

ALBION

Lichfield Road / Stubby Lane, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1967]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1988]
Harvester [1997]
Sizzling Pub Co. [2004]
Stonegate Pub Company [2012]

LICENSEES

Edward Edwards [1939] – [1940]
Graham Perry [1985] – [1988]
Russell Jordan [1995]
Stephen Butler [1997]
Maureen Patricia Layland [2003]
Richard Thomas King [2005]
Mo Layland [2005] – [2006]

NOTES

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Staffordshire Advertiser 8/5/1937

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1939 Register

Lichfield Road – ALBION Public House

- [1] *Edward Edwards*, date of birth 25/1/1886, licensed victualler, married;
- [2] *Lilian M. Edwards*, dob 5/1/1890, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [3] *Jack C. Edwards*, dob 9/5/1916, letter press printer, married;
- [4] *Stella M. (Edwards) Searls*, dob 24/2/1918, private secretary, married;
- [5] *Henrietta Schofield*, dob 10/5/1888, unpaid domestic duties, married:

Graham Perry was married to Frances.

It was renovated in 1988 at a cost of £300,000.

Express and Star 8/4/1997

“A landlord suffered a broken hand after being attacked by a man who went berserk when he was told to leave a Wednesfield pub. *Stephen Butler* and his deputy Robby Wilde spoke to the man after he took a picture off the wall of the former ALBION pub in Lichfield Road, at about 10 o'clock last night. The building has been taken over by the Harvester restaurant chain and yesterday was the first day of opening as the HARVESTER.

‘The man was asked to leave and went berserk, smashing windows in two doors,’ the company said. Robby Wilde was kicked and Mr. *Butler* was treated in hospital for two broken bones in his hand.

Wednesfield police said there was an assault on the landlord and a man had been arrested. Officers were now waiting to interview him.”

It closed in March 2003 for a £250,000 refurbishment.

It reopened on 19th May 2003.

[2017]

Dudley Chronicle 22/6/2017

“A Pub in Wolverhampton is to change its name in tribute to seven airmen killed in a horror crash in the city – just days after the end of the Second World War was declared. The ALBION pub in Wednesfield has been closed for a complete revamp and reopened on Wednesday under its new name, the LANCASTER, recalling the crash of a bomber plane nearby which saw all on board perish. The Lancaster had been on a routine flight when it began losing altitude and crashed on Lichfield Road on May 17, 1945. The tragic accident, just nine days after VE Day, left a five foot crater with wreckage spread over two miles. The airmen on board, none of whom were over 24, are thought to be the only servicemen killed in Wolverhampton during the Second World War. After the crash, the wreckage and remains of the crew, all from East Kirkby, Lincolnshire, were bulldozed into the crater and a local minister performed a simple funeral ceremony.

Some regulars have questioned the name change on Facebook. One said, ‘It will always be known as the ALBION. Even years ago when it changed to the Harvester, people still called it the ALBION.’

On the 70th anniversary of the crash two years ago, the Wednesfield Historical Society and the town’s St. Thomas’s Church organised a remembrance service. A campaign was also launched to secure funding for a permanent memorial at the site.

The names of the airmen that died were Ronnie O’Donnell, John Sills, Bernard Hall, Victor Meade, Gordon Rabbetts, Reginald Smith and Vincent Southworth. The bomber came from Lincolnshire on a routine training flight before it crashed to the ground. The *Express and Star* covered the crash with eyewitness accounts of the crash and a picture showing firefighters spraying water into the smouldering crater. In the article, *Express and Star* driver Joe Castree said; ‘It passed right over me and there seemed to be two explosions in the air before the crash. I ran to the spot immediately but it was impossible for me to do anything as there was just a lot of wreckage scattered over a wide area and no signs of any members of the crew. Bullets were exploding and flares were going off.’

Another eye witness believed the crew may have sacrificed their lives to avoid killing children playing on the King George playing field, where the plane could have landed.

As the Lancaster went down four bricklayers on the road some distance away were blown to the ground and had to be treated for shock.”

ALBION

15, (18), (8), New Street, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Tonks [1841] – [1870]

Joseph Tonks [] – **1870**;

Anne Emery (**1870** – []

Samuel Palmer Emery [1871] – [1873]

John Leeding [1873]

Eli Charlton [1881]

John Brookes [1885] – [1900]

Frederick George ‘Fred’ White [1901] – [1912]

Mrs. Maria White [1916]

Harry White [1921]

Joseph Tonks [1932]

NOTES

8, New Street [1861]

18, New Street [1871]

15, New Street [1932]

It had a beerhouse license.

John Tonks = John Tonkes

John Tonkes, beer retailer, Wednesfield. [1841]

1841 Census

New Street

- [1] *John Tonks* (44), trap maker, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Tonks* (39), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Joseph Tonks* (9), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *John Tonks* (7), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Francis Tonks* (6), born Staffordshire;
- [6] *William Tonks* (4), born Staffordshire;
- [7] *Mary Tonks* (2), born Staffordshire;
- [8] *Robert Bentley* (20), journeyman, born Staffordshire;
- [9] *William Beech* (15), apprentice, born Staffordshire:

John Tonks was also a steel trap maker. [1845], [1849], [1861]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 1/3/1846

“*Robert Bentley* of *Wednesfield* will make a match with *B. Badger* of *Wolverhampton*, *Burns and Cooper* of *Darlaston*, or *James of Walsall*, to run one mile, for £5, or more if they like. His money is ready at *John Tonks*'s, the *ALBION INN*, *Wednesfield*.”

1851 Census

New Street

- [1] *John Tonks* (55), trapmaker and victualler, born *Wednesfield*;
- [2] *Mary Tonks* (46), wife, born *Lane Head*;
- [3] *Joseph Tonks* (18), son, born *Wednesfield*;
- [4] *John Tonks* (17), son, born *Wednesfield*;
- [5] *Francis Tonks* (16), son, born *Wednesfield*;
- [6] *Mary Ann Tonks* (12), daughter, born *Wednesfield*;
- [7] *Levynia Tonks* (6), daughter, scholar, born *Wednesfield*;
- [8] *Ellen Tonks* (5), daughter, scholar, born *Wednesfield*;
- [9] *Mark Tonks* (2), son, born *Wednesfield*;
- [10] *William Beech* (24), journeyman, trapmaker, born *Wednesfield*:

John Tonks was described as a beer retailer and vermin trap maker, New Street. [1864], [1865]

1861 Census

8, New Street – *ALBION INN*

- [1] *John Tonks* (61), widower, publican and trap maker, born *Willenhall*;
- [2] *Mary A. Tonks* (22), daughter, waitress, born *Willenhall*;
- [3] *Lavinia Tonks* (16), daughter, house servant, born *Willenhall*;
- [4] *Ellen Tonks* (15), daughter, house servant, born *Willenhall*;
- [5] *Mark Tonks* (12), son, scholar, born *Willenhall*:

1871 Census

18, New Street

- [1] *Samuel P. Emery* (41), publican, born *Willenhall*;
- [2] *Mary Emery* (38), wife, born *Wolverhampton*;
- [3] *Catherine A. Emery* (16), daughter, born *Wednesfield*;
- [4] *Elizabeth Emery* (15), daughter, born *Wednesfield*;
- [5] *William J. Emery* (14), son, born *Wednesfield*;
- [6] *Fanny Emery* (12), daughter, scholar, born *Wednesfield*;
- [7] *Samuel Emery* (9), son, scholar, born *Wednesfield*;
- [8] *Mary A. Emery* (6), daughter, scholar, born *Wednesfield*;
- [9] *Henry Emery* (5), son, born *Wednesfield*;
- [10] *Clara Emery* (3), daughter, born *Wednesfield*;
- [11] *Anne Emery* (65), widow, mother, born *Willenhall*;
- [12] *Ellen Ann Jones* (17), niece, born *Shippley*, *Staffordshire*:

Birmingham Daily Post 19/7/1873 - Advert

“From last night’s *Gazette*. Liquidation by Arrangement. *Samuel Palmer Emery*, late of the *ALBION INN*, New Street, *Wednesfield*, licensed victualler. First meeting, at the offices of Mr. *Charles Barrow*, *Queen Street*, *Wolverhampton*, July 30, at 10.30.”

1881 Census

New Street – *ALBION INN*

- [1] *Eli Charlton* (48), widower, licensed victualler, born *Kingswinford*;
- [2] *Samuel Brookes* (10), nephew, scholar, born *Heath Town*;

- [3] John Brookes (9), nephew, scholar, born Heath Town;
[4] Albert Brookes (7), nephew, scholar, born Heath Town:

Evening Star 15/3/1882

“An inquest was held on Monday at the ALBION INN, New Street, Wednesfield, before H. Brevitt Esq, deputy coroner, upon the body of a youth named Thomas Phillip Bate (7), found under circumstances already reported in the Star. The jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned.”

Wolverhampton Express and Star 14/4/1885 - Advert

“For Sale, Sow and Pigs; 40 Stores, from £1 to 30s.
J. Brookes, ALBION INN, New Street, Wednesfield.”

1891 Census

New Street – ALBION INN

- [1] *John Brookes* (57), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
[2] Elizabeth Brookes (58), wife, born Shrewsbury;
[3] Samuel Brookes (20), son, born Heath Town;
[4] John Brookes (19), son, box maker, born Heath Town;
[5] Albert Brookes (17), son, licensed victualler, born Heath Town;
[6] Elizabeth Brookes (11), daughter, scholar, born Heath Town;
[7] Alice Brookes (9), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
[8] Edith Brookes (7), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
[9] Martha Cones (19), general servant, born Worcester:

John Brookes had retired by 1901, but still lived in New Street.

1901 Census

New Street – ALBION INN

- [1] *Frederick G. White* (26), publican, born Wednesfield;
[2] Maria J. White (27), wife, born Wednesfield;
[3] Marie White (2), daughter, born Wednesfield;
[4] Helena D. White (5 months), daughter, born Wednesfield;
[5] Lydia E. Craven (30), sister in law, born Wednesfield;
[6] Elizabeth M. Brookes (21), general servant, born Heath Town;
[7] Robert Barsby (47), boarder, excavator, born Barsby, Leicestershire:

1911 Census

New Street – ALBION INN

- [1] *Frederick George White* (37), publican, born Wednesfield;
[2] Maria Jane White (38), wife, married 13 years, born Wednesfield;
[3] Maria White (12), daughter, born Wednesfield;
[4] Helena Dorothy White (10), daughter, born Wednesfield;
[5] Lydia Elizabeth Collett (40), sister in law, visitor, born Wednesfield;
[6] Edith Brookes (27), general servant, born Wednesfield:

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ANCIENT BRITON

68, Alma Street, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mary Griffiths [1881] – [1891]
George Sadler [1896]
Mrs. Annie Drinkwater [1904]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1881 Census

68, Alma Street – ANCIENT BRITON

- [1] *Mary Griffiths* (54), widow, publican, born Fordhouses;
- [2] Frederick Griffiths (18), son, blacksmith, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Harriet E. Griffiths (16), daughter, domestic servant, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] Thomas Griffiths (12), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Thomas Cooper (4), grandson, born Princes End;

1891 Census

68, Alma Street – ANCIENT BRITON

- [1] *Mary Griffiths* (66), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Thomas Griffiths (23), son, railway labourer, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Thomas Cooper (13), grandson, printer, born Wolverhampton;

George Sadler, beer retailer, 68, Alma Street. [1896]

Mrs. Annie Drinkwater, beer retailer, 68, Alma Street. [1904]

ANGEL

15, (39), (56), High Street, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Barnes
Charles Mason, Wolverhampton Road, Wednesfield [1905]
Thomas Howe (acquired in 1913)
James Howe (acquired in 1932)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1958)

LICENSEES

John Nichols [1830]
Luke Nicholls [1832] – [1850]
Luke Marshall [1841] – [1855]
James Marshall [1857] – **1864**;
George Leedham (**1864 – 1876**);
Mrs. Rhoda Leedham (**1876 – []**)
William Warner [1877] – **1905**;
Charles Henry Warner (**1905 – [1908]**)
William Barnes [1912] – **1913**;
Thomas Howe (**1913 – 1932**);
James ‘Jim’ Howe (**1932 – 1958**)
Rosemary Lawson [1994]
Clive Blincow [1995]
Keith Frank Thomas []
Allen Tracey Parkes [2005] – **2009**)

NOTES

56, High Street [1861]
39, High Street [1871]
15, High Street [1932], [1940]

‘Fine Home Brewed Ales, Brewed on the Premises.’

Wolverhampton Chronicle 28/4/1830 - Advert

“To Be Sold By Auction, By Thomas Matthews.

At the House of Mr. *John Nichols*, the ANGEL INN, in Wednesfield, in the county of Stafford, on Monday, the 4th day of May, 1830, at Six o’clock in the afternoon, subject to such Conditions as will be then produced.

All those three Messuages or Tenements with good Shopping and large and productive Gardens and Appurtenances thereto belonging, situate at March End.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 15/9/1830 - Advert

“Freehold Land, Wednesfield Heath.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Moreton, On Tuesday the 28th Day of September, 1830, at the ANGEL INN, Wednesfield, in the County of Stafford, at Five o’clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions as shall be then produced, (unless previously disposed of by Private Contract, of which due Notice will be given).

All that valuable Piece or Parcel of Land, called Bowman’s Harbour, situate at the Heath in the Liberty of Wednesfield aforesaid, and within sixty yards of the Wyrley and Essington Canal navigation, and adjoining Lands of the Marquis of Cleveland, Louis Hayes Petit, Esq, and Messrs. Fryer, Devey, and Nechels; containing Admeasurement 4a 1r 31p and now in the occupation of Mr. Edward Grosvenor. Subject to a Reservation of the Mines of Coal and Ironstone, and other Minerals, in or under the same. Mr. Grosvenor will show the Premises; and further Particulars may be had at the Office of Messrs. Price and Son, Solicitors, Wolverhampton.”

Luke Nicholls = Luke Nickols = Luke Nichols

Wolverhampton Chronicle 28/11/1832 - Advert

“Desirable Buildings and Land, at Wednesfield.

To be peremptorily Sold by Auction, by R. S. Walker, at the ANGEL INN, Wednesfield, on Monday, the 3rd day of December, 1832, at 3 o’clock in the afternoon precisely, subject to such conditions as will then be produced.

All that old-established Public House called the ANGEL INN; consisting of a parlour, kitchen, large brewhouse, pantry, and store room, two large cellars and four bedrooms, with a workshop attached, pump of excellent water, garden, and other buildings and appurtenances, now in the occupation of *Luke Nichols*.

And also all that the adjoining Messuage or Dwelling House, two shops, stable, and other buildings, and a valuable plot of Land fronting to the street, with the appurtenances, now in the occupation of William Done.

The above property is situate in Wednesfield, aforesaid, and is Copyhold of Inheritance, within the Manor of the Deanery of Wolverhampton.

The said *Luke Nichols* will show the Premises; and further particulars may be had of the Auctioneer, or at the Office of Messrs. Price and Son, Solicitors, Wolverhampton.”

Luke Nicholls, rat trap maker and retail brewer, Wednesfield. [1833]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 16/10/1833 - Advert

“To Be Sold By Private Contract.

All that Old Established Public-House called the ANGEL INN, situate in Wednesfield, in the county of Stafford; consisting of a Parlour, Kitchen, large Brewhouse, Pantry, and Store-room, two large Cellars and four Bedrooms, with a Workshop attached, Pump of excellent Water, Garden and other Buildings and Appurtenances, now in the occupation of *Luke Nichols* as Tenant from year to year.

And also that the adjoining Messuage or Dwelling House, two Shops, Stable, and other Buildings, and a valuable Plot of Building Land fronting to the Street, with the Appurtenances, now in the occupation of William Done, as tenant from year to year.

The above property is copyhold of inheritance within the Manor of the Deanery of Wolverhampton, except a small part adjoining the canal which is freehold.

For further particulars, and to treat for the purchase, apply to Messrs. Price and Son, Solicitors, Wolverhampton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 19/7/1837 - Advert

“To The Electors Of The Borough Of Wolverhampton.....

Any communication in favour of Mr. Benbow and Captain Burton’s election will be thankfully received at the following places and houses where the gentlemen conducting their election sit daily.....

Wednesfield, the ANGEL.”

1841 Census

High Street

- [1] *Luke Marshall* (30), trap maker, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Hannah Marshall* (25), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Mark Marshall* (25), born Staffordshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/10/1841

“Inquests On the 20th inst. at Wednesfield, on *Hannah Marshal*, wife of *Luke Marshall*, of the ANGEL INN public-house, at the same place. The deceased was last seen alive going down the towing path of the Wyrley and Essington Canal, with a bag of dough, which she was taking to the bakehouse. In about an hour afterwards she was found drowned in the canal; she was subject to fits, and it is supposed fell into the canal in consequence of being attacked by one.”

Luke Nicholls was also a trap maker. [1845], [1849], [1850]
He was described as a rat trap manufacturer [1851]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/5/1848

“Mr. *Luke Marshall*, landlord of the ANGEL INN, Wednesfield, was fined 20s and costs, and ordered to enter into sureties to keep the peace, for assaulting Mr. Isaac Bickley. It appeared that there had been a rent dinner at the ANGEL, and a disturbance arose in consequence of the complainant wishing to depose the chairman, officiating pro tem, in the course of which the defendant struck Mr. Bickley several severe blows, one of which displaced a tooth.”

1851 Census

High Street

- [1] *Luke Marshall* (40), trap maker, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Emer Marshall* (23), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Emer Marshall* (4), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *John Marshall* (2), son, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Jane Marshall* (17 weeks), daughter, born Wednesfield:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/1/1855

“Wednesfield Patriotic Fund.....

Luke Marshall, ANGEL INN, 5s 0d.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 11/11/1857 - Advert

“To be Let, that well frequented Old Licensed Public House, known as the OLD CROWN INN, near the church, Wednesfield. Possession to be had immediately, coming-in low, and a few fixtures only to be taken to at a valuation. Apply to Mr. *James Marshall*, ANGEL INN, Wednesfield.”

James Marshall was also a shoemaker. [1860], [1861]

1861 Census

56, High Street – ANGEL INN

- [1] *James Marshall* (54), victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Elizabeth Marshall* (52), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Philip Marshall* (25), son, cordwainer, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Emma Sidebotham* (17), servant, born Fordhouses:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/7/1861 - Advert

“Desirable Freehold Dwelling House, Gardens, and Building Land.

By Messrs. Aston and Sollom. To be Sold by Auction, on Monday, July 15th, 1861, at five o'clock in the afternoon, at Mr. *James Marshall's*, the ANGEL INN, at Wednesfield, subject to conditions to be produced at the sale, all those three Freehold Dwelling Houses, with Workshops and Appurtenances and the useful Gardens to each, situate fronting the principal thoroughfare and opposite the road leading from Wednesfield to Bloxwich, now in the occupation of North, Evans, and Mrs. Tuckley.

Also the piece of Building Land adjoining, with a frontage to the said road of 46 feet 6 inches, well adapted for the erection of three more dwellings.

The property is desirably situated, in good repair, and well tenanted.

Further particulars may be had of Mr. Bolton, Solicitor, Snow Hill, or the Auctioneers, 66½, Darlington Street, Wolverhampton.”

[This was repeated on 10th July, but with Freehold amended to Copyhold.]

James Marshall – see also OLD CROWN.

George Leedham = George Ledham

Birmingham Daily Gazette 27/8/1869

“Yesterday the county licensing meeting for the Wolverhampton district was held at the county magistrates' office, Agricultural Hall, Wolverhampton. The magistrates present were Sir John Norris, and Messrs. S. Cartwright, A. S. Hill, G. L. Underhill, and

R. D. Gough. Superintendent McCrea handed in to the Bench a copy of the following list of licensed victualler who had been fined during the past five years.....

George Ledham, ANGEL [sic], Wednesfield, selling during prohibited hours, 5s and costs.....”

Staffordshire Advertiser 25/9/1869

“Jacob Rowley, of Wednesbury, was charged with stealing a horse rug, the property of Thomas Brevitt, of Portobello. The accused was defended by Mr. Cartwright, and was accompanied to the Court by a number of the Wednesfield teetotallers, to whose ranks he is a recent addition. The prosecutor is a manufacturer of ginger beer, which he conveys to his customers with a horse and cart. On the 18th of January last the rug was by some person taken off the horse as it stood before the ANGEL INN, Wednesfield, while the owner was inside the house transacting some business. On Saturday night last Police-constable Cooper met accused returning from a teetotal address he had been delivering at Bilston, and having about his shoulders what the officer suspected to be the stolen rug. This suspicion was confirmed by the rug being subsequently identified by Brevitt, and Rowley was arrested. Witnesses on behalf of the defence, however, swore positively that the rug had for years been in the possession of accused’s father, who lent it to his son on Saturday night. Thereupon the Bench discharged Rowley, whose teetotal friends celebrated the event by singing a hymn immediately beyond the precincts of the Court, but within hearing of the Bench.”

1871 Census

39, High Street – ANGEL

- [1] *George Leedham* (39), licensed victualler, born Sherrithales [Sheriff Hales?], Staffordshire;
- [2] Sarah Leedham (45), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] Catherine Leedham (17), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Emma Leedham (14), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [5] James Leedham (17), nephew, assistant, born Shropshire:

Midland Examiner 26/2/1876

“At the County Petty Sessions, on Monday, the following licenses were transferred.....

ANGEL INN, Wolverhampton Road, Wednesfield, to *Rhoda Leedham*, widow of the late *George Leedham*.”

Sporting Life 13/10/1877

“Cross Keys Running Grounds, Hednesford.

Messrs. Birch and Bullock will give £10 to be run for in a 135 yards all-England foot handicap on Hednesford Wakes, Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 29 and 30 – first prize £8, second £1 10s, third 10s. Entrance 1s, no acceptance. Entries to be made to.....

Mr. *W. Warner*, ANGEL INN, Wednesfield.”

Sporting Life 9/3/1878

“Alexandra Running Grounds, Bloxwich.

Mr. T. Marshall, jun, will give £7 10s to be run for in an all-England 150 yard dog handicap on Mondays, March 18 and 25 – first prize £6, second £1, third 10s. Entries 1s each. Entries to be made at.....

Mr. *W. Warner*’s, ANGEL INN, Wednesfield.”

1881 Census

High Street – ANGEL INN

- [1] *William Warner* (48), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [2] Mary Warner (41), wife, born Walsall;
- [3] William F. Warner (21), son, butcher, born Walsall;
- [4] Ann D. Warner (16), daughter, scholar, born Leeds;
- [5] Sarah E. Warner (8), daughter, scholar, born Bloxwich;
- [6] Charles H. Warner (7), son, scholar, born Bloxwich;
- [7] Mary E. Warner (14), daughter, scholar, born Leeds:

Birmingham Daily Post 30/12/1884

“Yesterday, at the Borough Police Court, Joshua Davies, miner, was fined 10s and costs, and 2s damage, for wantonly shooting a pigeon, belonging to *William Warner*, of the ANGEL INN, Wednesfield. The defendant, on Sunday week, was amusing himself by shooting pigeons, and shot one owned by complainant.”

1891 Census

High Street

- [1] *William Warner* (57), licensed victualler, born Edgbaston;
- [2] Mary Warner (58), wife, born Walsall;
- [3] Mary E. Warner (24), daughter, born Leeds;
- [4] Sarah E. Warner (19), daughter, born Bloxwich;
- [5] Charles H. Warner (17), son, iron caster, born Bloxwich;
- [6] James H. Warner (9), son, scholar, born Wednesfield:

1901 Census

High Street

- [1] *William Warner* (68), publican, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Mary Warner* (61), wife, born Walsall Wood;
- [3] *Sarah E. Warner* (29), daughter, born Bloxwich;
- [4] *James H. Warner* (19), son, shoemaker, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Elisabeth A. Mason* (21), servant, born Wednesfield:

1911 Census

High Street – ANGEL INN

- [1] *William Barnes* (46), keysmith and publican, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Alice Barnes* (45), wife, married 23 years, assists in business, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *William Barnes* (22), son, keysmith, born Peckam, London;
- [4] *Bert Barnes* (20), son, solicitor's clerk, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Thomas Barnes* (15) son, attends school, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *James Barnes* (10), son, attends school, born Wednesfield;
- [7] *May Barnes* (8), daughter, attends school, born Wednesfield;
- [8] *Jane Frisby* (18), domestic servant, born Wednesfield:

William Warner died on 2nd January 1919, aged 86.

Thomas Howe brewed his own beer.

1933 Probate

“Thomas Howe, of the ANGEL INN, High Street, Wednesfield, Staffordshire, died 12 December 1932. Probate Birmingham 25 January to Thomas Howe, draw bench operator. Effects £4,685 11s 9d.”

Thomas Howe – see also ROYAL TIGER.

Games, including darts and dominoes were not allowed by *Thomas* or *James Howe*.

James Howe was born on 8th February 1903, the son of *Thomas*.

He was educated at Neachells Lane School, which he left aged 12.

He married *Agnes T. Smith*.

He brewed his own beer using water from a well at the rear, Herefordshire hops and yeast from the Highgate Brewery.

He played bowls for the Molyneux Bowling Club. He won the Staffordshire Amateur Bowling Association Challenge Cup in 1947, and Wolverhampton and District LVA Bowls Cup in 1947 and 1955.

He served on Wednesfield Council.

He died in 1958.

1939 Register

High Street – ANGEL INN (2 of 4)

- [1] *James Howe*, date of birth 8/2/1903, brewer of beer for sale, married, Auxiliary Fire Service;
- [2] *Agnes T. Howe*, dob 25/11/1900, unpaid domestic duties, married;

London Gazette 2/3/1998

“Thomas. Keith Frank carrying on business as the ANGEL Public House, Wednesfield, WHITE ROSE Public House, Temple Street, Bilston, BIRD IN HAND, Hill Street, Bradley, SHEPHERDS COTTAGE, Princes End, Tipton, HORSELEY TAVERN, Dudley Port, COTTAGE SPRING, Alexandra Road, Tipton Date of Filing Petition – 26th January 1998.....”

Allen Parkes was married to *Pauline Amanda*.

See also TRUE BRITON.

They were declared bankrupt in July 2009.

[2016]

ASHMORE

Griffiths Drive / Peacock Avenue, Ashmore Park, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Marstons Plc.
New River Retail (acquired in 2014)

LICENSEES

John Mears [1995] – [1996]
Deborah ‘Debbie’ Morgan [2005] – [2007]

NOTES

It was built on the site of Ashmore Park Farm house.

It opened in 1959.

It was a pigeon fliers’ pub.

[1976]

It reopened in March 1996, after a £250,000 refurbishment.

John Mears was married to Eileen.

It was listed as an Asset of Community Value in 2014.

[Express & Star 26/9/2020](#)

“A popular Black Country pub has temporarily closed its doors after a customer tested positive for coronavirus. The ASHMORE INN in Ashmore Park, Wolverhampton, sent out a message on its Facebook page to let customers know about the closure. The positive test came from a customer who had visited the pub on Griffiths Drive on Saturday, September 19 and Sunday, September 20.

The Hawthorns Leisure pub will be deep cleaned during the closure and all staff are having Covid-19 tests.

A spokesman said, ‘We have been informed that one of our customers who visited the ASHMORE on September 19 has tested positive for Covid-19. The ASHMORE is now closed temporarily as we deep clean the pub and all team members receive results from their Covid-19 test. Anyone who is affected will be contacted by NHS Track and Trace and we look forward to reopening and welcoming customers back when it is safe to do so.’”

[2020]

BARLEY MOW

105, Wolverhampton Road, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

[Benjamin Corbett](#) [1918]

LICENSEES

[Foley Bellingham](#) [1861] – [1862]

John Evans [1871]

Harriet Richards (1882 – []

[Samuel Warner](#) [] – 1885);

Holland G Bissell (1885 – [1891]

Joseph Dee [1901]

Margaret Jennie Dee [1911]

Elizabeth Cole [1911]

[Mary Elizabeth Cole](#) [1918]

NOTES

Foley Bellingham = Foly Billingham

1861 Census

Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *Foly Billingham* (57), publican, born Lye;
- [2] Honner Billingham (56), wife, born Lye;
- [3] John Billingham (20), son, railway engine fitter, born Lye:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 15/1/1862 - Deaths

“On the 10th instant, at Wednesfield Heath, very suddenly, in the 57th year of his age, Mr. *Foley Bellingham*, the much respected landlord of the BARLEY MOW INN, deeply regretted by all who knew him.”

1871 Census

Wolverhampton Road – BARLEY MOW INN

- [1] *John Evans* (47), beer retailer, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Elizabeth Evans (44), wife, born Brewood;
- [3] Fanny Evans (6), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Ann Evans (4), daughter, born Wednesfield:

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/7/1878 - Deaths

“July 14, at the BARLEY MOW, Heath Town, Wolverhampton, Maria, widow of Samuel Hyde, aged 74.”

Evening Express 7/12/1881 - Advert

“Wanted, respectable Girl, about 17.
Apply, BARLEY MOW, Heath Town.”

1891 Census

105, Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *Holland G. Bissell* (51), bricklayer, master, born Coalport, Shropshire;
- [2] Thirza Bissell (51), wife, born Morchard, Devonshire;
- [3] Rosemary Chandler (19), niece, dressmaker’s apprentice, born Westminster, London:

1901 Census

105, Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *Joseph Dee* (36), publican, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Margaret Jennie Dee* (39), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] George Henry Dee (13), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] Robert Arthur Dee (9), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Howard Frederick Dee (5), son, born Heath Town:

1911 Census

105, Wolverhampton Road, Heath Town – BARLEY MOW

- [1] Samuel Cole (32), coal merchant, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Elizabeth Cole* (33), wife, married 10 years, beerhouse keeper, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Fred Cole (6), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] Mary Cole (4), daughter, born Wolverhampton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 31/8/1918

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910.

Notice as to Sending in Claims to be Treated as Persons Interested in Licensed Premises.

Notice is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the County of Stafford, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 3rd day of July, 1918, to refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all persons claiming to be interested in the said premises for the purpose of the payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee, and the registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority notice of their Claims before the 8th day of September, 1918.....

BARLEY MOW, Heath Town, Wolverhampton. Beerhouse (ante 1869) License. Licensee, *Mary Elizabeth Cole*. Registered Owner, Benjamin Corbett.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 19/10/1918

“Adjourned Principal meeting of the Licensing Compensation Authority.....

The committee sat to consider the amounts to be offered as compensation in cases where the renewal of the license had been refused, and the following sums were fixed.....
BARLEY MOW, Heath Town, £800.”

BIRD IN HAND

12, (40), (16), (82), Thorneycroft Lane, Fallings Park, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Enterprise Inns Ltd. [1991]

LICENSEES

Ann Kendrick [1845] – [1850]
Thomas Heatley [1853] – [1861]
Samuel Parry [1864] – [1871]
Samuel Rodman [1881]
George Mills [1891]
George Joseph Williams [1939] – [1940]
M M Morris [1983] – [1989]
Colin Gillard [1995]
Kalwant Singh [2005]

NOTES

82, Thorneycroft Lane [1861]
16, Thorneycroft Lane [1871]
40, Thorneycroft Lane [1939], [1940]
12, Thorneycroft Lane [1976]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/12/1845

“On the 15th instant, *Ann Kendrick*, of the BIRD IN HAND, Wednesfield, beershop keeper, was fined 2s 6d and costs, for having seventeen persons drinking in her house at half-past twelve o’clock on the night of the 25th of November last.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 11/3/1846

“*Ann Kendrick*, beershop keeper, Wednesfield, was fined 5s and costs, for allowing drinking in her house during the time of divine service, on Sunday, the 22nd ult.”

Nottinghamshire Guardian 29/8/1850

“Things are more brisk in the pedestrian department than they have been for the few previous weeks. This afternoon our correspondent witnessed the long-pending mile match, for £10 aside, between Frederick Coates, a novice at Wednesfield Heath, and the well-known Samuel Merrick, of the neighbouring village of Willenhall. All the golden portraits of her Majesty had been duly entrusted to the care of mine host *Kendrick*, of the BIRD IN HAND, Wednesfield, better known as the town of Wedgbury Cocking, so oft resorted to by the Staffordshire lads. Four o’clock came, and both men looked in excellent condition for the fray, under the refereeship of Benjamin Badger. As they bent from the score, Coates, who is 22 years old, 10st, gained full a couple of yards of his adversary, and it might be said had the race from end to end by himself, for Merrick, three years older, gave up a long way from home. Coates ran a second mile match, for £5 aside, on the next day, Rhodes giving him fifty yards start. As might be anticipated from his previous running, the Wolverhampton veteran (Rhodes) was easily beaten. Coates is again matched to run a mile with William White, of Lye Waste, near Stourbridge, on Monday next: stakes £10 aside. Our crack match, for a £50 stake, is also to be decided on Monday, at Stafford, not Sheffield, as erroneously reported in the metropolitan journals. It is between Benjamin Badger, of Wolverhampton, and Tommy Lee, of Middleton, Yorkshire, and the distance to be run is half a mile – Badger’s first appearance in a span of that length. We shall have a well-contested race, as both the men are in brilliant condition for their work. They run between twelve and two o’clock. Richard Woodhouse wishes to run the above-named Samuel Merrick; and a match can be made – one mile, £5 or £10 aside, any night this week at the OLD WHITE LION, Berry Street, Wolverhampton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 31/8/1853

“The annual meeting of the Magistrates of the county, resident in Wolverhampton district, was held on Tuesday last at the Public Office, Bilston Street, in this town, for renewing old victuallers licenses and considering new applications.....

Mr. Thorne made an application on behalf of Mr. *Thomas Heatley*, for a license to a house situated in Thorneycroft Lane, called the BIRD IN HAND. There was a large number of inhabitants within a short distance, and the house would afford great accommodation. The decision was deferred until the 12th of September.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21/9/1853

“At the adjourned sessions the licenses in the adjourned cases were altogether refused.”

1861 Census

82, Thorneycroft Lane – BIRD IN HAND INN

[1] *Thomas Heatley* (53), publican, born Wednesfield;

[2] Sarah Heatley (52), wife, born Wednesfield:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 31/8/1864 - Advert

“Sale On Thursday Next, September 1st, 1864, at the BIRD IN HAND INN, Thorneycroft’s Lane, near Wednesfield Heath.

Mr. George Langman has received instructions from the Executors of the late Mr. John Heatley, to Sell by Auction, on Thursday, September the 1st, 1864, at Mr. *Samuel Parry*’s BIRD IN HAND INN, Thorneycroft’s Lane near Wednesfield Heath, the Growing Crops of Two Acres Two Roods and ten-and-a-half Perches of Potatoes, in a field situated at Long Knowl, near Old Wednesfield. Sale at four o’clock in the afternoon.

For particulars, apply to Mr. George Langman, Auctioneer, No.3 Bilston Street, Wolverhampton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 14/2/1866

“At the County Police Court, on Monday last, before H. Hill and B. Hicklin, Esqs., twenty men from Wednesfield and its neighbour, eighteen of whom appeared, were summoned for cockfighting on the previous Monday. Mr. Stirk prosecuted, and Mr. Thurstans appeared for the defence. The fighting took place in a house near a beerhouse in Thoneycroft Lane, kept by *Samuel Parry*. Three dead cocks, which had been trimmed for fighting, were produced in Court, together with spurs, scissors, and other things used by cockfighters, and a witness was called who saw one fight, and who identified several of the defendants as having been present. Thomas Potter was the doorkeeper, and John Davis and David Hadley ‘placed’ the cocks. There had evidently been fighting before this, as there was blood and feathers about the room (the floor of which was partly covered in turf.) After the fight witnessed by Jones the men returned to *Parry*’s beerhouse, where Jones called in Inspectors Butler and Wild, and the defendant’s names were taken down. The defence was that the fight had not taken place in a room regularly used for cockfighting, and that, therefore, under a recent decision of the Court of the Queen’s Bench, the defendant who had been spoken to as having been present at the fight could not be convicted. The Bench, however, considered it clear that fighting had taken place before the battle witnessed by Jones, and fined *Samuel Parry* and John Davis £5 each; in default of payment two months’ imprisonment. Thomas Potter, David Hadley, John Pardon, Edward Hyde, John Bradley, Edward Hadley, Edward Parry, Henry Hadley, and William Peplow were fined £1 each and costs, or one months’ imprisonment, for encouraging and assisting. John Reynolds, Richard Parry, Moses Watkins, John Reynolds, Thomas Preston, and Joseph Taffley were discharged. The two men who did not appear were Samuel Jones, and Michael Laval.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 27/8/1869

“Yesterday the county licensing meeting for the Wolverhampton district was held at the county magistrates’ office, Agricultural Hall, Wolverhampton. The magistrates present were Sir John Norris, and Messrs. S. Cartwright, A. S. Hill, G. L. Underhill, and R. D. Gough. Superintendent McCrea handed in to the Bench a copy of the following list of licensed victualler who had been fined during the past five years.....

The following beerhouse keepers had been fined for permitting gaming.....

Samuel Perry, BIRD IN HAND, Wednesfield, 10s and costs.....”

1871 Census

16, Thorneycroft Lane

[1] *Samuel Parry* (38), beer seller and clover dealer, born Erdington, Shropshire;

[2] Harriet Parry (40), wife, born Wednesfield;

[3] Jane Parry (16), daughter, general servant, born Wednesfield;

[4] Eliza Parry (16), daughter, general servant, born Wednesfield;

[5] Samuel Parry (10), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;

[6] Agnes Parry (7), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;

[7] William Parry (1), son, born Wednesfield:

1881 Census

Thorneycroft Lane

[1] *Samuel Rodman* (30), publican, born London;

[2] Emma Rodman (37), wife, born Wolverhampton;

[3] Samuel Rodman (11), son, born Essington;

[4] George W. Rodman (3), son, born Wood Hayes;

[5] Fanny Lovatt (14), domestic servant, born Essington;
[6] Thomas McCue (28), lodger, coal miner, born Walsall:

1891 Census

Thornecroft Lane – BIRD IN HAND

[1] *George Mills* (42), publican, born Lapley, Staffordshire;
[2] Kate Mills (42), wife, born Wolverhampton;
[3] George Henry Mills (14), son, dentist's errand boy, born Wolverhampton:

George Mills – see also GRAPES, [Lowe Street](#), Wolverhampton.

Alterations were made in 1932.

1939 Register

40, Thornecroft Lane

[1] *George Joseph Williams*, date of birth 21/9/1884, licensed victualler, married;
[2] Winifred Williams, dob 31/7/1883, unpaid domestic duties, married;
[3] Winifred Louise (Barratt) Beaumont, dob 23/10/1912, public analyst assistant, widowed;
[4] George Richard Williams, dob 22/11/1915, house inspector, local authority, single:

[2016]

BLACK HORSE

New Street, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

S Lloyd [1851]
[George Leedom](#) [1859]
Joseph Evans [1866] – [1867]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 22/3/1854 - Advert

“Public House. To Be Let, with immediate possession, the BLACK HORSE, together with good Stabling, Piggeries, etc., situate in New Street, Wednesfield. Coming-in about £20.

For particulars apply to Mr. Joseph Jackson, Buggins Lane, near Wolverhampton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 4/4/1855 - Advert

“To Be let, and may be entered upon immediately, a Public House, known as the BLACK HORSE, Wednesfield.

The House is well situated, with a garden attached. Rent Moderate.

For further particulars apply to Mr. G. Jones, house agent, Cleveland Road, Wolverhampton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 31/8/1859

“Licensing Meeting for Wolverhampton Division of Seisdon North.....

Applications for victuallers licenses.....

George Leedom, BLACK HORSE, Wednesfield Refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/2/1866

“At the County Court, in this town, on Monday last, *Joseph Evans*, landlord of the BLACK HORSE public house, Wednesfield, was summoned by Police-constable Cooper for permitting gambling in his house. The officer said that in consequence of having had repeated complaints against the defendant for this sort of thing, he went on the previous Monday evening to this house, disguised in plain clothes. As soon as he got in a little girl, the defendant's daughter, ran upstairs. Witness followed her, and, on entering the upper room, he saw the defendant in the act of clearing a pack of cards off the table and putting them in his pocket.

He, however, admitted to the officer that some persons who were then in the room had been playing for some drink, and expressed a hope that witness would not report him, promising not to offend in like manner again. In proof of what he said, he afterwards pulled the cards out of his pocket and threw them into the fire, in the officer's presence. The Bench fined defendant 5s and costs, expressing a hope that that would be sufficient warning for him for the future."

Birmingham Daily Gazette 28/5/1867

"Yesterday, at the County Police Court, before Messrs. H. Hill and S. Cartwright, *Joseph Evans*, landlord of the BLACK HORSE INN, Wednesfield, was charged with having his house open after eleven o'clock at night. Police-constable Goodall said on Monday night week he went into the house and found a man and woman, and a jug of ale on the table. Defendant was fined 5s and costs."

BOARD

Nechell Hall, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Evans [1834] – [1835]

Thomas Evans [1852] – [1856]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/1/1835 - Advert

"Fat Stock and Growing Timber.

To be Sold by Auction, by Thomas Matthews.

On the premises at Neachill Hall Farm, in the parish of Wednesfield, on Monday, the 19th of January, 1835.

Twenty-six prime two year old Fat Wethers, and ten Fat Cows.

Also the following lots of Timber, growing on the said farm, viz:

Lot I. 75 Elm, 9 Ash, 4 Firs, and 3 Cyphers, marked with white paint from 1 to 88.

Lot II 41 Elm, 8 Ash, 1 Lime, and 2 Firs, marked with red paint from 1 to 52.

Lot III. 31 Yew Trees.

Neachill Hall is situate near to the road leading from Wolverhampton to Willenhall. Mr. *William Evans*, of Neachill Hall aforesaid, will, on application, appoint a person to show the Timber.

Sale to commence precisely at twelve o'clock."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1852

"The annual licensing day for the division of Seisdon North was held at the Public Office, Bilston Street, Wolverhampton, on Thursday last.....

There were about forty applications for new [spirit] licenses, of which eight were granted.....

Mr. Hayes applied on behalf of Mr. *Thomas Evans*, of Neachill Hall, in the township of Wednesfield Refused."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 30/8/1854

"Mr. Whitehouse, on behalf of Mr. Downing, applied for a license to Neachell Farmhouse, situated between Portobello and Wednesfield. Application refused.

Mr. Underhill, on behalf of Mr. *Thomas Evans*, applied for a license to a house known by the name of Neachell Hall. Refused."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 6/8/1856

"The licensing day at the County Police Court is the 21st instant, and the following persons have given notice of their intention of applying on that day for licenses *Thomas Evans*, Neachel Hall, Wednesfield....."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/8/1856

"Applications for new licenses. There were fourteen applications altogether for licenses to sell spirits – all from beershop keepers – only four of which were granted by the Magistrates.....

Mr. Hayes applied for *Thomas Evans*, Neachil Hall, Wednesfield. There was no licensed public house within a mile, although some new collieries had been recently opened. Claimant's house was large and commodious, and no complaint had been made

against him during the time that it had been occupied as a beershop. The certificate had been signed by the churchwardens, overseers, &c, and the coroner always stopped at Neachil Hall.

The Magistrates adjourned the case in order to have an opportunity of viewing the district and the house.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/12/1859

“Willenhall Local Board of Health. The usual fortnightly meeting was held on Monday last For the removal of night-soil there were five tenders submitted, and the one accepted was that of Mr. *Thomas Evans*, farmer, of Neachill Hall, for £250 per annum, subject to his sureties being satisfactory and an agreement being signed by him to perform the work to the satisfaction of the Board.”

Check FIGHTING COCKS.

BOAT

Church Street, (29, (2), High Street), (Graisley Lane), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1939]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1982]
Avebury Taverns Ltd. (acquired in 1999)
Punch Taverns Plc. [2008]

LICENSEES

William Bellamy [1861] – [1881]
Joseph Williams [1891] – [1901]
Terants [c.1930]
William Betts [1939] – [1940]
L Thomas [1976]
C Rottan [1983]
T Homer [1988]
James and Caroline Greenway [2001] tenants
Christine Banks [2002]
Kenneth John Wardle [2005] – [2007]
[Patrick Hennessy](#) []

NOTES

2, High Street [1861]
29, High Street [1871]
Church Street [1891], [1939], [1940]
Graisley Lane [1967]

It had a beerhouse license.

It was Grade II listed.

1861 Census

2, High Street – BOAT INN

- [1] *William Bellamy* (23), victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Eliza Bellamy* (27), wife, born Wood End;
- [3] *Jane Bellamy* (2), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Elizabeth Bellamy* (3 months), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Thomas Stanhope* (12), apprentice trap maker, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *John Tottey* (47), lodger, vermin trap maker, born Wednesfield:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 22/6/1864 - Deaths

“On the 12th inst., at Wednesfield, near Wolverhampton, *Eliza*, the wife of *William Bellamy*, of the BOAT INN, much regretted by

her family and friends.”

William Bellamy, beer retailer, Church Street. [1864], [1865]

William Bellamy, beer retailer, Wednesfield. [1868], [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

29, High Street – BOAT

- [1] *William Bellamy* (34), licensed victualler and master trap maker, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Mary Ann Bellamy* (34), wife, born Dimchurch, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Jane Bellamy* (11), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Elizabeth Bellamy* (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Henry Bellamy* (3), son, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *Ellen Bellamy* (1), daughter, born Wednesfield:

1881 Census

High Street – beer shop – BOAT

- [1] *William Bellamy* (44), trap maker, beer shop, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Mary A. Bellamy* (45), wife, born Wales;
- [3] *Elizabeth Bellamy* (20), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Henry Bellamy* (13), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Ellen Bellamy* (11), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *Mary A. Bellamy* (9), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [7] *Emily Bellamy* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [8] *Thomas Francis* (5), grandson, scholar, born Wolverhampton:

1891 Census

Church Street – BOAT INN

- [1] *Joseph Williams* (42), publican, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Harriet Williams* (42), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Joseph Williams* (23), son, vermin trap maker, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Albert Williams* (19), son, iron caster, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Harry Williams* (18), son, iron caster, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *Kate Williams* (15), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [7] *Richard Williams* (10), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [8] *Hannah M. Williams* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [9] *Harra Williams* (3), son, born Wednesfield;
- [10] *Birte Williams* (1), son, born Wednesfield;
- [11] *Rose Allen* (18), domestic servant, born Wednesfield:

1901 Census

Church Street

- [1] *Joseph Williams* (52), publican, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Harriet Williams* (51), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Albert Williams* (29), son, carter on farm, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Edith Williams* (23), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Richard Williams* (20), son, iron caster, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *Annie Williams* (18), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [7] *Horace Williams* (12), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [8] *Bertie Williams* (10), son, born Wednesfield:

1939 Register

Church Street – BOAT INN (2 of 3)

- [1] *William Betts*, date of birth 5/10/1905, publican and coal dealer, married;
- [2] *Ann Betts*, dob 23/8/1911, unpaid domestic duties, married;

Closed [1995]

It reopened in the 1990s after being closed for 6 years.

A man was killed here following receiving a head injury on New Year’s Eve 2015.

[2016]

[Express & Star 19/7/2022](#)

“How do you like the sound of owning your own pub? That option is now available in Wednesfield where a disused boozer has

been put on the market for £250,000, which is about the cost of a two-bedroom house in the area. The two-storey BOAT INN on Church Street features an open plan bar area with a timber bar servery, perimeter seating and wooden flooring. A hallway to the side provides access to the toilets, and there's an outdoor seating area at the back of the building. As well as this, the listing on Rightmove listing says the new landowners will benefit from a basement beer cellar, a glass wash area, and a small commercial kitchen. The sale is being handled by Everard Cole of Nottingham, which is asking for offers in the region of £250,000. On its listing the agent says, 'The pub is no longer trading. The vendor has not occupied the property and does not have any historical knowledge of the day to day running of the business and therefore does not have access to any accounts or trading information. No fixtures and fittings will be warranted with this sale and an inventory cannot be provided. The property is being 'sold as seen' and any items left on the day of completion will be inherited by the purchaser excluding any third party items such as games machines or beer raising equipment.'

Inside the building are four bedrooms, one with an en-suite bathroom, a lounge, a domestic kitchen and a bathroom. Through the lounge, the owners can access the boiler room. There is also a yard and a smoking shelter, both of which are adjacent to the canal, where pub-goers can drink outside. Everard Cole says the rateable value has been assessed at £12,950."

Express & Star 12/8/2022

"The licensee of a Wolverhampton pub has been ordered to pay thousands of pounds for illegally screening Sky Sports. *Patrick Hennessy*, of the BOAT INN, Church Street, Wolverhampton, was found guilty of two offences of dishonest reception of a television transmission at Dudley Magistrates Court on Wednesday. The court heard that *Hennessy* televised Sky Sports football matches to customers without having valid commercial viewing agreements in place and with the intent to avoid paying the subscription charge. Sky Sports is only available to licensed premises in the UK via a commercial viewing agreement from Sky Business. *Hennessy*, the designated premises supervisor of the BOAT INN, was ordered to pay total fines and costs of £2,867.20. Licensees that show Sky broadcasts without a commercial viewing agreement risk similar action or even civil legal action....."

BRITANNIA

Old Heath Road, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Shinton [1869] – [1875]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

William Shinton = William Shenton

Birmingham Daily Gazette 27/8/1869

"Yesterday the county licensing meeting for the Wolverhampton district was held at the county magistrates' office, Agricultural Hall, Wolverhampton. The magistrates present were Sir John Norris, and Messrs. S. Cartwright, A. S. Hill, G. L. Underhill, and R. D. Gough. Superintendent McCrea handed in to the Bench a copy of the following list of licensed victualler who had been fined during the past five years.....

The following beerhouse keepers had been fined for selling and keeping open during prohibited hours.....

William Shenton, BRITANNIA, Wednesfield, 2s 6d and costs....."

1871 Census

Old Heath – BRITANNIA INN

- [1] *William Shinton* (34), licensed victualler and shingler, born Bilston;
- [2] L_____ Shinton (32), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] George Shinton (14), son, blacksmith's apprentice, born Bilston;
- [4] William Shinton (12), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] Thomas Shinton (10), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] John Shinton (8), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [7] Mary Jane Shinton (6), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [8] Samuel Shinton (2), son, born Wednesfield;
- [9] Edmond Shinton (1), son, born Wednesfield;
- [10] Thomas Jeavon (28), visitor, coal miner, born Coseley;

- [11] Elizabeth Jeavon (22), visitor, born Bilston;
[12] Thomas Jeavon (6 months), visitor, born Coseley:

Evening Express 13/5/1875

“*William Shinton*, beerhouse keeper, Heath Town, was summoned for permitting drunkenness on his premises. Mr. Barrow defended.

Police-constable Mayland said that about ten pm, on Saturday, the 24th of April, his attention was called to the defendant’s house. He went to the house and found the front door locked, and afterwards went round to the back door. After remaining a few minutes here he was admitted, and in the taproom he found the landlord and three or four men. A man named Murphy was sitting by the defendant, and appeared to be drunk. Witness remarked so, but defendant said Murphy was only sleepy. They lifted him up, however, several times, and he fell down again. He was put out, and in the road it became apparent that he could scarcely walk. For the defence Mr. Barrow called several witnesses, who swore that the man Murphy was not drunk, but tired, having been working a double shift, and that when he got in the road he sat down for the purpose of waiting for a friend, and not because he was too drunk to walk.

The case was dismissed.”

It was closed in the 19th century.

BULLS HEAD

24, New Street, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

George Leatham [1861]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

24, New Street – BULLS HEAD

- [1] *George Leatham* (28), publican and bricklayer, born Shareshill, Staffordshire;
- [2] Sarah Leatham (27), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] Catherine Leatham (6), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Emma Leatham (3), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Margaret Green (14), house servant, born Wednesfield;
- [6] Joseph Mason (55), brother in law, keymaker, born Wednesfield:

BULLS HEAD

194, (42), Wolverhampton Road, (88, New Cross), Heath Town, (Wednesfield Heath), (Southtown), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

John Joule and Sons Ltd. [1961]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Pubmaster Ltd.

LICENSEES

James Pearson [1833] – [1835]
Peter Southam [1841] – [1842]
Samuel Tomkys [1849] – **1852**);

Maria Tomkys (1852 – 1854);
John Foster (1854 – 1857);
Samuel Hyde (1857 – [1865])
Mrs. Maria Hyde [1868] – [1872]
Mrs. Sarah Hyde [1873]
Maria Hyde [1874]
Charles Thomas [] – 1877);
William Turner* (1877 – [1879])
William Turner* [1891] – [1892]
Thomas Haddock [1896] – [1901]
Mrs. Elizabeth B Shepherd [1904] – [1912]
Henry John Haddock [1916]
William Howard Broome [1921]
Ernest Frederick Mason [1932]
Mrs. Julia Mealing [1940]
George Williams [1960s]
R W Bould [1983]
C Foster [1988] – [1989]
Joan Haynes [] – 1995);
Wendy O’Halloran (1995):

NOTES

88, New Cross [1861]
42, Wolverhampton Road [1871]
Southtown [1879]
194, Wolverhampton Road [1891], [1901], [1904], [1908], [1932], [1940]

James Pearson, cabinet locksmith and retail brewer, Wednesfield Heath. [1833]
James Pearson, retailer of beer, Wednesfield Heath. [1835]

Samuel Tomkys was also a trap maker. [1849], [1850]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 28/8/1850 - Advert

“Sale Of Freehold Building And Building Land, at Wednesfield Heath, near Wolverhampton.
To Be Sold By Auction, By Mr. George Brown, at the BULLS HEAD INN, Wednesfield Heath.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 8/1/1851 - Advert

“The BULLS HEAD INN and Premises, at Wednesfield Heath, near Wolverhampton.
To be Let, with immediate possession, the excellent Old Licensed House and Premises, called the BULLS HEAD, situate in the best part at Wednesfield Heath.
The house contains capital parlour, tap room, and convenient bar, three dry arched cellars, a good club room, and four sleeping rooms.
The outbuildings comprise brewhouse, yard, stabling, sheds, workshop, peg alley, and piggeries; the whole being plentifully supplied with water, and the rent exceedingly low.
The Stock and Fixtures to be taken at a valuation, which will be about £120.
Further particulars may be obtained from Mr. *Tomkys*, on the premises; and to treat for the same apply to W. Aston, auctioneer, Queen Street, Wolverhampton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/6/1852

“The following transfers of victuallers licenses took place.....
The late *Samuel Tomkys*, of the BULLS HEAD, Wednesfield Heath, to his widow, *Maria Tomkys*.”

Maria Tomkys = Maria Tonkys

Staffordshire Advertiser 18/2/1854

“*Samuel Dutton*, for stealing two tumblers from *Elizabeth Thompson*, of the SWAN INN, Wednesfield Heath, which he afterwards offered for sale to *John Foster*, of the BULLS HEAD, in the same place, was on Wednesday last committed for trial.”

1861 Census

88, New Cross – BULLS HEAD INN
[1] *Samuel Hyde* (46), victualler, born Sedgley;
[2] *Maria Hyde* (57), wife, born Wednesfield;

- [3] Jane Hyde (13), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [4] Samuel Hyde (11), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] Benjamin Hyde (9), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [6] Sarah Cooper (17), general servant, born Wednesfield:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/6/1861

“The inaugural dinner of the Court Oak and Ivy was held at the house of Mr. *Hyde*, the BULLS HEAD INN, Wednesfield Heath last Monday evening.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/7/1861

“At the Wolverhampton police Court, on Friday last, before W. Partridge and H. Hill, Esqs., two or three hours were occupied in investigating a charge of assault brought against Police-constable Richards, one of the county force, who has been stationed at Wednesfield Heath about five or six months, and a counter charge preferred against Charles Swinburn, (a workman for Messrs. Ready and Meynell), against the complainant in the first case. Police-constable Cooper was at first included in the charge made by Swinburn but the summons was withdrawn by Mr. Bartlett, who appeared for Swinburn, on the ground that there was no evidence to support the charge. Swinburn was, however, ordered by the Bench to pay the costs.

Mr. Underhill appeared to watch the case on behalf of Colonel Hogg, the chief constable of the county.

It appeared from the evidence in support of the charge against the policeman that on the evening of the 19th of June the complainant, with several of his fellow workmen, went to the BULLS HEAD INN, Wednesfield Heath, to celebrate a wedding.

They remained there till two o'clock on the following morning, when they set out for Wolverhampton, all or most of them being somewhat the worse for liquor. According to the statement of William Mathews, one of the party, Cooper and Richards were in the bar of the public house about an hour in the course of the evening, and Cooper left with Mathews. The latter was playing a concertina, and he said that on the invitation of the landlady he went from the kitchen into the bar to play her a tune. While there Richards challenged to play him for a sovereign, and put down the money. Swinburn, after leaving the inn walked a little in advance of his party, and when a short distance on the road Richards, who was wearing a long coat and billycock hat, (he was previously in uniform,) came from the right hand side towards him. Addressing Swinburn he said, ‘Now then, go on; don't stop lurking about here.’ Swinburn, who had made no noise in the road, replied asking, ‘Who are you?’ Richards answered, ‘I'll d—— soon show you who I am,’ and at the same time took his staff from his breast, and struck him violently on the head, causing him to fall in a state of insensibility. His friends, said Cooper, who was with Mathews, hearing the blow, hastened to the spot, and found him on the ground bleeding. He remained unconscious about a quarter of an hour. They got him up, and Cooper refusing to procure a surgeon on his own responsibility, they took him to the shop of Mr. Acton, chemist and druggist, who dressed the wounds. Swinburn's friends said that on asking Richards what was the matter he said he would serve any one else who interfered the same as he had served Swinburn; and Mathews stated that Cooper told him if they would go home he would put the matter all right; Richards was a d—— young fool, and had used his staff more times in nine months than he (Cooper) had since he had been at Wednesfield Heath. Mr. Underhill produced a letter to Colonel Hogg on the conduct of the police on this occasion. It stated, among other things, that the police were drinking with the party about an hour, and had several glasses of ale, which were paid for by the whole company. Richard Harper, it seemed, wrote the letter at the WOOLPACK INN, in the presence of the party, as well as Hugh Lavery, an ex-policeman, and in cross-examination by Mr. Underhill he admitted the statement about ale for the police being paid for by the whole company was an ‘oversight.’ Meaning in plain words, not true. The above statement was spoken by most of the witnesses. There was, however, a conflict of evidence as to whether Richards' staff was taken from his breast pocket or a pocket in the tail of his coat.

Mr. Underhill did not address the Bench, but called Cooper and Richards in defence, and also to support the summons against Swinburn, it having been decided that the two cases should be heard before a decision was given in either. Cooper, who had been in the force thirteen years, and had charge of the Wednesfield District, deposed that about twelve o'clock he and Richards followed into the BULLS HEAD a man who had been loitering about the streets, and of whom they had suspicion. The landlord asked them to remain about, as there were some parties in his kitchen whose looks he did not like. They went into the bar to see through a window. Witness called for two glasses of ale and put down the money to pay for them, but the landlady returned it to him. They stayed in the house only about three or five minutes. The landlady did not invite Mathews into the bar; on the contrary, she ordered him out. He offered to play anyone in the house for 5s, but witness did not hear Richards make a challenge or see him put down any money. He could not have done so without his seeing it. It was by his orders that Richards put on plain clothes, the object being to prevent his identification by the suspected parties. Witness went to the BULLS HEAD again, between one and two o'clock. He did not leave with Mathews, but witness and Richards met him and other of his party on the road subsequently. Five of them were in the middle of street singing ‘I'm off to Charlestown.’ Richards started after them, witness following with Mathews. He did not see what took place between Richards and Swinburn, but heard the blow, and on reaching the spot where Swinburn was lying he asked Richards what was the matter. He said Swinburn had assaulted him, and that he (Richards) had struck him in self-defence. In answer to Mr. Bartlett, Cooper said he asked the party to cease singing in the road, and they did so, but then recommenced before Richards followed them. He did not know whether Swinburn was insensible; he did not take any means to ascertain his condition, his attention being directed to protecting Richards from several of the party who had their fists in his face. All except Mathews were threatening the officer. Charles Beaman told Richards that if he would put his flute (meaning his staff) in his pocket he would fight him a round or two. The party wished witness to take Richards into custody, but he refused. They were threatening Richards, whose life was in jeopardy, and he (witness) said he would knock down the first man who touched that officer. He admitted saying in Mr. Acton's shop that Richards was a little too fast. He recollected previous occasions on which Richards had been too fast. He ought not to have left witness on the night in question and followed Swinburn and his party down the road. Witness and Richards had talked over the case, and he had heard Richard's statement and Richards had

heard his. At daylight on the day of the assault witness saw a mark of a blow on Richard's face. Richards, who was examined by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Underhill having abandoned his right to examine him in chief, then made a statement, which corroborated in many particulars the evidence of Cooper. He could play the concertina a little but denied having challenged to play Mathews for a sovereign. He had not a sovereign in his possession at the time. He had not told Cooper what he was going to say before the magistrates nor had Cooper told him what his evidence would be. When he was with Cooper he saw Swinburn and his party pulling one another about the street, and heard them singing 'I'm off to Charlestown.' He told them to be quiet and not to make a noise after having been cautioned by Cooper. He did not use to them the word 'lurking.' They asked him who he was, and he replied a police-officer, and as such had the right to interfere with them for their noisy conduct. Swinburn turned round and said, 'Take that for your trouble,' at the same time striking him under the chin with his clenched fist. The blow staggered witness. He asked Swinburn what he had done it for, and was turning to call Cooper, when the same man struck him again in the same place. Witness then took out his staff to defend himself, and on Swinburn attempting to strike him a third time he knocked him down with his staff. Two of the others squared their fists at him (witness), and Beaman several times rubbed his fist in his face. Swinburn was able to get up himself after being knocked down. Between the drink and the blow he might have been insensible. Witness never used his staff before that night. Mr. Hyde, the landlord of the BULLS HEAD, proved that he asked Cooper to watch some parties in his house on the night in question, and that he had heard no conversation about betting between Richards and Mathews. He was not, however, long together in the bar, being often backwards and forwards between the parlour and bar. This was the whole of the evidence, and Mr. Partridge said that as the cases were of great importance, the Bench thought they should best discharge their duty by sending them for investigation before a jury. The witnesses were bound over to appear this day (Wednesday), in order that the depositions might be completed."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 24/7/1861

"John Richards, a policeman stationed at Wednesfield, was indicted for having assaulted Charles Swinburn, at Wednesfield Heath, on the 10th of June last. Mr. Jenkins prosecuted, and the prisoner was defended by Mr. Kenealy. On the 10th of June the prosecutor and a large party of his friends were celebrating a wedding at the BULLS HEAD INN, Wednesfield Heath. While they were there, and while so enjoying themselves, they were joined by the prisoner and another police officer named Cooper. A Conversation arose about playing music, the prisoner offering to make a bet with one of the prosecutor's friends that he would play the concertina better than he. No bet, however, seems to have been made, and the prisoner left the house. As the party were going home to Wolverhampton, for most of them were brass founders there, they again came across the prisoner; it would then be between one and two o'clock in the morning. The prosecutor, who was in advance of his companions, was the first to meet Richards, and Richards accosted him by asking him what was all that noise about. Swinburn told him he was making no noise, and asked Richards who he was, for Richards was in plain clothes. Richards replied that we would d—— soon let him know, drew his staff, and dealt Swinburn a blow on the head, and rendered him partially insensible. His friend coming up, he was taken to the shop of Mr. Acton, druggist, where his wounds were dressed. He was afterwards attended by Mr. Shedd, assistant to Mr. Dehane, surgeon. In cross-examination by Mr. Kenealy, the prosecutor said that he and his friends were at the BULLS HEAD INN from seven in the evening till nearly two o'clock the next morning. He sometimes drank ale and sometimes ginger beer. Were you drunk? – No; I was not drunk. Were you what is called fresh? – I was half fresh. What sort of intoxication is half fresh? – When a man knows what he is doing. (Laughter.) Other witnesses were called to deny that any noise was going on in the street, and that the assault was entirely unprovoked. Mr. Shedd, surgeon, in explaining the nature of the injuries, said, in reply to Mr. Kenealy, that the skin of the forehead was only broken, and nothing more. Mr. Kenealy observed in defence, that after that last question, the case would only assume the character of a common assault. It was incredible, that a man should be going quietly along the street, and without the slightest provocation be assaulted, as it was alleged this man had been assaulted. The expression of the officer when he met the prosecutor, in the first instance, showed that something must have arrested his attention, or he would never have challenged prosecutor and his party with having been larking in the street. The fact was that the officer was only doing his duty, and the blow as only dealt because of the conduct of the prosecutor. The Jury found the prisoner guilty of maliciously wounding, and the Judge severely reprehended him, and sentenced him to four months' imprisonment."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 11/5/1864 - Deaths

"On the 5th instant, after a short but severe illness, borne with Christian resignation, Mr. *Samuel Hyde*, of the BULLS HEAD INN, Wednesfield Heath, aged 50 years; deeply regretted by his family and a large circle of friends."

