

HITCHMOUGH'S BLACK COUNTRY PUBS



BILSTON
(INC. BRADLEY, HALLFIELDS)

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INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The work, as ever, continues.

Tony Hitchmough
March 2016

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



Hitchmough Grooves

DISTRICTS

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

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

SANDWELL

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

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

Smethwick (inc. Bearwood, Londonderry, Warley)

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

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

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

DUDLEY

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

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

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

Kingswinford (inc. Himley, Wall Heath)

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

Sedgley (inc. Coseley, The Gornals, Woodsetton)

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

WALSALL & WOLVERHAMPTON

Bilston (inc. Bradley, Hallfields)

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

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

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

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

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

UPDATES

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

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

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

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I look forward to hearing from you.

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ABOUT THIS FILE

It is a PDF file and requires Adobe Acrobat Reader.

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

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ACORN

Bridge Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Beckett [1818] – [1822]

ACORN

7, (5), (3), Pinfold Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Ralph Gough, gentleman, Gorsebrook Street, Wolverhampton
David Morris, ironworks manager, Highfield House, Bradley
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1965]

LICENSEES

George Edwards [1828] – [1851]
Thomas Johnson [1861]
James Price [1864] – [1865]
David Morris [1871] – **1890**;
Richard John Hibell **(1890)**;
William Watkins **(1890 – 1892)**;
Alfred Newton **(1892)**;
David Wootton **(1892 – 1893)**;
Sarah Shaw **(1893 – 1895)**;
Mrs. Sarah Ann Whitehouse **(1895 – 1896)**;
William Millington **(1896 – 1907)**;
Alfred Newton **(1907)**;
Charles Smith **(1907 – 1918)**;
Mrs. Ellen Harper **(1918 – 1920)**;
James Thomas Cadman **(1920 – 1926)**;
Albert Edward Jones **(1926 – [1940])**

NOTES

3, Pinfold Street [1858]
5, Pinfold Street [1861], [1865], [1871]

It had a beerhouse license.

George Edwards = George Edward

1841 Census

Pinfold Street

- [1] *George Edward* (53), publican;
- [2] Kathrine Edward (60), born Staffordshire;
- [3] George Edward (27), joiner, born Staffordshire;
- [4] Ann Taylor (17), fs, born Staffordshire;
- [5] Mary Johns (26), fs, born Staffordshire:

1851 Census

Pinfold Street

- [1] *George Edwards* (62), widower, victualler, born Broseley, Shropshire;
- [2] Ann Corser (33), house servant, born Bilston;
- [3] Harriet Woodward (18), house servant, born Swadlincote, Derbyshire:

1861 Census

5, Pinfold Street

- [1] *Thomas Johnson* (47), innkeeper, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Martha Johnson* (49), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Amy Johnson* (15), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Thomas W. Johnson* (13), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Martha Johnson* (11), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Richard F. Johnson* (8), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Jane Foster* (55), sister in law, unmarried, born Bilston:

1871 Census

5, Pinfold Street – ACORN INN

- [1] *David Morris* (32), innkeeper, born Llanfillan [Llanfyllin?], Montgomeryshire;
- [2] *Emma Morris* (43), wife, born Moxton (?) [Moxon?], Oxfordshire;
- [3] *Mary Morris* (24), general servant, born Llanfillan, Montgomeryshire:

David Morris, beer retailer, Pinfold Street [1872]

Midland Counties Evening Express 1/1/1875

“On December 26th the Loyal United Brothers, No.72, held their 35th anniversary at the ACORN INN, Pinfold Street, Bilston. Between thirty and forty sat down to an excellent dinner.....”

1881 Census

Pinfold Street – ACORN INN

- [1] *David Morris* (42), licensed victualler and warehouse man, born Llanfyllin, Montgomeryshire;
- [2] *Emma Morris* (52), wife, born Balscott, Oxfordshire;
- [3] *Gertrude Collins* (24), niece, born Dublin;
- [4] *Mary Hill* (30), domestic servant, born Tipton:

Evening Express 18/8/1881

“At a meeting of the Providence Lodge, No.1446 of the NUO of Free Gardeners, Wolverhampton District, at the ACORN, on Tuesday last, the Rev. W. Prosser and Dr. J. Cameron were initiated as honorary members. After the reading of the inauguration address Mr. Prosser said he wished them to regard him in future not merely as an honorary member, but as a brother Gardener in every sense of the term. Dr. Cameron congratulated the members on the progress they had made during the past few months, and referred to the relationship that exists between medical men and such societies, remarking that, of all the officers concerned in the management of friendly societies, the surgeon is by far the most important, and their success or failure, to a very great extent, depended upon him.”

1891 Census

Pinfold Street – ACORN INN

- [1] *William Watkins* (27), licensed victualler, born Llan____a, Monmouthshire;
- [2] *Margaret Watkins* (28), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Gertrude F. Watkins* (4 months), daughter, born Bilston:

1901 Census

7, Pinfold Street – ACORN INN

- [1] *William Millington* (31), licensed victualler, born Bloxwich;
- [2] *Louisa Emma Millington* (38), wife, born Worcester;
- [3] *Lawrence Edwin Winwood* (6), nephew, born Worcester:

1911 Census

Pinfold Street – ACORN INN

- [1] *Charles Smith* Snr. (62), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elizabeth Smith* (50), wife, married 29 years, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Agnes Smith* (28), daughter, domestic, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Mary Smith* (26), daughter, domestic, born Bilston;
- [5] *Charles Smith* Jnr. (23), son, motor body builder, born Bilston;
- [6] *Margaret Smith* (20), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *John Smith* (17), son, carpenter, born Bilston:

[1966]

Closed

It was demolished circa 1970.

ADMIRAL NELSON

Ettingshall Lane, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Benjamin Butler [1828] – [1842]

NOTES

1841 Census

Ettingshall Lane

- [1] *Benjamin Butler* (70), coal miner, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Roda Butler* (45), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Harriet Butler* (15), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Isaiah Butler* (11), born Staffordshire:

ALE HOUSE ROCK

146, Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

David Parsons

LICENSEES

David Parsons **(2015 – []**

NOTES

It opened on 24th June 2015.

David Parsons was married to Andrea.

[2016]



2016

ANCHOR

Coseley Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Caswell [1841] – [1842]

NOTES

1841 Census

Coseley Street

[1] *William Caswell* (45), publican, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Arabella Caswell* (35), born Staffordshire;

[3] *Eliza Caswell* (3), born Staffordshire;

[4] *Jane Wasdell* (10), fs, born Staffordshire:

ANGEL

28, Hall Fold, (28, Hall Street), (22, Pipes Meadow), (Angel Fold), BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas William Bowen, pawnbroker, West Street, Bilston
John William Hall, gentleman, Bilston

LICENSEES

John Bowen [1818] – [1830]
Thomas Bowen [1833] – [1861]
James Elkington [1858] – [1865]
John Froggat [1866]
John Richards [1871] – [1874];
Simeon Cooke Tippetts [];
John Smith [] – **18__**;
Thomas Crowder (**18__** – []);
John Crowder [];
Francis Fletcher [1881];
Charles Calloway [] – **188__**;
John Bellis (**188__** – [1884]);
Arthur Clarke [];
Thomas Price [];
Thomas Tetley [] – **188__**;
Edwin Burgess (**188__** – **1892**):

NOTES

Hall Fold [1818], [1841], [1871], [1874], [1884], [1891]
Hall Street [1822], [1828], [1830], [1833], [1849], [1850], [1858], [1860]
Angel Fold [1841]
Pipes Meadow [1851]
28, Hall Fold [1861], [1881]
28, Hall Street [1865]
22, Pipes Meadow [1873]

It was situated near to the Great Western Railway Station.

[Was this at the corner of Hall Street and Pipes Meadow?]

Freeman's Black Country Folk 'An Early Bilston Artist'

".....These men had an Artists' Club which met for some years at the ANGEL INN, where all things of their craft were freely discussed in a genial atmosphere....."

John Bowen was also a brassfounder. [1818]
He was also described as a grocer.

1841 Census

Angel Fold

- [1] *Thomas Bowen* (40), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Eliza Bowen* (30), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Mary Bowen* (8), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Louisa Bowen* (5), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Emma Bowen* (3), born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Jane Lloyd* (21), born Staffordshire;
- [7] *Elizabeth Howel* (13), born Staffordshire;
- [8] *Maria Pickin* (12), born Staffordshire:

Thomas Bowen was also a shopkeeper. [1845], [1849]

He was described as a provision dealer. [1851]

1851 Census

Pipes Meadow

- [1] *Thomas Bowen* (50), victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Eliza Bowen* (39), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Mary S. Bowen* (17), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Louisa E. Bowen* (14), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Emma A. Bowen* (12), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Eliza J. Bowen* (9), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Thomas William Bowen* (5), son, born Bilston;
- [8] *Henry John Bowen* (3), son, born Bilston;
- [9] *Helen Bowen* (under 1 month), daughter, born Bilston;
- [10] *Elizabeth Howell* (21), house servant, born Lichfield;
- [11] *Lucinding(?) Boatman* (15), house servant, born Birmingham;
- [12] *Jane Marston* (14), house servant, born Willenhall:

James Elkington, beer retailer and provision dealer, Hall Street. [1861]

1861 Census

28, Hall Fold – ANGEL INN

- [1] *James Elkington* (48), publican and grocer, born Ruby [Rugby?], Warwickshire;
- [2] *Hannah Elkington* (50), wife, born Shipton on Stone, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Jane E. Elkington* (25), daughter, born Southam, Warwickshire;
- [4] *William Elkington* (23), son, manager of nail works, born Southam, Warwickshire;
- [5] *Frederick Elkington* (15), son, scholar, born Southam, Warwickshire;
- [6] *Maria Elkington* (13), daughter, scholar, born Southam, Warwickshire;
- [7] *Henry J. Elkington* (11), son, scholar, born Southam, Warwickshire;
- [8] *John C. Lees* (24), visitor, pawnbroker, born Wolverhampton;
- [9] *Isabella A. Hackforth* (24), visitor, born Southam, Warwickshire;
- [10] *Mary Weaver* (15), general servant, born Bilston:

James Elkington was described as also being a shopkeeper. [1864], [1865]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:–

Bilston Division, August 31st, 1866.

‘I beg to submit to the Magistrates the attached list of licensed victuallers who have been complained about during the year. Twenty-five have been convicted, and three have paid costs; one had been convicted three times and five twice. This is a large increase on last year’s list; but I think it has arisen from the police being more particular in reporting cases of permitting drunkenness – as it was found to be an evil rather on the increase. I believe it has caused landlords to be more careful in supplying drink to persons intoxicated.’

H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

John Froggat, ANGEL INN, Hallfields, Bilston left over until the adjourned licensing meeting on the 28th of September.....”

1871 Census

Hall Fold – ANGEL INN

- [1] *John Richards* (35), innkeeper employing one man, born Bilston;
- [2] *Maria Richards* (33), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Clara Richards* (10), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Sarah Ann Richards* (8), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Alice Richards* (4), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Amelia Richards* (2), daughter, born Bilston:

1881 Census

28, Hall Fold – ANGEL INN

- [1] *Francis Fletcher* (34), shearer (iron works) and publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Edith C. Fletcher* (34), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Thomas Fletcher* (13), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Frank Fletcher* (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Gertrude M. Fletcher* (7), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Bernard T. Fletcher* (6), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Charles A. Fletcher* (6), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Harry Fletcher* (6), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [9] *Betsy Bridge* (15), general servant, born Bilston;
- [10] *George Hamilton* (48), lodger, comedian, born London:

1891 Census

Hall Fold – ANGEL INN

- [1] *Edwin Burgess* (50), licensed victualler, born Macclesfield;
- [2] *Mary Burgess* (50), wife, born Coventry;
- [3] *Rosa Mary Burgess* (17), daughter, born Crewe;
- [4] *Robert Burgess* (15), son, born Stafford;
- [5] *Frank Isaac Burgess* (12), son, born Stafford;
- [6] *Henrietta Burgess* (9), daughter, born Stafford:

The license was not taken out by the owner on 26th August 1892.

ANGEL

400, Bilston Road, (Wolverhampton Road), (Wellington Road) / Ward Street, Priestfield, (New Village), (Ettingshall), BILSTON

OWNERS

John Walker, factor, Birmingham
William Butler and Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Mrs. Sarah Walker [1841] – [1858]
Edward Walker [1861] – [1870]
Mrs. Mary Pyatt [1871] – **1881**;
John Northwood **(1881 – 1883)**;
Samuel Webb **(1883 – 1897)**;
George Howard Willetts **(1897 – 1900)**;
Leighton Scriven **(1900 – 1916)**;
Charles Hulse **(1916 – 1921)**;
John Mason **(1921 – 1931)**;
Thomas Picken **(1931 – [1940])**
A S Chopra [1983]
J Kainth [1988]
Bahadur Singh Shergill [1995] – [2005]



2007



2016

NOTES

Wolverhampton Road [1845], [1851], [1854], [1861], [1881], [1892], [1901], [1916], [1921], [1940], [1983]
New Village [1858]
Wellington Road [1873]
Bilston Road [1872], [1873]
400, Bilston Road [2005]

1841 Census

Priestfield

- [1] Sarah Walker (55), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] Catherine Walker (25), born Staffordshire;
- [3] Edward Walker (20), carpenter, born Staffordshire;
- [4] Elizabeth Walker (15), born Staffordshire;
- [5] William Walker (10), born Staffordshire;

1851 Census

Wolverhampton Road

- [1] Sarah Walker (64), widow, innkeeper, born Leicestershire;
- [2] Edward Walker (32), son, carpenter, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Elizabeth Walker (28), daughter, home, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] William Walker (22), son, factor's clerk, born Wolverhampton;

1861 Census

Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *Edward Walker* (42), unmarried, victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Elizabeth Walker* (37), sister, born Wolverhampton:

1871 Census

Bilston Road

- [1] *Mary Pyatt* (50), widow, publican, born Willenhall;
- [2] *Elizabeth Pyatt* (19), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Mary Pyatt* (17), daughter, born Wolverhampton:

1881 Census

Wolverhampton Road – ANGEL INN

- [1] *John Northwood* (67), licensed victualler, born Bli____, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Sarah Northwood* (50), wife, born Kinton, Herefordshire;
- [3] *Ann Griffiths* (64), sister, widow, assistant in house, born Bli____, Staffordshire:

Evening Express 2/12/1881 and 7/12/1881 - Advert

“To be Let, the ANGEL INN, Priestfield; a free old-licensed house.
Apply on the premises.”

1891 Census

Wolverhampton Road – ANGEL INN

- [1] *Samuel Webb* (39), innkeeper, aerated water manufacturer, born Tipton;
- [2] *Emma Webb* (36), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Minnie Webb* (17), daughter, born Great Bridge;
- [4] *Edith Webb* (4), daughter, born Bilston:

Samuel Webb also manufactured mineral water. [1892]

Pride of Priestfield Sick and Benefit Society held its first annual dinner here in July 1899.

1901 Census

Wolverhampton Road – ANGEL INN

- [1] *Leighton Scriven* (43), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Elizabeth Scriven* (40), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Elizabeth Lewis* (62), mother, widow, living on means, born Birmingham:

1911 Census

Wolverhampton Road – ANGEL INN

- [1] *Leighton Scriven* (53), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Elizabeth Scriven* (50), wife, married 10 years, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Elizabeth Lewis* (77), mother, widow, born Birmingham:

Charles Hulse was fined £1 and costs, on 5th May 1916, for selling beer exceeding measure called for.

[2016]

BALL COURT

1, Stafford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Mrs. Fanny Eyre, Elmswood, Penn Road, Wolverhampton

LICENSEES

John Wallett [1854] – [1860]
George Reay [1861]
John Smith [1864] – [1871]
Reuben Lawrence [1872] – **1874**);
Ann Lawrence (**1874 – 1875**);
Ann Rogers (**1875 – 1876**);
William Jones (**1876 – 1877**);
John Jones (**1877**);
Thomas Prime (**1877 – 1884**);
Walter Ray Campbell (**1884 – 1886**);
John Gardiner (**1886 – 1888**);
William Edwards (**1888 – 1889**);
Thomas Jones (**1889 – 1890**):

NOTES

The first gaol in the town was the building in Stafford Street, known as the BALL COURT INN.

Freeman's Black Country Folk 'The Ropers...Brawny Miners'

“When the police force was first installed in Bilston, the headquarters were in the BALL COURT INN.....”

John Wallett = John Wallet

1861 Census

1, Stafford Street

- [1] George Reay (46), publican, born Great Haywood, Staffordshire;
- [2] Ann Reay (41), wife, born Stone;
- [3] Mary A. Kent (18), stepdaughter, scholar, born Chebsey;
- [4] Josiah Kent (12), stepson, scholar, born Chebsey;
- [5] Eliza Kent (5), stepdaughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton:

1871 Census

1, Stafford Street

- [1] *John Smith* (60), victualler employing 1 man, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elizabeth Smith* (57), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Charles Smith* (24), son, professor of music, born Bilston;
- [4] *Margaret Smith* (19), daughter, victualler's assistant, born Bilston;
- [5] *Lucy Smith* (17), daughter, victualler's assistant, born Bilston;
- [6] *Teresa Smith* (15), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Albert Berry* (21), nephew, upholsterer, born Birmingham;
- [8] *Patrick Cunane* (31), brewer, born Mayo, Ireland;
- [9] *Sarah Jones* (18), general servant, born Portobello:

Midland Counties Evening Express 13/1/1875

"A young man named William Worton was brought up in custody charged with having been drunk and assaulting Police-constable Wiley. The constable stated that on the previous Saturday night, at 10 o'clock, he was sent for to the BALL COURT INN, Stafford Street. On going to that place he saw the prisoner, who was stripped to the shirt, and was fighting with another man. He was bleeding from the nose, and was like a mad-man. At the request of the landlady, witness proceeded to put him out of the house, but as soon as witness took hold of him, he (prisoner) struck him on the mouth. Police-constable Smith came to his assistance, and they got the prisoner to the station. *Ann Lawrence*, the landlady of the house, was then charged with permitting drunkenness in her house the Stipendiary ordered the defendant to pay the costs. With reference to the charges against Worton, he was fined 10s 6d for the drunkenness, and 20s for the assault on the policeman, with the alternative of three weeks' residence at Stafford."

1881 Census

1, Stafford Street – BALL COURT INN

- [1] *Thomas Prime* (61), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Sarah Prime* (55), wife, born Brewood;
- [3] *Alice Rawson* (14), general servant, born Bilston;
- [4] *William G. Tench* (13), nephew, scholar, born Tettenhall;
- [5] *Alfred I. Leache* (31), lodger, general agent, born Birmingham;
- [6] *Charles Crilley* (38), lodger, tinner, born Bristol:

Thomas Jones was fined £10 and costs, on 8th August 1890, for four cases of using the house for betting purposes.

The license renewal was refused at the General Annual Licensing Meeting on 22nd August 1890.

BALLOON

2, (83), High Street / Pinfold Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Henry Willcock
Frederick Warren, pork butcher, High Street, Bilston
The Breweries' Investment Cooperative Ltd., Bilston
Showells Brewery Co. Ltd.
Ind Coope and Allsopp (leased)
Ansells Ltd. [1965]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Benjamin Willetts [1818] – [1835]
Mrs. Jemima Willetts [1841] – [1849]
William Darbey [1851]
Richard Sale [1861] – [1870]
Mrs. Mary Sale [1871] – **1878**;
Ellen Hannah Crump **(1878 – 1880)**;
Henry Willcock **(1880 – 1882)**;
Robert Lowe [1881] manager
Benjamin More [1882] manager
Robert Alfred Willcock and Henry Willcock **(1882)**;
Robert Hunt **(1882 – 1885)**;
Joseph Linforth **(1885 – 1894)**;
John James Green **(1894)**;
Joseph Bennett **(1894 – 1895)**;
Alfred Walters **(1895 – 1925)**;
Robert Joseph Broderick **(1925)**;
Elijah Stott **(1925 – 1939)**;
David Adamson **(1939 – [1940]**
Samuel John Bolton []

NOTES

83, High Street [1861], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1871], [1881], [1891], [1896], [1904]
2, High Street [1901], [1911], [1912], [1916], [1940], [1980]

AIR BALLOON [1818], [1827]

BALLOON [1861], [1871], [1881], [1891], [1901], [1940]

It had a six day license.

Benjamin Willetts = Benjamin Willatts = Benjamin Willis

Benjamin Willatts was also a carrier to Birmingham. [1818]

He was a carrier to Birmingham, Tipton, Wednesbury, Albrighton, Newport, Market Drayton, Whitchurch, Chester and Liverpool, every Tuesday and Friday. [1833]



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Jemima Willetts = Jemima Willets

1841 Census

High Street

- [1] *Jemima Willets* (40), born Staffordshire;
- [2] George Willets (11), born Staffordshire;
- [3] Ann Jones (30), fs, born Staffordshire:

William Darbey = William Darby

1851 Census

High Street

- [1] *William Darbey* (58), victualler, born Gornall;
- [2] Jemima Darbey (55), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] Mary Ann Robinson (17), barmaid, born Bilston;
- [4] Sarah Hayway (15), house maid, born Wellington, Shropshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/1/1861

“Thomas Price, a pugilist, of Bilston, was charged with stealing a dog, the property of George Simkins, of Coseley. The complainant deposed that a few nights ago he was in the BALLOON public-house, Bilston Street, when the defendant stole from him a small dog that he had taught to perform playful antics. On his way from the house he was knocked down and robbed of 11s 3d, and he believed defendant was the man who knocked him down. The defendant said that he gave the complainant a glass of brandy for the dog, and brought three witnesses who swore that this was so. The complainant said it was not likely he should have sold the dog for that, because just before it was stolen the landlord of the BALLOON offered him 5s for the animal. The Magistrates said they did not believe the defendant, and must fine him 5s as the value of the dog, and 10s costs.”

1861 Census

83, High Street

- [1] *Richard Sale* (42), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
 - [2] Mary Sale (50), wife, born Shropshire;
 - [3] Ellen H. Clump (29), stepdaughter;
 - [4] Mary Jane Ann Sale (18), daughter;
 - [5] Emily C. Sale (15), daughter;
 - [6] Alice Muriel Sale (10);
 - [7] Edward Curran, servant;
 - [8] Ellen Blaney, servant:
- [Much of this entry is obliterated.]

1871 Census

83, High Street – BALOON INN

- [1] *Mary Sale* (59), widow, innkeeper, born Newport, Shropshire;
 - [2] Ellen H. Sale (36), daughter, born West Bromwich;
 - [3] Emily C. Sale (24), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
 - [4] Albert E. Jackson (17), nephew, clerk in iron works, born Newport, Shropshire;
 - [5] Annie Painter (38), servant, born Ackleton, Shropshire;
 - [6] Louisa Piper (21), servant, born Sutton, Shropshire:
- [Ackleton is about 5 miles NE of Bridgnorth.]
- [There are at least 3 Suttons in Shropshire.]

Mary Sale died on 27th July 1878.

A seven day license was granted on 19th September 1879.

1881 Census

83, High Street – BALLOON INN

- [1] Robert Lowe (35), manager of vaults, born Brewood;
 - [2] Eliza Lowe (26), wife, born Glascwm, Radnorshire;
 - [3] Helen Harley (18), wife's sister, born Glascwm, Radnorshire;
 - [4] Robert Lowe (1), son, born Wolverhampton;
 - [5] Ernest Lowe (1 month), son, born Bilston;
 - [6] Caroline Ellum (17), general servant, born Wolverhampton:
- [Glascwm is about 8 miles ENE of Builth Wells.]

Evening Star 7/2/1882

“*Henry Willcock*, proprietor of the BALLOON INN, High Street, Bilston, was charged with harbouring a policeman, and unlawfully supplying him with beer at ten minutes past one on Wednesday morning, the 25th ult.

It appeared that the house was managed by a man named *Benjamin More*, who committed the offence complained of. The case was not fully gone into, Mr. Chief Superintendent Longdon intimating that he would be satisfied with a fine.

A fine of 20s and costs was imposed.”

Henry Willcock died in 1882.

Joseph Linforth = Joseph Lineforth

1891 Census

83, High Street – BALLOON INN

- [1] *Joseph Linforth* (37), widower, public house manager, born Philadelphia, America (British subject);
- [2] Angela Linforth (20), sister, barmaid, born Willenhall;
- [3] Mary T. Linforth (11), daughter, scholar, born Wednesfield;
- [4] Agnes M. Linforth (7), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Cecilia Linforth (4), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] Annie Dyke (19), general servant, born Moseley Village:

1901 Census

2, High Street – BALLOON INN

- [1] *Alfred Walters* (57), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] Ann Elizabeth Walters (43), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] Edith Walters (16), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] Nellie Walters (13), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [5] Harriet Chew (67), mother in law, widow, born Coventry;
- [6] Annie Delany (19), general servant, born Bilston:

1911 Census

2, High Street

- [1] *Alfred Walters* (67), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] Elizabeth Walters (51), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] Arthur Walters (28), son, butcher, born Bilston;
- [4] Edith Walters (26), daughter, born Bilston:

Samuel John Bolton died in 1982.

It closed in June 1987.

The premises became a burger bar, and later a fish and chip shop.

BARLEY MOW

Ettingshall Lane, Monmore Green, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Royster [1833] – [1834]

NOTES

The Hell Lane Gang met here occasionally.

BARLEY MOW

Mill Street, (Mill Lane), BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Wilkes [1818]
Richard Hickin [1822] – [1830]

NOTES

Mill Lane [1818], [1822]
Mill Street [1830]

Check Union Street.

BARLEY MOW

179, (84), Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Mrs. Dean, widow, Upper Dean Street, Birmingham
Robert Burtles, whip manufacturer
Edward Jones, beerhouse keeper, Bilston
Richard Sidney Wilson, maltster, Ackleton
Emily Lashford, brewer, Willenhall
Truman, Hanbury, Buxton and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Rebecca Jones [1851] – [1861]
Abraham Lunn [1865] – **1873**;
Mary Lunn (**1873 – 1876**);
Joseph Morris (**1876 – 1881**);
George Price (**1881 – 1886**);
Edward Jones (**1886 – 1897**);
Joseph William Garratt (**1897 – 1900**);
Cornelius Southan (**1900**);
William Huband (**1900 – 1903**);
Thomas Cook (**1903 – 1910**);
Miss Sarah Hughes (**1910 – 1921**);
Alfred Henry Shaw (**1921 – 1923**);
Bert Weare (**1923 – 1927**);
Daniel Evans (**1927 – 1932**);
William Randall (**1932 – 1934**);
Thomas Dimmock (**1934 – [1940]**)

NOTES

84, Oxford Street [1861], [1865], [1871], [1873], [1881], [1891]
179, Oxford Street [1904], [1911], [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

1851 Census

Oxford Street

- [1] Rebecca Jones (52), retail brewer, born Darlaston;
- [2] Samuel Tate (19), son, puddler at iron works, born Bilston;
- [3] Eliza Jones (12), daughter, assistant at home, born Bilston:

R. Jones, beerhouse, 84, Oxford Street. [1858]

1861 Census

84, Oxford Street – Beer House

- [1] Rebecca Jones (62), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Darlaston;
- [2] Eliza Jones (22), daughter, born Walsall;
- [3] Benjamin Pitcher (30), lodger, born Tamworth:

Abraham Lunn, beer retailer, 84, Oxford Street. [1865]

1871 Census

84, Oxford Street

- [1] *Abraham Lunn* (57), master publican, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Mary Lunn* (55), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Abraham Lunn* (31), son, journeyman caster, born Darlaston;
- [4] *Amelia Lunn* (25), daughter, born Darlaston;
- [5] *Emma Lunn* (21), daughter, born Darlaston:

Abraham Lunn died in 1873.

1881 Census

84, Oxford Street – BARLEY MOW

- [1] *Joseph Morris* (35), ironworker puddler and publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Amelia Morris* (36), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Amelia Morris* (5), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Emily F. Morris* (4), daughter, scholar, born Bilston:

1891 Census

84, Oxford Street – BARLEY MOW INN

- [1] *Edward Jones* (37), iron worker, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Ann Jones* (34), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Thomas W. Jones* (14), son, bedstead maker, born Bilston;
- [4] *Florence Jones* (12), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Edward Jones* (10), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Blanche H. Jones* (8), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *George Jones* (6), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] *Elizabeth Jones* (4), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [9] *Harriet Jones* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [10] *Minnie Jones* (1), daughter, born Bilston:

Edward Jones, beer retailer, 84, Oxford Street. [1896]

1901 Census

Oxford Street – BARLEY MOW

- [1] *William Huband* (27), publican, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Mary Huband* (28), wife, born Bilston:

Thomas Cook, beer retailer, 179, Oxford Street. [1904]

1911 Census

179, Oxford Street

- [1] *Sarah Hughes* (47), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Lillian May Hughes* (21), daughter, helper, born Woodsetton;
- [3] *Elsie Adelaide Hughes* (16), daughter, helper, born Woodsetton;
- [4] *Gertrude Eva Hughes* (14), daughter, helper, born Woodsetton;
- [5] *George Harold Hughes* (12), son, born Woodsetton;
- [6] *Alfred Hughes* (9), son, born Woodsetton:

Sarah Hughes was also a brewer. [1914]

Auction Catalogue (Alfred W. Dando & Co. Ltd.) 2nd June 1915

“.....As let on short tenancy at a rental of £36 0s 0d per annum. The capital modern, compact, well-frequented Home-Brewing Public House and Premises situate on the main road with a large passing traffic, and containing spacious Vaults with outdoor department 20' x 14', Smoke Room at back with side entrance, Club Room 16' 6" x 10' 6", Living Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and outer Wash-house, together with two-floor Brewery, large Yard and the usual Outbuildings.”

Daniel Evans was fined £7 plus £5 10s 0d costs, on 15th January 1932, for supplying beer during non-permitted hours.

Teams from here took part in the Bilston Crib League. [1946]

BARLEY MOW

14, Union Street, (Miller Street), BILSTON

OWNERS

Edwin Hickman, stone mason and quarry master, The Quarry, Bilston

LICENSEES

Richard Lee [1833] – [1834]
John North [1835]
James Taylor [1841] – [1842]
David Cooksey [1851]
Joseph Johnson [1858]
Ann Johnson [1861]
Edward Hall [] – **1866**;
John Cadman **(1866 – 1891)**:

NOTES

14, Union Street [1861]
Miller Street [1867]

OLD BARLEY MOW [1833], [1834]

1841 Census

Rail Road

[1] *James Taylor* (45), innkeeper;
[2] *Hannah Taylor* (45);
[3] *George Taylor* (18);
[4] *Hannah Taylor* (16);
[5] *Joseph Taylor* (14);
[6] *Mary Taylor* (12):
[This is possibly the wrong location.]

1851 Census

Union Street

[1] *David Cooksey* (32), publican, born Tipton;
[2] *Harriet Cooksey* (29), wife, born Bilston;
[3] *Martha Cooksey* (8), daughter, born Bilston;
[4] *Ann Cooksey* (6), daughter, born Bilston;
[5] *Emma Cooksey* (3), daughter, born Bilston;
[6] *David Cooksey* (1), son, born Bilston;
[7] *Sarah Cooksey* (2 months), daughter, born Bilston;
[8] *Mary Ann Perry* (15), house servant, born West Bromwich:

1861 Census

14, Union Street – BARLEY MOW

- [1] Joseph Johnson (40), brass caster, born Swindon, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Ann Johnson* (38), wife, publick beer shop, born Bilston;
- [3] Thomas Johnson (13), son, born Bilston;
- [4] Ann Maria Johnson (11), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] Joseph Johnson (10), son, born Wordsley;
- [6] Henry Johnson (8), son, born Wordsley;
- [7] Elizabeth Johnson (7), daughter, born Wordsley;
- [8] Sarah Johnson (5), daughter, born Wordsley;
- [9] Fanny Johnson (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [10] Martha Johnson (6 months), daughter, born Bilston:

License renewal refused at Licensing Meeting 21st August 1891.

BARLEY MOW

Priestfield, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Cooper [1845] – [1850]

NOTES

Check Bilston Street, Wolverhampton.

BARREL

21, (2), Chell Street, Bradley, (Brierley), (Daisy Bank), BILSTON

OWNERS

Jonathan Chell Wright
Elizabeth Ann Wright

LICENSEES

Jonathan Chell Wright [1873] - **1876**);
Elizabeth Ann Wright (**1876 - 1879**);
Walter Henry Wheeler (**1879 - 1882**);
George Thomas Simkin (**1882 - 1884**);
Alfred Job (**1884 - 1887**);
Harriet Job (**1887 - 1888**);
William Henry Hemming (**1888**);
Thomas Paul (**1888 - 1907**);
George Hassell (**1907 - 1908**);
William Garbett (**1908**);

NOTES

21, Chell Street [1901]
2, Chell Street [1904]

It had a beerhouse license.

Jonathan Chell Wright died on 21st August 1876.

George Thomas Simkin was also a safe maker.

1891 Census

20+21 Chell Street

- [1] *Thomas Paul* (51), beer seller, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Eliza Paul* (38), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Thomas Paul* (23), son, iron worker, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Florence Paul* (23), daughter, general servant, born Sedgley;
- [5] *James Paul* (21), son, iron worker, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Elizabeth A. Paul* (14), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Sampson Paul* (8), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [8] *Sarah A. Paul* (2), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [9] *Selina Paul* (3 months), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [10] *Alexander Paul* (22), son, iron worker, born Sedgley;

Thomas Paul, beer retailer, 2, Chell Street, Bradley. [1896], [1904]

1901 Census

21, Chell Street, Brierley

[1] *Thomas Paul* (61), beerhouse keeper, born Sedgley;

[2] *Eliza Paul* (49), wife, born West Bromwich;

[3] *Sampson Paul* (18), son, puddler, born Sedgley;

[4] *Sarah Ann Paul* (12), daughter, born Sedgley;

[5] *Selina Paul* (10), daughter, born Sedgley:

Thomas Paul – see also ROYAL OAK, Hall Street.

It was referred to the Compensation Authority in February 1908.

The license was refused by the Compensation Authority on 18th June 1908.

Compensation of £260 was paid on 30th November 1908.

BARREL VAULTS

40, Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas Lewis, iron merchant, Pennfields, Wolverhampton
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1904]

LICENSEES

Joseph Butler [] – **1873**);
John Harriman (**1873 – 1880**);
George Millard (**1880 – 1881**);
Edward Bolewell (**1881**);
William Edwards (**1881 – 1886**);
Samuel Mason (**1886**);
William Morris (**1886 – 1895**);
Frederick William Plant (**1895 – 1906**);
William Edwin Carter (**1906**);
Sarah Gough (**1906 – 1909**);
Frederick William Plant (**1909**);
Thomas Davies (**1909 – 1910**):

NOTES

It was originally known as the BOARD. [1873]

1871 Census
40, Church Street – wine and spirit vaults
Unoccupied

Evening Express 1/2/1881 - Advert

“General Servant (good) Wanted, with good character.
Apply at BARRREL SPIRIT VAULTS, Bilston.”

1881 Census

40, Church Street – BARRELL
[1] *George Millard* (36), publican, born Evershall, Bedfordshire;
[2] *Elizabeth Millard* (34), wife, born London;
[3] *Laura Millard* (8), daughter, scholar, born Walsall;
[4] *Mary Hudson* (21), general servant, born Coseley:

George Millard – see also SPREAD EAGLE and LION.

1891 Census

40, Church Street

- [1] *William Morris* (37), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary A. E. Morris* (34), wife, born Much Wenlock;
- [3] *Annie Morris* (7), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *William C. Morris* (3), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Leonard Morris* (7 weeks), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *Elizabeth Tonks* (20), general servant, born Coseley:

The license was surrendered on the granting of an off beer license in Green Lanes, Bilston.
The house closed on 2nd May 1910.

Check OLD MALT SHOVEL

BARREL

4, Mill Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Amelia Radford
Robert Radford
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1965]

LICENSEES

Robert Radford [1861] – **1885**;
George Price [1881] manager
Edmund Roderick (**1885 – 1887**);
George Price (**1887 – 1898**);
Mrs. Elizabeth Price (**1898 – 1934**);
Mrs. Sarah Harriet Walker (**1934 – [1940]**)
Edmunds []
D Lancey [1976]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

Mill Street

- [1] *Robert Radford* (36), ale dealer, born Colton, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Amelia Radford* (35), wife, born Brood, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Lucy Whitehouse* (17), house servant, born Bilston:

Robert Radford, beer retailer, Mill Street. [1865]

1871 Census

Mill Street

- [1] *Robert Radford* (46), licensed retail brewer, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Amelia Radford* (45), wife, born Brewood;
- [3] *Ann Hill* (42), sister, born Colton, Staffordshire;
- [4] *Henry Radford* (17), nephew, brewer's assistant, born Wolverhampton:

Evening Express 17/1/1881

“This (Monday) morning an inquest was held at the BARREL INN, Mill Street, Bilston, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, coroner, touching the death of a man named John Dudley, whose body was found in an arm of the Birmingham Canal, at Millfields, on Friday morning.

Mrs. Emma Dudley, wife of the deceased, said he was a miner by trade, but had recently been employed as a labourer at the Millfields Ironworks. She had heard him say that he crossed the canal going to and coming from his work. He went out on the morning of his death about five o'clock, and she sent his breakfast as usual, but never saw him again alive. She had no reason to blame anyone for his death; the bruises on his legs were caused by old sores. John Horne, a boat unloader, working at Millfields Ironworks, said he knew the deceased, whose duty it was to go to the works before the rest of the men and light the fires. On Friday morning, in consequence of a boy bringing deceased's breakfast, he (witness) went in search of him. Not finding him, and suspecting that something had happened to him, witness dragged in the canal for him with a boat shaft, and found his body near a half empty boat.

Deceased, who was quite dead, was in the habit of crossing the arm of the canal by boats, although it was only about 20 yards further to go round. Friday morning was foggy, and the canal was not within call of either house or cabin boat. Witness believed deceased came to his death by accident. The jury, after hearing the evidence, brought in a verdict of Found Dead.”

1881 Census

Mill Street – BARREL INN

- [1] *George Price* (34), public house manager, born Droitwich;
- [2] *Elizabeth Price* (32), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Harriet Price* (12), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Elizabeth Price* (8), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Minnie Price* (2), daughter, born Bilston:

1891 Census

Mill Street – Public House

- [1] *George Price* (43), publican, born Droitwich;
- [2] *Elizabeth Price* (41), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Harriet Price* (21), daughter, dress maker, born Bilston;
- [4] *Elizabeth Price* (17), daughter, boot stitcher, born Bilston;
- [5] *Minnie Price* (12), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *George Price* (8), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Arthur Price* (6), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Ernest Price* (3), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [9] *baby Price* (4 days), daughter, born Bilston;
- [10] *Sarah Douglas* (45), charwoman, born Droitwich:

George Price brewed his own beer.

1901 Census

4, Mill Street

- [1] *Elizabeth Price* (52), widow, publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Minnie Price* (22), daughter, born Bilston;
- [3] *George Price* (17), son, engine cleaner, born Bilston;
- [4] *Arthur Price* (16), son, tube worker, born Bilston:

Mrs. Elizabeth Price, beer retailer, Mill Street. [1904]

1911 Census

4, Mill Street

- [1] *Elizabeth Price* (62), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Arthur Price* (25), son, blacksmith's striker, born Bilston:

Mrs. Elizabeth Price, beer retailer, 4, Mill Street. [1912]

Elizabeth Price died in 1934.

[1983]

It closed in the 1980s

It was demolished in 1987.

BARREL

47, (25), Temple Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Samuel Lane, blacksmith, Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton
Mrs. Theodosia Torr, wife of licensee
John Pritchard, The Brewery, Darlaston
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Holmes [1851] – [1858]
Mrs. Mary Holmes [1860]
Edmund Holmes [1861]
Samuel Lane [1864] – [1866]
Samuel Levi [] – **1866**;
John Murphy (**1866** – [1867]
John Venton [1868]
Joseph Shale [1871] – **1881**;
Mary Shale (**1881** – **1885**);
Job Ecclestone Jnr. (**1885**);
William Waldron (**1885**);
Richard Kinsey (**1885** – **1886**);
Thomas Pyatt (**1886** – **1887**);
John Henry Pitt (**1887** – **1891**);
Samuel Salt (**1891**);
William Bowater Flavell (**1891** – **1893**);
Joseph Torr (**1893** – **1909**);
Edward Richards (**1909**);
William Wood Duley (**1909** – **1913**);
William Butler Slater (**1913** – **1914**);
Alfred Dean (**1914** – **1915**);
Joseph Blakemore (**1915** – **1927**);
Frank William Roberts (**1927** – **1933**);
Jesse Hart (**1933** – **1936**);
William Porter (**1936** – [1940]

NOTES

25, Temple Street [1861], [1871], [1881]
47, Temple Street [1912], [1940]

BARRELL [1864], [1865], [1901]

It had a beerhouse license.

Thomas Holmes was also a mill screw manufacturer and engineer. [1851], [1854]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 6/3/1861

“On Friday last T. M. Phillips, Esq., coroner, held an inquest at the BARREL INN, Bilston, on the body of John Dunn, a child aged two years and five months. The deceased’s clothes took fire in his father’s house, on the previous Tuesday week, in the absence of his mother, who had gone out on business, and he was badly burnt. Mr. Hancox, surgeon, attended him until Wednesday last when he expired. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1861 Census

25, Temple Street

- [1] Mary Ann Holmes (48), widow, born Wheaton Aston, Staffordshire
- [2] *Edmund Holmes* (24), son, mechanical draughtsman and publican, born Bilston;
- [3] John Holmes (17), son, engineer, born Bilston;
- [4] Mary J. Holmes (13), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] Ellen Holmes (8), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] Eliza Sansom (24), cousin, barmaid, born Bilston:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/11/1861

“On Monday last T. M. Phillips, Esq., coroner, held an inquest at the BARREL INN, Temple-street, in this town on the body of Mary Griffin, aged about three years, who had died from scalds received under the following circumstances: On the 13th instant the deceased was in the kitchen of her father’s house on Temple-street, playing with a younger child, and while her father was stooping down lacing her boots, she pulled a tea kettle of boiling water off the hob by the side of the fire upon her, and she was dreadfully scalded upon her stomach. Her wounds were dressed, and on the following day Mr. Larkin, surgeon, attended her, and continued his services up to her death, which took place on Friday last, from the effects of scalds. The Jury returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/1/1866

“On Friday, at the Police Court, before A. Sparrow and G. P. A. Pudsey, Esqs., the following persons were summoned before the Bench and fined for offences against their licenses.....

Samuel Lane, licensed victualler, of Temple-street, was fined 10s and costs for keeping his house open after twelve o’clock on Saturday night last.’

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:–

Bilston Division, August 31st, 1866.

‘I beg to submit to the Magistrates the attached list of licensed victuallers who have been complained about during the year. Twenty-five have been convicted, and three have paid costs; one had been convicted three times and five twice. This is a large increase on last year’s list; but I think it has arisen from the police being more particular in reporting cases of permitting drunkenness – as it was found to be an evil rather on the increase. I believe it has caused landlords to be more careful in supplying drink to persons intoxicated.’

H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

Samuel Lane, BARREL, Temple Street left over until the adjourned licensing meeting on the 28th of September.....”

The license of *John Murphy* was suspended altogether in 1867, “having been so many times fined”. It was renewed in October 1867.

John Venton, beer retailer, 25, Temple Street. [1868]

1871 Census

25, Temple Street

- [1] *Joseph Shale* (55), retail brewer, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary Shale* (54), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] John H. Shale (30), son, brewer, born Bilston;
- [4] Benjamin F. Shale (28), son, carpenter, born Bilston;
- [5] Sarah Shale (25), daughter, dress maker, born Bilston;
- [6] Thomas Shale (22), son, blacksmith, born Bilston;
- [7] Mary S. Shale (16), daughter, born Bilston;
- [8] Elizabeth Shale (10), daughter, scholar, born Bilston:

Joseph Shale died on 24th January 1881.

1881 Census

25, Temple Street – BARREL INN

- [1] *Mary Shale* (64), widow, publican, born Bilston;
- [2] John Shale (40), son, brewer, born Bilston;
- [3] Benjamin Shale (38), son, carpenter, born Bilston;
- [4] Thomas Shale (32), son, brass founder, born Bilston;
- [5] Mary Shale (25), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] Elizabeth Shale (21), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] William Williams (7), grandson, scholar, born Bilston:

1891 Census

25, Temple Street – BARREL INN

- [1] *Samuel Salt* (29), innkeeper and brewer, born Tipton;
- [2] Margaret Salt (34), wife, born Runcorn, Cheshire;
- [3] Mary Ann Salt (1), daughter, born Walsall;
- [4] Jane Grinsell (16), general servant, born Bilston:

Joseph Torr, beer retailer, 25, Temple Street. [1896]

1901 Census

Temple Street – BARRELL INN

- [1] *Joseph Torr* (34), beerhouse keeper, born Silverdale, Staffordshire;
- [2] Theodosia Torr (40), wife, born Bradley;
- [3] Sylvania S. Lane (19), stepdaughter, domestic servant, born Hagley;
- [4] Daisy Lane (16), stepdaughter, domestic servant, born Tettenhall:

1911 Census

Temple Street – BARREL INN

- [1] *William Wood Duley* (35), licensee of beerhouse, born Darlaston;
- [2] Annie Elizabeth Duley (36), wife, born Darlaston:

William W. Duley, beer retailer, 47, Temple Street. [1912]

Bilston & Willenhall Times 14/3/1925

“Joseph Yates, 63, Temple Street, Bilston, was charged with being on enclosed premises for an unlawful purpose. The evidence of PSs Nutt and Bates was to the effect that the premises of the BARREL INN, at the corner of Temple Street, were securely fastened shortly after 10 o’clock on Saturday night last, and about 11.50 the defendant was seen climbing over the folding gates at the back of the premises.

The defendant admitted being on the premises, but denied that he was there for an unlawful purpose. He said he was locked in while he was in the lavatory. He stood near the gate talking to a number of customers of the inn, but he had no witnesses to call.

The Stipendiary told the defendant he had had the opportunity of calling witnesses, and had refused to do so. He had come to the conclusion that the defendant was concealing himself on the premises, and was satisfied that if he had not been disturbed by the police he would have tried to get into the inn.

Defendant was sent to gaol for a month with hard labour.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 20/10/1928

“Before Messrs. E. Hickman, T. H. Wilson and M. Wilks, at the Bilston Police Court, yesterday, *Frank Roberts*, licensee of the BARREL INN, Temple Street, Bilston was summoned for allowing a child under 14 to be in the bar, and Jane Pitt, Warwick Street, was summoned for causing the child to be there.

It was alleged that at 8.50 on the night of October 13th the female defendant was seen sitting in the taproom nursing a three-year old child. When spoken to, *Roberts* said he did not know the child was there.

Supt. Young said he had no desire to press the charge. He had brought the case as a warning to others. There was no doubt there was a practice of taking children into public houses, and it should be stopped.

Each defendant was fined 10s.”

BEEHIVE

Shambos Lane, Highfields Bridge, Bradley, (Highfields), BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Phoebe Light [1860] – [1861]
George Leadbetter [1864] – **1869**;
John Light (**1869** – []

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

Shambos Lane – BEE HIVE INN

[1] *Phoebe Light* (64), widow, victualler, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Mary Elizabeth Shepard* (24), servant, born Wellington, Shropshire:

Mrs. Phoebe Light, beer retailer, Highfields. [1868] ?

Closed

BELL

Wolverhampton Street, (Wolverhampton Road), BILSTON

OWNERS

Richard Atkins, licensed victualler, Bilston

LICENSEES

James Atherton [1828] – [1830]
Thomas Purslow [1833] – [1835]
Thomas Smith [1841]
John Smith [1842] – [1850]
Mrs. Jane Smith [1851] – [1861]
Thomas Baker [] – **1866**);
Joseph Baker* (**1866** – []
Joseph Barker* [1868] – **1873**);
Ephraim William Hyde (**1873** – **1874**);
James Lawley (**1874** – **1876**);
Alfred Lambden (**1876** – []

NOTES

BLUE BELL [1828], [1830], [1835], [1841], [1842], [1851], [1854], [1858]
BELL [1845], [1850], [1851], [1870], [1873]

John Smith was also a fruiterer. [1845], [1849], [1850]

1851 Census

Wolverhampton Street

- [1] *Jane Smith* (59), widow, victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] Hannah Merricks (18), house servant, born Tettenhall;
- [3] S. Leakin (36), born Bilston;
- [4] Eliza Leakin (34), born Bilston;
- [5] Mary Leakin (10), born Scotland;
- [6] William Leakin (3), born Wednesbury;

1861 Census

Wolverhampton Street – BELL Beer House

- [1] *Jane Smith* (53), widow, licensed victualler, born Bilston;
 - [2] Ann Robins (19), servant, born Bilston:
- [It appears that Jane got younger!]

* possibly the same person

The license was abandoned pre 1903.

BELL

11, (7), Wood Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Major George Cox, brewer, Bilston
John Rolinson and Son Ltd. (leased from 1909)
Harmer and Co. Ltd. (leased)

LICENSEES

Thomas Riley [1861] – [1865]
Emily Gregory [1871]
John Kenton [1873] – **1874**);
Thomas Prime (**1874 – 1877**);
Elizabeth Baxter (**1877**);
Thomas Cockayne (**1877 – 1898**);
George Fox (**1898 – 1899**);
Henry Colbourn Rollason (**1899**);
Joseph Ragley (**1899 – 1901**);
Mrs. Fanny Smith (**1901 – 1918**);
George Smith [1901] ?

NOTES

7, Wood Street [1861], [1871], [1891]
11, Wood Street [1904], [1912]

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

7, Wood Street
[1] *Thomas Riley* (52), builder and publican, born Bilston;
[2] *Hannah Riley* (50), wife, born Bilston;
[3] *Rebecca Riley* (19), daughter, born West Bromwich;
[4] *Timothy Riley* (11), son, scholar, born West Bromwich:

Thomas Riley, joiner, builder, funeral carriage proprietor, and beer retailer, 7, Wood Street. [1865]

1871 Census

7, Wood Street – BELL INN
[1] *Emily Gregory* (30), widow, innkeeper, born Sedgley;
[2] *Georgina Gregory* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
[3] *Charles Gregory* (22), lodger, coal miner, born Stoke, Somersetshire;
[4] *Harriet Gregory* (19), wife, born Sedgley;
[5] *Ann Gregory* (6 months), daughter, born Bilston:

Midland Counties Evening Express 26/2/1875

“*Thomas Prime*, beerhouse keeper, Wood Street, was summoned for permitting drunkenness on his premises
The defendant was fined 20s and costs, the conviction not to be endorsed on his license.”

1881 Census

Wood Street – BELL INN

- [1] *Thomas Cockayne* (41), beer seller, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary Jane Cockayne* (42), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Harriet Palmer* (17), servant, born Bilston:

1891 Census

7, Wood Street

- [1] *Thomas Cockayne* (51), beer retailer, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary J. Cockayne* (52), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Alice Riley* (15), general servant, born Tipton:

Thomas Cockayne, beer retailer, Wood Street. [1896]

1901 Census

Wood Street – BELL INN

- [1] *George Smith* (30), licensed victualler and labourer at brewery, born Bilston;
- [2] *Frances Smith* (28), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Florence Beckett* (16), sister in law, barmaid, born Bilston:

Mrs. Fanny Smith, beer retailer, 11, Wood Street. [1904], [1912]

1911 Census

11, Wood Street

- [1] *George Smith* (41), drayman, born Bilston;
- [2] *Fanny Smith* (38), wife, married 15 years, [carrying on a trade] at home, born Bilston;
- [3] *May Smith* (12), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Violet Smith* (8), daughter, born Bilston:

License refused by Compensation Authority on 12th October 1918.

Compensation of £300 was paid on 21st December 1918.

BIG COAL

Pinfold Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Phoebe Thompson [1818]
John Lawley [1822] – [1835]

BIRD IN HAND

102, (37), High Street / Coseley Road, BILSTON

OWNERS

Charlotte Cadman (formerly m. *Joseph Fletcher*)
Joseph Parker
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1904]

LICENSEES

Edward Fawzbrook [1818]
William Grayer [1818] – [1822]
William Naginton [1828] – [1830]
Ann Grayer [1833] – [1835]
Joseph Whitehouse [1841] – [1842]
Joseph Fletcher [1845] – [1851]
James Cadman [1858] – [1865]
Mrs. Charlotte Cadman [1868] – **1890**;
Joseph Millington **(1890)**;
John Thomas Chew **(1890 – 1892)**;
Ann Grayer [1892] (?)
Joseph Parker **(1892 – 1903)**;
William Charles Cole **(1903 – 1922)**;
Enos Graham Elesmore **(1922 – 1927)**;
Arthur Wakelam **(1927 – 1929)**;
Arthur Frank Collins **(1929 – [1946]**
Eric Page [1950s]

NOTES

37, High Street [1858], [1861], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1871], [1872], [1873], [1874],
[1881], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1900]
102, High Street [1911], [1916], [1932], [1940]

OLD BIRD IN HAND [1818], [1828], [1830], [1834], [1835], [1842], [1845], [1849], [1851],
[1870], [1874]

BIRD IN HAND [1818 – Wm. Grayer], [1860] [1871], [1881], [1903]

PHEASANT [1873]

It had a six day license.

1851 Census

High Street

- [1] *Joseph Fletcher* (50), miner and victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Charlotte Fletcher* (34), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Anne Fletcher* (12), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Eliza Fletcher* (10), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Sophia Fletcher* (3), daughter, infant, born Bilston;
- [6] *William Fletcher* (1), son, infant, born Bilston;
- [7] *Ann Solomon* (27), house servant, born France, British subject;
- [8] *Sarah Webb* (12), house servant, born Windmill End:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 20/3/1861

“On Wednesday last Mr. Phillips, coroner, held an inquest at the BIRD IN HAND, Bilston, on the body of Sarah Ann Painter, a banksgirl, aged 18 years, who was previous to her death, employed at a coal pit at Millfields, the property of Mr. Thomas Johnson, and who was killed under the following circumstances:— On Monday she was gathering coal and slack about twelve yards from the mouth of the pit, as was her duty, whilst the banksman was emptying a skip of slack fifteen yards from the same spot. As soon as he had emptied it he took it towards the pit and when about three yards distant a full skip came up the shaft. He then went towards it, and was in the act of putting the ‘waggon’ over the pit when the deceased pushed the empty skip on to the rails and up to the pit’s mouth, and before the banksman had time to finish what he was doing she fell with the empty skip down the pit, sustaining severe injuries on the head, and was killed. She had no business to push the skip as she did, and had been cautioned not to approach the pit’s mouth. Under these circumstances the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 20/3/1861

“Staffordshire Spring Assizes Thomas Froggart (on bail), was charged with feloniously cutting and wounding his step-brother, George Hickenbottom, at Bilston, on the 3rd of October. Dr. Hill prosecuted.

George Hickenbottom, miner, Bilston, said he was at the BIRD IN HAND public-house, Bilston, on the 3rd of October. The prisoner was there. During the course of the day prisoner’s wife went and abused him about paying for some ale. The prisoner threatened to knock her head through the screen. He struck her, and his brother-in-law, David Hughes, who was present, interfered, and dealt the prisoner a blow on the neck. Prosecutor then got up between them, and in the scuffle he was stabbed on the neck and under the left ear. Prosecutor believed it was an accident, for the prisoner was eating his dinner with a knife, and he happened to have it in his hand when the scuffle commenced.

