON, Hampshire - 8 miles WSW of Basingstoke

OVING, Buckinghamshire - 3.5 miles NE of Waddesdon

PACKINGTON, Leicestershire - 1 mile S of Ashby de la Zouch

PADBURY, Buckinghamshire - 2 miles SE of Buckingham

PARKGATE, Yorkshire is part of Rawmarsh, 2 miles N of Rotherham

PATTINGHAM, Staffordshire - 7 miles W of Wolverhampton

PAXFORD, Worcestershire - 11 miles ESE of Evesham

PEASENALL, Suffolk - 4 miles N of Saxmundham

PEMBERTON, Lancashire is a district of Wigan

PEMBRIDGE, Herefordshire - 7 miles W of Leominster

PENDLEBURY, Lancashire - 4 miles NW of Manchester city centre

PENDLETON, Lancashire - 7 miles NW of Burnley

PENKRIDGE, Staffordshire - 6 miles S of Stafford

PENSAX, Worcestershire - 6 miles WSW of Stourport

PEOPLETON, Worcestershire - 7 miles SE of Worcester

PERSHORE, Worcestershire - 8 miles SE of Worcester

PILTON, Somerset - 3 miles SW of Shepton Mallet

PIPE RIDWARE, Staffordshire - 6 miles N of Lichfield

PITCHCOTT, Buckinghamshire - 3 miles NE of Waddesdon

POCKLINGTON, Yorkshire - 13 miles E of York

POLESWORTH, Warwickshire - 4 miles E of Tamworth

PONTESBURY, Shropshire - 8 miles SW of Shrewsbury

PORTLAND TOWN, Middlesex was part of Marylebone, London

PORTOBELLO is part of Willenhall

PRESTBURY, Cheshire - 1.5 miles N of Macclesfield

PRESTEIGNE, Radnorshire - 5 miles N of Kington

QUATFORD, Shropshire - 2 miles SE of Bridgnorth

RADBOURNE, Derbyshire - 4 miles W of Derby

RADFORD SEMELE, Warwickshire - 2 miles ESE of Leamington Spa

RADCLIFF ON TRENT, Nottinghamshire - 5 miles E of Nottingham

RAMSEY, Huntingdonshire - 10 miles SE of Peterborough

RATLEY, Warwickshire - 6 miles NW of Banbury

RAVENSTONE, Leicestershire is to the W of Coalville

REPTON, Derbyshire - 5 miles NE of Burton upon Trent

RETFORD, Nottinghamshire - 23 miles W of Lincoln

RIPPLE, Gloucestershire is part of Tewkesbury

RODINGTON, Shropshire - 6 miles E of Shrewsbury

ROMSLEY, Worcestershire - 4 miles S of Halesowen

ROTHLEY, Leicestershire - 5 miles N of Leicester

ROTHWELL, Northamptonshire - 4 miles WNW of Kettering

ROWINGTON, Warwickshire - 5 miles NW of Warwick

RUARDEAN, Monmouthshire - 3 miles NW of Cinderford

RUGELEY, Staffordshire - 6 miles NWN of Lichfield

RUSHOCK, Worcestershire - 4 miles N of Droitwich

RUSHTON, Shropshire is part of Telford

SADDINGTON, Leicestershire - 9 miles SE of Leicester

ST. MARTINS, Herefordshire is part of Hereford

SALTCOATS, Ayrshire - 12 miles WNW of Kilmarnock

SAMBOURNE, Warwickshire - 12 miles NNW of Stratford on Avon

SAMBROOK, Shropshire - 6 miles SSE of Market Drayton

SANDFORD ON THAMES, Oxfordshire - just S of Oxford

SANDON, Staffordshire - 5 miles NE of Stafford

SAWLEY, Yorkshire - 4 miles W of Ripon

SAWTREY, Huntingdonshire - 10 miles S of Peterborough

ST. JULIANS, Shropshire is part of Shrewsbury

SCALEBY, Cumberland - 6 miles NNE of Carlisle

SCRUTON, Yorkshire - 5 miles W of Northallerton

SECKINGTON, Warwickshire - 4 miles NE of Tamworth

SEISDON, Staffordshire - 6 miles W of Wolverhampton

SELWORTHY, Somerset 3 miles W of Minehead

SEVERN STOKE, Warwickshire - 7 miles S of Worcester

SHARESHILL, Staffordshire - 3 miles SW of Cannock

SHEEN, Staffordshire - 8 miles SSE of Buxton

SHELSLEY WALSH, Worcestershire - 9 miles NW of Worcester

SHENSTONE, Staffordshire - 4 miles E of Brownhills

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire - 4 miles W of Loughborough