1871 Census

42, Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *Maria Hyde* (65), widow, innkeeper, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Dorcas Dancer (22), granddaughter, barmaid, born Heath Town;
- [3] Edward Price (43), general servant, born Bushbury:

* possibly the same person

Evening Express 10/1/1881

"This (Monday) morning, W. H. Phillips, Esq, (coroner), held an inquest at the BULLS HEAD INN, Wolverhampton Road, Heath

Town, on the body of Thomas Cresswell (29), of no fixed residence, who died suddenly on the Canal Wharf, at Heath Town, last Friday.

It appeared from the evidence of Isaac Cresswell, a boatman, and a cousin of the deceased, that the latter was formerly a miner by trade, but for some time past he had been out of work and on tramp.

On Monday last the deceased came to witness and stated that he was badly off; in fact, nearly starving. He gave him some food, and told him he might help him with his boat. Deceased remained with him in his boat until Friday. In the meantime having his meals found him. On Friday morning the deceased ate a hearty breakfast, and seemed to be in good health. Shortly afterwards witness heard that the deceased had died on the wharf, close to the boat side, and he went and saw him. He had no reason to suspect that the deceased had been injured in any way, and he was satisfied that his death arose from natural causes.

Mary Leach, residing on the canal side, near to where deceased died, said on Friday morning last she saw the deceased standing on the wharf near to one of the boats. He was apparently well, and had been eating his breakfast. She spoke to him just before then, and thought that he was in perfect health. She afterwards saw him suddenly fall to the ground, and he died in a moment. She went to him, and noticed that his eyes were turned up, and his hands and face were cold. She afterwards saw his body, but there was no mark or injury upon it.

Police-constable Dolling said he had examined the body of the deceased, and found no mark or injury upon it. He had made inquiries, but could not ascertain any circumstances to connect with his death.

Police-constable Houston gave similar evidence, and the jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes.

The deceased was not married, nor had any parents living. Some years ago he resided at Dudley.”

Evening Express 11/5/1881 - Advert

“Two splendid Bicycles, 38in and 48in.
Apply, BULLS HEAD, Heath Town.”

Evening Express 19/12/1881

“In response to an application by Mr. R. A. Willcock, for an extension of hours to the landlord of the BULLS HEAD INN, Heath Town, the magistrates announced that an extension of one hour would be granted for the Monday night after Christmas Day to all licensed persons in their petty sessional division, who applied personally during the sitting of the Court. As Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve precede Sunday in each case, no extension would be granted for those evenings.”

1891 Census

194, Wolverhampton Road – BULLS HEAD

- [1] *William Turner* (61), hardware turner and licensed victualler, born Heath Town;
- [2] *Jane Turner* (53), wife, born Bewdley;
- [3] *Edith Turner* (18), daughter, born Wolverhampton:

1901 Census

194, Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *Thomas Haddock* (57), widower, publican, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Elizabeth B. Haddock* (22), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Henry J. Haddock* (16), son, born Heath Town;
- [4] *Mary J. Baches* (20), general servant, born Claverley;
- [5] *Katie Commious* (19), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

It closed in 1995.

Express and Star 15/4/1995

“Vagrants or children are being blamed for starting a fire in the empty former BULLS HEAD pub in Wolverhampton Road, Wednesfield.

Crews from Fallings Park and Merridale Street tackled the blaze yesterday afternoon.

The fire, which took about 45 minutes to bring under control, was started in a pile of rubbish, and the first floor of the disused pub was damaged.”

It was demolished in 1996.

CASTLE

147, (33), Wood End Road / Bellamy Lane, (1, Wood End), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1971]

LICENSEES

Thomas Booth [1852] – [1855]
John Shotton [1860] – **1866**;
Mrs. Sarah Evans (**1866 – 1875**);
Job Hawkins (**1875** – [1881]
Mrs. Emma Hawkins [1881]
Sarah Ann Wearing (**1883** – []
Mrs. Sarah Ann Harper (**1885** – [1896]
John Thomas Crutchley [1900] – [1912]
Edward Southall [1916] – [1921]
John Edward Southall [1932] – [1940]
Ronald ‘Ron’ Boffin [1995]
Derek John Clarke (**1999** – [2000] manager
Helen Michelle Potts [2005]

NOTES

33, Woodend Road [1871]
1, Wood End [1881]
147, Wood End Road [1939], [1940]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1852

“The annual licensing day for the division of Seisdon North was held at the Public Office, Bilston Street, Wolverhampton, on Thursday last.....

There were about forty applications for new [spirit] licenses, of which eight were granted.....

Mr. Bartlett made an application for Mr. *Thomas Booth*, Wood End, Wednesfield Refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 31/8/1853

“The annual meeting of the Magistrates of the county, resident in Wolverhampton district, was held on Tuesday last at the Public Office, Bilston Street, in this town, for renewing old victuallers licenses and considering new applications.....

Mr. *Thomas Booth*, of the CASTLE, Wood End, applied for a license to his house, which, it is stated, is situated about two miles from any other old licensed house, and there was a good deal of traffic towards Essington. The application was also adjourned.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21/9/1853

“At the adjourned sessions the licenses in the adjourned cases were altogether refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/8/1855 - Advert

“Freehold and Copyhold Property, in Willenhall, in the county of Stafford.

To be Sold by Auction Properties situate in the townships of Willenhall and Wednesfield.....

Further particulars may be had on application to.....

Mr. *Thomas Booth*, CASTLE INN, Wood End, Wednesfield.”

1861 Census

Wood End – CASTLE INN

- [1] *John Shotton* (40), victualler, born Brewood;
- [2] *Mary Shotton* (42), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Ann Shotton* (14), daughter, scholar, born Tunstall, Staffordshire;
- [4] *Thomas Shotton* (12), son, scholar, born Tunstall, Staffordshire;
- [5] *Charlotte Shotton* (10), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *James Shotton* (4), son, scholar, born Wednesfield:

J. Shotton was also a seedsman. [1864], [1865]

London Gazette 4/8/1868

“*John Shotton*, now and for about one year and eight months last past residing at Woodend, in the township of Wednesfield, in the county of Stafford, Gardener and Seedsman, previously thereto of the CASTLE INN, Wood End aforesaid, Licensed Victualler and Dealer in Tobacco, Gardener, and Seedsman, having been adjudged bankrupt under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, filed in the County Court of Staffordshire, holden at Wolverhampton, on the 24th day of July, 1868, is hereby required to surrender himself to Charles Gallimore Brown, Esq., a Registrar of the said Court, at the first meeting of creditors to be held before the said

Registrar, on the 31st of August instant, at twelve o'clock at noon precisely, at the said Court. Charles Gallimore Brown, Esq., of Wolverhampton, is the Official Assignee, and Charles Harrow, Esq., of No.48, Queen-street, Wolverhampton, is the Solicitor acting in the bankruptcy."

1871 Census

33, Woodend Road

- [1] *Sarah Evans* (61), widow, publican, born Stokes Hay [Stokesay?], Shropshire;
- [2] David Evans (19), son, clerk at ironworks, born Willenhall;
- [3] Elizabeth K. Adderley (16), domestic servant, born Newport, Shropshire:

Midland Counties Evening Express 25/11/1874

"Thursday morning, at the CASTLE INN, Wood End, Wednesfield, T. M. Phillips Esq., County Coroner, held the adjourned inquest on the body of Mr. Charles Green (21), lock maker, who died very suddenly on Friday evening. The deceased went out for a walk on the evening in question, and returned about ten o'clock, when he sat down to supper. He had only partaken of a very small quantity when his head fell back and he died almost instantaneously Mr. Hands [surgeon] had made a post mortem examination of the body, and found that the lungs were much congested in all their parts, the heart flabby, and nearly twice its natural size. The jury returned a verdict of Death from heart disease."

1881 Census

1, Wood End – CASTLE INN

- [1] *Job Hawkins* (38), licensed victualler, born Wherley Bank, Staffordshire;
- [2] Emma Hawkins (38), wife, born Oak Farm, Staffordshire;
- [3] John Hawkins (23), son, clerk (commercial), born Moxley;
- [4] Daniel Hawkins (20), son, assistant in warehouse, born West Bromwich;
- [5] Lidia Hawkins (17), daughter, born Willenhall;
- [6] Handel E. Hawkins (8), son, scholar, born Willenhall:

Wolverhampton Express and Star 14/4/1885 - Advert

"For Sale, Wood Shed, 30 feet by 15; new wood.
Apply, CASTLE INN, Wood End, Wednesfield."

1891 Census

Wood End

- [1] *Sarah A. Harper* (56), widow, licensed victualler, born Staffordshire;
- [2] Joseph Bradmore (25), son, born Warwickshire;
- [3] Florence Perry (20), daughter, born Staffordshire;
- [4] Phillip Perry (20), son in law, shirt mill stock taker, born Staffordshire;
- [5] Phillip Perry (2 months), grandson, born Staffordshire;
- [6] Fanny Wearing (14), granddaughter, born Staffordshire;
- [7] Beatrice Jackson (17), domestic servant, born Southampton:

1901 Census

Wood End

- [1] *John T. Crutchley* (35), publican, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Sarah A. Crutchley (34), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] Charlotte Hindley (20), general servant, born Wednesfield:

1911 Census

Wood End

- [1] *John Thomas Crutchley* (44), married 16 years, publican, born Wood End;
- [2] Sarah Ann Crutchley (44), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] Minnie Patty Tuffley (11), niece, school, born Old Hill;
- [4] Edith Disley (20), general servant, born Ladywood, Birmingham:

It was a pigeon fliers' pub.

1939 Register

147, Wood End Road

- [1] *John E. Southall*, date of birth 11/7/1874, publican, married;
- [2] *Mary S. Southall*, dob 29/10/1877, unpaid domestic, married;
- [3] *John E. Southall*, dob 30/3/1908, tool maker, single;
- [4] *Sydney Southall*, dob 25/10/1914, tool maker, single:

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/4/1939

“An adjourned meeting of the Staffordshire County Licensing Confirmation Committee was held on Tuesday at the Shirehall, Stafford, when consideration was given to the confirmation of license removal orders granted earlier in the year by local licensing justices.....

Other applications approved by the committee were as follow.

Removal of the full license of the CASTLE INN, Wood End, Wednesfield, to premises proposed to be erected at the rear of the present site.”

Demolished

Rebuilt

Alterations were applied for in 1971.

It closed for alterations.

It reopened on 21st May 1997.

It reopened in December 1999 after a £150,000 refurbishment.

Derek Clarke was married to *Andrea*.

It was refurbished, at a cost of £200,000, and reopened on 3rd May 2004.

[Express & Star 22/3/2021](#)

“Pubs group Marston’s has issued a list of pubs set to reopen in the Black Country on April 12th. In the Express & Star circulation area this takes in 93. Due to coronavirus restrictions they will only be able to accommodate customers in outdoor areas including beer gardens and seated areas. To accompany table service, Marston’s has introduced an online ordering system called ‘Marston’s Tap’. The online platform is available across the majority of Marston’s pubs for guests to use. Bookings are being accepted and guests can reserve a table via each pub’s website. Wolverhampton-based Marston’s has an estate of around 1,400 pubs across the UK and not all in England are able to reopen in April due to not having an outdoor space.....

CASTLE INN, Wednesfield.”

[2016]

CLEVELAND ARMS

Stow Heath Lane / Willenhall Road, (Wolverhampton Road), (Smithy Lane), Moseley Village, (Moseley Hole), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Old Wolverhampton Breweries Ltd.

Frank Myatt Ltd.

Ansells Ltd. [1995]

Allied Domecq Inns [1997]

Punch Taverns [2001]

Spirit Group [2003]

Orchid Group

LICENSEES

Evan Lloyd [1851] – **1851**;

Henry Lloyd (**1851** – **1855**);

Mrs. Harriet Lloyd (**1855** – [1861])

Sampson Smith [] – **1864**;

Harriet Smith (**1864** – **1865**);

Richard Bate (**1865** – [])

Benjamin Southan [1881] – [1896]

Mrs. Charlotte A Hayward [1901] – [1904]

Richard H Springthorpe [1908]

James Henry Wright [1911] – [1912]

John Southan [1916] – [1921]

William Edward Darby [1932]

Miss Elizabeth B Davidson [1940]
G H Lambeth [1958]
B White [1988] – [1989]
Michael White and Helen Adamson [1995]
Michael David ‘Mike’ White [1995] – [2007]
Will Adamson [2021]

NOTES

Wolverhampton Road [1860]
Smithy Lane [1881]
Stow Heath Lane [1891]

Black Country Bugle

Letter from Charlie Bradley, Ombersley

“.....was mainly frequented by gypsies, and there were a few ‘up and downers’ when they were turned out at night.”

1851 Census

Moseley Hole, Willenhall

- [1] *Henry Lloyd* (29), coal miner, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Harriett Lloyd* (21), wife, born Dunnington Bank, Shropshire;
- [3] *Evan Lloyd* (7), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Eliza Lloyd* (2), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Jane Weaver* (19), servant, born Willenhall;
- [6] *Martha Williams* (12), servant, born Bilston:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 30/4/1851

“At a Special Sessions of County Justices for transferring victuallers’ licenses.....

Evan Lloyd, of the CLEVELAND ARMS, Wolverhampton, to *Henry Lloyd*, of the same place.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/1/1855

“At the County Petty Sessions, on Monday last, before H. Hill and W. Tarratt, Esqs. and Captain Thorneycroft and Captain R. F. Butler, the license of the CLEVELAND ARMS, Willenhall Road, was transferred from the late *Henry Lloyd* to *Harriet Lloyd*.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/2/1855

“At the County Petty Sessions, on Monday last, before H. Hill and W. Tarratt, Esqrs, the license of the CLEVELAND ARMS, Moseley Hole, Willenhall, hitherto held by the late *Henry Lloyd*, was transferred to his widow, Mrs. *Lloyd*.”

1861 Census

Furnice Row

- [1] *Harriot Lloyd* (30), publican, born Shropshire;
- [2] *Even Lloyd* (16), son, labourer, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Eliza Lloyd* (12), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Caroline Lloyd* (8), daughter, born Willenhall:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/3/1864

“At the County Petty Sessions, held in this town on Monday last The undermentioned licenses were transferred..... that of the CLEVELAND ARMS from the late *Sampson Smith* to *J. Harriet Smith*, his widow.”

[Did Harriet Lloyd remarry a Smith?]

[And did Harriet Smith marry Richard Bate? – see CLEVELAND ARMS, Willehall]

Benjamin Southan = Benjamin Southam

1881 Census

Smithy Lane, Moseley Village – CLEVELAND ARMS

- [1] *Benjamin Southan* (61), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Ann Southan* (60), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Cornelius Southan* (24), son, fitter, born Walsall;
- [4] *Maria Southan* (19), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Clara Southan* (17), daughter, born Wolverhampton:

1891 Census

Stow Heath Lane – CLEVELAND ARMS

- [1] *Benjamin Southan* (71), widower, licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Cornelius Southan* (33), son, engine fitter, born Walsall;
- [3] *Elizabeth Smith* (27), housekeeper, born Bilston;
- [4] *Martha Billingham* (20), general servant, born Heath Town:

1901 Census

Stowheath Lane

- [1] *Charlotte A. Hayward* (58), widow, publican, born Cannock;
- [2] *Edith Pritchard* (21), domestic servant, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Edmund Smith* (23), boarder, coal carter, born Willenhall:

1911 Census

Stowheath Lane

- [1] *James Henry Wright* (44), licensed victualler, born Kings Heath, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Ellen Wright* (44), wife, married 24 years, born Worcester;
- [3] *Cyril Pleydell* (23), boarder, motor mechanic, born Cardiff;
- [4] *Grace Pleydell* (24), boarder, born Toronto, Canada:

Walsall Observer 10/10/1958 - Weddings

“A keen sportsman, Mr. Brian George Saunders, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Saunders, of 24, St. John’s Road, Pleck, was married on Saturday to Miss Brenda Lambeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. *G. H. Lambeth*, of CLEVELAND ARMS, Stow Heath Lane, Wolverhampton.....

The bride, a shorthand typist in Wolverhampton, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white net and taffeta with a diamante head-dress, and carried pink roses.”

Demolished

Rebuilt c.1961.

It was a venue for local musicians every Sunday afternoon in the 1960s.

Mike White was married to Helen.

Daily Mirror 3/6/1997

“Our £3.5 Million Great Pub Giveaway gets a boost today from Budweiser – the most popular beer in the world. We’re offering readers the chance to win one of four superb trips to the USA, home of Budweiser, the ‘King of Beers.’ [sic].....

All you have to do for your chance to win is answer the question and complete the tie-breaker on the entry form. Then add your name and address and take the coupon to your nearest participating Allied Domecq Inns pub. When you buy a bottle of Budweiser, hand your completed entry form to the bar staff and it will go into our luxury holidays competition Where to get your drinks.....

CLEVELAND ARMS, Stowheath Lane, Wolverhampton.”

A fire was extinguished by the landlord in November 2003 after someone broke a window and poured petrol through and ignited it.

Express & Star 22/6/2021

“There were smiles and cheers as football fans cheered on England from a Black Country pub. As lockdown easing continues, supporters are enjoying the chance to meet back up with friends while the Euros take place.

At the CLEVELAND ARMS, in Moseley Village, Wolverhampton, there was a lively atmosphere as England beat the Czech Republic 1-0 on Tuesday night. Fans were sat around tables, spaced apart for social distancing, while eagerly watching television screens. Among them were friends Ed Malpass, James Lane, Jack Skitt and Sasha Perrin, who all came dressed wearing England shirts. Ed, aged 18 from Gornal, said, ‘It is so much better being in the pub, watching the Euros with friends.’ James, 31 from East Park but originally from Eastbourne, said, ‘I didn’t realise how much I missed it until I experienced this again.’ Jack, 21 from East Park, said, ‘Yes, I’m loving it. England all the way, it is coming.’ Sasha, 26 from East Park, added, ‘I was a bit nervous to start off with but coming to the CLEVELAND ARMS, they have been supportive and make you feel comfortable. It is coming home.’

Will Adamson, who runs the CLEVELAND ARMS, said the past two England games against Croatia and Scotland had been sell-outs. However, he said there had been 25 per cent cancellations as The Three Lions had already qualified. But he is expecting a bumper crowd for the next game in the first qualifying round on Tuesday, June 29. He added, ‘I am absolutely over the moon to be open again, we missed the regulars.’”

[2022]

COCK

2, (1), Church Street (Wolverhampton Road) / Tudor Road, Heath Town, (Wednesfield Heath), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Frank Myatt Ltd.
Ansells Ltd. [1961]

LICENSEES

Richard Tomkys [1833] – [1844]
Mrs. Mary Tomkys [1849] – [1874]
Charles Mason [1891] – [1892]
Thomas Colley [1896] – [1904]
Mrs. Elizabeth Bayson [1908]
Hughie Jones [1916]
Richard Rushton [1932] – [1940]

NOTES

1, Church Street [1861], [1871]
2, Church Street [1891], [1901], [1904], [1908], [1932], [1940]

Richard Tomkys, retail brewer, Wednesfield Heath. [1833]

1841 Census

The Heath

[1] *Richard Tomkys* (50), victualler, born Staffordshire;
[2] *Mary Tomkys* (45), born Staffordshire;
[3] *Mary Tomkys* (15), born Staffordshire;
[4] *Ellen Tomkys* (5), born Staffordshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/5/1844 - Advert

“To be Sold by Private Contract, all that desirable, well-accustomed, and Old Licensed Messuage, situate at Wednesfield Heath, in the parish of Wolverhampton, known by the sign of the COCK, now in the occupation of Mr. *Richard Tomkys*, together with the stable, brewhouse, pump of excellent water, and other appurtenances thereto belonging; and also all those two Tenements or Dwelling Houses adjoining, now in the respective occupations of the Widow Clark and Daniel Morris; and also all that valuable plot of Building Land also adjoining, containing by admeasurement 1,031 square yards, and having a frontage to the road leading from Wolverhampton to Wednesfield of 92 feet. The whole of the above premises are freehold of inheritance.

For further particulars, and to treat for the same, application may be made to Mr. *Richard Tomkys*, the proprietor, on the premises, or to Messrs. Bennett and Thorne, solicitors, Craddock’s Walk, at whose offices a plan of the property may be seen.

Dated Wolverhampton, May 28, 1844.”

Richard Tomkys died in 1845.

Mary Tomkys = *Mary Tomkeys* = *Mary Tomkey* = *Mary Tonkys*

1851 Census

The Heath

[1] *Mary Tomkys* (53), widow, licensed victualler, born Wednesfield;
[2] *Mary Tomkys* (20), daughter, born Wednesfield;
[3] *Ellen Tomkys* (17), daughter, born Wednesfield;
[4] *Benjamin Hadley* (54), widower, general servant, born Wednesfield:

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 27/1/1856

“Henry Bentley of Wednesfield Heath will run Thomas Potter of the same place 100 or 120 yards, for £5 or £10 a side. Money ready at the COCK INN, Wednesfield Heath, any night next week.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/11/1856 - Advert

“Wood End, Near Wednesfield. Sale Of Freehold Messuage And Building Land.

To be Sold by Auction, by Messrs, Walker and Lloyd, on Monday, the 15th day of December, 1856, at the house of Mrs. *Tomkys*, the COCK INN, Wednesfield.....”

1861 Census

1, Church Street

- [1] *Mary Tomkys* (63), widow, publican, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Mary Tomkys* (27), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Helen Tomkys* (25), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Edward Deeley* (51), man servant, born Wednesfield:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 28/8/1863

“At the licensing court, held at Wolverhampton yesterday, the license of the COCK INN, the proprietor, *Mary Tomkey*, was applied for and renewed. A conviction was recorded against the applicant for keeping her house open in unlawful hours in the month of October, last year, when she was fined 10s and costs.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/9/1863

“County Licensing Meeting, in Wolverhampton.

A special Petty Sessions, for the purpose of renewing and the granting of licenses to public-houses within the Wolverhampton division of Seisdon North, was held at the Police Court, in Bilston Street, on Thursday.....

The following is the list of those who had been reported and fined during the past year for offences against their licenses.....

Mary Tomkeys the COCK, Wednesfield Heath.....

They were now cautioned as to their future conduct, and their licenses were then renewed.”

1871 Census

1, Church Street

- [1] *Mary Tomkys* (73), widow, licensed victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Mary Tomkys* (38), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [3] *George Mould* (63), general servant, born Kidderminster:

Birmingham Daily Post 30/8/1872

“Yesterday, the annual Licensing Sessions for the Wolverhampton Division of the County of Stafford was held at the Agricultural Hall, in that town.....

The record of convictions against licensed victuallers and beerhouse keepers for the 12 months was as follows.....

Alehouses *Mary Tonkys*, COCK INN, Heath Town.”

1891 Census

2, Church Street – COCK INN

- [1] *Charles Mason* (40), licensed victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Ann Mason* (45), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Frederick Cartwright* (24), stepson, brewer, born Brewood;
- [4] *Edith M. Cartwright* (23), stepdaughter, born Heath Town:

Charles Mason – see also PYLE COCK.

1901 Census

2, Church Street – COCK INN

- [1] *Thomas Colley* (46), blacksmith and licensed victualler, born Heath Town;
- [2] *Mary Colley* (46), wife, born Walsall;
- [3] *Annie Colley* (16), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [4] *Ernest Colley* (11), son, born Heath Town;
- [5] *Elsie Colley* (4), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [6] *Violet O’Neil* (13), general servant, born Heath Town:

1939 Register

Wolverhampton Road – COCK HOTEL

- [1] *Richard Rushton*, date of birth 18/9/1902, licensee, public house, married;
- [2] *Alice Hilda Rushton*, dob 23/7/1905, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [6] *Thomas Booth*, dob 10/10/1901, hotel barman, single:

[1969]

Closed

COTTAGE

Springfields, Wednesfield Heath, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Green [1833] – [1843]
Benjamin Clarke [] – **1876**;
Mrs. Mary Clarke (**1876** – [])

NOTES

COTTAGE SPRING [1881]

Wednesfield Heath [1834]
Springfield [1876]

It had a beerhouse license.

John Green, hinge maker and retail brewer, Wednesfield Heath. [1833]

John Green, retailer of beer, Wednesfield Heath. [1835]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 15/2/1843 - Advert

“To Be Sold By Public Auction by Messrs. Walker and Page.

On Monday, the 6th day of March next, at the house of Mr. *John Green*, known by the sign of the COTTAGE, situate at Wednesfield Heath, in the following or such lots as may be agreed upon at the time of sale, subject to conditions then to be produced.

Lot I. A Convenient Public House, known by the sign of the COTTAGE, adjoining the turnpike road, near the railway station, Wednesfield Heath, consisting of front and back parlour, front and back kitchen, good cellaring, large club room, three chambers, brewhouse, shopping, out premises, and about 320 square yards of land.

Lot II. A neat and newly erected Dwelling House, at the back of the last lot, consisting of parlour, kitchen, three chambers, shopping, convenient out premises, and about 320 square yards of land. This lot is bounded southwardly by the Wyrley and Essington canal.

The premises are freehold, and have been recently built.

Mr. *John Green*, the proprietor, will show the same; and for further particulars apply to the Auctioneer, or to Messrs. Bennett and Bowen, solicitors, King Street, Wolverhampton.”

Benjamin Clarke was married to *Mary*.

He died in 1876.

Evening Express 30/6/1881

“This morning, W. H. Phillips, Esq, (coroner), held an inquest at the COTTAGE SPRING INN, Springfields, on the body of James Aston, of Beacon Street, Springfields, and who died suddenly at the works of Councillor Butler, Bell Street, where he had been employed.

Mr. Butler stated that the deceased had been in his employ for the last five years engaged in loading and unloading goods. On Tuesday evening he saw the deceased sitting down; he was very pale in the face and complained of being ill. Deceased, in reply to questions, said he thought he had hurt himself with a riddle. In about five minutes afterwards witness noticed that deceased had shifted his position, and he complained of being worse. Witness gave him some brandy to drink, but, as he got no better, he went for a horse and trap to take him home. On returning in a few minutes, he found the deceased dying, and he expired shortly afterwards. The place where deceased was at work was quite open, and several people were about, and they could have seen if he had been injured by anyone.

James Aston, son of the deceased, said his mother had been dead about twelve months. His father had grown much stouter latterly, and had complained of pains in his chest, but he never took any medicine to relieve him.

Joseph Johnson, brother in law of the deceased, said that about three weeks ago he went for a walk with the deceased, and while they were out the deceased complained of pains at his heart. Witness had known him for the last twenty years. Deceased had got very stout the last year or two.

David Pountney, corroborated the evidence of Mr. Butler, and added that the deceased, when seized with illness, complained of his eyesight going from him. He died very quietly in about ten minutes afterwards.

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

CROSS GUNS

43, (8), Lichfield Road, (Bloxwich Lane), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Old Wolverhampton Breweries Ltd.
Frank Myatt Ltd.
Ansells Ltd. [1966]
Holt, Plant and Deakin
Sycamore Taverns [1994]
Punch Taverns [2005]
Inn Business [2007]

LICENSEES

Joshua Hope [1841] – [1862]
James Marshall [1866] – [1872]
Thomas Lewis [1881] – [1892]
Arthur Fullard [1896] – [1908]
Thomas Griffiths [1912] – [1921]
Robert Thomas Griffiths [1932]
Arthur Hadley [1939] – [1940]
M Davies [1988]
P Smith [1989]
Raymond ‘Ray’ Murcot [1994] – [1995]
Colin Bateman (2001 – [2002]
Stuart Hill [2005]

NOTES

Bloxwich Lane [1851]
8, Lichfield Road [1881]
43, Lichfield Road

1841 Census

Lichfield Street

- [1] *Joshua Hope* (35), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Esther Hope* (35), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *James Hope* (15), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Abraham Hope* (5), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Julia Hope* (7), born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Rhoda Hope* (2), born Staffordshire;
- [7] *Francis Chiswel* (20), apprentice, born Staffordshire;
- [8] *Ann Terry* (18), fs, born Staffordshire;
- [9] *Lucy Powell* (11), fs, born Staffordshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 23/2/1842 - Advert

“To Be Shot For, at the CROSS GUNS, Wednesfield, on Tuesday, the 1st day of March, a Fat Pig, twenty score and upwards. Twenty tickets at 12s 6d each. To commence at twelve o’clock. The winner and setter-up to spend £1 each.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 14/12/1842

“Inquisitions before T. M. Phillips, Esq.....

On Saturday at the CROSS GUNS, Wednesfield, on the body of Mary Ann Harris, an infant, who had been scalded by the falling of a tea kettle filled with boiling water. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

1851 Census

Lichfield Road

- [1] *Joshua Hope* (48), key maker, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Sarah Hope (25), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] Julia Hope (17), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Rhoda Hope (12), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Abraham Hope (14), son, born Wednesfield;
- [6] Ann Hope (10), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [7] Isaac Hope (6), son, born Wednesfield;
- [8] Jacob Hope (1), son, born Wednesfield:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/1/1855

“Wednesfield Patriotic Fund.....

Joshua Hope, CROSS GUNS, 2s 6d.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 19/10/1859 - Advert

“To Be Shot For, at Mr. *Joshua Hope*'s, CROSS GUNS, Wednesfield, two fine Fat Pigs, upwards of 34 scores. Three birds each, 21 yards rise, guns under $\frac{3}{4}$ bore, $1\frac{1}{4}$ oz. shot. Twenty-four subscribers, at 15s each; first and second prizes. The putter up to spend £1, and the winner of each pig to spend £1. To come off on Monday, October 31, at twelve o'clock precisely. One pig to be 16 scores and one 18 scores; if not to be made weight at 6d per lb, and, if above, to be received for.”

1861 Census

Lichfield Road – CROSS GUNS

- [1] *Joshua Hope* (59), victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Sarah Hope (34), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] Jacob Hope (11), son, keymaker, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Lydia Hope (9), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Job Hope (7), son, born Wednesfield:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 19/6/1861

“At the County Police Court, in this town, on Monday last, George Tildesley, iron dealer, appeared before H. Hill, W. Tarratt, and R. F. Butler, Esqs, on a summons charging him with having assaulted *Joshua Hope*, licensed victualler of the CROSS GUNS, Wednesfield. Mr. H. Underhill appeared for the defence. It seemed that the defendant stopped at the complainant's door in a vehicle to have something to drink. He had some ale, which he did not like, and then ordered some gin. On the liquor being brought to him he threw it, designedly, as the complainant and his witness said, though merely as a lark, into the defendant's eyes. For the defence it was stated, and a witness swore, that the act complained of was the result of an accident arising from a person who was with the defendant in the cart touching the defendant's elbow as he received the glass of gin in his hand. The Bench ordered the defendant to pay the expenses, thinking the justice of the case would be met in this way.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 15/8/1866

“At the Wolverhampton Police Court, on Monday, before E. Hill and S. Cartwright, Esqs., one of the numberless cases continually brought forward which show the evil effects of drink was heard. It appeared that at a public-house in Wednesfield, known as the CROSS GUNS, several women were, on Tuesday, the 7th instant, drinking together, and gambling for ale, by a system known in this district as ‘nicking and bricking.’ The women were on their knees and playing at this game, when Joseph and Phoebe Perkins entered, and they were likewise challenged to play, but declined. Afterwards, however, some dispute arose, and Perkins offered to act as judge in the matter, but as he did not discharge his duty he had undertaken to the satisfaction of the disputants, he received a severe cut on the head by a blow from a jug, causing blood to flow so freely that it not only ran over his own clothes but sprinkled the clothing of the company. Perkins and his wife then appear to have retaliated on an Irish woman named Connolly, who had struck him with the jug, and between them they blackened her eyes, cut her face, and tore from her head a handful of hair. This, however, did not end it, for a general row ensued, and a police-constable who was fetched stated that he found all the women drunk, and most of their faces covered with blood. Cross summons had been issued, and the Magistrates dismissed the case against Joseph and Phoebe Perkins for assaulting Ellen Chester; but Catharine Connolly, who lives at Wolverhampton, was fined 1s and costs.

Another charge was preferred against *James Marshall*, the landlord, for allowing gambling in his house on the day named. Some of the parties who were present swore he knew they were gambling for ale, and also partook of it; but as some other witnesses were called in defence to prove he knew nothing about it, and was in another part of the house when it took place, he was cautioned and the charge dismissed.”

1881 Census

8, Lichfield Road

- [1] *Thomas Lewis* (43), victualler, born Tettenhall;
- [2] Sarah Lewis (47), wife, born Wolverhampton:

1891 Census

Lichfield Road

- [1] *Thomas Lewis* (53), licensed victualler, born Compton;
- [2] Sarah Lewis (55), wife, born Madeley, Shropshire;
- [3] Mary Cratchley (20), domestic servant, born Wednesfield:

1901 Census

Lichfield Road

- [1] *Arthur Fullard* (43), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Eliza Fullard (38), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] Mary Fullard (18), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] William Fullard (12), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Frank Lovatt (23), servant, born Heath Town:

Lichfield Mercury 11/5/1923

“A young man named Charles Griffiths, whose address was given as the CROSS GUNS INN, Wednesfield, was, at Rushall, on Monday, fined £5 for driving a motor car in a manner dangerous to the public.

Mr. Frank Cooper (Walsall), who prosecuted for the police, explained that the case was the outcome of a collision on a Sunday, April 8th, at the crossing of the Old Chester Road by the Walsall and Sutton Road at Little Aston, between a very powerful car, from 30 to 40 hp, driven by Griffiths and a small two-seater in which were Mr. F. C. Hall, silversmiths’ manager, of Vicarage Road, Yardley, and his wife. Griffiths’ car was travelling in the direction of Aldridge on the Walsall Road, and Mr. Hall’s car approached from the direction of Castle Bromwich along the Chester Road.

The allegation was that Griffiths approached the crossing at a dangerous speed, and that although Mr. Hall endeavoured to avoid a collision the wheels of the two cars locked, and both were dashed against a bank by the roadside. As a result of the impact Mr. Hall’s car had one of the wheels knocked off and the side was smashed in. Mrs. Hall, who was thrown into a ditch and sustained concussion, was still suffering from the effects of the accident.

PS Felthouse and other witnesses gave evidence to show that there were marks on the road indicating that Griffiths’ car had travelled for 72 feet with one of the wheels locked before the collision, thus indicating that he must have been travelling at a highly dangerous speed. There were six other persons in the car with him.

Mr. H. L. Lester (Walsall), for the defence, contended that Griffiths was going at only a moderate speed, and that he sounded his horn several times as he approached the crossing. It was submitted that the accident was due to lack of judgement on the part of Mr. Hall, and that the light car was actually travelling faster than the heavy car.

The magistrates, after hearing evidence for the defence said they were of opinion Griffiths was travelling much too fast.”

1939 Register

Lichfield Road – CROSS GUNS

- [1] *Arthur Hadley*, date of birth 17/2/1893, licensed victualler, married;
- [2] Mary E. Hadley, dob 19/3/1897, licensed victualler, married;
- [3] Arthur Hadley, dob 13/2/1922, apprentice wood pattern maker, single:

Birmingham Daily Post 16/4/1943 - Notice

“War Charities Act, 1940.

Notice is hereby Given that it is Proposed to Apply to the Wednesfield Urban District Council for the Registration under the above Act, of the CROSS GUNS INN Comforts Fund, the objects of which are shortly as follows:

To provide gifts to customers and customers’ sons and daughters serving in H. M. Forces, the administrative centre of which is situate at the CROSS GUNS INN, Wednesfield, Staffs. Any objections to the proposed Registration should be sent in writing to the above named Council within fourteen days from the date of this notice.

Dated April 16th 1943. Hon Sec. W. H. Parton.”

Closed

Demolished

Rebuilt

Closed

It reopened as a Holt, Plant and Deakin pub on 13th December 1984.

It was the headquarters of the “Toy Run” charity.

Ray Murcott was married to Ann.

Colin Bateman was born in Wednesfield.

He married Nicola (born in Sedgley).

[2007]

Closed [2011], [2012]

It was converted into a restaurant in 2012.

CROSS KEYS

112, (51), Wolverhampton Road / Grove Street, Heath Town, (Wednesfield Heath), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Edward Giles [1841] – [1865]

Mrs. Deborah Giles [1868] – [1874]

Charles William Hayward [1874] – **1876**;

Noah Hill (**1876 – 1878**);

Isaac Richardson (**1878 – 1879**);

James Henry Shepherd (**1879 – []**)

G Robinson (**1889 – []**)

William Henry Weston [1891]

John Lawrence [1892] – [1904]

William Hadley [1908]

Ben Shaw [1911]

Thomas Carter [1912] – [1916]

Michael Hanrahan [1921]

William A Price [1932]

NOTES

Grove Street [1851]

51, Wolverhampton Road [1871]

112, Wolverhampton Road [1901], [1932]

1841 Census

Grove Terrace

[1] Edward Giles (35), key smith, born Staffordshire;

[2] Deborah Giles (35);

[3] Winifred Giles (5), born Staffordshire;

[4] Alfred Giles (5), born Staffordshire;

[5] Jane Perry (10), born Staffordshire;

[6] Harriett Hawkins (15), fs, born Staffordshire;

[7] Edward Haden (20), key maker's apprentice, born Staffordshire;

[8] William Ashwood (15), key maker's apprentice;

[9] Richard Ferguson (15), key maker's apprentice, born Staffordshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 24/5/1843

“The following inquests have been held before T. M. Phillips, Esq, coroner.....

On Monday last, at the CROSS KEYS, Wednesfield Heath, on the body of George Minnett, a little boy about four years old, who had accidentally fallen into the reservoir at the Wolverhampton railway station, and was drowned. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 19/7/1843

“The following inquests have been held before T. M. Phillips, Esq, coroner.....

On Saturday, at the CROSS KEYS, Wednesfield Heath, on a youth named William Potter, who came to his death by a fall of coal, while at work in a pit. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 26/7/1846

“Benjamin Plant of Wednesfield Heath will run Nobby Clarke of the same place 160 or 440 yards, for £5 or £10 a side, or Benjamin Maupis of Wolverhampton 440 yards for £10 a side. The money will be ready at the CROSS KEYS, Wednesfield Heath, tomorrow (Monday) night, between seven and nine o'clock.”

[Wolverhampton Chronicle 15/12/1847](#)

“The following inquests were held on Friday, before William Webb Ward, Esq, the coroner....

At the CROSS KEYS, at Wednesfield Heath, on the body of David Mason, of that place, key maker, 44 years of age, who was seized with illness in the road between Wednesfield Heath and Wolverhampton, on Wednesday evening last, and died shortly afterwards. He had been several times attended by a surgeon for a complaint under which he suffered. The deceased was a hard-working man, and has left a wife and several children. Verdict, Died by the Visitation of God.”

Edward Giles was also a keymaker. [1849], [1850]

[1851 Census](#)

Grove Street

- [1] *Edward Giles* (45), innkeeper, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Sarah Giles (44), wife, born Newton, Shropshire;
- [3] Jane Perry (20), daughter in law, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Wenefred Giles (17), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Alfred Giles (16), son, surveyor, born Wednesfield;
- [6] Edwin Giles (7), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [7] John Walford (26), servant, born Church Aston, Shropshire;
- [8] Rebecca Stokes (23), servant, born Immingfield, Yorkshire:

[Staffordshire Advertiser 28/10/1854 - Marriages](#)

“On the 21st instant, at the Holy Trinity Church, Wednesfield Heath, by the Rev. T. Sproston, Charles William, youngest son of the late Mr. James Hayward, of the Bell Inn, Colton, to Winifred, only daughter of Mr. *Edward Giles*, CROSS KEYS, Wednesfield Heath.”

[Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/5/1858](#)

“Messrs. Walker and Lloyd will sell by auction on Wednesday the 12th day of May, at the house of Mr. *Giles*, known as the CROSS KEYS, Wednesfield Heath.....”

[1861 Census](#)

Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *Edward Giles* (55), innkeeper and keymaker, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Sarah Giles (59), wife, born Ludlow;
- [3] Alfred Giles (26), son, surveyor and contractor, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Emma Lloyd (14), house servant, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Thomas Leverton (18), servant, born Cambridge;
- [6] David Pritchard (35), brewer, born Lye:

[Birmingham Daily Post 5/7/1861](#)

“Benjamin Blunt (on bail) was indicted for having stolen a parcel, containing £35 in gold, silver, and copper coin, the property of Thomas Wolverson, at Wednesfield Heath. Mr. Motteram defended the prisoner. Mr. Browne was counsel for the prosecution, from which it appeared that the prosecutor, a grocer, was in the habit of changing bank notes for a butty collier named Foster. On May the 10th Foster left some notes at his house, and on the following day prosecutor sent the change, enclosed in a parcel, by a neighbour named Love, who was accompanied on his journey by the prisoner. On reaching the CROSS KEYS, at Wednesfield, they got out of their carts and had some ale, Love taking the parcel into the house and placing it on the table. He then left the room where the prisoner was, with the intention of returning, but did not do so, and, forgetting the parcel, drove home, when he missed the parcel. He immediately returned to the CROSS KEYS, but could not find the parcel, and the prisoner, on being asked, denied any knowledge of it. Several witnesses were called, who gave the prisoner a very good character, and the Jury returned a verdict of not guilty.”

Edward Giles died in April 1864 and was buried at Holy Trinity Church, Heath Town.

[1871 Census](#)

51, Wolverhampton Road – CROSS KEYS INN

- [1] *Deborah Giles* (70), widow, publican, born Bromfield, Shropshire;
- [2] Edward Giles (27), son, butcher, born Heath Town:
[Bromfield is about 3 miles ENE of Ludlow.]

[Birmingham Daily Post 13/1/1874](#)

“At the Borough Police Court, yesterday, Selina Sankey, of North Street, Wolverhampton, was mulcted in 5s, for being drunk on the premises of Mr. *Hayward*, landlord of the CROSS KEYS, Heath Town.”

[Wolverhampton Express and Star 24/12/1877](#)

“The man who last week gave the name of John Smith, of no fixed residence, was brought up on remand, charged with being

found upon the premises of *Noah Hill*, of Heath Town, for the purpose of committing a felony. Police-constable Hickman found the prisoner on the stairs leading to the bedrooms at the CROSS KEYS INN, Heath Town, and as the man was unable to give a satisfactory account for his presence there, he was arrested. He afterwards stated that he had been a soldier, and was tramping about the country. He was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour."

Birmingham Daily Post 3/9/1878

"At the County Petty Sessions, the license of the CROSS KEYS INN, Wolverhampton Road, Heath Town, was temporarily transferred from *Noah Hill* to *Isaac Richardson*, of Bilston."

Evening Express 15/3/1881

"Today, W. H. Phillips, Esq, (coroner) held an adjourned inquest at the CROSS KEYS INN, Wolverhampton Road, on the body of Charles Bradley (39), dairyman late of Bond Street, Heath Town, who was found dead in bed on Wednesday last.

The inquiry, it may be remembered, was opened on Friday last, but as there was no evidence to explain the cause of death the inquiry was adjourned for a post mortem examination to be made by Mr. Hands, surgeon, who now stated that he found no external marks of injury about the body or head. On opening the brain he found that one of the blood vessels had given way. The body was well nourished, and he found no traces of a suspicious nature. He considered death resulted from apoplexy, probably induced by the deceased's mode of life.

The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes."

Evening Express 26/3/1881

"This (Saturday) morning, Horatio Brevitt, Esq, deputy coroner, held an inquest at the CROSS KEYS INN, Heath Town, upon the body of George Edwards (64), a canvasser in the employ of Messrs. Pickford and Co, railway carriers, who was found to have hanged himself in his house in Hill Street, Heath Town, yesterday morning.

Mary Leary, wife of Edward Leary, labourer, Hill Street, deposed to knowing the deceased, and last saw him alive on the Thursday night, about half past eight o'clock. Both at that time and during the afternoon he had appeared very strange in his manner, and had seemed to have been upset in his mind since the previous Sunday, when he received a letter from his son in law, with whom his wife was staying, to the effect that there was no hope of his wife recovering from her illness. About a quarter past one o'clock on Friday afternoon she entered the house again, having attended to him during his wife's absence, and found him hanging by the hook from the bed curtains. The deceased was a man who drank heavily, and during the past week he had been giving way to drink.

Edward Leary, the husband of the last witness, stated that he had been in the habit of calling the deceased up on going to work, and yesterday morning, on rapping at the door, he heard someone moving about in the bedroom. The witness also spoke to the wild and bewildered air of the deceased when he saw him on the Tuesday night.

Police-constable Houghton spoke to the position of the man when he saw him, and also in finding the letter referred to, and a black edged envelope, upon which had been written by the deceased, with a stump of black lead pencil, the words, which were very illegible, 'Best love to all; adieu.'

A verdict was returned that the deceased Committed Suicide whilst in a state of Temporary Insanity."

Evening Express 15/7/1881 - Advert

"For Sale, Spring Trap and strong Spring Cart.
Apply, at the CROSS KEYS, Wolverhampton Road, Heath Town."

1891 Census

112, Wolverhampton Road

[1] *William H. Weston* (25), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;

[2] *Martha Weston* (23), wife, born Heath Town;

[3] *Lois E. Weston* (1), daughter, born Heath Town:

William Henry Weston – see also ROYAL OAK, Rookery Street.

1901 Census

112, Wolverhampton Road

[1] *John Lawrence* (39), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;

[2] *Alice L. L. Lawrence* (39), wife, born Wolverhampton;

[3] *Nellie G. Lawrence* (15), daughter, boot machinist, born Wolverhampton;

[4] *Charles W. Lawrence* (13), son, born Wolverhampton;

[5] *Elsie Lawrence* (11), daughter, born Wolverhampton;

[6] *Alice L. Lawrence* (8), daughter, born Heath Town;

[7] *Evelyn B. Lawrence* (4), daughter, born Heath Town;

[8] *Albert E. Lawrence* (2), son, born Heath Town;

[9] *Margaret E. Garner* (18), domestic servant, born Wolverhampton:

'Home brewed ales' [1911]

CROWN

316, Wolverhampton Road, (316, (360), New Cross), Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Thomas Banks [1861]
William Butler and Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Edward Purchase [1860] – **1861**);
Thomas Banks (**1861** – [1865]
Richard Bevan [] – **1865**);
Thomas Cartwright (**1865** – []
Frederick Oakley* [1871] – [1874]
Frederick R Oakley* [] – **1881**);
Edward Baugh (**1881** – []
William Taffley [1891] – [1892]
Joseph Henry Glover [1900]
Thomas Dimbylow [1901] – [1904]
Mrs. Elizabeth Williams [1908]
George Lloyd [1912]
John William Lloyd [1916]
Mrs. Fanny Pickering [1921]
George Albert Buckle [1932] – [1940]

NOTES

36, New Cross [1861], [1871]
316, Wolverhampton Road [1891], [1901]
316, New Cross [1940]

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 29/7/1860

“G. Hoof of Bloxwich will run T. Perry or E. Lees a quarter of a mile, for £5 up to £15 a side. Money ready at Mr. *Purchase*'s, CROWN INN, Wednesfield Heath, any night next week.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 12/8/1860

“Hoof and Onions. The 120 yards match, for £5 a side, between these midland district men is going on, and they are in active training for the event, the final deposit for which must be made to Mr. *Purchase*, of the CROWN INN, Wednesfield Heath, the stakeholder and referee, on Saturday next.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 25/8/1860

“County Annual Licensing Day.....

Applications for licenses for Mr. George, of the NEW CROSS TAVERN, near Wednesfield, and for Mr. *E. Purchase*, of the CROWN, in the same locality, made by Mr. Underhill and Mr. James Walker respectively, were adjourned to the 10th of September, for the magistrates to view the premises.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/9/1860

“The adjourned licensing meeting for the Wolverhampton Division of Seisdon North, was held at the County Police Court, Wolverhampton, on Monday last.....

Three applications for new spirit licenses had been adjourned from the 23rd of August to this day in order that the magistrates might inspect the premises of the respective applicants. The latter were *Edward Purchase*, of New Cross (for whom Mr. James Walker appeared), William George, of New Cross (for whom Mr. H. Underhill appeared), and John Mason, of New Street, Wednesfield (for whom Mr. Hayes appeared). The magistrates having seen the premises, granted the applications of *Purchase* and Mason, and refused that of George.”

1861 Census

36, New Cross

- [1] *Thomas Banks* (49), coal miner, born Bilston;
- [2] *Lydia Banks* (51), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Thomas Banks* (20), son, coal miner, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Lydia Banks* (17), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Isabella Banks* (9), daughter, scholar, born Bilston:

* possibly the same person

1871 Census

36, New Cross

- [1] *Frederick Oakley* (29), innkeeper, born Dodney, Norfolk;
- [2] *Elizabeth Oakley* (35), wife, born Brewood, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Agnes Oakley* (2), daughter, born Brewood, Staffordshire;
- [4] *Elizabeth Evans* (14), general servant, born Chillington, Staffordshire:

Evening Express 15/10/1881 - Advert

“Wanted, General Servant.

Apply, CROWN INN, New Cross, Wednesfield.”

1891 Census

316, Wolverhampton Road – CROWN INN

- [1] *William Taffley* (48), licensed victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Sarah Taffley* (44), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Sarah A. Taffley* (25), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *William H. Taffley* (20), son, trap maker, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Florence R. Taffley* (16), daughter, dressmaker’s apprentice, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *Louisa E. Taffley* (13), daughter, dressmaker’s apprentice, born Wednesfield;
- [7] *Gertrude Taffley* (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [8] *Elsie M. Taffley* (4), daughter, born Wednesfield:

1901 Census

316, Wolverhampton Road – CROWN INN

- [1] *Thomas Dimbylow* (44), publican, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Elizabeth Dimbylow* (35), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Elsie E. Dimbylow* (7), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Laura Hampton* (23), general servant, born Wednesbury:

1939 Register

New Cross – CROWN INN

- [1] *George A. Buckle*, date of birth 17/2/1887, licensed victualler, married;
- [2] *Gertrude Buckle*, dob 25/2/1890, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [3] *Henry D. Buckle*, dob 26/8/1916, male attendant at public institution, single:

[1965]

Check OLD CROWN.

DOG AND PARTRIDGE

1, (97), High Street / Neachells Lane, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1963)
Marstons plc [2017]

LICENSEES

Samuel Marston [1782] – [1834]
Edward Marston [1835] – **1854**;
Samuel Palmer Emery (**1854 – 1855**);
Edwin Badger (**1855 – 1858**);
Henry Egginton (**1858 – 1860**);
Mrs. Mary Egginton (**1860 – [1862]**)
Henry Bellamy [1864] – [1866]
Richard Tomlinson [] – **1868**;
Cornelius Constable (**1868 – 1875**);
Francis Handley (**1875 – []**)
William Rushton [1881]
John Gregory (**1885 – [1912]**)
Ernest Gregory* [1916] – [1921]
Ernest John Gregory* [1932] – [1962]
Michael J ‘Mick’ Cox [1994] – [1995]
Andrew Cooper [] – **2000**)
Neil Robert Courtney [2003]
Donna Michelle Cox [c. 2004]
Royston Michael John ‘Roy’ McGlynn [2005] – **2008**)

NOTES

97, High Street [1861]
1, High Street [1871]

DOG AND DUCK [1833]

It was known locally as “Gregory’s”.

It was Grade II listed.

It was a home brew house.

It was extended and refurbished.

It was the headquarters of the Wednesfield Bowling Club.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/10/1839

“On the 4th instant, at Wednesfield, an inquisition was held before H. Smith, Esq, coroner, on William Astley, a keysmith, about thirty-eight years of age. The deceased, it appeared, had been drinking, and afterwards went into the DOG AND PARTRIDGE, at Wednesfield, where, notwithstanding the efforts of some of the company to prevent him, he drank in quick succession four quarters of neat gin. He remained at the public house some time, but became so drunk that he was taken home in a wheelbarrow, and put to bed. On the following day he was unable to speak, and Mr. Quinton, surgeon, of this town, was sent for, but notwithstanding every attention he died between eleven and twelve o’clock that night.”

1841 Census

High Street

- [1] *Edward Marston* (35), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Marston* (30), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Edward Marston* (1), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Elizabeth Groom* (15), fs:

Staffordshire Advertiser 19/8/1843

“Inquests before T. M. Phillips, Esq, Coroner.....

On Wednesday last, at the DOG AND PARTRIDGE, Wednesfield, on the body of a child named Enoch Cooper, who drowned in the canal.”

[Verdict, Found Drowned.]

1851 Census

High Street

- [1] *Edward Marston* (48), victualler, born Herefordshire;
- [2] *Mary Ann Marston* (40), wife, born Herefordshire;
- [3] *Catharine Renolds* (17), house servant, born Pattingham:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 8/11/1854

“On Monday, as a poor driver, named William Northwood, was ascending a ladder to get to a loft where he slept, over a stable attached to the DOG AND PARTRIDGE INN, Wednesfield Heath, he fell to the ground, and broke his leg. He was soon after conveyed to the Hospital, where every attention was paid to him.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/1/1855

“Wednesfield Patriotic Fund.....

Samuel Emery, DOG AND PARTRIDGE, 5s 0d.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 30/7/1856

“Edward (sic) *Badger*, landlord of the DOG AND PARTRIDGE public house, Wednesfield, was placed before the Magistrates on a charge of having committed an assault with intent upon a girl named Sarah Whitehouse, about eighteen years of age, who at the time of the alleged offence was in his service. Mr. Bartlett was for the defendant. The complainant stated that on Sunday afternoon her mistress, Mrs. *Badger*, went out about half-past two o'clock, leaving her alone in the house with Mr. *Badger*. Towards three o'clock she went upstairs to dress. Shortly afterwards her master came upstairs after her, entered her bedroom, threw her on the bed, and assaulted her. Notwithstanding that she cried vociferously, the defendant persisted in the commission of the offence with which he was charged. *Badger* was committed for trial at the sessions, but admitted to bail in his own recognizances of £80, and one surety of £80.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 22/10/1856

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.

Edwin Badger (on bail) was indicted for an indecent assault upon Sarah Whitehouse, at Wednesfield. The charge against the prisoner, a publican, of respectable exterior, was, that he had acted indecently to the prosecutrix, his servant, by throwing her on a bed and conducting himself improperly towards her. To prove the case the prosecutrix was called. She distinctly affirmed the allegation against the prisoner, and her mother and a female named Corkindale stated that she made a complaint to them on the day the alleged offence was committed.

Mr. James Morris, a timber merchant, residing in Nechills, near the prisoner, gave him an excellent character.

Mr. Cope replied on the whole case; and after the Chairman had summed up, the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

The prisoner was sentenced to four months' imprisonment.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/1/1858

“Joseph Jackson, a butty miner, was summoned for paying wages on two occasions to Samuel Pritchard, a miner in his employ, in a public house. Mr. Clayton appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Bartlett for Jackson. The complainant alleged that on 24th October last, while he was employed by the defendant, he went by direction of the latter to the DOG AND PARTRIDGE public house at Wednesfield Heath to settle and have the reckoning drink adjourned.”

[This case was brought under the Truck Act.]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 16/5/1860 - Deaths

“On the 9th instant, at his residence, the DOG AND PARTRIDGE INN, Wednesfield, Mr. *Henry Egginton*, much respected by a numerous circle of friends, aged 44 years.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 6/6/1860

“At the County Police Court, on Monday last, the following victuallers' licenses were transferred that of the DOG AND PARTRIDGE, from *Henry Egerton*, to his widow, *Mary Egerton*.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 13/6/1860 - Advert

“To Be Let, with immediate possession, the ELEPHANT AND CASTLE INN, situate at Graisle Hill.

Apply for further particulars to Messrs J. and W. Evans, Brass Founders, Salop Street, Wolverhampton; or to the Landlady, Mrs. *M. Eggington*, DOG AND PARTRIDGE, Finchfield.”

1861 Census

97, High Street – DOG AND PARTRIDGE

[1] *Mary Egginton* (30), widow, victualler, born Wolverhampton;

[2] Elizabeth Ward (27), servant, born Wolverhampton:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 24/7/1861 - Advert

“To Be Let, with immediate possession, the ELEPHANT AND CASTLE INN, situate at Graisle Hill.

Apply for further particulars to Messrs J. and W. Evans, Brass Founders, Salop Street, Wolverhampton; or to the Landlady, Mrs. *M. Eggington*, DOG AND PARTRIDGE, Wednesfield.”

[This was repeated several times]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/3/1864 - Advert

“To Be Let, the ELEPHANT AND CASTLE, Graisle Row, Penn Road. Rent £17. In-coming low. A good opportunity to com-

bine the Coal Trade. Good Yard, Stables, &c.

Apply to Mr. *Bellamy*, DOG AND PARTRIDGE, Wednesfield; or Mr. Thomas Skidmore, Auctioneer and Public House Valuer, 2, Bilston Street, Wolverhampton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/6/1864

“Two boatmen, named Samuel Ashley and Joseph Chambers, were charged with being drunk and disorderly, under the following singular circumstances. Police-constable Cooper, stationed at Wednesfield, stated that on the previous afternoon, from information he had received, he went to a branch of the canal, near the DOG AND PARTRIDGE public house, Old Wednesfield, and there found the defendants drunk and fighting, and from what he saw they were apparently endeavouring to drown one another. At the time he arrived at the spot both men were in the water, trying which could hold the other’s head longest under the surface, and in spite of his (witness’s) interference, as fast as they got out on to the bank, each dragged the other back into the canal, both of them being encouraged in what they were doing by the cheers and shouting of a number of men and lads who were standing watching the proceeding, with evident interest. At length one of the combatants was thrown with great violence to the bottom of a canal boat that was lying alongside, from which he received a severe wound on his left eye-brow, and was also rendered insensible; the other man was likewise so completely exhausted with his frequent immersions in the water, that Cooper, fearing lest dangerous consequences might ensue, at once procured a conveyance and brought them to the police station at Wolverhampton, where he then called in the assistance of Mr. Dehane, surgeon. Restoratives were administered to them, and their wet clothes having been taken off, they were both wrapped up in blankets, and placed before a fire, but in one case it was some time before consciousness was restored. The defendants denied that they were fighting, they said they were only wrestling, and as they expressed themselves as being sorry for their foolish conduct, Mr. Spooner agreed to set them at liberty on payment of 10s each to defray the expense of the surgeon and the cart. The money was at once forthcoming.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/12/1866 - Advert

“Bullocks for Sale (12); also six Cows, in calf, near down.

Apply to *Henry Belamy*, DOG AND PARTRIDGE, Wednesfield, near Wolverhampton.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 27/8/1869

“Yesterday the county licensing meeting for the Wolverhampton district was held at the county magistrates’ office, Agricultural Hall, Wolverhampton. The magistrates present were Sir John Norris, and Messrs. S. Cartwright, A. S. Hill, G. L. Underhill, and R. D. Gough. Superintendent McCrea handed in to the Bench a copy of the following list of licensed victualler who had been fined during the past five years.