His Lordship said if that were so then there was no charge against the prisoner.

Dr. Hill observed that that supposition did not appear on the face of the depositions.

By direction of the Judge the prisoner was acquitted.”

1861 Census

37, High Street

- [1] *James Cadman* (52), coal miner and victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Charlotte Cadman* (43), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *William Cadman* (12), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Alice Cadman* (20), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Louisa Cadman* (14), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Sophia Cadman* (13), daughter, scholar, born Bilston:

1871 Census

37, High Street – BIRD IN HAND

- [1] *Charlotte Cadman* (53), widow, licensed victualler employing one assistant, born Bilston;
- [2] *William Fletcher* (21), son, innkeeper, born Bilston;
- [3] *Charlotte Jeavons* (5), granddaughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Amelia Griffiths* (19), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Ann Grayer = Ann Grayner

1881 Census

37, High Street – BIRD IN HAND

- [1] *Charlotte Cadman* (63), widow, publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Simeon Rock* (47), son in law, iron roller (employing 5 men and 6 boys), born Darlaston;
- [3] *Ann Rock* (42), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Charlotte Rock* (21), granddaughter, waitress, born Bilston;
- [5] *Charlotte Jeavons* (16), granddaughter, waitress, born Bloxwich;
- [6] *Sophia Hammond* (33), daughter, grocer's wife, born Bilston;
- [7] *William Hammond* (12), grandson, scholar, born Willenhall;
- [8] *Albert Hammond* (8), grandson, scholar born U.S.A.;
- [9] *Thomas E. Hammond* (2), grandson, born U.S.A.:

Evening Express 4/8/1881

"On Monday the members of the Friends of Harmony and Providence Lodges of the United Order of Free Gardeners, after parading some of the streets of Bilston, attended Divine service at St. Luke's Church in that town, where the Rev. W. Prosser (vicar) officiated. In a sermon addressed to the members, the Vicar spoke in appreciatory terms of the Order; and at the conclusion of the service the members returned to the BIRD IN HAND INN, High Street, where a capital dinner was provided by the hostess Mrs. *Cadman*.

After dinner the chair was taken by Brother J. Evans, and the vice chair by Brother Enoch Jones, and the usual toasts were heartily drunk."

A seven day license was granted on 28th September 1883.

Charlotte Cadman died on 5th February 1890.

Joseph Millington was the sole executor of *Charlotte Cadman*. He was her nephew.

1891 Census

37, High Street – BIRD IN HAND

- [1] *John T. Chew* (25), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Emma Chew* (27), wife, born St, Johns, Newfoundland, Canada;
- [3] *Sidney Chew* (3), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Harry Chew* (1), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Susan A. Johnson* (16), domestic servant, born Bilston:

1911 Census

102, High Street

- [1] *William Charles Cole* (46), public house, manager, born Bath;
- [2] *Martha Edith Cole* (36), wife, married 8 years, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Dorothy Maud Cole* (6), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *William Cole* (4), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Oswald Walter Cole* (2), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *Jane Bull* (17), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Bilston and Willenhall Times 18/5/1946

"For selling intoxicants without a license at a dance at Bilston Town Hall on April 23rd, *Arthur Frank Collins*, licensee of the BIRD IN HAND, High Street, Bilston, was at Bilston, on Friday, fined £5, with £1 12s special costs. A summons against Mrs. Collins for aiding and abetting was dismissed.

Superintendent S. Cresswell explained that Mr. *Collins* had made many applications for occasional licenses at dances, and had carried on his public house in an exemplary manner since 1929. On the date in question PS Lovatt went to the Town Hall, and on asking to see the Justice's license Mrs. Collins explained that they could not find it. Later Mr. *Collins* was seen, and he said that on the previous Sunday night he discovered that no license had been obtained for the Tuesday night, although they had one for the previous night.

Mr. F. M. Slater, for the defence, said that both Mr. and Mrs. *Collins* regretted the offence, which was due entirely to an oversight."

Black Country Bugle 5/4/2001 - Letter from Peter Morrey

This claims that *Arthur* and *Daisy Collins* were tenants from 1945 to 1955. (?)

Black Country Bugle 26/4/2001

Letter from Marie Thompson

“Many years ago when I was about 8/9 years old, my parents Tom and Daisy Bailey used the pub regularly. My dad used the bar and my mom sat with me in the children’s room with the other mothers. One of my great pleasures was to go out to the back yard and scratch the pigs and, being naughty with the other children, would make the geese squawk.....”

Eric Page was married to *Rose*.

It closed circa 1970.

It was demolished circa 1983.

BIRD IN HAND

42, Hill Street, (44, Hall Street), (Hallfields), Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Simon Talbot, bricklayer, Ardwick, Manchester
John Roberts, charter master, Bilston
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Bradley [1861]
James Smith [1871] – **1885**);
Sarah Smith (**1885**);
Thomas Hampton (**1885 – 1891**);
John Emanuel Roberts (**1891 – 1893**);
Henry Moreton (**1893**);
Mrs. Mary Jane Lucas (**1893 – 1905**);
George William Lucas (**1905 – 1907**);
Mary Jane Lucas (**1907 – 1909**);
Arthur Fieldhouse (**1909 – 1910**);
Elizabeth Davies (**1910**);
Arthur Fellows (**1910 – 1912**);
John Thomas Reynolds (**1912 – 1915**);
Mrs. Annie Ada Reynolds (**1915 – 1934**);
Arthur Samuel Caddick (**1934 – 1935**);
Albert Owen (**1935 – [1940]**)
John William Stockton [] – **1994**)
Roy Fox (**1995 – []**)
Keith Frank Thomas []

NOTES

44, Hall Street [1861], [1871], [1881], [1891]
42, Hill Street [1904], [1912], [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

44, Hall Street – BIRD IN HAND

- [1] *Thomas Bradley* (72), publican, born Warwickshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Bradley* (66), wife, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Elizabeth Rowland* (36), daughter, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *John Rowland* (12), grandson, born Staffordshire;
- [5] *John Stoker* (34), visitor, carpenter, born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Henry Stoker* (5), visitor, born Staffordshire:

1871 Census

44, Hall Street – BIRD IN HAND

- [1] *James Smith* (44), publican, born Lapworth, Warwickshire;
 - [2] *Sarah Smith* (47), wife, born Solihull;
 - [3] *Alfred Smith* (12), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
 - [4] *Alice Smith* (9), daughter, born Sedgley;
 - [5] *Elizabeth Lear* (20), general servant, born Bilston:
- [Lapworth is about 5 miles SSE of Solihull.]

1881 Census

44, Hall Street – BIRD IN HAND

- [1] *James Smith* (55), beer seller, born Lapworth, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Sarah Smith* (57), wife, born Solihull;
- [3] *Alfred Smith* (22), son, millman, born Bilston;
- [4] *Alice Smith* (19), daughter, born Bilston:

James Smith died on 18th August 1885.

1891 Census

44, Hall Street – BIRD IN HAND

- [1] *John E. Roberts* (22), coal miner and publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Louisa Roberts* (22), wife, born Sheffield;
- [3] *Alice Smith* (16), general servant, born Sedgley:

1901 Census

Hill Street – BIRD IN HAND

- [1] *George Lucas* (44), safe manufacturer, born Moseley, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Mary J. Lucas* (44), wife, beerhouse keeper, born Bradley;
- [3] *Thomas J. Lucas* (19), son, safe maker, born Bradley;
- [4] *Fred Lucas* (14), son, safe maker, born Bradley;
- [5] *Sarah A. Lucas* (22), daughter, born Bradley;
- [6] *Martha Stanford* (15), domestic servant, born Bradley:

Mrs. Mary Jane Lucas, beer retailer, 42, Hill Street, Bradley. [1904]

1911 Census

Hill Street, Bradley – BIRD IN HAND

- [1] *Arthur Fellows* (33), enameller, born Bilston;
- [2] *Louisa Fellows* (31), wife, married 11 years, born Bilston;
- [3] *John William Arthur Fellows* (9), son, school, born Bilston;
- [4] *Sydney Joseph Fellows* (8), son, school, born Bilston;
- [5] *Percy Cyril Fellows* (5), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *Wilfred Morris Fellows* (2), son, born Bilston;
- [7] *Elsie Louisa Fellows* (2 months), daughter, born Bilston;
- [8] *Jemima Lewis* (24), boarder, boot machinist, born Bilston;
- [9] *Leslie Lewis* (1), born Bilston;
- [10] *Amanda Broome* (17), domestic servant, born Tividale:

John T. Reynolds, beer retailer, 42, Hill Street. [1912]

Annie Ada Reynolds was known as Ada.

A team from here took part in the Bradley Darts League, First Division. [1946]

John Stockton died on 26th September 1994.

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.....”

It closed in July 2000.

It was demolished in October 2001.

Housing was built on the site.



2000

BIRD IN HAND

34, (170), Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Richard Smith, fishmonger, Bilston
Joseph Smith, fishmonger, Oxford Street, Bilston
Harold Smith, fishmonger, Oxford Street, Bilston

LICENSEES

John Firm [1851] – [1865]
Mrs. Ellen Hawkswood [1865]
Isaiah Sheldon [1868]
Leah Baggot [] – **1873**;
Thomas Jones (**1873 – 1878**);
William Raybould (**1878 – 1879**);
Isaiah Kinsey (**1879 – 1897**);
Sarah Ann Kinsey (**1897 – 1913**);

NOTES

170, Oxford Street [1861], [1881], [1891]
34, Oxford Street [1901], [1904], [1911]

It had a beerhouse license.

1851 Census

Oxford Street

- [1] *John Firm* (33), publican, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Sarah Firm* (29), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Lydia Firm* (7), daughter, born Darlaston;
- [4] *Joseph Firm* (5), son, born Darlaston;
- [5] *Elizabeth Firm* (1), daughter, born Darlaston;
- [6] *Sarah Firm* (14), servant, born Darlaston:

1861 Census

170, Oxford Street – BIRD IN HAND

- [1] *John Firm* (41), victualler, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Sarah Firm* (39), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Lidia Firm* (17), daughter, scholar, born Darlaston;
- [4] *Joseph Firm* (15), son, scholar, born Darlaston;
- [5] *Elizabeth Firm* (11), daughter, scholar, born Darlaston;
- [6] *Enoch Firm* (8), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Enoch Smith* (40), lodger, mine borer, born Darlaston:

John Firm, beer retailer, 170, Oxford Street. [1858], [1865]
Ellen Hawkswood, beer retailer, 170, Oxford Street. [1865]
[Both of the above appear in the same 1865 directory.]

Isaiah Sheldon, beer retailer, 170, Oxford Street. [1868]

1881 Census

170, Oxford Street

- [1] *Isaiah Kinsey* (48), coal miner, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah A. Kinsey* (47), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *William Kinsey* (25), son, brass worker, born Bilston;
- [4] *Sarah A. Gilbert* (13), general servant, born Darlaston:

1891 Census

170, Oxford Street – BIRD IN HAND

- [1] *Isaiah Kinsey* (58), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Ann Kinsey* (57), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *William Davies* (13), grandson, scholar, born Bilston:

Sarah Kinsey was convicted on 29th August 1893 for permitting drunkenness.

Isaiah Kinsey, beer retailer, 170, Oxford Street. [1896]

1901 Census

34, Oxford Street

- [1] *Sarah A. Kinsey* (66), widow, publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *William Davis* (23), grandson, brewer, born Bilston;
- [3] *Mary Howell* (17), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Mrs. *Sarah Ann Kinsey*, beer retailer, 34, Oxford Street. [1904]

1911 Census

34, Oxford Street

- [1] *Sarah Ann Kinsey* (76), widow, beer retailer, born Bilston;
- [2] *Richard Davies* (54), boarder, store keeper, born Bilston;
- [3] *Martha Davies* (53), daughter, married 34 years, born Bilston;
- [4] *Albert Davies* (29), grandson, cycle free wheel tiner, born Bilston;
- [5] *Isaiah Davies* (12), grandson, school, born Bilston;
- [6] *Lilian Davies* (12), visitor, school, born Bilston;
- [7] *William Parker* (1), visitor, born Bilston:

License refused by Compensation Authority on 24th July 1913.
Compensation of £300 was paid on 24th December 1913.

BLACK BOY

15, Coseley Road, (12, (15), (11), Coseley Street), (Coseley Row), BILSTON

OWNERS

Mary Williams, widow, Union Street, Bilston

Edwin Hickman, stone quarry master, Union Street, Bilston

Thomas Billingham, innkeeper, Union Inn, Coseley Street, Bilston

LICENSEES

Joseph Bell [1864] – [1867]

Jeremiah Sankey [1868] – [1870]

Thomas Rowbotham [1871] – **1880**;

Mrs. Rosannah Rowbotham **(1880 – 1906)**;

Betsy Rowbotham **(1906 – 1910)**;

William Darby **(1910 – 1917)**;

William Henry Haynes **(1917 – 1920)**;

NOTES

Coseley Row

Coseley Street [1866], [1868], [1881]

12, Coseley Street [1871]

15, Coseley Road [1904], [1912]

15, Coseley Street [1901], [1911]

It had a beerhouse license.

Joseph Bell, beer retailer, Coseley Street. [1864], [1865]

London Gazette 1/2/1870

“*Jeremiah Sankey*, of the BLACK BOY INN, Coseley-street, Bilston, in the county of Stafford, of no occupation, formerly of the BLACK BOY INN, Coseley-street, Bilston aforesaid, Licensed Victualler, adjudicated bankrupt on the 1st day of November, 1869. An Order of Discharge was granted by the County Court of Staffordshire, holden at Wolverhampton, on the 27th day of January, 1870.”

1871 Census

12, Coseley Street – BLK BOY

[1] *Thomas Rowbotham* (44), publican and farmer of 27 acres, born Upper Penn;

[2] *Rosehannah Rowbotham* (40), wife, born Bilston;

[3] *Betsy Rowbotham* (19), daughter, born Wolverhampton;

[4] *Thomas Rowbotham* (15), son, assistant on farm, born Upper Penn;

[5] *Caroline Inskip* (17), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Thomas Rowbotham died on 30th April 1880.

Rosannah Rowbotham = Rosanna Robotham

1881 Census

Coseley Street – BLACK BOY

- [1] *Rosannah Rowbotham* (49), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Betsy Rowbotham* (29), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Thomas Rowbotham* (25), son, farmer (28 acres), born Penn;
- [4] *Annie Proberts* (14), domestic servant, born Bilston:

1891 Census

Coseley Street – The BLACK BOY

- [1] *Rosanna Rowbotham* (59), widow, beer seller, born Bilston:
- [2] *Betsy Rowbotham* (37), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Thomas Rowbotham* (35), son, brewer, born Penn;
- [4] *Sarah Proberts* (18), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Mrs. Rosannah Rowbotham, beer retailer, 12, Coseley Street. [1896]

1901 Census

15, Coseley Street

- [1] *Rosanna Robotham* (69), widow, publican and brewer, born Bilston;
- [2] *Betsy Robotham* (46), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Sarah Probert* (27), general servant, born Bilston:

Mrs. Rosannah Rowbotham, beer retailer, 15, Coseley Road. [1904]

William Darby = William Darbey

1911 Census

15, Coseley Street – BLACK BOY

- [1] *William Darbey* (47), beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Emma Darbey* (43), wife, married 22 years, house duties, born Bilston;
- [3] *Joseph William Darbey* (21), son, ironworker, born Bilston;
- [4] *Arthur Darbey* (19), son, school teacher at Penn Schools, born Bilston;
- [5] *Alice May Darbey* (16), daughter, milliner, born Bilston;
- [6] *Sarah Lamb* (17), servant, general house work, born Sedgley:

William Darbey, beer retailer, 15, Coseley Road. [1912]

License refused by Compensation Authority on 24th July 1919.

Compensation of £905 was paid on 24th December 1920.

The license was extinguished on 31st December 1920.

It was demolished

The site was occupied by Hazeldine Coaches [1986]

BLACK HORSE

43, High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Richard Thompson, engineer, Wellington Street, Bilston
Emma Thompson, Wellington Street, Bilston
The Urban District Council of Bilston

LICENSEES

Ezekiel Morris [1818] – [1834]
Joseph Morris [1835]
Paul Glover [1841] – [1842]
John Ward [1845] – [1850]
John Moore [1849] – [1858]
Noah Halford [1861] – **1866**);
Thomas Halford (**1866 – 1875**);
Eli Smith (**1875 – 1876**);
Alfred Joseph Townsend (**1876 – 1878**);
Elijah Price (**1878**);
William Henry Jones (**1878 – 1879**);
Elizabeth Hatton Ramsey (**1879 – 188_**);
William Henry Jones (**188_ – 1881**);
James Lawley (**1881 – 1882**);
Richard Johnson (**1882 – 1886**);
Mary Ann Richards (**1886**);
Thomas Planton (**1886 – 1887**);
Patrick Brady (**1887**);
Thomas Fox (**1887 – 1890**);
George Gilbert (**1890 – 1891**);
Arthur Hand (**1891 – 1892**);
Lewis Haynes (**1892 – 1893**);
Alice Mann (**1893 – 1895**);
John Whittle (**1895**);
Mark Robinson (**1895 – 1896**);
George Hassell (**1896 – 1903**);
Charles Pain [1904] ???

NOTES

Ezekiel Morris was also a horse dealer. [1818]

1841 Census

High Street

- [1] *Paul Glover* (55), publican;
- [2] Ann Glover (45);
- [3] Sarah Glover (2), born Staffordshire;
- [4] Ann Evesale (14);
- [5] Elenor Evesale (10):

John Moore = John Moor

1851 Census

High Street

- [1] *John Moor* (49), blacksmith and innkeeper, born Hartlebury, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Sarah Moor* (52), wife, born Chaiton(?), Shropshire;
- [3] *Margaret Hughes* (18), house servant, born Bilston:

1861 Census

43, High Street

- [1] *Noah Halford* (26), victualler, born Bilston:
- [2] *Harriet Halford* (18), wife, born Bilston:
- [3] *Margaret Bilk* (17), servant, born Bilston:

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H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

Thomas Halford, BLACK HORSE, High Street, Bilston granted.....”

1871 Census

43, High Street – BLACK HORSE

- [1] *Thomas Halford* (40), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Rebecca Halford* (42), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Jemima Halford* (8), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *William Halford* (5), son, scholar, born Can Lane;
- [5] *Thomas Halford* (2), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *Mary Ann* ____ (20), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Thomas Halford died in 1875.

Eli Smith married *Thomas Halford*’s widow.

1881 Census

43, High Street – The BLACK HORSE

- [1] *Helina* (?) *Jones* (20), daughter, barmaid, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Harris* (16), domestic servant, born Coseley:

Evening Star 24/2/1882

“Richard Kinsey and William Waldron, of Wolverhampton Street, Bilston, were charged with being drunk on licensed premises.

Mr. Fellows, of Bilston, defended and pleaded guilty.

Police-constable Moss, stated that about 12.20 on the evening of Saturday, the 11th inst, he was on duty with Police-constable Bentley in High Street, and saw the defendants come out of the BLACK HORSE, kept by *James Lawley*, drunk, and in company with their wives.

Each defendant was fined 20s and costs.”

Alice Mann was convicted on 18th December 1894, for permitting drunkenness.

1901 Census

High Street

- [1] *George Hassell* (50), colliery engine driver and publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Ann Hassell* (50), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Gertrude Hassell* (24), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *George Hassell* (22), son, engine driver loco, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Mary Ann Hassell* (19), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Edith Hassell* (17), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Amelia Hassell* (15), daughter, born Sedgley:

Closed

The license was removed to the STAR INN, beerhouse, Lichfield Street, in 1903.

The house was pulled down.

BLACK SWAN

Swan Bank, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Hill [1818]

NOTES

Joseph Hill was also a bricklayer. [1818]

BLANKMAKERS ARMS

26, (55), Green Croft, (Greenscroft), (Green Acres), (Batch Croft), BILSTON

OWNERS

Evan Griffiths
William Halford
Joseph Whitehouse and Co., brewers, Talbot Brewery, Smethwick
Showells Brewery Co. Ltd.
Ind Coope and Allsopp (leased)

LICENSEES

William Parker [1860] – [1865]
Evan Griffiths [1868] – **1881**;
Sarah Griffiths (**1881 – 1884**);
William Halford (**1884 – 1885**);
William Hartshorne (**1885 – 1887**);
Charles Henry Smith (**1887**);
John Francis Anderson (**1887**);
Thomas Wilkinson (**1887 – 1888**);
Thomas Alfred Holt (**1888 – 1890**);
William Edwin Cole (**1890 – 1891**);
Alfred Newton (**1891 – 1892**);
Henry Turchus [Tertius] Hodgkiss (**1892 – 1897**);
Albert Smith (**1897 – 1898**);
Alfred Richardson (**1898**);
Henry Insley (**1898 – 1899**);
Ogbert Charles Hackett (**1899 – 1900**);
John Henry Pitt (**1900 – 1902**);
Henry Tertius Hodgkiss (**1902 – 1909**);
John Bowen (**1909 – 1911**);
Henry Insley (**1911 – 1912**);
Benjamin Oldfield (**1912 – 1916**);
Henry Tertius Hodgkiss (**1916 – 1922**);
Albert Ernest Cranswick (**1922 – 1923**);
Harry Howell (**1923 – 1926**);
Mrs. Emily Jane (Batchford) Alger (**1926 – [1940]**)

NOTES

55, Green Acres [1892]
55, Green Croft [1873], [1874], [1881]
26, Green Croft [1904], [1932], [1940]
Greenscroft [1911]

BLANK TRAY MAKERS ARMS [1860]
BLANK MAKERS ARMS [1865], [1881], [1911]

It was known locally as "The Blank".

1861 Census

55, Green Croft – BLANK MAKERS ARMS

- [1] *William Parker* (40), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Hannah Parker* (39), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sarah Parker* (16), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *George Parker* (12), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Eliza Clemson* (34), visitor, born Bilston:

Evan Griffiths = Evan Griffith

1871 Census

55, Greencroft – BLANKMAKERS ARMS and shopping

- [1] *Evan Griffiths* (31), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Griffiths* (31), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sarah Griffiths* (10), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Evan Griffiths* (8), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Charles Henry Griffiths* (4), son, scholar, born Bilston:

1881 Census

55, Green Croft – BLANK MAKERS ARMS

- [1] *Sarah Griffiths* (40), widow, publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah H. Griffiths* (20), daughter, born Bilston;
- [3] *Charles H. Griffiths* (14), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Elizabeth Caddick* (18), domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [5] *Sarah Haywood* (61), widow, visitor, born Wellington, Shropshire:

1891 Census

55, Green Croft

- [1] *William E. Cole* (65), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Harriet Cole* (47), wife, waitress, born Bilston;
- [3] *Benjamin J. Cole* (23), son, fishmonger, born Bilston;
- [4] *Emma Cross* (47), visitor, born Walsall;
- [5] *Emma Oakley* (15), domestic servant, born Bloxwich:

Henry Hodgkiss, beer retailer, 55, Green Croft. [1896]

1901 Census

26, Green Croft

- [1] *John H. Pitt* (47), publican, born Dudley;
- [2] *Lydia Pitt* (46), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Albert E. Pitt* (17), son, railway clerk, born Bilston;
- [4] *Elsie J. Pitt* (10), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Florence L. G. Pitt* (7), daughter, born Wolverhampton:

1911 Census

Greenscroft – BLANK MAKERS ARMS

- [1] *John Bowen* (46), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elizabeth Bowen* (45), wife, married 23 years, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *Harriet Bowen* (22), daughter, assists in business, born Bilston;
- [4] *Harold Bowen* (17), son, motor making, wheels, born Bilston;
- [5] *Ida Bowen* (11), daughter, school, born Bilston;
- [6] *Gladys Emberton* (5), niece, school, born Wednesbury:

Emily Jane Batchford married *Robert Spencer Alger* on 19th April 1927.

A team from here took part in the Bilston Charity Darts League. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Bilston Crib League, Section B. [1946]

It was the winter training headquarters of Bilston Town FC. [c.1950]

Closed

It was demolished circa 1965.

BLUE BALL

BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Lawrence [1879]

BLUE BOAR

209, (98), Oxford Street, (Oxford Road), (New Town), BILSTON

OWNERS

B Woolley, ironfounder, Hill Top, West Bromwich
James Wilkinson, spirit merchant, Walsall
Mitchell and Co., Smethwick
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Cockayne [1818]
James Hateley Francis [1822] – [1835]
William Powell [1841] – [1842]
Joseph Hateley [1845]
John Smith [1849] – [1850]
Richard Oldacre [1851]
John Cartwright [1851]
Henry Male [1854] – [1858]
Alfred Hammond [1860] – [1861]
David Riley [1864] – [1870]
William Tonks [1871] – [1872]
Mrs. Sarah Tonks [1873] – **1875**);
George Bolton (**1875 – 1888**);
John Edwin Payne (**1888 – 1890**);
Paul William Harvey (**1890**);
Mrs. Ann Foster (**1890 – 1911**);
William Edward Hazlehurst (**1911 – 1920**);
Thomas William Moss (**1920 – 1929**);
Isaac William Sharman (**1929 – 1933**);
William Thomas Perrins (**1933 – [1940]**)
John Coleclough []

NOTES

New Town [1818]
Oxford Road [1822]
98, Oxford Street [1858], [1861], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1872], [1873], [1874], [1891],
[1892], [1896]
209, Oxford Street [1904], [1912], [1916], [1921], [1940]

It was also known as the BLUE PIG.

The cellar was cut into the coal-face.

John Smith was also a brassfounder. [1849], [1850]

1851 Census

Oxford Street

- [1] *Richard Oldacre* (35), victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Mary Oldacre* (32), wife, domestic, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Caroline Oldacre* (11), daughter, assistant at home, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Ann Oldacre* (9), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *William Oldacre* (6), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Joseph Oldacre* (9 months), son, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Ann Cartwright* (18), general servant, born Bilston:

1861 Census

98, Oxford Street – BLUE BOAR

- [1] *Alfred Hammond* (38), publican, born Albrighton;
- [2] *Mary Hammond* (35), wife, born Albrighton;
- [3] *Elizabeth Hammond* (14), daughter, scholar, born Hadley, Shropshire;
- [4] *Lucy Hammond* (12), daughter, scholar, born Albrighton;
- [5] *Emma Hammond* (6), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Emma Thomas* (29), wife's sister, cook, born Albrighton;
- [7] *Mary Kilkelly* (25), dairymaid, born County Galway, Ireland;
- [8] *Robert Wagstaff* (38), lodger, saddler, born Nuneaton:

1871 Census

98, Oxford Street

- [1] *William Tonks* (40), general dealer in coal, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [2] *Sarah Tonks* (40), wife, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [3] *Henry Tonks* (21), son, coal miner, born Walsall;
- [4] *Lizzie J. Tonks* (12), daughter, born Tipton;
- [5] *Keziah Tonks* (6), daughter, born Ocker Hill;
- [6] *Thomas Harris* (20), son in law, coal miner, born West Bromwich;
- [7] *Elizabeth Harris* (18), wife, born Walsall:

George Bolton = *George Boulton*

1881 Census

Oxford Street – BLUE BOAR

- [1] *George Boulton* (45), licensed victualler, born Amesbury, Gloucestershire;
- [2] *Anne Boulton* (47), wife, born Bishops Wympton (?), Devon;
- [3] *Lavinia Parker* (21), general servant, born Wednesbury:

1891 Census

98, Oxford Street – BOARS HEAD INN

- [1] *Ann Foster* (47), widow, public house manageress, born Oldbury;
- [2] *Arthur J. Foster* (20), son, steam engine fitter, born Oldbury;
- [3] *Florence E. Foster* (14), daughter, scholar, born Smethwick;
- [4] *Thomas Foster* (11), son, scholar, born Oldbury;
- [5] *Phoebe Bonner* (29), general servant, born Tipton:

1901 Census

Oxford Street – BLUE BOAR

- [1] *Ann Foster* (54), widow, manageress of tavern, born Oldbury;
- [2] *Arthur J. Foster* (29), son, steam engine fitter, born Oldbury;
- [3] *Annie Foster* (26), daughter, born Oldbury;
- [4] *Thomas Foster* (21), son, hairdresser, born Oldbury:

1911 Census

Oxford Street – BLUE BOAR

- [1] *Ann Foster* (60), widow, licensee, born Oldbury;
- [2] *Annie Foster* (35), daughter, helper, born Oldbury;
- [3] *Thomas Foster* (30), son, hairdresser, born Oldbury;
- [4] *Elizabeth Evans* (23), servant, born Bilston:

William Edward Hazlehurst = William Henry Hazlehurst

John Coleclough was married to Freda

It was demolished circa 1965.

ODYSSEY built in its place.

BOAR

41, Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Edward Peters [1858]

NOTES

Check OLD BOARS HEAD.

BOARD

49, (29), Church Street / Greencroft, BILSTON

OWNERS

Alexander Perry Law, gentleman, Wellington Road, Bilston
Bass, Ratcliff and Gretton Ltd.
Samuel Woodhall, brewers, West Bromwich
J. A. and A. Thompson Ltd., maltsters, Oldbury
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Montague Taylor [1841] – [1851]
Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor [1858] – **1874**);
Charles Nadin [1866]
John C Siddons [1866]
Richard Newman and James Probert (**1874 – 1875**);
James Taylor (**1875**);
Spencer Downing (**1875 – 187_**);
Henry Taylor (**187_ – 1880**);
William Riley Taylor (**1880**);
Henry Taylor (**1880 – 1883**);
Sarah Ann Taylor (**1883 – 1888**);
James Tate (**1888 – 1891**);
Joseph Dunn (**1891**);
William Millard Whitehouse (**1891 – 1892**);
William Henry Jennings (**1892 – 1893**);
David Benton (**1893 – 1920**);
Alexander Hadley (**1920 – 1928**);
Walter Howard Umbers (**1928 – 1931**);
William Henry Watson (**1931 – 1935**);
Thomas Frederick Dudley (**1935 – 1938**);
George Henry Breakwell (**1938 – 1939**);
Edward Cyril Playdell (**1939 – [1940]**)

NOTES

29, Church Street [1858], [1861], [1865], [1868], [1871], [1872], [1891], [1896], [1904]
49, Church Street [1901], [1911], [1916], [1921], [1940]

HOLE IN THE WALL [1858], [1891], [1896]

It was known locally as the “Hole In The Wall”

1841 Census

Church Street

- [1] *Montague Taylor* (40), wine merchant, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Taylor* (35), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Montague Taylor* (20), sh, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Eliza Taylor* (15), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Sarah Taylor* (10), born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Jane Taylor* (5), born Staffordshire;
- [7] *James Taylor* (5), born Staffordshire;
- [8] *Mary Taylor* (2), born Staffordshire;
- [9] *Elizabeth Parkes* (20), fs, born Staffordshire:

1851 Census

Church Street

- [1] *Montague Taylor* (53), wine and spirit merchant, born Rowley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Taylor* (48), wife, born Rowley;
- [3] *Eliza Anne Taylor* (27), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Jane Taylor* (19), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *James Taylor* (17), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *John Taylor* (14), son, born Bilston;
- [7] *Mary Taylor* (12), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Alfred Taylor* (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [9] *Emma Taylor* (5), daughter, born Bilston;
- [10] *Montague Taylor* (30), visitor, born Bilston;
- [11] *Catherine Beck* (24), shopmaid, born Oldbury;
- [12] *Mary Hale* (23), housemaid, born West Bromwich:

E. Taylor, vaults, 29, Church Street. [1858]

1861 Census

29, Church Street

- [1] *Elizabeth Taylor* (58), widow, wine merchant, born Brades;
- [2] *James Taylor* (27), son, wine merchant's assistant, born Bilston;
- [3] *John Taylor* (24), son, wine merchant's assistant, born Bilston;
- [4] *Mary Taylor* (22), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Emma Taylor* (15), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Jane Taylor* (27), daughter, barmaid, born Saredon, Staffordshire;
- [7] *Matilda Jackett* (22), barmaid, born Calf Heath, Staffordshire;
- [8] *Harriet Chattin* (19), house servant, born Lea Brook:

Elizabeth Taylor, wine and spirit and ale and porter merchant, 29, Church Street. [1865]

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Black List..... *John C. Siddons*, BOARD, Church Street, Bilston left over until the adjourned licensing meeting on the 28th of September.....”

1871 Census

29, Church Street

- [1] *Elizabeth Taylor* (68), wine and spirit merchant employing 6 assistants, born Oldbury;
- [2] *John Taylor* (34), son, wine and spirit agent, born Bilston;
- [3] *Mary Taylor* (32), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Emily Bangham* (25), barmaid, born Bilston;
- [5] *Betsy Danks* (26), domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [6] *Ellen Ralph* (30), barmaid, born Bilston:

Elizabeth Taylor died in 1874.

Richard Newman and *James Probert* were executors for *Elizabeth Taylor*.

1891 Census

29, Church Street – HOLE IN THE WALL

- [1] *William Edwards* (40), barman, born Redditch;
- [2] *Sarah A. Edwards* (37), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *William J. Edwards* (20), son, barman, born Wordsley;
- [4] *Francis Edwards* (13), son, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Rowland Richards* (14), stepson, born Moxley;
- [6] *Thomas Richards* (8), stepson, scholar, born Bilston:

1901 Census

49, Church Street

- [1] *David Benton* (43), innkeeper, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Mary Benton* (42), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Sarah Ann Benton* (20), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Henrietta Benton* (18), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Mary Benton* (10), daughter, born West Bromwich:

1911 Census

49, Church Street

- [1] *David Benton* (53), publican, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Maria Benton* (52), wife, married 5 years, assisting in business, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Mary Benton* (20), daughter, assisting in business, born West Bromwich:

David Benton weighed 20 stones.

He died on 15th September 1920.

South Staffordshire Times 30/10/1920

“At a recent smoking concert at the BOARD INN, Bilston, under the presidency of Mr. C. J. Underwood (a former G.W.R. agent in the town) presentations were made to Mr. T. Moss (late goods agent), and Mr. T. Lewis (correspondence clerk) upon their retirement.....”

A music license was granted on 5th February 1928.

Closed

It was demolished in October 1959.

Its site was marked on a map of the area in 1960, as the BROAD INN.

BOAT

23, Ettingshall Lane, (7, Ettingshall Road), (Millfields Road), Ettingshall, BILSTON

OWNERS

Messrs. Aston and Sullivan, auctioneers, Wolverhampton
Herbert Merchant, officer, Priestfield
Henry Clark
The Old Lion Brewery Co., Tipton
Peter Walker and Son, brewer, 140, Park Lane West, Tipton
Frederick Smith Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Devney [1871] – **1874**);
Henry Clark (**1874 – 1891**);
Isaac Morris (**1891 – 1898**);
William Jones (**1898 – 1899**);
Thomas Gilks (**1899 – 1903**);
Mrs. Harriet Gilks (**1903 – 1909**);
Thomas Pugh (**1909 – 1915**);
Albert Chambers (**1915 – 1918**);
Catherine Chambers (**1918 – 1925**);
Arthur Perks (**1925 – 1929**);
Arthur Haines (**1929 – 1932**);
John Francis Burton (**1932 – [1940]**)

NOTES

23, Ettingshall Lane [1871], [1881]
7, Ettingshall Road [1901], [1911], [1940]
Millfields Road [1904]

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

23, Ettingshall Lane – BOAT INN

- [1] *William Devney* (54), miner and publican employing 1 man, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Mary A. Devney* (42), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Ann Devney* (17), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Caroline Devney* (15), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Selena Devney* (13), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *William Devney* (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Joseph Devney* (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Isaac Devney* (7), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [9] *Samuel B. Devney* (5), son, scholar, born Bilston:

William Devney was convicted on 3rd October 1873 for permitting gaming.
He was also convicted on 24th July 1874 for keeping open during prohibited hours.

1881 Census

23, Ettingshall Lane – The BOAT INN

- [1] *Henry Clark* (37), beer seller, born Ruabon, Denbighshire;
- [2] *Harriet Clark* (36), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Sarah Ann Shorthouse* (23), general servant, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Emma Shorthouse* (21), visitor, servant, born Sedgley;

Henry Clark = Henry Clarke

1891 Census

Ettingshall Lane

- [1] *Henry Clarke* (47), publican, born Rhosymmer, Denbighshire;
- [2] *Harriet Clarke* (46), wife, born Lanesfield;
- [3] *Emma M. Vann* (32), sister in law, domestic servant, born Sedgley;
- [4] *David Shorthouse* (39), brother in law, brewer, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Arthur B. Flavell* (12), nephew, scholar, born Sedgley;

1901 Census

7, Ettingshall Road

- [1] *Thomas Gilks* (58), tavern keeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Harriet Gilks* (56), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Hannah Gilks* (20), daughter, born Priestfield;
- [4] *Samuel Stephens* (18), boarder, labourer, ironworks, born Priestfield;
- [5] *Richard Stephens* (14), boarder, labourer, ironworks, born Warrington;
- [6] *Mary Stephens* (12), adopted, born Warrington;

Thomas Gilks died on 5th September 1903.

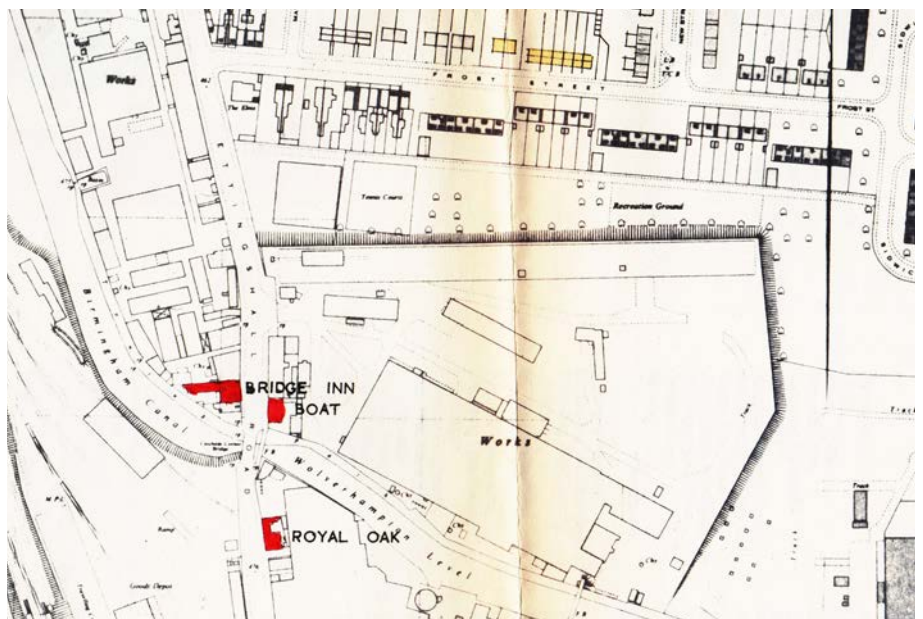
Mrs. Harriet Gilks, beer retailer, Millfields Road. [1904]

1911 Census

7, Ettingshall Road

- [1] *Thomas Pugh* (26), beer retailer, born Ettingshall;
- [2] *Georgina Harriet Pugh* (26), wife, married 1 year, born Monmore Green;
- [3] *John Henry Pugh* (18), brother, boatman, born Ettingshall;

[1964]



Map 1964

BOAT

Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Tomkinson [1818]
Mercy Lee [1822]

NOTES

John Tomkinson was also a brass furnace manufacturer. [1818]

BOATBUILDERS ARMS

167, (79), Oxford Street / Chapel Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Edward Brereton, gentleman, Cock Street, Darlaston
Amelia Hooper, spinster, Darlaston
John Pritchard, brewer, Darlaston

LICENSEES

James Weare [1861]
Bridget Weare [1865]
John Thomas [1868] – **1883**;
Richard Jones **(1883 – 1884)**;
Thomas Talbot **(1884 – 1890)**;
Thomas Webb Green **(1890 – 1896)**;
Edward Pritchard **(1896 – 1897)**;
Benjamin Talbot **(1897)**;
Arthur Edward Devereaux **(1897 – 1898)**;
Edward Jones **(1898 – 1900)**;
Ernest Lawley **(1900 – 1905)**;
Fanny Lawley [1901]
Ernest Dean **(1905 – 1907)**;
Henry Flavell **(1907 – 1911)**;
Albert Davis **(1911 – 1913)**;

NOTES

79, Oxford Street [1861], [1881], [1891]
167, Oxford Street [1901], [1904], [1912]

It had a beerhouse license.

James Weare = James Wear

1861 Census

79, Oxford Street – Beer House

- [1] *James Wear* (47), labourer, coal, born Ireland;
- [2] *Bridget Wear* (48), wife, born Ireland;
- [3] Thomas Coppard (18), lodger, coal miner, born Ireland;
- [4] Martin Brayan (23), lodger, labourer, born Ireland:

Bridget Weare, beer retailer, 79, Oxford Street. [1865]

John Thomas, beer retailer, 79, Oxford Street. [1868]

1871 Census

Oxford Street

- [1] *John Thomas* (38), boatbuilder employing 2 men and publican, born Newtown, Montgomeryshire;
- [2] *Mary A. Thomas* (35), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Mary F. Thomas* (12), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Margaret Thomas* (8), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Lavinia Thomas* (5), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley:

1881 Census

79, Oxford Street – BOAT BUILDERS ARMS

- [1] *John Thomas* (48), boat builder, born Newtown, Montgomeryshire;
- [2] *Mary A. Thomas* (45), wife, born Norwich;
- [3] *Mary J. Thomas* (22), daughter, general servant, born Bilston;
- [4] *Margaret Thomas* (18), daughter, general servant, born Bilston;
- [5] *Lavinia Thomas* (14), daughter, dress maker, born Bilston:

1891 Census

79, Oxford Street

- [1] *Thomas W. Green* (47), publican and packer in bedstead works, born Bilston;
- [2] *S. A. Green* (57), wife, born Balscott, Oxfordshire;
- [3] *S. Rogers* (27), visitor, born Oswestry:

Thomas Green, beer retailer, 79, Oxford Street. [1896]

1901 Census

167, Oxford Street – BUILDERS ARMS

- [1] *Ernest Lawley* (23), butcher, born Bridgnorth;
- [2] *Fanny Lawley* (22), wife, publican, born Willenhall;
- [3] *Ethel Edwards* (17), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Ernest Lawley, beer retailer, 167, Oxford Street. [1904]

Ernest Dean was fined 10s and costs, on 21st December 1906, for selling liquor to a drunken person.

Henry Flavell was fined £2 and costs, on 2nd December 1910, for selling liquor during prohibited hours.

1911 Census

Oxford Street – BOAT BUILDERS ARMS

- [1] *Henry Flavell* (34), beerhouse keeper, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Emily Flavell* (34), wife, married 10 years, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Henry Flavell* (6), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Alexander Flavell* (3), son, born Bilston:

Albert Davis, beer retailer, 167, Oxford Street. [1912]

The license renewal was refused by Compensation Authority on 26th July 1913.

Compensation of £450 was paid on 24th December 1913.

The license was extinguished on 31st December 1913.

Demolished

BOROUGH ARMS

Bunkers Hill Lane, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1967]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Punch Taverns [2005]



2007

LICENSEES

L G Southall [1988] – [1989]
Lascelles Codner [1995]
Lynn Carol Boyce [2004]
Ashley Barker [2005]

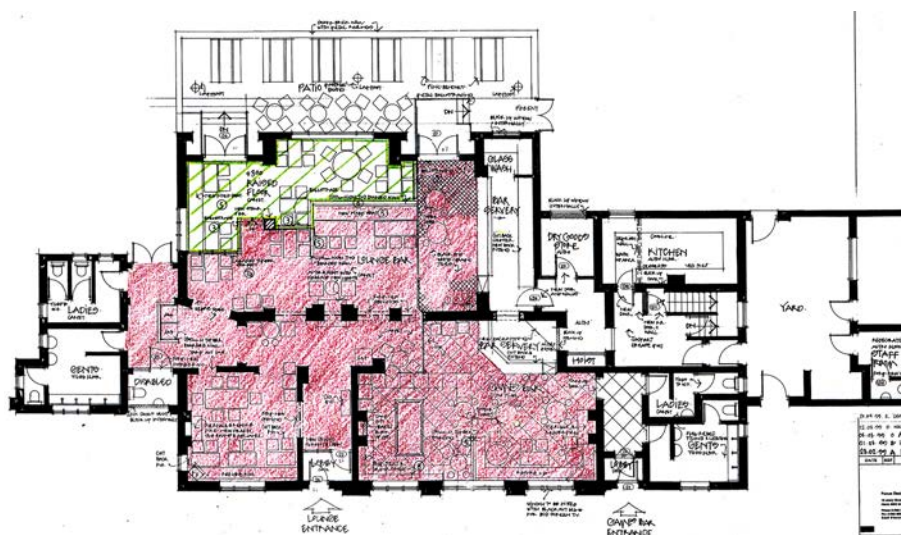
NOTES

[1976]

Alterations were applied for in 1999.

[2005]

Closed [2007]
It was demolished in January 2009.



Plan 1999

BRADLEY FIELD HOUSE

Lower Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

John Smith

William Hewath, beerhouse keeper, Golds Green, West Bromwich

LICENSEES

John Smith [1873] – **1876**);

Edwin Heath (**1876 – 1877**):

NOTES

The license was taken away in 1877.

BRICKLAYERS ARMS

Wood Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Shayshut [1818] – [1822]

NOTES

John Shayshut = John Shayshutt

John Shayshut was also a bricklayer. [1818]

BRIDGE

Bridge Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Samuel Jones [1861]

NOTES

1861 Census

Bridge Street

- [1] *Samuel Jones* (48), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Jones* (46), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Richard Jones* (18), son, puddler, born Bilston;
- [4] *George Jones* (16), son, carter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Ann Jones* (14), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Eliza Jones* (11), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Lydia Jones* (3), daughter, born Bilston:

BRIDGE

10, Coseley Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Richard Abbott [1860] – [1861]

NOTES

James Richard Abbott was also a millwright. [1860]

1861 Census

10, Coseley Street

[1] *Richard Abbott* (40), carpenter, joiner and engineer, born Bilston;

[2] *Nouri Abbott* (41), wife, born Bilston;

[3] *Thomas M. Abbott* (17), son, professor of music, born Bilston;

[4] *Henrietta M. Abbott* (14), daughter, born Bilston;

[5] *Elizabeth N. Abbott* (4), daughter, born Bilston:

[I have included this because it seems to apply to James Richard.]

BRIDGE

4, (9), Ettingshall Road, (Ettingshall Lane), Rough Hills, BILSTON

OWNERS

Samuel Burrows
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Vickers [1864] – [1865]
William Devney [1868] – [1870]
Samuel Burrows [1871] – **1874**);
Joseph Burrows (**1874 – 1880**);
Samuel Burrows (**1880 – 188_**);
William Hall (**188_ – 188_**); [1881]
Henrietta Abrahams (**188_ – 1882**);
Frederick Hadyn Jolly (**1882 – 1883**);
Henrietta Abrahams (**1883**);
Charles Preston (**1883 – 1884**);
Jeremiah Skidmore (**1884 – 1885**);
John Short (**1885**);
John Summers (**1885 – 1887**);
Edwin Slater (**1887 – 1888**);
Eliza Tranter (**1888**);
John James Green (**1888 – 1894**);
Samuel Burrows [1892] ?
Richard Bates (**1894 – 1898**);
Mrs. Lucy Bates (**1898 – 1900**);
John Davies (**1900 – 1905**);
Richard Daniel Davis (**1905 – 1922**);
Emma Davies (**1922 – [1940]**)

NOTES

Ettingshall Lane [1865], [1868], [1870]
9, Ettingshall Lane [1881]
4, Ettingshall Road [1940]

William Devney was also a shopkeeper. [1868], [1870]

1871 Census

9, Ettingshall Lane – BRIDGE INN

- [1] *Samuel Burrows* (37), coal master employing 6 men and 3 boys, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Sarah Burrows* (29), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Ann Elwell* (23), servant, born Bilston:

An inquest was held here in 1872.

Dudley Herald 21/3/1874

“Inquest at BRIDGE INN, Ettingshall Lane, near Wolverhampton on an old woman named Ellen Davies, who was strangled on the 2nd. inst. in her dilapidated house in Ettingshall Lane.....”

Evening Express 26/1/1881

“Ettingshall Conservative Association, Inaugural Dinner. The first annual dinner in connection with the above association was held at the BRIDGE INN, Ettingshall, yesterday (Tuesday) evening. The chair was occupied by Councillor Owen and there were upwards of 60 members present.....”

1881 Census

9, Ettingshall Lane – The BRIDGE INN

- [1] *William Hall* (67), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Ann Hall* (50), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Ann S. Morris* (18), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

Evening Express 13/5/1881

“An interesting ceremony took place on Monday evening last at a meeting of Court Foresters’ Glory, 3968 of the AOF, Greets Green and Wednesbury district, held at the BRIDGE INN, Ettingshall, a purse of £30, raised by the members of the court and order, and by a special performance in the Bilston Theatre Royal, kindly lent for the purpose by Mr. Walter Edwin, being presented to Bro. George Chilton, a member of the court, who has had the misfortune, partially to lose his sight. Mr. James Goodwin, CR presided, and after remarks from the secretary (Mr. J. Trevitt) and the treasurer (Mr. R. Booth, PCR), Mr. T. Taylor, district secretary, made the presentation in a few suitable words.....”

Evening Express 10/10/1881 - Advert

“To Let, the BRIDGE INN, Ettingshall, a free, old-licensed house, with lease, having a lock-up yard, with stables &c, and all in good repair, surrounded by extensive works and other advantages; present occupier wishes to retire from business.”

Evening Express 15/12/1881 - Advert

“Wanted, Pianist, at once.

Apply, BRIDGE INN, Ettinghall Road, Ettingshall.”

WANTED, Pianist, at once.—Apply, Bridge Inn, Ettinghall-road, Ettingshall. 4337

Advert 1881

1891 Census

Rough Hills – BRIDGE INN

- [1] *John James Green* (29), publican, born St. John, London;
- [2] *Kate Green* (23), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Norah Green* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Elizabeth Haywood* (21), domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [5] *Alice Ireland* (13), lodger, born Bilston:

Richard Bates died on 29th January 1898.

John Davies = John Davis

[1964]

Closed

BRITANNIA

13, Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Garratt [1867]

James Fellows [1868] – [1870]

BRITANNIA

54, (63), Hall Green Street / Wootton Square, Upper Bradley, (Brierley), BILSTON

OWNERS

Joseph Kelsawl, fish salesman, Liverpool

Atkinsons Ltd. (acquired in 1897)

William Butler & Co. Ltd. (leased from 24th December 1912 to November 1919)

William Butler & Co. Ltd. (acquired in November 1919)

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

Holdens Brewery (acquired in September 1979)

LICENSEES

Isaac White [1828] – [1842]

Thomas Gough [1850]

James Halford [1851] – [1870]

Thomas Henry Cross [1871] – **1887**);

Jemima Cross (**1887 – 1889**);

David Morris (**1889**);

Richard Jones (**1889 – 1890**);

Edwin McKean (**1890 – 1898**);

Edmund Harris (**1898 – 1909**);

Richard Weaver (**1909 – 1910**);

Elijah Pountney (**1910 – 1913**);

James Albiston (**1913 – 1915**);

William Brown Snr. (**1915 – [1916]**

W Brown [1920] which one?

William Brown Jr. [**1932 – 1938**);

Mrs. Annie Brown (**1938 – [1940]**

Jack Brown [1950s]

Frank Poole [1960s]

Thomas 'Tommy' Poulton [1979] – **1989**);

Anthony Gary 'Tony' Kear (**1989 – [1991]**

Mrs. Helen Kear [] – **1992**);

Roger Brookin (**1992 – [1995]**

Vanessa Jane Stevens [2000]

Simon Paul Green (**2001 – []**

Annette Lisseman [2005]



c. 1980s

NOTES

63, Hall Green Street [1871]

54, Hall Green Street [1891], [1901]

It was known locally as "Brownies".

It was the headquarters of Bradley United FC.

Thomas Gough was also a butcher. [1850]



2000

1871 Census

63, Hall Green Street – BRITANNIA INN

- [1] *Thomas Henry Cross* (31), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Jemima Cross* (27), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Eliza Pugh* (34), domestic servant, born Dudley;
- [4] *Thomas Lloyd* (43), general servant, born Whittington, Shropshire:

1881 Census

63, Hall Green Street – BRITANNIA INN

- [1] *Thomas Henry Cross* (41), victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Jemima Cross* (37), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Margaret Bryan* (23), general servant, born Dudley:

1891 Census

54, Hall Green Street

- [1] *Edwin McKean* (26), licensed victualler and grocer, born Bradley;
- [2] *Annie McKean* (27), wife, grocer, born Bradley;
- [3] *Hilda Mable McKean* (1), daughter, born Bradley;
- [4] *Sarah Summers* (18), general servant, born Bradley:

1901 Census

54, Hall Green Street

- [1] *Edmund Harris* (37), public house manager, born Bradley;
- [2] *Eliza Harris* (30), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Ernest Harris* (8), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Elsie Harris* (4), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Minnie Harris* (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Edith Fellows* (16), domestic servant, born Bilston:

1911 Census

Hall Green Street, Daisy Bank – BRITANNIA INN

- [1] *Elijah Pountney* (37), managing public house, born Highfields, Coseley;
- [2] *Alice G. Pountney* (36), wife, married 11 years, born Wallbrook, Coseley:

William Brown kept a parrot in the outdoor and Mrs. *Dina Brown* always kept a joint of pork in the smoke room, from which you could help yourself.

South Staffordshire Times 11/12/1920

“There was a large and representative gathering at the first annual dinner held in connection with the Bradley Allotments’ Association on Thursday Evening last at the BRITANNIA INN, Bradley (Councillor *W. Brown*). The table and chairs were prettily decorated. The catering reflected the highest credit upon the host and hostess, and their busy staff of waitresses performed their duties to the entire satisfaction of the company.....”

A Buffaloes Lodge was based here. [1920s]

South Staffordshire Times 7/10/1922

“Mr. Wright, on behalf of Messrs. Butlers, brewers, Wolverhampton, for permission for structural alterations....

With regard to the BRITANNIA, Bradley, Mr. Wright said this was an old house, and the walls were giving way. The architect was of the opinion that the only practical way of dealing with it was to rebuild it. Plans had been submitted. The drinking facilities would be greatly increased.

The Chairman said that as an entirely new place was contemplated, they thought the application must be made at the next general Licensing Sessions.”

South Staffordshire Times 10/2/1923

“Bilston Licensing Sessions.....

Mr. C. M. Wright submitted plans of extensive alterations at the BRITANNIA INN, Hall Green Street, Bradley. He said that the house was at present in a very precarious condition, at one time there were fears that it would collapse, because of the heavy vibration which took place near it. It had now become absolutely necessary to do something to make it safe and suitable. The architect had suggested that the only business like way in which to do this was practically rebuild it. They were not trying to make it into a larger house, or to afford more drinking accommodation. The room would be increased by 33 superficial feet only. The club room, which was now upstairs, was downstairs in the new plan. This would be a great convenience to those who used it. Permission to make the alterations was granted.”

South Staffordshire Times 9/2/1924

“Bilston Licensing.....

Plans for the re-building of the BRITANNIA, Hall Green Street, Bradley, which were passed at the adjourned Sessions had been carried out and the premises occupied.”

