

# HITCHMOUGH'S BLACK COUNTRY PUBS



## WEDNESBURY (INC. KINGS HILL, MESTY CROFT)

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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  
August 2014

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



Hitchmough Appreciates

## **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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This reference work is designed to be viewed on a computer but can be printed. It is text based so one can search and find within the contents.

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## ACORN

68, Birmingham Street, (68, Back Street), Kings Hill Field, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

## LICENSEES

John Hammond [1871]  
William Woodhall [1891] – [1896]  
Thomas Corns [ ]  
George Plimley [1901]  
Harry Plimley [1904]  
William Smith [1912]  
Sam Horton [1921]

## NOTES

### 1871 Census

Kings Hill Field, 68, Back Street – The ACORN

- [1] *John Hammond* (46), licensed victualler and bricklayer, born Dalbury, Shropshire;
- [2] *Emma Hammond* (41), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Hannah Hammond* (17), daughter, born Darlaston;
- [4] *Richard Hammond* (14), son, born Darlaston;
- [5] *William Hammond* (12), son, scholar, born Darlaston;
- [6] *Samuel Hammond* (9), son, scholar, born Darlaston;
- [7] *William Simcox* (67), stepfather, bricklayer, born Dalbury, Shropshire;
- [8] *Elizabeth Simcox* (67), stepmother, born Holdgate, Shropshire:

### 1891 Census

68, Birmingham Street – The ACORN INN

- [1] *William Woodhall* (31), fitting maker, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Alice Woodhall* (31), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Lilian F. Woodhall* (9), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Mary P. Woodhall* (7), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Edwin J. Woodhall* (5), son, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Anne Bloucher* (14), general servant, born Ocker Hill:

### Wednesbury Herald 9/3/1895

“On Tuesday night a meeting of the Prince of Wales Lodge of the Staffordshire Conservative League was held at the ACORN INN, Birmingham Street. There was a large attendance.....”

*William Woodhall*, beer retailer, 68, Birmingham Street. [1896]

**1901 Census**

68, Birmingham Street – The ACORN

[1] *George Plimley* (25), fitter and publican, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Florence Plimley* (23), wife, born Darlaston:

*Harry Plimley*, beer retailer, 68, Birmingham Street, Kings Hill. [1904]

*William Smith*, beer retailer, 68, Birmingham Street, Kings Hill. [1912]

Closed

It was delicensed in the 1960's.



c. 1970s

## **ALBERT**

Albert Street, WEDNESBURY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

### **Midland Counties Evening Express 14/4/1875**

“On Monday afternoon and evening the half yearly meeting of delegates connected with the Greets Green and Wednesbury Districts of the Ancient Order of Foresters was held at the ALBERT INN, Albert Street, Wednesbury. Delegates representing 2,300 members were present.....”

## ANCHOR HOTEL

26, Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1961]

### LICENSEES

Joseph Watson [1870]  
William Watson [1870] – [1871]  
Henry Watson [1871] ?  
William Hardman [ ] – **1871**;  
Joseph Gilbert (**1871** – [ ]  
William Watson [1873]– [1881]  
Thomas Stayley (**1882** – [ ]  
R Minett [ ]  
Henry Staley [1891] – [1892]  
R Flint [1895]  
George William Chamberlin [1896]  
E and H Clarke [1900]  
Miss Charlotte S Mundy [1901]  
Mrs. Gertrude Annie Bartlett [1911] – [1912]  
Major George Cox [1916]  
Thomas Atkins [1921]  
Clifford Harvey Dale [1954] – [1966]  
Kathleen Jeavons [1985]

### NOTES

Commercial hotel and posting house [1892], [1896]

The Court Leet met here every November.

#### 1871 Census

26, Holyhead Road – ANCHOR INN

- [1] *William Watson* (40), innkeeper, born Stapenhill, Derbyshire;
- [2] *Eliza Watson* (45), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Eliza Walker* (21), domestic servant, born Dudley;
- [4] *Mary Parker* (20), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

*William Watson* was also described as a wine and spirit merchant and HOPE AND ANCHOR, 136, Darlaston Road, Kings Hill. [1873]



### **Dudley Herald 4/4/1874**

Meeting of striking miners held here “on Monday evening”.

### **Midland Counties Evening Express 3/11/1874**

“The Strike at the Wednesbury Globe Tube Works and the Great Bridge Victoria Tube Works. At a mass meeting of the men on strike at the above works, held at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Wednesbury, an offer was made from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Globe Tube Works Company to forego the question of hours, and to allow the men still to work on at, the 9 hours so long as other firms in the same district continued the same practice. The question of 10 per cent reduction in welders’ and scalp turners’ wages, he also offered to modify – the future basis to be calculated upon the price list of one of the oldest and largest firms in the town. The men, after considering these amended terms, unanimously adopted a resolution pledging themselves to accept the average price of twelve firms, six to be named by the directors and six by the men; the average to be deduced by a practical accountant. These terms were forwarded to the chair, and the meeting was adjourned for the purpose of receiving the directors’ reply. At present the strike effects between 200 and 300 men, both works belonging to the company being closed.”

### **Midland Counties Evening Express 15/1/1875**

“The Threatened Strike in the Wednesbury Tube Trade. Yesterday evening a large meeting of the tubemakers of Wednesbury was held at the ANCHOR INN, in that town, to consider a notice which has been posted in the works of Messrs. Russell and Company, the Crown Tubeworks, Wednesbury, for a discontinuance of the nine hours system on the 1st of February and a return to the ten hours system.....”

### **Midland Counties Evening Express 2/2/1875**

“Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the tube makers on strike against the notice for the reintroduction of the ‘ten hours’ system at the Crown Tubeworks and the Church Hill Tubeworks and the Alma Tubeworks, Walsall, was held in the Assembly room at the ANCHOR INN, Wednesbury, which was crowded to excess.- Mr. Bullman presided, and said that the men must either fight or run, and the question for them to decide was would they go in and work ten hours? (Shouts of No).....”

- A motion to continue the strike was unanimously carried.

### **Midland Counties Evening Express 16/2/1875**

“A meeting of the tube makers at Wednesbury, who are still on strike, was held at the ANCHOR HOTEL yesterday.....”

### **Midland Counties Evening Express 18/2/1875**

“Yesterday evening a mass meeting of Wednesbury tube makers, who are now on strike, was held in the assembly room of the ANCHOR INN, Mr. Lockett presiding ..... a resolution was unanimously carried pledging the men not to accede the masters’ proposals.....”

### **Midland Counties Evening Express 5/3/1875**

“The Tubemakers’ Strike at Wednesbury – About £264 was distributed to the men on strike, yesterday, at the ANCHOR INN ..... the men have now been out four weeks, and there is no indication of the masters withdrawing the notice for the men to go back to the 10 hours system, and the latter accepting it.....”

### **Midland Counties Evening Express 10/3/1875**

“A large meeting of representatives of trade societies was held on Monday evening, at the ANCHOR INN, Wednesbury, to consider the desirability of forming a Trades Council for the Borough of Wednesbury and district ..... eventually the following resolution was unanimously agreed to. That this meeting, recognizing the increasing need for unity among the various trade organizations in the district, considers that a Trade Council for the Borough of Wednesbury and district should at once be formed, and that steps should be taken to bring the matter before the various trade societies, with a view to their cooperation.”

### **Midland Counties Evening Express 12/3/1875**

“A meeting of the tubemakers on strike at Wednesbury was held yesterday afternoon at the ANCHOR INN in that town, under the presidency of Mr. G. Bullman. In the course of the proceedings it was stated that several of those who came out on strike had got work elsewhere, at a higher rate of wages in every instance than they had received at the Crown Tube Works. The old cry of ‘No surrender’ was as enthusiastically given as at the outset of the dispute.”

### **Midland Counties Evening Express 29/3/1875**

“Wednesbury Coach-Iron Workers’ Association. The inaugural dinner, in connection with the above society, was given on Saturday evening, at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Wednesbury. The society has only been formed about a month and already numbers more than 120 members.....”

### **Midland Counties Evening Express 10/4/1875**

“Yesterday evening a meeting of tubemakers was held at the ANCHOR INN, Wednesbury, with the object of bringing about a satisfactory understanding with regard to the conditions of the resumption of work at the Crown Tube Works. There was a large attendance. Mr. Bullman presided.....”

### **Midland Counties Evening Express 7/5/1875**

“The first Annual Meeting of the Wednesbury Trades Council took place at the ANCHOR INN, Wednesbury, on Wednesday night. There was a large number of delegates present, and it was stated that since the last meeting over a thousand members had joined.....”

### **Midland Advertiser 25/5/1878**

“A complimentary dinner was given on Wednesday by Mr. *Watson*, the landlord of the ANCHOR HOTEL, Holyhead Road, for the purpose of congratulating him upon his restoration of health.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 6/12/1879**

“Wednesbury Town Swimming Club ..... The members of the above named club with friends, held their annual dinner at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, on Monday night. In the absence of Mr. Richard Williams, the President of the Club, Mr. W. H. Bytheway presided, and Mr. T. H. Walton occupied the vice chair.....”

Wednesbury Football Charity Association was founded here on 13th February 1880.

### **Wednesbury Herald 14/2/1880 - Advert**

“*William Watson* / ANCHOR, Commercial and Family Hotel / Holyhead Road, Wednesbury / Wines and Spirits of the Choicest Quality / An Ordinary at 1.15 daily / Every Convenience for Commercial Gentlemen / Funerals Economically Conducted. Neat Hearse and Morning Coaches, &c / Wedding Carriages / Cabs, Cars, Breaks, and Waggonettes, for Pleasure Parties &c.”

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### **Wednesbury Herald 14/2/1880**

“Through the kindness of the members of the Wednesbury Local Board and a number of other gentlemen, the members of the Wednesbury Fire Brigade were entertained on Saturday night at dinner at the ANCHOR HOTEL, the catering of which reflected great credit upon the host, Mr. *Watson*.

After the removal of the cloth Captain Lever, of Walsall, occupied the chair, and Captain Friend, of West Bromwich, the vice chair.....”

### **Wednesbury Herald 28/7/1880**

On Tuesday evening last, the 20th inst, a meeting of the Committee of the Wednesbury Football Charity Association, was held at the ANCHOR HOTEL, when the sub-committee brought up the splendid challenge cup, for the inspection of the full committee. It was then stated by the president that the original design for the cup did not meet with the approval of the sub-committee, who set about to procure some fresh, and more appropriate design, which delayed the completion of the cup for some considerable time. If in consequence of the lapse of time being taken up in procuring fresh designs and of the urgent requests by the Stafford Road club [Wolverhampton], the winners, to have the cup in time for their annual dinner on Monday next, it was resolved to forego for the present, a formal presentation in Wednesbury, and endeavour to arrange for the attendance of a deputation of the president and vice-president of the association, and the presidents of the three leading football clubs in the town to attend the dinner of the Stafford Road club on Monday next. It was decided to present the cup and medals, and in the event of the deputation being unable to attend the dinner the cup will be handed to the Stafford Road club, and arrangements made for a formal presentation afterwards.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the sub-committee for their labours in so beautiful a cup, which was supported by the representatives of the Stafford Road club. We understand that at the next meeting the committee will consider the various local charities, amongst which the balance of the proceeds of the matches is to be distributed.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 15/1/1881**

“A large meeting of brewers, wine and spirit merchants and licensed victuallers was held on Monday, at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Wednesbury, to protest against the oppressive extra charges for retail spirit licenses and to condemn the introduction of Local Option and Sunday closing into the licensing system. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. Dicken (the Chairman of the Wednesbury Licensed Victuallers' Association). There were also present Messrs. R. Rooke, Mason, and H. Bailey (Birmingham), S. Burghope, W. Dawes, J. Taylor, Plant, Wood, Stevenson, G. Lloyd, Sheldon, Birch, Whick, Tyler, Candelet, and Ellis.

The Chairman said it was highly important that licensed victuallers, and in fact, all who were engaged in the beer trade, should enter a strong protest against the oppressive charges imposed by Mr. Gladstone upon them as tradesmen. (Hear, hear) He regretted to say that he had received letters of apology for non-attendance from Mr. Wadhams and Mr. H. C. Edwards of Birmingham, and Mr. Foster of Derby.

Mr. S. Burghope, of Wednesbury, moved, ‘That this meeting is of opinion that the Act of last Session, in greatly increasing the charges on licenses, is very unjust and oppressive to the trade, and should be repealed or amended. We further complain (as traders here assembled), engaged in legitimate calling, supplying public wants and ministering to public comfort and enjoyment) of the constant worry to which we are subjected through Parliament lending too ready an ear to, and adopting theories leading to all kinds of experimental legislation, and while sternly protesting against the treatment we have received, and are still further threatened with, we call on Parliament to desist and not force us against our wills into party combination, by which the safe and sensible solution of an intricate social problem will be much complicated and hindered.’ The speaker said the licensed victuallers were not desirous of being harsh or vindictive, but they wished to protest in a proper manner against the action of the Government in increasing the license charges, and also the restrictions. They were also not wishful of introducing politics into their discussion, but, as a matter of right, they were compelled to speak out most strongly against the action taken by the present government against the licensing trade. (Hear, hear) With reference to the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1880, the speaker said several members of Parliament had been consulted, and in reply had openly stated that they were obliged to vote in favour of it in consequence of being passionate followers of Mr. Gladstone. (Shame) Everyone was at a loss to know why the duty should have been taken off the raw malt and put on the fermented malt. It had been said that Mr. Gladstone had imposed the additional duty in consequence of the publicans doing their best to oust the Liberal Government in 1874. (Laughter) It appeared to him most singular that Mr. Gladstone should have singled out the licensing trade for additional taxes. (Hear, hear)

Mr. Mason, of Birmingham, seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. H. Bailey moved in forcible language a resolution condemning Local Option.

Mr. E. Ellis in seconding the resolution, said the increase in the Excise during the past nine months amounted to £470,000, and through the action taken of the Government taking the duty off raw malt, and putting it on fermented malt, and the extra charges imposed, caused the Excise to be raised during the past nine months to £1,570,000. Who had to pay the extra money? Why the publicans. This was indeed class legislation of the most diabolical kind, and should not be tolerated. (Applause) The increased money had been paid by the publicans on their increased licenses and beer tax. He was at a loss to know why coffee shops, and the Liberal and Conservative clubs should not be taxed. It was also necessary that the coffee shops be inspected by the police, for he verily believed that more gambling took place in the coffee shops than anywhere else. (Hear, hear) He also contended that grocers who sold spirits should also be taxed. The speaker afterwards referred to other heavy taxes that were imposed upon publicans, which he characterised as being very unjust, and concluded by urging the persons interested in the licensing trade to band together and demand justice and equality from the Government.

The resolution was carried.

Mr. Reuben Rooke moved, and Mr. R. S. Taylor seconded a resolution protesting against Sunday closing.

It was also decided that the resolutions be forwarded to the Prime Minister and the members of Parliament for the borough and county.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings. The visitors and members of the association were afterwards entertained to dinner.”

### **1881 Census**

26, Holyhead Road – ANCHOR HOTEL

[1] *William Watson* (51), hotel keeper, born Stapenhill, Derbyshire;

[2] *William Watson* (17), son, servant, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Jane Stevens* (37), house keeper, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Eliza Fletcher* (29), barmaid, born Sutton, Warwickshire;

[5] *Phoebe Wood* (21), domestic servant, born Whiteheath;

[6] *Joseph Spittal* (22), cabman, born Wednesbury;

[7] *Martha Gill* (5), granddaughter, born Wednesbury:

### **Wednesbury Herald 30/4/1881**

“The Wednesbury Cricket Club Annual Dinner. The annual dinner in connection with the above named club was held at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Wednesbury, on Wednesday night.....”

### **Wednesbury Herald 18/6/1881**

“On Monday night, Mr. W. Perry, the ex-president of the Liberal Association was entertained to dinner at the ANCHOR HOTEL, and afterwards presented with an illuminated address, a pair of bronzes, and a time piece.....”

### **Wednesbury Herald 1/10/1881**

“Wednesbury Football Charity Association. A meeting of the above association was held at the ANCHOR HOTEL, on Thursday, September 28th, Mr. J. Griffiths presiding.....”

AND

“Wednesbury Strollers Football Club. The annual dinner in connection with the above club was held on Saturday, at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Holyhead Road. The President (Richard Williams Esq), occupied the chair, and Mr. T. Bryan the vice chair.....”

### **Wednesbury Herald 8/10/1881**

“A petition has been filed in the Walsall County Court on behalf of *W. Watson*, of the ANCHOR HOTEL, Holyhead Toad, Wednesbury, hotel keeper, wine and spirit merchant and cab proprietor, and also of the HOPE AND ANCHOR, in Kings Hill, Wednesbury, victualler. The liabilities are £6,000, and it is supposed, the assets will be about £6,000. Mr. Harrison, accountant, Birmingham, has been appointed receiver, and Mr. Shields, Wednesbury, is the solicitor.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 29/10/1881**

“A meeting of the creditors of *William Watson*, the ANCHOR HOTEL, Holyhead Road, and the HOPE AND ANCHOR INN, Kings Hill, Wednesbury, licensed victualler, was held at the first named house on Thursday, when there was a large attendance of creditors. Mr. Drewry was voted to the chair as the representative of the largest creditor. Mr. Evershed, Burton on Trent, and Mr. Williams read the statement of affairs. This showed that there were creditors to the amount of £7,912 10s 6d entitled to rank for dividend.....”

### **Evening Star 19/1/1882**

“Bankruptcy Examination at Wednesbury. At the Walsall County Court, on Wednesday, *William Watson*, licensed victualler and car and carriage proprietor, the ANCHOR HOTEL, Wednesbury, applied for his public examination, supported by Mr. J. E. Sheldon, and passed unopposed.”

*Thomas Stayley* = Thomas Staylor

### **Wednesbury Herald 5/8/1882**

On Wednesday Edwin Hooper, Esq (District Coroner), held an enquiry at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Holyhead Road, touching the death of Joseph Moseley (70), who had died of the effects of injuries received on June 30th, by an explosion of fire damp, at the Mount Colliery, belonging to the Patent Shaft and Axletree Company.

Mr. W. R. Scott, Assistant Government Inspector of Coal Mines was present to watch the proceedings, and the Patent Shaft and Axletree Company were represented by Mr. Davies, the general manager of the mines.

The first witness called was Betsy Garratt, who stated that the deceased was a store miner, and had been in the employ of the Patent Shaft and Axletree Company, at the Mount Pits, in Bridge Street. On the 30th of June deceased was brought home badly burnt. His face and hands were very bad. The flesh was burnt off his hands. He explained that he had sustained his injuries through an explosion of gas.

William Moseley, a brother of the deceased, stated that both went to the pit at about seven o'clock on the night in question. At the time there was no authorised banksman at the pit bank, but he believed a man named Trow was officiating as banksman. They were directed to descend the pit by the deputies. They went in the workings with a naked candle. Deceased carried the lighted candle in his hand. The air seemed good until they got into the workings. In the latter there appeared to be seventy or eighty yards of Sulphur, and immediately afterwards an explosion took place, and witness and deceased were badly burnt. The place was not examined previous to commencing work. It was customary for them to commence working at times without the place being examined. The doggies, Spittle and Hayward instructed them to commence work. On the day of the accident he believed the engines were standing three hours for repairs. He had seen gas in the pit on several occasions. He had never complained about the state of the air in the pit as it was always good. Previous to descending the pit Hayward said, ‘Get down, it is all right.’

By Mr. Scott: They usually commenced work at seven o'clock in the evening. We knew that it was not right to go beyond a ‘station’ board unless directed to by the competent person. For two years they had gone down the pit without it being first examined.

The coroner said it was a serious matter to authorise men to work in a place that had not been examined, and he thought some of the officials would find it out.

William Hayward said he was a ‘deputy’ at the mounts pit. At seven o'clock on the night of the 30th ult he deceased and five other men descended the pit. Witness gave the deceased and his brother instructions to travel along No.1 road to get into the Travellers Rest workings. They, however, did not go along the road as directed. They did not go down the Travellers Rest shaft in consequence of there not being an engineer. If there had been an engineer the men would not had occasion to travel on the road where the gas had accumulated. Witness did not know that the engine had been stopping, or that the water was up. The explosion took place about ten minutes after the men had descended.

The Coroner: This is about the most reckless case that has ever come under my notice.

By Mr. Scott: Witness was absent from the colliery from four to seven o'clock. He was aware there was a rule which provided that the overman should be in attendance day or night so long as men were at work in the pit.

The Coroner: I have never heard of such a flagrant case.

By the jury: It was not his duty to examine the pit.

Mr. Scott: Whose duty is it?

Witness: I don't know.

The Coroner: A lively state of things.

Witness: It was the duty of the men to examine the pit themselves when on the night shift.

The Coroner: Have you read the rules?

Witness: Yes.

The Coroner: Then you know perfectly well that the workings should be examined previous to the men commencing work. If all the managers of collieries were to carry on the pits in this reckless fashion I should expect accidents every day.

John Spittle, a deputy at the Red Lion Pit, stated that he saw the deceased and his brother descending the pit on the night in question. They were instructed to travel along No.1 road, but they went No.5 road. In the latter road there was water, but it was not fenced off. He was not aware that the engine had been standing during the afternoon. Had he known he should not have allowed the men to descend the pit. There were no lamps in the bottom pit. In his opinion the cause of the explosion was inadequate ventilation caused by the water getting up which was brought about by the engine standing.

John Fereday said he was the certificated manager at the Red Lion and Travellers Rest Collieries. He was in the habit of visiting the collieries daily. On the day of the explosion he left the colliery at five o'clock. Up to that time the engine was not stopped for repairs. There was no gas in the workings at half past three o'clock in the afternoon. He could not account for the explosion. He had heard that the water had risen. He had not given any instruction for any repairs. Mr. Whitehouse, the chief engineer, gave instructions.

By Mr. Scott: He had not discharged Whitehouse for stopping the engine, without his authority. Whitehouse was his servant, he should not have stopped the engine for repairs. No report was made that the machinery required repairing.

Benjamin Hall, the engineer at the Red Lion Pit, said he went to work at five o'clock on the day in question. At the time the engine was standing, and was being repaired by Whitehouse and others, witness told the men previous to descending the pit that the water should be up. Mr. Whitehouse, the head engineer gave orders for the repairs to be done.

By Mr. Scott: Hayward and Spittle were present when he told the men that the water was up.

Thomas Whitehouse, head colliery engineer at the collieries, said he gave instructions to Samuel Whitehouse and others to make the pinion wheel safe. The repairs took from two to three hours. He did not think it necessary to report the matter to the certificated manager. He did not think it would take such a long time to do the repairs.

In reply to the Chairman witness stated that the key of the pinion wheel was not loose.

The Coroner afterwards put several other questions to the witness, and not getting satisfactory answers, the Coroner told him that he did not believe him.

After further evidence had been given, the Coroner said that never in the whole course of his career had he heard of such disreputable recklessness as had been shown to have taken place at this colliery. It appeared to him that the Act of Parliament had been violated in a wholesale manner.

Mr. Davies (the general manager) said he was not aware until that day that such irregularities had taken place at the colliery.

The Coroner, in addressing the jury, said it appeared to him that the officials in charge of the colliery had been guilty of gross negligence, but he was quite sure that the directors of the Patent Shaft and Axletree Company had no knowledge of the irregularities which had been taking place. The deceased and his brother were not free from blame, as they did not obey orders. It had been suggested by Mr. Scott that it was a question of economy that the company did not employ an engineer at the Travellers Rest Colliery, but he felt sure that had the directors known the true state of affairs they would not have allowed the men to walk from one pit to the other. The head engineer had endeavoured to mislead the jury, and he had no hesitation in stating that he ought to be dismissed from his office. He should, however, watch as to what course the certificated manager took with him, and if proper steps were not taken he should bring the matter before the directors himself. The Coroner having directed the jury as to the law upon the matter, the public retired whilst the jury deliberated, and upon being readmitted, the Foreman stated that the jury had decided to return a verdict of Accidental Death, and they desired....."

### **Wednesbury Herald 14/10/1882**

"On Wednesday night, Mr. Thomas Staylor, late director of the Imperial Gardens, of the Shah of Persia, and also has lately taken to the ANCHOR HOTEL, and the....."

See also HOPE AND ANCHOR.

### **Wednesbury Herald 21/10/1882**

“On Monday night a public meeting of ratepayers was held in the Masonic Room, at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Wednesbury, for the purpose of protesting against the diversion or the stopping of a footway at Friar Park. The chair was occupied by Dr. McKenna, and there was a large attendance of ratepayers.....”

### **Wednesbury Herald 11/11/1882**

“The Strollers’ Football Club ..... On Saturday evening the members of the above club held their annual dinner at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Holyhead Road.

The chair was occupied by Mr. Richard Williams (the president), and the vice chair Mr. E. M. Scott ..... The dinner was served up in excellent style, and reflected great credit upon the host, Mr. *Staley*.....”

AND

“The first committee meeting in connection with the Ratepayers’ Protection Association was held on Wednesday night at the ANCHOR HOTEL. Several influential gentlemen were elected vice presidents of the Society, and Mr. Wilson Lloyd, JP, was elected treasurer. It was resolved that active steps should be taken to enrol members. It was also decided that a meeting should be held on Wednesday evening next for the purpose of electing members.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 18/11/1882**

“Wednesbury Bicycle Club. The first annual dinner held under the auspices of the above club, took place at the ANCHOR HOTEL.....”

### **Wednesbury Herald 2/12/1882**

“Licensed Victuallers’ National Defence League. A meeting of District No.7 of the above league was held yesterday at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, under the presidency of Mr. Henry Mason, of Birmingham. A long discussion took place respecting the Sunday closing question, and ultimately it was resolved to request the whole of the licensed victuallers to petition to the House of Commons not to pass the Bill.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 16/12/1882 - Advert**

“Wednesbury Ratepayers’ Protection Association. / This is to give further notice that the Committee of the above Association meet at the / ANCHOR HOTEL, Holyhead Road / every Wednesday evening at eight o’clock / For the purposes of enrolling Members and other Business / John Holloway, secretary.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 30/12/1882**

“On Tuesday Mr. *T. Staley*, the landlord of the ANCHOR HOTEL, and also of the HOPE AND ANCHOR INN, Kings Hill, entertained about 200 persons to a substantial dinner consisting of roast beef, suckling pigs, cheese and salad, and ale. The recipients were highly pleased with Mr. *Staley*, and in response to a vote of thanks Mr. *Staley* said it was customary at many of the hotels in Persia, and he might say Burton on Trent, for the landlord of the hotels to entertain a number of persons at Christmas time. It was an old custom and he was pleased to revive it at Wednesbury.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 20/1/1883**

“On Tuesday night, Dr. Collins, entertained the secretaries of the various friendly societies and other friends at dinner, at the ANCHOR HOTEL. The health of Dr. Collins was drunk amidst cheers. Upwards of fifty persons partook of dinner.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 27/1/1883**

“The members of the Wednesbury Fire Brigade held their annual dinner at the ANCHOR HOTEL, on Saturday night. The chair was occupied by Captain Corral.....”

### **Wednesbury Herald 3/3/1883**

“On Wednesday night a meeting of the members of the Ratepayers’ Protection Association was held at the ANCHOR HOTEL. Mr. E. Smith junior, presided, and there was a good attendance of members.....”

### **Wednesbury Herald 23/2/1884**

“On Wednesday a dinner was given at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Wednesbury, to the employees of Messrs. E. Pugh and Co, Hall Green, Wednesbury (numbering 200) in celebration of the marriage of their employer Mr. B. B. Lee, with Miss Gertrude Tegner of Stoke Newington, London.....”

### **Smethwick Telephone 31/5/1884**

“Annual dinner of Wednesbury Old Athletic Football Club held at ANCHOR HOTEL on Monday.....”

### **1891 Census**

Holyhead Road – ANCHOR HOTEL

[1] *Henry Staley* (35), unmarried, public hotel proprietor, born Burton on Trent;

[2] *Jennie Staley* (27), sister, born Burton on Trent;

[3] *Leslie Webster* (14), nephew, born Burton on Trent;

[4] *Clara Hawthorne* (20), general servant, born Wolverhampton;

[5] *Beatrice Webster* (26), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

### **Wednesbury Herald 19/1/1895**

“A very enjoyable smoking concert, in connection with the [Wednesbury] Cricket Club, took place at the ANCHOR HOTEL on Monday evening.....”

### **Wednesbury Herald 2/3/1895**

“The annual dinner in association with the Wednesbury Fire Brigade took place at the ANCHOR HOTEL on Monday evening; a very satisfactory menu being provided by the host, Mr. *R. Flint*. Captain Scott presided over a gathering.....”

### **Wednesbury Herald 6/4/1895**

“The first annual dinner in connection with the Wednesbury Swimming Club took place at the ANCHOR HOTEL, on Tuesday evening, when an excellent repast was provided by the host, Mr. *R. Flint*. Alderman Walton, Chairman of the Baths and Parks Committee presided.....”

### **Wednesbury Herald 2/11/1895**

“At a meeting of the Grocers’ Association on Wednesday at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Mr. Richard Grainger presiding, reference was made to the increased rates for the carriage of goods enforced by the Railway Companies since 1892. It was stated that statistics had been furnished to the Board of Trade showing that several charges were excessive, and the members of the Board had expressed their willingness to receive a deputation from the association with a view to the rates being further revised.

It was unanimously decided that Mr. Chilwell, a former president of the association, should be the delegate to confer with the Board of Trade.

It was stated that if the association succeeded in getting the rearrangement, the railway companies would have to refund the overcharges made since 1892.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 25/12/1895**

“A meeting of the Wednesbury Football Charity Association was held at the ANCHOR HOTEL on Monday night. Mr. J. Campbell (vice president) presiding.....”

AND

“The annual Copyhold Court in connection with the Manor of Wednesbury was held last Friday evening at the ANCHOR HOTEL. Mr. Young (steward) presided.....”

The Wednesbury Fire Engine was kept here until 1899.

### **Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/7/1899**

“Wanted – two good general servants, one must understand plain cooking, the other to be able to assist and to wait at table when required. Good wages and all found.....”



George William Chamberlin = George William Chamberlain

### **Walsall Observer 20/10/1900**

“On Monday night, Mr. H. A. Pearson (coroner), held an inquest at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Wednesbury, concerning the death of Samuel Morgan (50), formerly residing at Piercey Street, Wednesbury.

It transpired that about 9.30 on Sunday last deceased left home to see a cousin on the tram at Wood Green. Whilst they were waiting in the street for the arrival of the car, deceased fell down and expired.

Dr. Garman, who had made a post mortem examination of the body, attributed death to syncope, and a verdict of Natural Causes was returned.”

### **1901 Census**

26, Holyhead Road

[1] *Charlotte S. Mundy* (27), unmarried, hotel manageress, born Highgate, Middlesex;

[2] *George Thomas Morgan* (24), accountant hotel, born Burton on Trent;

[3] *Nellie Southall* (24), waitress, born Wolverhampton;

[4] *Benjamin Knights* (19), boots, born Burton on Trent;

[5] *Polly Fido* (18), domestic servant, born Stafford:

### **Wednesbury Leader 12/10/1901**

“On Tuesday afternoon the members of St. Bartholomew’s Lodge of Staffordshire Freemasons held their annual festival and installations by dispensation from the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (the Earl of Dartmouth), in the Town Hall, Wednesbury ..... At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to banquet at the ANCHOR HOTEL.”

### **Wednesbury Leader 2/11/1901**

“On Tuesday evening last Court Foresters Retreat held their usual smoking concert in the Masonic Hall, ANCHOR HOTEL, in aid of the Widows’ and Orphans’ Fund. The room was crowded. Alderman J. Oldbury presided.....”

### **Dudley Herald 11/1/1908**

“.....Mr. *Chamberlain*, former proprietor of ANCHOR HOTEL ..... died in Belper.....”

Freemasons (St. Bartholomew Lodge, Wednesbury, No. 696) (G. Wilson, secretary), ANCHOR HOTEL. [1904], [1912]

### **Wednesbury Leader 17/8/1906**

“On Tuesday, a well known Wednesbury tradesman named George Lowe (64), was found dead in the bedroom of his residence in Russell Street, under somewhat mysterious circumstances. It appears that Mr. Lowe, who has carried on the business of a photographer for over twenty years, came downstairs early on Tuesday morning and in and about the place as usual. About five minutes to eight he went upstairs, and at eight o’clock was found lying on the bed partly dressed and quite dead. By the side of the bed on a dressing table was found a bottle containing a small quantity of cyanide of potassium, and marked ‘poison’. It is supposed that he drank some of this, which he used in his business, and which is a very poisonous liquid. Dr. A. H. Montford, assistant to Dr. Dingley, was called in after death. It is stated that deceased had been troubled a great deal of late owing to bad trade. He leaves a widow and family.

On Thursday, Mr. G. C. Lewis (coroner) held an inquest at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Wednesbury, concerning the case. The widow, Harriet Lowe, identified the body, and said her husband had been very despondent lately about having no work. Witness had heard him complain of this, and he had said that if he could not get work he should have to put an end to it. Deceased retired to bed on the 13th inst, in his usual health about eleven o’clock. The next morning witness rose about 6.30 and took deceased a cup of tea up to bed. Her husband went downstairs shortly before eight o’clock, but went back to bed again. At eight o’clock witness called her husband five or six times, but as he did not answer she went upstairs to see what was the matter. Witness found him lying on the bed, and she thought he was in a fit. She called her son, and also a neighbour, and they all went upstairs, but they then found that death had taken place.

George Henry Lowe, the son, who lives with his parents, said he assisted his father in the business. On the 13th inst deceased said he had nothing to do, so he would walk round and see his daughter at Tipton. He returned late at night, and witness was then in bed. When witness was called the next morning he noticed a bottle marked 'poison' on the dressing table near deceased's bed, and he thought it contained a strong solution of ammonia. Dr. Montford deposed to being called to see deceased between eight and nine o'clock on the 14th inst. He attributed death to poisoning by means of cyanide of potassium, a very deadly poison. The Coroner said it seemed that it was a constant source of worry to deceased to be without work. The jury returned a verdict of Suicide whilst temporarily Insane."

### 1911 Census

Holyhead Road – ANCHOR HOTEL

- [1] *Gertrude Annie Bartlett* (33), hotel keeper, married, born Lyston, Leicestershire;
- [2] Hannah Mary Cotton (54), mother, widow, housekeeper, born Birstall, Leicestershire;
- [3] Holly Cotton (16), sister, born Leicester;
- [4] John Barratt (19), hotel barman, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Matilda Jane Hinett (26), kitchen maid, born Horseley Heath;
- [6] Elizabeth Bayley (19), housemaid, born Wednesbury;
- [7] Alice Elizabeth Cowell (33), visitor, cook, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] Samuel Ortzen (36), visitor, widower, clerk, jewellers, born Bermondsey, London:

### Wednesbury Herald 21/10/1911

"In the Divorce Court on Tuesday, before Mr. Justice Bargrave Dean, Mrs. *Gertrude Annie Bartlett*, of the ANCHOR HOTEL, Wednesbury, petitioned for the dissolution of her marriage on the ground of the desertion and misconduct of her husband Mr. William G. Bartlett. There was no defence.

Mr. R. J. Willis, council for the petitioner, said the marriage took place on October 25th 1899, the parties afterwards living in Grantham, and then at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Wednesbury. In July 1907, the husband went to Blackpool and never returned home. It was alleged that he went off to America with a barmaid, Mary Sophia Davies, with whom he lived in America.

Petitioner giving evidence, said she received a written statement from her husband in America, admitting his relations with the girl Davies, and she afterwards discovered their previous relations whilst at the hotel.

Arthur B. Knight, barman of the SANDWELL HOTEL, West Bromwich, said he was formerly employed at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Wednesbury. Davies was also there and he noticed acts of familiarity between her and Mr. Bartlett. In August 1906, when Mrs. *Bartlett* was away on a holiday, witness saw Miss Davies visit Mr. Bartlett's room at night, and remain there.

A decree nisi was granted with costs and custody of the two children."

### Bilston and Willenhall Times 7/1/1928

"The annual dinner of the Wednesbury Cricket Club was held at the ANCHOR HOTEL on Thursday evening when the president (Alderman Mr. Albert Pritchard) was in the chair, being supported by the mayor (Councillor W. H. Wesson)....."

### Midland Advertiser 22/2/1930

"The staff of the Great Western Railway goods department, Wednesbury, held their annual dinner at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Wednesbury, on Saturday last. The chair was taken by Councillor W. H. Wesson....."

The assembly room (known as the Ski Room) was popular with works' functions in the 1950's.

## ANCIENT BRITON

6, Potters Lane, (6, Potter Street), (Portway Road), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Noah Collins [1841] – [1861]  
Thomas Cawood [1864] – [1865]  
Joseph Smith [1868] – [1873]  
Mary Smith [1881]

### NOTES

6, Potter Street [1871]  
6, Potters Lane

ANCIENT BRITONS [1868]

*Noah Collins*, beer retailer, Potters Lane. [1841]

#### 1841 Census

Potters Lane

- [1] *Noah Collins* (53), coach bolt maker, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Collins* (53), wife, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Joseph Collins* (21), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Tamar Collins* (18), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Ann Collins* (16), born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Noah Collins* (12), born Staffordshire;
- [7] *Aaron Collins* (10), born Staffordshire;
- [8] *Samuel Collins* (9), born Staffordshire;

*Noah Collins* was also a coach bolt maker. [1845], [1849], [1850]

#### 1851 Census

Potters Lane

- [1] *Noah Collins* (63), coach bolt maker and victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Collins* (63), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Joseph Collins* (32), son, coach bolt maker, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Aaron Collins* (21), son, coach bolt maker, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Samuel Collins* (19), son, coach bolt maker, born Wednesbury;

#### 1861 Census

Potters Lane

- [1] *Noah Collins* (73), widower, coach bolt manufacturer, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Aaron Collins* (35), son, bolt maker's son residing at home, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Sarah Collins* (15), granddaughter, housemaid, born Wednesbury;

### 1871 Census

6, Potter Street

[1] *Joseph Smith* (59), landlord, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Mary Smith* (61), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] Benjamin Smith (20), son, traveller, born Smethwick;

[4] Thomas Smith (22), son, warehouse man, born Darlaston;

[5] Mary Smith (19), daughter, barmaid, born Wednesbury;

[6] Eliza Smith (37), daughter, assistant to landlord, born Stearchley, Shropshire;

[7] William Smith (10), nephew, scholar, born Wednesbury:

### 1881 Census

Potters Lane – ANCIENT BRITON

[1] *Mary Smith* (71), widow, licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;

[2] Eliza Smith (48), daughter in law, assistant, born Shropshire;

[3] William Smith (20), grandson, ? finisher, born Wednesbury:

Closed

## **ANGEL**

Lowe's Buildings, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

John Eccles [1828] – [1830]

## ANGEL

Bilston Road, (Old Road), Monway Field, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

John Glover [1834] – [1845]  
Mrs. Joyce Glover [1849] – [1851]  
Isaac White [1860] – [1861]

## NOTES

### 1841 Census

Bilston Road

- [1] *John Glover* (60), victualler;
- [2] *Jane Glover* (60);
- [3] *Samuel Glover* (25), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Phebe Taverner* (15), born Staffordshire:

*Joyce Glover* = *Joice Glover*

### 1851 Census

Bilston Road

- [1] *Joice Glover* (71), widow, innkeeper, born Broseley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Hepzibah Glover* (16), granddaughter, servant, born Ashton under Lyne, Lancashire;
- [3] *Betsy Glover* (39), daughter in law, born Bury, Lancashire:

### 1861 Census

Bilston Road

- [1] *Isaac White* (54), victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Betsy White* (56), wife, born Billingsley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Ann Golcher* (14), niece, born Darlaston;
- [4] *Ellen Norton* (20), servant, born Belbroughton, Worcestershire:

## ANGEL

Cock Heath, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

James Simkin [1834]

## NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

## **BACHELORS ARMS**

Kings Hill Field, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Peter Lee [1851]



## **BEEHIVE**

Dale Street, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

Charles Whitehouse [1881]

## NOTES

### **Wednesbury Herald 30/4/1881**

*“Charles Whitehouse, landlord of the BEE HIVE INN, Dale Street, was charged with being drunk on his own licensed premises.*

*Police-constable Watson stated that upon visiting the defendant’s house on one of the evenings in the previous week, he found the defendant very drunk.*

*Mr. Superintendent Holland and Police-constable Lightfoot stated that on the evening the defendant was alleged to be drunk, he came to the police station to make a complaint, and he was then very drunk.*

*The Bench said they considered the case proved, and fined defendant 10s and costs, or, in default 14 days imprisonment.”*

## BEEHIVE

2, Trowse Lane, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Walter William Bright [1868] – **1871**;

George Horton Moon (**1871** - [ ]

William Wall [1871]

George Morris [1872]

Edward Ray [1879] – [1881]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Walter William Bright*, beer retailer, Trowse Lane. [1868], [1870]

#### 1871 Census

Trowse Lane – BEEHIVE INN

[1] *William Wall* (41), publican, born Redmerly, Worcestershire;

[2] *Eliza Wall* (37), wife, born Ireland:

*George Morris*, beer retailer, 2, Trowse Lane. [1872]

*Edward Ray* = Edward Jay

#### Wednesbury Herald 19/4/1879

“At the Walsall County Court, on Thursday, a petition in liquidation was filed on behalf of *Edward Jay* (sic), the landlord of the BEE HIVE INN, Trowse Lane, Wednesbury. The liabilities are £420 and the assets are estimated to about £70. Mr. Travis, of Tipton, is the solicitor for the debtor.”

#### 1881 Census

2, Trowse Lane – BEE HIVE

[1] *Edward Ray* (48), railway wheel turner, born Dudley Port;

[2] *Rose H. Ray* (57), wife, born Tividale;

[3] *Charlotte Ray* (19), daughter, born Toll End;

[4] *William Ray* (17), railway wheel turner, born Toll End:

## **BELL AND CASTLE**

Union Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Philip Cowle [1881] – [1882]

### NOTES

#### **Wednesbury Herald 7/5/1881**

“A meeting of the creditors of *Philip Cowle*, landlord of the BELL AND CASTLE INN, Union Street, Wednesbury, at the offices of Mr. J. E. Sheldon, solicitor, High Street, Wednesbury. The liabilities were reported to amount to £198 13s 10d, and the assets to £10 10s. It was decided to accept a composition of 1s in the pound.”

#### **Wednesbury Herald 14/1/1882**

“On Friday evening a number of the friends and supporters of Mr. *Philip Cowle* the landlord of the BELL AND CASTLE INN, Union Street, sat down to an excellent dinner, which was held in commemoration of the opening of the house ..... Mr. *Cowle* had kept the house for a ..... number of years.....”

## BELLWETHER

3+4, 3, Walsall Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1961]

J. D. Wetherspoon

### LICENSEES

Mary Hyde [1818]

Richard Parkes [1822]

Joseph Sheldon [1828]

Joseph Sheldon [1851] – [1865]

Thomas Shorthouse [1868] – [1873]

Henry Field [1876]

Timothy Riley [1879] – [1881]

David Gorton [1883]

William Perry [1891] – [1892]

William Richards [1904]

John Brown [1911] – [1921]

Benjamin Higgs [1930's]

Henry Stokes [ ] – **1961**);

George Henry Stevenson (**1961 – 1963**);

George Thomas Huckerby (**1963 – [1966]**)

M S Bratch [1983]

Peter Lythuda and Nicky Hutorka [2001]

Kirsty Hopkins [2011]

### NOTES

BLUE BELL [1818], [1822], [1828], [1830], [1834]

BELL [1849], [1881]

### 1851 Census

Walsall Street

[1] *Joseph Sheldon* (30), victualler, born Barr, Staffordshire;

[2] *Harriett Sheldon* (36), wife, born Walsall;

[3] *Harriett Sheldon* (21), daughter, barmaid, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Mary Sheldon* (20), daughter, servant, born Wednesbury;

[5] *Joseph E. Sheldon* (19), son, solicitor's articled clerk, born Wednesbury;

[6] *Sarah Dooley* (19), general servant, born Ireland:

### 1871 Census

3, Walsall Street

- [1] *Thomas Shorthouse* (42), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Shorthouse* (40), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Ann Winchurch* (19), general servant, born Dudley;
- [4] *Samuel Smith* (25), ostler, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Henry Spittle* (39), boarder, gunlock maker, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *William Johnson* (42), boarder, bricklayer, born Leamington;

*Thomas Shorthouse* was fined 40s and costs for being open during prohibited hours, in December 1871. *Thomas Shorthouse* was also a breeze dealer. [1873]

*Henry Field* was fined 40s for being open during prohibited hours during 1875/6.

### Wednesbury Herald 3/5/1879 - Advert

"*Timothy Riley*, BELL INN, Walsall Street, Wednesbury / Embraces this opportunity of thanking his numerous customers for the patronage he has received during the past, also to inform them that he has remodded (sic) the above premises, in order to meet the requirements of his increasing business. He has added to his stock of conveyances several Hansom Cabs, and also purchased a large portion of the Stock lately disposed of by Mr. Birch, of the Boro' Mews. / Breaks for Pleasure Parties, Pic-Nics &c. / Wedding Equipages &c. / Neat Hearse and Mourning Coaches / Goods Carefully Removed / Wines, Spirits, and Ales of the Choicest Quality."

**TIMOTHY RILEY**  
BELL INN,  
WALSALL STREET, WEDNESBURY  
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NEAT HEARSE AND MOURNING COACHES  
GOODS CAREFULLY REMOVED.  
WINES, SPIRITS, AND ALES OF THE  
CHOICEST QUALITY.

Advert 1879

### 1881 Census

3, Church Street – BELL INN

- [1] *Eliza Riley* (33), innkeeper's wife, born Moxley;
- [2] *Anne Riley* (2), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *William Riley* (10), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *John T. Riley* (5), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Alice E. Riley* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Jane Wood* (16), general servant, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Hannah Waghon* (?) (15), general servant, born West Bromwich;

### Wednesbury Herald 6/1/1883

"Death. Gorton – On the 21st ult, of congestion of the lungs, *Maria*, oldest daughter of *David* and *Emma Gorton*, of the BELL INN, Walsall Street, Wednesbury, aged 17 years – Beloved to those who knew her."

### 1891 Census

3, Walsall Street – BELL HOTEL

- [1] *William Perry* (35), licensed victualler, born Bloxwich;
- [2] *Elizabeth Perry* (43), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Thomas Perry* (16), son, railway porter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Job Perry* (14), son, iron works labourer, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Elizabeth Perry* (12), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Eliza Hinkinson* (19), general servant, born West Bromwich;
- [7] *Charles Clayton* (17), boarder, iron works labourer, born Birmingham;

## 1911 Census

Walsall Street – BELL INN

- [1] *John Brown* (56), public house manager, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Charlotte Brown* (56), wife, married 28 years, assisting in business, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *May Brown* (26), daughter, waitress in the business, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Ethel Brown* (20), daughter, dressmaker, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Leonard Brown* (17), son, invoice clerk, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *George Brown* (13), son, school, born West Bromwich:

*Benjamin Higgs* was born in 1881.

He died in 1970.

See also MYVOD, BUSHBURY ARMS, Wolverhampton, and SIR TATTON SYKES, Wolverhampton.

*George Thomas Huckerby* – see also OLD BARREL.

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Town Darts League. [1970]

Closed

It was sold to Philip Pawar for £27,500 to be converted into the New Carousel Club.  
The license was refused on 20th December 1984.

It reopened as the BELLWETHER. [2008]

[2014]



2008



2014

## **BIRD IN HAND**

Camp Hill Lane, (Campo Street), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

William Corfield [1834] – [1841]

### NOTES

Campo Lane [1834]

Camp Hill Lane [1841]

It had a beerhouse license.

*William Corfield*, retailer of beer, Camp Hill Lane. [1835]

## **BLACK BOY**

High Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

James Goodman [1834]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.



## BLACK HORSE

1, Old Park Road / Kings Hill Field, Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Highgate (Walsall) Brewery Co. Ltd.  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (acquired 1939)  
Daniel Thwaites and Co. Ltd.

### LICENSEES

James Dabbs [1850] – [1851]  
James Yates [1861]  
Isaiah Yates [1864]  
James Yates [1868]  
Isaiah Yates [1871] – [1873]  
Mrs. Emma Whormby [1884] – [1909]  
Harry Howard Wilkes [1911] – [1921]  
Leslie Allen Astbury [1961] – **1966**);  
Robert Joseph Mahon (**1966 – 1967**);  
Everett William Lord (**1967 – [ ]**)  
John Hughes (**1997 – [1998]**)



1999

### NOTES

*James Dabbs* = James Dabb

#### 1851 Census

Kings Hill

- [1] *James Dabbs* (42), ironstone miner, employing 20 men as miners, born Upton Cressett, Shropshire;
  - [2] Rosannah Dabbs (35), wife, born Wednesbury;
  - [3] Emma Dabbs (13), daughter, born Bilston;
  - [4] Samuel Dabbs (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;
  - [5] Elizabeth Shepherd (6), niece, orphan, scholar, born Bilston;
  - [6] Emma Webb (2), visitor, born Brierley Hill;
  - [7] Joseph Dickenson (45), brother in law, unmarried, born Wednesbury;
- [Dinah Dabbs (64) widow, who was born in Upton Cressett, lived next door.]

#### 1871 Census

1, Old Park Road – BLACK HORSE INN

- [1] *Isaiah Yates* (60), widower, licensed victualler, born Darlaston;
- [2] Arabella Price (28), daughter, house keeper, born Birmingham;
- [3] James Price (7), grandson, scholar, born Birmingham;
- [4] Rebecca Slater (19), domestic servant, born Darlaston:

#### Wednesbury Herald 13/9/1879

“On Thursday, Edwin Hooper, Esq, District Coroner, held an inquiry at the BLACK HORSE INN, Kings Hill, relative to the death of a child named Lizzy Bond, aged six months, who was found dead in bed on Tuesday morning. The evidence showed that the deceased was a healthy child, and on Monday night it was put to bed in an apparently healthy condition. On Tuesday she was found dead by her mother. Death was supposed to have been caused by suffocation, but as there was no evidence to show how death was really caused the jury returned an Open Verdict.”

### Wednesbury Herald 2/11/1895

“On Monday, Mr. E. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the BLACK HORSE INN, Walsall Road, on the body of Ann Ridding (65), School Street, Kings Hill.

The deceased had been in failing health for eight or ten weeks, and took to her bed on the 21st. On Friday she attempted to go downstairs, and, falling, sustained a severe scalp wound from the effects of which she died later in the day.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned, the jury also desiring that a representation as to the condition of the stairs should be made to the owner of the house.”

Mrs. *Emma Whormby* was described as *Miss Emma Whormby* in 1896.

### 1901 Census

1, Old Park Road – BLACK HORSE INN

[1] *Emma Whormby* (63), widow, licensed victualler, born Bilston;

[2] *Emily Wilkes* (30), daughter, born Smethwick;

[3] *Harry Wilkes* (25), son, born Smethwick:

### Midland Evening News 15/6/ 1909

“.....*Emma Whormby*, licensee of the BLACK HORSE INN, Kings Hill, Wednesbury, was summoned at the instance of Mr. Van Tromp (Inspector under the Food and Drugs Act) for selling whisky, which was diluted with water 9% beyond the statutory limit. Mr. R. A. Willcock (Wolverhampton) defended. - The offence was admitted, and it was urged in defence, that the defendant had kept the house for thirty years without a complaint. The excessive dilution had been brought about by the defendant failing to use the proper instrument provided for the purpose. - The Bench said that in view of the excellent way the house had been conducted in the past, a fine of only 10s and costs would be inflicted.”

### 1911 Census

1, Old Park Road

[1] *Harry Howard Wilkes* (37), publican, born Smethwick;

[2] *Marian Wilkes* (37), wife, married 12 years, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Fred Wilkes* (11), son, school, born Bilston;

[4] *Bert Wilkes* (6), son, born Wednesbury;

[5] *Florence Baines* (18), general servant, born Wednesbury;

[6] *Dolly Wilkes* (4), daughter, born Wolverhampton;

[7] *Florence Wilkes* (3), daughter, born Bilston:

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division One. [1946]

*Robert Joseph Mahon* – see also BUSH, Wallbrook Street, Coseley

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Social Dominoes League. [1970]

[2014]



2014

## BLUE BALL

13, Earps Lane, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

William Bird [1895]

## LICENSEES

Henry Spittle [1864] – **1881**;  
James Wilkes (**1881** – [ ]  
Whitehall [1883]  
William Bird [1888] – [1892]  
Charles William Exley [1895]  
William Bird [1895] – [1896]  
John A Evans [1899] – [1901]  
Benjamin J Ludlow [1904]  
Alfred Richard Lowe [1909]  
Henry Astbury [1911] – [1912]  
William Samuel McGill [1916] – [1921]  
John William Knowles [ ]

## NOTES

*Henry Spittle* was also a gas burner and gas cock manufacturer. [1864], [1865]  
He was a gas cock maker. [1868], [1870], [1872]

## St. Giles' Parish [Rowley Regis] Register - Marriages

10/4/1865

Albert Eland Barnsley (22), bachelor, clerk, West Bromwich – father Benjamin Barnsley, manager.  
Ellen Spittle (18), spinster, Wednesbury – father *Henry Spittle*, publican

## 1871 Census

13. Earps Lane  
[1] *Henry Spittle* (48), innkeeper, born Wednesbury;  
[2] Rebecca Spittle (47), wife, born Wednesbury;  
[3] Mary Whitton (17), niece, born Wednesbury;  
[4] William T. Barnsley (5), grandson, born Wednesbury:

## Wednesbury Herald 30/10/1880

“Re *Henry Spittle* – In Liquidation, Wednesbury ..... To be Sold by Auction by Mr. E. B. Scholefield, at the GREEN DRAGON INN, Market Place, Wednesbury, on Monday, the 15th day of November, 1880.....”

Lot 2 – A very Valuable Freehold Old-licensed House known by the sign of The BLUE BALL INN, in Earps Lane, Wednesbury, comprising three Attics, two Bedrooms, two Closets, large Club Room, Liquor Vault, Smoke Room, Bar, Tap Room, China Closet, three Cellars, Wine Cellar, Scullery, Brewhouse, Malt and Hop Room. Attached to the premises and belonging thereto are valuable manufacturing and business premises.....”

## BLUE BALL, EARP'S LANE, WEDNESBURY.

UNRESERVED Clearing-out Sale of the Surplus BREWING UTENSILS, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, also a substantial Set of Double Harness (silver-mounted), One Set of Gig Harness, Driving Reins, Collars, Bridles, and sundry Harness, and a number of WELL-BUILT VEHICLES, comprising nearly new Landau Phaeton, by eminent Builder; capital Pony Phaeton, upholstered; Green-grocer's Cart, strong Spring Cart, a useful Dog Cart, Spring Hand Cart, Maltster's Cart, Cushion-tyred Bicycle, and other Effects.

MR. L. C. PRICE has been favoured with instructions to Sell by Auction, on the premises as above, ON MONDAY, JULY 1st, 1895.

Sale to Commence at 11 o'clock. Usual conditions. Auctioneer's Office, 32, Union Street, Wednesbury

Advert 1895

Lot 2.—A very Valuable Freehold OLD LICENSED HOUSE known by the sign of “The Blue Ball Inn,” in Earps Lane, Wednesbury, comprising three Attics, two Bedrooms, two Closets, large Club-Room, Liquor Vault, Smoke Room, Bar, Tap Room, China Closet, three Cellars, Wine Cellar, Scullery, Brewhouse, Malt and Hop Room. Attached to the premises and belonging thereto are valuable manufacturing and business premises, comprising Casting Shop, Turning Shop, Engine Shed, Forging Shed, Stable and Cow House, with Loft over, and large Yard with draw-in-gate road. This Lot will also comprise the FIFTEEN OLD MESSUAGE adjoining the said Licensed Public House containing two Bedrooms, Parlour, Kitchen, Cellar, Brewhouse, Yard and out-buildings, such Messuage being lately in the occupation of Alfred Barnsley, but being now void.

Advert 1880

### 1881 Census

13, Earps Lane – BLUE BALL

- [1] *James Wilkes* (25), publican, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Maria Wilkes* (24), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *George Wilkes* (1), son, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Jane Lucas* (18), general domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

### Wednesbury Herald 18/6/1881

“*James Wilkes*, landlord of the BLUE BALL INN, Earps Lane, was summoned for keeping his house open during prohibited hours on the 8th inst. Mr. Sheldon defended.

Police-sergeant Curtis stated that on the night in question at 11.40, he visited the defendant’s house in company with Police-constable Noble and heard some persons laughing in one of the rooms. He rapped once at the door, and the wife of the defendant opened it, but on seeing witness she shut the door again. It was afterwards opened and in the tap room found John Hughes, Rosannah Hughes, and Thomas Stanley. On the table was a jug containing ale which the landlady said belonged to the servant. Stanley said, he had come to the house for some eggs.

By Mr. Sheldon: He did not know that Hughes was in the employ of the defendant, there was only one pint of ale in the tap room ..... The stipendiary said he thought the police acted properly in bringing the case before the Court, however, he did not think the evidence would warrant him in convicting defendant, and he should therefore be discharged.”

### Wednesbury Herald 17/2/1883

“Ancient Order of Foresters, Court Empire, 2,873. The members of this Court met on Tuesday evening last, at the BLUE BALL Inn, Earps Lane, Wednesbury, being the 20th anniversary of the Court, when 40 members sat down to a very substantial supper, provided by the host, Mr. *Whitehall*. After ample justice was done, and the cloth was drawn, the chair was taken by C. Smith PDCR, and the vice chair by W. Keen PCR. During the evening Brother John Rogers, secretary, was presented with a large oil painting of himself, executed by Mr. G. Lowe, the free gift of the members, for valuable services rendered to the Court.....”

### 1891 Census

13, Earps Lane – BLUE BALL INN

- [1] *William Bird* (36), brewer, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Hannah M. Bird* (39), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Joseph Owen* (43), boarder, bricklayer, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [4] *Emily A. Garratt* (17), servant, born Wednesbury:

*William Bird* later became licensee of the ANCHOR.

### Wednesbury Herald 5/1/1895

“Bill and Son have been favoured with instructions from Mr. *William Bird* to Sell By Auction, on the premises, on Tuesday, January 22nd 1895, at seven o’clock in the evening precisely ..... All that Freehold, Fully-licensed Public House known as the BLUE BALL INN, with Cottage adjoining situate in Earps Lane, Wednesbury, together with the Model Steam Brewery, Stabling and Storehouses at the rear. The public house is well fitted and contains Bar, Smoke Room, Tap Room, Sitting Room, Kitchen, Club Room, Five Bed Rooms, Spirit Store, excellent Cellarage with private Yard, and every business and domestic convenience. The brewery, which has a four quarter Steam Plant, is built on the Tower principle, and is fitted up in most modern style. There is an excellent supply of well water. The whole of the Premises are well and substantially built, and are in a good state of repair. The Cottage produces a rental of £13 per annum. It has only changed hands once in thirty years, and has been in the occupation of the present owner for seven years, and he is now selling in consequence of ill health. Immediate possession would be given to the purchaser, who would be required to purchase, at a valuation in the usual way, the whole of the fixed and loose Brewery Plant, Casks, Horses, Carts &c., the Public House Fixtures, Fittings, Furniture, Utensils and the Stock In Trade, both in the Brewery and Public House.

It is probable that arrangements could be made for the purchaser to secure the tied trade of two other Public Houses in Wednesbury belonging to the Vendor. At the present time there is no Ale and Stout Bottling Business carried on in Wednesbury, and these Premises are eminently suitable for the establishment of such a business.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 8/6/1895**

“Richard Bridgwood, of Vale Street, Ruiton, was charged with stealing 1s from a till, the property of *William Bird*, BLUE BALL, Earps Lane, Wednesbury, on Saturday afternoon. It is alleged that prisoner first took the money and then hid it in a wall in a closet at the rear of the house, where it was found by Police-constable Woolley. Prisoner was remanded until Friday.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 29/6/1895**

“BLUE BALL, Earps Lane, Wednesbury. Unreserved Clearing-out Sale of the Surplus Brewing Utensils, Household Furniture, also a substantial Set of Double Harness (silver mounted), One Set of Gig Harness, Driving Reins, Collars, Bridles, and Sundry Harness, and a number of Well-Built Vehicles, comprising nearly new Landau Phaeton, by eminent Builder; capital Pony Phaeton, upholstered; Greengrocer’s Cart, strong Spring Cart, a useful Dog Cart, Spring Hand Cart, Maltster’s Cart, Cushion-tyred Bicycle, and other Effects.

Mr. L. C. Price has been favoured with instructions to Sell by Auction, on the premises above, on Monday, July 1st, 1895.....”

*William Bird* was also the licensee of the JUNCTION, Trowse Lane. [1896]

### **Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/7/1899**

“Mr. *J. A. Evans* has at considerable expense had a new quoining pitch laid at the rear of the BLUE BALL HOTEL ..... headquarters of the Wednesbury and District Quoit League.”

*J. A. Evans*, Wednesbury Brewery, Earps Lane. [1900]

### **1901 Census**

13, Earps Lane

[1] *John A. Evans* (46), publican, born Openshaw, Lancashire;

[2] *Elizabeth Evans* (41), wife, born Manchester;

[3] *Florence B. Evans* (21), daughter, born Manchester;

[4] *Amy B. Evans* (9), daughter, born Manchester;

[5] *Annie Porris* (34), domestic servant, born Worcester:

### **Blackcountryman - Summer 2014 - A newspaper in June 1906.**

“On Friday an inquest was held at the BLUE BALL INN Wednesbury, on the body of *John David Cooper* (45), pikeman, formerly residing in Earps Lane, Wednesbury, who was killed whilst following his employment at the Barebone Colliery, Leabrook, Wednesbury, on Tuesday 29th ult.. Mr. W. N. Atkinson (chief inspector of mines) attended.

*Laura Maud Cooper*, the widow, formally identified the deceased.

The son of deceased, *Samuel Cooper*, horse driver at the colliery, said he went down the Pit at six o’clock. Deceased went down into the workings half an hour before witness. At the time of the accident witness and deceased were engaged in shifting dirt, and witness was working about three yards away from his father. Witness heard a noise, and upon turning round he noticed that there had been a fall of coal, and deceased, who was behind him, had been buried. Between five and six tons of coal came down. When got out deceased was lying on his face, and was quite dead. Witness did not see the place tested that morning, but deceased and a man named *Samuel Beddows* usually went down first in the morning for this purpose.

By Mr. Atkinson: Deceased was knocking out a tree when the fall occurred, and he was using a hammer with a handle 2ft 6in in length. Before deceased could knock the tree out the weight of the coal forced it out, and the fall came without any warning, and there was no cracking, bumping, or any sound whatever. The coal was very hard at the spot, and they had got a hole in ready to fire it when the tree was removed.

*Thomas Corfield*, one of the proprietors of the colliery, said he was responsible for the underground workings. He tested the roof several times prior to the accident. Witness was facing deceased at the time the coal came down and buried him, and a portion of the coal struck witness on the back, and knocked him out of the way. Deceased was in the act of cutting at the top of the tree, with the object of loosening it, when the crash came, and the weight crushed a part of the tree into shreds. Deceased was an experienced man.

Mr. Atkinson said he had seen the place and it was well timbered, and he saw nothing to complain about. He, however, thought the place was so crushed that it was difficult to work with safety. He believed the pit was worked as safely as circumstances permitted.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

#### **Tipton Herald 10/4/1909**

“At a special Court at Wednesbury, on Saturday, before Mr. C. Southern, Charles Bullock (25), Longmore Street; William Yates (23), Meeting Street; and George Harvey (19), Church Street, all of Wednesbury, were charged with stealing a bottle of whisky, the property of *Mary Ann Lowe*, licensee of the BLUE BALL INN, Earps Lane, Wednesbury.

It was alleged that prisoners went into the inn and had some beer. The servant who was in the bar had occasion to leave it. When the prisoners left the house a bottle of whisky was missing, and it was stated that the jug in which they had been served with beer only was found to contain beer and whisky. An empty whisky bottle was found on a rubbish heap at the rear of the premises.

The accused men were remanded.”

#### **Tipton Herald 17/4/1909**

“At Wednesbury Police Court, three men named William Yates, Meeting Street; Charles Bullock, Little Hill; and George Harvey of Church Street, all of Wednesbury, were charged with stealing a bottle of whiskey, the property of *Alfred Richard Lowe*, of the BLUE BALL INN, Earps Lane, Wednesbury.

Mr. A. J. Glover defended. It was alleged that during the absence of the servant from the bar the prisoners went round the counter and took a bottle of whiskey, which they emptied into some beer and drank in the house. Mr. Glover urged that the men were so drunk that they were not responsible for their actions. One of them could not walk when he got out of the house, and had to be carried home.

Prisoners were each fined 20s and costs or 14 days.”

#### **1911 Census**

13, Earps Lane – BLUE BALL INN

- [1] *Henry Astbury* (49), foreman gas producer and publican, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Eliza Jane Astbury* (47), wife, married 25 years, assisting in business, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Florence Hannah Astbury* (26), daughter, assisting in business, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Henry Astbury* (22), son, gas stoker, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Gertrude Maud Astbury* (14), daughter, assisting in business, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Bert Alfred George Astbury* (11), son, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Neville Astbury* (6), son, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Ivy Jane Astbury* (3), daughter, born Wednesbury;

#### **Tipton Herald 16/1/1937**

“Wednesbury lost a well known townsman, when on Monday Mr. *John W. Knowles* passed away after a short illness. A native of the town he was 59 years of age.

Mr. *Knowles* was best known to hundreds, even thousands, of Wednesbury and Midland people as a sportsman and licensed victualler. In his younger days he was a professional footballer, and the clubs with which he was connected included Cannock Town, Wednesbury Old Athletic, Darlaston, Dudley Town, and West Bromwich Albion. He was known as a nippy inside forward in the centre of the attack.

He became a licensee when he took over the UNION INN, Union Street, Wednesbury, and he remained there for a period of nine years, before moving to the OLD BUSH INN, Great Bridge. He returned to Wednesbury to take over the license of the BLUE BALL INN, Earps Lane, which he retained for five years, and during the past four years he has held the position of steward at the Charlemont Social Club and Institute, Stone Cross, where he took a keen interest in all sports, and was extremely popular with the whole of the membership. He was previously a member of the Wednesbury, Darlaston and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association, and when he was at the BLUE BALL INN he was prominently associated with the Wednesbury Harriers, being a vice president. His son was a member of the Harriers.....”

Closed

The building was used as a laundry.

## **BOARD**

High Bullen, (High Street), WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

Mary Sutton [1828] – [1835]  
John Parish [1841] – [1843]  
James Parrish [1841] – [1845]

## NOTES

*James Parrish* was also a horse dealer. [1845]

## BOARD

Market Place, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

Charles Adshead Loxton [1850] – [1851]

## NOTES

### 1851 Census

Market Place

- [1] *Charles Adshead Loxton* (60), maltster, brewer, and retailer of wines and spirits, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Sarah Loxton* (55), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Joshua Loxton* (22), son, servant in the trade, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *John Loxton* (18), son, apprentice to an engineer, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Mary Loxton* (15), daughter, waiter in the shop, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Samuel Loxton* (71), brother, widower, retired japanner, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *Esther Loxton* (73), sister, unmarried, partner, maltster, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] *Lois Harrison* (67), boarder, widow, annuitant, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Elizabeth Newman* (61), wife's sister, unmarried, servant to Lois Harrison, born Wolverhampton;
- [10] *William Mear* (36), widower, brewer, hostler &c, born Stapenhill, Derbyshire;
- [11] *Ann Gutteridge* (19), waiter in the shop, born Wednesbury;
- [12] *Elizabeth Vaughan* (20), house servant, born Leominster, Herefordshire;

Check High Bullen



## BOAT

Crankhall Lane, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

Chilton [1881]

## NOTES

### **Wednesbury Herald 8/10/1881**

“On Saturday evening Mr. F. W. Topham (Deputy Coroner) held an inquiry at the BOAT INN, Crankhall Lane, Wednesbury, as to the death of George Bates (34), of Oakswell End, and Catherine Grainger (11), of Wednesbury Bridge, who were drowned under sad circumstances on Thursday night.

The evidence showed that on Thursday evening, at about half past five o'clock, the girl Grainger, while laying on the side of the Birmingham Canal, in Crankhall Lane, suddenly slipped into the water. The deceased Bates observing what had taken place ran to the spot, and although unable to swim, courageously jumped into the water after the girl.

The canal is of considerable depth at this point, and as neither person came to the surface a few minutes afterwards a man named Farr plunged into the water and brought to the surface the body of Bates, but life was found to be extinct. The girl's lifeless body was found some time afterwards. The bodies were afterwards removed to the malt room adjoining the BOAT INN, and between Thursday night and Saturday morning rats or mice attacked Bates's body and disfigured his face beyond recognition, large portions of the flesh being removed from the bones.

Several of the jurymen spoke highly of the gallantry displayed by Bates in endeavouring to save the girl's life.

The Deputy Coroner, in summing up, said the jury would not have any difficulty in arriving at a verdict, inasmuch as the evidence showed that the sad occurrences were purely accidental. The unfortunate girl fell into the water, and Bates very courageously jumped into the water to save her, and in doing so the gallant fellow lost his own life. It was a most painful case, and he heartily sympathised with the friends of the deceased persons.

The jury afterwards returned a verdict of Accidental Death, in each case.”

## **BOILERMAKERS ARMS**

31, Camp Hill Lane, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Joseph Richards [1865] - **1871**);  
William Hughes (**1871** - [ ]  
John William Smith [1872]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Joseph Richards*, coachfitter and beer retailer, Camp Street. [1865]

*Joseph Richards*, beer retailer, Camp Hill Lane. [1868], [1870]

#### **1871 Census**

31, Camp Hill Lane - beerhouse

[1] *Joseph Richards* (51), beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Mary Ann Richards* (50), wife, born West Bromwich;

[3] *Harriet Richards* (20), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Edwin Richards* (12), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[5] *Joseph Richards* (10), son, scholar, born Wednesbury:

*John William Smith*, beer retailer, 31, Camp Hill Lane. [1872]

## **BOROUGH ARMS**

100, Cobden Street, Fallings Heath, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Benjamin Kendrick [1871] – [1891]  
William Pymm [1896]  
John Hassall [1911] – [1912]  
Mrs. Robinson [early 1950's]  
Jack Causer [1950's]  
John Wallace [ ] – **1961**;  
Albert Harry Parkes (**1961** – [1966])

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It was known locally as "Blue Eyed Kelly's".

#### **1871 Census**

100, Cobden Street – BOROUGH ARMS

[1] *Benjamin Kendrick* (34), unmarried, beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;  
[2] *Maria Kendrick* (21), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

*Benjamin Kendrick*, beer retailer, Cobden Street, Fallings Heath. [1872]

#### **1891 Census**

100, Cobden Street

[1] *Benjamin Kendrick* (49), unmarried, beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;  
[2] *Mary Ethall* (24), niece, born Wednesbury:

*William Pymm*, beer retailer, 8, Lower Dudley Street. [1896]

#### **1911 Census**

Cobden Street – BOROUGH ARMS

[1] *John Hassall* (55), widower, license holder, born Wolverhampton;  
[2] *William Gittings* (30), nephew, bootmaker and repairer, born Bury, Lancashire;  
[3] *Kate Gittings* (26), niece, married 1 year, born Darlaston;  
[4] *Charlotte Mace* (22), domestic servant, born Kingswinford;  
[5] *Jack Gittings* (1), son, born Darlaston:

*John Hassall*, beer retailer, 100, Cobden Street. [1912]

It had a sports pavilion, at the rear, which was used as a boxing gym.  
Eric Skidmore, Midland area welterweight champion, trained here.

BOROUGH ARMS Athletic Club was based here. [1938]

A team from here took part in the Fallings Heath Crib League. [1946]

*Albert Harry Parkes* was fined £7 on each of four cases of aiding and abetting the consumption of intoxicating liquor after permitted hours, plus £2 2s 0d costs. A total of £30 2s 0d.

## BOROUGH ARMS

8, (Lower) Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Isaac Whick [1871] – [1881]  
James Denton [1904]

### NOTES

8, Lower Dudley Street [1871]  
8, Dudley Street [1881]

#### 1871 Census

8, Lower Dudley Street – BOROUGH ARMS  
[1] *Isaac Whick* (38), innkeeper, born Sedgley;  
[2] *Keziah Whick* (38), wife, born Sedgley;  
[3] *Frances L. Whick* (17), daughter, barmaid, born Coseley;  
[4] *Eliza Whick* (16), daughter, hatter, born Coseley;  
[5] *Mary L. Whick* (15), daughter, barmaid, born Coseley;  
[6] *Martha M. Whick* (13), daughter, scholar, born Coseley;  
[7] *Carnie R. Whick* (12), daughter, scholar, born Coseley;  
[8] *Sarah E. Whick* (10), daughter, scholar, born Coseley;  
[9] *Kezia Whick* (7), daughter, scholar, born Coseley;  
[10] *Victoria A. Whick* (5), daughter, scholar, born Coseley;  
[11] *Isaac R. Whick* (3), son, born Coseley:

*Isaac Whick*, beer retailer, 8, Lower Dudley Street [1872]

#### 1881 Census

8, Dudley Street – BOROUGH ARMS  
[1] *Isaac Whick* (48), agent, innkeeper, brewer, born Sedgley;  
[2] *Kezia Whick* (49), wife, born Sedgley;  
[3] *Louisa Whick* (27), daughter, barmaid, born Sedgley;  
[4] *Mary Whick* (24), daughter, dress maker, born Sedgley;  
[5] *Martha Whick* (22), daughter, teacher of music, born Sedgley;  
[6] *Carnie Whick* (20), son, labourer, born Sedgley;  
[7] *Eugene Whick* (19), daughter, no occupation, born Sedgley;  
[8] *Kate Whick* (16), daughter, pupil teacher, born Sedgley;  
[9] *Roland Whick* (12), son, scholar, born Sedgley:

#### Wednesbury Herald 16/3/1895

“On Tuesday evening a meeting of the members of the Fallings Lodge of the Staffordshire Conservative League was held at the BOROUGH ARMS INN, Darlaston. There was a large number of members present. After the ordinary business of the lodge was gone through a smoking concert was held, and a capital programme was given....”

*James Denton*, beer retailer, 8, Lower Dudley Street. [1904]

BOROUGH BREWERY,  
DUDLEY STREET, WEDNESBURY.

## ISAAC WHICK

**B**ECS to tender his best thanks to the inhabitants of Wednesbury and district, for the kind patronage bestowed upon him for the past 13 years, and hopes by strict attention to the quality of his noted Ales to merit a further portion of their favours. I. W. would remind Private Families and others that he is now supplying his noted Home Brewed Ales in Casks of 9 and 18 gallons, at Wholesale Prices.

N.B. — Terms, &c., upon application to the Brewery, as above.

Advert 1881

## **BRICKLAYERS ARMS**

Portway Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Edward Millington [1862]

### NOTES

[1853]

*Edward Millington* was also a blacksmith.

## **BRIDGE**

Bull Lane, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

Ralph Small [1875]

## NOTES

It was situated next to Wesson's Ironworks, canal side.

*Ralph Small* was the owner of the celebrated bull terrier 'Warrior Bill'.

## **BRITANNIA**

Dale Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Thomas Finch [1861] – [1865]

### NOTES

*Thomas Finch*, beer retailer, Dale Street. [1861], [1864], [1865]



## **BRITANNIA**

Darlaston Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

John Drew [1834]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

## **BRITANNIA**

Eldon Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Edward Nightingale [1877]

### NOTES

*Edward Nightingale* was fined 20s and costs for serving during prohibited hours, in June 1877.

## BRITANNIA

21, Trowse Lane, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Elizabeth Barrett [ ] - **1881**);  
Samuel Barrett (**1881** - [ ]  
Edward Phillips [1901]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

#### 1881 Census

21, Trowse Lane – BRITANNIA INN

[1] *Samuel Barrett* (35), beerhouse keeper, born Warminster;

[2] Elizabeth Barrett (32), wife, born Stone;

[3] Charlotte Harrington (16), general servant, born Oldbury:

#### Wednesbury Leader 12/10/1901

“At Wednesbury Police Court on Friday, before Aldermen R. Williams, I. Oldbury, and Mr. F. W. Hackwood, a man named Edwin Hudson (50), of no fixed abode, but who has been living in apartments at Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, was charged with obtaining various sums of money by false pretences, and with intent to defraud, between the 17th September and 3rd October.

The evidence showed that prisoner represented himself to be in the employ of the Midland Advertising Co, Wolverhampton, and canvassed for advertisements for the Wolverhampton Wanderers Fixture Card. He secured 2s 6d from Frank Talbot, manager of the South Staffordshire Coffee House, Market Place; 4s 6d from Benjamin E. Pewtriss, tobacconist, Market Place; 5s from *Herbert E. Kent*, of the CROWN AND CUSHION INN; 5s from *William H. Hadley*, GREEN DRAGON INN, Market Place; 2s 6d from *James Faulkner*, BULLS HEAD INN; 2s from *William Macdonald*, THREE SWANS INN; 5s from *Frank Bateman*, licensed victualler, High Street; 2s 6d from *Edward Phillips*, BRITANNIA INN, Trowse Lane; 2s 6d from *John Jones*, FORRESTERS ARMS, Portway Road; and 2s 6d from *Albert Newbould*, OLD PACK HORSE, Dudley Street.

Frederick L. Hodgetts, of the Penn Road, Wolverhampton, said he was a partner in the Midland Advertising Company. Prisoner had been in their employ, but left on the 27th April. He had not been connected with the company since, and was not authorised to canvass for advertisements.

Detective Truswell deposed to effecting the arrest of prisoner.

Alderman Oldbury (to prisoner): Didn't you consider you had a lot of 'flats' to deal with in Wednesbury? I am surprised that tradesmen should give their money away without even asking for a receipt. They must be very confiding.

Prisoner was committed to take his trial at the Sessions, which commence on Tuesday next.”

## BRITISH QUEEN

40+41, (41), Trowse Lane, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Showell's Brewery Co. Ltd. [1895]

### LICENSEES

Joseph Hall [1841] – [1842]  
Samuel Cook [1845]  
Thomas Hyde [1849] – [1850]  
Samuel A Smith [1851]  
Mrs. Sarah Cook [1860] – [1870]  
Patrick Flynn [1870] – [1888]  
Harry P Nash [1891] – [1892]  
James Patten [1894] – [1896]

### NOTES

41, Trowse Lane [1871], [1873], [1881], [1896]  
40+41, Trowse Lane [1888]

It was originally the KING AND CONSTITUTION.

QUEENS HEAD [1861]

*Samuel Cook* was also a builder. [1845]

#### 1851 Census

Trowse Lane

- [1] *Samuel A. Smith* (23), gun lock filer and victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Martha Smith* (23), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Ann Pew* (17), general servant, born Wednesbury:

An inquest was held here in 1868.

*Patrick Flynn* issued tokens from here, made by C. Dipple, Wolverhampton Street.

#### 1871 Census

41, Trowse Lane

- [1] *Patrick Flynn* (60), licensed victualler, born Ireland;
- [2] *Mary Flynn* (50), wife, born Ireland;
- [3] *Ellen Fitzgerald* (40), niece, born Ireland:

#### 1881 Census

41, Trowse Lane (combined) – BRITISH QUEEN

- [1] *Patrick Flynn* (67), licensed victualler, born Ireland;
- [2] *Mary Flynn* (52), wife, born Ireland;
- [3] *Ellen Fitzgerald* (48), niece, born Ireland;
- [4] *Margaret Moruhan* (19), general domestic servant, born Wednesbury:



Token

### **Wednesbury Herald 31/12/1881**

“On Wednesday evening Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner), held an inquest at the BRITISH QUEEN INN, Trowse Lane, Wednesbury, respecting the death of Nancy O’Connor (54), the wife of Peter O’Connor of Trowse Croft, who died suddenly on Christmas night.

The evidence showed that of late deceased had been subject to attacks of \_\_\_\_\_ which had caused her at times to be very \_\_\_\_\_. On Sunday evening deceased complained of being unwell and laid herself down on the sofa, where she was subsequently found to be dead.

In answer to a jurymen the husband of the deceased told him he was quite sure his wife was not drunk on the night in question, but admitted that at \_\_\_\_\_ she had had some rum and \_\_\_\_\_.

The jury returned a verdict of Died from Natural Causes.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 16/12/1882**

“Mr. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the BRITISH QUEEN INN, Trowse Lane, on the body of Ann Morris (40), wife of a miner living in that locality.

It appeared that the deceased was prematurely confined on the 8th, and died somewhat suddenly on the following day, before which time a midwife named Elizabeth Jordan, who had been in attendance upon her, had taken the child to the parish sexton and had it buried, handing in a kind of certificate which she had got her husband to write for her, and to which she had affixed her mark.

A verdict of Death from Natural Causes was returned.

The Coroner severely censured Mrs. Jordan in respect of the preparation of the certificate, and burial of the body, and said he should report her conduct to the public prosecutor, with a view to a prosecution being instituted against her. He also directed Sergeant Lightfoot, the officer in charge of the case, to make enquiries as to the burial.

Mrs. Jordan said she was under the impression that she had a legal right to give a certificate of still born children. She had for years given certificates.

The Coroner said she had acted illegally.”

### **1891 Census**

41, Trowse Lane – BRITISH QUEEN

- [1] *Harry P. Nash* (39), publican, born Droitwich;
- [2] *Amelia Nash* (31), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Wallace Nash* (11), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Harvey Nash* (4), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Mary Nash* (2), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Bertie H. Nash* (1), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *Florence Nash* (9), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] *Lois Jones* (18), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

*James Patten* was convicted of permitting drunkenness in November 1894. He was fined £5 and costs.

1895 – “A disorderly house.”

## **BRITISH WORKMAN**

Walsall Street, WEDNESBURY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

### **Dudley Herald 8/2/1873**

“Since the opening of the BRITISH WORKMAN public house, Walsall Street, Wednesbury, the attendance has been quite equal to the expectations of its promoters. On Saturday evenings it is much frequented, and those patronizing this institution appear to fully appreciate the advantages and facilities that are offered to them.”

[Was this a temperance house?]

## **BROUGHAMS ARMS**

Kings Hill Field, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

William Webb [1834] – [1841]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*William Webb*, beer retailer, Kings Hill Field. [1841]

## **BROWN LION**

Kings Hill Field, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

John Holroyd [1834] – [1835]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.



## BRUNSWICK

301, Crankhall Lane / Woden Road East, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Thomas William Crockford Smith  
Grigg and Brettell Ltd. (acquired on 11th June 1937)  
Holt Brewery Co. Ltd.  
Ansells Ltd.  
Punch Taverns [2006]

### LICENSEES

Stanley Southall [1961] - **1964**);  
Derrick Graham Burston (**1964**);  
Norman John Betts (**1964** - [1966])  
E Pritchard [1983]  
Brian Stayzaker (**1984** - [ ])  
John Bagley (**2002 - 2006**)

### NOTES

*Stanley Southall* was convicted at Wednesbury Borough Magistrates Court for “permitting Clarence Henderson to use licensed premises for the purpose of betting transactions.” He was fined £20 and Special Costs of £13 17s.

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Social Dominoes League. [1970]

[2014]



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## BRUNSWICK

49, Great Western Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Julian Hanson & Sons Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Mrs. Sarah Holroyd [1868] – **1870**);

John Male\* (**1870** – [1872]

John Bale\* [1873]

Joseph Harper [1878]

George Oldham [1881]

William H Davies [1896] – [1912]

### NOTES

It was named after the Patent Shaft and Axletree Company's Brunswick Ironworks.

It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.

Mrs. *Sarah Holroyd*, beer retailer, and wine and refreshment rooms, Great Western Street. [1868], [1870]

\* possibly the same person

### 1871 Census

49, Great Western Street - Beerhouse

[1] *John Male* (44), furnaceman, born London;

[2] *Harriet Male* (36), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] *John Male* (14), son, iron worker, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Mary Jane Male* (11), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[5] *William Male* (9), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[6] *George Male* (3), son, born Wednesbury;

[7] *Ann E. Male* (1), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[8] *Harwin Farley* (15), domestic servant, born Wednesbury;

[9] *Benjamin Butler* (37), boarder, forge roller, born Wednesbury:

*John Male*, beer retailer, 49, Great Western Street. [1872]

### Midland Advertiser 9/3/1878

“*Joseph Harper*, landlord of the BRUNSWICK INN, Great Western Street, was summoned for being drunk.

Police constable Brown said he saw the defendant drunk in Great Western Street, and creating a disturbance on the 26th ult.

Defendant was fined 10s and costs.”

### 1881 Census

49, Great Western Street – BRUNSWICK INN

- [1] *George Oldham* (50), beerhouse keeper, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Esther Oldham* (50), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *William Oldham* (20), son, tinman / unemployed, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Frederick Oldham* (18), son, puddler / unemployed, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Samuel Oldham* (10), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Herbert Oldham* (8), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [7] *Albert Oldham* (6), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [8] *Jane Smith* (60), sister, born Kinver:

*William H. Davies*, beer retailer, 49, Great Western Street. [1896], [1904], [1912]

### 1901 Census

49, Great Western Street

- [1] *William H. Davies* (53), publican, born Studley, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Rosannah Davies* (60), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Percy H. Davies* (17), coal dealer, born Princes End:

### Wednesbury Leader 19/10/1906

“*Samuel Davis*, of Baker’s Lodging House, West Bromwich, and *Percy Davis*, son of the licensee of the BRUNSWICK INN, Wednesbury, were summoned at the instance of the S.P.C.A., the former with working a horse, and the latter with causing the animal to be worked, in an unfit state on the 9th inst.

Police constable Savery spoke to seeing the animal being worked by the defendant *Samuel Davis* in the Holyhead Road, Moxley, on the date in question. He stopped the horse, and upon examining it found a raw sore on its crest which was being pressed by the saddle. When witness saw *Percy Davis* in regard to the matter he said it was the defendant *Samuel Davis*’s own fault, as he put the wrong saddle on the horse.

For the defence Mr. Frankham urged that the defendant *Percy Davis* was ignorant that the horse was being worked in an unfit condition.

The Stipendiary [Mr. N. C. A. Neville] considered the case proved. Each of the defendants had been fined before, and *Percy Davies* would have to pay £2 and costs, in all £3 11s 6d; and *Samuel Davis* 7s 6d and costs, or suffer fourteen days’ imprisonment, altogether £1 0s 6d.”

The license renewal was objected to on the ground of redundancy in February 1928.

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division One. [1946]

Closed [pre 1970]

Delicensed

## BULLS HEAD

29, Cramphill Lane, (Campo Lane), (29, (28+29), Camp Hill Lane), High Bullen, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Walter Showell and Co. Ltd. [1896]

Ansells Ltd. [1961]

### LICENSEES

Thomas Espley [1822] – [1830]

Joseph Edwards [1834] – [1835]

Mrs. Ann Edwards [1841] – [1851]

James Thorp [1860]

Henry Thorp [1864] – [1883]

Charles Gustave Tofte [1892]

James Faulkner [1901]

Joseph Causer [1904]

George Henry Wearing [1911] – [1921]

Daniel Charles Boden [ ] – **1961**;

Joseph James Roden Sisson **(1961 – 1964)**;

Frederick Davies **(1964)**;

Stanley Southall **(1964 – 1965)**;

John Thomas Davidson **(1965)**;

Henry Leonard Gulliver **(1965 – 1966)**;

John Vincent Harrison **(1966 – [ ]**

### NOTES

Campo Lane [1834]

Camphill Lane [1822], [1828], [1830], [1841], [1842], [1845], [1849], [1850], [1851], [1860], [1868], [1874], [1883]

29, Camp Hill Lane [1871], [1873], [1904]

28+29, Camphill Lane [1881]

29, Camp Hill Lane [1896], [1912], [1916]

29, Cramphill Lane

*Thomas Espley* = Thomas Espeley

*Henry Thorp* = Henry Thorpe

*Henry Thorp* was also a provision dealer [1864], [1865]

### 1871 Census

29, Camp Hill Lane – BULLS HEAD

[1] John Peel (67), lodger, bricklayer, born Market Drayton;

[2] NOT KNOWN (55), carpenter, NOT KNOWN:

### **Wednesbury Herald 22/3/1873**

“At a special meeting of the members of the Operative Bricklayers Society, held at the BULLS HEAD INN, the following resolution was unanimously adopted – ‘That an increase of one halfpenny per hour in summer (7½d) and one penny per hour for twelve weeks in winter (8d) for red brick work; also one penny upon furnace work at 1s 6d per hour to be requested.....”