Cornelius Constable, DOG AND PARTRIDGE, Wednesfield, permitting gambling, 2s 6d and costs.”

[Did Cornelius Constable marry Mary Egginton?]

1871 Census

1, High Street – DOG AND PARTRIDGE

[1] *Cornelius Constable* (41), licensed victualler and padlock master employing 2 boys, born Willenhall;

[2] Mary Constable (40), wife, born Sedgley;

[3] Alfred Bowens (16), apprentice to lock maker, born Wales;

[4] John Heape (15), apprentice to lock maker, born Wolverhampton;

[5] Elizabeth Edwards (18), general servant, born Wales:

Cornelius Constable was also a rim and mortice lock manufacturer. [1873]

1881 Census

High Street – DOG AND PARTRIDGE INN

[1] *William Rushton* (46), licensed victualler, born Tamworth;

[2] Mary M. Rushton (46), wife, born Willenhall;

[3] William A. Rushton (13), son, scholar, born Willenhall;

[4] Mary Vaughan (20), general servant, born Lawley Brook, Shropshire;

[5] Denis J. Delahunt (34), lodger, b ____ officer excise, born Ireland;

[6] Edwin Pain (39), lodger, cattle dealer, born Essington:

1891 Census

High Street – DOG AND PARTRIDGE INN

[1] *John Gregory* (46), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;

[2] Mary Ann Gregory (43), wife, born Wednesfield;

[3] Mary Gregory (25), daughter, born Wednesfield;

[4] Henry Gregory (22), son, key maker, born Wednesfield;

[5] Florence Gregory (17), daughter, dressmaker, born Wednesfield;

[6] Charles Gregory (15), son, clerk, born Wednesfield;

[7] Ernest Gregory (13), son, born Wednesfield;

[8] Percy Gregory (8), son, born Wednesfield;

- [9] Bertie Gregory (3), son, born Wednesfield;
- [10] Elsie Gregory (7), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [11] Kate Gregory (1), daughter, born Wednesfield:

John Gregory was also a key maker. [1892], [1896]

Mary Gregory (34), spinster, of Wednesfield, married John Thomas Garrington (34), widower, licensed victualler, of Darlaston, on 7th June 1900 at Wednesfield.

John Thomas Garrington – see THREE CROWNS, The Green, Darlaston.

1901 Census

High Street

- [1] *John Gregory* (56), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Mary Ann Gregory (53), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Ernest John Gregory* (23), son, machine turner, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Florence Gregory (28), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [5] George Millard Gregory (20), son, carpenter, born Wednesfield;
- [6] Percy Gregory (18), son, bricklayer, born Wednesfield;
- [7] Herbert Harold Gregory (15), son, machine fitter, born Wednesfield;
- [8] Kate Phyllis Gregory (11), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [9] Edith Lane Deakin (22), general servant, born Wednesfield:

1911 Census

High Street – DOG AND PARTRIDGE

- [1] *John Gregory* (66), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Mary Ann Gregory (64), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] Florence Gregory (38), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Kate Phyllis Gregory (27), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Evelylin Maud Gregory (15), granddaughter, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *Ernest John Gregory* (33), son, turner, born Wednesfield;
- [7] Percy Gregory (28), son, bricklayer, born Wednesfield;
- [8] Frederick Harold Herbert Gregory (24), son, fitter, born Wednesfield:

* possibly the same person

Black Country Bugle

Letter from S. Shaw, Wolverhampton

“It was run by an ancient Wednesfield family by the name of Gregory, from whom the nearby canal bridge takes its name. During my observations it was run by two brothers who did all the brewing and filled the other offices of the trade.

The eldest brother was captain of the bowling team and I believe a member of the local council. Outside the public house was the loading point for the first trolley buses operating between Wednesfield and Broad Street, Wolverhampton and the turning circle sited on the slope of the canal bridge was considered to be an excellent bit of engineering.....”

Black Country Bugle 13/10/2021

Article by Steve James

“In October 1923 the DOG AND PARTRIDGE was the loading point for the first trolley bus to Wolverhampton.”

1939 Register

High Street – DOG AND PARTRIDGE

- [1] *Ernest J. Gregory*, date of birth 14/6/1877, licensed victualler, single;
- [2] Florence Gregory, dob 24/5/1872, unpaid domestic duties, single;
- [3] Kate P. Gregory, dob 29/7/1889, unpaid domestic duties, single:

1963 Probate

“*Ernest John Gregory* of DOG AND PARTRIDGE, High Street, Wednesfield, Staffordshire, died 14 November 1962. Administration Birmingham 18 December to Percy Gregory, retired builder and contractor, and Frederick Harold Herbert Gregory, retired aircraft inspector. Effects £1,521 18s.”

Applications was made for alterations in 1989.

Mick Cox was a cabaret singer known as Mick Ross.

Andrew Cooper – see also WROTTESELEY ARMS, Wolverhampton.

Roy McGlynn was born c.1953.
He was married to Carol.
They emigrated to Spain in 2008.

It was extended in 1997. A conservatory and kitchen extension were built.

Express & Star 22/3/2021

“Pubs group Marston’s has issued a list of pubs set to reopen in the Black Country on April 12th. In the Express & Star circulation area this takes in 93. Due to coronavirus restrictions they will only be able to accommodate customers in outdoor areas including beer gardens and seated areas. To accompany table service, Marston’s has introduced an online ordering system called ‘Marston’s Tap’. The online platform is available across the majority of Marston’s pubs for guests to use. Bookings are being accepted and guests can reserve a table via each pub’s website. Wolverhampton-based Marston’s has an estate of around 1,400 pubs across the UK and not all in England are able to reopen in April due to not having an outdoor space.....
DOG AND PARTRIDGE, High Street, Wednesfield.”

[2017]

DUKE OF YORK

Wednesfield Road / Inkerman Street, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Harry Gee (1970 – 1978)
Patrick Buttle [1991] manager
Wendy Crompton [1995]
Colin Bowater [1995]
Dial Singh [2005] – [2006]

NOTES

It opened in 1970.

It was originally the LOCKSMITH.

Harry Gee was married to Beryl.

[1990]

Its name was changed to DUKE OF YORK. [1995]

[2007]

It closed in 2008, after a teenager was shot on its car park.
It was demolished in 2010.

A health centre was built on the site.

FALCON

March End Road, (Merrills Hall Lane), (46, March End), March End, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Matthias Corbett [1851] – [1872]
Mrs. Ann Corbett [1873]
Nathaniel Wakelam [1881]
Thomas Morris (1887 – []
Arthur George Matthews [1891] – [1892]
Alfred Pickering [1893] – [1896]
Mrs. Fanny Pickering [1901] – [1908]
Arthur Tonks [1911] – [1912]
Percy Starkey [1916] – [1921]
Randolph Bratt [1932]
George H Thomas [1939] – [1940]
Harry ‘Hook’ Davenport []
Anthony ‘Tony’ Pugh [1994] – [1995]

NOTES

46, March End [1861]
Merrills Hall Lane
March End Road

1851 Census

March End

[1] *Matthias Corbett* (29), beer shop keeper, born Wednesfield;

[2] *Ann Corbett* (29), wife, born Wednesfield:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1852

“The annual licensing day for the division of Seisdon North was held at the Public Office, Bilston Street, Wolverhampton, on Thursday last.....

There were about forty applications for new [spirit] licenses, of which eight were granted.....

An application by Mr. Hayes, on behalf of Mr. *Mathias Corbett*, for a license to the FALCON, at March End, was refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 31/8/1853

“The annual meeting of the Magistrates of the county, resident in Wolverhampton district, was held on Tuesday last at the Public Office, Bilston Street, in this town, for renewing old victuallers licenses and considering new applications.....

Mr. Hayes applied for a license to a house called the FALCON INN, at March End, on behalf of Mr. *Mathias Corbett*, which, he said, was a considerable distance from any old licensed house. The decision was deferred till the 12th of September, previous to which time the premises would be inspected by one or more of the Justices.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21/9/1853

“At the adjourned sessions the licenses in the adjourned cases were altogether refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 30/5/1855

“On Saturday last, and inquest was held at the FALCON INN, March End, before T. M. Phillips, Esq., coroner, on the body of John Jones, aged ten years. The deceased was employed in a stone pit in Bate’s Field, called New Stone Colliery, and on Thursday morning last he was at work in a gate-road of the pit, when a quantity of clod suddenly fell from the side of the gate-road, which knocked the deceased down upon his face upon the rails. He got up again immediately, and ran a few yards, when he fell upon the ground and expired in the course of about a quarter of an hour. Severe bruises were found upon the deceased’s body. Verdict in accordance with the evidence.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/8/1856

“Applications for new licenses. There were fourteen applications altogether for licenses to sell spirits – all from beershop keepers – only four of which were granted by the Magistrates.....

Mr. Hayes applied on behalf of *Mathias Corbett*, FALCON INN, Wednesfield. There was no licensed house within half a mile; and the population had greatly increased, 61 new houses having been recently built and inhabited.

There was no opposition, and the application was granted.”

1861 Census

46, March End – FALCON INN

- [1] *Matthias Corbett* (40), licensed victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Ann Corbett* (39), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *John Corbett* (9), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Mary Ann Corbett* (7), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Ellen Corbett* (5), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/8/1862

“County licensing meeting held on Thursday last There were no licenses suspended, but the following publicans were reprimanded for misconduct in the management of their houses during the last twelve months *Mathias Corbett*, FALCON INN, Wednesfield As promises of amendment were made for the future, the licenses were again renewed.”

1871 Census

March End

- [1] *Matthias Corbett* (50), licensed victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Ann Corbett* (49), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *John Corbett* (19), son, padlock maker, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Mary Corbett* (17), daughter, dress maker, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Ellen Corbett* (13), daughter, scholar, imbecile, born Wednesfield:

Midland Examiner 9/12/1876

“About half-past seven o'clock on Monday night, a girl named *Alice Thompson*, nine years of age, residing with her parents at March End, was playing with some other children in a garden by the side of the canal, when she accidentally fell into the water and was drowned before assistance was at hand. Her body was recovered in about an hour afterwards. An inquest will be held at the FALCON INN.”

1881 Census

March End – FALCON INN

- [1] *Nathaniel Wakelam* (32), steel polisher and licensed victualler, born Willenhall;
- [2] *Harriett Wakelam* (30), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] *Louisa Wakelam* (5), daughter, scholar, born Willenhall;
- [4] *John Wakelam* (2), son, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Joseph Wakelam* (10 months), son, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *Sarah Baratt* (14), domestic servant, born Willenhall:

1891 Census

March End

- [1] *Arthur George Matthews* (53), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Elizabeth Matthews* (49), wife, dressmaker, born Welshpool;
- [3] *Margaret A. Matthews* (25), daughter, milliner, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Arthur George Matthews* (14), son, warehouse clerk, born Wolverhampton:

South Wales Echo 5/10/1893

“At the Wolverhampton Police Court yesterday, *Alfred Pickering*, FALCON INN, March End, Wednesfield, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises on the 13th ult. Mr. R. A. Wilcock defended.

Police-constable Parton said he went to the inn with Police-constable Needham in plain clothes and had refreshments. A man named Taylor sat in the tap-room and had some ale in front of him. He was so drunk that he nearly fell off the bench. The constables went out, but soon afterwards returned and asked the landlady how she accounted for a man being drunk in the house. She replied that Taylor was always like that. He had only had one half pint of beer, and had not been in the house long. Police-constable Needham gave similar evidence.

For the defence Mr. Wilcock said that Taylor unfortunately had a face which would lead many people to suppose it had taken a number of years to reach that state of colouring.

Mr. Neville: Not kept upon anything. (Laughter.)

Mr. Wilcock pointed out that the colour on Taylor's face did not arise from strong drink, but was to be attributed to his having had his chin cut by a barber. The Stipendiary probably had known gentlemen who had similar faces, which, though it cost nothing to keep them up, made many believe they were ‘topers.’ Taylor was to be pitied, for he had ‘the flag of intemperance hung out always’.

Taylor was called as a witness, and it was seen that his face was red and his nose of a bluish tint. He said he was a miner, and had been suffering from lumbago. A friend gave him 1½d, and he went to the FALCON INN and had half a pint of ale. His face had attained its present colour through his being ‘inoculated’ by a barber.

Other evidence was called, and the Stipendiary dismissed the case.”

1901 Census

March End

- [1] *Fanny Pickering* (39), publican, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Henry Arthur Pickering (18), son, painter, born Wednesfield;
- [3] Archibald Frederick Pickering (17), son, carpenter, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Lilyan Hannah Pickering (12), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Maud Clive (21), general servant, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [6] Louisa Latchford (24), visitor, born Wednesfield;
- [7] Lilian Latchford (1), visitor, born Wednesfield:

Lichfield Mercury 27/7/1906

“Mr. T. A. Stokes held an inquest at the FALCON INN, March End, Wednesfield, on Saturday, on the body of Mr. Edwin Green (20), a striker, of that place. The evidence showed that the deceased and a friend were bathing in the canal, when the deceased disappeared in the water. Assistance was obtained, and the body was found in a hole 7ft deep. A verdict of Accidentally Drowned was returned.”

1911 Census

March End – FALCON INN

- [1] *Arthur Tonks* (33), licensed victualler, born Willenhall;
- [2] Kate Tonks (33), wife, married 13 years, born Willenhall;
- [3] Arthur Tonks (12), son, school, born Willenhall;
- [4] Hilda Tonks (8), daughter, school, born Willenhall;
- [5] Bertha Hickman (21), domestic servant, public house, born Brierley Hill:

1939 Register

March End – FALCON INN (2 of 3)

- [1] *George H. Thomas*, date of birth 23/9/1900, public house keeper, married;
- [2] *Annie Thomas*, dob 1/8/1903, assistant, public house, married;

[1983]

Tony Pugh – see also PYLE COCK

It was the subject of a Compulsory Purchase Order.
It closed in March 1997, and was demolished.

FENTONS HOTEL

Wednesfield Heath, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Law

Edward *William* Fenton [1859] – [1860]

NOTES

Wolverhampton Chronicle 20/4/1859 - Advert

“FENTON’S HOTEL.

Mr. *Fenton* begs to inform his Friends in Wolverhampton that his Bowling Green, Quoit Ground, knock ‘Um Down, and Skittle Ground, with other Sports, will open on Easter Monday.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 31/8/1859

“Licensing Meeting for Wolverhampton Division of Seisdon North.....

Applications for victuallers licenses.....

Mr. *Edward William Fenton*, of Wednesfield Heath, was the next applicant, supported by Mr. Underhill, who stated that last year the application was made simply for a renewal of a license, the house having formerly been occupied by Mrs. *Law*, but they were met by an objection that it ought to have been in the nature of a new application. Mr. Underhill said the character of the applicant

was so well known, together with the requirements of the locality in which the house was situate, that he need not trouble the Bench with any further remarks in support of the application. The license was granted.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 19/12/1860 - Advert

“FENTON’S HOTEL, Adjoining the Railway Station at Wednesfield Heath, near Wolverhampton.
By Messrs. Aston and Sollom.

To Be Let with immediate possession (if required) the above well-established Hotel, replete with every convenience for carrying on an extensive business. Contiguous to the Hotel are excellent Bait Stables and Carriage Houses, Bowling Green, Quoit Ground, American Bowling and Skittle Alleys, as also extensive and tastefully laid out Gardens. The entire premises occupy an area of about two acres, and from the fact of their being situated within so short a distance of Wolverhampton, and the population of the immediate neighbourhood being so greatly on the increase, an excellent opportunity is afforded of establishing attractive pleasure and tea gardens.

The fixtures only to be taken, which will amount to about £100.

For further particulars apply on the premises, or at Aston and Sollom’s Offices, Queen Street, Wolverhampton.”

Check RAILWAY HOTEL

FIGHTING COCKS

1, Neachell, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Evans [1855] – [1861]

NOTES

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/6/1844

“The following inquests have been held before T. M. Phillips, Esq, coroner.....

On Wednesday week, at the FIGHTING COCKS, Neachill, in the township of Wednesfield, on Edmund Davis, who was killed by a fall from a skip when ascending a pit. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/8/1855

“The annual licensing day for this district of the county was held at the County Magistrates’ Office, Bilston Street, in this town, on Thursday last Applications for new licenses.....

Mr. Bartlett applied on behalf of Mr. *Thomas Evans* for a license to the FIGHTING COCKS, Neachills, Wednesfield. The application was unopposed, but was refused.”

1861 Census

1, Neachell – FIGHTING COCKS

- [1] *Thomas Evans* (55), farmer of 40 acres and victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Hannah Evans (52), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Fanny Evans (18), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Hannah Evans (14), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Samuel Evans (11), son, scholar, born Wednesfield:

Check BOARD.

FORGE HAMMER

79, (39), Heath Street, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Samuel Davies [1858] – **1881**);
William Davies (**1881** – []
Thomas Mantle [1891]
Alice Perrin [1901]
George Perrins [1901]
Harry Davenport [1911]
Bertram Noble [1916] – [1921]
Mrs. Betsy Roberts [1940]

NOTES

39, Heath Street [1871]
79, Heath Street [1891], [1901], [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

Samuel Davies = Samuel Davis

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/11/1858 - Advert

“Sale Of Freehold Property At Wednesfield Heath.

Mr. Ashcroft will sell by Auction, at the RAILWAY INN, Railway Street, Wolverhampton, on Monday, the 29th day of November, 1858, at six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions then to be read.

All those Three newly-erected Messuages or Tenements, situate at Wednesfield Heath, near Wolverhampton, one of which is a Public House, known by the sign of the FORGE HAMMER, and contains bar, parlour, and tap room, with three chambers and closets above, and excellent cellaring, together with the Large Yard at the back thereof, containing brewhouse, stable, and piggeries, one hard water pump, and two soft water ditto.

The above Premises are in excellent repair, and having a frontage of 12 yards 1 foot and 6 inches to a new street called Heath Street, and contains in the whole, with the site of buildings, 360 square yards, and are respectively in the occupations of *Samuel Davis*, George Terry, and James Beard. If required part of the purchase money might remain on the Mortgages.

For further particulars apply to Mr. John F. Thurstans, Solicitor, 45 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, or to the Auctioneer, 38 Snowhill, Wolverhampton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 15/12/1858

“The old adage, ‘Two of a trade seldom agree,’ was somewhat strikingly exemplified to-day. William Keay, the landlord of the TRAVELLERS REST, at Wednesfield Heath, with his daughter Mary Ann Keay, were charged by *Samuel Davies*, who keeps the FORGE HAMMER, at the same place, with assaulting him. It appeared from the evidence that, on Monday night last, he with two friends called at Keay’s house, and after partaking of some refreshment asked the daughter where her father was, when she replied that he was not at home. Shortly afterwards, on going into the bar, he saw the defendant sitting there, and asked him the reason for refusing to be seen. The defendant replied in an angry tone, and ordered him out of the bar. He did not immediately go out, upon which the defendant picked up a stout walking stick and commenced a violent attack upon him. He shouted for assistance, and his two friends came in and took the stick from the defendant. The complainant said that he and the defendant had hitherto been on friendly terms, and a short time since the latter had promised to lend him some money to purchase some property, and his object of going to the defendant’s house was to inquire why he had not kept his word. George Sterry and George Clews, the complainant’s friends who interfered to quell the disturbance, gave corroborative evidence, and also stated that the assault was of a very violent nature. Keay and *Davis* then changed places, the former going into the witness box to prefer a charge of assault against *Davis*. He stated that *Davis* and his friends were very drunk when they came into the house. He refused to see them, because they were intoxicated. Soon after they had been in *Davis* entered the bar, where the witness with his wife and family were seated, and began to abuse him. He ordered him out of the bar, but he would not go, and a scuffle ensued; he was compelled to use a stick in self-defence. The Magistrates considered the Keay had used more violence than was necessary, and fined him 40s and costs; they were also of the opinion that *Davis* would not have been assaulted unless he himself had offered some provocation; the accordingly fined him 20 and costs.”

Samuel Davis, beer retailer, Wednesfield Heath. [1861]

1861 Census

Heath Street

[1] *Samuel Davis* (55), nail cutter and publican, born Madeley, Shropshire;

[2] Elizabeth Davis (47), wife, born Lilleshall, Shropshire;

- [3] Charles Davis (21), son, nail cutter, born Wednesfield Heath;
- [4] Moses Davis (19), son, nail cutter, born Wednesfield Heath;
- [5] Benjamin Davis (16), son, nail cutter, born Wednesfield Heath;
- [6] Elizabeth Davis (13), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield Heath;
- [7] Samuel Davis (9), son, scholar, born Wednesfield Heath;
- [8] William Davis (5), son, scholar, born Wednesfield Heath;
- [9] Elizabeth Jones (17), domestic servant, born Wolverhampton:

Samuel Davies, retailer of beer, Heath Street. [1862]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21/9/1864 - Advert

“Beerhouse And Freehold Houses At Wednesfield Heath.

Messrs. Walker and Lloyd will Sell by Auction, by order of the Mortgagees, at the house of Mr. Michael Wood, the NEW INN, Horseley Fields, Wolverhampton, on Thursday, October the 6th, 1864, at Six o’clock in the Evening, subject to conditions then to be read, all that substantial and newly-erected Messuage or Dwelling House, now used as a Beerhouse, and known by the sign of the FORGE HAMMER, situate at Heath Town, Wednesfield Heath, and now in the occupation of *Samuel Davis*, and also those two Messuages or Dwelling Houses, one of which adjoins the last mentioned Premises, and the other lying at the back thereof, and now in the respective occupations of John Young and Moses Martin.

For further particulars apply to Mr. John F. Thurstans, Solicitor, 45 Queen Street; or at the Auctioneers, Red Lion Street, Wolverhampton.”

Samuel Davies, beer retailer, Wednesfield Heath. [1864], [1868], [1870], [1872]

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/1/1870

“*Samuel Davies*, a beershop keeper, of Heath Town, who had been detected by Police-constable Kent while selling in interdicted hours, was today formally charged with the offence, and pleaded guilty.

The Stipendiary inflicted a fine of 1s only, but mentioned for his benefit, and as a warning to all beershop keepers, that every conviction had under the new Act to be recorded on the back of the license, and where the licensing magistrates on licensing day found two such convictions recorded they were empowered to withhold the license. As a strong determination had been expressed by the magistrates throughout the country to carry the law out, his Worship would have all beershop keepers beware.”

1871 Census

39, Heath Street – FORGE HAMMER

- [1] *Samuel Davis* (64), nail cutter and publican, born Madeley, Shropshire;
 - [2] Elizabeth Davis (58), wife, born St. George, Shropshire;
 - [3] Samuel Davis (19), son, nail cutter, born Heath Town;
 - [4] William Davis (15), son, puddler, born Heath Town;
 - [5] Martha Evans (19), domestic servant, born Donnington Wood, Shropshire:
- [Madeley, St. George’s, and Donnington are part of Telford.]

1881 Census

Heath Street – FORGE HAMMER INN

- [1] *Samuel Davies* (75), beerhouse keeper, born Madeley, Shropshire;
- [2] Elizabeth Davies (69), wife, born St. Georges, Shropshire;
- [3] Elizabeth Lawrence (15), general domestic servant, born Heath Town:

1891 Census

79, Heath Street

- [1] *Thomas Mantle* (41), iron moulder and beerhouse keeper, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Phoebe Mantle (43), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] William H. Mantle (15), son, post office boy, born Heath Town;
- [4] Thomas Mantle (13), son, scholar, born Heath Town;
- [5] Nellie Mantle (10), daughter, scholar, born Heath Town:

Thomas Mantle – see also REINDEER, Wolverhampton.

1901 Census

79, Heath Street

- [1] *George Perrin* (47), brickmaker, born Banbury;
- [2] *Alice Perrin* (45), wife, beer seller, born Banbury;
- [3] Arthur Perrin (24), son, plasterer, born Heath Town;
- [4] Rose H. Perrin (20), daughter, domestic servant, born Heath Town;
- [5] Mary A. Perrin (16), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] Richard G. Perrin (14), son, born Wolverhampton;

[7] Thomas E. B. Perrin (12), son, born Wolverhampton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/6/1901

“George Perrins, of the FORGE HAMMER INN, Heath Street, Heath Town, was charged with permitting gaming on his licensed premises on four different dates. Police-constable Haynes spoke to visiting defendant’s house and to taking part with the landlord and others in games of ‘crib,’ ‘nap,’ and ‘dom.’ Ale was supplied to the winners at the expense of the losers by the landlord’s daughter on one occasion, and at other times there were ready-money transactions. Once the defendant asked him to play at cards and on another occasion some youths formed sides and threw rings at a hook in the wall ‘for a quart.’ The facts were not disputed, and the Bench fined *Perrins* 40s and costs on one summons and ordered his licenser to be endorsed.”

1911 Census

79, Heath Street

- [1] *Harry Davenport* (28), publican, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Mary Elizabeth Davenport* (28), wife, married 6 years, born Fenton, Staffordshire;
- [3] *May Marsden* (17), wife’s sister, domestic servant, born Fenton, Staffordshire;
- [4] *Hilda Davenport* (5), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [5] *Harry Davenport* (1), son, born Heath Town:

[1931]

Closed

It was demolished in 1962.

GENERAL HAVELOCK

145, Alma Street, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Hannah Watton [1871]
Old Lion Brewery, Tipton [1892]
Frederick Smith Ltd. [1920]
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1955], [1962]

LICENSEES

John Watton [1862] – [1870]
Joseph Ruston [1873]
Emma Ruston [1881]
John Clarke [1892] – [1896]
Mrs. Elizabeth Clark [1901] – [1916]
Alfred James Draisey [1921]
Charles Ernest Stone [1932]
George Roberts [1940]

NOTES

Wolverhampton Chronicle 16/7/1862

“The following have given notice of their intention to apply for spirit licenses at the forthcoming licensing meeting, to be held on the 19th of August.....

John Watton, Alma Street, Wednesfield Road.”

Midland Examiner 11/12/1875

“On Tuesday afternoon, W. H. Phillips, Esq, borough coroner, held an inquest at the GENERAL HAVELOCK INN, Alma Street, Wednesfield Road, touching the death of William Edward Jones, 60 years of age, sinker, of Alma Street, who died on Saturday last from injuries received the previous day at Mr. J. W. Sparrow’s, Stow Heath stone pit, near the Willenhall Road.

A man named Bowen, who was employed by deceased, said the latter was putting some scaffolding in the shaft on Friday last.

Whilst he was so engaged, witness and another man were lowering some planks, when one of the pieces of timber fell out of the rope in which they were being lowered and injured the deceased on his head and neck. He was brought up to the top of the shaft,

and, at his own request, was taken to his home, where he died the next day. His widow said she had only been married to him three months on the day of his death, and that before his death her husband did not blame any one for the injury he sustained. Another sinker, named Pyner, said the planks were lowered carefully, but there was no inset in the shaft for deceased to step aside. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1881 Census

145, Alma Street – GENERAL HAVELOCK

- [1] *Emma Ruston* (37), widow, licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] Emma Ruston (14), daughter, no employment, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Joseph B. W. Ruston (12), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] Hannah W. Ruston (8), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Florence M. Ruston (3), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] Maria Lewis (17), domestic servant, born Heath Town:

1901 Census

145, Alma Street

- [1] *Elizabeth Clark* (41), widow, publican, born Bradley, Staffordshire;
- [2] Maud E. Clark (14), daughter, born Bradley, Staffordshire;
- [3] Ellen Shinton (38), domestic servant, born Bradley, Staffordshire:

[1931]

Alterations were approved in 1933.

It closed in 1965.

Demolished

GOLDEN LION

583, Cannock Road / Raynor Road, Fallings Park, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1947], [1953]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1982], [2007]
Sizzling Pub Co. [2010]
Marstons plc
Milton Pubs and Taverns [2019]

LICENSEES

Harry Horsman [1940]
Tony Martin [1983]
Michael Kirwan* [1995]
Mac Kirwan* [2000]
Michele N Dawn McLachlan [2005] – [2007]
Lisa Mayall [2008]
Claire Wearing [2010]

NOTES

It opened on 6th February 1935.

The license was transferred from the GOLDEN LION, Salop Street, Wolverhampton.

* probably the same person

[Daily Mirror 4/6/1998](#)

“Free Pint of Carling.

With just six days to go before the World Cup kick-off your soccer-loving *Mirror* is buying you a drink. We’ve a Free pint of

Carling to get you into the mood for the great Vive Le Football pub opening parties across the nation. Our friends at Bass Leisure Retail are offering every reader over 18 a free pint of Carling to get things off to a flying start today.....

Where to get your Free pint.....

GOLDEN LION, Cannock Road, Fallings Park, Wolverhampton.”

It closed in October 2008 for a £500,000 makeover.

It reopened on 4th December 2008.

[2016]

GOLDEN LION

Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

[1982]

GOLDEN LION

New Cross, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Hamilton [pre 1861]

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Wolverhampton Chronicle 22/5/1861

“In The County Court of Staffordshire, Holden at Wolverhampton. 14th day of May, 1861.

Whereas a petition of *William Hamilton*, now and for six months last past residing in lodgings in Lewis-street, Sydney-street, Penn-road, Wolverhampton, in the county of Stafford, Journeyman Cabinet Maker; previous thereto in lodgings in Art-street, Wolverhampton, aforesaid, out of employment; previous thereto in lodgings in Montrose-street, Wolverhampton, aforesaid, out of employment; previous thereto in lodgings in Market-street, Wolverhampton, aforesaid, out of employment; previous thereto in lodgings in Sydney-street, Dudley-road, Wolverhampton, aforesaid, out of employment; previous thereto the GOLDEN LION, New Cross, Wednesfield, in the county of Stafford, Brewer and Retailer of beer, Porter, Cider, and Tobacco; previously in Stafford-street, Walsall, in the said county of Stafford, in no business or employment; previous thereto of Little Stoke, near Stone, in the said county of Stafford; previous thereto in lodgings at the Whitefriars, Foregate-street, Stafford, in the said county of Stafford, Journeyman Cabinet Maker and Upholsterer; and previous thereto in lodgings at No.2, Petit-street, Wolverhampton, in the said county of Stafford, Journeyman Cabinet Maker and Upholsterer; an Insolvent Debtor, having been filed in the County Court of Staffordshire, at Wolverhampton, and an Interim Order of Protection from Process having been given to the said *William Hamilton*, under the provisions of the statutes in that case made and provided, the said *William Hamilton* is hereby required to appear in Court before the Judge acting in the matter of the said petition, on the 14th day of June, 1861, at nine o'clock in the forenoon precisely, at the Court House, Queen-street, Wolverhampton, aforesaid, for his First Examination touching his debts, estate, and effects, and to be further dealt with according to the provisions of the said Statutes; and notice is hereby given that the Choice of Assignees is to take place at the time so appointed.

All persons indebted to the said *William Hamilton*, or who have any of his effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to Mr. Charles Gallimore Brown, the Official Assignee, acting in the matter of the said Petition, at his Office, in Queen-street, Wolver-

hampton aforesaid.
James Walker, Attorney, Wolverhampton
C. G. Megevan, High Bailiff.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/6/1861

“The following insolvents will appear for their first examination at the County Court, on Friday, the 14th instant.
William Hamilton, journeyman cabinet maker, Lewis-street, Sydney-street, formerly a publican at Wednesfield and Walsall, debts,
£112 8s 11d; credits, £8 18s 6d.”

GOUGH'S ARMS

WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Lane [1832]
Walter Lane [1834]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/3/1832 - Advert

“To Be Sold By Auction by John Pool.
At the house of *Thomas Lane*, the sign of the GOUGH'S ARMS, in Wednesfield, in the county of Stafford, on Monday, the 26th of March, 1832, at five o'clock in the afternoon (unless previously disposed of by private contract).
Two Freehold Dwelling-Houses, with the Shops, Out-buildings, gardens, and appurtenances, in Wednesfield aforesaid, containing 1a 0r 5p, or thereabouts, now in the several occupations of Michael Lane and Thomas Smith.
For a view of the premises apply to Mr. Michael Lane, of Wednesfield aforesaid, and for further particulars to Mr. Timmis of Wolverhampton, land surveyor, or to Mr. Corser, solicitor, at his office in Wolverhampton aforesaid.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 8/8/1832 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Buildings.
To Be Sold By Private Treaty.
All that newly erected Messuage or Tenement, with the appurtenances thereto belonging, known by the sign of the GOUGH'S ARMS, in the occupation of *Thomas Lane*, situate at Wednesfield, in the parish of Wolverhampton, in the county of Stafford, fronting the road leading from Bloxwich to Wolverhampton.
Also, all those two smaller Dwelling-Houses, with the Garden, Yard, and Outbuildings thereto, in the respective occupations of Richard Hames and Joseph Barmar, adjoining the above mentioned premises.
For further particulars, and to treat for the same, apply to Mr. Henry Hames, at Wednesfield, aforesaid.”

GREAT HORSE

Prestwood Road / Church Street, Heath Town, (Fallings Heath), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1974]
Punch Taverns [2005]

LICENSEES

David Bethell [1995]

Sylvia Georgina Johnson (1995 – 2009)

Carl Johnson (2009 – [])

NOTES

It was built on the site of the SQUIRREL, in 1974. It had two storeys.

It opened on 5th November 1974.

[1976]

Sylvia Georgina Johnson was born in Oldbury.

She died on 26th June 2010 aged 72.

Carl Johnson was the son of *Sylvia*.

He was born c.1965.

It closed in 2009.

It was converted into a shop.

GREYHOUND

Waddon Brook Lane, (28, The Brook), (164, (5), March End), March End, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Charles Lewsey [1861] – [1881]

Miss Eliza Eccleston [1891] – [1896]

Felix Lewsey [1904]

Ernest Broomhall [1939] – [1960]

D A Fisher [1976] – [1983]

NOTES

5, March End [1861]

28, The Brook [1871]

164, March End [1939], [1940]

Waddon Brook Lane

It had a beerhouse license.

Charles Lewsey, beer retailer, Wednesfield. [1861]

1861 Census

5, March End – GREY HOUND INN

[1] *Charles Lewsey* (42), victualler, born Hordley, Essex;

[2] *Jane Lewsey* (40), wife, born Wednesfield;

[3] *Felix Lewsey* (11), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;

[4] *Emma Lewsey* (9), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;

[5] *Henry Smith* (12), visitor, scholar, born Lenton (?), Essex:

Charles Lewsey, retailer of beer, Waddens Brook. [1862]

Birmingham Daily Gazette 27/4/1869

“Yesterday, at the Police Court, before Messrs. N. N. Solly and J. E. Healy, Michael Davies, Edward Davies, John Gaunt, and Joseph Price were charged with having violently assaulted Richard Healy. The assault took place on the 31st of March last, at the GREYHOUND INN, March End, where a quarrel took place between the parties, and complainant was knocked down and kicked very badly, so that he was confined to his bed for a fortnight.

Price was fined 40s and costs, or in default two months’ imprisonment; the two Davies’s 20s and costs, or one month’s imprisonment each; and Gaunt 10s and costs, and the magistrates ordered half the fines to be paid to the complainant.”

Charles Lewsey, beer retailer, March End. [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

28, The Brook – GREY HOUND

- [1] *Charles Lewsey* (49), licensed victualler, born Colchester;
- [2] Jane Lewsey (47), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] Felix Lewsey (21), son, moulder, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Emma Lewsey (18), daughter, born Wednesfield:

Evening Express 30/9/1881 - Advert

“To Let, a newly-built, double-fronted House, pleasantly situated at Marsh End, Wednesfield; very moderate. Apply, GREYHOUND INN, Marsh End.”

1881 Census

March End – GRAY HOUND INN

- [1] *Charles Lewsey* (60), innkeeper, beer shop, born Colchester;
- [2] Jane Lewsey (65), wife, born Wednesfield:

1891 Census

March End – GREYHOUND INN

- [1] *Eliza Eccleston* (32), unmarried, publican, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Ann Eccleston (18), sister, born Wednesfield;
- [3] William Eccleston (29), brother, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Charles Henry Stevens (11), nephew, born Birmingham;
- [5] Annie Hunt (14), servant, born Willenhall:

Miss *Eliza Eccleston*, beer retailer, March End. [1896]

Felix Lewsey, beer retailer, March End. [1904]

Staffordshire Advertiser 30/4/1938

“The Staffordshire Licensing Confirmation Committee sat at the Shirehall, Stafford, on Tuesday..... Wine licenses were also granted in respect of the following beerhouses..... GREYHOUND INN, Willenhall Road, Wednesfield.”

1939 Register

164, March End – GREYHOUND INN

- [1] *Ernest Broomhall*, date of birth 15/10/1889, publican, despatch clerk, married;
- [2] Emily Broomhall, dob 26/11/1893, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [3] Janet (Broomhall) McManus, dob 10/11/1926, at school, single;
- [4] Fred Kay, dob 27/7/1891, mechanical engineer, married;
- [5] Ellen Kay, dob 3/1/1892, unpaid domestic duties, married:

1961 Probate

“*Ernest Broomhall* of the GREYHOUND INN, March End, Wednesfield, Staffordshire, died 17 December 1960. Administration Birmingham 28 February to Janet Broomhall, spinster. Effects £2,812 18s.”

[1983]

HEN AND CHICKENS

Chapel Street, Moseley Village, (Moseley Hole), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Isaiah Wain []

John W Whild (1883 – []

John Southan [1891]

NOTES

[Birmingham Daily Post 30/8/1872](#)

“Yesterday, the annual Licensing Sessions for the Wolverhampton Division of the County of Stafford was held at the Agricultural Hall, in that town.....

The record of convictions against licensed victuallers and beerhouse keepers for the 12 months was as follows.....

Beerhouses *Isaiah Wain*, HEN AND CHICKENS, Moseley Hole.”

1891 Census

Chapel Street – HEN AND CHICKENS

- [1] *John Southan* (45), coal miner, born Heath Town;
- [2] Rebecca Southan (44), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] John Henry Southan (21), son, iron turner, born Heath Town;
- [4] Thomas Southan (19), son, furnace man, born Heath Town;
- [5] Ada Southan (16), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [6] Clara Southan (14), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [7] Humphrey Southan (12), son, scholar, born Heath Town;
- [8] Joseph Southan (10), son, scholar, born Heath Town;
- [9] Benjamin Southan (6), son, scholar, born Moseley Village;
- [10] Horace Southan (1), son, born Moseley Village:

[1911]

HOP POLE

74, (22), Grove Street, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

J. Steward, Wolverhampton [1856]

LICENSEES

Henry Haywood [1849] – [1860]

Richard White Tamlyn [] – 1862);

John James (1862 – []

Thomas Rudge [] – 1863);

George Jones (1863 – [1865]

Simeon Wilkinson [1871] – 1874);

Job Willetts (1874 – 1877);

John Cluett (1877 – []

Thomas Henry Bibb [1881]

Thomas Dodd (1882 – []

Paul Lewis [1891]

Robert James Starkey [1892]

Mrs. Sarah Ann Banks [1896]

Benjamin Wilkes [1904] – [1921]

NOTES

22, Grove Street [1871]
74, Grove Street [1904], [1908]

OLD HOP POLE [1860], [1874]

Henry Hayward = Henry Haywood

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/8/1856

“Applications for new licenses. There were fourteen applications altogether for licenses to sell spirits – all from beershop keepers – only four of which were granted by the Magistrates.

Mr. H. Underhill, on the part of *Henry Hayward*, of the HOP POLE INN, beershop, Wednesfield, applied for a license. The plaintiff was a tenant of Mr. J. Steward, an old and respected inhabitant of Wolverhampton; he had been tenant of the HOP POLE INN for seven or eight years; no new license had been granted for the last five years, although the population of the immediate neighbourhood had nearly doubled within that period; the nearest licensed public house was at a distance of 300 or 400 yards, and its owner offered no opposition to the application; and, as a proof of the extent of business carried on by *Hayward*, even as a beerhouse keeper, he was in the habit of brewing 600 bushels of malt per annum. In answer to questions from the Magistrates, Mr. Underhill said the house presented every accommodation as a house of entertainment, Mr. Steward, the landlord, having laid out £700 or £800 upon it.

Mr. Hill, chairman inquired if any complaint had been made against the applicant respecting his manner of conducting the beer-shop, and Mr. Underhill replied that an information had been laid against him for drawing beer on Christmas eve, when he was fined in a small penalty, it having been shown that a body of Methodists were in the habit of coming to his house on that anniversary, and ushering in the sacred day with songs and hymns, and Mr. *Hayward* had presented them with some beer – a very venial offence.

There was no opposition, and the Magistrates granted the application.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/1/1859

“The Wolverhampton Society of young ringers held their first anniversary on Tuesday, at Mr. *Hayward*’s, the HOP POLE, Wednesfield Heath. After supper the party performed several airs on the hand bells, which were much admired. The health of the society was drunk, and a pleasant evening spent.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21/5/1862

“At the County Petty Sessions, held in this town, on Monday last the following licenses were transferred.
HOP POLE INN, Wednesfield, from *Richard White Tamlyn* to *John James*, of Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 24/9/1862

“*John James*, landlord of the HOP POLE INN, Wednesfield Heath, was fined 2s 6d and costs for permitting gaming with cards and dominoes in his house.”

Birmingham Daily Post 14/7/1863

“The following transfers were ordered at the County Petty Sessions.

The licence of the HOP POLE, Wednesfield Heath, was transferred till the next licensing day, on the 10th of August, from Mr. *Ridge* to *George Jones*.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/9/1863

“County Licensing Meeting, in Wolverhampton.

A special Petty Sessions, for the purpose of renewing and the granting of licenses to public-houses within the Wolverhampton division of Seisdon North, was held at the Police Court, in Bilston Street, on Thursday.

The following is the list of those who had been reported and fined during the past year for offences against their licenses.

George Jones, the HOP POLE, Wednesfield Heath.

They were now cautioned as to their future conduct, and their licenses were then renewed.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/9/1863

“In our report of the licensing meeting on the 27th ult, it was stated that *George Jones*, of the HOP POLE, Wednesfield Heath, had been fined during the past twelve months for an offence against his license. This was incorrect, Mr. *George Jones*, the present tenant, having only recently taken to the house, and it was his predecessor, who was also named Jones, upon whom the fine was inflicted.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 6/7/1864 - Advert

“Public House. To be Let. With immediate possession, an old-licensed Public House, doing a good business, called the HOP POLE, situate in Grove Street, Wednesfield Heath. In-coming very moderate.

Apply to Mr. Steward, LION INN, Horsley Fields, Wolverhampton.”

1871 Census

22, Grove Street – HOP POLE

- [1] *Simeon Wilkinson* (50), publican, born Amblecote;
- [2] Sarah Wilkinson (49), wife, born Stamber Mill [Lye];
- [3] William Wilkinson (22), son, born Heath Town;
- [4] Simeon Wilkinson (19), son, born Heath Town;
- [5] Jane Wilkinson (12), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [6] Francis Wilkinson (9), son, born Heath Town:

Simeon Wilkinson – see also TALBOT, Wolverhampton.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/1/1875

“At the Wolverhampton Police Court, on Wednesday, *Job Willetts*, landlord of the HOP POLE, Heath Town, was charged with adulterating his ale with salt, to the extent of fifty-nine grains to the gallon, being nine grains over the maximum allowed by the Excise, fined £3 and costs.”

Midland Counties Evening Express 3/1/1878 - Advert

“General servant wanted.

Apply HOP POLE INN, Grove Street, Heath Town.”

1881 Census

Grove Street

- [1] *Thomas H. Bibb* (32), moulder, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Mary Bibb (32), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Rosanna Bibb (12), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] John H. Bibb (10), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Walter E. Bibb (14 months), son, born Wolverhampton:

Evening Express 14/11/1881

“*Thomas Henry Bibb* of the HOP POLE INN, Grove Street, Heath Town, was charged with assaulting his wife, Mary. Mr. Rhodes prosecuted, and Mr. R. A. Willcock defended.

Mr. Rhodes asked that the case might be settled; if a conviction took place it would cause greater unpleasantness between the defendant and his wife. The assault was very trifling.

The Clerk (Mr. Brevitt) said that when the complainant laid her information for a summons she stated that he threw a stone match holder, 1lb in weight, at her, cutting her head, causing it to bleed badly.

Mr. Rogers said the complainant wanted a warrant because she was afraid her husband would kill her.

Mr. Willcock said that soon after the defendant injured his wife’s head he was seized with an apologetic fit, and his life was despaired of for a time.

The magistrates ordered the case to go on. The complainant at first refused to give evidence, and it was only after being threatened to be committed for contempt that she took the oath and gave evidence.

It appeared that last Tuesday she was the worse for beer, and on her husband coming home at night they quarrelled, and he threw a stone spill box at her. It caught her on the forehead, inflicting a severe wound. She had had cause to accuse him of being unfaithful to her.

Mr. Willcock cross-examined her with the view to show that she had been indiscreet in her companions, but she denied the accusations. For the defence he contended that it was six of one, and half a dozen of the other.

Mr. Rhodes said he was instructed by the complainant to say that she was willing to forgive her husband everything, and he pressed that the case should be settled.

The Magistrates ordered the defendant to enter into his own recognisances for £50, and find two sureties in £25 each for the next twelve months.”

1891 Census

74, Grove Street

- [1] *Paul Lewis* (60), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Ann Lewis (56), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Lizzie Lewis (16), daughter, born Northumberland;
- [4] Harriett Lewis (10), daughter, born Northumberland:

Staffordshire Advertiser 9/3/1929

“Wolverhampton Adjourned Licensing Sessions.....

The removal of the license of the HOP POLE, Heath Town, to premises known as HIGHCROFT HOUSE, Old Fallings Lane, was refused.”

Closed

Demolished

JOLLY COLLIER

191, Old Heath Road, Heath Town, (Wednesfield Heath), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Frank Myatt Ltd. [1933]
Ansells Ltd.
Dorbiere Group [2005]

LICENSEES

Mrs. Elizabeth Hill [1846] – [1850]
Samuel Foster [1851]
James Gratton [c.1856] – **1860**);
Joseph Mountford (**1860**);
Thomas Pugh (**1860**);
William Smith (**1860** – []
Mrs. Jefferys [] – **1862**)
John Griffiths []
Matthew Atkins [] – **1864**);
John Anthony Kimberley (**1864** – **1874**);
Thomas Butler (**1874** – [1898]
Job Butler [1901] – [1932]
[Baden Butler \[1939\] – \[1940\]](#)
[Fred Potts \[1987\] – \[1989\]](#)
Vashtie Mellish [1995]
Amanda Taylor [2005]
Allen Tracey Parkes and Mrs. Pauline Parkes (**2008** – **2010**) managers

NOTES

It had a low ceiling.

It was a home brew house [1916]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 11/3/1846

“*Elizabeth Hill*, licensed victualler, Wednesfield, was fined 5s and costs, for allowing drinking in her house during the time of divine service, on Sunday, the 22nd ult.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 20/2/1848

“Henry Bentley of Wednesfield Heath will walk Screen of Bilston one mile, for £5 or £10 a side. The money will be ready at the JOLLY COLLIER, Wednesfield Heath, any night next week.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 16/5/1849 - Notice

“Dog Lost.

Taken from the premises of *Elizabeth Hill*, the JOLLY COLLIER INN, Wednesfield Heath, on the 13th of May instant, a Large Liver Coloured Water Spaniel, with long ears and cut tail, and answers to the name of ‘Cato’. Whoever has found the same and will bring him to the above inn shall be handsomely rewarded; and any person keeping him after this notice will be prosecuted with the utmost severity of the law.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 1/12/1850

“J. Leadbeater of Wednesfield and B. Parkes of Stourbridge ran 100 yards, for £5 a side, near Wednesfield, on Monday. Parkes took the lead, and kept it for 60 yards, when his opponent passed him, and ultimately won by a yard and a half. Leadbeater will run James Downs of Wednesfield Heath, or any collier in Staffordshire if they will give three yards start in 100 yards. The money is ready at the JOLLY COLLIER, Wednesfield Heath.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/5/1860 - Advert

“JOLLY COLLIER INN, near the Canal Bridge, Wednesfield Heath.

Messrs. Ashcroft and Son will Sell by Auction, on Friday next, the 11th day of May, 1860, the Licenses and Possession of this excellent House of Business; also all the genteel Household Furniture and feather beds, sofa, strong tables, chairs, benches, eight-day clock, in handsome case; eight-day spring timepiece, barometer, jugs, glasses, beer and spirit measures, four-pull Beer Machine, 150 gallons of Fresh Ale, iron skittle-frame, pegs, and bowls; manger, hay racks, wheelbarrow, and numerous effects of Mr. *J. Mountford*, who is leaving.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/8/1861 - Advert

“To Be Let, with possession at once, or in a month or two if desired, that old-licensed Public House, situate at Wednesfield Heath, and known as the JOLLY COLLIER. It is a good house for business, having the Canal on the one side and nine pits in full work on the other, and contains a large Tap Room, two Parlours, Bar, three Bed Rooms, and large Club Room. There is also Stabling, Piggeries, to a long range of Shopping, and two well-stocked Gardens, attached to the house; also every convenience for keeping Cows or Horses, and for carrying on a Butcher’s business, for which there is a good opening. The business of the house may be much increased by a persevering person. Sole reasons of the Proprietor, who is a widow lady, wishing to leave is increasing infirmity and a desire to retire.”

London Gazette 6/9/1861

“WHEREAS a Petition of *James Gratton*, now and for about fifteen months last past residing in High-street, Portobello, in the township of Willenhall, in the county of Stafford, and during such period being employed as a Miner and Charter Master, and for about six months previously thereto residing in Brickkiln-street, Portobello, in the township of Willenhall aforesaid, and being employed as aforesaid, and for about five years previously thereto residing at the JOLLY COLLIER TAVERN, Wednesfield-heath, in the borough of Wolverhampton, in the county aforesaid, and during such period carrying on the business of a Licensed Victualler and Dealer in Ale and Tobacco, during the whole of such period also being employed as a Miner and Charter Master, an insolvent debtor, having been filed in the County Court of Staffordshire, at the Court-house, Queen-street, Wolverhampton, and an interim order for protection from process having been given to the said *James Gratton*, under the provisions of the Statutes in that case made and provided, the said *James Gratton* is hereby required to appear before the said Court, on the 30th day of September instant, at nine of the clock in the forenoon precisely, for his first examination touching his debts, estate, and effects, and to be further dealt with according to the provisions of the said Statutes; and the choice of the creditors’ assignees is to take place at the time so appointed. All persons indebted to the said *James Gratton*, or that have any of his effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to Mr. Charles Gallimore Brown, Registrar of the said Court, at his office, in Queen-street, Wolverhampton, the Official Assignee of the estate and effects of the said insolvent.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/10/1861

“At the County Court, on Monday, before A. M. Skinner., the following insolvency cases were heard and disposed of.....
James Gratton, chartermaster and publican, High-street, Willenhall. Passed, supported by Mr. Cresswell.....”

London Gazette 4/10/1861

“In the Matter of the Petition of *James Gratton*, now and for about fifteen months last past residing in High-street, Portobello, in the township of Willenhall, in the county of Stafford, and during such period being employed as a Miner and Charter Master, and for about six months previously thereto residing in Brickkiln-street, Portobello, in the township of Willenhall aforesaid, and being employed as aforesaid, and for about five years previously thereto residing at the JOLLY COLLIER TAVERN, Wednesfield-heath, in the borough of Wolverhampton, in the county aforesaid, and during such period carrying on the business of a Licensed Victualler and Dealer in Ale and Tobacco, during the whole of such period also being employed as a Miner and Charter Master, an Insolvent Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the County Court of Staffordshire, at Wolverhampton, acting in the matter of this Petition, will proceed to make a Final Order thereon at the said Court, on the 18th day of October instant, at nine of the clock in the forenoon precisely, unless cause be then and there shewn to the contrary.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 24/9/1862 - Advert

“Thursday, 25th September, 1862. JOLLY COLLIER INN, Wednesfield Heath.

Mr. W. Ashcroft will Sell by Auction, on Thursday next, the 25th inst., without reserve, all the useful Household Furniture, Feather Beds and Bedding, Screens, Benches, Tables, capital 8-day Clock, in handsome case; Fixtures, Kitchen and Chamber Requisites, 4-pull Beer Machine, Measures, Jugs, Glasses, and Bottles; also all the excellent Brewing Plant, two Mash Tubs, two Vats, large Lead Pipe, wrought-iron Furnaces, Tubs, Malt Crusher, and Ale Barrels; iron Skittle Frame, Pegs and Bowls, Hay Rack, Mangers, and two tons of Manure; fine-bred Sow, two Gilts, and five Store Pigs, the breed of which is remarkable for large size, disposition to fatten, and fine quality; the property of Mrs. *Jefferys*, who is retiring from business.
Sale to commence at Eleven o’clock.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/8/1864

“The annual meeting for the renewal and granting of licenses to publicans for the Wolverhampton Division of Seisdon North, was held yesterday, at the County Police Court, Bilston Street, Wolverhampton.....

The following persons were cautioned.....

John Kimberley, of the JOLLY COLLIER, Wednesfield Heath, who had been fined for Sunday trading.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/5/1868 - Advert

“To be Let or Sold, two Open Boats, suitable for coal.
Apply, JOLLY COLLIER, Heath Town.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 27/8/1869

“Yesterday the county licensing meeting for the Wolverhampton district was held at the county magistrates’ office, Agricultural Hall, Wolverhampton. The magistrates present were Sir John Norris, and Messrs. S. Cartwright, A. S. Hill, G. L. Underhill, and R. D. Gough. Superintendent McCrea handed in to the Bench a copy of the following list of licensed victualler who had been fined during the past five years.....

John Griffiths, JOLLY COLLIER, Wednesfield, selling during prohibited hours, 2s 6d and costs.”

Birmingham Daily Post 2/4/1874

“At a special Petty Sessions, at the County Police Court, on Monday, the annexed temporary licenses were granted.....
JOLLY COLLIER INN, Heath Town, from *John Anthony* [sic] to *Thomas Butler*.”

1881 Census

Old Heath – JOLLY COLLIER INN

- [1] *Thomas Butler* (49), widower, publican, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Thomas Butler* (20), son, puddler in ironworks, born Old Heath;
- [3] *Job Butler* (10), son, scholar, born Old Heath;
- [4] *Sarah Butler* (11), daughter, scholar, born Old Heath;
- [5] *Isaiah Butler* (8), son, scholar, born Old Heath;
- [6] *Fanny Butler* (6), daughter, born Old Heath:

Wolverhampton Express and Star 9/11/1885

“*Thomas Butler*, landlord of the JOLLY COLLIER, Heath Town, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises on the night of the 26th ult.

Defendant denied the charge, but was fined 10s and costs.

John Brierley, miner, for being drunk on the licensed premises, was fined 5s and costs.”

1891 Census

Old Heath – JOLLY COLLIER

- [1] *Thomas Butler* (58), widower, licensed victualler, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Israel Butler* (18), son, puddler, born Heath Town;
- [3] *Fanny Butler* (16), daughter, born Heath Town:

Lichfield Mercury 11/2/1898 - Advert

“Wanted, a good General Servant, one that can take household duties right through; used to public business; wages 3s 6d per week.

Mr. *Thomas Butler*, JOLLY COLLIER INN, Old Heath, Heath Town.”

1901 Census

Old Heath – JOLLY COLLIER

- [1] *Job Butler* (29), licensed victualler, born Old Heath;
- [2] *Elizabeth Butler* (20), wife, born Heath Town;
- [3] *Baden Butler* (1 month), son, born Old Heath:

It was rebuilt in the 1930s.

1939 Register

Old Heath Road – JOLLY COLLIER INN (3 of 4)

- [1] *Baden Butler*, date of birth 4/3/1901, publican, married;
- [2] *Marie Butler*, dob 13/8/1907, unpaid domestic duties, bar duties, married;
- [3] *Pauline Marie (Butler) Patenall*, dob 27/11/1930, at school, single;

Alterations were made in 1985.

Sandwell Evening Mail 7/9/1987

“Darts champion *John Cosnett* of Wolverhampton is set to swop sides of the bar, thanks to old friend *Fred Potts*. *John*, from Lichfield Road, Wednesfield, has joined the Government Job Training Scheme and aims to become a pub licensee. *Fred* is landlord of the JOLLY COLLIER in Old Heath Road, Heath Town, and has agreed to train *John* during the six month course.

Fred, a West Midlands Super League player himself, has followed *John*’s career and attended tournaments with him. *John* is a current West Midlands player and has held a clutch of titles including the Lancashire, Mediterranean and British Open and the Ladbroke Festival of Darts. He has also appeared twice on the television series *Bullseye* as a charity guest player. *Fred* said, ‘*John* is already a regular here and does a lot of charity competitions for me so I was delighted to help.’”

Allen Parkes was married to Pauline.
See also ANGEL and TRUE BRITON.

Closed
Demolished
Rebuilt

[2016]

JUNCTION

40, Junction Street / Spring Street, Springfields, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Samuel Gibbons
Joseph Fellows
Henry Haydon
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1892]

LICENSEES

Mrs. Brinksworth [1863]
Robert Collett [1863]
Samuel Gibbons [1868] – **1871**);
Catherine Beckett (**1871** – []
Joseph Fellows [1881]
Henry Haydon [1891] – [1901]
John Rogers [1904]
William Costello [1912]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 15/4/1863 - Advert

“Freehold Properties, At Wednesfield Heath and Springfields.

By Messrs. Aston and Sollom. To be Sold by Auction, on Tuesday, April 28th, 1863.....
Springfields.

Lot 3. All that substantially-built Messuage or Tenement, with the Outbuildings and Premises thereto belonging, situate at the corner of Junction Street and Spring Street, Springfields, used as a public house, and known by the sign of JUNCTION INN, and now in the occupation of Mrs. *Brinksworth*, at the yearly rental of £17.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/12/1863 - Advert

“Messrs. Aston and Sollom will Sell by Auction, on Thursday, December 17th, 1863.....

Lot 5. All that substantially-built Messuage or Tenement, with the outbuildings and premises thereto belonging, situate at the corner of Junction Street and Spring Street, Springfields, used as a public-house, and known by the sign of the JUNCTION INN, and now in the occupation of *Robert Collett*, at the yearly rental of £17; also, all those eight well-built Dwelling Houses adjoining, seven fronting to Spring Street aforesaid, and one to a new road leading thereout, with the yards and appurtenances thereto, in the several occupations of Harper, Hackett, Phillips, and others, at weekly rentals, realising upwards of £70 per annum. The property is well supplied with hard and soft water, and having been newly and substantially erected will require no further outlay for years.....”

Samuel Gibbons, beer retailer, 40, Junction Street. [1868], [1870]

1871 Census

40, Junction Street

[1] *Samuel Gibbons* (43), beer retailer, born Ledbury;

- [2] Margaret Gibbons (32), wife, born Welshpool;
[3] Henry Gibbons (12), son, born Wolverhampton:

1881 Census

40, Junction Street

- [1] *Joseph Fellows* (49), maltster, born Wednesfield;
[2] Harriet Fellows (44), wife, born Marley, Worcestershire;
[3] Lizzie Fellows (19), daughter, servant, born Birmingham;
[4] Dora Jane Fellows (15), daughter, tailoress, born Smethwick:

Evening Express 5/10/1881

“Money Club Supper. The supper in connection with the JUNCTION INN Club was held at the JUNCTION INN, Springfields, on Monday night, when between twenty and thirty members sat down to a capital spread. After the cloth was drawn, the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, some capital songs being given by Messrs. Beman, Ash, Salt, and Wood.”

Henry Haydon = Henry Haden

1891 Census

40, Junction Street

- [1] *Henry Haden* (43), beer retailer, born Hatton, Warwickshire;
[2] Ann Haden (45), wife, born Noils (?), Staffordshire;
[3] William Haden (23), son, brass worker, born Wolverhampton;
[4] Agnes Haden (17), niece, born Birmingham:

Henry Haydon, beer retailer, 40, Junction Street. [1896]

1901 Census

Junction Street – JUNCTION INN

- [1] *Henry Haydon* (53), beerhouse keeper, born Hatton, Warwickshire;
[2] Ethel Haydon (29), wife, born Oldbury;
[3] Laura Haydon (6 months), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
[4] Gertrude Williams (21), general servant, born Oldbury:

John Rogers, beer retailer, 40, Junction Street, Springfields. [1904]

William Costello, beer retailer, 40, Junction Street. [1912]

It closed in May 1913.

LEWISHAM ARMS

69, Prosser Street / Stratton Street, Park Village, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1933]
Avebury Taverns Ltd. (acquired in 1999)

LICENSEES

Joseph Richard Lovatt [1912]
Arthur Walton Martin [] – **1924**)
Florence Martin [1931]
Alexander Hill [1932]
Alva Wragg [1939] – [1940]
Gurdial Singh [1995]
Natasha Ann Shutt [2005]
Mohan Singh [2005] – **2008**):

NOTES

It was built around 1903, as a community pub to cater for the increase in the number of houses being built on the Park Village estate.

South Staffordshire Times 26/7/1924

“Mr. *Arthur Walton Martin*, of the LEWISHAM ARMS INN, Park Village, Wolverhampton, formerly of Lincoln House, Hordern Road, Wolverhampton, who died on May 7th last, left estate of gross value of £1,602 19s 1d, with net personalty £1,555 13s 7d. Probate of the will has been granted to the widow, Mrs. Florence Sarah Martin, of the same address.”

A lodge of the R.A.O.B. met here. [1931]

1939 Register

69, Prosser Street – LEWISHAM ARMS

[1] Florence Wragg, date of birth 4/3/1900, assisting licensee, married;

[2] *Alva Wragg*, date of birth 20/9/1901, licensee of house, married;

[3] Florence Miller, dob 20/1/1920, bar general, single:

Alva Wragg – see also BLACK HORSE, Bloxwich.