Bilston & Willenhall Times 14/11/1925

“A well-attended and representative smoking concert, in connection with Coseley and District Friendly Society, was held at the BRITANNIA INN, Bradley, on Friday week, for the presentation of the Mobberly Shield to the BRITANNIA INN, the winner for 1925, the amount raised being £86.....”

A music license was granted on 2nd March 1928.

It was the headquarters of Britannia Pigeon Flying Club. [1937]

Bilston and Willenhall Times 8/6/1946

“A social was held at the BRITANNIA INN, Bradley, Bilston, on Monday night to mark the conclusion of the first season of the Bradley Cribbage League, which has been a most successful one. Mr. P. Fellows presided.....”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 25/11/1946

“Darts – Bradley League First Division: BRITANNIA have won the league for the third season in succession, although this season has been a close run thing, as the championship was not decided until the last match was played.....”

Frank Poole was ex-licensee of the RED LION, Dudley Street.
He was married to Violet.

History of Holdens Brewery - by John Richards

“M. & B. delicensed the pub but it was sold to Holdens and reopened by them in June 1979”

Plans for alterations were approved on 20th November 1981.

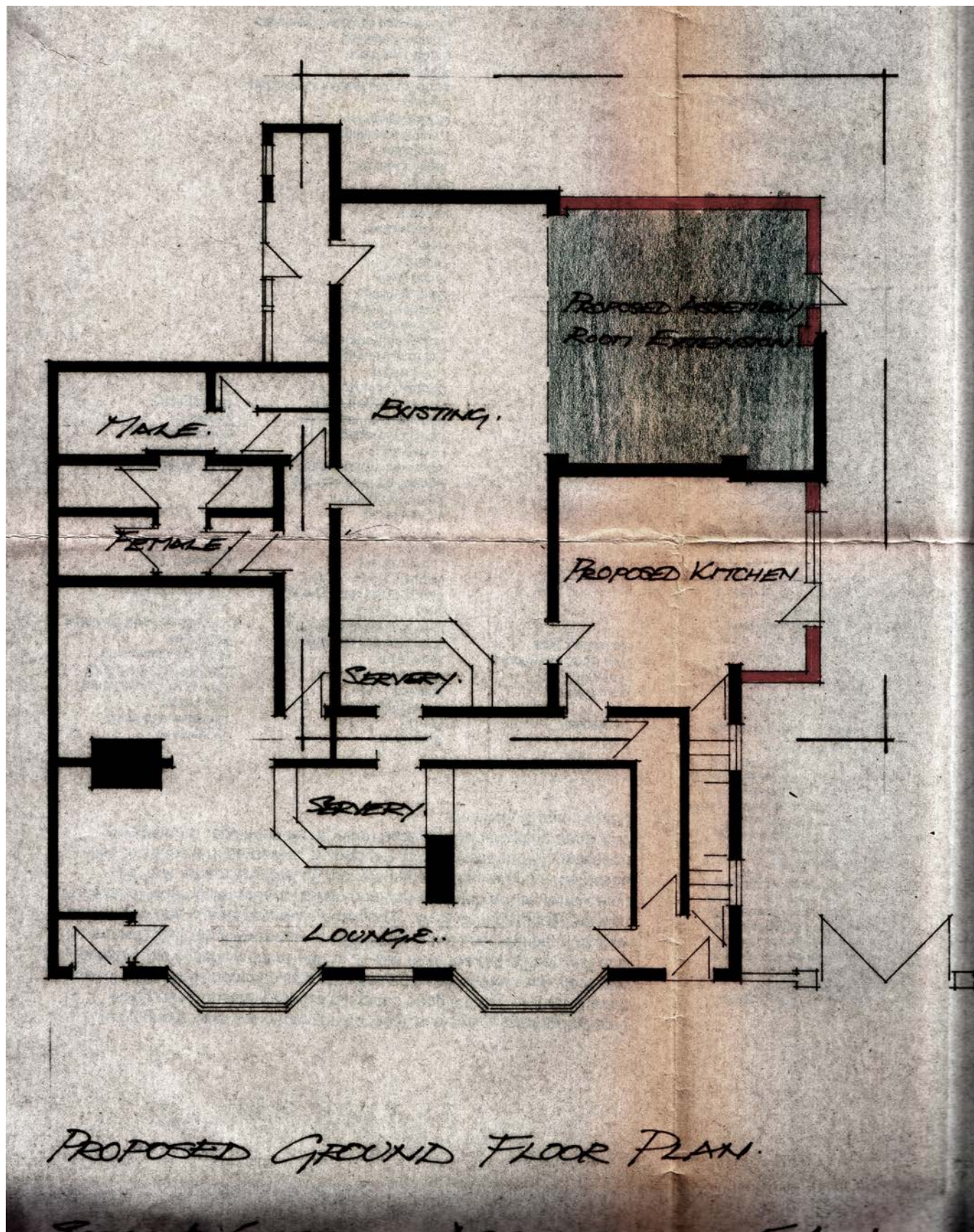
Tony Kear was married to *Helen*.

It closed on 30th October 2005.

It was converted into housing. [2010]



Ex Pub 2010



Plan 1981

BRITANNIA

Mill Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard Cross [1867]

NOTES

Dudley Herald 30/11/1867

“*Richard Cross* of the BRITANNIA beershop, Mill Street, Bilston Fined £3 for selling beer on a Sunday.”

BRITANNIA

137, (64), Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

James Price

David Hart, money lender, St. James Square, Wolverhampton

Richard Andrew Harper, Hall Park Brewery, Bilston

Elizabeth Leaver, Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton

LICENSEES

James Price [1868] – **1873**;

Jane Price (**1873 – 1889**);

Joseph Jackson (**1889 – 1891**);

Edwin John Baker (**1891 – 1892**);

George Burrows (**1892 – 1894**);

John Norton (**1894 – 1897**);

George Samuel Holder (**1897 – 1900**);

William Hardwick (**1900 – 1908**);

Sarah Hardwick [1901]

NOTES

64, Oxford Street [1871], [1881], [1891]

137, Oxford Street

It had a beerhouse license.

James Price, beer retailer, 64, Oxford Street. [1868]

1871 Census

64, Oxford Street

[1] *James Price* (66), publican, born Bilston;

[2] *Susan Price* (50), wife, born Bilston;

[3] *Jane Price* (25), daughter, no occupation, born Bilston;

[4] *Charlotte Price* (14), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton:

James Price died in 1873.

1881 Census

64, Oxford Road – BRITANNIA

[1] *Susan J. Price* (63), widow, beer retailer, born Bilston;

[2] *Charlotte S. L. Price* (22), daughter, born Wolverhampton;

[3] *Kate Hill* (19), domestic servant, born Bilston:

[It appears that *Susan J.* was licensee *Jane.*]

1891 Census

64, Oxford Street – BRITANNIA INN

- [1] *Edwin J. Baker* (49), beerhouse keeper, born Worcester;
- [2] *Elizabeth Baker* (49), wife, born Stoke on Trent;
- [3] *Alice Baker* (17), daughter, born Dudley;
- [4] *Charles G. Williams* (49), lodger, baker, born Worcester:

John Norton, beer retailer, 64, Oxford Street. [1896]

1901 Census

Oxford Street – BRITANNIA INN [sic]

- [1] *William Hardwick* (57), blacksmith, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Sarah Hardwick* (57), publican, born Wyrley;
- [3] *Mary A. Hardwick* (22), daughter, born Walsall;
- [4] *Ernest W. Hardwick* (19), son, blacksmith's striker, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Edwin B. Hardwick* (16), son, engine fitter's labourer, born Ettingshall;
- [6] *Harry S. Hardwick* (13), son, errand boy, born Ettingshall;
- [7] *Henry C. Arblaster* (57), brother in law, widower, blacksmith's striker, born Pelsall:

William Hardwick, beer retailer, 137, Oxford Street. [1904]

License refused by Compensation Authority on 18th June 1908.
Compensation of £425 was paid on 30th November 1908.

BRITANNIA

20, (177), Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Riley, builder, James Street, Bilston
George Riley
Phoebe Riley
Charlotte Elizabeth Marsh, 231 Dudley Road, Wolverhampton
Major George Cox, brewer, Broad Street, Bilston

LICENSEES

Edward Griffiths [] - **1872**;
William Poole **(1872 - 1873)**;
Charlotte Hale **(1873 - 1875)**;
Selina Benton **(1875 - 1876)**;
James Preece **(1876 - 1877)**;
Joseph Keay **(1877 - 1878)**;
Simeon Hanley **(1878 - 1879)**;
Harriet ? **(1879 - 1880)**;
Thomas Rogers **(1880)**;
George Robottom **(1880)**;
Benjamin Burdett **(1880 - 1881)**;
Thomas Samuel Ratcliffe **(1881 - 1882)**;
Reuben Stokes **(1882 - 1883)**;
Sophia Rowley **(1883 - 1884)**;
Samuel Hughes **(1884 - 1886)**;
William Edwards **(1886)**;
Job Eccleston **(1886 - 1887)**;
John Forrester **(1887)**;
Frederick Reginald Mellen **(1887 - 1888)**;
Frederick Clark **(1888 - 1892)**;
William John Davies **(1892 - 1896)**;
Alfred Tennant **(1896 - 1905)**;
George Henry Evans **(1905)**;
Joseph Hadley **(1905 - 1908)**;
Emily Hodgkiss **(1908)**;

NOTES

177, Oxford Street [1881], [1891]
20, Oxford Street [1901]

It was formerly known as ROYAL GEORGE. [1891]

It had a beerhouse license.

1881 Census

177, Oxford Street

- [1] *Benjamin Burdett* (44), brass dresser, born Kenilworth, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Eliza Burdett* (46), wife, born Kenilworth, Warwickshire;
- [3] *James Burdett* (19), son, ironworker, (labourer), born Kenilworth, Warwickshire;
- [4] *Francis Burdett* (17), son, brass dresser, born Kenilworth, Warwickshire;
- [5] *Sarah A. Burdett* (11), daughter, born Kenilworth, Warwickshire;
- [6] *Emma J. Burdett* (8), daughter, born Kenilworth, Warwickshire:

Evening Express 13/5/1881

“*Benjamin Burdett*, landlord of the ROYAL GEORGE beerhouse, Oxford Street, was summoned for having his house open for the sale of beer during prohibited hours on Sunday, the 1st inst.

A woman named *Helen Hartshorne* was seen leaving the house at about 20 minutes past 10 o'clock on the night of the day in question by Police-constables *Jackson* and *Moss*, with a gallon bottle half full of ale.

A fine of 20s and costs was imposed.”

1891 Census

177, Oxford Street – ROYAL GEORGE

- [1] *Frederick Clark* (64), widower, beerhouse keeper, born Long Buckby, Northamptonshire;
- [2] *Frederick Charles Clark* (24), son, joiner, born Rugby:

William John Davies, beer retailer, 177, Oxford Street. [1896]

1901 Census

20, Oxford Street

- [1] *Alfred Tennant* (36), beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Alice Tennant* (34), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Annie Edwards* (23), domestic servant, born Wolverhampton:

Alfred Tennant, beer retailer, 20, Oxford Street. [1904]

License refused by Compensation Authority on 18th June 1907.

Compensation of £750 was paid on 13th June 1908.

BRITANNIA

50, Temple Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Charlotte Griffiths

LICENSEES

John Griffiths [1861] – [1868]
Charlotte Griffiths [1871] – **1874**;
Frederick Jones (**1874 – 1877**);
Thomas Marston (**1877**):

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

50, Temple Street

- [1] *John Griffiths* (51), Japanner _____'s dealer and beer seller, born Bilston;
- [2] *Charlotte Griffiths* (49), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *John Griffiths* (14), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Ann Horton* (25), general servant, born Bilston;
- [5] *Jane Owen* (32), general servant, born Bilston;
- [6] *George Riley* (27), lodger, carpenter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Phebe Riley* (26), wife, born Bilston;
- [8] *Elizabeth Riley* (9 months), daughter, born Bilston:

John Griffiths, beer retailer, 50, Temple Street. [1865], [1868]

1871 Census

50, Temple Street

- [1] *Charlotte Griffiths* (59), widow, innkeeper and shop, born Bilston;
- [2] *John Griffiths* (24), son, no occupation, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sarah A. Harris* (17), general servant, born Bilston:

Frederick Jones was convicted on 28th January 1876 for permitting gaming at cards.

The license was taken away in 1877.

BRITANNIA

22, Union Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Michael Delmore [1881]

NOTES

1881 Census

22, Union Street – BRITANNIA INN

[1] *Michael Delmore* (48), furnace labourer, born County Galloway, Ireland;

[2] *Mary Delmore* (47), wife, born County Mayo, Ireland;

[3] *Annie Delmore* (20), daughter, home assistant, born Walsall;

[4] *Patrick Delmore* (15), son, ironworks labourer, born Bilston;

[5] *Bridget Delmore* (12), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;

[6] *Michael Delmore* (10), son, scholar, born Bilston;

[7] *Kate Delmore* (8), daughter, scholar, born Bilston:

BRITANNIA

Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Jeremiah France [1861]

NOTES

1861 Census

BRITANNIA IN (sic)

- [1] *Jeremiah France* (43), sinker, born North Wales;
- [2] *Mary France* (41), wife, born Felton (?), Shropshire;
- [3] *Lidia France* (16), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Margat France* (11), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Hannah France* (6), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Mary France* (4), daughter, scholar, born Bilston:

BRITANNIA +

BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Hyde Jnr. [] - **1875**);
William Hyde Snr. (**1875** - []

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

BRITISH OAK

39, Wesley Street, Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Elizabeth Bumford
John Elliman, licensed victualler, Tipton
W. Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Sampson Paul [1873] – **1874**);
John Bumford (**1874 – 1883**);
Edward Roberts (**1883 – 1884**)
John Lowe (**1884 – 1890**);
Mrs. Betsy Jevons (**1890 – 1893**);
Sarah A Jeavons [1891] ?
Mrs. Elizabeth Ann (Turner) Bunch (**1893 – 1903**);
James Casey (**1903 – 1906**);
Francis Mayeur (**1906 – 1908**);
William Brown (**1908 – 1915**);
Philip Blundell (**1915 – 1919**);
Henry Brown (**1919 – 1923**);
Albert Ward (**1923 – 1924**);
Joseph Edwin Turton (**1924 – 1934**);
Mrs. Mary Jane Turton (**1934 – [1940]**)
Joe Turton [1956]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It was known locally as "Turton's".

London Gazette 19/5/1882

"The Bankruptcy Act, 1869.

In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Dudley. In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *John Bumford*, of the BRITISH OAK, Wesley Street Beerseller."

John Lowe was married to Elah.

Mrs. *Betsy Jevons* = Betsy Jeavons = Betsey Jeavons

1891 Census

39, Wesley Street

- [1] Thomas Jeavons (48), stone dresser, born Coseley;
- [2] Betsey Jeavons (41), wife, born Cosley;
- [3] William Jeavons (18), son, blacksmith's striker, born Coseley;
- [4] Sarah A. Jeavons (17), daughter, publican, born Coseley;
- [5] James Jeavons (13), son, scholar, born Coseley;
- [6] Edward G. Jeavons (12), son, scholar, born Princes End;
- [7] Mary J. P. Jeavons (9), daughter, scholar, born Princes End:

Elizabeth Ann Turner married James Bunch on 18th April 1894.

1901 Census

39, Wesley Street

- [1] *Elizabeth A. Bunch* (67), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire;
- [2] Maria Barnes (29), domestic servant, born Great Bridge;
- [3] Eva Blakesley (17), visitor, dressmaker, born Sedgley:

James Casey, beer retailer, 39, Wesley Street, Bradley. [1904]

1911 Census

Wesley Street – BRITISH OAK

- [1] *William Brown* (37), licensed victualler, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Annie Brown* (41), wife, married 16 years, born Kinver;
- [3] *Emma Brown* (13), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Lizzie Brown* (9), daughter, born Bradley:

Henry Brown, beer retailer, 39 Wesley Street, Bradley, Bilston. [1921]

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

A team from here took part in the Bradley Darts League, First Division. [1946]

It had a successful darts team in the 1950s, which won the Midland Open Championship in 1956. The team featured Frank Wall who later won the News of the World Championship.

It was granted a full license in February 1957.

BROWN COW

Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Jane Lander [1851]

BROWN JUG

11, (6), Temple Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Fowler, butcher, Brook Terrace, Bilston
George Meese Jnr.
Mercy Meese
George Meese
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

David Thompson [1849] – [1861]
Thomas Pritchard [1864] – [1865]
John Fowler [1866]
Edwin Vale [] – **1868**);
John Vale (**1868** – []
Mrs. Jane Veal [1868] – [1870]
Joseph Bunce [1871] – [1874];
Joseph Johnson [];
John Roberts [];
John O'Grady [1881] – **1882**);
Bennet Tarbuck (**1882** – [];
John Hartill [];
Elizabeth Griffiths [];
William Fowler [];
William Henry Veal [];
George Meese Snr. [];
George Meese Jnr. [1891] – **1912**);
Mrs. Mercy Meese (**1912** – **1922**);
George Meese (**1922** – **1928**);
John Thomas Shelley (**1928** – **1931**);
Walter Smith (**1931** – **1933**);
Abraham Betts (**1933** – **1938**);
Leonard Betts (**1938** – [1940]

NOTES

6, Temple Street [1861], [1868], [1870], [1873], [1874], [1891], [1892], [1896]
11, Temple Street [1901], [1904], [1912], [1916], [1940]

David Thompson, beer retailer, Temple Street. [1849], [1850]

1851 Census

Temple Street

- [1] *David Thompson* (47), common snuffers maker employing 1 man and 2 boys, born Bilston;
- [2] *Ann Thompson* (46), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Rachael Thompson* (21), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *John Thompson* (16), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Cornelius Thompson* (14), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *Betsy Thompson* (11), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Ann Thompson* (6), daughter, born Bilston;
- [8] *Jane Davies* (21), servant, born Bilston:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 24/3/1858

“W. H. Phillips Esq., deputy coroner, held an inquest at the BROWN JUG INN, Temple Street, on Friday last, on the body of John Edwards, a banksman. The unfortunate man had lost his life by falling down the shaft of a pit at which he was employed. No person witnessed the accident, and therefore the circumstances under which it occurred did not appear. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1861 Census

6, Temple Street

- [1] *David Thompson* (57), widower, publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Cornelius Thompson* (23), son, iron founder, born Bilston;
- [3] *Ann Thompson* (17), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Harriet J. Moore* (14), servant, born Manchester:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:–

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H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

John Fowler, BROWN JUG, Temple Street, Bilston granted.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866 - Advert

“Bilston. Sale of Valuable Freehold Property, in Temple Street.

Mr. Thomas Richards will Offer for Sale by Auction, on Thursday, the 20th day of September, 1866 (by order of the Trustees for Sale under the will of the late Mr. David Thompson), at the house of Mr. *John Fowler*, the BROWN IVY INN [sic], Temple Street, Bilston, at six o’clock in the evening, and subject to conditions of sale then to be produced.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/9/1866 - Advert

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Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/10/1866 - Advert

“The BROWN JUG INN, Temple Street, Bilston.

To be Disposed of, and may be entered upon immediately, the above well-known Inn and Liquor Vaults, well situate in a populous neighbourhood, and now doing a good in and out-door trade.

The house contains well-fitted up liquor shop, smoke room, tap room, good cellaring, with out road into yard; bagatelle room, four bedrooms, large kitchen and brewhouse, well fitted up for brewing, cooking &c., malt room, and other appurtenances.

Most satisfactory reasons can be given for leaving, and the in-coming will not exceed £140.

Apply Samuel Baker, Auctioneer and Valuer, Church Street, Bilston.”

Edwin Vale died before February 1868.

John Vale was the son of *Edwin*.

[Was *Jane Veal* really *Jane Vale*?]

1871 Census

6, Temple Street – BROWN JUG INN

[1] *Joseph Bunce* (34), merchant, roller iron and licensed victualler, born Coseley;

[2] *Elizabeth Bunce* (33), wife, born Bilston;

[3] *Harriet Bunce* (12), daughter, general servant, born Bilston;

[4] *William Bunce* (8), son, scholar, born Bilston;

[5] *Joseph Bunce* (6), son, scholar, born Bilston;

[6] *Alfred Bunce* (4), son, born Bilston;

[7] *Horace Bunce* (2), son, born Bilston;

[8] *Mary Gasser* (73), mother, born Darlaston;

[9] *Betty Johnson* (20), general servant, born Bilston:

Evening Express 29/7/1881

“*John O’Grady*, landlord of the BROWN JUG public house, Temple Street, Bilston, was charged with having, on the 23rd inst, permitted drunkenness on his premises.

Police-constable Levi P_____ that at 10.30pm the night in question he went into the defendant’s house, and found a man named *James Welsh* drunk, with a pint jug before him, half full of beer. The defendant’s wife, when questioned by witness, admitted that the man was drunk.

The Bench imposed a fine of 20s and costs.”

1891 Census

6, Temple Street – BROWN JUG

[1] *George Meese* (29), publican and blacksmith, born Bilston;

[2] *Mercy Meese* (30), wife, born Bilston:

1901 Census

11, Temple Street

[1] *George Meese* (38), publican, born Bradley;

[2] *Mercy Meese* (38), wife, born Wolverhampton;

[3] *Alice Meese* (15), daughter, born Bilston;

[4] *George Meese* (9), son, born Bilston:

Mrs. Mercy Meese was a brewer.

George Meese was a brewer.

1911 Census

11, Temple Street

[1] *George Meese* (49), blacksmith, born Bradley, Staffordshire;

[2] *Mercy Meese* (50), wife, married 26 years, born Wolverhampton;

[3] *George Meese* (19), son, publican / brewer, born Bilston:

The license was removed to new premises in Birmingham New Road, Coseley. This was approved on 4th February 1938.

Closed

Demolished

BROWN LION

19, (18), Cross Street, Hallfields, Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

James Thompson, 18, Cross Street, Bilston
Noah Halford
William Halford, shoe salesman, Hall Street, Bilston
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Townsend [1871] – **1874**);
William Price (**1874 – 1877**);
George Tilley (**1877 – 1884**);
Mary Tilley (**1884 – 1894**);
William George (**1894 – 1912**);
Henry George (**1912 – 1915**);
William George (**1915 – 1916**);
Samuel Harrison (**1916 – 1917**);
William Alfred Burns (**1917 – 1918**);
Enoch Burns (**1918**):

NOTES

18, Cross Street [1871], [1881]
19, Cross Street [1904], [1911], [1912]

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

18, Cross Street – BROWN LION

- [1] *Joseph Townsend* (33), beer retailer, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elizabeth Townsend* (19), wife, born Canterbury, Kent;
- [3] *Emily Bailey* (18), general servant, born Bilston;
- [4] *Jane A. Gregory* (23), waitress in hotel, born Ramsgate, Kent:

1881 Census

18, Cross Street – BROWN LION

- [1] *George Tilley* (47), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Tilley* (43), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sarah A. Tilley* (18), daughter, born Bilston:

George Tilley was married to *Mary*.
He died on 14th May 1884.

1891 Census

18, Cross Street – BROWN LION INN

- [1] *Mary Tilley* (55), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Sarah Martin* (86), relative, widow:

1901 Census

Cross Street

- [1] William George (59), publican, born Montgomeryshire;
- [2] Caroline George (60), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] Henry George (26), son, puddler, born Bradley, Bilston:

William George, beer retailer, 19, Cross Street. [1904], [1912]

Tipton Herald 6/3/1909

“At Bilston Petty Sessions before Mr. R. W. Lewis and Dr. S. Ashley Smith, Mary Ann Hadley (50), a small shopkeeper, of Leigh Street, Bradley, near Coseley, was charged with using threats towards Jane Webb, and with assaulting William Webb, the latter’s husband.

It was alleged that on the 20th inst, Mrs. Hadley went to the BROWN LION INN, Cross Street, where Webb was visiting, and after a few words she struck him in the mouth. She was turned out of the house, and she then went to Webb’s house and threatened Mrs. Webb with a brick, and also to throw at her a lamp which was on the table. She afterwards stayed on the doorstep for Mr. Webb, and when he was passing she struck him on the head with a poker. PC Lewis (Bradley), in reply to the magistrates, said the defendant was a dangerous woman, and a terror to that end of Bradley. She was continually getting drunk, and was then very vicious.

The magistrates bound the woman over for six months for the threats, and ordered her to pay costs; and for the assault, they committed her for a month without the option.”

1911 Census

19, Cross Street

- [1] William George (69), public house keeper, born Montgomeryshire;
- [2] Caroline George (73), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] Richard Henry George (34), son, underhand shearer, born Bilston:

License refused by Compensation Authority on 3rd July 1918.

Compensation of £750 was paid on 21st December 1918.

South Staffordshire Times 25/9/1920 - Advert

“Sale By Auction, at 6.30pm for 7pm promptly. J. Southwick and Son have received instructions from the executors, and others, to submit for sale by auction at the PIPE HALL HOTEL, Bilston. The following Valuable Freehold Properties. Including Three commodious De-licensed Dwelling Houses and Premises.....

Lot 3 - The Valuable Dwelling House and Premises formerly the BROWN LION INN (now de-licensed), and being No.19, Cross Street, Bradley.

These premises could also easily be converted into two capital Dwelling Houses at very small cost.”

Bilston & Willenhall Times 11/10/1924 - Advert

“Tuesday Next, October 14th, 1924, at 7 o’clock in the Evening. Important Sale of Freehold Properties and Land, and de-licensed houses, at Bradley and Priestfields, which Cyril H. Green F.N.A.A. has been instructed to submit for Sale By Auction, at the PIPEHALL HOTEL, Bilston, on the above Date, subject to conditions of sale to be then read, the under-mentioned Properties.....

Lot 7 – Freehold Dwelling House, situate and known as the BROWN LION INN (now de-licensed), 19, Cross Street, Bradley. Nett rental, £16 18s per annum....”

Bilston & Willenhall Times 18/10/1924

“Mr. Cyril H. Green, F.N.A.A., auctioneer, Bilston, conducted a successful sale of freehold properties, de-licensed houses, and land, situate in Bilston, Priestfields, and Bradley, at the PIPE HALL HOTEL, on Tuesday evening..... One house in Cross Street, Bradley, formerly the BROWN LION, £152.....”

BROWN LION

165, (78), Oxford Street (Oxford Road) / Chapel Street, New Town, BILSTON

OWNERS

Henry Walker, auctioneer, Wolverhampton
Dr. Hancox, Bilston
Miss M A and E Hancox, Bilston
William Butler & Co. Ltd. [1904], [1953]

LICENSEES

Esther Brown [1818]
George Perry [1822] – [1830]
John Perry [1833]
George Perry [1834] – [1835]
George Brown [1841] – [1842]
Mrs. Jane Lander [1849] – [1850]
Joseph Plant [1851] – [1861]
George Brown and Co. [1864] – [1865]
Stephen Golby [1866]
William Williams [1872] – **1881**);
John Lacey (**1881 – 1888**);
Thomas Smith (**1888**);
Harriet Smith (**1888 – 1889**);
John McNulty (**1889 – 1890**);
John Hand (**1890 – 1892**);
Benjamin Slim (**1892 – 1893**);
Charles Askew (**1893 – 1894**);
Lucretia Fanny Ward (**1894**);
William Bennett (**1894**);
Arthur Augustus Geaves (**1894 – 1895**);
William John Lawrence (**1895**);
Thomas Marshall (**1895 – 1898**);
Edward Monk (**1898 – 1899**);
Evan Jones (**1899 – 1900**);
Frederick William Plant (**1900**);
Benjamin Mobberley (**1900 – 1901**);
Thomas Hollins (**1901 – 1906**);
Mrs. Ellen Hollins (**1906 – 1924**);
Charles Henry Walker (**1924 – 1934**);
Ernest Carden (**1934** – [1940]
Mrs. Harriet Walker []
Jack Hughes []



NOTES

Oxford Road [1828]
78, Oxford Street [1858], [1864], [1865], [1874], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1904]
165, Oxford Street [1911], [1916], [1940]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/11/1861

“T. M. Phillips, Esq., coroner, held an inquest at the BROWN LION INN, Oxford-street, on Monday last, touching the death of Elizabeth Middleton, a child five years old. The circumstances of this case were exactly the same as most of the accidents of this kind. The child was left alone in her father’s house whilst the mother went to a shop on an errand, and in her absence the deceased’s pinafore by some means took fire, and she was badly burnt. Mr. Hancox, surgeon, attended her, but she died on Friday night. The Jury returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/1/1866 - Advert

“To Innkeepers, Brewers, and Others.— To be Let, with immediate possession, that well-accustomed and old-established Inn and Spirit vaults, known as the BROWN LION INN, situate in Oxford-street, Bilston. Incoming, Stock, and Furniture about £300.

Apply to Mr. J. E. Fellows, Solicitor, Bilston”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21/2/1866

“A man named Kean was charged on remand with an assault on Police-constable Bradbury, at Bilston. Mr. Travis was for the prosecution, and Mr. Bartlett for defendant.

The evidence showed that at midnight on Saturday, the 27th ult., a number of drunken men came out of the BROWN LION INN, at Bilston, and met another party of men who had just before turned out of another public house called the WAGGON AND HORSES, and were conducting themselves so as to create a disturbance. The officer Bradbury had been trying to persuade them to go home, when he was attacked by a man named Gavon, and another man. After they had assaulted him the two men ran away. The officer followed them, when the men turned around, knocked him down and kicked him, and he was also set upon by some of the other men who had just before come out of the public house, who beat him most terribly; in the words of Mr. Spooner, who saw the officer on Tuesday following the assault, his face was beaten to a jelly. He got away from them, and meeting with Police-constable Curtis, the two went in search of Bradbury’s assailants. They met Kean, who Bradbury recognised as a prominent actor in the recent scene, but inasmuch as he was surrounded by several others the officers wisely refrained from attempting his apprehension, and simply advised him to go home, intending to summon him on the following day. He went away in the direction of his home, and the police shortly afterwards followed; upon seeing them Kean challenged the two to fight, and became very abusive. The police then attempted to take him into custody, but he resisted, and the mob again coming up there was a second attack upon the police, in which stones were freely thrown, and it was only by the determined use of their staves that the two officers succeeded in getting their prisoner to the police station. For the defendant witnesses were called to prove he took no part whatever in the assault on the police, but their evidence failed.

Mr. Spooner characterised the affair as a disgrace to the town in which it occurred. He justified the conduct of the police as to the use of their staves to prevent the rescue of the prisoner and to defend themselves against the fury of the mob, and said that but for the facts spoken to by Superintendent McCrea that Kean was usually of a quiet disposition and had previously borne a good character he should have passed upon him the severest sentence the law allowed; as it was he must pay a fine of £5 and costs, or go to prison for two months.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

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H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

Stephen Golby, BROWN LION, Oxford Street, Bilston granted.....”

1871 Census

Oxford Street

- [1] *William Williams* (43), victualler, born Hednesford;
- [2] *Louisa Williams* (35), wife, born Austrey, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Arthur Williams* (13), son, scholar, born Melton, Leicestershire;
- [4] *William Williams* (12), son, scholar, born Austrey, Warwickshire;
- [5] *Frank Williams* (10), son, scholar, born Bradley;
- [6] *Amy Williams* (7), daughter, scholar, born Bradley;
- [7] *Ellen Williams* (2), daughter, born Bradley;
- [8] *Mary Williams* (10 months), daughter, born Bradley;
- [9] *Hannah Smith* (14), general servant, born Hardwick, Oxfordshire:

William Williams was also a veterinary surgeon. [1872]

1881 Census

78, Oxford Street – BROWN LION

- [1] *William Williams* (50), licensed victualler, born Hednesford;
- [2] *Louisa Williams* (45), wife, born Austrey, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Arthur Faulkner* (23), son, painter, born Melton Mowbray;
- [4] *Mary H. Faulkner* (10), daughter, scholar, born Brackley, Northamptonshire;
- [5] *Ada Faulkner* (6), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Gertrude Faulkner* (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Mary Jane Stubbs* (22), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Evening Express 6/9/1881 - Advert

"Bilston. To be Let, the BROWN LION INN and Liquor Vaults; entirely free for everything; cash required, £150. Apply on the premises."

John Lacey was convicted in January 1882 for permitting drunkenness.

His fine was increased, by the Convicting Justices, from 20s to £3 and ordered that the record of conviction should be removed from the register.

Wednesbury Herald 12/8/1882

"The adjourned inquest on the body of an old woman named *Harriet Fletcher*, of Lower Bradley, who died from the effects of injuries received from falling down a pit in Bradley Lodge Colliery, on Tuesday last, was held at the BROWN LION INN, Oxford Street, Bilston, on Tuesday morning.

W. Grew (re-called), in reply to *Mr. J. P. Baker*, Her Majesty's Inspector of Mines for the district, said he was the first person who got to the pit after the deceased fell down. The chains round the shaft were in the same state on the day in question as they were on Saturday last, when the inspector examined the spot. Witness put in the new staples, but they were only put in the place of the old ones. The bottom chain was not so slack as nearly to touch the ground, and the chains were as tight as now.

Mr. Sheldon, of Wednesbury, who watched the case on behalf of *Mr. H. Piggott*, asked witness if there were not other fencing besides the chains.

The witness replied that there [were] several iron plates against the chain. Deceased could not fall into the pit without turning back again. He considered the pit to be securely fenced. He believed she fell down backwards, but was not sure.

In reply to *Mr. W. Bowen*, solicitor, who represented deceased's husband, witness said he was employed by *Mr. Piggott*, the proprietor of the pit, and had married his niece.

Mr. J. P. Baker, mines inspector, said he found the fences composed of various materials, chains, bottoms of skips reared up against the posts and chains, part of a pair of shafts, and one or two iron plates. Supposing the fences to be exactly as he found them, he did not consider the pit to be securely fenced. Children might go between the chains on that side and easily fall in. Even if an adult leaned or sat on the chains he might fall down. He did not consider the pit securely fenced according to Act of Parliament, because the materials were of a removable character.

Samuel Kempson, a youth, of Ocker Hill, said he saw the woman fall down the pit. He was going from Bilston home, and followed the deceased who walked steadily along, and not as though she had been drinking. She left the

road to cut off a corner. As she was going by the pit she made a dead stop. After passing the pit about a couple of yards she turned back, and tried to lay hold of the top chain, but missing it, she fell over into the pit head first. In reply to Mr. Sheldon, witness said the plate upon which deceased was taken home was taken from the same side of the pit as that over which she fell.

The jury returned the following verdict 'That the deceased, Harriet Fletcher, died from the effects of falling down a pit shaft, but the evidence was insufficient to say whether she was sober at the time.' Appended to the verdict was the following recommendation:- The jury wish the mining inspector of the district to see that the pit in question is fenced satisfactorily, and called the attention of the surveyor of the highway to the fact that the coalfield in question should be well fenced from the public road."

Thomas Smith died in April 1888.

John Hands = John Hand

1891 Census

78, Oxford Street – BROWN LION

- [1] *John Hand* (57), innkeeper, born Ireland;
- [2] *Mary Ann Hand* (57), wife, born Ludlow;
- [3] *Arthur Hand* (21), son, steel smelter, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Martin H. Hand* (18), son, engineer at steelworks, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Mary F. Hayward* (26), daughter, widow, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Mary Hayward* (3), granddaughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *Kate Carney* (26), general servant, born Wednesbury:

1901 Census

Oxford Street – BROWN LION

- [1] *Thomas Hollins* (57), licensed victualler, born Leigh, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Ellen Hollins* (55), wife, born Lindridge, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Edith A. Hollins* (22), daughter, barmaid, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Ellen Hollins* (18), daughter, confectioner's assistant, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Nellie Owen* (19), visitor, born Brownhills:

Thomas Hollins died on 12th October 1906.

He was married to *Ellen*.

The license was granted to her on 11th January 1907.

1911 Census

165, Oxford Street

- [1] *Ellen Hollins* (65), widow, licensed victualler, born Lindridge, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Harold James Hollins* (35), son, barman, born Brownhills;
- [3] *Alice Evans* (17), housemaid, born Bilston:

A team from here took part in the Butlers (Bilston) Darts League. [1946]

Jack Hughes was married to *Maude*.

Closed

Demolished

BULL AND MOUTH

41, (20), High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Francis Adie, grocer, High Street, Bilston
Charles Adie, Tunbridge Wells
Francis Adie
Walter Showell and Co.
Joseph Chadwick
Mary Ann Stanley, widow, Church Hill, Wednesbury
Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd. [1912]

LICENSEES

J Perry [1822]
George Adderley [1828] – [1835]
Abraham Price [1841] – [1842]
John Teadstill [1845] – [1850]
Mrs. Ann Masters [1858] – [1860]
Edwin John Jones [1864] – **1872**;
Margaret Ann Jones **(1872 – 1878)**;
Francis Adie **(1878 – 1890)**;
George Greaves Smith Griffiths **(1890)**;
Mrs. Edith Hickman **(1890 – 1892)**;
Edward Probert **(1892 – 1896)**;
William Probert **(1896 – 1900)**;
George Bills **(1900 – 1903)**;
Albert Heath **(1903 – 1904)**;
Henry James Burrows **(1904 – 1905)**;
George Maddox **(1905 – 1913)**;
Matthew Rhodes **(1913 – 1922)**;
Alfred Dyoss **(1922 – 1923)**;
Joseph Lovatt **(1923 – 1924)**;
Sidney Arthur **(1924 – 1925)**;
Annie Whittaker **(1925 – 1929)**;

NOTES

20, High Street [1858], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1872], [1873], [1874], [1884], [1891],
[1892], [1896], [1900]
41, High Street [1901], [1911], [1916]

It had a beerhouse license.

George Adderley, retailer of beer, High Street. [1835]

1841 Census

High Street

- [1] *Abraham Price* (30), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Jane Price* (30), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Mary Ann Price* (12), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Benjamin Price* (6), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Elizabeth Price* (4), born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Sophia Bunley* (11), fs, born Staffordshire:

1871 Census

High Street

- [1] *Edwin J. Jones* (54), wine and spirit dealer, born London;
- [2] *Margaret Jones* (42), wife, born Bexley, Kent;
- [3] *William Jones* (19), son, assistant to above, born Bilston;
- [4] *Ann Jones* (14), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Walter Jones* (10), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Robert Jones* (8), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Amelia E. Jones* (6), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Ellen A. Jones* (5), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [9] *Bella Jones* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [10] *Elizabeth Baker* (17), general servant, born Bilston:

Edwin John Jones was also a maltster and hop merchant. [1873]

1891 Census

20, High Street – BULL AND MOUTH

- [1] *Edith Hickman* (30), unmarried, manageress for public house, born Tipton;
- [2] *Henry Hickman* (68), father, retired farmer, born Gospel End;
- [3] *Ann Hickman* (67), mother, born Leominster:

1901 Census

41, High Street

- [1] *George Bills* (26), publican, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Ann M. Bills* (22), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] *Gladys L. Bills* (3 months), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Matilda Mould* (26), domestic servant, born Bradley;
- [5] *Clara Mould* (11), nursemaid, born Bradley:

1911 Census

41, High Street

- [1] *George Maddox* (36), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Ann Maddox* (31), wife, married 12 years, born Bilston:

Application for the removal of this license to the ROSE INN was granted on 8th February 1929.

It was confirmed at Stafford on 13th April 1929.

It closed on 13th April 1929.

The premises became Jones' Seed Shop.

It was demolished.

BULLS HEAD

92, Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Smith [1818] – [1822]
John Smith* [1828] – [1833]
John Fullard Smith* [1834] – [1835]
Thomas Haynes [1861]
George Hyde [1864] – [1865]
Henry Plant [1868] – [1872]

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BULLS HEAD [1818], [1834], [1835]
OLD BULLS HEAD [1864], [1865]
BLACK BULLS HEAD [1868], [1870], [1872]

* possibly the same person.

John Smith was also a japanner and tin plate worker. [1833]

1861 Census

92, Church Street

- [1] *Thomas Haynes* (42), widower, wine and spirit merchant, born Stourbridge;
 - [2] *Hannah Haynes* (6), daughter, born Bilston;
 - [3] *Harrietta G. Harper* (23), visitor, born Dudley;
 - [4] *Jane Nichols* (31), servant, born Tipton;
 - [5] *Sarah Edwards* (20), servant, born Wistanstow, Shropshire;
 - [6] *Sarah Page* (20), servant, born Darlaston;
 - [7] *Harrison Thomas* (21), porter, born Yorton, Shropshire:
- [This could be an entry for the ROYAL GEORGE.]

BULLS HEAD

28, (70), (54), High Street (Market Street) / Dudley Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

John Caddick, gentleman, Handsworth
John Thomas Hurst
William Summers, coal agent, Dawley, Shropshire
Henry Plant and Co. [1896]
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1904]

LICENSEES

Mrs. Hannah Caddick [1849] – [1851]
Henry Plant [1851]
Mrs. Elizabeth Caddick [1858] – [1861]
Edward Ward [1861]
John Vickers [1864] – [1865]
William Adkins [1864] – [1865]
John Vickers [1866]
David Richards [1868] – [1870]
Benjamin A Ford [1871]
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Sale [1872] – **1873**;
Benjamin Samuel Ford **(1873 – 1874)**;
John Thomas Hurst **(1874 – 1877)**;
William Walker **(1877 – 1878)**;
John Thomas Hurst **(1878 – 1882)**;
Samuel Thomas **(1882 – 1883)**;
John Dickins **(1883)**;
John Guest **(1883 – 1884)**;
Job Ecclestone **(1884 – 1885)**;
John Higgins **(1885)**;
Francis Adams **(1885 – 1889)**;
Alfred Newton **(1889 – 1890)**;
Hezekiah Harris **(1890 – 1908)**;
George Lewis Rogers **(1908 – 1909)**;
Luke Corkindale **(1909 – 1916)**;
Laura Corkindale **(1916 – 1921)**;
Luke Corkindale **(1921 – 1928)**;
Samuel Farrington **(1928 – 1932)**;
Thomas Wilde **(1932 – [1940])**



Advert 1861

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70, High Street [1861], [1871], [1881], [1891]
54, High Street [1900]
28, High Street [1911], [1916], [1940]

[1827]

OLD BULLS HEAD [1849], [1858], [1860], [1861], [1864], [1865], [1873], [1896], [1940]
BULLS HEAD [1861], [1866], [1868], [1871], [1881], [1891]

Inland Revenue office [1861], [1868]

It was a coaching house for London and Shrewsbury (The Mail), and Holyhead and Shrewsbury (The Old Union and Retaliator). [1818]

1851 Census

High Street

- [1] *Henry Plant* (29), licensed victualler, born Great Bridge;
- [2] *Jane Plant* (19), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Eliza Plant* (18), sister, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Ann Endley* (26), house servant, born Dudley;

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/1/1861 - Advert

“High Street, Bilston. To Be Let, with immediate possession, if required, that old-established full-licensed Inn and Liquor Vaults, the OLD BULLS HEAD INN, with extensive yard and Stabling, Gig-house, and Out-buildings. The House consists of bar, Liquor Shop, Back Parlour, Front Kitchen, large Club Room, and Sitting Room, five Bedrooms, several Club and Revenue Offices. This long-established and well-known House has for many years commanded a good in and out-door trade. Stock and Fixtures to be taken at a fair valuation. Apply on the Premises, or to Mr. John Caddice.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/1/1861

“The annual meeting of the Gas Light and Coke Company was held at the BULLS HEAD INN, on Monday last, Mr. Robert Bew, chairman presiding. The attendance was about as numerous as usual, and the business was entirely of a routine character.....”

1861 Census

70, High Street

- [1] *Edward Ward* (39), victualler, born Wentnor, Shropshire;
- [2] *Mary Ward* (36), wife, born Clun, Shropshire;
- [3] *George Ward* (12), son, born Wentnor, Shropshire;
- [4] *Mary A. Speed* (18), servant, born Dudley;
- [5] *Margaret Turner* (16), servant, born France;

Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/6/1861 - Notice

“I, Frederick Stringer, of Church-street, Bilston, do hereby give notice that I will not be answerable for any debt contracted by my wife, Ellen Stringer (late *Ellen Caddick*, of the BULL’S HEAD INN, Bilston), after this date, she having left my house of her own accord.
Dated the 20th day of June, 1861.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:–
Bilston Division, August 31st, 1866.

‘I beg to submit to the Magistrates the attached list of licensed victuallers who have been complained about during the year. Twenty-five have been convicted, and three have paid costs; one had been convicted three times and five twice. This is a large increase on last year’s list; but I think it has arisen from the police being more particular in reporting cases of permitting drunkenness – as it was found to be an evil rather on the increase. I believe it has caused landlords to be more careful in supplying drink to persons intoxicated.’ H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

John Vickers, BULL’S HEAD, High Street, Bilston granted.....”

David Richards was also an inland revenue officer. [1870]

1871 Census

70, High Street – BULLS HEAD

[1] *Benjamin A. Ford* (28), formerly grocer, licensed victualler employing 3 assistants, born Cradley, Herefordshire;

[2] *Alice M. Ford* (20), wife, born Wolverhampton;

[3] *Harry R. Ford* (2 months), son, born Bilston;

[4] *Annie Lemon* (20), bar maid, born Cubley, Derbyshire;

[5] *Thomas Fletcher* (25), man servant, born Sedgley;

[6] *Ellen Dunn* (18), domestic servant, born Sedgley;

[7] *William Hall* (18), domestic servant, born Bloxwich:

[Cradley is about 3 miles W of Great Malvern.]

[Cubley is split into Great Cubley and Little Cubley and is about 5 miles S of Ashbourne.]

Benjamin Samuel Ford was also an inland revenue officer. [1873]

Wednesbury Herald 24/4/1880

“On Thursday evening, at the BULLS HEAD INN, Bilston, Mr. H. Brevitt, Deputy Coroner, resumed an inquest touching the death of Catherine Corley, aged 7 years, daughter of Michael Corley, of Smith Street, Bilston.

The evidence previously given showed that deceased went to bed apparently well at about half past seven o'clock on Friday night, the 2nd inst., after having some bread and butter and tea. She did not at the time complain of illness, but at about half past nine o'clock the same night she was taken ill and vomited, besides being very much purged. No doctor was sent for, and early the following morning she was taken worse, and died shortly afterwards before the medical gentleman arrived.

Messrs. Cameron and Smith, surgeons, who had made a post-mortem examination, being unable to say that the child had died from natural causes, the stomach was ordered to be sent to Mr. Jones, the county analyst, for him to make an analysis of it. The enquiry was adjourned until Thursday.

Mr. Jones now stated that he had made a careful analysis of the stomach which had been forwarded to him, but failed to discover any poisonous substance or any indications that poison had been taken.

Ann Corley, the mother of the child, said the deceased had tea out of the same teapot as the rest of the family, and the bread and butter were the same. About two and a half hours afterwards she was taken sick. The vomit was watery, but there was nothing particular about it. Since the death of deceased another child had been seized in a similar manner, but recovered. The house in which they dwelt had two bedrooms. Eleven persons resided in the house – herself, her husband, and nine children, and on the night when the child was taken ill six of the children, herself and her husband slept in one room. The eldest daughter sleeping in the room was twenty four years of age. One boy was sleeping in the other room, and two other sons were at work. They lived in this house for twelve months, and had slept during that time in the manner mentioned. The rent was 3s 3d per week and was collected by a Mr. Wedge for the landlady, a widow. None of the family was in a sick club.

Inspector Cooke stated that he had made inquiries, but had not been able to obtain any evidence to throw light on death of deceased.

Mr. Cameron, surgeon, re-called, said since the last enquiry he had given the matter further consideration, and he had come to the conclusion that death was due to asphyxia arising from arrest of the circulation of the lungs whilst the deceased was in a state of collapse, and that the collapse had resulted from an attack of so-called British cholera. He had come to this conclusion, having seen another member of the family affected similarly to the deceased.

In answer to the Coroner, witness said he had never known a case of English cholera prove fatal in a day, but a weakly subject might die in that time. He did not see deceased during life. He would not say that death was not due to suppressed scarlet fever, the two diseases being sometimes mistaken for each other.

Mr. S. J. Smith, surgeon, was also recalled, and said that, notwithstanding no poison had been found in the stomach, he was of opinion that death was the result of irritant poison. Death might, however, have been due to the so-called English cholera, but certainly not to suppressed scarlet fever. In the latter case he should have expected convulsions. Over-crowding might have caused blood poisoning, and this would produce sickness and purging. The state of the house was sufficient to produce a good many diseases, including so-called English cholera.

Inspector Cooke who had been sent during the enquiry by the Coroner to measure the rooms, said the room in which the eight persons had slept was 11ft 5in by 13ft and 6ft 10in high, and the other one 14ft 7in long, 7ft 9in wide, and 9ft high. The second room was entered from the first. In the first room were two beds, and in the second a quantity of rags.

The Coroner then summed up at length, and referred to the unsatisfactory character of the medical evidence owing to the two surgeons who had made the post-mortem examination disagreeing as to the cause of death. With regard to the dwelling he should certainly call the attention of the police to its overcrowded state, and request them to take the necessary measures to put down the nuisance.

The jury, after a quarter of an hour's consultation, returned an open verdict that the child died during a state of collapse, but that there was no evidence to show the cause of collapse."

1881 Census

70, High Street – BULLS HEAD

- [1] *John Hurst* (42), licensed victualler, auctioneer, born Maudifield, Cheshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Hurst* (38), wife, born Hanley, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Lizzie M. Hurst* (16), daughter, barmaid, born Stockport;
- [4] *Sarah Hallett* (16), general servant, born Sedgley:

1891 Census

70, High Street – BULLS HEAD

- [1] *Hezekiah Harris* (29), licensed victualler, born Bromsgrove;
- [2] *Frances E. Harris* (28), wife, born Bromsgrove;
- [3] *Francis L. Harris* (1), son, born Bromsgrove;
- [4] *Martha Bath* (16), servant, born Kidderminster:

1901 Census

Market Street

- [1] *Hezekiah Harris* (39), licensed victualler, born Bromsgrove;
- [2] *Frances Ellen Harris* (38), wife, born Bromsgrove;
- [3] *Francis Leonard Harris* (11), son, born Bromsgrove;
- [4] *Oscar Bertie Harris* (8), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Elsie Dora Harris* (6), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Florence Nellie Harris* (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Florence Elizabeth Bence* (20), barmaid, born Bath:

1911 Census

28, High Street

- [1] *Luke Corkindale* (26), manager public house, born Bilston;
- [2] *Laura Corkindale* (28), assistant in the business, born Bilston;
- [3] *Joseph Corkindale* (7), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Mary Corkindale* (6), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Lawrence Corkindale* (5), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *Patience Cox* (17), general servant, born Bilston:

A music license was granted on 6th July 1928.

Closed

It was demolished.

BULLS HEAD

24, John Street / Chell Street, Bradley, (Hall Green), (Daisy Bank), BILSTON

OWNERS

Alice Stokes

Charles Lathe, pawnbroker, Bradley, Bilston
Plant's Brewery Ltd., Netherton and Dudley
Ansells Brewery Ltd.

LICENSEES

Isaac Stokes [1861]
Mrs. Alice Stokes [1868] – **1883**;
John Chadwick (**1883 – 1885**);
Thomas Southall (**1885 – 1887**);
Thomas Hinkinson* (**1887 – 1890**);
Charles Jefferies (**1890**);
Thomas Hinkinson* (**1890 – 1892**);
Arthur Shorthouse (**1892**);
James Hinley [1892] ?
Ezekiel Davies (**1892 – 1895**);
Ann Badger (**1895 – 1896**);
Thomas Davies [1896] ?
Samuel Bright Oliver (**1896 – 1898**);
Ellen Oliver (**1898**);
Edwin McKean (**1898 – 1901**);
Frank Albert Stanford (**1901 – 1929**);
Albert Henry Davis (**1929 – 1930**);
John Garvey (**1930 – 1933**);
Philip Edward Whitehouse (**1933**);
Samuel Paul (**1933 – 1938**);
Edward George Yeoman (**1938 – [1940]**)
Martha Jane Yeoman []

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Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/12/1866 - Notice

“Re *Isaac Stokes*, Deceased.

All persons having any Claims or Demands against the estate of *Isaac Stokes*, late of Hall Green, in the parish of Sedgley, in the county of Stafford, Innkeeper and Ironfounder, deceased, are requested forthwith to send in particulars of such claims and demands to us, at our Offices, situate in High Street, Bilston, in the county of Stafford, in order that the same may be examined, and, if correct, discharged. And all persons indebted to the said Estate are desired to pay the amount of their respective debts to us without delay.

Dated this 8th day of December, 1866.

Mason and Holmes, Solicitors to the Estate.”

* possibly the same person

Evening Express 23/2/1881

“Yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon an inquest was held before W. H. Phillips, Esq, coroner, at the BULLS HEAD INN, Daisy Bank, relative to the death of a child named Sarah Jane Highfield, who died suddenly on Sunday morning. The child was taken to bed apparently in good health on the previous night, but when the mother woke next morning she found the child in convulsions. The husband went for a doctor, but death occurred in a few moments. A verdict of Died from Natural Causes was returned.”

Wednesbury Herald 7/10/1882 - Advert

“Messrs. J. Morrell & Son are favoured with instructions from Mrs. A. Stokes, to offer for Sale By Auction, on Tuesday, October 17th, 1882, upon the premises, at Six for Seven in the Evening.....

All that Valuable Freehold Old-Licensed Corner Inn, called the BULLS HEAD INN, having a frontage of 63ft to John Street, and of 36ft to Chell Street, Hall Green containing large and commodious Tap Room, 14ft by 18ft; well arranged Smoke Room, 14ft by 13ft 6in; Bar Parlour, commodious Kitchen, fitted with two Cupboards; Parlour, 14ft by 15ft; large Brewhouse, 16ft 6in by 14ft 6in, with Malt Room over; Stable, Larder, Coal House, Piggeries, and other Outhouses, well paved and drained Yard, large and commodious Club Room, 33ft 6in by 12ft; four good Sleeping Rooms, and three Capital Cellars.

The Property is well spouted round, supplied with hard and soft water, and is in a capital state of repair.

The Property is very substantially erected, it having been erected regardless of expense.....”

1891 Census

24, John Street

[1] *Thomas Hinkinson* (53), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Mary Hinkinson* (53), wife, born Bilston;

[3] *Jane Valentine* (16), domestic servant, born Walsall:

Thomas Hinkinson died on 8th January 1892.

1901 Census

24, John Street

[1] *Frank Stanford* (29), publican &c, born Princes End;

[2] *Phoebe Stanford* (24), wife, born Moseley [Village?], Staffordshire;

[3] *Frank Albert Stanford* (2), son, born Darlaston:

Frank Albert Stanford was fined £2 and costs, on 5th May 1916, for selling beer exceeding measure called for.

Bradley Scottish Jazz Band was founded here in 1930.

A team from here were champions of the Bradley Crib League, Section A in 1946.

A team from here took part in the Bradley Darts League, First Division. [1946]

It closed in 1959.