### **Midland Counties Evening Express 7/12/1874**

“Mr. E. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the BULLS HEAD INN, Camp Hill Lane, on the body of John Holland, aged 15, of Union Street, Wednesbury, who was employed at Messrs. James Russell’s Crown Tube Works as a drawer out for tube welding ..... He was drawing out a tube, and one end broke off and caught in the chain which worked by machinery, and the other end caught the deceased on the chest, throwing him over the wheel and fencing, which is 4 feet high. The lad fell head foremost amongst the wheels and was terribly injured. There was a large hole in his head, his thigh, arm and wrist were broken, and he died the same night ..... Accidental Death.”

### **1881 Census**

28-29, Camphill Lane – BULLS HEAD

- [1] *Henry Thorp* (54), widower, innkeeper, born Whitchurch, Buckinghamshire;
- [2] *Mary A. Perry* (28), daughter, house keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Mary A. Perry* (3), granddaughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Julia Willmore* (21), domestic servant, born Worcester:

### **Wednesbury Herald 31/3/1883**

“*Henry Thorpe*, landlord of the BULLS HEAD INN, Camp Hill Lane, was summoned for selling ale during prohibited hours on the 25th inst.

Police-constable Watson stated that he saw a man leave the defendant’s house on the morning in question at half past nine o’clock with a quart bottle of ale in his possession.

Defendant said the ale was supplied by a visitor during his absence. He was very sorry that an offence had been committed in his house.

Mr. Superintendent Holland said defendant had kept the house 21 years, during which period not a single complaint had been made about him.

The Bench said they believed it was by accident that the ale was supplied.

A fine of 5s and costs was imposed.”

### **1911 Census**

Camp Hill Lane

- [1] *George Henry Wearing* (54), manager of hotel, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Georgina Wearing* (52), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Rose Wearing* (21), daughter, assistant, born New Town;
- [4] *Jon Wearing* (15), son, assistant, born New Town:

## BULLS HEAD

Tame Bridge, The Delves, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Holt Brewery Co. Ltd.  
Ansells Ltd.

### LICENSEES

James Rollason [1842]  
James Adams [1845] – [1851]  
Henry Russell [1860] – [1861]  
Samuel Wilks [1864] – [1865]  
James Wilkes [1868] – [1870]  
Leonard Dursley [1871] – [1872]  
James Dursley [1888] – [1892]  
Joseph Parker **(1893 – [ ])**  
Mrs. Sarah Ann Parker [1896]  
Miss Catherine Conlan [1900] – [1912]  
John Taylor [1904] ?  
Thomas Joseph Johnson [1916] – [1921]  
Mrs. Lilian Jones **(1955 – 1961);**  
Edward Goodwin **(1961 – 1963);**  
Albert Frederick Hutton Clewer **(1963 – 1965);**  
George Horace Seaman **(1965 – 1966);**  
Frederick Hutton Clewer **(1966 – 1967);**

### NOTES

An inquest was held here in 1841.

#### 1851 Census

Tame Bridge – BULLS HEAD

- [1] James Adams (63), victualler and farmer of 14 acres, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Elizabeth Adams (63), wife, born Rushall;
- [3] Elizabeth A. Adams (8), granddaughter, visitor, scholar, born Darlaston;
- [4] Matilda Haycock (30), victualler's servant, born Willenhall;
- [5] John Haddick (17), lodger, iron moulder, born Wednesbury:

Leonard Dursley was fined 40s plus costs for being open during prohibited hours, in April 1871.

#### Wednesbury Herald 20/9/1879

“On Thursday morning Mr. E. Hooper, Coroner, held an inquest at the BULLS HEAD INN, Tame Bridge, on the body of a male child, which was discovered in a drain at the Tame Bridge. A boy named Benjamin Bayley stated that as he was walking through some fields he noticed a satchel in the drain by the side of the footpath. He opened it, and found that it contained the dead body of a child wrapped in a handkerchief.

The jury found a verdict, but there was no evidence to show whether the child was born alive or dead.”

### **West Bromwich Weekly News 12/11/1881**

“Mr. E. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest on Wednesday, at the STONE CROSS INN, touching the death of Joseph Martin (28), platelayer, of Birmingham, whose body was found on the London and North Western Railway near Bescott Junction, on Friday night. It appeared that deceased was working the earlier part of Friday with an extra gang, but owing to the wretched weather the men left work and went to the BULLS HEAD INN, Wednesbury. Deceased left to catch a train to Birmingham, and was not seen alive again. His head was completely smashed. The jury returned an Open Verdict.”

### **West Bromwich Weekly News 17/12/1881**

“On Wednesday, an inquest was held before Mr. E. Hooper, at the STONE CROSS INN, relative to the death of James Green (39), living at Newton Road, who met with his death on Saturday, near Bescot Station. The evidence went to show that the deceased had been at work all day on Friday, and on Friday night he was on duty as a fog-signal man. He continued at work all day on Saturday. Shortly before four o'clock in the afternoon he called at the BULLS HEAD INN, Tame Bridge, and had two pints of ale. When there, he complained that he felt ill and giddy. He shortly afterwards left, and was not seen again alive. The body was found the following morning lying in the four foot, horribly mutilated.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased had been Accidentally Killed on the railway, but by what train there was no evidence to show.”

*Joseph Parker* married Mrs. Clarke (widow) on 6th July 1893.

See BIRMINGHAM HOUSE, West Bromwich, and RAILWAY, Oldbury Road, Smethwick.

*John Taylor*, BULLS HEAD, Tame Bridge, The Delves. [1904]

### **1911 Census**

Tame Bridge – BULLS HEAD

[1] *Catherine Conlan* (56), unmarried, publican, born Monaghan, Ireland;

[2] *Joseph Pattison* (40), nephew, barman, born Manchester;

[3] *Mary Southall* (20), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

It closed on 30th January 1967.

## **BUSH**

High Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Joseph Jones [1822] – [1830]  
Samuel Willis [1834]



## **CAPE OF GOOD HOPE**

High Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Joseph Colbeck [1841] – [1842]

## CASTLE

31, Walsall Street (31, Walsall Road) / Windmill Street, (31, Oakeswell End), WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1961]

## LICENSEES

William Hampson [1841] – [1851]

Mrs. Ellen Hampson [1860] – [1861]

Samuel Poulson [1864] – [1872]

James Edwards [1873]

John Knowles [1881]

James Archer [1891] – [1892]

Henry Dighton Millner [1896] – [1904]

Albert Jeffs [1911] – [1912]

Charles Meakin [1916]

Charles Burrows [1921]

Geoff Fletcher [ ] – **1961**);

Ben Wood (**1961 – 1962**);

Sidney Jones (**1962 – 1964**);

Raymond Richard Matthouse (**1964**);

Alan Simcox (**1964 – 1965**);

Dennis Schofield (**1965 – [1966]**)

## NOTES

Oakeswell End [1850], [1860]

31, Walsall Road [1891]

CASTLE TAVERN [1850]

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE [1871]

CASTLE INN [1911]

*William Hampson*, beer retailer, Walsall Street. [1841]

He was married to Ellen.

*Samuel Poulson* = Samuel Poulton

## 1871 Census

31, Oakeswell End – ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

[1] *Samuel Poulson* (38), timekeeper – colliery, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Elizabeth Poulson* (38), wife, born Ribbesford, Worcestershire;

[3] *Frances Harriet Poulson* (11), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[4] *William H. Poulson* (2), son, born Wednesbury;

[5] *Lucy Augusta Poulson* (1), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[6] *Amy Bricknell* (18), general servant, born Abberley, Worcestershire;

[7] *Ellen Davis* (15), general servant, born Wednesbury;

[8] *Joseph Brotherton* (52), boarder, file cutter, born Wednesbury;

### **Wednesbury Herald 11/1/1879**

“On Saturday afternoon, Mr. Edwin Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest at the CASTLE INN, Walsall Street, Wednesbury, on view of the body of Thomas Micklewright, 84 years of age, who, since the death of his wife some months ago, resided with himself at the house number 36, Walsall Road.

Margaret Cresswell, deceased’s daughter in law, was the first witness called, and she stated that when she last saw the deceased alive, about a month ago, he did not complain of illness. In answer to the coroner, witness stated that she had often seen the deceased the worst for drink.

One of the jurymen called attention to the fact, that on passing through the house he noticed an empty bottle marked ‘poison’, and he wished to know if witness knew what the contents had been used for.

Witness said she did not know.

Elizabeth Johnson, a neighbour, stated that on Wednesday morning between twelve and one o’clock, she and another woman saw the deceased in his house, afterwards they went upstairs and found him lying on a bed. They asked him if he was ill, then he said he had pains in his abdomen. They inquired if they might send for a doctor, and asked him other questions, but the only answer they could obtain was ‘Not to night.’ Witness thinking the case an urgent one went to summon the relieving officer. She told this individual the circumstances of the case but he refused to leave his home, assigning as a reason that he was suffering from neuralgia. Answering a question from the coroner, the witness said that the embrocation in the bottle produced was used for a peculiar disease in consequence of which witness declined to attend further to the wants of the man. Before this one of the neighbours provided him with food. William Till, a labourer, said that in consequence of what was said to him by the last witness and others on Thursday morning he procured a ladder for the purpose of looking into the bedroom, the doors of the house being fast. He saw deceased laid on the bed.

Police-constable Reynolds stated that he obtained entrance to the house through the bedroom window. Deceased was in a very dirty condition.

Several of the jurymen had known the deceased personally, and they concurred that he was greatly addicted to drink. After a short conversation they returned a verdict of Found dead in bed, death being accelerated by excessive drinking.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 2/8/1879**

“On Monday afternoon, Edwin Hooper, Esq, district coroner, held an inquiry at the CASTLE INN, Walsall Road, Wednesbury, relative to the death of Roland Clarke, aged one year and seven months (the son of Mr. Charles Clarke, shipping clerk, Walsall Road, who had died from the effects of injuries on the 24th ultimo.

Frances Clarke, aged eight years, said that deceased was her brother. On the 24th inst, at about half past eleven o’clock she saw the deceased crossing the Walsall Road), with the intention, she supposed, of meeting her.

The Coroner: Did he run?

Witness: He could not run; he walked.

The Coroner: Was he deaf?

Witness: No sir; not in the least.

Witness continuing, said the horse and cart was going in the direction of Wood Green. She believed it was one of Mr. Trowe’s carts. When in the centre of the road she saw the deceased go round the horse’s head, and saw the horse knock him down and the wheel on the left hand side go over his head. She shouted at the top of her voice and told the driver to stop, but he went on. He was sitting down, but she could not say as to whether he was asleep. Neither could she say as to whether he had any reins. Witness picked the deceased up, and carried him into the house. She afterwards went for a doctor. The driver of the horse went past her house before he stopped.

Mary Ann Clarke, the mother of the deceased, said, that on the day in question the deceased ran out of the house, and within a minute the last witness carried him into the house. Both sides of his head were seriously injured, and Dr. Blackwood was sent for, and on his arrival he said the boy could not live. She did not see the boy go out, neither did she miss him until she heard her eldest child scream out. A few minutes after the driver of the cart came into the house and said, ‘I have done it; but I did not see the child. I am sure I did not.’

The Coroner: Have you any reason to blame any person?

Witness: Well the driver did not stop when he was shouted at.

William Lind, said he was a carter in the employment of Mr. Trow, builder, and he held the position for about 26 years, during which period he had not run over anyone until the present time. On the day in question he had a light spring trap, and started from the Talbot with 150 bricks to Wood Green. When on the Walsall Road his horse was travelling at the rate of two miles an hour, and when at the works belonging to Mr. Knowles he saw some boys

damaging the crops in the field, and he supposed whilst shouting to them the deceased got under the wheels, he did not hear any one shout, neither did he see the deceased.

The Coroner: Now is it true that you were asleep?

Witness: I never sleep in my business. I am very sorry the accident has happened.

The Coroner said if the statement of the last witness was to be relied upon, the occurrence was a pure accident. If further evidence could, however, be obtained he should be most happy to adjourn the meeting.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental death.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 16/4/1881**

“On Saturday, Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner) held an inquest at the CASTLE INN, Walsall Road, as to the death of Joseph Herbert Wright, aged nine months, the son of Henry and Nancy Wright, of Foley Street, who died suddenly on the 6th inst.

The evidence showed that the deceased was suddenly seized with a fit and died before medical aid could be procured. The Coroner remarked that the parents had evidently taken great care of the child, but he was compelled to hold an inquest owing to no surgeon seeing the deceased previous to death.

A verdict of Died from Natural Causes was returned.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 15/10/1881**

“James Harvey and his wife Mary, residing in the Darlaston Road, were charged with refusing to quit the licensed premises of the CASTLE INN, Walsall Road, on the 1st inst, when required to do so.

The landlord, *John Knowles*, stated that upon returning from the funeral of Sergeant Bates, on the day in question, he found the defendants creating a disturbance and upon requesting them to leave the house, they refused to do so. The defendants were desirous of fighting with a man in the tap room, and he was compelled to remove them.

After a lapse of some time the defendants re-entered the house.

Mr. Stokes: Were they drunk?

Witness: No.

The male defendant: You trusted my wife and another woman with ale amounting to 8s 4d.

Witness: Nothing of the kind. My wife was not likely to trust strangers with ale.

In answer to the Magistrates Clerk witness stated that on the 4th inst, Mrs. Harvey came to the house and charged him with breaking her arm and he informed her that when she left his house there was nothing the matter with her arm.

Other witnesses proved to seeing the defendants create a great disturbance.

The Bench fined the woman 10s and costs. And the man 5s and costs. The woman had been previously convicted.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 12/1/1884**

“Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner) held an inquest at the CASTLE INN, Walsall Road, respecting the death of Eliza Wood (69), who was found dead in bed at her son’s residence in Hide’s Lane, Oakeswell End.

On Sunday night deceased went to bed in apparently good health, and on the following morning she was found dead. It was stated that the deceased had been subject to heart disease, and the jury being of opinion that death was due to the weak action of the heart, they returned a verdict of Died from Natural Causes.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 9/2/1884**

“The Ancient Order of Foresters. The 23rd annual report of Court Parkville, No. 3424, held at the CASTLE INN, Walsall Road, Wednesbury, has just been issued, from which we gather that during the past year the finances have realised a net profit of £52 15s 1d, and the amount paid to sick members £67 3s 0d against £95 3s 0d in 1883.....”

### 1891 Census

31, Walsall Road – CASTLE INN

- [1] *James Archer* (42), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Annie Archer* (37), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Thomas Archer* (15), son, tool maker, born Ladywood, Staffordshire;
- [4] *Alfred Archer* (13), son, scholar, born Handsworth;
- [5] *Charles Archer* (11), son, scholar, born Handsworth;
- [6] *William Archer* (9), son, scholar, born Handsworth;
- [7] *Joseph Archer* (7), son, scholar, born Staffordshire;
- [8] *Richard Archer* (5), son, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *James Archer* (13 months), son, born Wednesbury:

*Henry Millner* - see also DARTMOUTH ARMS and GEORGE. [1904]

### 1911 Census

Walsall Street – CASTLE HOTEL

- [1] *Albert Jeffs* (38), publican, manager, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Harriet Jeffs* (45), wife, married 19 years, assisting in business, born Pattingham, Shropshire;
- [3] *Edith Jeffs* (18), daughter, milliner's assistant, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Kate Jordan* (21), general servant, born Wellington, Shropshire:

### Wednesbury Herald 22/7/1911

“On Thursday, Mr. W. L. Lewis (Deputy Coroner) held an inquest at the CASTLE INN, Walsall Street, Wednesbury, on the body of *William Victor Griffiths* (14), son of Mr. W. Griffiths Senior, Hydes Road, who was drowned under tragic circumstances in the Wednesbury Corporation Baths, on Tuesday evening. The Town Clerk (Mr. T. Jones) and Councillor Sheldon (Chairman of the Baths Committee) were present at the enquiry.

Evidence of identification having been given by the father *William Thomas Griffiths*.

Dr. Crew said he received a message to go to the Corporation Baths at 6.25 on Tuesday evening. He was there in two minutes, and the deceased was then out of the water, and the Baths Superintendent and Mr. Vasey were using artificial means of respiration. This was continued by witness for half an hour, without success. Witness had no doubt but that drowning was the cause of the lad's death, and he did not think a post mortem was necessary. There would have been a better chance of recovery if something else had been the cause of the accident, and if the lad had fainted, had gone into the water insensible. Witness believed deceased had a very hearty meal before entering the bath, and that all made against the efforts to resuscitate him. His opinion was that probably deceased was sitting on the side of the bath, paddling his feet in the water, when his hand slipped and he went in, otherwise he could not understand why deceased should get into the deep water when he could not swim. Deceased's heart had ceased beating when witness arrived, and it was very rarely people came round under such circumstances.

*Harold Bayliss*, son of the Baths Superintendent, spoke to hearing the danger bell, and to fetching the body up from the bottom, after he had taken his clothes and boots off, which only occupied a few seconds. He assisted his father to use artificial means of respiration.

The Baths Superintendent, *William Bayliss*, said he was talking to a gentleman near the baths at the time of the accident. He was fetched, and upon rushing into the first class swimming bath he found that his son had lifted deceased on to the side. Witness had been superintendent at the baths for over twenty years, and this was the first case of drowning there had been there in thirty-three years. There was always someone in attendance on the premises, and when there was a non-swimmer in the baths someone was constantly looking in. If a small boy came into the bath they would not leave him alone, but they considered a lad of fourteen was capable of recognising the danger.

*Enoch Reid*, attendant at the baths, said he saw the deceased about six o'clock, and he was then all right, in the shallow end. Witness said to him ‘My lad, if you can't swim, stop in the same place and you will be all right,’ and deceased made no answer. He again looked into the bath about five minutes later, and deceased was all right; but subsequently, whilst in the second class swimming bath, he heard the alarm bell ring.

Replying to the deputy coroner, witness said the lad was in the bath about fifteen minutes, and during that time he visited him twice.

James Alfred Seedhouse, of the SEVEN STARS INN, Tipton, deposed to discovering the body and to raising an alarm. It was wonderful how quickly the boy was got out, and scarcely a minute elapsed from the time he gave the alarm before the youth Bayliss had got the lad.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and they expressed the opinion that there was no blame attached to anyone.

The deputy coroner concurred, and the Town Clerk and Councillor Sheldon expressed regret at the accident, and their sympathy with the parents in their trouble.”

*Charles Meakin* – see also GEORGE [1916]

Closed

It was demolished c. 1978.



c. 1968

## CHESTNUT TREE

Axeltree Way, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Marstons plc

### LICENSEES

Mark and Jodie Hickman (2012 - [ ]) managers

### NOTES

It was built on the site of J. H. Lloyd

It opened in 2012.

[2014]



2013

## **CHURCH TAVERN**

Hall End, WEDNESBURY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

### **Smethwick Telephone 8/3/1884**

“West Bromwich Police Court. Edward Griffiths (27) of Hall End was summoned for assaulting George Knell, brewer at the CHURCH TAVERN”.

- He was fined 10s and costs or 21 days hard labour.



## CHURCH HILL

27, Church Street, Church Hill, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

John Duce [1834] – [1835]  
William Barratt [1841] – [1851]  
William Henry Knight [1860] – [1870]  
Thomas Lingard [ ] – **1871**;  
John Taylor Duce (**1871** – [1873])  
William Bird [1879] - [1881]  
Charles Jackson [1891]  
Thomas Vincent [1896]

### NOTES

Church Hill [1861]

CHURCH [1834]  
CHURCH HILL TAVERN [1841], [1849], [1850], [1882], [1896]  
CHURCH TAVERN [1851], [1861]  
CHURCH HILL INN [1860], [1881]

It had a beerhouse license.

*John Duce*, beer retailer, Church Street. [1835]

*William Barratt* = William Barritt

### 1841 Census

Church Street

- [1] *William Barratt* (40), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Rebecca Barratt* (30), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Charles Pemberton* (2):

### 1851 Census

Church Street

- [1] *William Barratt* (50), victualler, born Forton, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Rebecca Barratt* (45), wife, born Forton, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Charles E. Brooks* (12), nephew, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *John Sillitor* (60), brother in law, retired blacksmith, born Forton, Staffordshire:

### 1871 Census

27, Church Street

- [1] *Thomas Lingard* (24), publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Martha Lingard* (20), wife, born Windsor, Lancashire;
- [3] *Thomas H. Lingard* (3), son, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Polly E. Lingard* (1), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *William H. Knight* (41), stepfather, clerk, born London;
- [6] *Ann Knight* (46), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Sarah Ann Lingard* (21), sister, born Darlaston;
- [8] *Arthur J. Lingard* (16), brother, boiler tube finisher, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *William H. Knight* (12), step brother, scholar, born Wednesbury:

*John Taylor Duce* was also a wine and spirit merchant of 23, Bridge Street and Market Place, and a gun lock, sight and pistol manufacturer. [1873]

### Wednesbury Herald 5/4/1879

“To be sold by auction, by Mr. E. H. Scholefield ..... on Tuesday 9th day of April ..... Lot 6. A very valuable Freehold Old-Licensed Inn known by the sign of the CHURCH HILL INN, situate in Church Street, Wednesbury, comprising Liquor Vault, Smoke Room, Kitchen, Malt Room, good Cellar, Club Room, Spirit Room, three Bed Rooms, and Outbuildings, now in the occupation of Mr. *William Bird*, at the Annual Rent of £40.”

### 1881 Census

27, Church Hill – CHURCH HILL INN

- [1] *William Bird* (25), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Hannah M. Bird* (27), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Sarah A. Gibbs* (20), domestic servant, born Oxford:

### Wednesbury Herald 28/1/1882

“On Tuesday Mr. E. Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest at the CHURCH HILL TAVERN INN, Wednesbury, touching the death of *Harriet Austin*, aged five years, and whose parents reside at Church Hill, Wednesbury. It appears from the evidence that the deceased, with two other children, who had the measles were left alone in the house by their mother on Saturday, during which time she got to the fire and her clothes became ignited, the result being death.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death. The Coroner ordered the mother to provide a fire preventative in a fortnight, otherwise she would be summonsed.”

### 1891 Census

27, Church Street – CHURCH HILL INN

- [1] *Charles Jackson* (36), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Julia Jackson* (32), wife, born Worcester;
- [3] *Martha Jackson* (3), daughter, born Wednesbury:

### Wednesbury Herald 21/9/1895

“*Benjamin Knowles*, of Earps Lane, was summoned for assaulting *David McGill* (62), of Church Street, but did not appear.

Complainant stated that he went to the CHURCH HILL TAVERN on Saturday evening for a glass of beer. *Knowles* was there, and he sang a song. When he had finished singing he came up to witness and, without any provocation, struck him in the mouth, knocking out three teeth. Defendant said it was for mocking him, but he denied that he had done so. Next day defendant wanted to make it up, but he said he should make an example of him. He was a terror to the neighbourhood. A warrant was issued.”

## COACH AND HORSES

60, (Lower) High Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

John Woodward [1860] – [1865]

Jemima Woodward [1871]

George Hopwood [1872]

Samuel Bennett [1881]

Samuel Dicken [1891]

Walter Russell [1896]

James Bailey [1904]

Leonard Watkins [1911] – [1912]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

#### 1871 Census

Lower High Street

[1] *Jemima Wodward* (39), widow, beerhouse keeper and carter, born Walsall;

[2] Thomas Smith (50), boarder, labourer, carter, born Newtown, Staffordshire;

[3] Thomas Mellor (24), boarder, labourer, carter, born Wednesbury;

[4] George Philips (32), boarder, labourer, carter, born Yardley, Worcestershire;

[5] John Brockley (23), boarder, labourer, carter, born Dadington, Cheshire;

[6] Sarah Brockley (21), boarder, born Aston;

[7] Fanny Oldacre (25), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

*George Hopwood*, beer retailer, 60, Lower High Street. [1872]

#### 1881 Census

60, Lower High Street – COACH AND HORSES beershop

[1] *Samuel Bennett* (49), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;

[2] Emma Bennett (43), wife, born West Bromwich;

[3] Annie Bennett (19), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[4] Frederick Bennett (18), son, carpenter and joiner, born West Bromwich;

[5] Charles Bennett (14), son, born West Bromwich;

[6] Emma Bennett (12), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich:

#### 1891 Census

60, Lower High Street – COACH AND HORSES

[1] *Samuel Dicken* (29), widower, beer retailer, born Tipton;

[2] Eliza Edwards (23), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

*Walter Russell*, beer retailer, 60, Lower High Street. [1896]

*James Bailey*, beer retailer, 60, Lower High Street. [1904]

### 1911 Census

Lower High Street – COACH AND HORSES

- [1] *Leonard Watkins Snr.* (46), baker, born Walsall;
- [2] *Harriett Watkins* (47), wife, married 26 years, born Wolvehampton;
- [3] *Leonard Watkins Jr.* (24), son, baker, born Wolvehampton;
- [4] *W. H. Watkins* (23), son, fitter, born Heath Town;
- [5] *Clara Watkins* (19), daughter, shop assistant, born Heath Town;
- [6] *Polly Shilton* (16), general servant, born Wednesbury:

*Leonard Watkins*, baker, 7, High Street and 36, Trowse Lane, and beer retailer, 60, Lower High Street.  
[1912]

## COACHMAKERS ARMS

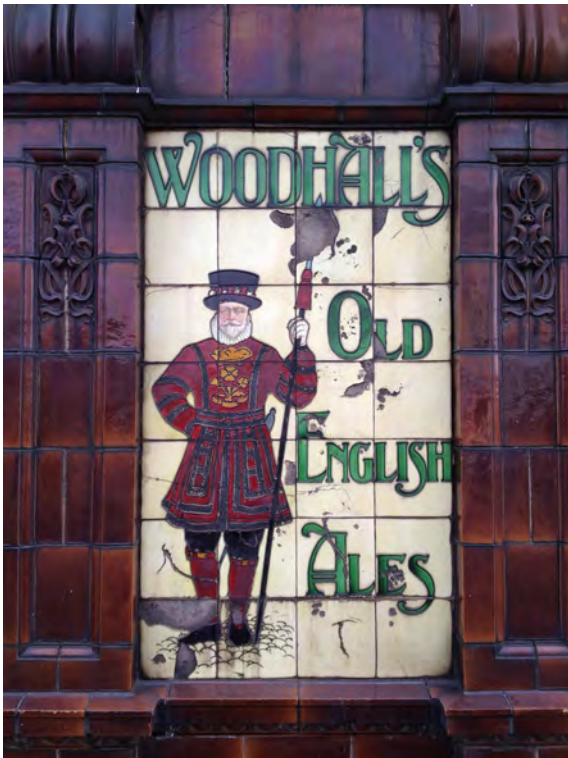
56, (55), Bridge Street / Mounts Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Samuel Woodhall Ltd.  
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd.  
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.  
Refresh

### LICENSEES

Joseph Wheeler [1834] – [1851]  
John Jinks\* [1868] – [1891]  
John Jinks\* [1896]  
Samuel Stevenson [1912]  
Leonard Watkins [1925]  
Albert 'Bert' Ross **(1935 – [1946]**  
Gertrude Lavender Ross\*\* [1961] – [1966]  
Fergie Ross\*\* [pre 1960's] – [1968]  
George Carpenter [1993]  
Mollie Dickens [ ]  
Surjit Kumar Jhim [2008]



1983



1996

## NOTES

55, Bridge Street [1871]

56, Bridge Street [1879]

It was originally the COACH AND HORSES. [1834], [1851]

It had a beerhouse license.

It was known locally as "The Pretty Bricks".

*Joseph Wheeler*, beer retailer, Bridge Street. [1835]

It was renamed COACHMAKERS ARMS.

*John Jinks* = John Jenks

*John Jinks*, beer retailer, Bridge Street. [1868], [1870]

### 1871 Census

55, Bridge Street

- [1] *John Jinks* (29), turner, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Mary Ann Jinks* (28), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Sarah J. Jinks* (8), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *William Jinks* (6), son, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *George Powell* (24), cowman, born Hereford:

*John Jenks*, beer retailer, 56, Bridge Street. [1872]

\* possibly the same person

### Wednesbury Herald 20/12//1879

"To be Sold by Auction by Mr. E. B. Scholefield ..... early in the month of January 1880 .....

Lot 2. A freehold public house numbered 56 in Bridge Street, Wednesbury, with the Cottage in the rear thereof, known as the COACH MAKERS ARMS, now in the occupation of Mr. *John Jinks*, or of his subtenant Mr. Harry Partridge.

The Property is held for the residue of the term of a lease which expires on the 11th day of January 1880. The present rental amounts to £36 10s per annum."

### 1881 Census

56, Bridge Street – COACHMAKERS ARMS beer shop

- [1] *John Jinks* (39), gas fitting maker, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Mary Jinks* (37), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Sarah Jane Jinks* (18), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *William Jinks* (16), son, cripple, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *William Wood* (4), nephew, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Henry Partridge* (30), boarder, iron forger, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Joseph Taylor* (38), boarder, iron forger, born Atherstone:

### 1891 Census

Bridge Street – COACHMAKERS ARMS

- [1] *John Jinks* (49), publican and gas fitting maker, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Mary Jinks* (47), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *William Jinks* (26), son, gas fitting screwdriver, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Jane Dean* (25), general servant, born Wednesbury:

*John Jinks*, manufacturer of gas fittings and beer retailer, 56, Bridge Street. [1896]

*Samuel Stevenson*, beer retailer, 56, Bridge Street. [1912]

**London Gazette 18/12/1925**

“*Watkins, Leonard*, now residing and carrying on business as a Beerhouse Keeper, at the COACHMAKERS ARMS, 56, Bridge Street ..... and lately carrying on business at High Street, Wednesbury aforesaid, as a Baker and Confectioner.”

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division One. [1946]

**Bilston and Willenhall Times 16/3/1946**

“The wedding took place at St Johns Church, Wednesbury, last week of Mr. Albert Victor Gordon Ross, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ross, of the COACHMAKERS ARMS, 56, Bridge Street, Wednesbury, and Miss Pauline Evans, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Evans, of 9, Margaret Street, West Bromwich.....”

\*\* possibly the same person

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Town Darts League. [1970]

[2006]

It was renamed COACHMAKERS.

[2014]



2013

## COMMERCIAL

High Street, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

Simeon Constable [1841] – [1842]

## NOTES

### 1841 Census

High Street and Market Place

[1] *Simeon Constable* (45), innkeeper, born Staffordshire;

[2] S. C. Constable (29), wife;

[3] Martha Constable (16), born Staffordshire;

[4] Elizabeth Constable (3), born Staffordshire;

[5] Philip Constable (20), born Staffordshire;

[6] Hillary Nickolds (20), fs, born Staffordshire;

[7] Betsy Nickolds (25), fs, born Staffordshire;

[8] Eliza Wilcox (22), fs, born Staffordshire;

[9] Emma Wilcox (14), fs, born Staffordshire:



## CORONATION

2, Friar Park Road / Crankhall Lane, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.  
Ansells Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Cyril Ernest Hughes [1961] – [1966]  
Ken Horobin [1982] – [1983]

### NOTES

It opened in 1937.

It closed in 1994.

It was demolished c. 1997.

A discount food store was built on the site.



c. 1986

## COTTAGE

32, (33), Woodgreen Road / Hobbs Road, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.  
Punch Taverns

## LICENSEES

James Turner [1834]  
William K Townsend [1900] – [1901]  
David Townend [1904]  
William K Townsend [1912] – [1916]  
James Bagby [1921]  
Mary Ellen Murray [1961] – **1964**;  
Edith Maud Ellen Millington (**1964** – [1966])  
John Holden (**1974** – **1996**)



## NOTES

It was originally Wood Green Farm.

It was originally known as the WOODGREEN COTTAGE. [1834], [1900], [1904], [1912], [1916], [1921]

It had a beerhouse license.

### Wednesbury Herald 18/10/1879

“Two young men named John Forrest and Joseph Jewkes, were charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the COTTAGE INN, Wood Green, when requested to do so.

On the 4th inst the defendants went into the house when in a drunken state and commenced to fight, and on being requested to leave the house they refused to do so.

The Bench fined each of the defendants 10s and costs, or in default 21 days’ imprisonment.”

It was the headquarters of the Wednesbury Wood Green Cycle Club (f. 1897). [1905]

William K. Townsend, beerhouse keeper, WOOD GREEN COTTAGE. [1900]

### 1901 Census

Wood Green Road – COTTAGE INN

- [1] William K. Townend (34), blacksmith, tubes, born Wednesbury;
- [2] Louisa Townend (31), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Louie Townend (7), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Florence S. Townend (4), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] Sebia L. Townend (3), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] William K. Townend (9 months), son, born Wednesbury;
- [7] Lois Townend (22), sister, born Wednesbury;
- [8] David Townend (20), brother, carpenter, born Wednesbury;

Permission for a small alteration to the off license was granted on 5th February 1965.

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Social Dominoes League. [1970]

A team from here took part in the Wolverhampton Air Rifle League. [1970's]

*John Holden* married *Carole* (born West Bromwich, 1943) (split up 1978).  
Check also STORK, Tipton.

[2008]

Closed [2009], [2014]



Beermat



1986



2008

## **COTTAGE OF CONTENT**

New Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Joseph Wilson [1834]

## COTTAGE SPRING

Bilston Road (26, Old Bilston Road) / Darlaston Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Thomas Oliver Ltd.  
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1961]

### LICENSEES

John Evans [1871]  
William Jackson [1881]  
William Beddows [1911]  
James Henry Smith [ ] - **1961**):

### NOTES

#### 1871 Census

Bilston Road – COTTAGE SPRING

- [1] *John Evans* (43), publican / beer shop, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Prudence Evans* (40), wife, born Wednesbury;

#### 1881 Census

26, Old Bilston Road – COTTAGE SPRING

- [1] *William Jackson* (48), furnace man, born Burton, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Ann Jackson* (45), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Charlotte Dunkoffe* (20), domestic servant, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Joseph Taylor* (70), grandfather, miner unemployed, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Harry Reynolds* (12), nephew, born Wednesbury;

#### Wednesbury Herald 12/8/1911

“John Gordon of Hydes Road, was fined 10s and costs for refusing to quit the premises of the COTTAGE SPRING INN, Bilston Road, when requested to do so by the landlord, *William Beddows*, on the 2nd inst.”

#### The Midland Advertiser 8/3/1930

“The Street Improvement and Building Committee stated in its report that the owners of the COTTAGE SPRING INN were prepared to dedicate an area of 30¼ square yards for highway purposes, free of charge, in connection with their alterations to the inn.”

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on 10th March 1961.  
It was closed on 31st December 1961 on the grounds of redundancy.  
Demolished

## COTTAGE SPRING

106, (50), Franchise Street, Fallings Heath, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Henry Beesley, brewer (acquired on 15th November 1902)  
Mrs. Ada Blakemore, widow (she was later Ada Challinor) (acquired on 29th January 1903 for £500)  
Marston, Thompson and Evershed (acquired in 1905 for £1200)  
J. & J. Yardley (acquired in 1909 for £950)  
Highgate Brewery Ltd. (acquired in 1919 for £1025)  
Atkinsons Ltd. (acquired in 1940)  
Robert and Leslie Whitehall (exors. of William Whitehall) [1961]  
R. L. & H. Whitehall  
Holdens Brewery (leased 1964 to 1966)  
Holdens Brewery (acquired on 24th March 1966) [2012]

### LICENSEES

Thomas Smith [1891]  
Job Smith [1896] – [1904]  
Adah Blackmore [1904]  
William Whitehouse [1907]  
Harry Turner [1961] – **1965**;  
James Kempson (**1965** – [1966])  
John Banks [1983]  
Leslie Barrows (**1986 – 1988**)  
John Myatt [1992]  
Raymond 'Ray' Edward Johnson (**1997** – [2007])

### NOTES

50, Franchise Street [1900]  
106, Franchise Street [2002]

It was a home brew house.

It had a beerhouse license.

#### 1891 Census

49+50, Franchise Street

- [1] *Thomas Smith* (68), widower, lock filer and publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Job Smith* (29), moulder, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Emma Smith* (28), wife, born Darlaston;
- [4] *Mary A. Smith* (1), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Thomas Smith* (6 months), son, born Wednesbury:

*Job Smith*, beer retailer, 50, Franchise Street, Kings Hill. [1896]

*Adah Blackmore*, beer retailer, 50, Franchise Street. [1904]  
*Job Smith*, beer retailer, 50, Franchise Street, Kings Hill. [1904]  
[Both appear in the same directory.]

License renewal, to *Leslie Barrows* was refused in 1988, after police found him serving after hours, three times.  
There was an appeal in June 1988.

*Ray Johnson* was married to Janet.

[2014]



c. 1980s



2007



1999



2014

## **COTTAGE SPRING**

Trouse Lane, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Elizabeth Hyde [1834] – [1835]

### NOTES

*Elizabeth Hyde*, beer retailer, Trouse Lane. [1835]



## CROFT

Hydes Road, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

Everards Brewery Ltd. (acquired in 2003) [2010]

## LICENSEES

Alice Dolman [1961] - **1962**;

John Moseley **(1962** - [1966]

## NOTES

[2014]



2014

## CROSS GUNS

34, (11), Bilston Road, (Old Bilston Road), (Old Road), Wednesbury Field, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1961]  
Enterprise Inns [1990's]  
Brennan Inns [2008]

### LICENSEES

Richard Ashmore [1834] – [1845]  
John Ashmore [1849] – [1851]  
Thomas Brittain [1860] – [1873]  
George Peace [ ] – **1881**;  
Mrs. Phoebe Peace **(1881)** – [1900]  
John Lacey [1904] – [1921]  
Alice (Dolan) Flaherty [1961] – [1966]  
R W Harris [1983]  
Sue Tolley **(2002)** – [ ]



1997

### NOTES

Old Road [1841], [1842], [1850]  
Bilston Road [1868]  
11, Bilston Road [1871], [1872], [1873], [1881], [1891], [1996]  
34, Bilston Road [1990], [2002]

*Richard Ashmore*, retailer of beer, Wednesbury Field. [1835]  
He was also a gunlock maker. [1845]

#### 1841 Census

Bilston Road  
[1] *Richard Ashmore* (55), victualler, born Staffordshire;  
[2] *Ann Ashmore* (55), born Staffordshire;  
[3] *Ann Chal\_\_\_\_\_* (15), fs, born Staffordshire:

#### 1851 Census

Bilston Road  
[1] *John Ashmore* (35), victualler, born Wednesbury;  
[2] *Elizabeth Ashmore* (35), wife, born Darlaston:

#### 1861 Census

Bilston Road – CROSS GUNS  
[1] *Thomas Brittain* (53), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;  
[2] *Mary Ann Brittain* (57), wife, born Walsall;  
[3] *Hannah Huskinson* (12), visitor, born Walsall;  
[4] *Mary Ann Foster* (30), general servant, born Birmingham:

### 1871 Census

11, Bilston Road – CROSS GUNS INN

- [1] *Thomas Brittain* (63), widower, licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Mary Foster* (39), general servant, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Ann Huskinson* (22), general servant, born Walsall:

### 1881 Census

11, Bilston Road – CROSS GUNS

- [1] *Phoebe Peace* (37), widow, publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Ann Shenston* (65), mother, widow, born Tipton;
- [3] *James Richardson* (15), nephew, axle turner, born West Bromwich:

### 1891 Census

11, Bilston Road – CROSS GUNS INN

- [1] *Phoebe Peace* (40), widow, publican, born Great Bridge;
- [2] *James Richardson* (25), nephew, iron turner, born Great Bridge;
- [3] *Elizabeth Richardson* (20), niece, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *George Richardson* (1), grandson, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Ann Shenston* (71), mother, living on her own means, born Great Bridge:



Token

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury and District Air Gun League. [1909]

### 1911 Census

Bilston Road

- [1] *John Lacey* (56), brewer and retailer of beer, born County Wexford, Ireland;
- [2] *Margret Lacey* (45), wife, married 12 years, assisting in business, born County Carlow, Ireland;
- [3] *Margaret Lacey* (9), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Agnes Mary Lacey* (8), daughter, school, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Kathleen W. Lacey* (4), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *James Lacey* (25), son, assisting in business, born Bilston;
- [7] *Frank J. Lacey* (18), son, assisting in business, born Wednesbury:

*John Lacey* was a committee member of Wednesbury and District Friendly and Protection Society.

*Alice Dolan* married *Mr. Flaherty*.

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Social Cribbage League. [1970]

It closed in 2001.

It reopened and was renamed THE ROOST in 2002, after refurbishment.

*Sue Tolley* was married to *Aub*.

[2014]



2014

## CROSS KEYS

5, Earps Lane, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

John Clarke [ ] - **1871**);  
William Edwards (**1871 - 1872**);  
Isaac Causer (**1872 - [ ]**)  
George Garmston [1881] - [1896]  
William E Smith [1904]  
Mrs. Mary Gorton [1911] - [1912]

## NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Isaac Causer*, beer retailer, Earps Lane. [1872]

*George Garmston* = George Garmstone

### 1881 Census

5, Earps Lane – CROSS KEYS

[1] *George Garmston* (36), unmarried, retail brewer, born Brewood, Staffordshire;  
[2] *Sarah Garmston* (63), mother, house keeper, born Brewood, Staffordshire:

*George Garmstone*, beerhouse keeper, 5, Earps Lane. [1888]

### 1891 Census

5, Earps Lane – CROSS KEYS

[1] *George Garmston* (46), unmarried, beerhouse keeper, born Brewood, Staffordshire;  
[2] *Sarah Garmston* (73), mother, widow, born Brewood, Staffordshire:

*George Garmston* was described as a beer retailer of 5, Earps Lane. [1896]

*William E. Smith*, beer retailer, 5, Earps Lane. [1904]

### 1911 Census

5, Earps Lane

[1] *Thomas Gorton* (53), coal miner, stall man, born Hill Top;  
[2] *Mary Gorton* (54), wife, married 32 years, manageress public house, born Bilston:

*Miss Mary Gorton*, beer retailer, 5, Earps Lane. [1912]

## CROWN

90, Albert Street, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

George Sillitoe [ ] - **1867**;  
Henry Welch [1870] - **1871**;  
Frances Long (**1871** - [ ]  
William Lester [1871]  
George Lester [1872] ?  
Louisa Lester [1881]  
Thomas Haycock [1888] - [1891]  
Charles Bassett [1896] - [1904]  
Samuel Jones [1912]  
W S Shorthouse [1934]

## NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

OLD CROWN [1871]

*Henry Welch*, beer retailer, Albert Street [1870]

### 1871 Census

90, Albert Street – The CROWN

- [1] *William Lester* (39), engineer, born Rowley;
- [2] *Louisa Lester* (39), wife, born South Wales;
- [3] *William Lester* (11), son, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Elizabeth Lester* (8), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Isaiah Lester* (5), son, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Enoch Sillitoe* (19), stepson, engine driver, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Thomas Sillitoe* (17), stepson, engine driver, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Rosanna Sillitoe* (16), stepdaughter, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Mary Sillitoe* (14), stepdaughter, born Wednesbury;
- [10] *Joshua Sillitoe* (10), stepson, born Wednesbury;
- [11] *Phoebe Sillitoe* (7), stepdaughter, born Wednesbury;

*George Lester*, beer retailer, 90, Albert Street. [1872]

### Public Notices.

GEORGE SILLITOE, DECEASED.

ALL PERSONS having any Claims or Demands against the Estate of George Sillitoe, late of The Crown Inn, Albert Street, Wednesbury, Staffordshire, Publican, Deceased, (who died on the 5th January, 1867) are requested, on or before the 27th of May next, to send particulars of their Claims and Demands to Mr. Thomas Sillitoe, of the Star Inn, Woodgreen, Wednesbury, aforesaid, Beer House Keeper, the surviving Executor of the Will of the said George Sillitoe.

Dated this 17th day of April, 1882,

THURSFIELD & MESSITER,

Solicitors for the said Thomas Sillitoe.

Advert 1882

### 1881 Census

90, Albert Street

- [1] *Louisa Lester* (49), widow, publican, born Llanelli, Brecknockshire;
- [2] *Joshua Sillitoe* (20), son, engine tender, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Phebe J. Sillitoe* (17), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Enoch Sillitoe* (29), stepson, widower, hammer driver in iron works, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Mary Sillitoe* (24), stepdaughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *George Sillitoe* (8), grandson, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *John Thomas Sillitoe* (6), grandson, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *William Lester* (21), stepson, engine tender, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Isaiah Lester* (16), stepson, engine cleaner (factory labourer), born Wednesbury;
- [10] *Emma Cleaver* (16), domestic servant, born Wednesbury;

### Wednesbury Herald 29/4/1882

“All Persons having any Claim or Demands against the Estate of *George Sillitoe*, late of the CROWN INN, Albert Street, Wednesbury, Staffordshire, Publican, Deceased, (who died on the 5th January 1867) are requested, on or before, the 27th May next, to send particulars of their Claims and Demands to Mr. *Thomas Sillitoe*, of the STAR INN, Woodgreen, Wednesbury, aforesaid, Beerhouse Keeper, the surviving Executor of the Will of the said *George Sillitoe*.....”

*Thomas Haycock*, beer retailer, 90, Albert Street. [1888]

### 1891 Census

90, Albert Street – CROWN INN

- [1] *Thomas Haycock* (59), publican, born Rugeley, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Hannah Haycock* (23), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Hannah Haycock* (2), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Amy Eagles* (17), domestic servant, born Wednesbury;

*Charles Bassett*, beer retailer, 90, Albert Street. [1896], [1904]

### 1901 Census

90, Albert Street

- [1] *Charles Bassett* (35), publican, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Ida Bassett* (33), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Ada Bassett* (8), daughter, born Darlaston;
- [4] *Eva Bassett* (9), daughter, born Darlaston;
- [5] *Connie Bassett* (4), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *J. Bernard Bassett* (6 months), son, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Kate Bond* (19), domestic servant, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Miriam Bassett* (72), visitor, widow, born Darlaston;

*Samuel Jones*, beer retailer, 90, Albert Street. [1912]

*W. Shorthouse* issued tokens from here.



Token

## **CROWN**

Crankhall Lane, WEDNESBURY

## **OWNERS**

Wilson Lloyd, Wood Green, Wednesbury

## **LICENSEES**

Benjamin Tranter [1881]

## **NOTES**

### **1881 Census**

Crankhall Lane – The CROWN

- [1] *Benjamin Tranter* (50), engineer, born Princes End;
- [2] *Matilda Tranter* (50), wife, born Great Bridge;
- [3] *Jeremiah Tranter* (24), son, patternmaker, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Alice Tranter* (23), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *William Tranter* (76), father, widower, fitter, born Shropshire:

### **Wednesbury Herald 13/8/1881**

“To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Wednesbury, and to the Superintendent of Police of the district of Wednesbury, in the West Bromwich, Wednesbury and Walsall Division, in the County of Stafford.

I, *Benjamin Tranter*, now residing at Crankhall Lane ..... Fitter ..... Do Hereby Give Notice that it is my intention to apply at the General Annual Licensing Meeting to be holden at West Bromwich ..... on the 24th day of August, 1881 for a License to hold an Excise License, to sell by retail, at a house situate at Crankhall Lane ..... Beer, to be consumed either on or off the premises ..... which premises Wilson Lloyd, of Wood Green, Wednesbury, is the owner and of whom I rent them, and which premises are now occupied by myself, as a house licensed for the sale of Beer to be consumed off the premises, under the sign of the CROWN.”

## CROWN AND CUSHION

36, (35+36), High Bullen, (Dudley Street), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Benjamin Hawkins [1868] – [1873]  
Joseph Fairbank [1881]  
Samuel Tait [1883]  
Thomas Russell [1892]  
G H Beardsmore [1892] manager?  
Thomas Griffiths **(1894 – 1899)**  
Mrs. Sarah Ann Beardmore [1896]  
Thomas Noon [1900]  
Herbert E Kent [1901] – [1904]  
Harry Ford [1912]  
Alfred Merrick [1916]  
Mrs. Ellen Merrick [1921]

### NOTES

35+36, High Bullen [1881]  
36, High Bullen [1871], [1896], [1904], [1912]

#### 1871 Census

36, High Bullen  
[1] Benjamin Hawkins (53), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;  
[2] Catherine Hawkins (55), wife, born Wednesbury;  
[3] Ellen Marriot (22), general servant, born Wednesbury;  
[4] Mary Hill (19), general servant, born Wednesbury:

#### 1881 Census

35 and 36, High Bullen – CROWN AND CUSHION public house  
[1] Joseph Fairbank (49), innkeeper, born Derby;  
[2] E. Fairbank (40), wife, born Oswestry;  
[3] Arthur Fairbank (22), son, visitor to house, born Ironbridge;  
[4] Joseph Fairbank (12), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;  
[5] Samuel Fairbank (1), son, born Wolverhampton;  
[6] Veneis (?) Fairbank (16), daughter, innkeeper's assistant, born Llanaber (?);  
[7] Catherine Pool (19), general servant, born Wednesbury:



### **Wednesbury Herald 26/5/1883**

“*Samuel Tait*, landlord of the CROWN AND CUSHION, High Bullen, was charged with keeping open his house during prohibited hours.

Mr. Sheldon appeared for the defendant.

On Sunday morning, the 13th inst, about eleven o’clock, Police-sergeant Upton and Police-constable Nolan watched the defendant’s house, and saw several people enter the house by the back door in Union Street. Among those who entered and came out of the house was a lodging house keeper, named Morley, who lived near, and under whose coat Upton found a tin bottle full of fresh drawn ale.

The defence was that the ale was purchased from a neighbouring public house on the previous (Saturday) evening. Defendant, his wife, and another witness, each swore that no ale was supplied to anyone on defendant’s premises that (Sunday) morning.

The Bench said they could not give credence to the statement for the defence, and fined defendant 10s and costs, but the license would not be endorsed.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 23/1/1892**

“The annual dinner of the employees of the Great Western Railway was held on Monday evening at the CROWN AND CUSHION, High Bullen. A capital spread was provided by the host (Mr. G. H. Beardsmore). After dinner a smoking concert was held, presided over by Mr. Herring (Station Master), Mr. Yoxall being in the vice chair.....”

### **Wednesbury Herald 28/9/1895**

“On Wednesday evening a meeting was held at the CROWN AND CUSHION INN, High Bullen, for the purpose of presenting medals to the players of the Wednesbury Excelsior Football Club. Mr. E. Martin Scott occupied the chair. The Chairman expressed a wish that the club would work together and that they would get on as successfully in the future as they had in the past, and as he understood that the team would enter into some league in connection with the association next year, he hoped they would make the most of the present season, and trusted that next year he should see them connected with the Wednesbury Charity Football Association – (hear, hear)

As the Excelsior was the only junior team of note in the district he thought that they would in any league meet teams of a better class and thereby improve their position and also regain the good reputation that Wednesbury had some years ago in the football world.....”

### **Edinburgh Gazette 22/12/1899**

“*Thomas Griffiths*, lately residing and carrying on business at the CROWN AND CUSHION, Dudley Street, Wednesbury ..... licensed victualler, now out of business.”

### **Dudley Herald 13/1/1900**

“Receiving Order granted to Walsall Bankruptcy Court against *Thomas Griffiths* now living in Dudley Street, Brierley Hill. *Thomas Griffiths* commenced business as a butcher in Wednesbury (1862) ..... then worked as a labourer and stock taker at various works in Wednesbury from 1864 to 1894. In 1894 he became licensee of the CROWN AND CUSHION ..... continued until November last when he sold the lease, license etc.”

### **1901 Census**

High Bullen – CROWN AND CUSHION

[1] *Herbert E. Kent* (35), licensed victualler, born Wilmslow, Cheshire;

[2] *Emma Kent* (38), wife, born Shebdon, Shropshire;

[3] *Kate Yarnall* (21), barmaid, born Chasetown, Staffordshire;

[4] *Clara Warwick* (20), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury and District Air Gun League. [1909]

## **CUCKOO TAVERN**

WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Alfred Moses Dabbs [ ]

## DARTMOUTH ARMS

172, Holyhead Road, (New Road) / Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

### LICENSEES

John Parton [1834] – [1845]  
Charles Clarkson [1849] – [1850]  
Charles Bill [1851] – [1865]  
George Street [1868] – [1870]  
James Birch [1871] – [1873]  
Henry Dighton Millner [1881] – [1904]  
Mary Milner [1901]  
Henry Millner [1911] – [1921]  
Thomas Croft [ ] – **1961**

### NOTES

New Road [1835], [1841], [1842]  
172, Holyhead Road [1871]  
Dudley Street [1881]

DARTMOUTH COMMERCIAL HOTEL [1864], [1865]  
DARTMOUTH ARMS HOTEL [1868], [1869], [1870]  
DARTMOUTH HOTEL [1871], [1872], [1880]

It was known locally as the "Bottom Wrexham".

Posting house [1851], [1868], [1870]

Inland Revenue Office [1860], [1868], [1870], [1873]

*John Parton* was also a maltster. [1845]

### 1851 Census

Holyhead Road

- [1] *Charles Bill* (40), victualler, pawnbroker employing 1 woman, born Coseley;
- [2] *Mary Bill* (34), wife, born Southam, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Mary Bill* (12), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *Elizabeth Bill* (6), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Frederick Bill* (5), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Charles H. Bill* (3), son, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Thomas Bill* (1), son, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Mary Massey* (38), pawnbroker's assistant, born Chilmarsh, Shropshire;
- [9] *Harriet Bond* (21), nurse, born Southam, Warwickshire;
- [10] *Elizabeth Edge* (16), house maid, born Wednesbury;

*Charles Bill* was also licensed to let horses. [1861]

### 1861 Census

Holyhead Road – DARTMOUTH ARMS

- [1] *Charles Bill* (50), innkeeper and pawnbroker, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Bill* (44), wife, born Southam, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Elizabeth Bill* (16), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Frederic Bill* (15), son, solicitor's outside clerk, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Kate Bill* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Ann Bill* (6), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Frank Bill* (5), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Alfred E. Bill* (1), son, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Mary Massey* (47), pawnbroker's assistant, born Chelmarsh, Shropshire;
- [10] *Caroline Griffiths* (22), nurse, born Lewis, Shropshire;
- [11] *Mary Ann Bray* (19), waitress, born Birmingham;
- [12] *Sophia Lowe* (20), chambermaid, born Wednesbury;
- [13] *Diana Fellowes* (26), cook, born Wednesbury;
- [14] *Henry Moulson* (35), lodger, commercial traveller (edge tools), born Sheffield:

The first anniversary of the Wednesbury and District Licensed Victuallers Friendly and Protection Society was celebrated here in June 1868.

### Dudley Herald 26/6/1869

“Second anniversary of Wednesbury and District Licensed Victuallers Friendly and Protection Society was held on Thursday evening at Mr. *George Street's* DARTMOUTH ARMS HOTEL.....”

*George Street* was also a car proprietor. [1868], [1870]

### 1871 Census

72, Holyhead Road – DARTMOUTH HOTEL

- [1] *James Birch* (33), licensed victualler, born Sutton Coldfield;
- [2] *Mary Ann Birch* (32), wife, born Sutton Coldfield;
- [3] *Henry James Birch* (2), son, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Emma Birch* (11 months), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Emma Birch* (25), sister, barmaid, born Sutton Coldfield;
- [6] *Elizabeth Eliza Tandy* (24), waitress, born Walsall;
- [7] *Sarah Ann Lloyd* (30), cook, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] *Mary Ann Grove* (24), chambermaid, born Oldbury;
- [9] *Sarah Bailey* (16), general servant, born Darlaston;
- [10] *Mary Church* (15), nursemaid, born Sedgley;
- [11] *Francis Wiltshire* (20), boarder, attorney's general clerk, born Abingdon:

*James Birch*, DARTMOUTH ARMS commercial hotel and posting house, wine and spirit merchant, car and coach proprietor, inland revenue office (2 minutes walk from the Railway Stations), Holyhead Road.  
[1872]

### Wednesbury Herald 22/5/1880

“On Saturday afternoon Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner) held an inquest at the DARTMOUTH HOTEL, Holyhead Road, relative to the death of a married woman named Ann Bird (45), residing in Albert Street.

Phillip Bird, the husband of the deceased, said that during the past six or seven years the deceased had frequently been unwell, and on Sunday morning she was suddenly worse, but was able to attend to her household duties. On Tuesday morning she became unconscious, and he sent for Dr. Blackwood, who attended her. He was quite sure that she had not taken laudanum, neither had he ever seen any laudanum in the house.

Dr. Blackwood said he had known the deceased for several years in consequence of having to attend her at times for chronic bronchitis. She also had at times nervous fits. On Tuesday morning he attended the deceased, and she being insensible he asked the husband if she had been taking laudanum, and he said no. He endeavoured to restore consciousness by various means, but was unable to do so, and the deceased expired on the following morning. He examined the eyes, and there appeared to be severe pressure on the brain, which had been caused by apoplexy. Under the whole of the circumstances he considered it his duty to refuse giving a certificate so that an inquiry might be held.

The Coroner said that Dr. Blackwood had acted quite right in the case.

The jury did not think it desirable for a post mortem examination to be made, and returned a verdict of Died from natural causes.”

### 1881 Census

Dudley Street – DARTMOUTH ARMS

- [1] *Henry D. Millner* (29), licensed victualler, born, Parish Relief, Lancashire;
- [2] *Mary Millner* (28), wife, born St. Helens;
- [3] *Ellen Millner* (5), daughter, born St. Helens;
- [4] *William Millner* (3), son, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Mary Millner* (1), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *John L. Millner*, (3 months), son, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Richard Farrell* (24), barman, born Birmingham;
- [8] *Samuel Goodman* (20), billiard marker, born Welton, Northamptonshire;
- [9] *Matilda Crotore* (?) (17), general servant, born Wednesbury:

### 1891 Census

Holyhead Road – DARTMOUTH HOTEL

- [1] *Henry D. Millner* (39), licensed victualler, born Nether Kellet, Lancashire;
- [2] *Mary Millner* (38), wife, born St. Helens;
- [3] *Ellen Millner* (16), daughter, born St. Helens;
- [4] *William Millner* (13), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Mary Millner* (11), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *John Millner* (10), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Henry Millner* (8), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Jane Millner* (6), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Margaret Millner* (4), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [10] *Elizabeth Littler* (23), sister in law, born St. Helens;
- [11] *Alfred Purcell* (21), boarder, barman, born Bushbury;
- [12] *Walter Jasper* (15), boarder, barman, born Walsall:

### Wednesbury Herald 8/6/1895

“On Thursday afternoon, Mr. Edwin Hooper, district coroner, held an enquiry at the DARTMOUTH HOTEL into the circumstances attending the death of Gertrude, the three year old daughter of Thomas Teague, of 32, Dudley Street, who succumbed on Tuesday morning to the effects of partial suffocation which took place on Sunday night. Thomas Teague was the first witness, and having given the necessary evidence of identification, he said that he went on Whit Sunday evening at about half past seven o'clock to spend a few hours at the house of his mother in law at Oxford Street, New Town. His wife followed him an hour later, bringing the baby with her. She had put two children – Thomas (6), and Gertrude (3) to bed, and had left an elder daughter, Dora (9), in charge of the house. Some time afterwards Dora put in an appearance at her grandma's, having locked the door and followed her mother. She said she had left the children all right. They had never been left by themselves in the house before, and he believed Dora was instructed by her mother not to leave the house on this occasion. At about ten o'clock someone called and told him that his house was on fire. He hurried home and found that the door had been burst open and the children taken into a neighbour's house. There was a fire on the stairs. The little girl seemed very poorly, not being able to get her breath. She had previously suffered from bronchitis. Thomas also had difficulty in breathing. He sent for Dr. Garman, who was in attendance by half past ten o'clock. He gave them brandy. He came again on Monday. Gertrude died the following morning, and when he informed the doctor he advised him to take Thomas to the hospital. This he had done, however, on the previous night. He was now getting better. He had had six children, of whom three were now alive.

Elizabeth Teague, mother of the deceased child, said that when she had put the children to bed and was ready to follow her husband she put two matches by the side of the lamp on the table and told Dora to light the lamp when it grew dark. She had previously lit the lamp on many occasions. She told Dora she could come down to her grandma's later in the evening if she liked, and she asked her sister in law, Mrs. Goode, who lives next door, to listen and see that all was right with the children. The fire on the stairs partially consumed a pair of stockings and some underclothing belonging to her husband. She asked Dora how she lit the lamp and she replied that one match went out and she threw it away. She lit the lamp with the second one. She told the doctor on Sunday night about the fire, and he said the smoke had got down the children's throats. She was a member of a death club.

Elizabeth Goode, the neighbour referred to, said Mrs. Teague asked her to keep an eye on Dora, but said nothing about the children in bed. Just after ten o'clock she smelled smoke in Teague's house, and, having called her husband, she burst open the door. They rushed in. She picked up the lamp, which was alight on the table, and made for the stairs, but the smoke was so thick that she could not pass through it. Her husband then went upstairs and brought the children down. Some clothes on the stairs were smouldering, but the fire was soon put out. She had never known the Teagues leave the children unattended before.

Thomas Goode, husband of the last witness, said that when he got into the bedroom Gertrude was lying on her back and Thomas had turned over on to his face, and was groaning. He at once conveyed them into the house of a neighbour named Burcott.

Dora Teague, who was not sworn, said her mamma told her to follow her to New Town. She lit the lamp at 9.30, and threw the matches into the empty grate. She did not go near the stairs and had no idea how the fire originated. Her mamma told her aunt to look after the children while she was away.

Police constable Maddock said he had not been able to ascertain the cause of the fire, and he did not think an adjournment for the purpose would have any satisfactory result. The police had no suspicion of foul play.

The Coroner said he did not see how the origin of the fire could be discovered, neither did he suspect foul play. It was wrong, however, of the parents to leave the children in charge of a girl nine years of age, with permission to go out if she liked. The only wonder was that both the children were not suffocated. He was sorry to say he could not place much reliance on that portion of the mother's evidence relating to her alleged request to Mrs. Goode.

Mr. E. Grainger, Mr. A. S. Hollingsworth, and other jurymen said they knew the Teagues for a very respectable couple, and they did not think for a moment that the woman had intentionally misled them.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Henry Millner was also of the CASTLE and GEORGE. [1896], [1900], [1904]

### 1901 Census

172, Holyhead Road – The DARTMOUTH TAVERN

- [1] Mary Milner (48), widow, licensed victualler, born St. Helens;
- [2] Ellen Milner (25), daughter, born St. Helens;
- [3] William Milner (23), son, architect and surveyor, born Wednesbury;
- [4] John L. Milner (20), son, butcher, born Wednesbury;
- [5] Henry Milner (18), son, pupil architect and surveyor, born Wednesbury;
- [6] Jane Milner (16), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [7] Dorothy Milner (22), niece, born Hallor, Lancashire;
- [8] Henry Armstrong (10), nephew, born St. Helens:

### 1911 Census

Holyhead Road – DARTMOUTH ARMS

- [1] Mary Millner (58), widow, born St. Helens;
- [2] Mary Millner (31), daughter, head teacher, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Henry Millner (28), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Jane Millner (26), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] Margaret Millner (24), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] Lilian Armstrong (24), niece, sick nurse, Board of Guardians, born St. Helens:

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division Two. [1946]

Thomas Croft was married to Eliza.  
They retired in 1961.

Closed  
It was demolished in March / April, 1963.

## **DOG AND DUCK**

Dudley Street, (Dudley Road), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Henry Pitt [1818]  
Enoch Partridge [1828]  
Henry Pitt Jnr. [1830]

### NOTES

Dudley Road [1828]  
Dudley Street [1830]



## **DOG AND DUCK**

New Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Benjamin Hackwood [1834] – [1841]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Benjamin Hackwood*, beer retailer, New Street. [1835], [1841]

## DOG AND PARTRIDGE

16, (24), Ridding Lane / Addison Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd. [1961], [1967]

### LICENSEES

George Hackett [1868] – [1872]  
Sarah Knowles [1881] – [1891]  
William Blakemore [ ] – **1899**;  
Ada Blakemore (**1899** – [ ]  
William Blakemore [1904]  
Alfred Blakemore [1908] – **1912**)  
William Harry Bailey [1911] (**1912** – [ ]  
Frederick George Mitchell [1961] – [1968]

### NOTES

24, Ridding Lane [1871], [1881], [1891]  
16, Ridding Lane

It had a beerhouse license.

*George Hackett*, beer retailer, Ridding Lane. [1868], [1870]  
*George Hackett*, beer retailer, 24, Ridding Lane. [1872]

### 1871 Census

24, Ridding Lane – DOG AND PARTRIDGE

- [1] *George Hackett* (32), publican, born Kings Bromley, Staffordshire;
- [2] Ann Hackett (29), wife, born Yoxall, Staffordshire;
- [3] *George Hackett* (7), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Henry Hackett (5), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] William James Hackett (3), son, born Wednesbury;
- [6] Matilda Hackett (1), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [7] Sarah Hill (15), general servant, born West Bromwich;
- [8] William Hitchinson (19), boarder, striker, born Yoxall, Staffordshire;
- [9] Richard Morton (40), boarder, labourer, born Pipe Ridware, Staffordshire:

### 1881 Census

24, Ridding Lane – DOG AND PARTRIDGE

- [1] *Sarah Knowles* (43), beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] Kate Roome (?) (19), domestic servant, born Derby:

### 1891 Census

24, Ridding Lane

[1] *Sarah Knowles* (53), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Elizabeth Peters* (72), sister, widow, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Sarah Wright* (14), niece, domestic servant, born Wednesbury;

[4] *John Binson* (28), boarder, tailor's manager, born Leeds;

[5] *William Norton* (23), visitor, wood turner, born Wednesbury:

*William Blakemore* died in 1899.

A *.Blakemore* issued tokens from here.

*William Blakemore*, beer retailer, 16, Ridding Lane. [1904]

### 1911 Census

16, Ridding Lane – DOG AND PARTRIDGE

[1] *William Harry Bailey* (52), manager of beerhouse, born Cannock;

[2] *Elizabeth Bailey* (52), wife, married 5 years, born Oldbury;

[3] *William Solomon Smith* (27), stepson, blacksmith's striker, born Pleck, near Walsall:

*Harry Bailey*, beer retailer, 16, Ridding Lane. [1912]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Town Darts League. [1970]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Social Cribbage League. [1970]

[1983]

It was demolished in the late 1980's.

Housing was built on the site.

## **DOLPHIN**

Darlaston Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Frederick Spittle [1860] – [1861]

### NOTES

#### **1861 Census**

Darlaston Road – DAULPHIN

[1] *Frederick Spittle* (46), publican and provision dealer, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Elizabeth Spittle* (30), wife, born Willenhall;

[3] *Jabez Spittle* (6), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Frederick Spittle* (3), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[5] *Ann Clark* (17), general servant, born Ireland:

## **DRUM AND MONKEY**

Portway Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Joseph Baker [1899]

## **DUKE OF WELLINGTON**

Bridge Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

John Simkin [1861]

## **DUKE OF WELLINGTON**

High Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Joseph Rock [1822]

Rebecca Rocke [1828] – [1830]

## DUKE OF YORK

69, Lower High Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Ann Collier [1818]  
William Collier [1822] – [1835]  
Joseph Dickens [1841] – [1845]  
Daniel Smith [1849] – [1850]  
Joseph Simpkin [1851] – [1868]  
Thomas Nichols [1868] – **1871**;  
James George **(1871 – [1876]**  
Amos French [1880] – [1881]

### NOTES

High Street [1822], [1828]

It had a beerhouse license.

*William Collier*, retailer of beer, High Street. [1835]

*Joseph Simpkin* = Joseph Simkin

*Thomas Nichols* was fined £2 plus costs for permitting gaming, in June 1868.

### 1871 Census

69, Lower High Street

- [1] *Thomas Nichols* (57), coal miner, born Great Bridge;
- [2] *Martha Nichols* (47), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Sarah Nichols* (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Rose Annie Dainty* (33), general servant, born Meham Green, Worcestershire;
- [5] *William Cook* (24), boarder, labourer, born Lincoln;
- [6] *Jesse Day* (20), boarder, labourer, born London;
- [7] *George Scrivens* (40), boarder, bricklayer, born Berkshire;
- [8] *John Harding* (45), boarder, sailor, born Bilston:

*James George* had a concert hall building erected without permission, in August 1876.

### Wednesbury Herald 21/8/1880

“Ambrose Fellows, iron worker, was charged with being drunk, and also with refusing to quit the DUKE OF YORK INN, Lower High Street, when requested to do so.

The landlord (Mr. *French*) said the defendant came to his house drunk, and created a disturbance, and upon being requested to leave he refused to do so.

Police-constable Steele proved to finding the defendant drunk in the street.

The Bench fined defendant 2s 6d and costs for refusing to quit, and 5s including costs for being drunk.”



### **1881 Census**

69, Lower High Street – DUKE OF YORK INN

[1] *Amos French* (29), licensed victualler, born Waplode, Lincolnshire;

[2] *Eliza French* (28), wife, born Nottingham;

[3] *Florence French* (6), daughter, scholar, born Nottingham;

[4] *Gertrude French* (5), daughter, scholar, born Nottingham;

[5] *Mary Ann Palmer* (18), general servant, born Nottingham:

### **Wednesbury Herald 2/7/1881**

“To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. E. B. Scholefield, at the Property Mart, Church Street, Wednesbury, on Tuesday the 12th Day of July, 1881 ..... Lot 2. A valuable well-known Freehold Old-Licensed House, known by the sign of the DUKE OF YORK INN, situate in High Street, Wednesbury, comprising Four Bed Rooms, Club Room, Liquor Vault, Smoke Room, Kitchen, Brewhouse, two good Cellars, Stable and Loft, Yard, with drawn gate Road, and Outbuildings.”

Closed

## ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

42, High Bullen / Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Fountain Brewery Co. Ltd., Wolverhampton

### LICENSEES

Samuel Marsh [1818]  
John Holland [1822]  
Richard Lloyd [1828] – [1834]  
James McGill [1841] – [1851]  
Mrs. Elizabeth McGill [1860] – [1865]  
David Arthur McGill [1868] – [1873]  
Mary Ann Beesley [1881]  
Joseph Baker [1891] – [1896]  
Thomas German [1900] – [1904]  
Samuel James Staves [1911] – [1912]  
Frank George Cox [1916]  
Edward Streatham [1921]



Token

### NOTES

Dudley Street [1822], [1828], [1830], [1849]  
42, High Bullen [1871], [1881]  
High Bullen [1891], [1896], [1904]

*Samuel Marsh* was also a maltster. [1818]

#### 1851 Census

High Bullen

- [1] *James McGill* (48), victualler, born Scotland;
- [2] *Elizabeth McGill* (40), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Catharine McGill* (20), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *David McGill* (17), son, blacksmith, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Ann Cherrington* (14), house servant, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Betsey Green* (13), house servant, born Wednesbury;

*Elizabeth McGill* = Elizabeth M'Gill

#### 1871 Census

42, High Bullen

- [1] *David McGill* (38), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Harriet McGill* (30), wife, born Handsworth;
- [3] *Carrie E. McGill* (6), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Hannah Griffiths* (17), general servant, born Wednesbury;

*David McGill* was fined 20s and costs for refusing to admit the police, in September 1871. He issued tokens from here.

### 1881 Census

42, High Bullen – ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

- [1] *Mary Ann Beesley* (48), widow, publican, born Pelsall;
- [2] *Samuel Beesley* (21), son, railway clerk, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *William Beesley* (19), son, forgeman, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Mary Beesley* (17), daughter, domestic, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Hannah Beesley* (15), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Alfred Beesley* (13), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Alice Beesley* (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Emily Beesley* (7), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *William Beesley* (48), brother in law, plater, born Wednesbury;
- [10] *Mary Wood* (63), sister in law, former publican, born Wednesbury:

### Wednesbury Herald 9/12/1882

“James Cliff, a member of the Wednesbury Old Athletic Football Club, was summoned for being on the licensed premises of the ELEPHANT AND CASTLE, High Bullen, during prohibited hours, on the 26th ult.

PC Laytte stated that about twelve o’clock on the night in question he found the defendant and a young man named Grice secreted in a portion of the house.

Mr. Superintendent Holland informed the Bench that Grice was not present in consequence of suffering from small pox.

Defendant denied that he had any way hid himself, and contended that he had a right to be upon the premises, he having received an invitation from the landlord to stay and have supper.

In reply to the magistrates the officer stated that he did not see either of the men have any thing to drink.

The Magistrates’ Clerk said the question for the magistrates to decide was as to whether it was right for a landlord to ask a customer to have supper?

Mr. Superintendent Holland said if it was laid down that publicans had a right to invite customers to stay and have supper all kinds of irregularities would take place. On several occasions he had received complaints of football players being on the licensed premises during prohibited hours, and he had consequently sent several officers to watch the house. On the night in question a young man named Moon was found in the house but he was not summoned as it was alleged that he assisted in the house and also courted the landlord’s daughter.

Defendant said he should not have been on the premises so late as he was had he not waited for Moon.

The magistrates decided that an offence had been committed and fined defendant 2s 6d and costs.”

### 1891 Census

High Bullen – ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

- [1] *Joseph Baker* (25), unmarried, licensed victualler manager, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Marie Baker* (21), sister, housekeeper, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Albert Baker* (18), brother, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Fred Baker* (16), brother, tube department, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *John Baker* (54), father, born Philadelphia, United States:

### Wednesbury Herald 5/1/1895

“Licensing Sessions ..... Later on the license of the ELEPHANT AND CASTLE, High Bullen, held by the Fountain Brewery Co., Wolverhampton, in liquidation, had to be transferred to the Receiver in Bankruptcy.....”

Thomas German was a bandmaster, ELEPHANT AND CASTLE. [1900]

He was a professional musician. He was bandmaster to the Crown Tube Works Brass Band.

He was originally from Aberdeen.

He died in 1914.

See also RED LION, Bridge Street.

## 1901 Census

High Bullen – ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

- [1] *Thomas German* (56), licensed victualler, born Scotland;
- [2] *Priscilla German* (40), wife, born Liverpool;
- [3] *Thomas German* (24), son, porter (railway), born Salford;
- [4] *Priscilla German* (14), daughter, dressmaker, born Manchester;
- [5] *Ada German* (8), daughter, born Manchester;
- [6] *Maud German* (1), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Mary Smith* (22), general servant, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Elizabeth Wordle* (23), general servant, born Wednesbury:

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury and District Quoits League. [1901]

## 1911 Census

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

- [1] *Samuel J. Staves* (44), hotel keeper, born Ashby cum Tenby, Lincolnshire;
- [2] *Nellie Staves* (32), wife, born Hindlip, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Walter Staves* (17), son, assistant, born Peterborough:

It was delicensed in 1960.

It became G. E. Fynn's motor showroom.

It was relicensed as Rafael's restaurant..

It was renamed BANNON'S nightclub.

It was renamed TAT'S.

It was renamed PATRICK'S. [1999]

Closed [2006]

It was renamed J9.

It was renamed HOLBY'S.

Closed

Demolished [2010]



1999

## ERIN GO BRAGH

132, Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

James Hanlon [1881]  
Thomas Bowdler [1888]  
Martin Dyer [1896]  
William Woodhall [1900] – [1904]  
Arthur Hawkins [1912]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

#### 1881 Census

132, Holyhead Road – ERIN GO BRAGH

- [1] James Hanlon (46), roller and beerhouse keeper, born Ireland;
- [2] Maria Hanlon (43), wife, dressmaker, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Sarah Hanlon (22), daughter, dressmaker, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Edward Hanlon (17), son, labourer in iron works, born Wednesbury:

#### Wednesbury Herald 7/4/1883

“Mary Powell, a married woman, was summoned for refusing to quit The ERIN GO BRAGH INN, Holyhead Road, and also with breaking a window.

Mr. Topham appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Sheldon for the defendant.

The offence having been proved Mr. Sheldon stated that the defendant had paid for the damage she had done, and he hoped the Stipendiary would deal leniently with her for the other offence.

The Stipendiary directed the defendant to pay the costs.”

*Martin Dyer*, beer retailer, 132, Holyhead Road. [1896]

*William Woodhall* = William Woodall

*William Woodhall*, beerhouse keeper, 132, Holyhead Road. [1900], [1904]

#### 1901 Census

132, Holyhead Road

- [1] *William Woodall* (41), publican, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Alice Woodall (41), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] Lilian Frances Woodall (18), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Mary Pauline Woodall (16), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] Edward John Woodall (14), son, born Wednesbury:

### 1911 Census

Holyhead Road – ERIN GO BRAGH

[1] *Arthur Hawkins* (26), married, publican, born Brownhills, Staffordshire;

[2] *Florence Mary Jones* (16), domestic servant, born Brownhills, Staffordshire:

*Arthur Hawkins*, beer retailer, 132, Holyhead Road. [1912]

## EXCHANGE

Portway Road, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

Nick Lacey [ ]

## NOTES

*Nick Lacey* brewed his own beer.

Check ROYAL EXCHANGE, Chapel Street.

## FALLINGS HEATH TAVERN

248, (132), Walsall Road, Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

John Lord  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (acquired in 1939)  
Les and Wendy Williams (acquired in 1990)

### LICENSEES

Mrs. Maria Lote [1867] – [1872]  
Henry Wallbank [1891]  
Wallbrook (?) [1895]  
Sarah Wallbank [ ] – **1899**);  
George Edward Betteridge (**1899** – [ ]  
Aaron Bytheway [1900] – [1901]  
Bernard Higginson [ ] – **1958**)  
Stanley Ernest Lunn [1961] – **1963**);  
William Leslie Holmes (**1963** – [1966])  
Les Williams (**1980** – **2005**)

### NOTES

132, Walsall Road [1871], [1891]  
248, Walsall Road

It had a beerhouse license.

#### 1871 Census

132, Walsall Road

- [1] *Maria Lote* (60), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Darlaston;
- [2] John Lote (24), son, sheet iron warehouseman, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Sarah Thompson (17), granddaughter, general servant, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Martha Maria Thompson (9), granddaughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] Charles Roberts (46), visitor, labourer, born Warwick;
- [6] John Unitt (26), lodger, sheet iron shearer, born Dudley:

#### 1891 Census

132, Walsall Road

- [1] *Henry Wallbank* (56), carter, born Badgley, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Sarah Wallbank* (52), wife, born Coalpit Bank, Shropshire;
- [3] Sarah Jane Walbank (23), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Elijah Cleverley (16), domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [5] Lizzie Blower (28), daughter, married, born Wednesbury:

#### Wednesbury Herald 5/1/1895

“The annual supper in connection with the weekly club held at the FALLINGS HEATH TAVERN took place on New Year’s Eve, at the same place, when upwards of thirty members sat down. The host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. *Wallbank*) had provided an excellent bill of fare.....”



## 1901 Census

248, Walsall Road

[1] Aaron Bytheway (26), machine nut maker, born Darlaston;

[2] Nancy Bytheway (26), wife, born Darlaston;

[3] Harry Bytheway (4), son, born Wednesbury;

[4] Minnie Bytheway (1), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[5] Bert Belcher (15), brother in law, born Wednesbury:

It was rebuilt in 1937.

A team from here took part in the Fallings Heath Crib League. [1946]

*Les Williams* was married to Wendy.

They retired in 2005.

It closed for refurbishment in 2006.

It reopened as SUKI'S Bar and Indian Restaurant. [2007]

[2014]



2007



2011

## FITTERS ARMS

Lower High Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

George Challinor [1868] - **1870**);  
James George (**1870** - [ ]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*George Challinor*, beer retailer, High Street. [1868], [1870]

## FORESTERS ARMS

50, Oxford Street, Mesty Croft, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

### LICENSEES

James Scott [ ] – **1870**)

Mrs. Pamela (Scott) Read [1871] – [1872]

David Read [1881]

Emma Jane Pugh [1961] – [1966]

### NOTES

*James Scott* was from Walsall.

He was a plate layer.

He married *Pamela* Stiles (nee Rogers)

He died in 1870.

*Pamela Scott* = Pamila Scott

*Pamila Scott*, beer retailer, Oxford Street, Mesty Croft. [1872]

*Pamela Scott* was born in Dixons Green, Dudley on 14th November 1830, and was christened *Pamela* Rogers.

She worked as a servant until 24th January 1855.

She married, firstly, Moses Stiles at St. Thomas' Church, Dudley, on 24th January 1855.

Moses Stiles was a platelayer on the railway until he died circa 1863.

They lived at Palfrey, Walsall.

She married, secondly, *James Scott*, originally from Walsall.

She married, thirdly, *David Read*, a widowed miner, on 3rd May 1873.

He died in 1887.

### 1871 Census

Oxford Street

[1] *Pamela Scott* (41), widow, publican, born Dudley;

[2] John Scott (15), son, pupil teacher, born Dudley;

[3] Richard Scott (12), son, coach spring maker, born Walsall;

[4] Ann Rebecca Scott (1), daughter, born Wednesbury;

### 1881 Census

50, Oxford Street – FORRESTERS ARMS

[1] *David Read* (62), miner and publican, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Pamela Read* (50), wife, born Dudley;

[3] Richard Styles (23), son, brewer, born Walsall;

[4] Pamela Styles (20), daughter, born Dudley;

[5] Ann Rebecca Scott (11), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[6] Maria Cross (17), general servant, born Dudley;

[1967]

Closed  
Demolished



c. 1968

## FORESTERS ARMS

4, Portway Road, (4, Railway Road), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Mrs. Elizabeth Guest [1871] – **1872**);  
Emma Brown (**1872** – [ ]  
Edward Brown [1881]  
William Jukes [pre 1887]  
Mrs. Mary Ferrer [1896]  
John Jones [1901] – [1904]  
Edward Willetts [1911] – [1912]

### NOTES

4, Railway Road [1881]  
4, Portway Road

It had a beerhouse license.

#### 1871 Census

1, Portway Road  
[1] *Elizabeth Guest*, widow, publican, born Tipton;  
[2] Albert Aspin, boarder, engine smith, born Chelsea;  
[3] Sarah Tomlinson, general servant, born Wednesbury:

Mrs. *Elizabeth Guest*, beer retailer, Portway Road. [1872]

#### 1881 Census

4, Railway Road – FORESTERS ARMS  
[1] *Edward Brown* (55), publican, born Walsall;  
[2] *Elizabeth Brown* (67), wife, born Brierley Hill;  
[3] *Arthur Brown* (17), son, forgeman, born Wednesbury;  
[4] *John Latham* (20), grandson, forgeman, born Wednesbury:

It was void in August 1887.

Mrs. *Mary Ferrer*, beer retailer, 4, Portway Road. [1896]

#### Wednesbury Leader 16/2/1901

“At the Wednesbury Police Court on Friday, before Alderman I. Oldbury, presiding, Alderman R. Williams, Councillor A. E. Pritchard, and T. H. Gorle, Esq, *John Jones*, licensee of the FORESTERS ARMS beerhouse, Portway Road Wednesbury, was charged with allowing drunkenness on his premises on the 26th of January.

Mr. J. S. Sharpe prosecuted on behalf of the police, and Mr. R. A. Willcock defended.

Mr. Sharpe, in his opening statement, said the evidence would go to show that on the 26th January at 10.25pm PS O’Leary visited the taproom of the FORESTERS ARMS and saw there a man named Patrick Murphy, apparently very drunk. He was sitting at a table, leaning over it as if asleep. In front of him he had a jug with beer in it. The landlord and five or six men were present. The sergeant waited a little time to see if anything was said, and then spoke to the man, who was very incoherent in his answers. Sergeant O’Leary then asked the landlord how he

accounted for having the man in that condition in the house. The landlord said, 'Yes, I know he has had too much, but he has had nothing to drink here.' When asked why he allowed him to remain, he said, 'He has not been here above 10 or 15 minutes.' The sergeant asked the landlord if he (Murphy) had been out of the house from the first time he came in, till then. In answer, *Jones* said, 'No; when he came in he sat down on that bench, and has been sitting there since.' Before the man Murphy went out he said, 'Let me drink my beer first.' The sergeant said, 'Is that your beer?' and he replied in the affirmative, and said, 'I will drink it before I go.' The landlord said, 'You won't.' Murphy had been fined for his drunkenness on this occasion.

Sergeant O'Leary gave evidence supporting those statements and supplemented them by telling the Court that a man in the house claimed Murphy's ale to be his. This man, however, had a cup of ale in front of him, and Murphy was at a table by himself.

Cross examined by Mr. Whitlock, the landlord did not tell him he had been trying to get the man out of his house. PC O'Hara said on oath that he visited the house at 9.40 (three quarters of an hour before the sergeant's visit), and noticed Murphy was drunk. He visited the house afterwards with the sergeant.

Mr. Wilcock urged for the defence, that the man Murphy came into the house at about 9.15 in an intoxicated condition, and refused to leave. He was at last coaxed out, but returned again. The landlord's attention was called to the matter, but before he came into the room the officers arrived. He had not adopted the tactics of some barmen, and pitched the man neck and crop, and thus the man was on the premises when the police came.

Thomas Costello, a striker, of Portway Road, stated that the ale mentioned by the police, which Murphy claimed, was his (witness), and that Murphy did go out for half an hour and return.

Numerous other witnesses were called for the defence, and after a lengthy hearing a fine of £1 and costs, amounting to £3 15s 6d, was inflicted."

### 1901 Census

4, Portway Road

- [1] *John Jones* (53), blacksmith, born Tipton;
- [2] *Betsey Jones* (47), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Florence Jones* (23), daughter, dressmaker, born Tipton;
- [4] *Annie Jones* (22), daughter, shop assistant, born Tipton;
- [5] *John Jones* (20), son, bricklayer's apprentice, born Tipton;
- [6] *Mary Jones* (13), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Sydney Jones* (10), son, born Tipton;
- [8] *Beatrice Jones* (8), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Dorothy Jones* (2), daughter, born Wednesbury:

*John Jones*, beer retailer, 4, Portway Road. [1904]

### 1911 Census

FORESTERS ARMS

- [1] *Edward Willetts* (23), tube patcher, acetylene gas, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Clara Jane Willetts* (23), wife, married 1 year, born Wednesbury:

*Edward Willetts*, beer retailer, 4, Portway Road. [1912]

Closed

## FORGE

Franchise Street / Beebee Street, (Beebee Lane), Fallings Heath, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Highgate (Walsall) Brewery Co. Ltd.  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (acquired 1939)  
Highgate and Walsall Brewery Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Robert Hodson [1883] manager  
Ernest Turley **(1935 - 1960)**  
Norman Alfred Sydney King [1961] - **1963**);  
James William Yeomans **(1963 - [1966]**  
Anthony Edward Mellia [2007]  
Jeff Gaulton [ ]

### NOTES

It was a home brew house.

#### **Wednesbury Herald 26/5/1883**

“Two young men, named George Greenhouse and Joseph Lunn, both residing at Fallings Heath, were charged with assaulting *Robert Hodson*, the manager of the FORGE TAVERN INN, Fallings Heath.

On the 16th last, the defendants went into the public house in a drunken state, and demanded ale, and on being refused they assaulted the complainant in a most violent manner.

The defendants pleaded not guilty, the magistrates, however, considered the offence proved and fined each of the offenders 30s, or in default one month's imprisonment.”

*Ernest Turley* was president of Wednesbury and District Licensed Victuallers' Association from 1955 to [1968].

*Jeff Gaulton* was married to Michelle.

[2014]



1999



2014

## FORTUNE OF WAR

35, (36), (32), Trowse Lane / Wellcroft Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Samuel Sansom\* [1834] – [1850]  
Samuel Sansom\* [1860] – [1870]  
Rhoda Sansom [1871]  
Mrs. Elizabeth Sansom [1881]  
Moses Perry [1891] – [1892]  
Edgar Evans [1896] – [1904]  
Thomas W Nicholls [1911] – [1912]  
James Lines [1916] – [1921]  
Harry Pitcock **(1929** – [1945]

### NOTES

32, Trowse Lane [1872]  
36, Trowse Lane [1881], [1892]  
35, Trowse Lane [1896], [1904], [1912], [1916], [1921]

It had a beerhouse license.

Tokens were issued from here.