An application for a proposed bar extension was made in 1980.

It closed in 2008.

The upper storey was converted into flats in July 2008.

It was converted into housing. [2014]

LINTHOUSE

Linthouse Lane, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Enterprise Inns [2012]

LICENSEES

Joe Lewis (1961 – 1979)
Philip Jones [1995]
Rosemary Bird []
John Finch [2005] – 2006)
Carl Parkes (2006 – []

NOTES

It opened c.1961.

Joe Lewis was married to May.

See also THREE CROWNS, and CHEQUER BALL, Wolverhampton.

An application for proposed internal alterations and refurbishment was made in 1997.

Daily Mirror 4/6/1998

“Free Pint of Carling.

With just six days to go before the World Cup kick-off your soccer-loving *Mirror* is buying you a drink. We’ve a Free pint of Carling to get you into the mood for the great Vive Le Football pub opening parties across the nation. Our friends at Bass Leisure Retail are offering every reader over 18 a free pint of Carling to get things off to a flying start today.....

Where to get your Free pint.....

LINTHOUSE INN, Linthouse Lane, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton.”

[2012]

John Finch was born c.1953.

It closed in 2012.

[Express & Star 22/5/2013](#)

“Almost 100 new homes will be built on the sites of two former pubs and a factory in Wolverhampton after the plans were given the go-ahead. Councillors waved through applications to demolish the empty ROUGH HILLS TAVERN in Rooker Avenue, in Parkfields, and the former LINTHOUSE INN in Wednesfield at a meeting of the city council’s planning committee At the former LINTHOUSE INN, six homes will front onto Linthouse Lane and another six will be built be on Shardlow Road. All will be semi-detached in a plan passed without any debate by councillors.”

It was demolished in 2013.

Housing was built on the site.

LION

21, Grove Street, Wednesfield Heath, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Rudge [1861] – [1872]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

William Rudge, retailer of beer, Wednesfield Heath. [1861]

William Rudge, maltster and beer retailer, Wednesfield Heath. [1868], [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

21, Grove Street – LION INN

[1] *William Rudge* (68), maltster and publican, born Cleobury Mortimer:

MALT SHOVEL

5, Church Street, Heath Town, (Wednesfield Heath), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Round [1861]

Green [1863]

Thomas Keay [1864]

Thomas Collins [1871]

John Edward Preston [1918]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

James Round, beer retailer, Wednesfield Heath. [1861]

1861 Census

5, Church Street – MALT SHOVEL INN

- [1] *James Round* (48), publican, born Lawley Bank, Shropshire;
- [2] Ann Round (50), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] James Round (15), son, coal miner, born Wednesfield;
- [4] John Round (12), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Mary A. Round (10), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [6] Prudence Southan (9), boarder, scholar, born Wednesfield:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 28/1/1863 - Advert

“Tuesday, February 3rd.

The MALT SHOVEL, Wednesfield Heath. By Messrs. Aston and Sollom. To be Sold by Auction, on Tuesday next, February 3rd, upon the premises as above, all the Public House Effects and Furniture, comprising Windsor Chairs, Mahogany, two-leaf and other Tables, capital eight-day Clock in mahogany case, painted Screen, Mahogany Four-post Bedsteads, Mahogany Bureau, oak and painted Chests of Drawers &c.; Four pull Ale Machine, Pewter Measures, 120-gallon Copper Furnace, 8 bushel Mash Tub, Two deal Vats, several Brewing Tubs and Ale Casks, iron Skittle Frame and Bowls, and other Effects of Mr. *Green*, who is giving up the business.

Catalogues may be had at the Auctioneers Offices. The Sale at Eleven o'clock in the Morning.
NB. The House to Let.”

Thomas Keay = Thomas Key

Wolverhampton Chronicle 4/5/1864 - Advert

“Messrs. Walker and H. J. Lloyd will sell by Auction (by direction of the trustees for sale under the will of the late Mr. John Salter), on Thursday, the 12th day of May, 1864, at the house of Mr. Stephen Mason, called the SWAN INN, Wednesfield Heath, at six o'clock in the evening, subject to such conditions of sale as will be then produced, the undermentioned lots of Freehold Properties, namely.....

Lot 2. All that Freehold Public House, called the MALT SHOVEL, Church Street, Wednesfield Heath aforesaid, in the occupation of Mr. *Thomas Keay*. The premises consist of a bar parlour, tap room, kitchen, brewhouse, and stable, on the ground floor, two large cellars in basement, and four chambers.

Also all these Four Freehold Messuages or Tenements, adjoining the above, and fronting Church Street, together with the valuable and extensive Garden Ground and Two small tenements at the back thereof, in the respective occupations of Keay, William Green, Emanuel Eaton, Edward Lewis, and William Smith, the whole containing, with the site of the buildings, about 1,412 square yards of Land, and producing a gross annual rental of £44 6s.....”

Birmingham Daily Post 20/12/1864

“Yesterday, at the Borough Petty Sessions, before H. Hill and Mr. Sidney Cartwright, two brothers, named respectively *Thomas* and *Henry Key*, were charged with stealing 17 cwt of turnips, worth 18s 8d, the property of Mr. Partridge, of Essington. Mr. Langman was for the prosecution, and Mr. J. E. Underhill for the defence. The facts were that during Friday and Saturday last the defendants, both of whom are dealers in vegetables, and the first-named of whom keeps the MALT SHOVEL beerhouse, at Wednesfield Heath, were carting some turnips from prosecutor's farm, first to the weighing machine in Can Lane, and then to the house of Mr. *Thomas Key*, when, as they passed the MALT SHOVEL, some turnips were put off, till at length the quantity accumulated to 17 cwt. The defendants were to be the purchasers of the turnips, but they had to pay for that quantity which passed over the weighing machine. Mr. Langman maintained that at the time the turnips were taken off the carts, the prosecutor had only parted with the possession, and not the right of property. In proof of this contention he cited a case in point. Mr. Underhill argued that the prosecutor, so soon as he allowed the defendants to take the turnips from his premises, parted alike with the right of property and the possession; but if the Magistrate should not agree with him, then he asserted that the evidence did not incriminate *Henry Key*, the turnips upon whose carts were shown to have not been interfered with. The Magistrates dismissed *Henry Key*, but committed *Thomas* for trial, offering, however, to accept bail.”

1871 Census

5, Church Street

- [1] *Thomas Collins* (38), publican, born Coven Heath;
- [2] Jane Collins (34), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] Henry Collins (10), son, scholar, born Bushbury;
- [4] Ellen Collins (8), daughter, scholar, born Bushbury;
- [5] Joseph Collins (4), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [6] Amos Collins (2), son, born Wednesfield;
- [7] Sarah Brittain (32), general servant, born Wednesfield:

Staffordshire Advertiser 31/8/1918

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910.

Notice as to Sending in Claims to be Treated as Persons Interested in Licensed Premises.

Notice is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the County of Stafford, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 3rd day of July, 1918, to refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all persons claiming to be interested in the said premises for the purpose of the payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee, and the registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority notice of their Claims before the 8th day of September, 1918.....

MALT SHOVEL, Heath Town, Wolverhampton. Beerhouse (ante 1869) License. Licensee, *John Edward Preston*. Registered Owner, Old Wolverhampton Breweries Ltd.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 19/10/1918

“Adjourned Principal meeting of the Licensing Compensation Authority.....

The committee sat to consider the amounts to be offered as compensation in cases where the renewal of the license had been refused, and the following sums were fixed.....

MALT SHOVEL, Heath Town, £400.”

MANHATTAN

Wolverhampton Road / Church Street, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Ansells Ltd.

LICENSEES

Monica Guy [1995] – [2012]

NOTES

It was formerly the SHOEMAKER. [1982]

[1983]

Its name was changed to HOORAY HENRY’S. [1990]

Its name was changed to MANHATTAN. [1995]

Monica Guy was born c.1951.

Express and Star 6/10/2015

“A man has been stabbed at a pub in Wolverhampton.

Police were called to the MANHATTAN pub on Wolverhampton Road, Heath Town, just before midnight to find the victim with knife wounds to the abdomen.

He was taken to hospital with injuries which are not thought to be life-threatening.

West Midlands Police spokesman Sarah Buxton said: ‘The wounding is believed to be an isolated matter and officers remain at the scene carrying out inquiries. Anyone who was in the pub at the time and who saw anything which may help with the investigation is asked to call 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111’.”

[2016]

Demolished [2019]

MANLY ARMS

180, (25), Wolverhampton Road / Deans Road, (Wednesfield Heath), Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Frederick Turner [1841] – [1842]
Thomas Maddocks [1848] – **1850**);
John Banks (**1850** – [1861]
William Millward [1860] – **1861**);
Miss Lucy Dakin (**1861** – [1862]
Henry Clay [1864] – [1865]
Mrs. C. B. Angel [1866]
John Banks [] – **1867**);
William Milward (**1867** – []
William Walters [1868] – [1870]
Thomas Dunn [1871] – [1873]
William Tart [] – **1881**);
Leonard Frederick (**1881** – **1882**);
Henry Parker (**1882** – []
Isaac Preston [1891] – [1896]
Mrs. Elizabeth Keates [1900]
William Turner [1904] – [1908]
William Henry Beddow [1911] – [1916]
Edward Treen [1921]
Edward Henry Griffin [1932]
John Hanlon [1939] – [1940]
Albert Hedgecox [c.1941]

NOTES

25, Wolverhampton Road [1861]
180, Wolverhampton Road [1939], [1940]

MANLEY ARMS [1850], [1861], [1862], [1865], [1881], [1932]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 23/2/1848

“William McDonald, who was remanded on Saturday last at the Police Office, in this town, charged with uttering several counterfeit sixpence, at Wednesfield Heath, was again brought up before the magistrates on Monday last. In addition to the evidence adduced against him, it was proved that he had offered another counterfeit sixpence to *Thomas Maddock*, at Wednesfield Heath, in payment for half a pint of ale. The prisoner was again remanded to afford time for communicating with the Mint.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 18/12/1850

“At a special sessions for the hundred of Seisdon North, held on Monday last, at the office of the county magistrates, Bilston Street, in this town, the following victuallers’ licenses were transferred that of *Thomas Maddocks*, of the MANLEY ARMS, Wednesfield, to *John Banks*, an engineer, of Wednesfield.”

1861 Census

25, Wolverhampton Road
[1] *William Millward* (40), publican, born Raglan Castle, Monmouthshire;
[2] *Mary Millward* (31), wife, born Wolverhampton;
[3] *John Millward* (5), son, born Wednesfield Heath;
[4] *George Millward* (1), son, born Wednesfield Heath;
[5] *Selina Thomas* (12), general servant, born Wednesfield Heath:

Wolverhampton chronicle 5/12/1866

“Notwithstanding that the Chief Constable took the precaution in the early part of the week to issue printed placards, respectfully suggesting to the inhabitants not to leave their houses unprotected during her Majesty’s visit, unfortunately the warning was not attended to by all, and the result was that a great number of robberies were perpetrated. The following amongst others have been reported to the police.....

The house of Mrs. *C. B. Angel*, the MANLEY ARMS, Wednesfield Heath, was entered and a quantity of jewellery taken, con-

sisting of a gold ring, with three diamonds, worth £60, gold chain with locket fastened with thread, six silver table and two tea spoons; four silver salt spoons, marked 'L'; four German silver ditto, 'G.L.'; a white brooch, with design in flowers; a silver pencil case, old coins, £7 in cash, and other articles....."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 15/1/1868

"Bankruptcy Act, 1861. In the County Court of Staffordshire, Holden at Wolverhampton.

In the matter of *Henry Clay*, of Rookery Street, Wednesfield, in the county of Stafford, Joiner and Carpenter; previously of the CLOG INN, Canal Street, Wolverhampton, in the said county of Stafford; and previously thereto of the MANLEY ARMS, Heath Town, formerly called Wednesfield Heath, Wolverhampton aforesaid, Licensed Victualler, Retail Brewer, and Dealer in Tobacco, adjudged Bankrupt on the 28th day of October 1867.

An Order of Discharge will be delivered to the Bankrupt after the expiration of thirty days from this date, unless an appeal be duly entered against the judgement of the Court, and notice thereof be given to the Court.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1867.

Clifton N. Curtis, High Bailiff."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/2/1868 - Advert

"To be Let or Sold, a good open boat, suitable for coal.

Apply, MANLEY ARMS, Heath Town."

1871 Census

Wolverhampton Road – MANLY ARMS

[1] *Thomas Dunn* (36), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;

[2] *Ann Dunn* (32), wife, born Shiffnall (sic);

[3] *Alfred Dunn* (11 months), son, born Wednesfield:

1881 Census

Spinks Buildings, Wolverhampton Road – MANLEY ARMS

[1] *William Tart* (41), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;

[2] *Sarah Ann Tart* (39), wife, born Wolverhampton;

[3] *James Tart* (11), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;

[4] *Alfred Tart* (5), son, scholar, born Bradmore;

[5] *Amy Elizabeth Tart* (2), daughter, born Wolverhampton:

Evening Express 6/9/1881 - Advert

"To Let, Full-licensed House; in-coming about £300.

Apply, MANLEY ARMS. Heath Town, Wolverhampton."

Birmingham Daily Post 6/12/1881

"At the County Police Court, yesterday, the following licenses were fully transferred.....

the MANLEY ARMS, Wolverhampton Road, Heath Town, to *Leonard Frederick*, watchmaker."

Birmingham Daily Post 27/9/1882

"Adjourned County Licensing Sessions A new license was granted to *Henry Parker* for the MANLEY ARMS, Wolverhampton, formerly occupied by *Mr. L. Frederick*."

1891 Census

Wolverhampton Road – MANLY ARMS

[1] *Isaac Preston* (60), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;

[2] *Sarah Preston* (57), wife, born Bilston;

[3] *Louisa Preston* (15), daughter, born Wolverhampton;

[4] *Isaac Preston* (6), son, scholar, born Heath Town;

[5] *Caroline Walleth* (18), general servant, born Heath Town:

Isaac Preston was also a colliery owner. [1892]

1911 Census

Heath Town – MANLY ARMS

[1] *W. H. Beddow* (40), moulder and licensed victualler, born Heath Town;

[2] *Nellie Beddow* (16), daughter, born Heath Town;

[3] *Jane Beddow* (13), daughter, school, born Heath Town;

[4] *Jane Beddow* (40), wife, married 17 years, born Heath Town:

Building Notice concerning changes to the accommodation including architectural drawings, made by Holt Brewery Company, Birmingham, in 1928, is held at Wolverhampton archives.

[1931]

1939 Register

180, Wolverhampton Road

[1] Mary Hanlon, date of birth 28/8/1909, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[2] *John Hanlon*, dob 24/2/1908, licensee, public house, married;

[3] Norman John Hanlon, dob 7/7/1933, at school, single;

[4] Henry Hirst, dob 28/8/1890, works superintendent, married:

MAZEPPA

103, (389), Willenhall Road, (Wolverhampton Road), (Moseley Hole), Moseley Village, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1954]

LICENSEES

John Povey [1852] – [1879]

Mrs. Ann Povey [1881] – [1892]

Joseph Bould [1900] – [1912]

William Edward Winfield [1916] – [1956] for 45 years

NOTES

389, Willenhall Road [1939], [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

John Povey was also a charter master.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1852

“The annual licensing day for the division of Seisdon North was held at the Public Office, Bilston Street, Wolverhampton, on Thursday last.....

There were about forty applications for new [spirit] licenses, of which eight were granted.....

Mr. Manby renewed an application on behalf of Mr. Thomas Maddocks, of the Willenhall Road, in the township of Wednesfield. Mr. Manby stated that there was a reason for granting the license now, which did not exist last year – that about forty additional houses had been built in the locality. He admitted that the house was within 150 yards of Evan Lloyd’s house, but that house, he said, was most inconveniently situated for travellers, as it was some distance from the main road, being situated on the tramway. The Magistrates refused the application, Mr. Barker observing that one public house in that locality was enough for the present population. The existence of such houses near ironworks was frequently the cause of inducing men to absent themselves from their work at all hours.

Mr. Underhill applied on behalf of Mr. *Povey* for a license to a beerhouse on the same road, at some distance from Mr. Evan Lloyd’s. Mr. Underhill suggested to the Bench that the existence of public houses was preferable to beershops, as the Magistrates had greater control over the former. The application was refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/8/1855

“The licensing day for this district of the county was held at the County Magistrates’ Office, Bilston Street, in this town, on Thursday last Applications for new licenses.....

Mr. Manby applied for Mr. Thomas Maddocks for a license to the MERRY BOYS, on the Willenhall Road. Four or five previous applications had been made for a license to the house, which was described as having good stabling attached, and every requisite for carrying on the trade of a licensed victualler.

Mr. Underhill made a competing application on the part of Mr. *John Povey*, for a license to a house closely contiguous, which was said to be the property of Mr. *Povey*, and Mr. Underhill produced a plan to show that the nearest old licensed house had fallen into such a dilapidated state that the business had had to be removed into some cottages in the neighbourhood, so that in fact there was no public house between Horsley Fields and Portobello The application was postponed until the adjourned licensing day, to afford a deputation of Magistrates an opportunity of visiting the neighbourhood and premises.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/8/1856

“Applications for new licenses. There were fourteen applications altogether for licenses to sell spirits – all from beershop keepers – only four of which were granted by the Magistrates.

An application on the part of *John Povey*, Portobello, Wednesfield, was adjourned, in order to give the Magistrates an opportunity of inspecting the district.”

1861 Census

Willenhall Road

[1] *John Povey* (50), publican, mining charter master, employing 35 men and 15 boys, born Wolverhampton;

[2] *Ann Povey* (47), wife, born Willenhall;

[3] *George Povey* (20), son, born Willenhall;

[4] *Jenny Povey* (18), daughter, born Willenhall;

[5] *Ann Povey* (15), daughter, born Willenhall;

[6] *Ellen Povey* (13), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield Heath;

[7] *John Povey* (11), son, born Wednesfield Heath;

[8] *Lucy Proctor* (24), visitor, ironstone miner’s wife, born Uttoxeter;

[9] *William Matthews* (37), lodger, stone mine labourer, born Huntington, Shropshire;

[10] *James Marston* (15), lodger, ironstone miner, born Portobello:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 15/8/1866

“On Monday, W. H. Phillips, Esq. (Deputy Coroner), held an inquest at the MASEPPA INN [sic], Moseley Hole, on the body of a newly born child, which had been found under suspicious circumstances the previous Saturday morning, at the foot of a pit bank. Only enough evidence was taken to justify further inquiry.

A boy named Samuel Stokes deposed that he found the body wrapped in a piece of black moreen, which looked like the piece of a woman’s petticoat. The bundle was lying at the foot of a spoil bank, near the BRITISH OAK public-house, at about eleven o’clock in the forenoon. There were some marks about the head and shoulders, but whether they were the result of pressure in parturition, or inflicted after birth, or whether in fact the child had been born alive, only a surgical post mortem examination could determine. For that purpose, the inquest was adjourned until Thursday week.

Upon a rumour that an Irishwoman had been seen about the spot on the previous night, a poor demented Irishwoman, who had been found wandering about Wolverhampton, and whose fare for her departure to Liverpool had been defrayed from the poor-box by the magistrates on Saturday, was handed over to the county police, and brought before H. Hill and S. Cartwright, Esqs., at the County Police Court on Monday, but the officer in charge of the case not being prepared with evidence against her, the magistrates discharged her. She was, however, directly taken into custody by a policeman from Willenhall, the Petty Sessional division in which the body was found. She was immediately conveyed to Willenhall, and placed before the sitting magistrates there (the Rev. G. H. Fisher, and R. D. Gough, Esq.,) and they remanded her for a week. Soon after she had been removed from the dock and locked up, she was shown to a miner who lives in the neighbourhood of Moseley Hole, and who identified her as a woman whom he had seen near the spot where the body was found on Friday afternoon. She gave her name as Mary Guttery, and talks in such a rambling way that the opinion formed about her is that she is demented. She says she is a tramp, and from her talk has been in the principal towns in the country; and occasionally mourns over the death of a child whom she states she buried when it was eleven month’s old at Sheffield. A medical examination of her person has put it beyond all doubt that she is not the mother of the child found at Moseley Hole. Its body was examined by Mr. Harthill, on Monday, who found it to be the body of a fine male child, which was born alive.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/8/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal and granting of licenses to publicans within the Wolverhampton division of Seisdon North, was held on Friday, at the County Magistrates’ Room, Bilston Street.

Mr. E. J. Hayes applied, on behalf of Arthur Hodgkiss, for a license to a house occupied by him in Cleveland Street, Mosely Hole. The house, he said, was the applicant’s own property, was very commodious, and had extensive stabling accommodation at the back of the premises. The neighbourhood round about was thickly populated, and was rapidly increasing, and although it was true that there was another public house, the MAZEPPA INN, within 250 yards of this one, yet that stood upon the main road, whilst the one belonging to his client was in a street by itself, in the very centre of the place, so that the interests of the two houses could not clash in the slightest degree. Mr. Hayes handed to the magistrates a testimonial to the character of his client, bearing amongst others the signature of the minister of the parish.

Mr. Young, of the Oxford Circuit (instructed by Mr. Thurstans) opposed the application on behalf of the landlord of an adjoining house. He said the house, for which Mr. Hayes applied, although set out in the plan, as was usually the case, to the best advantage, was too small for the requirements of a public house, and he further contended that no additional licensed house was needed in the locality, as there was one within a very short distance. Again, so far from Moseley Hole being a flourishing place, the fact was that nearly all the pits in the neighbourhood, which found employment for the inhabitants, were nearly exhausted, and the prosperity of the place was declining. Mr. Hayes said he could prove the very reverse.

Mr. Hill, after conferring for a moment with his brother Magistrates, said all the applications were refused.”

1871 Census

Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *John Povey* (60), miner, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Ann Povey* (57), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] *Ann Povey* (25), daughter, born Portobello;
- [4] *John Povey* (21), son, born Diglis, (?), North Wales(?);
- [5] *James Marsden* (25), boarder, born Willenhall:

Wolverhampton Express and Star 21/2/1876

“A young man, named Thomas Fenn, was charged with having assaulted Hannah Newnes, a domestic servant at the MAZEPPA INN, kept by Mr. *Povey*, at Moseley Village. The defendant was in the MAZEPPA a few nights ago, when the complainant supplied him some refreshments. He afterwards told her that she had not given him his change; she replied that she had, and he thereupon struck her a violent blow on the mouth, rendering her insensible. He was fined 20s and costs, or, in default, one month’s imprisonment.”

1881 Census

Willenhall Road

- [1] *Ann Povey* (67), widow, licensed victualler, born Willenhall;
- [2] *Ann Povey* (35), daughter, barmaid, born Portobello;
- [3] *John Povey* (31), son, coal miner (unemployed), born Heath Town:

1891 Census

Wolverhampton Road – MAZEPPA INN

- [1] *Ann Povey* (77), widow, licensed victualler, born Willenhall;
- [2] *John Povey* (41), son, coal master, born Heath Town;
- [3] *Ellen Carter* (43), daughter, widow, domestic servant, born Heath Town;
- [4] *Emily Ann Carter* (12), granddaughter, born Willenhall;
- [5] *Gertrude Bradley* (7), granddaughter, born Moseley Village;
- [6] *Thomas Povey* (71), lodger, coal miner, born Broseley, Shropshire:

Mrs. *Ann Povey* was also a colliery owner. [1892]

Joseph Bould was also a grocer of Chapel Street, Moseley Village. [1912]

1939 Register

389, Willenhall Road

- [1] *William Winfield*, date of birth 9/6/1884, licensee, married;
- [2] *Priscilla Winfield*, dob 13/12/1883, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [3] *Beatrice A. M. (Winfield) Bence*, dob 30/07/1915, shorthand typist, single;
- [4] *William E. Winfield*, dob 16/7/1917, plumber, single:

A team from here took part in the Willenhall Darts League, South Division. [1946]

1956 Probate

“*Priscilla Winfield* of 389 Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton (wife of *William Winfield* (the elder)) died 6 March 1956 at St. Matthews Hospital, Lichfield. Administration Birmingham 8 May to the said *William Winfield* (the elder), licensed victualler. Effects £2,700 9s 5d.”

William Edward Winfield = William Edward Winifield

He married *Priscilla Mansfield* in 1913.

He died on 20th February 1963.

Black Country Bugle 23/6/2011

‘A Child’s Eye View’

“[Mid 1950s] As you went through the front door of the pub, you came into the Bar. If you went through there, there was a little Snug, a ladies-only room. There was a Smoke Room, an Outdoor, and a hallway with the Ladies on the right hand side and a door to the cellar on the left.....”

MERRY BOYS

137, (447), Willenhall Road (Wolverhampton Road) / Deans Road, Moseley Village, (Heath Town), (Wednesfield Heath), (Moseley Hole), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Maddocks [1851] – [1865]
Benjamin Southan [1868] – [1870]
William Taylor [1871] – [1872]
Richard Bate [1873] – [1881]
Henry Price [1891] – [1896]
John H Foster [1901] – [1916]
Etheldred J Foster [1921]
Ethel J Foster [1931] – [1932]
James Walton [1939] – [1940]
Ronald Simmonds [1995]
Alan Bryan and Margaret Todd [2001] – [2002]
Amanda Ellis [2003] – [2005]
Allan Price [2016] manager

NOTES

Moseley Hole [1862]
447, Willenhall Road [1939], 1940]

It was locally listed.

Thomas Maddocks = Thomas Maddox

1851 Census

Willenhall Road

- [1] *Thomas Maddocks* (27), publican, born Stow Heath, Wolverhampton;
- [2] Charlotte Maddocks (27), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] John Maddocks (2), son, born Wednesfield Heath;
- [4] Caroline Maddocks (2 months), daughter, born Moseley Hold;
- [5] Samuel Round (17), visitor, labourer, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] Eliza Green (18), sister in law, servant, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] Maria Turner (13), servant of all work, born Wednesfield Heath:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1852

“The annual licensing day for the division of Seisdon North was held at the Public Office, Bilston Street, Wolverhampton, on Thursday last.....

There were about forty applications for new [spirit] licenses, of which eight were granted.....

Mr. Manby renewed an application on behalf of Mr. *Thomas Maddocks*, of the Willenhall Road, in the township of Wednesfield. Mr. Manby stated that there was a reason for granting the license now, which did not exist last year – that about forty additional houses had been built in the locality. He admitted that the house was within 150 yards of Evan Lloyd’s house, but that house, he said, was most inconveniently situated for travellers, as it was some distance from the main road, being situated on the tramway. The Magistrates refused the application, Mr. Barker observing that one public house in that locality was enough for the present population. The existence of such houses near ironworks was frequently the cause of inducing men to absent themselves from their work at all hours.

Mr. Underhill applied on behalf of Mr. Povey for a license to a beerhouse on the same road, at some distance from Mr. Evan Lloyd’s. Mr. Underhill suggested to the Bench that the existence of public houses was preferable to beershops, as the Magistrates had greater control over the former. The application was refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/8/1855

“The licensing day for this district of the county was held at the County Magistrates’ Office, Bilston Street, in this town, on Thursday last Applications for new licenses.....

Mr. Manby applied for Mr. *Thomas Maddocks* for a license to the MERRY BOYS, on the Willenhall Road. Four or five previous applications had been made for a license to the house, which was described as having good stabling attached, and every requisite for carrying on the trade of a licensed victualler.

Mr. Underhill made a competing application on the part of Mr. John Povey, for a license to a house closely contiguous, which was said to be the property of Mr. Povey, and Mr. Underhill produced a plan to show that the nearest old licensed house had fallen into

such a dilapidated state that the business had had to be removed into some cottages in the neighbourhood, so that in fact there was no public house between Horsley Fields and Portobello The application was postponed until the adjourned licensing day, to afford a deputation of Magistrates an opportunity of visiting the neighbourhood and premises.”

1861 Census

Willenhall Road

- [1] *Thomas Maddocks* (36), victualler and contractor, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Charlotte Maddocks* (36), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Alice Maddocks* (16), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Eliza Maddocks* (14), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *John Maddocks* (13), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Caroline Maddocks* (10), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Sarah Ann Maddocks* (8), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Thomas Maddocks* (5), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [9] *Arthur Maddocks* (3), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [10] *William Henry Maddocks* (2), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [11] *Walter Maddocks* (56), brother, no occupation, born Wolverhampton;
- [12] *Frances Higginson* (21), house servant, born Bilston:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/8/1862

“County licensing meeting held on Thursday last There were no licenses suspended, but the following publicans were reprimanded for misconduct in the management of their houses during the last twelve months *Thomas Maddox*, the MERRY BOYS, Moseley Hole As promises of amendment were made for the future, the licenses were again renewed.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 11/4/1863

“*Mary Standbridge* was committed to gaol for three weeks for having on the 30th ult stolen a jug, glass, and *Birmingham Post* newspaper from the public house of *Mr. Maddocks*, of Moseley Hole.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/2/1868

“At Moseley Hole, the chimney at the MERRY BOY INN (*Mr. Benjamin Southall's*) was blown down, and broke a hole through the roof, but fortunately no one was injured. In the same neighbourhood a fine tree, measuring a yard in girth, was snapped off at the thickest part of the trunk.”

1871 Census

Wolverhampton Road – MERRY BOYS Public House

- [1] *William Taylor* (58), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Harriet Taylor* (49), wife, born Penn;
- [3] *Annie Maria Taylor* (14), daughter, born Penn;
- [4] *Annie Bills* (13), general servant, born Moseley Hole:

Birmingham Daily Post 24/4/1872

“Yesterday, *William Taylor*, landlord of the MERRY BOYS, Moseley Hole, was fined by the Stipendiary £5 and costs, and £2 and costs, for having drunken men in his house on the 1st and 3rd inst.”

Birmingham Daily Post 30/8/1872

“Yesterday, the annual Licensing Sessions for the Wolverhampton Division of the County of Stafford was held at the Agricultural Hall, in that town.

The record of convictions against licensed victuallers and beerhouse keepers for the 12 months was as follows.

Alehouses *William Taylor*, MERRY BOYS, Moseley Hole (two convictions).”

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 13/7/1880

“On Sunday *Mrs. Bate*, wife of the landlord of the MERRY BOYS INN, Moxley Village, was out riding in a trap through Bushbury, in the Black Country, in company with her son, two daughters, and a baby, when the pony attached to the vehicle took fright and started off at a rapid pace. *Mrs. Bate* was thrown out with great violence, and received such injuries that she died yesterday morning. The married daughter and baby were badly hurt.”

1881 Census

Willenhall Road

- [1] *Richard Bate* (47), widower, licensed victualler, born Alvechurch;
- [2] *Elizabeth Smith* (17), stepdaughter, barmaid, born Moseley Village, Heath Town;
- [3] *Harriet Bate* (14), daughter, scholar, born Moseley Village, Heath Town;
- [4] *John Bate* (13), son, scholar, born Moseley Village, Heath Town;
- [5] *Thomas Bate* (9), son, scholar, born Moseley Village, Heath Town:

Birmingham Daily Post 19/7/1881

“Richard Bate, landlord of the MERRY BOYS INN, Moseley Village, was fined 20s and costs for permitting three cases of drunkenness in his house, on the 2nd inst. The Bench hoped that Moseley Village was improving, but were sorry to find that for the last fortnight or three weeks the greater part of the business that had come before them was from Moseley Village.”

Birmingham Daily Post 7/5/1889

“The Moseley Village police are investigating a burglary at the MERRY BOYS INN, Moseley Village. The premises were entered through the bar window. About 20s was taken from the till, but although the thief broke open a cupboard containing £20 he failed to discover the money.”

1891 Census

Willenhall Road – MERRY BOYS

- [1] *Henry Price* (29), licensed victualler, born Crewe;
- [2] *Harriet Price* (30), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Henry Price* (4), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Nellie Victoria Price* (3), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [5] *Alice Maud Price* (1), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [6] *Annie Fisher* (21), sister in law, barmaid, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *Harriet Worthington* (15), domestic servant, born Willenhall:

1901 Census

Moseley Village – MERRY BOYS TAVERN

- [1] *John H. Foster* (36), licensed victualler, born Heath Town;
- [2] *Clara Foster* (36), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Jessie Foster* (14), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [4] *Beatrice D. Foster* (12), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [5] *Dorothy Foster* (8), daughter, born Wolverhampton:

1939 Register

447, Willenhall Road – MERRY BOYS INN

- [1] *James Walton*, date of birth 29/3/1886, licensee, married;
- [2] *Annie Walton*, dob 27/7/1890, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [3] *Gladys (Walton) Bradley*, dob 21/6/1922, barmaid, single;
- [4] *Joseph Walton*, dob 12/1/1926, at school, single;
- [5] *John Walton*, dob 24/3/1927, at school, single:

Closed

Demolished

Rebuilt

An application for alterations was approved in 1974.

It reopened in August 1993 after a £125,000 refurbishment, which took a month to complete.

It underwent a £500,000 refurbishment in 2002.

Express & Star 22/3/2021

“Pubs group Marston’s has issued a list of pubs set to reopen in the Black Country on April 12th. In the Express & Star circulation area this takes in 93. Due to coronavirus restrictions they will only be able to accommodate customers in outdoor areas including beer gardens and seated areas. To accompany table service, Marston’s has introduced an online ordering system called ‘Marston’s Tap’. The online platform is available across the majority of Marston’s pubs for guests to use. Bookings are being accepted and guests can reserve a table via each pub’s website. Wolverhampton-based Marston’s has an estate of around 1,400 pubs across the UK and not all in England are able to reopen in April due to not having an outdoor space.....
MERRY BOYS, Moseley Village, Wednesfield.”

[2022]

METROPOLITAN

High Street, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Power [1881] manager

NOTES

METROPOLITAN wine and spirit vaults [1881]

1881 Census

High Street – METROPOLITAN wine and spirit vaults

[1] *Thomas Power* (22), wine and spirit vaults manager, born Ireland;

[2] *Kate Cotterill* (36), house keeper, born Worcestershire:

MINERS ARMS

35, (21), Church Street, (High Street), (Bushbury Road), Heath Town, (Wednesfield Heath), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Henry Southern [1854] – **1860**);

James Southern (**1860 – 1861**);

James Kidson (**1861** – [1862]

William Taylor [1864] – [1865]

Thomas Southan [1868] – [1870]

Thomas Denstan [1871] – [1874]

Godfrey Morgan Snr. [1881]

Humphrey Foster (**1882** – [1892]

Henry Roberts [1896]

Harley Chamberlain [1900] – [1901]

Joseph Mincher [1904]

John Henry Parkes [1908]

Frederick Charles Parkes [1912]

Charles Crutchley [1916]

Henry Crutchley [1921] – **1924**)

NOTES

Bushbury Road [1856]

21, Church Street [1881]

35, Church Street [1896], [1904], [1908], [1912]

High Street [1901]

Henry Southern = Henry Southam

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/8/1855

“The annual licensing day for this district of the county was held at the County Magistrates’ Office, Bilston Street, in this town, on Thursday last Applications for new licenses.....

Mr. Hayes applied for Mr. *H. Southam*, for a license to the MINERS ARMS, Wednesfield Heath, which was refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/8/1856

“Applications for new licenses. There were fourteen applications altogether for licenses to sell spirits – all from beershop keepers – only four of which were granted by the Magistrates.....

Mr. Hayes, attorney, applied for a license on behalf of *Henry Southern*, MINERS ARMS, Bushbury Road, Wednesfield. He said

that the certificate was signed by the most respectable inhabitants; the applicant was of irreproachable character, having conducted the MINERS ARMS, as a beershop, for two years, without any complaint having been made against him; the nearest licensed public house was the PEAR TREE, which was 2½ miles off; and there had been a great increase of the population within the last few years in the district.

There was no opposition, and the Magistrates granted the application.”

James Southern = James Southan

Wolverhampton Chronicle 25/9/1861 - Advert

“Wednesfield Heath. MINER’S ARMS, Church Street, under a distress for rent.

Messrs. Skidmore and Langman will Sell by Auction, without reserve, on Thursday next, September 26, 1861, on the premises, the whole of the Public House Effects, ten prime 66-gallon Ale Barrels, Beer machine, malt Crusher, 16-bushel mash Tub, Oval Cooler, capital gathering Tub; also the Household Furniture, Drinking Tables, Ash Chairs, Chimney glass, mahogany Dining Table, gas Fittings, eight bushels of Malt, two tumps of Hops, Wood Signs, &c.

Sale punctually at eleven o’clock in the morning.”

London Gazette 15/10/1861

“*James Southan*, late of Wednesfield-heath, Wolverhampton, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler, Retail Brewer, and Dealer in Tobacco, and during a short period being employed as a Charter Master, previously of Willenhall, in the county aforesaid, carrying on business in partnership with John George, as Charter Masters, previously of Borough-street, Walsall, in the county aforesaid, carrying on business as a Charter Master, in partnership with Benjamin Southan, previously of the Bull Pleck, Wolverhampton aforesaid, carrying on business as a Charter Master, in partnership with John Cutts, previously of the Pleck, Walsall, in the county aforesaid, being employed as a Charter Master, in partnership with Benjamin Southan, previously of Wednesfield-heath, Wolverhampton aforesaid, carrying on business as a Charter Master, in partnership with Thomas Southan the elder, and formerly of the Birchills, Walsall aforesaid, carrying on business in partnership with the said Thomas Southan as Charter Masters.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 6/11/1861

“At Stafford County Court, on Tuesday, before Francis Russell, Esq., the deputy judge, the insolvency cases were disposed of. In the following cases there was no opposition, and the insolvents were ordered to be discharged forthwith.....

James Southan, licensed victualler, Wednesfield Heath, supported by Mr. Langman. Debts £115 18s 8d; credits, £25 19s 8d.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 4/12/1861

“On Monday last, before H. Hill, Esq, Captain Butler, and S. Cartwright, Esq.....

The license of the MINERS ARMS, Wednesfield, was transferred from *James Southan* to *James Kidson*, butcher, Wednesfield Heath.”

Thomas Denstan = Thomas Dunston

1871 Census

Church Street – MINERS ARMS

[1] *Thomas Denston* (59), publican, born Broseley, Shropshire;

[2] Elizabeth Denston (58), wife, born Darlaston:

[Broseley is part of Telford.]

1881 Census

21, Church Street – MINERS ARMS

[1] *Godfrey Morgan Snr.* (54), licensed victualler, born Bilston;

[2] Lucy Morgan (53), wife, born Bilston;

[3] Annie Morgan (21), daughter, dress maker, born Heath Town;

[4] Oscar Morgan (19), son, brass finisher, born Heath Town;

[5] Maria Morgan (14), daughter, barmaid, born Heath Town;

[6] Godfrey Morgan Jnr. (11), son, scholar, born Heath Town:

Evening Express 31/10/1881

“On Saturday afternoon, W. H. Phillips, Esq, (coroner), opened an inquest at the MINERS ARMS, Church Street, Heath Town, on the body of Agnes Bedworth (11), daughter of Mr. Bedworth, of New Street.

On Friday the deceased was unwell, and complained of pains in her head. She died before medical aid could be obtained. The inquiry was adjourned for a post mortem examination to be made to ascertain the cause of death.”

1891 Census

35, Church Street – MINERS ARMS

[1] *Humphrey Foster* (52), coal miner and publican, born Darlaston;

[2] Margaret Foster (43), wife, born Heath Town;

- [3] George Foster (16), son, coal miner, born Heath Town;
- [4] Edith Foster (13), daughter, scholar, born Heath Town;
- [5] Harriet Foster (5), daughter, scholar, born Heath Town;
- [6] Berty Foster (2), son, born Heath Town;
- [7] John H. Foster (26), son, turner in engine shop, born Heath Town;
- [8] Clara Foster (24), daughter in law, born Wolverhampton;
- [9] Jessie Foster (3), granddaughter, scholar, born Heath Town;
- [10] Beatrice Foster (2), granddaughter, born Heath Town:

1901 Census

High Street

- [1] *Harley Chamberlain* (34), publican, born Morton, Herefordshire;
- [2] Edith Chamberlain (29), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] William E. Chamberlain (8), son, born Willenhall;
- [4] Ernest V. Chamberlain (7), son, born Willenhall;
- [5] Florence Chamberlain (6), daughter, born Willenhall;
- [6] Beatrice V. Chamberlain (4), daughter, born Willenhall;
- [7] Harley Chamberlain (1), son, born Heath Town:

South Staffordshire Times 30/8/1924

“At an inquiry at Wolverhampton on Wednesday, concerning the death of *Henry Crutchley* (49), licensee of the MINERS ARMS, Church Street, Heath Town, it was stated that on August 14th, after clearing up the bar, he slipped and fell to the floor, and apparently caught his elbow on a nail. Then following day he complained of a pain in his elbow, and went to the General Hospital, where he was subsequently admitted. After hearing medical evidence the coroner returned a verdict that death was due to septic poisoning, following an accidental fall.”

NAGS HEAD

83, Willenhall Road, (Wolverhampton Road), Moseley Village, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

[Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Limited \[1907\]](#)

LICENSEES

Hannah Evans [1869] – [1882]

[Fanny S. Tuckley \[1907\]](#)

NOTES

[It had an ante 1869 beerhouse license.](#)

Birmingham Daily Gazette 27/8/1869

“Yesterday the county licensing meeting for the Wolverhampton district was held at the county magistrates’ office, Agricultural Hall, Wolverhampton. The magistrates present were Sir John Norris, and Messrs. S. Cartwright, A. S. Hill, G. L. Underhill, and R. D. Gough. Superintendent McCrea handed in to the Bench a copy of the following list of licensed victualler who had been fined during the past five years.....

The following beerhouse keepers had been fined for selling and keeping open during prohibited hours.....

Hannah Evans, NAGS HEAD, Moseley Hole, 7s 6d and costs.....”

1871 Census

Wolverhampton Road – NAGS HEAD

- [1] *Hannah Evans* (58), publican, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] William Evans (22), son, miner, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Sarah Evans (18), daughter, domestic servant, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] John Jones (23), miner, born Ireland:

[Staffordshire Advertiser 20/4/1872](#)

“*Hannah Evans*, the landlady of the NAGS HEAD, Moseley Hole, was summoned by the police for permitting drunkenness in her house. From the evidence of two police-constables it appeared that on Wednesday night there were three drunken men in the house. One of them was drinking out of a pint jug and another was making a great disturbance.

This was denied by Mr. C. Barrow, who appeared for the defendant, and several witnesses were called who stated that the men were not drunk.

The magistrates considering the case was proved, fined the defendant the mitigated penalty of 20s and costs.”

Birmingham Daily Post 30/8/1872

“Yesterday, the annual Licensing Sessions for the Wolverhampton Division of the County of Stafford was held at the Agricultural Hall, in that town.

The record of convictions against licensed victuallers and beerhouse keepers for the 12 months was as follows.

Beerhouses *Hannah Evans*, NAGS HEAD, Moseley Hole.”

1881 Census

83, Willenhall Road – NAGS HEAD

[1] *Hannah Evans* (63), beer retailer, born Wolverhampton;

[2] Matilda Pitt (30), daughter, widow, born Wolverhampton;

[3] Ann Maria Pitt (12), granddaughter, born Moseley Village;

[4] Matilda Pitt (9), granddaughter, born Willenhall;

[5] Annie Boycott (19), servant, born Heath Town;

[6] Philemon Cricket (25), lodger;

[7] Sarah Evans (12), granddaughter, born Hanley, Potteries:

Evening Express 8/8/1881

“Ann Boycott (19), of Chapel Street, Moseley Village, was charged on remand with stealing 6s, belonging to Mrs. *Hannah Evans*, the NAGS HEAD, Moseley Village; and Thomas Griffiths, locksmith, of Gomer Street, Willenhall, was charged with aiding and abetting her in the theft.

The case was before the Court a fortnight ago. On that occasion evidence was given to the effect that the girl Boycott had been servant at Mrs. *Evans*’s, and while in such employ she stole some money out of a bedroom. On being accused of the theft, she said she had been induced to take the money by Griffiths, with whom she had been keeping company. She put 6s under a brick on a pit mound near to Mrs. *Evans*’s, and Griffiths afterwards fetched it.

The girl Boycott was fined 10s and costs, and then made a witness against Griffiths, but he denied having told the girl to take the money.

The magistrates censured and dismissed him.”

Birmingham Daily Post 4/7/1882

“At the County Police Court, yesterday, *Hannah Evans*, of the NAGS HEAD INN, Willenhall Road, Moseley Village, was charged with permitting drunkenness on her licensed premises.

Police-constable Banton stated that on June 13 he was sent for to Mrs. *Evans*’s house, and that when he went there he found a miner named George Williams, with a pike in his hand, threatening to kill several persons. The defendant was also the worse for beer.

For the defence it was contended by Mr. R. A. Willcock that Mrs. *Evans* was not drunk, and that regarding Williams he had been refused beer, and had been ejected once, but had returned.

The magistrates fined *Evans* 40s and costs. For drunken and disorderly conduct on licensed premises, Williams was fined 10s and costs.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 22/6/1907

“The ‘principal’ meeting of the County Compensation Authority under the Licensing Act, 1904, was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday.

In the Wolverhampton Division, the following houses were scheduled.

NAGS HEAD, Moseley Village, Heath Town, beerhouse (ante-1869), *Fanny S. Tuckley*.

The renewal of the licence was refused.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 27/7/1907

“A supplemental meeting of the County Licensing Compensation Authority was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Wednesday and Thursday, to consider the amount of compensation to be awarded in the case of licenses the renewal of which was refused at the principal meeting.

NAGS HEAD, Moseley Village, Heath Town (owner Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Limited), £900.”

NAPOLEON

WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Peers [1850] – [1851]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 1/12/1850

“Edward Rowley of Wednesfield will run Charles Mattox of Wednesfield Heath, or Henry Bentley of the same place from 120 to 240 yards, for £5 or £10 a side, in one month from the first deposit. The money is ready at *John Peer*'s, NAPOLEON INN, Wednesfield.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 16/11/1851

“William Plant of Wolverhampton will run James Winn of the same place from 100 to 440 yards, for £5 a side. The money will be at the NAPOLEON, Wednesfield, on Monday night.”

NEACHELLS

555, Willenhall Road / Neachells Lane, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [2011]
Enterprise Inns

LICENSEES

Arthur Ernest Alcock [1939] – [1940]
Steven Fletcher [1995]
Stephen Donald Fletcher [1994]
Dave Prescott [1995]
Shawn Geoffrey Bagley [2005]
Ian Evans [2011]

NOTES

It was originally Neachells House, built by John Carver.

It opened as a pub in April 1932.

1939 Register

555, Willenhall Road – The NEACHELLS

- [1] *Arthur E. Alcock*, date of birth 21/9/1892, publican, married;
- [2] *Alice M. Alcock*, dob 11/1/1890, publican, married;
- [3] *Marjorie G. Alcock*, dob 11/3/1925, at school, single;
- [4] *Olive Maud (Alcock) Plimmer*, dob 17/9/1927, at school, single:

Demolished
Rebuilt

Daily Mirror 4/6/1998

“Free Pint of Carling.

With just six days to go before the World Cup kick-off your soccer-loving *Mirror* is buying you a drink. We’ve a Free pint of Carling to get you into the mood for the great Vive Le Football pub opening parties across the nation. Our friends at Bass Leisure Retail are offering every reader over 18 a free pint of Carling to get things off to a flying start today.....

Where to get your Free pint.....

NEACHELLS, 555 Willenhall Road, Willenhall.”

[2012]

It closed in May 2013.

It was damaged in an arson attack in February 2014.

The pub was demolished in 2014.

NELSON

32, Wolverhampton Road, Heath Town, WOLVERHAMPTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Robert Thompson [1916] – [1921]

William David Hughes [1939]

NOTES

Robert Thompson was described as a beer and wine retailer. [1921]

[Birmingham Daily Post 12/4/1939](#)

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Borough of Wolverhampton.

Notice is hereby given, that the Principal Meeting to be held pursuant to the Licensing Rules, 1910, by the Compensation Authority for the above area, will be held at the Justices Court, Town Hall, in the said County Borough, on Monday, the first day of May, 1939, at the hour of Eleven o’clock in the forenoon.

And notice is hereby also given, that the Compensation Authority will at the Meeting be prepared to hear, with reference to the renewal of the licences of the premises specified in the subjoined list, all those persons to whom under the Act, they are bound to give an opportunity of being heard.....

NELSON, Wolverhampton Road, Heath Town. Beerhouse, ante 1869. Licensee, *William David Hughes*.”

NEW CROSS

16, New Cross, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William George [1860] – [1862]

Mary George [] – **1875**;

John George (**1875** – []

Edward Baugh [1881]

Sarah A Gough (**1885** – []

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Staffordshire Advertiser 25/8/1860

“County Annual Licensing Day.....

Applications for licenses for Mr. *George*, of the NEW CROSS TAVERN, near Wednesfield, and for Mr. E. Purchase, of the CROWN, in the same locality, made by Mr. Underhill and Mr. James Walker respectively, were adjourned to the 10th of September, for the magistrates to view the premises.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/9/1860

“The adjourned licensing meeting for the Wolverhampton Division of Seisdon North, was held at the County Police Court, Wolverhampton, on Monday last.....

Three applications for new spirit licenses had been adjourned from the 23rd of August to this day in order that the magistrates might inspect the premises of the respective applicants. The latter were Edward Purchase, of New Cross (for whom Mr. James Walker appeared), *William George*, of New Cross (for whom Mr. H. Underhill appeared), and John Mason, of New Street, Wednesfield (for whom Mr. Hayes appeared). The magistrates having seen the premises, granted the applications of Purchase and Mason, and refused that of *George*.”

William George, beer retailer, Wednesfield. [1861]

1861 Census

16, New Cross – NEW CROSS INN

- [1] *William George* (56), publican, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [2] Mary George (53), wife, born Wombridge, Shropshire;
- [3] William L. George (20), son, coal miner, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Sarah George (18), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Enoch George (15), son, stone miner, born Woolhamstone (?), Shropshire;
- [6] Harriet George (13), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [7] Ann George (11), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] Jane Thomas (92), mother in law, born Wolverhampton:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 28/8/1861

“Mr. *William George*, of New Cross, Wednesfield, who had given notice of his intention to renew an application he made last year for a license, did not appear to lay his request before the Bench.”

Evening Express 30/5/1881 - Advert

‘To Let, House at New Cross; five rooms upstairs, and five down.
Apply NEW CROSS INN.’”

Evening Express 30/5/1881

“Richard Jones, miner, Portobello, appeared to a summons charging him with having assaulted Henry Barker, miner, of Moseley Village, on the 14th of May.

Mr. R. A. Willcock was for the complainant, who stated that on the night of the 14th inst, he left the NEW CROSS INN to go home, and was overtaken by the defendant, who, without any provocation, struck him on the nose, knocked him down, and kicked him. Complainant got up and went on a short distance, when the defendant knocked him down again, and also a third time kicked him, and pulling off one of complainant’s boots, struck him on the left temple, rendering him unconscious. When he came to his senses he found a man named Henry Bird at his side, who, after asking him if he had got his watch safe, asked him to forgive ‘Dick’. Witness subsequently went to the Hospital, where it was found that one or more of his ribs had been fractured.

A witness, named George Watts, said he met the complainant after the attack. He was then bleeding very badly.

Several witnesses were called for the defence. Their evidence was to the effect that, when Barker went to the NEW CROSS INN, he was in a state of intoxication. On entering the room he told the defendant, whom he addressed as ‘Shropshire Dick,’ that he had got his knife into him, that he would never forgive him, and if he went again into the heading where he and the complainant worked he would run a pricker through him. The defendant, Bird, and a man named Green went home together, and Bird swore that they did not see the complainant in the way.

Sergeant Daniells, called by Mr. Willcock, said he met Bird and the defendant Jones last Monday, and the latter asked him how much it would take to square the case.

Mr. Rogers said the Bench had serious doubts in the matter, and if it was found that Bird had not spoken the truth he would be indicted for perjury. In order, however, that the police might endeavour to obtain further information with respect to the alleged assault, the case would be adjourned for a fortnight.”

Evening Express 13/6/1881

“Richard Jones, miner, Portobello, appeared, on remand, charged with assaulting Henry Barker, a miner, living at Moseley Village. Mr. Dallow (for Mr. R. A. Willcock) appeared for the complainant, and Mr. E. H. Thorne (Smith and Thorne) defended. According to the complainant, it may be remembered from the evidence given a fortnight ago, that he was met by the defendant

under a bridge between New Cross and Moseley Village, and was stopped and beaten badly, and one of his ribs fractured. At the former hearing it was asserted that the complainant was drunk, and that his injuries were not done by the defendant. It having been alleged that the complainant was drunk when he left the NEW CROSS INN, kept by Mr. *Edward Baugh*, the latter was called and denied this, and said that the complainant was perfectly sober when he left his house to go home on the night named. In cross-examination he admitted that while complainant and defendant were in his house the former called the latter 'a monkey,' which led to a quarrel between them, which he (witness) stopped.

For the defence, the man named Henry Bird, who gave evidence on the last occasion as to complainant threatening the defendant, was called, and repeated his statements.

Other evidence was given to the effect that suggestions for compromising the case had been made by the defendant, who told Police-sergeant Daniel that he picked up Barker the worse for drink on the night named.

Mr. Thorne, in addressing the Court for the defence, pointed out that the complainant's evidence of the assault was uncorroborated. He contended that complainant being drunk, he, in all probability, tumbled over some tram rails under the bridge, where he said he was stopped, and so sustained his injuries, and then, having a strong animosity towards the defendant, he connected the accusation of being stopped and assaulted.

The magistrates said a great deal of the evidence given on both sides were unreliable, but they were satisfied an assault was committed. Defendant was fined 20s and costs."

William George, retailer of beer, New Cross. [1862]

NEW CROWN

3, Nordley Road (Nordley Hill) /Woden Avenue, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

John Labatt Retail, Halifax [1995]

Enterprise Inns [2005]

LICENSEES

Richard Oakley [1939] – [1940]

John Dennis Pearson [1988]

John Court (1990 – [1995]

Christina Margaret Wilkes [2005]

NOTES

It was designed by architect Hutchins, of Butlers Brewery

It was built in 1927.

NEW CROWN HOTEL

It was locally listed.

It had a bowling green off Woden Avenue.

Alterations were made in 1934.

1939 Register

Nordley Road – NEW CROWN INN

[1] *Richard Oakley*, date of birth 17/8/1889, manager, licensed house, married;

[2] *Gertrude Oakley*, dob 6/1/1884, manageress, licensed house, married;

[3] ___ *Forder*, dob 12/04/1908, shift foreman, rubber factory, single:

Alterations were made in 1960.

John Court married Ann c.1982.
She left him in April 1995.

It closed in 2000.

Demolished [2008]
A care home was built on the site.

NEW INN

65, (3), (4), (10), Rookery Street, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd. [1966]

LICENSEES

John Tomkys [1833] – [1865]
Mrs. Frances Tomkys* [1868]
Mrs. Fanny Tomkys* [1870] – [1872]
Enoch Hodson [1871] – [1874]
Thomas Willetts [] – **1877**;
Samuel Shelley (**1877** – [1881]
Henry Stokes [1891]
Joseph Jackson [1892] – [1896]
Henry Vann [1900] – [1904]
Arthur Bates [1908]
S Foster [1932]
Alfred ‘Alf’ Whittingham [1939] – [1940]

NOTES

3, Rookery Street [1871]
10, Rookery Street [1940]
65, Rookery Street

NEW INNS [1940]

It was known locally as “Sammy Frankie’s”.

John Tomkys = John Tonkys = John Tomkiss

John Tomkys was also a rat trap maker. [1833]

1841 Census

Rookery Street

- [1] *John Tomkys* (40), victualler, born Staffordshire;
- [2] Sarah Craven (15), fs, born Staffordshire;
- [3] Elizabeth Davenport (15), fs, born Staffordshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/9/1846 - Advert

“Useful and Well-Seasoned Oak and Ash Timber.

To Timber Merchants, Charter Masters, Builders, Wheelwrights, and others.

To Be Sold by Auction by Messrs. Walker, Page, & Loveridge, on Monday, the 7th day of September, 1846, at six o’clock in the evening, subject to conditions and without reserve, at the house of Mr. *John Tomkys*, the NEW INN, at Wednesfield, the following lots of capital Oak and Ash Timber, now fallen, and lying upon Lands at and near Wednesfield aforesaid.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/4/1847

“On Friday night last, as a poor woman far advanced in pregnancy, was traveling through Wednesfield towards Wolverhampton, she called at the NEW INN, kept by Mr. *John Tomkys* and had some refreshment, upon leaving the house, intending to go to Wolverhampton by the canal side. On descending the steps adjoining the bridge, she from some cause walked into the canal where she remained until her cries brought assistance, by which she was fortunately got out and immediately conveyed to the NEW INN, which was within a hundred yards of where she fell in. Mr. and Mrs. *Tomkys* directed the parties to convey the poor woman to the police officer, near a quarter of a mile further, who upon hearing the particulars of the case immediately took her to the ROSE AND CROWN, where she was soon disrobed of her wet garments and supplied with restoratives, and was enabled after three or four hours to proceed on her journey home. The greatest possible praise is due to the officer and also to Mr. and Mrs. Green for their kind assistance in restoring the poor woman.”

1851 Census

Rookery Street

- [1] *John Tomkys* (53), licensed victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Frances Tomkys* (45), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] Christiana Chapman (15), household servant, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Edward Price (20), servant of all work, born Bushbury:

[Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/1/1855](#)

“Wednesfield Patriotic Fund.....

John Tomkys, NEW INN, 5s 0d.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/9/1858

“Yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon, W. H. Phillips, Esq., deputy-coroner, opened an inquest at the NEW INN, Wednesfield, on the body of Sarah Hooper, a woman between 50 and 60 years of age, who died suddenly on Thursday, whilst sitting in a chair at her home at Wednesfield Heath, without any previous illness. The inquest was adjourned.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/8/1860 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Building and Wharf Land, at Wednesfield.

By Messrs. Aston and Sollom. To be Sold by Auction, on Tuesday, the 14th day of August, 1860, at five o'clock in the afternoon, at the house of Mr. *Tomkys*, called the NEW INN, at Wednesfield.....”

1861 Census

Rookery Street – Public House

- [1] *John Tomkys* (65), licensed victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Frances Tomkys* (54), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] Edward Price (31), brewer, born Duxbury, Staffordshire;
- [4] Ann Marshall (16), servant, born Wednesfield:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/8/1862

“County licensing meeting held on Thursday last There were no licenses suspended, but the following publicans were reprimanded for misconduct in the management of their houses during the last twelve months *John Tomkiss*, the NEW INN, Wednesfield As promises of amendment were made for the future, the licenses were again renewed.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 14/9/1864

“The adjourned licensing meeting for the Wolverhampton Division of Seisdon North was held on Monday last, at the County Police Office, Bilston Street, in this town, when the magistrates present were H. Hill, Sidney Cartwright, and B. Hicklin Esqs. Three licenses were suspended at the last meeting, in consequence of the holders having been convicted within the last year Mr. *John Tomkys*, of the NEW INN, Wednesfield Heath Mr. Thurstans applied for the renewal of Mr. *Tomkys*'s license, which had been suspended in consequence of a conviction for Sunday trading. He said his client discharged the servant who committed the act which led to the conviction, and that Mr. *Tomkys* had kept a public house for forty years without having a similar complaint against him.

Police-serjeant Cooper having reported that there had been no cause for complaint against the house since the conviction, the license was renewed.”

* possibly the same person

1871 Census

3, Rookery Street – NEW INN

- [1] *Enoch Hodson* (40), publican and coal miner, born Bloxwich;
- [2] Alice Hodson (37), wife, born Lane Head; [Willenhall]
- [3] Enoch Hodson (8), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Fanny Harrowsmith (66), mother, born Walsall Wood;
- [5] Elizabeth Taylor (66), mother in law, born Bilston;
- [6] William Taylor (31), brother in law, carter at colliery, born Lane Head;

[7] Mary Ann Watford (?) (30), general servant, born Bilston:

Enoch Hodson was also a chartermaster.

1881 Census

65, Rookery Street – NEW INNS

[1] *Samuel Shelley* (59), licensed victualler, born Perry Barr;

[2] Ann Shelley (59), wife, born Wednesfield;

[3] Ellen Corbett (22), stepdaughter, born Wednesfield:

Birmingham Daily Post 4/4/1891

“At Wolverhampton, yesterday, *Henry Stokes*, landlord of the NEW INN, Rookery Street, Wednesfield, was summoned for permitting drunkenness on his premises.

The evidence showed that Police-sergeant White found two men in the house who were too drunk to give their names. One of the men said his name was ‘A B C D.’ They were arrested and afterwards convicted.

The defendant said his wife was to blame for what had occurred. She had endeavoured to obtain a separation order, and would not allow him to have charge of the bar. He was sick of the license, and did not care if the magistrate took it from him. ‘The devil to it,’ he remarked, ‘it is humbug.’

Having been previously convicted, he was now fined £6 and the costs, and the license was endorsed.

The defendant thanked the stipendiary, and said he should get out of the house as quickly as possible.”

1891 Census

65, Rookery Street – NEW INN

[1] *Henry Stokes* (49), licensed victualler, born Shrewsbury;

[2] Ellen Stokes (50), wife, born Prestbury, Gloucestershire:

1901 Census

Rookery Street – NEW INNS

[1] *Harry Vann* (32), licensed victualler, born Moxley;

[2] Catherine Vann (29), wife, born Wolverhampton;

[3] Nellie Vann (12), daughter, born Heath Town;

[4] Edgar Vann (11), son, born Wednesfield:

1939 Register

Rookery Street – NEW INNS

[1] *Alfred Whittingham*, date of birth 5/2/1893, publican, married;

[2] Sarah Whittingham, dob 29/4/1901, publican, married:

Closed

Demolished

NEW WORLD

290, Chervil Rise, Heath Town, WOLVERHAMPTON

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

NOTES

It opened c.1971.