Demolished

BULLS HEAD

153, (67), (55), Millfields Road, (Parkfield Road), (Mill Street), (Union Street), (Ettingshall Lane), (Catchems Corner), Ettingshall, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Pratt, gentleman, Crown Street (acquired 14th August 1883)
Henry Clarke, licensed victualler, Boat Inn, Ettingshall
William Butler & Co Ltd.
Courage Ltd. [1978]
Heritage Inns, Derby [2004]

LICENSEES

Thomas Carter [1828] – [1830]
Thomas Underhill [1833] – [1835]
William Morgan [1841] – [1851]
Joseph Tipper [1854] – [1865]
Samuel Burrows [1868] – [1870]
John Preston [1871] – **1879**;
Mrs. Mary Ann Preston **(1879 – 1880)**;
John Robinson **(1880 – 1885)**;
Thomas Hampton **(1885 – 1887)**;
Richard Bates **(1887 – 1898)**;
Mrs. Lucy Bates **(1898 – 1919)**;
Arthur Wakelam **(1919 – 1927)**;
Thomas Lester **(1927 – [1940])**
Tony Stelling [1985]
B Stelling [1988] – [1989]
Keith Davies []
Kevin Southall [1995]
Robert Michael Cooper [2004]



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Catchems Corner [1828], [1830], [1841], [1850], [1851], [1854], [1865]
Ettingshall Lane [1833], [1851], [1861]
Parkfield Road [1873]
Mill Street [1871], [1874], [1881]
Union Street [1891]
55, Millfields Road [1901]
67, Millfields Road [1931]
153, Millfields Road [1982]

OLD BULLS HEAD [1851]



Black Country Bugle

'Recognise Your Black Country Ale House'

"Situated at the end of the notorious Hell Lane, it is right in the heart of the heavy engineering belt, between Bilston and Wolverhampton. Years ago it was used as a gathering place for thirsty ironworkers and colliers, who eagerly sought liquid refreshment and an escape after the sweat and toil of a long shift Today it is still a happy meeting place for local workers....."

Black Country Bugle (April 1994)

'Some Warlocks, Witches and Wizards of Old Hell Lane' by Ian Bott

".....and the BULLS HEAD where Trilly Riley got up bull baits and badger hunts....."

1841 Census

Ettingshall Lane

- [1] *William Morgan* (25), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Sarah Morgan* (25), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Ellen Horton* (4), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Sarah Perry* (65), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Harriet Lees* (15), fs, born Staffordshire;
- [6] *John Heath* (60), ms:

William Morgan was also a maltster. [1845], [1849], [1850], [1851]

1851 Census

Ettingshall Lane

- [1] *William Morgan* (38), innkeeper, born Willenhall;
- [2] *Sarah Morgan* (38), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] *John Perry* (36), lodger, malster, born Willenhall;
- [4] *Mary O'Connor* (22), general servant, born Ireland:

1861 Census

Ettingshall Lane

- [1] *Joseph Tipper* (57), victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Jemmima Tipper* (52), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Joseph W. H. Tipper* (12), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Sarah Parkes* (22), servant, born Sedgley:

1871 Census

Mill Street

- [1] *John Preston* (49), publican, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Mary Preston* (49), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Joseph Preston* (15), son, coal miner, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Mary Preston* (13), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Sarah A. Preston* (12), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Richard Preston* (10), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *Samuel Preston* (7), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] *James Tranter* (18), boarder, coal miner, born Sedgley:

John Preston was married to *Mary Ann*.

He died on 14th April 1879.

1881 Census

Mill Street – BULLS HEAD

- [1] *John Robinson* (26), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Rhoda Robinson* (18), sister, unmarried, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Patsey McAnealy* (31), boarder, roller in iron works, born Wolverhampton:

Richard Bates = Richard Bate

Smethwick Telephone 18/4/1891

“Knights of Labour on Saturday evening the 4th inst. a farewell meeting was held at the BULLS HEAD INN, Ettingshall, by the members of LA 1001 upon the occasion of their removal to other premises.”

1891 Census

Union Street – BULLS HEAD

- [1] *Richard Bates* (37), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Lucy Bates* (38), wife, born Bedford;
- [3] *George Bates* (13), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Richard Bates* (11), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Isabella Bates* (9), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *William Hicks* (9), son in law, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *William Bates* (7), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] *Harry Bates* (4), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [9] *Richard Bates* (77), grandfather, lives on his own means, born Lilleshall, Shropshire:

Richard Bates died on 29th January 1898.

1901 Census

55, Millfields Road

- [1] *Lucy Bates* (46), widow, licensed victualler, born Bedford;
- [2] *Richard Bates* (21), stepson, barman, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *William E. Hicks* (19), son, railway clerk, born Newstead, Nottinghamshire;
- [4] *Isabella Bates* (19), stepdaughter, barmaid, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *William Bates* (17), stepson, brass filer, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Harry Bates* (14), stepson, office boy, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *Florence E. Bates* (24), daughter in law, milliner, born Blymill, Staffordshire;
- [8] *Mary A. Ward* (6), granddaughter, born Willenhall;
- [9] *Elizabeth Sutton* (20), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

1911 Census

Ettingshall – BULLS HEAD

- [1] Mrs. *Lucy Bates* (57), widow, licensed victualler, born Bedford;
- [2] *Harry Bates* (24), son, pattern maker, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Elizabeth Sutton* (30), barmaid, born Sedgley:

South Staffordshire Times 3/1/1920

“Application was made for permission to effect alterations to the BULLS HEAD, Ettingshall Lane (Messrs. W. Butler and Co.). Mr. C. N. Wright, who made the application, said it would have the effect of making the house more convenient. It was not an enlargement, but a re-arrangement.

Superintendent Tucker said he had viewed the premises and thought it would be a desirable reconstruction from the point of view of police supervision.

The Bench approved the plan.”

Thomas Lester was fined £10 and special costs of £4 4s 9d on 27th October 1933, for permitting the bar of his licensed premises to be used for the purpose of betting.

5th March 1934 – Order by King’s Bench Division to send conviction to be quashed on account of irregularities in proceedings.

It was the headquarters of the Ettingshall (Pigeon) Flying Club. [1968]

Plans for alterations were approved on 4th July 1978.

It had its own netball team, which played in the Wolverhampton and District League. [1988]

Keith Davies was married to *Joyce*.
See also WILLIAM BUTLER.

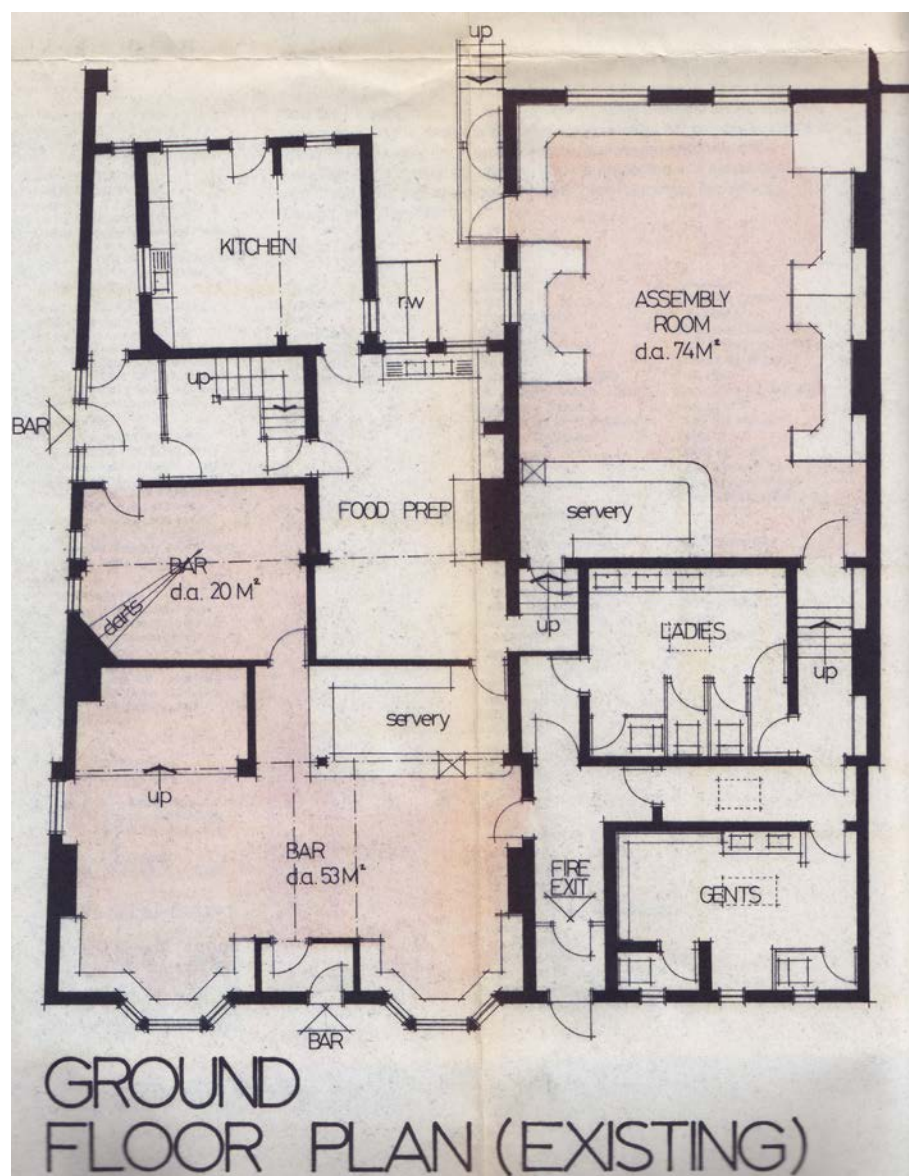
[2003]

Closed [2006]

It was gutted in an arson attack in September 2006.

It was sold at auction for £151,000 on 5th March 2007.

It was demolished in 2013.



Plan 1978

BULLS HEAD

Wolverhampton Road, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard Palmer [1891]

NOTES

1891 Census

Wolverhampton Road – BULLS HEAD INN

- [1] *Richard Palmer* (41), hotel manager, born Willenhall;
- [2] *Ann Maria Palmer* (41), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] *Richard W. Palmer* (14), son, carpenter, born Willenhall;
- [4] *Arthur John Palmer* (11), son, scholar, born Willenhall;
- [5] *Roland Palmer* (9), son, scholar, born Willenhall;
- [6] *Frederick H. Palmer* (7), son, scholar, born Willenhall;
- [7] *Herbert Palmer* (4), son, born Willenhall;
- [8] *Caroline M. Palmer* (2), daughter, born Bilston:

Check NEW BULLS HEAD.

BUSH

High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Hopkins [1818] – [1835]

NOTES

HOLLY BUSH [1818]
BUSH [1822], [1834]

It had a beerhouse license.

John Hopkins, retailer of beer, High Street. [1835]

BUSH

Lichfield Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Cooper [1818]

CAFÉ METRO

BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

The function room at the rear is used for beer festivals.



2013

CALIFORNIA

36, Hatton Street, (12, John Street), Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

James Fellows, blankmaker, Pool Street, Wolverhampton
Charles Showell, brewer, Birmingham
The Brewers' Investment Cooperative Ltd.
Walter Showell and Sons, Walsall
Richard Sidney Wilson, maltster, Ackleton
John Downing, Black Horse Brewery, Dudley
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

George Cooper [1861] – **1887**);
Salter Durnall (**1887 – 1895**);
Samuel Clark (**1895**);
Alfred Haynes (**1895 – 1896**);
Charles Henry Parsons (**1896 – 1897**);
George Robinson (**1897 – 1898**);
Walter Francis (**1898**);
Joseph Challenger (**1898 – 1911**);
Lydia Challenger (**1911 – 1912**);
John Morgan (**1912 – 1913**);
William Charles Palmer (**1913 – 1915**);
Daniel Corbett (**1915 – 1922**);
Alfred Henry Hale (**1922 – [1940]**)

NOTES

12, John Street [1861], [1881], [1891]
36, Hatton Street [1911]

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

12, John Street
[1] George Cooper (39), publican, born Stourbridge;
[2] Rachel Cooper (38), wife, born Dudley;
[3] Eliza Cooke (19), niece, servant, born Birmingham;
[4] Simon Bledhill (80), father in law, born Aston:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 4/9/1861

“Applications For New Licenses.....

George Cooper, landlord of a house in Shropshire-row, Bilston, applied that it might be licensed. He was supported by Mr. Waterhouse. Adjourned for the inspection of the house by the Magistrates.....”

George Cooper, beer retailer, John Street, Bradley. [1865]

1871 Census

John Street

- [1] George Cooper (49), retail brewer, born Stourbridge;
- [2] Rachel Cooper (47), wife, born Dudley Port;
- [3] Eliza Cook (29), niece, barmaid, born Birmingham:

1881 Census

No. 12, John Street

- [1] George Cooper (59), publican, born Stourbridge;
- [2] Rachel Cooper (58), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] Eliza Cook (39), niece, barmaid, born Birmingham;
- [4] Martha Crutchinton (21), general servant, born Sedgley:

Evening Express 12/12/1881

“The annual general meeting of the Bradley Tin-plate Works Sick and Burial Society was held on Saturday last, at the CALIFORNIA INN, Bradley. The statement of accounts showed: Income £101 17s 5d; expenditure £26 0s 7d; leaving a balance of £75 16s 10d to be divided among the members, equal to £1 9s 9d each. The President (Mr. A. Harper) congratulated the members on the healthy state of the society, and said he trusted the object of the society would commend itself to all their fellow workmen. Votes of thanks and confidence were given to the secretary, Mr. Levi Turley, the treasurer, Mr. John Guttridge, and the other officers of the club, who were all unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year.”

1891 Census

12, John Street – CALIFORNIA INN

- [1] Salter Durnall (46), innkeeper, born Walsall;
- [2] Martha Durnall (44), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] Oliver Durnall (22), son, shingler, born Bilston;
- [4] Emily Durnall (20), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] Salter Durnall (18), son, shingler, born Bilston;
- [6] Bernard J Durnall (16), son, shingler, born Bilston;
- [7] Arthur L. Durnall (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;

Alfred Harper was convicted on 24th March 1896 on two cases of permitting gaming on licensed premises.

Tokens were issued by J. Challinger. (sic)

1901 Census

Hatton Street – CALIFORNIA INN

- [1] Joseph Challenger (51), publican, born Coseley;
- [2] Lydia Challenger (54), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] James Challenger (27), son, roller of sheets in iron works, born Tipton;
- [4] Joseph Challenger (23), son, labourer in iron works, born Tipton;
- [5] Hannah Challenger (19), daughter, domestic servant, born Bradley, Bilston;
- [6] George Challenger (14), son, school, born Bradley, Bilston:

1911 Census

36, Hatton Street

- [1] Lydia Challenger (64), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;
- [2] James Challenger (37), son, born Toll End;
- [3] Hannah Challenger (29), daughter, iron worker, forge mills, born Bradley;
- [4] Maria Moss (14), visitor, born Darlaston:

Auction Catalogue (Alfred W. Dando & Co. Ltd.) 2nd June 1915

“.....Under Management. The exceedingly well-known and long established Public House situate close to several extensive works, in a thickly populated district and commanding a large trade, the accommodation comprising Entrance Passage, Tap Room front 22' x 11', Bar 10' x 10', Club Room 22' x 11', Private Sitting Room, outer Living Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Wash-house and Cellars together with Two-floor Brewery, large paved Yard and the usual Outbuildings.....”

Daniel Corbett was fined £1 and costs, on 3rd May 1916, for selling beer exceeding the measure called for.

Alfred Hale = Alfred Hales

A team from here took part in the Bradley Darts League, Second Division. [1946]

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

6, (5), Mount Pleasant, BILSTON

OWNERS

Martha Lee

LICENSEES

Edward Griffiths [1861]

Martha Lee [1871] – **1886**):

NOTES

5, Mount Pleasant [1861]

6, Mount Pleasant [1881]

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

5, Mount Pleasant – CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

[1] *Edward Griffiths* (21), beer retailer, born Bilston;

[2] *Sarah Griffiths* (22), wife, born Bilston:

1871 Census

Mount Pleasant

[1] *Martha Lee* (28), widow, licensed victualler, born Harley [Highley], Shropshire:

1881 Census

6, Mount Pleasant – beer shop CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

[1] *Martha Lee* (40), widow, publican, born Highley, Shropshire;

[2] *Catherine Franks* (17), domestic servant, born Wolverhampton:

The license was taken away in 1886. – No application for transfer (not required).

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Jenks [1818] – [1822]
Hartshorne [1828] – [1830]
Richard Nicholls [1851]

NOTES

James Jenks was also a shopkeeper. [1818]

CASTLE

76, (77), Church Street / Wood Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

The Misses Briscoe, ladies, Kingswinford
Silas Caddick, butcher, Wednesfield
Joseph Whitehouse and Co. Ltd., Talbot Brewery, Smethwick
Showells Brewery Ltd.
Ind Coope and Allsopp (leased)
Ansells Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Chamberlain [1818]
Samuel Spencer [1822] – [1845]
Mrs. Sophia Spencer [1849] – [1858]
Edward Satterthwaite [1860] – [1861]
John Slater Lloyd [1864] – [1866]
John Handley [1871]
William Smith [1868] – **1875**);
Daniel John Lovatt (**1875 – 1876**);
William Brereton (**1876 – 1884**);
John Fowler (**1884 – 1895**);
Charles Atkins (**1895 – 1897**);
Charles Henry Wilson (**1897 – 1899**);
John Henry Walters (**1899 – 1900**);
William Alexander Penness (?) (**1900**);
John Goulcher (**1900 – 1901**);
Elizabeth Jones (**1901 – 1902**);
Frederick Russell Haley (**1902 – 1903**);
John Lester (**1903 – 1904**);
Albert George Jevons (**1904**);
Thomas Kelly (**1904 – 1905**);
Thomas George Cartwright (**1905 – 1907**);
George Birkenhead (**1907 – 1908**);
Jesse Harper (**1908 – 1909**);
Charles David Beynon (**1909 – 1910**);
George Frank Kirk Wheatley (**1910 – 1911**);
Thomas Roberts (**1911**);
Thomas Tranter (**1911 – 1913**);
William Vaughan (**1913 – 1914**);
Francis Sheldon (**1914 – 1915**);
Thomas Roberts (**1915 – 1922**);
Leonard Woodhall (**1922 – 1923**);
Sydney Victor Harold Ward (**1923 – [1940]**)
A W Myatt [1976]

NOTES

77, Church Street [1861], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1871], [1872], [1874], [1881], [1884], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1904]

76, Church Street [1901], [1911], [1912], [1916], [1940]

Samuel Spencer was also a house furnisher. [1834]

1841 Census

Church Street (South side of)

[1] *Samuel Spencer* (50), innkeeper, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Sophia Spencer* (45), born Staffordshire;

[3] Jane Lane (20), fs, born Staffordshire;

[4] Harriet Mason (15), fs, born Staffordshire;

[5] Edward Ellis (20), ms:

1851 Census

Church Street

[1] *Sophia Spencer* (55), widow, licensed victualler, born Bilston;

[2] George Spencer (19), son, born Bilston;

[3] Sarah Spencer (16), daughter, born Bilston;

[4] Peter Hughes (26), servant, brewer, born Oswestry, Shropshire;

[5] Martha Walters (24), housemaid, born Bilston;

[6] Mary Taylor (16), housemaid, born Bilston:

1861 Census

77, Church Street

[1] *Edward Satterthwaite* (38), licensed victualler, born Kenilworth;

[2] Hannah Satterthwaite (23), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] William Satterthwaite (2), son, born Bilston;

[4] Margaret Morris (21), general servant, born Birmingham;

[5] Catherine Darkin (19), nurse maid, born Bilston:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:–

Bilston Division, August 31st, 1866.

‘I beg to submit to the Magistrates the attached list of licensed victuallers who have been complained about during the year. Twenty-five have been convicted, and three have paid costs; one had been convicted three times and five twice. This is a large increase on last year’s list; but I think it has arisen from the police being more particular in reporting cases of permitting drunkenness – as it was found to be an evil rather on the increase. I believe it has caused landlords to be more careful in supplying drink to persons intoxicated.’

H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

John S. Lloyd, CASTLE, Church Street, Bilston left over until the adjourned licensing meeting on the 28th of September.....”

1871 Census

77, Church Street

- [1] *John Handley* (35), publican, born Nounhill (?), Derbyshire;
- [2] *Hannah Handley* (33), wife, born Northenden, Cheshire;
- [3] *Joseph William Handley* (9), son, scholar, born Manchester;
- [4] *Sarah Ellen Handley* (7), daughter, scholar, born Manchester;
- [5] *Elizabeth Ann Handley* (1), daughter, born Cradley Heath;
- [6] *Philis Purcal* (16), general servant, born Bilston:

William Brereton = *William Breton*

Dudley Herald 26/8/1876

“Death of *Daniel John Lovatt*, late landlord of the CASTLE INN, Church Street, Bilston, which occurred on 15th inst. *Joseph Eldershaw*, the man who stands charged with having inflicted the injury which resulted in the deceased’s death verdict of manslaughter.”

1881 Census

77, Church Street – CASTLE INN

- [1] *William Brereton* (42), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Alice Brereton* (44), wife, born Liverpool;
- [3] *William G. Brereton* (16), son, railway booking clerk, born Poplar, Middlesex;
- [4] *Albert E. Brereton* (15), son, assistant in iron sheet mills, born Bow, Middlesex;
- [5] *Henry J. Brereton* (13), son, scholar, born Poplar, Middlesex;
- [6] *Arthur J. Brereton* (11), son, scholar, born Poplar, Middlesex;
- [7] *Alice C. E. Brereton* (8), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Minnie A. C. Brereton* (4), daughter, born Bilston:

1891 Census

77, Church Street

- [1] *John Fowler* (56), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Phoebe Fowler* (23), wife, born York;
- [3] *Ann Fowler* (1), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Elizabeth Fowler* (2 months), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Frances Andrew* (59), boarder, pianist, born Blackwell, London;
- [6] *Harriet Glover* (22), general servant, born Coseley:

1901 Census

76, Church Street – CASTLE INN

- [1] *John Goulcher* (22), public house manager, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Edith F. Goulcher* (21), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *William F. Goulcher* (1), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Florence E. Bennett* (18), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

1911 Census

76, Church Street – CASTLE INN

- [1] *Thomas Roberts* (33), manager hotel, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Lily Selina Roberts* (30), wife, married 7 years, assisting in business, born Dudley;
- [3] *Edwin Thomas Roberts* (2), son, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Beatrice Thombs* (23), sister in law, domestic servant, born Dudley:

South Staffordshire Times 7/2/1920

“Bilston Licensing Sessions....

During the past year plans had been passed for the reconstruction or alteration of the undermentioned houses; LIMERICK INN, Gornal Wood; BUSH INN, Gornal Wood; 10, Cinder Road, Gornal Wood; and the WOOD CROSS INN, Cinderhill; THREE CUPS INN, Lanesfield; CASTLE INN, Bilston; BULLS HEAD INN, Ettingshall. The reconstruction or alterations in the case of the LIMERICK INN, BUSH INN, 10, Cinder Road, and WOOD CROSS INN, were in hand, but in the case of the other houses had not commenced In the case of the reconstruction of the THREE CUPS and CASTLE INN the contracts had been made in each for reconstruction.”

[1966]

It closed circa 1975.

It became a shop.



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CHURCH

Millfields Road (Bell Lane) / Little Church Street, (Union Street), BILSTON

OWNERS

William Jeffers, grocer, Ward Street, Ettingshall
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Walter Giles [1873] – **1877**);
Samuel Potts (**1877 – 1879**);
John Whittle Snr. (**1879 – 1890**);
John Whittle Jnr. (**1890**);
Thomas Robinson (**1890 – 1892**);
Edward Evans (**1892 – 1919**);
Susan Evans (**1919 – 1924**);
David Scotto (**1924 – 1932**);
George Scotto (**1932 – 1934**);

NOTES

Union Street [1881], [1911]
Millfields Road [1912]

It had a beerhouse license.

Midland Counties Evening Express 12/2/1875

“*Walter Giles*, landlord of the CHURCH beerhouse, was summoned for permitting drunkenness in his house case dismissed.”

1881 Census

Union Street – The CHURCH INN

- [1] *John Whittle* (44), publican, born Princes End;
- [2] *Ann Whittle* (44), wife, born Shifnal;
- [3] *John Whittle* (23), son, puddler, born Princes End;
- [4] *Isaac Whittle* (20), son, underhand roller, born Princes End;
- [5] *Annie Jackson* (8), niece, scholar, born Wednesbury;

Evening Star 9/6/1882

“*John Whittle*, landlord of the CHURCH INN, Bell Lane, Bilston, was charged with keeping his house open during prohibited hours. At 11.20 on the evening of Sunday, the 28th ult, Police-sergeant O’Brien saw three men coming from the house named, and one had a can with some ale in. He went to the house and found fresh froth in the measure.

The defence was that the ale had been paid for before the hour for closing, but was drawn after closing time, by the landlord’s son. The landlord was at the time in bed.

As this was the defendant’s first offence, he was only fined 5s and costs.”

1891 Census

Union Street – The CHURCH INN

- [1] *Thomas Robinson* (30), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Robinson* (33), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Thomas Robinson* (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Kate Robinson* (7), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Elizabeth Robinson* (5), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *John Robinson* (3), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Sarah Hill* (13), domestic servant, born Bilston:

1901 Census

Millfields Road

- [1] *Edward Evans* (42), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Susan Evans* (42), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Florence Evans* (17), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Dora Evans* (9), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Henry Pinson* (21), barman, born Bloxwich;
- [6] *Mary Sullivan* (17), general servant, born Bilston:

1911 Census

2, Millfields Road – CHURCH INN

- [1] *Edward Evans* (49), publican and brewer, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Susannah Evans* (50), wife, married 30 years, publican, born Gornal;
- [3] *G. Henry Pinson* (33), boarder, brewer of beer, born Bloxwich;
- [4] *Happy Hapson* (16), domestic general servant, born Gornal:

Edward Evans, beer retailer, Millfields Road. [1904], [1912]

Edward Evans (b.1857) was married to *Susan* (*Susannah*) *Evans*.
He died in 1919 after slipping in the malt room.

License refused by Compensation Authority on 3rd February 1934.
Compensation of £2,250 was paid on 23rd June 1934.

Closed

Demolished

The site was occupied by *Hazeldine Coaches* [1986]

CLUB HOUSE

Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Henry Holloway [1873]

NOTES

The license was abandoned.

COACH AND HORSES

Coseley Row, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Preston [1828]

COCK

13, Church Street / Lichfield Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Ann Law, widow, 2, Osborne Terrace, Wolverhampton

LICENSEES

William Tomkys [1818] – [1830]
John Poole [1833]
Miss Maria Tomkys [1834] – [1850]
John Ricketts [1858]
John Law Tomkys [1864] – [1865]
Thomas Jackson [1866]
James Jackson [] – **1866**;
Thomas Smart **(1866)**;
Thomas Garrett **(1866 – []**
James Settle [1873]

NOTES

Lichfield Street [1833], [1834], [1835], [1841]
Church Street [1864]

Miss Maria Tomkys, beer retailer, Church Street. [1849], [1850]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/2/1861 - Advert

“COCK INN, Swan Bank, Bilston.

Tomorrow, Thursday, February 28, 1861. Mr. John Cassere will Sell by Auction, upon the premises as above, the whole of the Public House Fixtures, Brewing Plant, &c., including Screens, Drinking Tables, Counter, three-pull Beer machine, Ale Casks, Mash Tub, Coolers, Vats, 100-gallon Copper Furnace, the Licenses, Goodwill, and Possession, together with the whole of the Gas Fittings and Piping throughout the premises, and various other Effects, which will be sold without reserve.

Sale to commence punctually at eleven o'clock.

John Cassere, Auctioneer and General Valuer, 51, Snowhill, Wolverhampton.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21/3/1866 - Advert

“Bilston. To Publicans, Brokers, and Others.

Mr. Edwards will Sell by Auction, on Friday next, March 23rd, 1866, upon the premises, the COCK INN WINE AND SPIRIT VAULTS, No.13, Church Street, Bilston aforesaid, by the direction of Mr. *Thomas Jackson* (who is giving up the business and changing his residence), part of the Household Furniture and Effects, comprising French and tent bedsteads, feather beds, washstands, dressing tables, swing glasses, mahogany, oak, and painted chests of drawers, chairs, bedsteps, mahogany stands and other tables, 24 Oil Paintings, in gilt frames; glass case and stuffed birds, handsome mahogany pillar sideboard, chiffoniere, two office desks, eight-day clock, in mahogany case, fenders, fireirons, and kitchen utensils, &c. Also the capital Casks, Tubs, Hops, &c., consisting of 370, 240, and 200-gallon casks, five iron-bound hogsheads, eight half-hogsheads, four sixty-gallon ditto, 14 quarter barrels and small casks, round six and seven-bushel mash tubs, sixteen round brewing tubs and buckets, a pocket of choice Worcestershire hops (1865), tump of prime Sussex ditto, and other effects.

Sale to commence in the morning at eleven o'clock.

Catalogues may be had at the place of sale or the Auctioneer, Stourbridge.”

London Gazette 14/9/1866

“John Ricketts, of the VICTORIA INN Public House, in Lower Rushall-street, Walsall, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler and Dealer in Tobacco, previously thereto of Park Brook, in the Wolverhampton-road, Walsall aforesaid, and carrying on business there as a Beerhouse Keeper and Dealer in Tobacco, and previously thereto, of the COCK INN Public House, at Swan Bank, Bilston, in the county of Stafford, and carrying on business there as a Licensed Victualler and Dealer in Tobacco, adjudicated bankrupt on the 6th day of May, 1863. A Dividend Meeting will be held on the 25th day of September instant, at twelve o’clock at noon precisely.”

License renewal refused at Annual Licensing Meeting, 22nd August 1892, since the license had not been taken out for 18 years.

COCK

44, (62), (30), Willenhall Road, (30, Cold Lanes), (Coal Lane), Mount Pleasant, BILSTON

OWNERS

George Marson, gentleman, licensed victualler, Sweetman Street, Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton
Louisa Georgiana Marson, Sweetman Street, Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton
Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1979]
Enterprise Inns Ltd. [1991]

LICENSEES

Stephen Hill [1818] – [1822]
John Hughes [1834] – [1842]
Edward Mattocks* [1845] – [1854]
E Maddox* [1858]
J M Parsons [1861]
John Whittaker [1861]
John Philip Lewis [1864] – [1870]
Alfred Satterthwaite [1872]
George Marson [1873] – **1879**;
Samuel Vaughan (**1879 – 1883**);
Mary Marson (**1883 – 1885**);
George Harvey (**1885 – 1892**);
John Silvester (**1892 – 1898**);
Samuel Joseph Salt (**1898 – 1901**);
Thomas Lloyd (**1901 – 1904**);
William Harper (**1904 – 1905**);
Albert Edward Ashton (**1905 – 1906**);
George Davies (**1906 – 1938**);
Augustus Hutchinson Davies (**1938 – [1940]**)
F J Mills [1983]
L Chand [1988]
G Chopra [1989]
Baldev Singh [1995]
Amrik Singh Sanghera [2005]



1999

NOTES

Cold Lanes [1818], [1861], [1881]
Coal Lane [1822], [1858]
Cold Lane [1835]
Cold Lane, Mount Pleasant [1849], [1850]
30, Cold Lanes [1861]
30, Willenhall Road [1891]
62, Willenhall Road [1912]
44, Willenhall Road [1990]

It was locally listed.

Edward Mattocks = Edward Maddox

* possibly the same person

1861 Census

30, Cold Lanes – COCK INN

- [1] *John Whittaker* (31), victualler, born Mobbley, Cheshire;
 - [2] *Julia Whittaker* (32), wife, born Cheshire;
 - [3] *Mary Jane Whittaker* (9), daughter, born Mobbley, Cheshire;
 - [4] *Joseph Whittaker* (6), son, born Mobbley, Cheshire;
 - [5] *Sarah Ann Whittaker* (3), daughter, born Peover, Cheshire;
- [Mobbley is probably Mobberley.]

George Marson was also a coal dealer. [1873]

George Marson = George Marston

1881 Census

COCK INN – Cold Lanes

- [1] *Samuel Vaughan* (41), publican, born Wem, Shropshire;
- [2] *Sarah Vaughan* (37), wife, born Wem, Shropshire;
- [3] *Margaret Vaughan* (15), daughter, scholar, born Wem, Shropshire;
- [4] *Sarah A. Vaughan* (14), daughter, scholar, born Wem, Shropshire;
- [5] *John Vaughan* (10), son, scholar, born Wem, Shropshire;
- [6] *Mary Vaughan* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wem, Shropshire;
- [7] *Edward Vaughan* (8), son, scholar, born Wem, Shropshire;
- [8] *Andrew Vaughan* (6), son, scholar, born Wem, Shropshire;

1891 Census

30, Willenhall Road – COCK INN

- [1] *George E. Harvey* (50), general labourer and publican, born Newport, Shropshire;
- [2] *Mary Ann Harvey* (49), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Florence Harvey* (10), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Edna H. Harvey* (8), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Minnie E. Harvey* (5), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;

George Davies was fined £5 and costs, on 3rd April 1908, for permitting drunkenness.

Demolished

It was rebuilt in the 1930s.

Augustus H. Davies was the son of *George Davies*.

A team from here took part in the Butlers (Bilston) Darts League. [1946]

It was a rock venue in the 1970s.

Plans were approved for alterations on 22nd March 1979.

[1986]

It was renamed the HUSTLER. [1999], [2005]

It closed in 2006.

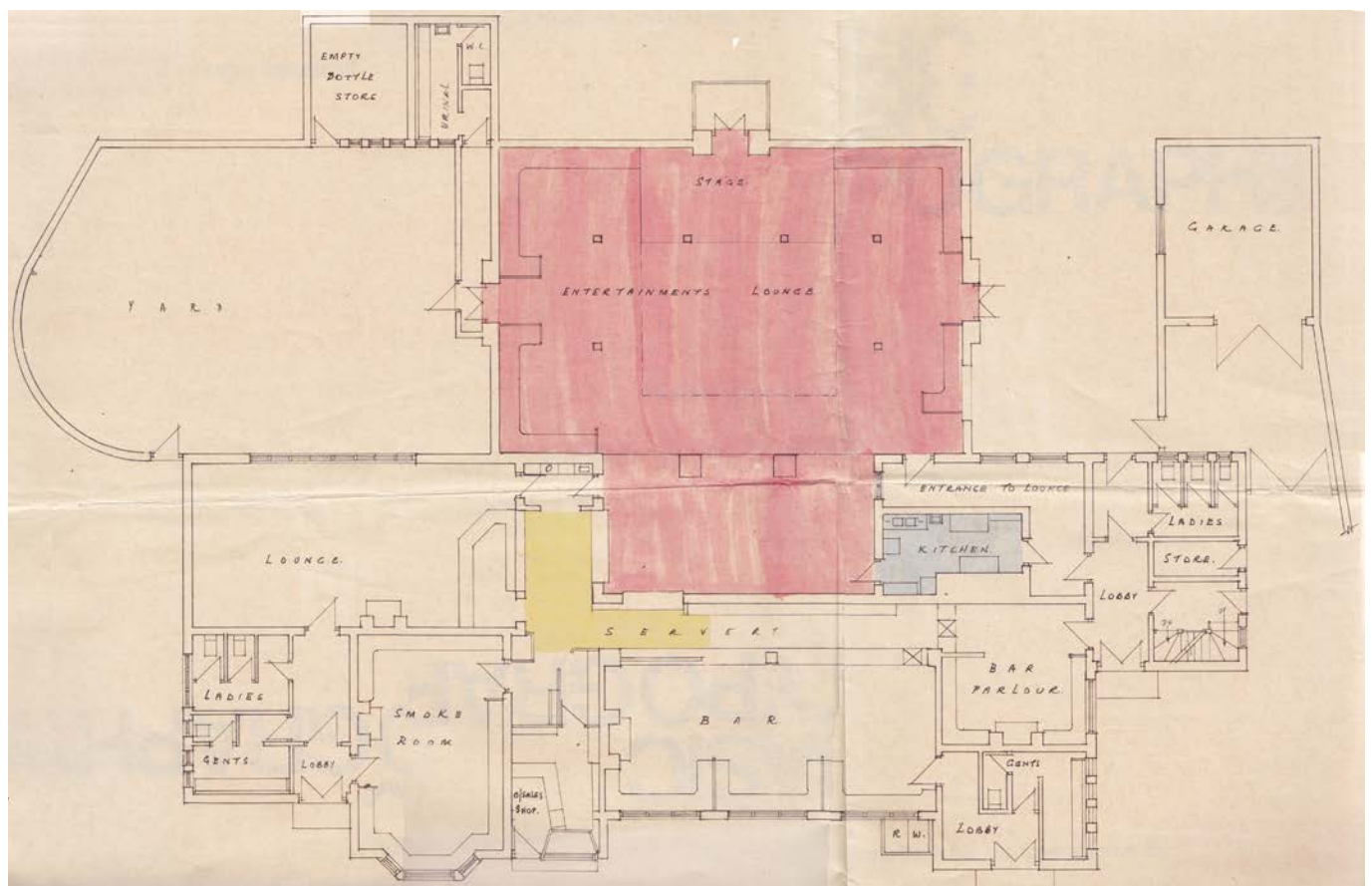
It was damaged in an arson attack in 2006.

In 2007 a planning application for demolition of the pub and erection of flats was withdrawn.

In 2012 planning permission was granted for demolition of the pub and construction of a convenience store.

It was demolished in 2013.

A supermarket was built on the site.



Plan 1979



2007

COMMERCIAL

Highfields Road, ((56), (61), Ash Street), Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

J. and J. Yardley and Co. Ltd.
Old Wolverhampton Breweries Ltd.
Frank Myatt Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Skidmore [1868] – [1881]
Daniel Rowley [1892]
Albert Coates [1896]
John Skidmore [1900]
Mrs. Caroline Penson [1901] – **1903**);
William Henry Williams (**1903 – 1906**);
Charles Smith (**1906 – 1909**);
Arthur Fullard (**1909**);
Richard Albert Yardley (**1909 – 1912**);
Joseph Edward Turton (**1912 – 1916**);
George Wilfred Haywood Dallow (**1916**);
Alfred Jeavons (**1916 – 1921**);
George Henry Percival (**1921 – 1924**);
Harry Frederick Reynolds (**1924 – 1925**);
Ernest Job Nicholls (**1925**);
Reuben Job Walker (**1925 – 1929**);
Thomas Ryman (**1929 – 1930**);
James Wilkinson (**1930 – 1931**);
Harold Bullock (**1931 – 1932**);

NOTES

Ash Street [1881]
56, Ash Street [1901]
Highfields Road

1871 Census

61, Ash Street

- [1] *John Skidmore* (48), victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Ann Skidmore* (39), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *William G. Skidmore* (20), son, roll turner, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Mary Ann Skidmore* (18), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Rachel E. Skidmore* (17), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Stephen Skidmore* (14), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Jeremiah Skidmore* (11), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [8] *Elizabeth Skidmore* (13), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [9] *John Skidmore* (10), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [10] *David Skidmore* (7), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [11] *Joseph Skidmore* (4), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [12] *Benjamin Skidmore* (3), son, born Sedgley;
- [13] *Ann Round* (23), domestic servant, born Sedgley;
- [14] *Ann Hale* (20), domestic servant, born Sedgley;

1881 Census

Ash Street

- [1] *John Skidmore* (58), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary A. Skidmore* (49), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Thomas Skidmore* (26), son, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Stephen Skidmore* (24), son, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Elizabeth Skidmore* (23), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Jeremiah Skidmore* (21), son, born Sedgley;
- [7] *John Skidmore* (20), son, born Sedgley;
- [8] *David Skidmore* (18), son, born Sedgley;
- [9] *David Skidmore* (78), uncle, gentleman, born Tipton;
- [10] *Elizabeth Barnfield* (22), general domestic servant, born Scotland:

1901 Census

56, Ash Street

- [1] *Caroline Penson* (49), widow, licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Percy Richard Penson* (16), son, draper's assistant, born Bilston;
- [3] *Annie Evans* (22), domestic servant, born Deepfields;
- [4] *Mary Elizabeth Roper* (14), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Tipton Herald 28/11/1903

"On Tuesday night Mr. Henry Norman MP was made an honorary member of Court Merry Woodman, of the Ancient Order of Foresters, which assembles at the COMMERCIAL HOTEL, Bradley....."

Caroline Penson died on 27th December 1903.

Wednesbury Leader 28/1/1906

"The 141st half yearly meeting of the Wolverhampton and Tipton District of the Ancient Order of Foresters took place at the COMMERCIAL INN, Bradley, on Saturday. There were thirty-four delegates present, DCR Farley being in the chair, supported by DSCR Thomas Kempson, J. Barker, (District Secretary)....."

1911 Census

Bradley – COMMERCIAL HOTEL

- [1] *Richard Alfred Yardley* (43), licensed victualler, born Chalton, Shropshire;
- [2] *Emma Yardley* (37), wife, married 9 years, assisting in business, born Alveley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Alfred Cecil Yardley* (4), son, born Claverley, Shropshire;
- [4] *Selina Millership* (27), visitor, domestic servant, born Worfield, Shropshire;
- [5] *Thomas Baylis* (21), boarder, grocer's shop assistant, born Tamworth;
- [6] *Mary Baylis* (22), boarder, born Walsall:

Bilston & Willenhall Times 29/11/1924

"A case which has created much interest came before Messrs. J. A. Jordan (who presided), C. W. Harris, S. Davies and M. Wilks, at the Bilston Police Court yesterday (Friday), when *Henry Frederick Reynolds*, licensee of the COMMERCIAL INN, Bradley, and his wife *Maria Reynolds*, were summoned for alleged offences against the licensing laws.

Mr. Arthur Ward (instructed by Mr. A. C. Skidmore, Wolverhampton) appeared for the defence.

The summonses were for selling beer and supplying the same during prohibited hours.

PC Dunn (Bradley) stated that at 11.20pm on the night of the 9th inst. he was in Arthur St., which leads to the back of the premises of the COMMERCIAL INN. One of the double doors was partly open, and he saw a child open it a little wider from the inside and look into the street. She stepped back, and he next saw a man named Baker, who was carrying a stone jar. In company with him witness saw the male defendant, and asked him if he had supplied the man with beer. He answered 'Yes, he paid for it before ten o'clock. You are not going to do anything are you?' Witness said he should report it, and *Reynolds* added: 'Don't make a case of it. I will give you anything if you won't say anything about it. You know what it means to me with my license.'

Mr. Ward contended that there was no case, 'They have got to prove that the beer was sold after ten o'clock.'

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. Pratt): I think there is no proof of sale.

The summons for supplying was taken, and Mr. Ward said *Reynolds* was assisted in the business by his wife. On the Sunday night in question, about half-past eight, Baker went into the bar and had a drink, and in the presence of a number of customers he said he wanted a gallon of 'sixes.' He tendered a 10s note – at 8.30 – and received 6s change. Baker did not take the beer away with him then, and the landlady, as had been done on previous occasions, placed the jar containing the beer by a water butt, near the gates, and this she did before closing time. That which happened, Mr. Ward, contended, did not amount to supplying. He called a number of witnesses who were in the house when the beer was sold, and who saw the jar near the water butt, in support of his contention.

The summons for selling was dismissed, and for supplying *Reynolds* was fined £5. The summons against Mrs. *Reynolds* was dismissed.

Isaac Baker, 4, Arthur Street, Bradley, was summoned for aiding and abetting, and for 'taking away.' As Mr. Ward intimated his intention to appeal the decision in the former case, these summonses were adjourned sine die."

Bilston & Willenhall Times 7/2/1925

"Bilston Brewster Sessions.....

Formal objection by the police to the renewal of the license of four houses. With regard to the COMMERCIAL INN, Bradley, the license was renewed, and the chairman hoped that what had taken place would be a warning to the manager not to make a mistake again....."

Application for the removal of this license to the MOUNT PLEASANT INN, Sedgley, was granted on 9th April 1932.

It closed on 9th April 1932.

COOPERS ARMS

Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Robert Haynes [1818]

NOTES

Robert Haynes was also a cooper. [1818]

COTTAGE SPRING

20, (89), Dudley Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas Millward, out of business, Dudley Street, Bilston
Elizabeth Dangerfield, Westborough, Portland
Mrs. C. H. Reid, Pryse House, St. John's Chapel, Bisham
Alfred A. Millward, 6, St. Georges Terrace, London
Frank Myatt Ltd.
William Butlers and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Samuel Harper [1873] – **1878**);
Richard Picken Jones (**1878 – 1884**);
Jesse Skinner (**1884 – 1890**);
Mrs. Alice Skinner (**1890 – 1906**);
Richard Bates (**1906 – 1908**);
Rhoda Attwood (**1908**);
George William Crockett (**1908 – 1909**);
Albert Maddocks (**1909 – 1910**);
Joseph Hadley (**1910 – 1913**);
Emily Hadley [1911]?
Elizabeth Baldwin (**1913**):

NOTES

89, Dudley Street [1873], [1881], [1891]
20, Dudley Street [1901], [1904], [1911], [1912]

It had a beerhouse license.

It was known locally as "Pretty Polly's".

Jesse Skinner was married to *Alice*.
He died on 23rd March 1890.

1881 Census

89, Dudley Street – COTTAGE SPRING INN
[1] *Richard P. Jones* (29), beer retailer, born Bilston;
[2] *Matilda Jones* (29), wife, born Bilston;
[3] *Arthur J. Jones* (6), son, scholar, born Brewwood, Staffordshire;
[4] *John Jones* (3), son, born Bilston;
[5] *William Jones* (1), son, born Bilston;
[6] *Maud Mullard* (16), general servant, born Coseley;
[7] *John Marion* (61), grandfather, widower, locksmith, born Bilston;
[8] *Elizabeth Taylor* (70), visitor, widow, formerly tailoress, born Bilston:

1891 Census

89, Dudley Street – COTTAGE SPRING

- [1] *Alice Skinner* (50), widow, beer retailer, born Coseley;
- [2] *Walter J. Skinner* (14), son, telegraph messenger, born Bilston;
- [3] *Percy A. Skinner* (10), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Clara L. Skinner* (23), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Edith E. Skinner* (18), daughter, born Dudley;
- [6] *Job Skinner* (76), father in law, widower, railway pensioner, born Southborough, Kent:

Mrs. Alice Skinner, beer retailer, 89, Dudley Street. [1896]

1901 Census

20, Dudley Street – COTTAGE SPRING INN

- [1] *Alice Skinner* (60), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Walter Jesse Skinner* (24), son, journeyman bread baker, born Bilston;
- [3] *Clara Louisa Price* (33), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *William Price* (38), son in law, blacksmith's striker, born Bromley, Worcestershire;
- [5] *Arthur Sydney Price* (6), grandson, born Bilston;
- [6] *Jesse Daniel Price* (5), grandson, born Bilston;
- [7] *Gladys Price* (11 months), granddaughter, born Bilston:

Mrs. Alice Skinner, beer retailer, 20, Dudley Street. [1904]

1911 Census

20, Dudley Street – COTTAGE SPRING INN

- [1] *Joseph Hadley* (51), packing crate maker, publican, born Dudley;
- [2] *Emily Hadley* (50), wife, managing beerhouse, born Wallbrook;
- [3] *Lucy Wood* (5), niece, school, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Emily Beddows* (20), general servant, born Borsley [Broseley?], Shropshire;
- [5] *Carry Davies* (16), visitor, general servant, born Moxley:

Joseph Hadley, beer retailer, 20, Dudley Street. [1912]

License refused by Compensation Authority on 24th July 1913.

Compensation of £375 was paid on 24th December 1913.

License extinguished 31st December 1913.

The premises became a barber's shop.

It was demolished circa 1968.

CRICKETERS ARMS

106, (63), Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Austin and Co. [1868], [1870]
Richard Austin and Son [1873]
William Cardell, Birmingham
Henry Plant and Sons [1896]
William Butler & Co. Ltd. [1904]

LICENSEES

Joseph Baker [1861] – [1865]
Thomas Thurstans [1866]
Henry Hall [1871]
Richard Austin [1873] – **1874**;
John Austin **(1874 – 1876)**;
Henry Hall **(1876 – 1881)**;
Samuel Fellows **(1881)**;
John Henry Walker **(1881 – 1882)**;
Thomas Henry Smith **(1882 – 1885)**;
Samuel William Underwood **(1885 – 1886)**;
Alfred Brown **(1886 – 1888)**;
Eugenie Ann Satterthwaite **(1888 – 1891)**;
James Clarke **(1891 – 1900)**;
Frederick William Plant **(1900)**;
Mrs. Sarah Best (Clarke) Kirk **(1900 – 1931)**;
Stephen Cook **(1931 – 1934)**;

NOTES

63, Church Street [1861], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1871], [1873], [1879], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896]
106, Church Street [1901], [1911], [1916], [1932]

It stood opposite to the LEOPARD.

It had a beerhouse license.

Spirit vaults [1868], [1870]

1861 Census

63, Church Street
[1] Joseph Baker (28), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Bilston;
[2] Mary Baker (24), sister, assistant, born Bilston;
[3] Harriet Smith (30), visitor, born London:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:–

Bilston Division, August 31st, 1866.

‘I beg to submit to the Magistrates the attached list of licensed victuallers who have been complained about during the year. Twenty-five have been convicted, and three have paid costs; one had been convicted three times and five twice. This is a large increase on last year’s list; but I think it has arisen from the police being more particular in reporting cases of permitting drunkenness – as it was found to be an evil rather on the increase. I believe it has caused landlords to be more careful in supplying drink to persons intoxicated.’

H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

Thomas Thurstans, CRICKETER’S ARMS, Church Street, Bilston left over until the adjourned licensing meeting on the 28th of September.....”

1871 Census

63, Church Street

- [1] *Henry Hall* (35), publican, born Cirencester;
- [2] *Louisa Hall* (30), wife, born Kidderminster;
- [3] *Arthur Hall* (4), son, born Birmingham;
- [4] *George Hall* (2), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Maria Davis* (16), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Richard Austin and Sons were also wine merchants of Easy Row, Birmingham. They lived in Edgbaston.
[1873]

1881 Census

63, Church Street

- [1] *Henry Hall* (45), licensed victualler, born Cirencester;
- [2] *Louisa A. Hall* (39), wife, born Kidderminster;
- [3] *Arthur Hall* (14), son, railway clerk, born Aston, Warwickshire;
- [4] *Emma Pitt* (20), general servant, born Bradley, Staffordshire. [probably Bradley, Bilston]

1891 Census

63, Church Street

- [1] *William H. Satterthwaite* (33), clerk in merchant’s office, born Bilston;
- [2] *Eugenie A. Satterthwaite* (32), wife, public house manager, born Bilston;
- [3] *William E. G. Satterthwaite* (6), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Thomas H. Satterthwaite* (2), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Hannah Satterthwaite* (54), mother, widow, living on her own means, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Florence E. Satterthwaite* (25), sister, barmaid, born Bilston;
- [7] *Florence P. Salt* (14), general servant, born Bilston:

James Clarke = James Clark

Sarah Best Clarke = Sarah Best Clark

1901 Census

106, Church Street – CRICKETERS ARMS INN

- [1] *Sarah B. Clark* (35), widow, licensed victualler’s manager, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary G. Clark* (10), daughter, born Tipton;
- [3] *Harriet I. Farmer* (20), general servant, born Sedgley:

Sarah Best Clarke married William Kirk on 4th April 1901.

1911 Census

106, Church Street

[1] *Sarah Best Kirk* (45), public house manageress, born Princes End;

[2] *William Kirk* (52), husband, coal dealer, born Ettingshall;

[3] *William Clark* (22), son, confectioner, born Bilston:

The license was refused by the Compensation Authority on 3rd February 1934.

Compensation of £1,800 was paid on 24th December 1934.

License extinguished 31st December 1934.

CROSS

Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Edward Crow [1851]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1851 Census

Oxford Street

- [1] *Edward Crow* (39), iron stone miner, born Bedsgenson W____, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Sarah Crow* (36), wife, born Polesworth, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Edmund Crow* (20), son, iron stone miner, born Wilnecote, Warwickshire;
- [4] *Mary Ann Crow* (17), daughter, born Polesworth, Warwickshire;
- [5] *Simon Hartill* (22), lodger, iron stone miner, born Tipton;
- [6] *Harriet Crow* (9), visitor, born Polesworth, Warwickshire:

Check GOLDEN CROSS

CROSS GUNS

4, Hartshorn Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Joseph Johnson
Henry James Mills
Samuel Burrows, innkeeper, Bilston
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Johnson [1866] – **1878**;
Adam Bailey (**1878 – 1880**);
John Higgins (**1880 – 1884**);
Thomas Johnson (**1884 – 1885**);
James Percival (**1885**);
Richard Roberts (**1885 – 1889**);
Henry James Mills (**1889 – 1894**);
Richard Jones (**1894 – 1897**);
Minnie Shorthouse (**1897 – 1898**);
Alfred Pugh (**1898 – 1902**);
James Elledge (**1902 – 1903**);
Joseph Bunting (**1903 – 1904**);
George Jones (**1904 – 1906**);
James Piper (**1906 – 1907**);
Thomas Stafford Maddocks (**1907 – 1908**);
James Thomas Elledge (**1908 – 1911**);
Percy William Griffiths (**1911 – 1923**);
Ernest Langford (**1923 – 1925**);
Beatrice (Langford) Harrison (**1925 – 1931**);
Igal Alfred Sidaway (**1931 – [1940]**)

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H. McCrea, Superintendent.....

Mr. Young applied for a license on behalf of *Joseph Johnson*, of the CROSS GUNS, Harthorne-street, Bilston, and, in making the application, said the points the Magistrates had principally to consider were the character of the applicant, the suitability of the house, and the requirements of the neighbourhood. With regard to character, he handed in a testimonial signed by a number of respectable person – the minister of the parish, the two church wardens, the overseers of the poor, and also several members of the Board of Commissioners. The house, he added, was suitable in every way for the purpose, and the neighbourhood was much in want of such a place. The application was rejected.....”

Joseph Johnson, brassfounder and beer retailer, Hartshorn Street. [1868]

1871 Census

Hartshorne Street

- [1] *Joseph Johnson* (52), brass caster and publican, born Swindon, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Anne Johnson* (49), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Thomas Johnson* (23), son, brass caster, born Coseley;
- [4] *Ann M. Johnson* (21), daughter, domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [5] *Joseph Johnson* (19), son, iron moulder, born Wordsley;
- [6] *Henry Johnson* (18), son, iron moulder, born Wordsley;
- [7] *Elizabeth Johnson* (16), daughter, domestic servant, born Wordsley;
- [8] *Sarah Johnson* (14), daughter, domestic servant, born Wordsley;
- [9] *Fanny Johnson* (13), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [10] *Martha Johnson* (10), daughter, scholar, born Bilston:

1881 Census

Hartshorne Street

- [1] *John Higgins* (40), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *M. A. Higgins* (33), wife, born Moxley;
- [3] *Daniel Higgins* (8), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Sarah Higgins* (6), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *James Higgins* (4), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Mary Higgins* (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Frederick Higgins* (2 months), son, born Bilston;
- [8] *M. A. Stokes* (22), general servant, born Tipton:

Evening Express 11/11/1881

“On Thursday morning, W. H. Phillips, Esq, district coroner, held an inquest at the CROSS GUNS INN, Hartshorn Street, Bilston, on the body of an unnamed infant child, aged two weeks, son of John Shinton, of the same street. Martha Shinton, the mother, said the child had been healthy till last Monday, when it became unwell. On Tuesday morning her husband got up rather late, and asked her to put his things ready. She put deceased from her arm to do so, and on returning with a lamp about ten minutes afterwards she found the child dead. The child was partly fed from the breast and partly on arrowroot biscuits soaked in water. Martha Millward said the child had every attention paid to it. The jury returned a verdict of Natural Causes.”