SHIFNAL, Shropshire - 10 miles NNE of Bridgnorth

SHILTON, Leicestershire – check Earl Shilton

SHIPTON ON CHERWELL, Oxfordshire - 2 miles N of Kidlington

SHIRLAND, Derbyshire - 2 miles NNW of Alfreton

SHORT HEATH, Staffordshire is between Bloxwich and Willenhall

SHREWLEY, Warwickshire - 5 miles NW of Warwick

SHUSTOKE, Warwickshire - 10 miles ENE of Birmingham

SIBFORD GOWER, Gloucestershire - 6.5 miles W of Banbury

SIBSON, Leicestershire - 9 miles ESE of Tamworth

SILSOE, Bedfordshire - 9 miles S of Bedford

SILVERDALE, Staffordshire is part of Newcastle under Lyme

SILVERSTONE, Northamptonshire - 4 miles SSW of Towcester

SNARESTONE, Leicestershire - 9 miles ENE of Tamworth

SNITTERFIELD, Warwickshire - 3 miles NNE of Stratford on Avon

SNOWSHILL, Gloucestershire - 6 miles SSE of Evesham

SOMERTON, Oxfordshire - 6 miles NW of Bicester

SOPWORTH, Wiltshire - 6 miles W of Malmesbury

SOUTHAM, Warwickshire - 7 miles E of Leamington

SOUTH KILWORTH, Leicestershire - 7 miles NE of Rugby

SOUTH LITTLETON, Worcestershire - 2 miles NE of Evesham

SOUTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire - 2 miles N of Newark on Trent