[1976]

[1983]

NICKELODEON

Unit 8, Bentley Bridge Leisure Park, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Tom Cobleigh plc [1997]

Punch Taverns

Spirit Group plc [2008]

LICENSEES

Maurice Smith [1997] manager

NOTES

It opened in October 1997.

Customers were evacuated in October 2009, when a light fitting melted.

[2016]

NOAHS ARK

High Street, Wednesfield Heath, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Morwood [1845]

William Hayward [1850] – [1851]

Henry Grosvenor [1855]

Thomas Jones [1859] – **1860**;

James Cottis (**1860 – 1864**);

John George Kitson (**1864 – 1865**);

J Hargroves (**1865** – []

NOTES

John Morwood was also a baker. [1845]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 25/9/1850 - Advert

“Freehold Public House and Building Property, Wednesfield.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Turner, at the NOAHS ARK, Wednesfield, on Tuesday, the 1st day of October, 1850, at five o’clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions then to be read.

Lot I. All that old established Public House, the NOAHS ARK, situate in High Street, Wednesfield, with the Stable, Warehouse, and Back Yard, occupied by *William Hayward*; also a Dwelling House, occupied by R. Kidson.

Lot II. All those two Dwelling Houses, with the Garden and appurtenances, situate in the rear of lot I. having a boundary of thirty-three feet to the Birmingham Canal, occupied by Preston and Salt.

Part of the purchase money may remain on mortgage.

To view the premises, and for further particulars, apply to Mr. Moorwood, Wednesfield aforesaid.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 18/5/1859

“On Monday last, at the Petty Sessions, sixteen young men and lads were summoned to answer a charge preferred against them

by Mr. *Thomas Jones*, the landlord of the NOAH'S ARK, Wednesfield Heath, for having on the previous Monday evening done damage to the extent of 5s by breaking a quantity of jugs at the complainant's house. Mr. Slater, of Darlaston, was engaged for the complaint, and Mr. Bartlett, of Wolverhampton defended. It appeared that the defendants came to the complainant's house between nine and ten o'clock in the evening, and remained there drinking until twelve when they wanted some more ale, but Mrs. *Jones* refused to serve them. They then, as it was stated, blew the candle out threw the candlestick at the landlord's head, and broke a number of jugs which were on the table. Neither Mr. *Jones* nor his wife were able to say which of the defendants committed the damage, and as on the other side it was alleged that the host himself was somewhat too 'merry' to be able to state exactly what had occurred, the case was dismissed. The cost amounting to £9 were ordered to be paid by the complainant."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 22/2/1860

"At the County Police Office, in this town, on Monday last, the following licenses were transferred that of the NOAHS ARK, Wednesfield, from *Thomas Jones*, who had left the house vacant, to *James Cottis*."

James Cottis = James Cottis

Birmingham Daily Gazette 8/9/1863

"Court held for the consideration of the adjourned licenses. The following were renewed.....
James Cottis, NOAHS ARK, Wednesfield."

J. Cottis was also a shopkeeper. [1864], [1865]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/6/1864

"At the County Police Court, in this town, on Monday last, *James Cottis*, of the NOAHS ARK INN, Wednesfield, applied for an intermediate transfer of his license to *John George Kitson*, and the application was granted."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 15/2/1865

"Intermediate Transfer of License.

At the County Police Office, in this town, on Monday last, the license of the NOAHS ARK, Wednesfield, was transferred from Mr. *Kitson* to Mr. *J. Hargroves*."

NOAHS ARK

272, Wood End Road, (Wood End Lane), (14, Far Wood End), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Ansells Ltd. [1994]
Punch Taverns [2005]

LICENSEES

William Marston [1869] – [1871]
Mrs. Maria Barnaby [1891]
James Barnaby [1896]
Joseph William Beech [1937]
John Nicholls [1939] – [1940]
K Watkiss [1988]
C Blincow [1989]
Colm Kevin McCormack [1994] – [1995]
Dennis Graham Williams [2005]
Clinton Hawker [2010]

NOTES

14, Far Wood End [1871]
272, Wood End Road [1939], [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 27/8/1869

“Yesterday the county licensing meeting for the Wolverhampton district was held at the county magistrates’ office, Agricultural Hall, Wolverhampton. The magistrates present were Sir John Norris, and Messrs. S. Cartwright, A. S. Hill, G. L. Underhill, and R. D. Gough. Superintendent McCrea handed in to the Bench a copy of the following list of licensed victualler who had been fined during the past five years.....

The following beerhouse keepers had been fined for selling and keeping open during prohibited hours.....

William Marston, NOAHS ARK, Wood End, Wednesfield, 5s and costs, and on another occasion, for a similar offence, 2s 6d and costs.....”

1871 Census

14, Far Wood End – NOAHS ARK

[1] *William Marston* (44), retailer of beer, born Wolverhampton;

[2] *Eliza Marston* (44), wife, born Kidderminster:

1891 Census

Wood End – NOAHS ARK INN

[1] *James Barnaby* (65), threshing machine proprietor, born Sibton, Suffolk;

[2] *Maria Barnaby* (67), wife, beerhouse keeper, born Aldridge;

[3] *Annie A. Barnaby* (24), daughter, beerhouse assistant, born Rushall;

[4] *Edward Barnaby* (27), son, colliery labourer, born Walsall;

[5] *Edith Barnaby* (11), daughter, scholar, born Woodend:

James Barnaby, beer retailer, Wood End [1896]

Joseph William Beech was prosecuted in 1937 for adulterating his beer with saponin (heading powder). He claimed ignorance of the law, and the case was dismissed with costs.

1939 Register

272, Wood End Road – NOAHS ARK

[1] *John Nicholls*, date of birth 17/4/1893, publican, single;

[2] *Eli Nicholls*, dob 29/6/1885, colliery hewer underground, married;

[3] *Alice Nicholls*, dob 16/5/1889, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[4] *Kathleen M. (Nicholls) Mason*, dob 18/8/1920, shop assistant, single;

[5] *Maud C. Nicholls*, dob 27/9/1918, link viewer, machine gun lock, married;

[6] *Victor Nicholls*, dob 13/3/1919, rating and valuation officer, married:

It was rebuilt in 1964.

Clinton Hawker was born c.1965.

[2013]

Closed [2014]

It was converted into a shop. [2016]

OLD BREWERY

Grove Street, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Trumper [1883]

George Bowen (1887 – [1891])

NOTES

Staffordshire Advertiser 21/4/1883

“*John Trumper*, of the OLD BREWERY INN, Grove Street, Heath Town, was fined 5s and costs for selling beer on Sunday morning last.”

Wolverhampton Express and Star 23/10/1889 - Advert

“Wanted, strong Girl, age 16; fond of children.
OLD HEATH BREWERY, Grove Street, Heath Town.”

1891 Census

50, Grove Street

[1] *George Bowen* (38), licensed victualler and wheelwright, born Welshampton, Shropshire;

[2] *Fanny Bowen* (33), wife, born Clungunford, Shropshire;

[3] *Fanny Bowen* (5), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;

[4] *George Bowen* (5), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;

[5] *Ada E. Bowen* (3), daughter, born Heath Town;

[6] *Alfred E. Bowen* (2), son, born Heath Town;

[7] *George C. Trumper* (15), boarder, blacksmith's striker, born Wellington, Shropshire:

OLD CROWN

16, (15), (11), Church Street / Rookery Street, New Cross, Heath, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Marshall [1833] – [1841]

James Marshall [1850] – [1851]

Matthew Tarbuck [] – **1852**);

Mrs. Tarbuck (**1852** – []

Edward Purchase [1861]

Thomas Banks [1864]

Samuel Marson [1864]

Thomas Cartwright [1868] – [1870]

Samuel Marston [1871] – [1874]

Benjamin Corbett [1881] – [1896]

William Taffley [1896] – [1916]

Sarah Taffley [1901]

Enoch Peers [1922]

NOTES

11, Church Street [1871]

15, Church Street [1881]

16, Church Street [1891]

CROWN [1834], [1861], [1864], [1868], [1870], [1896]

John Marshall, retail brewer, Wednesfield. [1833]

John Marshall, retailer of beer, Wednesfield. [1835]

John Marshall, beer retailer, Wednesfield. [1841]

1841 Census

Church Street

[1] *John Marshall* (65), victualler, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Lettice Marshall* (65), born Staffordshire:

James Marshall, retailer of beer, Wednesfield. [1850]

1851 Census

Church Street

- [1] *James Marshall* (44), victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Elizabeth Marshall* (42), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Philip Marshall* (15), son, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Ann Corbett* (22), servant, born Wednesfield:

[Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/6/1852](#)

“The following transfers of victuallers licenses took place.....
The late *Matthew Tarbuck*, of the OLD CROWN, Wednesfield, to his widow.”

[Wolverhampton Chronicle 11/11/1857 - Advert](#)

“To be Let, that well frequented Old Licensed Public House, known as the OLD CROWN INN, near the church, Wednesfield. Possession to be had immediately, coming-in low, and a few fixtures only to be taken to at a valuation. Apply to Mr. *James Marshall*, ANGEL INN, Wednesfield.”

James Marshall – see also ANGEL.

[Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/9/1864](#)

“At the County Police Court, in this town, on Monday last, *Samuel Marson*, licensed victualler, of the OLD CROWN INN, Wednesfield, was charged with having infringed the terms of his license. Police-constable Cooper stated that on Saturday night week, about twenty minutes past twelve o’clock, he saw a man coming from the defendant’s house with a jug in his hand. Witness inquired what it contained and was informed that it was ale. He tasted the liquid, and having satisfied himself that such was the fact, went to the defendant and asked him how it happened that he had been selling ale at that hour. He at first denied that he had sold any ale, but afterwards said it was the first time and hoped the officer would overlook the offence. Cooper said he should be obliged to report it as he had had so many complainants of the house, and the defendant then gave him 2s 6d, which he (Cooper) said he should produce before the Magistrates as evidence in the case. The defendant now admitted the charge, expressing his regret for what he had done, but the Bench fined him 10s and costs.”

[1871 Census](#)

11, Church Street

- [1] *Samuel Marston* (35), key maker and innkeeper, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Ann Marston* (27), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Sarah Marston* (70), mother, widow, born Wednesfield:

[1881 Census](#)

15, Church Street – OLD CROWN

- [1] *Benjamin Corbett* (28), licensed victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Benjamin A. Corbett* (1), son, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Ann Corbett* (24), wife, born Willenhall:

[1891 Census](#)

16, Church Street – OLD CROWN

- [1] *Benjamin Corbett* (39), widower, key maker, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Benjamin A. Corbett* (11), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Henry J. Corbett* (6), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Martha Jones* (70), mother in law, widow, housekeeper, born Shropshire:

William Taffley = William Tafley

[1901 Census](#)

Church Street – OLD CROWN

- [1] *William Taffley* (58), shackle forger, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Sarah Taffley* (54), wife, publican, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Louisa H. Taffley* (23), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Elsie M. Taffley* (14), daughter, born Wednesfield:

[Birmingham Daily Gazette 12/2/1926](#)

“Wolverhampton County Licensing Justices yesterday granted an application by Messrs. Butler and Co. for the transfer of the license of the OLD CROWN, Wednesfield, to new premises fronting the new road leading from Vicarage Road, Wednesfield, to Nordley Estate.

Sir Reginald Coventry (for Messrs. Butler and Co.) said his clients were prepared to make a new road to link up Vicarage Road with the Nordley Estate.

Another license was surrendered, and Messrs. Butler and Co. undertook to develop for housing purposes 37 acres of land surrounding the site.”

Check CROWN.

OTTER AND VIXEN

Old Fallings Lane / Croft Lane, Fallings Park, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Union Pub Co. (W&D) [2000]
Marstons plc [2010]

LICENSEES

Satpal Chander [2005] – [2012]

NOTES

[1990]

It suffered an arson attack on 28th May 2010, when accelerant was poured through a window and ignited.

Express & Star 30/11/2012

“The manager of a pub with links to street gangs in Wolverhampton has been stripped of his position, and the opening hours have been shortened. The OTTER AND VIXEN made residents’ lives a misery with music so loud its windows shook, and did not have bouncers on the door despite it being a condition of its licence. West Midlands Police said the pub in Old Fallings Lane, Bushbury, was associated with armed ‘urban street gangs.’

At a council meeting yesterday, *Sat Pall Chander* was stripped of his position as manager but allowed to remain as licensee. The OTTER AND VIXEN has been the subject of 15 noise complaints to environmental health officers and eight separate logs to the police since its hours were extended in 2010. PC Natalie Holt said, ‘It was associated with urban street gangs who were driven by respect, revenge and would discharge firearms.’ During an unannounced visit on October 19, PC Holt also found there were no security guards despite a licence condition saying there must be up to four at all times.

During the meeting, the closing time was changed from midnight on weekdays and 2am on Fridays and Saturdays to 11pm and 11.30pm respectively.”

Express & Star 6/4/2013

“Two men were stabbed as violence erupted at a Wolverhampton pub. Police were called to the OTTER AND VIXEN in Bushbury last night. The two victims, aged 33 and 44, had both been stabbed in the back while a 37-year-old who was arrested joined them in hospital with a hand injury. The violence, which police said described as ‘large-scale disorder’, happened late on Friday night and police were called at 11.45pm.

The pub is off Old Fallings Lane and part of the street and nearby Croft Lane was still cordoned off by officers this morning as forensic investigators examined the scene.

West Midlands Police spokesman Lee Page said, ‘Police were called to a large scale disorder outside the OTTER AND VIXEN pub on Old Fallings Lane in Low Hill, Wolverhampton, at around 11.45pm on April 6. On arrival, emergency services found several people who had suffered injuries. Two men had been stabbed in the back – a 44-year-old who had one minor wound and a 33-year-old who had two. Both were taken to hospital, along with a 37-year-old man with a hand injury, who was arrested on suspicion of assault.’

Express & Star 29/5/2017

“Police rushed to the OTTER AND VIXEN in Old Fallings Lane, Fallings Park, around lunch time today. Eye-witnesses said there had been a stabbing and they had seen a man being carried by paramedics to the awaiting ambulance. ‘He was all wrapped up and looked in a bad way,’ said one onlooker who declined to be named. A shocked barmaid had also needed treatment, it was said. An unnamed witness said they thought the stabbing had happened outside the pub. Police officers interviewed customers and staff behind closed curtains at the pub. West Midlands Police confirmed, ‘A serious incident had occurred at the OTTER AND VIXEN and inquiries are continuing.’ They later confirmed that a stabbing had taken place but were unable to provide any more details.

Two men were stabbed at the pub in April 2013. The two victims, then aged 33 and 44, had both been stabbed in the back while a 37-year-old who was arrested, was also taken to hospital with a hand injury.”

[2016]

PAGET ARMS

Park Lane, Fallings Park, (Low Hill), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Frank Myatt Ltd.
Ansells Ltd.
Premier Midland Ales Ltd. (acquired in late 1986)
Home Brewery Co. Ltd. [1989]
Scottish and Newcastle
Winlease Ltd. [2005]

LICENSEES

Horace A Durnall [1939] – [1940]
Kewal Singh Khatkar [] – **1982**)
Charles Poolton [] – **1987**);
Colin Churchill (**1987** – [1988]
Lynda Humphries [1990] – [1995]
Michelle Margaret Whitehouse [2005]
Dean Stephen Edwards [2005]

NOTES

It was built in 1935.
The architects were Hawkes MacFarlane, Birmingham.

1939 Register

Park Lane – PAGET ARMS (4 of 5)

- [1] *Horace A. Durnall*, date of birth 26/9/1903, public house manager, married;
- [2] *Dorothy Durnall*, dob 29/2/1902, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [3] *Sheila M. (Durnall) Draisey*, dob 29/10/1930, at school, single;
- [4] *Dorothy V. (Durnall) Taylor*, dob 16/12/1932, at school, single;

Kewal Singh Khatkar was sent to prison on 26th November 1982 for wounding with intent.

Lynda Humphries was married to Barry.

Alterations were made in 1993.

It was locally listed in November 2001.

[2007]

Closed [2008]

It was subject to a suspected arson attack in October 2008, and again in July 2009.
It was demolished in 2009.

PARK

415, (96), Cannock Road, Park Village, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

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

LICENSEES

Joseph Fellows [1891] – **1895**);
William Frederick Mee (**1895** – [1901]
Arthur William Thomas Barnes [1904]
George Head [1911] – [1916]
William Whittingham [1921]
John Thomas Taylor [1940]

NOTES

96, Cannock Road [1901]
415, Cannock Road [1940]

1891 Census

Cannock Road – PARK INN

- [1] *Joseph Fellows* (62), publican and foreman maltster, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Harriet Fellows (58), wife, born Martley, Worcestershire;
- [3] Lizzie Fellows (30), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [4] Dora J. Fellows (24), daughter, born Smethwick;
- [5] Annie James (16), general servant, born Aldridge, Staffordshire:

Staffordshire Advertiser 7/12/1895

“An application was made for the licence of the PARK INN, Cannock Road, to be transferred from Mr. *Joseph Fellows* to Mr. *W. F. Mee*, carpenter, and who is a working man magistrate for the borough of Wolverhampton. Mr. Hill inquired of Mr. *Mee* if he was well advised in taking to a public house, and he replied that the house was in the county district and would not interfere with him as a borough magistrate. The application was granted.”

1901 Census

96, Cannock Road – PARK INN

- [1] *William F. Mee* (59), licensed victualler, born Manchester;
- [2] Eliza Mee (43), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] Sarah A. Mee (19), daughter, pupil teacher, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] William F. Mee (16), son, electrical fitter, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Ethel M. Mee (15), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] Arthur H. Mee (13), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] Henrietta Mee (11), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] Dorothy Mee (8), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [9] Daisy Mee (6), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [10] Rebecca Austins (17), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

William Frederick Mee – see also COACH AND HORSES, Cannock Road, Wolverhampton.

1911 Census

Park Village – PARK INN

- [1] *George Head* (64), licensed victualler, born Thickett, Shropshire;
- [2] Mary Ann Head (68), wife, married 21 years, born Atcham, Shropshire;
- [3] Elizabeth Brown (25), barmaid, born Bilston;
- [4] Lilly Wilcox (24), general servant, born Bilston:

Park Village FC were based at the clubroom here. [1946]

[1976]

PEAR TREE

2, Cannock Road / Pear Tree Lane, Fallings Park, (Wood Hayes), (The Scotlands), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1920s]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Courage Ltd.
Inntrepeneur Ltd. [1995]
Mill House Inns Ltd. (acquired in 1995) [2006]
Spirit Group [2007]
Punch Taverns [2008]
Fayre and Square [2012]
Farmhouse Inns (Greene King) [2018], [2023]

LICENSEES

Thomas Sadler [1832]
Totty [1837]
John Sadler [1845] – **1852**;
George Sadler (**1852** – [1874]
John Sadler [1870]
John Saddler [1881]
Robert Groves (**1885** – []
Harriet Groves [1891]
James Pickin [1892]
Simeon Downing [1896] – [1904]
Joseph Williams [1901]
Mrs. Williams [1904]
George Thomas Boulton [1908] – [1911]
George Walker [1912]
William Bolt [c.1914]
William Henry Humphreys [1916] – [1932]
Albert 'Bert' Adey (**1931** – **1970**)
Kelvin Bayldon [1985]
R B Conway [1988] – [1989]
Linda Lloyd [1995]
David and Linda Powell (**1996** – []
Lyndsey Elizabeth Godfrey [2005]
James O'Brien [2012] general manger

NOTES

Wood Hayes [1851]
The Scotlands [1908], [1940]

PEAR TREE HOUSE [1861]

It was locally listed.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 31/10/1832 - Advert

“Old Established Public House.

To Be Sold By Auction, at the PEAR TREE INN, standing on the side of the Turnpike Road leading from Wolverhampton towards Cannock, on Tuesday, the sixth day of November instant, at four in the afternoon.

All that Messuage and Premises, known by the name or sign of the PEAR TREE, with a small Dwelling-house and Garden adjoining thereto, and now in the occupation of Mr. *Thomas Sadler*, who is willing to give up possession thereof to a purchaser, at Christmas next.

Apply to Mr. Wood, Attorney, Wolverhampton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/4/1837 - Advert

“The PEAR TREE Public-House.

To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Crockett, on the Premises, on Wednesday, the 19th day of April instant, at five o’clock in the afternoon.

All that old-established and well tenanted Public House and premises called the PEAR TREE, adjoining the turnpike-road leading from Wolverhampton to Snareshill and Cannock, and now in the occupation of Mr. *Totty*.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 14/5/1845

“*John Sadler*, the landlord of the PEAR TREE public house at Bushbury, was charged with having persons in his house during the time of divine service on the afternoon of Sunday, the 20th of April last, such persons not being travellers. Two policemen stated that they visited the house of the defendant at the time named, and that about sixteen persons came out of the house; there was no drink, nor jugs on the tables. The people who came out did not appear to be travellers. The defendant objected that the information alleged the house to be in the parish of Bushbury, whereas it was in Wednesfield parish; and, upon inquiry, this proving to be the case, the information was dismissed.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21/5/1845

“*John Sadler*, landlord of the PEAR TREE public house, whose case was dismissed last week, in consequence of a misnomer of the parish in which his house is situated, Bushbury being named instead of Wednesfield, was fined 10s and costs, for permitting drinking in his house on Sunday, the 20th of April, during the time of divine service.”

1851 Census

Wood Hayes

- [1] *John Sadler* (51), widower, victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *George Sadler* (28), son, locksmith, born Bushbury;
- [3] *John Sadler* (24), son, locksmith, born Bushbury;
- [4] *Elizabeth Sadler* (15), daughter, born Bushbury;
- [5] *Joseph Sadler* (10), son, born Bushbury;
- [6] *Mary Ann Sadler* (15), visitor, born Bushbury;

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/3/1852

“At the County Petty Sessions, in this town, on Monday last, before H. Hill, W. Tarratt, and J. Tarratt, Esqs, the following transfers of publicans’ licenses took place *John Sadler*, of the PEAR TREE, Wednesfield, to *George Sedley*, of the same place, locksmith.”

George Sadler = *George Saddler*

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/12/1855

“*William Smith*, a car driver, employed by Mr. Sampson Tharme, was charged with being drunk, and incapable of driving his car. Mr. *John Phillips*, provision dealer, of Stafford Street, stated that yesterday evening, about five o’clock, he was taking home a wheelbarrow, filled with cabbages, when the defendant’s horse and car were driven against him from behind; he was somehow caught by the strap which passed from his shoulders to the handles of the wheelbarrow, and dragged from the front of St. Mary’s Church to the top of Littles Lane.

James Fairchild said he extricated Mr. Phillips from his perilous position; the horse was kicking and plunging, and it was wonderful that he was not seriously injured. When the horse first ran against Mr. Phillips, the defendant slightly pulled up, but some people in the car told him to drive on. The damage done to the cabbages was stated to amount to 3s or 4s.

The defendant said he had taken a party to a pigeon-shooting match, at the PEAR TREE INN, and he had had something to drink, but was not drunk. He ran over the complainant owing to a railway waggon being in the road, which prevented him from seeing complainant.

Fined 20s and costs, the costs to include 4s for the cabbages.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 16/2/1859

“*Thomas Magnus* and *Charles Bird* were charged at the Police Court on Tuesday with having committed a breach of the peace by engaging together in a prize fight; and fifteen other men were charged with aiding and abetting in the said fight. The fight took place near to the PEAR TREE INN, in the parish of Wednesfield, the defendants surrounding the pugilists. *Thomas Tranter* said he was not on the ground or anywhere near, but that he was at work all day. In support of this, he produced a note from his master’s clerk. The police officers who made the charge were recalled, and they said they were quite sure that *Tranter* was there, but all the other defendants denied that he was there. Under these circumstances *Tranter* was discharged. The two principals, *Magnus* and *Bird*, who had, it was said, fought together for upwards of two hours, were ordered to pay 4s 6d each, and the other defendants were bound over to keep the peace.”

1861 Census

Cannock Road – PEAR TREE

- [1] *George Sadler* (38), licensed victualler, born Bushbury;
- [2] *Mary A. Sadler* (39), wife, born Wednesfield;

[3] Caroline Sadler (4), daughter, born Wednesfield;

[4] *John Sadler* (3), son, born Wednesfield;

[5] Arthur Sadler (1), son, born Wednesfield;

[6] Ann Maud Lloyd (4), visitor, born Willenhall:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 22/7/1863

“On Friday last W. H. Phillips, Esq., deputy coroner, held inquests on the bodies of two men who had met their deaths indirectly through drink. The first inquest was held at Wednesfield, to ascertain the facts under which Joseph Ordidge got into the canal at Lint House Bridge, near Wednesfield, where he had been found dead by William Perry. Ordidge was a lock maker and provision dealer at Willenhall, and on Wednesday morning he left his home saying he should take a walk to the PEAR TREE, Bushbury. He stayed, however, at the PHEASANT, public-house, at Wednesfield, till 5 o’clock in the afternoon, when he went to the PEAR TREE, drank there also, and returned to the PHEASANT at about 7 o’clock. Here he remained until 10 or 11 at night, when he started to go home. His way lay across the bridge named, one side of the approach to which is stated to be somewhat insecure, and it is supposed he fell into the canal; but no marks were found on the bank, nor were there upon the body any indications of ill-usage, and money was in his pockets. Verdict Found Dead....”

Birmingham Daily Post 19/5/1865 - Advert

“To be Disposed Of, daily, New Milk, wholesale.

Apply at the PEAR TREE, Cannock Road, Scotlands, near Wolverhampton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/1/1866

“At the Borough Police Court, on Monday, Thomas Ray and Richard Ray, two miners from Cannock Chase, were sentenced to three days’ imprisonment each, for stealing a table knife, the property of *Samuel Wright*, of the WAGON AND HORSES INN, Cannock Road. It appeared they went into the prosecutor’s house the previous evening, and asked for some bread and cheese and ale, with which they were supplied together with a knife. After they had left the house, the knife was missed. The prisoners were traced to the PEAR TREE public house, near Bushbury, and the knife was found upon them. They appeared at first to treat the matter as a capital joke, but considerably altered their demeanour on being told that they were liable to six months’ imprisonment. As, however, nothing was known against them they got off with the lenient sentence above recorded.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/12/1866

“On Saturday night last a sad fatality happened to two men who have been long resident in this village, and both of them well known for their eccentric habits, whilst the singular circumstances surrounding their sad ends invests the case with more than ordinary interest. In the first place they were both bachelors, the one lived within a short distance of the other, and they were well known as boon companions; on the evening of their death they had been indulging, as usual – though at different public houses – in potations of beer, and they both met their death on the way home, and almost at the same time, by falling into a roadside gutter, though separated some little distance from each other.

The name of the first is John Darby, 45 years of age, and lived at this place, his employment being that of a keysmith. On Saturday evening he was drinking for some time at the TIGER INN, Wednesfield, kept by Joseph Green, and when he left at closing time he was the worse for liquor. He was seen by Police-constable Cooper, to whom he said he thought he should go and sleep in Mr. Evans’s rick yard at Nechells, but the officer advised him to go home, and left him in the company of his two lodgers. He would not go home with the latter, and never reached home, but was found the following morning, lying dead in a gutter, which runs down by the side of the road, near the rick yard he mentioned. It is supposed that whilst endeavouring in the dark to carry out his eccentric designs of passing the night in one of the ricks, he accidentally fell into the gutter, and was drowned, the depth of water being about nineteen inches.

The name of the second deceased is Robert Lane, sixty years of age, a labourer, and he lived at Wood End, Wednesfield. On Saturday evening he was drinking at the PEAR TREE public house, Cannock-road, and he left there about eleven o’clock. He did not arrive home, and was found on the following morning, by a man in the employ of Mr. Phillips, lying in a gutter by the road side, quite dead. From the disordered state of his clothes it was evident that he must have stepped aside to answer the calls of nature, and must have then fallen into the gutter, from which he was unable to extricate himself. There was very little water where the body lay, in fact the face and head were quite dry, so that his death must have been more the result of starvation from the cold. The bodies of the two men, which lay about a mile and a half from each other, were removed by Police-constable Cooper, that of Lane back to the PEAR TREE, and the first named to his own home.”

1871 Census

2, Cannock Road – PEAR TREE INN

[1] *George Saddler* (48), licensed victualler, born Bushbury;

[2] Mary A. Saddler (49), wife, born Wednesfield;

[3] Caroline Saddler (14), daughter, born Wednesfield;

[4] *John Saddler* (13), son, born Wednesfield;

[5] Jane Saddler (12), daughter, born Wednesfield:

1881 Census

Cannock Road – PEAR TREE INN

[1] *John Saddler* (23), unmarried, publican and gardener, born Wednesfield;

[2] Arthur Saddler (21), brother, gardener, born Wednesfield;

[3] Elizabeth Saddler (9), cousin, scholar, born Walsall:

1891 Census

Cannock Road – PEAR TREE INN

[1] *Harriet Groves* (49), widow, licensed victualler, born Sedgley;

[2] Jemima Harrison (62), sister, living on her own means, born Wolverhampton;

[3] Maud E. Taster (18), niece, barmaid, born Wolverhampton;

[4] Clara Eglington (30), general servant:

1901 Census

Cannock Road – PEAR TREE

[1] *Joseph Williams* (51), licensed victualler, born Smethwick;

[2] Harriet Williams (50), wife, born West Bromwich;

[3] Frederick James Williams (23), son, brass caster, born Smethwick;

[4] Alice Williams (20), daughter, born Smethwick;

[5] Emily Russell (18), domestic servant, born Langley Green:

Staffordshire Advertiser 19/11/1904 - Advert

“Highly Important Sale of Four Freehold Full-Licensed, Free Public Houses, with Retail Shops and Cottages, at and near Wolverhampton, Walsall and Tipton.

To Brewers, Wine and Spirit Merchants, Home-Brewing Publicans, and Others.

Walter Hughes, FAI, has received instructions to Offer for Sale by Auction, at the STAR AND GARTER HOTEL, Wolverhampton, on Wednesday, the 7th of December, 1904, at Five for Six o'clock in the Evening.....

Lot 1. The PEAR TREE INN, Cannock Road, Scotlands, near Wolverhampton.

The Freehold, Full-Licensed Roadside Public House, known as the PEAR TREE INN, situate at Scotlands, on the main road leading from Cannock to Wolverhampton (from which it is only three miles distant), together with the Yard, Outbuildings, beautifully-laid-out Gardens and Lawn, with Arbours and Ornamental Trees, &c, the whole containing 1a 1r 30p.

The House is a much-frequented calling house, with good draw-up for Vehicles. It is well and extensively known as a Pleasure Resort by a large section of the Black Country people.

The Premises have lately been modernized; they are well arranged, and comprise four bedrooms, spirit-room, bar, vaults, smoke-room, sitting-room, kitchen, outer scullery, three cellars; good Yard and Stabling, and large brick-built Tea and Assembly-room, 30ft x 14ft, adjoining Lawn, Summer Arbours, the Greenhouses, and spacious well-laid-out Gardens.

The Property is in the occupation of Mrs. *Williams* as a yearly tenant, at the rent of £100 per annum, tied for all beers and stout to the Vendor.

The Sale of Draught Beers and Stout for the last six months amounted to £180, in addition to a very large Bottled trade, and the Sales of Wines and Spirits.

The Trade Fixtures and Fittings are the property of the Tenant.”

1911 Census

Cannock Road – PEAR TREE

[1] *George Thomas Boulton* (59), publican, born Rugeley, Staffordshire;

[2] Louisa Boulton (59), wife, married 12 years, publican, born Derby;

[3] Jessie Boulton (23), daughter, born Stone, Staffordshire;

[4] Harry Boulton (22), son, piano tuner, born Stone, Staffordshire;

[5] Albert Boulton (15), son, born Derby:

It was rebuilt in the 1930s.

1939 Register

Cannock Road – PEAR TREE HOTEL (4 of 7)

[1] *Albert Adey*, date of birth 6/6/1897, publican, married;

[2] *Ada Adey*, dob 6/6/1894, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[5] *James W. Sucliffe*, dob 28/1/1915, barman, single;

[6] *Rose P. (Gee) Sutcliffe*, dob 17/3/1915, bar general, single;

Bert Adey was an ex-boxer.

He also became a boxing promoter.

He was chairman of Wolverhampton and District Licensed Victuallers' Association until 1967.

He died on 13th May 1991.

See also LOCOMOTIVE, Stafford Road, Wolverhampton, and YEW TREE, Pool Street, Wolverhampton.

Pear Tree United FC was based here. [1952]

Birmingham Daily Post 7/9/1977

“Thousands of Midland drinkers will be forced to change their drinking habits next year – because of a Government report. Three major breweries are to swop 437 pubs – leaving drinkers to choose between their favourite public house or their favourite beer. The deal was announced yesterday by Ansells, owned by Allied Breweries, Mitchells and Butlers, owned by Bass Charrington, and Courage. The move, involving public houses valued at £11,000,000, was prompted by a Monopolies Commission report seven years ago which claimed that breweries had too much of a stranglehold in certain towns and cities Tenants and managers are being given the opportunity to stay on new terms or change to another establishment. Managers can also opt for voluntary redundancy.

M & B managed houses transferred to Courage.

PEARTREE, Cannock Road, Wolverhampton.”

[1990]

It was refurbished in 1993.

It opened as the MILL HOUSE in June 1996, after a £800,000 refurbishment, including conversion to an open plan arrangement.

It reopened in April 2006 after a £300,000 refurbishment.

It reopened as NEW PEAR TREE in 2007.

A fire here damaged part of the bar on 17th August 2008.

It closed on 3rd September 2012, for a £212,000 refurbishment.

It reopened on 13th September 2012 as a Fayre and Square pub.

[2016]

BERRY BROOK FARM. [2017]

Express & Star 29/4/2023

“A pub chain is offering customers free cake to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III – if they come in wearing a crown or tiara and say special Royal codewords. Farmhouse Inns, which includes BERRY BROOK FARM at Cannock Road, Wednesfield and HALF PENNY FARM at Joseph Street, Oldbury, is running the giveaway from May 6 to 8. To get the complimentary slice of limited edition raspberry and lemonade cake, crown and tiara wearers need to say ‘a royal slice’ at the till. The offer is on at all Farmhouse Inns’ 70 sites nationwide. To mark the historic coronation weekend, Farmhouse Inns is also launching an online competition to crown a customer the ‘King or Queen of carvery or cake’ – with a £2,000 prize going to the lucky winner. To enter, carvery and cake lovers simply need to visit the Farmhouse Inns website, enter their details and reveal whether they’re team carvery or cake. In addition to the cash prize, the victorious King or Queen will also receive a year’s supply of free carvery or cake courtesy of Farmhouse Inns. The royal-themed competition ends at 12 midnight on May 18.”

[2023]

PHEASANT

Wood End Road / Linthouse Lane, (23, Wood End), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Old Wolverhampton Breweries Ltd.

Frank Myatt Ltd.

Ansells Ltd.

Holt, Plant and Deakin Ltd. [1989], [1992]

Allied Domecq Inns [1997]

Punch Taverns [2008]

Spirit Group [2003]

LICENSEES

Mason []
Miss Elizabeth Lane [1833] – [1865]
Thomas Lane [1872] – **1876**;
Mrs. Sarah Meredith (**1876** – [1881])
Thomas H Wootton [1891] – [1894]
Francis Dickens [1896]
James Dickens* [1901] – [1904]
J Dicken* [1908]
Henry ‘Harry’ Crutchley [1911] – **1914**;
J W Pritchard (**1914** – [])
William Henry Pritchard [1916] – [1921]
Jabez Pritchard Jnr. [c.1920s]
Frank Mason [1932] – [1940]
John N Nicholls [1988] – [1995] manager
Terence Philip Percival [2002] – [2003]
Evette Louise Jackson [2000s]
Andrew Jackson (**2003** – **2005**)
Phil Osborn (**2008** – [])
Wayne Parkes (**2020** – [2023])

NOTES

It was originally built in 1637.

It had a beerhouse license.

It was a home brew house.

It was locally listed.

Black Country Bugle (1978)

‘The Legend of Helmsley Lodge’

“.....Its setting takes us back to the early 19th century when Wednesfield was a beautiful rural area where the old feudal order still remained and the vast majority of its citizens were cast in a ‘country johnnie’ mould. Amidst the scattered farmsteads and labourers’ tied cottages, the PHEASANT, a rambling coaching inn, typical of the era, was a place where the local men ‘used’ after long days in the fields to ‘wet their whistles’ and discuss the events of the day. The inn was kept by the *Mason* family. It was a prosperous establishment, but two of the sons of the household were not content to wait for their inheritance and hit upon an ingenious plan which brought them immediate cash dividends.

After flirting with highway robbery on nearby Watling Street Two of the family’s string of horses, kept in the stables at the PHEASANT were selected and trained, and with the aid of the inn’s ostler to return home unattended from various points over the border in Shropshire.

The two brothers would ride them on burglarious missions to isolated churches in the Shropshire countryside, steal silver plate and any other items of value, load the booty into panniers and send them trotting home whilst they returned on foot by another route Needless to say they were caught red handed eventually and a hangman’s noose ended their criminal careers.”

Elizabeth Lane, retail brewer, First Wood Hayes. [1833]

Elizabeth Lane, beer retailer, Wood End. [1841]

1841 Census

Wood End

[1] *Elizabeth Lane* (40), publican, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Walter Lane* (35), farmer, born Staffordshire;

[3] *Henry Lane* (35), carpenter, born Staffordshire;

[4] *Thomas Lane* (30), shoe maker, born Staffordshire;

[5] *Martin Lane* (25), glazier, born Staffordshire;

[6] *John Lane* (30), carpenter, born Staffordshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/7/1845

“The following inquests have been held before T. M. Phillips, Esq., coroner.....

On Wednesday the 2nd instant, at the sign of the PHEASANT, Wednesfield Wood End, on the body of Henry Crutchley, a labourer, fifty-two years of age. The deceased it appeared, had been unwell for some time, but was sufficient recovered to attend in the Market Place, in Wolverhampton, with vegetables, on the morning of the preceding Tuesday. He unloaded the vegetables from a cart, when he was seized with a fit. He was taken into the shop of Mr. Stanley, chemist, and Mr. Bunch, surgeon, attended him,

and bled him, about half-past two o'clock he accompanied his wife home, where they arrived about four o'clock. He sat down, and in about ten minutes appeared to be attacked with another fit, and expired. Verdict, Died by the Visitation of God."

1851 Census

Wood End

- [1] *Elizabeth Lane* (56), unmarried, victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Henry Lane (46), brother, carpenter, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Thomas Lane* (44), brother, farmer 60 acres, 3 labourers, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Elizabeth Hope (18), general servant, born Wednesfield:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 18/10/1854

"An inquest was held at the PHEASANT INN, Wood End, on Friday last, before T. M. Phillips, Esq, coroner, on the body of Samuel Wycherley, a miner, 39 years of age, who had died suddenly, in his bed, on Thursday morning last. The deceased, who was subject to asthma, was suffering from a cold, and on the evening previously to his death he retired to bed between six and seven o'clock. About half-past eleven o'clock, a person who lived in the same house heard the deceased complaining of pain in his legs, and asked him if he should fetch a doctor. The deceased replied in the negative, observing that he should be better in the morning. Early on the following morning the same person, having been awoken by his mother, went into the deceased's room, and found him lying in bed gasping for breath. As he was raising the deceased's head on to a pillow, he expired without a struggle. No bruises or marks of violence were found upon the body, and the jury returned a verdict that the deceased died from natural causes."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 16/2/1859 - Deaths

"On the 8th instant, at the PHEASANT INN, Wood End, aged 55 years, Mr. Henry Lane, much respected."

1861 Census

Wood End

- [1] *Elizabeth Lane* (64), unmarried, farming 70 acres of land, employing 3 men and 1 boy, born Wednesfield;
- [2] William Marston (35), nephew, carpenter, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Mary Wesley (16), servant of all work, born Wednesfield:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 22/7/1863

"On Friday last W. H. Phillips, Esq., deputy coroner, held inquests on the bodies of two men who had met their deaths indirectly through drink. The first inquest was held at Wednesfield, to ascertain the facts under which Joseph Ordidge got into the canal at Lint House Bridge, near Wednesfield, where he had been found dead by William Perry. Ordidge was a lock maker and provision dealer at Willenhall, and on Wednesday morning he left his home saying he should take a walk to the PEAR TREE, Bushbury. He stayed, however, at the PHEASANT, public house, at Wednesfield, till 5 o'clock in the afternoon, when he went to the PEAR TREE, drank there also, and returned to the PHEASANT at about 7 o'clock. Here he remained until 10 or 11 at night, when he started to go home. His way lay across the bridge named, one side of the approach to which is stated to be somewhat insecure, and it is supposed he fell into the canal; but no marks were found on the bank, nor were there upon the body any indications of ill-usage, and money was in his pockets. Verdict Found Dead."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 18/11/1863

"James Lane, a labourer, was summoned for trespassing in pursuit of game, in the parish of Bushbury. Police-constable Crutchlow said he was passing along a path which leads over Bushbury Hills, that day week, when he saw Lane 'at work' on a bank, with a dog and ferret. The ferret was in a hole in the bank, from which a rabbit escaped, but nothing was found upon the defendant. The bank was situated in land in the occupation of Mr. and Miss Lane, farmers and publicans, the PHEASANT, Wednesfield Wood End. Defendant is a reputed poacher, but this being his first conviction, he was only fined 6d and costs, altogether 12s 6d; in default, fourteen days' imprisonment."

London Gazette 28/2/1868

"William Marston, in lodgings at the PHEASANT INN, Wood End, Wednesfield Brewer, adjudicated bankrupt of the 21st day of December 1867. An Order of Discharge was granted by the County Court of Staffordshire, holden at Wolverhampton, on the 14th day of February 1868."

1871 Census

23, Wood End – PHEASANT

- [1] *Thomas Lane* (63), unmarried, licensed victualler, farmer 28 acres 2 Men & Boy, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Rebecca Johnson (43), general servant, born Birmingham:

Thomas Lane was also a farmer. [1872], [1873], [1874]

Wolverhampton Express and Star 28/2/1877

"About midnight, on Tuesday (yesterday), a fire broke out in the rickyard belonging to Mrs. Sarah Meredith, of the PHEASANT INN, Wood End, Wednesfield. The Wolverhampton fire brigade, under the command of Captain Segrave and Inspector Butler, proceeded to the spot with one of their engines, but their services were not of much avail, as the flames had obtained too great a

hold before their arrival. Much damage was done, a large quantity of produce being destroyed. A fire occurred in the same yard during the last month, and both are believed to have been the work of incendiaries. A man who is suspected of having caused the latest conflagration has been taken into custody by the police.”

1881 Census

PHEASANT INN

- [1] *Sarah Meredith* (78), widow, innkeeper, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Rebecca Johnson (50), servant, born Birmingham;
- [3] Enoch Duckhouse (20), servant, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Thomas Wootton (25), servant, born Wednesfield:

1891 Census

Wood End – PHEASANT INN

- [1] *Thomas Wootton* (35), publican, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Elizabeth Wootton (30), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] John Wootton (1), son, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Stephen Wootton (3 months), son, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Mary Ball (15), general servant, born Wood End;
- [6] Harriet Nicholls (11), nurse, born Wood End:

Birmingham Daily Post 23/6/1891

“At the Wolverhampton County Petty Sessions, yesterday, *T. Wootton*, the landlord of the PHEASANT INN, Wood End, Wednesfield, applied for an occasional license to sell intoxicating liquors in a field adjoining his premises on the 22nd and 23rd inst, when it was proposed to hold a gala which he was promoting. Mr. A. C. Twentyman (the Chairman) asked the meaning of an item on the programme, Pig Races for Women. *Wootton*, ‘A pig is put down, and the woman who catches it keeps it.’ The Chairman thought it a very unseemly procedure for women, and the applicant said he would withdraw the item if the Bench objected. Chief Superintendent Longden objected to the license being granted, and the Bench refused the application.”

1901 Census

Wood End – PHEASANT INN

- [1] *James Dickens* (26), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] Elsie Dickens (26), wife, born Manchester;
- [3] Violet H. Dickens (1), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Annie Southwell (15), domestic servant, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Clara Hadley (14), nurse, born Wednesfield;
- [6] William Taylor (40), brewer, born Brewwood, Staffordshire:

* probably the same person.

1911 Census

Lower Wood End

- [1] *Harry Crutchley* (36), publican, born Wood End;
- [2] Jane Ellen Crutchley (35), wife, married 5 years, born Wood End;
- [3] Harry Crutchley (4), son, born Heath Town;
- [4] Annie Stone (19), domestic servant, born Heath Town:

Birmingham Mail 24/12/1913

“At Wolverhampton Police Court, today, *Henry Crutchley*, licensee of the PHEASANT INN, Wood End, Wednesfield, near Wolverhampton, was summoned for permitting gaming on his licensed premises.

The evidence showed that two disguised police officers visited the house, and found the customers playing quoits for beer in the tap room.

Defendant denied the offence, and called a large number of witnesses, but the Stipendiary inflicted a fine of £3 and costs.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 7/2/1914

“Wolverhampton County Annual Licensing Sessions were held on Thursday.....

The license of the PHEASANT INN, Wood End, Wednesfield, was adjourned for consideration, the landlord having been convicted for allowing gambling on the premises.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 7/3/1914

“At the adjourned Licensing Sessions for the Wolverhampton county division on Monday.....

The license of the PHEASANT INN, Wood End, Wednesfield, had been objected to on the ground that the licensee had been fined for gambling, but it was renewed and transferred to Mr. *J. W. Pritchard*, commercial traveller.”

It was rebuilt in the 1930s.

1939 Register

Wood End Road – PHEASANT INN

- [1] *Frank Mason*, date of birth 2/4/1894, manager, married;
- [2] *Lydia Mason*, dob 12/9/1894, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [3] *Elizabeth C. (Mason) Smith*, dob 1/10/1930, at school, single;
- [4] *Elizabeth Wootton*, dob 11/11/1860, retired, widowed;
- [5] *John Wootton*, dob 1/8/1889, farmer, single:

1940 Probate

“*Frank Mason* of PHEASANT INN, Wednesfield, Staffordshire, died 15 August 1940. Administration Birmingham 10 October to *Lydia Mason*, widow. Effects £281 4s 8d.”

Sandwell Evening Mail 11/11/1989

“Black Country Wench *Kerrie Edwards* will pull the first pint to celebrate the opening of Holt, Plant and Deakin’s latest pub, the PHEASANT, in Wood End, Wednesbury [sic], on Tuesday. *Kerrie*, holder of the Black Country Wench title, will be joined by licensees *John* and *Dianne Nicholls* at the opening after restoration work costing almost £200,000.”

Sandwell Evening Mail 28/3/1991

“Beer drinkers at a Wednesfield pub are certain of a warm welcome after their local won a prize for the best cosy fire in the area. The PHEASANT INN in Wood End Road won the contest run by Black Country brewery Holt, Plant and Deakin. Licensee Mr. *John Nicholls* and his wife *Diana* won £400 in cash and solid fuel.”

Sandwell Evening Mail 1/11/1991 - Advert

“Early Evening Pint Savers. Holts Bitter 99p per pint. Holts Entire 105p per pint. Special offer prices for the month of November only. Available Mon-Sat evenings 5.30-8pm. Only from these Holts pubs PHEASANT, Wood End Road, Wednesfield.”

Daily Mirror 3/6/1997

“Our £3.5 Million Great Pub Giveaway gets a boost today from Budweiser – the most popular beer in the world. We’re offering readers the chance to win one of four superb trips to the USA, home of Budweiser, the ‘King of Beers.’ [sic]..... All you have to do for your chance to win is answer the question and complete the tie-breaker on the entry form. Then add your name and address and take the coupon to your nearest participating Allied Domecq Inns pub. When you buy a bottle of Budweiser, hand your completed entry form to the bar staff and it will go into our luxury holidays competition Where to get your drinks..... PHEASANT INN, Wood End, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton.”

Andrew Jackson died in August 2005.
He was born c.1973.

It had a darts team.

Terence Percival was married to *Shirley*.

A cricket team met here. [2006]

Express & Star 25/6/2008

“Wednesfield’s PHEASANT INN shut its doors suddenly and without warning just two weeks ago. Owner *Punch Taverns* is now looking for a new landlord to invest £42,900 in the business. The future of a number of community groups which meet regularly at the pub, including a darts and cricket team, is now in doubt. Regulars were left in shock at the closure, believed to be due to the downturn in trade. Former Wednesfield councillor *Phil Bateman* said, ‘It is the talk of the town at the moment as people have been going along and finding that the pub is closed. The PHEASANT is a landmark pub in Wednesfield with a fine history. It has been trading for as long as I can remember but the doors have been locked for days. *Jo Sandall* from *Punch Taverns* said, ‘Our priority is to get the PHEASANT INN open for trade as soon as possible.’”

It closed for a three-week refurbishment in 2017.

Express & Star 21/7/2018

“Three pub bosses have been ordered to pay more than £320,000 for showing Sky Sports illegally. Action was taken against the PHEASANT INN in Wolverhampton, the Prince of Wales in Stafford and the Beaufort Arms in Birmingham for showing sport without paying for the subscription. The licensees and company directors responsible for running the pubs were convicted of a total of 64 offences at Birmingham Magistrates Court.

Jonathan Hunt, the designated premises supervisor of the PHEASANT, on Wood End Road, Wednesfield, and the Prince of Wales on Weston Road, was found guilty of 19 offences. He failed to appear at the sentencing hearing on Wednesday and was fined £152,000. He was also ordered to pay £35,000 in costs. Mark Jones, a director of Monk Moor Pubs, was found guilty of 19 offences. He also failed to appear and was fined £114,000 and ordered to pay £25,000 costs. Robert Stevens, a director of Monk Moor Pubs, was convicted of one offence and was fined £950. Carol Keenan, the designated premises supervisor of the Beaufort Arms in Hamstead, pleaded guilty to seven offences. She was handed a 12-month conditional discharge.

Stephen Gerrard, prosecuting manager at the Federation Against Copyright Theft, said, 'The licensees and company involved in this case have consistently refused to engage with us and ignored numerous warnings and offers of advice sent to them. This clearly demonstrates their conscious decision to offend, over a significant period of time. We were left with no option but to prosecute these individuals and we will continue to prosecute publicans who are fraudulently showing Sky programmes in their premises.'

George Lawson, head of commercial piracy at Sky, added, 'We take illegal use of our programming very seriously and we remain committed to protecting our legitimate Sky customers who are unfairly losing business due to this illegal activity.'"

Express & Star 18/11/2022

"A Black Country pub has produced a vivid and unique display for the World Cup. The NEW PHEASANT Pub in Wednesfield has used the roundabout opposite the pub on Wood End Road as a canvas for different displays over the last year, with a tribute to the Queen and an Easter Bunny among the displays. Now, with the World Cup in Qatar set to begin, the pub has put a display of the 32 competing nation's flags going around the roundabout in the order of what group the teams are in, with a larger England flag flying in the middle. Owner *Wayne Parkes* said the display had been put out on Wednesday and had already got around 20,000 views on social media since then, and said he enjoyed being creative on it....."

Express & Star 4/7/2023

"A roundabout near Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital has had a makeover to celebrate the NHS's 75th birthday – thanks to a generous-spirited pub landlord. *Wayne Parkes*, 59, licensee of the NEW PHEASANT in Wednesfield with his wife Janet, 51, has used his skills as a former builder to transform the traffic feature into a tribute to the NHS to mark the occasion on Wednesday. He has created three feet high stand-up NHS 75 lettering in mdf, made a cake in the middle and displayed four banners saying 'Happy Birthday NHS' courtesy of DIS Graphics to decorate Wood End roundabout at the junction of Wood End Road and Prestwood Road West opposite his pub. *Wayne's* NHS handiwork has already been viewed on the pub's Facebook page more than 33,500 times since being posted at the weekend. It's his most recent creation after he marked Remembrance Day, Christmas, Valentine's Day, St George's Day, Easter, the Queen's Jubilee, Halloween, the Queen's funeral and the King's coronation in similar fashion. *Wayne*, who was born at New Cross Hospital, was initially inspired by a St George's flag on another roundabout in the build-up to the Euro 2020 finals. His latest pieces of work cost him £420 and took two weeks to make, but it's a labour of love for *Wayne*. 'It's an honour to do it because of what the NHS does for everyone and to try to put something back,' said the father-of-two. I make templates, draw them and cut the pieces to shape, then paint them.'

The roundabout is only several stones' throws from the hospital and the artwork seems to have gone down well, with other shops on the island parading blue NHS flags.....

The Coven-based couple have kept the pub since the day before the first Covid-19 lockdown in March 2020 and been together for 26 years."

Express & Star 3/8/2023

"A Black Country pub's staff have welcomed in the summer holidays by decorating a traffic island with iconic characters. Staff from the NEW PHEASANT pub on Wood End Road, Wolverhampton, have decorated an island with their favourite pop culture figures to celebrate the beginning of the summer holidays. The busy island, which is located directly outside of the pub, is now adorned with popular characters like Mario, Princess Peach and a whole array of Disney princesses.

Wayne Parkes, landlord at the NEW PHEASANT, said, 'I have actually been doing this for a while now, we also decorated the island for the 75th anniversary of the NHS and the king's coronation. I am kind of expected to do it these days. It's all about the community. It brightens people's days up....."

[2023]

PLOUGH

725, Cannock Road, Scotlands, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Old Wolverhampton Breweries Ltd.

Frank Myatt Ltd.

Ansells Ltd. [1953], [1982]

Allied Breweries

LICENSEES

Samuel Hargrave [1881]
Thomas Stewart [1891] – [1897]
Joseph Jackson [1904]
Frederick Cope [1912]
James Revell [1913]
Achille Leo Williams [1924]
James Hart [1934] – [1940]
D Clamp [1988]
Phil Kerry [1991]
Darren Cowley [1993]
Shane Wallace [] – **1995**;
Gwendoline Homfray (**1995** – [])

NOTES

It was first mentioned as a pub around 1838.

Evening Express 9/6/1881

“On Tuesday last, the members of this money club, held at the PLOUGH INN, the Scotlands, assembled for the purpose of holding their annual dinner. There was a fair attendance, and ample justice was done to the excellent repast, served up by the worthy host and treasurer, Mr. *Samuel Hargrave*.

After the removal of the cloth, Mr. A. Williams being elected to the chair, and Mr. Thomas Sadler as vice, the usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the evening was spent in conviviality; various songs were sung. Messrs. Edwards and Stringer contributing much to the enjoyment of those present by their musical exertions.”

1891 Census

The Scotlands – PLOUGH INN

- [1] *Thomas Stewart* (49), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Emma Stewart* (49), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *William Stewart* (25), son, clerk (hardware merchant), born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Mary Stewart* (25), daughter in law, born Heath Town;
- [5] *Margaret Owen* (27), domestic servant, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Thomas Purcell* (28), lodger, general labourer, born The Scotlands:

Staffordshire Advertiser 5/6/1897

“*William Stewart*, of the PLOUGH INN, Cannock Road, Bushbury, was summoned for withholding the sum of £38 9s belonging to the Rose of Scotland Lodge of Free Gardeners. He did not appear. Evidence was given that he was treasurer of the lodge, and though asked several times to hand over the money he had refused to do so, and gave no reason except that he had not got it. A warrant for his arrest was ordered to be issued.”

James Revell was married to *Nellie*.

Demolished

It was rebuilt in 1926.

1939 Register

725, Cannock Road

- [1] *James Hart*, date of birth 31/3/1890, licensee, public house, married;
- [2] *Ethel E. Hart*, dob 6/10/1889, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [3] *Joyce D. (Hart) Thornton*, dob 23/11/1923, retailer, general business, single:

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/4/1940

“Meeting of the Staffordshire Licensing Committee, held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Thursday.....

There were eight applications for the confirmation of orders made by local licensing justices.....

Opposition was forthcoming to an application for the removal of the full license of the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Old Hill, Tettenhall, to premises proposed to be erected on a site on the Fairview Farm Estate, Wednesfield. The application, which was supported by Mr. A. D. Dallow, was opposed by Mr. Gilbert Griffiths on behalf of the owners of the RED LION INN, Wednesfield. Mr. Dallow said the proposed site was an estate in course of development. A large number of houses had already been built and others were projected. The size of the proposed new house would be about the same as the ROSE AND CROWN. A canvass of

the district had been taken, and out of a possible 533 votes, 431 were in favour of the proposed house and only 46 against. The distance from the proposed site to the RED LION was 690 yards.

Evidence was called in support of the application, and in cross-examination one witness agreed that there were seven licensed houses within a radius of half a mile of the site of the proposed new house. Other witnesses called in support of the application spoke of overcrowding at the PLOUGH and the PRESTWOOD ARMS, two of the nearest public houses. John Nicholls, WHITE HOUSE, Wednesfield, who was called by Mr. Griffiths, spoke of visits he paid to the PLOUGH and the PRESTWOOD ARMS on two Sunday nights, and said he found no evidence of overcrowding. Addressing the committee, Mr. Griffiths submitted that the needs of the district did not justify an additional licensed house.

After retirement, the Chairman announced that the committee confirmed the justices order.”

[1984]

Closed

It was demolished in November 1996.

The site became a MacDonalds in 1997.

PLOUGH

Deans Road, (19, Buggins Lane), Heath Town, (Wednesfield Heath), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Randle Morris [1863]

LICENSEES

Elizabeth Llewellyn [1846] – 1851);

Charles Harper [1851]

John Foster (1851 – []

Joseph Foster [] – **1854);**

Joseph Jackson (**1854 – []**

Enoch Walters [] – **1858);**

John Cox (**1858 – 1860);**

Erasmus Anker (**1860 – []**

Isaac Barrett [] – **1863);**

Randle Morris (**1863 – [1870]**

Thomas Price [1871] – [1874]

Samuel Eastwood [1875] – [1881]

Arthur Kitson [1891] – [1892]

Edward Shinton [1896]

George Washburn [1900]

George Washbourne [1901]

Henry Barnes [1904]

Henry Machin [1908] – [1912]

NOTES

Wolverhampton Chronicle 15/1/1845 - Advert

“To be Let, with immediate possession, a Public House, situate in Buggins Lane, Wednesfield, known by the sign of the PLOUGH. Inquire on the premises.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 11/3/1846

“*Elizabeth Lewellyn*, licensed victualler, Wednesfield, was fined 5s and costs, for allowing drinking in her house during the time of divine service, on Sunday, the 22nd ult.”

1851 Census

Buggins Lane

- [1] *Elizabeth Llewellyn* (86), widow, victualler, born Bradley;
- [2] Charles Harper (32), son-in-law, stone miner, born Colkirk, Norfolk;
- [3] Mary Harper (38), wife, born Bradley;
- [4] William Harper (14), son, scholar, born Oldbury;
- [5] Thomas Wright (50), widower, servant, born Lambourne, Berkshire;
- [6] Sarah Winsper (17), servant, born Bradley:

Staffordshire Advertiser 25/10/1851

“At the County Petty Sessions, held on Monday last, the following transfers of victuallers’ licences took place.....
Elizabeth Llewellyn, of the PLOUGH, Wednesfield Heath, to *John Foster*, of Wednesfield, miner.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 1/8/1857

“On Thursday, the following cases came before the Rev. G. H. Fisher and W. M. Sparrow, Esq.....
Jesse Potts was fined 40s and costs for an indecent assault on Mrs. *Walters*, landlady of the PLOUGH INN, Buggins Lane.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 24/3/1858

“On Monday last, at the County Petty Sessions, in this town, before H. Hill and W. Tarratt, Esqrs, and Captain Butler and Captain Thorneycroft, the following licenses were transferred from *Enoch Walters*, of Buggins Lane, Wednesfield, to *John Cox*, moulder, of Bilston.”

London Gazette 21/12/1860

“WHEREAS a Petition of *Enoch Walters*, now and for fifteen days last past residing in lodgings in High-street, Portobello, Willenhall, in the county of Stafford, Journeyman Locksmith, previously of the GENERAL HAVELOCK, Portobello aforesaid, Publican, Brewer, and Retailer of Beer, Licensed to sell Tobacco, and Journeyman Locksmith, previously of the PLOUGH INN, Buggens-lane, Wednesfield Heath, in the county of Stafford, a Licensed Victualler and occasionally employed as a Journeyman Locksmith, an insolvent debtor, having been filed in the County Court of Staffordshire, at the Court-house, Queen-street, Wolverhampton, and an interim order for protection from process having been given to the said *Enoch Walters*, under the provisions of the Statutes in that case made and provided, the said Enoch Walters is hereby required to appear before the said Court, on the 11th day of January next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, for his first examination touching his debts, estate, and effects, and to be further dealt with according to the provisions of the said Statutes; and the choice of the creditors’ assignees is to take place at the time so appointed. All persons indebted to the said *Enoch Walters*, or who have any of his effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to Mr. Charles Gallimore Brown, Registrar of the said Court, at his office, in Queen-street, Wolverhampton, the Official Assignee of the estate and effects of the said insolvent.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 23/1/1861 – Notice

“In the Matter of the Petition of *Enoch Walters*, now and for fifteen days last past residing in lodgings in High-street, Portobello, Willenhall, in the county of Stafford, Journeyman Locksmith, previously of the GENERAL HAVELOCK, Portobello aforesaid, Publican, Brewer, and Retailer of Beer, Licensed to sell Tobacco, and Journeyman Locksmith, previously of the PLOUGH INN, Buggen’s-lane, Wednesfield Heath, in the county of Stafford, a Licensed Victualler, and occasionally employed as a Journeyman Locksmith; notice is hereby given, that the County Court of Staffordshire, at Wolverhampton, acting in the matter of this Petition will proceed to make a Final Order thereon, at the said Court, on February the 22nd day of next, at nine o’clock in the forenoon precisely, unless cause be then and there shewn to the contrary.