\* possibly the same person

*Samuel Sansom* = Samuel Sansome

*Samuel Sansom*, beer retailer, Trowse Lane. [1835], [1841]

### 1841 Census

Trowse Lane

- [1] *Samuel Sansom* (30), gun lock maker, born Staffordshire;
- [2] Elizabeth Sansom (30), born Staffordshire;
- [3] Dinah Sansom (5), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Elizabeth Sansom* (3), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Rohda* (sic) *Sansom* (2), born Staffordshire;
- [6] Caroline Hartill (25), f.s. born Staffordshire:

*Samuel Sansom*, beer retailer and gun lock maker, Trowse Lane. [1849], [1850]



### 1851 Census

Trouse Lane

- [1] *Samuel Sansom* (41), proprietor of houses, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Elizabeth Sansom* (41), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Dinah Sansom* (14), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Elizabeth Sansom* (13), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Rhoda Sansom* (12), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury:

*Rhoda Sansom* = *Rhoda Sansome*

### 1871 Census

Trouse Lane – FORTUNE OF WAR INN

- [1] *Rhoda Sansom* (31), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Ann Hales* (40), general servant, born Leamington:

*Elizabeth Sansom* was fined £1 and costs for permitting drunkenness in September 1871.

### 1881 Census

36, Trouse Lane – FORTUNE OF WAR INN

- [1] *Elizabeth Sansom* (43), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Anne Hales* (45), domestic servant, born Leamington:

### 1891 Census

Trouse Lane – FORTUNE OF WAR

- [1] *Moses Perry* (51), widower, licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Emily Perry* (25), daughter, barmaid, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Mary Bolland* (67), aunt, widow, blind, born Tarporley, Cheshire;
- [4] *Emma Jane Hill* (25), general servant, born West Bromwich:

*Edgar Evans* was also licensee of LIQUOR VAULTS. [1896], [1904]

### Tipton Herald 17/4/1909

“Mr. G. C. Lewis held an inquest on Tuesday at the FORTUNE OF WAR INN, Trouse Lane, Wednesbury, on the body of *Lizzie Archer*, aged three weeks, whose parents reside in Wellcroft Street, Wednesbury, and who was found dead in bed on Sunday morning. It was supposed that the child, which slept with its parents, was thus suffocated. The Coroner alluded to the new Children’s Act, and called attention to the responsibilities of parents under the Act. He hoped the greatest care would be exercised by those who had charge of infants. However, in the present case he felt the parents were exonerated from any blame.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidentally Suffocated, agreeing with the view of the Coroner in regard to the parents.”

### 1911 Census

FORTUNE OF WAR

- [1] *Thomas W. Nicholls* (50), licensed victualler, born Walsall;
- [2] *Mrs. Nicholls* (48), wife, married 8 years, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Lilly Nicholls* (16), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Thomas Nicholls* (6), son, born Wednesbury:

Closed

## **FOUR HOPES**

WEDNESBURY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Enoch Horton [ ] - **1872**);  
Edward Horton (**1872** - [ ]

## FOX

Vicarage, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

Josiah Foster [1834] – [1835]

## NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Isaiah Foster*, beer retailer, Vicarage. [1835]

## FOX AND DOGS

111, (110-111), Albert Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

J. Rolinson Ltd. [1925]

### LICENSEES

William Leek [ ] - **1870**);  
John Smith (**1870 - 1871**);  
Sarah Bamford (**1871 - [ ]**)  
Mrs. Ann Bamford [1872]  
Edward Phillips [1891] - [1896]  
Nicholas E Lacey [1904]  
Edward Timmins [1912]

### NOTES

110-111, Albert Street [1871]

111, Albert Street [1891]

It had a beerhouse license.

#### 1871 Census

110-111, Albert Street – FOX AND DOGS

[1] *John Smith* (28), unmarried, beerhouse keeper, born Tong, Shropshire;

[2] *Agnes Smith* (29), sister, born Tong, Shropshire:

*Mrs. Ann Bamford*, beer retailer, 111, Albert Street. [1872]

#### 1891 Census

111, Albert Street – FOX AND DOGS INN

[1] *Edward Phillips* (35), coach builder, born Builth, Breconshire;

[2] *Annie Phillips* (31), wife, dressmaker, born West Bromwich;

[3] *William Phillips* (12), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Ernest Phillips* (10), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[5] *Frederick Phillips* (8), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[6] *Bertie Phillips* (6), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[7] *Sybil Phillips* (4), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[8] *Bernard Phillips* (2), son, born Wednesbury;

[9] *Edith Phillips* (9 months), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[10] *John Hill* (68), boarder, widower, blind, born Wednesbury:

*Edward Phillips*, beer retailer and wheelwright, 111, Albert Street. [1896]

*Nicholas E. Lacey*, beer retailer, 111, Albert Street. [1904]

*Edward Timmins*, beer retailer, 111, Albert Street. [1912]

It closed in 1929, after £1,500 Compensation was paid.

## **FREEMASONS ARMS**

Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Frederick Rowlinson [1834] – [1835]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Frederick Rowlinson*, beer retailer, Dudley Street. [1835]

### **Wedgesbury Herald 12/7/1879**

“Joseph Dangerfield, labourer, was charged with being drunk on the premises of the FREE MASONS ARMS INN. Police-constable Clark proved to finding the defendant drunk in the tap room. The Bench fined defendant 5s and costs, or in default 7 days imprisonment.”

## FRIAR PARK

103, Crankhall Lane, (Crank Lane), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Joseph Spittle, Kings Hill  
Thomas Bruerton, Darlaston  
William Bruerton, Darlaston  
Edwin Bruerton, Darlaston  
Elihu Butler  
Mary Ann Butler  
Frank Archer  
Darby's Brewery Ltd. [1919]  
Enterprise Inns [1990's]

### LICENSEES

Thomas Poulton [ ] - **1876**);  
Samuel Poulton (**1876 - 1879**);  
David Davis (**1879 - 1881**);  
Jacob Chilton (**1881 - 1882**);  
Charles Rolfe (**1882 - 1885**);  
Elihu Butler (**1885 - 1911**);  
Mary Ann Butler (**1911 - 1912**);  
Frank Archer (**1912 - 1919**);  
Richard Joseph Thursfield (**1919 - 1933**);  
Thomas 'Tommy' Hodgkiss (**1933 - 1947**);  
Samuel Hadley (**1947 - 1952**);  
Charles Howard Blizzard (**1952 - 1955**);  
Joseph 'Joe' Bailey (**1955 - [ ]**)  
Mrs. Susan Hewitt [2008]



1986

## NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It was originally an unnamed beerhouse, until c. 1880.

It was later called the CANAL TAVERN.

*Samuel Poulton*, beerseller, was fined 20s and costs for serving during prohibited hours, during the year ending 30th August 1876.

### **Smethwick Telephone 3/1/1885**

“West Bromwich Police Court. *Charles Rolfe*, landlord of the CANAL TAVERN, Crankhill Lane (sic), was charged with having his house open during prohibited hours on the night of the 30th ultimo, and also with refusing to admit PC Durrie.....”

- He was fined £2 and costs.

### **Wednesbury Herald 9/3/1895**

“Licensed Victuallers’ Meeting. At a meeting held on Tuesday night at the CANAL TAVERN, Crankhall Lane, Mr. E. Birch presiding, it was decided to support a bill which had been introduced in the House of Lords, in favour of securing uniformity in the granting, by way of removal or transfer, of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors. It was contended that in accordance with a recent decision licensed victuallers only held their licenses from year to year, whereas beerhouse keepers who held licenses prior to 1869 were exempt from magisterial interference, excepting under special circumstances, and it was very important that the bill should be passed.

Mr. Sheldon said he considered the bill was one of the best yet introduced to do justice to those engaged in the trade.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 3/8/1895**

“..... Valuable Freehold Properties with the Mines and Minerals. Situate in Crankhall Lane, near to the towns of Wednesbury and West Bromwich, comprising Meadow and Pasture Land, of a total area of 23a 1r 38½p. Farm House, Labourers Cottage, Excellent Farm Buildings, and Old-established Beerhouse known as The CANAL TAVERN. To be sold by auction by Belcher and Son (by direction of the Trustees of the late Edwin Bruerton, Esq, at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Wednesbury, on Monday, 12th August 1895.....

Lot 1 – The Freehold well established Beerhouse, called the CANAL TAVERN, situate in Crankhall Lane, about one mile from the town of Wednesbury, but in the Parish of West Bromwich, with capital Barn, Stable, Cow Sheds, Piggeries, and the usual Outbuildings, and having an extensive Garden.

This lot contains a total area of 2 roods 9 perches, and is let to *Elihu Butler*, on an annual tenancy, at a rent of £31 per annum.....”

### **Wednesbury Herald 21/1/1911**

“*Elihu Butler*, Deceased. All persons having Claims or Demands against the estate of *Elihu Butler*, late of the CANAL TAVERN, Crankhall Lane, West Bromwich, Beerhouse keeper, deceased, who have not already done so, are required to Send Particulars of such Claims or Demands forthwith to the undersigned. Thomas Jones, Solicitor to the Executrix, 7, Walsall Street, Wednesbury.”

*Elihu Butler* was married to *Mary Ann*.

It was renamed FRIAR PARK INN on 13th February 1930.

It was known locally as the “Cabin”.

An Ordinary Removal of the Publican’s license from the BLACK BOY, Lyndon, was granted to here on 10th March 1932, and confirmed on 21st April 1932.

It commenced business with a full license on 2nd May 1932.

Tommy Hodgkiss was married to Elsie.  
He died in 1946.

FRIAR PARK TAVERN [1996]

**Black Country Bugle (September 1998)**

**'Pawn shop days on Friar's Park' – letter from Bill Melia**

".....Every Monday morning ..... Some of the ladies, when they had their few shillings, would go over to my gran's shop to purchase whatever vegetables and other items they required for the meals they would be preparing for their husbands and families. Then some of them would then go over the road to the local pub, the FRIAR PARK INN, but more commonly known as the Cabin. They would go into a little snug on the right hand side of the bar and buy a half pint and peel their potatoes and shell the peas etc., whilst they drank their beer, it was a good place to listen to all the local gossip ..... The room was called the Pawnshop Room and it still goes under that name....."

Friar Park Rangers FC were based here. [1948]

[2014]

**WEST BROMWICH AND WEDNESBURY.**

**VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTIES  
WITH THE  
MINES AND MINERALS.**

Situate in Crankhall Lane, near to the towns of  
Wednesbury and West Bromwich, comprising  
**MEADOW AND PASTURE LAND**  
of a total area of 23a. 1r. 38½p.,

Farm House, Labourer's Cottage, Excellent Farm  
Buildings, and Old established Beerhouse known as  
**"THE CANAL TAVERN."**

To be Sold by Auction, by

**BELCHER AND SON** (by direction of the  
Trustees of the late Edwin Bruerton, Esq.), at  
the "ANCHOR HOTEL," WEDNESBURY, on MONDAY,  
12th AUGUST, 1895, at 4.30 for 5 o'clock in the  
evening, subject to Conditions incorporating the  
Common Form Conditions of the Birmingham Law  
Society.

**Lot 1.**

The **FREEHOLD** well-established **BEERHOUSE**,  
called "The Canal Tavern," situate in Crankhall  
Lane, about one mile from the town of Wednesbury,  
but in the Parish of West Bromwich, with capital  
Barn, Stable, Cow Sheds, Piggeries, and the usual  
Outbuildings, and having an extensive Garden.

This Lot contains a total area of 2 roods 9 perches,  
and is let to Elihu Butler, on an annual tenancy, at  
a rent of £31 per annum.

Advert 1895

**Public Notice.**

**ELIHU BUTLER, DECEASED.**

**ALL PERSONS** having **CLAIMS** or  
**DEMANDS** against the Estate of **ELIHU  
BUTLER**, late of the Canal Tavern, Crankhall  
Lane, West Bromwich, Beerhouse-keeper,  
deceased, who have not already done so, are  
required to **SEND PARTICULARS** of such  
Claims or Demands forthwith to the undersigned.

**THOMAS JONES,**

Solicitor to the Executrix.

7, Walsall Street,

Wednesbury.

Advert 1911



2013



## GEORGE

1, Upper High Street, (1, Market Place) / Union Street, Five Ways, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Daniel Lawrence  
Ansells Ltd. [1954], [1959], [1966]  
Sycamore Taverns (acquired in 1992)  
Punch Taverns [2008], [2009]

### LICENSEES

Thomas Stone [1818]  
Joseph Taylor [1830]  
John Jevon [1834] – [1835]  
Simeon Constable [1845] – [1851]  
Mrs. Amelia Marshall [1860] – [1861]  
Thomas Stringer [1864] – [1865]  
John Leonard Weston [1868] – [1870]  
Charles Cotterill [1871]  
Daniel Lawrence [1872] – [1882]  
Michael J Higo [1891]  
Henry Dighton Millner [1892] – [1904]  
Thomas Hanks [1901] manager  
Charles Meakin [1911] – [1916]  
Charles Holyhead [1921]  
Thomas Baxter [ ] – **1961**);  
Frank Dominic McDonnell **(1961 – 1964)**;  
Lawson Trevor Jones **(1964)**;  
Cyril Bernard Jones **(1964 – 1965)**;  
John Vincent Hawker **(1965 – 1966)**;  
Alan Croxton Markham **(1966 – [ ]**  
P B Cunnington [1983] – [1990]  
Joel Wilson [2008] – [2009]



c. 1960s

## NOTES

Market Place [1849], [1850], [1865], [1879], [1891]

High Street [1850]

Five Ways [1860], [1861]

1, Upper High Street [1871]

1, High Street [1872], [1896], [1904], [1912]

1, Market Place [1881]

It was originally known as the KINGS HEAD. [1818], [1830], [1834], [1835]

Its name was changed to GEORGE. [1845]

It was known locally as the "Top Wrexham" (?)

*Thomas Stone* was also a manufacturer of guns of all kinds. [1818]

Inquests were held here in 1841 and 1844.

### 1851 Census

Market Place

[1] *Simeon Constable* (58), victualler, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Syadonia Constable* (38), wife, born Westborough, Wiltshire;

[3] *Martha Constable* (27), daughter, born Westborough, Wiltshire;

[4] *Elizabeth Constable* (12), daughter, scholar, born Westborough, Wiltshire;

[5] *Mary Lees* (19), visitor, born Westborough, Wiltshire;

[6] *Mary Potts* (17), barmaid, born Coseley;

[7] *Jane Holloway* (19), house servant, born Oldbury;

[8] *Lucy Noakes* (24), cook, born Birmingham;

[9] *William Davis* (22), house servant, born Acton, Herefordshire:

### 1871 Census

1, Upper High Street

[1] *Stewart J. Robinson* (20), barman, born Ramworth;

[2] *Emma Page* (24), barmaid, born Worcestershire;

[3] *Mary Ann Page* (20), barmaid, born Worcestershire;

[4] *Margaret Loveridge* (21), domestic servant, born Dublin:

*Charles Cotterill* was fined 20s and costs for allowing gambling, in September 1871.

### Midland Counties Evening Express 8/4/1875

"On Monday, Mr. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the GEORGE HOTEL, Wednesbury, on the body of *Elizabeth Marshall*, aged nearly 70, of Church Street. On Saturday afternoon, at about two o'clock, she was crossing Union Street, when she was startled by a passing vehicle, and fell down. She was raised up and taken home, where she died about half past five o'clock. Verdict death from natural causes."

### Wednesbury Herald 18/1/1879

"Yesterday an inquest was held by Mr. E. Hooper, at the GEORGE HOTEL, Market Place, Wednesbury, on view of the body of *Maria Coley*, wife of *Joseph Coley*, 56, Church Street. Deceased, who was 70 years of age, has been ailing for two or three years, she suffering from shortness of breath, and pains in the stomach, died very suddenly on Wednesday morning. On the previous evening, her husband seeing that she was getting worse, sent for the doctor, who forwarded a bottle of medicine. He and his daughter rose early on Wednesday morning, and he procured his wife some warm tea. About seven o'clock the daughter, who had returned from her work, called his attention to the condition of his wife, and on going into the room where she was lying, he saw that she was dead. The jury returned a verdict that death resulted from natural causes."

### Wednesbury Herald 27/9/1879

“On Thursday an inquest was held at the GEORGE INN, Wednesbury, before Mr. Hooper, district coroner, touching the death of John Foster, aged 64 years, carpenter, of 29, Union Street, Wednesbury, who was employed at the works of Messrs. Lloyd, Forster, and Co, Old Park Works, Darlaston Road.

The evidence showed that deceased had been in a declining state of health for some time past, and more especially during the past twelve months; that he had been attended by Dr. Garman and also by Dr. Collins. He was still, however, able to follow his employment and on the morning of Wednesday left his home in his usual state of health at about half past five o'clock. Deborah Foster stated that she did not see her husband but heard him call her grandson up at about that time. He took his dinner with him, and at about three o'clock intelligence was brought that something had happened to her husband. At four o'clock the fact of her husband's death became known to her. She remembered nothing particularly since. Herbert Riley, boiler maker, said, on the afternoon in question he had occasion to go to the closet at the Old Park Works. He saw Foster there, and talked with him a few minutes from an adjoining closet. While witness was there he heard deceased leave the closet, and immediately afterwards he heard something come into contact with the wall. The closet was quite open at the back and the deceased had fallen in. As his own endeavours to get the deceased out were ineffectual he got assistance, and ultimately the deceased was got out and laid upon the grass. The Police and Dr. Blackwood were sent for, but the deceased was quite dead when Dr. Blackwood arrived shortly afterwards. After a brief consultation the jury returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased Died from Natural Causes, and added that they thought the attention of the manager of the Old Park Works should be drawn to the unsafe state of the closets upon their works. The coroner said he should certainly make it a part of his duty to point out to the manager of the works the unsatisfactory state of the closets in question, and also as he understood there were similar conveniences at the Patent Shaft works he should also draw the attention of the manager to their unsafe condition.”

### Wednesbury Herald 31/7/1880

“Two respectably dressed young men named Joseph and Samuel Williams, both residing at Dudley Port, were charged with violently assaulting *Daniel Lawrence*, landlord of the GEORGE HOTEL, Market Place, Wednesbury, at Great Bridge on the 19th inst.

Mr. Sheldon appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Sharpe, of West Bromwich, for the defendants.

Mr. Sheldon said the facts of the case were that on Monday night complainant drove over with a friend from Wednesbury to the STORK HOTEL, Great Bridge, and upon going into one of the rooms he was met by the two defendants, who without the slightest provocation struck and kicked him in a most violent manner. If he proved his case to the satisfaction of the Court, he trusted that his worship would severely punish the defendants.

The complainant said that upon going into the hotel the defendant Samuel mocked his voice and William afterwards struck him on the head which caused him to fall on the ground. Whilst on the ground both defendants kicked him in a most brutal manner.

A large number of witnesses having given evidence in support of the complainant, Mr. Sharpe said he was in a position to call evidence to the effect that Mr. Lawrence used insulting language towards the defendants, after which a free fight took place. Therefore he contended that if Mr. Lawrence was assaulted it was through his own seeking, inasmuch as he struck the first blow.

Witnesses having been called in support of the defence, defendants were afterwards charged with assaulting Abraham Cooper, a waiter at the STORK HOTEL.

The complainant stated that whilst the defendants were assaulting *Lawrence* they kicked him, and inflicted serious injuries.

The Stipendiary said he believed the evidence given for the complainants in both cases. For the first offence defendants would each have to pay 20s and costs, and for the second 5s and costs.

The hearing of the cases created a great deal of interest.”

### 1881 Census

1, Market Place – GEORGE HOTEL

[1] *Daniel Lawrence* (47), widower, licensed victualler, born Donnington Wood, Shropshire;

[2] *William Lawrence* (18), son, assistant waiter, born Great Bridge;

[3] *A. M. Lawrence* (14), daughter, assistant waiter, born Great Bridge;

[4] *Letitia Edge* (29), waiter, born Great Bridge:

### **Wednesbury Herald 19/11/1881**

“On Saturday, Mr. Edwin Hooper held an inquest at the GEORGE HOTEL, Market Place, as to the death of Thomas Wright (35), ironworker, Ridding Lane, who died suddenly on the 10th. It was proved that deceased’s death was caused by pleurisy, and not through taking a dose of jalap, and a verdict of Died from Natural Causes was returned.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 16/9/1882**

“Edward Bishton, iron worker, was charged on a warrant with refusing to quit the licensed premises of Mr. *Daniel Lawrence*, licensed victualler, Market Place. The complainant stated that on the 4th ult, the defendant came into his house and insulted him, and upon complainant requesting him to leave he refused to do so. The Bench fined prisoner 15s 6d, including costs.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 30/12/1882**

“Mr. E. Hooper (Coroner), held an inquest at the GEORGE HOTEL, on Wednesday, respecting the death of Benjamin Smallman (20), a carter, in the employ of Mr. Edward Smith, of the Brunswick Tube Works, Wednesbury, who was found dead on Christmas Day. The evidence showed that the deceased was seized with a fit when in a water closet, and died before medical aid could be procured. The Coroner said there were no suspicious circumstances connected with the case and the jury would not have much difficulty in finding a verdict. The Foreman of the jury said he was convinced that there had not been any foul play and the jury returned a verdict of Died from Natural Causes. Yesterday afternoon the deceased was buried with military honours at Wood Green Cemetery. He was a member of the Rifle Volunteers, and over 50 of the Volunteers followed his remains to the grave, the band playing the ‘Dead March In Saul’. The service was a most impressive one.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 14/4/1883**

“Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner) held an inquest on Wednesday, at the GEORGE HOTEL, High Street, Wednesbury, respecting the death of Elizabeth Butler (74), of 27, Union Street. The deceased had been ill for some time, and on Saturday she was considerably worse, and died, before medical aid could be obtained. The Coroner said that if the friends of the deceased had obtained medical aid earlier an inquest would not have been necessary. A verdict of Death from Natural Causes was returned.”

### **1891 Census**

Market Place – GEORGE HOTEL

- [1] *Michael J. Higo* (27), licensed victualler, manager, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Matilda Higo* (25), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Thomas Higo* (5), son, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Mary Higo* (3 months), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Henry Beesley* (26), boarder, barman, born Bearley, Warwickshire;
- [6] *Annie Heseltine* (13), domestic servant, born Bilston:

### **Midland Advertiser 29/2/1896**

“On Tuesday afternoon an inquest was held at the GEORGE HOTEL, Market Place, Wednesbury, touching the death of Margaret Berry (48), the wife of William Berry, iron worker of Little Hill, who committed suicide in a most determined manner. The husband stated that on Friday night he went to a Public House to have a pint of ale, when he was followed by a neighbour named Bennett, who told him that his wife had poisoned herself. He immediately went home and found his wife sitting on the stairs very ill. He asked her what she had taken and she made no reply. A neighbour however told him that she had taken carbolic acid. The deceased had no trouble, except that she had lost a child three years ago. He could not assign any reason for the deceased taking her life. A surgeon attended before the deceased. Sarah Ann Davies, a neighbour of the deceased, stated that on Friday night the deceased went to her house and asked

if she would give her some carbolic acid to put down the sink and having found some, she told her it was poison and she was careful not to burn her fingers.

Maria Bennett stated that she had known the deceased three years. On Friday night shortly after eight o'clock deceased came to her home and said, 'Mrs. Bennett, I have done it this time.' And at the same time put a little jug on the table, which had contained carbolic acid. She afterwards said, 'Take care of my little girl and see that no one knocks her about.' Deceased said, 'It's too late, I am done.' When Dr. Garman arrived he attempted to make the deceased vomit, but failed to do so and she immediately afterwards expired.

A juryman said he thought the surgeon ought to have attended earlier. The Coroner said it must be borne in the mind that surgeon was engaged in a Surgery with patients at the time the message was delivered. The jury returned a verdict 'suicide' but there was no evidence to show the state of mind at the time."

*Henry Millner* – see also DARTMOUTH and CASTLE [1900], [1904]

### **1901 Census**

1, Upper High Street

[1] *Thomas Hanks* (46), licensed victualler's manager, born Birmingham;

[2] *Ellen R. Hanks* (44), wife, born Birmingham;

[3] *Oliver G. Hanks* (19), son, printer, born Birmingham;

[4] *Nellie J. Hanks* (10), daughter, born Smethwick;

[5] *Charles H. Hanks* (8), son, born Smethwick:

### **Wednesbury Leader 13/7/1901**

"At a special Court at Wednesbury on Monday, before Colonel Smith and Mr. J. Handley, James McLean (20), no fixed abode, was charged with stealing a pair of trousers, value 8s 11d, from the shop of Hiam Cohen, clothier, Market Place, on June 21st.

Evidence was given that the trousers were missed from the doorway of the shop. On Saturday, PC Trusswell and Bowler went to the TURKS HEAD INN, Lower High Street, where prisoner had been living, and in a bedroom which prisoner was said to have occupied, they found the trousers, while in the cellar, there was property relating to another charge. They met prisoner in the street a short time afterwards and arrested him.

They took him into the GEORGE INN to explain matters, and when told he had to go to the station prisoner became extremely violent, knocking Trusswell's head against a partition, and whilst being handcuffed took one of Trusswell's fingers between his teeth, and the constable afterwards found it to be broken at the end. PC Bowler had to strike him on the jaw to make him loose. Prisoner continued to struggle desperately, and knocked Trusswell through a plate glass window. He was not secured for 25 minutes. On the way to the police station he kicked Bowler on the legs, Trusswell in the ribs, and also bunted PC Wallis in the mouth. Trusswell was so badly injured that he had since been under treatment by Dr. Garman.

A remand until Friday was granted, and again yesterday for a further seven days."

### **Wednesbury Leader 16/2/1906**

"Wednesbury and District Canine and Fanciers' Society. The annual meeting in connection with this society was held at the GEORGE HOTEL, on Wednesday evening....."

### **Wednesbury Herald 1/3/1911**

"The monthly show of the Wednesbury Canine Society, which was held at the GEORGE HOTEL, on Monday night, attracted a good attendance of fanciers....."

### **1911 Census**

1, Upper High Street

[1] *Charles Meakin* (45), public house manager, born Wolverhampton;

[2] *Alice Meakin* (37), sister, born Wolverhampton:

### **Wednesbury Herald 9/9/1911**

"A show under the auspices of the Wednesbury Canine Society was held on Monday night at the GEORGE HOTEL, when the non-sporting and sporting classes were very well filled. Under the directions of Mr. E. Foster (the hon. secretary) and Mr. F. H. Foster (the assistant hon. secretary) the arrangements were of the very first order....."

*Charles Meakin* – see also CASTLE [1916]

It was demolished in 1959.

The replacement pub had already been built, further back, on the corner site of Upper High Street and Union Street.

Its opening hours were reduced at the Sandwell Licensing Panel meeting on 8th August 2008. The police had complained about violent behaviour in and around the pub.

[2014]



2014

## GEORGE AND DRAGON

40, Lower High Street, (Market Place), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

John Davenport and Sons Brewery Ltd.

### LICENSEES

John Halsill Walton [1871] manager  
William Archibald Walton [1901] – [1904]  
Edward Elcock Jones [c. 1910]  
Henry Millner [1912]  
Herbert M Berry [1916]  
Mrs. Emily Selfe [1921]  
W S McGill [1928]  
Frederick Henry Sherlock [1961] – **1963**;  
Maurice Roy Lane **(1963)**;  
Stanley Leslie Hill **(1963 – 1964)**;

### NOTES

It was first licensed in 1814.

#### 1871 Census

40, Lower High Street

- [1] *John Halsill Walton* (41), manager of wine vaults, born London;
- [2] *Mary Ann Walton* (35), wife, born Leamington;
- [3] *James Edward Walton* (4), son, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *William Archibald Walton* (1), son, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Emily Beard* (31), barmaid, born Tipton;
- [6] *Maria Stokes* (47), nurse, born Beach Lane, Warwickshire;
- [7] *Jemima Cooper* (19), general servant, born Wednesbury;

#### 1901 Census

GEORGE AND DRAGON

- [1] *William A. Walton* (31), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Bessie M. Walton* (26), wife, born Smethwick;
- [3] *Winifred Walton* (2), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Thomas A. Walton* (1), son, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Leslie P. Walton* (3 months), son, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Margaret A. Mason* (23), barmaid, born Bloxwich;
- [7] *Martha Laird* (56), widow, domestic servant, cook, born Hereford;
- [8] *Florence Gupton* (26), nurse, born Small Heath, Warwickshire;
- [9] *Emily Chaloner* (21), housemaid, born Bloxwich;

*William Archibald Walton*, wine and spirit merchant and GEORGE AND DRAGON, established 1816,  
40, Lower High Street. [1904]

**Bilston and Willenhall Times 12/5/1928**

“The green of the Wednesbury Town Bowling Club was formally opened on Monday evening at the GEORGE AND DRAGON HOTEL, Market Place, Wednesbury. The club is one of the oldest in the town, and the green is now in fine condition.....”

**Midland Advertiser and Wednesbury Borough News 14/1/1933**

“A representative gathering of the members of the Wednesbury Tradesman’s Association was held at the GEORGE AND DRAGON HOTEL on Monday evening. Councillor F. H. Davies (chairman of the association) occupying the chair.

Among the many matters discussed was one dealing with the question of outsiders coming into town with barrows on Sunday morning and Thursday afternoon, and selling goods while the traders’ members were closed. This practice was much deprecated and it was decided that steps should be taken to put a stop to that nuisance and also other unfair methods of trading.....”

**Blackcountryman (Autumn 1972)**

**‘The Brewers Swan Song’**

“Mrs. Pardoe [see also OLD SWAN, Netherton] moved with her parents to the GEORGE AND DRAGON in the Market Place at Wednesbury. Here fifty lunches were catered for daily: seven courses for two shillings – second helpings at no extra cost.”

**‘Black Country Pubs In Old Photographs’ by Robin Pearson and Jean Wade**

“Many famous members of the acting profession stayed there during the days of local live theatre.”

It closed on 9th February 1964.

It was demolished in January 1965.



## GEORGE AND DRAGON

Walsall Street, (9, Walsall Road), (9, Oakeswell End), Oakeswell, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Thomas Palmer [1834]  
Thomas Watson [1860] – [1868]  
Joseph Whittingham [1871] – [1872]

### NOTES

Walsall Street [1861]  
9, Oakeswell End [1871]  
9, Walsall Road [1872]

It had a beerhouse license.

#### 1861 Census

Walsall Street

- [1] *Thomas Watson* (36), retail brewer, born Stokes Mill, Derbyshire;
- [2] *Ruth Watson* (31), wife, born Ashby de la Zouch;
- [3] *William Watson* (12), son, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Hannah Watson* (8), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Elizabeth Watson* (6), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Samuel Watson* (2), son, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Ruth Cannha* (67), mother, born Ashby de la Zouch;
- [8] *William Pugh* (46), lodger, labourer, born Ocker Hill;
- [9] *Mary Ann Tyler* (16), house servant, born Redcliff, Sau\_\_\_shire:

*Thomas Watson*, beer retailer, Oakeswell. [1868]

#### 1871 Census

9, Oakeswell End – GEORGE AND DRAGON

- [1] *Joseph Whittingham* (32), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Harriet Whittingham* (29), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Harriet Whittingham* (7), daughter, born Hill Top;
- [4] *Martha Whittingham* (5), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *John Whittingham* (3), son, born Birmingham;
- [6] *Amelia Stanton* (18), general servant, born Birmingham:

*Joseph Whittingham*, beer retailer, 9, Walsall Road. [1872]

## GLADSTONE

1, Portway Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1961], [1999]

### LICENSEES

William Shinton [1861] – [1881]  
Nathaniel Longmore [1891] – [1896]  
Joseph Hartshorne [1901] – [1904]  
Albert Ridgway [1931] – [1932]  
Albert Emms [1940's]  
Joseph Wheeler [1961] – [1966]  
M Carter [1983]

### NOTES

It was known locally as the "Painted Lady".

It had a beerhouse license.

*William Shinton*, beer retailer, Portway Road. [1861], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870]

#### 1861 Census

Portway Road

- [1] *William Shinton* (42), publican and butcher, born Madeley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Louisa Shinton* (40), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Rebecca Shinton* (16), daughter, born Horsehay, Shropshire;
- [4] *Aaron James* (10), stepson, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Thomas Shinton* (6), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *James Shinton* (2), son, born Wednesbury:

#### 1871 Census

1, Portway Road

- [1] *William Shinton* (53), publican, born Madley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Louisa Shinton* (48), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Thomas Shinton* (16), son, labourer, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *James Shinton* (12), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *John Shinton* (8), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Kate Laffe* (16), general servant, born Wednesbury:

*William Shinton*, beer retailer, 1, Portway Road. [1872]



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### 1881 Census

1, Portway Road – GLADSTONE INN

- [1] *William Shinton* (64), beerseller, born Shropshire;
- [2] *Louisa Shinton* (56), wife, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Thomas Shinton* (26), son, forgeman, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *James Shinton* (22), son, forgeman, born Staffordshire;
- [5] *John Shinton* (19), son, forgeman, born Staffordshire;
- [6] ? *Shinton* (6), grandson, scholar, born Staffordshire:

### 1891 Census

1, Portway Road – GLADSTONE INN

- [1] *Nathaniel Longmore* (37), publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Annie Longmore* (29), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *William R. Longmore* (8), son, scholar, born Smethwick;
- [4] *Sarah L. Longmore* (6), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Beatrice Longmore* (4), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury:

*Nathaniel Longmore*, beer retailer, 1, Portway Road. [1896]

### 1901 Census

1, Portway Road

- [1] *Joseph Hartshorne* (55), coach axle worker, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Zillah Hartshorne* (46), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Florence Hartshorne* (19), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Albert T. Hartshorne* (16), son, iron works labourer, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *John Hartshorne* (81), father, widower, retired miner, born Tipton;
- [6] *Joseph Washburn* (14), grandson, iron works labourer, born Northwich, Cheshire:

*Joseph Hartshorne*, beer retailer, 1, Portway Road. [1904]

*Albert Ridgway* worked as a striker at Jon Edwards' Junction Works.

*Albert Emms* was married to *Esther*.

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division One. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Darts League, Second Division. [1946]

It was refurbished in December 1998.

### Express and Star 9/8/1999 - Advert

“Town Centre Public House. Single trading area community pub. Fully fitted catering kitchen. Car park and garden with outside drinking area. Benefits from an exceptional refurbishment in December 1998. 3 bedroom private accommodation. Last 12 months wet trade – 150 Barrels. Tenancy. Approximate ingoings from £10,000 (purchase plan available for fixtures and fittings).”

[2006]

Closed [2007]

Demolished [2008]

## **GLOBE**

The Bridge, High Street, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

John Jones [1860] – [1868]

## NOTES

The Bridge [1860], [1861]  
High Street [1868]

### **Wednesbury Herald 6/1/1883**

“Yesterday Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner) held an inquest at the GLOBE INN, Wednesbury Bridge, respecting the death of William Thomas Webb, aged 14 months, who was found dead in bed. The deceased was found dead in bed on the morning of the 31st ult, and as death was believed to be due to convulsions, the jury returned a verdict of Died from Natural Causes.”

## **GOLDEN CROSS**

Market Place, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

### LICENSEES

### NOTES

OLD GOLDEN CROSS [1901]

#### **News Telephone 3/9/1970 - Advert**

“Pub Alterations that are Popular with the Public / Rayham (Contract Furnishers) Ltd. / 7, Washington Street, Birmingham 1 / Telephone 011 443 8601 / Sole Contractors for Furnishing for The Fairing Room / The GOLDEN CROSS / Market Place, Wednesbury / The latest M&B ‘New back’ room.”

**PUB ALTERATIONS THAT ARE POPULAR  
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MARKET PLACE, WEDNESBURY  
The latest M. & B. "New Look" Room

Advert 1970

## **GOLDEN CUP**

High Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

John Hackwood [1834] – [1841]  
Josiah Griffiths [1846]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

George Rowley, prizefighter, trained here.

*John Hackwood*, beer retailer, High Street. [1835], [1841]

### **1841 Census**

High Street

- [1] *John Hackwood* (45), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Ann Hackwood* (50), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *William Hackwood* (20), cooper, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Samuel Hackwood* (15), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Edward Hackwood* (10), born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Jane Hackwood* (5), born Staffordshire:

*Josiah Griffiths* was an ex-cock fighter and prize fight matchmaker.

## **GOLDEN LETTERS**

High Bullen, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Michael Toney [1818]

## GRAPES

44, (Upper) High Street, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

James Rowley [1864] – [1865]  
Joseph Taylor [1868] – [1872]  
George Perry [ ] – **1872**;  
Daniel Griffiths (**1872** – [ ]  
William Smith Morris [1873]  
Taylor [1880]  
Jacob Chilton (**1882** – [ ]  
Jesse Newman [1891] – [1901]  
Frank Bateman [1901] – [1904]  
Joseph Stackhouse Jnr. [1911] – [1912]  
F Lockley [1934]

## NOTES

Upper High Street [1880]  
44, Upper High Street [1891], [1901]  
44, High Street [1896], [1912]

*Joseph Taylor* – see also SPREAD EAGLE, Portway Road. [1868], [1870]  
See also GREEN DRAGON, Market Place and SEVEN STARS, Princes End, Tipton. [1872]  
He was also described as a wine and spirit merchant of 9, Market Place and victualler of the SPREAD EAGLE, 88 Portway Road. [1873]

### Wednesbury Herald 7/8/1880

“Birth – *Taylor* – On the 5th inst, at the GRAPES, Upper High Street, Wednesbury, Mrs. R. T. *Taylor*, of a son.”

### 1891 Census

44, Upper High Street – The GRAPES  
[1] *Jesse Newman* (45), public house manager, born Evesham;  
[2] *Maria Newman* (47), wife, born Stanway, Gloucestershire;  
[3] *Annie Agg* (14), niece, born Childs Wickham, Gloucestershire;  
[4] *Florence Delany* (11), visitor, scholar, born Dalston, Staffordshire:

### 1901 Census

44, Upper High Street  
[1] *Jesse Newman* (57), manager public house, full licensed, born Evesham;  
[2] *Maria Newman* (59), manageress, public house, born Stanton, Gloucestershire;  
[3] *Myra Agg* (20), niece, barmaid, born Childwicke, Gloucestershire;  
[4] *John Agg* (13), nephew, born Childwicke, Gloucestershire:



### **Wednesbury Leader 12/10/1901**

“At Wednesbury Police Court on Friday, before Aldermen R. Williams, I. Oldbury, and Mr. F. W. Hackwood, a man named Edwin Hudson (50), of no fixed abode, but who has been living in apartments at Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, was charged with obtaining various sums of money by false pretences, and with intent to defraud, between the 17th September and 3rd October.

The evidence showed that prisoner represented himself to be in the employ of the Midland Advertising Co, Wolverhampton, and canvassed for advertisements for the Wolverhampton Wanderers Fixture Card. He secured 2s 6d from Frank Talbot, manager of the South Staffordshire Coffee House, Market Place; 4s 6d from Benjamin E. Pewtriss, tobacconist, Market Place; 5s from *Herbert E. Kent*, of the CROWN AND CUSHION INN; 5s from *William H. Hadley*, GREEN DRAGON INN, Market Place; 2s 6d from *James Faulkner*, BULLS HEAD INN; 2s from *William Macdonald*, THREE SWANS INN; 5s from *Frank Bateman*, licensed victualler, High Street; 2s 6d from *Edward Phillips*, BRITANNIA INN, Trowse Lane; 2s 6d from *John Jones*, FORRESTERS ARMS, Portway Road; and 2s 6d from *Albert Newbould*, OLD PACK HORSE, Dudley Street.

Frederick L. Hodgetts, of the Penn Road, Wolverhampton, said he was a partner in the Midland Advertising Company. Prisoner had been in their employ, but left on the 27th April. He had not been connected with the company since, and was not authorised to canvass for advertisements.

Detective Truswell deposed to effecting the arrest of prisoner.

Alderman Oldbury (to prisoner): Didn't you consider you had a lot of 'flats' to deal with in Wednesbury? I am surprised that tradesmen should give their money away without even asking for a receipt. They must be very confiding.

Prisoner was committed to take his trial at the Sessions, which commence on Tuesday next.”

### **1911 Census**

Portway Road [this is written in red ink, separately]

- [1] *Joseph Stackhouse Jnr.* (38), born Brownhills;
- [2] Ruth Stackhouse (40), wife, married 13 years, born Walsall;
- [3] Daniel Stackhouse (10), son, born Walsall;
- [4] Doris Stackhouse (4), daughter, born Walsall;
- [5] Elsie Jasper (14), servant, born Walsall:

### **Bilston and Willenhall Times 11/2/1928**

“A meeting of the Wednesbury and District Licensed Victuallers' Association was held on Tuesday at the GRAPES INN, Upper High Street, Wednesbury, when Mr. Alfred Blake presided over a good attendance.....”

### **Midland Advertiser 1/3/1930**

“An inaugural meeting was held at the GRAPES INN, Upper High Street, Wednesbury, on Wednesday afternoon, for the purpose of forming a women's branch of the Wednesbury and Darlaston Licensed Victuallers' Association, and in conjunction with the Birmingham Women's Auxiliary. Mr. E. Lawrence Levy gave an address, after which it was decided that a branch should be formed, and the following officials were elected:- President: Mrs. King; Vice President Mrs. A. Small; hon. treasurer Mrs. F. H. Cook; and hon. secretary Mrs. F. Lockley.”

Closed

It was demolished in March 1967.

## GRAPES

21, Portway Road / 26, Foster Street, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

Thomas Jones [1881]  
George Grew [1881]  
William Jones [1896]  
Mrs. Susannah Jones [1901] – [1904]

## NOTES

*Thomas Jones* was a beer retailer and coalminer. [1881]

### 1881 Census

26, Foster Street – GRAPES INN

- [1] *George Grew* (48), coal miner, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Kezia Grew* (46), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *George Grew* (22), son, coal miner, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Richard Grew* (13), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Ann Jane Grew* (11), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury:

*W. Jones* issued tokens from here.

*William Jones*, beer retailer, 21, Portway Road. [1896]

### 1901 Census

21, Portway Road

- [1] *Susannah Jones* (65), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Lichfield;
- [2] *William Jones* (27), son, engine fitter, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *John T. Jones* (25), son, tube fitter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Elizabeth Cartwright* (17), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

*Mrs. Susannah Jones*, beer retailer, 21, Portway Road. [1904]

Closed

## GREAT WESTERN HOTEL

1, Great Western Street (Victoria Street) / 58, Potters Lane, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Jane Handley, Holyhead House, 72, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1920's]

### LICENSEES

William Sheldon [1864] – [1881]  
John H Sheldon [1891] – [1892]  
Mrs. Betsy Sheldon [1896]  
John Hinkinson Sheldon [1900] – [1921]  
William Edward Burrows [1961] – **1965**;  
Yvonne Zena Wordsworth **(1965 – [1966])**



c. 1920s

### NOTES

Victoria Street [1864]  
1, Great Western Street [1881], [1904], [1912]

It had a large clubroom upstairs which was used by the Ancient Order of Foresters.

### 1871 Census

Great Western Street – GREAT WESTERN HOTEL

- [1] William Sheldon (56), hotel proprietor, born Tipton;
- [2] Betsy Sheldon (52), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] William Sheldon (25), son, student of medicine, born West Bromwich;
- [4] John Sheldon (19), son, scholar, born West Bromwich:

Wednesbury and District Licensed Victuallers' Association met here. [1871]

### West Bromwich Weekly News 22/5/1875

“The annual general meeting of the shareholders of Messrs. John Bagnall and Sons Limited was held on Thursday at the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL. Mr. John Richardson (chairman) presided.....”

### Wednesbury Herald 20/3/1880

“On Wednesday afternoon, Edwin Hooper, Esq. (District Coroner), held an inquiry relative to the death of Elizabeth Holland (85), at the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, Great Western Street, Wednesbury.

Ann Holland, the daughter in law of the deceased, said that about seven weeks ago the deceased fell down stairs at her home in Cross Street, and sustained serious injuries to her body. Deceased informed witness that she fell down stairs in consequence of going to bed without a candle.

About three weeks ago she received information that the deceased was dying, and that as the person who was the tenant of the house was leaving she (witness) was requested to remove the deceased.

The Coroner: And did you remove her?

Witness: Yes, sir.

The Coroner: In what way?

Witness: I procured a cab, and had her taken to my house at twelve o'clock at night.

The Coroner: Do you think it right to remove a dying woman at twelve o'clock at night?

Witness: She would have been removed at ten o'clock if we could have got a cab.

The Coroner: In removing her did you use any violence?

Witness: Oh, no.

The Coroner: How did you bring her down stairs?

Witness: By lifting her off one step on to the other.

The Coroner: Did the deceased complain?

Witness: She groaned.

The Coroner: She did not complain of you ill treating her?

Witness: No.

By the jury: She did not drag her down stairs. Dr. Blackwood attended her about four times. Deceased did not complain to the doctor that she had been subjected to any inhuman treatment.

Mary Harper, a girl 16 years of age, said the deceased had lodged at her grandmother's house in Cross Street. On the night of the 4th of February, deceased went to bed about ten o'clock, and after extinguishing a candle she came to the top of the stairs for her shawl, and whilst feeling for the hand-rail she slipped from the top of the stairs to the bottom.

The Coroner: How do you know that she was coming for her shawl?

Witness: Because she told me afterwards.

The Coroner: What followed.

Witness said that when the deceased fell to the bottom of the stairs she burst the stairs door open. She picked deceased up and placed her on a chair, after which deceased complained that her arm was broken. She was subsequently taken to bed, and gradually grew worse until she was removed. On the night deceased was removed she heard deceased's granddaughter, Mary Holland, say 'You have been giving my grandmother too much food. If you had not given her so much she would have been gone in a fortnight.'

The Coroner: Do you swear that you heard such a statement being made?

Witness: I do.

The Coroner: If I find you are telling untruths I shall cause you to be sent to prison.

Witness: I am telling the truth.

The Coroner: Did you see anything done when the deceased was removed?

Witness: I saw Mrs. Holland pull her down the stairs roughly and caused the old woman to bump on every step.

The Coroner: In what way was she dragged down the stairs?

Witness: Mrs. Holland had hold of the deceased's legs, and a woman named Challiner stood at the deceased's head.

Mrs. Holland: Oh! don't you tell such stories.

The Coroner: What did the deceased pay per week for her lodgings?

Witness: One shilling for lodgings and washing.

The Coroner: How many times did the doctor visit her?

Witness: Four times, I believe. The doctor said her collar bone was broken.

Fanny Harper, the mother of the last witness, said she went for Mrs. Holland to remove her mother-in-law, and on arriving at the house in Cross Street, Mrs. Holland fetched her out of bed and dragged her down the stairs by her two feet.

The Coroner: Where did you stand to witness this?

Witness: At the bottom of the stairs.

The Coroner: Do you mean to say that you stood quietly and watched a dying woman ill-treated? I think it incredible.

Witness: I picked her up when she arrived at the bottom.

The Coroner: Why did you allow an old woman to be dragged down the stairs?

Witness: She did not ask for help.

The Coroner: If your statement is true you ought to be served in the same way, as there is quite as much blame attached to you as the woman.

Witness: A woman named Grice stood at the top of the stairs and I was at the bottom.

The Coroner said he really could not believe that such cruelty was allowed to take place.

Witness said she heard Mary Holland, the granddaughter say 'that deceased was a great deal of trouble, and if the people had not given her too much food she would not live a fortnight.' She also said, 'We can't do with grandmother.'

The Coroner: Have you had words with Mrs. Holland?

Witness: Yes.

The Coroner: I thought so.

Mary Holland was called, and denied that she had made the statement which she was alleged to have made.

The Coroner said the evidence was very conflicting, and if the jury desired he would adjourn the inquiry for further evidence. Dr. Blackwood had given a certificate to the effect that the primary cause of death was the injuries sustained by the fall down stairs, but she had also suffered from congestion of the lungs. The deceased appeared to be fairly nourished, and judging by the appearance of the room in which the body lay, she had been kept in a clean state.

The jury, after a short consultation, decided to return a verdict of Accidental death.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 27/3/1880**

“On Saturday night a railway guard named William Bliss (38), residing at Wolverhampton, was killed on the Great Western railway near Wednesbury railway station. The deceased was the guard in charge of the train leaving Wednesbury at 9.40pm for Wolverhampton, and on the train arriving at Bilston station deceased was missing. Search was made on the line, and his dead body was found near to Moxley station, the skull being smashed. It is supposed that deceased fell through the carriage window when the train was in motion. The body was removed to the railway station.

An inquest was held on the body on Tuesday morning at the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL by Edwin Hooper Esq, District Coroner. Mr. Ledbrooke represented the railway company.

Jessie Bath, signalman, identified the body of the deceased, and said he was a man of sober habits.

John Perry, a postman stationed at Bilston, said that on Saturday night he went to the Bilston Railway Station to meet the 9.10 train from Birmingham, for the purpose of sending mail bags to Wolverhampton. On the train arriving he went to the bag van and found the door fastened and found no guard inside. There was a lighted lamp on the floor, and at the side lay some mail bags. The window was down. Witness informed the booking clerk that there was no guard, and the engineer of the train said the guard left Wednesbury Station all right. On Sunday morning he heard that the guard had been found dead on the line at Bradley and Moxley.

Alfred Edges, a porter stationed at the Wednesbury Great Western Railway Station, said he saw the deceased get into the van at the station all right. He appeared to be perfectly sober. The deceased was brought to the Wednesbury station by the 11.16 train. He was quite dead, his head being completely smashed.

Richard Price, signalman, said he left Bilston station shortly after eleven o'clock, and he received instructions to look for the deceased as he was supposed to be killed. On arriving at the bridge near Moxley station he saw the deceased lying near the outside line under the bridge. The man was stretched out full length and he was dead. The train was stopped, and deceased was placed in the van. On the following morning he visited the spot and found a quantity of blood and hair on the buttress of the bridge.

John Ledbrooke, the Inspector of the Birmingham Division of the Great Western Railway, said the deceased had been in the employ of the Company about 14 years, during which period he had acted in the capacity of signalman and guard. He was a steady and industrious man, and he was under the impression that he had met with his death in consequence of walking on the footboard of the train when travelling at the rate of 30 miles an hour, and his head coming in contact with the buttress of the Moxley bridge.

In reply to the Coroner witness said that guards were not allowed to walk along the footboards when the trains were in motion, and only a month ago a guard was discharged for walking on a footboard when a train was in motion.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, to which they appended ‘that the Company be specially requested to inform the guards that they must not walk on the footboards’. Mr. Ledbrooke promised that the recommendation should be carried out.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 5/6/1880**

“On Wednesday, Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner), held an inquiry at the GREAT WESTERN INN, Wednesbury, relative to the death of William Chamberlain Smith, aged four years, the son of William Smith, labourer, Potters Lane.

The father of the deceased said that on Sunday he saw his son playing near to the house at about one o'clock. He afterwards missed him for about an hour and half, and at half past two o'clock a little boy came and informed him that ‘Willie was in the water.’

The Coroner: Do you mean to say that your little boy was missing an hour and a half, and you did not make any inquiries after him.

Witness: Yes sir.

The Coroner: All that I can say is that you are greatly to blame, and I don't wonder at your child being drowned. What do you know about his death?

Witness said that the little boy took him to a catch pit, adjoining the London and North Western Railway, and said

'that he was in the sewerage water.' He obtained a hook, and the body was dragged out of the water. Dr. Blackwood was sent for, and upon his arriving he said that life had been extinct some time.

The Coroner said he considered the parent greatly to blame, and he would take the opportunity of warning him that if another child of his died under similar circumstances, he should deem it his duty to advise the jury to return a verdict of manslaughter against him, and he had no doubt he would be sentenced to a long term of imprisonment.

The witness said could not be always looking after the children.

The Coroner said it was the duty of parents to protect their children, and in the present case it was evident that they had not.

Michael Sherdon proved to finding the body in a catch pit, which contained 10ft of filthy water.

In reply to the jury, witness stated that the children must have trespassed to have got near the pool. A large portion of the pit was boarded over, but a small portion was left open in order to let the sewage matter flow in.

A juryman said he considered that the Commissioners' attention ought to be called to the matter with a view of the place being made more safe.

The Coroner said he would see the Surveyor to the Board with reference to the matter.

The jury afterwards returned a verdict of Accidentally drowned."

### 1881 Census

GREAT WESTERN HOTEL – 1, Great Western Street

[1] *William Sheldon* (64), victualler, born Tipton;

[2] *Betsy Sheldon* (62), wife, born Golds Green;

[3] *John Hinkinson Sheldon* (23), son, barman, born Golds Green;

[4] *Mary Elizabeth Sheldon* (28), daughter in law, doctor's wife, born Wednesbury;

[5] *Mary Wells* (19), general servant, born Hill Top:

### Wednesbury Herald 7/5/1881

"A Conference of ironworkers representing the Staffordshire, Worcestershire, and Shropshire districts, was held on Monday, at the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, Wednesbury, for the purpose of further considering the insurance scheme proposed instead of the Employers' Liability Act, and the offer of 25 per cent to the fund made by the employers. Representatives were present from the districts of Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Great Bridge, Coseley, Bradley, Tipton, and Lea Brook.

After waiting more than half an hour beyond the time announced for the commencement of the conference, Mr. Capper, the general secretary to the ironworkers, said he did not think the conference could proceed to consider the important questions contained in the circular owing to the smallness of the attendance.

A Wednesbury delegate believed that the light attendance was attributable to the fact that the circular convening the meeting had not been properly distributed.

The representative from Golds Hill was of opinion that it was not worth while to consider the offer made by the employers consequently a conference had been called. It was only right that he should state that, in addition to the 25 per cent, the employers were prepared to pay all charges for medical assistance in cases of disablement. On Saturday evening he attended a meeting of ironworkers, at which a resolution was passed that 25 per cent was not a sufficient contribution by the masters, and there was every probability, had it been known the employers would provide medical assistance, that they might have come to a different conclusion.

Mr. Capper replied that he thought it would be sufficient if he mentioned that matter this morning. He only knew of it himself two or three days ago.

In reply to a delegate, Mr. Capper stated that all rules in connection with the scheme would be drawn up after the employees had agreed as to what the employers should subscribe to the fund.

In answer to a further question he stated there were places where the employers and workpeople had come to a private arrangement, and as soon as the present scheme was adopted those works would be merged into the general body. (hear, hear)

After considerable discussion it was decided to adjourn the conference until the 16th inst, in the meantime Mr. Capper to issue a circular to the ironmasters informing them of the business that would be brought before the conference."

### **Evening Star 6/6/1882**

“On Monday, E. Harper Esq, coroner, held an inquest at the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, Wednesbury, touching the death of Caroline Taylor (31), the wife of Richard Taylor, patent window blind manufacturer, Wednesbury, who was found dead in bed on Friday evening last, about 11.20. The evidence showed that the deceased’s husband went home after journeying from Wolverhampton, and found his wife’s bedroom door locked, and burst it open, upon which he found her dead in bed. Information was given to the police by Dr. Garman, who upon arriving found a vessel containing the dregs of vermin killer in close proximity to the bed. The husband stated that at the request of the deceased he procured some vermin killer to kill some mice. In reply to a question asked he stated that she had been in a desponding state for some time, in consequence of being in reduced circumstances. A verdict of Committed Suicide whilst in a state of temporary insanity was returned.”

### **1891 Census**

58, Potters Lane

- [1] *John H. Sheldon* (34), hotel manager, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Sarah Eleanor Sheldon (31), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Ernest Lloyd Sheldon (5), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Annie Carter (16), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

### **Midland Sun 20/5/1893**

“A meeting of delegates representing the iron workers in the Midland district governed by the Wages Board, was held at the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, Wednesbury, on Monday, when a \_\_\_\_ took place with regard to the late decision of the \_\_\_ reducing wages.....”

### **Wednesbury Herald 18/5/1895**

“On Tuesday night a meeting of the Licensed Victuallers’ Protection Association was held at the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, Mr. E. Birch presiding.

The delegates who attended the recent conference held in connection with the Licensed Victuallers’ Defence League, at Plymouth, submitted reports, which on the whole were not deemed to be satisfactory, the delegates stating that the Executive Committee controlled business and practically prohibited the representatives of private societies from making propositions.

Mr. Plant said the secretary’s salary was increased £50 per annum without the delegation being consulted. It was decided to forward petitions to the House of Commons in opposition to the Direct Veto Bill.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 19/10/1895**

“On Monday evening, Mr. Edwin Hooper (Coroner) held an inquest at the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, concerning the death of Thomas Garratt (33), stocktaker, Great Western Street. The deceased was described as a healthy man, never having had a day’s illness. On Saturday night whilst smoking a pipe, he suddenly fell back in his chair and died before medical aid could be obtained. It was stated that the deceased had been working very hard during the week in lifting heavy weighs, and it was probable through his exertions he had strained himself.

The jury did not think a post mortem examination necessary, and a verdict of Died from Natural Causes was returned.”

### **1911 Census**

GREAT WESTERN HOTEL

- [1] *John Hinkinson Sheldon* (53), hotel keeper, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Maud Sheldon (38), wife, married 12 years, born Bilston;
- [3] Ernest Lloyd Sheldon (25), son, clerk, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Kathleen Blud (21), waitress, born Wednesbury;
- [5] Mary Roberts (25), servant, born Wednesbury:

*John Hinkinson Sheldon* was chairman of Wednesbury and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association. He was also a Town Councillor. [1921]

**Bilston and Willenhall Times 11/2/1928**

“Mr. A. Hughes who recently retired from the position of G.W.R. goods agent at Wednesbury, which position he had held for 13 years, was the recipient of a wallet containing £43 at the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, on Wednesday night. Making the presentation on behalf of Wednesbury and Darlaston traders, the Mayor (Councillor W. H. Wesson) spoke of the tact and ability of Mr. Hughes and his fair dealing with the traders whilst not forgetting his duty to the company. Supporting the Mayor’s remarks Mr. D. Tonks paid a tribute to the capabilities of Mr. Hughes. In expressing his thanks to the traders for the gift, Mr. Hughes voiced his appreciation of the efforts of Mr. T. Dexter (treasurer) and Mr. A. E. Pitt (secretary) of the fund on his behalf.”

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Darts League, Second Division. [1946]



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## GREEN DRAGON

Wednesbury Fruit Market, (9, Market Place), (High Street) / The Shambles, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Thomas Keay [1818]  
Martha Woolrich [1822]  
Joseph Hobbins [1828] – [1835]  
Joshua Thompson [1841] – [1842]  
Obadiah Howl [1845]  
Thomas Hughes [1850] – [1851]  
Josiah Griffiths [1860] – [1861]  
Thomas Maunders [1864] – **1870**)  
John Boot [ ] – **1870**);  
James Whittington (**1870** – [ ]  
Joseph Taylor (**1870** – [1872]  
Thomas Taylor [1873]  
Joseph Taylor [1881]  
Edwin Butler [1888] – [1892]  
James Rigby [1896]  
Edward James Wood [1900]  
William H. Hadley [1901]  
Leo Thomas Beighton [1904]  
Frank Cook [1911] – [1935]  
Wilfred Sansom Meir [ ] – **1961**);  
George W Sawle (**1961** – **1963**):



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### NOTES

Market Place [1850], [1860], [1861], [1896], [1911]  
9, Market Place [1912]

GREEN DRAGON HOTEL [1904]

*Thomas Keay* was also a plumber, glazier and painter. [1818]

The Tally-ho coach to Birmingham left from here every morning at 8 and afternoon at half past 1. [1828]

### 1841 Census

High Street

- [1] *Joshua Thompson* (45), innkeeper, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Ann Thompson* (44), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Caroline Thompson* (20), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Henry Thompson* (15), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Emma Fletcher* (20), f.s. born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Phoebe Kendrick* (18), f.s. born Staffordshire:

A coach to Birmingham left from here every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 9 in the morning. [1849]

### 1851 Census

Market Place West

- [1] *Thomas Hughes* (39), victualler, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Sarah Hughes* (40), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Hannah Hughes* (18), daughter, house servant, born Darlaston;
- [4] *Miriam Hughes* (16), daughter, house servant, born Darlaston;
- [5] *John Bolairis* (50), stable servant, born Peterborough;
- [6] *John Blakemere* (18), apprentice, born Darlaston:

*Thomas Maunders* = *Thomas Maunder*

*Thomas Maunders* was also a wholesale wines and spirits merchant. [1868], [1870]  
He was fined 1s and costs for permitting drunkenness in May 1870.

*Joseph Taylor* – see also GRAPES, High Street and SEVEN STARS, Princes End, Tipton. [1870]

It had a music hall attached. [1868], [1870]

### 1881 Census

Market Place (west side) – GREEN DRAGON INN

- [1] *Joseph Taylor* (52), victualler, licensed, born Breabury, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Catherine Taylor* (42), wife, born Felling, Essex;
- [3] *Frederick John Taylor* (6), son, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Harriet Scott* (34), general servant, born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Emily Addis* (19), general servant, born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Timothy Dudley* (21), barman, born Staffordshire;
- [7] *Arthur George Roberts* (28), barman, born Birmingham:

*Edwin Butler* – see also HORSE AND JOCKEY.

### Wednesbury Leader 12/10/1901

“At Wednesbury Police Court on Friday, before Aldermen R. Williams, I. Oldbury, and Mr. F. W. Hackwood, a man named *Edwin Hudson* (50), of no fixed abode, but who has been living in apartments at Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, was charged with obtaining various sums of money by false pretences, and with intent to defraud, between the 17th September and 3rd October.

The evidence showed that prisoner represented himself to be in the employ of the Midland Advertising Co, Wolverhampton, and canvassed for advertisements for the Wolverhampton Wanderers Fixture Card. He secured 2s 6d from *Frank Talbot*, manager of the South Staffordshire Coffee House, Market Place; 4s 6d from *Benjamin E. Pewtriss*, tobacconist, Market Place; 5s from *Herbert E. Kent*, of the CROWN AND CUSHION INN; 5s from *William H. Hadley*, GREEN DRAGON INN, Market Place; 2s 6d from *James Faulkner*, BULLS HEAD INN; 2s from *William Macdonald*, THREE SWANS INN; 5s from *Frank Bateman*, licensed victualler, High Street; 2s 6d from *Edward Phillips*, BRITANNIA INN, Trowse Lane; 2s 6d from *John Jones*, FORRESTERS ARMS, Portway Road; and 2s 6d from *Albert Newbould*, OLD PACK HORSE, Dudley Street.

*Frederick L. Hodgetts*, of the Penn Road, Wolverhampton, said he was a partner in the Midland Advertising Company. Prisoner had been in their employ, but left on the 27th April. He had not been connected with the company since, and was not authorised to canvass for advertisements.

Detective *Truswell* deposed to effecting the arrest of prisoner.

Alderman Oldbury (to prisoner): Didn't you consider you had a lot of 'flats' to deal with in Wednesbury? I am surprised that tradesmen should give their money away without even asking for a receipt. They must be very confiding.

Prisoner was committed to take his trial at the Sessions, which commence on Tuesday next.”

## 1911 Census

Market Place – GREEN DRAGON

- [1] *Frank Cook* (45), licensed victualler, born Walsall;
- [2] *Jane Cook* (40), wife, married 15 years, assists, born Chalney, Buckinghamshire;
- [3] *May Cook* (13), daughter, born Lichfield;
- [4] *Minnie Cook* (11), daughter, born Lichfield;
- [5] *Sarah Wallett* (16), domestic servant, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Agnes Cook* (2), daughter, born Wednesbury;

## Bilston and Willenhall Times 21/1/1928

“Trade Billiards – In the first round of the Birmingham and District Licensed Victuallers’ Billiards Handicap, on Wednesday, Mr. *Frank Cook* of the GREEN DRAGON, Wednesbury defeated Mr. A. W. Porter of Birmingham.”

*Frank Cook* was vice chairman of Wednesbury and District Licensed Victuallers and Beer Retailers Friendly and Protection Society. [1928], [1934]  
He was also a councillor. [1934]

## Bilston and Willenhall Times 25/8/1928

“The half yearly meeting of the Wednesbury and Darlaston Licensed Victuallers’ Association was held on Tuesday evening at the ROSE HILL TAVERN, Wednesbury, when Mr. A. Blakemore presided.

Reference was made to the new Shop Hours Act, whereby publicans can now sell cigarettes, tobacco and matches during all the hours they are permitted to be opened.

The secretary said he had been instructed that license holders could also sell these articles outdoor after 8pm, as well as on the premises.

A letter was read from Mr. *Frank Cook* resigning his position as vice-president, and stating his reasons.

The president said he was at a loss to know why Mr. *Cook* had resigned, despite what he said in his letter, and he very much regretted his decision.

It was decided to let the letter lie on the table, and discuss it at the annual meeting.....”

## Bilston and Willenhall Times 24/8/1946

“Deaths – *Cook* – On August 20th 1946, Jane, widow of the late *Frank Cook*, at 56, Ridding Lane, Wednesbury, formerly of the GREEN DRAGON HOTEL. Interred Wood Green Cemetery, 23rd August.”

The house closed on the evening of 10th August 1963.

The license was suspended and was subsequently transferred to Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. on 2nd April 1965, but remained suspended.



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## **GREEN MAN**

High Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

James Oldacre [1822]

James Taylor [1834]

Thomas Taylor [1835]

## GREYHOUND

23, Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Mrs. Mary Ann Fellows [1868] – [1872]  
Edmund Louis Hammonds [1881] – [1891]  
John Craven [1896]  
William Harding [1901] – [1904]  
George Peters [1911] – [1912]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Mary Ann Fellows* = Mary Ann Fellowes

Mrs. *Mary Ann Fellows*, beer retailer, Dudley Street. [1868], [1870]

Mrs. *Mary Ann Fellowes*, beer retailer, 23, Dudley Street. [1872]

### 1871 Census

23, Dudley Street

- [1] *Mary Ann Fellows* (61), widow, publican, born Darlaston;
- [2] John Fellows (29), son, scrap dealer, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Julia Fellows (23), daughter in law, born Tipton;
- [4] William Fellows (1), son [grandson?], born Wednesbury;
- [5] Sarah Yates (17), general servant, born Wednesbury;
- [6] Samuel Wilkes (74), uncle, not able to work, born Wednesbury:

*Edmund Louis Hammonds* = Edmund Louis Hammond

### Evening Star 25/1/1882

“Elizabeth Goode, of Dudley Street, Wednesbury, was brought up on three charges; First with doing wilful damage, second with being drunk, and third, assaulting the police.

Mr. *Hammond*, proprietor of the GREYHOUND INN, Dudley Street, Wednesbury, stated that on the 14th inst the prisoner came into his house and broke a pane of glass.

Police-constable Quimby said he was called yesterday to a disturbance in Dudley Street, Wednesbury. When he got there he saw the prisoner creating a disturbance and who on seeing him went into a house and procured a glass of water and threw it in his face. The Stipendiary said that soon after he came into the district the prisoner was introduced to him, and on many previous occasions he had occasion to see her features. She was sentenced for assaulting the police to 14 days imprisonment, and for being drunk and disorderly 14 days, and at the end of the four weeks she would have to pay for wilful damage 10s and costs, and 5s the value of the pane of glass; or in default of payment, one month with hard labour.”

*Edmund Louis Hammonds* (1850 – 1903), played cornet in the Wednesbury Rifle Volunteers Band, The Crown Works Band and The Royal Birmingham Orchestra.

He was married to Mary Ann.

He married, secondly, Alice Riley on 30th July 1892.

See also BRITANNIA, Tipton, and ROYAL EXCHANGE.

### **Wednesbury Herald 16/2/1884**

“*Edmund Louis Hammond*, publican, Dudley Street, Wednesbury, was, at the instance of the West Bromwich Board of Guardians, directed to pay 20s and costs for neglecting to support his wife.”

### **1891 Census**

23, Dudley Street – GREY HOUND INN

[1] *Edmund Hammond* (40), married, beerhouse keeper, born France (British subject);

[2] *Florence Hammond* (20), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Alice Riley* (22), general servant, born Wednesbury:

*John Craven*, beer retailer, 23, Dudley Street. [1896]

### **1901 Census**

23, Dudley Street

[1] *William Harding* (35), beerhouse keeper, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Sarah Harding* (34), wife, born Oldbury;

[3] *Nellie Harding* (11), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[4] *Florence Harding* (9), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[5] *William V. Harding* (4), son, born West Bromwich;

[6] *Thomas H. Harding* (2), son, born Wednesbury;

[7] *Alice Lally* (26), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

*William Harding*, beer retailer, 23, Dudley Street. [1904]

Pure home brewed ales from malt, and hops only. [1911]

### **1911 Census**

Dudley Street – GREYHOUND INN

[1] *George Peters* (49), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Sylvia Peters* (50), wife, married 22 years, born Wednesbury;

[3] *George Joseph Peters* (21), son, brewer, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Ethel Page* (18), niece, born Wednesbury;

[5] *James Buckley* (7), grandson, born Wednesbury:

*George Peters*, beer retailer and brewer, 23, Dudley Street. [1912]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division One. [1946]

[1950]

It closed circa 1960.

It became the premises of Brittoll Radiator Services Ltd.

It was demolished in the early 1970's.

## HARE AND HOUNDS

85, Bridge Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Joseph Round [1818] – [1835]  
Daniel Partridge [1841] – [1842]  
Henry Partridge [1845]  
John Cartwright [1849] – [1851]  
Joseph Palmer [1860] – [1872]

### NOTES

*Joseph Round* was also a maltster, gun lock and barrel manufacturer. [1818]

*John Cartwright* was also a mining agent. [1851]

#### 1851 Census

Bridge Street

- [1] *John Cartwright* (49), victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Nancy Cartwright* (49), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] *John Cartwright* (13), son, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Thomas Cartwright* (9), son, born Oldbury;
- [5] *Rachael Cartwright* (11), daughter, born Oldbury;
- [6] *Hannah Cartwright* (6), daughter, born Oldbury;
- [7] *Eliza Henley* (18), house servant, born West Bromwich:

An inquest was held here in 1868.

#### 1871 Census

85, Bridge Street

- [1] *Joseph Palmer* (44), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Margaret Palmer* (21), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] *Harriet Ward* (14), domestic servant, born Oaken Bridge, Shropshire;
- [4] *Elizabeth Martin* (34), domestic servant, born Enfield, London:

*Joseph Palmer* was also a coal merchant. [1872]

## HEN AND CHICKENS

47, Foster Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Sarah (Careless) Dixon [1870] – [1871]  
John Dixon [1872]  
Edmund Lea [1883]  
Emma Chamberlain [1888]  
John Ricketts [1911]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

#### Dudley Herald 20/8/1870

“.....sign in the name of *Sarah Careless* and [John] Dixon was now her husband, so that the sign ought to have been altered ..... [John Dixon worked at Messrs. James Bagnall’s Imperial Works, Wednesbury] ..... fined 20s plus costs of about 12s.”

#### 1871 Census

Foster Street – HEN AND CHICKENS

[1] *John Dixon* (29), puddler, iron working, born Walsall;  
[2] *Sarah Dixon* (22), wife, born Wednesbury:

*John Dixon*, beer retailer, 47, Foster Street. [1872]

#### Wednesbury Herald 27/1/1883

“On Monday evening last a portion of the leading employees of Messrs. John Bagnall and Sons Limited, Imperial Iron Works, Portway Lane, Wednesbury, met at the HEN AND CHICKENS, Foster Street, to present *Edmund Lea*, the proprietor, with a valuable time piece. After partaking of a substantial dinner Mr. Richard Edwards, manager of the Cyclops Iron Works, Walsall, was called to the chair, and made a very suitable speech. After the good wishes expressed by several of the party the chairman made the presentation and read the following address:-

‘To Mr. *Edmund Lea*, of the HEN AND CHICKENS, Foster Street, Wednesbury, late mill and forge manager at Messrs. Bagnall’s Imperial Iron Works, under the past and present firms.

It having been resolved by the workmen of the Imperial Iron Works, to present a testimonial to Mr. *Edmund Lea*. After the period of service of upwards of 22 years, as mill and forge manager, under the Messrs. Bagnall, in recognition of his long and faithful service, and the general esteem to which he has been held, by the whole of the employees, and beg his acceptance of the accompanying time piece, subscribed for by the workmen, and in presenting it beg to tender him our warmest esteem and best wishes for his future welfare. We further hope that his separation from us will be to his temporal advantage, and that he may have many years before him of health and prosperity’

Mr. *Lea* then responded, which brought down several rounds of applause.

The evening was afterwards spent in harmony, singing, and music.”



### **West Bromwich Weekly News 20/8/1887**

“Mr. J. G. Thursfield applied on behalf of Mr. Edward Bennett for the transfer of the license of the HEN AND CHICKENS Beerhouse, at Wednesbury. He explained that a similar application had been made at Wednesbury, but refused on account of some previous conviction against his client, but he contended that they were not of a serious nature.

The Bench considered that no one with a list of convictions against him, such as the applicant had, was a proper person to hold a license, and saw no reason to overrule the decision of the Wednesbury Justices.

The application was therefore refused.”

*Emma Chamberlain, beerhouse keeper, 47, Foster Street. [1888]*

### **Wednesbury Herald 30/3/1895**

“Mary Kenny, of Brickkiln Street, was summoned for assaulting Michael Sheridan, a lamp oil hawker, living in the same neighbourhood.

Prosecutor stated that at 11.10pm on March 9th he was in Foster Street on his way home, when she met him, and tried to push his oil tank over. He told her she ought to have more sense. Thereupon she spat in his face and struck him on the head with a brick. He had to get her on the floor to take the brick from her. She was drunk, and had just come from the HEN AND CHICKENS INN, where she had broken four windows.

Defendant said Sheridan attempted to commit an indecent assault upon her, and she struck him in self defence. The Chairman said she would be fined 5s and costs, or seven days.....”

### **1911 Census**

47, Foster Street

[1] *John Ricketts* (50), married, beerhouse keeper, born Wolverhampton;

[2] *Ellen Ricketts* (28), daughter, milliner, born Wolverhampton:

## HIGHGATE ARMS

Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Highgate (Walsall) Brewery Co. Ltd.  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (acquired in 1939)  
Enterprise Inns [1990's]

### LICENSEES

Emily Elizabeth Boswell [1961] – [1966]  
John Coleclough [1990]

### NOTES

*John Coleclough* married Freda.

[1996]

## **HOLLY BUSH**

Dudley Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

John Gibbons [1818]

## HOPE AND ANCHOR

136, Darlaston Road, Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Thomas Watson [1872]  
William Watson [1873]  
W Davies [1880]  
William Watson [1881]  
Thomas Staley (**1882** - [ ]

### NOTES

*Thomas Watson* was also the proprietor of the London and North Western Railway station refreshment rooms, Stafford Street, and also a wholesale and retail ale and porter merchant, 26 Holyhead Road. [1872]  
See also OLD BULLS HEAD.

*William Watson* was also a wine and spirit merchant of the ANCHOR HOTEL, 26 Holyhead Road. [1873]

#### **Wednesbury Herald 9/8/1879**

“HOPE AND ANCHOR INN, Kings Hill, Wednesbury. To be sold by auction, by Mr. E. B. Scholefield, at the above named premises on Tuesday, August 12th, 1879 at Six for Seven o'clock in the evening, The Licenses, Goodwill, and Possession of the above Well-known Old-Licensed Inn, containing Three Bedrooms, Club Room, Modern set up Liquor Vault, Smoke Room, Kitchen, good Cellars, Brewhouse, Workshop, large Yard, Stable, Shed, Pigstyes, and every convenience for retail business purposes.

The premises occupy an excellent position, being on the main road from Wednesbury to Darlaston, and in the centre of the thickly populated part of Kings Hill.”

*W, Davies* was the secretary to the Wednesbury and District Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society. [1880]

#### **Wednesbury Herald 3/1/1880**

“Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner) held an inquiry on Wednesday at the HOPE AND ANCHOR INN, Darlaston Street, Kings Hill, Wednesbury, relative to the death of an ironworker, named Richard Lloyd, aged 56 years, who was found dead in bed on the evening of the 27th ult.

Hannah Lloyd, wife of the deceased, said that on Saturday evening she heard her husband groan, and before she could obtain assistance he expired.

Dr. Partridge, of Darlaston, subsequently saw the deceased, and gave it as his opinion that death had been caused by apoplexy. The deceased had always good health, and in fact, had never been ill.

The jury returned a verdict of Death from natural causes.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 14/5/1881**

“On Monday afternoon, Mr. Edwin Hooper (the District Coroner) held an inquest at the HOPE AND ANCHOR INN, Kings Hill, as to the death of Richard Rowley (16), of Kings Hill, who committed suicide under somewhat painful circumstances on the 6th inst.

The father of the deceased stated that until recently the deceased had been accustomed to read novels, and within the past two months had read the ‘Pilgrim’s Progress’, and the latter work had made him at times to be very excited. The deceased had also during the past few weeks been attending the Salvation Army Chapel, and upon witness seeing deceased on the street on Friday afternoon he requested the deceased not to stay out until a late hour at the Salvation Army Chapel. In the evening he was informed that the deceased had committed suicide by hanging.

Louisa Harvey, a neighbour, stated that she found the deceased hanging by means of a strap suspended from a nail in the wall, and was quite dead.

The jury returned a verdict of Committed suicide whilst in a state of temporary insanity.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 8/10/1881**

“A petition has been filed in the Walsall County Court on behalf of *W. Watson*, of the ANCHOR HOTEL, Holyhead Toad, Wednesbury, hotel keeper, wine and spirit merchant and cab proprietor, and also of the HOPE AND ANCHOR, in Kings Hill, Wednesbury, victualler. The liabilities are £6,000, and it is supposed, the assets will be about £6,000. Mr. Harrison, accountant, Birmingham, has been appointed receiver, and Mr. Shields, Wednesbury, is the solicitor.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 29/10/1881**

“A meeting of the creditors of *William Watson*, the ANCHOR HOTEL, Holyhead Road, and the HOPE AND ANCHOR INN, Kings Hill, Wednesbury, licensed victualler, was held at the first named house on Thursday, when there was a large attendance of creditors. Mr. Drewry was voted to the chair as the representative of the largest creditor. Mr. Evershed, Burton on Trent, and Mr. Williams read the statement of affairs. This showed that there were creditors to the amount of £7,912 10s 6d entitled to rank for dividend.....”

### **Wednesbury Herald 14/10/1882**

“On Wednesday night, Mr. Thomas Staylor, late director of the Imperial Gardens, of the Shah of Persia, and also has lately taken to the ANCHOR HOTEL, and the.....”

See also HOPE AND ANCHOR.

## **HORSE AND JOCKEY**

Church Street, (Church Lane), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

William Holden [1822]

John Teasdale [1828] – [1830]

### NOTES

Church Lane [1822]

## HORSE AND JOCKEY

68, Franchise Street, Fallings Heath, (Kings Hill), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Joseph Gilbert [1868] - **1871**;  
William Holback Rogers (**1871** - [1873]  
Joseph Oldback [1877]  
William Clapp [1888] - [1892]  
James Cox [1896]  
Frederick Aaron Stokes [1904]  
James Arthur Chalker [1912] - [1921]  
Len Fellows [ ]  
Thomas Lloyd [1961] - [1966]

### NOTES

Fallings Heath [1877]

A lodge of the R.A.O.B. met here.

*William Holback Rogers* = William Holdback Rogers

*William Clapp*, licensed victualler, Franchise Street. [1888]

### 1891 Census

68, Franchise Street

- [1] *William Clapp* (54), licensed victualler, born Summerhill, Derbyshire;
- [2] Sarah Clapp (47), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] Martha Clapp (26), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Annie Clapp (21), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] Ruth Clapp (2), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] Thomas Clapp (18), son, greengrocer, born Wednesbury;
- [7] Samuel Clapp (13), son, greengrocer's assistant, born Wednesbury;
- [8] Herbert Clapp (9), son, born Wednesbury;
- [9] Fred Clapp (6), son, born Wednesbury;

A team from here took part in the Fallings Heath Crib League. [1946]

Closed

## HORSE AND JOCKEY

29, High Bullen, (Trowse Lane), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1961]

### LICENSEES

Henry Parish [1849] – [1851]

George Rowley [1860] – [1861]

William Smith [1864] – [1865]

James Birch [1868] – [1870]

Joseph Poyner [ ] – **1871**;

Sarah Poyner **(1871)**;

Edward Adams **(1871)**;

James Jones **(1871 – [1881]**

Mrs. Rebecca Jones [1888] – [1896]

W H J Jones [1900]

John Stanley [1904]

William John McLean [1912] – [1916]

John Ernest Shaw [1921]

William Edwin Jones [1961] – [1966]

### NOTES

#### 1861 Census

Trowse Lane – The HORSE AND JOCKEY

[1] George Rowley (40), innkeeper, born Sedgley;

[2] Sophia Rowley (34), wife, born Warwickshire;

[3] James Rowley (21), nephew, gentleman, born America;

[4] Ann Gilman (23), maid servant, born Ireland:

*Joseph Poyner* was married to *Sarah*.

He died in 1871.

The license renewal to *Sarah Poyner* was refused in June 1871.

*James Jones* was also a wine and spirit merchant. [1872]

#### Wednesbury Herald 27/12/1879

“On Saturday, an inquest was held at the HORSE AND JOCKEY INN, High Bullen, Wednesbury, by Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner), relative to the death of Thomas Proverbs, aged two years, who resided with his parents in Ladburys Lane.

It was showed that on the 16th inst, a kettle containing boiling water fell upon him, which so injured him as to cause him to expire on the 17th inst.

There was no blame attached to the parents, and the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”



## 1881 Census

29, High Bullen – HORSE AND JOCKEY

[1] *James Jones* (66), publican, born Elmley Lovett, Worcestershire;

[2] *Rebecca Jones* (61), wife, born Droitwich;

[3] *Henry W. I. Jones* (22), son, brewer, born West Bromwich;

[4] *Mary Jones* (61), sister, assistant, born Elmley Lovett, Worcestershire;

[5] *Ann Oliver* (69), sister, assistant, born Elmley Lovett, Worcestershire;

[6] *Harriet J. Holder* (15), niece, scholar, born Ireland;

[7] *Ann Tilley* (20), general domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

## Wednesbury Herald 18/2/1882

“On Saturday afternoon Mr. E. Hooper, district coroner, held an inquest at the HORSE AND JOCKEY INN, Wednesbury, on the body of John Burke, alias ‘Teapot’, a labourer, residing at Pitt’s Square, High Bullen, Wednesbury, who died on Thursday morning last. At the time of death it was alleged that he died from the results of violence.

Bridget Joyce, at whose house deceased lived, stated that the deceased left home for work on Tuesday morning, and did not return till Wednesday morning, and when asked where he had been, replied ‘At the Welshman’s house.’ He said his cheek was bad, and his jaw bone broken, and he thought it had been done by the Welshman. After being in bed for a short time he went to the WREXHAM [either the DARTMOUTH ARMS or GEORGE], returned about 3.30, and went to bed. About 7.30 he got up and asked for some drink, and about an hour after, as he was upstairs, she heard him rattling in the throat. Dr. Blackwood was sent for but was not at home. Deceased died a little after 12 o’clock. Witness did not see him die as she was getting some drink ready for him.

Edward Rowland, alias ‘Ned the Welshman’, a labourer, of Portway Road, stated that he and deceased were drinking together on Tuesday morning, and about 12.30 were in witness’s house together. Burke was then quite drunk and misconducted himself. Witness changed his (Burke’s) clothes for him and left the house, when he returned about 5.15 and found Burke there still, and who remained all night. During the night witness heard him making a noise, got up to him, and in accordance with his request, gave him something to drink. Deceased was near the fireplace, and the ‘raker’ was close to him, and witness believed that Burke would have been burnt, had he not got up to him. Witness went to his work, and on returning for breakfast Burke said, ‘Ned, look up here under my jaw, and see how it is swelling; it is welly all over with me.’ Witness looked and found a swelling, but did not ask him how it was done. Witness’s wife thought it was the draft of the doors. Deceased left about 7.30, went to a public house, and had some more drink. There had not been any quarrel. Witness did not hear till after deceased had died that deceased had said he (witness) had ill used him. Deceased was a man that was given to drink very much.

Police-constable Lytle gave the information he had obtained relative to the deceased’s death, but there was nothing to show definitely that deceased had been ill-used. He had not heard of any quarrelling at all.

A juryman said he had known deceased for 40 years, during which period he had been addicted to drink.

The coroner said that his own impression was that the deceased had not been ill used by anyone, but that his death was simply the result of drink.

The verdict of the jury was that deceased had died from excessive drinking.”

## Wednesbury Herald 30/12/1882

“On Wednesday afternoon Mr. Edwin Hooper, District Coroner, held an inquest at the HORSE AND JOCKEY INN, High Bullen, relative to the death of Henry Frederick Edwards (16), a grocer’s assistant, who had died from the effects of inhaling gas.

Henry Haynes, grocer, stated that the deceased had been an apprentice in his employ during the last eighteen months. On Sunday night deceased retired to bed at a quarter past eleven o’clock. As deceased did not come down for breakfast, at a quarter to ten o’clock witness went to his bed room, and forced open the door. He discovered that the room was full of gas, and that the gas had escaped from a pendant in consequence of the tap being on full. The deceased lay down in bed, and he at once sent for a surgeon and the police.

On his arrival Mr. William Moore attributed death to inhaling coal gas, and that death had taken place several hours.

The Coroner: You are aware the gas bracket is insecure and also that there is no ventilation in the room?

Witness: Yes, the bracket is insecure, but no gas escapes in consequence of it’s being insecure.

In reply to the jury witness stated \_\_\_\_\_ the gas escaped of the deceased accidentally knocking the tap on. He had frequently cautioned deceased not to \_\_\_\_\_ in his room to read. He, however, had not cautioned him lately.

In reply to a juryman witness stated that the deceased was a healthy lad, and was a good servant.

The Coroner remarked that had there been some ventilation in the room the shocking occurrence might have been avoided. He, however, did not see that anyone was to blame unless it was the unfortunate deceased. The jury returned a verdict of Accidentally suffocated by gas.”

#### **Wednesbury Herald 1/3/1884**

“On Saturday afternoon, Mr. Edwin Hooper (South Staffordshire Coroner), held an inquest at the HORSE AND JOCKEY INN, High Bullen, touching the death of Benjamin W. Ethell, aged 12 years, who died suddenly on Thursday. He went to school as usual on Thursday morning, and on leaving at twelve o’clock complained of a violent pain in his stomach, and died at a quarter past twelve.

The Coroner remarked that there was no doubt that death had been caused by a severe attack of inflammation. The jury did not consider a post mortem examination necessary, and returned a verdict of Died from Natural Causes.”

#### **Midland Sun 3/6/1893**

“On Monday afternoon last, Mr. Edwin Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the HORSE AND JOCKEY INN, High Bullen, Wednesbury, on the body of George Francis Longmore, aged six months, who died very suddenly on Saturday, May 27th. The mother of the deceased said she put her child to bed on Saturday at about two o’clock, when it appeared to be in its usual good health. She went upstairs again about four o’clock on the same day, thinking it strange the child had not wakened, when to her surprise she found that it had had a fit. She instantly communicated with Dr. Dingley, but before he arrived the child was dead. A verdict of death from Natural Causes was returned.”

#### **Wednesbury Herald 16/2/1895**

“A supper attended by several tradesmen and friends was given at the HORSE AND JOCKEY INN, High Bullen, on Tuesday evening last. The spread was a very enjoyable one, and credit is due to Mr. and Mrs. Jones for their catering.....”

#### **Black Country Bugle 24/8/2000**

##### **‘Wednesbury’s Horse and Jockey.....’**

“.....A newspaper report dated Saturday February 1st 1913 described the bizarre events that had befallen it [HORSE AND JOCKEY] the previous Tuesday. Customers in the ‘most ancient and historic hostelry’ heard a rumble from above them at about half past eight that evening, and as they looked up saw the ceiling quake as if it was about to come crashing in on them. There ensued a great scuffle as regulars and staff alike made a bid for the door onto the street, and fortunately everyone got out in one piece. It was only when they gathered on the pavement and looked up that they all realized just how lucky they had been. The place was a mass of debris, and the pub’s huge sign which the reports say weighed about 15 hundredweight was lying in the road. The cause of the mayhem was soon apparent. The roof had completely collapsed and most of it had fallen in on the building, or slid off altogether, thanks to the support beams being completely rotted through.....

The HORSE AND JOCKEY was reputed to be two hundred years old when it collapsed ..... It was even rumoured that the Methodist John Wesley once preached in front of it.....”

It was rebuilt in 1913.

#### **Bilston and Willenhall Times 16/2/1946**

“On Monday night at the HORSE AND JOCKEY, Wednesbury, a crib match took place between the Pick of the League and the HORSE AND JOCKEY in aid of Walsall General Hospital. HORSE AND JOCKEY won 8-3. A concert which followed was a great success.....”

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division One. [1946]

Teams from here took part in the Wednesbury Darts League. [1946]

[1964]

Closed

It was demolished in 1968 for the Northern Orbital Bypass.

## **HORSE AND JOCKEY**

44, Walsall Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Harriet Smallman [ ] - **1871**);  
John Smallman (**1871** - [ ]

### NOTES

Check Wood Green Road.