1891 Census

Hartshorn Street – CROSS GUNS

- [1] *Henry J. Mills* (30), builder and beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Emily Mills* (24), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Eliza Mills* (14), general servant, born Bilston:

Richard Jones, beer retailer, Hartshorn Street. [1896]

1901 Census

4, Hartshorne Street

[1] *Alfred Pugh* (33), publican / boilermaker, born Sedgley;

[2] *Alice Pugh* (32), wife, born Wombourne;

[3] *James A. Pugh* (11), son, born Bilston;

[4] *William F. Pugh* (8), son, born Bilston;

[5] *Rose Bennett* (19), general servant, born Bilston:

Joseph Bunting, beer retailer, 4, Hartshorn Street. [1904]

1911 Census

Hartshorn Street – CROSS GUNS

[1] *James Elledge* (44), licensed victualler, born Bilston;

[2] *Ellen Elledge* (42), wife, married 20 years, born Willenhall;

[3] *Harold Elledge* (19), son, motor works (c. and body dept), born Bilston;

[4] *Percy Elledge* (8), son, born Bilston:

Percy Griffiths, beer retailer, Hartshorn Street. [1912]

London Gazette 10/11/1922

“*Griffiths, Percy William*, CROSS GUNS INN, Hartshorn Street, Bilston, in the county of Stafford, licensed victualler.

Court – Wolverhampton.

Date of Order – Nov. 7, 1922.

Date of Filing Petition – Nov. 7, 1922.

Date of Receiving Order – Nov. 7, 1922.

Whether Debtor’s or Creditor’s Petition – Debtor’s.”

South Staffordshire Times 9/12/1922

“At Wolverhampton Bankruptcy Court on Wednesday, *Percy William Griffiths*, formerly of the CROSS GUNS INN, Hartshorn Street, Bilston, appeared for public examination in bankruptcy. He was represented by Mr. Ernest Hall, and Mr. A. J. Glover represented the creditors.

Examined by Mr. Sam Wells Page, Official Receiver, debtor said he became tenant of the CROSS GUNS INN just before Easter in 1911, Messrs. Butlers & Co., Wolverhampton, were the owners of the house, and he was tenant. Amongst the terms of the tenancy, were 35s per week, inclusive of rent, rates, taxes and license, but these were altered in September 1920. The premises were then __ a quarter and he had to pay the rates and taxes, and also for the license. He was under an obligation to purchase his beer and liquor from Messrs. Butler, and they were under an obligation to him to buy back, at a valuation, whatever stock there might be on his leaving. The business was prosperous up to two years ago, but it had gone down ever since. He had suffered from bad trade and rising rates and taxes.

Mr. Page: As a matter of fact you were borrowing money from money-lenders? – Yes.

At the present time you owe money to various money-lenders? – Yes.

Did you in April 1921 purchase a motor car? – Yes.

What did you give for it? – £150

Had you to spend any money on it? – I had it cleaned, and that cost £50.

Did it cost you anything after that? – £75.

Why did you buy it? – To see if I could retrieve my losses, and for home purposes.

Did it answer that purpose? – Everybody knew it was a bad car, and would not hire it.

Did you afterwards sell the car? – Yes.

For how much? – £115, I think.

Taking all into consideration, you lost close on £200 on it? – Yes.

Have you borrowed money from your mother? – Yes.

I think, with your brother and sister you had a reversionary on your fathers’ estate? – Yes.

Did you borrow from your mother in March, 1921? – Yes.

There is a cheque here made payable on your mothers’ account for £150? – Yes.

Did you have the whole of it? – No only £50.

What was done with the other £100? – I sent it to my brother in Australia.

On the 27th April you had another cheque for £100 made payable to Mr. Davies? – Yes, that was at the time I bought the car.

In June, 1921, you had another £150? – Yes.

Why did you borrow that? – To get the car from Daimlers, it cost £75 for repairs.

A great deal of money was spent on the car? – Yes.

On the 5th July last you had another £150? – Yes.

What did you have that for? – To help in the business; through losses on the business.

Altogether you had from your mother £550 on account of your own reversion? – Yes.

What do you say is the cause of your failure? – Speculation in the motor car, bad trade, the high cost of living, and being too good natured.

You must have been extravagant? – You may put it in that way.

Have you done anything in betting or gambling? – No.

Have you been sued? – No.

How did you come to file your petition? – Through a Birmingham creditor, who sent in a writ.

Then you have been sued? – Yes.

Debtor was then cross-examined by Mr. Glover as follows:

When you went to Messrs. Butler's house, was the tenancy under a printed agreement? – Yes.

Had you read it? – I expect so.

Did you know that in the agreement there was no goodwill attaching to the tenancy? – No.

Did you sell to Mr. Dailman for £100 what you told him was the goodwill for the premises? – That was an agreement between ourselves.

In August, 1922, you gave him a receipt for £100 for the goodwill of the business, the stock and fixtures, to be paid at a valuation? – Yes.

Did you have £100 for the goodwill of the business in two sums - one from his wife and one from himself? – Yes.

Then it turned out that you had no goodwill to sell? – I always thought a tenant could recommend another respectable tenant.

You called it 'goodwill' in this instance? – Yes.

Was there any goodwill to sell? – I don't quite follow you.

When you sold the goodwill you knew what you were selling? – It was agreed between ourselves that I should give notice and he should have the house.

Did he have it? – No; but it was understood between ourselves that he should have it and after a visit to the brewery we both felt satisfied that he would have it.

Did not Mr. Lowe, before you filed your petition, in my presence, tell you that it was expressly stated in your agreement that there could not be any goodwill, and there was none to sell? – That was afterwards.

It was a few days before you filed your petition? – Yes.

I think a few days before you filed your petition you paid Mr. Dailman £5 back, which reduced the amount for goodwill to £95? – Yes.

How long before then was it that you and Mr. Dailman went to Messrs. Butlers? – I could not say exactly; about three weeks or a month to the best of my recollection.

Did you have an interview with Mr. Lowe? – Yes.

Was anything mentioned with regard to goodwill? – No; not then.

Why did you both go and see Mr. Lowe? – To see whether Mr. Dailman was going to have the house.

What did Mr. Lowe say? – We asked him if everything was all right, and he said he did not see anything to stop it.

Nothing was said about goodwill? – No.

There are letters here which show you had been trying to get Mr. Dailman to buy the goodwill of the house? – As arranged between ourselves. It was arranged years before that if I ever came out of the house he should go in.

At one time you wanted as much as £200 for the goodwill and fixtures? – I don't know.

You were tight for money in August this year? – Yes.

And being in that position, you were out to get money from anybody for any sort of thing? – No.

In June, 1922, did you write to Mr. Dailman saying that you had partly made up your mind in regard to your promise to him, and asking if he would be strong enough for £200 for the goodwill, including stock, fixtures, etc? – Yes

And that would be a living for life? – Yes.

Did you also ask him in a letter to wire 'yes' or 'no' and advise him to study no one but himself in deal, as there were other people after it? – Yes.

Did that mean Messrs. Butlers? – Yes.

What you wrote was 'Never mind the firm; you are the first. I am disclosing things to nobody apart from my wife. Now is your chance. I shall look for a wire'? – Quite right.

You were out for £200? – No; I always gave him the first opportunity.

Did you know that Messrs. Butlers had a great objection to your sell goodwill at that price? – I did not know that.

You have told the Official Receiver you did no betting, or anything of that sort. Is that quite true? – I might have had a shilling or two on.

Have you been doing a considerable amount of betting? – No.

Will you swear it? – Yes.

Will you swear that within the last six months you have not made a bet exceeding ___? – I will.

What is the highest bet you have made within the last six months? – Five shillings.

How many bets of 5/- have you made during that time? – Not above one a week.

The examination was adjourned.”

London Gazette 20/3/1923

“*Griffiths, Percy William*, CROSS GUNS INN, Hartshorn Street, Bilston, in the county of Stafford, licensed victualler.

Court – Wolverhampton.

Amount per £ – 3s 5½d.

First or Final, or otherwise – First and Final.

When Payable – March 28, 1923.

Where Payable – Official Receiver's Office, 30 Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton.”

Ernest Langford died on 2nd February 1925.

Beatrice Langford married Bert Harrison on 1st June 1929.

Closed

Demolished

CROWN

16, (58), Bank Street, (58, Bilston Street), (Hallfields), (Hall Green), (Bradley Bridge), Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas Harris, labourer, Coppice, Sedgley
Israel Bailey
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Edward Hand [1828] – [1835]
John Hand [1841] – [1854]
John Ruscoe [1845]
James Welch [1850]
Richard Talbot [1851]
Thomas Allen [1854]
Abraham Hazeldine [1861] – [1865]
Joseph Harris [1866]
John Veal [1868] – **1876**);
Israel Bailey (**1876 – 1889**);
Alfred Birch (**1889**);
Charles Henry Birch (**1889 – 1890**);
Lucy Ann Insley (**1890 – 1891**);
Joseph Parker (**1891 – 1893**);
Lucy Ann Parker (**1893 – 1896**);
Henry David Morgan (**1896**);
Richard Davis (**1896 – 1897**);
George Harry Share (**1897 – 1898**);
Thomas Marshall (**1898 – 1900**);
Elizabeth Marshall (**1900 – []**)
Oliver Summers [1901] – **1926**);
Alfred Bert Summers (**1926 – [1940]**)
Roland Summers [c.1950]

NOTES

Hall Green [1830]
Hallfields [1841], [1851]
Bilston Street, Hallfields [1865], [1868]
58, Bilston Street [1861], [1871], [1881], [1896]
58, Bank Street [1901]
16, Bank Street [1911], [1912], [1940]

OLD CROWN [1851], [1854]

It had a beerhouse license.

Black Country Bugle
Letter from S. J. Smith

“.....with its spittoons and clean sawdust on the floor, and on the bar, baskets of squares of cheese and pieces of bread.....”

Edward Hand, retail brewer, Canalside, Bradley. [1833]

Edward Hand, retailer of beer, Bradley Bridge. [1835]

John Hand, beer retailer, Hallfields. [1841]

1841 Census

Hall Fields

- [1] *John Hand* (35), victualler, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Caroline Hand* (25), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Sarah Hand* (15), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *George Hand* (12), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Jane Hand* (9), born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Mary Ann Hand* (7), born Staffordshire;
- [7] *John Hand* (5), born Staffordshire;
- [8] *Thomas Hand* (4), born Staffordshire;
- [9] *William Hand* (2), born Staffordshire;
- [10] *Ann Maria Hand* (11 months), born Staffordshire:

Abraham Hazledine married *Sarah Hand* in 1846.

1851 Census

Hallfields

- [1] *John Hand* (47), colliery agent and victualler, born Enville;
- [2] *Caroline Hand* (32), wife, born Burgh Edward, Suffolk;
- [3] *Jane Hand* (20), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *John Hand* (16), son, tinman, born Bilston;
- [5] *Thomas Hand* (14), scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *William Hand* (12), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Ann M. Hand* (10), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Alfred Hand* (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [9] *Caroline Hand* (7), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [10] *Martha Hand* (5), daughter, scholar, born Bilston:

Abraham Hazeldine = *Abraham Hazledine*

1861 Census

58, Bilston Street – CROWN INN

- [1] *Abraham Hazledine* (36), innkeeper and roller, born Walsall;
- [2] *Sarah Hazledine* (38), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Thomas Hazledine* (14), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Edward Hazledine* (12), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Mary Ann Hazledine* (10), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Abraham Hazledine* (8), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *George Hazledine* (3), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Sarah Hazledine* (6), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [9] *Arthur Hazledine* (2), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [10] *Mary Ann Hand* (27), sister in law, general servant, born Bilston:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:–

Bilston Division, August 31st, 1866.

‘I beg to submit to the Magistrates the attached list of licensed victuallers who have been complained about during the year. Twenty-five have been convicted, and three have paid costs; one had been convicted three times and five twice. This is a large increase on last year’s list; but I think it has arisen from the police being more particular in reporting cases of permitting drunkenness – as it was found to be an evil rather on the increase. I believe it has caused landlords to be more careful in supplying drink to persons intoxicated.’

H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

Joseph Harris, CROWN, Hallfields, Bilston left over until the adjourned licensing meeting on the 28th of September.....”

John Veal, spirit vaults, Bilston Street, Hallfields. [1868], [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

58, Bilston Street – CROWN

[1] *John Veal* (44), publican, born Willenhall;

[2] *Ann Veal* (42), wife, born Willenhall;

[3] *Agness Veal* (14), daughter, pupil teacher at St. Martin’s, born Willenhall;

[4] *Clara Veal* (12), daughter, scholar, born Willenhall;

[5] *John Veal* (10), son, scholar, born Willenhall;

[6] *Harry Veal* (8), son, scholar, born Willenhall:

1881 Census

58, Bilston Street – CROWN INN

[1] *Israel Bailey* (54), licensed victualler, born Darlaston;

[2] *Elizabeth Bailey* (62), wife, born Willenhall;

[3] *Eliza Rhone* (19), general servant, born Bilston:

Evening Star 17/1/1882

“On Monday afternoon an inquest was held by H. Brevitt, Esq, deputy coroner, at the CROWN INN, Bilston Street, Hallfields, on the body of Mrs. Elizabeth Bailey (wife of Mr. Isaac Bailey) who died under circumstances already reported. A verdict that deceased died from Natural Causes was returned.”

Alfred Birch died on 12th December 1889.

1891 Census

Bilston Street – CROWN INN

[1] *Joseph Parker* (44), licensed victualler, born Bilston;

[2] *Lucy A. Parker* (45), wife, born Bloxwich;

[3] *Harold Insley* (9), stepson, born Walsall;

[4] *Louisa Aston* (20), general servant, born Dudley:

Joseph Parker died on 10th August 1893.

Elizabeth Marshall was convicted, for selling during prohibited hours, on 8th May 1900.

1901 Census

58, Bank Street

- [1] *Oliver Summers* (40), ironworker and publican, born Princes End;
- [2] Elizabeth Summers (34), wife, born Coseley;
- [3] Charley T. Summers (8), son, born Coseley;
- [4] *Alfred B. Summers* (6), son, born Princes End;
- [5] Walter C. Summers (9 months), son, born Princes End;
- [6] Martha Grainger (19), barmaid, born Princes End;
- [7] Rebecca Dyke (15), domestic servant, born Coseley;
- [8] William Round (60), father in law, widower, puddler, born Coseley:

1911 Census

16, Bank Street

- [1] *Oliver Summers* (51), publican, born Bilston St, Princes End;
- [2] Elizabeth Summers (44), wife, married 21 years, assisting in business, born Coseley;
- [3] Charles Summers (18), son, shingler, born Coseley;
- [4] *Alfred Summers* (16), son, butcher's assistant, born Princes End;
- [5] Walter Summers (10), son, school, born Princes End;
- [6] *Roland Summers* (8), son, school, born Bradley:

South Staffordshire Times 26/8/1922

"At Wolverhampton, on Wednesday, William Hollick, 33, Benton Road, Sparkhill; and Thomas O'Brien, 71, Leamington Road, Sparkhill, was charged with stealing £1 by a trick from Charles *Summers*, CROWN INN, Bradley. Mr. Turton defended.

Detective constable Ballance said that about 1.45pm on Tuesday he was on duty with Detective Charles Aston in the 5s ring at Dunstall Park Racecourse. He saw the two prisoners walking about the ring, and they stopped various people at intervals, and appeared to talk with them in a confidential manner. About 3pm Mr. *Summers* came up and complained he had been defrauded of £1. And that time O'Brien came by, and prosecutor said: 'That is the man who had my £1.' Witness arrested O'Brien, and later apprehended Hollick. When charged they made no reply. Accused were remanded on bail for seven days.

An application by Mr. Turton for the return of a 'considerable amount of money' found on prisoners was granted."

A team from here took part in the Bradley Darts League, First Division. [1946]

Roland Summers was also a fireman.

CROWN

18, Millfields Road, (18, Mill Street), Ettingshall, (Catchem), BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas Evans, farmer, Wednesfield
Samuel Evans, farmer, Wednesfield
Richard Andrew Harper, brewer, Bilston
R. A. Harper Ltd., Hall Park Brewery, Bilston
Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Maybury [1864] – **1883**;
Edward Dawson (**1883 – 1884**);
Thirza Dawson (**1884 – 1898**);
Elizabeth Thomas (**1898 – 1903**);
Jabez Guy (**1903 – 1909**);
William Edward Leach (**1909 – 1912**);
George Evans (**1912 – 1913**);
Samuel Jones (**1913 – 1915**);
William Cadman (**1915 – 1916**);
Harold William Cave (**1916 – 1923**);
Francis George Yates (**1923 – 1927**);
Robert Rully (**1927 – 1929**);
Francis George Yates (**1929 – 1934**);
Joseph Mason (**1934 – [1940]**)

NOTES

18, Mill Street [1871], [1881], [1891], [1901]
18, Millfields Road [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

Joseph Maybury, beer retailer, Ettingshall. [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870]

1871 Census

18, Mill Street

- [1] *Joseph Maybury* (55), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Emma Maybury* (55), wife, born Tettenhall:

1881 Census

18, Mill Street – CROWN INN

- [1] *Joseph Maybury* (65), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Emma Maybury* (66), wife, born Ettingshall:

Joseph Maybury died on 1st November 1883.

1891 Census

18, Mill Street – CROWN INN

[1] *Edward Dawson* (44), beerhouse keeper, born Shrewsbury;

[2] *Thirza Dawson* (48), wife, born Penn;

[3] *Frederick Tolley* (21) stepson, clerk, born Wolverhampton;

[4] *Nellie Tolley* (17), stepdaughter, born Wolverhampton;

[5] *Rose Dawson* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;

[6] *Harry Roden* (12), nephew, scholar, born Wolverhampton:

1901 Census

18, Mill Street

[1] *David Thomas* (62), tailor, born North Wales;

[2] *Elizabeth Thomas* (61), wife, born Heath Town:

Jabez Guy, beer retailer, Ettingshall. [1904]

The license was surrendered in February 1957.

CROWN

Brierley, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Isaac Smithiman [1835]

Elizabeth Smithiman [1841] – [1842]

CROWN AND ANCHOR

2+3, Ettingshall Road, (Can Lane), Ettingshall, BILSTON

OWNERS

Sarah Stanley

LICENSEES

Simeon Stanley [1861] – **1875**);
Mrs. Sarah Stanley (**1875** – []

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1861 Census

Can Lane – CROWN AND ANCHOR INN

- [1] *Simeon Stanley* (55), retail brewer, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Sarah Stanley* (45), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Mary Nicholds* (15), servant, born Sedgley:

1871 Census

2 and 3, Ettingshall Road

- [1] *Simeon Stanley* (64), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Sarah Stanley* (54), wife, born Sedgley:

The license was abandoned.

CROWN AND ANCHOR

129, (60), Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Joseph Banks
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Banks [1861] – **1878**);
David Smith (**1878 – 1884**);
Thomas Cooke (**1884 – 1890**);
Joseph Maullin (**1890**);
Alfred Wood (**1890 – 1892**);
William Darbey (**1892 – 1895**);
Joel Ashcroft (**1895 – 1896**);
William Harper (**1896 – 1899**);
Henry Tertius Hodgkiss (**1899 – 1900**);
William Painter (**1900**);
Samuel Simkins (**1900 – 1901**);
Julia Simkins [1901] ?
Emily (Challis) Freeman (**1901 – 1902**);
Henry Smith (**1902 – 1903**);
Mary Hill (**1903**);
Charles Carpenter (**1903 – 1904**);
Henry Newman Bates (**1904**);
William Lloyd (**1904 – 1906**);
Horace Wakelam (**1906 – 1907**);

NOTES

60, Oxford Street [1861], [1871], [1881], [1891]
129, Oxford Street [1920]

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

60, Oxford Street – CROWN AND CUSHION (sic)
[1] *Joseph Banks* (40), locksmith, born Bilston;
[2] Sarah Banks (45), wife, born Burslem, Staffordshire;
[3] Agnes Fall (4), granddaughter, born Bradley, Staffordshire:

Joseph Banks, beer retailer, 60, Oxford Street. [1865], [1868]

1871 Census

60, Oxford Street
[1] *Joseph Banks* (51), brewer, born Willenhall;
[2] Sarah Banks (56), wife, born the Potteries;
[3] Sarah Fell (7), granddaughter, scholar, born Birmingham;
[4] Sarah Fellows (4), niece, scholar, born Bilston:

1881 Census

60, Oxford Street – CROWN AND ANCHOR

- [1] *David Smith* (43), beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Smith* (36), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Clara Smith* (15), daughter, born Darlaston;
- [4] *Emily A. Smith* (11), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Florence A. Smith* (8), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Sarah L. Smith* (6), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Hannah A. P. Smith* (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [8] *David W. P. Smith* (1), son, born Bilston:

1891 Census

60, Oxford Street – The CROWN AND ANCHOR

- [1] *Alfred Wood* (36), ledger clerk and publican, born Brewood, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Deborah Wood* (35), wife, born Highley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Beatrice A. Wood* (11), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Alfred J. J. Wood* (6), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Hannah Wood* (71), mother, living on her own means, born Coven, Staffordshire;
- [6] *Bridget Commons* (14), general servant, born Bilston:

1901 Census

Oxford Street – CROWN AND ANCHOR

- [1] *Julia Simkins* (50), widow, publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *John Simkins* (18), son, coal miner loader, born Bilston;
- [3] *Samuel Simkins* (17), son, coal miner loader, born Bilston;
- [4] *John W. Bateman* (14), nephew, iron plate worker, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Elias Cartwright* (71), father, widower, iron works labourer, born Bilston;
- [6] *Louisa Smith* (43), sister, born Bilston:

Emily Challis married *Albert Joseph Freeman* on 21st August 1901.

Charles Carpenter, beer retailer, 129, Oxford Street. [1904]

License refused by Compensation Authority on 18th June 1907.

Compensation of £275 was paid on 12th October 1907.

License extinguished 19th October 1907.

South Staffordshire Times 25/9/1920 - Advert

“Sale By Auction. At 6.30pm for 7pm promptly. J. Southwick and Son have received instructions from the executors, and others to submit for sale by auction at the PIPE HALL HOTEL, Bilston. The following Valuable Freehold Properties. Including Three commodious De-licensed Dwelling Houses and Premises.

Lot 1.- The Commodious Freehold Dwelling House and Premises until recently known as the CROWN AND ANCHOR INN (now de-licensed), situate and being No.129 Oxford Street, Bilston. The premises are very suitable and could readily be converted into a Capital Retail Shop.....”

Bilston & Willenhall Times 11/10/1924 - Advert

“Tuesday Next, October 14th, 1924, at 7 o'clock in the Evening. Important Sale of Freehold Properties and Land, and de-licensed houses, at Bradley and Priestfields, which Cyril H. Green F.N.A.A. has been instructed to submit for Sale By Auction, at the PIPEHALL HOTEL, Bilston, on the above Date, subject to conditions of sale to be then read, the under-mentioned Properties.....

Lot 5.- Freehold House, known as the OLD CROWN AND ANCHOR (now de-licensed), No.129 Oxford Street, Bilston. Annual gross rental of £16 5s.....”

Bilston & Willenhall Times 18/10/1924

“Mr. Cyril H. Green, F.N.A.A., auctioneer, Bilston, conducted a successful sale of freehold properties, de-licensed houses, and land, situate in Bilston, Priestfields, and Bradley, at the PIPE HALL HOTEL, on Tuesday evening..... Three storey dwelling, formerly the CROWN AND ANCHOR, Oxford Street, Bilston, £140.....”

CROWN AND ANCHOR

Swan Bank, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

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It stood on the site of the present Wesleyan Chapel.

It was originally Loxdale Hall.

CROWN AND CUSHION

31, (5), Bank Street, (5, Bilston Street) / King Street, (Hallfields), Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Whitmore Lathe,
Messrs Chater and Co, brewers, Wolverhampton
J. and J. Yardley, brewers, Wolverhampton
The Old Wolverhampton Breweries Ltd.
Frank Myatt Ltd. (acquired in 1919)
Holt Brewery Co. Ltd.
Ansells Ltd. [c.1960]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired 1996)
Keilyn Enterprises (Keith and Lyn Garbett) (acquired 1998)
Punch Taverns [2005]

LICENSEES

Arthur Wright [1854] – [1870]
Annie Harris []
Whitmer Lathe [1871] – **1895**);
Thomas Price (**1895 – 1898**);
Mrs. Annie Boulton (**1898 – 1899**);
William Felix Williams (**1899 – [1904]**)
William Toby Williams [] – **1904**);
Alice Andrews (**1904 – 1910**);
Mrs. Elizabeth Rice (**1910 – 1913**);
William Burke (**1913 – 1915**);
William Palmer [1916] ?
Herbert Ashley (**1915 – 1916**);
John Preston (**1916**);
Frank Harris (**1916 – 1919**);
James Paul Picken (**1919 – 1922**);
Frank Davies (**1922 – 1924**);
Albert Horace Severn (**1924 – 1925**);
Thomas 'Tom' Fellows (**1925 – [1940]**)
Dick Yeomans []
Elsie Yeoman [1960s]
S Homer [1988]
R Grashon [1989]
Thomas Firkin [] – **1995**);
Keith and Lynne Garbett (**1995 – []**)
Carole Georgina Brookes [1997] – [1999]
Susan Marklew [2005]



NOTES

5, Bilston Street [1861], [1871], [1872], [1881], [1891]
Bilston Street [1865], [1868]
5, Bank Street [c.1901]
31, Bank Street [1904], [1911], [1912], [1916], [1932], [1940]

Arthur Wright, victualler, Hallfields, was appointed as an overseer in April 1858. He owned Pagett Croft Colliery, Bradley.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 13/3/1861

"Henry Wright, 31, writing clerk, was indicted for having embezzled two sums amounting to 10s 6d and 9s 6d respectively, the moneys of John Chapman, at West Bromwich.

The prosecutor is a brewer, at West Bromwich, and in August last he employed the prisoner as a traveller to get orders, and to receive money from the customers. The sums mentioned above were owing by Edward Green, butcher, and Robert Hall, saddler, both of whom swore that they had paid the money to the prisoner in November, and produced the receipt. On being pressed by Mr. Motteram, Green admitted that the prisoner owed him an account, and they exchanged receipts; and Hall said he had paid the money down, but then received it back on account of some articles supplied to the prisoner. When taken into custody the prisoner was found in possession of a list of accounts, which Mr. Chapman said showed money which the prisoner admitted having received, and not paid over to him, nor entered into the cash book. The prosecutor stated that he discharged the prisoner on the 4th of December, on account of his defalcations; but still he had access to the office, and entered money received by him into the cash book as late as the 13th of the same month. After a consultation of nearly an hour, the Jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

The prisoner was then charged with having embezzled the sums of £3 2s 4d and 17s, received from Mr. T. J. Evans, licensed victualler, Birmingham; and £1 3s, received from Mr. A. Culwick, brewer and beerseller, West Bromwich. After hearing the evidence the Jury returned a verdict of guilty.

The same prisoner was indicted for having obtained by false pretences, at Wolverhampton, on the 14th of December, the sum of £6 from *Arthur Wright*, licensed victualler, Bilston; also from Mr. Edwin Green, butcher, West Bromwich, on the 11th of December, 5s and 10s worth of meat; and from Mr. James Brown, licensed victualler, Birmingham, 10s, on the 11th of December, with the intent to defraud them of the same. The prosecutors were Mr. Chapman's customers, and the prisoner it was alleged, had obtained moneys and meat on the representation that he was in Mr. Chapman's employ, whereas he had been discharged on the 4th of December. He had not paid over the sums so received.

The prisoner was found guilty, and sentenced to six months' hard labour."

1861 Census

5, Bilston Street – CROWN AND CUSHION

- [1] *Arthur Wright* (32), widower, innkeeper, born Fradley, Staffordshire;
- [2] Emma Wright (12), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [3] Alfred Wright (10), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] Isaac Scott (22), visitor, charcoal refiner, born Abercarn, Monmouthshire;
- [5] Ann Scott (18), visitor, born Bilston;
- [6] Emma Scott (5 months), born Madeley, Shropshire;
- [7] James Haseltine (63), servant, born Witchnor, Staffordshire;
- [8] Hannah Higgs (16), servant, born Bilston:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21/8/1861 - Advert

"Mr Samuel Baker, Jun., will Sell by Auction (by order of the Mortgagees, with power of sale), at the house of Mr. *Arthur Wright*, the CROWN AND CUSHION INN, Hallfields, Bilston, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of September, 1861, at six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions then to be read, all that desirable Plot or Parcel of Freehold Land situate at Hallfields....."

An inquest was held here, on 2nd February 1863, on the bodies of John Dowell (doggy), John Davis (doggy), and James Kempson, who were killed when the rope broke on the skip they were descending into Pagett's Croft Colliery. It was decided after several hours that someone had cut the rope, and the inquest adjourned to allow Superintendent Hugh McCrea to complete police investigations. Eventually John Jeavons was arrested and charged with the murders. He was acquitted at the Staffordshire Lent Assizes in March, 1863.

Whitmer Lathe = Whitmore Lathe = Witmer Lathe

1871 Census

5, Bilston Street – CROWN AND CHUSHEN (sic)

- [1] *Whitmer Lathe* (36), licensed victualler, born Penn;
- [2] *Mary A. Lathe* (29), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Elizabeth Lathe* (9), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Whitmer Lathe* (6), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Jane Ferguson* (16), general servant, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

5, Bilston Street – CROWN AND CUSHION

- [1] *Whitmer Lathe* (50), victualler, innkeeper, born Penn;
- [2] *Mary Ann Lathe* (40), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Whitmer Lathe* (16), son, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Sarah Ann Lathe* (9), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Carrie Lathe* (8), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Eliza Hammonds* (18), domestic servant, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Emma Green* (14), domestic servant, born Bilston:

1891 Census

5, Bilston Street – CROWN AND CUSHION

- [1] *Whitmer Lathe* (60), publican, born Penn;
- [2] *Mary Ann Lathe* (48), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Sarah A. Lathe* (19), daughter, born Bradley;
- [4] *Carrie Lathe* (18), daughter, born Bradley;
- [5] *Ann McPherson* (57), widow, general servant, born Birmingham:

1901 Census

Bank Street – CROWN AND CUSHION

- [1] *William F. Williams* (25), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Lucy Williams* (22), wife, born West Ham, Essex;
- [3] *Minnie L. Williams* (16), sister, born Bilston:

1911 Census

31, Bank Street – CROWN AND CUSHION

- [1] *Alfred Ebenezer Rice* (71), retired brewer, born Princes End;
- [2] *Elizabeth Rice* (60), wife, married 24 years, innkeeper and licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton East;
- [3] *Bertram George Baker* (28), stepson, barman, brewer, born Willenhall;
- [4] *Frederick Rice* (22), son, clerk assisting tax collector, born Willenhall;
- [5] *Maria Rice* (20), daughter, uncertified elementary teacher, born Wolverhampton East;
- [6] *Alfred Henry Rice* (17), son, iron worker, scaler, born Bushbury;
- [7] *Miriam Bailey* (19), general servant, born Willenhall:

Bilston and Willenhall Times 2/6/1928

“The third annual marathon race was run on Whit Monday from the CROWN AND CUSHION HOTEL, Bradley, the distance being 3 miles 350 yards.

This annual event at Bradley is becoming more popular than ever, and great crowds took a considerable interest in it. Mr. *Tom Fellows* was the handicapper and time keeper.....”

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

A team from here took part in the Bradley Darts League, Second Division. [1946]

It was demolished in the 1960s.
It was rebuilt on the opposite diagonal corner.

It was the headquarters of the Bradley [pigeon] Flying Club. [2004]

[2010]

Closed [2011], [2012]

It was damaged by arsonists in July 2012.

Demolished [2013]



2000



2007



2012

DOG AND PARTRIDGE

47, (38), (65), (23), Broad Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Joseph John Bull, beerhouse keeper, Darlaston
Isaiah Martin
Major Cox
John Rolinson and Son Ltd. (leased from 1909)
Harmer and Co. (leased)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1965]

LICENSEES

Isaac Roper []
Ambrose Roper [1858] – [1870]
John Jackson [1870] – **1873**;
Thomas Parker (**1873 – 1875**);
Isaiah Martin (**1875 – 1898**);
Major George Cox (**1898**);
George Burrows (**1898 – 1901**);
William Thomas Ash (**1901**);
Major George Cox (**1901 – 1904**);
Mrs. Rose Waldon [1904] (?)
Henry Herbert Nuttall (**1904 – 1906**);
Louisa Martin (**1906 – 1907**);
Joseph Bagley (**1907**);
Major George Cox (**1907 – 1909**);
General Greaves Cox (**1909 – 1910**);
Captain Tideswell Cox (**1910 – 1917**);
Mrs. Frances Mary Cox (**1917 – 1939**);
Horace Richard Lowndes (**1939 – [1940]**)
Dennis Jones []
Robert Collins [1986]
Arthur Collett [1995]
Jane Parker [1997]
Jean Ratcliffe (**1998 – []**)
Satnam Sandhu [2005]

NOTES

23, Broad Street [1864], [1865]
65, Broad Street [1873], [1874], [1881], [1892], [1896]
38, Broad Street [1901], [1904], [1911], [1912], [1916], [1932], [1940], [1994], [1998]
47, Broad Street [2003]

It was known locally as “The Dog and Devil”.

OLD DOG AND PARTRIDGE [1858], [1861]

Isaac Roper was also a miner.
He was the brother of Frank.

1861 Census

Broad Street – DOG AND PARTRIDGE

- [1] *Ambrose Roper* (30), innkeeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Hannah Roper* (30), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Elizabeth S. Roper* (4), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Sarah Owen* (16), servant, born Wolverhampton:

London Gazette 26/6/1868

“*Ambrose Roper*, of Broad-street, in the township of Bilston, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler, Miner, and Carter for Hire, adjudicated bankrupt on the 21st day of April, 1868. An Order of Discharge was granted by the County Court of Staffordshire, holden at Wolverhampton, on the 20th day of June, 1868.”

John Jackson, beer retailer, Broad Street. [1870]

1871 Census

Broad Street – DOG AND PARTRIDGE

- [1] *John Jackson* (47), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Jackson* (41), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] *John Jackson* (18), son, roller's assistant, born Bilston;
- [4] *George T. Jackson* (17), son, roller's assistant, born Bilston;
- [5] *William Jackson* (16), son, roller's assistant, born Bilston;
- [6] *Sarah A. Jackson* (14), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Clara Jackson* (13), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Samuel Jackson* (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [9] *Martha Jackson* (8), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [10] *Pamler Jackson* (7), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [11] *Emily Jackson* (3), daughter, born Oldbury;
- [12] *Jane Muston* (20), general servant, born Scotland:

1881 Census

65, Broad Street – DOG AND PARTRIDGE

- [1] *Isaiah Martin* (49), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary A. Martin* (50), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Joseph Martin* (19), son, coal miner, born Bilston;
- [4] *Selfeaner Smith* (20), general servant, born Bilston:

1891 Census

65, Broad Street

- [1] *Isaiah Martin* (57), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary A. Martin* (70), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *William Griffiths* (12), grandson, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Mary A. Lotwick* (66), sister, widow, born Tipton;
- [5] *Mary Lewis* (19), general servant, born Bilston:

1901 Census

38, Broad Street

- [1] *William T. Ash* (27), licensed victualler, born Willenhall;
- [2] *Rosannah Ash* (26), wife, born Portobello;
- [3] *Percy Ash* (1), son, born Portobello;
- [4] *Annie Richards* (17), domestic servant, born Portobello:

1911 Census

38, Broad Street

- [1] *Captain Tideswell Cox* (29), licensed victualler, born Bradley;
- [2] *Frances Mary Cox* (26), wife, married 4 years, born Princes End;
- [3] *Gladys Mary Cox* (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Harriet Wilson* (22), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Frances Mary Cox was fined £5 and special costs of £3 3s 0d, for aiding and abetting consumption of intoxicating liquor during non-permitted hours.

Closed

Demolished circa 1970.

It was rebuilt on the opposite side of the road c.1977.

Dennis Jones was married to Pat.

He died on 13th August 2008, aged 88.

See also FORGE HAMMER, OLD BUSH, Bradley, and ROCKET POOL.

Express and Star 17/12/1998

“Four men threw rubbish bins through the windows of a Bilston pub early today, following the start of a campaign by the licensee to rid it of what she says is a drug problem.

Jean Ratcliffe, who runs the DOG AND PARTRIDGE, says she has been trying to stamp out the pub’s drug difficulties since she took over in June. At 4.20am today a van pulled on to the pub car park in Broad Street, and four men, dressed in dark clothing, threw full rubbish bins through the windows in the bar.....”

It closed in 2008.

Reopened

[2010], [2016]



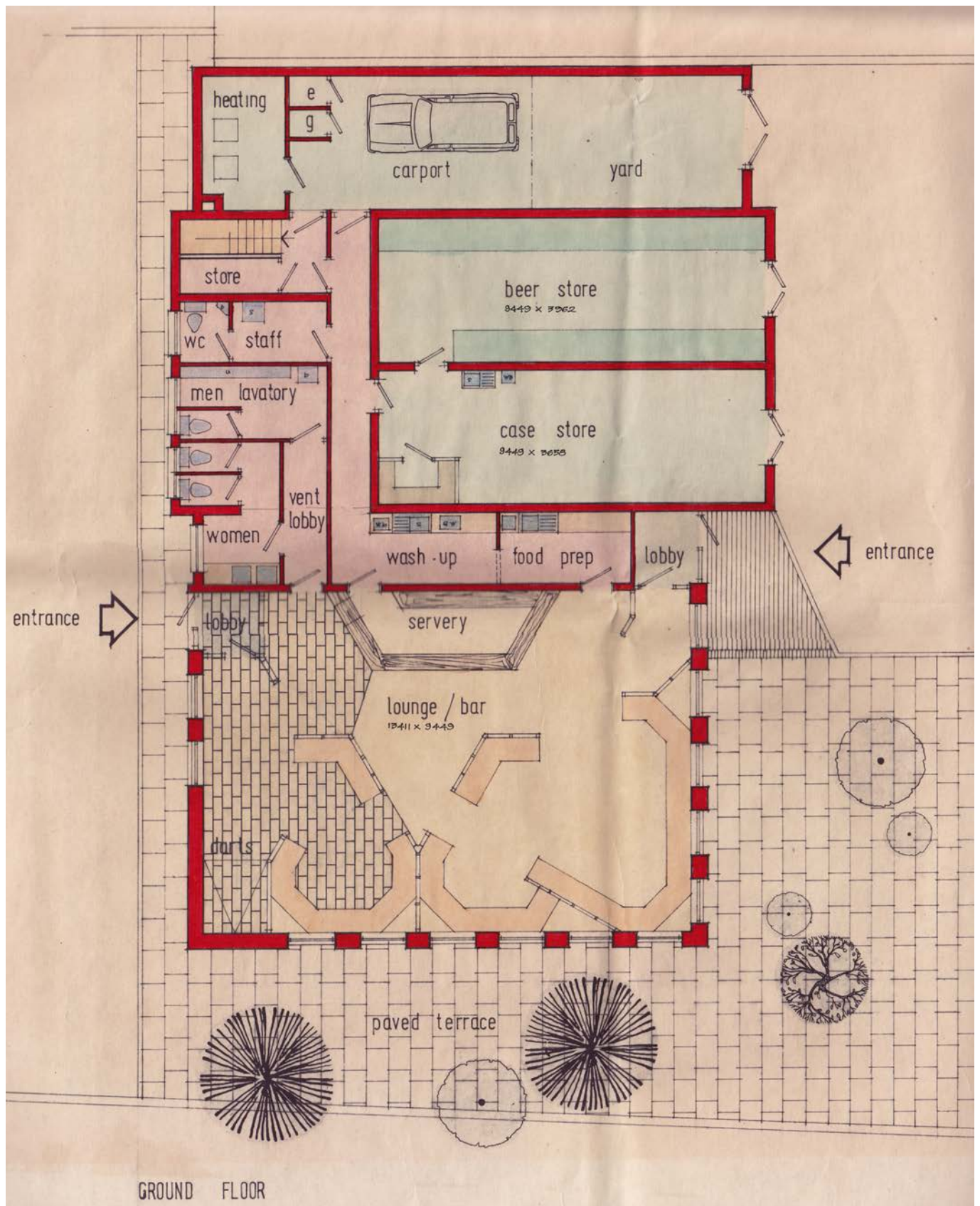
1997



2016



2010



Plan 1977

DOG AND PARTRIDGE

Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Jones [1866]

NOTES

Wolverhampton Chronicle 8/8/1866

“*William Jones*, landlord of the DOG AND PARTRIDGE, Wolverhampton-street, Bilston, and his brother Jacob, were brought up on remand, charged with feloniously assaulting John Richards, plate shearer, of Handsworth, and robbing him of £7. It appeared that on the 21st of July last, the prosecutor was met in Bilston by *William Jones*, who asked him if he would sell a small pig he had under his arm. Richards expressed his willingness to do so, accompanying *Jones* to his house, and sold him the pig for £1 2s 6d, which he placed in his purse. A man named Evans came in at this junction and challenged Richards to a fight, and *Jones* called prosecutor a b—— big hulk, at the same time striking him on the mouth. Richards tried hard to get out of the house, but *Jones* threw him down on a table, and prisoner Jacob came in, put his hand in prosecutor’s pocket, and took his purse containing £7. The men then beat him until he became senseless. When arrested, *William Jones* had £6 2s 6d in his pocket. He reserved his defence, as also did his brother, remarking that the ‘truth would stand when the world was on fire.’ Mr. Spooner committed both prisoners for trial at the Assizes, but admitted them to bail.”

DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE

14, (39), Cambridge Street / Duke Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Richard Atkiss
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Richard Atkiss [1868] – **1875**);
Thomas Beaman (**1875 – 1886**);
Mrs. Sarah Jane Beaman (**1886 – 1921**);
John Silvester (**1921 – 1923**);
John Henry Marshall (**1923 – 1937**);
Louisa May Marshall (**1937 – 1938**);
Henry Crookes Hibbert (**1938 – [1940]**)

NOTES

39, Cambridge Street [1874], [1881], [1884], [1892], [1896]
14, Cambridge Street [1904], [1911], [1912], [1916], [1940]

Richard Atkiss was also a coal dealer.

1871 Census

Cambridge Street – DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE

- [1] *Richard Atkiss* (47), publican and coal miner, born Bilston;
- [2] Ann Atkiss (45), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] Mary Atkiss (19), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] Eliza Atkiss (17), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] William Atkiss (14), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] Thomas Atkiss (13), son, scholar, born Willenhall;
- [7] Agnes Atkiss (11), daughter, scholar, born Willenhall;
- [8] Abraham Atkiss (9), son, scholar, born Willenhall;
- [9] Frank Atkiss (7), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [10] Martha Atkiss (5), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [11] Mary Lovatt (16), general servant, born Willenhall:

Evening Express 10/1/1881

“A meeting of ironworkers was held at the DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE INN, Cambridge Street, Bilston, on Saturday night, to protest against the reduction of 3d per ton which has just taken place in their wages, and to consider the best course to adopt for obtaining better payment.

A Workman presided, and explained that the meeting was an adjournment of Monday’s gathering. He condemned the calling of the meeting on Tuesday, at which it was decided to give notice to withdraw from the Wages Board. The week which had just passed, he said, had been an anxious one alike to masters and men. Some of the employers had been complaining loudly to their puddlers, and said that if they did not return to work legal proceedings would be taken against them for breach of contract.

A puddler said that the operatives' representative of the Bilston district had promised to attend that meeting, but he was not present. He thought they were being treated unfairly, and said that if their representatives acted towards the men as they would have the operatives believe they did, the masters would not attempt to take such advantage of them.

It was proposed by a workman that notice should be given for the abolition both of the Conciliation Board and of the sliding scale.

Another workman seconded the proposition.

Another operative said that he held with doing away with the present sliding scale, but not with the Conciliation and Arbitration Board. He had never derived any benefit in former years from strikes, and the abolition of the Board would lead to almost constant lockouts.

This was seconded, the Operative remarking that what was wanted was that the men should be paid 1s a ton over the usual allowance per £1 in the selling price of iron, and not 6d as now. The accountants had two classes of iron to go by – the six highest and the six lowest priced. It was very easy for eleven of the firms, in order to get the men's wages down, to pay the twelfth firm to sell his iron at a lower price than he could make it for. The men had it within their knowledge where one firm had been selling marked iron at £4 2s per ton. This was a lower figure than the pigs for making the iron could be purchased at.

Another Puddler said that in Staffordshire, where there was one marked bar firm there were nearly twenty sheet, hoop, and plate mills. The men should be paid upon the basis of those products which were now the staple trades of the district. If the Arbitration Board was done away with their wages would have to be regulated by strikes. As the men did not appear to be satisfied with Mr. Chamberlain, he should suggest that Sir Rupert Kettle be asked to take their case in hand once more. (hear, hear)

Another Operative said that there were works in South Staffordshire which formerly turned out as many as 1,000 tons of bars per week; but now the output was not ten tons weekly, the firm having commenced to make sheets and plates because they could not sell their bars. It was impossible for the men to be properly paid by any sliding scale, unless it took sheets and plates as its basis. Sheets (singles) were now being sold for £7 10s per ton, and if they were the foundation of the scale the operative would now be getting 8s 6d per ton. He was now only receiving 7s 3d. The commonest of plates were realising £7, and even at that figure the men would receive 1s per ton more than now. Neither T nor angle iron were reckoned in the sliding scale. He moved, as an amendment, that Mr. Capper give a months notice for a reconsideration of the sliding scale, and that hoops, sheets, and plates be considered as the basis of that scale. This was seconded, and, after much discussion and disorder, was declared by the Chairman to have been carried over the original proposition. The meeting then separated."

1881 Census

39, Cambridge Street – DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE

- [1] *Thomas Beaman* (37), innkeeper, born Moxley;
- [2] *Sarah J. Beaman* (31), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *William Beaman* (5), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Maud M. Beaman* (7), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Mary Sambridge* (19), general servant, born Willenhall:

Evening Express 5/4/1881

"The adjourned inquiry touching the death of Eliza Musty, aged 26 years, a domestic servant, who died suddenly at the residence of Mr. Samuel Waldron, Wellington Street, Bilston, on the night of the 28th ult, was held at the DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, Cambridge Street, Bilston, before H. Brevitt, Esq, deputy coroner.

The inquiry had been adjourned for Dr. Smith to make a post mortem examination of the deceased. Mrs. Waldron, who was called, said during the time deceased had been in her employ her health had been good, and she had only once complained of illness. She saw her alive about twenty minutes to 12 in the dining room on the night of her death, and she then appeared in good health. She had complained of no illness during the day. At twenty minutes past 12 witness saw her in bed, and asking her what was the matter, deceased replied, 'I am dying.' Dr. Smith said he had made a post mortem examination, and found about twenty stones in the gall bladder, one of which had got impacted in the gall-duct. The lungs were deeply gorged with blood, and the air tubes full of frothy blood, the heart itself being empty.

The cause of death was Syncopal Asphyxia, arising from shock and loss of blood. The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes."

Evening Express 21/10/1881

“On Wednesday evening, the anniversary dinner of the Court ‘Welcome Foresters’, AOF, was held at the Courthouse, DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE INN, Cambridge Street, Bilston. The dinner was capitally served up by the worthy host, Bro. *T. Beaman*, at which between forty and fifty, including several of the honorary members, sat down. After full justice had been done to the viands, the chair was taken by Bro. R. J. Rogers, and the vice-chair by Bro. T. W. Green, PDCR. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been heartily drunk, the Chairman proposed, in suitable terms, the toast of ‘The Wolverhampton and Tipton District’, to which Mr. T. W. Green, PDCR, responded. The toast ‘Success to Court Welcome Foresters’ was responded to by Bro. W. Clews, who stated that the Court had at the present time a capital of £942, of which £800 was invested in Debenture Bonds of the Wolverhampton Corporation, yielding interest at 4 per cent. All the Court funds were in a satisfactory condition, with a large balance in each instance. The Court had been in existence 16 years, during which time it had paid £716 in sick pay. The proceedings were enlivened by some capital singing by Bros. J. Caddick, J. Nash, S. Evans, J. Bignell, J. Spittle, J. Smith, J. Harper, W. Jones, and T. W. Green.”

1891 Census

39, Cambridge Street

- [1] *Thomas Beaman* (47), licensed victualler, born Moxley;
- [2] *Sarah J. Beaman* (41), wife, born Moxley;
- [3] *Maude M. Beaman* (17), daughter, barmaid, born Moxley;
- [4] *William R. Beaman* (15), son, engine fitter's apprentice, born Moxley;
- [5] *Edith H. Beaman* (4), daughter, scholar, born Moxley;
- [6] *Ethel M. Beaman* (2), daughter, born Moxley;
- [7] *Sidney Adkiss* (10), nephew, scholar, born Moxley;
- [8] *Caroline R. Wilson* (20), domestic servant, born Daisy Bank:

Thomas Beaman was married to *Sarah Jane*.
He was still listed in Kelly's 1896 Directory.

1901 Census

Cambridge Street – DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE

- [1] *Sarah Jane Beaman* (51), widow, licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *William Richard Beaman* (25), son, engine fitter, born Bilston;
- [3] *Charles Henry Beaman* (19), son, commercial clerk, born Bilston;
- [4] *Edith Helen Beaman* (14), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Edith Mary Akers* (22), domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [6] *Elizabeth Clark* (22), domestic servant, born Moxley:

1911 Census

14, Cambridge Street

- [1] *Sarah Jane Beaman* (61), widow, licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *William Richard Beaman* (35), son, engineer's fitter, born Bilston;
- [3] *Charles H. Beaman* (29), son, clerk (unemployed at present), born Bilston;
- [4] *Edith H. Beaman* (24), daughter, teacher of cookery and laundry work, born Bilston;
- [5] *Martha Fellows* (36), domestic servant, born Walsall;
- [6] *Gertrude Lacey* (20), domestic servant, born Bilston:

South Staffordshire Times 31/1/1920

“On Wednesday, at the DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, the annual meeting of the Bilston Town Bowling Club was held. Mr. J. A. Harper was re-elected president; Mr. E. H. Fellows, vice-president; Mr. A. Bradley, captain; Mr. A. Roper, vice-captain; Mr. H. Preece, secretary and treasurer. The revenue account showed the total receipts to be £362 18s 3d, with a profit of £34 12s 2d. With bank interest this was increased to £55 4s 1d. The excess of assets over liabilities amounts to £122 9s 6d. The club owns the land on which the greens are situated, the pavilion, greenhouses, etc.”

It was demolished circa 1965.

DUKE OF WELLINGTON

Ettingshall Lane, (Catchems Corner), BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard Evans [1828] – [1835]

NOTES

It was known as "The Hell House".

DUKE OF WELLINGTON [1828], [1835]
MARQUIS WELLINGTON [1834]

DUKE OF YORK

Bilston Road, Ettingshall, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Enoch Evans [1865]

Philip Partridge [1868]

Philip and William Partridge [1896]

NOTES

Check Wolverhampton Road.

Check NEW INN.

DUKE OF YORK

Wolverhampton Road, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Smith [1841] – [1842]

Thomas Lowe [1851]

Thomas Mann [1854]

NOTES

Check Bilston Road.

EAGLE

Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Deeley [1833] – [1835]

NOTES

Thomas Deeley was also a carpenter and pattern maker. [1833]

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

40, Hill Street, (47, (46), Hall Street), (Hallfields), Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Caroline Brywood
J. and J. Yardley and Co. Ltd.
Millward Brothers, maltsters, Wednesbury
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Brywood [1861] – [1871]
Caroline Brywood [1873] – **188_**; [1881]
Charles Walter Wolverson (**188_ – 188_**);
Thomas Henry Round (**188_ – 1884**);
William Henry Moreton (**1884 – 188_**);
William Riley (**188_ – 1888**);
Henry William Cole (**1888 – 1891**);
Adam Bailey (**1891 – 189_**);
Samuel Bright Oliver (**189_ – 1896**);
Thomas Wood (**1896 – 1899**);
Simeon Heath (**1899 – 1900**);
Abraham Wootton (**1900 – 1902**);
Alfred Roberts (**1902**);
Abraham Wootton (**1902 – 1903**);
John Thomas Hinsull (**1903 – 1912**);
Samuel James Plimmer (**1912 – 1913**);

NOTES

46, Hall Street [1861]
47, Hall Street [1871], [1881], [1891]
40, Hill Street [1904]
Hill Street [1911], [1912]

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

46, Hall Street – ELEPHANT AND CASTLE
[1] *Joseph Brywood* (40), publican and pudler, born Bilston;
[2] *Caroline Brywood* (39), wife, born Sedgley;
[3] *Mary Ann Brywood* (18), daughter, born Bilston;
[4] *David Brywood* (16), son, puddler, bornWolverhampton;
[5] *Christiana Brywood* (14), daughter, born Sedgley;
[6] *John Brywood* (3 months), son, born Bilston:

1871 Census

47, Hall Street – ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

- [1] *Joseph Brywood* (48), puddler and publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Caroline Brywood* (47), wife, born Sedgley:

Joseph Brywood was born in 1822

He married *Caroline Hickman* in the 3rd quarter of 1839.

He died in the 4th quarter of 1879.

1881 Census

47, Hall Street – ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

- [1] *Caroline Brywood* (58), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Clara Goldsmith* (12), granddaughter, scholar, born Bilston:

1891 Census

47, Hall Street – ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

- [1] *Henry W. Cole* (39), iron worker shingler and publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Maria Cole* (41), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *George J. Cole* (18), son, iron worker cutter down in mill, born Bilston;
- [4] *Samuel A. Cole* (17), son, iron worker cutter down in mill, born Bilston;
- [5] *Henry W. Cole* (14), son, ironworker _____ in sheet mill, born Bilston;
- [6] *Albert Cole* (9), son, born Bilston;
- [7] *Ernest Cole* (4), son, born Bilston;
- [8] *Alice Cole* (15), niece, born Scotland;
- [9] *Sarah Morris* (19), general servant, born Bilston:

Thomas Wood issued tokens.

1901 Census

Hill Street

- [1] *Abraham Wootton* (25), boiler riveter, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Alice Wootton* (26), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Leah Wootton* (5), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *David Wootton* (2), son, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Sarah Marks* (16), domestic servant, born Bilston:

John Thomas Hinsull, beer retailer, 40, Hill Street, Bradley. [1904]

1911 Census

40, Hill Street

- [1] *John Thomas Hinsull* (48), brewer, born Princes End;
- [2] *Eliza Hinsull* (46), wife, married 26 years, born Princes End;
- [3] *Thomas Sydney Hinsull* (22), son, engine fitter, born Bradley;
- [4] *John Eger Hinsull* (19), son, iron worker, born Bradley;
- [5] *Henry Norman Hinsull* (15), son, iron worker, born Bradley;
- [6] *John Thomas Hinsull* (10), son, school, born Bradley;
- [7] *Sarina Kate Hinsull* (7), daughter, school, born Bradley;
- [8] *Edith Hinsull* (4), daughter, school, born Bradley;
- [9] *Florence Mary Hinsull* (2), daughter, born Bradley;
- [10] *Ester Page* (18), domestic servant, born Bradley;
- [11] *Thomas Dolman* (36), visitor, iron worker, born Bradley:

Samuel J. Plimmer, beer retailer, Hill Street. [1912]

The license was not renewed in 1913.

Compensation of £255 was paid on 24th December 1913.