Dated this 11th day of January, 1861.

James Walker, Attorney, Wolverhampton.

C. G. Megevan, High Bailiff.”

Erasmus Anker = Erasmus Anchor

1861 Census

19, Buggins Lane

- [1] *Erasmus Anker* (45), licensed victualler, born Leighton, Shropshire;
- [2] Jane Anker (37), wife, born Seisdon;
- [3] Ellen Anker (2 months), daughter, born Buggins Lane:

Randle Morris = Randall Morris

Birmingham Daily Post 14/7/1863

“The following transfers were ordered at the County Petty Sessions.....
that of the PLOUGH INN, Buggins Lane, Wednesfield Heath, from *Isaac Barratt* to *Randall Morris*, the owner of the property.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 8/9/1863

“Court held for the consideration of the adjourned licenses. The following were renewed.....
Randle Morris, PLOUGH, Baggins Lane.”

1871 Census

Buggins Lane – PLOUGH INN

- [1] *Thomas Price* (31), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] Elizabeth Price (33), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] Edith N. Price (4 months), daughter, born Wednesfield:

Midland Counties Evening Express 22/2/1875

“*Samuel Eastwood*, the landlord of the PLOUGH INN, Wednesfield, was charged with allowing drunkenness to take place on his premises on Sunday 31st January The Bench dismissed the case with a caution.”

Midland Counties Evening Express 1/1/1878

“This (Tuesday) morning, W. H. Phillips Esq, borough coroner, held an inquest at the NEW MARKET HOTEL, Cleveland Road, touching the death of *Randle Morris*, 57 years of age, late of Dean Street, Heath Town, who died in the Hospital on Sunday, from injuries sustained through a fall from a gig Accidental Death.”

1881 Census

Deans Road – PLOUGH INN

- [1] *Samuel E. Eastwood* (53), licensed victualler, born Lichfield;
- [2] Hannah Eastwood (50), wife, born Stafford;
- [3] Hannah Eastwood (17), daughter, domestic servant, born Wednesfield:

1891 Census

Deans Road

- [1] *Arthur Kitson* (32), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Amy Kitson (31), wife, born Heath Town;
- [3] Arthur Kitson (8), nephew, scholar, born Nottingham:

Staffordshire Advertiser 6/6/1891

“*Arthur Kitson*, of the PLOUGH INN, Deans Road, Heath Town, was charged with being drunk and also with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises. Mr. Pratt prosecuted and Mr. R. A. Willcock defended Police-sergeant White and Police-constable Walkeden visited the defendant’s house and found him and another man drunk. The defendant was fined 20s and costs for permitting drunkenness and also 10s and costs for being drunk on his own premises.”

1901 Census

Deanes Road – PLOUGH INN

- [1] *George Washbourne* (64), licensed publican and brickmaker, born Worcester;
- [2] Louisa Washbourne (61), wife, born Brownhills;
- [3] Harry Davis (27), son-in-law, key stamper, iron, born Willenhall;
- [4] Florence L. Davis (25), daughter, born Walsall;
- [5] Ernest P. Davis (2), grand-son, born Heath Town;
- [6] Harry Davis (9 months), grand-son, born Heath Town;
- [7] Edward Bailey (52), boarder, brick burner, born Northampton:

1911 Census

Deans Road – PLOUGH INN

- [1] *Harry Machin* (52), widower, locksmith, born Old Heath;
- [2] William Machin (30), son, locksmith, born Heath Town;
- [3] Jane Machin (18), daughter, housemaid;
- [4] Mary Machin (13), daughter, school;
- [5] Elizabeth Machin (10), daughter, school:

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/7/1911 - Notice

“The Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 6th day of July, 1911, to Refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, all Persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the Payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims before the 21st day of August, 1911, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules, 1910, the Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act, in respect of the said Premises.....

PLOUGH INN, Deans Road, Heath Town. Full License. Licensee, *Harry Machin*. Registered Owner, *Randle Morris*. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 14/10/1911

“At a recent meeting of the Staffordshire County Licensing Compensation Authority, held at Stafford, the claims for the total

amount of compensation to be paid in respect of licenses refused at the principal meeting in July last were dealt with. The following are the decisions arrived at in the various cases.....
PLOUGH INN, Heath Town, £550.”

Lichfield Mercury 5/1/1912

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The County Licensing Committee presented their annual report.....

The Committee at the supplemental meeting went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard upon oath evidence put forward by the claimants. The Committee consider that the amounts of compensation agreed upon were satisfactory, both from the point of view of the parties interested, and the compensation fund. The Committee fixed the compensation as follows.....

PLOUGH INN, Heath Town, full, £550.

The money has been apportioned among the interested parties and paid.”

PRESTWOOD ARMS

368, Prestwood Road West / Wickham Gardens, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd. [1953]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Unique Pub Co. [2003]

LICENSEES

Matthias Dimmack (1884 – []
George W McCann [1891] – [1900]
Alfred George McCann [1901] – [1916]
Arthur Griffin [1921]
Walter Granville Barker [1932]
Thomas Benjamin Richards [1939] – [1940]
Percy Starkey []
Colin Preece [1995]
Ken Kite [1995]
Barbara Neumann (2004 – []
Robert Gibson [2005]

NOTES

PRESTWOOD ARMS HOTEL [1884], [1901]

It was locally listed.

It had a bowling green and pleasure gardens.

It was a home brew house.

It was known locally as “McCann’s”

Evening Express 6/1/1881

“Lost, on Christmas day, between Wednesfield and Coven, a gentleman’s Macintosh; any one returning to PRESTWOOD ARMS, Prestwood Road, Heath Town, will be handsomely rewarded.”

Darlaston Weekly Times 12/1/1884 - Advert

“PRESTWOOD ARMS HOTEL, Prestwood Road, Heath Town, Wolverhampton.

M. Dimmack wishes to inform his numerous friends in Bilston, that he has taken this old licensed house, where he will be glad to see all who will favour him with a call.

Ales, Wines, and Spirits of the Choicest Quality. Cigars of the Best Brand.

Good Stabling, Every Accommodation, Spacious Bowling Green and Pleasure Gardens for Parties.”

1891 Census

PRESTWOOD ARMS

- [1] *George McCann* (49), licensed victualler, born Malvern, Worcestershire;
- [2] Sarah McCann (50), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Alfred G. McCann* (17), son, solicitor's clerk, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] Ethel May Earp (4), niece, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Mary Jane Fox (19), general domestic servant, born Shropshire;
- [6] William Wood (71), servant, gardener, born Hollinsclough, Devon:

1901 Census

PRESTWOOD ARMS

- [1] *Alfred G McCann* (27), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Elizabeth McCann (43), stepmother, widow, born Bilston;
- [3] Mary J. Hingley (24), housekeeper, born Cradley Heath;
- [4] Harriet Husband (21), housemaid, born Wednesfield:

Alfred George McCann married Mary Jane Hingley, daughter of Felix Rufus and Sophia Henley Hingley, in 1901.

1911 Census

PRESTWOOD ARMS

- [1] Mary Jane McCann (34), wife, publican, born Cradley Heath;
- [2] Annie E. McCann (9), daughter, born Hednesford;
- [3] Antoinette Hingley (24), sister in law, assistant, born Chadsmoor, Staffordshire;
- [4] Annie Sanders (24), general domestic servant, born Cannock:

It was rebuilt in 1934.

The architect was Clements.

1939 Register

Prestwood Road – PRESTWOOD ARMS

- [1] *Thomas B. Richards*, date of birth 3/11/1871, licensee, married;
- [2] Sarah Richards, dob 9/9/1881, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [3] Charles A. Richards, dob 9/3/1918, aircraft fitter, single:

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/4/1940

“Meeting of the Staffordshire Licensing Committee, held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Thursday.....

There were eight applications for the confirmation of orders made by local licensing justices.....

Opposition was forthcoming to an application for the removal of the full license of the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Old Hill, Tettenhall, to premises proposed to be erected on a site on the Fairview Farm Estate, Wednesfield. The application, which was supported by Mr. A. D. Dallow, was opposed by Mr. Gilbert Griffiths on behalf of the owners of the RED LION INN, Wednesfield. Mr. Dallow said the proposed site was an estate in course of development. A large number of houses had already been built and others were projected. The size of the proposed new house would be about the same as the ROSE AND CROWN. A canvass of the district had been taken, and out of a possible 533 votes, 431 were in favour of the proposed house and only 46 against. The distance from the proposed site to the RED LION was 690 yards.

Evidence was called in support of the application, and in cross-examination one witness agreed that there were seven licensed houses within a radius of half a mile of the site of the proposed new house. Other witnesses called in support of the application spoke of overcrowding at the PLOUGH and the PRESTWOOD ARMS, two of the nearest public houses. John Nicholls, WHITE HOUSE, Wednesfield, who was called by Mr. Griffiths, spoke of visits he paid to the PLOUGH and the PRESTWOOD ARMS on two Sunday nights, and said he found no evidence of overcrowding. Addressing the committee, Mr. Griffiths submitted that the needs of the district did not justify an additional licensed house.

After retirement, the Chairman announced that the committee confirmed the justices order.”

Daily Mirror 4/6/1998

“Free Pint of Carling.

With just six days to go before the World Cup kick-off your soccer-loving *Mirror* is buying you a drink. We've a Free pint of Carling to get you into the mood for the great Vive Le Football pub opening parties across the nation. Our friends at Bass Leisure Retail are offering every reader over 18 a free pint of Carling to get things off to a flying start today.....

Where to get your Free pint.....

PRESTWOOD ARMS, Prestwood Road, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton.”

It closed in March 2007.

It was demolished in 2010.
A care home was built on the site.

PYLE COCK

34, Rookery Street, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

J. Rolinson and Son Ltd. (acquired c.1901 for £1,850) [1925]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired 1881)?

LICENSEES

Charles Mason [1881]
John Willcox [1891] – [1901]
Joseph S Knowles [1904] – [1911]
Mrs. Emma Knowles [c.1920]
George Hargrave (1932 – 1953);
Albert William ‘Bertie’ Hargreaves (1953 – 1970);
Mrs. J Ada Loftus (1970 – 1986)
E Gwenlian [1988]
A Sayers [1989]
Gordon Price [1993] – 1998;
Anthony J ‘Tony’ Pugh (1998 – [2008])

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It is featured in CAMRA’s national inventory of unspoilt interiors.

[Birmingham Weekly Mercury 26/4/1964](#)

“Midland Inn Signs. Vivian Bird in the Black Country.....

One would expect some cock-fighting reference in the names of Black Country inns, and Wednesfield has the PYLE COCK in Rookery Street. Though without a pictorial sign, the pub has a fighting cock engraved on each of three windows. Pyle is a colour as applied to fighting cocks – a reddish ginger, I believe.”

[Black Country Bugle - Pub of the Month](#)

“As a drinking hostelry, choc a block with great local characters, the PYLE COCK has few rivals. It was built in 1867, and was first used as a beer shop, before Banks brewery took it over in 1881.....”

[Black Country Bugle 13/10/2021](#)

[Article by Steve James](#)

“The PYLE COCK had a popular bowling green, nicknamed ‘The Old Umbrella’ due to its shape.”

1881 Census

34, Rookery Street – PYLE COCK

- [1] Charles Mason (30), widower, beerhouse keeper, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Sarah A. Bennett (16), general servant, born Wednesfield;
- [3] Mary Gregory (15), visitor, assistant to beerhouse keeper, born Wednesfield;

1891 Census

34, Rookery Street – PYLE COCK

- [1] John Willcox (36), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [2] Elizabeth Willcox (36), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] Frederick D. Willcox (11), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Annie S. Willcox (9), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Gertrude Willcox (7), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;

- [6] Florence Willcox (5), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
[7] Alice Willcox (2 months), daughter, born Wednesfield:

John Willcox, beer retailer, Rookery Street. [1896]

1901 Census

Rookery Street – PYLE COCK INN

- [1] *John Willcox* (46), die sinker, born Birmingham;
[2] Elizabeth Willcox (46), wife, born Wednesfield;
[3] Frederick D. Willcox (21), son, born Wednesfield;
[4] Annie S. Willcox (19), daughter, born Wednesfield;
[5] Florence Willcox (15), daughter, born Wednesfield;
[6] Charles M. Willcox (8), son, born Wednesfield;
[7] John A. Willcox (10), son, born Wednesfield;
[8] Herbert Willcox (6), son, born Wednesfield;
[9] Alice Willcox (10), daughter, born Wednesfield;
[10] Victoria M. Willcox (2 months), daughter, born Wednesfield:

Joseph S. Knowles, beer retailer, Rookery Street. [1904]

Midland Evening News 14/10/1909

“The annual general meeting for the consideration of rules and bye-laws of the Wednesfield Bowling League was held last night at the PYLE COCK INN.....”

1911 Census

Rookery Street – PYLE COCK

- [1] *Joseph Knowles* (37), married 12 years, licensed victualler, born Willenhall;
[2] *Emma Knowles* (32), wife, born Wednesfield;
[3] Ada Heighway (22) domestic servant, born Heath Town:

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/4/1939

“An adjourned meeting of the Staffordshire County Licensing Confirmation Committee was held on Tuesday at the Shirehall, Stafford, when consideration was given to the confirmation of license removal orders granted earlier in the year by local licensing justices.....

Other applications approved by the committee were as follow.

Removal of the beer license of the PYLE COCK INN, Rookery Street, Wednesfield, to premises proposed to be erected partly on the site of and partly at the rear of the existing premises.”

1939 Register

Rookery Street – PYLE COCK (5 of 6)

- [1] *George Hargrave*, date of birth 21/1/1889, public house licensee, widowed;
[2] *Albert W. Hargrave*, dob 26/1/1913, locksmith, armoured car work, single;
[3] Stephen Hargrave, dob 13/9/1917, bench hand, welding work, single;
[4] Leonard A. Hargrave, dob 1/6/1920, locksmith, padlocks, war work, single;
[5] *Ada (Hargrave) Loftus*, dob 10/5/1922, unpaid domestic duties, single;

Ada Hargrave married Joseph Reginald *Loftus* in the 4th quarter of 1945.

1953 Probate

“George Leopold *Hargrave*, otherwise *George*, or George Hargreaves, of PYLE COCK INN, Rookery Street, Wednesfield, near Wolverhampton, died 7 March 1953. Probate Birmingham 23 June to *Albert William Hargrave*, licensed victualler, and Lavinia Richards (wife of Daniel Richards). Effects £3,915 1s 6d.”

1980 Probate

“Joseph Reginald Loftus of the PYLE COCK INN, Rookery Street, Wednesfield, died 7 August 1979. Administration Birmingham 22 April. Effects £15,920.”

Ada Loftus fought very hard to retain handpumps.

She died on 13th July 2017, aged 95.

Gordon Price was married to June.

It was locally listed in 2003.

It was Wolverhampton Branch of CAMRA's Pub of the Year 2008.

[2014]

Closed [2015]

It became a day nursery.

QUEENS ARMS

Wednesfield Heath, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Tomkys []

Samuel Tomkys [1845] – [1846]

NOTES

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/7/1845

“The following inquests have been held before T. M. Phillips, Esq., coroner.....

On Friday, the 4th instant, at the sign of the QUEENS ARMS, Wednesfield Heath, on the body of Mr. *Tomkys*, by whom the house had been kept for some years. The deceased, it appeared, was about sixty years of age, and had had ‘a stroke’ about a year and a half ago, but had attended to his business since. At about half-past eleven o’clock on Thursday night he was again taken ill, seemingly in a fit, and after remaining insensible for about an hour and a half, expired. Mr. Fowke, surgeon, of Wolverhampton, was sent for, but the deceased, before his arrival, had expired. Verdict, Died by the Visitation of God.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/10/1845

“*Samuel Tomkys*, beershop keeper, of Wednesfield, was charged with permitting fighting and disorderly conduct in his house; but as the evidence for the defence went to show that *Tomkys* assisted to repress the disturbance, the case was dismissed.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 8/3/1846

“Ben Plant of Wednesfield Heath will run Thomas Jones of Wolverhampton from 440 yards to one mile, for any sum not exceeding £10. Nobby Clarke, also of Wednesfield Heath, will run Joseph Askey (alias Pool) of Wolverhampton eight score yards, for any sum not exceeding £10. Henry Bentley of Wednesfield Heath will likewise run Michael Giles or Francis Coates of Wednesfield from 100 to 140 yards, for from £1 to £5. The money for the above matches is ready at the QUEENS ARMS, Wednesfield Heath.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 18/3/1846

“An inquest was held on Wednesday last, at the QUEENS ARMS, Wednesfield Heath, before T. M. Phillips, Esq, coroner, on the body of Mary Ann Walford, a child about two years and four months old, whose death was occasioned by her falling head foremost into a jowl of water, in which she had been playing with a teacup. Verdict, Accidental Death.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 16/9/1846 - Advert

“Eighteen Excellent Freehold Houses, with Gardens and Workshops, at Wednesfield Heath, near Wolverhampton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Messrs, Walker, Page, and Loveridge, on Monday, the 5th day of October, 1846, at the house of Mr. *Samuel Tomkys*, QUEENS ARMS INN, at Wednesfield Heath.....”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 4/3/1846

“Edward Crumpton of Wednesfield Heath, wishing to regain his lost laurels, will run his old opponent Thomas Earp of Wolverhampton, 160 or 200 yards, for £15 or £20 a side; or he will run A. Badger 140 yards for £10 or £15 a side; or will enter into a sweepstakes match with them, to run 320 yards, and to put down £10 each. The money will be ready at the QUEENS ARMS, Wednesfield Heath, tomorrow (Monday) night, between seven and ten.”

RAILWAY HOTEL

Railway Station, Heath Town, (Wednesfield Heath), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Ansells Ltd. [1961]

LICENSEES

Paul Law [1845] – **1850**;
Mrs. Julia Law (**1850** – [1861]
S Jones [1856]

NOTES

Railway Station [1845], [1850]
Heath Town [1850], [1851], [1861]

Hotel and posting house [1845], [1850]
Posting house [1851]

Paul Law – hearses and mourning coaches in constant readiness. [1845]
Paul Law – hearses and mourning coaches. [1850]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/6/1849

“On Thursday last the enrolled Pensioners of this district, mustering nearly 200 men, were inspected by their commanding officer, captain Russell, in a field adjoining the RAILWAY HOTEL, at Wednesfield Heath, kindly lent for the purpose by Mr. *Paul Law*.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 25/9/1850 - Deaths

“September 18, aged 51, Mr. *Paul Law*, of the STAR AND GARTER HOTEL, in this town, and RAILWAY HOTEL, Wednesfield Heath; highly regretted by a numerous circle of nobility and gentry; deservedly beloved by his townsmen for his liberality on all occasions, both in public and private life; and deeply lamented by numerous relatives and friends.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 16/10/1850

“At the special sessions for transferring Victuallers’ Licenses, held at the Public Office, Bilston Street, in this town, on Monday last, by County Justices, the following licenses were transferred.
From the representatives of the late Mr. *Paul Law*, of the RAILWAY HOTEL, Wednesfield Heath, to his widow, Mrs. *Law*.”

Paul Law – see also STAR AND GARTER, Wolverhampton

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/8/1851 - Advert

“RAILWAY HOTEL, Wednesfield Heath.

To be Sold, all that excellent Freehold Hotel, situate as above, and adjoining the Wolverhampton Station, on the North Western Railway.

The house comprises a spacious entrance, a bar, commercial room, smoke room, tap room, best and cooking kitchens, with suitable bed rooms and closet, good cellars, lock-up coachhouses and stables, with pleasure and kitchen gardens, and a piece of Turf Land, containing in the whole about four acres, now in the occupation of Mrs. *Law*; together with the Cottage and Garden adjoining, in the holding of Aaron Lawson.

Further particulars may be known on application to Mr. Timmis, surveyor, Queen Street, Wolverhampton.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 11/12/1852 - Advert

“To Be Sold By Private Contract, an excellent new Break, a good second-hand Hearse, Mourning Coach, Dog Cart, and Clarence; some Double and Single Sets of Harness; also a Rick Sheet, with poles complete; and a Billiard Table.
Apply at the RAILWAY HOTEL, Wednesfield Heath.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/3/1853 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Building Land.

To be Disposed Of, by Private Treaty, a quantity of Freehold Building Land, situate at Wednesfield Heath, in lots to suit purchasers.

For further particulars apply to Mrs. *Julia Law*, RAILWAY HOTEL, Wednesfield Heath.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 6/7/1853 - Advert

“New Bowling Green And Pleasure Grounds, RAILWAY HOTEL, Wednesfield Heath.

Proprietress, Mrs. *Julia Law*.

The above Green and Pleasure Grounds are Now Open for the season, and the presence of any gentleman will be esteemed a favour. The subscription list to the Bowling Green is still open, and the Ground presents opportunities for enjoying this healthful and recreative game such as no other place in the vicinity affords. Subscribers 10s each.

Wines, Spirits, Ale, Porter, &c. of unrivalled quality.

A quantity of Freehold Building Land To Be Sold.

Apply at the Bar of the Hotel.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/6/1854 - Advert

“To Be Sold, an excellent New-Built Van, for pair or four horses, suitable for Pleasure Parties, &c.

For particulars apply at the RAILWAY HOTEL, Wednesfield Heath, Wolverhampton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/5/1856 - Advert

“Alma Gardens, RAILWAY HOTEL, Wednesfield Heath.

Proprietor Mr. *S. Jones*.

The Public are respectfully informed that on and after Monday, May 5th, 1856, the above beautiful Pleasure Gardens and Bowling Green will be opened for Target Shooting, Bowling, and a variety of other amusements.

Arrangements have also been made with the Wolverhampton Saxhorn Band for a series of Promenade Concerts, Galas, &c., the first to take place on the Monday and Tuesday during the Whitsuntide Holidays, with a magnificent display of Fireworks and Balloons, by Mr. Dutton, pyrotechnic artist.

The services of Madam Anne Adderley, from the Liverpool concerts, have been specially engaged for the occasion.

A Marquee had been specially erected and brilliantly lighted with gas, and will accommodate upwards of 500 persons.

A Quadrille Band, under the leadership of Mr. T. Beards, will be in attendance every Monday evening during the season for dancing on the Green.

Refreshments of the first quality, upon strictly moderate terms.

Garden open on Sundays at five o'clock.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 7/6/1856 - Advert

“RAILWAY HOTEL, Wednesfield Heath.

Mr. *S. Jones* respectfully begs leave to inform his Friends and the public that his Housewarming Dinner will take place on Monday, June 16th.

Dinner on the table at three. Dinner tickets, 2s 6d each.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 22/10/1856 - Advert

“RAILWAY HOTEL, Wednesfield Heath Station, Wolverhampton.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. W. Ashcroft, on Thursday next, October 23rd, 1856, all the Household Furniture and Stock-In-Trade, comprising tables, benches, chairs, chimney and dressing glasses, mahogany and other bedsteads, feather beds, bedding, three-pull beer machines, jugs, glasses, measures, tap table, range of shelves, large cupboard, with nine drawers; mahogany table, 120-gallon copper furnace, iron ditto, 14 bushel mash tub, three vats, lead piping, brewing tubs and utensils, ale barrels, 600 gallons of prime Ale, two pockets of hops, six bushels of malt, malt crusher, new; canvass tent, with bearers complete 25 yards long; gas meter and appendages, quantity of spirituous liquor and wines, and a great variety of useful effects.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock in the morning.

The House and Premises To Let.”

Staffordshire Advertiser 2/11/1861 - Advert

“Genteel Family Residence To Be Let, Near A Railway Station.

To Be Let, all that excellent Residence known as the RAILWAY HOTEL, at Wednesfield Heath, near Wolverhampton, containing dining, drawing, and breakfast rooms, seven bedrooms, kitchen and out premises, with coachhouse, stabling, pleasure ground, kitchen garden, &c.

For particulars apply to Mrs. *Law*, on the premises; or to Messrs. Brassington and Turton, House, Land, and Estate Agents, 10 Darlington Street, Wolverhampton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/2/1862 - Advert

“Tuesday next, March 4th, 1862. Wednesfield Heath, Wolverhampton.

Messrs. Aston and Sollom have received instructions from Mrs. *Paul Law*, who is leaving the neighbourhood, to Sell by Auction, on Tuesday next, March 4th, upon the premises late the RAILWAY HOTEL, Wednesfield Heath, some very fine specimens of Antique Oak Furniture, including a celebrated set of massive four-post bedsteads, two toilet tables, toilet glass, cabinet, chest of drawers, Elizabethan and other chairs, linen chests, hall and library tables and chairs, circular table, 7 feet diameter, on massive pillar and block; several mirrors in oak frames, a very elaborately carved oak picture frame, an antique console table and pier glass, an antique eight-day clock.

Also a portion of the usual Furniture, including two sets of four-post bedsteads, child's cot, pair of settees, easy chair, twelve new smoke room chairs, large book case with glazed doors, very excellent Brussels carpet, 23 feet by 17 feet (equal to new), &c.

The Spirit Vault Fitting, comprising counter and shelving, six-motion spirit fountain, four-pull ale machine, gas fittings, &c. Also a set of Tandem Harness, Side Saddle, Two-knife Chaff Cutter, Quoits, Lignum Vitae Bowls, Skittle Plate and Pegs, Iron Target, and other effects, particulars of which are given in catalogues to be had at the Offices of the Auctioneers, Darlington Street, Wolverhampton.

The sale at eleven o'clock in the morning”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/10/1866 - Advert

“Introductory Advertisement. Wednesfield Heath.

Messrs. Aston and Sollom have received instruction to Sell by Auction, at an early date, the excellent Family Residence, Outbuildings, and Gardens, formerly known as the RAILWAY HOTEL, and now in the occupation of Mr. William Bradburn. Also the Cottage and Garden, in the occupation of Mr. Lawson.

Further particulars in next week's paper.”

Check FENTONS HOTEL

RAILWAY

Heath Town

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Bevins [1878]

Mrs. Till [1881]

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Staffordshire Advertiser 14/9/1878

“For keeping a bagatelle board without a license, he being only a beershop-keeper, *William Bevins*, of the RAILWAY INN, Heath Town, was fined £5 and costs. Mr. Brevitt, magistrates' clerk, said defendant was liable to a penalty of £10 for every day he kept the board without a license. Beerhouse-keepers ought to know their responsibilities. In the notice for the annual licensing meeting beerhouse-keepers who wished to keep bagatelle boards were informed that they must apply for licenses. Licensed victuallers were privileged to keep billiard or bagatelle tables, but beer-keepers could not do so without licenses.”

Evening Express 23/4/1881 - Advert

“Wanted, a strong Girl, about 14 or 16.

Apply, Mrs. *Till*, RAILWAY INN, Heath Town.”

RED LION

Amos Lane / (Lower) Prestwood Road, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [2007]

Stonegate Pub Co. [2012]

LICENSEES

Albert John Hill [1939] – [1940]

Harry Davenport (1938 – 1957)

J N Eves [1976]

Harry Hulse (1975 – 1987)

Michael Cross [1994] – [2001] manager
Alan Littleton [2005]
Gary Eddington [2010] – [2012] manager
Adrian Clay [2017] manager

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It was locally listed.

It opened in 1938.

The license was transferred from RED LION, High Street, Wednesfield.

The architect was Richard Twentyman.

1939 Register

Prestwood Road – RED LION INN

- [1] *Albert John Hill*, date of birth 26/12/1890, licensee, married;
- [2] Elizabeth Hill, dob 3/12/1891, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [3] Albert Geoff Hill, dob 24/6/1918, hairdresser, single;
- [4] Clara Lowe, dob 17/12/1866, unpaid domestic duties, widowed:

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/4/1939

“An adjourned meeting of the Staffordshire County Licensing Confirmation Committee was held on Tuesday at the Shirehall, Stafford, when consideration was given to the confirmation of license removal orders granted earlier in the year by local licensing justices. Sir William Goodwin (chairman) presided.

An application for the confirmation of the removal of the full license of the Swan Inn, Brewood, to the RED LION INN, Amos Lane, Wednesfield, at present a beerhouse, was refused.

On behalf of the applicant, *Harry Davenport*, Mr. W. B. C. Forsyth said it was proposed to move the license eight or ten miles.

The Chairman: That is a removal with a vengeance!

Mr. Forsyth said no hardship would be caused in Brewood by the removal as there was a fully-licensed house on the opposite corner to the Swan in the centre of the village. He handed in particulars of the trade.

The Chairman: It is not a bad trade.

Mr. Forsyth said the RED LION was a modern house, quite suitable for a full license, and the local justices had themselves suggested that as it was at present only a beerhouse, a full license should be moved to it. There were 283 houses within a quarter of a mile radius. The company considered the license of the Swan was the most suitable to transfer.

Sir William Goodwin asked why there had not been an application for a new license.

Mr. Forsyth replied that they could either apply for a new license or for a removal; either procedure was correct. The effect of a removal would be that there would be one beerhouse less in the division.

The Chairman: If the house is not wanted at Brewood, why hasn't it been referred?

Mr. Forsyth: I would say that the procedure adopted today is that much more often adopted.

The Chairman: That may be so, but we as justices think it is a procedure that should not be encouraged.

Refusing the application, the Chairman said, ‘It is not for me to give you any reason, but I think you can judge from what I have said.’”

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/4/1940

“Meeting of the Staffordshire Licensing Committee, held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Thursday.

There were eight applications for the confirmation of orders made by local licensing justices.

Opposition was forthcoming to an application for the removal of the full license of the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Old Hill, Tettenhall, to premises proposed to be erected on a site on the Fairview Farm Estate, Wednesfield. The application, which was supported by Mr. A. D. Dallow, was opposed by Mr. Gilbert Griffiths on behalf of the owners of the RED LION INN, Wednesfield.

Mr. Dallow said the proposed site was an estate in course of development. A large number of houses had already been built and others were projected. The size of the proposed new house would be about the same as the ROSE AND CROWN. A canvass of the district had been taken, and out of a possible 533 votes, 431 were in favour of the proposed house and only 46 against. The distance from the proposed site to the RED LION was 690 yards.

Evidence was called in support of the application, and in cross-examination one witness agreed that there were seven licensed houses within a radius of half a mile of the site of the proposed new house. Other witnesses called in support of the application spoke of overcrowding at the PLOUGH and the PRESTWOOD ARMS, two of the nearest public houses. John Nicholls, WHITE HOUSE, Wednesfield, who was called by Mr. Griffiths, spoke of visits he paid to the PLOUGH and the PRESTWOOD ARMS on two Sunday nights, and said he found no evidence of overcrowding. Addressing the committee, Mr. Griffiths submitted that the needs of the district did not justify an additional licensed house.

After retirement, the Chairman announced that the committee confirmed the justices order.”

‘Bilston, Tettenhall and Wednesfield - Images of England’

“In the early 1950s, the landlord *Harry Davenport*, hosted an annual Rose Show open to members of the Gents Smoke Room.”

Express & Star 7/7/2009

“A former landlord of three popular Black Country pubs who dedicated decades of his life to the trade has died aged 86. *Harry Hulse* was licensee at the THREE CROWNS in Wednesbury, HERBERTS PARK TAVERN in Darlaston and the RED LION in Wednesfield. Mr. *Hulse*’s son John today paid tribute to his father, saying, ‘He was a very popular man behind the bar. He dedicated most of his life to running his pubs and had little time to do anything else.’

Mr. *Hulse*, who grew up in Wednesbury, took on his first pub, the THREE CROWNS, in 1962 and remained there until 1967. He then went to run HERBERTS PARK TAVERN until 1975 and finally on to the RED LION. He retired from his working career in 1987. He worked behind the bar with his wife Edith, who died in 2001, and lived in Admirals Way, Shifnal, near Wolverhampton. His son John added, ‘He took all three pubs from nothing to very successful businesses by working long hours and sheer hard work. Mum and dad used to work behind the bar together. At the RED LION my dad built up a thriving catering business to the point that people would queue outside at lunchtime for his homemade steak and kidney pie. He tried to make the pub part of the community. He organised events to raise money for the children and pensioners at Christmas.’

Mr. *Hulse* added that his father’s other loves in life included his cars, ‘He loved his cars and had many over the years including a motor home to go on adventures,’ he said. ‘Dad was happiest when all the family were together for Christmas and celebrations.’ The late Mr. *Hulse*’s grandfather brewed his own beer at the COTTAGE SPRING pub in Franchise Street, Wednesbury, towards the end of the 19th Century. Mr. *Hulse* also served in the Army during the Second World War. He was posted to Burma and Singapore before being demobbed in 1947.

Mr. *Hulse* died on June 27 following a battle with dementia. He leaves behind three children, John, 65, and Darren, 43, Janice, 59, as well as 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. His funeral was held at St. Andrew’s Church in Shifnal yesterday.”

Harry Hulse – see also THREE CROWNS, Wednesbury, and HERBERTS PARK TAVERN, Darlaston.

Daily Mirror 4/6/1998

“Free Pint of Carling.

With just six days to go before the World Cup kick-off your soccer-loving *Mirror* is buying you a drink. We’ve a Free pint of Carling to get you into the mood for the great Vive Le Football pub opening parties across the nation. Our friends at Bass Leisure Retail are offering every reader over 18 a free pint of Carling to get things off to a flying start today.....

Where to get your Free pint.....

RED LION, Amos Lane, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton.”

It was refurbished c.1999.

It closed in April 2012 for a £200,000 refurbishment.

It reopened in May 2012.

[2015]

It was renamed THREE LIONS [2016]

Express & Star 1/3/2017

“A six-week long beer festival is coming to Wolverhampton, offering people the chance to try specialist ales and ciders. Pubs including the RED LION, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton city centre’s HOGSHEAD and The Merchant in Cannock, will be hosting the festival from March 6 to April 23. More than 85 ales and ciders from 55 national, local and micro breweries are being made available during the festival.

Regulars will be offered a free pint for every six they sample during the festival; last year owners of the pubs gave away over 8,000 pints of beer during a similar event.

Pubs will also be running Top of the Hops – special weekly beer quizzes, throughout the period. Manager *Adrian Clay* of the RED LION in Wednesfield said, ‘Real Ale’s share of the overall beer market has grown significantly over the last few years, now representing 55 per cent and expected to grow to 70 per cent by 2020. More people are trying beer for the first time because choice and quality is so good. Festivals like ours play an important role.’”

RED LION

11, Bushbury Road, (1, Essington Road), Upton Hill, Heath Town, (Wednesfield Heath), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1967]

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Green [1841] – **1856**);
Mrs. Frances Green (**1856** – [1881]
William Griffiths [1884] – [1892]
George Scott Gee [1896]
Mrs. Harriet Gee [1900]
George H Eccleston [1901] – [1908]
Harry Davenport [1912]
Edward Stephen Stambridge [1921] – [1932]

NOTES

1, Essington Road [1861], [1871]
Upton Hill [1873]
11, Bushbury Road [1881]

RED LION HOTEL [1896], [1900], [1908], [1912]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 15/9/1841

“Sarah Harris was charged with stealing a duck, value 2s, the property of *Joseph Green*, victualler, at Wednesfield Heath. *Frances Green*, the wife of the prosecutor, stated that on Wednesday evening last, about eight o’clock, she missed a young duck from among twelve others, and that she saw it about the premises in the forenoon of the same day. She and her husband, and the constable, went the same evening to the prisoner’s house, three or four hundred yards off, and witness saw the prisoner take the head and neck of a duck off a shelf, and put it under the clothes of a child which she held in her arms. Witness took it from her, and owned it. The prisoner said her little boy had killed the duck, and that she would pay for it, if witness would allow her. John Davies, the constable, corroborated parts of the testimony of the preceding witness, and added that the prisoner at first denied that she had any duck in the house. He found the body of the duck in the oven. Committed.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 11/12/1844

“*Joseph Green*, licensed victualler, of the RED LION, Wednesfield Heath, was convicted in the penalty of 10s and costs, for keeping open his house during the time of divine services in the afternoon of Saturday, the 17th of November last.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 18/2/1846

“An inquest was held at the RED LION, at Wednesfield Heath, on Tuesday, before T. M. Phillips, Esq, coroner, on the body of Enoch Howe, about four years of age, son of a miner, who, during the temporary absence of his mother, on Monday afternoon (having been left in charge of his eldest sister, about seven years of age), went to the kitchen fire, and attempted to light a piece of paper, when his clothes caught fire, and he was badly burnt, although a neighbour succeeded in extinguishing the flames almost immediately, by wrapping a mat round the deceased, and rolling him on the ground. The wounds were immediately dressed with oil, and Mr. Quinton, surgeon, of this town, attended the deceased; but he died at nine o’clock on Tuesday morning. Verdict Accidental Death.”

1851 Census

Wednesfield – RED LION

- [1] *Joseph Green* (50), victualler, born Walsall;
- [2] *Francis Green* (46), wife, born Derbyshire;
- [3] Lavinia Green (20), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] Charles Green (13), son, school, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Pathena Green (6), daughter, school, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] Aleatha Green (1), daughter;
- [7] Betsy Stone (29), visitor, servant, born Doveridge, Derbyshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 30/4/1856

“At the County Petty Sessions, in this town, on Monday last, before H. Hill, W. Tarratt, and R. F. Butler, the transfer of several victuallers’ licenses took place The last case was that of Mrs. *Frances Green*, widow, of the RED LION, in the parish of Wednesfield, who applied to have the license held by her husband, who died in December last, transferred to her. The application was granted.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/10/1859

“The adjourned inquest on the body of a newly-born child, which was found floating in a pool of water at Wednesfield Heath, was

resumed at the RED LION public house, on Monday, before the deputy coroner. The evidence of Mr. Smith, surgeon, proved that the child had been born alive. The jury returned an open verdict.”

1861 Census

1, Essington Road – RED LION INN

- [1] *Frances Green* (52), widow, licensed victualler, born Tutbury, Derbyshire;
- [2] Charles Green (23), son, butcher, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Patience Green (16), daughter, born Wednesfield Heath;
- [4] Martha Green (11), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield Heath;
- [5] John Stanley (77), farmer, born Derbyshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 11/9/1861

“Adjourned Licensing Day. On Monday last, H. Hill and W. Tarratt, Esqs, at the County Petty Sessions in Bilston Street, granted licenses to *Frances Green*, LION INN, Wednesfield Heath the licenses had been suspended at the licensing day because of improper conduct on the part of their holders.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 8/9/1863

“Court held for the consideration of the adjourned licenses. The following were renewed.....
Mrs. Green, RED LION, Wednesfield Heath.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/3/1864

“John James was charged with having stolen a pair of brass candlesticks, the property of *Frances Green*, landlady of the RED LION public house, Wednesfield Heath. It appeared that the prisoner called at prosecutrix’s house the previous day, and asked to see her son, telling her that he was an old acquaintance of his. Prosecutrix told him that her son was now in America, but on the strength of his being an ‘old acquaintance’ of the latter, she kindly gave him something to eat and two pints of ale. After he had left the house prosecutrix missed a pair of brass candlesticks. She at once gave information to Police Constable Suchwell, who pursued and caught the prisoner near Wolverhampton, with the candlesticks in his possession. He was sentenced to two months’ imprisonment.”

1871 Census

1, Essington Road

- [1] *Frances Green* (65), widow, publican, born Tutbury, Staffordshire;
- [2] Catherine Green (25), daughter, general servant, born Wednesfield Heath;
- [3] John Campbell (61), lodger, screw manufacturer, born Wolverhampton:

1881 Census

11, Bushbury Road – RED LION INN

- [1] *Frances Green* (74), widow, licensed victualler, born Tutbury, Staffordshire;
- [2] Alice Finney (14), general domestic servant, born Moseley, Staffordshire;
- [3] John Campbell (73), widower, lodger, factors’ ironmonger, born Wolverhampton:

1891 Census

Bushbury Road – RED LION INN

- [1] *William Griffiths* (69), licensed victualler, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [2] Martha Griffiths (68), wife, born Shifnal, Shropshire;
- [3] Clara Williams (28), daughter, assistant in vaults, born Bramfield, Shropshire:

George Eccleston = George Ecclestone

1901 Census

Bushbury Road – RED LION INN

- [1] *George H. Eccleston* (44), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Lydia Eccleston (38), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] Elizabeth R. Eccleston (21), daughter, born Sheffield;
- [4] Ellen Eccleston (19), daughter, born Sheffield;
- [5] George W. Eccleston (17), son, iron moulder, born Sheffield;
- [6] Thomas C. Eccleston (17), son, electric engineer, born Sheffield;
- [7] Isaac H. Eccleston (15), son, electric engineer, born Sheffield;
- [8] William F. Eccleston (5), son, born Bilston;
- [9] Lydia M. Eccleston (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [10] Elsie Eccleston (8 months), daughter, born Wolverhampton:

G. Ecclestone was a committee member of Wolverhampton and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association. [1902]

RED LION

Church Street, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

[1961]

RED LION

13, Heath Street, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Samuel Griffiths [1871]

Edwin Griffiths [1881]

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1871 Census

13, Heath Street – RED LION

[1] *Samuel Griffiths* (48), publican, born Birmingham;

[2] *Jane Griffiths* (50), wife, born Wednesfield;

[3] *Elizabeth Owen* (29) married, daughter, born Dudley;

[4] *Elizabeth Head* (19), domestic servant, born Wolverhampton:

1881 Census

Heath Street

[1] *Edwin Griffiths* (45), beerhouse keeper, born Dudley;

[2] *Maria Griffiths* (41), wife, born Wombourne, Staffordshire;

[3] *Edwin Griffiths* (15), son, scholar, born Heath Town;

[4] *Alice Mason* (20), general servant, born Heath Town:

RED LION

High Street, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

George Lewis [1881] – [1891]

Hannah Williams [1911]

Dick Williams [1931]
Harry Davenport [c.1932] – **1938**):

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It had a beerhouse license.

1881 Census

High Street – RED LION

- [1] *George Lewis* (43), trap maker and beerhouse, born Yorswell, Herefordshire;
- [2] *Mary Lewis* (42), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Albert Lewis* (21), son, trap maker, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Henry Lewis* (19), son, trap maker, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Bessie Lewis* (15), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *Jane Lewis* (11), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [7] *Alfred Lewis* (9), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [8] *Emily Lewis* (7), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [9] *Florence Lewis* (5), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [10] *Gertrude Lewis* (3), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [11] *Thomas Lewis* (8 months), son, born Wednesfield:

1891 Census

High Street – RED LION INN

- [1] *George Lewis* (53), trap maker and publican, born Yorpole, Herefordshire;
- [2] *Mary Lewis* (52), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Henry Lewis* (28), son, trap maker, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Jane Lewis* (21), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Alfred Lewis* (19), son, trap maker, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *Gertrude Lewis* (12), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [7] *Whittington Lewis* (11), son, scholar, born Wednesfield:

1911 Census

High Street – RED LION INN

- [1] *Hannah Williams* (62), widow, licensed victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Albert J. Williams* (40), son, farmer – manager, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Richard J. Williams* (30), son, brewer of beer, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Annie M. Williams* (28), daughter, helps at home, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Horace Williams* (22), son, trap maker, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *Bertrum Williams* (21), son, trap maker, born Wednesfield;
- [7] *Phyllis Steward* (13), grandchild, school, born Wednesfield:

It closed in 1938.

Its license was transferred to new RED LION, Amos Lane, Wednesfield.

RISING SUN

Wednesfield Heath, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

W S Quinton [1861]

ROSE AND CROWN

18, High Street, (Church Street), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Esther Taylor [1830] – [1842]
Francis Peace [1845]
William Green [1847] – **1852**);
Francis Peace (**1852 – 1861**);
John Powell (**1861 – 1866**);
Samuel Tottey (**1866** – [1872]
Richard Holmes [1873] – **1874**);
Robert Fenn (**1874** – [1881]
John Hodges [1891]
Thomas Warren [1892] – [1900]
William Chester [1904]
Samuel Roderick [1908]
William Williams [1911] – [1912]
Thomas Banks [1916] – [1921]
V Austin [1932]
George Henry Wilcox [1939] – [1943]

NOTES

It was known locally as “Vinny Ostin’s”.

Esther Taylor = Elizabeth Taylor

Francis Peace was also a farmer. [1845], [1849], [1850], [1860]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/2/1845 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Messuages, Land, and Mines. To Be Sold By Auction, by John Mason.

On Tuesday, the 25th day of February, 1845, at the house of Mr. *Francis Peace*, the ROSE AND CROWN INN, in Wednesfield.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/4/1847

“On Friday night last, as a poor woman far advanced in pregnancy, was traveling through Wednesfield towards Wolverhampton, she called at the NEW INN, kept by Mr. John Tomkys and had some refreshment, upon leaving the house, intending to go to Wolverhampton by the canal side. On descending the steps adjoining the bridge, she from some cause walked into the canal where she remained until her cries brought assistance, by which she was fortunately got out and immediately conveyed to the NEW INN, which was within a hundred yards of where she fell in. Mr. and Mrs. Tomkys directed the parties to convey the poor woman to the police officer, near a quarter of a mile further, who upon hearing the particulars of the case immediately took her to the ROSE AND CROWN, where she was soon disrobed of her wet garments and supplied with restoratives, and was enabled after three or four hours to proceed on her journey home. The greatest possible praise is due to the officer and also to Mr. and Mrs. *Green* for their kind assistance in restoring the poor woman.”

William Green was also a manufacturer of locks, keys, screw lengths for connecting ship chain together, levers, wrought machines etc. [1849], [1850]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/1/1855

“Wednesfield Patriotic Fund.....

Francis Peace, ROSE AND CROWN, £1 0s 0d.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/9/1857 - Advert

“Freehold Houses and Building Land, at Wood End, near Wednesfield, in the county of Stafford.

H. W. Greader will Sell by Auction, on Thursday, the 17th day of September, 1857, at the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Wednesfield.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/10/1866 - Advert

“H. W. Greader will Sell by Auction, on Tuesday, the 16th day of October, at seven o’clock in the evening, at the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Wednesfield, in the county of Stafford, by order of the Mortgagees, and subject to conditions of sale, all that Freehold House and Premises, situate in a street called Chapel Street, leading out of New Street, in Wednesfield aforesaid, in the occupation of Mr. Edward Vickers.

The house contains Front and Back Kitchens, three Bedrooms, Brewhouse, good Cellar, two Stables, Barn (with loft over), and other Outbuildings, and there is sufficient front land for the erection of another House. Estimated rental £14 per annum. For further particulars apply to Mr. William Marshall, Solicitor, Darlaston; or the Auctioneer, Willenhall.”

1871 Census

18, High Street – ROSE AND CROWN

- [1] *Samuel Tottey* (30), licensed victualler and trap maker, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Ellen Tottey* (27), wife, born Bushbury;
- [3] *Robert Tottey* (4), son, scholar, born Bushbury;
- [4] *Mary Tottey* (2), daughter, born Bushbury:

1881 Census

High Street – ROSE AND CROWN INN

- [1] *Robert Fenn* (55), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *William Fenn* (33), son, servant (inn), born Willenhall;
- [3] *Hannah Fenn* (33), daughter in law, servant (inn), born Willenhall:

1891 Census

High Street – ROSE AND CROWN INN

- [1] *John Hodges* (54), licensed victualler, born Tynton;
- [2] *Rhoda Hodges* (26), wife, born London:

Thomas Warren was also a key maker. [1892], [1896]

1911 Census

High Street – ROSE AND CROWN

- [1] *William Williams* (63), widower, licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Albert Williams* (23), son, warehouse man, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *John Henry Bridgwood* (24), son in law, stamper, born Short Heath;
- [4] *Ada Bridgwood* (31), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Mary Williams* (11), granddaughter, school, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Henry Bridgwood* (1), grandson, born Wednesfield;
- [7] *William Bridgwood* (7 months), grandson, born Wednesfield;
- [8] *Alice Elizabeth Stockton* (20), servant, born Codsall:

[c.1935]

1939 Register

High Street (2 of 3)

- [1] *George H. Wilcox*, date of birth 8/4/1880, miner and licensee, married;
- [2] *Frances E. Wilcox*, dob 17/4/1878, housewife, married;

1943 Probate

“*Frances Emily Wilcox* of ROSE AND CROWN INN, High Street, Wednesfield, Staffordshire (wife of *George Henry Wilcox*) died 27 October 1942. Administration Birmingham 4 November to the said *George Henry Wilcox*, licensed victualler. Effects £160 14s 6d.”

Closed

Birmingham Daily Post 27/5/1961 - Advert

“By direction of W. Butler & Co. Ltd. in the Counties of Stafford and Worcester.

Sale by Auction of the Important and Valuable Freehold De-licensed Properties.

Prominently situated in and adjacent to Shopping Centres and ripe for early conversion or re-development.....

Lot 6. The ROSE AND CROWN and No.16 adjoining, High Street, Wednesfield.

Withdrawn from sale as a compulsory purchase order has been made by Wednesfield Urban District Council.”

Demolished

ROYAL OAK

42, Alma Street, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Daniel Smith [1871]
South Staffordshire Brewery Co. Ltd. [1892]
J. and J. Yardley and Co. Ltd. [1899]
Old Wolverhampton Breweries Ltd. [1910]
Frank Myatt Ltd. [1921]
Holt Brewery Co. Ltd. [1930]

LICENSEES

William Fellows [] – **1857**
William Grainger (1858 – 1860)
Samuel Lamsdale [1881]
John Lawton [1891]
Samuel Egginton [1896] – [1904]
Frederick John Beckett [1911] – [1912]

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It had a beerhouse license.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 8/11/1843

“The following inquests have been held before T. M. Phillips, Esq, coroner.....

On Wednesday se’night, at the ROYAL OAK, Wednesfield, on the body of a man named Thomas Macandy. The deceased sent for a brother of his on the Sunday preceding from Newcastle to come and see him, which the brother did, reaching Wednesfield on Monday. The two brothers, and several other men (all Irish, employed as farm labourers) retired to rest in an outhouse belonging to Mr. Bickley, and on some of the party awaking in the night, Macandy was found dead. It appeared in evidence that he had been ailing some time, and had been attended by a surgeon for a diseased heart. Verdict, Died by the Visitation of God.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/8/1846

“The following inquests have been held before T. M. Phillips, Esq, coroner.....

At the ROYAL OAK, Wednesfield Heath, on the body of Henry Yarsley, a boy about thirteen years of age, who was killed by a fall of clod while at work in an ironstone pit in Barnfield colliery. The accident occurred on Wednesday, and the deceased, who was much cut and bruised, died on the following day. Every precaution, it was stated, was taken to secure the safety of the workmen.”

William Fellows, retail brewer and dealer in tobacco, ROYAL OAK, Wednesfield Heath.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/10/1858

“The following insolvents came up for hearing on Monday, before C. Winston, Esq *William Fellows*, of the ROYAL OAK, Wednesfield Heath, retail brewer, passed his first examination; opposition was reserved until the last examination.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/11/1858

“Insolvents. Final Orders.

William Fellows, ROYAL OAK, Wednesfield Heath, licensed victualler, supported by Mr. Claydon, opposition withdrawn.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/9/1860

“In the County Court of Staffordshire, holden at Wolverhampton.

Whereas a Petition of *William Grainger*, now and for the last fourteen weeks of Acorn Street, Willenhall, in the county of Stafford, Commission Agent on the Sale of Horses; previously for one year and six months of the ROYAL OAK, Wednesfield Heath, Staffordshire, Licensed Brewer, and Retailer of Beer, Cider, Porter, and Tobacco, Commission Agent as aforesaid, and Jobbing Carter; previously of Corser Street, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, Commission Agent as aforesaid; previously in Lodgings at the GOLDEN FLEECE, Union Street, Wolverhampton aforesaid, Horse Dealer; previously at the GREEN MAN INN, Bilston Street, Wolverhampton aforesaid, Licensed Victualler and Licensed Horse Dealer, an Insolvent Debtor, having been filed in the County Court of Staffordshire, holden at Wolverhampton, and an Interim Order of Protection from Process having been given to the said *William Grainger*, under the provisions of the statutes in that case made and provided, the said *William Grainger* is hereby required to appear in Court, before the Judge acting in the matter of the said petition, on the 27th day of September, 1860, at ten

o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, Queen Street, Wolverhampton aforesaid, for his First Examination touching his debts, estate, and effects, and to be further dealt with according to the provisions of the said statutes; and notice is hereby given that the choice of assignees is to take place at the time so appointed.

All persons indebted to the said *William Grainger*, or who have any of his effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to Mr. Charles Gallimore Brown, the Official Assignee, acting in the matter of the said petition, at his Office, in Queen Street, Wolverhampton aforesaid.

James Walker, Attorney, Wolverhampton. C. G. Megevan, High Bailiff.
31st day of August, 1860."

Staffordshire Advertiser 29/9/1860

"At Wolverhampton County Court, on Thursday, the following insolvents came up for hearing.....

William Grainger, Wednesfield Heath, publican, supported by Mr. J. Walker; liabilities £134 1s 6d, assets nil."

1881 Census

42, Alma Street – ROYAL OAK

[1] *Samuel Lamsdale* (48), hammer smith and licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;

[2] Ann Lamsdale (43), wife, born Wolverhampton;

[3] Eliza Lamsdale (22), daughter, unemployed, born Wolverhampton;

[4] Mary J. Lamsdale (21), daughter, unemployed, born Wolverhampton;

[5] Ada Lamsdale (11), niece, scholar:

1891 Census

42, Alma Street – ROYAL OAK

[1] *John Lawton* (52), tailor and beerhouse keeper, born West Bromwich;

[2] Mary A. Lawton (52), wife, born Wolverhampton;

[3] Mary A. Lawton (25), daughter, born Walsall;

[4] Elizabeth Lawton (24), daughter, born Wolverhampton;

[5] Alice M. Lawton (16), daughter, born Wolverhampton;

[6] Ellen Lawton (14), daughter, born Wolverhampton;

[7] Rose M. Lawton (10), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton:

Samuel Egginton, beer retailer, 42, Alma Street. [1896], [1904]

1901 Census

42, Alma Street

[1] *Samuel Egginton* (31), beer retailer, manager, born Wolverhampton;

[2] Gertrude Egginton (31), wife, born Penn;

[3] Samuel Egginton (5), son, born Wolverhampton;

[4] Rebecca Willder (29), domestic servant, born Penn:

1911 Census

42, Alma Street

[1] *Frederick Beckett* (32), publican, born Wolverhampton;

[2] Irene Beckett (20), wife, married under one year, assist in business, born Leek, Wootton, Warwickshire;

[3] Hilda Hines (17), general servant, public house, born Coventry:

Frederick John Beckett, beer retailer, 42, Alma Street. [1912]

[1936]

ROYAL OAK

Blackhalve Lane, (10, Scotlands), Wood Hayes, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1998]

Pathfinder Pubs [2004]

LICENSEES

Thomas Smith [1850] – [1874]
Julia (Smith) Everall [] – **1881**;
Charles Everall (**1881**) – [1896]
George Morris [1900] – [1901]
William Mincher* [1904]
William Henry Mincher* [1908] – [1921]
Josiah Edwards [1932] – [1940]
Joseph Johnson [1942]
Alan Quinn [1986]
John Manifold [] – **1995**;
Paula Whitehouse (**1995** – []
Lynda Margaret Humphries [1999]

NOTES

Thomas Smith, retailer of beer, Wednesfield. [1850]
Thomas Smith was also a padlock manufacturer. [1851]

1851 Census

Scotlands

- [1] *Thomas Smith* (43), victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Sarah Smith (38), wife, born Pattingham;
- [3] *Julia Smith* (12), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Sarah Smith (10), son, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Charles Smith (8), son, born Wednesfield;
- [6] Joseph Smith (6), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [7] Harriett Smith (4), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [8] Emily Smith (1), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [9] James Boden (50), brewer, born Summerset:

1861 Census

Scotlands

- [1] *Thomas Smith* (53), innkeeper, farmer of 4 acres employing 1 man, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Sarah Smith (48), wife, born Pattingham;
- [3] *Julia Smith* (22), daughter, house maid, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Joseph Smith (16), son, carter, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Charles Smith (18), son, carter, born Wednesfield;
- [6] Emily Smith (11), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [7] Mary Smith (9), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [8] Elizabeth Smith (6), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [9] Thomas Pace (23), servant, agricultural labourer, born Pattingham:

1871 Census

10, Scotlands – ROYAL OAK

- [1] *Thomas Smith* (63), licensed victualler and farmer of 50 acres, employing 1 man, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Sarah Smith (58), wife, born Pattingham;
- [3] *Julia Smith* (30), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Joseph Smith (24), farmer's son, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Elizabeth Smith (16), daughter, born Wednesfield:

Thomas Smith was also a farmer of Essington Road. [1874]

1881 Census

ROYAL OAK

- [1] *Julia Smith* (42), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Mary Smith (29), sister, born Wednesfield;
- [3] Elizabeth Smith (26), sister, born Wednesfield;
- [4] William Langly (28), visitor, agricultural labourer, born Wednesfield:

It sold at auction for £1,200 in May 1881.

Evening Express 23/6/1881 - Advert

“Green Clover for Sale, at 1s 9d per rood.
Apply at the ROYAL OAK INN, the Scotlands, Wednesfield.”

1891 Census

Scotlands – ROYAL OAK INN

- [1] *Charles Everall* (48), licensed victualler, born Preen, Shropshire;
- [2] *Julia Everall* (52), wife, artist, born Wednesfield;
- [3] William Taylor (30), gardener, born Fordhouses:

1901 Census

Scotland – ROYAL OAK INN

- [1] *George Morris* (58), coal merchant and publican, born Wolverhampton;
 - [2] Mary Morris (32), wife, born Wolverhampton;
 - [3] Arthur Morris (26), son, coal merchant’s clerk, born Wolverhampton;
 - [4] Robert Morris (23), son, shoemaker, born Wolverhampton;
 - [5] Ann Morris (22), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
 - [6] Fanny Morris (21), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
 - [7] Elizabeth Gilbert (37), visitor, born Wolverhampton;
 - [8] John Turner (17), coal carter, born Wellington, Shropshire:
- [It appears that Mary was not his first wife.]

* probably the same person

1911 Census

The Scotlands

- [1] *William Henry Mincher* (50), married years, licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Eva Elizabeth Mincher (48), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] Arthur Mincher (14), son, printer’s apprentice, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Clara Elizabeth Jones (22), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

William Henry Mincher – see also ROYAL OAK, Rookery Street.

[Staffordshire Advertiser 8/5/1937](#)

“Twelve applications for the confirmation of licence removals remained to be heard by the Staffordshire Licensing Confirmation Committee when they resumed their sitting at Stafford on Tuesday.....

Applying for the removal of the full licence of the ROYAL OAK, The Scotlands, Wolverhampton, to premises proposed to be erected on an adjoining site, Mr. A. D. Dallow said the present building was old-fashioned, but its trade had increased 50 per cent in the last three years. There had been enormous development in the area known as The Scotlands, and the brewery company themselves owned a site on which it was proposed to erect houses.

Replying to the Chairman, Mr. Dallow said the company had not offered to surrender another licence, as the suggestion that the premises should be rebuilt came from the Tettenhall justices; there was no question of redundancy. The application was granted.”

It was rebuilt.

[Birmingham Daily Gazette 31/1/1942](#)

“Albert Edward Preece, of Cannock Road, Wolverhampton, at Wolverhampton County Court yesterday, claimed 1d alleged over-charge on a pint bottle of beer against *Joseph Johnson*, licensee of the ROYAL OAK, Blackhalve Lane, Wednesfield. Preece said on 6 December he went to the mixed room of the public-house and was charged 1s for a pint bottle of mild beer. Later he asked the licensee why he had been charged 2d more than was charged in the bar. *Johnson* said the charge was 11d in the bar and 1s in the mixed room.

The Registrar told Preece that when a man ordered beer and didn’t get a quotation he had to pay the price the vendor chose to put on it, provided it was not exorbitant or excessive.

Mr. A. Dallow, who defended, said different prices were charged in different rooms according to the comforts and service, and there were different prices according to the standard of the public-house. There were no controlled prices for beer.

The Registrar dismissed the claim, ordered Preece to pay 20s costs, and said, ‘You are free to go elsewhere for your beer’.”

In 1960 it became the first headquarters of the Wednesfield Amateur Boxing Club.

[2003]

Closed

It was demolished in April 2004.
A Lidl store was built on the site.

ROYAL OAK

78, (41), (40), (28), Rookery Street / Well Lane, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Corkindale [1830] – [1842]

Mrs. Elizabeth Corkindale [1845] – [1850]

William Corkindale [1850]

John Leeding (1850 – 1851);

Mary Leeding (1851 – []

Henry Corbett [1851]

Richard Hallis Haywood [] – 1852);

Henry Corbett (1852 – []

Henry Corbett [1860] – [1862]

Mrs. Susan Grosvenor [1862] – [1865]

George Bellamy [1868] – [1874]

Henry Wearing [1881]

William Henry Mincher [1891] – [1892]

Hollins [1896]

William Henry Weston [1900] – [1921]

Arthur Tonks [1932] – [1940]

Satnam Singh [1976]

NOTES

28, Rookery Street [1861]

40, Rookery Street

41, Rookery Street [1881]

78, Rookery Street [1940]

Joseph Corkindale was also a till locksmith. [1833]

1841 Census

Rookery Street

[1] *Elizabeth Corkindale* (45), born Staffordshire;

[2] *Benjamin Corkindale* (15), born Staffordshire;

[3] *Mary Corkindale* (15), born Staffordshire;

[4] *Jane Corkindale* (12), born Staffordshire;

[5] *Elizabeth Corkindale* (5), born Staffordshire;

[6] *Jane Littlewood* (15), f.s., born Staffordshire;

[7] *Catherine Hope* (10), f.s.:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/3/1843

“The following inquisitions have been held before T. M. Phillips, Esq, coroner.....