## HORSE AND JOCKEY

Wood Green Road, (84, Wood Green), (84, Walsall Road), Wood Green, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Showells Brewery Co. Ltd.  
Ansell's Ltd. [1961]  
Allied Breweries

### LICENSEES

William Brighton [1818]  
Samuel Bayley [1828] – [1830]  
James Turner [1834]  
Maria Keay [1835] – [1842]  
Charles Spittle [1845]  
Mrs. Helen Spittle [1849] – [1850]  
Thomas Wells [1851]  
Frederick Beeson [1860] – [1865]  
William Minifie [1867] – [1870]  
John Smallman [1871] – [1872]  
William Hammond [1881]  
Edwin Butler [1888] – [1901]  
Job F Piper [1904]  
A E Tavenner [1912] – [1916]  
William Taylor [1921]  
Elizabeth Taylor [1928]  
Wilfred Sansom Meir [1961] – [1966]



### NOTES

84, Wood Green  
84, Walsall Road [1871]

OLD HORSE AND JOCKEY [1841], [1842], [1850]

*Helen Spittle* = Ellen Spittle

### 1861 Census

Wood Green

- [1] *Frederick Beeson* (30), innkeeper, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Mary A. Beeson* (26), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *William A. Beeson* (5), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Ann Nicklin* (14), house servant, born Wenlock, Shropshire;
- [5] *Christopher Smith* (48), lodger, edge tool maker, born Wednesbury;

### Dudley Herald 19/9/1868

*William Minifie*, HORSE AND JOCKEY, Wood Green, Wednesbury was charged with serving during unlawful hours. – case dismissed.

*William Minifie* was also a blacksmith. [1868], [1870]

### **1871 Census**

84, Walsall Road

[1] *John Smallman* (30), licensed victualler and commercial traveller, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Harriet Smallman* (44), wife, born Somersetshire;

[3] *Thomas Minifie* (23), stepson, blacksmith's striker, born Somersetshire;

[4] *William Minifie* (11), stepson, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[5] *Ann Slaters* (15) domestic servant, born Willenhall:

*John Smallman* was also a commission agent. [1872]

It was adopted as the headquarters of Wednesbury Old Athletic FC.

The Well's Field was situated opposite to the pub. It is now the Rook Street area.

It was here that Wednesbury Old Athletic played their first match [against Wednesbury FC] on 17th October 1874.

### **Wednesbury Herald 13/12/1879**

"On Monday morning Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner), held an inquest at the HORSE AND JOCKEY, Wood Green, relative to the death of Thomas William Jewkes, five years of age, who died on the 4th instant from the effects of burns.

The evidence showed that the deceased's clothes became ignited when playing before the fire in the bedroom. The flames so injured his chest and throat as to cause him to expire. The mother, on seeing her child enveloped in flames, endeavoured to \_\_\_\_\_ them by wrapping him up in a rug.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

### **Wednesbury Herald 1/5/1880**

"An inquest was held on Monday, at the HORSE AND JOCKEY INN, Woodgreen, by Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner) relative to the death of Hannah Heath (51), the wife of Henry Heath, ironworker, Woodgreen.

The deceased retired to rest on the night of the 22nd inst, in apparently good health, and on the following morning she was found dead in bed by her husband. As soon as possible medical assistance was obtained and restorat(?) was applied, but they proved to be of no avail.

In reply to the Coroner the husband said the deceased had hitherto enjoyed good health, in fact, she had never complained of being ill. There were no suspicious circumstances, and the jury returned a verdict of Died from natural causes."

### **Wednesbury Herald 17/7/1880**

"Wednesbury Strollers Football Club. Annual Handicap Steeplechase and dinner. The sixth open annual handicap steeplechase in connection with the club took place on Saturday afternoon. A field of eighteen was obtained from twenty-five entries. The starting post was at the WHITE HORSE INN, Lower High Street, and the winning post at the HORSE AND JOCKEY INN, Wood Green. The course was between seven and eight miles. Mr. W. J. Bagnall acted as judge. Mr. J. A. Johnson as starter, Messrs. T. Bryan and E. M. Scott as hares, and Messrs. T. Bryan, S. Powis, and F. Hackwood handicappers.

After a good chase the winners were declared to be Richard Richards (Royal St. George FC), S. Parker (Strollers), and S. T. Stagg (Aldridge Harriers).

In the evening the annual dinner of the club was held at the ANCHOR HOTEL, Holyhead Road....."

### **Wednesbury Herald 15/1/1881**

"Mr. Edwin Hooper held an inquiry on Monday, at the HORSE AND JOCKEY INN, Wood Green, as to the death of Thomas Astbury (27), who had died from the effects of a kick received from a horse at the stables of the Patent Shaft and Axletree Company, under circumstances already reported in the Herald. The evidence showed that the occurrence was a pure accident, and the jury returned a verdict of Accidental death."

### 1881 Census

84, Woodgreen – HORSE AND JOCKEY

- [1] *William Hammond* (36), licensed victualler, born France (British subject);
- [2] *Emma Hammond* (37), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *William N. B. Hammond* (12), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Emma Clara Hammond* (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Alice Theresa Hammond* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Mary Howl Hammond* (3), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Sarah Foster* (16), general servant, born Darlaston:

### Wednesbury Herald 23/9/1882

“On Tuesday afternoon E. Hooper, Esq, district coroner, held an adjourned inquest at the HORSE AND JOCKEY, Wood Green, Wednesbury, relative to the death of Samuel Timmins, aged 72 years, a colliery clerk, lately residing with his daughter at Hobbs Hole, Wednesbury. At the previous inquiry, held on the 12th instant, the deceased’s daughter, Rosannah Cutler, deposed that her father enjoyed good health until about three weeks ago, when he began to grieve sadly at having no employment. On Monday the 11th last, witness took him his breakfast to his bedroom as usual, and he then appeared quite well. Later on, however, the deceased said he did not feel well, and when witness visited him in his bedroom at half past ten o’clock he looked exceedingly pale, and in a few minutes afterwards expired. Witness did not believe that the deceased had taken anything to kill himself.

*George Fox*, manager for Mrs. Tomlinson, chemist, Wednesbury, deposed that on the Saturday previous to his death the deceased accompanied by a Mr. Keay, called upon him and said, ‘Will you let me have the poison now?’ The deceased had been to the shop previously, and witness had refused to serve him with the vermin killer which he asked for. As witness knew Mr. Keay, he let the deceased have two threepenny packages of vermin killer, for which he signed the book in the presence of Mr. Keay.

There being nothing in the evidence adduced to show the exact cause of death, several of the jury desired that a post mortem examination should be held, and for this purpose the enquiry was adjourned till Tuesday.

*Mr. J. C. Garman*, surgeon, Wednesbury, who had made a post mortem examination of the body, deposed that there were no external marks of violence, and the body was well nourished. He did not discover any traces of poison. The heart was very much loaded with fat. There were no signs of any disease in the heart itself, but the walls were very thin and weak. He considered that the cause of death was due to sinking or fainting, which would be produced by condition of the kidneys, which were diseased. In his opinion the deceased died from natural causes.

A verdict in accordance with the medical testimony was returned.”

### 1891 Census

Wood Green – HORSE AND JOCKEY INN

- [1] *Edwin Butler* (45), publican, born Ashton, Lancashire;
- [2] *Anne Butler* (46), wife, born Ashton, Lancashire;
- [3] *Tom Butler* (17), son, barman, born Stalybridge, Cheshire;
- [4] *Dora Butler* (15), daughter, scholar, born Liverpool;
- [5] *Louisa Carlyne* (17), barmaid, born Birmingham:

*Edwin Butler* – see also GREEN DRAGON.

### Wednesbury Herald 12/10/1895

“Licensed Victuallers’ Association. The annual meeting of this association was held on Tuesday night at the HORSE AND JOCKEY HOTEL, Wood Green, Councillor Sheldon presiding.....”

### Wednesbury Leader 16/3/1901

“Early on Thursday morning a rumour to the effect that Mr. W. H. Edgerton had died by his own hand, threw the centre of the town into a state of consternation, which when the news proved unhappily to be true, the feeling of excitement changed to one of intense sorrow. The deceased gentleman, who was exceedingly well known and highly esteemed, left his home in the Hollies Drive shortly before nine, and appears to have gone straight to the HORSE AND JOCKEY, Wood Green, where, having asked to be supplied with a brandy and milk, entered the billiard room. A short time afterwards a loud report was heard, and the landlord, Mr. *Butler*, on entering the room found deceased sitting in a chair with a bullet wound in the right temple and a revolver in his hand. Dr. Crew was immediately sent

for, but Mr. Edgerton had expired before the doctor's arrival. The remains were removed to the Mortuary to await an inquest, which is to be held today. The deceased, who was 39 years of age, leaves a widow and two children, for whom the greatest sympathy is expressed. No cause is at present known for the deplorable event other than that some months ago Mr. Edgerton met with a railway accident, causing severe injuries to the head, from which he seems not to have completely recovered."

#### **Wednesbury Herald 15/4/1911**

"The annual meeting in connection with the Wednesbury Cricket Club was held at the HORSE AND JOCKEY HOTEL, Wood Green, on Monday evening. In the unavoidable absence of his Worship the Mayor (president), the chair was taken by Alderman A. E. Pritchard....."

#### **Wednesbury Herald 6/5/1911**

"On Saturday last the green at the HORSE AND JOCKEY HOTEL was opened by the President, Mr. A. Richardson. The green is in splendid position, and a good season is anticipated. The Club is affiliated with the Staffordshire Association, and will compete in the Cup Ties....."

#### **Wednesbury Leader 9/9/1911**

On Monday morning, very early, the HORSE AND JOCKEY HOTEL, Wood Green, kept by Mr. *A. Tavenner*, was unlawfully entered. It appears that the intruder, for it is thought to be the work of one person only, obtained admission to the house by climbing over an ashpit, and then through a grating into the cellar, where he reached the hall, and subsequently the large bar at the front of the house. Here a stay was made long enough to drink a considerable quantity of ginger wine, to turn the place topsy turvy, and secure the following: A box (containing about 20s) used for the purpose of collecting money for a crippled children's home in Kinver, three bottles of whisky, sixteen half ounce packets of tobacco, and a coat belonging to Mr. *Tavenner*, which the intruder exchanged for his own, leaving the latter, a well worn garment, behind. A visit to an outhouse showed that there the box had been broken into splinters, while the basket attached to the cycle of the barmaid, Miss Boucher, had been opened, and a sum of money, amounting to several shillings, extracted. The remains of the box were discovered amongst a quantity of straw. The police have the matter in hand."

#### **Bilston and Willenhall Times 21/4/1928**

"The official opening of the Wood Green Bowling Club's green at the HORSE AND JOCKEY HOTEL, Wednesbury, took place on Saturday afternoon, but before this was done the ceremony of unveiling a memorial to the late Mr. William Taylor was performed by the president of the club (Mr. H. J. Johnson). Mr. Taylor was one of the founders of the club, which was formed in 1907....."

#### **Bilston and Willenhall Times 25/2/1928**

"The Stipendiary (Mr. B. G. Grimley) was occupied for a considerable time at Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday, hearing summonses for offences against the Licensing Act.

*Elizabeth Taylor*, licensee of the HORSE AND JOCKEY, Wood Green, was summoned for selling intoxicating liquor during prohibited hours to Leonard Holmes, Hales Road, Wednesbury, and Albert Edward Poxon, Windmill Street, Wednesbury, also for aiding and abetting Holmes and Poxon to consume during prohibited hours; William Archibald Taylor, son of the licensee was summoned for aiding and abetting in the selling and consumption; Julian Henry Drinkwater, 34, Upper High Street, Wednesbury, was summoned for aiding and abetting in the consumption, while Holmes and Poxon were summoned for consuming intoxicating liquor during prohibited hours.

Mr. E. E. Brown prosecuted on behalf of the police. Mr. Arthur Ward (instructed by Messrs. Glover and Smith) defended, while Mr. Frank Cooper held a watching brief for Showells Brewery Ltd, owners of the HORSE AND JOCKEY.

Mr. Brown, in his opening statement, said that the alleged offences took place on January 28th at 11.23pm the licensee having been granted an extension of one hour on the occasion of the annual dinner of the Wood Green Bowling Club. PC Roweswell saw a number of persons standing in the entrance in Hobs Hole Road. He went in and saw Mrs. *Taylor* and her daughter standing at the bottom of the stairs. He went into the clubroom and saw the defendants standing at a small table behind the door, on this were a number of empty glasses. He saw both the defendants drinking out of glasses and spoke to them. They made replies and he saw them next day, when he went to verify their names and addresses.

PC Roweswell was the first witness and in supporting Mr. Brown's opening statement spoke to going in the HORSE AND JOCKEY and seeing standing by the bottom of the stairs, the licensee and her daughter. He said something to Mrs. Taylor and then went to the clubroom. He saw the licensee's son by the door and there were four persons in the room, including Holmes and Poxon. He saw the last two named each holding a half pint glass, half full of beer, which they hurriedly consumed and put the glasses on the table by the empty ones. He smelt the glasses and without any doubt both had contained beer. He spoke to them and asked how they accounted for consuming beer after the closing hour, 11pm. Holmes replied, 'I wasn't consuming beer.' Poxon replied, 'My beer was filled before eleven.' Holmes then said, 'Remember there has been a club dinner.' And both defendants admitted having attended the dinner. He took their names and addresses there and then the following day he called at Holmes' house to verify his address. He spoke to him, and Holmes said, 'I didn't mean to say that I wasn't drinking beer when you came in. I meant that I hadn't bought it after 11pm. I went for my coat and hat in the billiard room and came back to the clubroom to drink my beer.' He also called at Poxon's and he said, 'It's no use them arguing we were caught drinking beer after time.'

Mr. Ward then cross-examined PC Roweswell and asked him whether it was a big dinner. He said he did not know about it being big, there were several there.

What do you mean by several? – About 50. Do you know there were over 80?

No.

Mr. E. J. Burns, who is a man well-known in the district and headmaster of St. John's School, was present when you spoke to the defendants?

Yes.

He would be able to hear all that was said?

Yes.

Young Mr. Taylor was also there and Mr. Drinkwater?

Yes.

If they all said that Mr. Holmes was not drinking, what would you say to that?

I should say that they were telling untruths.

Did you make your note of the conversation in the presence of all these gentlemen?

Yes.

Did you make any note of the conversation the following day?

Yes, about half an hour after.

Was Mr. Drinkwater clearing the things away from the table?

No.

Do you put your word against those others in the room?

Yes.

Did Poxon tell you he had to wait to get his clothes out of the billiard room till practically the last?

He did not.

Did he say, 'I went back into the clubroom to drink my beer which I bought before eleven o'clock. I did not think I was doing any harm'?

No.

If your story is true you had corroboration in Mr. Burns, who is a man of the highest repute. Why didn't you speak to him?

He is President of the club.

Because you say he is President of the club, do you insinuate that you could not get him to go into the box?

Yes.

You have not made any attempt to get anyone here and you stand uncorroborated.

Yes.

Answering the Stipendiary, witness said Holmes had got his hat and coat on.

Mr. Ward said he would now withdraw his plea of not guilty in respect of Poxon and enter a technical plea of guilty. Holmes pleaded not guilty.

Leonard Holmes said he had been present at the dinner and concert at which there were 80. The billiard room had been used as a cloakroom. The 'King' was sung at 10.55 and everyone cleared out of the clubroom to get their hats and coats. There were no tickets or attendants and as a result there was a crush. He and Poxon got their things out together, he having hat, coat and scarf and Poxon a hat only. They were the last two out of the billiard room and Poxon went into the clubroom. He followed and saw Poxon pick up a glass, which contained a small quantity of beer. At that moment Mr. Taylor, the licensee's son, walked in and Poxon drank the beer. He himself did not drink



out of any glass at all after eleven o'clock, nor had he got any glass in his hand. So far as he could see there was no other glass with beer in it except the one Poxon had got. The constable never at any time accused witness of drinking beer. The following day PC Rowswell went to his house and said, 'You know I have got my duty to do.' He replied, 'I am aware of that constable.' He also said, 'When I denied drinking, I was not denying it for Poxon as well.' The officer made no note of the conversation either Saturday or Sunday in his presence.

Cross-examined, Holmes said the last drink he had was brought about ten minutes to eleven, and he finished it as soon as 'The King' had been sung. He could not say whether Poxon emptied his glass or not and after he got his Hat and coat he went back into the clubroom. He did not see the constable make any note in his book except to write down the names and addresses.

Albert Edward Poxon agreed with what the last witness had said. Holmes did not have anything to drink at all after they had got their hats and coats. He had always admitted drinking the beer, but was under the impression he could do so if it had been paid for before closing time. When PC Rowswell visited him on the Sunday, he said nothing to him about Holmes drinking beer and he (witness) did not say, 'we were caught drinking beer.'

William Archibald Taylor, son of the licensee, said that nothing was served or sold in the room after 'The King' had been sung. When he left the clubroom there was no one in except Mr. Drinkwater, who was clearing the glasses away. He went up again to help him to clear the glasses and then saw Holmes and Poxon in the room. He saw Poxon with the glass in his hand and said, 'What are you doing here? Clear out.'

Answering Mr. Brown, witness said he went back upstairs in front of the police constable. There was no rushing to the door and he did not say anything when the constable accused Holmes of drinking because Holmes denied it himself.

Julian Henry Drinkwater also gave evidence to the effect that no drinks were served were served at the singing of 'The King' and the guests filed out to the billiard room. He was clearing up the glasses when he heard a commotion at the bottom of the room and heard the police constable speaking to Holmes and Poxon.

Mr. Herbert Johnson said he presided at the dinner and concert and at 10.45 he was informed that he had better have the last song. This was done and he left the room at eleven.

Mr. Edward James Burns said that he had been headmaster at St. John's Schools for 25 years and was a member and vice-captain of the Wood Green Bowling Club. He was particularly keen on getting the proceedings concluded by the proper time and 'The King' was sung at 10.55. He saw everyone cleared out of the room except Mr. Drinkwater, by 11.2 or 11.3pm and no drink was consumed. He went downstairs and was speaking to PC Rowswell. The latter came into the house and went out again, and someone then said to witness, 'I don't think they have all cleared out.' He proceeded upstairs and PC Rowswell, who had re-entered the house, followed on his heels. He heard him speak to Holmes and Poxon, and the former said, 'I am not consuming.' The constable did not make any notes except taking the names and addresses at the time he was in the room.

Cross-examined by Mr. Brown, witness said he did go to see Supt. Adams on Sunday.

The Stipendiary said Poxon had pleaded guilty, but he found both defendants guilty.

The summonses against William Archibald Taylor for aiding and abetting were then proceeded with.

PC Rowswell said that as he got upstairs Taylor appeared in the doorway of the clubroom, and then upon sighting witness, said, 'Drink up, here's a copper.' He went into the room and saw Holmes and Poxon drinking beer. He asked Taylor how he allowed the men to consume beer after the closing hour. He replied, 'Well, it was purchased before eleven o'clock.'

Mr. Ward: Did you that conversation in your notebook at the time?

No.

Will you produce it?

Not unless I am advised to do so.

Have you got the book with you?

Yes.

Then produce it.

Asked by the Stipendiary what the point was, Mr. Ward said Rowswell had committed perjury, and he was not going to let the matter rest there after the evidence of Mr. Burns.

After several further questions PC Rowswell handed his notebook to the Stipendiary. And this was referred to by the Stipendiary.

Mr. Ward said he should ask the Stipendiary to keep the book, and if it was impounded then an officer of the court, which would be Mr. A. J. Glover, could ask to be allowed to look at it.

Mr. Ward then submitted that supposing everything the officer had said was true did it amount to aiding and abetting. The Stipendiary said that it did not, and dismissed the summonses, while those against Mrs. *Taylor* for selling and

William Taylor and Julian Drinkwater were withdrawn.

The summonses against Mrs. *Taylor* for aiding and abetting in the consumption were then proceeded with.

PC Roweswell said that when he entered the hotel he saw Mrs. *Taylor*, and said to her ‘are they all out of the clubroom.’ She replied, ‘There are two up there.’ He then went up and found both Holmes and Poxon consuming. He spoke to the licensee, who said, ‘I was not aware they were consuming after 11 o’clock.’ When he served the summons, on Feb. 13th, Mrs. *Taylor* said, ‘It is very unfortunate this should have happened. I am sure, but we make these mistakes although done quite innocently. I know you have your duty to do.’

Mr. Ward argued that there had not been any evidence of aiding and abetting against Mrs. *Taylor*. She did not know the men were consuming. Referring to PC Roweswell, he said the officer seemed to have a wrong impression as to what a licensee could do and went to licensed houses telling people what would happen if customers were allowed to stop after time. He must learn that people could stop all day and all night if they chose, and it was no offence providing they were not drinking during prohibited hours. By the fact that Mrs. *Taylor* said there were two people upstairs was not proof that she knew they were consuming.

Mr. Brown put forward legal arguments in support of his case, and the Stipendiary said he would go carefully into the case and give his decision later. Regarding Holmes and Poxon, the evidence there was that they went back to finish these drinks which had been ordered before 11 o’clock, was supported by the fact that they had their hats and coats on. If they had wanted to have stopped drinking they would have not gone to the cloakroom. By going back and drinking what they had left they were breaking the law. It was not a serious offence, however, and defendants would each be fined 20s.

Asked by Mr. Ward if he would impound the notebook, the Stipendiary said if he did that he felt that he should be reflecting on the officer, and especially after what Mrs. *Taylor* had said about him when he served the summons.”

### Midland Advertiser 15/2/1930

“Members of the Wood Green Bowling Club, Wednesbury, held their annual dinner last Saturday night at the HORSE AND JOCKEY HOTEL, when Mr. H. J. Johnson (the president) occupied the chair.....”

Plans were approved for alteration of rooms upstairs and the car park, on 3rd January 1964.

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Town Darts League. [1970]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Social Dominoes League. [1970]

Closed

It reopened in July 1983.

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## **INKERMAN**

Cook Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Hales [1869]

### NOTES

#### **Dudley Herald 5/6/1869**

Licensee Mr. Hales ..... 3½ year old daughter died after her clothes caught fire, on 29th May 1869.

## **ISLE OF MAN**

Brunswick Park Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

### NOTES

Closed

It became the Crown Stores (off license) [1967]

It was later renamed Oakeswell off license.

Check Lower High Street.

## ISLE OF MAN

18, Lower High Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Jonathan Rowlinson [1872] – [1891]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Jonathan Rowlinson* = Jonathan Rollinson = Jonathan Rolinson

*Jonathan Rollinson*, beer retailer, 18, Lower High Street. [1872]

### 1881 Census

18, Lower High Street – ISLE OF MAN beershop

[1] *Jonathan Rowlinson* (58), engineer and publican, born Wednesbury;

[2] Eliza Rowlinson (59), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] Richard Rowlinson (34), son, brewer, born Wednesbury;

[4] William Rowlinson (20), son, ironworker, born Wednesbury:

### 1891 Census

Lower High Street – ISLE OF MAN

[1] *Jonathan Rolinson* (70), publican, born Wednesbury;

[2] Eliza Rolinson (70), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] Richard Rolinson (45), son, brewer, born Wednesbury;

[4] William H. Rolinson (29), son, iron moulder, born Wednesbury;

[5] Richard Adams (11), grandson, scholar, born Wednesbury:

## JOINERS ARMS

14, (37), Camp Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Twist's Brewery Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Thomas Burns [1871] – [1872]  
Mrs. Susan Burns [1881] – [1901]  
Mrs. Sarah Onions [1904] – [1912]

### NOTES

37, Camp Street  
14, Camp Street [1871], [1881], [1891]

It had a beerhouse license.

It was known locally as "The Gluepot".

#### 1871 Census

14, Camp Street - beerhouse  
[1] *Thomas Burns* (55), publican, born West Bromwich;  
[2] *Susan Burns* (55), wife, born Wednesbury;  
[3] Benjamin Burns (32), son, fitter, born Wednesbury;  
[4] Ellen Burns (26), daughter, born Shifnal;  
[5] Anne Burns (18), daughter, dressmaker, born Wednesbury;  
[6] George Burns (17), son, moulder, born Wednesbury;  
[7] Edward Burns (13), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;  
[8] *Sarah Burns* (11), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury:

*Thomas Burns*, beer retailer, 14, Camp Street. [1872]

#### 1881 Census

14, Camp Street  
[1] *Susan Burns* (65), widow, innkeeper, born Wednesbury;  
[2] Annie Burns (28), daughter, dressmaker, born Wednesbury;  
[3] *Sarah Burns* (22), daughter, barmaid, born Wednesbury:

#### Wednesbury Herald 27/1/1883

"On Tuesday night last an annual gathering of friends and customers took place at the JOINERS ARMS, Camp Street. The spread (which was provided through the liberality of Mrs. *Burns* and friends) was placed upon the table in excellent style, and reflected great credit upon Mrs. And Misses *Burns*. The cloth having been removed, Mr. G. Cammock (late of Wrexham), was voted to the chair, and Mr. Holmes to the vice chair....."

### 1891 Census

14, Camp Street

- [1] *Susan Burns* (75), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Edward Burns* (35), son, carpenter and joiner, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *George Burns* (9), grandson, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Thomas Onions* (37), son in law, axletree maker, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Sarah Onions* (31), daughter, born Wednesbury;

Mrs. *Susan Burns*, beer retailer, 14, Camp Street. [1896]

### 1901 Census

Camp Street – JOINERS ARMS INN

- [1] *Susan Burns* (85), widow, innkeeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Edward Burns* (43), son, carpenter, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Sarah Onions* (41), daughter, widow, assistant innkeeper, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *George Burns* (19), grandson, clerk, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Rachael Burns* (16), granddaughter, assistant innkeeper, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Thomas Onions* (8), grandson, school, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Clifford Onions* (6), grandson, school, born Wednesbury;

Mrs. *Sarah Onions*, beer retailer, 14, Camp Street. [1904], [1912]

### Black Country Bugle 28/3/2002

#### Letter from Allan Onions OBE, Lichfield

“.....I lived in Camp Street, Wednesbury in the 30’s and 40’s at a well known pub named the JOINERS ARMS but known as the ‘Glue Pot’. Home brewed ales until the 39-45 War made things difficult, and it changed to Twist’s and M&B beers.

In the 1930’s many pigs were driven along the roads from the railway goods yard for slaughter at Hollingworth’s. The Glue Pot was used by many who worked there.....”

## **JOLLY BREWER**

18, (16), Camp Street / Fletchers Court, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Darby's Brewery Ltd.  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Anthony Cornhill [1834] – [1851]  
Mrs. Sarah Cornhill [1860]  
Joseph Russell [1864] – **1868**);  
Smith (**1868** – [ ]  
Emma Smith [1869] – **1871**);  
Anthony Faragher (**1871 – 1872**);  
Bridget Faragher (**1872** – [ ]  
Edmund Wood [1881]  
Anthony Kilkenny [1885]  
Samuel Bolton [1888] – [1891]  
Mrs. Phoebe Lowe [1896]  
Mrs. Elizabeth Blundell [1904]  
William Burke [1912]  
Charles Clarke [1916]  
Edward J Morgan [1921]  
Florence Steventon [1961] – [1966]

### NOTES

Fletchers Court [1834]  
Camp Street [1841], [1849], [1850], [1865]  
16, Camp Street [1871], [1872], [1881], [1888], [1891], [1896], [1904]  
18, Camp Street [1912], [1916], [1921]

JOLLY BREWER [1834], [1858], [1864], [1872], [1873], [1896], [1912]  
JOLLY BREWERS [1850], [1860], [1868], [1891], [1896], [1904]  
JOLLY BROTHERS [1872] [probably a misspelling]

It had a beerhouse license.

*Anthony Cornhill* = Anthony Cornill

*Anthony Cornhill*, beer retailer, Camp Street. [1835]

### **Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/4/1858**

“.....Richard Sillitoe, Michael Wiggan and Henry Roper, were brought up at the Police Court, on Thursday, charged with having unlawfully appropriated the funds of a Friendly Society, meeting at the JOLLY BREWER pubic house, Wednesbury, without satisfying the claims of John Field, a blacksmith, then in receipt of relief from it, and thereby rendering themselves liable under the Act [Friendly Societies Act] to imprisonment, with hard labour, for a period not exceeding 3 months ..... adjourned for a fortnight.”



### **1871 Census**

16, Camp Street – beerhouse

[1] *Emma Smith* (30), unmarried, publican, born Shifnal;

[2] Elizabeth Trow (20), general servant, born Wednesbury:

### **Wednesbury Herald 8/2/1879**

“At the JOLLY BREWER INN, Camp Street, on Wednesday, Mr. Edwin Hooper, held an inquest on the body of Patrick Welsh, labourer, aged 66 years, of 7, Camp Street. The wife of the deceased stated that her husband had not been in very good health for several months. He had been strange in his mind. He went into the workhouse, and was employed at stone breaking. While following this avocation his eye was damaged, and the accident had, witness thought, disturbed his mind. She last saw him alive on Sunday evening about half past eight, at which time he was in bed. At nine o'clock a lodger went upstairs, and saw deceased standing against the bed post. The man ran down stairs and told witness what he had seen, upon which she proceeded up to the bedroom. Her husband was standing against the bed post, and had a handkerchief around his neck. He was quite dead.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased committed suicide whilst suffering from temporary insanity.”

### **1881 Census**

16, Camp Street

[1] *Edmund Wood* (57), publican, born Dursley, Gloucestershire;

[2] *Mary Ann Wood* (61), wife, born West Bromwich;

[3] *Mary A. Amos* (23), general servant, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Sarah Amos* (3), servant's daughter, born Wednesbury;

[5] *Edith Amos* (1), servant's daughter, born Wednesbury:

### **Wednesbury Herald 13/8/1881**

“Ancient Order of Foresters. The officers and members of Court Foresters \_\_\_\_\_ met at the JOLLY BREWER INN, Camp Street, Wednesbury, on Saturday, August 6th, to celebrate their 17th anniversary. The Cloth being removed Brother Thomas Taylor, DS was voted to the chair, and Brother Paul Griffiths to the vice-chair.....”

### **Wednesbury Herald 11/11/1882**

“On Saturday afternoon, Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner), held an inquest at the JOLLY BREWERS INN, Camp Street, Wednesbury, respecting the death of Maria Cerrington (70), of No.8, Hortons Square.

On the 28th ult the deceased accidentally fell down near to the fireplace and struck her right arm against the dust preventer, causing an incised wound just below the elbow. Gangrene subsequently set in, and the deceased expired on the 2nd inst.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 2/12/1882**

“Yesterday afternoon Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner), held an inquest at the JOLLY BREWER INN, Camp Street, respecting the death of Joseph Stanyard (5), who had died from the effects of a fall.

About three months ago deceased fell off a wall and fractured his skull, from the effects of which he died.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 3/2/1883**

“Samuel Bowes, iron worker, was charged with assaulting Thomas Stanley, on the 20th inst.

The complainant alleged that on the day in question he went into the JOLLY BREWER INN, Camp Street, to have a pint of ale. Whilst he was drinking the ale the defendant created a disturbance, and eventually assaulted him.

Defendant denied the assault, and added that the complainant created a disturbance, and also assaulted several persons. The case was dismissed.”

### Walsall Observer 3/1/1885

“At the Wednesbury Police Court on Tuesday, before C. A. Neville, Esq, deputy stipendiary, a young man named William Harris, of the Pleck, Walsall, was charged with stealing a watch, value £2, belonging to *Anthony Kilkenny*, keeper of the JOLLY BREWER, Camp Street, Wednesbury. Mr. E. J. Sheldon appeared to defend.

Complainant deposed that on the 26th December he lent his watch (produced) to a man named Talbot, to time some pigeons with. On the 28th he asked for it, and in consequence of what he learned he went to a public house at the Pleck, where he saw the prisoner. He said nothing about the watch until he went out with the prisoner and asked him for it. The latter said, ‘I know who told you, a man saw me take it’, and added ‘if it is broken, I will pay for it.’ Detective Noble said that on the night previous, about eleven o’clock, he was in the station, when the prisoner came in and said he had come to ‘give himself up’. Complainant, who had been in search of the watch, said, ‘For stealing that watch?’ and he replied, ‘Yes’

Mr. Sheldon said that there was a pigeon race, and a number of watches were wanted to time the birds. His client said ‘I might as well have a watch as anyone else,’ and in the presence of eight persons out the watch in his pocket. About 50 yards from that spot where he stole it he exposed it. On getting home he accidentally broke the watch, and was afraid to take it back.

Fined 10s and costs, or in default fourteen days’ imprisonment.”

### 1891 Census

16, Camp Street – JOLLY BREWERS

[1] *Samuel Bolton* (36), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Eleanor Bolton* (35), wife, born Walsall;

[3] *Joseph W. W. Bolton* (5), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Samuel H. Bolton* (4), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[5] *Emily M. Bolton* (2), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[6] *Thomas M. Bolton* (7 months), son, born Wednesbury;

[7] *Mary M. Banks* (34), barmaid, born Walsall:

A team from here took part in the West Bromwich and Tipton Quoits League. [1903]

Closed

It was demolished in 1970.



c. 1960s

## JOLLY COLLIER

54, Meeting Street / Lloyd Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Darby's Brewery Ltd.  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1968]  
Bass Ltd. [1970]

### LICENSEES

Mrs. Elizabeth Parker [1860] – [1872]  
Joseph Parker [1891] – [1896]  
John Berry [1911] – [1912]  
Edna Joan Hough **(1961 – 1986):**

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Mrs. *Elizabeth Parker*, beer retailer, Meeting Street. [1860]  
Mrs. *Elizabeth Parker*, beer retailer, 54, Meeting Street. [1861], [1864], [1868], [1872]

#### 1891 Census

54, Meeting Street – JOLLY COLLIER  
[1] *Joseph Parker* (52), unmarried, labourer, born Wednesbury;  
[2] *John C. Berry* (51), brother in law, blacksmith;  
[3] *Betsey Berry* (48), sister, born Wednesbury;  
[4] *Ellen H. Berry* (11), niece, born Wednesbury:

*Joseph Parker*, beer retailer, 54, Meeting Street. [1896]

#### 1911 Census

54, Meeting Street  
[1] *John Berry* (71), publican, born Warwick;  
[2] *Betsy Berry* (69), wife, married 42 years, born Wednesbury;  
[3] *Alfred Jones* (34), grandson, sheet roll turner, born Wednesbury;  
[4] *Ellen Jones* (30), boarder, born Wednesbury:

*John Berry*, beer retailer, 54, Meeting Street. [1912]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Social Cribbage League. [1970]

The license was not renewed in 1986.  
It closed and was sold, delicensed, by the brewery.

It was converted into an office known as Collier House.  
It was demolished in March 1991.

## **JOLLY COLLIER**

"Shambles", WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Ike Turner [ ]

### NOTES

*Ike Turner* played football for Wednesbury Old Athletic.

Check Meeting Street.

## JUNCTION

31, (24), Trowse Lane, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

Thomas Pritchard [1860] – [1861]  
Frederick Rabjohns\* [1864] – [1868]  
William Rabjohns [1871]  
Frederick Rabjohns\* [1871] – [1873]  
Henry Noakes [1879] – **1881**;  
Joseph Thickett (**1881** – [ ]  
Thomas Cartwright [1888]  
Joseph Marwin [1892]  
William Bird [1896]  
Thomas W Nicholls [1904]  
Henry J Birkin [1912]  
William Richards [1916] – [1921]  
S Taylor [1934]

## NOTES

24, Trowse Lane  
31, Trowse Lane [1904]

\* probably the same person

### 1871 Census

24, Trowse Lane

- [1] *Frederick Rabjohns* (38), publican, born Devonshire;
- [2] Rhoda Rabjohns (38), wife, born Bath;
- [3] Alfred Rabjohns (17), son, wheelwright's apprentice, born Wellington, Somersetshire;
- [4] Frederick Rabjohns (11), son, scholar, born Bridgewater, Somersetshire;
- [5] Olliver Rabjohns (9), son, scholar, born Bridgewater, Somersetshire;
- [6] Rhoda Ann Bramfill (12), niece, scholar, born Wiviliscombe, Devonshire:

*William Rabjohns* was fined £5 and costs for permitting drunkenness in September 1871.  
[This was probably Frederick Rabjohns.]

*Henry Noakes* = Henry Nokes

### Wednesbury Herald 15/11/1879

“Benjamin and Mary Tenaman, mother and son, were each fined 2s 6d and costs, for refusing to quit the JUNCTION INN, when requested to do so by *Henry Nokes*. The defendants created a disturbance in the house, assaulted the landlord, and when requested to leave they refused to do so.”

### **1881 Census**

24, Trowse Lane – JUNCTION INN

[1] *Joseph Thickett* (48), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Esther E. Thickett* (45), wife, born High Arcal, Shropshire;

[3] *Venyennes Cheshire* (4), adopted child, female, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Mary Collern* (25), general servant, born Wednesbury:

*Thomas Cartwright*, beerhouse keeper, 24, Trowse Lane. [1888]

*William Bird* was also the licensee of the BLUE BALL. [1896]

### **Wednesbury Leader 5/10/1901**

“At Wednesbury Police Court on Friday, Messrs. Hudson and Stafford, mineral water manufacturers, of Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, were charged that they on the 16th August sold beer by retail without having a license.

Mr. James Lush, supervisor of the Inland Revenue authorities, appeared to prosecute the said defendants, who were a firm carrying on business in the town, had been in the habit of sending out their draymen with bottled beer, and they \_\_\_\_ custom and disposed of it. As defendants pleaded guilty there was no desire to press the charges, but the authorities wished it to go to the public they could not do this.

William Collins, Inland Revenue officer for Wednesbury, said on the 16th August he was in the JUNCTION INN, Trowse Lane, Wednesbury, when a drayman named John Jones, in the employment of the defendants, came in and solicited an order for Guinness’s stout. Receiving an order he brought in four dozen half pint bottles. He told the man he had been breaking the law, and he admitted the offence. Witness also referred to a warning he gave the man in December last.

The magistrates said that as defendants pleaded guilty they would fine them £5 and costs.”

*William Richards* was secretary of Wednesbury and District Free and Protection Society. [1918]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division Two. [1946]

## **KING AND CONSTITUTION**

Trouse Lane, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Adam Fairburn [1834] – [1835]

## KINGS ARMS

39, (37), High Bullen, (Dudley Street), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Bernard T. Hickman and Richard S. Pullen (acquired c. 1904)

### LICENSEES

Thomas Stone [1822]  
Robert Winfield [1828] – [1835]  
Betsy Winfield [1841] – [1842]  
Richard Richards [1845] – [1851]  
Thomas Jones [1860] – [1871]  
Benjamin Withers [ ] – **1871**;  
George Stamps (**1871** – [ ])  
Thomas Jones [1876] – [1879]  
William Jones [1881]  
W Edwin Jones [1883] – [1888]  
Harry Jones [1885] – [1896]  
John T Jackson [1904]  
Andrew Alexander Brownhill [1911] – [1916] manager  
William Samuel Pritchard [1921]

### NOTES

Dudley Street [1828], [1830], [1850]  
37, High Bullen [1871], [1872], [1881], [1896], [1904], [1912], [1916]  
39, High Bullen

KINGS HEAD [1822], [1851]

It had an alehouse license.

#### 1851 Census

High Bullen

- [1] *Richard Richards* (40), coal master, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Betsy Richards* (45), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Ann Griffiths* (15), niece, born Birmingham;
- [4] *John Goddard* (14), nephew, scholar, born Walsall;
- [5] *Samuel Derrey* (36), brewer, born Burntwood, Staffordshire;
- [6] *Sarah Johnson* (19), house servant, born Bilston:

#### 1861 Census

High Bullen

- [1] *Thomas Jones* (36), victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Ann Jones* (30), wife, born Halesowen;
- [3] *Harry Jones* (5), son, born Halesowen:

*Thomas Jones* was an ale brewer. [1868], [1870]



## 1871 Census

37, High Bullen

[1] *Thomas Jones* (47), publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Mary A. Jones* (45), wife, born Harborne;

[3] *Edwin Jones* (17), son, assistant in public house, born Tipton;

[4] *Harry Jones* (15), son, pattern maker, born Tipton;

[5] *Thomas Jones* (11), son, scholar, born Tipton;

[6] *Eliza Taylor* (14), niece, barmaid, born Oxford;

[7] *Hannah Dipple* (18), general servant, born Wednesbury;

[8] *Maria Richards* (18), general servant, born Bilston:

## Wednesbury Herald 16/8/1879

“The annual dinner of the Prince Albert Lodge of the United Order of Free Gardeners was held at host *Thomas Jones*’s KINGS ARMS INN, High Bullen, Wednesbury, on Saturday. By the invitation of the members Bros. Alexander Patterson (Grand Master of the Order) and George Feeney (District Secretary) were present. Bro. M. Pratt presided.....”

## Wednesbury Herald 9/10/1880

“On Tuesday evening Edwin Hooper, Esq (South Staffordshire Coroner) held an inquest at the KINGS ARMS INN, High Bullen, relative to the death of a child named Edward Skitt, aged eleven months, the illegitimate child of Eliza Skitt, who resided at Morley’s lodging house, High Bullen.

The mother of the deceased, a poorly dressed woman, said that eleven months ago she was confined in the Workhouse with the deceased child. Three weeks after her confinement she left the Workhouse in order to obtain a livelihood by ‘going out washing’. The deceased became ill and very thin, and on August 4th she left the child in a house in Chapel Street, whilst she went to a surgeon for some medicine. On her return the child had been taken out of the house by some neighbours, some of whom complained that the child did not have sufficient food. The same day witness and the child were taken to the police station, and both were subsequently taken to the Workhouse where they remained for four months. Three weeks ago she again left the Workhouse, as she thought she would be able to obtain some work. The child grew worse, and although she fed it well with milk it died on the morning of the 1st inst.

The Coroner: What quantity of milk did the child have in the Warehouse?

Witness: A pint morning and evening.

The Coroner: You lived at Morley’s lodging house.

Witness: Yes.

The Coroner: And what quantity did the child have at the lodging house?

Witness: Only a halfpennyworth morning and evening. I could not afford to buy any more.

The Coroner: Did you leave the Workhouse for the purpose of seeing a man.

Witness: I wanted to see the father of the child.

In reply to further questions witness said the father of the child had refused to contribute towards its support, and she had been unable to take proceedings against him in consequence of having no money.

Several jurymen said the father of the child had acted in a most inhuman manner, and considered that the police ought to have summoned him to attend the inquiry.

The Coroner said he regretted to say that the police would not have been justified in causing him to attend inasmuch as the child had not been fathered.

A woman called Hamptongs gave evidence showing that the mother had paid every attention to the child.

Police-sergeant Curtis said he had met the mother of the child in the streets at two o’clock in the morning, and had taken them to the police station and provided them with fire and food. On the 4th August a report was brought to the police station to the effect that the mother had left the child in a dying state in an empty house. Both were afterwards sent to the Workhouse.

The Coroner having summed up, the jury, after a lengthy deliberation returned a verdict of Died from Natural Causes, accelerated by want of nourishment. At the request of the jury the Coroner informed the mother that in the event of her having more children and neglecting them she would be liable to be committed for manslaughter.”

## 1881 Census

37, High Bullen – KINGS ARMS

- [1] *William Jones* (27), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Augusta Jones* (23), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Mary G. Jones* (4), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Thomas Jones* (2), son, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Annie A. Jones* (4 months), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Benjamin Bradshaw* (20), general servant (domestic), born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Selina Russell* (18), general servant (domestic), born Tividale;
- [8] *Hannah R. Fellows* (15), nurse, born Wednesbury;

## Wednesbury Herald 2/9/1882

“On Tuesday morning Edwin Hooper, Esq. (District Coroner) held an inquest in the KINGS ARMS INN, High Bullen, touching the death of *William Wright* (22), puddler, who was found dead in bed on Sunday morning in *Morley’s* lodging house in High Bullen. Before going to view the body the Coroner said he should like to know if the lodging house was situate in a district where smallpox was prevalent.

PC Lytle (the Coroner’s officer), said he was not aware that there were any small pox cases near the lodging house in question.

The Coroner said it was important that he should know, as he did not think it advisable for him and the jury to go to places where small pox existed.

A juryman stated that he believed there were several cases of small pox within 100 yards of the room in which they were then sitting.

The Coroner said he wished it to be understood that in future he should object to hold any inquiry in a district where small pox was known to be prevalent. He was not going to risk his own life and the lives of the jury in going to view bodies in houses where persons were suffering from small pox and other contagious diseases, in future he would expect the police to remove the bodies of the persons who had died, and into the cases of whose death it was necessary to hold an inquiry, to the public mortuary. The local authorities had provided a good mortuary, and considering the disease that was prevalent in the town it was desirable that it should be used.

After viewing the body the Coroner said the corpse was in a shocking state, and should not be kept in a lodging house. At the latest the body should not be allowed to remain in the house longer than that evening, in future he hoped the police would remove the bodies of persons who had died in lodging houses.

PC Lytle said he would convey the message of the Coroner to Superintendent Holland.

*Elizabeth Bates*, who said that she resided at Greenhill, Lichfield, stated that deceased was a militiaman, and resided at Moxley. On Saturday she met the deceased at Lichfield, and in the afternoon both came to Wednesbury, and after partaking freely of drink, they took lodgings at *Morley’s*. In the bedroom there were three beds in which four persons slept. At a quarter to seven o’clock she found the deceased dead in bed. She gave information to the landlord, who took the necessary steps to obtain the service of a medical gentleman. When deceased obtained the lodgings he said he was a married man. She was not married, but she slept with the deceased. There she slept in the same room two women, both of whom she believed was married. She had known the deceased for some time. She was sure death was not caused by violence.

*John Morley*, the proprietor of a registered lodging house in the High Bullen said he knew the deceased who had followed the employment of a puddler. On Saturday night he came to his house the worse for beer and asked for lodgings for himself and wife (*Bates*) who he said he had married whilst he had been up at Lichfield. Shortly before twelve o’clock deceased went to bed apparently in good spirits. *Bates* came down stairs shortly after seven o’clock on Sunday morning and said, ‘*Bill* is in a fit’, and he immediately went upstairs and found that deceased was dead. He afterwards sought medical aid and information to the police. When the deceased went to bed he was undoubtedly the worse for beer, but he appeared to be in good spirits. He did not think the death had been caused by foul play. The Coroner said the evidence did not say much for the morality of those who frequented the lodging house in question, and as there appeared to him (Coroner) some irregularities going on there he thought it would be as well for the Inspector of Lodging Houses to visit the lace. Referring to the death that had taken place the Coroner said judging by the appearance of the body he should say that death had been caused by drink.

Police constable Lytle informed the Coroner that the deceased had been a frequent visitor at the Police Court for drunkenness and other offences.

The Coroner said it would be for the jury to say as to whether they would have a post mortem examination, or not. After a short discussion, the jury returned a verdict of Died from Natural Causes.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 27/1/1883**

“United Order of Free Gardeners, Bilston, Walsall and Cannock District.

The district meeting of the above was held on Monday, at the KINGS ARMS INN, Wednesbury, at one o’clock. Brother I. Clark, of Bradley in the chair, brother H. Mills, of Walsall, in the vice chair, brother M. Pratt was appointed repartee for the day. The following was the election of officers for the next year:-

Brother H. Mills, of Walsall, was appointed Deputy Master; brother G. Feeney, by an overwhelming vote, re-elected District Secretary; brother *W. E. James*, of the KINGS ARMS INN, Wednesbury, was elected District Treasurer, in the place of brother G. Richards; brother J. McCabe, of Great Bridge, was elected Junior Auditor. The following were appointed delegates to the Annual General Meeting, to be held at South Shields, in Whit week.....”

### **Wednesbury Herald 10/8/1885**

“The officers and members of the Prince Albert Lodge (1298) N. U. O. F. G. sat down to dinner on Saturday last at Bro. *Harry Jones*, KINGS ARMS INN, High Bullen. After dinner Bro. George Feasey, LM, occupied the chair, and Bro. A. Faulkner, DM, the vice chair.....”

### **West Bromwich Weekly News 8/1/1887**

“Irish National League. The ordinary weekly meeting of this branch took place on Sunday evening last at Mr. *Jones*’s KINGS ARMS INN, High Bullen. Mr. Byrne in the chair. The election of officers for the ensuing half year will take place on the 17th inst, when all members are expected to attend.”

### **West Bromwich Weekly News 15/1/1887**

“Irish National League. The ordinary meeting was held on Sunday evening last, at Mr. *Jones*’s KINGS ARMS INN, Mr. Byrne VP, in the chair. It was proposed and adopted that Messrs. Murry and Gilmore audit the accounts for the six months, ending the 17th prox. The circular announcing the T. P. O’Connor Testimonial Fund was read and highly approved of and commented upon by the chairman.....”

High Bullen Brewery, 39, High Bullen [1888]

### **1891 Census**

High Bullen – KINGS ARMS

- [1] *Harry Jones* (35), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] Sarah J. Jones (34), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Marian E. Jones (1), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Florence Francis (18), general servant, born Millfield, Yorkshire;
- [5] Sarah Love (14), general servant, born Wednesbury:

### **Wednesbury Herald 27/7/1895**

“On Saturday last the members of the Grand Samaritan Lodge, Bescot District, Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, held their annual dinner at the club house, KINGS ARMS, High Bullen. An excellent repast was served up in good style by the worthy host, Bro. *W. H. J. Jones*, to which a very large number of members did ample justice.....”

A team from here took part in the West Bromwich and Tipton Quoits League. [1901]

*John T. Jackson* was also a brewer. [1904]

### **1911 Census**

High Bullen – KINGS ARMS

- [1] *Andrew Alexander Brownhill* (40), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] Mary Brownhill (31), wife, married 2 years, assisting in business, born Dudley;
- [3] James Brownhill (1), son, born Dudley:

Richard S. Pullen was killed in action with the South Staffordshire Regiment on 26th October 1917.

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority in 1932.  
£1,250 Compensation was paid in 1933.

## **KINGS ARMS**

Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

William Farley [1861]

## **KINGS HEAD**

High Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Joseph Taylor [1828]

## KINGS HILL TAVERN

13, Darlaston Road, (Old Park Road), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.  
Enterprise Inns [1990's]

### LICENSEES

Mrs. Hannah Preston [1871] – [1872]  
Benjamin Ludlow [1896]  
Edward J Beddows [1911] – [1912]  
R Pinner [1934]  
Harry Chapman [1961] – **1962**;  
Harry Leighton (**1962** – [1966])  
Jasbir Jhalli [1986]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

#### 1871 Census

13, Darlaston Road – KINGS HILL TAVERN

- [1] *Hannah Preston* (43), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Cheadle, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Herbert Preston* (21), son, no occupation, born Uttoxeter;
- [3] *Augustus Preston* (16), son, clerk at goods station, born Lower Tean, Staffordshire;
- [4] *Walter Preston* (11), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Hannah Preston* (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Flora Preston* (7), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Frederick Preston* (4), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Arthur Preston* (3), son, born Wednesbury:

*Hannah Preston* was fined 20s and costs for serving during prohibited hours, in September 1871.

*Mrs. Hannah Preston*, beer retailer, 13, Darlaston Road. [1872]

*Benjamin Ludlow*, beer retailer, 13, Darlaston Road. [1896]

#### Tipton Herald 11/4/1903

“At a meeting of the Wednesbury Licensed Victuallers’ Association, held on Tuesday night, at the KINGS HILLTAVERN, Wednesbury, the Chairman (Mr. Councillor J. H. Sheldon) [GREAT WESTERN], said he deemed it to be his duty to publicly protest against remarks made by the Mayor (Alderman I. Oldbury), with respect to the trade at the adjourned licensing sessions. He said many of the houses were in a disgraceful, dirty, and neglected condition, and hoped the licensed holders of the town would see in the future that their premises were in a proper sanitary state, so that the possibilities of contracting disease, which now existed, would be entirely removed.....”

## 1911 Census

Darlaston Road – KING HILL TAVERN

[1] *Edward J. Beddows* (27), publican, born Walsall;

[2] *Annie Emma Beddows* (29), wife, married 8 years, assisting in business, born Walsall;

[3] *Lily Beddows* (3), daughter, born Walsall;

[4] *May Beddows* (2 weeks), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[5] *Tom Beaumont* (27), boarder, electrical engineer, born London;

[6] *Ada Beaumont* (26), boarder, married 4 years, born Walsall;

[7] *Dora Beaumont* (2), boarder, born Walsall:

*Edward J. Beddows*, beer retailer, 13, Darlaston Road. [1912]

Closed

It was rebuilt pre WW2.

*Harry Leighton* was fined £15 each for aiding and abetting *Ronald* and *Harry Williams* to consume beer after hours, with £2 2s Special Costs added, at *Wednesbury Borough Magistrates Court* on 11th January 1963.

[1990]

Closed [1997]

It was demolished in the late 1990's.



1997

## KINGS HILL TAVERN

89, Mill Street, (89, Old Park Road), (89, Front Street), Kings Hill Field, (Butcroft), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1928], [1961]

### LICENSEES

William Bourne [1864] – [1882]  
William Rogers [1891] – [1896]  
Thomas Butler [1911] – [1921]  
Philip Weston [ ] – **1928**);  
Joseph Frederick Hammonds (**1928** – [ ]  
Ernest Turley (**1960 – 1962**);  
Richard Reginald Young (**1962 – 1963**);  
Stanley Hughes (**1963** – [1966]

### NOTES

89, Old Park Road [1873]  
Old Park Road [1891]  
89, Mill Street [1911]  
Mill Street [1912], [1916]

The bowling green was opposite to the pub.

*William Bourne* = William Bourn

*William Bourne* was also a coach bolt manufacturer. [1864], [1865]

### 1871 Census

Kings Hill Field, 89, Front Street – KINGS HILL TAVERN

- [1] *William Bourne* (58), licensed victualler, born Darlaston;
- [2] Charlotte Bourne (54), wife, born Wolsley, Staffordshire;
- [3] Sarah Jane Bourne (11), niece, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Mary Partridge (16), domestic servant, born Much Wenlock:

### 1881 Census

Old Park Road

- [1] *William Bourn* (69), widower, licensed victualler, born Darlaston;
- [2] William Bourn (30), nephew, bolt forger, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Sarah A. Darby (24), general servant, born Rushall:



### **Wednesbury Herald 7/1/1882**

“.....To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. James Belcher at the WHITE LION INN, Darlaston, on Monday, the 23rd day of January 1882.....”

Lot 1. The Freehold and Possession of all that Old-Established Full-Licensed Inn, called the KINGS HILL TAVERN, fronting the Old Park Road, leading from Darlaston to Wednesbury, and occupied by Mr. *William Bourn*. The house contains Bar, Tap Room, front and back Parlours, four Bedrooms, Attic, excellent cellaring, together with commodious yard, large Club Room, Malt Room, Brewhouse, Washhouse, Stabling, Cart Shed, Piggery, Shopping, and the usual Outbuildings.....”

### **1891 Census**

Old Park Road – KINGS HILL TAVERN

- [1] *William Rogers* (40), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Fanny J. Rogers* (37), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Gertrude C. Rogers* (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *William J. Rogers* (8), son, scholar, born Wednesbury:

The Wednesbury Licensed Victuallers' Association held a meeting here in 1911.

### **1911 Census**

89, Mil Street

- [1] *Thomas Butler* (52), licensed victualler, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Sarah Jane Butler* (51), wife, married 31 years, assisting in the business, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Edna Butler* (22), daughter, assisting, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Ethel Butler* (20), daughter, assisting, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Tom Butler* (15), son, die sinking, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Beatrice Butler* (13), daughter, assisting, born Wednesbury:

*Thomas Butler* was a committee member of Wednesbury and District Free and Protection Association.  
[1918]

*Joseph Frederick Hammonds* was married to *Ginnie*.

### **Bilston and Willenhall Times 24/11/1928**

“The twelfth annual dinner and presentation of prizes in connection with the Wednesbury, Darlaston and District Bowling League took place on Thursday evening at the KINGS HILL TAVERN, Mill Street, Wednesbury, a representation was present for all the clubs in the league. Mr. J. Billingham presided.....”

*Ernest Turley* was president of Wednesbury and District Licensed Victuallers' Association 1955 – [1968]

## LAMB AND FLAG

22, Camp Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Thomas Middleton [ ] - **1871**);  
Sarah Rose (**1871**);  
Thomas Gaunston (**1871** - [ ]  
Benjamin Lowe [1881]  
Joseph Dicken [1888] - [1904]  
Isaac Rogers [1911] - [1912]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It was also known as the HAND AND FLAG.

#### 1871 Census

22, Camp Street - beerhouse

- [1] Sarah Rose (31), unmarried, born Deepfields;
- [2] Alice Rose (22), sister, tailoress, born Highfields:

#### 1881 Census

22 Camp Street

- [1] Benjamin Lowe (34), publican, born Willenhall;
- [2] Pheaby Lowe (33), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Martha Lowe (13), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Elizabeth Lowe (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] Benjamin Lowe (6), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] Pheabe A. Lowe (3), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [7] James E. Lowe (1), son, born Wednesbury:

Joseph Dicken, beer retailer, 22, Camp Street. [1888], [1892], [1896], [1900]

#### 1891 Census

22, Camp Street – LAMB AND FLAG

- [1] Joseph Dicken (52), widower, brewer, born Wednesbury;
- [2] Francis Dicken (22), son, iron foundry core maker, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Rosanna Dicken (20), daughter, general servant, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Frederick Dicken (18), pipe screwer in tube works, born Wednesbury;
- [5] Anne Dicken (16), daughter, general servant, born Wednesbury;
- [6] Maud Dicken (9), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury:

### 1901 Census

Camp Street – LAMB AND FLAG INN

- [1] *Joseph Dicken* (62), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Frank Dicken* (33), son, iron moulder, born Princes End;
- [3] *Alfred Dicken* (28), son, awl cap penner, born Princes End;
- [4] *Walter Hill* (21), son in law, steel works labourer, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Maud Hill* (19), daughter, born Wigan;
- [6] *Walter Hill* (10 months), grandson, born Wednesbury:

### 1911 Census

22, Camp Street – LAMB AND FLAG

- [1] *Isaac Rogers* (29), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Emily Rogers* (27), wife, married 9 years, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Jack Rogers* (8), son, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Mary Cook* (22), general servant:

*Isaac Rogers*, beer retailer, 22, Camp Street. [1912]

## LAMP

18, (14), (Upper) High Street, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.  
Enterprise Inns [1990's]

## LICENSEES

Benjamin Griffiths [1818] – [1822]  
Job Winkless [1828] – [1830]  
Thomas Griffiths [1834] – [1842]  
William Biddle [1845]  
Samuel Cook [1849] – [1851]  
Richard Stockley [1860] – [1861]  
John Lucas [1864] – [1865]  
John Hartill [1868] – [1871]  
Benjamin Whitehouse [ ] – **1871**;  
William Hemmings (**1871** – [ ]  
John Hartill [1872] – [1873]  
John Stringer [ ] – **1875**;  
E J A Glover [1881]  
William Kettle [1888]  
Charles Jackson [1896]  
Joseph Martin [1904]  
John Stanley [1911] – [1912]  
Walter Adams [1916] – [1918]  
Francis Thomas Dicken [1921]  
Reginald Mole [1956]  
John Frederick Harris [1961] – [1966]  
Sydney G Parkes [1983]

## NOTES

High Street [1822]  
Upper High Street [1875]  
14, Upper High Street [1888]  
14, High Street  
18, Upper High Street [1911]  
18, High Street [1921]

LAMP TAVERN [1849], [1860], [1861]

It stood next door to the MALT SHOVEL.

*Benjamin Griffiths* was also a gun maker. [1818]

### 1841 Census

High Street

- [1] *Thomas Griffiths* (60), innkeeper, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Christiana Griffiths* (60), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *John Griffiths* (25), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Eleanor Nicholls* (20), f.s. born Staffordshire:

### 1851 Census

High Street, West

- [1] *Samuel Cook* (49), victualler, born Brittle [Brettell] Lane;
- [2] *Sarah Cook* (41), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *James Jibson* (30), lodger, blacksmith, born Wolserton, Lancashire;
- [4] *Maria Jibson* (27), lodger's wife, born Derby;
- [5] *John Jibson* (3), lodger's son, born Derby;
- [6] *Thomas Jibson* (1), lodger's son, born Birmingham;
- [7] *Joseph Singleton* (21), lodger, blacksmith, born Bolton;
- [8] *Mary Singleton* (23), lodger's wife, born Bolton;
- [9] *Robert Singleton* (2), lodger's son, born Leeds;
- [10] *Margaret Chalmer* (18), house servant, born Stockport:

*John Hartill* = John Hartell

*John Hartill* was fined 1s and costs for permitting drunkenness in July 1868.  
He was also fined £5 and costs for the same offence in September 1871.

### Midland Counties Evening Express 24/3/1875

“An application for the transfer of the license of the LAMP TAVERN, Upper High Street, Wednesbury, from *John Stringer* to Benjamin Bissell was refused, the applicant having been convicted in February, of being drunk and refusing to quit a public house.”

Its name was changed to the MIDLAND VAULTS.

### 1881 Census

- [1] *E. J. A. Glover* (15), manager in charge, born Leominster;
- [2] *L. S. Morris* (61), grandmother, annuitant, born Westminster, London;
- [3] *John Edwards* (29), manservant, born Middlesbrough:

### Wednesbury Herald 25/6/1881

“William Sayers, ironworker, was charged with refusing to quit the MIDLAND VAULTS, Upper High Street, Wednesbury, on the night of the 14th ult.

The landlord stated that on the night in question the defendant and others commenced to gamble in his house. Upon requesting them to desist, defendant assaulted him by striking him in the face and kicking him on the legs. He was requested to leave the house and refused to do so.

The defendant, who had been previously convicted, was now fined 10s and costs, or in default 21 days' imprisonment.”

### Wednesbury Herald 21/9/1895

“A meeting of the members of the Wednesbury Licensed Victuallers’ Association was held on Tuesday night at the MIDLAND VAULTS.

The Chairman, (Mr. Birch) reviewed the reports recently submitted to the licensing justices in that and adjoining districts, and said they were on the whole satisfactory to the trade, the magistrates in many instances having commented upon the great improvement that has taken place in the management of public houses. Several members warmly approved of the steps recently taken in several districts to stop illegal trading on Sundays, and stated that it was the duty of the association to do all it possibly could to assist the police in maintaining the proper observance of the law.”

### 1911 Census

18, Upper High Street

[1] *John Stanley* (50), licensed victualler, born Walsall;

[2] *Mary Stanley* (44), wife, married 26 years, assisting in the business, born Walsall;

[3] *Amy Stanley* (24), daughter, assisting in the business, born Walsall:

It had a bowling green. [1928]

### Bilston and Willenhall Times 3/2/1934

“The annual dinner of the MIDLAND VAULTS Bowling Club was held on Thursday at the MIDLAND VAULTS, Upper High Street, Wednesbury, when there was a large gathering, presided over by Mr. Sidney Webb, who has been president of the club since its inception.....”

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Town Darts League. [1970]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Social Cribbage League. [1970]

It closed and reopened as the LAMP. [1996]

[2010]

Closed [2012]

It was converted into an Indian restaurant. [2013]



1996



2004



2012

## LEABROOK TAVERN

Leabrook Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

John Nutt [1881]

John Thomas Challinor [1900]

### NOTES

It stood at the entrance to the Patent Shaft Works.

It had a brewery attached.

#### **Wednesbury Herald 13/8/1881**

“Opening of a Free Gardeners’ Lodge. On Monday evening last a new Lodge (in connection with the Bilston, Walsall and Cannock district), was opened at the house of Mr. *John Nutt*, LEA BROOK TAVERN. Mr. T. B. Matchett presided, Mr. J. Sims occupied the vice-chair.....”

It closed in 1922, after £2,200 compensation was paid.

## LIQUOR VAULTS

23, Bridge Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Isaac Nayler [1881]  
Alfred Gould [1888]  
Edgar Evans [1896] – [1904]  
Mrs. Emily Bache [1912]  
John Owen [1916]  
Arthur Clifton [1921]

### NOTES

#### 1881 Census

23, Bridge Street – wine and spirit stores

[1] *Isaac Nayler* (33), manager, born Golds Hill, West Bromwich;

[2] *James Nayler* (17), brother, barman, born Golds Hill, West Bromwich:

*Alfred Gould*, spirit vaults, 23, Bridge Street. [1888]

*Edgar Evans* was also the licensee of the FORTUNE OF WAR. [1896], [1904]



## **LIVE AND LET LIVE**

Dudley Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Mary Perry [1868]

### NOTES

*Mary Perry* was fined £2 and costs for refusing a police officer in June 1868.

## LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN (ROYAL) HOTEL

66, Stafford Street / Albert Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Frederick Smith Ltd.

### LICENSEES

William Stevenson [1868] – [1870]

William Wharton [ ] – **1871**;

John Henry Collier (**1871** – [1872])

Daniel Lockett [1873]

Edward Birch\* [1888] – [1901]

E Birch\* [1918] – [1921]

### NOTES

It was situated opposite the London and North Western Railway Station.

LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN ROYAL HOTEL [1868], [1872]

*William Stevenson* was also a wine and spirit merchant. [1868]

### 1871 Census

66, Stafford Street – LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN HOTEL

[1] *William Wharton* (24), hotel proprietor, born London;

[2] *Jane E. Wharton* (24), wife, born Swansea;

[3] *William Wharton* (3 months), son, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Ann Wharton* (46), mother, born London;

[5] *Martha Wharton* (17), sister, born London;

[6] *Mary Wharton* (14), sister, scholar, born London;

[7] *Elizabeth Wharton* (11), sister, scholar, born London;

[8] *Thomas E. Wharton* (7), brother, scholar, born Birmingham:

*Daniel Lockett* was also a coal agent of Holloway Bank. [1873]

### Dudley Herald 26/5/1877

Inquest held here on “*John Robson* (63), who fell from a moving train at Wednesbury railway station.....”

### West Bromwich Weekly News 15/1/1881

“A large meeting of ratepayers was held on Wednesday at the LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN HOTEL to take into consideration the action of the Local Government Board in prohibiting the keeping of pigs within distance of 60ft of dwelling houses. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. B. Hatchett, who explained that if the Local Government Board persisted in preventing pigs being kept within a distance of 60ft of dwelling houses the majority of the people in the town would be prevented from keeping pigs, whilst others would be almost deprived of their livelihood. It was decided that a deputation of ratepayers should wait upon the Local Government Board with a view of getting the bye-law altered.”

\* possibly the same person.

### 1891 Census

66, Stafford Street – LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN HOTEL

- [1] *Edward Birch* (52), licensed victualler, born Waterfall, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Sarah Birch* (48), wife, born Wombridge, Shropshire;
- [3] *Thomas E. Birch* (19), son, assistant barman, born Manchester;
- [4] *Ada Birch* (17), daughter, barmaid, born Manchester;
- [5] *Arthur Burch* (16), son, brass worker, born Manchester;
- [6] *Sarah A. Birch* (14), daughter, scholar, born Manchester;
- [7] *William H. Birch* (12), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Annie M. Birch* (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *James Birch* (9), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [10] *Emma Genders* (24), domestic servant, born Walsall;
- [11] *Margaret Summers* (51), boarder, living on her own means, born Newcastle on Tyne;
- [12] *Lucy Done* (21), visitor, dressmaker, born Wednesbury;
- [13] *William Roberts* (30), lodger, plumber, born Abingdon, Berkshire;
- [14] *Thomas Simpson* (45), lodger, farm labourer, born Burton on Trent;
- [15] *Lydia Simpson* (36), lodger, born Newbury, Staffordshire;

### Wednesbury Herald 5/1/1895

“Midland Counties Trades Federation – On Tuesday night, Councillor John Taylor presided at a special meeting of this federation at the LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN HOTEL, Wednesbury.....”

### Wednesbury Herald 9/2/1895

“The members of the Town Hall Lodge of the National Conservative League held their annual dinner at the LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN HOTEL on Tuesday night. Mr. T. D. Johnson presided.....”

### Wednesbury Herald 14/12/1895

“At a meeting of the Licensed Victuallers’ Association, held on Wednesday, at the LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN HOTEL, reference was made to the great increase in the number of clubs being opened in various parts of the country, and a resolution was passed urging the National Defence League to call the attention of the Government to the importance of clubs being licensed and under police supervision. It was stated that in some towns the clubs were opened at 11 o’clock on Sunday mornings for drinking purposes.”

*Edward Birch* also owned the EAGLE TAVERN, greets Green Road, West Bromwich.

### Walsall Observer 21/7/1900

“On Monday evening a special meeting of the members of the Wednesbury Licensed Victuallers’ Association was held at the LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN HOTEL, Wednesbury, to consider the ‘long pull’ question, Mr. *E. Birch* presiding.

It was pointed out that united efforts were now being made to abolish the ‘long pull’ system throughout the Midland Counties. At nearly all of the licensed houses in the Wednesbury and Darlaston district the system had been abolished that day, but in the Tipton district, which was allied to West Bromwich, the majority of the license holders had not carried out the recommendations of the Brewers’ Association.

In reply to the chairman, Mr. Plant stated that the official returns showed that in the Parliamentary Division of Wednesbury, which included Darlaston and Tipton, in addition to Wednesbury, 30 per cent of the licensed dealers had not consented to abolish the system. As a matter of fact the licensed holders in the Wednesbury and Darlaston districts were practically unanimous in favour of the abolition of the system.

It was decided to send delegates to attend meetings to be held at Birmingham, and a recommendation was made that as Tipton was in the Parliamentary Division of Wednesbury the licensed holders in the district should be allied to the Wednesbury Licensed Victuallers’ Association.”

### **Walsall Observer 8/9/1900**

“Meeting of railway workers. A well-attended meeting was held at the LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN HOTEL, Stafford Street, Wednesbury, on Saturday, when the following resolution was carried unanimously. ‘That after hearing the programme for the better conditions of service, we, the Carmen and goods workers employed by the railway companies serving this district, pledge ourselves to do all in our power to bring the same to a successful issue, and call upon all railway men who are outside the pale to at once join hands and do their share to obtain that which they desire and deserve.’.....”

### **1901 Census**

66, Stafford Street

[1] *Edward Birch* (62), widow, innkeeper, born Waterfall, Shropshire;

[2] *Thomas G. Birch* (29), son, barman, born Manchester;

[3] *Ada Birch* (27), daughter, housekeeper, born Manchester;

[4] *William J. Birch* (22), son, joiner, born Manchester;

[5] *James Birch* (19), son, groom (domestic), born Wednesbury;

[6] *Cassandra Hall* (17), domestic servant, born Hednesford, Staffordshire;

[7] *John James* (59), widower, boots, born Shrewsbury:

### **Wednesbury Leader 21/12/1901**

“Mr. *Birch*, of the NORTH WESTERN HOTEL, applied for an occasional license for the Drill Hall on the 26th December, the occasion being the annual Volunteers’ Ball.

A license from 9pm to 3am was granted.”

### **Tipton Herald 14/3/1903**

“On Tuesday evening a meeting of the Wednesbury Licensed Victuallers’ Association was held at the LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN HOTEL. Councillor J. H. Sheldon presided over a large attendance.

The chairman said unless the whole of the members of the trade united many of them would be deprived of their licenses and ruined through no fault of their own.....”

[This was to discuss the Licensing Act.]

*E. Birch* was vice chairman of Wednesbury and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association. [1921]

[c. 1938]



c. 1938

## MALT SHOVEL

13, (12), High Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

William Rock [1841] – [1845]  
Joseph Wright [1849] – [1851]  
Mrs. Jane Spittle [1860] – [1873]  
Samuel Machin [1881]  
Edward Horton [1888] – [1892]

### NOTES

12, Upper High Street [1871]  
12, High Street [1872], [1873], [1881]  
12+13, High Street [1888], [1891]  
13, High Street [1892]

It was situated on the north side of High Street.

#### 1841 Census

High Street

- [1] *William Rock* (35), victualler, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Hannah Rock* (28), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *William Rock* (5), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Thomas Rock* (3);
- [5] *Martha Rock* (5 months), born Staffordshire:

#### 1851 Census

High Street

- [1] *Joseph Wright* (47), victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Druscilla Wright* (50), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Maria Collins* (14), niece, house servant, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Thomas Mathews* (38), lodger, widower, coal miner, born Bilston;
- [5] *Samuel Brookes* (30), lodger, boatman, born Tipton;
- [6] *John Askey* (32), lodger, journeyman tailor, born Dudley:

#### 1871 Census

12, Upper High Street

- [1] *Jane Spittle* (68), widow, alehouse keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *William Spittle* (47), son, widower, fitter, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Sarah Spittle* (33), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Maria Spittle* (28), granddaughter, general servant, born Wednesbury:

#### 1881 Census

12, High Street – MALT SHOVEL INN

- [1] *Samuel Machin* (42), licensed victualler, born Madeley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Machin* (41), wife, born Cressage, Shropshire:

### 1891 Census

12+13, High Street

[1] *Edward Horton* (39), public house manager, born Princes End;

[2] *Elizabeth Horton* (38), wife, born Darlaston;

[3] *Kate Horton* (13), daughter, scholar, born Darlaston;

[4] *Clara Horton* (11), daughter, scholar, born Darlaston;

[5] *Edward F. Horton* (8), son, scholar, born Darlaston;

[6] *Albert E. Horton* (4), son, scholar, born Wednesbury:

The license renewal was refused on 28th September 1891.

Closed

## MARKET TAVERN

69, Russell Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

George Holden [1864] – [1888]  
Job Newton [1900] – [1904]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*George Holden*, beer retailer, Russell Street. [1864], [1865]  
*George Holden*, beer retailer, 69, Russell Street. [1872]

#### 1881 Census

69, Russell Street

- [1] *George Holden* (51), beer retailer / publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Phoebe Holden* (53), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Walter Holden* (20), son, labourer in tube works, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Edward Holden* (18), son, carpenter and joiner, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Eliza Bennett* (24), general servant, born Dudley:

*George Holden*, licensed victualler, 69, Russell Street. [1888]

#### 1901 Census

Upper Russell Street – MARKET TAVERN

- [1] *Job Newton* (41), widower, innkeeper, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Albert Newton* (6), son, school, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *James Thall* (16), lodger, labourer (steel works), born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Emily Elizabeth Evans* (25), domestic servant, born Kidderminster:

*Job Newton*, beer retailer and coal dealer, 69, Russell Street. [1904]

## MAZEPPA

Elwell Street / Friar Street, Mesty Croft, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

## LICENSEES

William Powell [c. 1930's]  
Elsie May Andrews [1961] - **1964**;  
Thomas Clarke (**1964** - [1966])

## NOTES

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Social Dominoes League. [1970]

[1976]

Closed

It became an office of Wharfedale Steels Ltd.

It was demolished on 28th April 1997 to make way for a car park.



## MINERS ARMS

24, Portway Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Joseph Taylor [ ] - **1870**);  
George Perry (**1870** - [1879]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Joseph Taylor* was also a coal miner.

*George Perry*, beer retailer, Portway Road. [1870]

### 1871 Census

24, Portway Road

- [1] *George Perry* (51), puddler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Jane Perry* (48), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Amy Perry* (20), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Joseph Perry* (16), son, labourer, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Arthur Perry* (13), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Jane Perry* (11), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Samuel Perry* (7), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;

### Wednesbury Herald 5/4/1879

“A meeting of the creditors of *George Perry*, beer seller and scrap dealer, Portway Road, Wednesbury, was held on Tuesday at the office of Mr. Joseph Smith, solicitor, Wednesbury. The liabilities were expected to amount to £450. It was decided to wind up the estate in liquidation, and Mr. T. S. Hatton, accountant, of Wolverhampton, was appointed trustee.”

## MOULDERS ARMS

102, Holyhead Road / Chapel Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

James Yates [1861]  
William Smith [1868] – [1876]  
Mary Ann Turner [1879]  
William Townsend [1881]  
Benjamin Barrett [1891] – [1896]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

#### 1861 Census

Holyhead Road – MOULDERS ARMS

- [1] *James Yates* (65), iron puddler and beer retailer, born Tipton;
- [2] *Clara Yates* (62), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Reuben Yates* (20), son, iron puddler, born Smethwick;
- [4] *Clara Yates* (14), daughter, general servant, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *William Yates* (12), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Caroline Stubbs* (30), visitor, born West Bromwich:

*William Smith*, beer retailer, Holyhead Road. [1868]

*William Smith*, beer retailer, 102, Holyhead Road. [1870], [1872]

#### 1871 Census

102, Holyhead Road – MOULDERS ARMS

- [1] *William Smith* (45), publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Selena Smith* (46), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Selena Gould* (24), daughter, widow, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Lois Smith* (13), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Eliza Smith* (11), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Laura Smith* (5), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury:

#### Dudley Herald 2/9/1876

*William Smith* was charged costs for refusing to admit the police.

#### Wednesbury Herald 23/8/1879

“.....auction ..... Lot 2. All that valuable Freehold Beerhouse known by the sign of the MOULDERS ARMS INN, situate in the Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, aforesaid, and at the top of Chapel Street, containing Two Bedrooms, Club Room, Tap Room, Bar, Parlour, Kitchen and Cellar. There are also the usual Outbuildings and good Yard, with drawing in gateway from Chapel Street. The premises are now in the occupation of Miss *Mary Ann Turner*. The area of this Lot is 263 square yards, with a frontage to Holyhead Road of 8 yards and 1 foot.”

### 1881 Census

102, Holyhead Road – MOULDERS ARMS

- [1] *William Townsend* (37), general blacksmith and publican, born Rothwell, Yorkshire;
- [2] *Sebra (?) Townsend* (33), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *William R. Townsend* (14), son, coalminer, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Laura Townsend* (12), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Selina Townsend* (6), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Kesia Townsend* (4), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Rosa Townsend* (2), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Alfred Townsend* (1), son, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *David Townsend* (1 month), son, born Wednesbury;

### 1891 Census

192, Holyhead Road

- [1] *Benjamin Barrett* (59), publican, born Penn;
- [2] *Ann Barrett* (58), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *William Barrett* (29), son, iron worker, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Eliza Barrett* (18), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Stephen Alexander* (36), boarder, widower, collier, born Brailles, Warwickshire;
- [6] *Joseph Alexander* (13), boarder, errand boy, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *George Alexander* (11), boarder, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Mary Alexander* (6), boarder, born Wednesbury;

*Benjamin Barrett*, beer retailer, 102, Holyhead Road. [1896]

#### LOT 3.

All that Valuable **FREEHOLD BEERHOUSE** known by the sign of the "Moulders' Arms Inn," situate in the Holyhead Road, Wednesbury aforesaid, and at the top of Chapel Street, containing Two Bedrooms, Club Room, Tap Room, Bar, Parlour, Kitchen and Cellar. There are also the usual Outbuildings and good Yard, with drawing in gateway from Chapel Street. The premises are now in the occupation of Miss Mary Ann Turner.

The area of this Lot is 203 square yards, with a frontage to the Holyhead Road of 8 yards and 1 foot.

Advert 1879

## MUSEUM

28, Elwell Street / Sampson Street, Mesty Croft, New Town, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

Hope and Anchor Breweries Ltd., Sheffield  
Samuel Tonks

## LICENSEES

Philip Eades [1868] – **1872**);  
Amos Tonks (**1872** – [ ]  
Mrs. Jane Phoebe Tonks [1881] – [1904]  
Samuel Tonks [1912]  
Alfred Woodcock\* [1912]  
Alfred Woodcock\* [1936]  
James Arthur Harper [1940]  
George Edward Reeves [1961] – [1966]

## NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It was a home brew house.

*Philip Eades*, beer retailer, Elwell Street. [1868], [1870]

### 1871 Census

28, Elwell Street – MUSEUM

- [1] *Phillip Eades* (42), widower, publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Mary A. Eades* (18), daughter, housekeeper, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Emily Eades* (14), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Charles Eades* (12), son, boy in factory, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *George Eades* (11), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Henry Eades* (7), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Charlotte Eades* (4), daughter, born Wednesbury;

### 1881 Census

28, Elwell Street

- [1] *Phoebe Tonks* (53), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Daniel Tonks* (27), son, clerk at tube manufacturers, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Thomas Tonks* (22), son, blacksmith, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Sarah Tonks* (20), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Eliza Tonks* (18), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Samuel Tonks* (17), son, saddler, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Sarah Warr* (72), grandmother, widow, born Wednesbury;

*Mrs. Jane Phoebe Tonks* = *Phoebe Tonks*

## 1891 Census

28, Elwell Street – MUSEUM INN

- [1] *Jane Phoebe Tonks* (63), beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Samuel Tonks* (27), son, commercial traveller, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Edith J. R. Tonks* (24), daughter in law, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *John W. Tonks* (3), grandson, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Ada Maria Tonks* (2), granddaughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Jane Tranter* (5), granddaughter, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Eliza A. Fletcher* (20), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

## Wednesbury Herald 24/8/1895

“An inquest was held on Tuesday morning, before Mr. Hooper (coroner), at the MUSEUM INN, Elwell Street, New Town, Wednesbury, on the body of *Emma Cartwright*, widow, aged 60, of 8, Sampson Street, New Town, Wednesbury, who died suddenly on Friday evening.

*William Cartwright*, son of the deceased, said she was sitting outside the house adjoining an entry talking to him when she became excited. In consequence of that an endeavour was made to get her into the house, and assistance was rendered her. Before that could be accomplished, however, she was seized with a fainting fit and expired immediately.

*Dr. Crew* of Wednesbury, had been attending deceased for some time till the last week or so.

*Henry Cartwright*, another son of the deceased, said that his mother had for some time complained of pains in the head.

*Emmanuel Hartshorn*, a neighbour, was also called to speak of the facts, and *Dr. Crew* also gave evidence, stating that he was called in after death had taken place, and that the deceased had suffered from an affection of the brain and apoplexy, which latter ailment accounted for death.

Verdict returned – Death from Natural Causes.”

## Wednesbury Herald 14/9/1895

“The adjourned inquest respecting the death of *Thomas James Oldbury*, aged 2 years and 5 months, son of *John and Elizabeth Oldbury*, Friar Street, New Town, who was drowned by falling into the brook near his home, was held at the MUSEUM INN, on Thursday afternoon, by Mr. Edwin Hooper.

It will be remembered that the inquest was adjourned in order that enquiries might be made as to the ownership of the wall through a breach in which the child fell into the water.

Councillor *Griffiths* and Mr. *Walter Yoxall* were mentioned at the opening of the inquest as having to do with the property and three gentlemen now attended, the former being represented by Mr. S. M. Slater and the latter by Mr. J. H. Stockdale.

Mr. *Yoxall*, sworn, said that he was the owner of the property. It had been in his possession for fourteen years. He had collected his own rents, seen to his own repairs, and had been down very frequently. No complaints had ever been made to him as to the insecure state of the boundary wall which was practically in the same state now as when he acquired the property. The tenants had never treated it as a dangerous place but regarded it rather in the light of a convenience, as they were able to draw water from the brook. He was not aware that the wall was his or he would have had the breach filled up long ago. The matter rested with the legal gentlemen present. If it was decided that he was the owner of the wall he would have it put right immediately.

The Coroner said he should not bring the inquest to a close until he had an undertaking from somebody to put the wall in a proper condition within forty eight hours. Unless something was done the jury would no doubt return a verdict of Manslaughter against someone or other. He would not mince matters at all. The place was one of the most dangerous he had ever seen. He took it Mr. *Yoxall* was prepared to make it safe and was satisfied that the wall belonged to him.

*Yoxall*: Most certainly.

The Coroner: Very well; you cannot say more than that.

Mr. *Stockdale*: produced the Deed of conveyance to his extent and pointed out that a layman going by the plan could reasonably come to the conclusion that the wall did not belong to him.

Mr. S. M. Slater put in deeds to show that Councillor *Griffiths* had no concern with the land in question beyond enjoying a right of way over it.

To Mr. *Yoxall*: You don't suggest that the wall belongs to Councillor *Griffiths*?

Mr. *Yoxall*: I don't know whose it is.

The Coroner: You had better consult together and see what you can do. I take it my jury will be satisfied if I can get an undertaking that the matter shall be immediately remedied.

Several jurors expressed assent.

The Coroner, to Mr. Slater: Does your client relinquish all right to the wall?

Mr. Slater: Oh. Yes.

The Coroner, to Mr. Yoxall: Take it as your own wall; would you feel disposed to put it in order?

Mr. Yoxall: It shall be done tomorrow.

The Coroner: I don't want to do anything harsh, but my first duty is the care of the public. The wonder for me is that there have not been any more deaths. A great number of people have fallen in.

Mr. Yoxall: If I had known it to be my property it would not have remained in this state so long.

Mr. Slater: No complaint has ever been made to Councillor Griffiths, nor any suggestion that he was liable to make good that breach in the wall or was in any way responsible for the wall.

The Coroner: Councillor Griffiths says Mr. Yoxall is perfectly at liberty to take the wall as his own. Mr. Yoxall says if this is the case he is quite prepared to put this wall in good condition. Neither of these could speak fairer.

Mr. Sharpe: We have never set up any claim to this wall.

The Coroner: It is not a question of great expense. A few shillings will be all it will cost.

Mr. Yoxall having decided to the Coroner a written statement to have the wall repaired within forty eight hours the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Mrs. *Jane Phoebe Tonks*, beer retailer, 28, Elwell Street, Mesty Croft. [1896], [1904]

### 1901 Census

28, Elwell Street – MUSEUM INN

[1] *Jane P. Tonks* (73), beer retailer, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Sarah A. Davis* (21), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

*Samuel Tonks*, brewer, 28, Elwell Street. [1912]

\* possibly the same person

*Alfred Woodcock*, beer retailer, 28, Elwell Street. [1912]

### Bilston and Willenhall Times 27/10/1928

"Belcher & Son ..... Lot 2 – The Free, 7 Days, ante '69 On Beerhouse, known as the MUSEUM INN, situate and being No. 28, in Elwell Street, New Town, Wednesbury, aforesaid, together with Two Dwelling Houses and Premises adjoining being Nos. 29 and 30, Elwell Street.

This Lot occupies a prominent corner site in a populous neighbourhood, with several large works in the vicinity. The Licensed House has a frontage of 34 feet to Elwell Street, and a return frontage of 69 feet to Sampson Street. Vacant Possession of the MUSEUM will be given on completion....."

[1968]

Closed  
Demolished



c. 1968

## MYVOD

62, Park Lane / Myvod Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.  
Sizzling Pub Co. [2011]

### LICENSEES

Benjamin Higgs [ ]  
William Edward Herbert Barker [1961] – [1966]  
Sarah Jayne Ellis [ ] – **2011**) manager

### NOTES

MYVOD ARMS  
MYVOD [1990], [2011]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division One. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Fallings Heath Crib League. [1946]

*Benjamin Higgs* – see also BELL, BUSHBURY ARMS, Wolverhampton, and SIR TATTON SYKES, Wolverhampton.

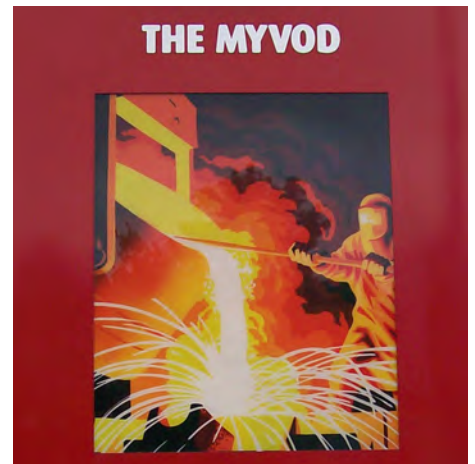
He was born in 1881.

He died in 1970.

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Social Dominoes League. [1970]

*Sarah Jayne Ellis* was sent to prison for 16 months, in September 2011, for stealing more than £26,000.

[2014]



1998



2014

## NAGS HEAD

5, (6), Lower High Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Simeon Russell\* [1834]  
Simeon Bissell\* [1835] – [1842]  
Thomas Parker [1845] – [1851]  
Mrs. Sarah Bullock [1860] – [1865]  
Thomas Young [1868] – **1870**);  
Thomas James Lee (**1870 – 1871**);  
John Taylor (**1871**);  
Henry Fenton (**1871 – [ ]**)  
Thomas James Lee [1872] – **1874**)  
Joseph Parsons [1881]  
Arthur Wright [1890]  
Richard Slater [1891] – [1892]  
Miss Maria Butler [1895] – [1896]  
Anthony Robinson [1904]  
Henry Lloyd [1911] – [1928]  
J Tyler [1934]  
Bruce Joseph Acton [1961] – [1966]  
Joan Whiting [1970];  
Alan Norton [ ];  
Sydney Parkes [ ]

### NOTES

High Street [1849], [1850]  
6, Lower High Street [1871], [1872], [1873], [1881]  
5, Lower High Street [1892], [1896], [1904], [1912], [1916]

It was situated next to St. John's churchyard.