Bilston & Willenhall Times 11/10/1924 - Advert

“Tuesday Next, October 14th, 1924, at 7 o’clock in the Evening. Important Sale of Freehold Properties and Land, and de- licensed houses, at Bradley and Priestfields, which Cyril H. Green F.N.A.A. has been instructed to submit for Sale By Auction, at the PIPEHALL HOTEL, Bilston, on the above Date, subject to conditions of sale to be then read, the under-mentioned Properties.....

Lot 8.— Two Freehold Houses, Nos. 40 and 1, back, Hill Street, Bradley, £30 0s 2d in gross annual rentals.

No.40 Hill Street, was formerly the licensed premises known as the ELEPHANT AND CASTLE INN (now de-licensed).....”

Bilston & Willenhall Times 18/10/1924

“Mr. Cyril H. Green, F.N.A.A., auctioneer, Bilston, conducted a successful sale of freehold properties, de-licensed houses, and land, situate in Bilston, Priestfields, and Bradley, at the PIPE HALL HOTEL, on Tuesday evening.....

Two houses in Hill Street, Bradley, one of which was the ELEPHANT AND CASTLE, £245.....”

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

122, (127), Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Francis Udall [1851] – **1888**);
William Henry Haynes (**1888 – 1894**);
Nathan Eccleston (**1894 – 1896**);
James McNairnie (**1896 – 1897**);
Charles Henry Parsons (**1897 – 1898**);
Robert Edward Platt (**1898 – 1899**);
Charles Henry Walker (**1899 – 1924**);

NOTES

127, Oxford Street [1861], [1864], [1865], [1871], [1891]
122, Oxford Street [1901], [1911], [1912]

It had a beerhouse license.

1851 Census

Oxford Street

- [1] *Francis Udall* (33), publican, born Handsworth;
- [2] *Maria Udall* (31), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Francis Udall* (5 months), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Joseph Taffy* (55), visitor, jobbing smith, born Wednesfield;
- [5] *Louisa Jones* (16), general servant, born Kingswinford;

Francis Udall, beerhouse keeper, 127, Oxford Street. [1858]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1858

“Mr. Wells appeared in support of an application on behalf of Mr. *Francis Udall*, for a license to the ELEPHANT AND CASTLE, Oxford Street, Bilston, and stated that from the BULL INN, Moxley to the QUEENS ARMS, Oxford Street, there was only one public house with an old license, and there was no opposition by the occupier of that house to the present application.

Mr. Hayes opposed for the occupier of the BROWN LION, and pointed out to the Bench that there were large works in close proximity to the house of the applicant, and the evils which would result by workmen wasting their time in a public house. Application refused.”

Francis Udall, beer retailer, Oxford Street. [1861], [1868]

1861 Census

127, Oxford Street – ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

- [1] *Francis Udall* (43), retail brewer, born Handsworth;
- [2] *Maria Udall* (41), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *George Udall* (20), son, butcher, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *John Udall* (18), son, stock taker, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Emma Udall* (15), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Francis Udall* (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Rebecca Udall* (5), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Maria Udall* (3), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [9] *Thomas Udall* (10 months), son, born Bilston:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21/8/1861

“Yesterday, a man named Benjamin Sylvester was charged at the Police Court, before the Rev. H. S. Fletcher and J. N. Bagnall, Esq., with having stolen 17s from the person of Thomas Morris, at a beerhouse in Oxford-street, kept by *Francis Udall*. In the course of Sunday morning last the parties were drinking at *Udall*’s public house, and while prosecutor was taking some money out of his purse in order to pay for some ale, the prisoner snatched the purse out of his hand and ran away. The circumstances of the case were such that the magistrates did not feel justified in convicting, and the prisoner was bound over to appear when called in.

Udall was then charged with keeping his house open at illegal hours – at the time of the robbery just alluded to was said to have taken place. The magistrates inflicted a penalty of 20s and costs.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/11/1861

“A case of *Francis Udall*, a publican living in Bilston [ELEPHANT AND CASTLE], against Mr. *C. Wright*, occupier of the QUEENS’ HOTEL, in the same town, was argued today on an important point raised by Mr. Thurstans, the defendant’s attorney. The plaintiff was supported by Mr. Claydon. The facts were simply these: In November, 1857, *Udall*, *Wright*, and a man named Burgess became sureties for a Mr. Hobdy, who has since left the country, on two promissory notes of £70 and £30. *Udall* was afterwards called upon to fulfil the bond, and he did so, paying the whole, or nearly the whole of the £100. Burgess afterwards undertook to repay his share, and *Udall* now sought to recover £31 12s, the share of the other co-surety. In defence, Mr. Thurstans argued that defendant was protected by a certificate in Bankruptcy, under the date of January, 1860; the petition, it should be added, was filed in May, 1859. Mr. Claydon argued, first that the certificate afforded no protection whatever, but subsequently he maintained, and it was on this point the case was decided, that the certificate only afforded partial protection. Nearly two-thirds of the £100 were paid by *Udall* before defendant filed his petition, and the Court could consider that money to be the shares of *Udall* and Burgess; the remaining third was paid after defendant’s bankruptcy, therefore defendant was liable. The 52d section of the Bankruptcy Act would not apply in a case like the present – between surety and co-surety, only between surety and principal, and in support of this he cited the case ‘Clements and Longman.’ Mr. Thurstans maintained the 177th sec. of the 13 and 14 Vie. provided the debts payable on contingency could be accessed by the Court of bankruptcy; and the Act further provided that where they were not assessable, the only remedy of the creditor would be to prove his debt, and receive dividends in case the contingency arose, and those dividends should be given without disturbing former dividends, payable to other creditors. Mr. Thurstans further argued that the defendant was only liable at the most for one-third the amount paid after the bankruptcy. His Honour considered that the section of Victoria referred to by Mr. Thurstans was a re-enactment of a section in the case cited by Mr. Claydon. He was, however, of opinion that it was not competent to the plaintiff to appropriate payments he had paid before the bankruptcy, but he was entitled to prove under the bankruptcy for the defendant’s share of that amount. He should consequently give judgement for a third of the sum paid by plaintiff since defendant’s bankruptcy, which would be £13 15s 8d.”

Francis Udall, beer retailer, 127 Oxford Street. [1864], [1865]

1871 Census

127, Oxford Street

- [1] *Francis Udall* (53), publican, born Handsworth;
- [2] *Maria Udall* (51), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *George Udall* (30), son, butcher, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Francis Udall* (20), son, butcher, born Bilston;
- [5] *Mary Udall* (18), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Rebecca Udall* (17), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Maria Udall* (13), daughter, born Bilston;
- [8] *Thomas Udall* (10), son, born Bilston;
- [9] *Francis Udall* (4), visitor, born Bilston:

1881 Census

Oxford Street – ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

- [1] *Francis Udall* (63), publican, born Handsworth;
- [2] *Maria Udall* (61), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Francis Udall* (29), son, brewer, born Bilston;
- [4] *Thomas Udall* (20), son, butcher, born Bilston;
- [5] *Kate Wall* (18), domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [6] *Clara Fellows* (21), visitor, domestic servant, born Bilston:

1891 Census

127, Oxford Street – ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

- [1] *William H. Haynes* (50), stationary steam engine maker, born Bilston;
- [2] *Selina Haynes* (48), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Samuel Haynes* (20), son, stationary engine fitter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Frank Haynes* (17), son, iron worker, born Bilston;
- [5] *Moses C. Haynes* (14), son, iron plate worker, born Bilston;
- [6] *Leonard Haynes* (10), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Charlotte Haynes* (7), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Rosannah Flavell* (17), general servant, born Bilston:

William Henry Haynes was convicted on 13th June 1894 for permitting drunkenness.

Nathan Eccleston, beer retailer, 127, Oxford Street. [1896]

1901 Census

122, Oxford Street – Beerhouse

- [1] *Charles H. Walker* (32), iron moulder and beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah H. Walker* (31), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Harvess (?) Walker* (6), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Minnie Walker* (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Elsie Walker* (5 months), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Fanny Phillips* (19), general servant, born Bilston:

Charles Walker, beer retailer, 122, Oxford Street. [1904]

1911 Census

122, Oxford Street

- [1] *Charles Henry Walker* (44), beerhouse keeper, born Bradley;
- [2] *Sarah Harriet Walker* (42), wife, married 18 years, born Bilston;
- [3] *Harvin Elizabeth Walker* (16), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Minnie Gwendoline Walker* (12), daughter, school, born Bilston;
- [5] *Elsie Walker* (10), daughter, school, born Bilston;
- [6] *Phylis Walker* (4), daughter, born Bilston:

Charles H. Walker, beer retailer, 122, Oxford Street. [1912]

South Staffordshire Times 9/2/1924

“Bilston Licensing.....

Plans for erecting new premises on land leading from Fraser Street to Willenhall Road, passed on the 3rd March, 1922, were now completed, and an application for the removal of license of the SAMSON AND LION, Greencroft, Bilston, to these new premises was to be made that day. If granted, an undertaking was given by the owners to surrender the license of the ELEPHANT AND CASTLE, Oxford Street, which would close simultaneously with the house in Greencroft.”

AND

“Bilston Licensing.....

Mr. Wright gave particulars of the application for the license of the new premises in Fraser Street. The house to be known as the SAMSON AND LION, he said, satisfied the authorities, and it was necessary to get a final order. The ELEPHANT AND CASTLE, which was surrendered, and the SAMSON AND LION, Greencroft, Bilston, if the licenses were transferred to the new premises, would be closed at two o'clock that day.

The application for transfer of the license of the old SAMSON AND LION to Robert Collins Robson was granted.”

The license was surrendered in 1924, on the Removal of the license from the SAMPSON AND LION, to the new SAMPSON AND LION.

It closed on 8th February 1924.

It became a private dwelling.

ELISABETH ARMS

Overfield Drive, BILSTON

OWNERS

Harvester Restaurants
Sizzling Pub Co. [2007], [2012]

LICENSEES

Kipps and Pountney [1995]
Alison Meredith-White and Andrew White [2004] managers
Maureen Layland [2005]

NOTES

[1992]

It was refurbished in May 2003.

Andrew White was born c. 1974.

[2016]



2007



2016

EXCHANGE VAULTS

72, Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Charles Crooke [1860] – [1865]

Henry Jones [1868]

John Thomas Hunt [1871]

NOTES

Charles Crook, wine and spirit vaults, Church Street. [1860]

1861 Census

72, Church Street

[1] *Charles Crooke* (36), licensed spirit merchant, born Kilsby, Northamptonshire;

[2] *Elizabeth Crooke* (40), wife, born Northamptonshire;

[3] *Sarah Morse* (19), general servant, born Willenhall:

Henry Jones, spirit vaults, 72, Church Street. [1868]

1871 Census

72, Church Street

[1] *John Thomas Hunt* (30), master publican, born Macclesfield, Cheshire;

[2] *Betsey Maria Hunt* (28), wife, born Hanley, Staffordshire;

[3] *Lissy Maud Golton Hunt* (6), daughter, scholar, born Haslegrove Street, Stockport;

[4] *Charlotte Dolman* (16), general servant, born Bilston:

FALCON

Mount Pleasant, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard Morgan [1851] – [1854]

NOTES

1851 Census

Mount Pleasant

- [1] *Richard Morgan* (48), coal master and victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary M. Morgan* (44), wife, born Broseley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Emma Morgan* (17), daughter, at home, born Tipton;
- [4] *William Morgan* (14), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Richard H. Morgan* (12), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Anne E. Morgan* (10), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [7] *Charles James Morgan* (8), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [8] *George Thomas Morgan* (5), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [9] *Walter J. Morgan* (3), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [10] *Eunice Jenks* (79), mother in law, widow, born Shirecester, Shropshire;
- [11] *Sarah Mills* (17), general servant, born Bilston:

FIGHTING COCKS

Dudley Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

Extension plans approved by Bilston Licensing Magistrates in September 1899.

FORESTERS ARMS

12, (6), Walsall Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Alexander Perry Law, gentleman, Bilston
Abraham Lunn, contractor / beerhouse keeper, Bilston
Catherine (Lunn) Hill, 248, Caledonia Road, Wishaw, Scotland

LICENSEES

Charles Tizard [1865]
Samuel Rogers [1871] - **1876**);
Abraham Lunn (**1876 - 1878**);
George Swift (**1878 - 1893**);
William Till (**1893 - 1897**);
Fred Pearson (**1897 - 1908**);
Harry Howard Wilkes (**1908 - 1911**);
Walter William Harbach (**1911 - 1923**);
Mrs. Annie Harris (**1923 - 1933**);
Arthur Humpage (**1933 - 1934**);
George Allen (**1934 - [1940]**)

NOTES

6, Walsall Street
12, Walsall Street [1940]

It was situated behind the town hall.

It was known locally as "My Dears".

It had a beerhouse license.

Charles Tizard, beer retailer, 6, Walsall Street. [1865]
See also LION.

1871 Census

6, Walsall Street – FORRESTERS ARMS

- [1] *Samuel Rogers* (36), journeyman locksmith, born Wolverhampton;
 - [2] *Adelaide Rogers* (34), wife, born Willenhall;
 - [3] *William Rogers* (12), son, scholar, born Bilston;
 - [4] *Samuel Rogers* (10), son, scholar, born Bilston;
 - [5] *David Rogers* (7), son, scholar, born Bilston;
 - [6] *Henry Rogers* (5), son, scholar, born Bilston;
 - [7] *Jesse Rogers* (3), son, scholar, born Bilston;
 - [8] *Thomas Rogers* (1), son, born Bilston;
 - [9] *James Callow* (52), boarder, journeyman hatter, born Denton, Lancashire;
 - [10] *Philip Phillips* (53), lodger, journeyman wheelwright, born Wales:
- [Denton is about 6 miles ESE of Manchester city centre.]

1881 Census

Walsall Street

- [1] *George Swift* (45), publican, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Eliza Swift* (41), wife, born Brettle Lane;
- [3] *Charles Swift* (19), son, brass worker in brass foundry, born Bilston;
- [4] *George Henry Swift* (14), son, grocer's assistant, born Bilston;
- [5] *Alfred Swift* (11), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *Jane Swift* (9), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Mary Murray* (17), general servant, born Oldbury:

1891 Census

6, Walsall Street – FORESTERS ARMS

- [1] *George Swift* (53), publican, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Eliza Swift* (50), wife, born Brettel Lane;
- [3] *Sarah J. Swift* (19), daughter, general servant, born Bradley:

William Till, beer retailer, Walsall Street. [1896]

1901 Census

Walsall Street – FORESTERS ARMS

- [1] *Fred Pearson* (42), engine fitter and licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Fanny Pearson* (44), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Fred Pearson* (18), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Clarence J. Pearson* (6), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Thomas Pearson* (5), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *Blanche Pearson* (1), daughter, born Bilston:

Fred Pearson, beer retailer, Walsall Street. [1904]

1911 Census

Walsall Street – FORESTERS ARMS

- [1] *Walter William Harbach* (32), brass pattern maker, born Willenhall;
- [2] *Sarah Ann Harbach* (28), wife, married 2 years, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *George Harry Harbach* (1), son, born Willenhall:

Walter William Harbach brewed here. [1916], [1921]

South Staffordshire Times 31/3/1923

“On the application of Mr. R. Tildesley, the license of the FORESTERS ARMS INN, Walsall Street, Bilston, was transferred to Mrs. Annie Harris, formerly of Bradley.”

Annie Harris was married to Frank.

A team from here took part in the Bilston Crib League, Section B. [1946]

It closed in 1955.

Demolished

FORGE HAMMER

Ettingshall Lane, BILSTON

OWNERS

Henry Fowler, ironmaster, Shifnal

LICENSEES

Ann Hyde [1833] – [1835]

Joseph Hyde [1850] – [1864]

William Ephraim Hyde [] – **1873**;

Henry Hyde (**1873** – []

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

FORGE HAMMER AND SPEEDWELL [1864]

The license was abandoned.

FORGE HAMMER

28, Manor Road, Ettinghall, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Ernest G Perkins [1940]

FORGE HAMMER

112, (6), Spring Road, Lanesfield, (Spring Vale Iron Works), BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas Bantock, gentleman, Wolverhampton
Stephen Thompson and Co. Ltd., Manor Works, Lanesfield
Major George Cox, brewer, Bilston
John Rolinson and Son Ltd. (leased from 1909)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Hyde [1849]
Thomas Robinson [1873] – **1874**;
John Robinson **(1874 – 1877)**;
Henry Hyde **(1877 – 1878)**;
John Proudlove **(1878 – 1879)**;
John Lewis **(1879)**;
Joseph Smith **(1879 – 1885)**;
Jane Wildman **(1885)**;
Alfred Thomas Clark **(1885 – [1904]**
Dennis Jones **(1974 – 1984)**
Stephen Hoare [1994] – [1995]
John Freeman []
Michael Sims [2005]
Beris Lock [2007]

NOTES

Spring Vale Iron Works [1849], [1850]
6, Spring Road
112, Spring Road [2005]

It was originally the FOX.

It had an ante '63 beerhouse license.

Thomas Robinson died in 1874.

Name changed to FORGE HAMMER

1881 Census

Spring Road – FORGE HAMMER INN

[1] *Alfred Thomas Clark* (23), tin plate worker, born Deepfields;

[2] *Jemima Jane Clark* (24), wife, born Deepfields;

[3] *Selina Maud Clark* (5 months), daughter, born Deepfields;

[4] *Ellen Cope* (18), domestic servant, born Bilston:

[Was this the *Alfred Thomas Clark* who held the license from 1885? Was he a manager here in 1881?]

1891 Census

Spring Road – FORGE HAMMER INN

[1] *Alfred Thomas Clark* (33), licensed victualler, born Deepfields;

[2] *Jemima Jane Clark* (34), wife, born Ettingshall;

[3] *Selina M. Clark* (10), daughter, scholar, born Spring Vale;

[4] *Lizzie Edith Clark* (9), daughter, scholar, born Spring Vale;

[5] *Emma Jane Clark* (6), daughter, scholar, born Spring Vale;

[6] *Sarah Ann Price* (19), general servant, born Coseley:

Alfred Thomas Clark, beer retailer, Springvale. [1904]

South Staffordshire Times 28/2/1920 - Advert

“A Highly Important sale by Auction of Seven Licensed Properties finely situated in the heart of the Black Country – All Freehold.

By Order of Major G. Cox. Esq., with Possession On Completion.

The Ante '60 Beer Houses known as:

The STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT, Darlaston

The FORGE HAMMER, Lanesfield.

The TOWNHALL STORES, Bilston.

The ROYAL EXCHANGE, Bilston.

And Building Land near to the FORGE HAMMER, Lanesfield.

Solicitors: Messrs. Hall, Pratt and Pritchard, Bilston.”

Dennis Jones was married to Pat.

He was an ex-toolmaker.

He died on 13th August 2008, aged 88.

See also ROCKET POOL, OLD BUSH, Bradley, and DOG AND PARTRIDGE.

John Freeman was married to Jan.

Express and Star 9/8/1999 - Advert

“Single trading area community operation. Bar with games area. Car Park. Purely wet led and games oriented. 3 bedroom private accommodation. Last 12 months wet trade – 120 barrels. Tenancy. Approximate ingoings £2,500.”

It reopened in June 2007 after a £40,000 refurbishment.

[2008]

Closed [2009], [2010]

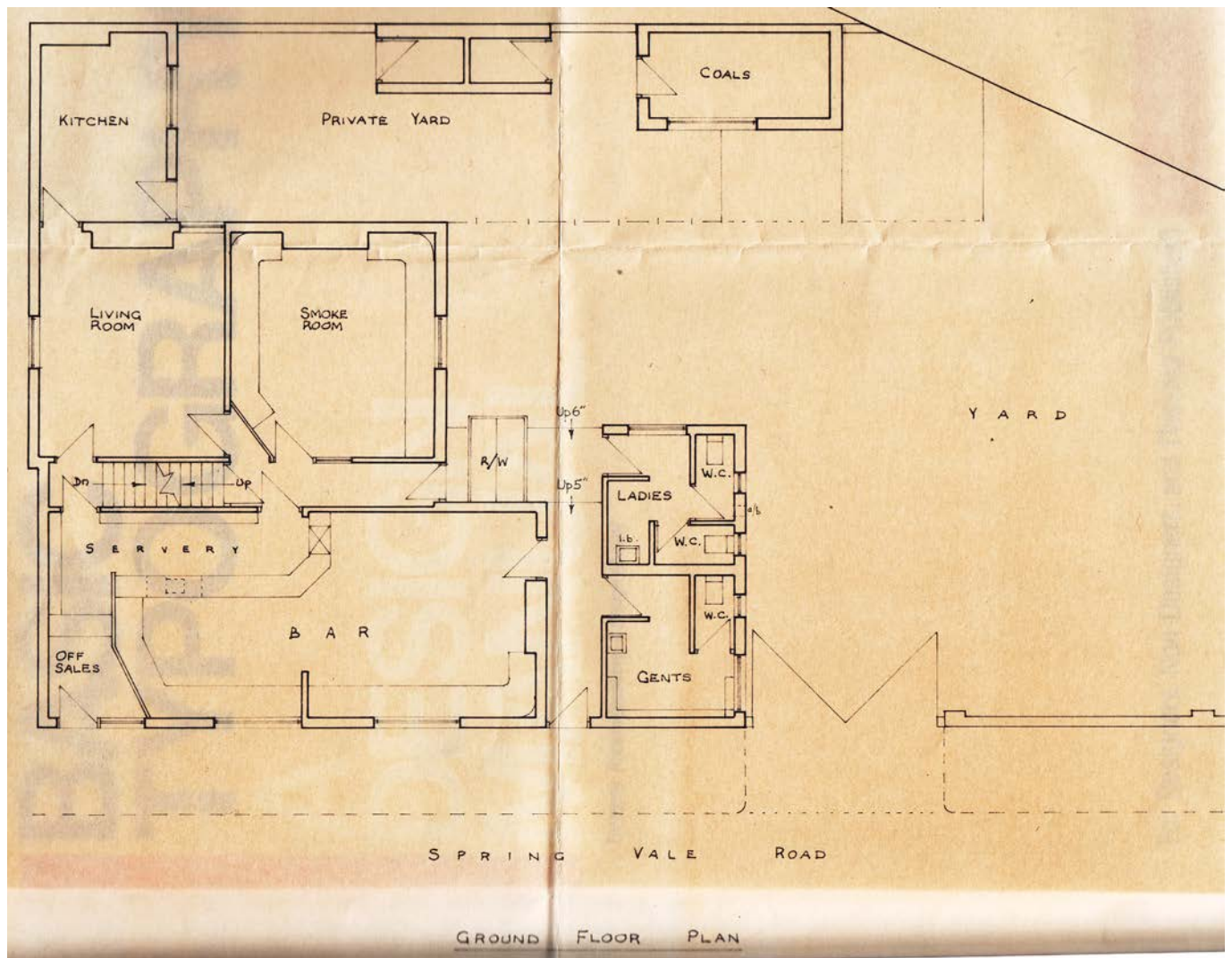
It was converted into a café.



1986



Ex Pub 2012



Plan 1970

FOUNTAIN

12, Parliament Street, Greencroft, BILSTON

OWNERS

Mrs. Martin, widow, Wolverhampton Road, Bilston
Mrs. M J Bent, Belper

LICENSEES

George Cockayne [1871] – **1877**);
Charles Cockayne (**1877 – 1879**);
Richard Wild (**1879 – 1880**);
Alfred Patrick (**1880**);
John Roberts (**1880 – 1889**);
Mary Roberts (**1889**);
Thomas Bennett (**1889 – 1893**);
Esther Hughes (**1893 – 1894**);
George Edge Callear (**1894 – 1895**);
William Bould (**1895**);

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

Parliament Street – The FOUNTAIN

- [1] *George Cockayne* (55), beerhouse keeper, born Great Haywood;
- [2] *Maria Cockayne* (54), wife, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Charles Cockayne* (20), son, journeyman engine fitter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Julia Deakin* (16), general servant, born Bilston;
- [5] *John Turner* (22), lodger, journeyman tinplate worker, born Wednesbury;

George Cockayne died in 1877.

John Roberts died on 26th July 1889.

1891 Census

12, Parliament Street

- [1] *Thomas Bennett* (42), publican and iron moulder, born Tettenhall;
- [2] *Lucy Bennett* (40), wife, waitress, born Oldbury;
- [3] *Thomas Bennett* (7), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Joseph Bennett* (3), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Frederick Bennett* (3 months), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *Alice Bunting* (19), general servant, born Bilston;

Esther Hughes was convicted on 31st October 1894 on two cases of permitting drunkenness.

The license renewal was refused at the Annual Licensing Meeting, 1895.

Demolished

FOUNTAIN

29, (36), Ward Street, Ettingshall, (Priestfield), BILSTON

OWNERS

William Hyde Snr.
Catherine Esther Taylor
John Large, ironworker, Villiers Street, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton
Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd.

LICENSEES

Henry Hyde [1861]
William Hyde the Elder [1865] – **1873**;
William Hyde the Younger (**1873 – 1876**);
William Hyde the Elder (**1876 – 1877**);
William Hyde the Younger (**1877 – 1878**);
James Taylor (**1878 – 1885**);
Catherine Esther Taylor (**1885 – 1900**);
Ellen Higgs (**1900 – 1901**);
Joseph Large (**1901 – 1905**);
Richard Bates (**1905 – 1906**);
William Fellows (**1906 – 1908**);
James Collins (**1908 – 1910**);
James Arthur Collins (**1910 – 1912**);
John Saunders Large (**1912 – 1921**);
Emma Large (**1921 – 1927**);

NOTES

36, Ward Street [1881]
29, Ward Street [1901], [1904]

It had a beerhouse license.

William Hyde, beer retailer, Ward Street. [1865], [1868]

1871 Census

Ward Street
[1] *William Hyde* (71), publican, born Bilston;
[2] *Rebecca Hyde* (71), wife, born Bilston;
[3] *Mary A. Hyde* (14), granddaughter, servant, born Sedgley:

William Hyde the Younger died in 1878.

1881 Census

36, Ward Street – FOUNTAIN INN
[1] *James Taylor* (55), coal miner and beerhouse keeper, born Ettingshall;
[2] *Catherine E. Taylor* (55), wife, born Wolverhampton;
[3] *Phoebe Cooper* (17), general servant, born Wallbrook, Staffordshire:

James Taylor died in 1885.

1891 Census

56, Ward Street – FOUNTAIN INN

[1] *Catherine Taylor* (60), widow, licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;

[2] *Mary Whitehouse* (70), widow, sister, lives on her own means, born Sedgley:

1901 Census

29, Ward Street

[1] *Ellen Higgs* (39), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Priestfield;

[2] *Deborah Steventon* (22), general servant, born Ladymoor;

[3] *Ellen Micklewright* (43), visitor, born Priestfield:

Joseph Large, beer retailer, 29, Ward Street. [1904]

John Saunders Large was fined £1 and costs, on 5th May 1916, for serving beer exceeding the measure called for.

He died on 29th March 1921.

The license was refused by Compensation Authority on 4th March 1927.

Compensation of £1,150 was paid on 26th December 1927.

Bilston and Willenhall Times 14/1/1928

“*Alfred W. Dando and Co.* will sell by auction on Tuesday, January 31, 1928 A substantially built and slate roofed, double fronted property, formerly known as the FOUNTAIN INN, but now delicensed, situate and being No.29, Ward Street, Priestfield, containing Entrance Passage, two Front Sitting rooms on the first floor and cellar in the basement, together with Yard having side approaches, Stable with loft over and the Usual Outbuildings.”

FOUR HORSE SHOES

Broad Lanes, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mary Harper [1828] – [1830]

FOX

4, Ash Street, Bradley, (Daisy Bank), BILSTON

OWNERS

Smith, coalmaster, Dudley
Edward Gettings
Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd. [1910]

LICENSEES

Alexander Paul [] – **1873**);
Samuel Foxon (**1873 – 1874**);
William Sambrook (**1874 – 1875**);
Israel Bailey (**1875 – 1876**);
Edward Gettings (**1876 – 1891**);
John Ashcroft (**1891 – 1892**);
Emma Louisa Elliman (**1892 – 1893**);
Thomas Holdnell (**1893 – 1894**);
Edward Gettings (**1894 – 1898**);
Richard Davies (**1898 – 1902**);
William Henry Hutchinson (**1902 – 1904**);
Joseph Reynolds (**1904 – 1906**);
George Norton (**1906 – 1912**);
Theodosia Norton [1911] ?
Mary Ann Waterhouse (**1912 – 1914**);
George Maddox (**1914**):

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

William Sambrook was convicted on 27th January 1874 for permitting drunkenness.
He was convicted again on 16th October 1874 for the same offence.

Israel Bailey = Israel Bayley

Edward Gettings = Edward Gittings

1881 Census

4, Ash Street

- [1] *Edward Gettings* (44), licensed victualler, born Cheshire;
- [2] *Mary Gettings* (38), wife, born Ladymore [Ladymoor], Staffordshire;
- [3] *Louisa Gettings* (20), daughter, born Daisy Bank;
- [4] *Betsy Gettings* (16), daughter, born Daisy Bank;
- [5] *Eliza Jane Gettings* (8), daughter, born Daisy Bank;
- [6] *Mary Gettings* (6), daughter, born Daisy Bank;
- [7] *Edith Gettings* (8 months), daughter, born Daisy Bank;

1891 Census

4, Ash Street

- [1] *Edward Gettings* (54), beer seller, born Hollins Wood, Shropshire;
- [2] *Mary Gettings* (48), wife, born Lady Moor;
- [3] *Mary Maria Gettings* (15), daughter, born Daisy Bank;
- [4] *Eda Alice Gettings* (11), daughter, scholar, born Daisy Bank;
- [5] *Richard Davis* (25), lodger, boatman, born Daisy Bank;
- [6] *Edward Davis* (9), grandson, born Daisy Bank:

Edward Gittings, beer retailer, Ash Street, Bradley. [1896]

1901 Census

4, Ash Street

- [1] *Richard Davies* (33), boat steerer, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Davies* (25), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Violet Davies* (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Edward Davies* (18), nephew, shoe maker, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Edward Gettings* (64), stepfather, widower, born Hollings Wood, Shropshire:

William Henry Hutchinson, beer retailer, Ash Street, Bradley. [1904]

George Norton was married to *Theodosia Lane*.

1911 Census

4, Ash Street

- [1] *George Norton* (50), engineer, fitter and turner, born Bradley;
- [2] *Theodosia Norton* (48), wife, married 29 years, licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Prudence Norton* (21), daughter, dressmaking, born Bradley;
- [4] *Samuel Norton* (17), son, engineer's turner, born Bradley;
- [5] *Maud Norton* (15), daughter, born Bradley;
- [6] *Harry Norton* (12), son, school, born Bradley;
- [7] *Harold Lane Norton* (8), son, scholar, born Bradley;
- [8] *Martha Elizabeth Ryan* (24), visitor, daughter, born Princes End;
- [9] *Lawrence Norton Ryan* (3), visitor, born Bradley:

The license was refused by the Compensation Authority on 29th July 1914.
Compensation of £500 was paid on 28th December 1914.

FOX

29+30, Bilston Street, Hallfields, BILSTON

OWNERS

Mr. Speak, miner, Darlaston

LICENSEES

Joseph Taylor [1868] – [1873]
Daniel Ecclestone [] – **1883**):

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license,

Joseph Taylor, beer retailer, Bilston Street, Hallfields. [1868]

1871 Census

29+30, Bilston Street

[1] *Joseph Taylor* (31), grocer and publican, born Bilston;

[2] *Menilla Taylor* (29), wife, housewife, born Bilston;

[3] *Alice Taylor* (5), daughter, born Bilston;

[4] *Elizabeth Butler* (12), general servant, born Tipton:

The license was refused in 1883, it was forfeited on grounds "personal to the licensee".

FOX

18, Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mary Reynolds [1818] – [1822]
James Gilbert [1828] – [1830]
Thomas Hodgins [1833] – [1835]
Mary Pratt [1841] – [1842]
James Walter Busst [1845]
William Worthington [1849]
John Smith [1851]
Henry Slater [1854]
Mrs. Eliza Price [] – **1858**
William Twelves [1860] – [1861]
Joseph Springthorpe [1861]
Thomas Durham [1864] – [1865]
Thomas George Jackson [1868]

WILLIAM TWELVES,
Fox Inn,
CHURCH STREET, BILSTON.

W. T. begs most respectfully to inform his friends and the public generally that he has taken the above house, and hopes by strict attention to comfort, with moderate charges to merit a share of their patronage and support, which shall be his constant study to observe.

PRIVATE SITTING-ROOM FOR COMMERCIAL GENTLEMEN.

Advert 1861

NOTES

It was a coaching inn.

Commercial inn [1822], [1835], [1842], [1851], [1854]

1841 Census

Church Street

- [1] *Mary Pratt* (55), innkeeper, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Fanny Hayward* (25), ind, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Lucy Hayward* (11 months), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Sarah Morgan* (20), fs, born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Henry Jones* (30), ms:

James Walter Busst was also an accountant and clerk. [1845]

1851 Census

Church Street

- [1] *John Smith* (29), innkeeper and brass founder, born Handsworth;
- [2] *Fanny Smith* (30), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Francis Smith* (3), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Fanny Smith* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Frederic Smith* (1), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *Dennis Hale* (28), servant, ostler, born Bilston:

John Smith was from Dawley, Shropshire.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1858

“In consequence of repeated convictions of Mrs. *Eliza Price*, the FOX INN, Church Street, Bilston, for keeping a disorderly house, the Magistrates decided to withdraw the license from that house altogether.”

London Gazette 4/1/1859

“WHEREAS a Petition of *Eliza Price*, now and for about three months and six days last past residing in lodgings at Spring-hill, Essington-wood, in the township of Essington, in the county of Stafford, Widow, out of business, and previously for about sixteen months and fourteen days residing at the FOX INN, Church-street, Bilston, in the said county of Stafford, and then and there carrying on business as a Licensed Victualler and Retailer of Wines, Spirituous Liquors, and Tobacco, 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 *Eliza Price*, under the provisions of the Statutes in that case made and provided, the said *Eliza Price* is hereby required to appear before the said Court, on the 24th day of January instant, at ten o’clock in the forenoon precisely, for her first examination touching her 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. Any persons indebted to the said *Eliza Price*, or that have any of her 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.”

William Twelves = William Twells

Advert 1861

“*William Twelves* / FOX INN / Church Street, Bilston / *W. T.* begs most respectfully to inform his friends and the public generally that he has taken the above house, and hopes by strict attention to comfort, with moderate charges to merit a share of their patronage and support, which shall be his constant study to observe. / Private Sitting-Room for Commercial Gentlemen.”

1861 Census

18, Church Street

- [1] *Joseph Springthorpe* (30), publican, born Hibstock, Leicestershire;
- [2] *Mary Ann Springthorpe* (34), wife, born Walsall;
- [3] *Betsey Springthorpe* (14), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Samuel Springthorpe* (13), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Francis Springthorpe* (8), son, scholar, born Walsall;
- [6] *James Springthorpe* (6), son, scholar, born Walsall;
- [7] *Clara Springthorpe* (4), daughter, scholar, born Walsall;
- [8] *Elizabeth Banks* (21), house and bar maid, born Willenhall;
- [9] *John Haynes* (30), lodger, baker’s assistant, born Walsall;
- [10] *William Springthorpe* (1), son, born Walsall:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 4/9/1861

“Applications For New Licenses.....

Mr. Waterhouse applied, on behalf of James Springthorpe, that the license taken away from the FOX INN, Church-street, Bilston, might be restored. Refused.....”

Thomas George Jackson, beer retailer, 18, Church Street. [1868]

Closed

It was demolished.

The new Town Hall was built on the site in 1872.

FOX AND PARTRIDGE

BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Isaac Bradley [1858]

NOTES

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/3/1858

“*Isaac Bradley*, a buttly collier, and the landlord of the FOX AND PARTRIDGE at Bilston, was charged with having paid, at his public house, on the 2nd February, 11s 5d on account of wages to a collier in his employ named Richard Edwards penalty of £5 and costs.”

[This was against the Truck Act.]

GATE

378, Bilston Road, (Gibbet Lane), (30, Wolverhampton Road), (6, Willenhall Road), Monmore Green, (Priestfield), BILSTON

OWNERS

George Marson, gentleman, licensed victualler, Sweetman Street, Whitmore Reans
William Butler and Co. Ltd.
Georgiana Marson, Sweetman Street, Whitmore Reans
R. A. Harper Ltd., Hall Park Brewery, Bilston
Eley's Stafford Brewery
William Butler and Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Enterprise Inns Ltd. [1991]

LICENSEES

William Hunt [1833] – [1850]
Mrs. Ann Maddocks [1851] – [1854]
John Bassett Elwell [1858] – [1870]
Alfred Walters [1871] – **1877**;
Joseph Elwell (**1877 – 1885**);
John Lockley (**1885**);
Stephen John Sopp (?) (**1885 – 1886**);
Mary Ann Oakley (**1886 – 1888**);
George Willetts (**1888 – 1897**);
Henry Turchus [Tertius] Hodgkiss (**1897 – 1898**);
James Evans (**1898 – 1926**);
Ernest Harold Rhodes (**1926 – 1959**)
O Mason [1983]
Raj Kumar Jassal [1995] – [2007]

NOTES

Priestfield [1841]
Willenhall Road [1851], [1911]
Wolverhampton Road [1851], [1861], [1881]
6, Willenhall Road [1931]
30, Wolverhampton Road [1940]
378, Bilston Road [2005]

OLD GATE [1851], [1874]
The GATES [1870]
GATE [1904], [1911]

It had a beerhouse license.

1841 Census

Priestfield

- [1] *William Hunt* (65), victualler, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *John Hunt* (17), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Rebecca Hunt* (25), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *William Hunt* (3), born Staffordshire:

1851 Census

Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *Ann Maddocks* (36), widow, innkeeper, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Catherine Maddocks* (14), daughter, home, born Bilston;
- [3] *Elinor Maddocks* (13), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Sarah Maddocks* (12), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *John Maddocks* (10), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Elizabeth Maddocks* (8), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Ann Maddocks* (6), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *George Maddocks* (1), son, born Bilston:

1861 Census

Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *John Elwell* (46), boiler maker, victualler, born Coseley;
- [2] *Ann Elwell* (46), wife, born Burton on Trent;
- [3] *George W. Elwell* (17), son, born Coseley;
- [4] *Abraham Bennett* (20), apprentice boiler maker, born Burton on Trent;
- [5] *William Dunn* (17), apprentice boiler maker, born Burton on Trent;
- [6] *John Matthin* (17), apprentice boiler maker, born Burton on Trent;
- [7] *Charles Duma* (21), boarder, bridle bit maker, born Burton on Trent;
- [8] *Amelia Evan* (8), servant, born Portobello;
- [9] *Sarah Whye* (19), servant, born Wolverhampton;
- [10] *Alfred Walters* (16), visitor, book keeper in boiler maker's office, born Burslem, Staffordshire:

John Bassett Elwell was also a boiler maker. [1864], [1865], [1870]

1871 Census

Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *Alfred Walters* (27), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *William Walters* (24), brother, breaker down at rolling mills, born Bilston;
- [3] *John Elwell* (56), uncle, boiler maker, journeyman, born Bilston;
- [4] *Ann Elwell* (58), aunt, born Burton on Trent;
- [5] *Alfred Walters* (7), nephew, scholar, born Kidsgrove, Staffordshire;
- [6] *John Jenkins* (24), boarder, labourer, boiler works, born Overton, Flintshire;
- [7] *Agnes Clark* (17), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

1881 Census

Wolverhampton Road – The GATE INN

- [1] *Joseph Elwell* (49), beerhouse keeper, born Coseley;
- [2] *Catherine Elwell* (44), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *George Elwell* (24), son, striker for blacksmith, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Alice Elwell* (22), daughter, barmaid, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Kate Elwell* (19), daughter, servant for mother, born Buckley, Worcestershire;
- [6] *Agnes Elwell* (), daughter, servant for mother, born Buckley, Worcestershire;
- [7] *Annie Elwell* (14), daughter, servant for mother, born Bilston;
- [8] *Horace Elwell* (7), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [9] *Lottie Elwell* (4), daughter, born Bilston;
- [10] *Howard Elwell* (2), son, born Bilston:

1891 Census

Wolverhampton Road – GATE INN

- [1] *George Willetts* (31), publican, born Aston, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Maria Willetts* (25), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Maud Willetts* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Mary Ann Hickman* (17), sister in law, born Tipton:

1911 Census

Priestfield – GATE INN

- [1] *James Evans* (46), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Evans* (40), wife, married 18 years, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *James Evans* (17), son, apprentice roll turner, born New Village;
- [4] *Ernest Evans* (15), son, errand boy, coal dealer, born Priestfield;
- [5] *Charles Evan Evans* (6), son, born Priestfield;
- [6] *William Henry Evans* (4), son, born Priestfield;
- [7] *Maud Millie May Evans* (3), daughter, born Priestfield:

Bilston & Willenhall Times 7/2/1925

“Bilston Brewster Sessions.....

Mr. Harris presented plans for the rebuilding of the GATE INN, Wolverhampton Road, Priestfield. The application was adjourned to the next meeting.”

Ernest H. Rhodes was born circa 1882. He died in 1959.
See also ORANGE TREE.

In 1992 a planning application was approved to alter the location of the entrance door (not implemented).

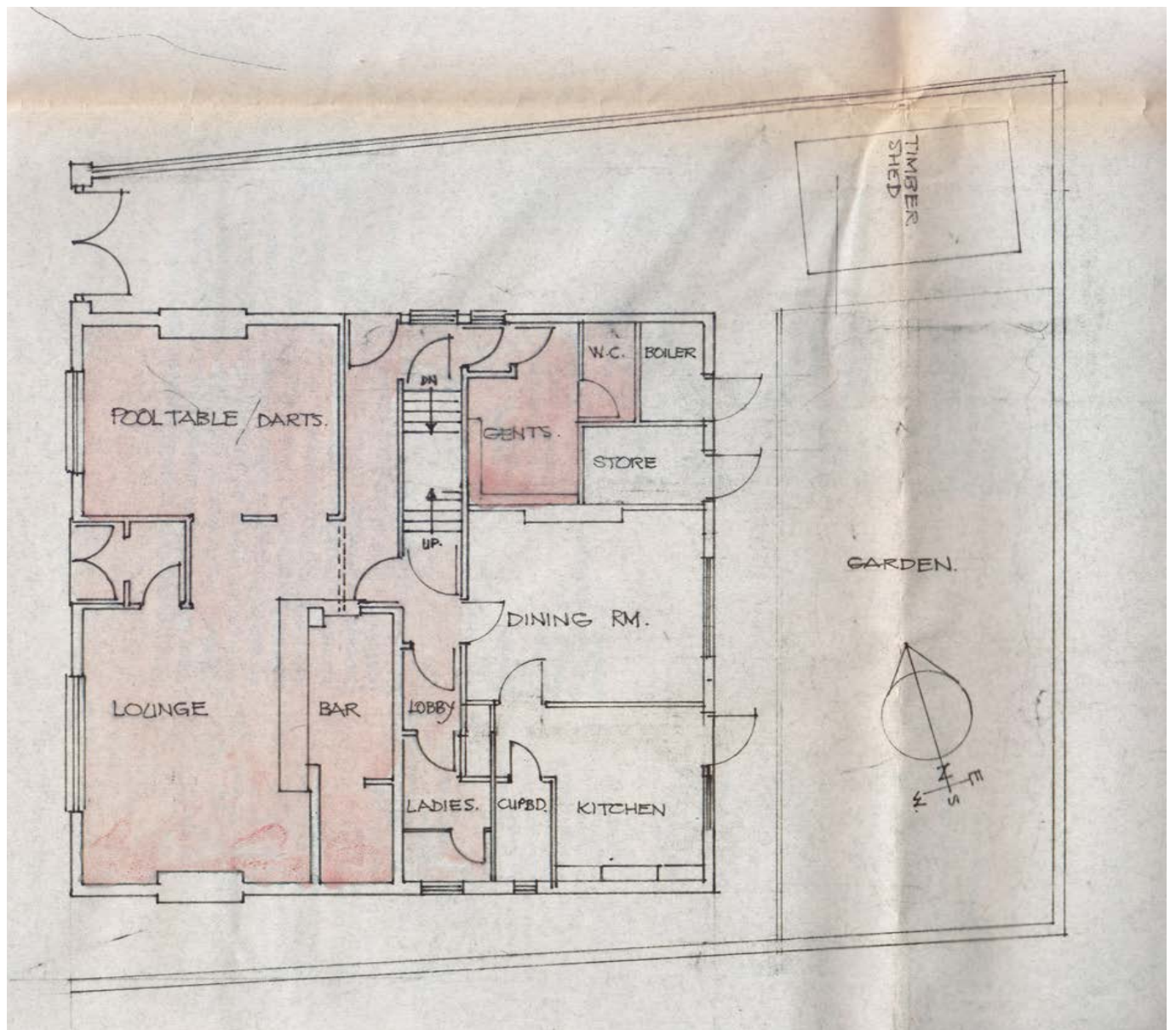
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2007



2012



Plan 1993

GEORGE

Mount Pleasant, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

London Gazette 26/5/1882

“The Bankruptcy Act. 1869.

In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Dudley. In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation by Arrangement or Composition with Creditors, instituted by *Mary Ann Goodrede*, of the CASTLE MILL INN, Bell Street, Tipton, in the county of Stafford, Widow and Beerhouse Keeper.

Notice is hereby given, that a First General Meeting of the creditors of the above-named person has been summoned to be held at the GEORGE HOTEL, Mount Pleasant, Bilston, on the 8th day of June, 1882, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon precisely.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 1882.

Wm Bowen, Mount Pleasant, Bilston, Solicitor for the said Debtor.”

GEORGE

Stafford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Jones [1818]
Thomas Morris [1822]
Thomas Massey [1828] – [1830]

GEORGE AND CROWN

Willenhall Road, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Shore [1868]

NOTES

Check Lane End.

GEORGE AND CROWN

Lane End, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Price [1835] – [1842]

NOTES

Closed
It was demolished circa 1925.

Check Willenhall Road.

GEORGE AND DRAGON

104, (105), Broad Lanes, (Lady Moor Road), BILSTON

OWNERS

John Baugh, basket maker, Wednesbury
Edward Potts, licensed victualler, Broad Lanes, Bilston
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1903]
Innspring plc [2000]

LICENSEES

Letitia Adderley [1828] – [1830]
Benjamin Adderley [1834] – [1842]
Thomas Shaw [1851] – [1854]
Henry Millership [1864] – [1865]
John Smith [1869]
Samuel Ratcliffe [1871]
William Cliff [1871]
Edwin Newton [1872] – [1874] (?)
Joseph Rudge [1873] – **1877**;
Edwin Newton **(1877 – 1878)**;
Harriet Coley **(1878)**;
John Hand **(1878 – 1880)**;
Joseph Dickin **(1880 – 1885)**;
Richard Wild **(1885 – 1890)**;
Thomas Robinson **(1890 – 1891)**;
John Clews **(1891)**;
James Robinson **(1891 – 1893)**;
Joseph Bunce **(1893 – 1894)**;
Richard Wilde **(1894 – 1895)**;
John Hassall **(1895 – [])**
Samuel Ratcliff [] – **1896**);
John Spencer **(1896 – 1897)**;
William Swan **(1897 – 1903)**;
John Bate **(1903 – 1904)**;
Joseph Smith **(1904 – 1907)**;
Ellen Smith **(1907 – 1911)**;
George Frederick Liddiatt **(1911 – 1926)**;
John Henry Swan **(1926 – 1930)**;
Thomas Wilkinson **(1930 – 1938)**;
George Henry White **(1938 – [1940])**
John Stockton [1985]
Jovan Lazic [2001]
Balwinder Singh Thukral and Robert Boyle [2005]

NOTES

105, Broad Lane [1871], [1901]
104, Broad Lanes [1881], [2001]

OLD GEORGE AND DRAGON [1851]

It was known locally as "The Clog".

Henry Millership = Henry Milership

John Smith was declared bankrupt in 1869.

1871 Census

105, Broad Lanes

[1] *William Clift* (43), widower, publican, born Oldbury;

[2] *Edith Clift* (19), daughter, born Oldbury;

[3] *Mary Johnson* (25), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Richard Wild = Richard Wyld = Richard Wilde

1881 Census

104, Broad Lanes

[1] *Richard Wyld* (29), licensed victualler, born Bilston;

[2] *Roshannah Wyld* (28), wife, born West Bromwich;

[3] *Eliza Wyld* (6), daughter, born West Bromwich;

[4] *James Wyld* (3), son, born West Bromwich;

[5] *Maria Wyld* (1), daughter, born Bilston;

[6] *Ann Jones* (17), general servant, born Sedgley:

[Richard did not hold the license until 1885.]

Richard Wilde brewed his own beer.

Samuel Ratcliff = Samuel Ratcliffe

1901 Census

105, Broad Lanes

[1] *William Swan* (38), publican, born Bilston;

[2] *Alice Swan* (38), wife, born Gloucestershire;

[3] *John Henry Swan* (10), son, born Priestfield;

[4] *George Edwin Swan* (4), son, born Priestfield;

[5] *Alice Maud Swan* (2), daughter, born Ladymoor;

[6] (Baby) *Swan* (under 1 month), daughter, born Ladymoor;

[7] *Co___se* (18), domestic servant, born Priestfield:

[1990]

It closed in 1991.

It reopened in 1997.

It was renamed the CLOG in 2008.

[2009]

Andrew & Ashwell Catalogue (2012)

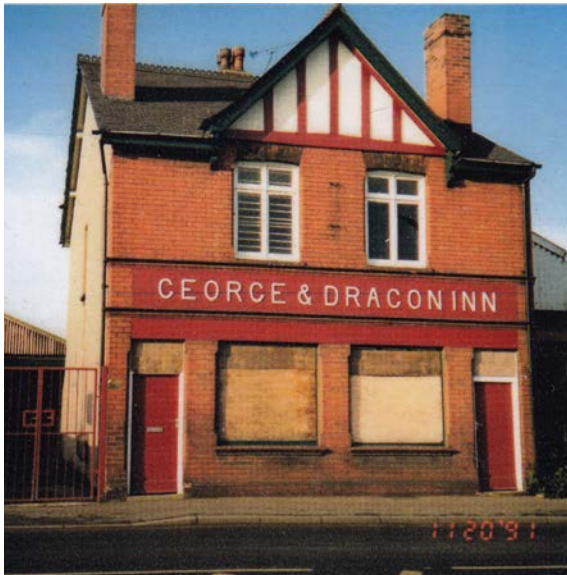
“The CLOG, 104 Broad Lanes, Bilston, West Midlands, WV14 0RH.

An established 2 storey public house with basement cellarge, together with various single storey rear outbuildings, which provide additional storage and toilet facilities. The first floor provides living accommodation with two bedrooms.

235 Sq M (2,527 sq ft) £95,000”

Closed [2011], [2012]

It was converted into a shop [2013]



1991



2008

GEORGE AND DRAGON

61, Hall Green Street / 6, Wootton Square, Upper Bradley, (Hallfields), (Daisy Bank), (Brierley), BILSTON

OWNERS

Edward Wootton
Joseph Wootton
Richard Ashmole
Joseph Wootton, Hall Green, Bradley
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
InnSpired [2002]

LICENSEES

Edward Wootton [1828] – [1830]
James Swindall [1834] – [1835]
Edward Wootton [1841] – **1877**;
Joseph Wootton (**1877 – 1878**);
Luke Bird (**1878 – 1887**);
George Broomhall (**1887 – 1888**);
John Scott (**1888 – 1891**);
Samuel Bright Oliver (**1891 – 1894**);
Enoch Pickerell (**1894 – 1897**);
James Mason (**1897 – 1898**);
Richard Ashmole (**1898 – 1900**);
Fred Cook (**1900 – 1902**);
Samuel Joseph Salt (**1902 – 1903**);
Henry Ebenezer Bott (**1903 – 1904**);
Benjamin Hodgkiss (**1904 – 1905**);
William Henry Marlow (**1905**);
Arthur Fieldhouse (**1905 – 1906**);
Harry Morris (**1906 – 1907**);
Elizabeth Baldwin (**1907 – 1908**);
Charles Painter (**1908 – 1909**);
Edward Williams (**1909 – 1911**);
Alfred Davies (**1911 – 1913**);
Noah James (**1913 – 1915**);
Mrs. Mary Ann James (**1915 – 1916**);
Harold Samuel Cox (**1916 – 1926**);
Bertram Albert Steward (**1926 – 1935**);
John William Kay (**1935 – 1937**);
Thomas William Brooks (**1937 – [1940]**)
Billy Pearson []
Charles Lowndes [1969]
Marvin Whittle [1985]
Mrs. Sharon Jukes [1994] – [1995]
Terence Bucknall [2000]



1993



2002

NOTES

6, Wootton Square [1871], [1881]
61, Hall Green Street

GREEN DRAGON [1900]

It was known locally as "The Crownyard".

A lodge of the R.A.O.B. met here.

1841 Census

Hall Green

- [1] *Edward Wootton* (40), innkeeper;
- [2] *Mary Wootton* (35);
- [3] *Mary Wootton* (16);
- [4] *Richard Burwry* (12):

Wolverhampton Chronicle 18/8/1858

"Bilston. Yesterday (Tuesday), before Mr. J. Leigh Esq., a man named John Wareing, a labourer, living at Bilston, was charged with committing an indecent assault upon a young woman named Elizabeth Baugh, a servant at the GEORGE AND DRAGON public house, Hall Fields. Mr. Waterhouse appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Wilkinson, of Walsall, for the defence. On hearing the evidence of the complainant, the charge resolved itself into one of rape. Mr. Wilkinson here stated that he was not prepared with witnesses to meet so serious a charge, and the case was accordingly remanded until today (Wednesday) at Wolverhampton."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 25/8/1858

"John Waring, puddler, was brought up on remand charged with committing a rape upon an intelligent looking young girl, named Elizabeth Baugh, only sixteen years of age. Mr. Hall, of Bilston, appeared for the complainant, and Mr. S. Wilkinson Jnr., of Walsall, for the defendant.

The statement of the complainant, which had been taken before the Magistrates at Bilston on the previous day, was read over, and was to the following effect:- I was a short time since a servant at the GEORGE AND DRAGON public house at Hall Fields, kept by Mr. *Wootton*. I left that place of service a fortnight ago today. The defendant, John Waring, used to come there frequently as a customer. On Thursday, the 29th of July, I put my mistress to bed at a quarter past two o'clock in the morning, and then went down stairs. There had been a club feast, and music and dancing was going on in the kitchen. I went into the parlour, and sat down with my head on the table, and fell asleep. I was awoke by the prisoner, who was pulling me off the chair. He dragged me up to the far end of the room. [The witness then described the assault.] During the time he was assaulting me Elizabeth Rudge came into the room. She said nothing, but ran out of the room laughing. The prisoner then got up, and left the room. Elizabeth Rudge came again, and I asked her for some water, which she brought me.

Next morning I told Margaret Lloyd all that had happened. About noon on the following day the prisoner came to my master's house. I said to him, 'Oh, Mr. Waring, you're a nice man.' He answered, 'Well, if I have done anything, I am sorry, but I hope you'll forgive me.' I said, 'Well, you have done a great deal of harm. When I go home I shall tell my mother and father, and you'll have to pay for it.'