On the 27th, at the ROYAL OAK, Wednesfield, on *Elijah Rothery*, a labourer, who had been found dead in a lock of the Wednesfield canal. Verdict, Found Dead.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 20/10/1844 - Deaths

“On the 18th instant, after a short illness, Mr. *Joseph Corkindale*, of Wednesfield, aged 48, much regretted by his family and friends.”

Mary Corkindale married *John Leeding* on 31st July 1845.

Elizabeth Corkindale was also a shopkeeper. [1845], [1849], [1850]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 11/7/1849 - Deaths

“July 1, aged 52, Mrs. *Corkindale*, of the ROYAL OAK INN, Wednesfield, widow of the late Mr. *Joseph Corkindale*.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 18/12/1850

“At a special sessions for the hundred of Seisdon North the following victuallers’ licenses were transferred.....
William Corkindale, of the ROYAL OAK, Wednesfield, to *John Seeding* [sic], of Wednesfield, butcher.”

1851 Census

Rookery Street

- [1] *John Leeding* (27), victualler and butcher, born Benefield, Northamptonshire;
- [2] *Mary Leeding* (28), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Thomas Leeding* (6 months), son, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Jane Corkindale* (21), sister-in-law, dressmaker, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Joseph Corkindale* (17), brother-in-law, lockmaker, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *Elizabeth Corkindale* (15), sister-in-law, house servant, born Wednesfield;
- [7] *Julia Spooner* (32), house servant, born Birmingham;
- [8] *Catherine Bickley* (18), sister-in-law, farmer’s daughter, born Wednesfield:

John Leeding died in the 4th quarter of 1851.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/12/1851

“On Monday last special sessions for transferring victuallers’ licenses.....
From the late *John Leeding*, ROYAL OAK, Wednesfield, to his widow, *Mary Leeding*.”

Henry Corbett was also a cabinet lock maker. [1860]

1861 Census

28, Rookery Street – Grocer’s Shop, Public House

- [1] *Henry Corbett* (48), licensed victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Ann Corbett* (39), wife, born Shareshill, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Henry Corbett* (15), son, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Edward Corbett* (13), son, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Benjamin Corbett* (9), son, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *Mary Ann Corbett* (3), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [7] *Emma Corbett* (1), daughter, born Wednesfield:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/8/1862

“County licensing meeting held on Thursday last There were no licenses suspended, but the following publicans were reprimanded for misconduct in the management of their houses during the last twelve months *Susan Grosvenor*, ROYAL OAK, Wednesfield As promises of amendment were made for the future, the licenses were again renewed.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/8/1864

“The annual meeting for the renewal and granting of licenses to publicans for the Wolverhampton Division of Seisdon North, was held yesterday, at the County Police Court, Bilston Street, Wolverhampton.....
The following persons had their licenses suspended until the adjourned licensing day, on the 12th of September.....
Susannah Grosvenor, of the ROYAL OAK, Wednesfield, for permitting drunkenness in her house.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 14/9/1864

“The adjourned licensing meeting for the Wolverhampton Division of Seisdon North was held on Monday last, at the County Police Office, Bilston Street, in this town, when the magistrates present were H. Hill, Sidney Cartwright, and B. Hicklin Esqs. Three licenses were suspended at the last meeting, in consequence of the holders having been convicted within the last year Mrs. *Susannah Grosvenor*, of the ROYAL OAK, Wednesfield applied in person for the renewal of her license. Police-serjeant Cooper said the house had been well conducted since the complaint, and the Bench granted the application.”

Birmingham Daily Gazette 27/8/1869

“Yesterday the county licensing meeting for the Wolverhampton district was held at the county magistrates’ office, Agricultural Hall, Wolverhampton. The magistrates present were Sir John Norris, and Messrs. S. Cartwright, A. S. Hill, G. L. Underhill, and R. D. Gough. Superintendent McCrea handed in to the Bench a copy of the following list of licensed victualler who had been fined during the past five years.....
George Bellamy, ROYAL OAK, Wednesfield, permitting drunkenness (two occasions), fined 1s and £5 costs.”

Henry Wearing = Henry Waring

1881 Census

41, Rookery Street – ROYAL OAK

- [1] *Henry Wearing* (30), licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Catherine Wearing* (33), wife, born Walsall;
- [3] *Joseph Wearing* (7), son, scholar, born Walsall;
- [4] *David Wearing* (2), son, born Walsall;
- [5] *Violet L. Wearing* (11 months), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *Clara R. Karney* (23), sister in law, born Walsall;
- [7] *Mary A. Hughes* (21), general servant, born Walsall:

Evening Express 20/5/1881

“On Thursday evening a dinner took place at the ROYAL OAK INN, Wednesfield to celebrate the recent return of five Conservative members on the Local Board. About 50 gentlemen sat down to an excellent repast, served up by Mr. and Mrs. *Waring*. The large clubroom was beautifully decorated with flowers and shrubs. The funds for the occasion were largely augmented by a handsome donation from Mr. *George Phillips*, who, from his great age and infirmity, was unable to be present at the gathering, which comprised several members of the Local Board and the canvassers engaged during the late election. Mr. *William Bradburn* presided in the early part of the evening, until the arrival of Mr. *Thomas Owen* (chairman of the Board). . . .”

1891 Census

40, Rookery Street – ROYAL OAK

- [1] *William H. Mincher* (32), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Eva E. Mincher* (28), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Bertram W. Mincher* (6), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *William H. Mincher* (4), son, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Eliza Banks* (18), general servant, born Wednesfield:

Staffordshire Advertiser 6/6/1891

“*William Mincher*, of the ROYAL OAK INN, Rookery Street, Wednesfield, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises and also with assaulting the police. Mr. *Pratt* (Messrs. *Hall and Pratt*) prosecuted and Mr. *R. A. Willcock* defended.

On Whit-Monday Police sergeant *White* and a constable visited the defendant’s house and found a large number of people there, two of whom were drunk. The defendant’s attention was called to them, but he denied that they were drunk, and when the officers attempted to eject them he pushed them away.

The charge of assault was dismissed, but for permitting drunkenness a fine of 40s and costs was imposed.”

William Henry Mincher – see also ROYAL OAK, Blackhalve Lane.

1901 Census

Rookery Street – ROYAL OAK INN

- [1] *William H. Weston* (35), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Martha Weston* (33), wife, born Heath Town;
- [3] *Lois E. Weston* (11), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [4] *Hilda M. Weston* (7), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [5] *Elizabeth D. Weston* (6), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [6] *Lilly B. Weston* (4), daughter, born Heath Town:

1911 Census

Rookery Street – ROYAL OAK

- [1] *William Henry Weston* (45), publican, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Martha Weston* (43), wife, married 22 years, born Heath Town;
- [3] *Hilda May Weston* (17), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [4] *Elizabeth Doris Weston* (16), daughter, shorthand clerk and typist, born Heath Town;
- [5] *Lilly Blanche Weston* (14), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [6] *Olga Sybil Weston* (8), daughter, born Wolverhampton:

William Henry Weston – see also CROSS KEYS.

Olga Sybil Weston married *Arthur Tonks* in the 3rd quarter of 1922.

1939 Register

Rookery Street – ROYAL OAK INN (2 of 3)

- [1] *Arthur Tonks*, date of birth 4/7/1900, publican, manager, married;
- [2] *Olga S. Tonks*, dob 24/12/1902, publican, manageress, married;

Letter to the Clerk to the Licensing Justices, Wolverhampton 15/9/1982

“ROYAL OAK, Rookery Street, Wednesfield.

The above property is due to be affected by a Highway Scheme, which will require its demolition and West Midlands County Council have agreed to take possession in advance of the Compulsory Purchase Order.

The premises ceased trading after permitted hours on 15th August last and West Midlands County Council took possession on 7th September.

No doubt you will wish to amend your Licensing Register accordingly.....”

Demolished

ROYAL TIGER

41, (41+43), (21), (43), (45), (50), High Street, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Frank Myatt Ltd.

Ansells Ltd.

Pubmaster (acquired in 1992)

J. D. Wetherspoon [1998], [2003]

LICENSEES

Joseph Tomkys [1818] – [1835]

Ann Tomkys [1841] – [1842]

John Clay [1845] – [1851]

Joseph Green [1851] – [1866]

John Clay [1855] – **1859**;

Joseph Collins (**1859** – [1874]

Joseph Linforth [] – **1881**);

John Lacey (**1881**);

Alfred Leary (**1881** – []

John Gregory Greenwood [1887]

Job Jones [1891] – [1892]

Thomas Kelly [1896]

John Holland [1900] – [1904]

Thomas Howe [1908] – [1912]

Howard Warner [1916]

James Howard Warner [1921]

Charles A Timmis [1932]

Robert John Eaton [1939] – [1940]

Malcolm Lewis [1983]

S Kandola [1988] – [1989]

Valerie Moran [1995]

Richard Tandy (**1998** – []

Richard Tandy (**2000** – []

Ian Price and Phil Eden [2001]

Jennifer ‘Jenny’ Witherington [2004] – [2007] manager

Dale Edwards [2008] manager

NOTES

50, High Street [1861], [1862]

45, High Street [1871]

21, High Street [1932], [1940]

41+43, High Street [2001], [2005]

41, High Street [2002], [2003], [2005]

It was originally the TIGER. [1818], [1830], [1846], [1850], [1851], [1861], [1865], [1866], [1881]
OLD TIGER [1833], [1834], [1845], [1850], [1851], [1860], [1862], [1868], [1870], [1872]
TIGERS HEAD [1871]

Joseph Tomkys was also a cabinet key maker. [1818]

1841 Census

High Street

- [1] *Ann Tomkys* (65), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Tomkys* (15), fs, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *John Tomkys* (9), born Staffordshire:

John Clay was also a bricklayer and builder. [1845], [1851]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 18/11/1846

“At the Police Office, in this town, on Monday last *John Clay*, licensed victualler, TIGER INN, Wednesfield, who pleaded guilty, was fined 10s and costs, for allowing card playing in his house; the parties, it was stated, were playing at ‘All Fours’, for £1 a game.”

John Clay was described as being also a bricklayer. [1849], [1850]

1851 Census

High Street

- [1] *John Clay* (45), bricklayer and victualler, born Marston, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Ann Clay* (40), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *John Clay* (17), son, bricklayer, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Ann Clay* (15), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Henry Clay* (13), son, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Joseph Clay* (7), son, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *Mary Ann Clay* (5), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [7] *Ellen Clay* (2 months), daughter;
- [8] *John Beb* (18), apprentice, bricklayer, born Blim Hill, Staffordshire;
- [9] *Catherine George* (19), servant, born Willenhall:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/8/1855

“*Joseph Rudge*, licensed victualler, of Can Lane, and *John Clay*, licensed victualler, of Wednesfield, pleaded guilty to informations charging them with having used grains of paradise in the brewing of ale, and were each convicted in the mitigated penalty of £50.”

1861 Census

50, High Street – TIGER INN

- [1] *Joseph Collins* (28), victualler and bricklayer, born, Bushbury;
- [2] *Sarah Collins* (26), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *George Collins* (3), son, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Samuel Collins* (7 months), son, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Matilda Fisher* (16), servant, born Wednesfield:

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 20/10/1861

“*G. Lewis* of Wednesfield will run Bagot of Bloxwich 100 yards level, or take two yards in the same distance of *Stokes* of the same place, or three yards of *Parker* of Willenhall, according to his challenge for £10 a side, and will meet either of them any night at *T. Collins*’s, the TIGERS HEAD, Wednesfield.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/6/1866

“*Joseph Collins*, landlord of the TIGER INN, Wednesfield Heath, was summoned at the Police Court, on Monday, by Police-constable *Rumney* for furious driving. The officer stated that on the previous Friday evening week he saw the defendant in a cart, which also contained two children; he was drunk, and was driving the horse up and down Stafford-street at such a furious rate that fears were entertained that the two children would be thrown out and severely injured, and one or two persons, in endeavouring to stop the horse were knocked down on the ground. He was ordered to pay a fine of 20s and costs.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/12/1866

“On Saturday night last a sad fatality happened to two men who have been long resident in this village, and both of them well known for their eccentric habits, whilst the singular circumstances surrounding their sad ends invests the case with more than ordinary interest. In the first place they were both bachelors, the one lived within a short distance of the other, and they were well known as boon companions; on the evening of their death they had been indulging, as usual – though at different public houses – in potations of beer, and they both met their death on the way home, and almost at the same time, by falling into a roadside gutter,

though separated some little distance from each other.

The name of the first is John Darby, 45 years of age, and lived at this place, his employment being that of a locksmith. On Saturday evening he was drinking for some time at the TIGER INN, Wednesfield, kept by Joseph Green, and when he left at closing time he was the worse for liquor. He was seen by Police-constable Cooper, to whom he said he thought he should go and sleep in Mr. Evans's rick yard at Nechells, but the officer advised him to go home, and left him in the company of his two lodgers. He would not go home with the latter, and never reached home, but was found the following morning, lying dead in a gutter, which runs down by the side of the road, near the rick yard he mentioned. It is supposed that whilst endeavouring in the dark to carry out his eccentric designs of passing the night in one of the ricks, he accidentally fell into the gutter, and was drowned, the depth of water being about nineteen inches.

The name of the second deceased is Robert Lane, sixty years of age, a labourer, and he lived at Wood End, Wednesfield. On Saturday evening he was drinking at the PEAR TREE public house, Cannock-road, and he left there about eleven o'clock. He did not arrive home, and was found on the following morning, by a man in the employ of Mr. Phillips, lying in a gutter by the road side, quite dead. From the disordered state of his clothes it was evident that he must have stepped aside to answer the calls of nature, and must have then fallen into the gutter, from which he was unable to extricate himself. There was very little water where the body lay, in fact the face and head were quite dry, so that his death must have been more the result of starvation from the cold. The bodies of the two men, which lay about a mile and a half from each other, were removed by Police-constable Cooper, that of Lane back to the PEAR TREE, and the first named to his own home."

1871 Census

45, High Street – TIGERS HEAD

- [1] *Joseph Collins* (38), licensed victualler, born Coven Heath;
- [2] Sarah Collins (36), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] George Collins (13), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Samuel Collins (10), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Clara Collins (8), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [6] Fanny Collins (5), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [7] Theodosia Collins (3), daughter, born Wednesfield:

Joseph Collins was also a farmer of Long Knowle. [1874]

It was rebuilt in 1875.

John Lacey – see also BROWN LION, Oxford Street, Bilston.

It became the ROYAL TIGER.

Wolverhampton Express and Star 10/12/1885

"This (Thursday) afternoon, Mr. W. H. Phillips, district coroner, held an inquiry, at the ROYAL TIGER INN, High Street, Wednesfield, concerning the death of Ellen Annie Higgett, 11 days old, whose parents reside in High Street. The evidence tended to show that the deceased appeared quite well in health until Saturday last, when it showed symptoms of illness, and died early the following morning. The child had sustained no fall or injury of any kind. The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes."

Gloucester Journal 26/11/1887

"At Wolverhampton on Friday, *John Gregory Greenwood*, landlord of the ROYAL TIGER INN, Wednesfield, was fined £2 and costs for the double offence of having two men drinking in his house after eleven at night, and endeavouring to bribe a policeman with the offer of £5 not to report the case."

1891 Census

High Street

- [1] *Job Jones* (35), licensed victualler, born Willenhall;
- [2] Sarah Ann Jones (33), wife, born Penkridge;
- [3] Florence M. Jones (13), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [4] Alice Doughley (13), niece, born Penkridge;
- [5] Rosehannah Higgett (16), general servant, born Wednesfield:

1911 Census

ROYAL TIGER INN

- [1] *Thomas Howe* (45), married 22 years, licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Clara Howe (44), wife, assisting in business, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Thomas Howe (14), son, school, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] Muriel Howe (17), daughter, assisting in business, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Sarahan Howe (9), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] James Howe (7), son, born Wolverhampton;

[7] John Howe (5), son, born Wolverhampton:

Thomas Howe was an edge tool plater.

He died in 1932.

See also ANGEL.

1939 Register

High Street – ROYAL TIGER INN

[1] *Robert J. Eaton*, date of birth 10/5/1879, manager licensed house, married;

[2] *Lois Eaton*, dob 1/10/1879, house duties, married;

[3] *Freda (Jordon) Harris*, dob 24/6/1919, bar general, single:

Birmingham Daily Post 2/7/1942

“There were fourteen prisoners for trial at Staffordshire Assizes, which opened at Stafford yesterday before Mr. Justice Lawrence.....

Sentence of twelve months hard labour was passed on Percy Jones (19), a soldier, for the theft of a cashbox and £59 14s 8d, from the ROYAL TIGER INN, Wednesfield, and for having broken and entered the STAR INN, Wednesfield, with intent to commit a felony. He asked for three other offences to be taken into consideration.”

Birmingham Daily Post 18/3/1943 - Notice

“War Charities Act, 1940.

Notice is Hereby Given that it is Proposed to Apply to the Wednesfield District Council for the Registration under the above mentioned Act of the ROYAL TIGER Comforts Fund, the objects of which are to provide gifts of money to Customers and Relatives of Customers serving in H. M. Forces and the administrative centre is ROYAL TIGER, Wednesfield.

Any objections to the proposed registration should be sent in writing to the above-named Council within 14 days from the date of this notice.

A. Jones, Hon. Sec. March 16, 1943.”

It closed in 1996.

It was rebuilt as a Wetherspoon's pub in 1998.

It opened in December 1998.

Richard Tandy had been a shift manager at the Square Peg in Birmingham, and stood in as an emergency manager here, when the original manager resigned before the pub reopened. He was given the job permanently ten days later.

It reopened after a £870,000 building project was completed, in April 2000.

Express & Star 13/10/2014

“Beer enthusiasts from the city will be able to enjoy a range of ten real ales from across the world, alongside beers from the UK, during a 17 day festival held at Wetherspoons pubs in the Black Country. The overseas beers will be on offer at the MOON UNDER WATER in Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton, the ROYAL TIGER in High Street, Wednesfield and the SIR HENRY NEWBOLT in High Street, Bilston, have been sourced from brewers in New Zealand, the USA, Holland, Australia, Belgium and Italy. They will complement up to 40 beers from across the UK also being served in the pubs during the festival.....

The pubs will serve new, seasonal and speciality beers, including those flavoured with ginger, heather and honey, toffee, herbs and spices and cinnamon and nutmeg.

The festival will run from October 17 to November 2.”

Express & Star 9/2/2020

“A man has been charged after trouble flared at a Wednesfield pub. Police were called to the ROYAL TIGER pub, off High Street, at around 8am on Saturday after reports of two men being abusive to staff. The men were reported to have been refusing to leave the public house when asked by staff. A man in his 30s was arrested on suspicion of assault and criminal damage. He remained in police custody on Saturday afternoon. A 28-year-old man was arrested for being drunk and disorderly in a public place. He has since been charged and will appear at Dudley Magistrates Court next week.....”

[2020]

SIR COLIN CAMPBELL

Inkerman Street / 6, New Sun Street, (Lower Sun Street), (Heath Town), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Broatch [1860] – [1873]
John Knight [1881] – [1896]
Thomas Beckett [1904]
Mrs. E Mee [1908]
George Plant Hughes [1911] – [1921]
Mrs. Elizabeth Ruth Hughes [1932] – [1940]

NOTES

Lower Sun Street [1865]
Inkerman Street [1860], [1870], [1878], [1916], [1921]
Sun Street [1881]
6, New Sun Street [1891], [1911], [1940]

William Broatch = William Broach

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/6/1860 - Advert

“To Small Capitalists, Members Of Building Societies, And Others.
Eligible Freehold Investment, Wednesfield Road Estate, Wolverhampton.
To be Sold by Private Treaty, all that desirable newly-erected Freehold Public House, called the SIR COLIN CAMPBELL, in the occupation of Mr. *W. Broach*, situate in Inkerman Street, Wednesbury Road Estate, with the six Dwelling Houses and Appurtenances adjoining; also a Piece or Parcel of Building Land, sufficient to build Five Houses; the whole containing, with the site of the Buildings, 1,505 square yards or thereabouts.
The Houses are let to respectable tenants, and the whole produce a gross rent of £78 12s per annum.
Further particulars may be had of Mr. Joseph Purslow, Messrs. Clark’s Works, Horsley Fields; or Mr. J. Riches, 1 King Street, Wolverhampton.”

1861 Census

34, Inkerman Street
[1] *William Broatch* (35), beer seller and journeyman, born Wolverhampton;
[2] Ann Broatch (38), wife, born Wolverhampton;
[3] May Broach (5), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
[4] Alexander Broatch (4), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
[5] George Broatch (3), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
[6] Alice Broatch (2), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
[7] William Broatch (11 months), son, born Wolverhampton;
[8] Matilda Pealing (15), servant, born Lincolnshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 16/7/1862

“The following have given notice of their intention to apply for spirit licenses at the forthcoming licensing meeting, to be held on the 19th of August.
William Broach, the SIR COLIN CAMPBELL, Inkermann Street, Wednesfield Road.”

Midland Counties Evening Express 9/1/1878

“This (Wednesday) morning, H. Brevitt Esq., deputy borough coroner, held an inquest at the SIR COLIN CAMPBELL INN, Inkerman Street, Wednesfield Road, on the body of James Boffey (34), a packer, late of 54, Alma Street, who died suddenly in bed on Monday morning.”

1881 Census

Sun Street – SIR COLIN CAMPBELL
[1] *John Knight* (47), publican, born Leominster;
[2] Ann Knight (50), wife, born Claverley;
[3] Maria Clark (79), widow, mother in law, born Claverley;
[4] Emma Bradby (16), domestic servant, born Pelsall:

1891 Census

6, New Sun Street
[1] *John Knight* (60), innkeeper, born Leominster, Herefordshire;

- [2] Agness Knight (58), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] Amy M. Owen (22), daughter, barmaid, born Birmingham;
- [4] Rosannah Roden (18), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

1911 Census

6, New Sun Street

- [1] *George Plant Hughes* (34), licensed victualler, born Leeds;
- [2] Elizabeth Ruth Hughes (31), wife, married 5 years, helps on the bar, born Sheffield;
- [3] George Henry Hughes (4), son, born Bradley;
- [4] Jack Hughes (2 months), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] May Lowe (17), general servant, born Princes End:

1939 Register

New Sun Street – SIR COLIN CAMPBELL

- [1] *Elizabeth R. Hughes*, date of birth 9/2/1880, licensed victualler, widowed;
- [2] *Lilian M. Hughes*, dob 12/5/1910, unpaid domestic duties, married:

It closed in 1965.

SPREAD EAGLE

156, Broad Lane South, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Marston's plc [2007], [2012]

LICENSEES

Joe Loftus (1959 – 1970)
Ronald Boome [1993] – 1995);
Nicola Walker [2023] manager

NOTES

Plans for alterations were approved on 3rd September 1974.

Express & Star 22/3/2021

“Pubs group Marston’s has issued a list of pubs set to reopen in the Black Country on April 12th. In the Express & Star circulation area this takes in 93. Due to coronavirus restrictions they will only be able to accommodate customers in outdoor areas including beer gardens and seated areas. To accompany table service, Marston’s has introduced an online ordering system called ‘Marston’s Tap’. The online platform is available across the majority of Marston’s pubs for guests to use. Bookings are being accepted and guests can reserve a table via each pub’s website. Wolverhampton-based Marston’s has an estate of around 1,400 pubs across the UK and not all in England are able to reopen in April due to not having an outdoor space.....

SPREAD EAGLE, Wednesfield.”

[2023]

SPREAD EAGLE

226, Wolverhampton Road, (61, New Street), Wednesfield Heath, (Heath Town), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Rowley [1858]
George [1858]
Robert Maddox [1861] – [1862]
[John Brooks \[1876\]](#)
John Rayson [1891] – [1892]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 16/7/1854

“H. Bentley of Wednesfield Heath will run William Eaton one mile, for £5 a side. The money is ready at the SPREAD EAGLE, Wednesfield Heath.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 4/4/1858

“At Mr. *William Rowley*'s, the SPREAD EAGLE, Wednesfield Heath, three minutes' walk from Wolverhampton, to be shot for, open to all England, tomorrow (Monday), April 5, a superior fat pig, weighing from 45 to 50 score, by 35 members, at £1 each. Conditions: 3 birds each, guns $\frac{3}{4}$ -bore, $1\frac{3}{4}$ oz of shot for single guns, 21 yards rise, double guns $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz of shot, 19 yards rise, tickets unlimited. The putter-up to spend £5. The first bird trapped at twelve o'clock precisely.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 13/6/1858

“Mr. Cottis of Westbromwich, in answer to Mr. Turner's (of Wolverhampton) challenge, informs him that he will be at Mr. *George*'s, the SPREAD EAGLE, Wednesfield Heath, near Wolverhampton, tomorrow (Monday), from three to six o'clock, prepared to make a match with him to shoot at 11 birds each, for £10 a side, guns $\frac{3}{4}$ -bore, $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz of shot, 21 yards rise, 60 fall, to find and trap against each other.”

1861 Census

61, New Street – SPREAD EAGLE INN
[1] *Robert Maddox* (72), publican, born Worther, Shropshire;
[2] Mary Maddox (49), wife, born Shropshire;
[3] Ann Bridgen (19), daughter, born Shropshire;
[4] John Bridgen (22), son in law, hollowware turner, born Wednesfield;
[5] Joseph J. Bridgen (1 month), grandson, born Wednesfield:

[Robert Maddox, retailer of beer, Wednesfield Heath. \[1862\]](#)

Staffordshire Advertiser 11/3/1876

“Richard Parry, a turnip dealer, of Heath Town, was charged with having stolen a half-sovereign belonging to John Williamson, key-stamper, of New Cross. On the 17th ult, prosecutor, prisoner, and several other persons were at the SPREAD EAGLE INN, Heath Town, when the prosecutor asked the landlady to change a half-sovereign. She said it was ‘rather light,’ and would not take it. The prisoner got possession of it, and, it is alleged, kept it. On the other hand the prisoner said he threw it at the prosecutor when up the back yard of the above named house. The prisoner was committed for trial at the Stafford Adjoined Sessions, next Monday.”

Midland Examiner 21/10/1876

[“The annual dinner of the Rose in June Lodge, of the United Order of Free Gardeners, Wolverhampton and Willenhall District, was held on Saturday last, when about 40 members sat down to a capital dinner, provided by Bro. *John Brooks*, host of the SPREAD EAGLE, Heath Town.....”](#)

1891 Census

226, Wolverhampton Road, Heath Town – SPREAD EAGLE
[1] *John Rayson* (48), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
[2] Elizabeth Rayson (49), wife, born Wolverhampton;
[3] John Rayson (24), son, coal miner, born Wolverhampton;
[4] William Rayson (22), son, coal miner, born Wolverhampton;
[5] Mary Rayson (16), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
[6] Lizzie Rayson (13), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
[7] Maud Rayson (11), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
[8] Edith Rayson (8), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
[9] Mary McDonach (20), general servant, born Liverpool:

Birmingham Daily Post 30/5/1891

“At the Police Court yesterday, *John Rayson*, landlord of the SPREAD EAGLE INN, Wolverhampton Road, Heath Town, was summoned for keeping his house open for the sale of intoxicating drinks during prohibited hours on Sunday last. Evidence was given that six men were seen to enter the house at 3.35pm, and were later on found on the premises with beer before them.

A fine of 20s and the costs was imposed; and the men, for being on the premises, were each fined 1s and the costs.”

Worcester Journal 13/2/1892

“The Wolverhampton Stipendiary has imposed a fine of £5 and costs on *John Rayson*, a beerhouse keeper, Heath Town, for refusing to admit the police to his premises at 11.35pm on the 23rd ult.”

SQUIRREL

112, (107), (25), (Old) Bushbury Road, Park Village, Heath Town, (Wednesfield Heath), WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

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

LICENSEES

James Simms [1850] – [1872]
John Smith* [1872] – [1891]
John Smith* [1896]
Simeon Amos Smith [1901] – [1911]
Arthur Wilkes [1939]
Thomas Butler [1940]

NOTES

25, Bushbury Road [1881]
107, Bushbury Road [1901]
112, Bushbury Road [1940]

James Simms = James Sims

James Sims, retailer of beer, Wednesfield Heath. [1850], [1851]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 31/8/1853

“The annual meeting of the Magistrates of the county, resident in Wolverhampton district, was held on Tuesday last at the Public Office, Bilston Street, in this town, for renewing old victuallers licenses and considering new applications.....

Mr. Underhill applied for a license on behalf of Mr. *James Sims*, of Wood End, Wednesfield. It was some distance from any other house, except one. Mr. Manby opposed on behalf of Mr. Green, whose house, it was stated would be much damaged if the license of Mr. *Sims* was granted. The Magistrates refused the application.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 3/3/1858

“Two miners, named Robert Drury and William Thompson, formerly employed by *James Simms*, butty collier, of the SQUIRREL INN, Old Bushbury Road, Wednesfield Heath, summoned *Simms* for having paid their wages in his public house on the 5th December last The Magistrates inflicted a penalty of £5 and costs, in each case.”

[Paying wages in this way was a contravention of the Truck Act.]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 25/8/1858

“At the Wolverhampton County Court, on Monday last, before C. Winston, Esq., Deputy Judge, *James Simms*, of Wednesfield Heath, publican, sued James Hough of Portobello, butty collier, to recover £7, the amount of difference in the value of a pony which had been sold by the defendant to the plaintiff with a warranty that it was sound, but afterwards turned out to be ‘stone blind.’ The plaintiff, for whom Mr. Green James appeared, stated that on the 14th of April last, he purchased the pony from the defendant for the sum of £15 and received a verbal warranty that the animal was sound. Nothing was said about the pony’s eyes, nor did he (the plaintiff) minutely examine them because he did not think defendant would deceive him. Mr. Noah Bishton stated

that the pony belonged to his brother until January last, and it was then sold for £8 because it was partially blind and could not see to walk along the towing path, and caused a good deal of trouble by occasionally tumbling into the canal. Another witness was called to prove that at the time plaintiff bought the pony he heard the defendant warrant it sound. Mr. Wallace, veterinary surgeon, was also examined and stated that the animal was quite blind, and not worth more than £5. The defendant, who appeared to be very deaf, denied giving a warranty, and stated that the horse was not blind at the time the sale took place. His Honour, however, directed a verdict for the full amount claimed.”

James Sims, retailer of beer, Wednesfield Heath. [1862]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/7/1862 - Advert

“SQUIRREL INN, Wednesfield Heath.

Mr. Thomas Skidmore will Sell by Auction, by direction of Mr. *Sims*, who is leaving the neighbourhood, on Monday, July 7, 1862, the whole of the Household Furniture, Public House Effects, Brewing Utensils, capital mahogany dining tables, mahogany sofa, chairs, cheffonniere, British-plate chimney glasses, set of iron and wood bedsteads, mattresses, prime feather beds, mahogany and painted chests of drawers, washstands, dressing tables, large painted linen chest, kitchen requisites, &c, &c, catalogues of which are in circulation, and may be obtained at the Office of the Auctioneer, 2, Bilston Street, Wolverhampton.”

James Simms, beer retailer, Wednesfield Heath. [1872]

John Smith, beer retailer, Wednesfield Heath. [1872]

1881 Census

25, Bushbury Road – SQUIRREL INN

- [1] *John Smith* (59), coal miner and beer retailer, born Sedgley;
- [2] Anne Smith (57), wife, born Ettingshall;
- [3] John Smith (28), son, coal miner, born Wednesfield;
- [4] George Smith (16), son, tin plate worker, born Heath Town;
- [5] William Lawrence (72), lodger, latchmaker, born Heath Town:

1891 Census

Bushbury Road – SQUIRRELL INN

- [1] *John Smith* (68), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] Ann Smith (65), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] John Smith (38), son, coal miner, born Wednesfield;
- [4] George S. Smith (26), son, bucket maker, born Heath Town;
- [5] Ann R. Griffiths (10), granddaughter, scholar, born Heath Town;
- [6] Alice G. Griffiths (6), granddaughter, scholar, born Heath Town:

* possibly the same person (or senior and junior)

John Smith, beer retailer, Bushbury Road. [1896]

1901 Census

107, Bushbury Road – SQUIRRELL INN

- [1] *Simeon A. Smith* (43), publican, retired holloway turner, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Alice Smith (42), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] George W. Smith (22), son, brass turner, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] John A. Smith (20), son, tin plate worker, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Amos Smith (17), son, brass worker, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] James Smith (15), son, cycle fitter, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] Fred Smith (12), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] Ann S. Smith (9), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [9] Harry Smith (5), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [10] Simms Smith (3), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [11] Joshua Smith (2 months), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [12] Mary Terry (14), domestic servant, born Wolverhampton:

1911 Census

Bushbury Road – SQUIRREL INN

- [1] Simeon Amos Smith (53), publican, born Heath Town;
- [2] Alice Smith (52), wife, married 33 years, born Tettenhall;
- [3] James Smith (26), son, fitter, motor car works, born Heath Town;
- [4] Fred Smith (23), son, tool maker, motor car works, born Heath Town;
- [5] Ann Simms Smith (19), daughter, born Heath Town;

[6] Simms Smith (13), son, school, born Heath Town;

[7] Joshua Smith (10), son, school, born Heath Town:

1939 Register

Bushbury Road – SQUIRREL

[1] *Arthur Wilkes*, date of birth 7/5/1898, licensee, tool turner, married;

[2] Madge Wilkes, dob 24/11/1899, unpaid domestic duties, married;

[4] Doreen M. (Wilkes) (Hodson) Cooper, dob 14/07/1930, at school, single:

[1951]

Closed

It was demolished in 1960.

The GREAT HORSE was built on the site.

STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT

85, Alma Street, Wednesfield Road, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Mary Ford [1871]

Josiah Ford [1892]

Richard Meredith [1902]

James Cahill [1913]

LICENSEES

Joseph Ford [1866]

Josiah Ford [1881]

John Gunter [1891]

John Albert Southan [1896]

Richard Meredith [1904] – [1912]

NOTES

It had been built in 1858.

It had a beerhouse license.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/10/1866 - Advert

“Sale on Friday Next, October 19, 1866. Alma Street, Wednesfield Road, Wolverhampton. To Publicans, Grocers, and Others. Mr. G. Langman will Sell by Auction upon the premises of Mr. *Joseph Ford*, under a distress for rent, the Stock-In-Trade of a Grocer and Publican, consisting of Teas, Coffees, Sugar, Rice, Oatmeal, Mustard, Pepper, Blues, Soaps, Starch, &c., Shop Fixtures, canisters, Scales, Weights, &c.; also a capital four-pull Beer Machine, Mash Tubs, Vats, six 60-gallon Ale casks, 336 Gallons of Prime Ale, Malt Crusher, Drinking Tables, Benches, Household Furniture, and numerous other Effects.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock; catalogues may be obtained at the Office of the Auctioneer, Mr. Langman, 31, St John's Square, Wolverhampton.”

Midland Counties Evening Express 3/4/1875

“Lost, early on March 28, from STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT, Alma Street, a Badger, finder will be rewarded.”

1881 Census

85, Alma Street – STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT

[1] *Josiah Ford* (37), insurance agent, born Wolverhampton;

[2] Nancy Ford (35), wife, born Wolverhampton;

[3] Minnie Ford (11), daughter, scholar, born Walsall;

[4] Theophilus G. Lacy (18), nephew, insurance agent, born Heath Town:

Evening Express 3/10/1881 - Advert

“For Sale, £12 10s Share Staffordshire Deposit Society, STAFFORDSHIRE KNOTT, Alma Street; £2 paid. Address, X 606, Chronicle and Express.”

Evening Star 6/4/1882

“An inquest was held this morning at the STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT, Alma Street, Heath Town, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, coroner, touching the death of Samuel Lewis (19), late of Canal Row, Heath Town, who was found hanging upon a bed post by a strap on Monday morning last.

The mother of the deceased, Jane Lewis, said that her son came home on the day named, the worse for liquor, about two o'clock, and after partaking of dinner he went into the parlour played a tune on the American organette, after which he went upstairs to go to bed, and when it was time for to get up and go to work on night turn she called him, and receiving no answer, went upstairs and found him in a stooping position hanging to the bed post by a strap, which was round his neck. He had been rather strange for some days previous to his death. He worked at Messrs. Baldwin's Tinplate Works, Horseley Fields, Wolverhampton.

Timothy Whitehouse, a neighbour, spoke to cutting the body down.

Sarah Ann Stone, with whom he had been keeping company, stated that she had been engaged to be married to him in the next month. The last time she saw him alive was at half past one o'clock, on Monday, at the STAG INN, Horseley Fields, Wolverhampton, where she was engaged as a domestic servant. When he came in, in the morning, it would be about nine o'clock, and gave witness two oranges and a letter which was as follows:-

Dear S. Ann,

I write these few lines to you, hoping that you are well, as it leaves me at present. DS I have never been happy since we fell out, and everywhere I go I feel miserable, and if I speak to any young person or when I was with Mary Ann I could never rest; and some times we would walk a long way before I would speak, for a voice seemed to whisper you are doing wrong, and all the time I knew that I was deceiving you, the girl I love. Dear S. believe me, if God spares me I will never see you harmed any more. I feel very glad that I have got a young woman that loves me better than any.

I remain yours truly

Samuel Lewis

Other witnesses were called, who spoke as to the strange manner of the deceased, and in answer to the coroner the younger brother said that he had a brother who had been in a lunatic asylum. On the Saturday previous to his death, the deceased burnt his apron, which was a good one.

The jury, after some deliberation, returned a verdict that the deceased Committed Suicide whilst in the state of Temporary Insanity.”

1891 Census

85, Alma Street – STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT

- [1] *John Gunter* (41), ironworker sheet roller, born Machen, Monmouthshire;
- [2] *Letitia Gunter* (39), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *William J. Gunter* (19), son, bicycle filer, born Warrington;
- [4] *Minnie F. Gunter* (16), daughter, born Pontnewpuldd, Monmouthshire;
- [5] *Josiah F. Gunter* (13), son, scholar, born Frodsham, Cheshire;
- [6] *Violet F. Gunter* (10), daughter, scholar, born Ashton under Lyne, Lancashire;
- [7] *Lily Gunter* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] *Ruth E. Gunter* (5), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [9] *John Gunter* (3), son, born Stalybridge, Lancashire;
- [10] *George H. Gunter* (1), son, born Wolverhampton:

John Albert Southan, beer retailer, 85, Alma Street. [1896]

Richard Meredith, beer retailer, 85, Alma Street. [1904], [1912]

1911 Census

85, Alma Street

- [1] *Richard Meredith* (66), beer retailer, born Madeley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Nancy Meredith* (64), wife, married 12 years, assists in business, born Wolverhampton:

New toilets were built in 1913.

It closed on 7th November 1927.

STAR

Graisley Lane / Frome Drive, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Ansells Ltd.
Allied Domecq Inns [1998]

LICENSEES

R Sullivan [1988] – [1989]
Raymond 'Ray' Coe [1995]
Sukhjeet Wason [2004]
Manjit Gill [2006]

NOTES

It was opened in March 1975.

Ray Coe was married to Ann.

[2006]

It closed in 2007.

An application to change use of car park into a hand car wash for a temporary three years was refused in November 2010.

STAR

68, New Street, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Morris [1881]
William Morris [1890]
William Hadley [1896] – [1904]
Harry Davenport [1911] – [1928]
Richard State [1934] – [1939]
John Morgan [1940]

NOTES

SEVEN STARS

It had a beerhouse license.

1881 Census

New Street – STAR INN beerhouse

- [1] *William Morris* (42), factory engine driver, born Tettenhall;
- [2] *Salina Morris* (41), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *William Morris* (20), son, padlock maker, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Sarah Jane Morris* (17), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *John Morris* (15), son, padlock maker, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *Thomas Morris* (11), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [7] *James Morris* (9), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [8] *Edward Morris* (7), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [9] *Elizabeth Ann Morris* (5), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;

[10] Hannah E. Morris (1), daughter, born Wednesfield:

Illustrated Police News 21/6/1890

“At the Wolverhampton stipendiary’s court *William Morris*, beerhouse-keeper, of Wednesfield, has been convicted of neglecting to give notice to the police of the existence of swine fever on his premises. When a police-sergeant visited defendant’s premises he found four out of seven pigs suffering from disease, and they had since died. The defendant was fined £10 and costs, or a month.”

1891 Census

New Street – Inn

- [1] *William Morris* (30), padlock manufacturer, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Elizabeth Morris (26), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] William Morris (5), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Annie Morris (3), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Elizabeth Morris (10 months), daughter, born Wednesfield:

William Hadley, beer retailer, New Street. [1896], [1900], [1904]

1901 Census

New Street – STAR INN

- [1] *William Hadley* (42), publican and vermin trap maker, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Frances Hadley (42), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] Tom Hadley (17), son, commercial clerk, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Mary Hadley (16), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Maria Hadley (15), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [6] Annie Hadley (12), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [7] William Hadley (10), son, born Wednesfield;
- [8] Lily Hadley (4), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [9] May Hadley (4), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [10] Arthur Hadley (2), son, born Wednesfield;
- [11] Maria Hargrave (79), mother in law, widow, living on her own means, born Stafford;
- [12] Enoch Craven (63), uncle, widower, locksmith, born Wednesfield:

1911 Census

New Street – STAR INN

- [1] *Harry Davenport* (38), key maker, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Clara Davenport (37), wife, married 15 years, born Deepfields;
- [3] Harry Davenport (14), son, compositor, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Emmie Davenport (10), daughter, school, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Agnes Banks (17), servant, born Wednesfield:

Staffordshire Advertiser 21/4/1928

“Mr. Tom B. Adams (chairman) presided at a meeting of the County Licensing Committee held at the Shirehall, Stafford. . . . Supporting an application by *Harry Davenport* to sell wine for consumption on or off at the STAR INN, Wednesfield, Mr. J. F. Bourke (barrister) mentioned that the house was on the verge of two important building estates, which had been rapidly developed. Two clubs, largely attended by women, were held at the house, and there was an increasing demand for wine by those who did not like beer. Confirmed.”

Express and Star 19/7/1928

“Following a visit to Wednesfield by two Smethwick policemen posing as pedlars on three days in May, a Wednesfield publican, *Harry Davenport*, of the STAR INN, Wednesfield, was summoned at the Wolverhampton Police Court, on Wednesday, for permitting gaming in his licensed premises.

Exceptional interest was taken in the case. The court was crowded to excess. Mr. Long (Birmingham), who represented the landlord, stated that if necessary he should call no less than 25 witnesses to testify that gaming did not take place on the days in question.

Mr. A. D. Dallow, who prosecuted on behalf of the police, stated that on May 28th, 29th and 30th Police constables Bloor and Lea, of the Smethwick police force, visited the STAR INN in plain clothes, and posed as pedlars, it being considered a futile proceeding to send uniformed policemen on such an errand. On the first two days (these cases being taken first) men were sitting at two tables in the bar and playing ‘ha’penny nap’. The evidence would show, said Mr. Dallow, that money obviously passed at the end of each hand. Evidently some of the persons playing nap suspected the police officers, and one referred to the landlord as ‘windy’. Police constable Bloor said the landlord was in the room and could see everything that was going on. After being in the bar for some time one of the card players spoke to the landlord and the game at one table was suspended for about five minutes. Later someone said to witness, ‘We can play cards, can’t we?’ When witness asked, ‘What do you mean?’ another man said ‘The gaffer’s windy. He thinks you are coppers.’ Police constable Lea then remarked, ‘I wish I was’, to which one of the players, turning to the landlord said, ‘I told you they were not coppers, gaffer. Why, I am damned sure one of them ain’t big enough.’ The

landlord replied, 'I don't know. It does not do to let people see too much. Keep them up a bit.' At 1.15pm witness and Lea left and at the two tables men were still playing nap.

Witness referring to his visit on May 29th, said men were playing halfpenny nap in the bar when he and Lea called. One man in particular was losing almost every hand. On one occasion having called 'Nap' and lost it, he called out to the landlord, 'If I keep losing I shall want a sub. How is it looking for a quid, gaffer?'

In answer to Mr. Long, witness said he did not see cribbage boards on the tables.

During the cross-examination, about 25 people were called into the court by Mr. Long. The witness picked out several whom he recognized as being present on his three visits.

Police constable Lea corroborated and said in answer to Mr. Dallow, that he and Police constable Bloor posed ostensibly as hawkers of toilet soap.

Inspector F. Kirk, Wednesfield, said he paid a visit to the STAR INN, in uniform, but did not see any gaming. *Davenport*, when questioned said, 'They weren't playing for anything, what can I do?' and referring to Bloor and Lea, who were present, said, 'They are all right, they are travellers.'

Mr. Long said the defence was a denial that the persons were playing for money, or that statements were made indicating that money was being played for. Commenting upon the neat reports made by the two visiting policemen. Mr. Long said two of the ablest men in the country could not have produced two reports of such paralleled preciseness and similarity, pointing, he submitted, in a careful consideration and consultation.

Mr. Long then proceeded to call his 25 witnesses.

Defendant said cribbage was the game being played and not ha'penny nap. In answer to Mr. Dallow he admitted that since the visits of the two officers, two meetings of his customers had been held in the club room to discuss the matter. Though witness was not present he remembered that a solicitor and a representative of a brewery company were in attendance.

At this point the hearing of the case was adjourned until August 3rd."

1939 Register

New Street – STAR INN

[1] *Richard State*, date of birth 30/5/1884, licensee, married;

[2] *Emily J. State*, dob 7/9/1883, unpaid household duties, married, PWC;

[3] *Albert R. State*, dob 12/4/1915, butcher's assistant, single:

STAR

72, (31), Wolverhampton Road / Cross Street, (Grove Street), Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1947]

LICENSEES

Simeon Wilkinson [1853] – **1860**);

William Quinton (**1860** – [1861]

William Griffiths [1862] – [1875]

Charles M Anderson [] – **1877**);

Samuel Marriott (**1877** – [1881]

Mrs. Sarah H Marriott [1891] – [1892]

William B Hill [1896]

James Baugh [1900] – [1901]

Arthur J Mumford [1904]

William Henry Whitehead [1908] – [1912]

Arthur Tonks [1916] – [1921]

Arthur Tonks [1932]

Charles Rollason [1940]

Mrs. Brown [1952]

NOTES

Grove Street [1853]

31, Wolverhampton Road [1871]

72, Wolverhampton Road [1891], [1904], [1908], [1932], [1940]

STAR HOTEL [1911]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 31/8/1853

“The annual meeting of the Magistrates of the county, resident in Wolverhampton district, was held on Tuesday last at the Public Office, Bilston Street, in this town, for renewing old victuallers licenses and considering new applications.....

Mr. Hayes next applied on behalf of Mr. *Simeon Wilkinson*, the tenant of a house called the STAR, situated in Grove Street, Wednesfield Heath. The nearest old licensed house was Mr. Giles’s, which was 148 yards from the place. Mr. Underhill opposed the application on behalf of Mr. Giles, and also the owner of a chapel near to the public house, contending that it was not desirable to have a public house so close to the chapel, and the adjacent chain works; such a house was too often an inducement for men to neglect their employment. The application was refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/8/1856

“Applications for new licenses. There were fourteen applications altogether for licenses to sell spirits – all from beershop keepers – only four of which were granted by the Magistrates.....

Mr. Hayes applied for *Simeon Wilkinson*, STAR beershop, Heath Town, Wednesfield. The house was rated at £26 per annum; the applicant was of good character, there having been no complaint against him for five years; there had been a great increase of the population; and the certificate had been signed by the clergyman and other respectable inhabitants.

Mr. Underhill opposed on the part of Mr. Jones, of the RAILWAY STATION, and reminded the Magistrates that they had already decided to grant a license to another party in the same neighbourhood. Refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 13/6/1860

“Mr. *W. S. Quinton*, the landlord of the STAR INN, Wednesfield Heath, Mary *Quinton*, his wife, and a man named Kitson were summoned for having assaulted William Round, on the previous Monday. There was a cross summons by Mr. *Quinton* against Round, both complaints being heard conjointly. Round alleged that whilst drinking at the STAR on Monday night a discussion arose between a man named Mason, the landlord, and himself, with reference to some property, and they wanted him to bet £5 upon it, which he declined to do. He was then told to go out, but as it was then twelve o’clock, and he had been there ever since eight o’clock, and, moreover, having just had his glass replenished, he refused to leave. The defendants then collared him, using him very roughly, and pitched him out of doors, depositing him, wrong end uppermost, on the kerbing, and finished by kicking him on the head, body, and elbow. Two witnesses, named Collingsworth and Wardle, were called to corroborate the complainant’s statement. Mr. H. Langman, for the defence, and in support of the cross summons, proved, by the evidence of Mr. *Quinton* and others, that Round was ‘mad drunk’, and very disorderly; that he tumbled into the fire, struck Mrs. *Quinton*, and created such a disturbance that Mr. *Quinton* was compelled to expel him in order to preserve the peaceable character of his house. It was denied that Mr. *Quinton* kicked Round and, on the other hand, it was shown that Round had stripped and challenged the whole company, and that on the way out he throttled and half-strangled the landlord. The Bench considered that Mr. *Quinton* was justified in turning out Round, and that he did not use more than reasonable and proper force to do so. They therefore dismissed the summons taken out by Round, and for the offence proved against him ordered him to pay a fine of 40s and costs.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 20/3/1861 - Advert

“STAR INN, Wednesfield Heath, Near Wolverhampton.

Mr. John Mason will Sell by Auction, on Monday next, the 25th day of March, 1861, a portion of the Household Furniture, Brewing Vessels, consisting of 100-gallon copper boiler, 12-bushel mash tub with brass tap, coolers, capital iron-bound ale barrels, hops, malt crusher, six-pull Beer Machine, stock of Ale, Spirits, and other Effects, upon the premises of Mr. *William Quinton*, STAR INN, Wednesfield Heath, who is leaving in consequence of having entered into farming pursuits.

Particulars will appear in catalogues which may be had at the place of sale, or at the Office of the Auctioneer, Walsall Street, Wilenhall.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21/2/1866 - Advert

“Tuesday, February 27. Freehold Land And House At Wednesfield Heath.

By Messrs. Aston and Sollom will Sell by Auction, on Tuesday, the 27th of February, 1866, at the STAR INN, Wednesfield Heath, at six o’clock in the evening.....”

1871 Census

31, Wolverhampton Road – STAR INN

- [1] *William Griffiths* (49), publican, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [2] *Martha Griffiths* (48), wife, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [3] *Arthur Griffiths* (17), son, engine fitter, born Heath Town;
- [4] *Alfred Griffiths* (14), son, clerk at ironworks, born Heath Town;
- [5] *Clara Griffiths* (8), daughter, scholar, born Heath Town:

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/2/1875 - Advert

“‘Defensio, Non Provocatio.’ Caution.

The Licensed Victuallers’ Tea Association, Southwark Street, Borough, London.

This association, having prosecuted and convicted a Grocer, at Bradford, at the Leeds Assizes, under the 'Merchandize Marks Act, 1862,' and also prosecuted a man at Chester Assizes, who was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for fraudulently counterfeiting and imitating their Trade Mark, and having obtained a decree for a perpetual injunction against a Tea Company (Limited), restricting the said Company from selling or exposing for sale Tea packed in covers or wrappers made in imitation of those used by the Licensed Victuallers' Tea Association, or not materially differing therefrom, or in any cover or wrappers which by their shape, size, colour, labels, writings, figures, inscriptions, trade mark, or general character should make it appear that the packets sold or exposed for sale were those of the Licensed Victuallers' Tea Association, and which decree on appeal was confirmed by the Lord Chancellor, notice is hereby given that all persons Counterfeiting or Imitating the Trade Mark of the Licensed Victuallers' Tea Association will be forthwith Proceeded Against; and Licensed Victuallers, Grocers, Bakers, Confectioners and others are hereby warned from selling or exposing for sale Tea packed in covers or wrappers made in imitation of those used by said Association. Thompson and Son, 60, Cornhill, Solicitors for the Licensed Victuallers' Tea Association. Agents For Staffordshire. Wolverhampton: *W. Griffiths*, STAR INN, Heath Town."

Wolverhampton Express and Star 20/1/1879

"The Distress in Wolverhampton and District Heath Town.

It is gratifying to find that the Relief Committee of this place are not being left alone in the good work which they have began. On Friday evening last, January 17th, Mr. *S. Marriott*, of the STAR VAULTS, distributed 200 loaves of bread and 100 ounces of tea (which was kindly given by Mr. W. H. Anderson, wine and spirit merchant of Wolverhampton) to 100 of the poorest families in the village and its vicinity, the recipients of same returning their heartfelt thanks for the kindness bestowed upon them. This is the fourth distribution of the kind which has been made by Mr. *Marriott*, three of them at his own expense. Mr. Anderson has kindly promised a second donation, which will be distributed on Tuesday next."

Evening Express 7/3/1881

"A little boy, named Walter Woolley, ten months old, whose parents live near the STAR INN, Heath Town, has died from severe scalds he sustained on Tuesday last.

It appears he lay on the hearth in front of the fire while Mrs. Woolley was engaged in making pancakes, and a saucepan of water, which stood on the firegrate was accidentally upset. The water went over the chest, neck, back, and arms of the deceased, scalding him very badly, and from the effects of which he died on Friday night."

1881 Census

Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *Samuel Marriott* (29), licensed victualler, born Hose, Leicestershire;
- [2] *Sarah H. Marriott* (28), wife, born Nottingham;
- [3] *Percy H. Marriott* (3), son, born Heath Town;
- [4] *Elizabeth Baker* (20), sister in law, barmaid, born Nottingham:

Evening Express 1/12/1881

"On Monday evening last, the annual dinner of the Comet of the Heath Lodge of Free Gardeners was celebrated at the STAR INN, Heath Town; on which occasion a large number of members and friends sat down to a capital repast provided by host *Marriott*. The chair was occupied by Mr. S. Tovey, JP, Mr. Peel taking the vice chair. The usual loyal toasts having been drunk, the secretary (Bro. Speed), gave a satisfactory report of the progress which the lodge had made since its inauguration. Speeches by the Rev. B. Perry and Messrs. Coley, Pool, &c, interspersed with songs and recitations, made up a most enjoyable evening."

Wolverhampton Express and Star 22/6/1885

"On Saturday afternoon Mr. E. B. Thorneycroft, deputy coroner, held an inquiry, at the STAR INN, Heath Town, relative to the death of Mr. Joseph Bonner (70), coffee house keeper, late of Wednesfield Road. The evidence showed that on Friday morning, about seven o'clock, Mrs. Bonner found her husband on the bedroom floor in a very exhausted condition. She called her son, and together they assisted deceased on to the bed, the son then going for a doctor, before whose arrival the man was dead. The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes."

Birmingham Daily Post 30/12/1890

"An inquest was held at the STAR HOTEL, Heath Town, yesterday afternoon, before Mr. W. H. Phillips, borough coroner, on the body of Emily Hartless (37), single woman, who died on the 25th inst from scalds. Isabella Highway, sister to the deceased, who resided with her, said she was subject to fainting fits. About three weeks ago witness was in the house when she heard a fall in the parlour and found the deceased on the floor with a kettle in her hand. She was scalded on the arms, chest, and breast. Her mother was in the house at the time. Dr. Green was called the next morning and attended the deceased. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

1891 Census

72, Wolverhampton Street

- [1] *Sarah H. Marriott* (36), widow, licensed victualler, born Nottingham;

- [2] Percy H. Marriott (13), son, scholar, born Heath Town;
- [3] Frank B. Marriott (8), son, scholar, born Heath Town;
- [4] Emma L. Marriott (6), daughter, scholar, born Heath Town;
- [5] Jane James (20), domestic servant, born Beakes, Staffordshire;
- [6] Mary Jacques (50), visitor, living on her means, born Joulby, Lincolnshire:

1901 Census

Wolverhampton Street – STAR HOTEL

- [1] *James Baugh* (68), hotel manager, born Bilston;
- [2] Sarah A. Baugh (60), wife, born Coalport, Shropshire;
- [3] Malcolm J. Baugh (32), son, railway clerk, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] John S. Baugh (23), son, engine fitter, born Heath Town:

1911 Census

Heath Town – STAR HOTEL

- [1] *William Henry Whitehead* (41), licensed victualler, born Heath Town;
- [2] Dora Jane Whitehead (43), wife, married 17 years, assisting in the business, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Archie Hill Whitehead (13), son, school, born Smethwick;
- [4] Evelyn Dora Whitehead (9), daughter, school, born Heath Town;
- [5] Clarrie Hickman (30), servant, barmaid, born Heath Town;
- [6] Minnie Jones (20), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Bilston and Willenhall Times 22/9/1928

“At the STAR HOTEL, Heath Town, on Thursday evening, Bro. W. T. Gittins, of the King George V Lodge, RAOB, was raised to the third degree (KOM).....”

Birmingham Daily Post 2/7/1942

“Sentence of twelve months’ hard labour was passed on Percy Jones (19), a soldier, for the theft of a cashbox and £59 14s 8d, from the ROYAL TIGER INN, Wednesfield, and for having broken and entered the STAR INN, Wednesfield, with intent to commit a felony. He asked for three other offences to be taken into consideration.”

[1961]

Closed

It was demolished in the 1960s.

STORES

24, Grove Street, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Henry Bridgwood [1940]

SUMMER HOUSE

1, Wood Hayes, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Charles Whitehouse [1871] – [1874]

Elizabeth Wood [1891]

Elijah Bird [1893]

NOTES

1871 Census

1, Wood Hayes – SUMMER HOUSE

- [1] *Charles Whitehouse* (56), publican, born Wednesfield;
- [2] Jane Whitehouse (56), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] Ann Whitehouse (18), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [4] John Whitehouse (16), son, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Jane Whitehouse (12), daughter, born Wednesfield:

Birmingham Daily Post 30/8/1872

“Yesterday, the annual Licensing Sessions for the Wolverhampton Division of the County of Stafford was held at the Agricultural Hall, in that town.

The record of convictions against licensed victuallers and beerhouse keepers for the 12 months was as follows.

Beerhouses *Charles Whitehouse*, SUMMERHOUSE, Wood Hayes.”

Cannock Chase Examiner 29/8/1874

“On Thursday, the annual Brewster Licensing Session for the Wolverhampton division of the division of the hundred of Seisdon North, was held in the Town Hall.

Chief Superintendent McCrea applied to the magistrates to refuse the renewal of the license of *Charles Whitehouse*, SUMMER HOUSE, Wood Hayes, Wednesfield, on the ground that *Whitehouse* was not a fit person to hold a license, and that his house was ‘of a disorderly character.’ A long list of convictions, dating from 1872 to the present time, was presented.

Whitehouse: I was going to dispose of the property in about three weeks.

Relative to the application of Mr. McCrea, the magistrates would defer its consideration till the adjourned licensing day; and if the landlord, ad interim, secured a tenant they might be disposed to sanction the transfer of the license.”

1891 Census

Wood Hayes – SUMMER HOUSE INN

- [1] *Elizabeth Wood* (55), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Edgar R. Wood (28), son, dairyman, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Harry B. Wood (26), son, dairyman, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] Phoebe Bissell (14), general servant, born Princes End:

Birmingham Daily Post 20/10/1893

“At the Wolverhampton Police Court, on Wednesday, *Elijah Bird*, formerly a member of Wolverhampton police force, but now keeping an outdoor beerhouse, known as the SUMMER HOUSE, Wood Hayes, Wednesfield, was summoned for keeping his house open during prohibited hours.

The police for some time past had had suspicions regarding the defendant’s house, and two officers, dressed in plain clothes, paid the defendant a visit during hours his house should have been closed, and asked for and were supplied with some ale.

Defendant, who failed to appear, was fined £5 and costs.”

SWAN

213, (12), Wolverhampton Road (Wednesfield Road) / Cross Street (1, Church Street), Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1953]

LICENSEES

Thomas Bradley [1841] – [1842]

Henry Mason [1845] – [1848]

John Sargent [1849] – [1851]

Elizabeth Thompson [1851] – **1859**;

Duncan Grant (**1859** – **1861**);

James Grant (1861 – [1862])
George Sanders []
Stephen Mason [1864] – [1870]
John Brookes [1871]
Thomas Morris [1872] – 1876);
William Askey (1876 – []
Job Smith [1878] – [1881]
Mrs. Selina Mayer [1891] – [1892]
William Henry Weston [1896]
Joseph Cockerill [1900] – [1904]
James Cahill [1908] – [1916]
Joseph Cadman [1932] – [1940]
James Joyce [1953]

NOTES

12, Wolverhampton Road [1881]
1, Church Street [1891]
213, Wolverhampton Road [1908], [1932], [1940]

Northern Star and Leeds General Advertiser 27/9/1845

“The South Staffordshire Miners’ Delegate Meeting was held at Mr. *Henry Mason’s*, SWAN INN, Wednesfield Heath, on Monday last, September 22nd; delegates were in attendance from different parts of the district, from whose reports we learn that a goodly number of members have been added within the past fortnight, and things in general put on a better appearance than they have for some time previous. A good substantial dinner was provided at the SWAN for the members of the lodge, with a few other friends, who, after the district business was concluded, walked in procession with a band of music at their head to Wednesfield and back. By this time dinner was ready when eighty-nine stout and hearty sons of toil sat down, and did ample justice to the good thing ‘smoking hot’. After which Messrs. Brown and Ramsay addressed a crowded room full, on the necessity and advantages of general organisation and restrictions; Mr. Robert Johnson in the chair. This has been one of the most enthusiastic meetings we have had for a long while, and, we trust, will be productive of much good.”