SOUTHWICK, Northamptonshire - 8 miles E of Corby

STANFORD ON TEME, Worcestershire - 6 miles ESE of Stourport

STANFORD BISHOP, Herefordshire - 4 miles SSE of Bromyard

STANTON, Derbyshire - 3 miles SE of Burton upon Trent

STANTON, Staffordshire - 18 miles E of Stoke on Trent

STANWAY, Gloucestershire is part of Tewkesbury

STAPENHILL, Derbyshire is part of Burton on Trent

STAPLETON, Shropshire - 6 miles SW of Shrewsbury

STATHERN, Leicestershire - 10 miles N of Melton Mowbray

STAVELEY, Derbyshire is part of Chesterfield

STEEPLE ASTON, Oxfordshire - 7 miles WNW of Bicester

STIRCHLEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

STOCKINGFORD, Warwickshire - 2 miles W of Nuneaton

STOCKLAND, Dorsetshire / Devonshire - 6 miles NE of Honiton

STOCKTON, Herefordshire - 2 miles NE of Leominster

STOCKTON, Shropshire - 4 miles N of Bridgnorth

STOCKTON, Warwickshire - 8 miles SW of Rugby

STOKE LYNE, Oxfordshire - 4 miles N of Bicester

STOKE PRIOR, Worcestershire - 2 miles S of Bromsgrove

STOKESAY, Shropshire - 6 miles NW of Ludlow

STON EASTON, Somersetshire - 14 miles SW of Bath

STONNALL, Staffordshire - 2 miles E of Brownhills

STRETTON ON DUNSMORE, Warwickshire - 6 miles ESE of Rugby

STUDLEY, Warwickshire - 4 miles SE of Redditch

SUCKLEY, Herefordshire - 8 miles WSW of Worcester

SULGRAVE, Northamptonshire - 6 miles ENE of Banbury

SUTTON, Shropshire - 2 miles SE of Shrewsbury

SUTTON BASSETT, Northamptonshire - 14 miles NW of Kettering

SWARKESTONE, Derbyshire - 6 miles S of Derby

SWINBROOK, Oxfordshire - 4 miles ENE of Witney
SWINDON, Staffordshire - 5 miles W of Dudley
SWINFEN, Staffordshire - 2 miles S of Lichfield
SWINESHEAD, Lincolnshire - 7 miles W of Boston
TADMARTON, Oxfordshire - 4 miles W of Banbury
TANWORTH IN ARDEN, Warwickshire - 4 miles NE of Redditch
TARDEBIGGE, Worcestershire - 2 miles SE of Bromsgrove
TAYNTON, Oxfordshire - 1.5 miles NW of Burford
TEMPLE BALSALL, Warwickshire is part of Solihull
TETBURY, Gloucestershire - 10 miles SW of Cirencester
THAME, Oxfordshire - 13 miles E of Oxford
THENFORD, Northamptonshire - 2 miles E of Banbury
THORNBURY, Herefordshire - 6 miles N of Bromyard
THORNHILL, Derbyshire - 8 miles ENE of Chapel en le Frith
THORPE, Derbyshire - 4 miles NW of Ashbourne
THRUPP, Gloucestershire - 2 miles S of Stroud
THURMASTON, Leicestershire - 4 miles N of Leicester
TIBBERTON, Worcestershire - 5 miles NNE of Worcester
TICKHILL, Yorkshire - 8 miles S of Doncaster
TICKNALL, Derbyshire - 8 miles S of Derby
TIDESWELL, Derbyshire - 6 miles E of Buxton
TILSTOCK, Shropshire - 2 miles S of Whitchurch
TIMSBURY, Somersetshire - 8 miles SW of Bath
TINGEWICK, Buckinghamshire - 3 miles W of Buckingham
TIRLEY, Gloucestershire - 4 miles SW of Tewkesbury
TODDINGTON, Gloucestershire - 7 miles S of Evesham
TODMORDEN, Lancashire / Yorkshire - 8 miles SE of Burnley
TONG, Shropshire - 9 miles NW of Wolverhampton
TREDUNNOCK, Monmouthshire - 4 miles S of Usk
TREFEGLWYS, Montgomeryshire - 10 miles W of Newtown
TRELLECH, Monmouthshire - 6 miles S of Monmouth