I went home a fortnight today – namely 4th August, and a week after my arrival there told my mother how I had been served. I was persuaded not to tell by my fellow servant and Jane Rudge, and was ashamed. On Thursday last, the 12th instant, I went with my father to the prisoner's house, and saw him there. My father said, 'Why did you molest my daughter so?' He replied, 'Me!' several times; 'How can you say so?' I answered him, 'I can say so with a clear conscience.' He then said, 'Go, and do your best.' The reason I was not heard when I called out was the noise in the public house of the music. I was not drunk but quite sober'. In cross-examination she said – I have been to a doctor both before and since I went home, but did not say anything about any man having criminally assaulted me. When I applied for a summons against the prisoner for indecent assault, I denied that he had criminal connection with me, because I was ashamed to acknowledge it. I am quite positive that I did not say on leaving the Bilston Police Court, yesterday, 'I will have £20 out of him for it.'

David Shorthouse said – I am a puddler, and live at Sedgley. I was at Wootton's on the night spoken of, viz, on Wednesday, July 28th. There was dancing going on in the tap room, and the defendant, James (sic) Waring was there. I missed him from the room about a quarter past two o'clock in the morning. He was absent about ten minutes or a quarter of an hour. When he returned, I noticed his waistcoat, trousers, and braces were unfastened, and his hair was disordered. About three o'clock in the afternoon of the Thursday I was passing the GEORGE when he tapped at the window, and called me in.

He said, 'Did you hear of me throwing the servant down last night? They tell me I did something.' I replied, when you came back I noticed your trousers were unbuttoned. He then said, 'What a b_____ I am when I get drunk. I shall be ashamed to show my face on the Green again as long as I live.' In cross-examination the witness stated that the defendant was fresh. The complainant, Elizabeth Baugh, was not drunk. She was assisted to bed in consequence of the ill treatment she had sustained from the defendant.

Margaret Floyd stated – I was a fellow servant of the complainant's, and I recollect the night in question. I was dancing with the defendant Waring. I noticed him leave the dancing about twenty past two o'clock in the morning. The next morning the complainant told me that Waring had assaulted her, and she said she did not know what to do about telling her mother. I told her the best thing she could do would be to go on as usual and say nothing about it. Waring was quite drunk while he was dancing with me. The complainant was sober, quite sober enough to attend to her business, or to resist any man taking liberties with her.

Nancy Hall was examined and said – I am a married woman and live at Sedgley. On Saturday morning last I was in a garden adjoining Waring's house. I heard Waring's wife accuse him of something, but I cannot say what it was about. Waring replied, 'She was asleep in the parlour and I pulled her off the chair. I felt her knees, and I should have done something else if it had not been for that young cat coming in.'

This being the case for the prosecution, Mr. Wilkinson, for the defence, called James Wootton, and endeavoured to establish from this witness that the complainant was intoxicated, that she complained the next day of having lost her purse containing 8s 5d, on the previous night, and that she made no complaint of having been assaulted by Waring. James Watkins stated that he went to Wootton's public house on the day after the dancing. He saw the complainant there and she complained of having lost her money on the previous night. He asked her if what he had heard was true about her being in the long parlour with Mr. Waring on the over night, and she replied that she never remembered seeing him in the parlour. Last Wednesday he met the complainant, and she then said that her father was going to have Waring up on the next Tuesday for 'messaging' with her in the parlour. He (the witness) exclaimed, 'You don't mean to say had to do with you,' and she replied, 'He had nothing to do with me except heaving my clothes up.'

Elizabeth Rudge was examined at considerable length to prove that on the occasion referred to the complainant was carried to bed in a state of helpless intoxication.

John Denholm was then sworn, and stated that he was a constable at Darlaston. On the previous day he was at the Bilston Police Court, and as the people were leaving the court room after the business was over he followed the complainant down the stairs, and he distinctly heard her say to another woman that she would have £20 out of the prisoner and make old bricks and mortar pay for it. (the witness here handed to Mr. Leigh his pocket book, in which he had made an entry of the expression at the time.) Mr. Leigh minutely cross-examined the witness as to whether he was quite certain as to the identity of the party, but he positively swore that the complainant was the person who had uttered those words. Mr. Leigh also asked the witness his motive for writing down those words in his pocket book, to which question, after some hesitation, he answered, because he considered that there had been an attempt to extort money. The witness stated that after following the complainant to the bottom of the stairs he returned to the court room to the Magistrate's clerk's table, to receive his expenses in a case in which he had given evidence. After some conversation between Mr. Leigh and the Magistrate's clerk (Mr. Ward), Mr. Ward was sworn, and stated that the complainant and her mother remained in the court room some full three quarters of an hour after the business of the court was over, in order to complete her deposition. She sat at the table, so that the witness must have seen her there.

Mrs. Baugh was also sworn, and stated that she remained with her daughter in the court room nearly an hour after the business was over. Neither she nor her daughter left the room for a moment until Mr. Ward had taken down her daughter's evidence.

Mr. Leigh said that it was the opinion of the Bench that Denholm had committed wilful and corrupt perjury; they should therefore order him to be detained in custody until they could investigate the case. Denholm was then removed from the witness box into the dock. After a few brief remarks by Mr. Wilkinson for the defence, the Magistrates decided upon committing Waring to take his trial at the Assizes. Bail was accepted for his appearance, himself in £100 and two sureties of £50."

1871 Census

6, Wootton's Square – GEORGE AND DRAGON

- [1] *Edward Wootton* (74), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Ann Wootton* (70), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Joseph Wootton* (27), son, blacksmith, born Sedgley;
- [4] *William Wootton* (25), son, painter, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Sarah Litley* (? (21), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

Edward Wootton died on 24th March 1877.

1881 Census

6, Wootton's Square – GEORGE AND DRAGON

- [1] *Luke Bird* (33), licensed victualler, born Harley, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Mary Ann Bird* (25), wife, born Gornal;
- [3] *Ann Bird* (7), daughter, scholar, born Gornal;
- [4] *Alice Bird* (5), daughter, scholar, born Gornal;
- [5] *Mary Jane Bird* (2), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Emily Bird* (9 months), daughter, born Sedgley:

Thomas William Brooks – see also HAND AND KEYS, and BRICKLAYERS ARMS.

Billy Pearson was married to *Blanche*.

Alterations were carried out in 1957.

Charles Lowndes married *Lydia Ward*.
See also BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Coseley.

It closed in May 2005.

Express and Star 8/4/2006

“Investigators were today sifting through remains of an historic pub ripped apart by a blast after an arson attack. Huge cracks could be seen along the walls of the GEORGE AND DRAGON, Bradley, Bilston, which had all its windows blown out.

Police set up an emergency cordon around the blackened Hall Green Street building following fears that it could collapse, following last night's blast. The pub had been closed for some time for an extensive refurbishment, which was due to be completed in the next few weeks.

Firefighters from Bilston and Wednesbury were called to the explosion at around 9.15pm. They arrived to find a small residual fire on the first floor and stairs of the pub, which is currently being refurbished. Leading firefighter Ivor Davies from Bilston fire station, said, ‘It became clear petrol had been liberally sprinkled throughout the first floor. Firebugs had forced their way into the building through the back door of the pub.

Scenes of crimes officers were called to the scene and a structural engineer declared the building unsafe.

The revamp of the building was close to being finished and the pub was full of workers' tools.

Fire crews and police officers remained at the scene overnight to prevent people from entering the building.

Today the current leaseholder of the much-loved drinking spot was too upset to speak about the blast.

One resident, who asked not to be named, said that they had been watching television when they heard a huge bang.

‘I thought a bomb had gone off, then a few minutes later I heard sirens,’ he added.

The GEORGE AND DRAGON is on the edge of the 100-acre site of the planned Bilston Urban Village. Work on preparing the area for the £100 million regeneration scheme is well under way.

The pub was the last of six which thrived in Bradley during the area's industrial heyday.”

It was demolished in May 2007.

Housing was built on the site.

GLADSTONE ARMS

176, Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Fanny Hunt, Aston House, Moxley

LICENSEES

Samuel Maullin [1871] – **1873**);

John Worth (**1873 – 1875**);

George Cartwright (**1875**);

Richard Bowen (**1875**);

Enoch Boaler (**1875 – 1876**);

Isaiah Emery (**1876 – 1877**):

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It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

176, Oxford Street

[1] *Samuel Maullin* (27), bricklayer and publican, born Bilston;

[2] *Elizabeth Maullin* (25), wife, born Annfield Plain, Durham:

Dudley Herald 16/9/1876

“*Isaiah Emery*, beerhouse keeper, GLADSTONE ARMS, Oxford Street, Bilston fined 10s and costs for keeping his house open until 12 minutes past 11 on Friday last.”

Dudley Herald 30/9/1876

“*Isaiah Emery* had only been in occupation for a month and had already been convicted of selling in improper hours but the Bench believed he had erred in ignorance and fined him 10s and costs. Mr. Hatton [one of the justices] said the house had been badly conducted for two years past. There was a piano in the front shop, and the music was the means of attracting many bad characters to the house. If the applicant would undertake to stop the music during the next 12 months the certificate would be renewed – Agreed.”

The license was taken away in 1877.

GLOBE

59, Ash Street / 79, Lane Street, Bradley, (Highfield), (Brierley), BILSTON

OWNERS

James Lane

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1897)

LICENSEES

James Lane [1861] – 1878);
Isaac Whitehouse (1878 – 1881);
Ephraim Hill (1881 – 1885);
Joseph James Lane (1885 – 1891);
Mrs. Ellen (Lane) Wallace (1891 – 1906);
Samuel Cotton (1906 – 1907);
Thomas Millington (1907 – 1908);
Geoffrey Goodall (1908 – 1910);
Alfred Pountney (1910 – 1911);
Silas Eaves (1911 – 1920);
Eliza (Eaves) Nisbett (1920 – 1936);
John Edward Pountney (1936 – 1937);
Annie Cole Bowdler (1937 – 1938);
Mrs. Hannah Bradley (1938 – [1940]
A J Emery [1988]
Glen Smith [1994]



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79, Lane Street [1871]

59, Ash Street [1891], [1901]

It had a beerhouse license.

James Lane, beer retailer and blacksmith, Bradley. [1861]

1861 Census

Highfields

- [1] *James Lane* (52), publican and blacksmith, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Martha Lane* (50), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Joseph J. Lane* (22), son, blacksmith, born Belgium, British subject;
- [4] *Daniel Lane* (20), son, blacksmith, born Belgium, British subject;
- [5] *Prudence Lane* (18), daughter, servant, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Samuel Lane* (15), son, blacksmith, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Theodosia Lane* (11), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [8] *Selina Lane* (9), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;

James Lane, beer retailer, Highfields, Bradley. [1865]

James Lane, beer retailer and blacksmith, Upper Bradley. [1868], [1870]

1871 Census

79, Lane Street – Public House

- [1] *James Lane* (62), retail brewer and engine smith employing 2 men, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Martha Lane* (60), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Theodosia Lane* (20), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Selina Lane* (18), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Ann Walters* (13), general servant, born Sedgley;

Black Country Bugle 16/8/2001

'More on the Globe and the Fox of Bradley'

".....regarding Bradley pubs, particularly the GLOBE INN and the FOX. The former was built by my [Jeff Lane] great great grandfather, *James Lane*, some time between 1861 and 1864. At the same time he built 5 terraced houses and a foundry in Lane Street. Only the GLOBE still stands – the remaining buildings have long since gone or form part of a new factory.

When these buildings were originally built there was a barrier erected across the street and tradesmen wanting entrance had to obtain the key from the GLOBE.

James was something of an entrepreneur. He was originally a blacksmith who travelled to Belgium with his family in the 1840s, working on the building of bridges in Bruges *James* had moved to Church Street in Wolverhampton by 1881 with his wife *Martha* and daughter *Selina*. He died there in 1883. The GLOBE, which at that time also included a grocery shop, was then run by his son *Joseph James Lane*. It was sold to Banks's Breweries in 1897....."

1881 Census

Ash Street

- [1] *Isaac Whitehouse* (30), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Anne Whitehouse* (27), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Florence Whitehouse* (6), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Walter Whitehouse* (2), son, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Hannah Whitehouse* (1), daughter, born Sedgley;

Evening Express 3/5/1881 - Advert

"To be Let, the GLOBE INN, Daisy Bank, near Bilston. Apply on the Premises."

Joseph James Lane died on 20th March 1891.

1891 Census

59, Ash Street

- [1] *Ellen Lane* (50), widow, grocer and beerhouse, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Prudence Lane* (19), daughter, born Daisy Bank;
- [3] *Selina Lane* (14), daughter, born Daisy Bank;
- [4] *David Wootton* (26), son in law, blacksmith, born Darlaston;
- [5] *Hannah Wootton* (25), wife, born Daisy Bank;
- [6] *David Wootton* (1), son, born Daisy Bank;

Ellen Lane married *Samuel Wallace* on 2nd August 1894.

Mrs. *Ellen Lane*, beer retailer and shopkeeper, 59, Ash Street, Bradley. [1896]

She was convicted on 24th March 1896 of two cases of permitting gaming on licensed premises.

1901 Census

59, Ash Street

- [1] *Ellen Wallace* (60), widow, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Selina Pardoe* (24), daughter, born Bradley;
- [3] *Thomas H. Pardoe* (24), son in law, ironmonger's assistant, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Elizabeth Bentley* (20), general servant, born Tipton;

Mrs. *Ellen Wallace*, beer retailer, 59, Ash Street, Bradley. [1904]

South Staffordshire Times 24/6/1922

“Alfred Stanley Crane, who gave his age as 17, but who looked much younger, and who lives at hut 11, Lord Street, Bradley, was charged with stealing a bicycle and an electric lighting set, value £5, the property of Alfred R. Lloyd, bookkeeper at Messrs. Alfred Hickman Ltd., Springvale.

Prosecutor stated that he left the bicycle and lighting set outside his office at the works, but about half an hour afterwards he missed it. Prisoner had been employed at the works.

Silas Eaves, GLOBE INN, Daisy Bank, said he saw prisoner with a bicycle and an electric lighting set, he offered to exchange them for an acetylene lamp.

Detective Constable Thorpe said that on June 13th he made enquiries about the bicycle and lighting set from the last witness. On June 17th he recovered the lighting set from the last witness. Continuing his enquiries he traced prisoner to Wolverhampton, Willenhall, and Darlaston, but afterwards heard that he had absconded. He was arrested at Northampton with the bicycle in his possession. Subsequently, witness took prisoner into custody. On being charged with the theft he admitted it saying that he took the bicycle to try to get a job on a farm.

Prosecutor said he did not wish to press the case.

Prisoner was then bound over for twelve months.”

Eliza Nisbett died in 1936.

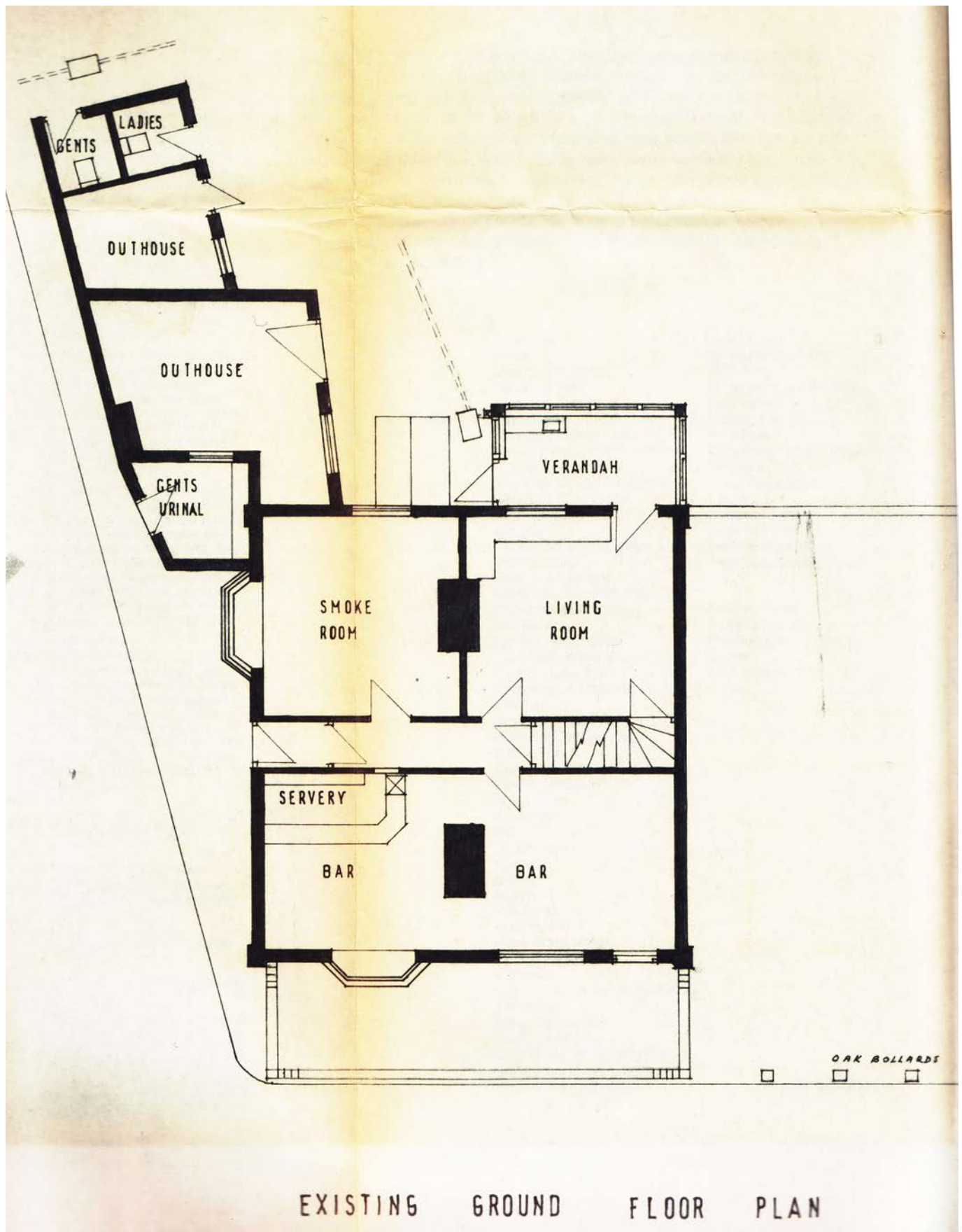
A team from here took part in the Bradley Darts League, First Division. [1946]

It closed in April 1995.

It became Globe House, paint supplies. [2002]



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GLOBE

Market Street, (Hall Street), BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard Morgan [1833] – [1835]
Charles and Mary Morgan [1841] – [1842]
Thomas Manning [1845] – [1854]

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Hall Street [1833], [1835], [1841], [1849], [1851]
Market Street [1854]

GLOBE TAVERN [1849]

1841 Census

Hall Street

- [1] *Mary Morgan* (35), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Charles Morgan* (30), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Sarah Hood* (40), ind, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Mary Bullock* (15), fs, born Staffordshire:

1851 Census

Hall Street

- [1] *Thomas Manning* (49), victualler, born Wolocazstle(?), Oxfordshire;
- [2] *Mary Manning* (52), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Harriet Griffiths* (18), servant, born Llanasmona, North Wales:

GLOBE

4, (5), Mount Pleasant, (Willenhall Road), BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas Price
Thomas Bromhill
Mary Ann Smith, Chorley Hall, near Lichfield
William Francis Clarke
Bent's Brewery Co. Ltd. [1904]

LICENSEES

G W Webber [1858]
Enoch Meachem [1861] – [1862]
Thomas Price [1864] – **1877**;
Thomas Bromhill **(1877 – 1883)**;
Henry Baker **(1883 – 1885)**;
William Francis Clarke **(1885 – 1896)**;
Stephen Allen Corbett **(1896 – 1899)**;
William Nathaniel Cottrell **(1899 – 1900)**;
Edward Salter Nickson **(1900 – 1902)**;
Alfred Guest **(1902 – 1904)**;
James Walters **(1904 – 1917)**;
James Newton Cowling **(1917 – 1923)**;
William Austin Fair **(1923 – 1930)**;
David Fisher **(1930 – 1939)**;
John McArdle **(1939 – [])**
Mrs. Mildred E Bamber [1940]
Harry Southall – Owen [late 1950s] – [early 1960s]



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4, Mount Pleasant [1861], [1871]
5, Mount Pleasant [1881]

It was situated next door to the police station.

GLOBE TAVERN [1858]
GLOBE INN [1881]
GLOBE HOTEL [1884], [1904], [1916], [1921], [1932]

It was known locally as "The Gluepot".

Enoch Meachem = Enoch Meatcham

1861 Census

4, Mount Pleasant – GLOBE TAVERN

- [1] *Enoch Meachem* (38), coal and iron miner and beer seller, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sophia Meachem* (32), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Enoch Meachem* (15), son, iron miner, born Monmore Green;
- [4] *Harriet Meachem* (11), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Esther Meachem* (7), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Thomas Meachem* (4), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Daria Meachem* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [8] *Noah Meachem* (6 months), son, born Bilston;
- [9] *Amy Meachem* (70), mother, born Bilston;
- [10] *Joseph Smith* (30), servant, locksmith, born Willenhall;
- [11] *Priscilla Johnson* (22), servant, born Bridgnorth;
- [12] *John Ward* (41), boarder, carpenter and joiner, born Stone, Warwickshire;

Edinburgh Gazette 26/9/1882

“*Enoch Meacham*, of Bilston, innkeeper and chartermaster....”

1871 Census

4, Mount Pleasant – GLOBE

- [1] *Thomas Price* (44), colliery proprietor and licensed victualler, born Beguildy, Radnorshire;
 - [2] *Eleanor Price* (47), wife, born Hambistw (?), Radnorshire;
 - [3] *Sarah A. Price* (18), daughter, born Bilston;
 - [4] *William E. Price* (16), son, born Bilston:
- [Beguildy is about 8 miles NW of Knighton.]

Thomas Price was also a coalmaster of Willenhall Road. [1873]

Thomas Price was also a colliery proprietor of Bunkers Hill [1874]

Evening Express 17/3/1881 - Advert

“Wanted, immediately, a good General Servant; from the country preferred, who thoroughly understands her duties. Apply, GLOBE INN, Bilston.”

Thomas Bromhill = Thomas Bramhill

WANTED, immediately, a good General Servant, from the country preferred, who thoroughly understands her duties.—Apply, Globe Inn, Bilston. c6253

Advert 1881

London Gazette 3/5/1881

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869.

In the County Court of Staffordshire, holden at Wolverhampton.

In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation by Arrangement or Composition with Creditors, instituted by *Thomas Bramhill*, of the GLOBE INN, Mount Pleasant, Bilston, in the county of Stafford, Engineer and Licensed Victualler. NOTICE is hereby given, that a First General Meeting of the creditors of the above-named person has been summoned to be held at the office of S. Pearman Smith and Son, King’s-chambers, Dudley-street, Wolverhampton, in the county of Stafford, on the 19th day of May, 1881, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon precisely.

Dated this 29th day of April, 1881.

S. PEARMAN SMITH and SON, Wolverhampton, Solicitors for the said Debtor.”

1881 Census

5, Mount Pleasant – GLOBE INN

- [1] *Thomas Bromhill* (43), publican, born Doncaster;
- [2] *Susan Bromhill* (44), wife, born Walsall;
- [3] *Sarah Ann Bromhill* (17), daughter, born Leeds;
- [4] *Thomas Brooks* (5), nephew, school, born Sheffield;
- [5] *Mary Holcroft* (18), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Evening Express 23/5/1881

“A meeting of the creditors of *Thomas Bromhill*, the GLOBE INN, Bilston, was held on Thursday, at the offices of Messrs. Spearman, Smith and Son, solicitors, Dudley Street, Wolverhampton.

Mr. Smith Jnr, represented the debtor, and creditors were represented by Messrs. Frederic Bill and J. W. Hall, solicitors, and Mr. Greensill, from the office of Mr. R. A. Willcock, solicitor.

The statement of affairs showed liabilities, £1,110 6s 4d, and assets £90 7s 4d. Mr. Smith made an offer on behalf of the debtor of 1s in the pound, payable in seven days from registration, which was accepted.”

Evening Express 3/7/1881

“An inquest was held at the GLOBE INN, Mount Pleasant, Bilston, on Friday afternoon, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, district coroner, touching the death of an old man named Charles Swift, who had been in the employ of Mr. *T. Bramhill*, of the GLOBE, who died in the yard of that inn suddenly on Thursday evening.

Mrs. *Bramhill*, the first witness, said she was in the bar about five o’clock, when she heard someone vomiting near the side door, and on going to see who it was, found the deceased vomiting blood. A man named Isaiah Skeldon went to his assistance, and she (witness) sent to Dr. Larkin, but before that gentleman arrived he was dead.

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

Evening Express 28/9/1881 - Advert

“Wanted, at once, good General Servant, who understands her duties.

Apply, GLOBE INN, Mount Pleasant, Bilston.”

Evening Express 30/9/1881

“Stephen Henry Baker, Greencroft, Bilston, was charged with stealing 13s 6d from a till in the GLOBE public house, Willenhall Road, occupied by *Thomas Bramhill*.

On Tuesday last, about nine o’clock in the morning, Mrs. *Bramhill* put 10s 6d in silver in a drawer, and when she examined the till between ten and eleven o’clock only 4s remained. Mrs. *Bramhill* then marked two florins and three shilling pieces, which she put in the drawer. At half past four o’clock the same afternoon the prisoner came in and paid for a glass of beer, and was left at the bar alone for a few minutes. The sound of money jingling was afterwards heard, and on Mrs. *Bramhill* re-entering the bar she found the prisoner putting money in his purse. He was afterwards given into custody, and at the police station the marked pieces of money were found in his possession.

The prisoner pleaded guilty, and this being his first offence, the Bench sentenced him to one month’s imprisonment.”

William F. Clarke = William F. Clark

1891 Census

Mount Pleasant

- [1] *William F. Clark* (50), licensed victualler, born Ealing, Middlesex;
- [2] *Flora Clark* (42), wife, born Winsham, Somerset;
- [3] *Maggie Lloyd* (21), visitor, born Handsworth, Staffordshire;
- [4] *Helen E. Herbert* (21), barmaid, born Cheltenham;
- [5] *Joshua C. Jones* (23), hostler, born Tarlow, Shropshire;
- [6] *Elizabeth Griffiths* (17), general servant, born Bilston;
- [7] *John Humphries* (27), boarder, comedian, actor, born Portsmouth;
- [8] *Wilfred Protheroe* (26), boarder, comedian, actor, born Bristol;
- [9] *Thomas J. P. Jenkins* (26), boarder, tragedian, actor, born Carmarthen;
- [10] *Ruby Jenkins* (24), boarder, tragedian, actor;

1901 Census

Mount Pleasant – GLOBE HOTEL

- [1] *Alfred Guest* (42), licensed victualler, born Netherton;
 - [2] *Laura Guest* (34), wife, born Netherton;
 - [3] *William Gower* (32), boarder, clicker in boot warehouse, born Netherton;
 - [4] *William Westwood* (63), ostler, born Cradley Heath;
 - [5] *Louise Townsend* (25), barmaid in hotel, born Netherton;
 - [6] *Martha Kinsey* (16), domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [The license was not transferred to Alfred Guest until 1902.]

1911 Census

Mount Pleasant – GLOBE HOTEL

- [1] *James Walters* (42), manager public house, born Bilston;
- [2] *Louie Walters* (35), wife, married 7 years, born Netherton;
- [3] *Harry Walters* (15), son, shearing tin plate, born Bilston;
- [4] *Frederick E. Walters* (11), son, school, born Bilston;
- [5] *Louie May Walters* (5), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Ethel G. Walters* (4), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Clara Evans* (20), domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [8] *Beatrice Wilkes* (17), domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [9] *Yvonne Laing* (21), boarder, theatrical actress, born London, Middlesex:

South Staffordshire Times 11/10/1919

“Arthur Chapman (43), Mount Pleasant, Wilnecote, was summoned for being on the licensed premises of the GLOBE HOTEL and doing wilful damage to the extent of 6s.

James Newton Cowling, the landlord, said that on Saturday evening about 9.35 the man came into the snug. He refused to serve him. He went into the vault and asked him to get off the premises. He declined to do so and commenced to throw glasses and jugs at his wife and himself. He broke four glasses in all, the cost being 6s 1d.

PC Anslow corroborated.

Defendant said he had been on a char-a-banc ride and had something to drink. He had been teetotal for six years.

The Stipendiary: See what a bad thing it is to be teetotal for six years. (laughter)

A fine of 10s was imposed for being drunk, 10s for wilful damage, and 6s for the broken jugs, or seven days in default in each case.”

Bilston & Willenhall Times 29/11/1924

“The annual smoking concert of the Bilston and District Bowling League was held at the GLOBE HOTEL, Bilston, on Thursday night, when the championship cup and medals were presented.....”

Bilston & Willenhall Times 10/1/1925

“Many players will be interested in the proposal to extend the bowling green at the GLOBE HOTEL, Bilston, and the suggestion also to provide a gate giving entrance to the green from Lewis Street. The necessary permission for the improvements has been obtained. In an application to the magistrates, Mr. H. A. Owen, manager of Bent’s Brewery Co., explained to the satisfaction of the Bench what it proposed to do, and no objection was offered by Superintendent Higgs, who thought that the principal feature was the new approach to the premises.”

Bilston & Willenhall Times 21/2/1925

“A pleasant evening was spent at the GLOBE HOTEL, Bilston, in connection with the R.A.O.B. Shakespeare Lodge, when the Wulfruna Knights Chapter, Grand Primo, Grand Lodge Officers, and Brothers, representing several Lodges, assembled on the occasion of the raising to the second degree and presentation of a jewel to Brother Fair.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 12/5/1928

Opening of the bowling season at the GLOBE HOTEL Bowling Green on Saturday last. [5th May]

Bilston and Willenhall Times 8/12/1928

“At the GLOBE HOTEL, Bilston, on Thursday night, the annual supper and presentation of prizes won by members of the Bowling League took place.....”

[1967]

Closed

It was demolished in the 1960s.

GOLDEN CROSS

74, Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Richard Walker
Sarah Catherine Walker

LICENSEES

John Dawson [1859]
Richard Walker [1865] – **1873**;
Sarah Catherine Walker (**1873 – 1875**);
Martha Pitt (**1875**):

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

London Gazette 9/11/1860

“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 26th day of November instant, at nine o’clock in the forenoon precisely, unless cause be then and there shewn to the contrary.

In the Matter of the Petition of *John Dawson*, now and for nine months last past residing in Union-street, Willenhall, in the county of Stafford, and being employed as a Journeyman Joiner and Carpenter, previously and for about two months residing in Cramp-hill, Darlaston, in the county aforesaid, and being employed as a Journeyman Carpenter and Joiner, previously thereto residing at the GOLDEN CROSS, Oxford-street, Bilston, in the county aforesaid, and carrying on the business of a Retailer of Beer and Tobacco, previously and for about four years residing in Union-buildings, in the borough of Stafford, in the county of Stafford, and being employed as a Journeyman Carpenter and Joiner, and for about two years preceding thereto residing in Hall’s-passage. in Stafford aforesaid. and carrying on the business of a Carpenter and Joiner.”

Richard Walker, beer retailer, 74, Oxford Street. [1865], [1868]
He died in 1873.

1871 Census

74, Oxford Street

[1] *Richard Walker* (70), publican, born Peckington, Leicestershire;

[2] *Sarah Catherine Walker* (46), wife, born Osgathorpe, Leicestershire;

[3] *Joseph Matchett* (35), brother in law, labourer in iron works, born Osgathorpe, Leicestershire:

[Osgathorpe is about 7 miles W of Loughborough.]

Midland Counties Evening Express 12/5/1875

“Eliza Astley, a married woman living apart from her husband, at Daisy Bank, pleaded guilty to stealing a jacket, the property of Walter Pitt, from the GOLDEN CROSS, Oxford Street, Bilston, on Friday last, and a previous conviction having been proved, was sentenced to six months imprisonment.”

Martha Pitt was convicted on 18th June 1875 for permitting drunkenness.
The license renewal to her was refused.

Dudley Herald 30/9/1876

Bilston Licensing Sessions – “transfer of license for GOLDEN CROSS, beerhouse, Oxford Street, applied for by Mr. A. J. Langman was refused.”

The license was abandoned.

Check CROSS

GOLDEN CUP

68, (54), (53), High Street / Oat Meal Square, BILSTON

OWNERS

Henry Jones
Henry Plant and Sons [1896]
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1904], [1965]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Tomkinson [1822] – [1830]
Ann Tomkinson [1833] – [1835]
John Parker [1841] – [1842]
Charles Stanley [1845] – [1850]
George Rowley [post 1846]
Joseph Morrall [1851]
Thomas Hall [1851]
George Cox [1858] – [1860]
Joseph Brywood [1861]
Thomas Dolman [1861]
Richard Churm [1864] – [1865]
Joseph Hodgkiss [1868] – [1870]
Henry Jones [1871] – **1887**;
William John Barnes Bates (**1887 – 1888**);
Mrs. Elizabeth Shale (**1888 – 1891**);
William Dudley (**1891 – 1912**);
Mrs. Elizabeth Dudley (**1912 – 1920**);
John Silvester (**1920 – 1921**);
Fred Cox (**1921 – 1926**);
George Cresswell (**1926 – 1932**);
Betsy Cresswell (**1932 – 1935**);
Frank Turton (**1935** – [1940]
A A Hodgkins [1957]
James Timmins [c.1979]
J Archer [1980s]

NOTES

54, High Street [1858], [1861], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1871], [1872], [1874], [1881], [1892], [1896], [1904]
53, High Street [1891]
68, High Street [1901], [1911], [1916], [1921], [1932], [1940]

It was popular for jazz music.

1841 Census

High Street

- [1] *John Parker* (50), publican;
- [2] *Ann Parker* (48);
- [3] *James Parker* (25), ms;
- [4] *Jane Parker* (25), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *William Parker* (12), born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Henry Parker* (9 months), born Staffordshire;
- [7] *Charles Buttler* (20), iron lab, born Staffordshire;
- [8] *Mary Clearly* (20), fs, born Staffordshire:

George Rowley was also known as "Ruff" Rowley, a bare knuckle fighter. He was born in 1821.

1851 Census

High Street

- [1] *Thomas Hall* (33), licensed victualler, born Claines, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Hall* (32), wife, born Thornbury, Herefordshire;
- [3] *Eliza Taylor Hall* (5), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Sarah Agnes Hall* (4), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Emily Ann Hall* (1), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Mary Powis* (22), house servant, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *Catharine Dile* (16), house servant, born Ireland:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 13/3/1861

"On Wednesday last a shocking accident, which resulted fatally, occurred in Mr. Sparrow's forge at Bilston, to a boy named James Bartlett, 14 years of age. An inquest was held at the GOLDEN CUP, on Friday, before Mr. W. H. Phillips, deputy-coroner, when the principal witness called was James Davis, a roller. He deposed that deceased was reaching over the roller boxes for a pair of tongs, and an iron band that encircled them caught the button hole of his coat, and carried him round twenty or thirty times before the engine could be stopped. When deceased was extricated he was quite dead. Witness has several times reprimanded him for reaching over the boxes. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

1861 Census

54, High Street

- [1] *Thomas Dolman* (48), victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Dolman* (47), wife, victualler, born Gospel Oak;
- [3] *William Dolman* (19), son, coal miner, born Bilston;
- [4] *Mary A. Dolman* (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [5] *James Dolman* (16), son, coal miner, born Bilston;
- [6] *Charlotte Dolman* (6), daughter, scholar, born Darlaston;
- [7] *Sarah Roberts* (19), servant, born Sedgley:

1871 Census

54, High Street – GOLDEN CUP

- [1] *Henry Jones* (55), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Eliza Jones* (40), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Harry W. Jones* (25), son, commercial traveller, born Bilston;
- [4] *Jane Clerk* (38), step sister, no occupation, born Bilston;
- [5] *Mary Fox* (15), domestic servant, born Bilston:

1881 Census

54, High Street – GOLDEN CUP

- [1] *Henry Jones* (65), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Elizabeth Jones* (56), wife, born Walsall;
- [3] *Maud Walters* (18), general servant, born Bilston;
- [4] *John Tonks* (18), general labourer, born Aston, Warwickshire;
- [5] *Elizabeth Ann Barlow* (9), niece, scholar, born Bilston:

1891 Census

53, High Street – GOLDEN CUP

- [1] *William Dudley* (36), engine fitter, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elizabeth Dudley* (30), wife, manageress public house, born Bilston;
- [3] *Mary Hartill* (38), barmaid, born Bilston:

1901 Census

68, High Street

- [1] *William Dudley* (46), manager of public house, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elizabeth Dudley* (41), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sophia Steventon* (20), domestic servant, born Bilston:

1911 Census

68, High Street

- [1] *William Dudley* (56), manager of public house, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elizabeth Dudley* (52), wife, married 20 years, born Bilston;
- [3] *Eliza Pritchard* (24), general servant, born Bilston:

George Cresswell died in 1932.

Betsy Cresswell died in 1935.

A team from here took part in the Butlers (Bilston) Darts League. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Bilston Crib League, Section B. [1946]

James Timmins was born in Bilston.

He married Beryl on 18th September 1963.

He was chairman of Coseley Pub Watch.

It closed in 1985.

It was demolished.

PUBLIC NOTICE

FORM OF NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF A COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 AND THE ACQUISITION OF LAND ACT 1981

WOLVERHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL (BILSTON TOWN CENTRE) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 1991

1. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of his powers under the above Acts, on 4 September, 1992, confirmed with modifications the Wolverhampton Borough Council (Bilston Town Centre) Compulsory Purchase Order 1991 submitted by the Council of the Borough of Wolverhampton.

2. The Order as confirmed provides for the purchase for the purpose of securing the development, redevelopment and improvement of land by the erection of a food store and provision of ancillary car parking of the land described in the Schedule hereto.

3. A copy of the Order as confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Environment and of the map referred to therein have been deposited at the offices of the Director of Legal and Administrative Services, Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton, and may be seen there at all reasonable hours.

4. The Order as confirmed becomes operative on the date on which this notice is first published; but a person aggrieved by the Order may, by application to the High Court within six weeks from that date, question its validity on the grounds (i) that the authorisation granted by the Order is not empowered to be granted or (ii) that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirements relating to the Order.

Schedule

Land in the district of Bilston in the Borough of Wolverhampton in the County of West Midlands. Numbers in brackets relate to the reference numbers in the Compulsory Purchase Order schedule and map.

1580 square metres of land and premises to the west of 88 High Street forming the site of second hand car sales business together with hoardings thereon (1).

140 square metres of business premises and living accommodation known as 88 High Street (2).

20 square metres of vacant land fronting Quarry Street (3).

80 square metres of land and premises being at the rear of 88 High Street and fronting Quarry Street (4).

240 square metres of business premises situate on the west side of Quarry Street adjacent to reference number 4 (5).

1570 square metres of business premises 80 and 82 High Street (6).

270 square metres of business premises 72a, 74, 76 and 78 High Street (7).

110 square metres of business premises and living accommodation 72 High Street (8).

320 square metres of business premises, living accommodation and rear yard 70 High Street (9).

420 square metres of land and premises being the Golden Cup Public House 68 High Street (10).

570 square metres of land and business premises 62, 64 and 66 High Street (11).

160 square metres of accessway situate at Stonefield Road to the rear of numbers 62 to 74 (evens) High Street (12).

30 square metres of premises comprising an electricity sub station at Stonefield Walk (13).

190 square metres of accessway at the rear of 44 - 60 (evens) Stonefield Walk (14).

710 square metres of land being the site of 20 - 34 (evens) Stonefield Walk (15).

R H ROBERTS
Director of Legal and
Administrative Services
Civic Centre
St Peter's Square
Wolverhampton

DATED 17 SEPTEMBER, 1992

WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL *Working for you*



GOLDEN FLEECE

5, (3), Fleece Street, (Ward Street), (3, Providence Place), (Gibbet Lane), Priestfield, (New Village),
BILSTON

OWNERS

Clara Dallow, spinster, 20, Lewis Street, Penn Road, Wolverhampton
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

James Allcock [1860]
John Lewis [1872] - **1887**);
John Jones (**1887 - 1891**);
Joseph Flavell (**1891 - 1898**);
Mrs. Susannah Flavell (**1898 - 1904**);
Lilian Timmins (**1904 - 1905**);
Robert Colley (**1905**);
John Harper (**1905 - 1906**);
William Harris (**1906 - 1907**);
George Rogers (**1907 - 1908**);

NOTES

Ward Street [1860], [1872]
3, Providence Place [1881]
Fleece Street [1904]

It had a beerhouse license.

London Gazette 9/11/1860

“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 26th day of November instant, at nine o'clock in the forenoon precisely, unless cause be then and there shewn to the contrary.

In the Matter of the petition of *James Allcock*, of the GOLDEN FLEECE, Ward-street, Priestfield, near Bilston, in the county of Stafford, Publican, Brewer, and Retailer of beer, and Licensed to sell Tobacco, and also a Japanner, previously of Gozzard-street, Bilston aforesaid, Japanner.”

John Lewis, beer retailer, Ward Street, New Village, Ettingshall. [1872]

Dudley Herald 14/7/1877

“Bilston. The Attempted Murder At Priestfield. At the Police Court on Tuesday John Griffiths (31), who was charged on the 3rd inst. with attempting to murder his landlord, *John Lewis* of the GOLDEN FLEECE, beerhouse, Priestfield.....”

1881 Census

3, Providence Place – GOLDEN FLEECE

- [1] *John Lewis* (59), innkeeper and chain maker, born shipboard (too young to remember);
- [2] *Harriet Lewis* (57), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Eliza H. Thompson* (6), granddaughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Edith Thompson* (4), granddaughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Emma Benton* (13), general servant, born Bilston;
- [6] *Ann Elwell* (66), boarder, retired innkeeper, born Burton on Trent;
- [7] *William Nunnery* (48), boarder, labourer, carter, born Baschurch, Shropshire;
- [8] *William Cox* (19), boarder, general labourer, born Oxford:

1891 Census

3, Fleece Street

- [1] *John Jones* (41), licensed victualler, born Shropshire;
- [2] *Jane Jones* (40), wife, born Bilston:

John Jones was fined 40s and costs, on 24th July 1891, for permitting drunkenness.

Joseph Flavell died on 11th April 1898.

1901 Census

5, Fleece Street

- [1] *Susannah Flavell* (61), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *George Flavell* (24), son, brewer, born Woodcross;
- [3] *Jabez Flavell* (22), son, moulder iron foundry, born Woodcross;
- [4] *Mathias Flavell* (20), son, moulder iron foundry, born Woodcross;
- [5] *Martha G. Flavell* (17), daughter, born Woodcross;
- [6] *Ebor Whitehouse* (30), boarder, boatman, born Dudley Port;
- [7] *Ann Hyde* (10), granddaughter, born Woodcross:

Mrs. *Susannah Flavell*, beer retailer, Fleece Street. [1904]

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority in February 1908.

It was refused by the Compensation Authority on 18th June 1908.

Compensation of £350 was paid on 30th November 1908.

House closed on 7th December 1908.

GOLDEN LION

46, Ash Street, (Old Green), (5, Chell Street) / Lord Street West, Bradley, (Upper Bradley), (Hall Green), (Daisy Bank), (Highfields), BILSTON

OWNERS

Enoch Clempson, licensee
Jeremiah Francis Baker, coal merchant, Albert Road, Wolverhampton
John Seedhouse, innkeeper, Princes End
John Seedhouse and Sons Ltd., High Street, Princes End [1930s]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Marstons plc [2009]

LICENSEES

Thomas Clempson [1841] – [1851]
Mrs. Margaret Clempson [1851] – [1861]
Enoch Clempson [1868] – **1874**;
Joseph White **(1874 – 1875)**;
George Williams **(1875 – 1879)**;
Samuel Smith **(1879 – 1882)**;
Richard Hyde **(1882 – 1884)**;
William Bourne **(1884 – 1886)**;
Thomas William Stanford **(1886 – 1891)**;
Samuel Millichamp **(1891 – 1900)**;
Thomas Stanford [1896] ?
Albert Garvey **(1900 – 1901)**;
Esther Lucy Evans **(1901 – 1902)**;
Sarah Stanford [1903] ?
Walter Bunch **(1902 – 1915)**;
Thomas Leach **(1915 – 1922)**;
Florence Leach **(1922 – 1924)**;
James 'Jim' Shutt **(1924 – 1933)**;
James Smith **(1933 – [1940])**
Zachariah Pearson **(1957 – 1980)**
Roger Renton [] – **1985**
Eve Jones [1994]
Dawn Roberts [1995]
Lyn Randles **(1996 – [1997])**
Stephen J King [2005]
Maureen Cynthia Atkins [] – **2006**
Eliza Cunningham Groom **(2006 – [])**
Chris Hadley [2006] manager
Shelly Garbett **(2009 – 2012)**



2007

NOTES

Old Green [1841], [1842]
Highfields [1841], [1851], [1861]
Daisy Bank [1849]
Upper Bradley [1861], [1868]
5, Chell Street, Bradley [1871], [1891], [1896], [1901], [1904]
Chell Street, Daisy Bank [1881]
Hall Green
46, Ash Street

LION [1841]
GOLDEN LION HOTEL [1911]

It was known locally as 'Smithy's', and 'Zacha's'

Thomas Clempson = Thomas Clemson

1841 Census

Highfields

- [1] *Margaret Clempson* (50), victualler;
- [2] *Thomas Clempson* (50), miner;
- [3] *John Clempson* (25), ironworker, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Thomas Clempson* (20), ironworker, born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Catherine Clempson* (15), born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Enoch Clempson* (10), born Staffordshire:

1851 Census

Highfields

- [1] *Thomas Clempson* (61), licensed victualler and miner, born Broseley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Margret Clempson* (62), wife, born Broseley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Enoch Clempson* (23), son, puddler of iron, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Harriet Bennett* (14), general servant, born Broseley, Shropshire;
- [5] *Thomas Jinks* (8), grandson, born Bilston;
- [6] *Margret Breeze* (9), niece, born Chebsey, Shropshire;
- [7] *John Gittins* (46), visitor, stone miner, born Broseley, Shropshire;
- [8] *Henry Gittins* (17), visitor, stone miner, born Broseley, Shropshire:

1861 Census

Highfields

- [1] *Margaret Clempson* (73), victualler, born Broseley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Sheppard* (13), house servant, born Sedgley:

1871 Census

5, Chell Street

- [1] *Enoch Clempson* (43), puddler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Eliza Clempson* (43), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Thomas Clempson* (15), son, labourer, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Silas Clempson* (13), son, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Enoch Clempson* (11), son, born Sedgley;
- [6] *David Clempson* (6), son, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Sophia Clempson* (1 month), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [8] *Eliza Fieldhouse* (23), daughter, married, born Bilston;
- [9] *George H. Fieldhouse* (3), grandson, born Sedgley;
- [10] *Annie A. Fieldhouse* (1), granddaughter, born Sedgley:



Evening Express 26/10/1881

“A petition in liquidation has been filed in the Dudley County Court on behalf of *Samuel Smith*, of the GOLDEN LION INN, Chell Street, Daisy Bank, licensed victualler and roll turner. Liabilities estimated at £200. Messrs. Stokes and Hooper are the debtor’s solicitors, and Mr. T. B. Cope, high bailiff of the Court, has been appointed receiver.”

1891 Census

5, Chell Street

- [1] *Samuel Millichamp* (29), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Annie Millichamp* (28), wife, born Cawney Hill;
- [3] *Julia Millichamp* (8), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [4] *Albert Millichamp* (5), son, born Smethwick;
- [5] *Flora Millichamp* (2), daughter, born Daisy Bank:

1901 Census

5, Chell Street

- [1] *Albert Garvey* (53), publican &c, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Betsey Jane Garvey* (54), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Ernest Garvey* (18), son, iron worker, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Lily Garvey* (16), daughter, domestic servant, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Sidney Garvey* (14), son, domestic servant, born Sedgley;
- [6] *May Garvey* (6), daughter, born Sedgley:

Tipton Herald 9/5/1903

“At Bilston Police Court on Tuesday before Messrs. G. N. Adams, E. Hickman, and Dr. S. Ashley- Smith, an old man named Joad Cox, boatman, of Ash Street, Bradley, was charged with being drunk on the licensed premises of the GOLDEN LION INN, Bradley.

Detective Quinn and Police-sergeant Gibbs deposed to finding defendant in the tap room in a drunken condition when they visited the house on other business.

Defendant denied being drunk, and said he had only had two and a half pints, and could walk straight.

A fine of 12s 6d, including costs, was imposed.”

Thomas Leach died on 13th May 1922.

A team from here took part in the Bradley Darts League, First Division. [1946]

It was demolished in 1970.

It was rebuilt on a site 50 yards away on the corner of Ash Street and Lord Street West.

Shelly Garbett – see also COTTAGE SPRING, Woodsetton.

[2016]



2016

GOLDEN LION

Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Howes [1818] – [1835]

William Cluett [1834] – [1842]

James Akers [1845]

NOTES

1841 Census

Church Street (South side of)

[1] *William Cluett* (35), auctioneer;

[2] Ann Cluett (35);

[3] Emily Cluett (11), born Staffordshire;

[4] John Cluett (7), born Staffordshire;

[5] Mary Cluett (5), born Staffordshire;

[6] George Cluett (2), born Staffordshire;

[7] Edmund Cluett (8 months), born Staffordshire;

[8] Charlotte Griffiths (15), fs:

GRAPES

Salop Street, Hallfields, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Hayward [1868] – [1871]

NOTES

1871 Census

Salop Street

- [1] *William Hayward* (52), widower, licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *William Goodreid* (22), visitor, iron roller in forge, born Bilston;
- [3] *Emma Goodreid* (19), visitor, born Bilston;
- [4] *George Hayward* (16), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Thomas Buttler*, (59), servant, born Bilston:

Smethwick Telephone 22/5/1915

“Mr. N. C. A. Nevillle, the South Staffordshire Stipendiary, dealt with a number of cases at Bilston on Tuesday in which persons were summoned for permitting gambling on their premises by allowing automatic machines to be used.

Frank Gibbons, West Bridgford, Nottingham, the owner of a Monarch automatic machine, was summoned for using the premises of the GRAPES INN, Bilston, for gaming. Mr. Pritchard (Messrs. Hall, Pratt and Pritchard) defended. Mr. E. W. Breton (Longton), who prosecuted, asked for a conviction, which would act as a deterrent. A very large number of the machines had been used in that district.

Superintendent Rowbotham, replying to the Stipendiary, said warnings were issued to people who hired the machines in that district after the conviction at the Birmingham Assizes.

The Stipendiary said there was no doubt the machine in that case was a gambling machine. The evil of the machines was the incentive to children to learn to gamble. That did not apply in the case of public houses to put in the machines. The evil of gambling required checking. At present the law was not strong enough, and it was to be hoped it would be strengthened.

A fine of £10 and £1 12s 6d special extra costs was imposed.....”

GREAT WESTERN

1, Ash Street / 83, Hall Green Street, Bradley, (Daisy Bank), (Hallfields), BILSTON

OWNERS

Great Western Railway Co.
Holt Brewery Co. Ltd.
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Noah Halford [1871] – **1900**);
Mrs. Martha Halford (**1900 – 1901**);
William McKenzie (**1901 – 1902**);
Mary Jane Mackenzie (**1902**);
William Henry Hemming (**1902**);
John Maddocks (**1902 – 1904**);
James Collins (**1904 – 1907**);
Albert Maddocks (**1907 – 1908**);
Thomas Morris (**1908**);
Richard Tunnicliffe (**1908 – 1909**);
Louis Hercy (**1909 – 1913**);
James Charles Ingram (**1913 – 1916**);
James 'Jim' Cooper (**1916 – 1926**);
Isabella Alice Kidman (**1926** – [1938]
Harry Morris (**1947 – 1952**)
Thomas William Brookes []
Mick Gill [1987]
Don Concannon [1992]
Frederick Paskin [1994] – **1995**);
Paul Thompson (**1995** – []
Mrs. Isabella A Kielman []
Carmen Rawley (**2005** – [2008]



2000

NOTES

Hall Green Street [1896], [1912]
1, Ash Street [1881], [1940]
83, Hall Green Street [1891]

It was originally called the RAILWAY.

It was the headquarters of Coseley Ladies FC.

1871 Census

1, Ash Street
[1] Noah Halford (35), licenced victualler, born Sedgley;
[2] Martha Halford (24), wife, born Bilston;
[3] Jane Halford (5), daughter, born Bilston;
[4] Noah Halford (1 month), son, born Sedgley:

1881 Census

1, Ash Street

- [1] *Noah Halford* (48), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Martha Halford* (34), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Jane Halford* (15), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Frederick J. Halford* (8), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Harriet Halford* (5), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Clara Halford* (3), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Harriet Grice* (20), general servant, born Sedgley:

1891 Census

83, Hall Green Street – GREAT WESTERN INN

- [1] *Noah Halford* (64), licensed victualler, born Bradley;
- [2] *Martha Halford* (44), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Harriett Halford* (15), daughter, pupil teacher, born Daisy Bank;
- [4] *Clara Halford* (15), daughter, scholar, born Daisy Bank;
- [5] *Sydney Halford* (9), son, scholar, born Daisy Bank;
- [6] *Frank Halford* (8), son, scholar, born Daisy Bank;
- [7] *Phoebe Tate* (19), domestic servant, born Bradley:

Noah Halford died on 29th March 1900.

Martha Halford died on 5th November 1901.

Jim and *Hannah Cooper* also ran a coal business from the premises.

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

A team from here took part in the Bradley Darts League, Second Division. [1946]

Thomas William Brookes – see also HAND AND KEYS, and BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Daisy Bank.

A team from here won the Banks's and Hansons / Silk Cut Sports Quiz Championship in 1987, 1988, and 1989.