Northern Star and Leeds General Advertiser 10/1/1846

“Staffordshire Miners. The next delegate meeting will be held at Mr. *Henry Mason’s*, SWAN INN, Wednesfield Heath, on Monday the 20th day of April. Those lodges who do not send a delegate will forfeit one shilling each.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 27/6/1847

“The 440 yards race between Thomas Bishop and Benjamin Plant, the latter receiving five yards start, for £5 a side, came off on Monday last near the SWAN INN, Wednesfield Heath. They bounded away at the second attempt, Plant with the lead which he maintained up to 200 yards, when Bishop caught his man, and ran in an easy winner.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 19/9/1847

“Edward Crumpton (a lad) will run William Weaver of Darlaston seven or eight score yards level, for £10 or £20 a side. If declined, he will run George Underhill of Wolverhampton or Brooks of Willenhall, or Timothy Wilkes of Bilston, the same distance; or Lawrence Dobson of Wolverhampton, providing he will give two yards start in eight score. A match can be made any night next week, at the SWAN INN, Wednesfield Heath.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 13/2/1848

“Edward Crumpton of Wednesfield Heath, will run Henry Jones of Bloxwich, Collint of Bilston, Broomfield of Wolverhampton or Henry Hudson of the same place, 140 or 160 yards; or William Taylor of Wolverhampton 440 yards, for £5 or £10 a side. The money will be ready at the SWAN INN, Wednesfield Heath, tomorrow (Monday) evening from six to ten o’clock.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 20/2/1848

“A handicap race, distance 440 yards, for a silver watch will take place at Mr. *Mason’s*, SWANN INN, Wednesfield Heath, on Shrove Tuesday, by men who have never won more than £10 in any race within five miles of Wednesfield Heath.”

Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle 30/4/1848

“Henry Turner of Wednesfield Heath will run Joseph Jones of Wolverhampton 140 yards, providing he will give a start, for £5 or £10 a side. The money will be ready at the SWAN INN, Wednesfield Heath, tomorrow (Monday) night, from seven till nine.”

1851 Census

The Heath

[1] *John Sargent* (37), licensed victualler, corn Claverley, Shropshire;

[2] *Hannah Sargent* (32), wife, born Wolverhampton;

- [3] Edwin Sargent (4), son, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Alfred Sargent (1), son, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Jane Sargent (2), daughter, at home, born Wednesfield;
- [6] Emma Sargent (4 months), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [7] Julia Turner (17), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

Staffordshire Advertiser 18/2/1854

“Samuel Dutton, for stealing two tumblers from *Elizabeth Thompson*, of the SWAN INN, Wednesfield Heath, which he afterwards offered for sale to John Foster, of the BULLS HEAD, in the same place, was on Wednesday last committed for trial.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 25/7/1860

“Wolverhampton Races. Letting of the Permanent Booths &c.

On Thursday evening last, Mr. R. S. Walker, auctioneer, submitted to public competition, at the PACK HORSE INN, Dudley Street, the letting of the refreshment and other rooms at the Stand, the permanent booths, and the tolls on the race course, in readiness for the ensuing races. There was a very numerous attendance. Mr. Walker explained that the Race Committee had laid out a considerable sum of money in draining and levelling the approaches to the booths, so that in the event of rain, they might be preserved as far as possible in a dry state, and also in colouring and cleaning the permanent booths. He also announced that he was instructed by Captain Segrave to say that no one would be allowed to take any malt or spirituous liquors on to the ground except those who were the proprietors for the time being of the refreshment rooms and permanent booths, and they only between certain specified hours.....

The result of the bidding was as follows.....

Booths No.2 Mr. Wyman, SWAN, Wednesfield Heath £14.”

1861 Census

Wolverhampton Road – SWAN

- [1] *Duncan Grant* (48), widower, victualler, born Morayshire, Scotland;
- [2] Mary Frances Northall (23), housekeeper, born Worcestershire:

James Grant was *Duncan Grant*'s son.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 27/8/1869

“Yesterday the county licensing meeting for the Wolverhampton district was held at the county magistrates' office, Agricultural Hall, Wolverhampton. The magistrates present were Sir John Norris, and Messrs. S. Cartwright, A. S. Hill, G. L. Underhill, and R. D. Gough. Superintendent McCrea handed in to the Bench a copy of the following list of licensed victualler who had been fined during the past five years.....

George Sanders, SWAN, Wednesfield, permitting drunkenness, 40s and costs.....”

1871 Census

Wolverhampton Road – SWAN INN

- [1] *John Brookes* (37), licensed victualler and butty collier, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Elizabeth Brookes (28), wife, born Broseley, Shropshire;
- [3] Mary Ann Brookes (5), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Samuel Brookes (1), son, born Wednesfield;
- [5] Mary Rounds (22), domestic servant, born Wednesfield:

Birmingham Daily Post 30/8/1872

“Yesterday, the annual Licensing Sessions for the Wolverhampton Division of the County of Stafford was held at the Agricultural Hall, in that town.....

The record of convictions against licensed victuallers and beerhouse keepers for the 12 months was as follows.....

Alehouses *Thomas Morris*, SWAN, Heath Town.”

Midland Counties Evening Express 9/12/1874

“Last (Tuesday) night a meeting of miners was held at the SWAN INN, Wolverhampton Road, Heath Town, to hear an address from Mr. C. Gething, the miners' agent for the district. Mr. R. Stych presided over a fair audience.....”

Wolverhampton Express and Star 4/12/1876

“The following licenses were fully transferred.....

SWAN INN, Heath Town, from *Thomas Morris* to *William Askey*, of Heath Town.”

Midland Examiner 19/1/1878

“*Job Smith*, landlord of the SWAN INN, Church Street, Heath Town, was summoned for permitting drunkenness in his house. Mr. Willcock appeared for the defendant.

John Jones, nut and bolt forger, said that on Saturday, the 20th December, he was in the defendant's house just before twelve, and remained there until one. He went in again a short time afterwards and stayed there until three. He was also in the house drinking

at other times in the day. When he left the house for the last time he was drunk. In answer to Mr. Willcock he denied having been told by the landlord to leave at six in the evening. Witness admitted two convictions for assaults.

George Strouter, an edge tool maker, said he got drunk at the defendant's house on the day in question. In cross-examination he said the ale was supplied to Jones up to seven o'clock, when he was much the worse for liquor.

Mary Ann Griffiths deposed to seeing Jones drunk in the house shortly before seven. He was accusing people of stealing his watch, and the defendant told him he had not lost his watch there, and that he must go and look for it where he had been drinking. Thomas Banks said he saw Jones at the defendant's house at six, when the defendant put him out. He returned shortly before seven, but witness could not say whether the landlord again ejected him, or whether he left of his own accord. He heard Jones ask for drink, but could not say whether it was supplied.

Mr. Willcock denied that the defendant had supplied any drink, and that Jones had committed himself at another house. Mr. Willcock pointed out the want of agreement between the witnesses, and said that Jones's evidence was not to be relied on.

The defendant was called, and gave evidence in support of Mr. Willcock's statement.

Noah Parker, an ironworker, and Thomas Downen, a locksmith, gave evidence for the defence.

The Bench were convinced that the defendant had permitted drunkenness in his house, but, in consideration of its being his first offence, he would be fined 40s and costs, the license not to be endorsed."

Evening Express 21/1/1881

"Today, W. H. Phillips, Esq (coroner), held an inquest at the SWAN INN, Wolverhampton Road, Heath Town, on the body of James Barratt (65), lately living near there, a platelayer in the employ of the Midland Railway Company.

The deceased, it may be remembered from the report of the accident in our Wednesday issue, was engaged on the previous night in sweeping the snow off the portion of the Midland line at the junction of the main line and the siding leading to the goods station, and also near where the Walsall loop line of the London and North-Western joins the Midland line. While he was so engaged he was knocked down by a train and run over. Both his feet were cut off and he sustained other injuries.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

Evening Express 12/2/1881

"The Distress At Heath Town. Amongst the distributions today were 40 loaves and 40lbs of rice, by Mr. *Job Smith*, of the SWAN INN."

1881 Census

12, Wolverhampton Road – SWAN INN

- [1] *Job Smith* (40), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] Selina Smith (48), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] James Nicholls (28), stepson, boiler maker, born Tipton;
- [4] William Joseph Nicholls (21), stepson, railway waggon inspector, born Tipton;
- [5] Sarah Hannah Smith (13), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury:

Evening Express 7/11/1881 - Advert

"To Let, full licensed House, SWAN INN, Heath Town; ten years' unexpired lease; other engagements sole cause of leaving. Apply, on the Premises."

1891 Census

1, Church Street – SWAN INN

- [1] *Selina Mayer* (39), widow, publican, born New Roads End, Yorkshire;
- [2] Joseph Mayer (9), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Selina Mayer (3), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] Ada Mayer (1), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Mary A. Davis (60), mother, widow, house duties, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] William Davis (41), brother, cab driver, born Wolverhampton:

1901 Census

213, Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *Joseph Cockerill* (46), widower, licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Archibald Cockerill (12), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Stella Cockerill (8), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] Mable Cockerill (6), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Frances Fox (40), housekeeper, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] Sophia Wilson (15), general servant, born Tettenhall:

1911 Census

Heath Town – SWAN HOTEL

- [1] *James Cahill* (36), brewer, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Lilian Cahill (31), wife, married 11 years, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Annie Cahill (10), daughter, born Wolverhampton;

- [4] Edmund Cahill (8), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Lily Cahill (6), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] Francis Joseph Cahill (3), son, born Heath Town;
- [7] Margaret Alexandra Cahill (1), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [8] Lois Deakin (18), general servant, born Heath Town;
- [9] Sally Walsh (23), barmaid, assists in bar and vaults, born West Hartlepool;
- [10] Edmund Cahill (16), nephew, apprentice fitter, born Wolverhampton:

James Cahill was also a brewer of the SWAN Home Brewery, Bond Street. [1916]

James Cahill – see also GRAPES, [Pountney Street, Wolverhampton](#).

1939 Register

SWAN HOTEL

- [1] *Joseph Cadman*, date of birth 11/11/1881, licensee of public house, married;
- [2] *Edith Cadman*, dob 30/7/1886, assistant of licensee, married;
- [3] *Albert Cadman*, dob 13/6/1913, fitter, gun section of aircraft factory, single:

Closed

It was demolished in 1961.

TALBOT

60, (54), New Street, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Edward Beddoe [1834]

John Mason [1849] – **1861**);

Edward Mason (**1861** – [1881]

Edward Hadley [1892] – [1916]

Charles Hadley [1921]

John Arthur Tonks [1932] – [1940]

NOTES

54, New Street [1861]

60, New Street [1871]

Edward Beddoe was also a colliery agent. [1834]

John Mason, key maker and beer retailer, Wednesfield. [1849], [1850], [1861]

1851 Census

New Street

- [1] *John Mason* (55), key maker, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Edward Mason* (20), son, key maker, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Abisha Mason* (17), son, key maker, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Mary Mason* (13), house servant, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Jesse Mason* (11), nephew, scholar, born Wednesfield:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/8/1856

“Applications for new licenses. There were fourteen applications altogether for licenses to sell spirits – all from beershop keepers – only four of which were granted by the Magistrates.....

Mr. Hayes applied on behalf of *John Mason*, TALBOT ARMS, Wednesfield, urging the usual arguments: good character while beershop keeper – no complaint – every accommodation – coroner always holds his inquests, &c, &c, Mr. Underhill opposed, and stated that there were two old-licensed houses in the immediate vicinity – the ALBION within 28 and the NEW INN within 120 yards.
Refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1858

“Mr. Hayes then applied for a spirit license to the TALBOT INN, Wednesfield, kept by Mr. *John Mason*. He said the house had been built by the applicant expressly as a public house, at an expense of upwards of £1,200, and he believed the Bench would bear him out in saying there was not a house in Wednesfield better suited to the purposes of a public house than the applicant’s. Mr. *Mason* would be opposed by Mr. Underhill, on behalf of Mr. Tomkys, whose house was situated only a short distance from the TALBOT; but while Mr. Tomkys could only afford accommodation for one horse, and that accommodation was taken advantage of by his son, good stabling was attached to Mr. *Mason*’s premises, and when the Coroner had occasion to go into that neighbourhood to hold an inquest he found it necessary to go to Mr. *Mason*’s beerhouse. Mr. Hayes added that the wants of the neighbourhood called for another public house, and that his client’s premises were well suited to afford every necessary accommodation. Mr. H. Underhill, in opposing the application for Mr. Tomkys, said he was in a position to prove that during the last twenty years only three inquests had been held in the neighbourhood, two of which had taken place at the houses of Messrs. Tomkys and *Mason*, and another at a third house. He contended that the application on this occasion was made precisely on the same grounds as on the last, with the exception that in the street where the house stood two additional houses had been erected since August 1857, and last year the Bench refused the license. He was prepared to prove that the business at Mr. Tomkys’s house did not require the whole time and attention of the landlord, and therefore there was no necessity for another public house.

Mr. Fryer – Who sells the best ale of the two, I wonder. (Laughter)

Mr. Hartley – Both in their own opinion, sell the best. I have no doubt. (Renewed laughter)

The Bench, while admitting that the house was a good one, refused the license.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/4/1859

“On Wednesday morning a special sitting of the Justices, the Rev. G. H. Fisher and R. D. Gough, Esq, was held at the Police Office, for the purpose of adjudicating upon a number of cases under the Weights and Measures Act. The following is the result of the investigation, costs being granted in each case.....

John Mason, TALBOT INN, Wednesfield, against whom two previous convictions were proved, 20s.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 31/8/1859

“Licensing Meeting for Wolverhampton Division of Seisdon North.....

Applications for victuallers licenses.....

Application was made by Mr. Thurstans for a license for the TALBOT public house, New Street, Wednesfield, kept by *John Mason*. Mr. Thurstans said the nearest licensed house was kept by a person named Tonks, the license to which had been given nearly twenty years ago, and since which no fresh licenses had been granted in that neighbourhood Refused.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/9/1860

“The adjourned licensing meeting for the Wolverhampton Division of Seisdon North, was held at the County Police Court, in this town, on Monday last.....

Three applications for new spirit licenses had been adjourned from the 23rd of August to this day in order that the magistrates might inspect the premises of the respective applicants. The latter were Edward Purchase, of NEW CROSS (for whom Mr. James Walker appeared), William George, of New Cross (for whom Mr. H. Underhill appeared), and *John Mason*, of New Street, Wednesfield (for whom Mr. Hayes appeared). The magistrates having seen the premises, granted the applications of Purchase and *Mason*, and refused that of George.”

1861 Census

54, New Street – Public House – TALBOT INN

[1] *John Mason* (65), victualler, born Wednesfield;

[2] Dianna Mason (56), wife, born Wednesfield;

[3] *Edward Mason* (30), son, keymaker, born Wednesfield;

[4] Jesse Mason (21), nephew, keymaker, born Wednesfield;

[5] Susan Bradley (20), niece, house servant, born Wednesfield;

[6] Enoch Challenor (11), errand boy, born Wednesfield;

[7] John Jarratt (9), errand boy, born Wednesfield:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 4/12/1861

“On Monday last, before H. Hill, Esq, Captain Butler, and S. Cartwright, Esq.....

The license of the TALBOT INN, Wednesfield was transferred from *John Mason* to *Edward Mason*, key manufacturer, of the same place.”

1871 Census

60, New Street

- [1] *John Mason* (75), key maker, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Edward Mason* (39), son, retail brewer, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *John Mason* (18), grandson, key maker, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Enoch Challinor* (20), apprentice, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *John Jarratt* (19), apprentice, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *Caroline Davis* (24) domestic servant, born Portobello:

Midland Counties Evening Express 8/4/1875

“This (Thursday) afternoon, the inquest on the body of *Fanny Shaw*, 4½ years of age, who died from burns on Monday last, was held before *W. H. Phillips Esq.*, coroner, at the **TALBOT INN**, Wednesfield. The deceased was the daughter of *Reuben Shaw*, trap maker, of the New Road, and it may be remembered that she died from some shocking burns she received in a neighbour’s house Accidental Death.”

1881 Census

New Street – TALBOT INN

- [1] *Edward Mason* (50), licensed victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Caroline Mason* (46), wife, born Atcham, Shropshire;
- [3] *John Mason* (85), father, widower, born Wednesfield:

Birmingham Daily Post 27/6/1890

“*Mr. T. J. Barnett* offered for sale at the **STAR AND GARTER HOTEL**, Wolverhampton, on Wednesday, several properties in the town and district the **TALBOT INN**, Wednesfield, was sold for £1,020.”

Edward Hadley was also a key maker. [1892], [1896], [1904]

1901 Census

New Street – TALBOT INN

- [1] *Edward Hadley* (62), publican and keysmith, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Louisa Hadley* (60), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Violet L. Hadley* (16), daughter, born Wednesfield;
- [4] *Mary Galloway* (20), general servant, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Edward Butler* (10), grandson, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *Betsy Mason* (13), granddaughter, born Wednesfield;
- [7] *Minnie Butler* (8), granddaughter, born Wednesfield:

1911 Census

New Street

- [1] *Edward Hadley* (72), widower, licensed victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Charles Hadley* (32), son, key manufacturer, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Louisa Hadley* (37), daughter in law, married 13 years, born Habberhill, Suffolk;
- [4] *Alice Hadley* (11), granddaughter, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Edward Butler* (20), grandson, vermin trap maker, born Wednesfield;
- [6] *Mary Galloway* (30), domestic servant, born Wednesfield:

1939 Register

New Street – TALBOT INN (3 of 5)

- [1] *John A. Tonks*, date of birth 29/10/1898, licensed victualler, married;
- [2] *Elsie Tonks*, dob 14/2/1898, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [3] *John L. Tonks*, dob 28/1/1925, at school, single;

TALBOT

Wolverhampton Road, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Francis Ray [1866]

NOTES

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21//11/1866 - Marriages

“On the 18th of September, at St. Paul’s Church, Aston, by the Rev. George Peake, vicar, Mr. George Page, of Wolverhampton, to Helen, the eldest daughter of Mr. *Francis Ray*, of the TALBOT INN, Wednesfield Heath, near Wolverhampton.”

[1911]

South Staffordshire Times 14/2/1920

“County Licensing Sessions.....

The licenses of the TALBOT INN, Heath Town, KING CHARLES IN THE OAK, Short Heath, and an out-door beer license on the Prestwood Road, Heath Town, kept by Mrs. Leek, which the police objected to, were renewed.”

TALISMAN

Wildtree Avenue, (Underhill Lane), Scotlands, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1986]

Punch Taverns [2009], [2016]

Star Pubs & Bars (acquired March 2018)

LICENSEES

Thomas Bethell [1995]

Peter Thacker [1996] – [2009]

NOTES

Underhill Lane

Wildtree Avenue [2001], [2003], [2005]

[1976]

Sandwell Evening Mail 17/12/1986

“Brewers Mitchells & Butlers have spent £1.5 million on refurbishing 11 pubs for Christmas and the New Year Other pubs getting a facelift include the TALISMAN, Underhill Estate, Wolverhampton.”

Peter Thacker was born c.1950.

The body of Paul Chambers was found in the car park at 7pm on 3rd December 2001.

Express and Star 7/3/2016

“A 40 strong team of officers executed a warrant at the TALISMAN on the Scotland Estate in Wolverhampton, after being tipped off by members of the public. A convoy, including four police vans both marked and unmarked cars, pitched up at the pub. Officers wearing specialist gear including helmets with protective visors swept into the pub, which had around 25 people inside. Punters were ejected from the Wildtree Avenue watering hole as officers – and police dog Tess – carried out a thorough search of the building which took close to three hours. They uncovered cannabis worth around £600, and £300 ‘rock’ of cocaine and a set of weighing scales inside the venue – as well as hundreds of suspected illegal cigarettes.

An exclusion zone was set up around the pub by police in high-visibility jackets. The operation – codename Wheels – involved specialist officers from across West Midlands Police and came as a result of intelligence about suspected illicit activity.

One man was arrested on suspicion of possession of Class A drugs and another for failing to appear in court. Two others were both held on suspicion of possession with intent to supply.

Inspector Stephen Perry said the force had taken ‘decisive and robust action’ after receiving complaints from the community. Trading Standards officers also took part in the search and discovered a selection of suspected non-duty-paid alcohol and clothing. Wolverhampton Council trading standards officer Amrit Jhumat said 400 non-duty-paid cigarettes found were ‘being sold per

pack' which is illegal."

Express & Star 21/10/2016

"Three members of the same family have been charged after a police raid on Wolverhampton's Talisman pub. A 40-strong team of officers executed a warrant at the TALISMAN on the Scotlands Estate in Wolverhampton, after being tipped off by members of the public in March this year. The subsequent closure of the pub, described as 'at the heart of an organised crime drug ring,' sparked a protest from its customers. But it was later allowed to open again with conditions imposed....."

Express & Star 31/12/2018

"A pub has been shut after a police sting uncovered organised crime and the sales of drugs and stolen goods. Wolverhampton Council's licensing committee revoked the TALISMAN's licence after hearing about criminal activity stretching back years. A special meeting was held to decide the pub's fate after it was temporarily shut following a police raid on December 6, when officers found scenes of disorder and serious criminal activity. It was the second time in two years that the pub on the Scotlands estate has been closed. The licence-holder, Star Pubs & Bars, argued that the TALISMAN, in Wildtree Avenue, was a community asset. But the council's committee decided to revoke the license after police warned of the 'negative impacts' on the local area if the premises remained open.

Sergeant Steph Reynolds told the committee, 'There has been blatant drug taking and stolen property at the premises. An organised crime gang, now in its third generation, was operating from the pub. Police feel revoking the license will not only benefit the police in terms of stopping criminal activity, but also benefit the wider community which have suffered from this. Should the premises remain open, police feel these offenders will return.'

Police previously raided the pub in 2016 where officers seized crack cocaine, digital scales and several bags of cannabis. Police discovered the TALISMAN was at the heart of an organised drugs ring. It was closed after the raid. But the community objected to this and sent in dozens of letters to Wolverhampton Council. They called the TALISMAN a 'community pub.' The TALISMAN was allowed to reopen after a license review by Wolverhampton Council. But the former licence-holder, Punch Taverns, was forced to bring in tougher measures to combat crime....."

Express & Star 28/9/2019

"A pub that had its licence revoked after gang violence and drug-related crime could be demolished. The TALISMAN, on Wildtree Avenue, could be torn down under new plans to regenerate the site – with apartments and shops earmarked in the new development. It comes after a decision to close the pub, in the Scotlands area, in December last year because of ongoing disorder and serious criminal activity. Plans have now been lodged with Wolverhampton Council, which will decide whether the plans go-ahead to transform the dilapidated site – which has been hit by vandalism and fly-tipping since its closure. Two buildings will be built under the proposals, including six retail units with nine apartments above – and a separate building housing 10 apartments....."

Express & Star 15/5/2021

"A former pub in Wolverhampton alleged to have been at the centre of an organised drug ring has been seriously damaged in a fire. The blaze at the abandoned TALISMAN pub, in the Scotlands area of the city, started at around 5.30pm on Friday. Footage from the scene showed flames leaping from the roof of the building in Wildtree Avenue. Nearby residents said the fire was result of the second arson attack at the building in two days, however the cause of the blaze has not yet been confirmed. Buses were diverted as work started to tackle the blaze – with four fire crews from Fallings Park, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton and Walsall sent. A spokesman for West Midlands Fire Service said four appliances were at the scene along with the hydraulic platform from Walsall. An hour later the service tweeted there was 'good progress' being made at the site as they criticised drones flying in the area. They posted, 'Good progress is being made at the TALISMAN public house in Underhill Lane. Fire service drone has now been grounded due to rogue drone in the area. Please don't fly your drone at a fire, leave that to us.'

In 2016, the TALISMAN Pub was raided by police – with crack cocaine, digital scales and several bags and wraps of cannabis discovered in the bar and toilets, and had its licence suspended by council chiefs. Sgt. Jake Flanagan, making the application on behalf of West Midlands Police, said the tenant was struggling to keep control of the pub since he was diagnosed with a serious illness and a 'power vacuum' had developed. He said, 'The TALISMAN is at the heart of an organised crime drug ring.' The troubled pub was closed again in 2018 after another raid uncovered further illegal activity. And there was a proposal two years ago to knock down the pub and replace it with apartments and shops. A pub-based drug dealing gang who supplied cocaine across Wolverhampton and were based at the pub were locked up for a combined 20 years in 2019."

Express & Star 13/1/2022

"A troubled former Wolverhampton pub with a history of serious crime dating back more than 20 years will be turned into a food store and apartment block, if plans get the go-ahead. The TALISMAN, in the Scotlands area of the city, has been a hotbed of criminal activity for decades, with a fatal shooting taking place on the car park in 2001, regular major police raids and repeated incidents of public disorder. In 2018 a gang was rumbled running a massive drugs empire from the premises, which led to the arrest and conviction of six people. It was later revealed deals worth up to £10,000 had been taking place since 2016, alongside a cocaine courier service running to other parts of the city from the pub. A search of the property also uncovered a hoard of stolen power tools which were being sold on by one of the gang members. Another raid on the pub yielded a huge stash of cannabis and equipment and facilities for growing the drug. Regulars launched a campaign to save the pub in 2016 but it finally closed permanently in December 2018 – the second time the venue had been shut down in two years. In May last year a severe blaze – believed to be arson – gutted a large part of the pub, which had remained boarded up since its closure. City council planners this

week received an application from Mr. Pal Sanghera of Dudley-based SEP Properties Ltd, who is seeking to redevelop the premises into a Heron food store with 18 residential apartments above. Planning officials are yet to make a decision on the proposals.”

Express & Star 19/6/2023

“The site of a former pub in Wolverhampton that was a hotbed of criminal activity for decades – including the fatal shooting of a man in 2001 and regular police raids due to public disorder – is to be turned into a retail store and new apartments. The location of the former TALISMAN pub premises in Wildtree Avenue, Underhill, has this week been granted approval for conversion into a local convenience store, along with 14 one and two-bedroomed premises.....”

THREE FURNACES

52, (12), Dark Street, Moseley Village, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Manchester Brewery Co. Limited [1908]

LICENSEES

Thomas Rowbotham [] – **1871**;

Ann Rowbotham (**1871** – [1881]

John Thomas Bradley [1891] – [1892]

Herbert Frank Wood [1908]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Thomas Rowbotham = Thomas Rowbottom = Thomas Robottom

1871 Census

12, Dark Street – sign 3 FURNACES

[1] *Thomas Rowbottom* (62), publican, born Shareshall;

[2] *Ann Rowbottom* (59), wife, born Willenhall;

[3] Caroline Rowbottom (27), daughter, domestic servant, born Willenhall;

[4] Clara Leah Rowbottom (16), daughter, domestic servant, born Willenhall;

[5] Hannah Maria Rowbottom (12), daughter, born Willenhall:

Birmingham Daily Gazette 17/10/1871

“At the County Police Court, yesterday the following transfers of publicans licenses were granted.....

Beerhouse, Moseley Hole, from *Thomas Robottom*, deceased, to *Ann Robottom*, his widow.”

Ann Rowbotham = Ann Rowbottom

Wolverhampton Express and Star 9/10/1876

“John Morris, senior, miner, of Moseley Village, was brought up in custody, charged with having assaulted Clara Bickerton, also of Moseley Village. Mr. R. A. Willcock prosecuted.

On the 4th of September last year, the prisoner and some members of his family were at the THREE FURNACES INN, Moseley Village, kept by complainant’s mother-in-law [sic]. On the day named, a quarrel arose in the above-named house, during which the prisoner and his son struck and kicked the complainant badly. He also assaulted two other persons, and afterwards left the neighbourhood, from which he has been absent for over twelve months. He was fined £4 and costs.”

Wolverhampton Express and Star 26/1/1880

“Last night, Herbert Bickington, ROYAL OAK INN, Portobello, and Edward Willetts, THREE FURNACES, Moseley Village, were driving from Walsall, and when near to Park Brook they were thrown out of the trap, and so seriously injured that Drs. Mac-lachlan and Wood, who were called in, ordered their removal to the Cottage Hospital, where they now lie in a precarious condition. The horse and trap were found at Willenhall.”

1881 Census

52, Dark Street

- [1] *Ann Rowbotham* (67), widow, beer seller, born Willenhall;
- [2] Edward Willetts (27), son-in-law, coal miner, born Portobello, Willenhall;
- [3] Hannah Maria Willetts (23), daughter, no occupation, born Willenhall;
- [4] Ann Rowbotham Willetts (2), grand-daughter, born Moseley Village, Heath Town;
- [5] Thomas Rowbotham Willetts (9 days), grand-son, born Moseley Village, Heath Town:

Evening Express 10/10/1881 - Advert

“THREE FURNACES INN, Moseley Village.

This well-frequented Free Beerhouse to Let; not changed hands for 14 years; the present occupier retiring from business. Apply on the premises.”

Evening Express 27/12/1881 - Advert

“THREE FURNACES INN, Moseley Village, to Let; immediate possession may be had.”

Birmingham Daily Post 4/2/1890

“At the Police Court, yesterday, the magistrates declined to transfer the license of the THREE FURNACES INN, Moseley Village, from the present holder to a locksmith. The latter desired to take charge as manager, but during the day he would work at his ordinary trade.”

1891 Census

52, Dark Street

- [1] *John Thomas Bradley* (27), coal dealer, born Willenhall;
- [2] Fanny S. Bradley (25), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Fanny Bradley (47), mother, widow, born Willenhall;
- [4] Alfred G. Bradley (21), brother, coal dealer, born Willenhall;
- [5] Fanny Bradley (17), sister, coal dealer, born Portobello, Willenhall;
- [6] Florence A. Bradley (15), sister, dress maker, born Moseley Village;
- [7] Edward J. Bradley (13), brother, born Moseley Village;
- [8] Lilly Bradley (10), sister, scholar, born Moseley Village:

Birmingham Daily Post 5/4/1892

“Re *John Thomas Bradley*, THREE FURNACES INN, Dark Street, Moseley Village, Wolverhampton.

A meeting of the creditors of the above bankrupt was held at the office of the Official Receiver (Mr. E. Pritchard), Wolverhampton, yesterday. The liabilities were set down at £143 1s 5d, and the assets at £26 16s 7d. The debtor accounts for his insolvency by bad trade and loss of horses.

The estate was left in the hands of the Official Receiver to wind up.”

Birmingham Daily Post 26/4/1892

“Bankruptcy Proceedings.....

Re *John Thomas Bradley*, coal dealer, Moseley Village.

The public examination of this debtor took place at the Wolverhampton County Court, yesterday, before Mr. Registrar Sanders. Mr. Dallow appeared for the debtor.

The debtor, without any capital, took over the business of his father, a coal dealer, in 1888, and while continuing his trade as a stamper, he also took to the THREE FURNACES INN, at Moseley Village. He attributed his failure to the death of a number of horses.

The debtor was allowed to pass.”

Birmingham Daily Post 22/10/1892

“*John T. Bradley*, THREE FURNACES INN, Dark Street, near Moseley Village, near Wolverhampton, beerhouse keeper. First and final dividend, 1s 4d in the pound; payable October 29, at the Official Receiver’s, Wolverhampton.”

Lichfield Mercury 26/6/1908

“The principal meeting of the members of the Staffordshire Licensing Committee was held at the Shirehall, Stafford. There was a full attendance of the members of the committee, Lord Hatherton presiding. The business before the committee was that of hearing and determining applications for the renewal of licenses in those cases which had been referred to the committee by the justices in petty sessions for compensation. The list contained forty public houses. There was a large attendance of barristers and solicitors, but in none of the cases were any objections raised to the reports of the justices concerning the houses referred, and the committee refused to renew the licenses in each of the forty cases which came before them. The following are the houses, the licenses of which were refused.....

THREE FURNACES, Dark Street, Moseley Village, Heath Town, ante-1869 beerhouse.”

Birmingham Daily Post 27/6/1908 - Notice

“The Licensing Act 1904. County Of Stafford.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that the Compensation Authority for the above area, having decided at their Principal Meeting, held on the 18th day of June, 1908, to refuse the Renewal of the Licenses of the Premises specified below, All Persons Claiming to be Interested in the said Premises for the purpose of the payment of Compensation under the said Act (other than the Licensee and the Registered Owner of the said Premises) are required to send to the Compensation Authority Notice of their Claims before the 20th day of July, 1908, for the purpose of enabling the Compensation Authority to ascertain in manner provided by the Licensing Rules 1904, the Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act in respect of the said Premises.....

THREE FURNACES, Dark Street, Moseley Village, Heath Town. Beerhouse, ante 1869. Licensee, *Herbert Frank Wood*. Registered Owners, Manchester Brewery Co. Limited.”

Lichfield Mercury 8/1/1909

“Staffordshire Quarter Sessions.....

The Licensing Committee presented a report for the year 1908. They stated that the number of licenses referred from sixteen divisions and boroughs in the county was seventy-four, and the committee, having regard to the limited funds at their disposal, decided to proceed upon forty only.....

The committee went in great detail into all the figures submitted to them upon which the persons interested claimed compensation, and heard, upon oath, evidence put forward by the claimants.

The amounts awarded as compensation were as follows.....

THREE FURNACES, Dark Street, Moseley Village, Heath Town, £650.”

TRAVELLERS REST

4, Chapel Street, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Ford [1861]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

4, Chapel Street

[1] *William Ford* (30), beerhouse, seedsman, and trap maker, born Waddington, Warwickshire;

[2] Sarah Ford (36), wife, born Wednesfield;

[3] George A. Ford (7), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;

[4] Frederick R. Ford (5), son, scholar, born Wednesfield;

[5] Edward J. Ford (3), son, born Wednesfield;

[6] Joseph S, Ford (1), son, born Wednesfield:

TRAVELLERS REST

13, Wolverhampton Road, (Wednesfield Road), Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

Enterprise Inns Ltd. [1991]

LICENSEES

William Keay [1858] – [1866];

William Ford (1866 – [1870])
Moses Bray [1871] – 1881);
William Wainwright Jnr. (1881 – [])
Thomas Freakley [1892]
Arthur Tom Freakley [1891] – [1896]
Henry Birtles [1901] – [1921]
Richard Oakley [1931] – [1932] manager
Samuel Thomas Swinburne [1939] – [1940]
Greenway [] – 1960)
Brian Beebee [1995]

NOTES

Wolverhampton Chronicle 15/12/1858

“The old adage, ‘Two of a trade seldom agree,’ was somewhat strikingly exemplified to-day. *William Keay*, the landlord of the TRAVELLERS REST, at Wednesfield Heath, with his daughter *Mary Ann Keay*, were charged by *Samuel Davies*, who keeps the FORGE HAMMER, at the same place, with assaulting him. It appeared from the evidence that, on Monday night last, he with two friends called at *Keay’s* house, and after partaking of some refreshment asked the daughter where her father was, when she replied that he was not at home. Shortly afterwards, on going into the bar, he saw the defendant sitting there, and asked him the reason for refusing to be seen. The defendant replied in an angry tone, and ordered him out of the bar. He did not immediately go out, upon which the defendant picked up a stout walking stick and commenced a violent attack upon him. He shouted for assistance, and his two friends came in and took the stick from the defendant. The complainant said that he and the defendant had hitherto been on friendly terms, and a short time since the latter had promised to lend him some money to purchase some property, and his object of going to the defendant’s house was to inquire why he had not kept his word. *George Sterry* and *George Clews*, the complainant’s friends who interfered to quell the disturbance, gave corroborative evidence, and also stated that the assault was of a very violent nature. *Keay* and *Davis* then changed places, the former going into the witness box to prefer a charge of assault against *Davis*. He stated that *Davis* and his friends were very drunk when they came into the house. He refused to see them, because they were intoxicated. Soon after they had been in *Davis* entered the bar, where the witness with his wife and family were seated, and began to abuse him. He ordered him out of the bar, but he would not go, and a scuffle ensued; he was compelled to use a stick in self-defence. The Magistrates considered the *Keay* had used more violence than was necessary, and fined him 40s and costs; they were also of the opinion that *Davis* would not have been assaulted unless he himself had offered some provocation; the accordingly fined him 20 and costs.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 29/8/1860

“The annual licensing meeting for the Wolverhampton Division of Seisdon North was held on Thursday last at the County Magistrates’ Office, Bilston Street.
Mr. H. Underhill then applied for a license to the TRAVELLER’S REST beerhouse, kept by *William Keay*, and situated on the Wednesfield road. There had, he said, been a considerable increase in the population in recent years, and the house stood a considerable distance from any licensed house. The premises were eligible, and since last year, when the Magistrates intimated that the stabling accommodation was deficient, it had been increased. The Bench also granted this application.”

1861 Census

Wolverhampton Road – TRAVELLERS REST

- [1] *William Keay* (47), victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elizabeth Keay* (46), wife, born Aldridge;
- [3] *Mary Ann Keay* (20), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Louisa Keay* (18), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *William Sidney Keay* (16), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Richard Hathaway* (71), widower, father in law, malster, born Aldridge:

1871 Census

Wolverhampton Road – TRAVELLERS REST

- [1] *Moses Bray* (27), commercial tea traveller and licensed victualler, born Stirchley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Louisa Bray* (27), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Annie Bray* (4), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Thurza Taylor* (21), cousin, visitor, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [5] *Sarah A. Breeze* (8), niece, scholar, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [6] *Sarah M. Davies* (20), domestic servant, born Stirchley, Shropshire:
[Stirchley and Dawley are part of Telford.]

Midland Counties Evening Express 16/11/1874 - Advert

“Wanted, a good general servant.
Apply at once, Mr. *Bray*, TRAVELLERS REST, Heath Town.”

Midland Counties Evening Express 2/4/1875 - Advert

“Wanted. Young man as Groom to make himself generally useful. Good character.
M. Bray, TRAVELLERS REST, Heath Town.”

Midland Counties Evening Express 7/1/1878 - Advert

“Good general servant wanted at once.
Apply *M. Bray*, TRAVELLERS REST, Heath Town.”

1881 Census

Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *Moses Bray* (37), commercial traveller and licensed victualler, born Tuckley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Louisa Bray* (37), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Annie Elizabeth Bray* (14), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Mary Louisa Bray* (6), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Florence Emily Bray* (4), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Amy Gertrude Bray* (2), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *Alice Maude Bray* (9 months), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] *Letty Morgan* (18), barmaid, born Gloucester;
- [9] *Susannah Pool* (23), general servant, born Sedgley:

Arthur Freakley = Thomas Freakley

1891 Census

13, Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *Arthur Tom Freakley* (34), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Alice Freakley* (23), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Arthur Tom Freakley* (2), son, born Heath Town;
- [4] *Minnie Freakley* (1), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [5] *Henry Freakley* (5 months), son, born Heath Town;
- [6] *Harriet Freakley Swift* (15), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

1901 Census

13, Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *Henry Birtles* (35), licensed victualler, born Stafford;
- [2] *Eliza Birtles* (42), wife, born Coseley;
- [3] *Nellie Grafton* (23), domestic servant, born Heath Town;
- [4] *Sydney Birtles* (8), son, born Heath Town;
- [5] *Howard Birtles* (6), son, born Heath Town;
- [6] *Hilda Birtles* (3), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [7] *Edith Birtles* (2), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [8] *Ida Birtles* (1), daughter, born Heath Town:

Staffordshire Advertiser 12/2/1910

“Wolverhampton annual licensing sessions.

An application to make alterations at the TRAVELLERS REST INN, Heath Town, was adjourned for the owners to decide as to giving up any rights with respect to other houses.”

1911 Census

Wolverhampton Road – TRAVELLERS REST

- [1] *Henry Birtles* (45), licensed victualler, born Stafford;
- [2] *Eliza Birtles* (51), wife, married 20 years, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Sydney Birtles* (18), son, furnace, born Heath Town;
- [4] *Howard Birtles* (15), son, farm labourer, born Heath Town;
- [5] *Hilda Birtles* (13), daughter, at school, born Heath Town;
- [6] *Edith Birtles* (12), daughter, at school, born Heath Town;
- [7] *Ida Birtles* (11), daughter, at school, born Heath Town;
- [8] *Maude Birtles* (8), daughter, at school, born Heath Town;
- [9] *Nellie Grafton* (33), domestic servant, born Heath Town:

1939 Register

Wolverhampton Road – TRAVELLERS REST

- [1] *Samuel Swinburne*, date of birth 15/8/1906, licensed victualler, manager, married;
- [2] *Hilda L. Swinburne*, dob 30/8/1914, manageress, married:

Travellers Athletic FC was based here. [1952]

Closed

It was demolished in 1962.

It was rebuilt at the end of Woden Road in 1963.

London Gazette – June 1971

“Notice is hereby given that the Lodge No. 590 of the Grand Independent Order of Loyal Caledonian Corks, Friendly Sick and Dividend Society, held at TRAVELLERS REST INN, Wednesfield Road, Wolverhampton, in the County of Stafford is dissolved by Instrument, registered at this Office the 27th day of May 1971.....”

It closed in December 1995.

It became a community centre.

TRUE BRITON

Snape Road, Ashmore Park, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1997]

LICENSEES

Geoffrey Cooke [1995]

Paul Ian Broom and Claire Howell [2005]

Pauline Parkes [2006] – **2009**)

NOTES

It was built in the 1970s.

[1976]

Pauline Parkes was married to Allen.

They were declared bankrupt in July 2009.

See also ANGEL and JOLLY COLLIER.

[2016]

UPTON HILL

Wednesfield Heath, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Hardy [1834]

VICTORIA

Deans Road, (Buggins Lane), Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Punch Taverns
Richard Carter (acquired in 2009)

LICENSEES

John Banks [1868] – [1871]
Thomas Price [1881]
Moses Henry Peake [1891] – [1901]
Richard Carter [for 10 years]
Frank Thornton [1939] – [1940]
Kay Curtis [] – **1995**;
Christine Harrison (**1995** – [])
Jane Davidson [2005]
Dennis Nicholson [2008]
Jackie Osbourne [2010]

NOTES

It was next to Price's Bridge.

It had a beerhouse license.

It was designed by the architect Twentyman.

It was locally listed.

John Banks, beer retailer, Deans Road. [1868], [1870]

1871 Census

Buggins Lane – VICTORIA INN

- [1] *John Banks*, licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] Mary A. Banks, wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Catherine Banks, daughter, born Wednesfield:

1881 Census

Deans Road – *Price's* Public House

- [1] *Thomas Price* (41), publican (brewer and beer retailer), born Bilston;
- [2] Elizabeth Price (44), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] Edith Nancy Price (10), daughter, scholar, born Heath Town,
- [4] Jessie Price (5), daughter, scholar, born Heath Town,
- [5] Ann Parker (24), domestic servant, born Willenhall:

Thomas Price – see also PLOUGH.

1891 Census

Deans Road – VICTORIA INN

- [1] *Moses Henry Peake* (29), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] Sarah Ann Peake (23), wife, born Heath Town;
- [3] Gladys Peake (6 weeks), born Heath Town;
- [4] Ellen Langford (20), domestic servant, born Heath Town:

1901 Census

Deanes Road – VICTORIA INN

- [1] *Moses H. Peake* (42), licensed victualler, born Woodsetton;
- [2] *Sarah A. Peake* (32), wife, born Walsall;
- [3] *George H. Peake* (8), son, born Heath Town;
- [4] *Dorothy F. Peake* (7), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [5] *Sydney M. Peake* (5), son, born Heath Town;
- [6] *Rose H. Peake* (3), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [7] *Alice L. Peake* (1), daughter, born Heath Town:

Richard Carter was formerly Amateur Boxing Association super middleweight champion.

1939 Register

Deans Road – VICTORIA

- [1] *Frank Thornton*, date of birth 14/4/1908, licensee, public house, married;
- [2] *Lucy Thornton*, dob 25/12/1904, unpaid domestic duties, married:

Staffordshire Advertiser 11/3/1939

“Wolverhampton adjourned licensing sessions.....

The licensing Justices on Monday granted applications in respect of removals.....
from the WELLINGTON ARMS, Wadhams Hill, to the VICTORIA, Deans Road.”

Demolished

Rebuilt [1940s]

The architects were Lavender and Twentyman.

[1980]

Dennis Nicholson was fined £2,500 plus £798 costs, plus £15 surcharge, in November 2008, for three cases of dishonestly receiving programmes included in broadcast / cable services.

It was closed in August 2009.

It reopened in November 2009.

Renamed NEW VICTORIA in August 2019.

[2016]

VILLAGE

2, Graisle Lane / Wolverhampton Road, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

Enterprise Inns [1990s]

LICENSEES

Wendy Jones [1995]

Steve Batchelor and Carina (Knight) Batchelor [1997]

NOTES

It was originally the FISHERMAN. [1976]

[1990]

It was renamed VILLAGE. [1997]

Steve Batchelor married *Carina Knight* in March 1997.

[2016]

VINE

Heath Street, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Myra Griffiths (1883 – [])

NOTES

[1911]

VINE

35, (1), Lichfield Road, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Truman Hanbury and Buxton Ltd. [1966]
Courage Ltd. (acquired in 1972)
Black Country Traditional Inns (acquired in 2007)

LICENSEES

John Jones [1881]
Thomas 'Tom' Powell [1912] – [1922]
Frederick E 'Fred' Cocking [c.1931] – [1940]
Mrs. Florence Edith Cocking [] – 1957;
Mrs. Florence Freda Lathe (1957 – 1992);
Anthony Hopkins (1992 – [1993])
Gary Preston Jeavon [1995] – 2006;
Steve Coleman (2007 – 2008)
Carl Willmott (2008 – [2012])
Phil and Eva Hardingham (2018 – [2021])
Richard and Laura Wilkes (2023 – [])

NOTES

1, Lichfield Road [1881]
35, Lichfield Road [1957]

Grade II listed.

It was known locally as the 'Young and Old'.

1881 Census

1, Lichfield Road – VINE INN
[1] *John Jones* (51), publican, born Essington;

[2] Jane Jones (48), wife, born Sapey, Worcestershire;
[3] Thirza Jones (11), daughter, scholar, born Essington;
[4] Edward O. Neachell (55), visitor, farmer, born Bentley:

Thomas Powell, beer retailer, Lichfield Road. [1912]
He was married to Florence.

Fred Cocking married Florence Powell.

[Staffordshire Advertiser 8/5/1937](#)

“Twelve applications for the confirmation of licence removals remained to be heard by the Staffordshire Licensing Confirmation Committee when they resumed their sitting at Stafford on Tuesday.....

A third application from the Tettenhall Division was for confirmation of the removal of the beer licence of the VINE INN, Lichfield Road, Wednesfield, to premises proposed to be erected at the rear of the present site. The application was granted.”

Closed

It was demolished in 1937.

It was rebuilt.

The new building opened in 1938.

[Black Country Bugle 13/10/2021](#)

[Article by Steve James](#)

“The VINE was rebuilt in 1938 for brewers Trueman, Hanbury & Buxton to a design by Burslem architects Watkin & Maddox. It retains many features from this time, including its original bar and counter, separate bar, lounge and snug, terrazzo and parquet tiled floors, bell pushes and largely unaltered toilets.”

Florence Lathe was born in the pub in 1928.

She was the daughter of *Fred* and *Floss Cocking*.

She married Frank Lathe.

[1939 Register](#)

Lichfield Road – VINE INN (2 of 3)

[1] *Frederick E. Cocking*, date of birth 21/7/1886, publican, married;

[2] *Florence E. Cocking*, dob 24/12/1887, publican, married;

[1957 Probate](#)

“*Florence Edith Cocking* of the VINE INN, 35 Lichfield Road, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton, widow, died 4 February 1957. Administration Birmingham 22 May to *Florence Freda Lathe* (wife of Francis Godfrey Lathe). Effects £2,793 16s 1d.”

It was listed in CAMRA’s Inventory of Pub Interiors in 2004.

Gary Jeavon = Gary Jevons

He married Caron Shelton.

It closed in 2006.

It reopened on 19th February 2007.

Carl Willmott was born c.1965.

He was married to Trish.

See also SWAN, Stourbridge.

Steve Coleman was born c.1955.

Wolverhampton CAMRA City Pub of the Year 2009 and 2012.

[Phil and Eva Hardingham](#) – see also SWAN, Long Lane, Halesowen.

[Express & Star 8/10/2023](#)

“As pubs continue to battle the cost of living crisis, the *Express & Star* continues its Love Your Local series which celebrates our local inns. The VINE INN is a traditional pub set in a Grade II Listed building on Lichfield Road, Wednesfield, and it has been described as a rare, intact example of a simple inter-war, urban working-class pub. It is owned by Black Country Ales and run by *Richard and Laura Wilkes*, a couple who took over in March this year. It is the first time that the couple have run a pub but they are loving life, and enjoying making the VINE INN a great success. The pub dates back to the 1930s, it still has the fixtures,

design and layout of the original building and it also retains the original tiled fireplace built that decade.

Richard, 41, from Wednesbury, said he is proud to run the VINE INN. 'I have been a DJ for 20 years, and *Laura* has worked in childcare for 16 years, but during Covid we sort of stumbled upon this job. During Covid there was no night clubs open and so I started working behind a bar in a pub to earn some extra income, and I sort of fell in love with it and knew that we would be good at it. We knew that running a pub requires a good personality, people who make their customers feel welcome. So myself and *Laura* took over this pub in March this year. I know that when running a pub we should get to know people, know their name, their family, their story. It is all about making people feel at home, giving a nice personal touch to it, and that is the approach we have taken. Making the effort to get to know everybody.'

The VINE INN is a traditional wet-led pub that serves bar snacks such as pork pies and cobs which have made the establishment famous, and has people travelling from all over the country to come and try. *Richard* added, 'We don't serve meals here. It's a very traditional pub that focuses on serving good beer and bar snacks. We are really famous for proper Black Country cobs. We sell around five to six hundred a week and have had people travel from all over for our cobs. We try to have a really good presence on social media and take some good photos, and it has gained attention, so people come down to try them. Also, because we are famous for serving good drinks, people have travelled here all the way from Cornwall, Scotland, it's amazing to have these kind of customers coming in. Of course we are here for our locals and regulars, but the fact that we get people from all over is a testament to the hard work and quality that we serve.'

The VINE INN is featured in CAMRA's good pub guides nationally and that is why it has gained so much attention and has people travelling hundreds of miles to visit. It is popular with Wolves fans also, who visit there on matchdays for drinks before the game, and there are also TV screens which have Sky Sports and TNT Sports, for all the televised games....."

[2023]

VINE

Wednesfield Heath, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Samuel Griffiths [1864] – [1872]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Samuel Griffiths, beer retailer, Heath. [1864], [1865]

Samuel Griffiths, beer retailer and steel trap maker, Wednesfield Heath. [1872]

WAGGON AND HORSES

91, Prestwood Road, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1967]

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Rushton [1891] – [1901]

George Kenning [1939] – [1941]

Harry Clark [c.1962]

NOTES

1891 Census

Prestwood Road – WAGGON AND HORSES INN

- [1] *Thomas Rushton* (63), licensed victualler's assistant, born Rugeley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Rushton* (61), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *George Rushton* (27), son, iron plate worker, born Heath Town;
- [4] *Mary A. Rushton* (25), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [5] *Lois E. Rushton* (19), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [6] *William H. Rushton* (17), son, spring trap maker, born Heath Town:

1901 Census

91, Prestwood Road – WAGGON AND HORSES INN

- [1] *Thomas Rushton* (74), beer retailer, born Gailey;
- [2] *Elizabeth Rushton* (71), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *George Rushton* (38), son, tinman, born Heath Town;
- [4] *Mary A. Rushton* (36), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [5] *Harry Rushton* (28), son, born Heath Town:

1939 Register

Prestwood Road – WAGGON AND HORSES

- [1] *George Kenning*, date of birth 28/6/1875, licensed victualler, married;
- [2] *Harriet Kenning*, dob 15/4/1875, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [3] *Harold George Hewins*, dob 1/6/1908, builder's carpenter, married;
- [4] *Norah Hewins*, dob 23/4/1904, unpaid domestic duties, married;
- [5] *Doreen Norah (Hewins) Hood*, dob 29/7/1936, under school age, single:

1942 Probate

"*Harriet Kenning* of WAGON AND HORSES, 91 Prestwood Road, Wolverhampton (wife of *George Kenning*) died 10 November 1941. Administration Birmingham 4 August to *Norah Hewins* (wife of *Harold George Hewins*). Effects £353 10s 4d."

WHITE HORSE

WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Daniel Taylor [1818]

WHITE HOUSE

Linthouse Bridge, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Elizabeth Silvester [1891]
John Nicholls [1940]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1891 Census

Linthouse Bridge – WHITE HOUSE

- [1] *Elizabeth Silvester* (58), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] William Silvester (21), son, beerhouse keeper's assistant, born Great Bridge;
- [3] Annie Partridge (36), cousin, beerhouse keeper's assistant, born Daw End;
- [4] Elizabeth Higgins (15), domestic servant, born Darlaston:

Staffordshire Advertiser 20/4/1940

“Meeting of the Staffordshire Licensing Committee, held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Thursday.....

There were eight applications for the confirmation of orders made by local licensing justices.....

Opposition was forthcoming to an application for the removal of the full license of the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Old Hill, Tetenhall, to premises proposed to be erected on a site on the Fairview Farm Estate, Wednesfield. The application, which was supported by Mr. A. D. Dallow, was opposed by Mr. Gilbert Griffiths on behalf of the owners of the RED LION INN, Wednesfield. Mr. Dallow said the proposed site was an estate in course of development. A large number of houses had already been built and others were projected. The size of the proposed new house would be about the same as the ROSE AND CROWN. A canvass of the district had been taken, and out of a possible 533 votes, 431 were in favour of the proposed house and only 46 against. The distance from the proposed site to the RED LION was 690 yards.

Evidence was called in support of the application, and in cross-examination one witness agreed that there were seven licensed houses within a radius of half a mile of the site of the proposed new house. Other witnesses called in support of the application spoke of overcrowding at the PLOUGH and the PRESTWOOD ARMS, two of the nearest public houses. *John Nicholls*, WHITE HOUSE, Wednesfield, who was called by Mr. Griffiths, spoke of visits he paid to the PLOUGH and the PRESTWOOD ARMS on two Sunday nights, and said he found no evidence of overcrowding. Addressing the committee, Mr. Griffiths submitted that the needs of the district did not justify an additional licensed house.

After retirement, the Chairman announced that the committee confirmed the justices order.”

WOOD HAYES

Wood End Road / Blackhalve Lane, Bromford, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Burg Inns Ltd. [1994]
Punch Pub Co.
Admiral Taverns

LICENSEES

Mick Holden [1988]
Leslie James ‘Les’ Perry [] – **1993**)
Stuart Chapman [1993] – [1994]
Denise Aspray [1995]
Julie Marie Allcock [2000]

NOTES

It opened on 1st August 1957.

[Birmingham Daily Post 9/12/1957](#)

“The annual general meeting of W. Butler & Co. Limited will be held on December 30 at Wolverhampton. The following is an extract from the circulated statement of the Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. F. J. Yardley.....

The policy of dealing with uneconomic licensed houses has been continued during the year. In all, sixteen have been closed, twelve of those being in respect of the following new houses opened during the year.....

WOOD HAYES, Wednesfield.

These have played their part well in the increased sales of draught beer and wines and spirits.....”

A team from here took part in the *Sports Argus* Sports-Inn Quiz. [1978]

Mick Holden was married to Rose.

Les Perry was married to Julie.

I was described as recently refurbished in June 1995.

[2002]

It closed in 2005, following complaints about the late night noise and nuisance, which led to licensing restrictions.

It was renamed OLD CHINA Restaurant and Bar. [2007]
Closed

An application was made in February 2008 to demolish it and build and replace it with a 69-bedroom nursing home. It was refused.

It was damaged in an arson attack in June 2008.

It was demolished in May 2009.

A further application was made in October 2009, this time to build a 54-bedroom nursing home. It was granted.

WYRLEY TAVERN

Inkerman Street, Wyrley Canal, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

Birmingham Canal Co.

LICENSEES

John Thomas [1861]
Thomas Footman [1881]

NOTES

It was situated near to Shakespeare Street.

1861 Census

Inkerman Street – WYRLEY TAVERN

- [1] *John Thomas* (30), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary A. Thomas* (24), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Sarah Thomas* (6), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton:

1881 Census

Wyrley Canal – WYRLEY TAVERN

- [1] *Thomas Footman* (40), puddler and publican, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Ann Footman* (40), wife, born Shropshire;
- [3] *Emma Footman* (11), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Agnes Footman* (9), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Tom Footman* (8), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Sarah A. Footman* (6), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *Alice Footman* (4), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] *Emma Jones* (45), visitor, born Wolverhampton:

Birmingham Daily Post 11/2/1914

“The annual Brewster Sessions for the borough of Wolverhampton were held yesterday.....

The Chief Constable opposed the renewal of the licenses of the WYRLEY TAVERN, Inkerman Street on the ground that they were not required in the interests of the public. Evidence was given as to the generally moderate trade at these houses, and the houses were referred for compensation.”

It closed in January 1930.

Beerhouse Unnamed (PLOUGH)

Buggins Lane, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Elizabeth Llewellyn [1846]—[1851]

NOTES

Wolverhampton Chronicle 11/3/1846

“Elizabeth Lewellyn, licensed victualler, Wednesfield, was fined 5s and costs, for allowing drinking in her house during the time of divine service, on Sunday, the 22nd ult.”

1851 Census

Buggins Lane

- [1] Elizabeth Llewellyn (86), widow, victualler, born Bradley;
- [2] Charles Harper (32), son-in-law, stone miner, born Colkirk, Norfolk;
- [3] Mary Harper (38), wife, born Bradley;
- [4] William Harper (14), son, scholar, born Oldbury;
- [5] Thomas Wright (50), widower, servant, born Lambourne, Berkshire;
- [6] Sarah Winsper (17), servant, born Bradley;

Beerhouse Unnamed

10, Church Street, Heath Town, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Meshach Deakin [1891]

Job Hayward [1901]

NOTES

1891 Census

10, Church Street

- [1] *Meshach Deakin* (44), coal miner and licensed victualler, born Horsehay, Shropshire;
- [2] Jane Deakin (49), wife, publican, born Wednesfield;

1901 Census

10, Church Street

- [1] *Job Hayward* (25), publican and billiard marker, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Gertrude A. Hayward (26), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Mary E. Gough (53), mother-in-law, widow, born Aylesbury;

Beerhouse Unnamed

Essington Road, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Rushton [1881]

NOTES

1881 Census

Essington Road

- [1] *Thomas Rushton* (56), beer retailer, born Rugeley, Staffordshire;
- [2] Elizabeth Rushton (50), wife, born New Invention;
- [3] Mary Ann Rushton (15), daughter, domestic servant, born Heath Town;
- [4] George Rushton (17), son, tinman, born Heath Town;
- [5] Martha Rushton (13), daughter, scholar, born Heath Town;
- [6] Clara A. Rushton (11), daughter, scholar, born Heath Town;
- [7] Lois Rushton (9), daughter, scholar, born Heath Town;
- [8] William H. Rushton, son, scholar, born Heath Town:

Beerhouse Unnamed

Moseley Village, WEDNESFIELD

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Eli Reynolds [1861] – [1866]

Charles Armstrong [1881]

NOTES

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/1/1866

“On Monday last, at the Police Court, the case against Mr. *Eli Reynolds*, beerhouse keeper, Moseley Hole, was heard before the Rev. G. H. Fisher, and R. D. Gough, Esq. The case had been adjourned from Monday, the 1st instant, for the purpose of the defendant’s producing witnesses. The information was preferred by Mr. Alfred Allcorn, the Supervisor of Excise for this district, against the defendant, for selling one gill of brandy without being duly licensed for the sale of spirits. Mr. Allcorn conducted the case personally, on behalf of the Excise authorities, and Mr. Thurstans, of Wolverhampton, appeared for the defendant. The evidence, as adduced on behalf of the complainant, was supported by the statements of two men named Paul Roper and Richard Bray, both of Bilston. They stated that they went to the defendant’s house on the afternoon of the 16th November last, at about twenty minutes to five o’clock, that Mrs. Reynolds was the only person in the bar, and on their asking for some brandy and ginger beer, she went to the cupboard and served them with that which they asked for. They stated that she was the only person whom they saw, with the exception of the servant, who went to the fire once and walked away again, but who was not present when the brandy was supplied. On the opening of the case on Monday, Mr. Thurstans requested the Bench to ask Bray one or two questions. The Bench complied, and on his being asked if he had not been several times convicted, distinctly denied that he had, except on one occasion, for being concerned in a prize fight. On being further pressed, several other convictions being brought to his mind, he admitted the facts, and amongst others that he had been sentenced to twelve months’ imprisonment at Stafford. Mr. Thurstans then called as witnesses for the defence the barmaid Louisa Burton, and the servant Ann Wall, who remembered the day particularly well, because the latter received notice to leave, and Mr. Reynolds was indisposed. Elizabeth Perry was next called,

who overheard Roper say to Bray during the progress of the case on the last occasion, 'Stick to it that there was no one in the bar but the Mrs. and then we shall win.' The last witness was a perfect stranger to all the parties, but at once apprised the defendant of what she had heard. The Magistrates, having consulted, dismissed the summons, and said they believed that Mr. Allcorn had been deceived in the character of the witnesses whom he had brought forward, but that they thought that persons ought not to be imperilled in a fine of £50 upon the testimony of such men as had been called to substantiate the case."

Evening Express 3/10/1881

"Ann Costello, of Moseley Village, a familiar face in this court, was charged with cruelty to a pig belonging to *Charles Armstrong*, of the same place.

On the 27th inst, the defendant, while under the influence of beer, went to the house of the prosecutor and asked for some beer. Mrs. *Armstrong* refused, and the defendant thereupon went up the yard and threw a large board at one of the pigs, cutting its nose badly. When asked why she did it, she said, 'she would have it out of the house or the pig.'

The magistrates told the defendant that the promise she made them some time ago that 'the leaf she should turn over' appeared to have been turned back again. It was stated that she had been convicted in the Borough Court since she was last in this court [County Petty Sessions].

The defendant, who indulged in a lot of hypocrisy of 'The Lord will do justice' and the 'Lord bless you,' was fined 1s and costs."