\* possibly the same person

### 1861 Census

High Street

- [1] Sarah Bullock (70), widower, victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] Richard Tonks (54), brother, widower, coach smith, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Mary Tonks (29), niece, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Nancy Waldron (10), granddaughter, scholar, born Pelsall:



### 1871 Census

6, Lower High Street

[1] *Thomas Lee* (29), unmarried, licensed victualler, blind from accident, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Eliza Lee* (33), sister, milliner, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Ellen A. Lee* (10), niece, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[4] *John Archer* (24), visitor, turner, born West Bromwich:

### Wednesbury Herald 13/9/1879

“Thomas Harrison and Lucy Harrison, brother and sister, were charged with assaulting George Henry Potts in the NAGS HEAD INN, Lower High Street, on Saturday night.

The complainant stated that on the night in question a raffle took place at a house adjoining the NAGS HEAD public house, for a silver watch, and he was present to superintend it. After the raffle was over, the persons present at the raffle adjourned to the public house, and a general quarrel took place, in the course of which complainant alleged that the two defendants beat him and knocked him down.

William Artello gave corroborative evidence.

Defendants alleged that the complainant was the aggressor, and that they only struck him in self defence.

George Henry Potts was afterwards charged with assaulting Lucy Harrison at the same time and place.

The complainant stated that in consequence of her winning the watch, the defendant was much annoyed and struck her a violent blow in the mouth.

The Stipendiary dismissed the latter case, and in the former, fined each of the defendants 9s, or in default seven days' imprisonment.”

### 1881 Census

6, Lower High Street – NAGS HEAD INN

[1] *Joseph Parsons* (40), publican, born Bradley, Staffordshire;

[2] *Elizabeth Parsons* (34), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Elizabeth Parsons* (1), daughter, born Wednesbury:

### Wednesbury Herald 6/8/1881

“Joseph and John Addison, ironworkers, were charged with refusing to quit the NAGS HEAD INN, Lower High Street, when requested to do so.

The wife of the complainant stated that the defendants came into the house and created a disturbance, and upon being requested to leave they refused to do so.

As Joseph Addison did not appear a warrant was issued for his apprehension, and John was fined 5s and costs, or in default seven days imprisonment.”

### 1891 Census

Lower High Street – NAGS HEAD

[1] *Richard Slater* (58), widower, publican, born Kingston, Surrey;

[2] *Florence Jones* (24), housekeeper, born Wednesbury;

[3] *William I. Jones* (1), son, born Bilston;

[4] *Clara E. Moffat* (17), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

### Wednesbury Herald 12/1/1895

“Charles Brown, mechanic, Potters Lane, was fined 10s and costs after refusing to quit the NAGS HEAD INN, Lower High Street, on Tuesday night. He used vulgar language to *Maria Butler*, the landlady, and had to be forcibly ejected.....”

### Wednesbury Herald 2/2/1895

“Robert Thickett, of 61, Church Street, charged Joseph Addison, of Lower High Street, with assaulting him in the NAGS HEAD INN, on the evening of the 19th inst.- The complaint was that for merely denying the truth of an assertion made by the landlady, defendant's sister, Addison came behind him, struck him on the back of the head, and knocked him senseless.- For the defence, *Maria Butler*, the landlady, said that Thickett was drunk and she asked Addison to turn him out. This he did, but used no violence ..... Defendant was ordered to pay 20s and costs.....”

### 1911 Census

4+6, Lower High Street

[1] *Henry Lloyd* (36), licensed victualler, born Wrottesley, Staffordshire;

[2] *Jane Lloyd* (40), wife, married 6 years, born Calf Heath, Staffordshire;

[3] *Dorothy Turner* (12), stepdaughter, born Tettenhall:

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Town Darts League. [1970]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Social Cribbage League. [1970]

[1976]

Closed

It was demolished in 1980.



c. 1968

## NELSON

Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

John Robinson [1834] – [1835]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*John Robinson*, beer retailer, Dudley Street. [1835]

Check Portway Road.

## NELSON

62, Portway Road, Leabrook, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1961]

### LICENSEES

Joseph Taylor [1841] – [1842]  
Simeon Constable [1845]  
William Goss [1849] – [1851]  
James Farley [1860] – [1870]  
Benjamin Fellows [ ] – **1871**;  
John Taylor (**1871** – [ ]  
James Farley [1872] – [1873]  
Emma Farley (**1881**);  
Edward Powell (**1881** - [ ]  
Mrs. Mary Ann Lloyd [1891] – [1892]  
Mrs. Mary Ann Mills [1896]  
Peter Monaghan [1901]  
Charles Griffiths [1904]  
Frederick John Astbury (**1908 – 1933**)  
George Rose [1961] – [1966]  
K J Russell [1976] – [1983]  
Colin White [1990]

### NOTES

LORD NELSON [1869]

#### 1841 Census

Portway Road

- [1] *Joseph Taylor* Snr (35), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Taylor* (35), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Charles Taylor* (17), apprentice to engineer, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Joseph Taylor* Jnr (15), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *George Taylor* (12), born Staffordshire;
- [6] *James Taylor* (10), born Staffordshire;
- [7] *Elizabeth Taylor* (9), born Staffordshire:

#### 1851 Census

Portway Road

- [1] *William Goss* (43), victualler, born Dunnington Wood, Shropshire;
- [2] *Jane Goss* (43), wife, born Dunnington Wood, Shropshire;
- [3] *Sarah Lewis* (45), niece, servant, born Dunnington Wood, Shropshire;
- [4] *Margaret Lewis* (17), niece, servant, born Dunnington Wood, Shropshire:

*James Farley* = James Furley

### 1861 Census

Portway Road

- [1] *James Farley* (47), publican, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Hannah Farley* (44), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Elizabeth Hughes* (12), visitor, born Worcester:

An inquest was held here on *John Connolly* (5) who died from burns, in January 1869.  
A verdict of accidental death was returned.

### 1881 Census

62, Portway Road – NELSON INN

- [1] *Edward Powell* (39), publican, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Sarah Powell* (38), wife, born Leabrook;
- [3] *Mary A. Powell* (17), daughter, dressmaker, born Tipton;
- [4] *Isabella Powell* (15), daughter, pupil teacher, born Tipton;
- [5] *Edward Powell* (13), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [6] *Eliza Powell* (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *Alice Powell* (5), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] *Lottie Powell* (2), daughter, born Tipton;
- [9] *Florence B. Powell* (1), daughter, born Tipton;
- [10] *Ellen Stevens* (?) (17), general servant, born Tipton:

### 1891 Census

62, Portway Road

- [1] *Mary Ann Lloyd* (42), widow, licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Ann Brittle* (67), mother, born Stanton, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Thomas Brittle* (63), stepfather, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Sarah Right* (48), servant, born Darlaston;
- [5] *Sarah Brownsword* (18), visitor, born Wednesbury:

### 1901 Census

62, Portway Road

- [1] *Thomas Monaghan* (65), widower, bricklayer's labourer, born Mayo, Ireland;
- [2] *Peter Monaghan* (29), son, unmarried, publican and steel smelter, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *James Miller* (42), son in law, gas stoker, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Mary Miller* (34), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *M. H. Miller* (10), niece, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *F. J. Miller* (7), born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Cecelia Miller* (4), niece, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Elizabeth Miller* (2), born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Florence Thickett* (15), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

### Midland Advertiser 22/2/1930

“A verdict of Death from Cerebral Embolism was returned at an inquest, held on Wednesday, on Mrs. *Theresa Caroline Astbury* (50), wife of Mr. *Frederick John Astbury*, licensee of the NELSON INN, Portway Road, Wednesbury.

The husband of the deceased stated that his wife had had a stroke in 1917, and had sustained a further attack since. On Monday she seemed in her usual health, but after coming back from a walk, complained that she felt the cold. She sat before the fire with a shawl on, and was assisted to bed at 7 o'clock. She died before medical assistance arrived. Dr. W. E. Coleman deposed that Mrs. *Astbury* had suffered from cerebral embolism, to which death was due.”

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division One. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Darts League, Division Two. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Social Cribbage League. [1970]

[2014]

Check Dudley Street.



2014

## NOAHS ARK

New Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

George Glover [1881]

### NOTES

#### 1881 Census

New Street – NOAHS ARK

[1] *George Glover* (53), beerhouse keeper, born Walsall;

[2] *Fanny Glover* (33), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Emma Hammond* (20), domestic servant, born Hill Top:

## OCEAN HOUSE

117+118, Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Joseph Tatton [1861] – [1872]  
Mary Ann Tatton [1881]  
George Peters [1896]  
Thomas Horton [1912]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Joseph Tatton*, beer retailer, 117, Holyhead Road. [1861], [1864], [1872]

#### 1871 Census

Holyhead Road

- [1] *Joseph Tatton* (48), publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Mary Ann Tatton* (51), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Mary Jane Tatton* (11), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Jane Copland* (23), general servant, born West Bromwich:

#### 1881 Census

118 & 117, Holyhead Road – OCEAN HOUSE

- [1] *Mary Ann Tatton* (61), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Mary Jane Tatton* (21), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Sarah Ellen Deakin* (23), domestic servant, born Cradley Heath;
- [4] *James H. Harrison* (23), visitor, printer compositor, born Walsall;
- [5] *Rosetta Harrison* (21), visitor, born Fallings Heath;
- [6] *Emma Jane Highway* (16), visitor, dressmaker, born Darlaston:

*George Peters*, beer retailer, 117, Holyhead Road. [1896]

*Thomas Horton*, beer retailer, 117, Holyhead Road. [1912]



## ODDFELLOWS ARMS

140, Darlaston Road, Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

James Longmore [1871] – [1872]  
William Doran [ ] – **1881**;  
Eli Deeley (**1881** – [ ]  
John Reeves [1881] manager  
Albert Henry Hughes [1896] – [1912]  
Ernest Padgett [1923] – **1924**;  
George Frederick Dunn (**1924** – [ ]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It was originally the TERRACE TAVERN.

#### 1871 Census

140, Darlaston Road – TERRACE TAVERN

- [1] *James Longmore* (46), fitter and beer shop (TERRACE TAVERN), born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Mary Ann Longmore* (39), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Sarah Longmore* (11), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *James Longmore* (10), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Susannah Longmore* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Clara Longmore* (6), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *William H. Longmore* (4), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Florence Longmore* (2), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Levina Mansell* (18), domestic servant, born Ketley, Shropshire:

*James Longmore*, beer retailer, 140, Darlaston Road. [1872]

#### Wednesbury Herald 14/5/1881

“*John Reeves*, landlord of the ODD FELLOWS INN, Kings Hill, was summoned by Mr. Superintendent Holland for selling ale without a license.

Police-constable Steele stated that on the 3rd inst he visited the ODD FELLOWS ARMS INN, Kings Hill, and stayed about a quarter of an hour, and saw defendant supply a man with a pint of ale which was not paid for. He afterwards saw him supply a woman with a pint of ale and a man with a pint of ale both of which were paid for. He asked defendant if the license had been transferred to him and he replied that it had not been. Defendant had been selling ale for the last month although he had no license to sell. He had cautioned defendant several times not to sell intoxicating drinks.

Mr. Carter of Walsall, who appeared for the defence said the house virtually belonged to a man named *Eli Deeley*, of Walsall, who had appointed the defendant as the manager of the house. He had placed the defendant's name over the door, but as he did not think it necessary he did not take steps to have the license transferred. As the offence had been committed through ignorance he trusted the Bench would only impose a small penalty.

Mr. Superintendent Holland said he had warned Mr. *Deeley* and the defendant therefore there was no reasonable excuse to make.

The Bench imposed a fine of 40s and costs.”

*Albert Henry Hughes*, beer retailer, 140, Darlaston Road, Kings Hill. [1896], [1912]

### 1901 Census

Darlaston Road – ODD FELLOWS ARMS

- [1] *Albert Hughes* (39), grocer and publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Martha Hughes* (32), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Albert Hughes* (7), son, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Horace N. Hughes* (5), son, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Gladys M. Hughes* (3), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *William S. Hughes* (6 months), son, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Annie Cooper* (18), domestic servant, born Tipton:

*Albert Henry Hughes*, shopkeeper and beer retailer, 140, Darlaston Road, Kings Hill. [1904]

### Tipton Herald 3/1/1903

“Kings Hill Sick and Dividend Society. Mr. James Miller, secretary of the above society, which is held in the ODDFELLOWS ARMS INN, has just issued his annual report. From it we glean that the society is in a very flourishing condition, and the figures given speak volumes in praise of these societies among the working classes. The total income is given as £118 12s 6d; total of members on books, 78. The expenditure is – Paid by death claims (7 children), £13; the sick claims amount to £17 4s 0d; doctor and secretary £9 5s 6d; incidental expenses £1 3s 3d; £3 19s 2d is carried forward to next year’s account, thus leaving £74 00s 7d available for dividend, which is worked out as follows – 74 full members, 15s 3½d each; 3 threequarters members 14s 5½d each, and 1 half member 9s 7½d.”

### 1911 Census

Kings Hill – ODDFELLOWS ARMS

- [1] *Albert H. Hughes* (50), beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Martha Hughes* (44), wife, married 19 years, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Albert H. Hughes* (17), son, apprentice to furnishing, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Horace N. Hughes* (15), son, template maker, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Gladys M. Hughes* (13), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *William S. Hughes* (10), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Joseph A. Hughes* (8), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Irene A. Hughes* (6), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Frederick S. Hughes* (4), son, born Wednesbury;
- [10] *Edwin H. Hughes* (3), son, born Wednesbury;
- [11] *Ethel Barrows* (26), niece, born America, (British subject):

### Walsall Observer 7/6/1924

“At the Wednesbury Stipendiary Court on Tuesday, *Ernest Padgett* (42), Guns Lane, West Bromwich, was charged with fraudulently converting £100 to his own use between November 27th 1923, and February 20th 1924.

The prosecutor was *George Frederick Dunn*, licensee of the ODDFELLOWS ARMS, Kings Hill, Wednesbury. He said he was offered a position of manager of a beerhouse by the defendant in November of last year, the defendant at that time being the licensee of the ODDFELLOWS ARMS.

*Padgett* wanted £100 deposit as security for honesty. When asked for a security for the return of the money, *Padgett* said he had plenty of money in stock, and the money would be returned at the expiration of a month’s notice on either side. An agreement was signed to this effect, and on February 1st *Dunn* obtained the transfer of the license of the ODDFELLOWS ARMS from *Padgett*. On the same day he received a month’s notice from *Padgett*, who, when consulted by a solicitor, said the money would be paid on the expiration of the notice. The money was not paid, and on February 20th defendant filed his petition in bankruptcy, but *Dunn* was not scheduled as a creditor. *Padgett*, who reserved his defence, was committed to the Staffordshire Assizes, bail being allowed.”

£1,800 Compensation was paid in 1930.

Closed

## OLD BARREL

135, (136), Darlaston Road / Barrel Street, (136, Kings Hill), Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Atkinsons Brewery Ltd. [1922], [1932]

### LICENSEES

Daniel Griffiths [1864] – **1871**);  
William Watson (**1871** – [ ]  
William Dawes [1881]  
William Odom [1895] – [1904]  
Alfred Blakemore (**1912** – [1921]  
George Golcher (**1923** – **1947**);  
Alfred Adams (**1947** – [1948]  
George Alfred Stanley [ ] – **1961**);  
John Nettleton Orr (**1961** – **1962**);  
George Thomas Huckerby (**1962**):



Token

### NOTES

136, Darlaston Road [1881], [1896], [1904], [1912]  
136, Kings Hill [1900]  
135, Darlaston Road

*Daniel Griffiths* = Daniel Griffith

### 1881 Census

136, Darlaston Road

- [1] *William Dawes* (65), licensed victualler, born Knowle, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Emily Dawes* (57), wife, born Penkridge;
- [3] *Elizabeth Dawes* (23), daughter, barmaid, born Oldbury;
- [4] *William Dawes* (21), son, carpenter, born Oldbury;
- [5] *Alfred Dawes* (17), son, carpenter, born Smethwick:

### Wednesbury Herald 19/1/1895

“The reopening of the RAOB Grand Surrey Lodge, Grand Lodge of Staffordshire, took place the other evening, at the OLD BARREL, Kings Hill (Prime Host *Odom*'s).....”

### Wednesbury Herald 30/11/1895

“On Saturday night an interesting presentation to Mr. R. Wilson, foreman for Messrs. Keay and Co, of Darlaston, took place at the OLD BARREL INN, Kings Hill. The employees of the firm and other gentlemen has subscribed and purchased a handsome timepiece and two equestrian ornaments to match for presentation to Mr. Wilson, and also a ring for presentation to Mrs. Wilson.....”

### 1901 Census

Darlaston Road – OLD BARRELL INN

- [1] *William Odom* (58), publican, born Swinshead, Lincolnshire;
- [2] *Ann Odom* (62), wife, born Botterford, Leicestershire;
- [3] *Agnes Mallby* (22), domestic servant, born Botterford, Leicestershire:

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury and District Quoits League. [1901]

*Alfred Blakemore* was a committee member of the Wednesbury and District Friendly and Protection Association. [1918]

*George Golcher* died in 1947.

He was known as 'the landlord who never called time', because at closing time he merely put on his hat.

### **Bilston and Willenhall Times 14/7/1928**

"A case of considerable interest to local publicans was heard by the Stipendiary (Mr. B. G. Grimley) at Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday.

*George Golcher*, licensee of the BARREL INN, Kings Hill, Wednesbury, was summoned for selling intoxicating liquor from unlicensed premises, while Thomas Foley, 43, Darlington Street, Kings Hill, was summoned for aiding and abetting.

Mr. E. E. Brown prosecuted, Mr. Frank Cooper defended, and Mr. A. J. Glover held a watching brief on behalf of the Wednesbury and Darlaston Licensed Victuallers' Association.

Mr. Brown, in outlining the case for the prosecution, said that on May 20th, at 7.30am, there was a party going from the BARREL INN to Meriden by motor buses. PS Pardoe and PCs Lockley and Rock went to Darlington Street, and there saw *Golcher* in Foley's house. He was standing behind a table on which were cups of tea, and he was pouring whiskey out of four bottles, serving it by means of a pewter measure. The cups of tea were handed to those members of the party who required one. The tea was carried across from the BARREL INN in enameled jugs, and on the footpath were cases of beer and stout, but none of this was touched in the house. *Golcher* and Foley were spoken to by PS Pardoe, who said the facts would be reported to the Chief Constable. Mr. Brown submitted there had been an offence under Section 65 of the 1910 Act. Each member of the party made a contract with *Golcher* for certain intoxicating liquor, but there was no clear appropriation of the whiskey until it was placed in the tea.

PS Pardoe, in his evidence, said he went to Darlington Street with the two other officers at 7.30am. There were a number of people standing about, and he ascertained they were going on a trip to Meriden. He deposed to seeing *Golcher* pour out the whiskey into a pewter measure, and then put into the tea. Foley was assisting Mr. *Golcher* with the six cups and saucers which were on the table, the tea being brought from the BARREL INN, the whole of the four bottles of whiskey being consumed before the party left. Witness said he spoke to Foley, and asked him, 'Are you the occupier of these premises?' and he replied, 'Yes.' He then said, 'Have you a license to retail intoxicants?' and the reply was, 'No.' When told the facts would be reported to the Chief Constable, Foley replied, 'I am not doing any harm. I have only obliged Mr. *Golcher* by letting him have the use of my room. The stuff was paid for before, and brought to my premises last night from the BARREL INN. The men are not paying for it now.' Witness then spoke to *Golcher*, who said, 'I have made arrangements with Mr. Foley to have the stuff on his premises, knowing very well I could not have it on mine. The stuff had been paid for previously by the party. It has been purchased from me previously by the party at 5s per head, which includes a trip to Meriden.

Cross examined by Mr. Cooper, witness said operations of pouring the whiskey out had already commenced when he arrived on the scene. There was no secrecy at all about it, and the party was a respectable one. He saw some food and pickles put into the 'buses, and the cases of beer and stout also placed inside. There was no suggestion that any beer had been partaken of before the party started. In answer to a further suggestion, he said he was not aware that there was an Outing Club held at the BARREL INN, and the members paid weekly contributions. When Mr. *Golcher* told him that the stuff had been paid for and removed the previous night, he had no reason to doubt his word. Everything was being done open and above board, and there was no stampede when the officers arrived on the scene. PC Lockley gave corroborative evidence, and said there were four whiskey bottles on the table. Three had been opened, and the fourth was opened in his presence.

PC Rock also corroborated.

Mr. Cooper submitted he had no prima facie case to answer, as there had not been any contravention. The case from the point of view of the legal position was an interesting one, but from Mr. *Golcher*'s point of view one could not imagine a more serious case against him.

Mr. Brown said he would have to take it that the goods were taken and paid for the previous night, and it was only a question of appropriation.

Mr. Cooper said it was quite clear that appropriation did take place on the Saturday night, as the goods were sold to the Outing Club and nothing was being paid for on the Sunday morning. The sale was made to the party as a whole, and the goods were taken off the licensed premises on the Saturday night to prevent any offence being committed.

Mr. Cooper suggested that *Golcher* was entitled by law to do what he did. Of course, whatever the legal aspect may be, if the police expressed a wish that the practice should not continue this would be carried out.

There was further legal argument, after which the Stipendiary said that Mr. Cooper had suggested that as the police objected, whatever the law might be on the subject, an undertaking would be given that there should be no repetition. Eventually it was agreed to withdraw the summonses on payment of costs. *Golcher* £5 9s and Foley 4s, and giving an undertaking that the practice should not be repeated.

Mr. Glover stated that the president of the Licensed Victuallers' Association had also intimated that he would advise the members that such a practice should not be carried out.”

[1955]

The license was suspended at 10.30pm on 4th November 1962.

Closed

## OLD BARREL

115, Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Charles Anslow [1888] – [1896]

Mrs. Mary Ann Anslow [1901] – [1912]

### NOTES

#### 1891 Census

115, Holyhead Road

[1] *Charles Anslow* (49), iron worker, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Mary Ann Anslow* (43), wife, born Dudley Port;

[3] *George Henry Anslow* (17), son, iron worker, born Wednesbury;

[4] *John Thomas Anslow* (16), son, iron worker, born Wednesbury;

[5] *John Wilson* (45), widower, labourer, born Cavan [Ireland];

[6] *William Wilson* (11), son, born Wednesbury:

*Charles Anslow*, beer retailer, 115, Holyhead Road. [1896]

*Mrs. Mary Ann Anslow*, beer retailer, 115, Holyhead Road. [1904], [1912]

## **OLD BEEHIVE**

Walsall Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

James Jackson [1870]

## **OLD BIRD IN HAND**

High Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Samuel Smith [1818]

### NOTES

*Samuel Smith* was also a shoemaker. [1818]



## OLD BLUE BALL

10, (19), Hall End, Church Hill, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Jonah Spittle [1786] - **1843**;  
Thomas Anthony Ellis (**1843** - [ ]  
Edward Hughes [1841] - [1842]  
James Plant [1845] - [1850]  
Thomas Anthony Ellis [1849] - [1851]  
Joseph Brittain [1860] - [1868]  
John Booth [ ] - **1869**;  
Thomas Watson (**1869** - [ ]  
Joseph Brittain [1870]  
Thomas Watson [1871] - [1873]  
Alexander Watson [ ] - **1881**;  
Thomas Watson [ ] - **1881**;  
Mrs. Ruth Watson (**1881**) - [1892]  
Jesse Newman [1896]  
Arthur Robert Harding [1911] - [1912]  
Fred Platt [1916] - [1921]  
Knowles [ ]  
James Ernest Plant [1961] - [1966]  
T Dicken [1993]  
Jonathan R Bradley [2008]

### NOTES

All End [1818]  
19, Hall End [1871], [1872], [1881], [1911]  
10, Hall End

OLD BLUE BALL [1845], [1849], [1892], [1993]  
BLUE BALL [1850], [1869], [1880], [1881], [1895]

[1760's]

*Jonah Spittle* married Eleanor Brighton on 9th October 1786.  
He was also a gun lock filer. [1818]

## **Blackcountryman (Winter 1982)**

### **'Some Literary and Historical Reflections on Wednesbury Cocking'**

"*Jonah Spittle* was born in 1765 ..... died 1844 ..... Old Spittle mentioned in the poem 'Wedgebury Cocking ..... BLUE BALL well known as a cock fighting house ..... *Thomas Ellis* conducted the house on entirely new principles. A concert hall was opened for ballad concerts and light entertainments, while the grounds were converted into a miniature copy of Cremorne Gardens, for holding al fresco dances, firework displays and balloon ascents, thus making it the resort of the giddy youth of the town."

*James Plant* was also a maltster. [1845]

*Thomas A. Ellis*, OLD BLUE BALL and Vauxhall pleasure gardens, Hall End. [1849], [1850]

## **1871 Census**

19, Hall End

[1] *Thomas Watson* (46), licensed victualler, born Burton on Trent;

[2] *Ruth Watson* (43), wife, born Ashby de la Zouch;

[3] *William Watson* (22), son, timekeeper at ironworks, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Elizabeth Watson* (16), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[5] *Samuel Watson* (12), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[6] *Ellen Watson* (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[7] *Annie Watson* (5), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury:

## **Wednesbury Herald 5/6/1880**

"On Saturday Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner), held an inquiry at the BLUE BALL INN, Churchill, Wednesbury, relative to the death of Ann Taylor, aged 18 months, the daughter of Henry and Eliza Taylor, who had died under circumstances already reported in the Herald.

The mother of the deceased said that when she awoke on Thursday morning at about five o'clock she missed the child, and upon looking towards the bottom of the bedstead was terrified to find that the child was hanging by her head, having in some way become wedged between the bars of the bedstead, her feet touching the floor. She was quite dead, and the body was nearly cold.

The Coroner: Was it customary for the child to get in and out of bed?

Witness: She would sometimes get out of bed for the purpose of getting into another bed to her sister.

The Coroner: I suppose she was strangled?

Witness: Yes.

The Coroner said it was one of the most peculiar accidents he had ever heard of.

Witness said that directly she had found out she sent for Mr. Garman, surgeon, and upon his arriving he said that he could render any assistance, as the child had been dead some time.

Evidence having been given showing that the parents were respectable people, and had taken every care possible of their children, the jury returned a verdict of Accidental death."

## **Wednesbury Herald 29/1/1881**

"Death – *Watson* – On the 16th instant, at the BLUE BALL INN, Wednesbury, Mr. *Alexander Watson*, aged 56 years – deeply regretted."

## **1881 Census**

19, Hall End – BLUE BALL

[1] *Ruth Watson* (52), widow, licensed victualler, born Ashby de la Zouch;

[2] *Samuel Watson* (22), son, engine fitter, unemployed, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Ellen Watson* (20), daughter, teacher of music, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Anne Watson* (15), daughter, dressmaker, born Wednesbury;

[5] *Mary A. Pritchard* (9), granddaughter, scholar, born Wednesbury:

### Wednesbury Herald 23/12/1882

“Amalgamated Society of Engineers. On Saturday afternoon, the officers of the above branch met at their club house, The OLD BLUE BALL INN, Wednesbury, for the purpose of presenting the account benefit for their society, £100, to Mr. H. Hughes, a smith of the Old Park Works, who is permanently disabled from following his employment through paralysis. Mr. Alex. Peters (one of the oldest members) in making the presentation said, ‘Brother Humphry Hughes it affords me great pleasure indeed to present you with this benefit, not as a charity, but as a just reward of your own prudent investment of regular subscriptions.....’”

### Wednesbury Herald 16/3/1895

“At a meeting of the Blue Violet Lodge, NUOFG [Free Gardeners], held at the BLUE BALL INN, Hall End, on Monday evening, Bro. Thomas Waldron (Master), made a presentation of an emblem of the order to Bro. T. Smith, for the services he had rendered as Master of the Lodge during the past year.....”

### 1911 Census

Hall End – OLD BLUE BALL

- [1] *Arthur Robert Harding* (37), licensed victualler, born Smethwick;
- [2] *Marion Harding* (34), wife, married 14 years, born Handsworth;
- [3] *Teresa Bullock* (59), boarder, born Handsworth:

Wednesbury Harriers athletic club was based here. [1920's]

It had a bowling green. [1928]

[2014]



2014

## **OLD BRITANNIA**

Newtown, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Abigail Bradley [1849] – [1850]

### NOTES

Check Moxley, Darlaston.

## OLD CHURCH

Church Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Sarah Baker [1868] – [1870]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Sarah Baker* was fined 1s and costs for selling beer during prohibited hours, in June 1868.

*Sarah Baker*, beer retailer, Church Hill. [1870]

## OLD CROSS KEYS

152, (153), Holyhead Road (Row), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Thomas Bailey [1849] – [1850]  
John Stevenson [1861]  
John Stringer [1861] – [1865]  
John Savage [1868] – **1871**;  
Mrs. Eliza Savage (**1871 – 1875**)  
John Stringer [1881]  
John Thomas Butler [1882]  
George Whittle [1891] – [1892]  
Charles Twigg [1896]  
Emma A Sealey [1901]  
Edward Young [1904]  
Leonard Smith [1911] – [1921]

### NOTES

153, Holyhead Road [1871], [1881], [1896], [1912]  
152, Holyhead Road

CROSS KEYS [1849], [1850], [1868], [1869], [1870], [1882], [1891], [1909], [1911]  
OLD CROSS KEYS [1864], [1892]

### 1861 Census

Holyhead Road

- [1] *John Stringer* (50), licensed victualler, born Madeley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Mary Stringer* (49), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Mary Collins* (21), niece, barmaid, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Emma Hackett* (21), house servant, born Birmingham:

### 1871 Census

153, Holyhead Road

- [1] *John Savage* (67), publican, born Slimberage [Slimbridge?], Gloucestershire;
- [2] *Eliza Savage* (60), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Samson Savage* (24), son, shingler, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *George Savage* (23), son, fitter and turner, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Sarah Savage* (20), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Rachel J. Savage* (18), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Emma Savage* (11), granddaughter, scholar, born Wednesbury:

*John Savage* died in 1871.

### 1881 Census

153, Holyhead Road

[1] *John Stringer* (71), licensed victualler, born Lightmore, Shropshire;

[2] *Mary Stringer* (69), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Maria Maddikin* (19), general servant, born Wednesbury:

[This John Stringer is probably the same as in 1861.]

### Wednesbury Herald 16/12/1882

“James Morris (40), alias Sweeney, was charged, on remand, with stealing a shoulder of mutton, the property of *Thomas Butler*, of the CROSS KEYS INN, Holyhead Road, under circumstances already reported in the Herald.

Mr. Superintendent Holland now stated that the prisoner was under police supervision, and the Stipendiary consequently committed him to the Assizes.”

### 1891 Census

Holyhead Road – CROSS KEYS INN

[1] *George Whittle* (52), public house manager, born Tipton;

[2] *Ann Whittle* (55), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *James E. Whittle* (23), son, wheel dresser, born Sedgley;

[4] *Annie Whittle* (7), granddaughter, scholar, born Walsall;

[5] *Bridget Fierney* (18), domestic servant, born Bilston:

### 1901 Census

Holyhead Road – CROSS KEYS

[1] *Emma A. Sealey* (47), widow, publican, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Albert W. Sealey* (21), son, barman, born West Bromwich;

[3] *Mabel Sealey* (19), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[4] *Edmund Sealey* (15), son, born West Bromwich;

[5] *Ethel Sealey* (13), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[6] *Edith Sealey* (8), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[7] *Annie Wootton* (17), general servant, born West Bromwich:

### Tipton Herald 2/1/1909

“Mr. W. A. Lewis (Deputy Coroner) held an inquest of Wednesday afternoon at the CROSS KEYS INN, Holyhead Road, concerning the death of *Ellen Moran*, aged 10 years and 11 months, of Portway Road, who died on Monday from the effects of burns received the same day. The evidence showed that the little girl was stooping down when the fringe of a shawl she was wearing caught fire, and great difficulty was experienced in extinguishing the flames. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

### 1911 Census

Holyhead Road – CROSS KEYS

[1] *Leonard Smith* (45), publican, born Bushbury;

[2] *Frances Smith* (59), wife, married 20 years, born Shillington, Warwickshire;

[3] *Thomas Edward Atkins* (36), nephew, assisting in business, born Essington:

Check Queen Street.

## **OLD CROSS KEYS**

Queen Street, WEDNESBURY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

[1868]

Check Holyhead Road.



## **OLD DRAGON**

Church Hill, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Thomas Banks [1851]

## OLDE LEATHERN BOTTEL, YE

40, (19), (12), Vicarage Road, (Terrace Street), (Vicarage, Church Hill), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Williamson  
Atkinsons Ltd.  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Joseph Elcock [1828] – [1842]  
Mrs. S Elcock [1845]  
Joseph Elcock [1849] – [1851]  
Marcus Holroyd [1860] – [1861]  
Samuel Brown [1864] – [1865]  
Benjamin Owen [1867]  
John Williams [ ] – **1871**);  
Joseph Thickett (**1871** – [1873]  
John Smith [1881]  
Joseph Middleton [1891] – [1896]  
Joseph Dewis [1899]  
Samuel Williams [1901] – [1904]  
William Samuel McGill [1909] – [1911]  
John Brown [1912]  
Arthur Brown [1916] – [1921]  
William Henry Hawkes [ ] – **1961**);  
Alfred Hyde (**1961** – **1962**);  
James Russon (**1962** – **1963**);  
William Stephen Hulme (**1963** – [1966]  
Billy Piper (**1973** – **1982**)  
Jack Lewis [1987]  
Christine MacFarlane [1993]  
Derek 'Dek' Cooksey [2003] – [2010]



c. 1899

### NOTES

Vicarage [1828], [1850], [1860], [1865]  
Vicarage, Church Hill [1849]  
Terrace Street [1873]  
12, Vicarage Road [1881], [1891]  
19, Vicarage Road [1911], [1916], [1921]  
40, Vicarage Road [1993], [1996]

BOTTLE [1828]  
LEATHER BOTTLE [1834], [1850], [1851], [1867], [1868], [1901]  
OLD LEATHER BOTTLE [1835], [1849], [1861], [1896], [1904]  
LEATHERN BOTTLE [1864], [1865], [1891], [1911]  
LEATHERN BOTTEL [1881]  
YE OLDE LEATHERN BOTTEL

It had a domino set into the bar.

It was reputedly established in 1510.

It was reputedly patronized by Dick Turpin.

Coaching inn.

It was used as a magistrates court.

### 1841 Census

Vicarage

- [1] *Joseph Elcock* (68), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Sarah Elcock* (47), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *William Elcock* (17), pattern maker's apprentice, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Richard Elcock* (15), fitter's apprentice, born Staffordshire;
- [5] *George Elcock* (2), born Staffordshire:

### 1851 Census

Vicarage

- [1] *Joseph Elcock* (58), moulder, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Harriot Elcock* (40), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *William Elcock* (12), son, labourer, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Emily Elcock* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury:

### 1861 Census

Vicarage

- [1] *Marcus Holroyd* (28), engineer at iron works, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Ann Holroyd* (26), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Mary Holroyd* (65), mother, widow, born Saddleworth, Yorkshire;
- [4] *Benton Holroyd* (1), son, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Thersa Holroyd* (2), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Betty Morris* (15), nurse, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Thomas Morris* (23), lodger, coal miner, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Samuel Reece* (24), lodger, coal miner, born Wednesbury:

An inquest was held here in 1868.

### 1881 Census

12, Vicarage Road – LEATHERN BOTTEL INN

- [1] *John Smith* (50), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Smith* (43), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Betrice* (?) (3), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Mary Ann* ? (47), general servant, born Wednesbury:

### 1891 Census

12, Vicarage Road – LEATHERN BOTTLE

- [1] *Joseph Middleton* (67), licensed victualler, born Brownhills, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Maria Middleton* (66), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Emily Middleton* (28), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Harry H. Middleton* (21), son, student for school master, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *John Eagar* (50), lodger, licensed hawker, born Wigton, Cumberland;
- [6] *Alfred Whittaker* (21), lodger, assistant hawker, born Macclesfield:

### 1901 Census

Vicarage Road – LEATHER BOTTLE INN

- [1] *Samuel Williams* (27), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *May Williams* (26), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Sydney Williams* (3), son, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Owen Williams* (6 months), son, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Lillian Ingram* (13), domestic servant, born Wednesbury;

### 1911 Census

The Vicarage – LEATHER BOTTLE

- [1] *William Samuel McGill* (35), married, licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Florence Williams* (38), widow, domestic housekeeper, born Wednesbury;

It was rebuilt in 1912 - 1913.

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division Two. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Darts League, Division One. [1946]

*Billy Piper* was married to *Irene*.  
See also QUEENS HEAD.

*Jack Lewis* was born in Bloxwich.  
He was married to *Hazel*.  
He played football for Crystal Palace, Bournemouth and Reading.

[2014]



2013

## OLD MILL

Rydding Lane, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Darby's Brewery Ltd.  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.  
Admiral Taverns [2013]



1986

### LICENSEES

Edwin Cole **(1936 - 1953)**;  
Arthur Hill **(1953 - [ ])**  
James Edward Clewley **[ ] - 1961)**;  
James Reginald Guest **(1961 - [1966]**  
Bird [c. 1980]  
Gerard McDaid [1992]  
Ambrose Gaughan **(1994 - [ ])**  
Paul Coghlan [1995]  
Mike and Pete Boland **(1998 - [ ])**  
Anthony Haddock **(1999 - [ ])**  
Anthony Melia [2008]

### NOTES

It opened in 1936 as the MILLFIELDS INN.

*Edwin Cole* was married to Rachel.

#### **Bilston and Willenhall Times 26/1/1946**

“The first meeting of the Wednesbury No.1 Discussion Group, held at the MILLFIELDS INN on Thursday last, was addressed by Cllr. N. Small, who spoke on local government and administration.....”

A team from here took part in the Hill Top Victory Darts League. [1946]

#### **Black Country Bugle (1999) - Advert**

“Large award winning pub – The home of sport and entertainment. Definitely ‘A heart of the community’ pub, headquarters of many football, darts, dominoes and crib teams ..... A large enclosed tarmac area for children with small climbing frame and bouncy castle.”

Bustleholme FC, Cagney's FC and Hall Green FC were based here. [1999]

It was renamed CAGNEY'S in September 1994.

*Anthony Haddock* was from Wednesbury.

Closed

It reopened as the OLD MILL. [2005]

[2014]



2014

## OLD PACK HORSE

74, Lower Dudley Street, (Dudley Road), Lea Brook, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Thomas Hale [1828] – [1830]  
Thomas Rollinson [1834] – [1850]  
Ann Rowlinson [1851]  
Ann Robinson [1865]  
James Peake [1868] – **1875**);  
John Baugh (**1875** – [ ]  
Edwin Jones [ ]  
Edwin Rees [1892]  
Whittle\* [1895]  
James Whittall\* [1896]  
Joseph Walleth [ ] – **1901**) manager  
John Palmer [1904]  
Henry Shutt [1912]  
Frank Barnsley [1916]  
Albert A Clark [1921]

### NOTES

Dudley Road [1828], [1830]  
Dudley Street [1865]  
74, Lower Dudley Street [1896], [1912]

*Thomas Rollinson* = Thomas Rolinson

*Thomas Rollinson*, beer retailer, Lea Brook. [1849], [1850]

*Edwin Jones* issued tokens from here.

### Wednesbury Herald 13/8/1881

“To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. E. B. Scholefield, at the GREEN DRAGON INN, Market Place, Wednesbury, on Monday the 29th day of August, 1881.....

Lot 1. All that Very Valuable and well-accustomed Freehold Full-Licensed Inn, known as The OLD PACK HORSE, situate in Dudley Street, Wednesbury, and adjoining the main entrance to the Brunswick Works of the Patent Shaft and Axletree Company Limited. The house contains large Tap Room, Bar, Bar Parlour, Smoke Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, large Club Room, 2 Ale Cellars, Liquor Cellar, and Wine Cellar. The Premises also comprises a Gateway Entrance, Coach House, Stable, Piggery, Yard, and the usual Outbuildings. The total area is 473 square yards with a frontage to Dudley Street of 13 yards 2 feet, 11 inches. The Property is occupied by the Owner, and a Purchaser can have immediate possession.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 23/1/1892**

“The balance sheet of Court Excelsior, 4756, of the Ancient Order of Foresters for the past year has been published. This lodge is held at the OLD PACK HORSE INN, Dudley Street, and Mr. Thomas Warwick of 66, Portway Road is the secretary. It appears that during the year the receipts on sick and funeral fund account, including a balance of £490 9s 9½d brought forward, amounted to £611 16s 5d, no less than £101 9s 9½d having been paid in contributions. The expenditure during the same period in sick money amounted to £75 3s 4d, 31 members having benefitted. The total worth of all funds is set down at £543 14s 10½d, which is invested, £103 10s 5d in the post office bank, and £414 in the investment association, while £26 4s 5½d remains in the treasurer’s hands. Compared with twelve months ago the worth of the Lodge has increased by £29 10s 11d.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 26/1/1895**

“On Saturday evening, the employees of the G. W. R. Goods Department held their annual dinner at the OLD PACK HORSE INN, where an excellent repast was served by the host and Mrs. *Whittle*.....”

\* possibly the same person

### **Wednesbury Leader 16/3/1901**

“At the Wednesbury Police Court on Friday, before Alderman Williams (in the chair), Alderman I. Oldbury, Councillor J. Handley, T. H. Gorle, Esq, and Major Proctor, Richard Holden, furnaceman, of 63, Dudley Street, Wednesbury, was charged that on the 2nd of March he was drunk on the premises of the OLD PACK HORSE INN, Dudley Street, Wednesbury, and *Joseph Wallett*, the landlord, was charged with selling drink to Holden while drunken, and with permitting drunkenness to take place. The landlord was further charged that on the same date he was drunk on his own premises.

Mr. J. Clark (West Bromwich) prosecuted on behalf of the police and Mr. J. S. Sharpe defended.

Mr. Clarke’s opening statement was that on the 2nd of March at 9.20pm, PC O’Hara visited the house and saw Holden in the back smoke room, drunk. The landlord was sitting in another room, unmistakably drunk. The officer left the house and returned accompanied by PS O’Leary. Holden was still in the house, deeper in drink than before, and with drink before him. The officers were told that the landlord was ill, and had gone to bed, and on proceeding upstairs found him drunk on a bed. He was dressed, and had his sleeves rolled up, as if he had just left the bar.

PS O’Leary and PC O’Hara gave evidence, which closely bore out the statement.

Mr. Sharpe said he would not endeavour to cast any doubt on the evidence, knowing PS O’Leary was an experienced and truthful officer. He did not combat the evidence. On behalf of the owners, he would say *Wallett* had been in the house only ten days, and had gone there with the best credentials. He had kept public houses in the town for a number of years, and had had a good reputation. He thought the magistrates would agree that the owners were exculpated from any collusion in the matter.

Holden was fined 10s and costs, or 14 days; *Wallett* 10s and costs, or 14 days, for being drunk on his premises, and £5 and costs for permitting drunkenness. The other charge would be dismissed.”

### **Wednesbury Leader 21/9/1901**

[At the Wednesbury Adjourned Licensing Sessions] “.....Mr. C. H. Darby appeared to support the renewal of the license of the OLD PACK HORSE, Dudley Street, Wednesbury, to which objection was taken by the police on the ground, among others, that a former landlord named *Walle*t was convicted of drunkenness on the premises.

Mr. Darby said the manager *Walle*t came to the house with a good reputation, but his character did not bear this out and they dismissed him in a fortnight, and before he was summoned for drunkenness.”

- it was renewed.

## OLD PARK

35, (16), Darlaston Road, Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Thomas Cartwright [1868] – [1882]  
William Curnam\* [1888]  
William Curnam\* [1896] – [1912]  
Walter Woolley [1916] – [1921]  
R Johnson [1934]  
William James Warden [1961] – [1966]

### NOTES

16, Darlaston Road [1873], [1881], [1896], [1901], [1904], [1912], [1916], [1921]  
35, Darlaston Road

OLD PARK INN [1870], [1872], [1873], [1881]  
OLD PARK HOTEL [1880], [1881], [1900], [1903]

*Thomas Cartwright*, OLD PARK INN, Darlaston Road, wine and spirit merchant and wholesale brewer, and New Royal Exchange, Upper Rushall Street, Walsall. [1868], [1870]

#### 1871 Census

Darlaston Road – OLD PARK INN

- [1] *Thomas Cartwright* (48), licensed victualler, born Darlaston;
- [2] Sarah Cartwright (47), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Thomas Cartwright (11), son, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Catherine Thompson (24), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

*Thomas Cartwright*, OLD PARK INN, wholesale and retail wine and spirit merchant, bonder of wines and spirits, brewer and dealer in foreign cigars, and at New Royal Exchange, Rushall Street, Walsall, Old Crown, Bilston Street, Camp Hill and Pinfold Street, Darlaston. [1872]

#### Wednesbury Herald 22/11/1879

“An inquest was held on Saturday, at the OLD PARK HOTEL, by Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner), relative to the death of John Thomas Roun (55), iron worker, Darlaston Road, who died suddenly on the 12th inst. The evidence was to the effect that whilst the deceased was out for a walk with a companion, he was seized with violent pains, and was unable to walk. He was carried home, where he died the same evening. Death was supposed to have been caused by heart disease, and the jury returned a verdict of Died from Natural Causes.”

#### Wednesbury Herald 3/4/1880

“On Tuesday evening a large and influential meeting in support of Mr. Isaacson, the Conservative candidate for the borough of Wednesbury, was held at Mr. *Cartwright*'s, the OLD PARK HOTEL.....”



### **Wednesbury Herald 11/9/1880**

“Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner), held an inquiry at the OLD PARK HOTEL, Darlaston Road, on the body of Francis Thomas McGee (14), of No. 38, Old Union Street, who was drowned in the canal whilst bathing on Wednesday evening.

Roger McGee, father of the deceased, said that on the evening in question he heard that deceased had been drowned in the canal near to Monway pits. He went to the scene of the occurrence and found the body, and endeavoured to restore animation, but his efforts were of no avail. Deceased could not swim.

William Birt (15), said he accompanied deceased to bathe in the canal. They got into the canal at the side, but deceased got into the middle and sank to the bottom.....”

### **Wednesbury Herald 5/2/1881**

“On Tuesday afternoon Mr. E. Hooper (South Staffordshire Coroner) held an inquiry at the OLD PARK HOTEL, Darlaston Road, Wednesbury, relative to the death of Abraham Dyke (9), of Old Union Street, who was found dead on a pit mound at Ball’s Hill on Saturday last.

Abraham Dyke, a colliery engineer, and father of the deceased, said that on Thursday night about eight o’clock the deceased brought his supper to the colliery at Ball’s Hill, after which he left the colliery for the purpose of returning home.

The Coroner: I think the deceased was too young a boy to send to a colliery at night.

Witness: He knew every inch of the road.

The Coroner: He might in the day time, but not on a dark night I should think.

Witness (continuing) said that upon his going home on the following morning his wife informed him that the deceased had not returned home. He accordingly went to the colliery and found the deceased’s cap in the brook and was able to trace the footprints of the deceased in the snow. He, however, could not find the deceased, and came to the conclusion that he had fallen into the brook and had been carried away by the current.

The Coroner: The body of the deceased was afterwards found?

Witness: Yes; at a distance of about 140 yards from the brook.

The Coroner: Do you think he has met with his death by foul play?

Witness: No, sir; I do not.

A boy named John Elwell said that on Saturday morning he had occasion to go on a pit mound at Ball’s Hill, and at a distance of about 15 yards from the brook he found the body of the deceased. The face was downwards, and in the hands were some gleads. Underneath the face was a stone which had caused an indentation. He gave information to some men, and the body was removed.

The Coroner observed that from the appearance of the face of the deceased it was quite evident that it had been attacked by vermin, for a portion of one of the ears and also one of the eyelids had been bitten. He was of opinion that the unfortunate boy missed his way, fell down on the pit mound and there died from cold and exposure.

Police-constable Lytle said that judging from the appearance of the body when it was found, he was of opinion that the boy stumbled over a stone and fell on the other stones which rendered him insensible; and that he afterwards died from the effects of the cold.

The Coroner having summed up, the jury returned a verdict of Death from cold and exposure.”

### **1881 Census**

16, Darlaston Road – OLD PARK INN

[1] *Thomas Cartwright* (57), innkeeper, born Darlaston;

[2] Sarah Cartwright (56), wife, born Princes End;

[3] Thomas George Cartwright (20), son, architect and surveyor’s apprentice, born Wednesbury;

[4] Sarah Elizabeth Clark (14), granddaughter, scholar, born Walsall;

[5] William Wilson (34), barman, born Liverpool;

[6] Ann Oldbury (36), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

### **Wednesbury Herald 7/1/1882**

“Marriages: Cartwright – Dawes. On the 4th inst. at St. Bartholomew’s, by the Rev. Hokesley (?), Thomas George, youngest son of Mr. *Thomas Cartwright*, of the OLD PARK HOTEL, to Harriet, second daughter of the late Andrew Dawes, Wednesbury.”

\* probably the same person

### **Wednesbury Herald 18/5/1895**

“A public meeting, under the auspices of the Wednesbury branch of the Society of Ironfounders, was held at the OLD PARK HOTEL, on Saturday last. Mr. G. Cranage of Wolverhampton, presiding over a fair attendance. Addresses were delivered by the Chairman, Councillor Joynson, JP, Councillor Spittle, and Mr. H. Flavel, of Birmingham, and a resolution approving the aims and objects of the society, and expressing determination on the part of those present to extend its influence, was unanimously carried. Votes of thanks to the speakers and chairman brought the meeting to a close.”

### **Wednesbury Observer 24/3/1900**

“On Tuesday, Mr. H. A. Pearson, coroner, held an inquest at the OLD PARK HOTEL, Darlaston Road, Wednesbury, concerning the death of John Pitt (68), marine store dealer, formerly residing in Old Union Street, who committed suicide by hanging himself on Sunday night last.

Elizabeth Pitt, deceased’s wife, stated that for some time past he had been very strange in his manner. He had been in very bad health for several years. A short time ago deceased suffered from influenza and bronchitis, and for this he was attended by Dr. Dingley for eight weeks. Deceased also had a weak heart. Of late deceased had been so strange in his manner that witness had deemed it necessary to watch him night and day. Her husband had been in the habit of carrying bits of rope and string about with him. During the last month deceased had been much worse, and witness had had to sit up and watch him regularly whilst in bed. On Sunday night deceased retired to rest about 9.15, and took a candle with him. He then wished witness ‘Good night’, remarking that he was going to bed.

Elizabeth Madeley, granddaughter, said she went to bed about 10.15 on Sunday night. She noticed that deceased’s bedroom door was open, which was unusual. On going into the room she saw him hanging from the bedpost by means of a rope. Witness called for assistance, and her father came upstairs and cut the deceased down. Dr. Matheson and the police were sent for, the former pronouncing life to be extinct.

Police-sergeant O’Leary said that when he saw deceased he had his two wrists tied together with a piece of string. From what he could ascertain deceased had been very ill of late, and this had made him very strange.

A verdict of Suicide whilst temporarily insane was returned.”

### **1901 Census**

16, Darlaston Road

[1] *William Curnan* (40), licensed victualler, born Leitrim, Ireland;

[2] *Kate Curnan* (36), wife, born London;

[3] *Elizabeth Curnan* (11), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Kate Curnan* (11), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[5] *Bridget Curnan* (10), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[6] *Hugh Curnan* (6), son, born Wednesbury;

[7] *Mary Curnan* (4), daughter, born Wednesbury:

### **Tipton Herald 19/12/1903**

“OLD PARK Sick and Dividend Society. Mr. William Danks, secretary of this society, which is held at the OLD PARK HOTEL, Darlaston Road, has just issued his sixth annual report, which shows the society to be both financially and numerically, in a sound and flourishing condition.”

Local boxers, including Joe Logan and Alex Highfield, trained here in the 1940’s.

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division One. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Social Dominoes League. [1970]

[1983]

Closed

It was demolished in January 1990.

## OLD ROYAL OAK

4, Meeting Street, (Meetinghouse Lane), (Old Meeting Street), (Workhouse Lane), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

James J. Tate  
Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd. [1961]  
Black Country Traditional Inns (acquired in 2009)

### LICENSEES

Mary Danks [1818]  
Thomas Danks [1828] – [1834]  
William Turner [1841] – [1842]  
Thomas Bailey [1845]  
William Brittain\* [1849] – [1860]  
William Britten\* [1861] – [1870]  
John Connolly [1871] – [1873]  
Samuel James Green [1881]  
James J Tate [1892] – [1896]  
James Miller [1904] – [1905]  
William Henry Jones [1912]  
Mrs. Sarah Jones [1916] – [1921]  
Edward Harris [1961] – [1966]  
Ronald J Truslove [2008]

### NOTES

Old Meeting Street [1818], [1849]  
Workhouse Lane [1830], [1842], [1850]  
Meetinghouse Lane  
4, Meeting Street [1872], [1881], [1921]

ROYAL OAK [1818], [1834], [1845], [1849], [1850], [1860], [1861], [1868], [1870], [1872], [1880], [1884]

OLD ROYAL OAK [1864], [1871], [1873], [1892], [1916], [1921]

\* possibly the same person



2005

*William Britten* = William Brittain

### 1861 Census

ROYAL OAK INN

- [1] *William Britten* (52), innkeeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] Sarah Britten (54), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] Mary Ann Britten (18), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Catherine Speaken (15), house servant, born Bilston:

### 1871 Census

Meeting Street – OLD ROYAL OAK

- [1] *John Connolly* (51), licensed victualler, born Drogheda, Ireland;
- [2] Phebe Connolly (48), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] Joseph Connolly (13), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [4] Mary Connolly (13), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] John Connolly (11), son, scholar, born Sedgley:

### Wednesbury Herald 31/5/1879 - Advert

“The OLD ROYAL OAK Music Room, Meeting Street, Wednesbury / Great Attractions for Whit Week / On Whit Monday, June 2nd / First appearance in Wednesbury of Miss Marie Warner, serio-comic and Ballad Vocalist, of the Theatre Royal, Bath; first appearance also of Pat Osin, Irish Comedian and Dancer; also of Master George Pee, who will play a Grand Overture on the English Concertina and Dulcimer. / On Whit Tuesday, June 3rd / The first appearance of Yankee Connor, the celebrated Negro Comedian, Instrumentalist, and Dancer; and on this night only, Mr. Frank Hughes, of the Theatre Royal, Birmingham. / Charge of Admission, Threepence / During Whit Week the Hall will be open each Evening.”

### Wednesbury Herald 15/11/1879

“On Monday evening last, at the above place [OLD ROYAL OAK Music Hall] of amusement, an entertainment was given for the benefit of Mr. D. E. Barton, of Day’s Concert Hall, Birmingham, when the clever impersonations, songs, &d, of the Brothers Richardson gave great satisfaction to a large and respectable audience. Mr. J. Shorthouse presided at the pianoforte with his accustomed ability.”

### Wednesbury Herald 9/10/1880

“Yesterday, Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner), held an inquiry at the ROYAL OAK INN, Meeting Street, Wednesbury, relative to the death of Mary Ann Burkett, aged 59 years, who died suddenly on Monday.

The evidence showed that the deceased was suddenly seized with a fit on Monday evening at five o’clock, and immediately afterwards expired.

The jury returned a verdict of died from natural causes.”

### 1881 Census

4, Meeting Street

- [1] *Samuel James Green* (51), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [2] Catherine Green (40), wife, born Newton Solney, Derbyshire;
- [3] Ada Kate Green (6 months), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Eliza Humphries (26), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

### **Wednesbury Herald 26/8/1882**

“On Wednesday, Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner), held an inquiry at the OLD ROYAL OAK INN, Meeting Street, respecting the death of Sarah Ellen Woodcock (23), who had died from the result of shocking injuries received on the 13th inst, in Meeting Street.

Phoebe Woodcock, the mother of the deceased, deposed that her husband was named Samuel Woodcock, and was a pattern maker. For some days previous to the occurrence deceased complained of the headache, but she did not have medical treatment. On the 11th inst, she spoke to deceased about her headache, and recommended her to go to Dr. Blackwood’s surgery on the morning of the 13th inst. She, however, did not go. At about half past ten o’clock deceased complained of violent pains in her head, and witness recommended her to leave the work and go to Dr. Blackwood’s. Deceased afterwards went upstairs. About five minutes afterwards she heard screams, and on going into Mr. Trow’s yard she saw deceased lying at full length. She was carried upstairs, and was attended by Dr. Blackwood. Her lower jaw was broken, and also her left thigh. She went to open the side window in her brother’s bedroom, and upon opening the window she fainted, and she did not remember anything further. She (the witness) believed the occurrence was the result of an accident. She did not think the deceased had any occasion to be troubled. The deceased had no acquaintance. She had always been a good daughter.

Emma Hall, a married woman, said that on the morning of the 13th inst, she saw the deceased open a side window, which was about seven yards from the ground. She stood a moment and afterwards sat on the window sill in a very dangerous way. She appeared to be very pale, and immediately afterwards she balance over and fell on to the ground. Witness raised an alarm, and subsequently found her in a pool of blood. She asked her if she had done it on purpose, and she replied ‘that she did not.’ She afterwards stated that she fainted and she did not feel the effects of the fall. She had no reason to believe that the deceased had committed suicide. She was a very respectable young woman.

Betsy Fannings she had \_\_\_\_ the deceased then the occurrence. She had complained of giddiness of the head. There was nothing further the matter with her. There was no foundation for the rumours that had been prevalent that deceased was suffering from other causes.

The Coroner: I think that it is a cruel rumour.

Witness: She had no acquaintances.

The Coroner in summing up, said there was no evidence to justify the rumours that had been prevalent that the deceased had destroyed herself, as the whole of the evidence showed that the lamentable occurrence was the result of an accident,

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 19/1/1884**

“Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner), held an inquiry on Tuesday, at the ROYAL OAK INN, Meeting Street, respecting the death of a child named Samuel Morgan, aged five months, who was suddenly seized with convulsions, and died before medical aid could be obtained.

A verdict of Died from Natural Causes was returned.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 12/10/1895**

On Monday evening Mr. Edwin Hooper (district coroner) held an inquest at the ROYAL OAK INN, Meeting Street, Wednesbury, concerning the death of Ann Gladys Stokes, aged five weeks, the daughter of George and Eliza Stokes, of 19, Meeting Street.

The deceased had been weakly from birth, and a fortnight ago Dr. Dingley, who attended her, gave the parents directions to send to his surgery for some medicine. They had neglected to carry out the doctor’s instructions, with the result that the child grew worse, and on the 5th inst it was found dead in the cradle. The parents afterwards applied to Dr. Dingley for a certificate, but he refused to give one, and directed them to communicate with the police. Jane Pixton, who stated that she was an uncertificated midwife, admitted that she advised the mother to send for a clergyman to baptise the child before sending for a surgeon.

The Coroner: And as a matter of fact no surgeon was sent for?

Witness: No, not that I know of.

In reply to further questions, it was decided that Mrs. Stokes was in a club, and upon the death of a baptized child she was entitled to receive 50s.

The Coroner strongly condemned the conduct of both Mrs. Stokes and also that of the midwife. Both women, he said, had disregarded the directions of the surgeon in neglecting to send for medicine, and the child was allowed to waste away and die. They, however, realised the importance of the child being baptised, in order to enable them to

claim the club money. Mrs. Pixton had been a midwife 32 years, consequently she was very much to blame, and deserved to be placed on her trial for manslaughter. The mother was also very much to blame, and was really guilty of culpable negligence in not sending for the medicine. The public would not be surprised at the increase of infantile mortality when parents systematically neglected their children.

A juryman said he thought all midwives ought to be certificated before being allowed to follow their occupations. The Coroner said the question was one of importance, and he had long thought that only certificated midwives should be allowed to attend cases.

The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes, accelerated by neglect and want of proper medical attention.

The Coroner severely censured Mrs. Stokes and Mrs. Pixton, and disallowed their expenses, remarking that both of them had narrowly escaped being committed for manslaughter.”

### **Wolverhampton Chronicle 13/9/1899**

“London Bankruptcy Court [6/9] ..... failure of *J. J. Tate* of Caledonia Hotel, Adelphi, Strand and Tivoli Restaurant, Strand ..... late of OLD ROYAL OAK, Wednesbury.....”

Closed

It reopened in December 2009.

[2014]



2013

## PACK HORSE

13, Dudley Street / St. James Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Thomas Hale [1818]  
Thomas Robinson [1835]  
Moses Horton Howl [1841] – [1851]  
Mrs. Mary Howl [1860] – [1861]  
Ann Robinson [1864]  
Mrs. Mary Howl [1864] – [1870]  
Thomas Howl [1871] – [1873]  
Rosehannah Howl [1881]  
William E Jones [1891]  
Mrs. Augusta Jones [1892] – [1896]  
Henry E Chamberlain [ ] – **1899**;  
James Roberts (**1899** – [1916])  
Albert Newbould [1901] ?  
Mrs. Fanny F Coates [1921]

### NOTES

PACK HORSE [1850], [1865], [1881], [1891], [1904]  
NEW PACK HORSE [1911], [1946]

*Thomas Hale* was also a blacksmith. [1818]

It was rebuilt in 1837.

*Moses Horton Howl* = Moses Haughton Howl = Moses Haughton Howell

### 1841 Census

Dudley Street

- [1] *Moses Howl* (40), victualler, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Howl* (35), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Thomas Howl* (15), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Mary Howl* (14), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Edward Howl* (11), born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Martha Howl* (9), born Staffordshire;
- [7] *Elizabeth Howl* (7), born Staffordshire;
- [8] *Sarah Howl* (5), born Staffordshire;
- [9] *Deborah Howl* (8 months), born Staffordshire;
- [10] *Sarah Hale* (15), servant, born Staffordshire:

*Mary Howl* = *Mary Howle*

### 1851 Census

Dudley Street

- [1] *Moses H. Howl* (50), victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Mary Howl* (44), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Thomas Howl* (25), son, agricultural labourer, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Mary Howl* (23), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Edward Howl* (20), son, warehouse man, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Martha Howl* (18), daughter, born Darlaston;
- [7] *Elizabeth Howl* (16), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Sarah Howl* (14), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Deborah Howl* (9), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [10] *Emma Howl* (7), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [11] *Alice Howl* (3), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;

### 1871 Census

13, Dudley Street

- [1] *Thomas Howl* (45), publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Rosannah Howl* (46), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Moses Howl* (23), son, waggoner, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Mary Howl* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Emma Howl* (6), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Edward Howl* (3), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;

### 1881 Census

13, Dudley Street – PACK HORSE INN

- [1] *Rosehannah Howl* (36), widow, publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Emma Howl* (16), daughter, dress maker, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Edward Howl* (13), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Alice Howl* (9), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *John Hutt* (21), boarder, wheelwright, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Mary Hutt* (19), boarder, born Wednesbury;

### 1891 Census

13, Dudley Street – PACK HORSE INN

- [1] *William E. Jones* (37), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Augusta Jones* (38), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Gertrude Jones* (14), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Thomas Jones* (12), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Annie A. Jones* (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Millicent A. Jones* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Elizabeth Jones* (6), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Harold Jones* (2), son, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Sarah Davies* (16), general servant, born Wednesbury;

### 1901 Census

13, Dudley Street

- [1] *James Roberts* (68), licensed victualler, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Esther Roberts* (57), wife, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [3] *William Roberts* (28), son, plate shearer, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [4] *Florence Roberts* (23), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Rosannah Woolgar* (26), domestic servant, born Manchester;
- [6] *Elizabeth Martin* (68), widow, visitor, born Oldbury;



### Wednesbury Leader 12/10/1901

“At Wednesbury Police Court on Friday, before Aldermen R. Williams, I. Oldbury, and Mr. F. W. Hackwood, a man named Edwin Hudson (50), of no fixed abode, but who has been living in apartments at Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, was charged with obtaining various sums of money by false pretences, and with intent to defraud, between the 17th September and 3rd October.

The evidence showed that prisoner represented himself to be in the employ of the Midland Advertising Co, Wolverhampton, and canvassed for advertisements for the Wolverhampton Wanderers Fixture Card. He secured 2s 6d from Frank Talbot, manager of the South Staffordshire Coffee House, Market Place; 4s 6d from Benjamin E. Pewtriss, tobacconist, Market Place; 5s from *Herbert E. Kent*, of the CROWN AND CUSHION INN; 5s from *William H. Hadley*, GREEN DRAGON INN, Market Place; 2s 6d from *James Faulkner*, BULLS HEAD INN; 2s from *William Macdonald*, THREE SWANS INN; 5s from *Frank Bateman*, licensed victualler, High Street; 2s 6d from *Edward Phillips*, BRITANNIA INN, Trowse Lane; 2s 6d from *John Jones*, FORRESTERS ARMS, Portway Road; and 2s 6d from *Albert Newbould*, OLD PACK HORSE, Dudley Street.

Frederick L. Hodgetts, of the Penn Road, Wolverhampton, said he was a partner in the Midland Advertising Company. Prisoner had been in their employ, but left on the 27th April. He had not been connected with the company since, and was not authorised to canvass for advertisements.

Detective Truswell deposed to effecting the arrest of prisoner.

Alderman Oldbury (to prisoner): Didn't you consider you had a lot of 'flats' to deal with in Wednesbury? I am surprised that tradesmen should give their money away without even asking for a receipt. They must be very confiding.

Prisoner was committed to take his trial at the Sessions, which commence on Tuesday next.”

### 1911 Census

13, Dudley Street

[1] *James Roberts* (77), licensed victualler, born Dawley, Shropshire;

[2] *Esther Roberts* (67), wife, married 47 years, assisting in the business, born Dawley, Shropshire;

[3] *Florence Roberts* (33), daughter, assisting in the business, born Wednesbury:

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Darts League, Division Two. [1946]

Closed

It was taken over by Armourite Metal Co. [1960]

It was demolished in the 1980's.

## **PACK HORSE**

74, Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

James Gregory [1881]

### NOTES

#### **1881 Census**

74, Dudley Street – PACK HORSE

[1] *James Gregory* (34), sherriff's officer in charge, born Wolverhampton;

[2] *Eliza Gregory* (28), wife, born Oswestry;

[3] *Joseph Potts* (26), sherriff's officer, born Wolverhampton:

## PARK

78, Walsall Street / Oakeswell Road, (Oakeswell End), WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

Frederick John Haskew, George Whitwell and Thomas Hand, maltsters, Stourbridge. (until 23rd January 1901)

Cheshire's Brewery (acquired on 23rd January 1901)

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1961]

Stuart and Carol James (acquired in 1996) [1999]

## LICENSEES

Thomas Gorton [1888] – [1891]

Mrs. Sarah Ann Price (**1901** – [ ])

Benjamin Paul Ludlow [1901] – **1905**);

George H Keeley [1904] manager?

Walter Adams (**1905** – [1912])

Harry Bailey [1916]

George Henry Green [1961] – [1966]

Denis Westwood [1983] – [1984]

Stuart James [2007]

## NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It was originally the STOCKPORT ARMS.

### 1891 Census

Oakeswell End – The PARK INN

[1] *Thomas Gorton* (33), beerhouse keeper, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Mary Gorton* (34), wife, born Bilston;

[3] *Samuel Gorton* (12), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;

[4] *Ellen Gorton* (7), daughter, scholar, born New South Wales, Australia;

[5] *Alice Gorton* (5), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[6] *Thomas Gorton* (2), son, born Wednesbury:

### 1901 Census

Walsall Street

[1] *Benjamin P. Ludlow* (41), retail brewer, born Walsall;

[2] *Elizabeth R. Ludlow* (45), wife, born Walsall;

[3] *Benjamin P. Ludlow* (15), son, learner steel coach spring, born Walsall;

[4] *Elizabeth R. Ludlow* (14), daughter, milliner's apprentice, born Walsall;

[5] *George R. Ludlow* (13), son, born Wolverhampton;

[6] *Ernest F. Ludlow* (11), son, born Wolverhampton;

[7] *Roland P. Ludlow* (9), son, born Walsall:

*George H. Keeley*, PARK, Walsall Street. [1904]

### Wednesbury Leader 21/9/1906

“Oakeswell End Homing Society. On Wake Monday the last fly of the season took place in connection with the above club, the place chosen being Fairford, the club house, the PARK INN, being the headquarters, and Mr. *W. Adams*, the host, being in charge of the arrangements. Twenty-one members took part, and the fly was perfectly satisfactory, good form being shown by some of the birds.....”

### 1911 Census

78, Walsall Street

[1] *Walter Adams* (40), beerhouse keeper, born Harts Hill;

[2] *Eliza Louise Adams* (40), wife, married 14 years, born Walsall Wood;

[3] *Lavinia Yates* (17), general servant, born Bloxwich:

Local boxers trained here in the 1940's.

### London Gazette 27/3/1984

“*Westwood, Denis*, unemployed ..... formerly carrying on business as the Tenant Publican at the PARK INN, Walsall Street ..... Date of Filing Petition – 19th March 1984.”

*Stuart James* was born in West Bromwich.

It closed in the mid 1990's.

Reopened

It was refurbished in 1999.

[2014]



2008



2014

## PIG AND TRUMPET

24, Market Place, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1961]  
Enterprise Inns [1998]

### LICENSEES

Joseph Danks [1834] – [1841]  
William Danks [1860] – [1861]  
Mrs. Eliza Danks [1868] – [1881]  
Frank G Cox [1891] – [1900]  
Benjamin Chambers [1904]  
Albert Henry Ashwood [1911] – [1912]  
S Roberts [1934]  
Ronald Wilson [1961] – **1965**;  
Alan Simcox **(1965 – [1966]**  
John Nicholls **(2005 – [2010]**



### NOTES

It was originally the GOLDEN CROSS.

OLD GOLDEN CROSS  
NEW GOLDEN CROSS [1961]

It had a beerhouse license.

John Wesley preached opposite here in 1743.

*Joseph Danks*, beer retailer, Market Place. [1835], [1841]

#### **Dudley Herald 14/1/1871**

*Eliza Danks* ..... fined £5 and costs for permitting gambling.

#### **1871 Census**

24, Market Place

- [1] *Eliza Danks* (42), beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Elizabeth Peters* (51), sister, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Sarah Knowles* (34), sister, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Prudence Love* (15), domestic servant, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *William Lyndon* (35), lodger, furnace man, born Glasgow:

*Mrs. Eliza Danks*, beer retailer, 24, Market Place. [1872]

#### **Dudley Herald 2/9/1876**

*Eliza Danks* ..... charged costs for serving during prohibited hours.

### 1881 Census

24, Market Place – GOLDEN CROSS

[1] *Eliza Danks* (50), publican, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Elizabeth Peters* (60), sister, born Wednesbury;

[3] *William Wright* (58), boarder, labourer in iron works, born Wednesbury:

### 1891 Census

24, Market Place – GOLDEN CROSS

[1] *Frank G. Cox* (30), joiner and beerhouse keeper, born Andover, Hampshire;

[2] *Emily Cox* (30), wife, born London;

[3] *Bertha D. Cox* (5), daughter, born Dudley;

[4] *Lois Silk* (15), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

### Wednesbury Herald 12/1/1895

“Wednesbury Town Council ..... The Building Committee asked the council to approve four improvement plans and recommended that a sum of £80 be paid to the owners of the GOLDEN CROSS INN, Market Place, for the piece of land in front of the house for the purpose of street improvement.....”

*Frank G. Cox*, beer retailer, 24, Market Place. [1896]

*Benjamin Chambers*, beer retailer, 24, Market Place. [1904]

### 1911 Census

Market Place – GOLDEN CROSS

[1] *Albert Henry Ashwood* (36), publican, born Broseley, Shropshire;

[2] *Ellen Ashwood* (28), wife, married 8 years, born Hednesford, Staffordshire;

[3] *Frederick Ashwood* (7), son, born Wednesbury:

*Albert H. Ashwood*, beer retailer, 24, Market Place. [1912]

[1966]

Its name was changed to PIG AND TRUMPET

*John Nicholls* was born c. 1947.

[2014]



1996



2014

## **PLOUGH AND HARROW**

58, (Lower) Dudley Street, (58, Leabrook Road), Leabrook, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Holt Brewery Co. Ltd. [1896], [1904]  
Ansell's Ltd.

### LICENSEES

George Fawlkes [1860]  
John Faulkes [1861]  
Charles McGuigan [1864] – [1873]  
Francis Dicken [1879] – [1882]  
George David Welding [1892]  
Daniel Ecclestone [1912] – [1916]  
Arthur Harvey [1921]  
Ronald Cooling [1961] – [1966]

### NOTES

58, Leabrook Road  
58, Dudley Street [1881], [1896]  
58, Lower Dudley Street [1892], [1896], [1904], [1912], [1916]

It was situated next to the Patent Shaft Steelworks.

PLOUGH [1864], [1865]  
PLOUGH AND HARROW [1874], [1879], [1881], [1904]

#### **Midland Counties Evening Express 16/11/1874**

“Mr. E. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the PLOUGH AND HARROW INN, Dudley Street, Wednesbury, on Saturday afternoon, on the body of Frederick Thorley, aged 47, a waggoner of Ocker Hill, employed by Mr. Blakemore, ironfounder, Union Street, Wednesbury, who was killed on Thursday morning by a goods train running over him at the Great Western Station, his body being mutilated in a most shocking manner ..... Sergeant Curtis said the deceased would be trespassing where he was killed, and that there was a notice board only a few yards away ..... Accidental death.”

#### **Wednesbury Herald 12/4/1879**

“Wednesbury and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association. The monthly meeting of this society was held at Mr. *Dicken*’s, the PLOUGH AND HARROW INN, on Tuesday afternoon. The President, Mr. McGuigan [possibly Charles McGuigan], occupied the chair, and the Vice President, Mr. *Dicken*, the vice chair.....”

### 1881 Census

58, Dudley Street – PLOUGH AND HARROW

- [1] *Francis Dicken* (47), licensed victualler, born Deepfields;
- [2] *Ann Dicken* (49), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Joseph Dicken* (21), son, no occupation, born Tipton;
- [4] *Samuel Dicken* (19), son, no occupation, born Tipton;
- [5] *Francis Dicken* (17), son, no occupation, born Tipton;
- [6] *Rosehannah Dicken* (12), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *James Dicken* (6), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] *Mary Ann Carline* (23), domestic servant, born Tipton:

### Wednesbury Herald 15/7/ 1882

“Mr. E. B. Scholefield has received instructions from the Trustee of the late James Henshaw, to submit by Auction, at the house of Mr. *Francis Dicken*, the PLOUGH AND HARROW INN, Lea Brook, Wednesbury, on Thursday, the 20th day of July, 1882 .....

Lot 1

All that Valuable Freehold Beerhouse, known by the sign of The BRITANNIA INN, situate in the Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, and containing Three Bedrooms, Parlour, Tap Room, Kitchen, Cellar, Brewhouse, Malt Room, Stable, Pigsty, with joint use of the Yard, Outbuildings, and a road from Chapel Street, now in the occupation of *Joseph Holmes*, also the Two Freehold Messuages adjoining, one used as a retail shop.....”

[1976]



c. 1930s



## PORTWAY

45, Portway Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

George Jackson [1861]  
Jeremiah Cartwright [1871]  
Edward Forrest [ ] - **1899**;  
Winifred Bonser (**1899** - [ ]  
Thomas Lacey [1901]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*George Jackson*, beer retailer, Portway Road. [1861]

#### 1861 Census

Portway Road – PORTWAY INN

- [1] *George Jackson* (29), beer retailer, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Emma Jackson* (32), wife, born Kings Bromley, Staffordshire;
- [3] *George Jackson* (4), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Louisa Sanders* (17), visitor, born Kings Bromley, Staffordshire;
- [5] *Mary A. Rudge* (16), general servant, born Bilston:

#### 1871 Census

45, Portway Road – PORTWAY INN

- [1] *Jeremiah Cartwright* (32), publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Elizabeth Cartwright* (32), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Joshua Cartwright* (10), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Mary Cartwright* (5), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Richard Cartwright* (2), son, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Elizabeth Wright* (15), general servant, born Wednesbury:

[1911]

## **POSTBOY**

Market Place, WEDNESBURY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

[1996]

## POTTERS ARMS

Potters Lane, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Solomon Perkes [1881]

### NOTES

#### 1881 Census

Potters Lane – POTTERS ARMS

[1] *Solomon Perkes* (37), unmarried, beerseller, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Edward Beasley* (38), lodger, tool maker, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Ann Beasley* (32), wife, born Wednesbury;

[4] *John Beasley* (13), son, born Walsall;

[5] *Mary Beasley* (8), daughter, scholar, born Walsall;

[6] *Edward Beasley* (6), son, scholar, born Walsall;

[7] *Sarah Beasley* (4), daughter, scholar, born Walsall;

[8] *Solomon Beasley* (2), son, born Tipton;

[9] *Hannah Beasley* (11 months), daughter, born Walsall:

The license renewal was refused, by the Compensation Authority, on 11th June 1909.

## PRINCE OF WALES

23, King Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Thomas Garston [1870] – **1871**);  
Thomas Beard (**1871** – [1872]  
Mrs. Eliza Hall [1891] – [1896]  
Thomas Richardson [1904]  
Frank George Cox [1911] – [1912]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Thomas Beard*, beer retailer, 23, King Street. [1872]

#### 1891 Census

23, King Street – PRINCE OF WALES

- [1] *Eliza Hall* (44), widow, publican, born Cradley, Staffordshire;
- [2] Thomas Hall (10), son, scholar, born Tipton;
- [3] Eliza Hall (6), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Daisy M. Hall (4), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] Sarah M. Hall (74), mother in law, born Stourport;
- [6] Mary Ann Barnett (22), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

*Mrs. Eliza Hall*, beer retailer, 23, King Street. [1896]

*Thomas Richardson*, beer retailer, 23, King Street. [1904]

#### 1911 Census

23, King Street

- [1] *Frank G. Cox* (49), beerhouse keeper, born Andover, Hampshire;
- [2] Emily Cox (49), wife, married 27 years, born London;
- [3] Bertha Daisy Cox (25), daughter, born Dudley;
- [4] Dorothy May Cox (17), daughter, born Wednesbury:

*Frank George Cox*, beer retailer, 23, King Street. [1912]

Closed

## PRINCE OF WALES

74, Walsall Road, (Butcroft), Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Samuel Steatham  
Joseph Steatham  
Richard Wilson (acquired in May 1912)  
Emily Lashford (acquired for £880)  
Truman, Hanbury, Buxton and Co. Ltd. (acquired in 1930)  
Courage Ltd. (acquired in 1971)  
Holdens Brewery (leased from 1980)

### LICENSEES

John H Beddow [1912]  
Thomas Edward 'Tom' Burford **(1912 - 1976)**;  
George Bishop **(1976 - [1977]**  
Christine Neath and Val Dingley [1994]  
Kathleen 'Kath' Jean Abley **(2000 - [2007]**

### NOTES

It had a beer and wine license.

*Samuel Steatham* was a gunlock manufacturer of Wednesbury.  
He was also a grocer and a brewer.  
He died in 1884.

#### **Walsall Observer 11/8/1900**

“The anniversary dinner of Victoria Lodge, No. 1,540, of the National United Order of Free Gardeners, took place on Saturday at the PRINCE OF WALES INN, Butcroft, Darlaston.....”

#### **Wednesbury Leader 10/8/1901**

“The members of the Victoria Lodge (1540) [NUOFG] held their annual dinner at the PRINCE OF WALES INN, Kings Hill, on Saturday. After the cloth was withdrawn, Bro. T. Harper, Grand Master, was elected chairman, and Bro. H. T. Finch, Grand Secretary, vice chairman .....”

It had a Judge and Jury Club. [1913]

#### **Auction Catalogue (Alfred W. Dando & Co.) 2nd June 1915**

“.....Let on a short tenancy at a rental of £35 0s 0d per annum. A well-arranged and most desirable Public House in a good working class district, containing Front Tap Room 15' x 12', Entrance Passage, Bar Smoke Room 12' x 11', Small Serving Bar, Private Sitting Room, Living Kitchen, Club Room 30' x 20', Four Bedrooms, and Cellars together with Brewhouse, large Yard with Double Gateway approach, pleasant Garden and the usual Outbuildings being entirely walled in and undoubtedly one of the best Houses in the district.”

*Richard Wilson* was a maltster of Ackleton.  
He was killed in action in July 1915.

John H. Beddow, 74, Walsall Road, Kings Hill. [1912]

Tom Burford was a teetotaler.

Kath Abley was married to Joe.

A conservatory was opened in 2003.

[2014]



c. 1980s



1999



2014

## PRINCE REGENT

8, Victoria Street / Albert Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1961], [1968]

### LICENSEES

John Male [ ] - **1870**);

Mrs. Harriet Nicholls (**1870** - [1872]

Benjamin Nicholls [1891] - [1896]

Joseph Fullwood [1901] - [1912]

John Edward Pincher [1961] - **1963**);

William Henry Hornby (**1963** - [1966]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It was built by Benjamin and Eliza Nicholls.

[1860]

Mrs. *Harriet Nicholls*, beer retailer, 8, Victoria Street [1872]

#### 1891 Census

8, Victoria Street – PRINCE REGENT INN

[1] *Benjamin Nicholls* (64), stationary engine driver, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Eliza Nicholls* (61), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Clara Nicholls* (34), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Matilda Nicholls* (31), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[5] *Lizzie Nicholls* (29), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[6] *Francis T. Nicholls* (24), son, stationary engineer, born Tipton;

[7] *Alfred H. D. Nicholls* (19), son, wheelwright, born Tipton:

*Benjamin Nicholls*, beer retailer, 8, Victoria Street. [1896]

#### 1901 Census

8, Victoria Street

[1] *Joseph Fullwood* (53), publican, born Wolverhampton;

[2] *Phoebe A. Fullwood* (59), born Tipton:

*Joseph Fullwood*, beer retailer, 8, Victoria Street. [1904]

## 1911 Census

### PRINCE REGENT

- [1] *Josep (sic) Fullwood* (64), widower, publican, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Phoebe Evans* (38), daughter, married 9 years, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Vera Evans* (8), granddaughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Sylvier Evans* (2), granddaughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Sarah Jones* (22), general servant, born Wednesbury:

*Joseph Fullwood*, beer retailer, 8, Victoria Street. [1912]

[1966]

Closed



## QUEENS ARMS

80, (81), Holyhead Road / St. James Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1961]  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Joseph Brevitt Palmer [1849] – [1851]  
Elizabeth White [1861]  
William Eardley [1860] – [1861]  
Catherine Eardley [1864] – [1865]  
John Heyes [1868] – [1870]  
Mrs. Mary Cannell [1872] – [1873]  
Edward Hammond [1881]  
Job Jones [1882]  
David Adams [1892]  
Elon Adams [1896]  
William Perry [1904]  
Alfred Purcell [1911] – [1912]  
Leonard James Bright [1916] – [1921]  
E Lee [1928] – [1934]  
Thomas Hawthorn [1961] – [1966]

### NOTES

80, Holyhead Road [1881]  
81, Holyhead Road [1871]

Tokens were issued from here bearing the Queen's arms, and "J. B. Palmer, Gun, Pistol, & Implement Maker to Her Majesty's Honourable Board of Ordnance".

and

"QUEENS ARMS INN, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury" on obverse and "Foreign Wines and Spirits, 3d" on reverse.



Tokens

### 1851 Census

Holyhead Road

- [1] *Joseph Palmer* (26), gun and implement maker employing 3 men, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Ann Palmer* (27), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Joseph Palmer* (7), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Maria Palmer* (5), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Maryann Davis* (17), general servant, born Wednesbury:

[*Elizabeth White* and *William Eardley* appear in the same 1861 Directory.]

### 1861 Census

Holyhead Road – QUEENS ARMS INN

- [1] *William Eardley* (67), victualler, born Wistaston, Cheshire;
- [2] *Catherine Eardley* (58), wife, born Hanley, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Maria Heatz* (62), visitor, unmarried, born Hanley, Staffordshire;
- [4] *Jane Sherwood* (17), general servant, born Wednesbury:

### 1871 Census

81, Holyhead Road – QUEENS ARMS

- [1] *Duncan Filman* (41), barman – liquor vaults, born Argyle, Scotland;
- [2] *Betsy Bradshaw Filman* (29), wife, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Mary Hannah Filman* (10 months), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Mary Ann Halford* (30), sister in law, visitor;
- [5] *E (?) Davis* (13), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

### Wednesbury Herald 22/11/1879

“On Saturday, Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner), held an inquiry at the QUEENS HEAD (sic) INN, Holyhead Road, relative to the death of John Broughton, aged 15 weeks, the son of John and Elizabeth Broughton, who reside in St. James Street.

The evidence showed that the child was suddenly seized with convulsions, and before medical assistance could be obtained, it expired.

The jury did not think there was any blame to be attached to the parents and returned a verdict of Died from Natural Causes.”

### 1881 Census

80, Holyhead Road – QUEENS ARMS

- [1] *Edward Hammond* (33), brewer, born France;
- [2] *Elizabeth Hammond* (36), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Phoebe Griffiths* (21), sister in law, unmarried, born Wednesbury:

**All that Valuable Freehold OLD LICENSED INN, known by the sign of the "Queen's Arms," situate on the Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, containing Liquor Vault, Smoke Room, Bar, Club Room, Kitchen, Light Bed Rooms, large Cellar, Brewhouse, Malt Room, Stable, and Loft over, Draw-in Gate Road, Yard, and Outbuildings belonging thereto, now in the Occupation of Mr. Job Jones, and held under a repairing Lease for an unexpired term of 18 years from 29th September next, at a yearly rental of £50.**

Advert 1882

### Wednesbury Herald 31/12/1881

“On Thursday, E. Hooper, Esq, South Staffordshire Coroner, held an inquest at the QUEENS ARMS INN, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, touching the death of *Job Jones* (54), pawnbroker and licensed victualler, of the Holyhead Road. A respectable jury was sworn in of which Mr. D. Bagnall was the foreman.

Dr. Blackwood was also present at the request of the friends of the deceased.

The first witness called was Hannah Astbury the deceased’s domestic servant, who stated that during the past few weeks the deceased had been very unwell, and had complained of pain in his chest. On Tuesday he went to Birmingham, and consulted a physician, and upon returning home he took some of the medicine which he obtained at Birmingham, after which complained of violent pains. He died the same evening. Shortly before he died Dr. Blackwood saw him and ordered mustard plasters to be put on his chest.

George Jones, the son of the deceased, gave similar evidence.

Elizabeth Jones, the widow of the deceased, who was greatly distressed, said that since last May her husband had at times been very unwell, and recently had been attended by Dr. Blackwood who said he was suffering from nervous flatulency. On Monday deceased said he thought he should like further medical advice, and on Tuesday morning he and witness went and saw Dr. Baker of Waterloo Street, Birmingham. After examining him Dr. Baker said deceased was anything but right and prescribed for him. Witness took the prescription to Mr. Southall’s chemist, Bull Street, Birmingham, and obtained a bottle of medicine. On arriving home deceased had some \_\_\_\_ for tea, and after resting for a short time, went to bed as he was not so well. He took a dose of the medicine and afterwards became worse, and expired.

The Coroner said he thought it only right that he should state at that stage of the enquiry that Dr. Baker was a very eminent physician, and one that would do the best he possibly could for the patients under his care. The chemist was well known, and no doubt made the medicine in accordance with the prescription. It was for the jury to say as to whether they would have a post mortem of the body etc.

Dr. Blackwood said if the Coroner would permit him he should like to make a statement.

The Coroner said he had no doubt the jury would be glad to hear Dr. Blackwood.

The doctor was then sworn, and stated that he was fully convinced that no person was knowingly blameable for the death of the deceased.

The Coroner: I do not hardly understand that statement.

The witness afterwards proposed to state that some time ago he attended deceased for chronic dyspepsia and succeeded in bringing him round. During the past few weeks he had again attended the deceased who seemed to be very nervous and very much .....” [the newspaper becomes very difficult to read from here]

### Wednesbury Herald 29/4/1882

“.....To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. E. B. Scholefield, at the QUEENS ARMS INN, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, on Tuesday, the 16th day of May, 1882.....

Lot 4 – All that Valuable Freehold Old-Licensed Inn, known by the sign of the QUEENS ARMS, situate in the Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, containing Liquor Vault, Smoke Room, Bar, Club Room, Kitchen, Eight Bed Rooms, large Cellar, Brewhouse, Malt Room, Stable and Loft over, Draw-in Gate Road, Yard, and Outbuildings belonging thereto, now in the occupation of Mr. *Job Jones* and held under a repairing Lease for an unexpired term of 18 years from 29th September next, at a yearly rental of £50.....”