TRENTHAM, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

TREVETHIN, Monmouthshire - 1 mile N of Pontypool

TRING, Hertfordshire - 30 miles NW of London

TROWAY, Derbyshire - 2 miles E of Coal Aston

TRYSULL, Staffordshire - 6 miles WNW of Dudley

TUNSTALL, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

TUTBURY, Staffordshire - 4 miles NNW of Burton on Trent

TYBURN, Worcestershire is part of Birmingham

TYSOE, Warwickshire - 9 miles NW of Banbury

ULEY, Gloucestershire - 6 miles SW of Stroud

UPPER ARLEY, Worcestershire - 5 miles NW of Kidderminster

UPPER TEAN, Staffordshire - 9 miles SE of Stoke on Trent

UPPINGTON, Shropshire - 6 miles E of Shrewsbury

UPTON BISHOP, Herefordshire - 3.5 miles NE of Ross

UPTON CRESSETT, Shropshire - 3 miles W of Bridgnorth

UPTON ON SEVERN, Worcestershire - 9 miles S of Worcester

UPTON GREY, Hampshire - 5 miles ESE of Basingstoke

UPTON SNODSBURY, Worcestershire - 5 miles E of Worcester

UPTON WARREN, Worcestershire - 3 miles SW of Bromsgrove

UPWELL, Norfolk - 6 miles W of Downham Market

WAGBEACH, Shropshire - 10 miles SW of Shrewsbury

WAINFLEET, Lincolnshire - 5 miles SW of Skegness

WALCOT, Shropshire - 6 miles E of Shrewsbury

WALL, Staffordshire - 2 miles WSW of Lichfield

WALTON, Derbyshire is a suburb of Chesterfield

WALTON, Radnorshire - 8 miles SSE of Knighton

WALTON, Staffordshire - 1 mile SW of Stone

WALTON UPON TRENT, Derbyshire - 4 miles SSW of Burton upon Trent

WAPLEY, Gloucestershire - 6 miles NE of Bristol

WARBOYS, Huntingdonshire - 5 miles N of St. Ives

WARDINGTON, Oxfordshire - 4 miles NNE of Banbury

WARMINGTON, Northamptonshire - 8 miles SW of Peterborough

WARTON, Warwickshire - 5 miles E of Tamworth

WATERHOUSE, Staffordshire - 6 miles NW of Ashbourne

WATER ORTON, Warwickshire - 6 miles NNE of Birmingham

WATH UPON DEARNE, Yorkshire - 5 miles N of Rotherham

WEEDON LOIS, Northamptonshire - 10 miles S of Daventry

WEEFORD, Staffordshire - 5 miles W of Tamworth

WELFORD ON AVON, Warwickshire - 4 miles WSW of Stratford upon Avon

WELLESBOURNE, Warwickshire - 7 miles S of Warwick

WELLINGTON, Shropshire is part of Telford

WELSHAMPTON, Shropshire - 8 miles ESE of Whitchurch

WELTON, Northamptonshire - 3 miles N of Daventry

WENTNOR, Shropshire - 5 miles NE of Bishops Castle

WERRINGTON, Cornwall - 2 miles N of Launceston

WESCOTT BARTON, Oxfordshire - 7 miles E of Chipping Norton

WESTBURY, Shropshire - 8 miles W of Shrewsbury

WEST DERBY, Lancashire is part of Liverpool

WEST FARNDON, Northamptonshire - 8 miles NE of Banbury

WEST MELTON, Yorkshire - 5 miles N of Rotherham

WESTLEY WATERLESS, Cambridgeshire - 5 miles SW of Newmarket

WESTON LONGVILLE, Norfolk - 8 miles NW of Norwich

WESTON ON TRENT, Staffordshire - 6 miles SSE of Derby

WHALEY BRIDGE, Derbyshire - 7 miles N of Buxton

WHAPLODE, Lincolnshire - 6 miles E of Spalding

WHARTON, Cheshire - 4 miles S of Northwich

WHEATON ASTON, Staffordshire - 7 miles W of Cannock

WHISTON, Staffordshire - 7 miles SE of Leek

WHITBOURNE, Herefordshire - 5 miles E of Bromyard

WHITCHURCH, Buckinghamshire - 4 miles N of Aylesbury

WHITTINGTON, Derbyshire - 2 miles N of Chesterfield

WHITTINGTON, Staffordshire - 3 miles SE of Lichfield

WHITTINGTON, Shropshire - 3 miles NE of Oswestry

WHITTON, Radnorshire - 3 miles S of Knighton

WHITWICK, Leicestershire - 2 miles NW of Coalville

WICK, Worcestershire - 9 miles SE of Worcester

WIGGINTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles N of Tamworth

WIGMORE, Hertfordshire is part of Luton

WILLEY, Shropshire - 5 miles NW of Bridgnorth

WILNECOTE, Staffordshire - 2 miles SE of Tamworth

WIMBLEBURY, Staffordshire - 2 miles E of Cannock

WINCHCOMBE, Gloucestershire - 6 miles NE of Cheltenham

WINKFIELD, Berkshire - 3 miles NE of Bracknell

WINSHILL, Derbyshire - 2 miles E of Burton on Trent

WISTANSTOW, Shropshire - 9 miles NW of Ludlow

WITBOURNE, Worcestershire - 8 miles W of Worcester

WITHINGTON, Herefordshire - 5 miles NE of Hereford

WITHINGTON, Staffordshire - 3 miles W of Uttoxeter

WOLVERLEY, Worcestershire - 2 Miles N of Kidderminster

WOLVERTON, Buckinghamshire is part of Milton Keynes

WOMBOURNE, Staffordshire - 5 miles WNW of Dudley

WOODCHESTER, Gloucestershire - 2 miles S of Stroud

WOOD END, (Staffordshire) is part of Wednesfield

WOODVILLE, Leicestershire - 3 miles WNW of Ashby de la Zouch

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warwickshire - 2 miles S of Henley in Arden

WORTHEN, Shropshire - 12 miles WSW of Shrewsbury

WRIBBENHALL, Worcestershire - 3 miles WSW of Kidderminster

WROCKWARDINE, Shropshire is part of Telford

WROTTESELEY, Staffordshire - 4.5 miles WNW of Wolverhampton

WROXETER, Shropshire - 5 miles SE of Shrewsbury

WROXTON, Oxfordshire - 3 miles W of Banbury

WYRLEY, Staffordshire could be Little Wyrley or Great Wyrley, between Cannock and Brownhills

WYSALL, Nottinghamshire - 11 miles S of Nottingham

YANWORTH, Gloucestershire - 14 miles SE of Cheltenham

YARKHILL, Herefordshire - 6 miles NNE of Hereford

YATTON, Somerset - 11 miles SW of Bristol

YORTON, Shropshire - 7 miles N of Shrewsbury

YOXFORD, Suffolk - 8 miles SW of Southwold

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1891 (5/4)
1901 (31/3)
1911 (2/4)

PARISH REGISTERS

St. Edmund's, Dudley
St. Giles', Rowley Regis
St. Thomas', Dudley

LICENSING REGISTERS

Bilston and Sedgley
Darlaston
Dudley
Kingswinford
Oldbury
Smethwick
Stourbridge
Tipton
Walsall and Bloxwich
Wednesbury
West Bromwich

NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES

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Beerwolf, the newsletter published by Wolverhampton Branch CAMRA

Bilston and Willenhall Times

Black Country Bugle, published by the Black Country Bugle, 41 High Street, Cradley Heath. B64 5HL
e-mail editor@blackcountrybugle.co.uk

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e-mail editor@blackcountryman.co.uk

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The Brewing Trade Review

Brierley Hill Advertiser

Chronicle for Wednesbury and Oldbury

County Express

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Dudley Advertiser

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Evening News

Evening Star

Express & Star

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London Gazette

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Midland Chronicle and Free Press

Midland Counties Evening Express

Midland Sun

The New Imbiber / Independent Imbiber

Oldbury Weekly News

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e-mail editor@smethwick-heritage.co.uk

Smethwick Telephone

Smethwick Weekly News

Stourbridge (Cradley Heath, Halesowen and District) Observer

Tipton Herald

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