### Wednesbury Herald 23/9/1882

“On Tuesday morning, Mr. E. Hooper, coroner held an inquest at the QUEENS ARMS INN, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, touching the death of Lucy Hall (26), of St. James Street, wife of William Hall, labourer.

At the time appointed the coroner called out the names of the jurymen, but one of them – Mr. *W. Atkiss*, licensed victualler, of the PACK HORSE INN, Lower Dudley Street, - was absent. In reply to the coroner, the police officer in charge said that *Atkiss* was summoned to attend on Monday, and promised to be present. After waiting some time the officer, in obedience to the coroner, called out *Atkiss*’s name three times, but there was no answer, and another jurymen was obtained.

The Coroner: Unless he can give me some good reason for his absence he is fined 40s.

The evidence showed that the deceased retired to bed with her husband about 9.30 on Thursday evening last in apparently good health, but about five o’clock the next morning was found to be cold and still when spoken to by her husband. Dr. Sherwood attended and pronounced life to be extinct. A neighbour who was called in at that said she had known the deceased three years, and had heard her complain of coldness about the heart and stomach.

The jury returned a verdict of Died from Natural Causes.”

## 1911 Census

81, Holyhead Road

[1] *Alfred Purcell* (41), licensed victualler, born Bushbury;

[2] *Mary Ann Purcell* (40), wife, married 9 years, born Essington;

[3] *Alfred Roland Purcell* (8), son, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Frank William Purcell* (7), son, born Wednesbury:

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division Two. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Town Darts League. [1970]

[1982]

Closed

It was converted into a licensed restaurant. [2004]



Ex Pub 2014

## QUEENS HEAD

102, Brunswick Park Road, Wood Green, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

### LICENSEES

George Martin [1901]  
Mrs. Ellen Elizabeth Martin [1901] – [1912]  
White []  
Freddie Dunn\* [1934] – [1936]  
George F Dunn\* []  
William Henry 'Bill' Piper (1956 – 1973)  
Peter Goddard (1975 – 1979);  
Howard Sanderson (1979 – [1987])  
Neil Baldwin [2013]



### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

The original pub's tap room had pumps fitted on the wall.

#### 1901 Census

Brunswick Park Road – QUEENS HEAD

[1] *George Martin* (31), beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Ellen E. Martin* (32), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] *George H. Martin* (5), son, born West Bromwich:

*Mrs. Ellen E. Martin*, beer retailer, Brunswick Park Road. [1904], [1912]

#### 1911 Census

102, Brunswick Park Road

[1] *Ellen Elizabeth Martin* (52), widow, licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;

[2] *George Hampson Martin* (25), son, railway clerk, born West Bromwich;

[3] *Nellie Deborah Martin* (18), daughter, shorthand typist, born Wednesbury:

It was rebuilt in 1937 on a neighbouring site.

It reopened on 15th January 1937.

\* possibly the same person

*George F. Dunn* issued tokens from here.

*Bill Piper* was married to Irene.

See also YE OLDE LEATHERN BOTTEL.

Permission was granted to make minor alterations to the bar and bar servery on 24th July 1964.

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Social Dominoes League. [1970]

A beer garden was opened in 1975.

*Peter Goddard* was married to Ann.  
See also DOVECOTE and NAGS HEAD, Great Bridge.

*Howard Sanderson* was married to Jill.

**London Gazette 16/1/2014**

“The QUEENS HEAD Wednesbury Ltd. (Company number 08351326)  
Registered Office c/o Bytheway and Co. Accountants Ltd, October House, 17, Dudley Street, Sedgley.....  
Principal Trading Address: The QUEENS HEAD, Brunswick Park Road .....  
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at 40, Warner Road, Wednesbury ..... on 27 January 2014.....”

[2014]



2007



2014

## QUEENS HEAD

38, Queen Street / Queens Place, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

William Poxon [1872]  
John Coxon [ ] - **1881**;  
William Woodhall (**1881** - [ ]  
William King Townend [1896] - [1905]  
George H Mason [1911] - [1912]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*William Poxon*, beer retailer, 38, Queen Street. [1872]

#### 1881 Census

38, Queen Street – QUEENS HEAD

[1] *William Woodhall* (21), socket maker and publican, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Alice Eleana Woodhall* (21), wife, born Walsall:

*William King Townend*, beer retailer, 38, Queen Street. [1896], [1904]

#### 1911 Census

Queen Street – QUEENS HEAD

[1] *George H. Mason* (34), publican and brewer, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Phoebe Mason* (29), wife, married 6 years, born Wednesbury;

[3] *George W. Mason* (4), son, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Evelyn Mason* (2), daughter, born Wednesbury:

*George H. Mason*, beer retailer, 38, Queen Street. [1912]

#### Bilston and Willenhall Times 3/3/1928

“William Pearson, FSI, FAI, has received instructions to Sell By Auction ..... at the TURKS HEAD, Lower High Street, Wednesbury ..... Lot 2 – The corner property formerly the QUEENS HEAD INN (now delicensed), Queen Street, Wednesbury.....”

Check Queens Street, Moxley, Darlaston.

## QUEENS HEAD

62, Woodgreen, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Mrs. Mary Wood [1860] – [1872]  
Henry Gretton [1881]

### NOTES

Mrs. Mary Wood, beer retailer, Wood Green. [1860], [1865]

#### 1861 Census

Wood Green

[1] Mary Wood (45), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;  
[2] Jane Barber (22), domestic servant, born Walsall:

Mrs. Mary Wood, beer retailer, 62, Woodgreen. [1864], [1870], [1872]

#### 1881 Census

62, Woodgreen – QUEENS HEAD

[1] Henry Gretton (55), beer seller, born Derbyshire;  
[2] Ann Gretton (37), wife, born Wednesbury;  
[3] Thomas Gretton (27), son, clerk, born Wednesbury;  
[4] Elizabeth Gretton (25), daughter, born Wednesbury;  
[5] Samuel Gretton (17), son, labourer in ironworks, born Wednesbury:



## RAILWAY

1, (Lower) Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

Jane Nicholl [ ] - **1871**;  
Thomas Lowe (**1871** - [1872])  
William Mason [1881] - [1896]  
John Robinson [1904]

## NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Thomas Lowe*, beer retailer, 1, Lower Dudley Street. [1872]

### 1881 Census

1, Dudley Street – RAILWAY INN

- [1] *William Mason* (50), publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Sarah Mason* (46), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Jane Mason* (26), daughter, domestic, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Ann Mason* (24), daughter, barmaid, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Mary Mason* (22), daughter, domestic, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Samuel Mason* (20), son, works labourer, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Richard Mason* (18), son, works labourer, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Sarah Mason* (16), daughter, domestic, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Ellen Mason* (14), daughter, domestic, born Wednesbury;
- [10] *Joseph Richards* (19), boarder, smith's striker, born Wednesbury:

### 1891 Census

1, Dudley Street

- [1] *William Mason* (60), beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Sarah Mason* (56), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Jane Mason* (36), daughter, dressmaker, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Annie Mason* (34), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Samuel Mason* (30), son, furnaceman, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Richard Mason* (28), son, furnaceman, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Sarah Mason* (25), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Ellen Mason* (24), daughter, dressmaker, born Wednesbury:

*William Marsh*, beer retailer, 1, Lower Dudley Street. [1896]

*John Robinson*, beer retailer, 1, Lower Dudley Street. [1904]

Closed

## RAILWAY

4, Great Western Street, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

## LICENSEES

Joseph Grainger [1871] - **1881**);  
Mrs. Sarah Grainger (**1881** - [ ]  
John Grainger [1888] - [1891]  
Reuben Cockbill [1901] - [1912]

## NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

### 1871 Census

4, Great Western Street

- [1] *Joseph Grainger* (38), roller, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Sarah Grainger* (36), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *John Grainger* (15), son, roller, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Mary Grainger* (10), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *James Grainger* (5), son, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Agnes Grainger* (4), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Mary Ann Lloyd* (14), general servant, born Wednesbury;

*Joseph Grainger*, beer retailer, 4, Great Western Street. [1872]

### Wednesbury Herald 16/10/1880

“At the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, on Tuesday afternoon, Edwin Hooper, Esq. (South Staffordshire Coroner) held an enquiry as to the death of *Joseph Grainger* (47), landlord of the RAILWAY INN, Great Western Street, who committed suicide on Monday morning,

*Sarah Grainger*, the widow of the deceased, said that she had been married to the deceased 27 years, during which time he had had fair health. Of late, however, he had appeared to be greatly troubled, and at times very desponding. He had also had restless nights, and frequently jumped up in bed. Sometimes he would leave the bedroom during the night and go down stairs, and several times she had followed him, but he had requested her to return to bed. On Sunday night he was very restless, and at times appeared to be like a man that was insane. She did everything possible to comfort him, but her efforts appeared to be of no avail. He left the bedroom at about seven o'clock on Monday morning and walked about the house in a melancholy state. He persisted in wringing his hands, and when walking about the premises he appeared to be distracted. Shortly after eight o'clock she requested deceased to have breakfast, but he refused to have any he stating at the time ‘that he felt he could not eat any.’ For some time afterwards she was engaged in supplying customers with barm, and at about a quarter past nine o'clock she missed deceased. She made search for him about the house but could not find him. She subsequently went into the malt room and was horrified to find her husband hanging from a beam by means of a boat line. She screamed out, and her son immediately came into the place and cut his father down.

The Coroner: Can you account for him being depressed?

Witness: He had been put about over the ale.

The Coroner: Why?

Witness: Because it was not good.

The Coroner: I suppose you believe that your husband has met with his death by his own hand?

Witness: I do.

*John Grainger*, the son of the deceased, said that on Monday morning last about half past nine o'clock he heard his mother screaming in the malt room, and upon going into the place he found his father hanging, and his mother endeavouring to hold him up so as to release his neck as much as possible. He immediately cut him down, but unfortunately life was extinct. His father and mother had always lived happily together. Lately his father had been very strange, and in fact had been greatly troubled over his ale not been right, and had declared more than once that he should go mad.

The Coroner: In what way was the ale bad?

Witness: It was flat.

The Coroner: What was the cause of the ale being bad?

Witness: The malt was not good.

A Juryman: Customers have brought the ale back to the house have they not?

Witness: Yes, and have complained, and my father has been consequently 'put about'.

The Coroner said he did not see any necessity of taking further evidence, and the jury returned a verdict that deceased committed suicide when in a state of temporary insanity."

### **Wednesbury Herald 15/1/1881**

"On Tuesday evening last the employees of the Great Western Railway Company, at the passenger department, Wednesbury, held their thirteenth annual dinner at the RAILWAY INN, when a capital spread was served by Mrs. *Grainger*. After dinner Mr. Fiddian occupied the chair, and Mr. R. Price the vice-chair....."

### **1881 Census**

4, Great Western Street – RAILWAY INN

[1] *Sarah Grainger* (46), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;

[2] *John Grainger* (25), son, coal agent, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Lois Grainger* (21), daughter, domestic, born Swan Village;

[4] *Joshua Grainger* (15), son, railway servant, born Wednesbury;

[5] *A. Maud Grainger* (13), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[6] *Ada Grainger* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[7] *A. Henry Grainger* (5), son, scholar, born Wednesbury:

### **1891 Census**

4, Great Western Street

[1] *John Grainger* (34), beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Fanny Grainger* (34), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Sarah Fanny Grainger* (2), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Arthur Henry Grainger* (15), brother, commercial clerk, born Wednesbury:

### **1901 Census**

4, Great Western Street

[1] *Reuben Cockbill* (32), publican, born Hook Norton, Oxfordshire;

[2] *Jane M. Cockbill* (27), wife, born Alderminster, Worcestershire;

[3] *Florry Cockbill* (6), daughter, born Darlaston;

[4] *Reuben Cockbill* (4), son, born Darlaston;

[5] *Sidney Cockbill* (2), son, born Wednesbury;

[6] *George F. Cockbill* (8 months), son, born Wednesbury;

[7] *Emily Phipps* (39), unmarried, general servant, born Hook Norton, Oxfordshire:

*Reuben Cockbill*, beer retailer, 4, Great Western Street. [1904], [1912]

## 1911 Census

### RAILWAY INN

- [1] *Reuben Cockbill* (42), landlord, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Jane Maria Cockbill* (38), wife, married 18 years, housewife, born Oldbury, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Florence Hilda Cockbill* (16), daughter, (tea) shop assistant, born Darlaston;
- [4] *Reuben Cockbill* (15), son, out porter, railway, born Darlaston;
- [5] *Sidney Cockbill* (12), son, at school, born Moxley;
- [6] *George Frederick Cockbill* (11), son, at school, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Arthur Cockbill* (9), son, at school, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Elizabeth Whiting* (46), unmarried, sister, born Oldbury, Worcestershire:

Closed

Delicensed

It became a private dwelling.

## RAILWAY

Portway Road / Lea Brook, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

John Horton [1870]

## NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

### **Wednesbury Herald 9/8/1879**

“RAILWAY INN, corner of Portway Road and Lea Brook, Wednesbury. To be sold by auction, by Mr. E. B. Scholefield, at the above named premises, on Monday, August 11th 1879 at six for seven o'clock in the evening, the Licenses, Goodwill and Possession of the above excellent Corner Beerhouse containing Three Bedrooms, Club Room, Smoke Room, Tap Room, Bar, capital Cellars, Brewhouse, Malt Room, Yard &c, &c.

The House has been most successfully carried on for a number of years past, and is being sold in consequence of the death of the late proprietor.”

## RED LION

29, (39), (59), Bridge Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Elizabeth Houldcroft [1818]  
Richard Davis [1834] – [1842]  
Edwin Richards [1845] – [1855]  
Mrs. Sarah Holroyd [1860] – [1861]  
Thomas Mills [1861] – **1872**;  
George Henry Hill (**1872** – [1873])  
Gerard Carroll [1879] – [1883]  
Joseph Robert Madeley [1891] – [1892]  
William Alexander Benness [1896]  
Arthur Smith [1900] – [1901]  
William Henry Brooks [1904]  
Thomas German [1911] – [1912]  
Thomas Wood [1916] – [1921]  
Sol Willetts [1934]  
Edward Oliver Griffiths [1961] – [1966]  
J F Leadbetter [1976]

### NOTES

59, Bridge Street [1851]  
39, Bridge Street [1872], [1881], [1891], [1896], [1901], [1904]  
29, Bridge Street [1912], [1916]

It was situated opposite to Mounts Road.

Commercial Inn [1845], [1849]  
Hotel and Posting House [1883]

[1743]

#### **Blackcountryman (Autumn 1978)**

##### **‘The Red Lion Of Wednesbury’ by Geoff Stevens**

“.....The RED LION had been a stopping place for coaches in the 18th century, but gradually the town centre inns had consolidated their positions and taken all the trade ..... The building of the Wednesbury to Holyhead Road, with the Wednesbury section completed about 1826, re-established the RED LION as a coaching establishment ..... [Richard] Davis was a popular host of the 1820’s and 1830’s, and his annual ball at the RED LION was particularly well patronized, attracting visitors from as far as Warwickshire and Shropshire.....”

A Magistrates Court was held here. [1842]

A coach left from here to Bridgnorth every afternoon at 5. [1849]  
The Salopian coach, to Shrewsbury, left from here at a quarter to 3 every afternoon. [1849]  
The Royal Mail coach, to Shrewsbury and Holyhead, every morning at a quarter to 9. [1849]  
Ominbuses and coaches left from here hourly to Birmingham. [1849]

### 1851 Census

59, Bridge Street

- [1] *Edwin Richards* (31), innkeeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Mary Ann Richards* (31), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Henry Richards* (4), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Ann Blaze* (19), house servant, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Sarah Blower* (19), house servant, born Wednesbury:

Mrs. *Sarah Holroyd* was also a stonemason. [1860]

### 1861 Census

Bridge Street

- [1] *Thomas Mills* (27), victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Leah Mills* (24), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] son, (2 weeks):

*Thomas Mills* was licensed to let horses. [1868], [1870]

### 1871 Census

39, Bridge Street – RED LION

- [1] *Thomas Mills* (36), widower, innkeeper, born Horse Hay, Shropshire;
- [2] *Ellen Mills* (5), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Thomas Williams* (62), boarder, labourer in ironworks, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *John Richards* (32), boarder, blacksmith, born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Mary Kendrick* (30), assistant, housekeeper, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Ellen Nichols* (24), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

### Wednesbury Herald 26/4/1879 - Advert

“The Old Established Posting House, RED LION HOTEL, Bridge Street, Wednesbury / *Gerrard Carroll* begs to inform the inhabitants of Wednesbury and District that he has purchased the greater part of the Stock of Mr. James Birch, of the Boro’ Mews, and is prepared to provide Cabs, Cars, Brakes &c, on the Shortest Notice. / *G. C.* hopes by strict attention to business, to merit a portion of the patronage given to Mr. Birch. / Conveyance supplied for Wedding and Pleasure Parties. / Funerals Completely Furnished / Goods removed to any distance.”

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Goods Removed to any Distance.

April 24th, 1879.

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### Wednesbury Herald 17/4/1880

“On Saturday afternoon Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner), held an inquiry, at the RED LION INN, Bridge Street, Wednesbury, relative to the death of Jesse Cartwright, aged 18 days, the son of Joseph and Harriet Cartwright. The mother said the child had been in good health from his birth. On Wednesday morning at eleven o’clock she put him to bed, and about half past two o’clock she found him dead. Dr. Moore was sent for, and on arriving pronounced life to be extinct, but declined to state what was the cause of death. The jury returned a verdict of Died from natural causes.”

### 1881 Census

39, Bridge Street – RED LION HOTEL

- [1] Gerard Carroll (38), licensed victualler, born Edinburgh;
- [2] Mary Ann Carroll (32), wife, born Stafford;
- [3] Edwin Gerard Carroll (8 months), son, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Emily Heath (10), niece, scholar, born Staffordshire;
- [5] Thomas Farmer (21), groom, born Princes End;
- [6] Lucy Ball (24), general servant, born Pensnett;

### Wednesbury Herald 25/6/1881

“On Monday night a trap accident occurred in the Birmingham Road, Hill Top, and resulted in the occupants, Mr. Carroll of the RED LION INN, Wednesbury, and one or two friends being badly shaken, the horse injured, and the trap damaged. When driving down the hill opposite the Police Station, Hill Top, the horse slipped and injured its knees, and the shafts of the vehicle were broken, causing the occupants of the conveyance to be thrown on the ground.”

### Wednesbury Herald 3/3/1883 - Advert

“G. Carroll, / RED LION HOTEL AND POSTING HOUSE / Bridge Street, Wednesbury / Begs to thank his Friends and the public generally for the liberal support bestowed upon him, and hopes by attention to business to merit a continuance of the same. / Funerals Supplied Complete / on the Shortest Notice. / Hearses, Mourning Coaches, & Funeral Equipages / For Wedding and Excursion Parties on the most Reasonable Terms. / A Select Dancing Class will be held every Wednesday, in the Large Assembly Room attached to the above Hotel.”

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### 1891 Census

39, Bridge Street – RED LION

- [1] *Joseph Robert Madeley* (31), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary E. Madeley* (27), wife, born Handsworth;
- [3] *Ethel G. Madeley* (6), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *William E. Madeley* (2), son, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Ruby E. Madeley* (6 months), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Eliza Challenor* (15), general servant, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Caroline A. Walford* (15), general servant, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Sarah M. Burton* (24), general servant, born West Bromwich:

*Joseph Robert Madeley* was also a cab and car proprietor, and had livery and bait stables. [1892]

### Wednesbury Herald 30/3/1895

Wednesbury. Important Sale at the RED LION HOTEL. Tuesday, 9th April, 1895. Belcher and Son are instructed to Sell by Public Auction, on the above premises and date, the superior Brewing Plant, comprising Two large Copper Boilers, Vats, Coolers, Mash Tun, Five Butts, Tubs, &c, together with the well-known Three-Horse Brake, 'The Victory'; Four Strong Carts, new; Breeze and Coke Carts, Two Spring Traps, for Cobs; Useful Dog Cart, Two Phaetons, with Rumble Cushion and Lamps; Pony Spring Cart, and other Effects....."

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Advert 1895

### Wednesbury Herald 18/5/1895

"On Saturday Mr. F. W. Topham held an inquest at the RED LION INN, Bridge Street, respecting the death of Thomas Wilkes (65), a master blacksmith. On the 10th inst, the deceased had a conversation with a youth respecting a boy being killed on the railway, and, having asked a question as to when his inquest would be, he fell backwards and immediately expired. It was stated that deceased had never suffered from any disease, and was regarded as a very healthy man. The family did not desire a post mortem examination and the jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes."

An application for alterations was approved in August 1895.

### Wednesbury Leader 30/3/1901

"Another meeting of the fitting and socket makers locked out in the tube trade met on Thursday at the RED LION HOTEL, Wednesbury.

A workman, who presided, proposed a resolution expressing their determination to continue their resistance of the attempted reduction of 10 per cent, and this was seconded and carried....."

### Wednesbury Leader 8/6/1901

"The fifteenth weekly meeting of the fitting makers on strike was held on Thursday morning at the RED LION INN, Wednesbury. A private meeting was held at 11 o'clock, and when the meeting was thrown open to Press representatives, Mr. Jones, the secretary, announced that a ballot had been taken on the question of going back to work. 421 men voted, and 225 were in favour of returning to work and 196 were opposed....."

### 1901 Census

39, Bridge Street

- [1] *Arthur Smith* (43), hotel manager, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Lucy Sarah Smith* (43), wife, born Paddington, London;
- [3] *Ernest Arthur Smith* (22), son, engine fitter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Sidney Walter Smith* (21), son, iron turner, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Violet Smith* (18), daughter, barmaid, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Vernon Smith* (15), son, pattern maker, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Elsie Smith* (12), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Harold Smith* (9), son, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Roland Leo Smith* (6), son, born Wednesbury;
- [10] *Blanche Shakespeare* (20), domestic servant, born Tewkesbury:

### 1911 Census

Bridge Street – RED LION

- [1] *Thomas German* (66), hotel manager, born Aberdeen;
- [2] *Priscilla German* (50), wife, married 22 years, born Liverpool;
- [3] *Ada German* (18), daughter, born Manchester;
- [4] *Maria German* (11), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Gladys German* (8), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Elizabeth Manning* (21), general servant, born Tipton:

*Thomas German* was also a bandmaster. He was bandmaster to the Crown Tube Works Brass Band. He died in 1914.

See also ELEPHANT AND CASTLE.

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division One. [1946]

Approval of a Plan for alteration of the premises was granted on 3rd April 1964.

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Town Darts League. [1970]

Closed [pre 1978]

It was demolished in March 1983.



## **RED SWAN**

Darlaston Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Thomas Hitch [1834]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

## RISING SUN

114, Piercy Street, Mesty Croft, (New Town), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1961], [1965]

### LICENSEES

Henry Butler [1875] – [1904]  
Edwin Butler [1893] ?  
Richard H Butler [1912]  
William James Richards [1961] – **1965**;  
Anthony Searle Brierley **(1965** – [1966]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Henry Butler*, beer retailer, 114, Piercey Street, New Town. [1896], [1904]  
He issued tokens from here.

#### **Wednesbury Leader 12/10/1901**

“Free Gardenry at Wednesbury. On Monday evening last the members of the Charity Lodge No.806 held their annual supper at the RISING SUN, Newtown. Councillor W. Adams presided, and Bro. H. T. Finch, general secretary, was voted to the vice chair.....”

#### **Wednesbury Herald 14/10/1911**

“New Town and District Flying Club. The annual dinner took place on Thursday evening at headquarters, the RISING SUN INN, Piercy Street. Mr. D. Tonks (president) occupying the chair. Upwards of thirty members and friends sat down to a capital repast. A smoking concert followed.....”

*Richard H. Butler*, beer retailer, 114, Piercey Street, New Town. [1912]

[1967]

Closed  
Demolished



c. 1965

## RISING SUN

1, Trowse Lane / High Bullen, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Messrs. Fletcher, wine and spirit merchants.  
Highgate (Walsall) Brewery Co. Ltd.  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (acquired in 1939)

### LICENSEES

William Colcomb [1818] – [1835]  
John Hartley Hitchin [1841] – [1845]  
William Johnson [1849] – [1851]  
John Titley [1860] – [1864]  
Thomas Cook [1868] – **1872**;  
John McCann (**1872** – [ ]  
William Cook [1871]  
Joseph Woodhall [1879] – **1882**;  
John Hamson (**1882** – [ ]  
John Harrison [1888]  
Thomas Hodgkin Brown [1891] – [1904]  
Joseph Higginson [1912]  
William Shuck [1916]  
Mrs. Florence Amers [1921]  
A Standley [ ] – **1949**  
Benjamin Morgan [1961] – **1964**;  
Richard Leslie Edwards (**1964** – [1966]  
H G Lewis [1976]

### NOTES

High Bullen [1822], [1828], [1850]

*William Colcomb* = William Calcomb

*William Colcomb* was also a maltster. [1818]

*John Hartley Hitchin* = John Hartley Hitchen

*William Johnson* was also a wine and spirit merchant. [1849], [1850]

### 1851 Census

Trowse Lane

[1] *William Johnson* (24), innkeeper, born Wellington, Shropshire;

[2] *Helen Johnson* (23), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Ann Richards* (21), domestic servant, born Madeley, Shropshire:

### 1871 Census

1, Trowse Lane – RISING SUN INN

- [1] *Thomas Cook* (56), licensed victualler, born Tamworth;
- [2] *Ann Cook* (57), wife, born Walsall;
- [3] *William Cook* (33), son, furniture dealer, born Walsall;
- [4] *John Cook* (25), son, bridge plater, born Walsall;
- [5] *Ann Cook* (20), daughter, born Walsall:

*William Cook* was fined £5 and costs for permitting drunkenness in September 1871.

[Was this *Thomas Cook*'s son?]

### Wednesbury Herald 20/9/1879

“*Joseph Woodhall*, landlord of the RISING SUN INN, Trowse Lane, was summoned for keeping his house open for the sale of liquors during prohibited hours on Sunday the 7th inst.

Mr. Williams, of Walsall, defended.

Police constable Aldrit said that in accordance with instructions given him, he and Police constable Wassell went into Meeting Street at a quarter past four o'clock, for the purpose of watching the back part of defendant's house. At a quarter to seven he saw defendant come out of the house and speak to a man in the street. He afterwards went back again and on again returning he placed a bottle containing whisky or brandy in the man's pocket. At ten minutes past seven o'clock he saw a woman go into defendant's house, and come out again with what appeared to be a jug under her arm. At 7.17 he saw a man come out of the front part of the house, but he did not appear to have a jug in his possession.

Police constable Wassell gave corroborative evidence.

Defendant said he did not get up until 7.35, and that he did not supply any person with spirits until nine o'clock. A woman was ill and he gave her a cup of rum.

Mr. J. W. Williams: You wish to make us believe that you acted the good Samaritan?

Mr. Williams contended that no case had been made out against his client, but the Bench said otherwise, and fined defendant 20s and costs.”

### 1881 Census

1, Trowse Lane – RISING SUN

- [1] *Joseph Woodhall* (43), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *Jemima Woodhall* (44), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Lucretia A. Woodhall* (16), daughter, born Walsall;
- [4] *Charlotte D. Woodhall* (14), daughter, born Walsall;
- [5] *Ernest R. Woodhall* (12), son, scholar, born Walsall;
- [6] *Jemima L. Woodhall* (11), daughter, scholar, born Walsall;
- [7] *Addina Woodhall* (9), daughter, scholar, born Walsall;
- [8] *William E. Woodhall* (6), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Rosannah Woodhall* (4), daughter, born Wednesbury:

### West Bromwich Weekly News 3/12/1881

“Patrick Connor, puddler, Wolverhampton, was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the RISING SUN INN, Trowse Lane, Wednesbury.

*Thomas* (sic) *Woodhall*, landlord, stated that prisoner entered his premises on Saturday night in a drunken condition and used very abusive language to him, when he requested him to leave.

He was also charged with assaulting Police-constable Bishop. When taken into custody by the officer he both kicked and struck him.

Prisoner was fined five shillings for each offence.”

**Wednesbury Herald 24/12/1881**

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday, before Dr. T. Underhill, and R. Farley Esq, *Joseph Woodhall*, landlord of the RISING SUN, Trowse Lane, was charged with keeping a disorderly house, and also with allowing raffling on the premises.

Mr. Brevitt, of Wolverhampton, appeared to prosecute on behalf of the county authorities, and Mr. Sheldon appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Sheldon said the house occupied by the defendant belonged to Messrs. Fletcher, wine and spirit merchants, had agreed with the permission of the Bench to pay a fine of £5 and costs in the first case. In the other case, which was raffling for a leg of pork, injudiciously permitted by the defendant, and of which information was laid by some one connected with it, he would consent to pay a fine of 20s and costs on the understanding that the license would not be endorsed.

Mr. Brevitt said the case was a very serious one, and he was aware that letters had been written by Messrs. Fletcher to the occupier cautioning against allowing any women on his premises under any pretence whatever. The defendant had not attended to those orders, and therefore it would be very hard for Messrs. Fletcher to suffer for the faults of the occupier. He understood that the proprietors of the house had made arrangements to remove the defendant at once, and he would, therefore, with the permission of the Bench, consent to the suggestions Mr. Sheldon had made to the Bench.

The Bench said they could not consent to this, without hearing a certain amount of evidence.

Mr. Sheldon said if the case was gone into he should withdraw his plea of guilty and then the case would last several hours.

Dr. Underhill said the Bench were prepared to sit several hours in order to that justice might be done.

Mr. Brevitt said the case was a very bad one against the defendant, and after giving in detail the offences committed, Police constable Lythe stated that on the 5th November he had the RISING SUN INN under observation, and during that evening saw prostitutes enter the house and remain there longer than was necessary to obtain refreshments. On the 12th inst, he had the house under observation for two hours. From eight until nine o'clock, and from ten to eleven he saw prostitutes come out of the vaults with men and saw the girls direct the men to go through another side door, which was in a more secluded part of the same premises. The men passed through the side doors and preceded the females, they following immediately afterwards. On the 19th he had the house under observation from eight o'clock until ten, and saw a number of prostitutes assemble on the premises, and also saw them go from the vaults with men to a more retired part of the premises. Just before ten o'clock he saw a female come out in the same manner as before with a man and pass through the side entrance. Witness followed to see the sequel, and passed through the side door down the passage which leads into the back yard, and there he found the two persons in a corner of the back yard. On the 26th witness visited the house at seven o'clock a number of well-known girls of low repute, and they immediately left the house when he went in. Witness remained twenty minutes, and during that time saw several prostitutes peeping in at the door to see if he (witness) was still there. He left the premises and visited them again at eight o'clock, and found there some of the prostitutes he had previously seen with others. The prostitutes again immediately left the house when he went in. At nine o'clock on the same date he again visited the house and found some of the same females still there. On visiting the house half an hour afterwards most of the women still remained on the premises. Witness remained on the footpath till ten o'clock, during which time he saw several of the women come out of the house with men. He revisited the house at half past ten o'clock, and saw assembled twelve well-known prostitutes, and only saw two out of the number take refreshments during the whole of the evening. At a quarter to eleven o'clock Police sergeant Lightfoot and Police constable Noble visited the house for the purpose of seeing what women were in the house.

Cross examined by Mr. Sheldon: Witness knew that the whole of the women he had referred to gained their living by prostitution. On each of his visits he saw the defendant behind the bar.

Mr. Sheldon, on behalf of his client then pleaded guilty, and said it would be unnecessary to call further evidence in support of the prosecution.

The Bench said the evidence disclosed the most disgraceful state of things that had ever come under their notice. They, therefore, would impose the fullest penalty £10 and costs, and endorse the license.

The defendant also pleaded guilty to the charge of allowing raffling on his premises, and was fined 10s and costs. Messrs. Fletcher have taken steps for the removal of *Woodhouse* (sic).”

### Wednesbury Herald 2/9/1882

“The annual general licensing meeting for the division of West Bromwich ..... One *Joseph Woodhall*, of the RISING SUN, Trowse Lane, Wednesbury, was convicted [in the last year] for two offences – one for harbouring prostitutes, for which he was fined £10 and costs, and the license endorsed; the second for permitting gambling, and was fined 10s and costs. *Woodhall* had since left the house, and it was being well conducted by *John Hamson*.....”

### 1891 Census

1, Trowse Lane – RISING SUN

[1] *Thomas Brown* (46), publican’s manager, born Whysall, Nottinghamshire;

[2] *Mary Brown* (54), wife, born Handsworth;

[3] *Elizabeth M. Brown* (10), daughter, born Shirland, Derbyshire:

### 1901 Census

1, Trowse Lane – RISING SUN

[1] *Thomas H. Brown* (60), licensed victualler, born Wassall, Nottinghamshire;

[2] *Mary Brown* (68), wife, born Handsworth;

[3] *Elizabeth Caborne* (20), daughter, born Shirland, Derbyshire;

[4] *Joseph C. Caborne* (25), near son, iron moulder, born Wednesbury:

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division Two. [1946]

A. *Standley* died in 1949.

[1983]

Closed

It was converted into an old people’s home.



Ex Pub 2008



## ROBIN HOOD

74, Portway Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Ingram Morris [1868] – [1872]  
William Harley [1879]  
John Partridge [1891] – [1896]  
George Harry Mason [1904]  
John Lacey [1900] – [1901]

### NOTES

It was formerly the SPOTTED LEOPARD.

[1853]

*Ingram Morris*, beer retailer, Portway Road. [1868], [1870]  
*Ingram Morris*, beer retailer, 74, Portway Road. [1872]

#### Wednesbury Herald 26/11/1879

“Success to Revival of Trade was celebrated on Saturday night last at Mr. *William Harley*’s, ROBIN HOOD INN, Portway Road, Wednesbury, where a number of workmen were invited to a free supper, from a round of beef, supplied by the firm of Messrs. Chesters. The Chairman afterwards proposed ‘Success to John Bagnall and Sons, Limited’; and the vice chairman proposed ‘success to revival of trade.’ Both toasts were enthusiastically received.”

#### 1891 Census

74, Portway Road – ROBIN HOOD INN

- [1] *John Partridge* (28), carpenter, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Matilda Partridge* (24), wife, born Horseley Heath;
- [3] *William Partridge* (7), son, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Percy Partridge* (5), son, born Darlaston;
- [5] *John Partridge* (10 months), son, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Daniel Lawrence* (57), wife’s father, retired, born Honiton Wood, Shropshire:

*John Partridge*, beer retailer, 74, Portway Road. [1896]

#### 1901 Census

Portway Road – ROBIN HOOD INN

- [1] *John Lacey* (46), retailer of beer, born Ireland;
- [2] *Margaret Lacey* (35), wife, born Ireland;
- [3] *Nicholas Lacey* (19), assistant brewer, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *John Lacey* (18), son, barman, born Bilston;
- [5] *Mary Lacey* (14), daughter, born Willenhall;
- [6] *Ellen Lacey* (11), daughter, born Cannock;
- [7] *Frank J. Lacey* (8), son, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Eliza Paviter* (23), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

*George Harry Mason*, beer retailer, 74, Portway Road. [1904]

## RODWAY

Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

Richard Boatman [ ] - **1875**);  
James William Pride (**1875** - [ ]

## **ROLLING MILL**

Cross Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

John Granger [1870]

## ROSE

55, Union Street, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

Edward Severn [1871] – [1872]  
William Dawes [1888]  
Samuel Bolton [1896]  
Michael Roche [1901]  
George H Lloyd [1904]

## NOTES

It had a six-day license.

### 1871 Census

55, Union Street

- [1] Edward Severn (34), machine clerk (unemployed), and refreshment house keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] Hannah Severn (32), wife, assists in business, born Wednesbury;
- [3] James Severn (9), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Arthur Severn (7), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] George Severn (4), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] Annie Severn (2), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [7] Henry Severn (3 months), son, born Wednesbury;
- [8] Hannah May(17), general servant, born Wednesbury:

*Edward Severn*, beer retailer, 55, Union Street. [1872]

*William Dawes*, beer retailer, 55, Union Street. [1888]

*Samuel Bolton*, beer retailer, 55, Union Street. [1896]

### 1901 Census

55, Union Street – ROSE INN

- [1] *Michael Roche* (30), unmarried, publican, born Ireland:

*George H. Lloyd*, beer retailer, 55, Union Street. [1904]

[1911]

Closed



c. 1892

## ROSE AND CROWN

146, Darlaston Road, Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Eliza Brown [1871]  
Henry Clifton [ ]  
Allen [1925]  
Sam Allen [1940's]

### NOTES

It was known locally as "The Steps" or "Napper Allen's".

#### 1871 Census

146, Darlaston Road – ROSE AND CROWN

- [1] *Eliza Brown* (48), widow, beer shop (ROSE AND CROWN), born Prestop, Shropshire;
- [2] *Eliza Jane Brown* (18), daughter, domestic servant, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Mary Ann Brown* (15), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Thomas Wilson Brown* (10), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *John Credgington* (50), boarder, painter, born Prestop, Shropshire;
- [6] *Robert Priest* (21), boarder, moulder, born Wolverhampton:

*Sam Allen* was married to Lily.

## **ROSE AND CROWN**

Walsall Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Thomas Bailey [1834]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Thomas Bailey*, beer retailer, Walsall Street. [1841]

## ROSE HILL TAVERN

80, (77), Church Hill / Vicarage Road, (St. Marys Road), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Ansells Ltd. [1961]  
Burtonwood Brewery Co. Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Richard Smith [1841] – [1845]  
Timothy Millward [1849] – [1850]  
Francis Adams [1851]  
Thomas Brant [1860] – [1873]  
John Cuxson [1878] – [1896]  
John Potts [1901] – [1904]  
William S McGill [1912]  
William Till [1916] – [1935]  
William Martin Bradshaw **(1940 – 1947)**  
Albert Arthur Griffiths [1961] – [1966]

HENRY JERRAMS  
NOTED ALES & PORTERS,  
GOLDEN BALL BREWERY, OLDBURY.  
THE TRADE AND FAMILIES SUPPLIED.  
PRICE LISTS AND TERMS ON APPLICATION AT THE BREWERY.  
MR. JOHN CUXSON, ROSEHILL INN, CHURCH HILL, WEDNESBURY.  
MR. SAMUEL BARNETT, DOPE & ANCHOR INN, HALESOWEN STREET, OLDBURY.  
Advert 1889

### NOTES

77, Church Hill [1872], [1881], [1888]  
80, Church Hill [1990], [1993], [2010]

It was originally called the BLACK HORSE. [1872], [1873]

ROSE HILL ARMS [1881]

### 1841 Census

Church Hill

- [1] Richard Smith (45), publican;
- [2] Mary Smith (45), born Staffordshire;
- [3] Mary Smith (80), born Staffordshire;
- [4] Thomas Smith (15), born Staffordshire;
- [5] Patience Smith (14), born Staffordshire;
- [6] Richard Smith (12), born Staffordshire;
- [7] Martha Smith (9), born Staffordshire;
- [8] John Smith (2), born Staffordshire;
- [9] Thomas Moore (15), ap;
- [10] Henry Jennings (15);
- [11] Thomas Griffiths (15), ass:

### 1851 Census

Church Hill

- [1] *Francis Adams* (45), mill furnace man, born Bilston;
- [2] *Maria Adams* (43), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Charlotte Adams* (18), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Joseph Adams* (16), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Francis Adams* (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Paul Adams* (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Rebekah Adams* (7), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Martha Adams* (5), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Ann Jones* (19), house servant, born Bilston:

### 1861 Census

Church Hill

- [1] *Thomas Brant* (47), licensed victualler and shoe maker, employing 2 men and 4 boys, born Tettenhall;
- [2] *Jane Brant* (46), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Zephaniah Brant* (17), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Charles Brazletoft* (?) (23), general servant, born Tettenhall;
- [5] *Thomas Pickering* (18), shoe servant, born Burntwood;
- [6] *Thomas Castles* (18), apprentice, born Tettenhall;
- [7] *Henry Richfield* (17), apprentice, born Tettenhall;
- [8] *Edward Tonkinson* (14), apprentice, born Tettenhall;
- [9] *Emily James* (17), servant, born Walsall:

*Thomas Brant* was also a boot maker. [1864], [1865]

### 1871 Census

Church Hill – BLACK HORSE INN

- [1] *Thomas Brant* (57), licensed victualler, born Tettenhall;
- [2] *Jane Brant* (56), wife, born Bloxwich;
- [3] *Mary Jane Brant* (19), niece, domestic servant, born Wolverhampton:

### Midland Advertiser 20/4/1878 - Advert

“Henry Jerrams / Ale and Porter Brewer / GOLDEN BALL Brewery, Oldbury / Respectfully informs his Customers and the Inhabitants of Wednesbury and District that in order to ensure the more punctual delivery of Orders, he had appointed as Wholesale agent, Mr. John Cuxson, ROSE HILL INN, Church Hill, Wednesbury, and any favours entrusted to him will meet with prompt attention.”

### Wednesbury Herald 29/1/1881

“On Tuesday afternoon, Edwin Hooper, Esq., (South Staffordshire Coroner), held an inquiry at ROSE HILL ARMS INN, The Vicarage, Wednesbury, relative to the death of Elizabeth Linford, aged five years and eight months, the daughter of Jonah and Elizabeth Linford, who had died from the effects of burns.

The mother of the deceased stated that on Thursday last she left the deceased and her sister, who was eight years of age, in the house whilst she went to Elwell’s works to take her son’s dinner. She was only absent about a quarter of an hour, as she had left no one in charge of the children. On her way home a young man met her and informed her that her daughter was enveloped in flames. She hastened to her home, and found a neighbour named Yardley attending to the deceased’s injuries, which were all over her body. She made inquiries, and ascertained that the deceased’s clothes became ignited when she was in the act of removing a frying pan off the fire.

The Coroner: Did you have a fire guard?

Witness: No sir.

The Coroner: And you did not leave anyone in charge of the children?

Witness: No sir.

The Coroner said the question of children being burnt to death was becoming a very serious one, and it would be incumbent upon him to direct some of the juries to return verdicts of manslaughter against some of the negligent parents who would be bound to be sent to prison. He did not know what view the jury would take of the present



case, but he considered the mother to be guilty of gross neglect in leaving the children in the house unprotected. He should, however, insist upon the parents providing a fire-guard in the present case, and in the event of their not complying with his orders within a week he should take them before the magistrates. Through the negligence of parents a large number of children were daily losing their lives, and it therefore was time that something was done to compel parents to properly protect their children.

The foreman of the jury said he fully endorsed all that had been said by the Coroner, because there was no doubt that had Mrs. Linford provided a fire-guard her daughter would not have lost her life.

In reply to further questions, the witness said that Mr. Wilson Moore, surgeon, attended the deceased but his efforts were of no avail, and the sufferer expired on Thursday.

Mrs. Yardley stated that she found the deceased enveloped in flames, and a young man afterwards seized her and rolled her in the snow and so extinguished the flames.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental death, and recommended that the parents be requested to obtain a fire-guard.

Mrs. Linford promised to comply with the recommendations of the Coroner and the jury.

The Coroner said he should send a policeman to Linford's house that day week to see if a fire-guard was provided."

*John Cuxson = John Coxon*

### **1881 Census**

77, Church Hill – ROSE HILL INN

[1] John Coxon (56), former machinist, born Wednesbury;

[2] Mary A. Coxon (52), wife, born Walsall;

[3] John Coxon (30), son, clerk in tube works, born Walsall;

[4] Louisa Coxon (23), daughter, house wife, born Wednesbury;

[5] Clara Coxon (21), daughter, milliner, born Wednesbury;

[6] Nellie Coxon (14), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[7] Albert Bonum (?) (4), visitor, born Wolverhampton;

[8] Sarah A. Delicoate (?) (22), domestic servant, born Swan Village:

### **Wednesbury Herald 11/6/1881**

"To be sold by auction, by Mr. E. B. Scholefield, at the GREEN DRAGON INN, Market Place, Wednesbury, on Monday, the 20th day of June .....

Lot 1 – All that very valuable Freehold, Old-Licensed Inn, formerly known by the sign of the BLACK HORSE INN but now of the ROSE HILL INN, situate at Church Hill, Wednesbury, and fronting the Vicarage Road leading from Church Hill to Walsall, with the range of shopping (easily convertible into a Cottage), now occupied with the said Inn, and the large Garden lying at or near the back of the said Inn, and separated therefrom by a gate road leading out of the Vicarage Road to the back of the said Inn, the site of the said gate road being also included in the present sale. The Inn is conveniently and compactly built, and comprises (in addition to the aforementioned range of Shopping), three Bedrooms, large Club Room, Parlour, Back Kitchen, Maltroom, Brewhouse, large Cellar, Yard, and the usual Outbuildings....."

### **West Bromwich Weekly News 22/10/1881 - Advert**

"Henry Jerrams' / Noted Ales & Porters / Golden Ball Brewery, Oldbury. / The Trade and Families Supplied. / Price Lists and Terms on Application at the Brewery, /or from / Mr. John Cuxson, ROSEHILL INN, Wednesbury; / Mr. Samuel Barnett, HOPE AND ANCHOR INN, Halesowen Street, Oldbury."

### **1891 Census**

Church Hill – ROSE HILL TAVERN

[1] *John Cuxson* (67), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;

[2] Mary Cuxson (64), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] Clara Cuxson (29), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[4] Albert E. Cuxson (14), grandson, born Wednesbury;

[5] Martha Delicoat (31), servant, born Swan Village:

### 1901 Census

Church Hill – ROSE HILL INN

- [1] *John Potts* (29), manager public house, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Priscilla Potts* (27), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Elizabeth Potts* (2), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Alice A. Potts* (9 months), born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Jenny Amos* (15), sister in law, domestic servant, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *James Smith* (42), lodger, bricklayer, born Tipton:

### Bilston and Willenhall Times 28/7/1928

“The sixth annual meeting of Wednesbury Rugby Club took place on Thursday night at the ROSE HILL TAVERN, Church Hill, Mr. C. Humphreys presided.....”

### Bilston and Willenhall Times 25/8/1928

“The half yearly meeting of the Wednesbury and Darlaston Licensed Victuallers’ Association was held on Tuesday evening at the ROSE HILL TAVERN, Wednesbury, when Mr. A. Blakemore presided.

Reference was made to the new Shop Hours Act, whereby publicans can now sell cigarettes, tobacco and matches during all the hours they are permitted to be opened.

The secretary said he had been instructed that license holders could also sell these articles outdoor after 8pm, as well as on the premises.

A letter was read from Mr. Frank Cook resigning his position as vice-president, and stating his reasons.

The president said he was at a loss to know why Mr. Cook had resigned, despite what he said in his letter, and he very much regretted his decision.....”

### Midland Advertiser 7/1/1933

“Mr. *W. Till*, secretary of the Wednesbury Licensed Victuallers’ Association, celebrates the 77th anniversary of his birthday on Wednesday next, but we regret to learn that he is far from well and has been confined to bed for some days.....”

*William Till* was secretary of the Wednesbury and District Licensed Victuallers and Beer Retailers Friendly and Provident Society. [1934]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division Two. [1946]

*William M. Bradshaw* emigrated to New Zealand in 1947.

He returned to Britain in 1960.

He died in 1972.

[1996]

Closed

It reopened in 2006.

[2014]



2014

## ROYAL EXCHANGE

22, Chapel Street / Portway Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Holt Brewery Co. Ltd.

### LICENSEES

John Lloyd [1861]

Jeremiah Cartwright [1869]

Mrs. Pearsons [1880]

Enoch Page [1892] – [1904]

George Taylor [1901]

Ethel Martin [1961] – [1966]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

#### **Dudley Herald 22/5/1869**

“*Jeremiah Cartwright* – ROYAL EXCHANGE beerhouse, Portway Road, Wednesbury was fined 1s and costs for serving during prohibited hours.”

#### **Wednesbury Herald 3/1/1880**

“Ancient Order of Foresters. The 14th anniversary of the Court Excelsior, No. 4795, was held at the ROYAL EXCHANGE INN, Portway Road, Wednesbury, on Saturday evening last, when a strong number of members sat down to an excellent dinner provided by the hostess Mrs. *Pearsons*. Upon the withdrawal of the cloth, the Chief Ranger.....”

#### **1901 Census**

Chapel Street – ROYAL EXCHANGE

[1] *George Taylor* (34), publican, (manager), born Cork, Ireland;

[2] *Caroline Taylor* (25), wife, born Walsall;

[3] *George H. Taylor* (4), son, born Walsall;

[4] *Fred W. Taylor* (3), son, born Walsall;

[5] *Eliza Carlshaw* (24), visitor, born Walsall:

*Enoch Page*, beer retailer, 22, Chapel Street. [1904]

## ROYAL EXCHANGE

10, (3), (Upper) High Street, (3, Market Place), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd.  
William Butler and Co. Ltd. (acquired in 1955)

### LICENSEES

John Dudley [1839] – [1850]  
Charles Bamford [1850] – [1851]  
John Dudley [1858] – [1860]  
Joseph Dudley [1861]  
Henry Madley [1861] – OLD ROYAL EXCHANGE  
George Wooliscroft [1860] – [1861]  
George Lloyd [1861] – [1881]  
William Habron (**1880** – [ ] manager  
F Hammonds [1895]  
Edmund Louis Hammonds [1896]  
William A Hatfield [1904]  
Thomas Green [1912]  
Thomas Brookes [1916] – [1921]

### NOTES

3, Upper High Street [1871]  
3, High Street [1872]  
3, Market Place [1881]  
10, High Street [1916], [1921]

*John Dudley* married Mary Spittle.

OLD ROYAL EXCHANGE [1850], [1861]  
NEW ROYAL EXCHANGE [1858]  
EXCHANGE [1879]

## ROYAL EXCHANGE SPIRIT VAULTS, HIGH STREET, WEDNESBURY.

**W**ILLIAM HARBON having accepted the  
situation of **MANAGER** for Mr. GEORGE  
LLOYD, of the above Vaults, will commence his  
duties on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26th.**

**ALES, WINES, AND SPIRITS**  
of the best quality.

Advert 1880

### 1851 Census

High Street East

- [1] *Charles Bamford* (35), victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Elenor Bamford* (38), wife, born Chorley, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Charles Bamford* (3), son, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Elenor Bamford* (1), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Mary Smith* (35), visitor, born Shenton, Staffordshire:

### Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/3/1858

“Death – March 2nd – after a long and painful illness, aged 48 years, *Mary*, the beloved wife of Mr. *John Dudley*, of the NEW ROYAL EXCHANGE INN, High Street, Wednesbury.”

*Joseph Dudley* and *George Wooliscroft* appear in the same 1861 Directory.

### 1861 Census

High Street

- [1] *George Lloyd* (29), licensed victualler, born Redditch;
- [2] *Sarah Lloyd* (20), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Sarah E. Lloyd* (4 months), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Eleanor Dudley* (14), sister in law, fundholder, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Sarah Millard* (19), house servant, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Mary A. Hadley* (14), house servant, born Wednesbury:

### 1871 Census

3, Upper High Street

- [1] *George Lloyd* (38), licensed victualler and cooper, born Arley, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Sarah Lloyd* (32), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Sarah Thursfield* (22), barmaid, born London;
- [4] *Ann Cottrill* (23), general servant, born West Bromwich:

*George Lloyd*, wine and spirit merchant. [1872]

He was also a cooper.

He married *Sarah Dudley* (b. 1839). She was the daughter of *John* and *Mary Dudley*.

### Wednesbury Herald 14/6/1879

“*Albert Holroyd* (37), stonemason, was charged with refusing to quit the licensed premises of the EXCHANGE INN, High Street, when requested to do so by the landlord on the 31st ult.

The complainant stated that on the day in question the defendant came to his house, when in a state of intoxication. He requested him to leave, but he refused to do so, and it was with difficulty that he was ejected.

Mr. Superintendent Holland said he regretted to say that it was the defendant’s eleventh appearance before the magistrates.

Major Williams said it was sad to see a respectable looking man in such a position. Defendant would be fined 20s and costs, or in default one months’ imprisonment.”

### Wednesbury Herald 21/8/1880 - Advert

“Royal Exchange Spirit Vaults / High Street, Wednesbury / *William Habron* having accepted the situation of Manager for Mr. *George Lloyd*, of the above Vaults, will commence his duties on Wednesday, August 25th. / Ales, Wines, and Spirits of the best quality.”

### 1881 Census

3, Market Place – ROYAL EXCHANGE

[1] *George Lloyd* (49), victualler and cooper, born Upper Arley, Staffordshire;

[2] *Sarah Lloyd* (42), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Sarah Elenor Lloyd* (20), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[4] *F. R. C. Lloyd* (5), son, born Wednesbury;

[5] *Jane Corfield* (10), niece, scholar, born Upper Arley, Staffordshire;

[6] *Sarah Ingram* (48), barmaid, born Birmingham;

[7] *Elizabeth Ellis* (20), general servant, born Wednesbury:

[Upper Arley lies about 5miles NW of Kidderminster.]

A meeting of the Licensed Victuallers' Association was held here in February 1895.

### Wednesbury Herald 7/12/1895

“On Saturday last the employees in the Blacksmith Department of the Crown Tube Works held their first annual dinner at the ROYAL EXCHANGE, High Street, when upwards of 80 sat down to an excellent repast supplied by Host *F. Hammonds*.

After dinner Mr. W. Moore presided.....”

*Edmund L. Hammonds* (1850 – 1903).

He played the cornet.

Closed

## ROYAL EXCHANGE

50, Lea Brook Road, Leabrook, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Edwin Beesley [1891] – [1901]  
Frederick 'Fred' Shinton **(1911 - [ ]**

### NOTES

#### 1891 Census

50, Leabrook Road – ROYAL EXCHANGE INN

- [1] *Edwin Beesley* (48), publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Ann Beesley* (42), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Mary Beesley* (18), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Edwin Beesley* (16), son, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Sarah Beesley* (14), daughter, pupil teacher, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Solomon Beesley* (12), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Annie Beesley* (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Solomon Perry* (47), brother in law, brewer, born Wednesbury:

*Frederick Shinton* played centre forward for Wednesbury Old Athletic in the Birmingham League.

It was delicensed circa 1918.

It became the home of the Blythe family.

It was demolished post 1968.

## ROYAL EXCHANGE +

WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Thomas Parsons [ ] - **1870**);  
Mrs. Parsons (**1870** - [ ]

### NOTES

*Thomas Parsons* died in 1870.



## **ROYAL GEORGE**

71, Portway Road, WEDNESBURY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

[1853]

## ROYAL OAK

41, Elwell Street, Mesty Croft, (New Town), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Joseph Cooksey [1871] – [1872]  
Thomas Nicholls [1872]  
Mrs. Charlotte Ann Cooksey [1881] – [1896]  
Albert Court [1901] – [1904]  
Mrs. Annie Garbett [1912]

### NOTES

New Town [1871]

It had a beerhouse license.

#### 1871 Census

41, Elwell Street – ROYAL OAK

- [1] *Joseph Cooksey* (39), gas fitting maker and publican, born Dudley Wood;
- [2] *Dinah Cooksey* (35), wife, born Netherton;
- [3] *Ann Cooksey* (16), daughter, scholar, born Walsall;
- [4] *John Cooksey* (13), son, scholar, born Netherton;
- [5] *Mary A. Cooksey* (11), daughter, scholar, born Netherton;
- [6] *William Cooksey* (8), son, scholar, born Burnley, Lancashire;
- [7] *Joseph Cooksey* (6), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Elizabeth Cooksey* (3), born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Henry Lloyd* (37), lodger, ironstone miner, born Bridgnorth:

*Joseph Cooksey*, beer retailer, 41 Elwell Street, Mesty Croft. [1872]  
He was married to *Charlotte Ann*.

*Thomas Nicholls*, beer retailer, 41, Elwell Street, Mesty Croft. [1872]

#### Wednesbury Herald 6/3/1880

“Legal Notices. *Joseph Cooksey*, Deceased.

Creditors and other persons having any Claims and Demands upon or against the Estate of *Joseph Cooksey*, late of Elwell Street, Mesty Croft, Wednesbury, in the County of Stafford, Publican and Gas Fitting Maker, deceased, who died on the 10th day of February 1880, and whose Will was proved on the 3rd day of March, 1880, by *Charlotte Ann Cooksey*, and Edward Broadhouse Scholefield, the executors therein named, are hereby required to send particulars in writing, of their Debts, Claims, and Demands to the said Edward Broadhouse Scholefield, at his Offices, situate in Church Street, Wednesbury aforesaid, on or before the 30th day of April next, that the same may be examined, and if found correct, discharged.....”

### 1881 Census

41, Elwell Street

- [1] *Charlotte Cooksey* (62), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Joseph Cooksey* (16), son, tocket (?) heater, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Elizabeth Gainham* (15), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

### 1891 Census

41, Elwell Street

- [1] *Charlotte Cooksey* (70), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Mary A. Hartwell* (17), general servant, born Wednesbury:

*Mrs. Charlotte Cooksey*, beer retailer, 41, Elwell Street, New Town. [1896]

### 1901 Census

Elwell Street – ROYAL OAK

- [1] *Albert Court* (40), beerhouse keeper, born Heathfield, Somersetshire;
- [2] *Mary Court* (41), wife, born Taunton;
- [3] *William E. Court* (14), son, fitting and tube screw, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Gwendoline M. Court* (10), daughter, born Birmingham:

*Albert Court*, beer retailer, 41, Elwell Street. [1904]

### 1911 Census

New Town

- [1] *Annie Garbett* (53), unmarried, publican, born Pelsall;
- [2] *Annie Sarah Garbett* (12), daughter, scholar, born Olton, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Sarah Elmore* (22), assists in the business, born Wednesbury:

*Mrs. Annie Garbett*, beer retailer, 41, Elwell Street. [1912]

## ROYAL OAK

20, King Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Walter Showell

### LICENSEES

John Wells [1860] – [1861]  
William Entwistle [1864] – [1865]  
John Veal [1868] – [1870]  
Joseph Russell\* [1871] – [1873]  
Joseph Prossell\* [ ] – **1873**;  
Eliza Hedges (**1873** – [ ])  
Edward Taylor [1881] manager  
William Bennett [1891] – [1892]  
Mrs. Jane Evans [1896]  
Arthur Preece [1904]  
James Edwin Pascall [1911] – [1912]  
Richard Hodson [1916] – [1921]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

#### 1861 Census

King Street – ROYAL OAK

- [1] *John Wells* (65), publican and farmer of 22 acres employing two men, born Chipping Camden, Gloucestershire;
- [2] *Sarah Wells* (54), wife, born Quatford, Shropshire;
- [3] *John Wells* (23), son, born Walsall;
- [4] *Elizabeth Wells* (18), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *William H. Wells* (11), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Mary McParlane* (32), widow, house servant, born Mayo, Ireland;
- [7] *William Lowe* (36), servant, carter, born Chelmarsh, Shropshire;
- [8] *Mary Greenaway* (60), visitor, born Coventry:

\* possibly the same person

#### 1871 Census

20, King Street – ROYAL OAK INN

- [1] *Joseph Russell* (62), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Mary Russell* (62), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Mary Ann Russell* (34), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Ellen Reeves* (22), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

#### Dudley Herald 2/12/1871

*Joseph Russell* was fined 40s and costs for permitting drunkenness.

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**WALTER SHOWELL,**  
**CROSSWELLS' BREWERY**  
**OLDBURY,**

Has the pleasure to inform his friends and customers at Oldbury and District, that he has given up the Agency of Messrs. W. A. Gilbey. He has been induced to do so in consequence of the rapid increase of business, which has far outgrown the limits to which agencies of this kind usually extend, and which has consequently, rendered it necessary for him to purchase in the open market, in order to meet the requirements of his customers. In doing so he has confined his purchases to Importers of the first-class only, and being in a position to obtain the most favorable terms, he finds himself able to offer an article very far superior to that he has been hitherto able to do in his capacity as Agent. In order to give every facility for the prompt execution of orders, he has arranged for a stock of each quality of Wines and Spirits to be kept at the

**ROYAL OAK INN,**  
**KING STREET, WEDNESBURY,**  
**WARREN**

**MR. WILLIAM HUFTON**  
Will be happy to supply any orders that may be entrusted to him.

Wholesale and Family Orders forwarded to the Crosswells' Brewery, will receive prompt attention.

Agents:

Mr. T. TAFT, Talbot Hotel, Cradley Heath.  
" ISAAC NEWTON, Home Shop Inn, Brierley Hill  
" THOMAS BARNES, Lion Hotel, Bilston.  
" DANIEL DABRY, Old Britannia Inn, Moxley

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Advert 1878

### Midland Advertiser 9/2/1878 - Advert

Walter Showell, Crosswells' Brewery, Oldbury / Has the pleasure to inform his friends and customers of Oldbury and District, that he has given up the Agency of Messrs. W. A. Gilbey. He has been induced to so in consequence in the rapid increase of business, which has far outgrown the limits to which agencies of this kind usually attach, and which has consequently rendered it necessary for him to purchase in the open market, in order to meet the requirements of his customers. In doing so he has confined his purchases to Importers of the first class only, and being in a position to obtain the most favourable terms, and finds himself able to offer an article very far superior, in that he has been hitherto able to do in his capacity as Agent. In order to give every facility for the prompt attention of Orders, he has arranged for a stock of each quality of Wines and Spirits to be kept at the / ROYAL OAK INN / King Street, Wednesbury / Where / Mr. *William Hupton* / Will be happy to supply any order that may be entrusted to him / Wholesale and Family Orders forwarded to the Crosswells Brewery will receive prompt attention / Agents: Mr. *T. Taft*, TALBOT HOTEL, Cradley Heath.  
Mr. *Isaac Newton*, HORSESHOE INN, Brierley Hill.  
Mr. *Thomas Barnes*, LION HOTEL, Bilston.  
Mr. *Daniel Darby*, OLD BRITANNIA INN, Moxley.”

### Wednesbury Herald 14/8/1880

“Thomas Welsh, Dudley Street, and Edward Couldew, Holyhead Road, were charged with assaulting George Sheath on the 2nd inst. Mr. Docker, of Smethwick, appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Sheldon for the defence. The prosecutor stated that he went into the ROYAL OAK, King Street, on the night in question, when he was struck by the defendants without any provocation. At the suggestion of Mr. Sheldon, and with the concurrence of the Stipendiary, the defendants apologised, paid the damage done in the public house, and the costs, altogether £4 15s 5d. The summons was then withdrawn.”

### 1881 Census

King Street – ROYAL OAK

- [1] *Edward Taylor* (53), manager of public house, born Warwickshire;
- [2] *John Holloway* (20), visitor, tinman, born Warwickshire:

### 1891 Census

20, King Street – ROYAL OAK

- [1] *William Bennett* (29), public house manager, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Alice Bennett* (21), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Jane Harvey* (18), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

### 1911 Census

20, King Street

- [1] *James Edwin Pascall* (55), public house manager, born Oakengates, Shropshire;
- [2] *Emily Pascall* (54), wife, married 35 years, public house manageress, born Shropshire;
- [3] *Winnie Rose Pascall* (28), daughter, born Shropshire;
- [4] *James Pascall Harris* (11), grandson, school, born Birmingham:

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority in 1932.  
Compensation of £1,125 was paid in 1932.  
It closed in 1932.

## ROYAL OAK +

WEDNESBURY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Butler [1869]

NOTES

An inquest on Sophia Noakes (3) was held here, in January 1869. She died from burns and a verdict of Accidental death was returned.

## SAMSON AND LION

11, High Bullen, (Meeting Street), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

John Richards [1868] – [1872]  
Elizabeth Billingsley [ ] – **1881**;  
Richard Challenor (**1881** – [1888]  
William Taylor [1896]  
Phineas John Kendrick [1900] – [1904]  
Clara Westbury [c. 1900]  
Edward F B Wakeham [1912]

### NOTES

SAMPSON INN [1881]

It had a beerhouse license.

*John Richards*, beerhouse keeper, was fined £5 and costs, for permitting gaming, in September 1868.

#### 1871 Census

11, High Bullen  
[1] *John Richards* (41), publican, born Ocker Hill;  
[2] Ann Richards (43), wife, born Tipton;  
[3] Thomas Richards (12), son, born Tipton;  
[4] Sarah Ann Caddick (17), domestic servant, born Ocker Hill:

*John Richards*, beer and wine retailer, 11, High Bullen. [1872]

*Richard Challenor* = Richard Challinor

#### 1881 Census

11, High Bullen – SAMSON AND LION  
[1] *Richard Challenor* (32), beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;  
[2] Elizabeth Challenor (26), wife, born Wednesbury;  
[3] Florence A. Billingsley (4), stepdaughter, born Wednesbury;  
[4] William Bailey ? (28), barman, born Wednesbury;  
[5] Eliza ? (17), general servant, born West Bromwich:

*William Taylor*, beer retailer, 11, High Bullen. [1896]

*Phineas John Kendrick* was also a blacksmith and farrier at 18, High Bullen. [1900], [1904]  
and beer retailer, 11, High Bullen [1900], [1904]

### 1901 Census

11, High Bullen – SAMPSON AND LION TAVERN

[1] *Phineas J. Kendrick* (52), beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Mary A. Kendrick* (52), wife, born Shushall, Staffordshire;

[3] *Mary A. Kendrick* (26), daughter, barmaid, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Annie Kendrick* (19), daughter, barmaid, born Wednesbury:

[1911]



c. 1895



## SCOTT ARMS

74, Darlaston Road (West), (Platt Street / Kings Hill Field), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Frank Myatt Ltd.  
Ansells Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Enoch Turner [1834] – [1842]  
Israel Corbett [1845] – [1851]  
Enoch Smith [1860] – [1865]  
Thomas Millington [1868] – [1891]  
Mrs. Mary Millington [1896]  
William George France [1904] – [1912]  
Isaiah Platt [1916] – [1921]  
Ellen Hickman [1961] – **1962**;  
Wilfred Ball (**1962 – 1964**);  
Daisy Ball (**1964 –** [1966])  
F H Corfield [1983]



1997

### NOTES

Kings Hill Field [1835], [1842], [1850], [1851]  
Darlaston Road [1849]  
74, Darlaston Road [1871], [1873], [1881], [1896], [1912], [1916]

SCOTTS ARMS [1842], [1871]

### 1841 Census

Darlaston Road West

- [1] *Enoch Turner* (40), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Turner* (40), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Sarah Turner* (15), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Charles Turner* (8), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Ann Turner* (6), born Staffordshire;

### 1851 Census

Darlaston Road

- [1] *Israel Corbett* (37), victualler, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Maria Corbett* (33), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Joseph Corbett* (13), son, born Darlaston;
- [4] *Thomas Corbett* (11), son, scholar, born Darlaston;
- [5] *Samuel Corbett* (9), son, scholar, born Darlaston;
- [6] *Hannah Corbett* (7), daughter, scholar, born Darlaston;
- [7] *Job Corbett* (1), son, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Elizabeth Horton* (17), sister in law, born Darlaston;
- [9] *Emma Smallman* (18), house servant, born Sedgley;



### **Wolverhampton Chronicle 24/7/1858**

“On Wednesday night some thieves effected an entrance into the SCOTT ARMS, Kings Hill, by the back door. They crept upstairs without being observed, passed through the club room, and into one of the bedrooms, where they ransacked a chest of drawers, and carried off a rosewood writing desk, containing several silver pencil cases and a silver watch. They then left the house by a window, and went off towards Wednesbury. A short distance from the inn they seem to have broken up the desk, which was found on the road afterwards, along with its less valuable contents.”

### **1871 Census**

74, Darlaston Road – SCOTTS ARMS

- [1] *Thomas Millington* (49), publican, born Shropshire;
- [2] *Harriet Millington* (49), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Emma Millington* (18), daughter, barmaid, born Darlaston;
- [4] *Harriet Millington* (16), daughter, barmaid, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Elizabeth Millington* (14), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Thomas Millington* (12), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *William Millington* (10), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;

### **Midland Counties Evening Express 3/2/1875**

“Yesterday a sad occurrence happened at the SCOTT ARMS INN, King Hill. It seems that while a galvanizer, named George Richards, aged 23, was eating his dinner at the public house, he attempted to swallow a large piece of meat. It stuck in his throat, and before medical assistance arrived, he was choked. An inquest will be held on the body in due course. Deceased was an unmarried man.”

### **1881 Census**

74, Darlaston Road

- [1] *Thomas Millington* (59), licensed victualler, born Shropshire;
- [2] *Mary Millington* (65), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Thomas Millington* (21), son, iron moulder, born Fallings Heath;
- [4] *William Millington* (19), son, iron moulder, born Fallings Heath;
- [5] *Harriet Millington* (25), daughter, general servant, born Fallings Heath;
- [6] *Nelly Evans* (16), granddaughter, barmaid, born Fallings Heath;

### **1891 Census**

74, Darlaston Road – SCOTT ARMS INN

- [1] *Thomas Millington* (69), publican, born Shropshire;
- [2] *Mary Millington* (77), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Harriet Millington* (37), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Thomas Millington* (31), son, moulder, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Elizabeth E. Marrion* (18), domestic servant, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *William Millington* (29), son, moulder, born Wednesbury;

### **1911 Census**

Kings Hill – SCOTT ARMS

- [1] *William George France* (44), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Miriam France* (44), wife, married 22 years, assisting in business, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Phoebe France* (21), daughter, assisting in business, born Darlaston;
- [4] *William George France* (19), son, electrical testing engineer, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Percy William Orelis* (18), adopted son, riveter, born Stoke, Staffordshire;
- [6] *Phoebe(?) Ellis* (18), general servant, born Wednesbury;

[2008]

Closed [2011], [2014]

## SEVEN STARS

Cock Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Mary Ann Stokes [ ] - **1872**);  
John Heaton (**1872** - [ ]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

## SHAKESPEARE

36, Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Mrs. Sarah Blakemore [1868] – [1872]  
Sarah Page [1875]  
Alfred Smith [1891] – [1904]  
William A Oldbury [1911] – [1912]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Sarah Blakemore* was fined £1 and costs for refusing entry to a police officer in June 1868.  
*Sarah Blakemore*, beer retailer, Dudley Street. [1868], [1870]  
*Mrs. Sarah Blakemore*, beer retailer, 36, Dudley Street. [1872]

### 1871 Census

36, Dudley Street

- [1] *Sarah Blakemore* (61), widow, publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Alice Ganer* (?) (19), ward (?), barmaid, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *William Ganer* (?) (44), boarder, engine fitter, born Bedlington, Northumberland;
- [4] *Hannah Ganer* (?) (41), boarder, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Sarah Ganer* (?) (17), grandchild, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Frank Ganer* (?) (16), grandchild, engine fitter, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *William Ganer* (?) (14), grandchild, school, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Alfred James Ganer* (?) (12), grandchild, school, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Hannah Eliza Ganer* (?) (10), grandchild, school, born Wednesbury;
- [10] *Richard Ganer* (?) (7), grandchild, school, born Wednesbury;

### Wednesbury Herald 14/6/1872

“Unreserved Sale at the SHAKESPEARE INN, Dudley Street, Wednesbury.

Mr. W. Hickman will Sell by Auction, on Monday next, June 16th, 1872, the Licenses, Goodwill, and Possession, of the above Beerhouse, together with the Household Furniture, Trade Fixtures, Stock-in-Trade and Effects; Comprising Metallic Framed Bedsteads, Palliasses, Feather and Flock Beds, Carpets, Rugs, Washstands, Dressing Tables, Toilet ....., Fire Irons, Cane seated and Windsor Chairs, Tables &c: 12-Strike Mash Tub, Cooling Vats, Wort Spouts, 120-Gallon Brewing Boiler, Fire Door, ..... and Settings, Copper Wort Pump, Half hogshead Barrels and Hogshead ditto, Barm Tubs, Four Pull Beer Machine, Jug and Glass Shelves, Tap Table, Ale Measures, Screen, Seatings, Doors and Doorcases, Cross-leg Drinking Tables, Chairs, Rail-back Benches, Gas Fittings, Blinds, Large ..... Sign and Ironwork, Lamp and Fittings, and other important effects.....”

### Midland Counties Evening Express 4/5/1875

“Sarah Page, SHAKESPEARE beerhouse, Dudley Street, Wednesbury, appeared in answer to a summons charging her with selling as unadulterated beer which was found to be adulterated.- Samuel Toy said that on the 9th of February he went to the defendant’s house and purchased two quarts of ale. He took a bottle with him, into which the ale was placed by the defendant, and after being served, he informed her that the ale was required for analysis, and sealed up the bottle in her presence. He afterwards handed the sealed bottle over to Mr. Horder, the inspector under the Adulteration Act. Mr. Horder said he received the bottle of ale from the last witness on the 9th and on the 12th February he took it in the same state as he received it to Mr. Jones, the analyst at Wolverhampton. In his presence the bottle was opened, and witness divided the ale, taking one half with him (which he now produced), and leaving the other half for analysis. On the 14th he received the analyst’s report, which was that the liquor was adulterated with common salt, and contained 168.97 grains to the imperial gallon.

Mr. Spooner [Stipendiary Magistrate]: That is abominable. It is enough to poison half the parish if they drink it.

Defendant: I am sorry if I have done anything wrong.

Mr. Spooner: Anything wrong! What do you mean by putting 168 or nearly 169 grains of salt in your ale! The Excise allows 50, but this contained nearly 119 more than is allowed. It is the worst case I have ever had, 132 grains being hitherto the greatest amount. As you are a widow I will have a little mercy, and fine you £10 and costs.

Defendant: I am very poorly off, and have a large family.

Mr. Spooner: If you have a large family that is no reason why you should poison everybody.”

### Wednesbury Herald 14/6/1879 - Advert

“.....To Parties in search of a Beerhouse, Publicans, Brokers and Others / Unreserved Sale at the SHAKESPEARE INN, Dudley Street, Wednesbury / Mr. W. Hickman will Sell by Auction on Monday next, June 16th 1879 the Licenses, Goodwill and Possession of the above Beerhouse, together with the Household Furniture, Trade Fixtures, Stock-in-Trade and Effects, comprising Metallic French Bedsteads, Palliasses, Feather and Flock Beds, Carpets, Rugs, Washstands, Dressing Tables, Toilet, Wash (?), Fire irons, Cane seated and Windsor Chairs, Tables &c; 12-Strike Mash Tub, Cooling Vats, Wort Spouts, 120-gallon Brewing Boiler, Fire Door, B\_\_\_ and Settings, Copper Wort Pump, Half hogshead Barrels and Hogshead ditto, Barm Tubs, Four Pull Beer Machine, Jug and glass Shelving, Tap Table, Ale Measures, Screen, Seatings, Doors and Door Frames, Cross legged Drinking Tables, Capital \_\_\_\_-back Benches, Gas Fittings, Blinds, Large Swing Sign and Ironwork, Lamp and Fittings, and other important Effects.....”

### 1891 Census

36, Dudley Street – SHAKESPEARE INN

[1] Alfred Smith (40), publican, born Wednesbury;

[2] Elizabeth Smith (40), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] Selina Smith (19), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[4] Annie Smith (17), daughter, tailoress, born Wednesbury;

[5] Lois Smith (14), daughter, dressmaker, born Wednesbury;

[6] Alfred Smith (12), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[7] Elizabeth Smith (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[8] Laura Smith (8), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;

[9] William Smith (3), son, born Wednesbury;

[10] Edith Smith (6 months), daughter, born Wednesbury:

An application for alterations was approved in August 1895.

*Alfred Smith*, beer retailer, 36, Dudley Street. [1896], [1904]

### 1901 Census

36+37, Upper Dudley Street – The SHAKESPEARE TAVERN

- [1] *Alfred Smith* (49), iron puddler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Elizabeth Smith* (50), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Selina E. Smith* (29), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Lois Smith* (25), daughter, tailoress, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Alfred J. Smith* (22), son, brass finisher, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *William Smith* (13), son, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Edith Smith* (10), daughter, born Wednesbury:

### 1911 Census

36, Upper Dudley Street

- [1] *William Oldbury* (58), cutter - steel, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Phoebe Oldbury* (54), wife, married 33 years, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *William Arthur Oldbury* (25), son, gas and water cock maker, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Laura Oldbury* (19), daughter, born Wednesbury:

*William A. Oldbury*, beer retailer, 36, Dudley Street. [1912]

Closed

## SHIP

Bridge Street, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

Thomas Crowther [1882]

## NOTES

*Thomas Crowther* = Thomas Crowder

### **Wednesbury Herald 22/7/1882**

“At the Sedgley Police Court on Monday, before Mr. F. A. Homer and the Rev. W. Griffiths (magistrates), a man giving the name of *Thomas Crowder*, and who stated that he was the landlord of the SHIP INN, Bridge Street, Wednesbury, was charged with being drunk whilst in charge of a horse and trap, and also with using obscene language in Castle Street, Coseley, on the 5th inst.

Police constable Cooper and two other witnesses proved the offence.

Defendant denied being drunk, but admitted using obscene language.

The Bench fined defendant £2 and costs, with the alternative of six weeks' imprisonment.”

[1900]

## **SHROPSHIRE HOUSE**

High Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

William Cash [1828] – [1830]



## SMITHS ARMS

1, Cross Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Benjamin Hammond [1871] – [1888]  
Edward Salter [1896]  
Elizabeth Bishop [ ] – **1899**;  
Louisa Tart (**1899** – [1901]  
Thomas Muskin [1904]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

#### 1871 Census

1, Cross Street – SMITHS ARMS INN

- [1] *Benjamin Hammond* (49), moulder and beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Teresa Hammond* (51), wife, born Belgium;
- [3] *Henry Hammond* (17), son, commercial clerk, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Selina Garvey* (16), domestic servant, born Tipton:

*Benjamin Hammond*, beer retailer, 1, Cross Street. [1872]

#### 1881 Census

1, Cross Street – SMITHS ARMS

- [1] *Benjamin Hammond* (59), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Theresa Hammond* (62), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Ann Hammond* (54), sister, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Clara Hammond* (22), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *William Hammond* (1), grandson, born Wednesbury:

*Edward Salter*, beer retailer, 1, Cross Street. [1896]

#### 1901 Census

1, Cross Street – SMITHS ARMS

- [1] *Louisa Tart* (55), widow, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Charles Tart* (29), son, painter, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Elizabeth Tart* (22), daughter, domestic duties, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Albert Blundell* (23), boarder, ironworks labourer, born Wednesbury:

*Thomas Muskin*, beer retailer, 1, Cross Street. [1904]

#### Bilston and Willenhall Times 4/2/1928

“.....sell by public auction ..... Lot 1, the commodious Dwelling House, formerly known as the SMITHS ARMS INN (now delicensed), No. 1, Cross Street, (off Holyhead Road), Wednesbury.”

## SMITHS ARMS

100, Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

James Henshaw

## LICENSEES

James Henshaw [1868] – [1872]

Joseph Holmes [1882] – [1891]

Mrs. Annie Holmes\* [1896]

Mrs. Ann Holmes\* [1904]

John Ricketts [1912]

Noakes [1950]

## NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It was originally the BRITANNIA.

BRITANNIA ARMS [1871]

*James Henshaw*, beer retailer, Holyhead Road. [1868], [1870]

### 1871 Census

100, Holyhead Road – BRITANNIA ARMS

[1] *James Henshaw* (50), beerhouse keeper, born Sedgley;

[2] *Mary Henshaw* (43), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Sarah Cartwright* (13), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

*James Henshaw*, beer retailer, 100, Holyhead Road. [1872]

### Wednesbury Herald 15/7/ 1882

“Mr. E. B. Scholefield has received instructions from the Trustee of the late James Henshaw, to submit by Auction, at the house of Mr. *Francis Dicken*, the PLOUGH AND HARROW INN, Lea Brook, Wednesbury, on Thursday, the 20th day of July, 1882 .....

Lot 1

All that Valuable Freehold Beerhouse, known by the sign of The BRITANNIA INN, situate in the Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, and containing Three Bedrooms, Parlour, Tap Room, Kitchen, Cellar, Brewhouse, Malt Room, Stable, Pigsty, with joint use of the Yard, Outbuildings, and a road from Chapel Street, now in the occupation of *Joseph Holmes*, also the Two Freehold Messuages adjoining, one used as a retail shop.....”

All that Valuable FREEHOLD BEERHOUSE, known by the sign of "The Britannia Inn," situate in the Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, and containing Three Bedrooms, Parlour, Tap Room, Kitchen, Cellar, Brewhouse, Malt Room, Stable, Pigsty, with joint use of the Yard, Outbuildings, and a road from Chapel Street, now in the occupation of Joseph Holmes, also the Two FREEHOLD MESSUAGES adjoining, one used as a Retail Shop, No. 101, in Holyhead Road, in the occupation of Thomas Skeldon and the other situate in and being No. 1 Chapel Street, in the occupation of Thomas Bishop, the whole producing a rental of £50 12s. 4d. per annum.

Advert 1882

### 1891 Census

100, Holyhead Road

- [1] *Joseph Holmes* (53), publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Ann Holmes* (48), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Joseph Holmes* (24), son, steel worker, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Hannah Holmes* (22), daughter, teacher, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Sarah Jane Holmes* (20), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Agnes Holmes* (18), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Samuel Holmes* (15), son, clerk, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Annie Holmes* (9), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Alice Holmes* (8), daughter, born Wednesbury:

*Mrs. Annie Holmes*, beer retailer, 100, Holyhead Road. [1896]

\* probably the same person

*Mrs. Ann Holmes*, beer retailer, 100, Holyhead Road. [1904]

*John Ricketts*, beer retailer, 100, Holyhead Road. [1912]

Mr. *Noakes* was married to *Ria*.

[1950]

## **SPOTTED DOG**

57, Darlaston Road, Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

John Partridge [1864] – [1872]

## **SPREAD EAGLE**

Blockall, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Martin Perry Foster [1895]

### NOTES

#### **Wednesbury Herald 24/8/1895**

“On Saturday the members of the Friendship Lodge of the National United Order of Free Gardeners had their annual dinner at the Lodge House, *Martin Perry Foster's* SPREAD EAGLE INN, Blockall. About twenty members sat down. After dinner the party adjourned to a field belonging to the host, where a game of bowls was greatly enjoyed for about an hour. The party then returned to the house, and Bro. J. Bass, lodge master, was voted to the chair, and Bro. W. Willetts, deputy master, to the vice chair.....”

## **SPREAD EAGLE**

High Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Isaiah Rowlinson [1834]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

## SPREAD EAGLE

86, (85), Portway Road, Leabrook, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Josiah Griffiths [1850] – [1851]  
William Entwistle [1860] – [1861]  
Richard Sandall [1864] – [1865]  
Joseph Taylor [1868] – [1873]  
Henry Madley [1871] – [1879]  
Harry Nicklin [1891] – [1892]  
William Ferrer [ ] – **1893**;  
David Paulton Jones (**1893** – [ ]  
John Grainger [1895] – [1896]  
James Arthur Woodward [1901] – [1904]  
Martin Egan [1912]  
Francis J Wilkinson [1916] – [1921]

### NOTES

85, Portway Road [1896]  
86, Portway Road

#### 1851 Census

Portway Road

- [1] *Josiah Griffiths* (32), roll turner, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Sarah Griffiths* (32), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Ann Griffiths* (11), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Samuel Griffiths* (11), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Caroline Griffiths* (9), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Josiah Griffiths* (5), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Marender Griffiths* (3), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Eliza Griffiths* (1), daughter, born Wednesbury:

*Joseph Taylor* was also a wine and spirit merchant.

*Joseph Taylor* – see also GRAPES

#### 1871 Census

Portway Road – SPREAD EAGLE

- [1] *Henry Madley* (40), innkeeper, born Much Wenlock, Shropshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Madley* (40), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Henry Madley* (13), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Mary A. Madley* (12), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Lizzie Madley* (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Alice Madley* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Frederic Madley* (6), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Lucy Madley* (3), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Leah Gallow* (20), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

### **Midland Counties Evening Express 4/11/1874**

“An inquest was held at the SPREAD EAGLE INN, Wednesbury, by E. Hooper Esq., coroner. Yesterday, on the body of Catherine Tracy, aged 1 year and 10 months, of Trone’s Buildings, whose death had been caused under peculiarly sad circumstances. On the evening of the 24th inst., the deceased was at play with an older sister, named Sarah Ann, and the latter accidentally threw down a tea kettle of hot water from the fireplace. The water went upon the child’s neck, and she was severely scalded ..... Accidental death.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 2/2/1884**

“An inquest was held, at the SPREAD EAGLE INN, Portway Road, by Edwin Hooper, Esq, District Coroner, respecting the death of Levi Duncalf (36), iron worker, Foster Street, who was found dead in bed, on Tuesday evening.

Phoebe Duncalf, the wife of the deceased, stated that her husband was for some years in the army, and eight years ago was discharged on account of ill health. During the past few months he had been very unwell, and had the medicine supplied by a herbalist. On Monday he complained of pains in his side and in his throat, and early on Tuesday morning he was found dead in bed.

In reply to a juryman witness that she was sure that her husband had not poisoned himself. He loved his children too well to commit suicide.

The Coroner said it was to be regretted that he could not have the assistance of a doctor.

A juryman: Some people have got antipathy to doctors. They prefer having herbs.

The Coroner: Sometimes herbs are of great benefit if properly used.

In a case like the subject of this inquest medical aid should have been obtained. The wife of the deceased said her husband would not permit her to fetch a surgeon to him.

The jury returned a verdict of Died from Natural Causes,”

### **1891 Census**

Portway Road – SPREAD EAGLE

[1] *Harry Nicklin* (32), public house manager, born Tipton;

[2] *Ellen Nicklin* (33), wife, born Oldbury;

[3] *Annie Bristo* (20), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

### **Midland Sun 29/4/1893**

“Several points of interest to the licensed trade came up at the Wednesbury Police Court on Tuesday, before Messrs. A. Elwell and H. P. Parkes. Mr. Overton, solicitor of Wolverhampton, applied for the transfer of the license of the SPREAD EAGLE INN, Portway Road, Wednesbury, from William Ferrer to David Paulton Jones. He said the house was in a rough neighbourhood, but as the applicant (Mr. Jones) had been superintendent of the lunatic wards at the Dudley Workhouse he would be well calculated to deal with any rough customers.

The Magistrates’ Clerk: He had been taking care of lunatics, and now he is going to keep a public house. (Laughter) Police Superintendent Salt was sworn, and stated that Ferrer had been recently fined £5 and costs for permitting drunkenness. The house was in a very disorderly neighbourhood. There were several public houses close at hand, and one next door. Public houses were very thick in that district. The houses were not wanted for the purpose of the neighbourhood. Half the number would quite suffice for the district.

The Magistrates’ Clerk: This is a very big question that is now being raised.

Mr. Elwell: I quite see it.

The Magistrates’ Clerk: All that you can do is to refuse this application. There is nothing against the applicant whatever. The main point is: Is it fair to destroy this property mainly on the ground that it is not wanted, which is nothing new.

Mr. Elwell: The opportunity comes, if we don’t seize the opportunity we shall never have them.

The Magistrates’ Clerk: It never has been done on one ground only. Will you grant the license without prejudice until the next licensing session.

The Bench requested Superintendent Salt to give notice of objection for the licensing day.

The Magistrates’ Clerk (to Superintendent Salt): Are not all the licenses in the neighbourhood with the exception of this, for beerhouses?

Superintendent Salt: There is one other fully licensed house, The NELSON. The others are beerhouses.

The Magistrates’ Clerk: Were they held before 1869?

Superintendent Salt: They were sure to be.



Mr. Overton addressed the Bench contending that it would be better and fairer to all parties if objections were taken before a full licensing Bench, and due notice had been given to them to meet the case. He was well aware that the conviction had not been endorsed against the licenses, and he had no idea that any objection was taken to the character of the house. It would be better to give formal notice. Then they would all be at arm's length, and it would give the people an opportunity to redeem the character of the property. If they would grant the temporary transfer they would be entirely in the hands of a full licensing Bench.

Mr. Elwell said they had taken that into account, and the Superintendent would give them notice. With regard to the applicant's certificate of character they might say that it had greatly influence them. It was signed by two Justices of the Peace, a solicitor, and a Vicar. The application would be granted without prejudice to the licensing justices."

### **Wednesbury Herald 1/6/1895**

"Michael Hereward, of Brickkiln Croft, Wednesbury, who was arrested on a warrant for being connected with a disorderly scene which took place at the SPREAD EAGLE INN, Portway Road, on the 18th inst, was taken before a special court on Saturday.

Evidence was given by the landlord, *John Grainger*, and his wife, and prisoner was fined 20s and costs, with the alternative of one month's imprisonment in default."

### **Wednesbury Herald 9/11/1895**

"On Friday afternoon, Mr. Edwin Hooper (district coroner), held an inquest at the SPREAD EAGLE INN, Portway Road, respecting the deaths of Julia MacFarlane (52) and a child named James Berks, aged six month. The child died suddenly, and MacFarlane sat up two nights with other women to watch the corpse. When watching on Thursday night, MacFarlane complained of being unwell, and died before medical aid could be obtained.

The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes in each case."

### **1901 Census**

Portway Road – SPREAD EAGLE

[1] *James A. Woodward* (22), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Warrington, Lancashire;

[2] *Alfred P. Woodward* (17), brother, barman, born Walsall:

### **Wednesbury Leader 6/7/1901**

"Annie Moran, two months old, the child of Annie Moran, who lodges at Brickkiln Croft, Wednesbury, was taken to bed at 11 on the night of the 28th ult and slept between her parents. At 5.55am they awoke and found the child dead and cold. The inquest was held on Monday morning at the SPREAD EAGLE by Mr. H. A. Pearson, and a verdict was returned that the child was Accidentally Suffocated."

### **Tipton Herald 5/9/1903**

"A man named James Dolly, residing in School Street, West Bromwich, at the Wednesbury Police Court on Monday was ordered to pay £3 damages, and also a fine of 20s and costs, or in default five weeks' imprisonment. This punishment was inflicted in consequence of his being drunk and disorderly on Saturday night, breaking a plate glass window at the SPREAD EAGLE INN, Portway Road, and behaving like a madman."

### **Tipton Herald 31/7/1909**

"An inquest was held on Monday at the SPREAD EAGLE INN, Portway Road, Wednesbury, on the body of Sarah Ann Williams (59), formerly living in Portway Road, who died early on Sunday morning from the effects of injuries received the night previous. Whilst going upstairs to bed deceased slipped and fell to the bottom. She fractured her skull, and only lived a little over an hour afterwards. Dr. Dingley was called, but the woman died before his arrival. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

Closed

## STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT

16, Crankhall Lane, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

John Pritchard [1881]  
James Gunn [1888]

### NOTES

#### 1881 Census

16, Crankhall Lane – Beerhouse – STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT

[1] *John Pritchard* (60), gas and bedstead tube manufacturer, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Harriet Pritchard* (39), born Wednesbury:

#### Wednesbury Herald 6/8/1881

“*John Pritchard*, landlord of the STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT INN, Crankhall Lane, was summoned for permitting drunkenness in his house on the 25th ult.

Police-constable Lytle proved to finding a man named Fowler drunk in the defendant’s house.

Mr. Sheldon, who appeared for the defence, denied that the man was supplied with ale in defendant’s house, and two witnesses having corroborated Mr. Sheldon’s statement, the Bench dismissed the case.

Thomas Fowler, ironworker, was fined 5s and costs for being drunk on licensed premises.”

## STANDEFORD BAR

Springhead, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

William Harvey [1921]

Percy Henry Green [ ] - **1928**);

William Brearley (**1928** - [ ]

## STAR

Wood Green Road, (23, Woodgreen), WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

Frederick Smith Ltd.  
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1961]

## LICENSEES

William Griffiths [1868] – [1872]  
Thomas Silitoe [1881] – [1882]  
Francis Dicken [1888] – [1901]  
Arthur George Roberts [1934]  
Joseph Shinton [1961] – [1966]  
P B Adcock [1983]

## NOTES

23, Woodgreen [1881]

It had a beerhouse license.

It was a home brew house.

*William Griffiths*, beer retailer, Woodgreen. [1868]  
*William Griffiths*, beer retailer, 23, Woodgreen. [1872]

### 1881 Census

23, Woodgreen – The STAR  
[1] *Thomas Silitoe* (54), retail brewer, born Wednesbury;  
[2] *Elizabeth Silitoe* (65), wife, born Wednesbury;  
[3] *Ann Summers* (18), domestic servant, born Shropshire:

### Wednesbury Herald 29/4/1882

“All Persons having any Claim or Demands against the Estate of *George Sillitoe*, late of the CROWN INN, Albert Street, Wednesbury, Staffordshire, Publican, Deceased, (who died on the 5th January 1867) are requested, on or before, the 27th May next, to send particulars of their Claims and Demands to Mr. *Thomas Sillitoe*, of the STAR INN, Woodgreen, Wednesbury, aforesaid, Beerhouse Keeper, the surviving Executor of the Will of the said *George Sillitoe*.....”

### 1891 Census

23, Woodgreen – STAR INN  
[1] *Francis Dicken* (27), beerhouse keeper, born Compton;  
[2] *Sarah E. Dicken* (24), wife, born Princes End;  
[3] *Francis T. Dicken* (3), son, born Birmingham;  
[4] *Doris A. Dicken* (8 months), daughter, born Wednesbury;  
[5] *Mary A. Plimmer* (22), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

*Francis Dicken Jnr.*, beer retailer, 23, Woodgreen. [1896]

## 1901 Census

23, Wood Green – STAR beerhouse

[1] Francis Dicken (38), beerhouse keeper, born Princes End;

[2] Sarah Dicken (35), wife, born Birmingham;

[3] Francis Dicken (13), son, born Wednesbury;

[4] Doris Dicken (11), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[5] Rubbina Dicken (7), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[6] Mary Harrison (33), general servant, born Wednesbury:

Arthur George Roberts was married Frances Ellen (Nellie).

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division Two. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Town Darts League. [1970]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Social Dominoes League. [1970]

[1995]

Closed

It was converted into a restaurant.

Check STAR AND GARTER.



Ex Pub 2007

## **STAR AND GARTER**

Wood Green, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

John Savage [1834] – [1850]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*John Savage*, beer retailer, Wood Green. [1835], [1841], [1849], [1850]

Check STAR.

## STATION

20, Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

John Butler [1851]  
Mrs. Amelia Bird [1860]  
Mary Ann Bird [1861] – [1865]  
Jephtha Parkes [1868] – [1872]  
William Oakley [ ] – **1872**);  
Mary Lane (**1872** – [ ]  
Richard Bateman [1873]  
Felix Fairn [1880]  
Richard Hall [1884]  
Joseph James Sims [1891] – [1892]  
Mrs. Elizabeth Jones [1896]  
William Whitehouse [1900]  
Frederick J Astbury [1901]  
Frank Leek [1904]  
Alfred James Clay [1911] – [1912]  
Alfred John Clay [1916]  
Arthur Wesson [1921]  
W Hobbis [1934]

## NOTES

It was originally the RAILWAY.

It was known locally as “The Silent”.

RAILWAY [1871], [1881]  
STATION [1884], [1921]  
STATION INN SPIRIT VAULTS [1904], [1912]  
STATION SPIRIT VAULTS [1916]

### **Dudley Herald 8/8/1868**

*Jephtha Parkes*, RAILWAY INN, Wednesbury was fined 10s and costs for serving during unlawful hours (Sunday).

### **1871 Census**

20, Holyhead Road – RAILWAY INN

- [1] *Jephtha Parkes* (31), married, innkeeper, born Dudley;
- [2] William Bird (17), stepson, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Dorothy White (32), sister in law, born Dudley;
- [4] Phoebe Conway (13), general servant, born Wednesbury;

### **London Gazette 11/6/1880**

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869. In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Dudley. In the matter of Proceedings for Liquidation by Arrangement or Composition with Creditors, instituted by *Felix Fairn*, late of the RAILWAY INN, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler, but now in lodgings at Earl Street, Coseley, in the parish of Sedgley, in the county of Stafford, out of business.

Notice is hereby given, that a First General Meeting of the Creditors of the above named person has been summoned to be held at the GLOBE HOTEL, Mount Pleasant, Bilston, on the 23rd day of June 1880.....”

*Richard Hall* = Richard Hill

### **Wednesbury Herald 26/1/1884**

“William Slater, ironmonger, Oakeswell End; James Nash, Hill Street, Kings Hill; and John Harris, ironworker, of Darlaston, were charged with being drunk and creating a disturbance at the STATION INN, Holyhead Road, on the 15th inst.

On the evening of the day in question a number of men were heard by Police-sergeant Lytle and Police-constable Noble creating a disturbance in the STATION INN, and upon the police officers entering the vaults they found the defendants were drunk and creating a disturbance.

Mr. Superintendent Holland said the officers were attracted to the house through the disturbance.

In reply to Mr. Sheldon, who defended, Police-constable Noble stated that he saw the landlord in the act of turning a man out of the house. It was a man named Pickering, who it was alleged was the cause of the disturbance.

Mr. Superintendent Holland said although there was a disgraceful disturbance in the house the assistance of the police was not sought.

The defendants denied that they were drunk, but stated that they were excited through Pickering assaulting one of them and assaulting the others.

After several witnesses had given evidence, the Stipendiary said he believed all three were drunk as stated by the police, and fined each of them £1 1s 6d, or in default 21 days imprisonment.

John Pickering, of Great Bridge, was summoned for refusing to quit the licensed premises, and as he failed to put in an appearance, through, it was alleged, pressure of work, the Stipendiary issued a warrant for his apprehension.

*Richard Hill*, the landlord of the STATION INN, was summoned for permitting drunkenness and also a disorderly house.

Mr. Sheldon submitted that his client had not in any way violated the law as he ejected the man who created the disturbance. If the case went on he should be able to prove most conclusively that the defendant did his best to conform to the law.

The Stipendiary said as Pickering was not in attendance he thought it would be best to adjourn the case for a fortnight.

Mr. Sheldon said he had a complete answer to the charge, but if his worship thought it desirable that the case should be adjourned he would respectfully submit to the decision of the Court.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 2/2/1884**

“John Pickering, ironworker, Great Bridge, was summoned for refusing to quit the STATION INN, Holyhead Road. The defendant created a disturbance in the house and refused to leave when requested to do so. The case was adjourned for a week.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 9/2/1884**

“*Richard Hall*, landlord of the STATION INN, Holyhead Road, appeared on an adjourned summons with permitting drunkenness in his house under circumstances already reported in the Herald.

Mr. Sheldon, who defended, said his client was most anxious to keep his house properly, and had given his manager strict instructions not to permit drunken men to associate on his premises. Under these circumstances he hoped the Stipendiary would dismiss the case with costs. The application was granted.”



### 1891 Census

20, Holyhead Road

- [1] *Joseph J. Sims* (53), stationary engine driver, born Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire;
- [2] *Sarah A. Sims* (51), wife, born Swansea;
- [3] *Bernard J. Sims* (15), son, carpenter, born Barlaston, Staffordshire;
- [4] *Christopher G. Sims* (23), son, stoker stationary engine, born Barlaston, Staffordshire;
- [5] *Charles H. Sims* (21), son, railway porter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Arthur E. Sims* (18), son, steam hammer driver, born Barlaston, Staffordshire;
- [7] *Louis S. Sims* (14), son, born Barlaston, Staffordshire;
- [8] *Francis S. Sims* (11), son, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Josephine E. Barland* (26), daughter, married, born Barlaston, Staffordshire;
- [10] *Bertha J. Barland* (8 months), granddaughter, born Walsall:

### Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/7/1899

“Newly established lodge (Loyal Matheson Lodge) of Manchester Unity of Oddfellows”.

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### Walsall Observer 7/4/1900

“*William Whitehouse*, RAILWAY TAVERN, Holyhead Road, [sic] Wednesbury, was charged with assaulting *Jesse Tipton*, 124, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, on March 23rd.

*Mr. J. Armstrong* appeared for the prosecutor, and said the facts were that prosecutor was at a football match, and while there, defendant, suddenly, and without provocation, struck him several hard blows in the face, knocking out two teeth, and rendering him unconscious for some time.

*Jesse Tipton* said that he had given defendant no provocation, but that while he was at a football match at Bloxwich defendant struck him, rendering him insensible. His injuries prevented him from attending to his work for four days.

*Harry Degville*, Blakenall Heath, said that he was at a football match at Bloxwich, and saw defendant strike *Tipton* savagely. Witness was only six feet off, and did not see or hear prosecutor give any provocation.

The defence was that prosecutor had assaulted defendant about seven weeks ago, and on March 24th, at the football match, he (complainant) swore at him and wanted to fight him. Defendant pushed him away, and they started to fight.

*Harry Rose* said that he was at Bloxwich when the Bloxwich Strollers were playing the Wednesbury Old Athletic, and that he was close at hand when the quarrel arose. He heard complainant swear at defendant, and asked him to come into a field and fight it out. Defendant refused and pushed him away, and then they started to fight. In answer to *Mr. Armstrong*, witness said that the parties were fighting for about eight minutes.

Fined 5s and costs, or seven days' imprisonment.”

### 1901 Census

20, Holyhead Road

- [1] *Frederick J. Astbury* (38), manager in beerhouse, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Theresa Caroline Astbury* (46), wife, born Leicester;
- [3] *James Edward Whittle* (10), stepson, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Frederick A. Astbury* (3), son, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Annie Rotton* (26), servant, born Wednesbury:

### Wednesbury Leader 20/4/1901

“At the Wednesbury Borough Police Court on Friday, before Alderman Oldbury in the chair, Alderman R. Williams, T. H. Gorle and W. Thomas Esqs, *Frederick Astbury*, the landlord of the RAILWAY INN, Holyhead Road, was charged with permitting drunkenness at his house on 3rd April.

*Mr. J. S. Sharpe* prosecuted, and *Mr. R. E. C. Kettle* (instructed by Messrs. Wikinson, Mills, and Walford, Walsall), defended.

*George Baugh* (69), Drews Court, Wednesbury, gave evidence that during the greater part of April 3rd he was in defendant's house. He was several times served with drink, and when he left the house at three o'clock, he was drunk. He was taken to the police station, and did not recollect anything till the following morning. The last thing he remembered doing was playing the piano, between one and two pm.

William Bethel jun, of St. Bartholomews Terrace, Wednesbury, said he was in the house on the date mentioned in the charge, about 11 o'clock, and saw Baugh have 'four goes of rum.' He was then getting drunk, and when he left he was drunk.

Baugh recalled, said when he entered the house he had 10s in his possession, and on the following morning 2s 11½ d.

A bricklayer, Samuel Jeavons by name, who was working at the inn on the day, deposed to seeing Baugh drunk in the house, and John James, a labourer, said he saw Baugh lying on the ground, drunk, near the gates of the RAILWAY INN on the afternoon of the 3rd.

PS O'Leary said he was at the station on the 3rd inst, at 4pm, when George Baugh was brought in in a helpless state of drunkenness. He reported the matter to Superintendent Salt, who saw the man. He was in custody until 11am the following day. He was not sensible at 9pm on the 3rd after being five hours in the station. The following day witness, in company with PC Truswell, went to the RAILWAY INN. He saw defendant and his wife in the smoke room. Defendant said Baugh came to his house about 10am on the previous morning. He had twopenny worth of rum, and did not stay long. He returned just before dinner time, and was again served. Defendant left the house to go a drive at two and did not return till five. A man named Price, who was present during the interview, said, in reply to witness, that he helped Baugh out of the house at 3 o'clock, and returned.

PC Truswell also gave evidence of the interview.

Mr. Kettle, for the defence, submitted that Baugh, finding himself in the hands of the police, would try to protect himself, and lay the blame on others. According to Baugh, he had 14 or 15 'goes' of rum. Was it credible that a landlord of an important licensed house would permit a notorious drunkard to 'booze' in this manner. He also discredited the statement of the two men, Jeavons and Bethel, that they remembered certain times with exactitude. He admitted that Baugh came to the house between 9.15 and 10.15am, and with regard to 20 past 2 he allowed he was there, but denied that he was there after 2.30. He would call the two *Asturys*, who would say that Baugh came to the house between 9.30 and 10, had twopenny worth of rum, and left in about half an hour. He came back about dinner time, and Mr. Price, an architect of certain alterations then being made to the back premises, was in the room, and asked him to have a drink. The landlord left about 2.5 leaving his wife, Baugh, and Price in the bar. At 2.30 Baugh moved to the door, to go away, and as Price knew that he suffered from poor sight, and had a shuffling gait, and the open cellar 'flap' was within two paces of the door, he got up to guide him past it. Baugh, then perfectly sober, and Mr. Kettle suggested got drunk at other houses, and wandered back to the RAILWAY INN, where he was found, in the \_\_\_\_\_ of getting further drink.

Witnesses were called for the defence, and after a hearing of about four hours a fine of £5 and costs was inflicted."

### Wednesbury Leader 21/9/1901

[At the Wednesbury Adjourned Licensing Sessions] ".....The renewal of the license of the STATION INN, Holyhead Road was objected to on the grounds that the license was not required, that it was a house of disorderly character, and that in 1898 and 1901 there were convictions for permitting drunkenness.

PS O'Leary said there were fully licensed houses at the following distance from the STATION INN, 44, 88, 140, and 180 yards, and a beerhouse was situated on the opposite side of the road. Since the present tenant took possession there had been no complaint.

In urging the renewal Mr. Walford (Walsall), that the owners had been misled in regard to the character of the manager they had placed in the hotel."

- It was renewed.

STATION INN SPIRIT VAULTS ..... "Home brewed beers: Free house." [1904]

### 1911 Census

Holyhead Road – RAILWAY INN

[1] *Alfred James Clay* (53), widower, public house manager, born Blackheath;

[2] *Emily Eliza Clay* (26), daughter, assistant, born Smethwick;

[3] *Maud Mary Clay* (21), daughter, assistant, born Blackheath:

Closed

## STOCKPORT ARMS

Walsall Road, Oakswell, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Barnett [ ] - **1872**);  
John Strawbridge (**1872** - [ ]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

## STORES

70, Holyhead Road / Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

## LICENSEES

Richard Powell [ ] - **1871**);  
Sarah Stephens (**1871** - [ ]  
John Groves [1871] - [1881]  
Michael Toney Wiggins [1896]  
William Henry Luker [1901]  
Mrs. Mary Ann Dicken [1904]  
George Bytheway [1911] - [1912]  
William James Gisbourne [1961] - [1966]

## NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

### 1871 Census

70, Holyhead Road - STORES

- [1] *John Groves* (45), publican, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Hannah Groves* (33), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Joseph Groves* (4), son, born Priestfield;
- [4] *Susan Davis* (74), mother in law, widow, born Stafford;
- [5] *Eliza Cooper* (17), general servant, born Wednesbury:

### 1881 Census

70, Holyhead Road – THE STORES

- [1] *Hannah Groves* (44), publican's wife, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Joseph Groves* (14), son, machinist, born Priestfield;
- [3] *Julianna Thomas* (19), niece, domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

*Michael Toney Wiggins*, beer retailer, 70, Holyhead Road. [1896]

### **Wednesbury Leader 14/9/1901**

“In the early hours of Thursday morning a serious attack by a burglar or burglars on the police officers attempting their arrest, occurred in the cellar of The STORES Public house, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury. One officer, PC Savery, is now in hospital, and two men are in custody.

Before Major Proctor, at a Special Court on Thursday afternoon, two young men, Benjamin Tonks, a labourer, of Dudley Street, Wednesbury, and Henry Hooper, a squeegee in a tube works, of Dudley Street, were charged with unlawfully wounding PC Savery.

Police Superintendent Salt said before opening the case that PC Savery was during the previous night removed in the ambulance carriage to the hospital, and lay there in a rather serious condition. He should therefore ask for a remand, after giving sufficient evidence, till the 20th inst.

*William Henry Lucas* (sic), licensee of the STORES, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, said that on the previous night he locked up his premises at eleven o'clock, and went for a walk at 11.20 in Wood Green. When he returned at 12.15 he noticed a light in the back room. He remembered he had turned the light out when he left the house, so he looked through the window and saw two men in the room. He listened, and thought he heard somebody say, ‘Look up, there’s somebody here, I’ll knock his brains out.’ He thought he would not have them knocked out, and went down to the Police Station to fetch somebody else. He returned with two officers. When the officers saw the men they told him to take his boots off and fetch further assistance. He brought Sergeant O’Leary, and when he and the sergeant came to the house they found a struggle was going on in the cellar. He brought a light at the request of the sergeant, and it was extinguished; he did not know if by the wind or by a flying bottle. He came out again, and saw one of the officers being brought up. He saw the constable was Savery, and he was wounded chiefly on the head, and was bleeding badly. Asked by the magistrates’ clerk, witness said a box of cigarettes was missing, and fifteen or sixteen bottles of ale and stout were broken in the cellar. On going upstairs everything was in confusion, and the mattresses were pitched off the bed.

PC Mountford said that at 12.25 from information received, he went to the STORES, and at the back he found two persons were in the kitchen. They were talking, and the other officer recognised Tonks through the window. He said, ‘There are three; send the landlord for assistance.’ Witness did so. The cellar door was open and the two prisoners and another man commenced to come out. The officers went down into the cellar. Witness dragged Hooper out of the cellar and handcuffed him on the steps. He saw PC Savery fall three times, struck by bottles. One bottle struck witness’s helmet.

The defendants denied throwing bottles. The prisoner, Hooper, while in the dock, did not cross examine the witnesses. He was in a very nervous and trembling condition. Tonks was rather contumacious, and showed a broken head, where he had been struck three times by the police.

The prisoners were remanded as requested by the superintendent.”

### **Wednesbury Leader 28/9/1901**

At Wednesbury Police Court on Friday, before Messrs. I. Griffiths and A. E. Pritchard, the three men, Benjamin Tonks, Dudley Street, Wednesbury, Henry Cooper (sic), Dudley Street, and George Coombs, Ocker Hill, were again brought up on remand, charged with having burglariously entered the house of *William Henry Ruker* (sic), the STORES, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, and also with unlawfully wounding PC Savoury on the early morning of September 11th.

PC Mountford again briefly recited the facts of the case, and Superintendent Salt, after mentioning that the cases were two which he thought could not be divided, applied for a further seven days’ adjournment.

Mr. A. J. Gover, who represented Cooper, said he did not raise any objection. He would like to hear how the injured officer was going on.

The police superintendent said he was now progressing very favourably.

The remand applied for was granted, an application for bail being refused.”

### Wednesbury Leader 5/10/1901

“At Wednesbury Police Court on Friday morning, before Alderman R. Williams, Colonel Smith, and Mr. C. Southern, Benjamin Tonks, Dudley Street, Henry Hooper, Dudley Street, and George Coombs, of Ocker Hill, were again brought up in custody charged with having committed burglary on the 12th September at the house of *William Henry Luker*, the STORES INN, Holyhead Road, and Tonks and Coombs were further charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm of PC Savoury (sic) in attempting to resist lawful apprehension.

Mr. Darby (West Bromwich) appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. A. J. Glover defended Hooper and Coombs.

Mr. Darby, in opening, said the charges were of a very serious character, especially the one of disabling an officer when doing his duty, and he had no hesitation in saying at the outset that he thought the evidence would be such that the magistrates would readily come to the conclusion there would be a prima facie case, and they would consider it their duty to commit the prisoners for trial at the Assizes. In outlining the circumstances of the case Mr. Darby said *Luker* was the licensee of the STORES INN, and the other occupants of his house on the night of the 11th ult were his wife, two children, and a young woman named Ford, who was a visitor, and had been acting as a barmaid. On this night Mrs. Luker had gone to visit friends at Wood Green and proposed staying the night. *Luker* when he closed at 11 prepared to walk to Wood Green. They started about 11.20, and as *Luker* left the house he noticed the prisoners, who had been inside the house since ten o'clock, loafing about. He (Mr. Darby) concluded they had some idea of what was happening and were waiting there to carry out a plot of burglariously entering the premises and committing a robbery. *Luker* got back to the STORES about 12.15, and was going to the back of the house for the purpose of entering by the back door when he saw a light in the sitting room of the house. He went cautiously up to the window, and as there was nothing but light muslin curtains he was able to look into the room. He saw three men sitting here, two of whom were Hooper and Tonks. The one he was unable to identify. The men appeared to be helping themselves to food and drink, and he heard one say that they had better look quick or they might be caught, but they would give the b\_\_\_ something if he did come back. Upon this *Luker* adopted the reasonable course of instead of rushing into the house and engaging in a hand to hand conflict with the men, of going to the police station. He there saw PC's Savoury and Mountford, and returned with them to the premises. The officers went to the back of the premises, and each looked through the window and saw the prisoners. Only Mountford, however, could swear to the three, as when Savoury looked Coombs had gone into the cellar for something. Mr. Darby said there was absolutely no question about two of the prisoners, but there was about Coombs, who was not found on the premises, but PC Mountford, who saw all three had subsequently picked him out from among a number of other men. There were two cellars to the house, connected by a narrow neck, and steps led down from the yard and from the house. There were a large number of barrels and pipes in the cellar, which greatly minimised the area. Having seen the three men the officers suggested that *Luker*, who was affected by asthma, should go back to the station and bring further assistance, which he did. In the meantime, however, one of the men heard the constables in the yard and came up the cellar steps in the yard, where he saw one of the officers and being in uniform, of course he knew the police were on their track. He ran down the steps again and gave the alarm. Mountford also ran down and got hold of Hooper. The charge of wounding it would be seen had only been preferred against Tonks and Coombs, because Mountford, retaining his hold on Hooper, he was unable to take part. Savoury also entered the cellar, which was quite dark, and he was at once attacked by a fusillade of bottles, and being repeatedly struck he was knocked down. While down Coombs actually got on him, or fell on him, and literally gnawed the side of his face away. There was no doubt of this because for days afterwards tooth marks could be seen on the side of his head. Mr. Darby then returned to *Luker*, who, he said, on arriving at the police station found PS O'Leary and PC Smith. On hearing of the occurrence the two officers at once hurried to the place, and the Sergeant straightway entering the cellar struck several times at what he considered one of the prisoners, but was really the officer Savoury. It could not be suggested, however, that this was the way by which he came by his injuries, because they were undoubtedly inflicted prior to this. Tonks and Hooper were at once taken into custody, but Coombs was not arrested until the following evening.

It was discovered afterwards that the place had been thoroughly looted, and Miss Ford's portmanteau had been cut open, several things taken out and the portmanteau stuffed up the chimney. When Coombs was arrested some of the things said to have been stolen were found on him. (Proceeding)”

### Wednesbury Leader 12/10/1901

“The hearing of the case against the men, Benjamin Tonks (24), Henry Hooper (21), of Dudley Street, Wednesbury, and George Coombs (22), Ocker Hill, for burglariously entering the STORES beerhouse on the night of the 11th September, which was adjourned from Friday last, was resumed on Monday at Wednesbury, before Colonel Smith and Mr. C. Southern. Coombs and Tonks were also charged with causing grievous bodily harm to PC Savoury. On Friday last the proceedings lasted pretty nearly the whole day. The case for the prosecution was that the prisoners were found on the premises after closing time, whilst the landlord was temporarily absent. PC’s Savoury and Mountford were fetched, and on their entering a dark cellar where the men had taken refuge a terrible struggle ensued. Bottles of ale and stout were hurled at Savoury, who was severely injured about the head, and had to be taken to the West Bromwich Hospital. It was admitted by the prosecution that during the effort to arrest the prisoners, Savoury was accidentally struck in the darkness of the cellar by a brother officer (PS O’Leary), but it was contended that this was subsequent to Savoury having received his real injuries.

Superintendent Salt, at Monday’s proceedings, gave evidence in corroboration of the statement that when the police went to Coombs’ house to arrest him, and called him out of bed, prisoner said, ‘I know what you’ve come for. It’s about that job at the STORES.’

The case for the prosecution having been closed, the Bench intimated that they considered that a prima facie case had been made out against all three prisoners.

Mr. Glover, who appeared for the defence of Coombs, intimated his intention of calling witnesses for the defence, with a view to proving an alibi.

Evidence was then given by Coombs, who admitted that he was in the STORES before closing time, but said he had nothing to do with the other prisoners, who also were there. Upon leaving the public house he stayed in the town for some time, but reached home about midnight. On the way he met his wife, who, being annoyed at his being late, scratched his neck and face. Afterwards, in his house, she threw a chair at him, this striking him on the head. He went to bed, and did not go to work the next morning, but said that was because of his wife’s treatment of him the night before. He denied that when the police called that he made any such statement as was alleged. The handkerchief had blood upon it, and the safety pins which the police had found belonged to his brother in law, who lodged with him.

Other witnesses were called, including Louisa Coombs, wife of the prisoner Coombs, and Charles Goddard, the brother in law.

During the hearing of the case Colonel Smith asked for PS O’Leary to be recalled, and questioned him as to why he did not have a lantern when he went to the public house; and the officer, in reply, said it was not customary for an inspector or sergeant in towns to have a lantern.

The magistrates committed all three prisoners for trial at the next Staffordshire Assizes, accepting bail for Coombs. Colonel Smith said the magistrates had directed the Clerk to forward a copy of the depositions, especially the part in which PC Savoury made allegations against PS O’Leary, with a view to an inquiry being held.

Superintendent Salt said he had that day received a letter from the Chief Constable in which he said he would sift the matter to the bottom.”

### Wednesbury Leader 26/10/1901

“John Henry Wood (27), of Brickkiln Street, Wednesbury, was charged with stealing 5d from the till at the STORES INN, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, kept by *John Henry Luker*.

Fanny *Luker*, wife of prosecutor, said prisoner was in the STORES INN from 2.30 till 4.45pm on the 21st inst, and on coming into the bar on one occasion she found him leaning over the bar counter with his hand in the till. On examining it afterwards she found that he had taken the only fivepence that it contained. Prisoner ran out of the house when she questioned him as to what he was doing.

Edward Price, labourer, Camp Street, Wednesbury, said he was in the bar room where prisoner was, but went out of the room for a short time. On returning he saw prisoner running out of the house.

PC Trowell deposed to arresting prisoner. When charged prisoner twice threatened that when he came out of prison he would shoot both *Luker* and his wife.

The Stipendiary committed prisoner for trial at the Sessions.”

### Wednesbury Leader 11/12/1901

“In the Nisi Prius Court at the Stafford Assizes on Saturday, the burglary case commenced before Commissioner H. D. Greene, QC, MP. The prisoners, Benjamin Tonks (21), labourer; Henry Hooper (21), ironworker, and George Coombs (32), fitter, were indicted for having, between the 11th and 12th September, at Wednesbury, burglariously broken into the dwelling house of *William Henry Luker*, the STORES INN, and stolen a quantity of cigars, cigarettes, and ale.

Tonks and Hooper pleaded guilty.

Mr. Vachell was for the prosecution, and Mr. Lawrence defended.

The prisoners were found on the premises of the STORES INN, and information was given to the police, and the constables (one of them, Police constable Savery), went to the house. The men who had burglariously entered the house sought refuge in the cellar, whither they were followed by the police. Tonks and Hooper were arrested, but before capitulating they had carried on a brisk assault on the police, shying bottles and anything that came handy at them. While the battle was in progress in the cellar, other constables arrived on the scene, and a singular feature of the case was that one of the policemen who arrived during the skirmishing, Police sergeant O’Leary began to attack, not the enemy, but one of his own comrades, the darkness of the cellar being such that he failed to distinguish between the burglars and the police. Savery was the constable he struck, and even handcuffed him, and the wounded constable was removed from the cellar in a sorry plight. The third burglar got away through the front door of the house, and the prosecution sought to show that Coombs was the missing man. Evidence was given showing that his face and body bore evidence of having had some rough usage, the suggestion being that the scratches and bruises were received during the fight in the cellar.

When the Court rose on Saturday evening the case for the prosecution had not been closed.

At the resumed hearing on Monday the prosecution continued to call witnesses in support of the case against Coombs.

Mr. Lawrence, for the defence, said the prisoner Coombs set up an alibi, that he was not in The STORES INN on the night in question.

Prisoner and his wife gave evidence in corroboration, and a man named Goddard, brother in law, deposed to seeing the prisoner and his wife quarrelling, and similar evidence was given by other witnesses.

The jury acquitted the prisoner.

Tonks and Hooper were committed for twelve months.

There were charges against the prisoners Tonks and Coombs for assaulting the constables, but no evidence in respect to them was offered by the prosecution.”

Mrs. *Mary Ann Dicken*, beer retailer, 70, Holyhead Road. [1904]

### 1911 Census

Holyhead Road – The STORES

[1] *George Bytheway* (27), licensed victualler, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Teresa Bytheway* (27), wife, married 3 years, assistant in business, born Walsall;

[3] *George Bytheway* (18 months), son, born Darlaston;

[4] *Alice Stanley* (16), domestic servant, born Walsall:

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## SWAN

WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

James Brooks [ ] - **1871**);  
Isaac Harrison (**1871** - [ ]

## TALBOT

37, Darlaston Road, Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

John Partridge [1860] – [1873]  
John Springthorp [1881]  
Herbert Edwin Harvey [1911] – [1912]  
John William Harrison [1916] – [1921]

### NOTES

*John Partridge*, beer retailer, Kings Hill. [1868]

#### 1871 Census

37, Darlaston Road – The TALBOT

- [1] *John Partridge* (63), head, widower, publican, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Edwin Stackhouse* (43), lodger, railway wheel (axle) turner, born Pelsall;
- [3] *Ann Stackhouse* (38), wife, born Darlaston;
- [4] *Enoch Partridge* (30), head, carpenter, born Darlaston;
- [5] *Sarah Ann Partridge* (26), wife, born Sutton Arfield, Derbyshire;
- [6] *Enoch C. Partridge* (7), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Thomas Partridge* (2), son, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *John E. Partridge* (8 months), son, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Mary Calladine* (20), visitor, born Wednesbury;

#### 1881 Census

37, Darlaston Road – TALBOT INN

- [1] *John Springthorp* (49), licensed victualler, born Ibstock, Leicestershire;
- [2] *Mary Ann Springthorp* (56), wife, born Warwickshire;
- [3] *Fanny Springthorp* (18), daughter, born Park Hill, Staffordshire;
- [4] *John Springthorp* (15), son, scholar, born Park Hill, Staffordshire;
- [5] *Florence Medding* (10), boarder, scholar, born Walsall;

#### 1911 Census

Kings Hill – TALBOT INN

- [1] *Herbert Edwin Harvey* (38), licensed victualler, born Hednesford;
- [2] *Nellie Harvey* (32), wife, married 11 years, assisting in business, born Smethwick;
- [3] *Evelyn Mary Harvey* (6), daughter, born Sparkbrook;
- [4] *Alfred Hayden John Harvey* (1), son, born Great Bridge;
- [5] *Ruth Hagar Whitehouse* (16), born Great Bridge;

### **Wednesbury Leader 9/9/1911**

“On Tuesday, at the TALBOT INN, Kings Hill, an inquest was held by Mr. G. C. Lewis (County Coroner) concerning the death of Ethel May Sandland (3), whose parents reside at 2 house, 4 court, Chapel Street, Kings Hill, who, on Saturday afternoon, was knocked down and killed almost instantly by a passing mourning coach belonging to Mr. Sidney Webb, undertaker, Wednesbury. It appears that the fatality took place at about three o’clock. The coach was proceeding in the direction of Darlaston, when the child left the pavement, and was about to cross the road. She stumbled, however, and fell, with the result that a wheel of the coach passed over her head and neck. The infant’s head was badly crushed, and she had large bruises on each side of her face. She was carried in a house nearby, but expired almost immediately. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death. At the conclusion of the enquiry the Coroner called the driver of the coach, John Ward, of Meeting Street, Wednesbury, and informed him that the jury had exonerated him from all blame.”

### **Bilston and Willenhall Times 14/4/1928**

“An enjoyable social, organised by the Ladies’ Committee of the Kings Hill No.5 Ward, was held on Wednesday evening, at the TALBOT HOTEL, Darlaston Road, Kings Hill, when Mrs. Sims (vice-president) presided over a large gathering.....”

Closed

## TALBOT

27, Market Place (High Street) / Spring Head, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

John T. Duce and Sons, Church Hill [1880's]  
Hickman and Pullen, High Bullen Brewery [1906]

### LICENSEES

Joseph Hateley [1818]  
J Price [1822]  
Edward Nightingale [1828] – [1835]  
John Teadstill [1841] – [1842]  
Thomas Charles Smyth [1845]  
Joseph Guest [1849] – [1851]  
John Guest [1851]  
Joseph Guest [1860] – [1861]  
Henry Armishaw [1864] – [1873]  
Harriet Armishaw [ ] – **1875**;  
Daniel Gorton (**1875** – [1879])  
Francis Botfield [1881]  
Thomas Haggerhip [1891]  
Edwin Butler [1895] – [1896]  
William Christian l'Anson [1895] – [1905]  
George T Cartwright [1912] – [1918]



c. 1910

### NOTES

It was originally a half-timbered Elizabethan inn.

Commercial inn [1845]

It was a home brew house.

Coaches left from here. [1818]

*Joseph Hateley* was also a maltster. [1818]

### 1841 Census

Market Place

- [1] *John Teadstill* (40), innkeeper;
- [2] *Elizabeth Teadstill* (43);
- [3] *William Teadstill* (12), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Mary Teadstill* (7), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Edward Claverley* (46), male servant;
- [6] *Hannah Morris* (19), f.s, born Staffordshire:



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*Joseph Guest* was also a rag and bone merchant. [1849], [1850]

### 1851 Census

Market Place

- [1] *Joseph Guest* (46), victualler, born Oldswinford;
- [2] *Elizabeth Guest* (37), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Eliza Guest* (18), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Selina Guest* (12), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Martha Guest* (8), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Emma Cooksey* (19), house servant, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Mary Novell* (20), house servant, born Mayo, Ireland;
- [8] *Thomas Heap* (30), ostler, born Leicester;
- [9] *Henry West* (18), house servant, born Coventry;
- [10] *Jacob France* (46), lodger, traveller, ink, pens &c, born Newcastle;
- [11] *Ann France* (34), lodger's wife, born Newcastle:

### 1861 Census

Market Place – The TALBOT INN

- [1] *Joseph Guest* (57), licensed victualler, born Woolaston;
- [2] *Elizabeth Guest* (48), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Martha Guest* (18), daughter, assists in liquor shop, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Martha Cookson* (19), barmaid, born Bilston;
- [5] *Sarah Ann Stephens* (26), maid of all work, born Tipton;
- [6] *William Jones* (28), brewer, born Minchen Hampton, Gloucestershire;
- [7] *William Fairbourne* (42), lodger, brewery agent, born K\_\_\_\_ Hill, Yorkshire;
- [8] *E. George James Marston* (11), grandson, born Wednesbury:

### 1871 Census

Market Place – TALBOT INN

- [1] *Henry Armishaw* (54), licensed victualler, born Aston, near Birmingham;
- [2] *Harriet Armishaw* (55), wife, born Sheldon, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Sarah Armishaw* (31), daughter, milliner, born Aston;
- [4] *John Armishaw* (29), son, gentleman, born Aston;
- [5] *Joseph Armishaw* (20), son, brewer, born Aston;
- [6] *Margaret Armishaw* (16), daughter, waiter, born Aston;
- [7] *Elizabeth Andrews* (16), general servant, born Sheldon, Warwickshire;
- [8] *George Jones* (23), hostler [ostler], born Birmingham:

### Midland Counties Evening Express 28/4/1875

“Last night, a numerously attended meeting of ratepayers took place at the Assembly room at the TALBOT HOTEL, Wednesbury, for the purpose of taking steps to establish a Ratepayers’ Protection Society for that town. Mr. Hatchett occupied the chair, and in opening the proceedings, said the object of the proposed society was, not to put themselves against the Local government bodies, but rather to assist them by becoming the mouthpiece of the ratepayers, through which their wishes could be made known ..... it was agreed on the motion of Mr. Thomas Kimberley, seconded by Mr. Evan Jones, that a Ratepayers Protection Society for the town of Wednesbury be formed ..... and a numerous committee was then formed.”

### **Wednesbury Herald 19/4/1879**

“TALBOT INN, Market Place, Wednesbury. Unreserved and Clearing-out Sale in consequence of the Premises being taken down.

Mr. Joseph Whitehouse has received instructions from Mr. D. Gorton, to Sell by Public Auction, on Tuesday, April 22nd, 1879, all that Capital Brewing Plant, Liquor Shop Fixtures, Household Furniture, Excellent 7-Octave Cottage Pianoforte, a Valuable Cow, 10 Store Pigs, and other Effects, comprising 360 gallons Copper Boiler with Brass Tap, 100 gallon ditto, 48 gallon ditto, 400 gallon Wrought Iron Boiler, 38 bushel Mash Tub, Ale Coolers, Malt Crusher, 20 Ale Casks, Tubs &c, Ale and Spirit Measures, Glasses, Decanters, Jugs and Cups, Four post and other Bedsteads, Straw Palliasses, Wool Beds, Dining and other Tables, Chairs, Sofa, Chest of Drawers, Pier and Swing Glasses, Timepieces, Cupboards, Carpets, Fenders, Fire Irons, Two-knife Chaff Engines, Washing and Wringing Machine, &c, &c.....”

It was rebuilt in 1879 for John Taylor Duce and Sons, wine merchants, of Church Hill.

### **Wednesbury Herald 31/7/1880**

“On Monday, Messrs. J. T. Duce and Sons, wine and spirit merchants, of Bridge Street, opened their extensive wine and spirit vaults, stores and offices, which have been erected on the site on which the TALBOT formerly stood fronting the Market Place and Spring Head. It will be remembered that on the site above referred to the TALBOT and a number of other delapidated houses stood and which were an eyesore to the authorities of the town, and also to the inhabitants of the Market Place. These dilapidated structures have now all been removed, and on the site has been erected a fine modern building, which on the whole must be regarded the best wine and spirit vaults and stores in the Midland Counties, for no expense has been spared in making the whole of the compartments as good as possible. The vaults are 40ft long, and 20ft wide; the market room 20ft long, and 10ft wide, and the out-door department 14ft long and 20ft wide. The interior of the above rooms are lined with incaustic tiles in panels. The ceilings are of pitch pine, moulded, stained, and varnished, and the counter fittings are and woodwork generally are of dark oak. With a view of making the fittings appear as neat as possible, painted tiles have been introduced. The upper and lower portion of windows are filled in with stained glass. Each room is well ventilated, and is 15ft high. Adjoining the above named rooms is the retail department where single bottles of wine and spirits can be obtained. This room is also fitted up with oak. The wholesale department is under the same roof, and is three stories high. The main cellar is 75ft long, and 33ft wide in one span, and 10ft high. It is admirably fitted up, and when lighted with gas presents a very good appearance. The sides are fitted round with brick binns, capable of storing an immense quantity of wine. The second floor is the spirit store, and is fitted up with casks. There are also three offices, and altogether the building is the most complete of the kind in the district, and reflects great credit upon the architect, Mr. A. P. Brevitt, of Darlaston, and the builders, Messrs. William Trow and Sons, of Wednesbury.”

### **1881 Census**

Market Place – TALBOT INN

- [1] *Francis Botfield* (27), manager of spirit vaults, born Ironbridge;
- [2] *Bertha Botfield* (24), wife, born Broseley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Minnie Botfield* (2), daughter, born Ironbridge;
- [4] *Maude Botfield* (6 months), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Sarah Bentley* (17), general servant, born Astley Abbots, Shropshire:

*William l'Anson* was also a brewer. [1900]

### **Walsall Observer 1/12/1900**

“On Saturday a most successful meeting was held at the Loyal St. George Lodge, No. 1980, Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, at their lodge house, TALBOT HOTEL, Market Place, for making new members and presentation of framed emblems for three brothers.....”

Hickman and Pullen had their brewery here.

### **Wednesbury Leader 30/3/1901**

“On Thursday afternoon Mr. H. A. Pearson (Coroner) held an inquest at the TALBOT HOTEL, Market Place, Wednesbury, on the body of \_\_\_\_ While (50), formerly residing in Hold\_\_\_\_\_, Wednesbury, who met with his death on \_\_\_\_ evening.

From the evidence it appeared that deceased man, on Tuesday afternoon he was attempting to get into his trap, near the NAGS HEAD INN, Ablewell Street, Walsall, when the horse suddenly bolted, throwing him violently to the \_\_\_\_\_.

The deceased dropped on his head and shoulder. Assistance was obtained and he was taken into the public house, where he was seen by Dr. Leighton, but he expired two \_\_\_\_\_ later in Wood Green Road, Wednesbury, \_\_\_\_\_ taken to his home.

Dr. Crew stated \_\_\_\_\_ death was due to dislocation of the neck \_\_\_\_\_ with the case the necessity of having ambulances in every town arose. He \_\_\_\_\_ that had the deceased been brought home in a proper ambulance, instead of being huddled in a cart, his life would have been prolonged \_\_\_\_\_ for him to have seen his family before his death.

The jury, in returning a verdict of Accidental Death, recommended that the Town Council be requested to provide a horse ambulance.”

### **1901 Census**

Market Place – TALBOT HOTEL

[1] *William l’Anson* (38), publican and brewer, born Kepwick, Yorkshire;

[2] *Christine l’Anson* (33), wife, born Crook, Durham;

[3] *Anthony l’Anson* (13), son, born Crook, Durham;

[4] *Irene l’Anson* (12), daughter, born Carlisle;

[5] *William l’Anson* (10), son, born North Stocklan, Durham;

[6] *Christine l’Anson* (8), daughter, born Bramley, Yorkshire;

[7] *Basil l’Anson* (5), son, born Exmouth, Devon;

[8] *Sarah Ann Jones* (24), domestic servant, born Bilston;

[9] *Joyce Jones* (22), domestic servant, born Bilston:

### **Wednesbury Leader 6/4/1901**

“The members of Loyal St. George Lodge (No. 1980) of the independent Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity, held their quarterly meeting on Saturday last at their Lodge House, TALBOT HOTEL, Market Place. There was a very large attendance of officers and members present.....”

### **Tipton Herald 24/1/1903**

“Manchester Unity of Oddfellows. On Saturday evening the annual meeting of the Loyal St. George Lodge (No. 1980) was held at the Lodge House, TALBOT HOTEL, Market Place, Wednesbury. Bro. C. Yates was in the chair, and Bro. W. Birch in the vice chair. There was a good number of members present .....”

### **Tipton Herald 7/8/1909**

“At Wednesbury Police Court, on Friday, Thomas Morris (27), hawker, Station Road, Witton, was charged with uttering a counterfeit half crown, at the TALBOT HOTEL, Market Place, and John Frederick Tibbetts (27), of Rowton House, Birmingham, was charged with being an accessory to the fact of uttering the coin. When arrested by PCs Day and Thorpe another base half crown was found on Morris.

Prisoners were remanded for a week in custody the magistrates’ clerk meanwhile to communicate the evidence to the Public Prosecutor.”

It was the headquarters of Wednesbury Town Bicycle Club. [1910]

*George Cartwright* was a committee member of Wednesbury and District Free and Protection Society. [1918]

Closed

It became a furniture store, and later an employment exchange, and then a Co-op store.

It later housed the post office, undertakers and hairdressers.

## **THREE CROWNS**

Camp Hill Lane, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Isaac Griffiths [1834]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.



## THREE CROWNS

160, (109), Darlaston Road, (109, Kings Hill), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

John Lord  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (acquired 1939)  
Enterprise Inns [1990's]



1998

### LICENSEES

Simeon Butler [1860] – [1872]  
David Chattaway [1896] – [1912]  
Leonard Mills [1961] – **1962**;  
Harry Hulse (**1962** – [1972])  
R Wolverson [1976]

### NOTES

109, Darlaston Road [1871]  
160, Darlaston Road

It had a beerhouse license.

*Simeon Butler*, beer retailer and screw manufacturer, Darlaston Road. [1860]

*Simeon Butler*, beer retailer and bolt and screw manufacturer, 109, Darlaston Road. [1864], [1868], [1870], [1872]

### 1871 Census

109, Darlaston Road – THREE CROWNS

- [1] *Simeon Butler* (59), widower, bolt and nut maker and beer shop, born Wednesbury;
- [2] Samuel Robinson (32), boarder, bolt and screw maker, born Darlaston;
- [3] Phoebe Robinson (23), wife, born Darlaston;
- [4] Simeon Robinson (4), son, scholar, born Wednesbury:

### Wednesbury Herald 16/3/1895

“An inquest was held on Monday at the Town Hall, concerning the death of Emma Jones (46), the wife of Thomas Jones, labourer, Dangerfield Lane. The husband stated that owing to the severity of the weather he had done little or no work since Christmas, and he had been unable to provide adequate food for his wife and family. On the 7th inst deceased had some potatoes for her dinner. She was distressed because she had not been able to pay her sick and draw club fees. Witness had made no application to the Poor Law Authorities for relief, but he had received tickets for coal and bread from charitably disposed persons.

The Coroner said it was distressing that people died from starvation when every provision was supposed to be made for indigent persons.

Mrs. *Chattaway*, of the THREE CROWNS INN, Kings Hill, stated that on the 7th inst, the deceased came to her house and asked her if she would kindly pay up her arrears in the club to prevent her being excluded from benefit. Witness said she would pay the money. Deceased complained of not having had much food for several days, and witness gave her some food and beer, but before she had the opportunity of either eating or drinking she fell back and died.

The jury returned a verdict of Died from Syncope, accelerated by want of food.”

David Chattaway, beer retailer, 109, Darlaston Road, Kings Hill. [1896], [1904], [1908], [1912]  
David Chattaway, beerhouse keeper, 109, Kings Hill. [1900]

An application for altering the back of the premises was granted at the Wednesbury Adjourned Licensing Session in September 1899.

An application was made for a full license in August 1900.

### 1911 Census

109, Kings Hill

- [1] David Chattaway (78), beerhouse keeper, born Poleshill, Warwickshire;
- [2] Sarah Chattaway (57), wife, married 28 years, assisting in the business, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Arthur Chattaway (24), son, clerk, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Alice Chattaway (22), daughter, assisting in the business, born Wednesbury;
- [5] Florence Chattaway (18), daughter, assisting in the business, born Wednesbury;

A team from here took part in the Fallings Heath Crib League. [1946]

[1992]

Closed [1998]

It was converted into THREE CROWNS House, headquarters of Martin Instrument Co. Ltd. [2004]  
A planning application was made on 5th November 2004 for conversion into three flats.



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## THREE CROWNS

206, Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Jane Skidmore [1871]  
John Downing [1872] – [1881]  
Thomas Bullock [1891] – [1896]  
Thomas Withers [1904]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Jane Skidmore* was fined 20s and costs for opening during prohibited hours, in January 1871.

#### 1871 Census

206, Holyhead Road - beerhouse

- [1] *Jane Skidmore* (30), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Mary Skidmore* (7), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *David Skidmore* (5), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Mary Riley* (18), domestic servant, born Wednesbury;

*John Downing*, beer retailer, 206, Holyhead Road. [1872]  
He married *Jane Skidmore*.

#### 1881 Census

206, Holyhead Road – THREE CROWNS INN

- [1] *John Downing* (34), publican, born Dudley Port;
  - [2] *Jane Downing* (40), wife, born Wednesbury;
  - [3] *Mary Skidmore* (17), stepdaughter, born Wednesbury;
  - [4] *David Skidmore* (15), stepson, labourer in iron works, born Wednesbury;
  - [5] *Jane Downing* (6), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [It appears that *Jane Skidmore* married *John Downing*.]

#### 1891 Census

Holyhead Road – THREE CROWNS

- [1] *Thomas Bullock* (34), beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Charlotte Bullock* (29), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Ann Bullock* (7), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;

*Thomas Bullock*, beer retailer, 206, Holyhead Road. [1896]

**Wednesbury Leader 30/11/1901**

“.....Monday, 9th December, 1901. Belcher and Son, FAI, are favoured with instructions from the Trustee under the Will of the late Mr. James Bullock to offer for Sale by Public Auction on the above date at the WHITE HORSE HOTEL .....

Lot 2. The Old-Established Freehold Beerhouse known as the THREE CROWNS INN, together with the Two Dwelling Houses adjoining, situate .... Holyhead Road ..... The accommodation of the Beerhouse comprises Bar, Tap Room, Parlour, Two Bedrooms, Good Cellaring, and Brewhouse, together with Yard, Garden, Closet, and side entrance.....”

*Thomas Withers, beer retailer, 206, Holyhead Road. [1904]*

The License renewal was refused, by the Compensation Authority, on 11th June 1909.

**WEDNESBURY.**

**Sale of**

**VALUABLE OLD-ESTABLISHED FREEHOLD  
BEERHOUSE AND ELEVEN DWELLING  
HOUSES.**

**MONDAY, 9th DECEMBER, 1901.**

**B**ELCHER AND SON, F.A.I., are favoured with instructions from the Trustee under the Will of the late Mr. James Bullock to offer for SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION on the above date at the

WHITE HORSE HOTEL, WEDNESBURY, at seven o'clock in the evening precisely, subject to conditions incorporating the Common Form Conditions of the Birmingham Law Society, to be then produced. the following Valuable Freehold Properties:—

**Lot 1.**

**NINE FREEHOLD DWELLING HOUSES,**

situate and being Nos. 198, 199, and 200 in Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, and Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, in Court 4, at the rear thereof, fully occupied and producing £82 11s. gross per annum.

**Lot 2.**

**THE OLD-ESTABLISHED FREEHOLD BEERHOUSE** known as the 'THREE CROWNS INN,' together with the **TWO DWELLING HOUSES** adjoining, situate and being Nos. 206, 206½, and 207, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, fully occupied and producing gross £43 8s. per annum.

The accommodation of the Beerhouse comprises Bar, Tap-room, Parlour, Two Bedrooms, Good Cellaring, and Brewhouse, together with Yard, Garden, Closet, and side entrance.

Both properties are situated on the main Holyhead Road, in close proximity to the Town Hall, Art Gallery, Post Office, and Railway Station, and the houses are in constant demand.

Further particulars may be had upon application to the Auctioneers, Wednesbury and Darlaston, or to

JNO. H. STOCKDALE, Esq.,  
Solicitor,  
Wednesbury.

## **THREE FURNACES**

Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

John Brown [1834]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

## THREE SWANS

107, Holyhead Road, (Dudley Street / Pool Street), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Henry Mitchell and Co.  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1900]

### LICENSEES

John Jevon [1818] – [1851]  
Thomas Jevon [1860] – [1865]  
Thomas Maddocks [1868] – **1871**);  
William Dawes (**1871** – [1874]  
W H Aston [ ]  
Joseph Henry Rice [1881]  
John Wassall [1891] – [1892]  
John Lacey [1896]  
Henry Dixon [1900]  
Mary A Dixon [1901]  
William Macdonald [1901]  
J Onions [ ]  
Thomas Green [1904]  
Frederick John Fleet [1911] – [1921]  
Jesse Tonks [ ]  
Walter Frederick Wilding [ ]  
Thomas Lole [ ]  
Ronald I Nickless [ ]  
Laurence A Palfreyson [ ]  
Thomas Shinton [ ]  
Gilbert J Cope [ ]  
Herbert Price [ ]  
Clarence A Parsons [ ]  
Frank Rogers [1961] – **1964**);  
Harold Leslie Stanford (**1964** – [1966]  
Thomas Davies [ ]  
Graham H Turner [ ]  
Kevin Woodhouse [ ]  
Carol and David A Aulton [ ]

### NOTES

It was situated opposite to Meeting Street.

Dudley Street

The original inn was known as the BALL COURT. (It had a croquet court).

THREE SWANS HOTEL [1872]

It was known locally as 'the House That Jack Built'.

*John Jevon* = John Jevons

*John Jevon* was also a best gun lock maker. [1818]

### 1851 Census

Holyhead Road

- [1] *John Jevon* (72), widower, innkeeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Samuel Jevon* (42), son, maltster, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Thomas Jevon* (29), son, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Thomas Gibbons* (42), brewer, born Warwickshire (Town at 10);
- [5] *Ann Mason* (21), general servant, born Wednesbury:

### Wolverhampton Chronicle 19/5/1858

“An inquest was held on Thursday morning at the THREE SWANS INN, on the body of a child two years old, named Charles Henry Hitchin, whose parents reside in Queen Street. On Sunday morning, deceased was playing in the yard adjoining Paddock’s [Thomas Paddock?] beerhouse, in Queen Street, where there was a body of an old cart rearing up against the wall. On this cart the child was playing, and by some means it fell down, dropping on the poor little fellow’s forehead, breaking his nose and otherwise injuring him. Death ensued on the following Tuesday morning. Mr. Garman, surgeon, stated that the cause of death to be concussion of the brain, and the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

### 1861 Census

Holyhead Road – THREE SWANS INN

- [1] *Thomas Jevon* (37), victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Henry Jevon* (29), nephew, barman, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Ann Cox* (34), visitor, born Bath;
- [4] *Ann Hursfield* (18), servant, born Wednesbury:

*Thomas Maddock* = Thomas Maddocks

An inquest was held here in January 1869, on Frederick Rudge (7), who died of burns. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

### 1871 Census

107, Holyhead Road – THREE SWANS

- [1] *Thomas Maddocks* (46), victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Sarah Fanny Maddocks* (29), wife, born Newport, Hampshire;
- [3] *John Maddocks* (22), son, born Wednesfield Heath;
- [4] *Sarah Ann Maddocks* (18), daughter, born Wednesfield Heath;
- [5] *Arthur W. Maddocks* (13), son, born Wednesfield Heath;
- [6] *William H. Maddocks* (12), son, scholar, born Wednesfield Heath;
- [7] *Phillip A. Maddocks* (6), son, scholar, born Wednesfield Heath;
- [8] *Clara E. Maddocks* (5), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [9] *George A. Maddocks* (4), son, born Bilston;
- [10] *Frank Maddocks* (1), son, born Bilston;
- [11] *Hannah Smith* (21), domestic servant, born Manchester;
- [12] *Sarah Martin* (13), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

*W. H. Aston* issued tokens from here.

### **Midland Counties Evening Express 18/12/1874**

“At the Walsall County Court, yesterday, before A. Martineau, judge, Esq., Mr. Thomas Simcock, tailor, High Street, sued Mr. *W. Dawes*, of the THREE SWANS INN, Holyhead Road, for the sum of £5 5s, being the value of a suit of clothes supplied to defendant’s order. Mr. Sproston (from the offices of Messrs. Duigman and Lewis) appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Ebsworth for the defendant.- The evidence in support of the plaintiff was to the effect that in February last Mr. Mason, butcher, called upon the plaintiff, and ordered a suit of clothes, at the same time referring him to the defendant for payment. Plaintiff called upon the defendant to make inquiries, and the latter told him to make the clothes and send him the bill, and he would pay for them. When the bill was sent in he refused to pay it. It transpired that during the election contest Mason and Dawes made a wager of a suit of clothes as to the result. Mason backing Mr. Brogden and the defendant backing Mr. R. Mills; and a memorandum to that effect, in Mason’s handwriting, was put in. The defendant admitted having made the bet, but pleaded Mason had had too expensive a suit. His Honour said if a man made a bet for a new hat or a new suit of clothes, he had a right to go to the best shop and get the best hat or suit of clothes he could. He regretted that, as a man of honour, the defendant had not paid the money without quibble or dispute. It was a matter that ought not to have been brought to court. He should give judgement for plaintiff for the full amount claimed and costs.”

### **1881 Census**

107, Holyhead Road – 3 SWANS INN

- [1] *Joseph H. Rice* (48), hammer man and victualler, born Cannock;
- [2] *Emma Hall* (42), servant, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Charles Baker* (22), barman, born Greet Green;
- [4] *George M. Watson* (17), waiter, born Park Gate, Yorkshire;
- [5] *Eliza ?* (18), domestic servant, born Horseley Heath:

### **Wednesbury Herald 7/4/1883**

“On Thursday Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner) held an inquiry at the THREE SWANS INN, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, respecting the death of Edward Ward aged 1\_ days.

The deceased was weak from birth, and died before medical aid could be obtained on the 3rd inst.  
A verdict of Died from Natural Causes was returned.”

### **1891 Census**

107, Holyhead Road

- [1] *John Wassell* (52), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Wassell* (42), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Bessie Wassell* (27), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Alice Price* (22), domestic servant, born Great Bridge;
- [5] *Constance Clarke* (18), domestic servant, born Leominster:

### **Walsall Observer 10/3/1900**

“Mr. H. A. Pearson held an inquiry on Monday, at the THREE SWANS, Wednesbury, touching the death of a girl named Mary Blake (7), daughter of Charles Blake, 7, School Street, Wednesbury.

The deceased had been very weak for years. On the 1st inst the deceased was carrying a flag to celebrate the relief of Ladysmith.

Dr. Walter Garman said his opinion was that death was due to heart failure.

A verdict of Natural Causes was returned.”

### **1901 Census**

107, Holyhead Road – THREE SWANS

- [1] *Mary A. Dixon* (27), widow, hotel keeper, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Gladys B. Dixon* (5), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Elizabeth J. Dixon* (18), domestic servant, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Sarah Mole* (63), servant, born Tipton:



### Wednesbury Leader 10/8/1901

“On Wednesday evening Mr. H. A. Pearson held an inquiry at the THREE SWANS INN, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, into the death of Mary Jane Jevons (48), wife of John Jevons, labourer, living at 150, Holyhead Road, who was found strangled in her yard on Tuesday.

John Jevons stated that about nine years ago his wife had a pin scratch on the leg. Mortification set in, and deceased had to go to the West Bromwich Hospital, where the leg was amputated. On the 24th of July his wife was leaning on a shelf over the cellar steps to hang up a brush when the shelf gave way and she fell down. Her little finger was broken in two places. She had since been somewhat melancholy, as she thought the finger, too, might prove a serious danger, and lead to the necessity of amputation. On Monday night she seemed all right on going to bed. On Tuesday morning she awoke early, and asked him if he was going to work. He told her he was not, and went to sleep again. He next saw deceased in the yard, strangled.

William Barsby said on Tuesday morning he had occasion to go into the yard early. He saw deceased lying on her back near a wall. She had a string tied three times round her neck, and it was drawn so tight that it had to be cut with a knife. Into the yard wall a hook had been driven. The woman was then breathing slightly, but died before the doctor arrived.

Rosannah Carter, 103, Holyhead Road, said she saw deceased on the 5th and asked her how her hand was. She cried, and said she wished she was dead. On the 6th at 7.15am she saw deceased lying in the yard. She was breathing. She had a razor in her pocket.

Dr. A. E. Dingley said he was called to see the woman shortly after 7am. There was a strong hook in the wall over her feet, and a chair stood under the hook. She was dead, and her face was blue. There were three marks on her neck, and death was caused by suffocation through hanging.

PC O’Hara said that on the 6th at 7.30am he was called to deceased. She was lying near a wall with her feet towards it. Some twine near had been taken off her neck.

It was ascertained that the chair near the wall was one which the woman often used to help her get about.

A verdict that deceased Killed herself while of an Unsound Mind was returned, and the Coroner remarked on the sadness of the affair.”

### Wednesbury Leader 12/10/1901

“At Wednesbury Police Court on Friday, before Aldermen R. Williams, I. Oldbury, and Mr. F. W. Hackwood, a man named Edwin Hudson (50), of no fixed abode, but who has been living in apartments at Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, was charged with obtaining various sums of money by false pretences, and with intent to defraud, between the 17th September and 3rd October.

The evidence showed that prisoner represented himself to be in the employ of the Midland Advertising Co, Wolverhampton, and canvassed for advertisements for the Wolverhampton Wanderers Fixture Card. He secured 2s 6d from Frank Talbot, manager of the South Staffordshire Coffee House, Market Place; 4s 6d from Benjamin E. Pewtriss, tobacconist, Market Place; 5s from *Herbert E. Kent*, of the CROWN AND CUSHION INN; 5s from *William H. Hadley*, GREEN DRAGON INN, Market Place; 2s 6d from *James Faulkner*, BULLS HEAD INN; 2s from *William Macdonald*, THREE SWANS INN; 5s from *Frank Bateman*, licensed victualler, High Street; 2s 6d from *Edward Phillips*, BRITANNIA INN, Trowse Lane; 2s 6d from *John Jones*, FORRESTERS ARMS, Portway Road; and 2s 6d from *Albert Newbould*, OLD PACK HORSE, Dudley Street.

Frederick L. Hodgetts, of the Penn Road, Wolverhampton, said he was a partner in the Midland Advertising Company. Prisoner had been in their employ, but left on the 27th April. He had not been connected with the company since, and was not authorised to canvass for advertisements.

Detective Truswell deposed to effecting the arrest of prisoner.

Alderman Oldbury (to prisoner): Didn’t you consider you had a lot of ‘flats’ to deal with in Wednesbury? I am surprised that tradesmen should give their money away without even asking for a receipt. They must be very confiding.

Prisoner was committed to take his trial at the Sessions, which commence on Tuesday next.”

### Wednesbury Leader 10/8/1906

“A supper, given by the Directors of the P.S. A. Company to the smelters of the Monway Department, was admirably served up at the THREE SWANS INN, on Saturday evening. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. W. Tomlinson, and the vice chair by Mr. W. Clements.....”

### **Tipton Herald 10/4/1909**

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, before Mr. C. Southern and Dr. Dingley, Michael O’Connell, of Portway Road, Wednesbury, was charged with being a convict on license and failing to report himself. He was also charged with being drunk and disorderly in the Holyhead Road, and further, with being drunk on the licensed premises of the THREE SWANS INN, Holyhead Road, and refusing to quit.

The Bench said the prisoner had a wretched record. He had been before the Court about fifty times during the last fifteen to twenty years. For refusing to quit he was fined 10s and costs, or 14 days’ imprisonment, and for being drunk and disorderly 5s and costs, or seven days.

With regard to the charge of failing to report himself in accordance with the conditions of his license, Superintendent Salt said prisoner was sentenced to three years’ penal servitude in July 1906, for wounding. On the 21st August last year he was released on license, but did not report himself to the police after the 31st December.

On this charge the Bench sentenced prisoner to three months’ imprisonment, the sentences to run concurrently.”

### **1911 Census**

107, Holyhead Road

[1] *Frederick John Fleet* (38), publican, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Sarah Annie Fleet* (38), wife, married 17 years, assisting in the business, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Miriam Ellis* (20), barmaid, born Walsall:

*Walter Wilding* died in 1946.

[1983]

Closed

It was demolished in 1986.

The site was used by Wednesbury Motors Ltd.

## THREE TUNS

125, High Bullen, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Joseph Dawes [1834] – [1841]  
Mrs. Ann Kendrick [1881]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Joseph Dawes, beer retailer, High Bullen. [1841]*

#### 1881 Census

125, High Bullen – THREE TUNS INN

[1] *Ann Kendrick (69), widow, publican, born Staffordshire;*

[2] *Thomas Kendrick (35), widower, coachsmith, born Staffordshire;*

[3] *Jonah A. Danks (? (16), domestic servant, born Staffordshire:*

Check Union Street.

## THREE TUNS

58, Union Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

William Butler Ltd. [1904], [1936]

### LICENSEES

Thomas Kendrick [1864] – [1871]

Henry Beesley [1896]

Herbert Riley [1904]

George Arthur Lee [1904]

John W Evans [1912]

Richard Henry Collett [1936]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Thomas Kendrick*, carriage step manufacturer and beer retailer, Union Street. [1864], [1865]

*Thomas Kendrick*, beer retailer, Union Street. [1868]

### 1871 Census

58, Union Street

[1] *Thomas Kendrick* (58), publican and coachsmith (master, employing 11 men 1 boy), born Wednesbury;

[2] *Ann Kendrick* (57), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Sarah A. Danks* (5), granddaughter, scholar, born Aston;

[4] *Mary J. Slade* (18), general servant, born Wednesbury:

*Henry Beesley*, beer retailer, 58, Union Street. [1896]

*George Arthur Lee*, beer retailer, 58, Union Street. [1904]

*John W. Evans*, beer retailer, 58, Union Street. [1912]

Check High Bullen.



c. 1936

## TOWN HALL

55+56, (56), Russell Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Thomas Bragg [1871] – [1891]  
Mrs. Ann Bragg [1896]  
Percival John Corfield [1904] – [1907]  
Mrs. Mary Louisa Whittaker [1911] – [1912]

### NOTES

56, Russell Street [1872], [1881], [1891], [1911]  
55+56, Russell Street

TOWN HALL INN  
TOWN HALL TAVERN

It had a beerhouse license.

#### 1871 Census

56, Russell Street - beerhouse  
[1] *Thomas Bragg* (46), beerhouse keeper, born Handsworth;  
[2] *Emma Bragg* (47), wife, born Wellington, Shropshire;  
[3] *Phoebe Martin* (15), general servant, born Princes End:

*Thomas Bragg*, beer retailer, 56, Russell Street. [1872]

#### 1881 Census

56, Russell Street  
[1] *Thomas Bragg* (56), retail brewer and publican, born Handsworth;  
[2] *Ann Bragg* (57), wife, born Cheddar, Somerset;  
[3] *Sarah Perry* (22), step daughter, born West Bromwich;  
[4] *Clara J. Harding* (7), niece, scholar, born Paddington, Middlesex:

*Thomas Bragg*, beerhouse keeper, 56, Russell Street. [1888]

#### 1891 Census

56, Russell Street  
[1] *Thomas Bragg* (66), retail brewer, born Handsworth;  
[2] *Ann Bragg* (60), wife, born Cheddar, Somerset;  
[3] *Sarah Ann Perry* (28), general servant, born West Bromwich;  
[4] *Clara Jane Harding* (16), niece, milliner, born Paddington, London:

*Mrs. Ann Bragg*, beer retailer, 56, Russell Street. [1896]

*Percival John Corfield*, beer retailer, 56, Russell Street. [1904]

### 1911 Census

56, Russell Street

[1] Arthur Whittaker (45), born Wednesbury;

[2] *Mary Louisa Whittaker* (38), wife, married 3 years, innkeeper, born Bloxwich;

[3] William Norris Corfield (12), son, born Netherton;

[4] Arthur Sydney Whittaker (2), son, born Wednesbury:

Mrs. *Mary Louisa Whittaker*, beer retailer, 56, Russell Street. [1912]

Closed

## **TRAVELLERS REST**

The Mount, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

George Hollier [1870]

## TURKS HEAD

25, Lower High Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Samuel Woodhall Ltd. (until 29/9/1894)

John Rolinson and Son Ltd. (acquired c. 1901 for £4,250 with a shop and stables)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1961]

### LICENSEES

John Russell [1818] – [1842]

Charles Bill [1845] – [1850]

Joseph Whitehouse [1860] – **1869**;

William Elcock (**1869** – [1872])

Alfred Beardsmore (**1872** – **1873**)

Mrs. Sarah Ann Beardsmore (**1873** – [ ])

Samuel Renshaw [1881] manager

Alfred Bird [1891]

Samuel Woodhall [1892] – **1895**;

Joseph Higo (**1895**) manager

Enoch Partridge [1904]

William Cook [1911] – [1912]

Harry Beddow [1916]

Harry Fisher [1921]

W S McGill [1934]

Sidney Harper [1961] – **1963**;

Alfred Joseph Clarke (**1963** – [1966])

M A Mullett [1976] – [1983]

Bill Bowers [ ]



1996

### NOTES

TURKS HEAD COMMERCIAL HOTEL [1845]

TURKS HEAD COMMERCIAL INN [1849], [1850]

TURKS HEAD COMMERCIAL AND POSTING HOUSE [1868], [1870]

Coaching inn. [1818]

The RED LION replaced it as the leading coaching inn c. 1826.

Excise office. [1845], [1849]

A coach to Birmingham left from here every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at half past 10 in the morning. [1849]

It was used as a magistrates Court. [1852]



*John Russell* was also a maltster, gaspipe and gunbarrel maker. [1818]  
He ran a forge at Church Hill.

*Charles Bill* was also a wine and spirit merchant. [1849], [1850]

*Joseph Whitehouse* was also an auctioneer. [1860], [1861], [1864]  
He was listed as a wholesale and retail brewer, auctioneer and surveyor. [1868], [1869]

### 1871 Census

25, Lower High Street – TURKS HEAD

- [1] *William Elcock* (47), innkeeper, born Handsworth;
- [2] *Mary Elcock* (39), wife, born United States;
- [3] *Mary Ann Elcock* (11), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Frederick Elcock* (8), son, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Hannah Fellows* (66), general servant, born Bradeley, Staffordshire;
- [6] *Harry Keogh* (20), boarder, born Wednesbury;

*Alfred Beardsmore* = Alfred Beardmore

### Dudley Herald 16/8/1873

“A sad case of suicide by hanging took place early on Monday morning at Wednesbury, the unfortunate person being *Mr. Alfred Beardsmore*, landlord of the TURKS HEAD INN, High Street ..... aged 33 ..... landlord of the TURKS HEAD for about 15 months.”

### 1881 Census

25, Lower High Street – TURKS HEAD HOTEL

- [1] *Samuel Renshaw* (29), manager of hotel, born Handsworth;
- [2] *Rachel Renshaw* (28), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Catherine A. Renshaw* (4), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *William H. Joseph Renshaw* (1), son, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Elizabeth Whitehouse* (18), general servant, born Wednesbury;

### Evening Star 8/3/1882

“On Thursday, *Mr. Hooper*, held an inquest at the TURKS HEAD INN, Wednesbury, on the body of *Lovell Charles Handley*, pianist, whose wife, on Friday morning, found him dead in bed by her side. He had been suffering from a sore throat for a few days. And his wife, having no money to pay for a doctor’s services, went on Thursday night to the house of *Mr. Allen*, relieving officer, to ask a note for the parish doctor. She saw *Mrs. Allen*, whom she informed that her husband was very ill, and was told to call at ten the next morning. The inquest was adjourned for the attendance of *Mrs. Allen*.”

### 1891 Census

Lower High Street – TURKS HEAD

- [1] *Alfred Bird* (38), public house manager, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Mary Ann Bird* (37), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Florence Bird* (11), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Fanny Bird* (9), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Ethel Bird* (5), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Alfred Bird* (3), son, born West Bromwich, deaf;
- [7] *Thomas Bird* (1 month), son, born West Bromwich;
- [8] *Annie Hibbs* (13), domestic servant, born West Bromwich;



### Wednesbury Herald 16/3/1895

“Highly Important Sale of a very Valuable Freehold Full-Licensed Public House. The TURKS HEAD HOTEL, Wednesbury. Together with Two Retail Shops, A Brewery, And other Premises situate in the very heart of Wednesbury.

Walter Hughes is instructed to offer for Sale by Auction, upon the premises at the TURKS HEAD HOTEL, Wednesbury, on Wednesday, the 3rd of April, 1895.....”

Lot 1. A Valuable Full Licensed Freehold Public House known as the TURKS HEAD HOTEL, situate in and having an important frontage to High Street, and close to the Market Place, until 29th September last held under lease by Mr. Woodhall, Brewer, of West Bromwich, at a rental of £85 a year.

The house, which is one of the best known and oldest Houses in Wednesbury or district, has always done a good trade, is very capacious and both inside and out is in capital order.

It contains 6 Bedrooms and 3 useful closets and attics, Clubroom 31feet 6in by 15ft, Vaults, and Concert Hall 60ft by 13ft 6in, with Stage and Back Entrance, Smoke Room, Kitchen, and very extensive Cellaring with an excellent Yard at rear, containing Brick Built Stabling for six horses, Lock up Coach House and covered Sheds with Gateway approach from Russell Street.

Possession may be had on completion. To Brewers not represented in the District this is an excellent opportunity of securing a good house in a prominent part of a busy Town, with sufficient cellarage and accommodation to practically form a Stores or Depot.

.....Lot 3. The Brick-Built Building of one storey (adjoining Lot 2) being No. 82, Russell Street, adjoining the Gateway of the TURKS HEAD HOTEL.

The building consists of an auction room 40ft by 13ft, with an office at the rear. It was formerly in the occupation of Mr. Whitehouse, auctioneer, and is now occupied by Mr. Renshaw, auctioneer and house agent, together with the Brick Building of two storeys, fitted up as a four-quarter Brewery, with Vaulted cellaring under, and front and back entrances, together with the Brewing Plant and Utensils,

The Auction Room and Office is let at a yearly rental of £10. The brewery is now void.....”

### Wednesbury Herald 30/11/1895

“Yesterday (Friday) morning *Joseph Higo*, manager of the TURKS HEAD HOTEL, Lower High Street, committed suicide in a most determined manner. He rose about 7.30am, opened the premises, and half an hour later he was seen talking to two or three men at the front door. He then went upstairs again. At a quarter past eight o'clock Mrs. *Higo* called her husband to come down to breakfast. Receiving no answer she went upstairs and entering his bedroom, the door of which was ajar, she was shocked to find him lying across the bed with a revolver in his mouth. He showed no signs of life. Running downstairs she called Mr. J. Griffiths, grocer, whose place of business is exactly opposite the TURKS HEAD, and the police and the doctor were at once sent for. PC Rowbotham was quickly on the scene, followed by Sergeant Tiller and PC Woolley. They pronounced *Higo* to be dead and Dr. Coleman, who arrived shortly afterwards, confirmed the statement. The bullet or bullets had apparently gone into the stomach. The revolver was a five chambered one and it contained three used and one unused cartridges. Deceased was only thirty-one years of age. He leaves a widow and three young children. Mrs. *Higo* states that her husband has been drinking heavily of late and had been in bed most of the time since last Monday, when they entered into possession of the house. Previously he was employed for several years by Mr. H. Millner as barman at the GEORGE HOTEL, Five Ways. The TURKS HEAD was purchased a few days ago by Mr. W. J. Maclean, of Walsall, and this gentleman appeared at the Borough Police Court yesterday morning to obtain a transfer of the license from Mr. S. Woodhall, of West Bromwich, the former licensee. *Higo* had been engaged by Mr. Maclean to manage the house.”

BY MR. WALTER HUGHES.  
Highly Important Sale of a Very  
VALUABLE FREEHOLD FULL-LICENSED  
PUBLIC HOUSE,  
The "Turk's Head Hotel," Wednesbury,  
together with  
TWO RETAIL SHOPS, A BREWERY,  
And other  
PREMISES situate in the very heart of Wednesbury.

WALTER HUGHES is instructed to offer for Sale by Auction, upon the premises at the "Turk's Head Hotel," Wednesbury, on WEDNESDAY the 3rd APRIL, 1895, at Six for Seven o'clock in the Evening precisely, subject to Conditions embodying the Common Form Conditions of the Birmingham Law Society.

#### LOT 1.

A VALUABLE FULL LICENSED FREEHOLD PUBLIC-HOUSE known as the Turk's Head Hotel, situate in and having an important frontage to High Street, and close to the Market Place, until 29th September last held under Lease by Mr. Woodhall, Brewer, of West Bromwich, at a rental of £85 a year.

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#### LOT 2.

A DOUBLE-FRONTED SHOP & DWELLING-HOUSE, adjoining Lot 1, and being No. 26, High Street, now and for many years in the occupation of Mrs. Lillis, draper, at a yearly rental of £40. This property has a frontage of 16ft to High Street.

#### LOT 3.

THE BRICK-BUILT BUILDING of one storey (adjoining Lot 2) being No. 82, Russell Street, adjoining the Gateway of the Turk's Head Hotel.

The building consists of an auction room 40ft. by 13 ft., with an office at rear. It was formerly in the occupation of Mr. Whitehouse, auctioneer, and is now occupied by Mr. Renshaw, auctioneer and house agent, together with the Brick Building of two storeys, fitted up as a four-quarter Brewery, with vaulted cellaring under, and front and back entrance, together with the Brewing Plant and Utensils.

The Auction Room and Office is let at a yearly rental of £10. The Brewery is now void.

This Lot is easily convertible into two good houses or shops.

Advert 1895

### Wednesbury Leader 27/4/1901

“On Thursday morning, at the TURKS HEAD INN, Lower High Street, Wednesbury. Mr. H. A. Pearson held an inquiry into the death of Sidney Hemmings (15), of 24, Lower High Street, employed by Messrs. Southern and Son, whose death occurred suddenly on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Clara Hemmings, wife of James Hemmings, a fitter, said on the 12th she was away from home, and returned late at night. Her daughter told her the lad had come home in the afternoon, sick, and had gone to bed. She saw the lad in the morning, and he then told her he had a sore throat. She left him to make a cup of coffee, and returned at 8.45. He was partly unconscious, and she tried unsuccessfully to rouse him. She tried to force him to drink brandy, but could not open his teeth. She went for Dr. Garman, but he arrived ten minutes after the lad died, which occurred at 9.30am.

Bertha Hemmings, sister of the deceased, said her brother came home at 2.45pm on Monday. He complained of pains in the stomach, so she gave him hot milk, and turpentine for outward application. At 5.30 she administered a seidlitz powder. He slept all night, and at 8.45 on the following morning she saw him again. He was then nearly unconscious, so she ran for Dr. Garman.

Mr. George Macduff, 3, Russell Street, foreman at the printing works of Messrs, Southern and Son, said the lad had been employed at the printing works for two years. On Monday witness had occasion to go into the machine room between 2.30 and 3pm, and there saw the lad who was engaged in light work. He was crying. The lad said he had a pain across his ribs, so witness sent him home.

Mrs. Patience Rose, a neighbour to Mrs. Hemmings, gave evidence of being with the boy at 9.30am on Tuesday, when he died.

Dr. W. C. Garman was sworn, and said that on Tuesday morning at about 8.45 he was called to see the deceased boy, and saw him at 9.15. He was then dead, and already there was a degree of post mortem staining of the body. From this he concluded that death had taken place sometime, in fact, he was of opinion that the boy was dead when they sent for the doctor. When he saw the body the boy's friends were under the impression that he was still alive, and they did not know when death occurred. He took the temperature of the body, which was hotter than is ordinary in the case of a living person. After death the temperature generally fell, but in this case it was 106 degrees. He took another temperature reading, and found the abdomen temperature was 106 degrees.

In reply to the Coroner, one could live at that temperature for a little time. He did not believe that a post mortem examination would reveal anything further so far as the cause of death was concerned. Death was due to a very sudden development of internal poison, which would not show itself by a post mortem appearance. The disease was an infectious disease, and he suggested it was influenza, because it was prevalent, and some of the cases under treatment had presented to his knowledge very peculiar symptoms. The pains in the ribs, the very rapid course of the disease, and the post mortem temperature made it plain that there was a very acute burning process at work in the system.

A juryman asked the doctor if he had known a similar case.

The doctor replied that he had, and added that if a chemical poison had been at work there would not have been that rise of temperature, for the rise in temperature denoted a rapid multiplication of poison.

A verdict that death resulted from Influenza was returned.

Mr. Macduff expressed the sympathy of the firm with the members of the family on the sudden termination to a promising career.

The Coroner replied that it was a very sad and sudden death, and he was sure the relatives of the deceased would appreciate his words.”



### Wednesbury Leader 13/7/1901

“At a special Court at Wednesbury on Monday, before Colonel Smith and Mr. J. Handley, James McLean (20), no fixed abode, was charged with stealing a pair of trousers, value 8s 11d, from the shop of Hiam Cohen, clothier, Market Place, on June 21st.

Evidence was given that the trousers were missed from the doorway of the shop. On Saturday, PC Trusswell and Bowler went to the TURKS HEAD INN, Lower High Street, where prisoner had been living, and in a bedroom which prisoner was said to have occupied, they found the trousers, while in the cellar, there was property relating to another charge. They met prisoner in the street a short time afterwards and arrested him.

They took him into the GEORGE INN to explain matters, and when told he had to go to the station prisoner became extremely violent, knocking Trusswell’s head against a partition, and whilst being handcuffed took one of Trusswell’s fingers between his teeth, and the constable afterwards found it to be broken at the end. PC Bowler had to strike him on the jaw to make him loose. Prisoner continued to struggle desperately, and knocked Trusswell through a plate glass window. He was not secured for 25 minutes. On the way to the police station he kicked Bowler on the legs, Trusswell in the ribs, and also bunted PC Wallis in the mouth. Trusswell was so badly injured that he had since been under treatment by Dr. Garman.

A remand until Friday was granted, and again yesterday for a further seven days.”

### 1911 Census

25, Lower High Street – TURKS HEAD INN

- [1] William Cook (40), public house manager, born Walsall;
- [2] Charlotte Cook (40), wife, married 20 years, assisting in business, born Walsall;
- [3] Rose May Cook (17), daughter, helps in business, born Walsall;
- [4] Arthur Cook (15), son, errand boy, labour trade, born Walsall;
- [5] Francis Cook (14), son, errand boy, drapery trade, born Walsall;
- [6] Minnie Cook (9), daughter, school, born Walsall;
- [7] Samuel Cook (6), son, school, born Walsall;
- [8] Charlotte Cook (2), daughter, born Walsall;
- [9] Gladys Cook (1), daughter, born Wednesbury:

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division One. [1946]

[2012]

It was renamed THE TAVERN [2014]



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## TWO FURNACES

Darlaston Road, Kings Hill Field, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

John Butler [1834]  
John Butler [1851]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*John Butler*, beer retailer, Kings Hill Field. [1841]

### 1851 Census

Darlaston Road

- [1] *John Butler* (32), unmarried, brewer, born Darlaston;
- [2] *John Butler* (63), father, coal mining, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Sarah Butler* (65), mother, born Tipton;
- [4] *David Butler* (18), grandson, tinning, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *John Butler* (15), grandson, tinning, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Benjamin Butler* (13), grandson, tinning, born Wednesbury:

## UNION

Bridge Street, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

John Belcher [1834] – [1850]

## NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*John Belcher*, beer retailer, Bridge Street. [1835], [1841]

He was described as a beer retailer and shopkeeper, Bridge Street. [1849], [1850]

## UNION

Portway Road, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

Martin Murray [1876]  
Edward Bishton [1882]

## NOTES

*Martin Murray* was fined £5 and had his license endorsed for disorderly conduct during the year ending 30th August 1876.

### **Wednesbury Herald 15/2/1879**

“Sale at the UNION INN, Portway Road, Wednesbury. To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Joseph Whitehouse, on Monday, February 17th 1879, (unless disposed of by Private Contract), the Licenses, Goodwill, and Possession of the above named Tavern, at 11.30am, after which the Brewing Plant, &c, will be sold, consisting of a 30-Bushel Mash Tub, Ale Cooler, Large and Small Iron Boilers, Tubs, also a quantity of Household Furniture, Beer Machine and Piping, Jugs, Cups, Glasses, Tables, Chairs, \_\_\_\_\_ Pier Glass, \_\_\_\_\_ and Other Effects.....”

### **Evening Star 8/7/1882**

“At the Wolverhampton Police Court on Friday before the Stipendiary (Mr. W. F. F. Boughey), *Edward Bishton*, landlord of the UNION INN, Portway Road, Wednesbury, was charged with being drunk on his own premises; also with assaulting Police-sergeant Curtis, and Police-constables Stainer and Noble. Mr. E. Thorne appeared to defend. Police-sergeant Curtis said that on Saturday last he went to Portway Road, where a great number of people were collected before the defendant’s house. He went into the UNION INN to arrest a man and a woman who had been taking part in an Irish row previously and had broken a man’s leg. He was accompanied by Police-constables Nobel and Stanier. He found defendant standing by the taproom door drunk. Police-constable Stanier told him that the defendant had assaulted him. The witness then said to the defendant that he must not assault the police, whereupon the defendant gave him a push. He saw the man whom he wanted to arrest in the taproom. Police-constable Noble went in and seized him, when the defendant said they should not take any \_\_\_\_\_ person out of his house without a warrant. There were about 50 persons in the room at the time. The witness laid hold of him again, and requested him to be quiet. The constables took the man out, and the defendant followed, cursing fearfully.

Police-constable Noble stated that the defendant struck him on the breast which made him stagger, and had it not been for the assistance of another officer who held him up he would have fallen. The defendant then struck him again.

Cross-examined: He was an Irishman, and the mob outside chiefly consisted of low Irish people. He did not get irritated although he was an Irishman. (laughter)

Two other constables corroborated the above evidence.

For the defence Mr. Thorne urged that the defendant thought that he was perfectly justified in ordering the constables out of his house, being ignorant of the law. He was not drunk, but only excited by seeing the mob outside and the policemen entering his house, as he then thought they had no business to do, without a warrant.

The learned Stipendiary said that there were ten convictions against the defendant when living at Walsall, and two since he had been in Wednesbury, a period of seven months. For being drunk on his own premises he should impose a penalty of 10s and the costs or fourteen days; for the assault on the sergeant £5 and costs, or three months imprisonment; and for the assault on the other two officers, 1s and costs or seven days – the fines &c, amounting altogether to £7 2s 6d.”

**Midland Sun 15/4/1893**

“Timothy Burke (34), a fine looking fellow from the Portway Road, Wednesbury, who the Bench said had led a reckless life for seventeen years, and that was his 21st appearance at the court, was fined 5s and costs, for being drunk in the Portway Road, and 5s and costs for being drunk on the premises of the UNION INN, Portway Road. The alternative was seven days’ imprisonment with hard labour, in each case. Defendant went below.”



## UNION

64, (63), Union Street, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

Samuel Tonks

## LICENSEES

J J Whitehouse [ ] - **1871**;  
Titus Hampson (**1871** - [1872]  
James Read [1881]  
James Dursley [1895] - [1896]  
Thomas Holberry [1904]  
John William Knowles [1911] - [1912] - 9 years  
Dicky Lee [ ]  
Mrs. Mary Ann Lee [c. 1940]

## NOTES

63, Union Street  
64, Union Street [1911]

It was situated on the east side of Union Street.

UNION TAVERN [1871]

It had a beerhouse license.

*Titus Hampson*, beer retailer, 63, Union Street. [1872]

*James Read* was the son of David. - See FORESTERS ARMS, Oxford Street.

### 1881 Census

Union Street - No. 63, public house - UNION TAVERN  
[1] *James Read* (36), publican, born Wednesbury;  
[2] *Maria Read* (32), wife, born Brettel Lane, Brierley Hill;  
[3] *David Read* (11), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;  
[4] *Ellen Read* (9), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;  
[5] *James Read* (7), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;  
[6] *Ernest Read* (2), son, born Wednesbury;  
[7] *Mary Jones* (18), general servant, born Wednesbury;  
[8] *Amelia Mart\_\_ Pheasant* (13), general servant, born Wednesbury:

*James Dursley* = James Dursbey

### Wednesbury Herald 17/8/1895

“Sale at UNION TAVERN, Union Street, Wednesbury. Wednesday Next, 21st August, 1895.

Belcher and Son are instructed by Mr. *James Dursley*, who is removing, to Sell by Auction, on the above premises and date, the Household Furniture and Effects.....”

SALE AT UNION TAVERN, UNION STREET,  
WEDNESBURY.

WEDNESDAY NEXT, 21st AUGUST. 1895.

**B**ELCHER AND SON are instructed by Mr. Jas. Dursley, who is removing, to Sell by Auction, on the above premises and date, the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Effects, comprising Cottage Pianoforte, in Walnut Case, Mahogany Cheffoners, Mahogany Framed Sofa, Gent's Easy Chair, Mahogany Centre Table, Pier and Toilet Glasses, Feather Bed, Brass-mounted Steads, Toilet Stands, Canesetted Chairs, Chests of Drawers, Writing Desk, Knives and Prongs, Cruet, part Dinner Service, Fenders, Toast Stand, Pictures. and other Effects.

Sale at Eleven o'clock precisely.

No Catalogues. Conditions as usual.

Auctioneers' offices, Bank Chambers, Wednesbury; and Darlaston.

Advert 1895

*James Dursbey* (sic), beer retailer, 63, Union Street. [1896]

*Thomas Holberry*, beer retailer, 63, Union Street. [1904]

### 1911 Census

64, Union Street

[1] *John W. Knowles* (33), manager beer house, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Edith Knowles* (32), wife, married 6 years, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Arthur Alfred Knowles* (6), son, born Pleck, Walsall;

[4] *Harold Ernest Knowles* (6), son, born Pleck, Walsall;

[5] *William Knowles* (79), boarder, widower, born Wednesbury:

*John W. Knowles*, beer retailer, 63, Union Street. [1912]

### Bilston and Willenhall Times 27/10/1928

“Belcher & Son will sell by auction .....

Lot 1 The Free, 7 Days, ante '69 On Beerhouse, known as the UNION INN, Situate and being Nos. 63 and 64, in Union Street, in the Borough of Wednesbury.

These Premises have a frontage of 22ft 6in to a main business thoroughfare, and occupy what is undoubtedly one of the most Valuable Trading positions in the heart of the principal Shopping Centre of the important industrial Borough of Wednesbury, being very near to the convergence of the main roads and transport services from Walsall, West Bromwich, Dudley and Darlaston.

Vacant Possession will be given on completion.”

*Dicky Lee* was married to *Mary Ann*.

### Tipton Herald 16/1/1937

“Wednesbury lost a well known townsman, when on Monday Mr. *John W. Knowles* passed away after a short illness. A native of the town he was 59 years of age.

Mr. *Knowles* was best known to hundreds, even thousands, of Wednesbury and Midland people as a sportsman and licensed victualler. In his younger days he was a professional footballer, and the clubs with which he was connected included Cannock Town, Wednesbury Old Athletic, Darlaston, Dudley Town, and West Bromwich Albion. He was known as a nippy inside forward in the centre of the attack.

He became a licensee when he took over the UNION INN, Union Street, Wednesbury, and he remained there for a period of nine years, before moving to the OLD BUSH INN, Great Bridge. He returned to Wednesbury to take over the license of the BLUE BALL INN, Earps Lane, which he retained for five years, and during the past four years he has held the position of steward at the Charlemont Social Club and Institute, Stone Cross, where he took a keen interest in all sports, and was extremely popular with the whole of the membership. He was previously a member of the Wednesbury, Darlaston and District Licensed Victuallers' Association, and when he was at the BLUE BALL INN he was prominently associated with the Wednesbury Harriers, being a vice president. His son was a member of the Harriers.....”

## VILLAGE

27, Alma Street / Elwell Street, New Town, Mesty Croft, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd.  
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

## LICENSEES

Thomas Wearing [1860] – [1873]  
Joseph Wearing [1879] – [1881]  
Lewin Ellis [1892]  
Edwin Egginton [1896] – [1904]  
Ernest Morgan [1911] – [1912]  
Mrs. Mary Gorton [1916]  
Thomas Henry Towe [1921]  
Wilfred Thomas Jinks [1961] – **1964**);  
Raymond Duckers (**1964 – 1965**);  
Kenneth Montague Cole (**1965 – 1967**);  
Norman Griffin (**1967 – 1968**);  
Albert Smith (**1968 – 1972**);  
Thomas John Jamieson (**1972 – 1973**);  
Geoffrey Dyson (**1973 – 1974**);  
Brian Thomas Morgan (**1974 – 1975**);  
Robert David Williams (**1975 – 1976**);  
Gerald Fordham Grosvenor (**1976 – 1979**);  
Stuart John Colley (**1979 – 1981**);  
Robert John Corrie (**1981 – 1983**);  
Geoffrey Alfred Wesson (**1983 – 1984**);  
Anthony John Long (**1984**);  
Trevor Edward Smith (**1984**);  
Keith Vincent Joyce (**1984 – [ ]**)

## NOTES

### 1861 Census

Mesty Croft

- [1] *Thomas Wearing* (38), brass caster, born Bilston;
- [2] *Jane Wearing* (40), wife, born Atherstone, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Joseph Wearing* (17), son, brass caster, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Thomas Wearing* (15), son, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *William Wearing* (13), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Jane Wearing* (10), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [7] *Arthur Wearing* (5), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [8] *George Wearing* (3), son, born Wednesbury;

*Thomas Wearing* was also a brass and iron founder. [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1872]

### 1871 Census

27, Alma Street – VILLAGE INN

- [1] *Thomas Wearing* (50), brassfounder and licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Jane Wearing* (49), wife, born Warwickshire;
- [3] *Arthur Wearing* (15), son, brass caster, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *George Wearing* (13), son, brass caster, born Wednesbury:

### Wednesbury Herald 20/9/1879

“Henry Cartwright, a labourer, was charged with refusing to quit the VILLAGE INN, New Town, when requested to do so by the landlord, *Joseph Waring*.

The defendant went into the house drunk, and on being requested to leave he refused to do so.

Fined 5s and costs, or in default seven days.”

### 1881 Census

27, Alma Street

- [1] *Joseph Wearing* (37), moulder &c, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Sarah Jane Wearing* (36), wife, born Small Heath, Birmingham;
- [3] *Jane Wearing* (13), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Mary M. Wearing* (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Ada Wearing* (7), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Emma Wearing* (2), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Joseph Wearing* (11 months), son, born Wednesbury:

### Wednesbury Herald 26/11/1881

“On Monday Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner) held an inquest at the VILLAGE INN, New Town, Wednesbury, touching the death of *William Jones* (49), coachsmith, who had died from the effects of injuries received at North Woolwich.

The evidence of the father of the deceased showed that about five months ago the deceased went to Rotherhithe, London, in search of work, and succeeded in gaining employment at the Isle of Dogs. Deceased had informed him that when engaged in constructing a roof in a factory on the 14th ult – the day of the severe gale – a sudden gust of wind blew him and two other men off the scaffolding. The two men fell against two or three girders and were instantaneously killed. The deceased fell a distance of twenty-one feet into the docks, and the tide being out, he fell into the mud, and received some very serious injuries. He was removed to an infirmary at North Woolwich, and afterwards to the Rotherhithe infirmary, and upon a slight improvement taking place he was removed to his home at Wednesbury. On the 14th inst, and died on the 18th inst.

In reply to the Coroner the father stated that he was fully convinced that the deceased sustained his injuries through an accident and not through the negligence of the workmen engaged.

The Coroner remarked that if the friends of the deceased or the jury thought it desirable, he would send to London for some witnesses who saw the accident take place.

The foreman of the jury said the jury did not think it necessary for any further witnesses to be called and returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

### Wednesbury Herald 19/1/1884

“On Tuesday, Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner) held an inquest at the VILLAGE INN, New Town, touching the death of a baby named *Mary Bradley*, aged 15 days, who had been found dead in bed.

The child was said to be very healthy from her birth. On Saturday morning she was found dead in bed, and, from her appearance it was evident that she had been suffocated. It transpired that three persons slept in the bed in which the baby was found dead.

The jury returned an open verdict.”

### 1901 Census

27, Alma Street

- [1] *Edwin Egginton* (44), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Mary Egginton* (44), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Harry Egginton* (19), son, (fitter's) latheman, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Agnes Egginton* (17), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Annie Egginton* (13), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Mary Egginton* (11), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [7] *Edith Egginton* (8), daughter, born West Bromwich:

### 1911 Census

VILLAGE INN

- [1] *Ernest Morgan* (31), licensed victualler, born Rugby;
- [2] *June Morgan* (34), wife, married 7 years, assisting in the business, born Rugby;
- [3] *Richard Morgan* (6), son, born Rugby;
- [4] *Sarah Wormsley* (21), general servant, born West Bromwich:

### Wednesbury Herald 27/7/1911

“On Monday afternoon Mr. E. Hooper, coroner, held an inquest at the VILLAGE INN, New Town, touching the death of Leonard Wheeler, aged 11, who lived with his grandparents at 41, Piercey Street, New Town.

The evidence went to show that the deceased was bathing in Elwell's Pool at about 5.30 on Sunday afternoon, when he got beyond his depth, and being unable to swim he sank to the bottom at a spot supposed to be about six feet deep, and John William Hughes, aged 12, tried to rescue his companion from his perilous position, but he failed to bring him out of the water. Twenty five minutes later a young man named Frank Cox, of 24, Friar Street, came upon the scene, stripped himself, and succeeded in bringing the boy out.

PC Parton, William Price, and other members of the St. John Ambulance Class tried artificial respiration for an hour and a quarter until the arrival of Dr. Garman, who pronounced life to be extinct.

A verdict of Accidental Death by Drowning was returned. The Coroner said he considered that Police constable Parton and the others were very highly to be commended for their earnest and energetic efforts to restore respiration.”

Closed

The license removal was made final on 16th May 1985.

The new building opened next door to the original house in June 1985.

[2014]



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## VINE

Alma Street, Mesty Croft, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1961]

## LICENSEES

William Henry Hornby [1957] - **1963**;  
George John Pearson **(1963)**:

## NOTES

[1911]

*William Henry Hornby* – see also PRINCE REGENT

It closed at 10.30pm on 15th November 1963.

## VINE

7, Portway Road, (7, Portway Lane), WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

Francis Adams [1864] – [1896]  
Mrs. Ann Adams [1900] – [1904]

## NOTES

7, Portway Lane [1868], [1872]  
7, Portway Road [1881]

It had a beerhouse license.

*Francis Adams* beer retailer, 7, Portway Lane [1864], [1870], [1872]  
*Francis Adams* beer retailer, Portway Lane [1868]

*Francis Adams* was fined 1s and costs for selling beer during prohibited hours, in June 1868.

### 1881 Census

Portway Lane – VINE INN

- [1] *Francis Adams* (43), beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Ann Adams* (37), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Joseph Adams* (18), son, ironworker, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Eliza Adams* (15), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Samuel Adams* (13), son, labourer in forge, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Francis Adams* (11), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Edward Adams* (8), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *William Adams* (5), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Frederick Adams* (2), son, born Wednesbury;
- [10] *Clara Adams* (4 months), daughter, born Wednesbury:

### Wednesbury Herald 28/2/1882

“*Francis Adams*, landlord of the VINE INN, Portway Road, was summoned for permitting drunkenness in his house, on the 7th inst.

The evidence for the prosecution was to the effect that the defendant’s daughter supplied two men named Burke and Rowlands with four or five pints of ale, the result being that Burke got very drunk, and upon going home, died, death being attributed to excessive drinking.

Defendant said he was not at home at the time the alleged offence was committed, and further stated that Burke obtained drink at several houses.

The Stipendiary dismissed the case, but remarked that it was a proper one to bring before the Court.”

### 1891 Census

7, Portway Road – Public House

- [1] *Francis Adams* (53), beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Ann Adams* (48), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Francis Adams* (21), son, iron worker, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Edward Adams* (18), son, iron worker, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *William Adams* (15), son, iron worker, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Frederick Adams* (12), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Clara Adams* (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Florence Adams* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Rachel Bradshaw* (20), general servant, born Wednesbury:

*Francis Adams*, beer retailer, Portway Lane. [1896]

Mrs. *Ann Adams*, beer retailer, 7, Portway Road. [1900], [1904]

Closed



## WADSWORTH

35, (36), Lower High Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Raymond Frederick Wadsworth [1961] – **1964**):

### NOTES

#### WADSWORTH'S CAFE

Alcohol sales were restricted to the dining room.

The license was surrendered on 1st January 1965 in favour of a full off license.

## WAGGON AND HORSES

High Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Susannah Disturnal [1834] – [1841]

John Disturnal [1849] – [1851]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Susannah Disturnal*, beer retailer, High Street. [1835], [1841]

*John Disturnal*, corn, flour, provision dealer and retail brewer, High Street. [1849]

### 1851 Census

High Street East

[1] *John Disturnal* (43), corn dealer and beer seller, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Sarah Disturnal* (28), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] *John Disturnal* (2), son, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Sarah Callear* (20), house servant, born Tipton;

[5] *Elizabeth Powell* (16), house servant, born Wednesbury:

## WHITE HORSE HOTEL

46, (44), Bridge Street, (High Street), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Messrs. Millward Bros. [1900]  
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1911], [1928]  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.  
Enterprise Inns [1990's]

### LICENSEES

James Beddows [1818] – [1835]  
Joseph Beddow [1841] – [1842]  
David Lees [1845]  
Timothy Millward [1851]  
William Barrett [1860] – [1861]  
Joseph Bullock [1868] – **1869**;  
James Evans (**1869 – 1870**);  
Joseph Gutteridge (**1870 – 1872**);  
Richard Sillitoe (**1872 – [1881]**)  
Charles McGuigan [1891] – [1896]  
James Mills [1900] – [1904] manager  
Philip Millward [1900] owner?  
Miss Harrison [1900] manageress  
Robert Alfred Collins [1911] – [1912] manager  
William Perry [1916] – [1921]  
Butler [ ] – **1925**;  
Mrs. Lilian Ross Butler (**1925 – 1928**)  
Henry Massey [1961] – [1966]  
S D Ceney [1983]

### NOTES

High Street [1822], [1828], [1834], [1842]  
44, Bridge Street [1851]  
Bridge Street [1865]  
45, Bridge Street [1881]  
46, Bridge Street [1990]

The tram terminus was outside.



c. 1930



c. 1980

*James Beddows* = James Beddow

*James Beddows* was also a maltster. [1818]

### 1851 Census

44, Bridge Street

- [1] *Timothy Millward* (40), victualler and roller, born Tipton;
- [2] Ann Millward (36), wife, born Dudley Port;
- [3] John Millward (16), son, roller, born Dudley Port;
- [4] Elizabeth Millward (15), daughter, born Dudley Port;
- [5] Mary Millward (13), daughter, born Dudley Port;
- [6] Ann Millward (11), daughter, scholar, born Dudley Port;
- [7] Jane Millward (8), daughter, scholar, born Round Oak;
- [8] Joseph Millward (4), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [9] James Millward (3), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [10] Sarah Millward (2), daughter, born Wednesbury;

### 1871 Census

Bridge Street – WHITE HORSE

- [1] *Joseph Gutteridge* (44), manager of gas tube works and innkeeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] Eliza Gutteridge (38), wife, born Grindon, Herefordshire;
- [3] John Gutteridge (13), son, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Jane Gutteridge (11), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] Eliza Gutteridge (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] Annie Gutteridge (6), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [7] Ada Gutteridge (2), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [8] Eliza Williams (15), servant, born West Bromwich;

It was the starting point for the Wednesbury Strollers FC annual handicap steeplechase. [1870's]

*Richard Sillitoe* was also a manufacturer of wrought iron gas fittings.

### Midland Advertiser 4/5/1878

“Several persons on the district, desirous of forming a swimming club in connection with the Baths, and necessary steps are being taken. A meeting, convened by circular, was held at the WHITE HORSE INN, Bridge Street, last night, for the purpose of making rules to regulate the working of the club, and electing a committee to carry out the recommendation of the members. It may interest some of our readers to state that the Channel swimmer intends giving lessons to gentlemen in swimming, while his wife, Mrs. Cavill, is desirous of \_\_\_\_\_ the gentle sex in the same art.”

### Wednesbury Herald 10/7/1880

“WHITE HORSE INN, Bridge Street, Wednesbury. Mr. E. B. Scholefield has received instructions from Mr. *Richard Sillitoe* (who is relinquishing the Brewing part of his business) to Sell By Auction, on Monday, July 19th, 1880, the Excellent Brewing Vessels, comprising a 200 gallon Copper Boiler, with Pipe, Brass Cock &c, a 200 gallon Wrought Iron Boiler with Pipe, 3 inch cock &c, a 20 bushel Mash Tub, Capital English Oak Ale Casks from 40 Gallons to 120 Gallons, Working Tub, Ale Coolers, Oval Coolers, Tubs, Hop Press, Bottles, Two Pulls, Tables, Screens &c. The sale includes a Handsome Grey Cob, a Superior Well-built Dog Cart, Silver-plated Harnesses, Phaeton, and numerous other Effects.....”

### **Wednesbury Herald 10/2/1881**

“Wednesbury Cricket Club. The general meeting of this club was held at the WHITE HORSE HOTEL, Wednesbury, on Wednesday, February 8th, when the following officers were duly elected.

President, R. Williams Esq.; Vice presidents J. Slater Esq., C. W. Graham Esq., Wailes, Esq.; captain (1st team) W. Ansell; captain (2nd team) B. Whitley; hon. treasurer, E. Powell; hon. secretary, Samuel Tranter; committee R. Middleton, Jackson, T. Edwards, P. Millward, G. Millward, T. Price, J. Collett, J. Fellows, and B. J. Davies.”

### **1881 Census**

46, Bridge Street – WHITE HORSE INN

- [1] *Richard Sillitoe* (46), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Maria Sillitoe* (45), wife, born, West Bromwich;
- [3] *Jane Sillitoe* (13), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Jane Hughes* (22), general servant, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Lizzie Cooper* (17), general servant, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *William Beebee* (20), servant, brewer, born Smockington, Leicestershire:

### **1891 Census**

Bridge Street – WHITE HORSE

- [1] *Charles McGuigan* (59), licensed victualler, born Chelsea, Middlesex;
- [2] *Hannah McGuigan* (50), wife, born Kings Stanley, Glamorgan;
- [3] *Caroline McGuigan* (24), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Alberta McGuigan* (16), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Matilda Cornfield* (20), domestic servant, born Tipton;
- [6] *Arthur Lockwood* (16), billiard marker, born Stoke Ash, Norfolk:

Messrs. Millward Bros., brewers and maltsters, WHITE HORSE. [1900]

### **Walsall Observer 21/7/1900**

“At the Wednesbury Police Court, on Tuesday, before the Stipendiary (Mr. N. C. A. Neville), Messrs. Millward Brothers, brewers and maltsters of Dudley Street, Wednesbury, were summoned for permitting drunkenness on their licensed premises, the WHITE HORSE HOTEL, Wednesbury, on 6th June. Mr. A. Turton appeared to prosecute, and Mr. Willcock defended.

Mr. Turton explained that Messrs. Millward were the holders of the license of the house. About 2.30 in the afternoon of the 6th of June a man named Richard Rogers went into the house with a friend, named Richard Adams. They had a half pint of drink, which was supplied by one of the two barmaids who were left in charge, the manageress *Miss Harrison*, being away at the time. After that the men went for a walk, but they returned at eight o'clock, in the evening, and were then joined by another man named Roberts. They were supplied with a pint of drink. When Rogers went in at eight o'clock he was sober. More drink was consumed by the men. An individual of the name of Forrester paid for half a pint of whisky, which was divided between the four. Another half pint of whisky was drunk, and at eleven o'clock the man Rogers was so very drunk that he had to be carried home. When taken home by Police-constable Bowler and Police-constable Maddox he was too drunk to sit in a chair, and did not recollect anything until the following morning.

Sergeant O'Leary subsequently saw the manageress regarding the affair, and she stated that she had been away from the house during the day, and did not return until after closing time. In reply to a question by the manageress, one of the barmaids, in the presence of Sergeant O'Leary, said Rogers was sober when he came into the house, but not when he went out.

Several witnesses were called, and bore out Mr. Turton's statement.

The man Richard Rogers, who is a bad cripple, stated that when he was inside the house he felt sober. When he got outside, however, the change in the atmosphere affected his afflicted leg, and he found he could not walk. Witness, being a cripple, a very little drink got over him.

For the defence, Mr. Willcock stated that Messrs. Millward Brothers had held the license of the WHITE HORSE Hotel for about ten years, and during that time no complaint had to their knowledge been made against the house. they had altogether some twenty houses, and that was the first prosecution they had had for twenty-three years. He (Mr. Willcock) argued that the man Rogers did not exhibit any signs of drunkenness whilst in the house, and he asked

the Stipendiary to say that, whilst the case was a proper one for investigation, those in charge were not aware of the man's condition.

Elizabeth Phipps gave evidence, and said Rogers was sober when in the house.

The Stipendiary said he believed the man Rogers was drunk, and also that Miss Phipps knew of his condition. Bearing in mind the previous good character of the house, he would only inflict a small penalty of £1 and costs, in all £4 5s 6d."

*Philip Millward* was also a maltster, Booth Street. [1900]

### **1901 Census**

Bridge Street – WHITE HORSE HOTEL

- [1] *James Mills* (56), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Annie Mills* (49), wife, born Handsworth;
- [3] *Blanche Mills* (24), daughter, barmaid, born Handsworth;
- [4] *Percy Mills* (22), son, billiard marker, born Handsworth;
- [5] *Alice Mills* (19), daughter, barmaid, born Handsworth;
- [6] *Gordon Mills* (15), son, commercial clerk, born Birmingham;
- [7] *Victoria Mills* (13), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [8] *Emma Goodman* (32), cook, born Stafford:

### **Tipton Herald 4/4/1903**

"The second annual supper in connection with the fitting shop of the Kings Hill Foundry, Wednesbury, was held at the WHITE HORSE HOTEL, Wednesbury, on Saturday, when 50 sat down....."

WHITE HORSE HOTEL (*James Mills*, manager), Bridge Street. [1904]

### **Wednesbury Herald 1/3/1911**

"The third annual dinner in connection with the Staffordshire Old Boys' Metallurgical Association was held at the WHITE HORSE HOTEL, Wednesbury, on Saturday evening. At the meeting preceding the dinner the secretary gave a report of the winter work, four meetings having been held at which most interesting and instructive papers had been given....."

### **1911 Census**

Bridge Street

- [1] *Robert Alfred Collins* (37), hotel manager, born Hinckley, Leicestershire;
- [2] *Blanche Collins* (37), wife, married 10 years, hotel manageress, born Stafford;
- [3] *Emily Anne Stevenson* (66), widow, hotel cook, born Lugwardine, Herefordshire;
- [4] *Edith Sally Collins* (8), daughter, school, born Warwick;
- [5] *Michael Alfred Carr Collins* (6), son, school, born Warwick;
- [6] *Minnie Maria Hill* (23), hotel waitress, born Lye;
- [7] *Eliza Dames* (20), housemaid, born West Bromwich:

### **Bilston and Willenhall Times 4/2/1928**

"A very large number of members and visitors were present at the Duke of York Lodge, RAOB (GC), WHITE HORSE INN, on Thursday evening....."

### **Bilston and Willenhall Times 22/9/1928**

"At a meeting of the RAOB, GC, Duke of York Lodge, No. 761, at the WHITE HORSE HOTEL, last Tuesday, Bro. G. L. Price, CP, was presented with a secretary's jewel for services rendered during the past 18 months....."

### **Bilston and Willenhall Times 20/10/1928**

“A distressing discovery was made at the WHITE HORSE HOTEL, Lower High Street, Wednesbury, on Sunday morning when the licensee Mrs. *Lilian Ross Butler*, a widow, was found in the cellar with a tube, which had been affixed to a gas jet, in her mouth. Medical aid was summoned, and the police resorted to artificial respiration but it was of no avail.

Mrs. *Butler* was well known in Wednesbury, and held in the highest esteem by everyone, and her death came as a great shock to all who knew her. She had been licensee of the WHITE HORSE since the death of her husband nearly three years ago, and had carried on the business in an admirable manner. She leaves three children.

At a meeting of the Wednesbury Chamber of Trade on Monday evening, the Chairman (Mr. H. S. Goostry) said that before commencing the business he could not refrain from referring to the death of Mrs. *Butler*. She had been at the WHITE HORSE HOTEL all the time the Chamber of Trade had held the meetings there, and her death would be a great loss to the Chamber. He moved that a letter of condolence be sent to the family, and this was carried in silence. Mr. Frank Cooper (Coroner) held the inquest on Monday evening, sitting with a jury, the foreman being Mr. Charles Collins.

Miss Mary Butler said that at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning she went to bed with her mother, who on the way upstairs said she did not think she would sleep, and that she would be a nuisance to her. She had been unwell of late, suffering from her nerves chiefly, and Dr. Morris had attended her. She had said things on occasions, and once remarked, ‘I am fed up with this. I will go and drown myself.’ or something like that, but witness did not take any serious notice of this statement and treated as a joke. When witness woke at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning her mother was not in bed, but there was nothing unusual in that, as she generally got up first. Later, Miss Biddulph, who lived in the house, brought up a cup of tea, and asked where her mother was. She replied that she did not know, and then a search was made, the body being discovered in the cellar.

Answering the Coroner, witness said that somehow she was not at all surprised, as her mother had been so ill of late, but she did not think she would do that.

Miss Daisy Biddulph spoke to noticing the cellar door open in the bar, and said there was a strong smell of gas. On going into the cellar she saw deceased lying on the floor with her head on the settle resting on two cushions. Witness shook her, and thought she was dead. Deceased had never said anything which would lead her to think she would do anything serious. Her nerves had been bad, and deceased had said she felt tired. So far as the business was concerned, Mrs. *Butler* had nothing to worry about. Witness found an envelope, which contained a large sum of money, in one of deceased's bags and on the back of the envelope was written, ‘For my dear children.’

PC Benton spoke to being called, and said that deceased was holding the tubing loosely in her hands, and it was touching her lower lip.

Dr. Morris said when called he administered a hypodermic stimulant, but he was of the opinion that Mrs. *Butler* was dead before he arrived. He attended her last June for neurasthenia, but there was no organic disease, although she complained of indefinite (imaginary) pains. He thought she was worrying about the business, but Mrs. *Butler* said she was not, and the Brewery Company had been very kind to her.

The Coroner summed up, and the jury returned a verdict of Suicide whilst of unsound mind.

Mr. A. J. Glover (solicitor) appeared on behalf of the Brewery Company (Messrs. W. Butler & Co Ltd.) and expressed sympathy with the family and relatives. He said that a report had got about that there was some idea on the part of the Company to move Mrs. *Butler* to another house. He was authorised to say that there was not the slightest foundation for such a statement. They had no idea of removing her, nor had she of leaving. The accounts in every way – money and stock – were in order. He thought it was only fair that this should be made public. Only that morning the stock had again been taken, and, as a matter of fact, there was some money due to Mrs. *Butler*.

The Coroner said he wished to associate himself with the expressions of sympathy, as he had known Mrs. *Butler* for a long time, probably longer than anyone in that room, for they were children together. He was sure that the real and genuine sympathy of everyone who knew her would go out to the children.

Mr. Collins said the jury also associated themselves with the expression which had been made.”

[Details of the funeral follow this article.]

### **Midland Advertiser 15/2/1930**

“Members of the Duke of York Lodge, RAOB (GG), together with visiting brethren, met in large numbers at the WHITE HORSE HOTEL, on Tuesday evening, on the occasion of the raising to the second degree of Bro. R. Wallace.....”

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Town Darts League. [1970]

It had a boxing gymnasium. [1970's]

[1994]

Closed [2002]

It was converted into a warehouse. [2006]

Demolished [2012]



1986



## WHITE LION

41, Dale Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

James Pritchard and Son

### LICENSEES

George Dawes [1868] – [1872]  
Charles Whitehouse [1881] – [1891]  
Mrs. Emily Whitehouse [1896]  
Emily Beddard [1900]  
John Beddard [1901] – [1907]  
Rachel Griffiths [1908]  
William Lawrence [1912] – [1914]  
Josephus Onions [1928] – [1932]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*George Dawes*, beer retailer, Dale Street. [1868], [1870]

*George Dawes*, beer retailer, 41, Dale Street. [1872]

#### 1871 Census

41, Dale Street – WHITE LION INN

- [1] *George Dawes* (54), beerhouse keeper, born Oakengates;
- [2] *Elizabeth Dawes* (50), wife, born Kinley [Kinlet?], Shropshire;
- [3] *Robert Dawes* (21), son, carpenter, born Admaston, Shropshire;
- [4] *Elizabeth Dawes* (23), daughter, born Hinton (?), Shropshire;
- [5] *George Dawes* (22), son, carpenter, born Admaston, Shropshire:

#### 1881 Census

41, Dale Street – WHITE LION

- [1] *Charles Whitehouse* (29), publican, born Coseley;
- [2] *Emily Whitehouse* (28), wife, born Coseley:

#### 1891 Census

41, Dale Street – WHITE LION INN

- [1] *Charles Whitehouse* (39), beerhouse keeper, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Emily Whitehouse* (38), wife, born Sedgley:

*Mrs. Emily Whitehouse*, beer retailer, 41, Dale Street. [1896]

### 1901 Census

41, Dale Street – Tavern – WHITE LION

[1] *John Beddard* (40), gas fitting maker, born Dudley;

[2] *Emily Beddard* (46), born Coseley;

[3] *Eliza Beddard* (16), daughter, barmaid, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Lucy Beddard* (13), daughter, born Wednesbury;

[5] *Edith Beddard* (10), daughter, born Wednesbury:

*John Beddard*, beer retailer, 41, Dale Street. [1904]

*William Lawrence*, beer retailer, 41, Dale Street. [1912]

*Josephus Onions* married, secondly, *Mary*.

It closed in the 1930's.

## WHITE LION

King Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

William Taylor [1871]

### NOTES

#### **Dudley Herald 9/9/1871**

*William Taylor* was fined 40s plus costs for serving during prohibited hours. £5 was to be paid by the next day, otherwise his license would be ended.

## WHITE LION

Market Place, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

William Keay [1818] – [1830]

James Southwick [1834] – [1835]

William Jevon [1841] – [1851]

### NOTES

*William Keay* was also a gun lock maker. [1818]

*William Jevon* = William Jevons

### 1851 Census

Market Place East

[1] *William Jevon* (48), widower, innkeeper, employing 1 man, born Wednesbury;

[2] Sarah Jevon (18), daughter, house keeper, born Birmingham;

[3] Susannah Penn (16), house servant, born Wednesbury:

## WHITE SWAN

6, (10), Bridge Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

William Adams [1818] – [1830]  
Mary Turner [1834] – [1835]  
John Teadstill [1834] – [1835]  
Joseph Lissimore [1841] – [1850]  
Edward Wright [1851]  
William Woodward [1860] – [1861]  
George Davis [1864] – [1865]  
Joseph Morris [1868] – [1870]  
Luther Simmonds [1871] – [1872]  
Charles Cartwright [1873] – [1904]  
George Cartwright [1911]  
Samuel Sambrooke [1912]  
Herbert Ashley [1916]  
George T Cartwright [1921]

### NOTES

10, Bridge Street [1851]

SWAN [1818], [1828], [1830], [1834], [1882]

It had a beerhouse license.

*Mary Turner*, beer retailer, Bridge Street. [1835]

#### 1851 Census

10, Bridge Street  
[1] *Edward Wright* (31), innkeeper, born Dudley;  
[2] *Elizabeth Wright* (24), wife, born Oldbury;  
[3] *Betsy Wright* (2), daughter, born Oldbury;  
[4] *Samuel Wright* (8 months), son, born Wednesbury;  
[5] *Harriet Fieldhouse* (19), house servant, born Wednesbury:

#### 1871 Census

6, Bridge Street - beerhouse  
[1] *Luther Simmonds* (28), licensed victualler, born Cinderford;  
[2] *Caroline Simmonds* (28), wife, born Hull;  
[3] *Mary Simmonds* (2), daughter, born Wednesbury;  
[4] *Caroline Simmonds* (9 months), daughter, born Wednesbury;  
[5] *Sabina Phibs* (15), domestic servant, born Hocker Hill [Ocker Hill];  
[6] *Mary Bentley* (11), nurse, born Wednesbury:

### 1881 Census

6, Bridge Street – WHITE SWAN INN

- [1] *Charles Cartwright* (39), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Harriet Cartwright* (27), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *George Cartwright* (12), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Louise Cartwright* (6), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Henry Cartwright* (4), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Kate Cartwright* (2), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Mary Craddock* (20), general servant, born Walsall;
- [8] *Eliza Gregory* (22), nurse, born Bloxwich;
- [9] *Charles Stokes* (45), servant, brewer, born Wednesbury:

### Wednesbury Herald 14/1/1882

“Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Edwin Hooper (District Coroner), held an inquest at the SWAN INN, Bridge Street, relative to the death of Esther Alice Handley, aged two years and seven months, who died on Monday from the effects of burns.

The evidence showed that on the 24th ult, the deceased was left in the kitchen by her mother, and upon returning she found her enveloped in flames, but as her injuries were only of a slight character, she did not trouble to send for a surgeon. On Sunday, the 8th inst, the child became very ill, and appeared to suffer a great deal from a wound on the chest. Mr. Wilson Moore was sent for, and the child expired on the next day.

In reply to the Coroner, the mother stated that there was no guard before the kitchen fire, and in fact not anything to prevent the child from going near to the bars.

In reply to a further question, she stated that some time ago she buried a child a week old, as a still born.

The Coroner said he considered there had been a great deal of negligence in the present case in the mother not obtaining medical aid, in fact the child's death had been caused through medical aid not being obtained.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, but believed that death had been accelerated by want of medical aid.

They also directed that inquiries should be made with reference to the first child's death.

The Coroner severely censured the woman for her conduct, and stated that if she was again guilty of similar negligence she would be committed for manslaughter.”

### 1891 Census

6. Bridge Street – WHITE SWAN

- [1] *Charles Cartwright* (49), widower, publican, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *George Thomas Cartwright* (22), son, barman, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Charles Cartwright* (20), son, pawnbroker's assistant, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Maria L. Cartwright* (15), daughter, barmaid, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Henry A. Cartwright* (13), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Amelia M. Jones* (36), general servant, born Dudley:

### 1901 Census

6, Bridge Street

- [1] *Charles Cartwright* (59), widower, licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *George Thomas Cartwright* (32), barman, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Lizzie Cartwright* (26), barmaid, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Louisa Cartwright* (25), barmaid, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Henry Alfred Cartwright* (24), son, draughtsman, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Georgina Cartwright* (3), granddaughter, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Beatrice Mitchell* (21), domestic servant, born Walsall:

## 1911 Census

### WHITE SWAN INN

- [1] *George Thomas Cartwright* (42), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Elizabeth Cartwright* (37), wife, married 15 years, assisting in business, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Georgina Cartwright* (13), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Marjory Cartwright* (7), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Katherine Hughes* (19), servant, born Brierley Hill:

## WHY NOT

16, (16+17), (17), New Street, WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

## LICENSEES

Miss Ann Partridge [1868] – [1872]

Stephen Duffield [1881] – [1895]

Arthur Birch [1901] – [1904]

John Marshall [1911] – [1912]

## NOTES

16+17, New Street [1901]

It had a beerhouse license.

Miss Ann Partridge, beer retailer, New Street. [1868]

Miss Ann Partridge, beer retailer, 16, New Street. [1870], [1872]

### 1881 Census

New Street – WHY NOT INN

[1] Stephen Duffield (33), publican, born West Bromwich;

[2] Ann Duffield (43), wife, born Shrewsbury;

[3] Harriet Latham (22), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

Stephen Duffield, beer retailer, 16-17, New Street. [1888]

### 1891 Census

17, New Street

[1] Stephen Duffield (42), publican, born West Bromwich;

[2] Ann Duffield (52), wife, born Bilston;

[3] Henry Duffield (14), nephew, iron worker, born West Bromwich;

[4] Rachel Zealley (17), general servant, born Wednesbury:

Stephen Duffield was convicted of permitting drunkenness in September 1894. He was fined 10s and costs.

### 1901 Census

16+17, New Street

[1] Arthur Birch (26), publican, born Manchester;

[2] Ada A. Birch (26), wife, born Wednesbury:

Arthur Birch, beer retailer, 16, New Street. [1904]



### 1911 Census

New Street – WHY NOT INN

- [1] *John Marshall* (48), licensed victualler, born Bloxwich;
- [2] *Sarah Ann Marshall* (45), wife, married 26 years, born Bloxwich;
- [3] *Leonard Marshall* (19), son, ostler, iron works, born Short Heath;
- [4] *Edward Marshall* (17), son, worker, boot and shoe trade, born Short Heath;
- [5] *Richard Marshall* (15), son, born Bloxwich;
- [6] *Maud Marshall* (9), daughter, school, born Bloxwich;
- [7] *Albert Marshall* (6), son, school, born Bloxwich;
- [8] *Lucy Ann Shilton* (22), domestic servant, born Kingsbury, Warwickshire:

### Wednesbury Herald 23/9/1911

“Early on Thursday morning a fire was discovered on the premises of the WHY NOT INN, Wednesbury. The landlord, Mr. *John Marshall*, and several other men put out the flames before the arrival of the members of the fire brigade. The damage was not considerable.”

*John Marshall*, beer retailer, 16, New Street. [1912]

## **WILLIAM IV**

Trouse Lane, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Richard Smith [1834] – [1835]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

*Richard Smith*, beer retailer, Trouse Lane. [1835]

## WINDMILL

116, Coronation Road, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Leslie Jepson Guest **(1959 – 1963)**;

Irene Eva Guest **(1963 – [1966]**

### NOTES

It opened on 30th October 1959.

It was designed by Messrs. Scott and Clark of Wednesbury.

It was built by Messrs. R. Hadlett and Co, Manby Street, Wolverhampton.

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Town Darts League. [1970]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Social Dominoes League. [1970]

[2014]



2013

## WODEN

25, (27), Church Hill (Street), WEDNESBURY

## OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

## LICENSEES

William Lane [1904]

William Reeves [1911] – [1921]

Ernest Turley **(1933 – 1935)**

Thomas Samuel King [1961] – [1966]



Token

## NOTES

27, Church Street [1904], [1911], [1912], [1916]

27, Church Hill

25, Church Hill [1996]

It was situated near St. Bartholomew's Church.

## 1911 Census

27, Church Street

[1] William Reeves (52), licensed victualler, born Coseley;

[2] Laura Reeves (46), wife, married 27 years, assisting in the business, born Birmingham;

[3] Cyril Reeves (13), son, scholar, born Willenhall;

[4] Alice Bickley (25), general servant, born Brownhills, Staffordshire:

WODEN ARMS [1918]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Social Dominoes League. [1970]

[2014]



2014



2014

## WOODMAN

34, (36), Dale Street, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1961]

### LICENSEES

Samuel Woodhall [1881] – [1891]  
Mrs. Johnson [1900]  
William Ivan Hulse [1961] – **1963**;  
Samuel Alfred Scott (**1963** – [1966])

### NOTES

36, Dale Street [1881]  
34, Dale Street [1891]

It had a beer and wine license.

#### 1881 Census

36, Dale Street – WOODMAN INN

- [1] *Samuel Woodhall* (45), publican, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Mary Woodhall* (44), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Henry Woodhall* (19), son, general labourer, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Mary Woodhall* (17), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Walter Woodhall* (5), son, born West Bromwich:

#### 1891 Census

34, Dale Street – WOODMAN INN

- [1] *Samuel Woodhall* (55), beerhouse keeper, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Fanny Woodhall* (62), wife, born Pelsall;
- [3] *Walter Woodhall* (15), son, artisan, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Alice Woodhall* (12), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Louisa Orme* (18), domestic servant, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *William Bird* (62), lodger, coal miner, born Wednesbury:

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division Two. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Darts League, Division Two. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Town Darts League. [1970]

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Social Dominoes League. [1970]

[1976]

Closed

## WOODMAN

Kings Hill Field, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

William Simkin [1834] – [1835]  
William Harry Field [ ]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

## WOODMAN

74, (62), Wood Green Road, (61, Woodgreen), (61, Walsall Road), WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.  
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

### LICENSEES

Mrs. Ann Turner [1834] – [1845]  
James Batch [1849] – [1851]  
Thomas Wood [1865] – **1872**;  
Sarah Wood (**1872** – [1875]  
Samuel Wood [1879] – [1881]  
Joseph Byrne [1891] – [1896]  
James Steadman (**1901** – [1904]  
Charles William Garfield [1911] – [1912]  
Frederick J Burton [1916] – [1921]  
Thomas Raymond Green [1961] – **1964**);  
Alan Jack Martin (**1964** – [1976]  
Alan Whitten [ ] – **1994**)

### NOTES

61, Walsall Road [1871]  
61, Woodgreen [1881]  
62, Wood Green Road [1892], [1896], [1904]  
74, Wood Green Road [1912], [1916], [1921], [1996]

WOODMAN HOTEL [1904]

It had a beerhouse license.

#### 1841 Census

Wood Green

[1] Ann Turner (60), publican, born Staffordshire:

James Batch = James Bach

#### 1851 Census

Wood Green

[1] James Batch (60), publican, born Darlaston;

[2] Jane Batch (60), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] Mary J. Woodward (16), house servant, born Wednesbury;

[4] Martha Pakeman (70), visitor, annuitant, born Acton, Staffordshire:

Re JOSEPH BYRNE. A Bankrupt.  
Sale at the  
"WOODMAN INN," WOOD GREEN,  
WEDNESBURY.  
TUESDAY NEXT, AUGUST the 13th, 1895.  
BELCHER AND SON are instructed by Edwin  
Pritchard, Esq., Official Receiver, to Sell by  
Public Auction, on the above Premises and date, the  
Superior BREWING PLANT and Effects, compris-  
ing 100 gal. Copper Boiler, 120 gal. Steel Boiler,  
Vats, Mash Tun, Coolers, Ale Casks, Refrigerator,  
Gas and Water Piping, together with a Substantial  
WOOD PAVILION, 22ft. 6in. by 12ft., with Corru-  
gated Iron Roof, nearly new; Iron Pig Trough,  
Stable Fittings and other Effects.  
Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock prompt.  
Usual Conditions. No Catalogues.  
Auctioneers' Offices, Bank Chambers, Wednesbury;  
and Darlaston.

Advert 1895



Token

*Thomas Wood*, beer retailer, Wood Green. [1865], [1868]

*Thomas Wood* was fined 2s 6d and costs, for serving on a Sunday, in October 1868.

### 1871 Census

61, Walsall Road – WOODMAN INN

[1] *Thomas Wood* (53), innkeeper, born Bloxwich;

[2] *Sarah Wood* (54), wife, born Tamworth;

[3] *Joseph Beresford* (39), lodger, stone mason, born Ashover, Derbyshire:

*Sarah Wood* was fined 20s and costs for serving during prohibited hours during the year ending 30th August 1876.

### Wednesbury Herald 18/10/1879

“The monthly meeting of the Wednesbury and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association was held at Mr. *Wood*’s, WOODMAN INN, on Tuesday, October 14th. In the absence of the President, Mr. Sheldon occupied the chair.....”

### 1881 Census

61, Woodgreen – The WOODMAN

[1] *Samuel Wood* (50), licensed victualler, born Pelsall;

[2] *Harriet Wood* (48), wife, born Oldbury;

[3] *Samuel R. Wood* (19), son, carpenter, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Alice Butler* (18), domestic servant, born Smethwick:

### 1891 Census

Wood Green – WOODMANS INN

[1] *Joseph Byrne* (33), tailor and publican, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Honor Byrne* (34), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Fanny P. Byrne* (5), daughter, scholar, born Walsall;

[4] *Joseph L. Byrne* (3), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;

[5] *Thomas E. Byrne* (6 months), son, born Wednesbury;

[6] *Emma Goodwin* (21), general servant, born West Bromwich:

### Wednesbury Herald 10/8/1895

“Re *Joseph Byrne*, a bankrupt. Sale at the WOODMAN INN, Wood Green, Wednesbury. Tuesday next, August the 13th, 1895.

Belcher and Son are instructed by Edwin Pritchard, Esq, Official Receiver, to Sell by Public Auction, on the above Premises and date, the Superior Brewing Plant and Effects, comprising 100 gal. Copper Boiler, 120 gal. Steel Boiler, Vats, Mash Tun, Coolers, Ale Casks, Refrigerator, Gas and Water Piping, together with a Substantial Wood Pavilion, 22ft 6in by 12ft, with Corrugated Iron Roof, nearly new; Iron Pig Trough, Stable Fittings and other Effects.....”

AND

“*Joseph Byrne* of Wood Green, near Wednesbury, licensed victualler. First meeting August 14th, 11.30am, Official Receiver’s, Walsall; public examination, August 14th, noon, Court House, Walsall.”

### Wednesbury Herald 17/8/1895

“Re *Joseph Byrne*, of the WOODMAN INN, Wood Green, Wednesbury, licensed victualler.

This case came before Registrar Clarke at the Walsall County Court, on Wednesday, and on the application of Mr. C. Hault, Deputy Official Receiver, was adjourned to the 22nd inst. The statement of affairs presented by the debtor showed gross liabilities £217 18s 1d, of which £182 12s 4d was expected to rank for dividend. The assets were estimated at £83 14s 3d, after paying preferential claims. The insolvency was attributed by the debtor to bad trade, heavy rental, and bad debts.”

### London Gazette 28/2/1896

“*Byrne, Joseph*, Residing at WOODMAN INN, Wood Green, near Wednesbury, Staffordshire, Licensed Victualler. Date of Release, February 11th, 1896.”



## Walsall Observer 27/1/1900

“An inquest was held on Monday afternoon, before Mr. H. A. Pearson, coroner, at the WOODMAN HOTEL, Wood Green, near Wednesbury, touching the death of Mrs. Isabella Francis (82), and Monica Emily Tuthill (19), daughter of the Rev. George Tuthill, Vicar of Wood Green.

The deceased retired to rest on Friday night, both occupying the same bedroom, and next morning were found dead in bed.

The Coroner said they were met together under very painful circumstances. He was sure they must all feel the deepest sympathy with the Rev. Mr. Tuthill in this sad and terrible calamity which had fallen upon him, and all his parishioners must deeply sympathise with him in his great sorrow.

The Rev. George Tuthill, vicar of Wood Green Church, was the first witness. Mrs. Isabella Francis, he said, was his late wife's mother. Monica Emily Tuthill was his daughter. He last saw them alive about 10 o'clock on Friday night, and they were in their usual health. Francis retired at 10 o'clock, and his daughter some twenty minutes afterwards. Witness retired at a quarter to eleven.

Dorothy Mary Tuthill, sister of Miss Monica Tuthill, was the next witness. She stated that she slept in a room above that occupied by the deceased. Witness did not smell any escape of gas. She went to call her sister on Saturday morning, and then smelt a strong odour of gas. The gas-light in the bedroom was burning low. Witness then called someone. During the night witness heard a noise as of someone falling.

Dr. Garman, of Wednesbury, spoke to receiving a message to attend the Vicarage, and to arriving there about a quarter to ten o'clock on Saturday morning. He found Mrs. Francis and Miss Tuthill both dead. The room smelt strongly of gas when he got there, although, he understood, the door had been opened for forty minutes. Miss Tuthill had been dead quite recently, but Mrs. Francis appeared to have been dead longer. The peaceful expression and attitude of both the deceased were such that they must have died quite painlessly and in their sleep. In both cases, in his opinion, death was due to asphyxia, slowly produced by the prolonged breathing of gas laden air. They would be almost imperceptibly poisoned.

In answer to a juryman, witness said that all the signs were consistent with gas poisoning. The gas was the ordinary coal gas and what the deceased would die of would be carbon monoxide.

A Juryman: How do you account for the faint glimmer of gas and the escaped body of gas without there being an explosion?

Dr. Garman, in reply, said there must have been a certain admixture or 'blend' of gas and air before the explosive point was reached. They might get air highly charged with gas, but quite capable of destroying life, without reaching the point at which it would explode. That was the case here. He followed that point carefully up, and there was nothing inconsistent with the gas being lighted. There would be diffusion going on. There would be some diffusion up the chimney, for the register was not down, although there was a piece of cardboard there. The explanation was that until the gas reached a certain point of concentration it would not explode. [It was here explained that horses kicking in a stable adjacent to the house might account for the noise heard by Miss Tuthill during the night.] There was a thick carpet on the room floor, except underneath the bed, and if the gas escaped beneath the boards, and rose through the joints, it would travel in the line of least resistance, and rise up immediately under the bed where there was no carpet, and suffocate the deceased.

Eliza Price, housekeeper at the vicarage, spoke to being called, and to finding the bodies dead. On Friday night the gas went out about a quarter to ten o'clock, and after Miss Monica and Miss Dorothy Tuthill had turned off the jets, witness put some water in the meter. The jets were afterwards relighted.

Sylvia Powell, who was called to the deceased, spoke to noticing a very strong smell of gas.

Police-superintendent Salt deposed to having been called to the vicarage on Saturday morning. He spoke to finding a smell of gas, but on moving a board to examine the fittings, could discover no leakage.

James Adey, gas fitter, Windmill Street, Wednesbury, spoke to having made an examination of the fittings, and to testing the meter for two hours. He found no leakage. There was, however, a smell of old gas. It was impossible for there to be any escape in pipe or fittings.

In answer to a Juryman: If the tap had been left on in the drawing room?

Witness: The gas would not have gone through the ceiling.

The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental death, and expressed their deepest sympathy with the Vicar in his bereavement.

The Coroner said he fully concurred with them. It was the most painful case he had yet had to inquire upon.

The Rev. George Tuthill (vicar) thanked the jury for their sympathy.”

### Wednesbury Leader 14/9/1901

“On Wednesday night the body of an old man named James Ollerenshaw (70), of Foley Street, Wednesbury, was found hanging in a shed near the WOODMAN INN, Wood Green. Deceased was found suspended from a beam; life appeared to have been extinct for some hours. He was identified on Thursday morning by his son in law, who states that deceased has been missing from his home since Tuesday. Of late, it appears Ollerenshaw has acted rather strangely, but he has shown no inclination to take his life.”

### Wednesbury Leader 21/9/1901

[At the Wednesbury Adjoined Licensing Sessions] “..... *James Steadman* appeared to apply for the renewal of the license to him, of the WOODMAN HOTEL, Wood Green.

Mr. Wright, of Wolverhampton, was the solicitor engaged in this case.

The police objected to the house on the grounds that the former licensee had permitted drunkenness on the premises. Superintendent Salt stated the conviction was on 29th March and the license was transferred on June 28th.

Mr. Wright said the owners would endeavour to conduct the house properly, as the house cost them £4000, and they had therefore much at stake.”

- It was renewed.

### Wednesbury Leader 16/11/1901

“Mr. H. A. Pearson (coroner) held an inquest at the WOODMAN HOTEL, Wood Green, on Thursday morning, touching the death of Alfred Baldwin, aged four years, who lived with his parents at Forge House, Wood Green, and who was killed in the engine house at the works of Mr. Edward Elwell, edge tool manufacturer, the Wednesbury Forge, Wood Green, on Monday last.

Mr. J. Jackson (factory inspector), Messrs. L. Aston and C. Beesley (Mr. Elwell’s office and works managers), and Superintendent Salt, Sergeant Lee and PC’s Rixson and Wallace were present.

Daniel Baldwin, the father of the deceased, said his child, who had always been fairly healthy, came to him at the works on Monday at about 4.50 in the afternoon. Witness was the engine driver, and shortly after his child came he had to go and make up the boiler fires, leaving deceased in the yard. While firing he noticed the engine suddenly increase very much in speed, and so hurried back to the engine house and shut off steam. He then observed his little son lying with his head between the spindle box and the eccentric rod of the engine, and he seemed to be dead. The head was frightfully lacerated, but witness picked up the body and ran with it to his home, afterwards sending for Dr. Crew, who pronounced life to be extinct. Witness said he had never known his son to enter the engine house before. The reason of the sudden increase in the rate of the engine was caused through a belt which connected the governors with the engine breaking. In answer to questions by jurors, witness said there was no fastener on the engine room door except a spring, though there was on an outside door. There was no one else about the engine room. He concluded his son must have entered the engine room and then stumbled over a piece of casting. In answer to Mr. Jackson, witness said he considered the machinery properly fenced.

PC Rixson, stationed at Wood Green, said that on the date named he was called to the Forge House where he saw the deceased child with three large wounds on the head. He subsequently examined the engine house, finding a large quantity of blood under the eccentric rod and on the spindle box. The measurement between the spindle box and rod was 2½ inches.

Mr. Jackson said it was very desirable such small children should be kept out of works. There was no law to prohibit them from going there, but he had noticed that in a recent enquiry held by one of the Home Office Committees a strong recommendation was inserted in their report asking managers to do what they could to prevent children going into dangerous works. They were frequently allowed to go in to take food, not knowing the risk they ran. He himself had no power to stop them going in.

Mr. Aston, the office manager at the works, said at the time the boy went into the works, the gates were open for the railway wagons to fetch goods away. As a rule the gates were kept closed.

The Coroner said he agreed with the remarks of H. M. Inspector in regard to stricter measures being adopted to keep young children off works. In the present instance he thought no blame could be attached to anyone for the child’s death.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and expressed sympathy with the parents of the deceased.”



## 1911 Census

Wood Green – WOODMAN INN

[1] *Charles William Garfield* (34), manager of public house, born Wolverhampton;

[2] *Ann Garfield* (30), wife, married 10 years, born London;

[3] *Maud Letitia Garfield* (9), daughter, born Wolverhampton;

[4] *Norah Garfield* (2), daughter, born Moxley;

[5] *Elizabeth Ashley* (18), general servant, born Ogley Lane, Brownhills:

A team from here took part in the Wednesbury Central Darts League, Division Two. [1946]

[1996]

Closed

It was converted into a restaurant.



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## WOODMAN +

WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

### LICENSEES

Joseph Rigby [ ] - **1871**;  
George Grange (**1871** - [ ]

### NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

## Beerhouse - Unnamed

Crank Lane, WEDNESBURY

### OWNERS

Joseph Spittle, Kings Hill  
Thomas Bruerton

### LICENSEES

David Davis [ ] - **1881**);  
Jacob Chilton (**1881** - [ ]

## LIST OF WEDNESBURY PUBS

**ACORN** 68, Birmingham Street, (68, Back Street), Kings Hill Field, WEDNESBURY  
**ALBERT** Albert Street, WEDNESBURY  
**ANCHOR HOTEL** 26, Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY  
**ANCIENT BRITON** 6, Potters Lane, (6, Potter Street), (Portway Road), WEDNESBURY  
**ANGEL** Lowe's Buildings, WEDNESBURY  
**ANGEL** Bilston Road, (Old Road), Monway Field, WEDNESBURY  
**ANGEL** Cock Heath, WEDNESBURY  
**BACHELORS ARMS** Kings Hill Field, WEDNESBURY  
**BEEHIVE** Dale Street, WEDNESBURY  
**BEEHIVE** 2, Trowse Lane, WEDNESBURY  
**BELL AND CASTLE** Union Street, WEDNESBURY  
**BELLWETHER** 3 & 4, Walsall Street, WEDNESBURY  
**BIRD IN HAND** Camp Hill Lane, (Campo Street), WEDNESBURY  
**BLACK BOY** High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**BLACK HORSE** 1, Old Park Road / Kings Hill Field, Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY  
**BLUE BALL** 13, Earps Lane, WEDNESBURY  
**BOARD** High Bullen, (High Street), WEDNESBURY  
**BOARD** Market Place, WEDNESBURY  
**BOAT** Crankhall Lane, WEDNESBURY  
**BOILERMAKERS ARMS** 31, Camp Hill Lane, WEDNESBURY  
**BOROUGH ARMS** 100, Cobden Street, Fallings Heath, WEDNESBURY  
**BOROUGH ARMS** 8, (Lower) Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY  
**BRICKLAYERS ARMS** Portway Road, WEDNESBURY  
**BRIDGE** Bull Lane, WEDNESBURY  
**BRITANNIA** Dale Street, WEDNESBURY  
**BRITANNIA** Darlaston Road, WEDNESBURY  
**BRITANNIA** Eldon Street, WEDNESBURY  
**BRITANNIA** 21, Trowse Lane, WEDNESBURY  
**BRITISH QUEEN** 40+41, (41), Trowse Lane, WEDNESBURY  
**BRITISH WORKMAN** Walsall Street, WEDNESBURY  
**BROUGHAMS ARMS** Kings Hill Field, WEDNESBURY  
**BROWN LION** Kings Hill Field, WEDNESBURY  
**BRUNSWICK** 301, Crankhall Lane / Woden Road East, WEDNESBURY  
**BRUNSWICK** 49, Great Western Street, WEDNESBURY  
**BULLS HEAD** 29, Cramphill Lane, (Campo Lane), (29, (28+29), Camp Hill Lane), High Bullen, WEDNESBURY  
**BULLS HEAD** Tame Bridge, The Delves, WEDNESBURY  
**BUSH** High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**CAPE OF GOOD HOPE** High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**CASTLE** 31, Walsall Street (31, Walsall Road) / Windmill Street, (31, Oakeswell End), WEDNESBURY  
**CHESTNUT TREE** Axeltree Way, WEDNESBURY  
**CHURCH TAVERN** Hall End, WEDNESBURY  
**CHURCH HILL** 27, Church Street, Church Hill, WEDNESBURY  
**COACH AND HORSES** 60, (Lower) High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**COACHMAKERS ARMS** 56, (55), Bridge Street / Mounts Road, WEDNESBURY  
**COMMERCIAL** High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**CORONATION** 2, Friar Park Road / Crankhall Lane, WEDNESBURY  
**COTTAGE** 32, (33), Woodgreen Road / Hobbs Road, WEDNESBURY  
**COTTAGE OF CONTENT** New Street, WEDNESBURY  
**COTTAGE SPRING** Bilston Road (26, Old Bilston Road) / Darlaston Road, WEDNESBURY  
**COTTAGE SPRING** 106, (50), Franchise Street, Fallings Heath, WEDNESBURY  
**COTTAGE SPRING** Trowse Lane, WEDNESBURY  
**CROFT** Hydes Road, WEDNESBURY  
**CROSS GUNS** 34, (11), Bilston Road, (Old Bilston Road), (Old Road), Wednesbury Field, WEDNESBURY  
**CROSS KEYS** 5, Earps Lane, WEDNESBURY  
**CROWN** 90, Albert Street, WEDNESBURY  
**CROWN** Crankhall Lane, WEDNESBURY  
**CROWN AND CUSHION** 36, (35+36), High Bullen, (Dudley Street), WEDNESBURY  
**CUCKOO TAVERN** WEDNESBURY  
**DARTMOUTH ARMS** 172, Holyhead Road, (New Road) / Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY  
**DOG AND DUCK** Dudley Street, (Dudley Road), WEDNESBURY  
**DOG AND DUCK** New Street, WEDNESBURY  
**DOG AND PARTRIDGE** 16, (24), Ridding Lane / Addison Street, WEDNESBURY  
**DOLPHIN** Darlaston Road, WEDNESBURY  
**DRUM AND MONKEY** Portway Road, WEDNESBURY  
**DUKE OF WELLINGTON** Bridge Street, WEDNESBURY  
**DUKE OF WELLINGTON** High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**DUKE OF YORK** 69, Lower High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**ELEPHANT AND CASTLE** 42, High Bullen / Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY  
**ERIN GO BRAGH** 132, Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY

**EXCHANGE** Portway Road, WEDNESBURY  
**FALLINGS HEATH TAVERN** 248, (132), Walsall Road, Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY  
**FITTERS ARMS** Lower High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**FORESTERS ARMS** 50, Oxford Street, Mesty Croft, WEDNESBURY  
**FORESTERS ARMS** 4, Portway Road, (4, Railway Road), WEDNESBURY  
**FORGE** Franchise Street / Beebee Street, (Beebee Lane), Fallings Heath, WEDNESBURY  
**FORTUNE OF WAR** 35, (36), (32), Trowse Lane / Wellcroft Street, WEDNESBURY  
**FOUR HOPES** WEDNESBURY  
**FOX** Vicarage, WEDNESBURY  
**FOX AND DOGS** 111, (110-111), Albert Street, WEDNESBURY  
**FREEMASONS ARMS** Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY  
**FRIAR PARK** 103, Crankhall Lane, (Crank Lane), WEDNESBURY  
**GEORGE** 1, Upper High Street, (1, Market Place) / Union Street, Five Ways, WEDNESBURY  
**GEORGE AND DRAGON** 40, Lower High Street, (Market Place), WEDNESBURY  
**GEORGE AND DRAGON** Walsall Street, (9, Walsall Road), (9, Oakeswell End), Oakeswell, WEDNESBURY  
**GLADSTONE** 1, Portway Road, WEDNESBURY  
**GLOBE** The Bridge, High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**GOLDEN CROSS** Market Place, WEDNESBURY  
**GOLDEN CUP** High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**GOLDEN LETTERS** High Bullen, WEDNESBURY  
**GRAPES** 44, (Upper) High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**GRAPES** 21, Portway Road / 26, Foster Street, WEDNESBURY  
**GREAT WESTERN HOTEL** 1, Great Western Street (Victoria Street) / 58, Potters Lane, WEDNESBURY  
**GREEN DRAGON** Wednesbury Fruit Market, (9, Market Place), (High Street) / The Shambles, WEDNESBURY  
**GREEN MAN** High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**GREYHOUND** 23, Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY  
**HARE AND HOUNDS** 85, Bridge Street, WEDNESBURY  
**HEN AND CHICKENS** 47, Foster Street, WEDNESBURY  
**HIGHGATE ARMS** Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY  
**HOLLY BUSH** Dudley Road, WEDNESBURY  
**HOPE AND ANCHOR** 136, Darlaston Road, Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY  
**HORSE AND JOCKEY** Church Street, (Church Lane), WEDNESBURY  
**HORSE AND JOCKEY** 68, Franchise Street, Fallings Heath, (Kings Hill), WEDNESBURY  
**HORSE AND JOCKEY** 29, High Bullen, (Trowse Lane), WEDNESBURY  
**HORSE AND JOCKEY** 44, Walsall Street, WEDNESBURY  
**HORSE AND JOCKEY** Wood Green Road, (84, Wood Green), (84, Walsall Road), Wood Green, WEDNESBURY  
**INKERMAN** Cook Street, WEDNESBURY  
**ISLE OF MAN** Brunswick Park Road, WEDNESBURY  
**ISLE OF MAN** 18, Lower High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**JOINERS ARMS** 14, (37), Camp Street, WEDNESBURY  
**JOLLY BREWER** 18, (16), Camp Street / Fletchers Court, WEDNESBURY  
**JOLLY COLLIER** 54, Meeting Street / Lloyd Street, WEDNESBURY  
**JOLLY COLLIER** "Shambles", WEDNESBURY  
**JUNCTION** 31, (24), Trowse Lane, WEDNESBURY  
**KING AND CONSTITUTION** Trowse Lane, WEDNESBURY  
**KINGS ARMS** 39, (37), High Bullen, (Dudley Street), WEDNESBURY  
**KINGS ARMS** Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY  
**KINGS HEAD** High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**KINGS HILL TAVERN** 13, Darlaston Road, (Old Park Road), WEDNESBURY  
**KINGS HILL TAVERN** 89, Mill Street, (89, Old Park Road), (89, Front Street), Kings Hill Field, (Butcroft), WEDNESBURY  
**LAMB AND FLAG** 22, Camp Street, WEDNESBURY  
**LAMP** 14, (Upper) High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**LEABROOK TAVERN** Leabrook Road, WEDNESBURY  
**LIQUOR VAULTS** 23, Bridge Street, WEDNESBURY  
**LIVE AND LET LIVE** Dudley Road, WEDNESBURY  
**LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN (ROYAL) HOTEL** 66, Stafford Street / Albert Street, WEDNESBURY  
**MALT SHOVEL** 13, (12), High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**MARKET TAVERN** 69, Russell Street, WEDNESBURY  
**MAZEPPA** Elwell Street / Friar Street, Mesty Croft, WEDNESBURY  
**MINERS ARMS** 24, Portway Road, WEDNESBURY  
**MOULDERS ARMS** 102, Holyhead Road / Chapel Street, WEDNESBURY  
**MUSEUM** 28, Elwell Street / Sampson Street, Mesty Croft, New Town, WEDNESBURY  
**MYVOD** 62, Park Lane / Myvod Road, WEDNESBURY  
**NAGS HEAD** 5, (6), Lower High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**NELSON** Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY  
**NELSON** 62, Portway Road, Leabrook, WEDNESBURY  
**NOAHS ARK** New Street, WEDNESBURY  
**OCEAN HOUSE** 117+118, Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY  
**ODDFELLOWS ARMS** 140, Darlaston Road, Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY  
**OLD BARREL** 135, (136), Darlaston Road / Barrel Street, (136, Kings Hill), Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY  
**OLD BARREL** 115, Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY

**OLD BEEHIVE** Walsall Street, WEDNESBURY  
**OLD BIRD IN HAND** High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**OLD BLUE BALL** 10, (19), Hall End, Church Hill, WEDNESBURY  
**OLD BRITANNIA** Newtown, WEDNESBURY  
**OLD CHURCH** Church Road, WEDNESBURY  
**OLD CROSS KEYS** 152, (153), Holyhead Road (Row), WEDNESBURY  
**OLD CROSS KEYS** Queen Street, WEDNESBURY  
**OLD DRAGON** Church Hill, WEDNESBURY  
**OLDE LEATHERN BOTTEL, YE** 40, (19), (12), Vicarage Road, (Terrace Street), (Vicarage, Church Hill), WEDNESBURY  
**OLD MILL** Rydding Lane, WEDNESBURY  
**OLD PACK HORSE** 74, Lower Dudley Street, (Dudley Road), Lea Brook, WEDNESBURY  
**OLD PARK** 35, (16), Darlaston Road, Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY  
**OLD ROYAL OAK** 4, Meeting Street, (Meetinghouse Lane), (Old Meeting Street), (Workhouse Lane), WEDNESBURY  
**PACK HORSE** 13, Dudley Street / St. James Street, WEDNESBURY  
**PACK HORSE** 74, Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY  
**PARK** 78, Walsall Street / Oakeswell Road, (Oakeswell End), WEDNESBURY  
**PIG AND TRUMPET** 24, Market Place, WEDNESBURY  
**PLOUGH AND HARROW** 58, (Lower) Dudley Street, (58, Leabrook Road), Leabrook, WEDNESBURY  
**PORTWAY** 45, Portway Road, WEDNESBURY  
**POSTBOY** Market Place, WEDNESBURY  
**POTTERS ARMS** Potters Lane, WEDNESBURY  
**PRINCE OF WALES** 23, King Street, WEDNESBURY  
**PRINCE OF WALES** 74, Walsall Road, (Butcroft), Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY  
**PRINCE REGENT** 8, Victoria Street / Albert Street, WEDNESBURY  
**QUEENS ARMS** 80, (81), Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY  
**QUEENS HEAD** 102, Brunswick Park Road, Wood Green, WEDNESBURY  
**QUEENS HEAD** 38, Queen Street / Queens Place, WEDNESBURY  
**QUEENS HEAD** 62, Woodgreen, WEDNESBURY  
**RAILWAY** 1, (Lower) Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY  
**RAILWAY** 4, Great Western Street, WEDNESBURY  
**RAILWAY** Portway Road / Lea Brook, WEDNESBURY  
**RED LION** 29, (39), (59), Bridge Street, WEDNESBURY  
**RED SWAN** Darlaston Road, WEDNESBURY  
**RISING SUN** 114, Piercy Street, Mesty Croft, (New Town), WEDNESBURY  
**RISING SUN** 1, Trowse Lane / High Bullen, WEDNESBURY  
**ROBIN HOOD** 74, Portway Road, WEDNESBURY  
**RODWAY** Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY  
**ROLLING MILL** Cross Street, WEDNESBURY  
**ROSE** 55, Union Street, WEDNESBURY  
**ROSE AND CROWN** 146, Darlaston Road, Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY  
**ROSE AND CROWN** Walsall Street, WEDNESBURY  
**ROSE HILL TAVERN** 80, (77), Church Hill / Vicarage Road, (St. Marys Road), WEDNESBURY  
**ROYAL EXCHANGE** 22, Chapel Street / Portway Road, WEDNESBURY  
**ROYAL EXCHANGE** 10, (3), (Upper) High Street, (3, Market Place), WEDNESBURY  
**ROYAL EXCHANGE** 50, Lea Brook Road, Leabrook, WEDNESBURY  
**ROYAL EXCHANGE** + WEDNESBURY  
**ROYAL GEORGE** 71, Portway Road, WEDNESBURY  
**ROYAL OAK** 41, Elwell Street, Mesty Croft, (New Town), WEDNESBURY  
**ROYAL OAK** 20, King Street, WEDNESBURY  
**ROYAL OAK** + WEDNESBURY  
**SAMSON AND LION** 11, High Bullen, (Meeting Street), WEDNESBURY  
**SCOTT ARMS** 74, Darlaston Road (West), (Platt Street / Kings Hill Field), WEDNESBURY  
**SEVEN STARS** Cock Street, WEDNESBURY  
**SHAKESPEARE** 36, Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY  
**SHIP** Bridge Street, WEDNESBURY  
**SHROPSHIRE HOUSE** High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**SMITHS ARMS** 1, Cross Street, WEDNESBURY  
**SMITHS ARMS** 100, Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY  
**SPOTTED DOG** 57, Darlaston Road, Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY  
**SPREAD EAGLE** Blockall, WEDNESBURY  
**SPREAD EAGLE** High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**SPREAD EAGLE** 86, (85), Portway Road, Leabrook, WEDNESBURY  
**STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT** 16, Crankhall Lane, WEDNESBURY  
**STANDEFORD BAR** Springhead, WEDNESBURY  
**STAR** Wood Green Road, (23, Woodgreen), WEDNESBURY  
**STAR AND GARTER** Wood Green, WEDNESBURY  
**STATION** 20, Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY  
**STOCKPORT ARMS** Walsall Road, Oakswell, WEDNESBURY  
**STORES** 70, Holyhead Road / Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY  
**SWAN** WEDNESBURY  
**TALBOT** 37, Darlaston Road, Kings Hill, WEDNESBURY



**TALBOT** 27, Market Place (High Street) / Spring Head, WEDNESBURY  
**THREE CROWNS** Camp Hill Lane, WEDNESBURY  
**THREE CROWNS** 160, (109), Darlaston Road, (109, Kings Hill), WEDNESBURY  
**THREE CROWNS** 206, Holyhead Road, WEDNESBURY  
**THREE FURNACES** Dudley Street, WEDNESBURY  
**THREE SWANS** 107, Holyhead Road, (Dudley Street / Pool Street), WEDNESBURY  
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**TURKS HEAD** 25, Lower High Street, WEDNESBURY  
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**UNION** 64, (63), Union Street, WEDNESBURY  
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**VINE** Alma Street, Mesty Croft, WEDNESBURY  
**VINE** 7, Portway Road, (7, Portway Lane), WEDNESBURY  
**WADSWORTH** 35, (36), Lower High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**WAGGON AND HORSES** High Street, WEDNESBURY  
**WHITE HORSE HOTEL** 46, (44), Bridge Street, (High Street), WEDNESBURY  
**WHITE LION** 41, Dale Street, WEDNESBURY  
**WHITE LION** King Street, WEDNESBURY  
**WHITE LION** Market Place, WEDNESBURY  
**WHITE SWAN** 6, (10), Bridge Street, WEDNESBURY  
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**WILLIAM IV** Trowse Lane, WEDNESBURY  
**WINDMILL** 116, Coronation Road, WEDNESBURY  
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**WOODMAN** 34, (36), Dale Street, WEDNESBURY  
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**WOODMAN** 74, (62), Wood Green Road, (61, Woodgreen), (61, Walsall Road), WEDNESBURY  
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**acre** A measure of area equal to 4840 square yards.

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**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

**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.

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**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.

**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).

**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.

**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.

**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

**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

**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.

**Penny dreadful** A cheap sensational serial or tale.

**perch** A measure of area equal to 30¼ square yards (25.3 square metres).

**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.

**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).

**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.

**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).

**temperance hotel (house)** A building run along the same lines as pubs / hotels, but without alcohol.

**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.



## GAZETEER

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ACTON TRUSSELL, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Stafford

ADMASTON, Shropshire is part of Telford

ALBRIGHTON, Shropshire - 7 miles NW of Wolverhampton

ALDRIDGE, Staffordshire - 4 miles ENE of Walsall

ALREWAS, Staffordshire - 7 miles SW of Burton upon Trent

ALTON, Hampshire - 9 miles SE of Basingstoke

ALVECHURCH, Warwickshire - 4 miles NW of Redditch

AMESBURY, Gloucestershire - 7 miles N of Salisbury

ANSTEY, Leicestershire - 4 miles NW of Leicester

ARLEY KINGS - 10 miles N of Worcester

ARMITAGE, Staffordshire - 4 miles NNW of Lichfield

ASHOVER, Derbyshire - 4 miles NE of Matlock

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

AUDLEY, Staffordshire - 4 miles NW of Newcastle under Lyne

AUSTREY, Warwickshire - 5 miles ENE of Tamworth

BALSALL HEATH, Worcestershire is part of Birmingham

BALSCOTT, Oxfordshire - 4 miles W of Banbury

BARNBY DUN, Yorkshire is part of Doncaster

BARROW UPON SOAR, Leicestershire - 2 miles SE of Loughborough

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

BEDDINGTON, Surrey is part of the London Borough of Sutton

BEDWORTH, Warwickshire - 3 miles S of Nuneaton

BELTON, Rutlandshire - 6 miles SW of Oakham

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

BINFIELD, Berkshire - 8 miles SE of Reading

BISHOP WILTON, Yorkshire - 12 miles ENE of York

BLABY, Leicestershire - 5 miles S of Leicester

BLACKLEY, Lancashire is part of Manchester

BLOCKLEY, Worcestershire - 10 miles SE of Evesham

BLYMILL, Staffordshire - 10 miles SW of Stafford

BONEHILL, Staffordshire is part of Tamworth

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

BRAMPTON, Derbyshire is part of Chesterfield

BRAMPTON, Huntingdonshire - 2 miles SW of Huntingdon

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

BROCTON, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Stafford

BROOME, Worcestershire - 5 miles ENE of Kidderminster

BROSELEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

BURGHILL, Herefordshire - 3 miles NNW of Hereford

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

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

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, Worcestershire - 4 miles ESE of Kidderminster

CHEADLE, Staffordshire - 7 miles NW of Uttoxeter

CHELMARSH, Shropshire - 4 miles S of Bridgnorth

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

CHIRBURY, Shropshire - 3 miles E of Montgomery

CHORLEY, Staffordshire - 3 miles WSW of Lichfield

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, 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

CLUN, Shropshire - 5 miles N of Knighton

COALBROOKDALE, Shropshire is part of Telford

COALPORT, Shropshire is part of Telford

CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire - 3 miles E of Newark

COGGESHALL, Essex - 6 miles E of Braintree

COLLINGTON, Herefordshire - 4 miles N of Bromyard

COLTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles N of Rugeley

COLWICH, Staffordshire - 3 miles NW of Rugeley

CONDOVER, Shropshire - 5 miles S of Shrewsbury

CONGRESBURY, Somerset - 7 miles E of Weston-super-Mare

CORBIT, Worcestershire is possibly another name for Chaddesley Corbett

CORELEY, Shropshire - 5 miles NE of Tenbury Wells

COUNTRESTHORPE, Leicestershire - 6 miles S of Leicester

COVEN, Staffordshire - 5 miles N of Wolverhampton

CRADLEY, Herefordshire - 3 miles W of Great Malvern

CUBBINGTON, Warwickshire is on the NE outskirts of Leamington Spa

DALLINGTON, Northamptonshire - 2 miles NW of Northampton

DAVENHAM, Cheshire - 2 miles S of Northwich

DAWLEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

DILWYN, Herefordshire - 6 miles SW of Leominster

DRAYCOTT IN THE CLAY, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Uttoxeter

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire - 6 miles SW of Leeds

DUKENFIELD, Cheshire is part of Greater Manchester

DYMCHURCH, Kent - 10 miles SE of Ashford

EARL SHILTON, Leicestershire - 10 miles SW of Leicester

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

ECCLESHALL, Staffordshire - 6 miles W of Stone

EDWINSTOWE, Nottinghamshire - 6 miles ENE of Mansfield

EDGERTON, Shropshire - near Ludlow (OS SO605812), now abandoned

EPSTONE, Staffordshire is probably a former spelling of Ipstones

ERDINGTON, Warwickshire is part of Birmingham

ESSINGTON, Staffordshire - 4 miles NE of Wolverhampton

FEATHERSTONE, Staffordshire - 5 miles NNE of Wolverhampton

FENNY STRATFORD, Buckinghamshire is part of Milton Keynes

FENTON, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

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

FRESHFORD, Somersetshire - 6 miles SE of Bath

FULLBROOK, Oxfordshire - 6 miles WNW of Witney

GAILEY, Staffordshire - 4 miles W of Cannock

GNOSSALL, Staffordshire - 6 miles W of Stafford

GOSCOTE is part of Walsall

GREAT ALNE, Warwickshire - 6 miles SE of Redditch

GREAT BARR, Staffordshire is part of Birmingham

GREAT HAYWOOD, Staffordshire - 4 miles NE of Rugeley

GREAT MARLOW, Buckinghamshire - 4 miles SSW of High Wycombe

GRENDON, Warwickshire - 5 miles SE of Tamworth

GRESSINGHAM, Lancashire - 5 miles E of Carnforth

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

HAMSTALL RIDWARE, Staffordshire - 4 miles ENE of Rugeley

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  
HARWELL, Berkshire / Oxfordshire - 2 miles W of Didcot  
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  
HIGHAM, Derbyshire - 8 miles S of Chesterfield  
HIGHBRIDGE, Somerset - 7 miles N of Bridgwater  
HIGHLEY, Shropshire - 7 miles S of Bridgnorth  
HINTS, Staffordshire - 3 miles W of Tamworth  
HIXON, Staffordshire - 5 miles ENE of Stafford  
HOLLINGTON, Derbyshire - 5 miles ESE of Ashbourne  
HORSEHAY, Shropshire is part of Telford  
HUGGLESCOTE, Leicestershire - 1 mile S of Coalville  
HYDE, Cheshire is part of Greater Manchester  
ILMINGTON, Warwickshire - 8 miles S of Stratford  
INGESTRE, Staffordshire - 3 miles ENE of Stafford  
IPSTONES, Staffordshire - 5 miles SE of Leek  
IRONBRIDGE, Shropshire is part of Telford  
IRONVILLE, Derbyshire - 3 miles N of Heanor  
KEMPSEY, Worcestershire - 4 miles S of Worcester  
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  
KINLET, Shropshire - 8 miles S of Bridgnorth  
KINVER, Staffordshire - 4 miles W of Stourbridge  
KIRKTON, Dumfriesshire - 4 miles N of Dumfries

KNUTSFORD, Cheshire - 11 miles NW of Macclesfield

LAMPORT, Northamptonshire - 8 miles WSW of Kettering

LAPLEY, Staffordshire - 7 miles WNW of Cannock

LEEK WOOTTON, Warwickshire - 3 miles N of Warwick

LEIGH SINTON, Worcestershire - 5 miles SW of Worcester

LENTON, Nottinghamshire is part of Nottingham

LINDRIDGE, Worcestershire - 8 miles W of Stourport

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

LOCKINGTON, Leicestershire - 7 miles NW of Loughborough

LONG BENNINGTON, Lincolnshire - 7 miles N of Grantham

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

LOYSWEEDON, Northamptonshire - see Weedon Lois

LULLINGTON, Derbyshire - 6 miles S of Burton on Trent

MADLEY, Herefordshire - 6 miles W of Hereford

MADELEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

MANTON, Wiltshire - 1 mile WSW of Marlborough

MARCHINGTON, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Uttoxeter

MARGAM, Glamorganshire - 3 miles SE of Port Talbot

MARTON, Shropshire - 6 miles SE of Welshpool

MEASHAM, Derbyshire - 4 miles SSW of Ashby de la Zouch

MEOLE BRACE, Shropshire - 2 miles S of Shrewsbury

MELFORD, Suffolk (see Long Melford)

MERTON, Surrey became a London borough

The MIDDLE, Shropshire - 8 miles NW of Shrewsbury

MIDDLETON, Warwickshire - 3 miles ENE of Sutton Coldfield

MILFORD, Staffordshire - 3 miles ESE of Stafford

MINETY, Wiltshire - 8 miles WNW of Swindon

MOIRA, Leicestershire - 3 miles WSW of Ashby de la Zouch

MONK BRETTON, Yorkshire - 2 miles NE of Barnsley

MONMORE GREEN is between Wolverhampton and Bilston

MOULTON, Cheshire - 3 miles S of Northwich

MURSTON, Leicestershire - 5 miles W of Grantham

NAILSEA, Somerset - 10 miles WSW of Bristol

NAPTON ON THE HILL, Warwickshire - 10 miles ESE of Warwick

NEWDALE, Shropshire is part of Telford

NEWHALL, Derbyshire - 3 miles SE of Burton upon Trent

NEW INVENTION is part of Willenhall

NEW MILLS, Derbyshire - 8 miles SE of Stockport

NEWPORT, Shropshire - 15 miles ENE of Shrewsbury

NEWSTEAD, Nottinghamshire - 9 miles WNW of Nottingham

NORMANTON, Derbyshire is part of Derby

NORTHENDEN, Cheshire - 5 miles S of Manchester city centre

NORTHFIELD, Worcestershire is a part of Birmingham

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

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

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

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

PERSHORE, Worcestershire - 8 miles SE of Worcester

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

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

RAVENSTONE, Leicestershire is to the W of Coalville

REPTON, Derbyshire - 5 miles NE of Burton upon Trent

RODINGTON, Shropshire - 6 miles E of Shrewsbury

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

SALTCOATS, Ayrshire - 12 miles WNW of Kilmarnock

SAMBROOK, Shropshire - 6 miles SSE of Market Drayton

SANDON, Staffordshire - 5 miles NE of Stafford

SAWLEY, Yorkshire - 4 miles W of Ripon

SAWTREY, Huntingdonshire - 10 miles S of Peterborough

SCALEBY, Cumberland - 6 miles NNE of Carlisle

SECKINGTON, Warwickshire - 4 miles NE of Tamworth

SEISDON, Staffordshire - 6 miles W of Wolverhampton

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

SHORT HEATH, Staffordshire is between Bloxwich and Willenhall

SHUSTOKE, Warwickshire - 10 miles ENE of Birmingham

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

SNOWSHILL, Gloucestershire - 6 miles SSE of Evesham

SOUTHAM, Warwickshire - 7 miles E of Leamington

SOUTH LITTLETON, Worcestershire - 2 miles NE of Evesham

SOUTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire - 2 miles N of Newark on Trent

STANTON, Derbyshire - 3 miles SE of Burton upon Trent

STANTON, Staffordshire - 18 miles E of Stoke on Trent

STATHERN, Leicestershire - 10 miles N of Melton Mowbray

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

STON EASTON, Somersetshire - 14 miles SW of Bath

STONNALL, Staffordshire - 2 miles E of Brownhills

STUDLEY, Warwickshire - 4 miles SE of Redditch

SUCKLEY, Herefordshire - 8 miles WSW of Worcester

SUTTON, Shropshire - 2 miles SE of Shrewsbury

SWINBROOK, Oxfordshire - 4 miles ENE of Witney

SWINDON, Staffordshire - 5 miles W of Dudley

TANWORTH IN ARDEN, Warwickshire - 4 miles NE of Redditch

TETBURY, Gloucestershire - 10 miles SW of Cirencester

THAME, Oxfordshire - 13 miles E of Oxford

THORNBURY, Herefordshire - 6 miles N of Bromyard

THORNHILL, Derbyshire - 8 miles ENE of Chapel en le Frith

THORPE, Derbyshire - 4 miles NW of Ashbourne

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

TINGEWICK, Buckinghamshire - 3 miles W of Buckingham

TODMORDEN, Lancashire / Yorkshire - 8 miles SE of Burnley

TONG, Shropshire - 9 miles NW of Wolverhampton

TREFEGLWYS, Montgomeryshire - 10 miles W of Newtown

TRENTHAM, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

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

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

UPTON ON SEVERN, Worcestershire - 9 miles S of Worcester

UPTON GREY, Hampshire - 5 miles ESE of Basingstoke

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, Staffordshire - 1 mile SW of Stone

WALTON UPON TRENT, Derbyshire - 4 miles SSW of Burton upon Trent

WAPLEY, Gloucestershire - 6 miles NE of Bristol

WARMINGTON, Northamptonshire - 8 miles SW of Peterborough

WATER ORTON, Warwickshire - 6 miles NNE of Birmingham

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

WESTBURY, Shropshire - 8 miles W of Shrewsbury

WEST DERBY, Lancashire is part of Liverpool

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

WHEATON ASTON, Staffordshire - 7 miles W of Cannock

WHISTON, Staffordshire - 7 miles SE of Leek

WHITTINGTON, Staffordshire - 3 miles SE of Lichfield

WHITTINGTON, Shropshire - 3 miles NE of Oswestry

WHITWICK, Leicestershire - 2 miles NW of Coalville

WICK, Worcestershire - 9 miles SE of Worcester

WIGGINTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles N of Tamworth

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

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

WOMBOURNE, Staffordshire - 5 miles WNW of Dudley

WOOD END, (Staffordshire) is part of Wednesfield

WOODVILLE, Leicestershire - 3 miles WNW of Ashby de la Zouch

WORTHEN, Shropshire - 12 miles WSW of Shrewsbury

WRIBBENHALL, Worcestershire - 3 miles WSW of Kidderminster

WROCKWARDINE, Shropshire is part of Telford

WROXETER, Shropshire - 5 miles SE of Shrewsbury

WYRLEY, Staffordshire could be Little Wyrley or Great Wyrley, between Cannock and Brownhills

YATTON, Somerset - 11 miles SW of Bristol

YORTON, Shropshire - 7 miles N of Shrewsbury

## **SOURCES**

Over the years I have consulted a wide range of sources. These are listed below. Certain areas covered by censuses have not yet been used, and not ALL of the newspapers and magazines have been consulted COMPLETELY.

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1881 (4/4)  
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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

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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](mailto:editor@blackcountrybugle.co.uk)

The Blackcountryman, published by the Black Country Society.  
e-mail [editor@blackcountryman.co.uk](mailto:editor@blackcountryman.co.uk)

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Oldbury Weekly News

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e-mail [editor@smethwick-heritage.co.uk](mailto:editor@smethwick-heritage.co.uk)

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Stourbridge (Cradley Heath, Halesowen and District) Observer

Tipton Herald

Walsall Observer

Wednesbury Herald

West Bromwich Weekly News

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Cassey & Co.'s Worcestershire Directory (1860)  
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Corporation Directory for Birmingham & its environs (1863)  
Crocker's Post Office Wolverhampton & District Directory (1884)  
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Ford's Household Almanack (1881)  
Harrison & Harrod's Directory & Gazetteer of Staffordshire with Dudley (1861)  
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