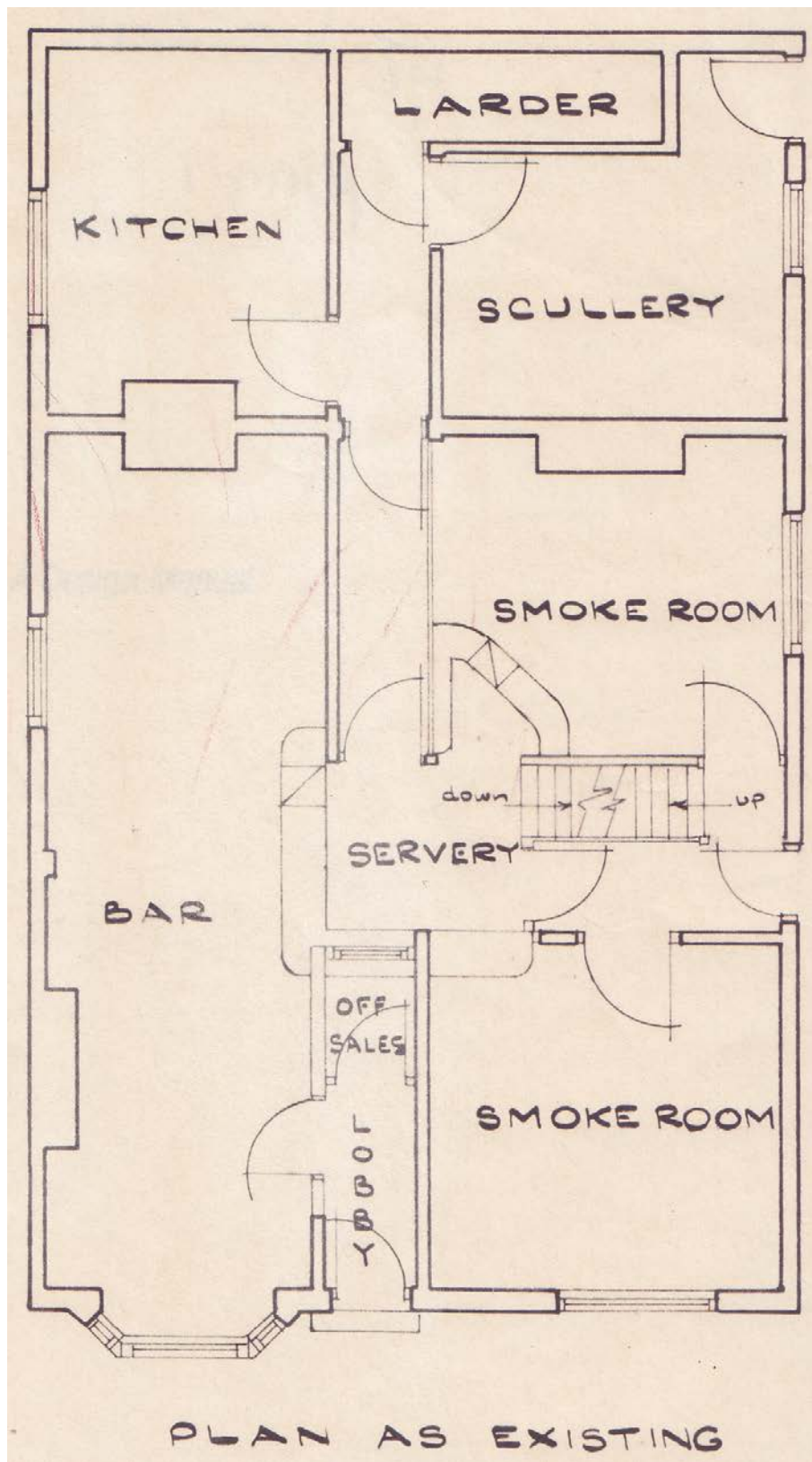
Don Concannon was married to *Pearl*.

Carmen Rawley's partner was *Roger Wood*.
She was born c.1961.

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Plan 1975

GREAT WESTERN

Hall Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

John Rogers
Thomas Salt and Co. Ltd.
Atkinsons Brewery Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Rogers [1864] – 1875);
Robert John Rogers (1875 – 1903);
Charles Mortimore (1903 – 1904);
Thomas Atkiss (1904 – 1906);
Stephen Allen Corbett (1906 – 1908);
Thomas Hanks (1908 – 1910);
Reginald Arthur Passingham (1910 – 1912);
William Dunn (1912);
William Vaughan (1912 – 1913);
Jack Silvester (1913 – 1920);
Henry 'Harry' Cooper (1920 – 1925);
Joseph Johnson (1925 – [1940])

NOTES

John Rogers was also a brewers' agent and income tax assessor and collector.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 24/1/1866 - Advert

"Tuesday, February 6th, 1861. Desirable Freehold Public House and Premises, at Bilston, in the County of Stafford. Mr. Samuel Baker will Sell by Auction (by direction of the representatives of the Mortgagee under power of Sale), at the GREAT WESTERN INN, Hall Street, Bilston, on Tuesday, the 6th day of February, 1866, at Six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions.—

All that old-established and well-accustomed Public House, known by the sign of the LORD NELSON, situate and fronting to Bridge-street, in Bilston aforesaid, with the brewhouse, large copper boiler, outbuildings and appurtenances there to belonging, now in the occupation of Mr. *John Proffitt*, at an annual rent of £18.

The house comprises bar, parlour, smoke room, tap room, spacious club room, excellent cellaring and brewhouse, with malt room over the same, and is well situated for business, being in a densely populated neighbourhood, and within a short distance of the Bilston Brook Ironworks.

The premises are now offered for sale are coloured red on a plan, which will be produced at the time of sale.

To view premises apply to the tenant, and for further particulars at the offices of Messrs. Mason and Holmes, Solicitors; or to the Auctioneer, Bilston."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 15/8/1866

"On Wednesday evening an inquest was opened before T. M. Phillips Esq., Coroner, at the GREAT WESTERN INN, on the body of a man named John Tranter, a miner, aged 41, living in Bristol-street, Bilston, who had died suddenly on the previous Sunday night, under circumstances which gave rise to considerable suspicion. The deceased was not married, but lived with a woman named Eliza Carline, and the evidence showed that they lived upon affectionate terms, the deceased having been for some time a teetotaler. They were together at home on Sunday, and soon after six o'clock went into a neighbour's house to tea. Eliza Carline said she made tea for herself and deceased in Hopkin's (the neighbour's) teapot, the latter having had tea. They had bread and butter for tea, and shortly after

deceased complained of a slight pain, and went out for a walk; but the pain increasing, he came home, and at his request Eliza made him some mint tea. His bowels were then moved twice, but as he continued in great agony, Mr. Best, surgeon, was sent for, and the assistant came. He prescribed emetics, which did not, however, operate, and the poor fellow died after enduring excruciating torment about two o'clock on Monday morning. He had roast pork and potatoes for dinner on Sunday, and of which she also partook. The inquiry was adjourned until Friday, when Mr. Mallin, assistant to Mr. Best, gave the following evidence, as to the results of a post mortem examination he had made of the body of the deceased. He said: I am a surgeon, and reside at Bilston, in this county. By the direction of the Coroner I made a post mortem examination of the body of the deceased, John Tranter, on the 8th of August instant. On examining the body externally, I found no marks or bruises or other injuries. The face wore an expression of pain, and it, together with the neck, was of a deep purple hue. The abdomen was much distended with gas, and the limbs, scrotum, and remainder of the body were swollen and puffy. On opening the head the scalp was much injected with venous blood; the brain was soft and pale, and contained within its cavities and unusual amount of serous fluid. In the chest I found the heart healthy in texture, and quite empty of blood on both sides. The pericardium contained a quantity of fluid, not more than usual. The right lung was congested, and very firmly adherent, the adhesions being the result of old disease. The left lung was shrunken, but free of adhesions. On opening the abdomen, the peritoneum, covering the intestines, presented an inflammatory appearance. The stomach was enormously distended with gas. In the cavity of the abdomen was a quantity (I should think half a pint) of dark coloured fluid matter, having the smell of vomit, and exactly the appearance of the fluid I afterwards found in the stomach. On laying open the stomach, I found it to contain a quantity of thickish fluid matter, of a brownish black colour, and floating in it were some small lumps of pork fat and pieces of potato. On removing these contents (some of which I have preserved), I found a patch of charred membrane, about the size of a half-crown piece, irregularly circular in shaper, soft and friable. In the centre of this patch was an aperture about the size of a sixpence, through which some of the contents of the stomach had evidently passed. The edges of this aperture were thin, and slightly bevelled from within outwards. Leading to the circumference of of the above-described patch were a few injected blood-vessels. This aperture was situate on the exterior surface of the stomach, near the small curvatur, or nearer to the cardiac than the pyloric orifice. Corresponding to the position of this patch, on the exterior of the stomach, the tissues were also blackened and destroyed, though not to so great an extent as on the inside. There were also scattered over the cardiac end of the stomach internally, small red inflammatory punetae. The remainder of the mucous membrane of the stomach seemed quite healthy, and was rather pale in colour. The duodenum contained a quantity of partially digested food. Its lining membrane was healthy. The remaining intestines presented no unusual appearance. The kidneys were both healthy – the bladder was empty. The liver was of a much darker colour than natural, probably a post mortem change; otherwise it seemed healthy. The spleen was natural. From these facts and the symptoms exhibited before death, I am of the opinion that deceased died from perforation of the stomach, caused by the action of some corrosive poison. The witness in reply to the Coroner, stated that the medicine he sent to the deceased was of a very simple nature, being composed of 20 grains of sulphate of zinc, mixed with one and a-half ounces of water. The pills were 7 grains compound soap pills, and would contain not quite 1½ grains of pure opium. Mr. Best (who was present), said he had shown the stomach to Mr. Newnham, surgeon to the South Staffordshire Hospital, and he concurred with him that the poison was so powerful that it had been administered in liquid form, it must have burnt the lips and throat; and they thought, therefore that it must have entered the stomach in solid form. But in what form the evidence did not at all show; and after a very patient inquiry the inquest was adjourned till the 7th September so as to enable Mr. McMcrec ample time to make further inquiries, and also that the stomach might be analysed."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/9/1866

"On Friday, T. M. Phillips, Esq., coroner, held an adjourned inquest, at the GREAT WESTERN INN, touching the death of a man named John Tranter, a miner, aged 41, living in Bristol-street, Bilston, who died suddenly on the night of the 10th ult., under circumstances which gave rise to considerable suspicion. It may be in the recollection of our readers that on the last occasion Mr. Malim, (assistant to Mr. Best), who had mad a post mortem examination of the body, stated that the appearances presented by the stomach – which in one part was perforated and apparently calcined – led him to the conclusion that death had been cause by a strong mineral poison, but of what character he was unable to say. This was like wise the opinion of Mr. Best, and of one or two other surgeons to whom the case was mentioned. Dr. Hill, Borough Analyst for Birmingham, to whom the analysis of the stomach of the deceased and portions of the liver had been entrusted now attended and gave the following evidence:– He said: I have examined the stomach and portions of liver forwarded to me by direction of the Coroner, and I found the stomach to contain a considerable quantity of food, partly digested. There was a large ulcer on the coat of the stomach, three

inches by two inches, and an oval angular perforation half an inch long the long way. There were no marks of inflammation or corrosion in any part of the stomach, such as would be expected if a corrosive or irritant poison had been swallowed. The contents of the stomach were not excessively acid, as they would have been of sulphuric, nitric, hydrochloric, oxalic, or any other corrosive acid had been taken. I proved the absence of these acids by chemical tests. A search for corrosive and irritant metallic poisons, including arsenic, antimony, mercury, lead, copper, gave negative results. Perforation is by no means an uncommon result of natural disease of the stomach, and regarding the absence of poison, the character of the ulcer and perforation, I have no doubt whatever that death was produced by peritonitis, from the escape of food into the cavity of the abdomen through a perforation in the stomach, which was the result of disease. I have not heard the evidence as to symptoms, but fully expect that it will strengthen this view of the case. Dr. Hill then read the medical evidence previously taken and found this to be the case. In the first place that evidence stated that the perforation was in the cardiac of the stomach, that portion of the stomach in which ulcers generally occurred. Then there were no marks of ulceration except at that point, and no inflammation of any note, were corroborative of his opinion. The presence of food in the stomach too proved the absence of anything of a corrosive nature; because the first symptom of the presence of corrosive poison in the stomach was vomiting. The slight vomiting that did take place was caused by the escape of food through the perforation irritating the peritoneum; ulceration of the stomach would exist without pain, and death was ultimately from it was not uncommon.

A Juryman remarked that the evidence on the last occasion showed that deceased and the woman with whom he lived had been 'larking' together the same evening in the yard.

Dr. Hill, in reply to this, said very likely it was the exertion on that occasion which ruptured the ulcer.

Mr. Malim, in reply to the Coroner, said he quite concurred with Dr. Hill, as to the cause of death.

The Coroner remarked that he had never heard so remarkable a case in all his experience.

The Jury returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to his death from peritonitis, occasioned by the rupture of a ulcer in the stomach, the ulcer being the result of disease."

John Rogers was an agent for Findlater & Co. Dublin stout and Salt & Co. Burton Ale. [1868], [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

Hall Street – GW INN

[1] *John Rogers* (50), licensed victualler employing one man, born Bilston;

[2] *Hannah Rogers* (49), wife, born Basingstoke, Hampshire;

[3] *Dinah Rogers* (19), daughter, barmaid, born Bilston;

[4] *John Rogers* (12), son, scholar, born Bilston;

[5] *Alice Rogers* (9), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;

[6] *William Knott* (13), nephew, scholar, born Wolverhampton;

[7] *Matilda Pearson*, domestic servant, born Bilston:

Midland Counties Evening Express 8/1/1878

"The annual Dinner of the employees of the goods department of the Great Western Railway, in Bilston, took place at the GREAT WESTERN INN, on Saturday last. A most substantial dinner was capitally served by the host Mr. *Robert Rogers* and was heartily enjoyed....."

Evening Express 1/2/1881

"On Monday afternoon, Mr. W. H. Phillips, held an inquest at the GREAT WESTERN INN, Hall Street, Bilston, touching the death of an old woman named *Hannah Whitehouse*, seventy two years of age, who resided at Oxford Street, and whose death resulted from burns sustained on Saturday last.

The evidence of a daughter in law showed that deceased went upstairs on the night named to bed, witness accompanying her to undress her. Having done so, she went downstairs again. Shortly afterwards, hearing her children scream, she ran upstairs, and found deceased in flames. The flames were, after some difficulty, put out, and deceased told witness that she was trying to burn the string of one of her garments with the candle when she caught fire.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

1881 Census

Hall Street

- [1] *Robert J. Rogers* (32), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Ann M. Rogers* (33), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *John Rogers* (14), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Ann Billing* (26), domestic servant, born Wolverhampton:

Evening Express 11/5/1881 - Advert

"Wanted, a good General Servant; good character.
Apply, GREAT WESTERN INN, Hall Street, Bilston."

Evening Express 27/6/1881

"This (Monday) afternoon W. H. Phillips, Esq. (coroner) held an inquest at the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, Bilston, on the body of William Jones (30), carter, of Bushbury Lane, Bushbury, who was found in a dying condition in the six foot of the Great Western Railway, near the Bilston Station early on Saturday morning.

Inspector Locke appeared to watch the proceedings on behalf of the Railway Company.

The evidence showed that the deceased, who was a married man, was in the habit of going to his employment at Messrs. Groucutt and Sons, Bilston, every morning, and returning at night. He left home on Thursday morning, but on that night he slept in the stables at Messrs. Groucutt's works. On Friday night he was drinking at the NAVIGATION INN, with a fellow carter, named James Wilson, who went with him towards Bilston station as far as Pothouse Bridge, where he left him. The deceased was then the worse for drink. He was not seen alive again until 2.30 the following morning, when William Willis, the driver of a goods train, saw him lying in a pool of blood in the six foot, and with two large gashes on the left temple and back of the head. The deceased was removed to the railway station, but died on reaching that place. Judging from the position in which he found him, the witness considered that the deceased had been injured by an up train. Further evidence was given which indicated that the deceased had probably endeavoured to reach Bilston station by walking along the line.

The jury returned a verdict that the deceased was found in a dying state, and died at the railway station, but that there was No Evidence to show how he received his injuries."

Evening Express 1/12/1881

"On Tuesday evening about 60 members of Court 'Forest Bride', AOF, including DCR John Williams, and Brothers John Rogers, S. Holloway, G. Sutton, J. Solomon, H. Allen, J. Noonan, G. Hallett and F. Blower, honorary members of the court, and a few visitors from other courts, met at the headquarters of the lodge, the GREAT WESTERN INN, Hall Street, Bilston, for the purpose of presenting to their treasurer, PCR *R. J. Rogers*, a valuable tea and coffee service and cruet stand, manufactured by Messrs. Hirons, Plants and Co., Birmingham. Before proceeding with the testimonial, PDCR Samuel Thompson, as chairman of the testimonial committee, spoke in very high terms of Brother *R. J. Rogers* as a member of the court, and described him as labouring zealously in the cause of Forestry, both in his own court and in others. Brother Joseph Solomon, in making the presentation, also referred at some length to the services rendered by Brother *Rogers* to the court. Mrs. *R. J. Rogers* next received a fine electro-plated cake basket and butter dish to match the set presented to her husband; PDCR Samuel Thompson making the presentation. Brother *R. J. Rogers*, in responding, expressed a hope that himself and wife would be spared to look upon the presents in their old age with pride, as bringing back to their minds the many kind expressions that had been uttered in the courtroom that evening."

Evening Express 10/12/1881

"On Thursday evening last the annual dinner of the non-commissioned officers of the Bilston and Darlaston (G and H) Companies took place at the GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, Bilston. About 20 officers sat down to a most substantial repast, served up in excellent style by Mr. and Mrs. *R. J. Rogers*, the host and hostess. Captain Holcroft presided. In the course of the proceedings, Mr. *Rogers* stated that it was his intention to give a challenge cup to the G and H Companies to be shot for by the recruits joining during the year 1882. He expressed a hope that it would be the means of inducing respectable men to come forward and join the corps. Referring to the good shooting of the companies during the year, he said nothing gave him greater pleasure than to see the battalion cup in front of him, and he urged the officers present to leave no stone unturned to secure it again next year. During the evening a number of songs were given in excellent style by Sergeants Boutcher, Fellows, Harper, and Nokes, and a most enjoyable meeting was concluded by the singing of the National Anthem."

1891 Census

Hall Street – GREAT WESTERN HOTEL

- [1] *Robert John Rogers* (42), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Ann M. Rogers* (44), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Jane Johnson* (21), general servant, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Annie Thompson* (16), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

1901 Census

Hall Street – GREAT WESTERN HOTEL

- [1] *Robert J. Rogers* (52), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Lizzie J. Rogers* (30), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Arthur G. Rogers* (2), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Mary A. Ray* (20), general servant, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Annie Martin* (23), general servant born Sedgley;
- [6] *George Hadley* (21), boots, born Bushbury:

Robert John Rogers was vice president and chairman of the council of Wolverhampton and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1902]

1911 Census

Bilston

- [1] *Reginald Arthur Passingham* (29), licensed victualler, born Herefordshire;
- [2] *Ann Passingham* (21), wife, married 2 ½ years, born London;
- [3] *Reginald William Passingham* (14 months), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Florence Harvey* (17), servant, born Bilston:

Alfred Blud was fined £10 and costs for selling liquor to a drunken person on 16th August 1912.
[Was he a member of the bar staff or manager?]

South Staffordshire Times 10/7/1920

“Mr. W. Lee applied for permission to effect structural alterations at the PARK INN, Woodsetton, to extend the living accommodation. A copy of the plan had been submitted to the superintendent of police, who now stated that alterations were absolutely necessary. - Granted.

Similar permission was granted in respect of the GREAT WESTERN, Bilston, the alterations being in the direction of better police supervision.....”

A music license was granted on 27th March 1928.

Closed

It was demolished circa 1975.

GREAT WESTERN

12, Bradley Road, (Cox's Yard), Canalside, Lower Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Lady Emily Foley, Stoke Edith, Herefordshire
James Bullock
South Staffordshire Brewery Co. Ltd.
J. and J. Yardley and Co. Ltd.
Old Wolverhampton Breweries Ltd.
Frank Myatt Ltd.

LICENSEES

Ann Foley [1871] – **1879**);
John Webb (**1879 – 1889**);
James Bullock (**1889 – 1893**);
Thomas Griffiths (**1893 – 1897**);
Fred Henry Bourton (**1897 – 1929**);
Louisa Bourton (**1929 – 1930**);

NOTES

12, Bradley Road [1871]
Cox's Yard [1891]

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

12, Bradley Road
[1] *Ann Foley* (59), widow, publican, born Bilston;
[2] *Phoebe Oakley* (37), sister, born Bilston;
[3] *Thomas P. Oakley* (4), nephew, scholar, born Bilston;
[4] *William Oakley* (2), nephew, born Bilston;
[5] *Elizabeth A. Oakley* (1), niece, born Bilston:

1881 Census

Canal Side – Beerhouse
[1] *John Webb* (36), bundler in ironworks, born Sedgley;
[2] *Rachel Webb* (33), wife, born Gornal;
[3] *Job Webb* (8), son, scholar, born Gornal;
[4] *Elizabeth Webb* (10), daughter, scholar, born Gornal;
[5] *James Webb* (6), son, scholar, born Gornal;
[6] *Sarah Jones* (26), domestic servant, born Gornal:

1891 Census

Cox's Yard – GREAT WESTERN INN
[1] *James Bullock* (59), manager of coal mines, born Tipton;
[2] *Mary A. Bullock* (51), wife, born Bilston;
[3] *Eliza J. Dudley* (28), general servant, born Bilston:

Black Country Bugle

Letter from Mrs. M. Baker

“My gran, *Louise Bourton*, kept at that particular time the GREAT WESTERN pub, which serviced the drinking needs of the steel workers of that time.

The pub was situated at the side of the canal in question and close to the factories where the foundry workers walked to work.”

1901 Census

Lower Bradley – GREAT WESTERN INN

- [1] *Fred Bourton* (29), beerhouse keeper, born Leamington;
- [2] *Louisa Bourton* (27), wife, born Bloxwich;
- [3] *Lily Bourton* (7), daughter, born Bloxwich;
- [4] *Wilfred Bourton* (6), son, born Bloxwich;
- [5] *Amy Bourton* (4), daughter, born Bloxwich;
- [6] *Grace Bourton* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Fred Bourton* (1), son, born Bilston;
- [8] *Maud Bourton* (3 months), daughter, born Bilston;
- [9] *Edith Taylor* (20), general servant, born Walsall;
- [10] *George Keats* (40), visitor, shoe maker, born Bloxwich:

Black Country Bugle (May 1985)

“.....opened in what had previously been Foley House. The GREAT WESTERN HOTEL only occupied part of the house, however, and the Green and Rickuss families lived in the remainder

By the early 1900s the GREAT WESTERN had a thriving fishing club, whose members used the nearby Rocket Pools during the 1926 coal strike *Fred [Bourton]* had a coal shaft sunk in the large garden of the GREAT WESTERN near to the closed Bradley Mission.”

Fred Bourton, beer retailer, Lower Bradley. [1904]

He managed a haulage business from the yard and stables behind the premises.

1911 Census

Bradley – GREAT WESTERN INN

- [1] *Fred Henry Bourton* (39), beerhouse keeper, born Leamington;
- [2] *Louisa Bourton* (37), wife, married 19 years, born Walsall;
- [3] *Lily Louisa Bourton* (17), daughter, assists at home, born Walsall;
- [4] *George Wilfred Bourton* (16), son, stamper in tin plate works, born Walsall;
- [5] *Grace Bourton* (12), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Fred Bourton* (11), son, born Bilston;
- [7] *Florence Bourton* (7), daughter, born Bilston;
- [8] *Gladys Bourton* (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [9] *Sidney Herbert Bourton* (2), son, born Bilston;
- [10] *Ernest Bourton* (1), son, born Bilston:

Fred Bourton died in 1929 aged 58.

License refused by Compensation Authority on 20th July 1930.

Compensation of £1,250 was paid on 29th December 1930.

License extinguished on 31st December 1930.

GREEN HOTEL

Wellington Road, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Edward Jennings [1986]

GREEN DRAGON

7, (9), Cross Street, Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Sarah Steventon
Herbert Steventon
George Thompson, brewer, Dudley
William John Hawkes
Holdens Brewery (acquired in 5th February 1946) (they sold it on 25th June 1971)

LICENSEES

Sarah Steventon [1871] – **1879**;
Herbert Steventon (**1879 – 1889**);
James Henry Hawkes (**1889 – 1890**);
Elizabeth Lydia Hawkes (**1890 – 1891**);
William John Hawkes (**1891 – [1940]**)

NOTES

7, Cross Street [1871], [1881], [1891], [1901], [1904], [1912], [1940]
9, Cross Street

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

7, Cross Street – GREEN DRAGON

- [1] *Sarah Steventon* (50), widow, publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Herbert Steventon* (26), son, no occupation, born Bilston:

1881 Census

7, Cross Street – GREEN DRAGON

- [1] *Herbert Steventon* (36), innkeeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Georgina Steventon* (27), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Mary Steventon* (12), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Georgina Steventon* (1), daughter, born Bilston:

James Henry Hawkes was married to *Elizabeth Lydia*.
He died on 4th May 1890.

1891 Census

7, Cross Street – GREEN DRAGON

- [1] *Elizabeth L. Hawkes* (39), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elizabeth E. Hawkes* (18), daughter, born Bilston;
- [3] *Benjamin T. Hawkes* (15), son, labourer general, born Bilston;
- [4] *George C. Hawkes* (14), son, labourer general, born Bilston;
- [5] *Hannah M. Hawkes* (11), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Rachael Hawkes* (10), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *William H. Hawkes* (7), son, born Bilston;
- [8] *Emma Hawkes* (5), daughter, born Bilston;
- [9] *James H. Hawkes* (1), son, born Bilston:

Dudley Herald 24/2/1900 - Advert

“Sale by auction of old established beerhouse GREEN DRAGON containing smoke room, bar, tap room, club room, two bedrooms, together with brewhouse, malt room and cellars.”

1901 Census

7, Cross Street

- [1] *William J. Hawkes* (34), sheet iron shearer, born Bilston;
- [2] *Lydia Hawkes* (34), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *William J. Hawkes* (10), son, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Arthur S. Hawkes* (8), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Harold Hawkes* (5), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *Lydia M. Hawkes* (9 months), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Charlotte Darby* (17), niece, domestic servant, born Bilston:

William John Hawkes, beer retailer, 7, Cross Street, Bradley. [1904], [1912]

1911 Census

7, Cross Street

- [1] *Lydia Hawkes* (44), wife, married 21 years, born Bradley;
- [2] *William John Hawkes* (20), son, school teacher, born Bradley;
- [3] *Harold Hawkes* (15), son, pryler, ironworks, born Bradley;
- [4] *Dorothy Hawkes* (13), daughter, school, born Bradley;
- [5] *Thomas Hawkes* (1), son, born Bradley:

William John Hawkes was also a brewer. [1914], [1939]

A team from here took part in the Bradley Darts League, Second Division. [1946]

[1969]

GREEN DRAGON

High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

David Brown, gentleman, Highfields House, Smethwick

LICENSEES

Clement Hackwood [1818] – [1830]

John Hughes [1833] – [1834]

Thomas Burnish [1834] – [1841]

John Walker [1851]

John Larkin [1864] – **1873**;

David Brown (**1873** – []

NOTES

Clement Hackwood = Clemon Hackwood

John Hughes was also a blank tray maker. [1833]

John Larkin was also a furniture dealer. [1864], [1865]

The license was abandoned by *David Brown*.

GREEN DRAGON

17, Oatmeal Square, (Hot Mill Street), BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

J Walker [1858]
Isaac Walker [1861]

NOTES

Hot Mill Street [1858]
Oatmeal Square [1861]

1861 Census

17, Oatmeal Square – GREEN DRAGON
[1] *Isaac Walker* (29), victualler, born Bilston;
[2] Ann Walker (25), wife, born Cannock:

[This may be the same as the pub in High Street.]

GREEN MAN

178, Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Ellen Hawkswood [1861]

NOTES

1861 Census

178, Oxford Street – GREEN MAN

- [1] *Ellen Hawkswood* (37), widow, innkeeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Thersa Hawkswood* (15), daughter, born Bilston;
- [3] *Thomas Hawkswood* (13), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Harry Hawkswood* (7), son, scholar, born Bilston:

GREYHOUND

1, (13), Cross Street, (Upper) Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Daniel Cooper

Elizabeth Cooper

John Rolinson and Son Ltd., Five Ways Brewery, Netherton [1906]

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1925)

LICENSEES

William Hunt [1841] – [1842]

Philip Partridge [1845] – [1850]

Daniel Cooper [1851] – **1873**);

Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper (**1873 – 1887**);

George Ecclestone (**1887 – 1900**);

Joseph Swift (**1900 – 1902**);

Isaac Morris (**1902 – 1904**);

Charles Smith (**1904**);

John Smith (**1904 – 1905**);

John William Thomas Elliott Sedman (**1905**);

John Robinson (**1905 – 1907**);

Stephen Edward Williams (**1907 – 1913**);

Leonard Kinsey (**1913 – 1927**);

Stephen Edward Williams (**1927 – 1933**);

Esther Ann (Perry) Rose (**1933 – 1935**);

Agnes Harriet Brooks (**1935 – 1936**);

Edward Reynolds (**1936 – 1938**);

William Thomas Kings (**1938**);

Henry Ralph Till (**1938 – 1939**);

Harold Maurice Moseley (**1939**);

Mrs. Mary A Parker (**1939 – [1940]**)

George Harris Rogerson [1940]

NOTES

13, Cross Street [1871], [1873], [1874], [1881], [1891], [1896], [1901], [1904], [1911], [1912], [1916], [1921], [1940]

1, Cross Street

Bradley United FC changed here.

Philip Partridge was also a grocer. [1845], [1850]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 4/9/1861

“Applications For New Licenses..... Mr. T. M. Whitehouse applied for a license on behalf of *John Bamford* for a license to the VICTORIA TAVERN, Bradley. The application was opposed by Mr. Waterhouse, and behalf of the landlord of the GREYHOUND INN.”

Daniel Cooper was also a cattle dealer.

He was described as also being a shopkeeper. [1868], [1870]

He died in 1873.

1871 Census

13, Cross Street – GREYHOUND INN

[1] *Elizabeth Cooper* (52), publican's wife, born Wednesbury;

[2] Sarah Rudd (62), sister, colliery engineer's wife, born Claverley;

[3] Hannah Chambers (16), general servant, born Bilston;

[4] Pauline Randle (9), general servant, born Bilston:

Dudley Herald 21/3/1874

"On Wednesday evening [18/3], a fire was discovered to have broken out on the premises of Mrs. *Elizabeth Cooper*, of the GREYHOUND INN, Cross Street. The fire occurred in the malt room, where there was at the time a large quantity of malt and some poultry, as Mrs. *Cooper* also deals in poultry. Several of the neighbours rendered what assistance they could give by throwing water on the fire, and it was soon extinguished. The damage sustained is estimated at about £40."

Midland Counties Evening Express 13/5/1875

"Charles Strong was summoned for having, as secretary of a friendly society, refused to pay the sum of £2 16s to Thomas Briggs, a member of the Society. Mr. Barrow appeared for the complainant, who is a cabinetmaker, living in Railway Street, Bradley, and stated that his client, thirty-five years ago, fortunately or unfortunately, joined the 'Glory of England' Lodge of the United Order of Oddfellows, which met at the GREYHOUND INN, Bradley. Since then he has paid his subscriptions regularly, and during part of the time he was secretary of the lodge. He left that post in September last, and in February this year was taken ill. He applied for relief, but although he had paid over £100 to the lodge, and was in full benefit, no money was paid to him. On the contrary, he was informed that the lodge had no funds to dispose of. He was ill until the 22nd March, and for those seven weeks he now claimed £2 16s, the relief due to him at the rate of 8s a week."

- This case was adjourned until the following day.

".....Mr. Spooner, and the learned Stipendiary, after remarking that the society seemed to be nothing but a drinking and burial society, and that the accounts were shamefully kept, ordered the defendant to pay the full amount claimed. If the money were not forthcoming, a distress would be levied on defendant's goods."

Evening Express 10/1/1881

"Yesterday (Sunday) morning an old man 73 years of age, named William Baker, a resident of Stoke Street, Daisy Bank, was found dead in the road on Brierley Lane, Bradley, under circumstances of a strange and very unusual character.

The deceased, who was a horse fettler, at the Eight Locks pit, Great Bridge, went to his work on Saturday afternoon, and on Sunday morning at about a quarter to eight o'clock a boy named Hughes found deceased's dead body lying in the road, without his coat, and in a saturated condition, as if he had been in the canal. He at once communicated with Police-constable Baldwin, who had the body conveyed to the GREYHOUND INN, Cross Street, Bradley, where it awaits an inquest.

The deceased's coats were soon after found at the foot of what is known as the Rocket Bridge, near Batman's Hill Works, and as these were also saturated with water it was evident the man must either have fallen into the canal or have been pushed in and left to get out as best he could.

The general belief is that the deceased, when returning home accidentally fell into the canal, and got out again, but afterwards died from exposure to the severe cold which prevailed. An enquiry will be held."

Evening Express 12/1/1881

"Yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon, W. H. Phillips, Esq, coroner, held an inquest at the GREYHOUND INN, Cross Street, Bradley, on the body of William Baker (73), of Stoke Street, Daisy Bank, who was on Sunday morning found dead in Brierley Lane, under circumstances reported in our columns on Monday.

Mrs. Ann Millard, with whom the deceased had lodged for many years, identified the body. She said he had been employed at the Eight Locks Pit, Great Bridge, as a horse fettler. She had examined the body of the deceased, but had found no mark or injury upon it. She had no reason to blame any one for his death. He was a very weakly old

man and stooped very much, nearly two double. His eyesight was very bad. His relatives lived in Derbyshire. George Hobble, watchman at the Eight lock pit, stated that the deceased, after fettling the horses down the pit, came up, and left between three and four o'clock on Sunday morning. He started to go down the lane leading to the railway and the canal. He usually went home along the canal side.

A lad living at Bradley gave evidence to going to fetch some water from a spring near Brierley farm just before eight o'clock on Sunday morning, when a dog he had with him stopped. He went to see what the dog was stopping for, and found the deceased lying dead on the ground.

John Jones, labourer, Batmans Hill, also spoke to seeing the deceased lying dead on the ground. He helped to wheel him to the place of inquest. Witness found two jackets belonging to the deceased on the ground near to the canal bridge in the locality when the deceased was picked up. The jackets seemed to have been taken off together.

The jury was satisfied that the deceased had fallen into the canal and got out again, but was overcome by the severe weather and died before anyone came to him. They returned a verdict of Found Dead."

1881 Census

13, Cross Street – GRAY HOUND

[1] *Elizabeth Cooper* (62), widow, licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Elizabeth Cooper* (27), daughter, born Bilston;

[3] *William Cooper* (25), son, butcher, born Bilston;

[4] *Betsy Nichols* (18), domestic servant, born Bilston:

George Ecclestone = *George Egglestone* = *George Eccleston*

1891 Census

13, Cross Street – GRAY HOUND

[1] *George H. Eccleston* (34), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Hannah Eccleston* (37), wife, born Wednesbury;

[3] *Elizabeth Eccleston* (11), daughter, born Sheffield;

[4] *George W. Eccleston* (9), son, born Sheffield;

[5] *Thomas C. Eccleston* (7), son, born Sheffield;

[6] *Isaac H. Eccleston* (7), son, born Sheffield;

[7] *Ellen Watson* (25), domestic servant, born Wednesbury;

[8] *Ellen Millington* (15), domestic servant, born Bilston:

1901 Census

13, Cross Street

[1] *Joseph Swift* (50), publican, born Walsall;

[2] *Mary Swift* (48), wife, born Walsall;

[3] *Annie Swift* (24), daughter, born Walsall:

London Gazette 4/2/1902

"Receiving Orders..... *Swift, Joseph*. The GREYHOUND INN, Bradley, near Bilston, Staffordshire."

23rd June 1906 – It was decided at a meeting of John Rolinson and Son that this house should be equipped with a small brewing plant.

1911 Census

13, Cross Street

[1] *Stephen Edward Williams* (33), licensed victualler, born Princes End;

[2] *Phoebe Williams* (28), wife, married 8 years, born Princes End;

[3] *Simon Henry Williams* (7), son, school, born Princes End;

[4] *Mary Williams* (5), daughter, school, born Princes End;

[5] *Beatrice Hilda Williams* (1), daughter, born Princes End;

[6] *Elizabeth Sunner* (19), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Leonard Kinsey was involved in the Rocket Pit tragedy in 1921.
He was fined £10 and £5 5s 0d costs for aiding and abetting consuming of intoxicating liquor during prohibited hours.
He died in 1963.

South Staffordshire Times 9/2/1924

“Bilston Licensing.....

Mr. Tildesley presented plans with regard to the alterations at the GREYHOUND INN, Cross Street, Bradley. The drinking area would, he stated, be less, and the alterations were for improving the domestic accommodation. The plans were passed with certain slight alteration.”

Esther Ann Perry married George Rose on 9th September 1933.

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

A team from here took part in the Bradley Darts League, First Division. [1946]

[1949]

GREYHOUND AND PUNCHBOWL

51, (25), (26), (27), (47½), High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

John Mason, solicitor, Bilston
Edward Camfield, Bilston
Cheltenham Brewery Co.
Beard Brothers, Gresley Brewery Co. Ltd., Burton on Trent
Richard Andrew Harper, brewer, Bilston
R. A. Harper Ltd., Hall Park Brewery, Bilston
Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1935], [1965]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Avebury Taverns Ltd. (acquired in 1999) [2003]
Admiral Taverns [2006]

LICENSEES

Job Hartshorn [1818] – [1822]
Robert Reeve [1828] – [1842]
Joseph Reeve [c.1840]
Samuel Meacham [1851] – [1854]
William Hall [1858] – [1870]
John Smith [1872] – **1873**;
Job Jeavons **(1873 – 1874)**;
William Highfield **(1874 – 1875)**;
George Whittle **(1875 – 1877)**;
Alfred Woodhouse **(1877 – 1879)**;
Mary Bowers **(1879 – 1881)**;
Septimus West [1881]
William Harfield **(1881 – 1884)**;
Septimus West **(1884 – 1893)**;
Richard Jones **(1893 – 1894)**;
Charles Galiner (?) **(1894)**;
Thomas Jones **(1894)**;
James Dyer **(1894 – [])**
Albert James Richards [1896] – **1899**);
Edward Wilkinson **(1899 – 1900)**;
Richard Jones **(1900 – 1906)**;
Samuel Hughes [1901] manager
George Hassell **(1906)**;
William Haynes **(1906 – 1907)**;
Thomas Murray **(1907 – 1913)**;
William Baker **(1913)**;
Joseph Wheeler **(1913 – [1940])**
Jim Wells [1985] – **1987**)
M McDowell [1989]
Colin Shingler [1991] – [1992]
Stuart Clarkson [1994] – [1995]
Dawn Wheate **(1999 – [])**
Sylvia Pitts **(2003 – [])**



Casey-Ann Wills [2005]
Amarjit Singh Umbi [2008]

NOTES

25, High Street [1858]
27, High Street [1873]
26, High Street [1861], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1879], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896],
[1900], [1904]
47½, High Street [1874]
51, High Street [1911], [1912], [1916], [1940], [1994], [2006]

GREYHOUND [1818], [1822], [1828], [1833], [1841], [1854], [1858], [1860], [1861], [1864],
[1865], [1870], [1873], [1881], [1892], [1896], [1900], [1911], [1912], [1940]
PUNCHBOWL [1879]

Grade II* listed

Reputedly haunted by the "punchbowl ghost" who walks from the smoke room to the bar, clutching a glass of whisky.

Blackcountryman (Autumn 1984) **'Bilston's Ancient Pile' by Ron Davies**

".....though formerly known simply as the GREYHOUND, which title it is believed was adopted from the former Greyhound Coach Line, who appear to have been using the building as a coach house Quite how long the building has been used as an inn is uncertain, but G. T. Lawley, referring to the interior decor of the building in his 'History of Bilston' in 1893 says, "After a century of hard usage from Miners and Iron Workers, the habitués of the drinking rooms, the house is much the worse for wear.""

Black Country Bugle (1978) **The GREYHOUND AND PUNCHBOWL**

"The Bilston residence of the Mollesleys was the old, half timbered house, known at present as the GREYHOUND INN, High Street. There was a tradition current among some of the older inhabitants that it was formerly the Manor House of Stowheath and it was occasionally called by that name. This may have been from the fact that the Mollesleys, for several generations, were Stewards to Lord of the Manor. In one of the bedrooms about the year 1820 the following inscription was found cut in one of the beams - 'John Mollesley 1438.' In his family [Green] it remained until the latter end of the 18th century when it was made into a beerhouse called the GREYHOUND AND PUNCHBOWL. This is the oldest building in the town

About the year 1790 it became a Public House used mainly by miners and ironworkers and became the worst for wear."

Job Hartshorn was also a field bailiff. [1818]

1851 Census

High Street

- [1] *Samuel Meacham* (36), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Meacham* (31), wife, born Sedgley:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/6/1858

"An inquest was held at the GREYHOUND INN, Bilston, on the body of a female child named Margaret Turstans Adie, aged five months, daughter of Mr. Adie, grocer of Bilston. It appeared that on Saturday night the child was in perfect health, and retired to rest with the nurse and a servant girl. In the morning the nurse, when she awoke, was horrified at discovering that the child was dead. The jury returned a verdict of Found Dead, but from what cause death took place, there was no evidence to show."

1861 Census

26, High Street

- [1] *William Hall* (40), innkeeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Hall* (40), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Betsey Meacham* (19), niece, born Bilston;
- [4] *Sarah A. Meacham* (17), niece, born Bilston;
- [5] *Joe Meacham* (15), nephew, born Bilston:

1881 Census

26, High Street

- [1] *William Harfield* (30), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Eliza Shannon* (35), house keeper, born Bilston:

Evening Express 12/8/1881

"*Septimus West*, landlord of the GREYHOUND INN, High Street, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his premises on the 2nd inst.

Inspector Gasson said he went in company with Police-constable Wilson into a marquee on the defendant's premises, and found a prostitute, named Martha Cooper, and a man named Severn, both of whom were in a state of intoxication. The landlord and his waiter were sworn, and stated that none of the persons named appeared to be drunk, but the defendant, believing they had had enough, refused to fill them any more.

The Bench did not consider the case a very serious one, and ordered the defendant to pay a fine of 5s and costs.

The defendant said he was a stranger to the town, and he should have expected that the police would have cautioned him as to the kind of characters that frequented the house."

Evening Express 18/11/1881

"*Septimus West*, landlord of the GREYHOUND INN, High Street, Bilston, was charged with permitting drunkenness on the morning of the 8th inst. Mr. R. A. Willcock defended.

From the evidence for the prosecution it appeared that two men named Richards and Clarke went into the house on the morning in question, and at half past nine Police-constable Brian found the two men drunk on the premises.

For the defence it was contended that the landlord, when he observed the men were under the influence of liquor, twice left the house to get the assistance of an officer to eject them. He could not find a policeman, and he then tried every means in his power to put them out of the house.

The Bench considered the charge proved, and the defendant having been previously convicted of a similar offence, was ordered to pay a fine of £5 and costs."

1891 Census

26, High Street – GREYHOUND

- [1] *Richard Jones* (53), licensed victualler's manager, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary E. Jones* (47), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Harriet Inskip* (18), general servant, born Bilston:

1901 Census

51, High Street

- [1] *Richard Hughes* (52), widower, manager of licensed house, born Bilston;
- [2] *Joseph Hughes* (20), son, bedstead maker, born Bilston:

1911 Census

51, High Street

- [1] *Thomas Murray* (44), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Selina Murray* (38), wife, married 18 years, assisting in the business, born Bilston;
- [3] *Richard Murray* (14), son, born Stalybridge, Cheshire;
- [4] *Ellen Nora Murray* (9), daughter, born Dukinfield, Cheshire;
- [5] *Ivy Murray* (6), daughter, born Dukinfield, Cheshire;
- [6] *Ada Mary Murray* (3), daughter, born Stalybridge, Cheshire:

A music license was granted on 3rd February 1928.

It was restored by the brewery in 1935–1936.

It was reopened on 7th October 1936.

A team from here took part in the Butlers (Bilston) Darts League. [1946]

Jim Wells was married to Shirley.

Dawn Wheate's partner was David Asprey.

Black Country Bugle 4/11/1999 - Pub of the Month

“.....In its very centre, three feet from the bar, is a slender, twisted pillar, running from floor to ceiling. On closer inspection, this slim support turns out to be a tree trunk, with its roots still apparently clutching at the earth beneath the foundations, and its upper half nosing its way into the attic.”

It closed in 2002.

It reopened in September 2003 after being closed for 12 months for structural repair and refurbishment.

Sylvia Pitts was married to Steve.

[2016]



1997



2016



THE GREYHOUND & PUNCH BOWL HOTEL, HIGH STREET, BILSTON

Formerly Stow Heath Manor House - the Home of the De Mollesleys

Built by John de Mollesley who married the daughter and heiress of Edwin de Bilston, the period would appear to be the Wars of the Roses.

The site adjoining the Heath of Stow was thickly wooded country and here the oak was felled for the construction of the House. Old English and French coins discovered in the floors would appear to confirm the period of George III and Louis XVI of France.

The West Front is a complete example of timber framing, the oak trees for the main parts being only worked on the exposed faces with axed surfaces, the inside face being left with the bark removed.

A beautiful example of the period is a richly carved 16th Century Mantlepiece with fine oak panelling which has been refixed in the ladies parlour.

The lounge has a delicately carved mantlepiece showing earlier types of panels with shaped arches. The ceiling with its mellow colouring of old age is a splendid example of plaster work and it can be said that this is the original, handworked *in situ*, and done by a master craftsman.

The work of restoring the old and carrying out the new additions has been well executed by the Staff of W. Butler & Co., Ltd., under the directions of Mr. J. A. Swan, F.R.I.B.A.



Postcards

HAND AND BOTTLE

46, (40), (114), (117), Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Joseph Johnson
Nancy Baker, The Mount, Sedgley
Peck and Kerrison [1896]
Bent's Brewery Co. Ltd. [1904], [1965]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Obadiah Johnson [1818] – [1835]
Joseph Johnson [1834] – **1876**;
William Henry Jennings (**1876 – 1878**);
William Osborne (**1878 – 1886**);
Daniel Bayliss (**1886 – 1910**);
Phoebe Bayliss (**1910 – 1911**);
Thomas Downs (**1911 – 1913**);
George Henry Downes (**1913 – 1917**);
Mrs. Rosannah Downes (**1917 – 1922**);
William Benton [1923] ??
William Henry Porter (**1922 – 1960**);
Winnie Brown (**1960 – 1978**)

NOTES

114, Wolverhampton Street [1864], [1865], [1891]
117, Wolverhampton Street [1892], [1896]
46, Wolverhampton Street [1901], [1916], [1940]
40, Wolverhampton Street [1904]

Obadiah Johnson was also a weighing machine maker. [1833]

1841 Census

Wolverhampton Street
[1] *Joseph Johnson* (30), engineer and publican, born Staffordshire;
[2] *Emma Johnson* (30), born Staffordshire;
[3] *Rhoda Johnson* (8), born Staffordshire;
[4] *Nancy Johnson* (6), born Staffordshire;
[5] *Sarah Johnson* (4), born Staffordshire;
[6] *Matilda Johnson* (2), born Staffordshire;
[7] *Joseph Johnson* (6 months), born Staffordshire:

Joseph Johnson was also a weighing machine manufacturer and engineer. [1845], [1849], [1851], [1854]

1851 Census

Wolverhampton Street

- [1] *Joseph Johnson* (42), engineer, born Tipton;
- [2] *Emma Johnson* (40), wife, born Broseley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Nancy Johnson* (16), daughter, house servant, born Bilston;
- [4] *Sarah Johnson* (14), daughter, house servant, born Bilston;
- [5] *Matilda Johnson* (13), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Joseph Johnson* (10), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Emma Johnson* (8), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Obadiah Johnson* (7), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [9] *Pamela Johnson* (3), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;

1861 Census

113, Wolverhampton Street

- [1] *Joseph Johnson* (52), widower, engineer, public beer shop, born Tipton;
- [2] *Nancy Johnson* (26), daughter, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sarah Johnson* (24), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Joseph Johnson* (20), son, engineer, born Bilston;
- [5] *Emma Johnson* (18), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Obadiah Johnson* (16), son, engineer, born Bilston;
- [7] *Pamela Johnson* (13), daughter, born Bilston;
- [8] *Naomi Johnson* (9), daughter, born Bilston;
- [9] *Mary Johnson* (8), daughter, born Bilston;

Joseph Johnson was listed as an engineer. [1864], [1865]

1871 Census

Wolverhampton Street – HAND AND BOTTLE

- [1] *Joseph Johnson* (61), widower, licensed victualler and weighing machine maker, born Tipton;
- [2] *Pamela Johnson* (23), daughter, housekeeper, born Bilston;
- [3] *Naomi Johnson* (19), daughter, assistant at home, born Bilston;
- [4] *Mary Johnson* (18), daughter, assistant at home, born Bilston;

1881 Census

114, Wolverhampton Road – HAND AND BOTTLE INN

- [1] *William Osborne* (48), tube maker, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Rebecca Osborne* (46), wife, born Kidderminster;
- [3] *Joseph Osborne* (19), son, tube maker, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Phoebe Mansell* (16), general servant, born Bilston;

1891 Census

114, Wolverhampton Street

- [1] *Daniel Baylis* (41), fitter and CROSS GUNS manager, born Bilston;
 - [2] *Phoebe Baylis* (33), wife, born Sedgley;
 - [3] *Beatrice A. Baylis* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
 - [4] *Harold M. Baylis* (1), son, born Bilston;
 - [5] *Eliza Stewart* (19), general servant, born Bilston;
- [Was the HAND AND BOTTLE temporarily renamed?]

1901 Census

46, Wolverhampton Street

- [1] Daniel Bayliss (51), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] Phoebe Bayliss (43), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] Harold M. Bayliss (11), son, born Bilston;
- [4] Anna B. Bayliss (12), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] Minnie Weare (15), domestic servant, born Bradley;

Bowling club founded in 1922.

It later had the only bowling green in Bilston.

William H. Porter married Hetty Benton, the daughter of David Benton of the BOARD.

Winnie Brown (nee Porter) was the daughter of William and Hetty Porter.
She married Doug Brown.

[1985]

Closed

It was demolished in 1987.

Bass Mitchells & Butlers Limited

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C. R. Seymour, Esq.,
Clerk to the Licensing Justices
Town Hall
North Street
Wolverhampton

117 NOV 1986

12th November 1986

Dear Sir

HAND & BOTTLE, WOLVERHAMPTON STREET, BILSTON

We refer to our letter of 30th October in respect of the above and now write to confirm the sale of the premises to Wolverhampton Metropolitan Borough Council was completed on Thursday 6th November 1986, on which date the Council took occupation of the premises.

As you are aware, the property has been sold on a delicensed basis and we therefore return herewith the Justices' Licence, by way of surrender.

No doubt you will amend your Licensing Register accordingly.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the Chief Superintendent of Police for his information.

Yours faithfully
BASS MITCHELLS & BUTLERS LIMITED

R. A. Willetts
Estates Department

Registered No. 708911 England Registered Office at above address

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Letter 1986

HAND AND KEYS

28, (121), Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

George Cockayne, coalmaster, Union Street, Bilston

Edwin Hickman, quarrymaster, Bilston

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1965]

LICENSEES

James Foster [1818] – [1830]

John Lucy [1841] – [1850]

Hannah Lucy [1851]

Charles Lewis [1854] – [1861]

William Lewis [1864] – [1865]

James Lawley [1868] – [1871]

John Smith [1872] – **1876**;

Samuel Leadbetter **(1876 – 1879)**;

William Reeves **(1879 – 1884)**;

Thomas Perkins **(1884 – 1887)**;

James Pitchford **(1887 – 1888)**;

William Clark **(1888 – 1889)**;

David Bayliss **(1889 – 1890)**;

Elijah Bickey **(1890)**;

Joseph Parker **(1890 – 1892)**;

John Thomas Chew **(1892 – 1896)**;

Caroline Hickman **(1896 – 1898)**;

Arthur Smith **(1898 – 1899)**;

Henry Lewis **(1899 – 1900)**;

Enoch Ward **(1900)**;

George Matthews **(1900 – 1902)**;

John Thomas Lloyd **(1902 – 1904)**;

William Felix Williams **(1904)**;

Joseph Garbett **(1904 – 1905)**;

William Henry Ralph **(1905 – 1906)**;

Arthur Fellows **(1906 – 1909)**;

Edwin Davies **(1909)**;

John Thomas Fellows **(1909 – 1914)**;

John Jones **(1914 – 1915)**;

John Thomas Fellows **(1915 – 1917)**;

Mrs. Fanny Smith **(1917 – 1922)**;

Thomas Samuel Bate **(1922 – 1934)**;

Dora Bate **(1934 – 1938)**;

William Robert Nicholls **(1938 – [1940]**

Ron Drinkwater []

Thomas William Brookes []

NOTES

121, Wolverhampton Road [1864], [1865], [1871], [1874], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896]
28, Wolverhampton Street [1901], [1911], [1916], [1932], [1940]

OLD HAND AND KEYS [1818], [1827]

1841 Census

Wolverhampton Street

[1] *John Lucy* (30), publican;

[2] *Hannah Lucy* (30);

[3] Elizabeth Mornis (15), fs, born Staffordshire:

1851 Census

Wolverhampton Street

[1] *Hannah Lucy* (51), widow, victualler, born Lincoln;

[2] Ellen Evans (20), house servant:

Charles Lewis, licensed victualler, Wolverhampton Street. [1861]

1871 Census

121, Wolverhampton Street – HAND AND KEYS

[1] *James Lawley* (40), licensed victualler, born Bilston;

[2] Sarah Lawley (43), wife, born Bilston;

[3] Ann Lawley (25), domestic servant, born Bilston;

[4] David Whiteing (35), boarder, waiter in public house, born Uttoxeter:

1881 Census

121, Wolverhampton Road – HAND AND KEYS INN

[1] *William Reeves* (48), licensed victualler, born Elvington, Warwickshire;

[2] Sarah Reeves (49), wife, born Wolverhampton;

[3] Sarah Johnson (22), general servant, born Bilston:

Evening Star 6/7/1882

“This morning while a moulder named Joseph Fletcher was at work at the Spring Vale Foundry, Ettingshall, he suddenly fell down and died in a few minutes. The deceased, who was 45 years of age, resided at 15, Wolverhampton Street, Bilston. Dr. Cameron was called in, but all he could do was to pronounce life extinct.

The body now lies at the HAND AND KEYS INN, Ettingshall. A coroner’s inquest will be held.”

Evening Star 7/7/1882

“This afternoon Mr. W. H. Phillips, coroner, held an inquest at the HAND AND KEYS INN, Wolverhampton Street, Bilston, touching the death of Joseph Fletcher (45), of 15, Wolverhampton Street, Bilston. The deceased was a moulder, and engaged at the late Thomas Sheldon’s foundry, Spring Vale, Ettingshall.

On Thursday morning deceased went to his work apparently in good health, but about 5.30, whilst at work, he fell down suddenly and died. Dr. Cameron, of Bilston, attended as soon as possible, but found life to be extinct.

The jury returned a verdict to the effect that deceased died suddenly from natural causes.

The deceased was in no society, and leaves a widow and five children wholly unprovided for. The youngest child is only four months old.”

1891 Census

121, Wolverhampton Street – HAND AND KEYS INN

- [1] *Joseph Parker* (46), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Selina Parker* (49), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Edith Parker* (18), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Clara Parker* (15), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Selina Jane Parker* (11), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Joseph Parker* (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Leo Parker* (6), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Rose H. Scholefield* (16), general servant, born Bilston:

Joseph Parker – see also NOAHS ARK.

1901 Census

28, Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *George Matthews* (42), wood pattern maker and licensed victualler, born Chester;
- [2] *Fanny Matthews* (41), wife, born Moxley;
- [3] *Frances J. Matthews* (21), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Lilley Matthews* (19), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Violet Matthews* (17), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *George W. H. Matthews* (7), son, born Wolverhampton:

1911 Census

28, Wolverhampton Street

- [1] *Thomas Fellows* (47), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Emma Fellows* (44), wife, married 24 years, born Bilston;
- [3] *Leah Fellows* (21), daughter, solderer, born Bilston;
- [4] *Susannah Fellows* (20), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Miriam Fellows* (18), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Sarah Fellows* (13), daughter, school, born Bilston;
- [7] *Martha Fellows* (11), daughter, school, born Bilston;
- [8] *May A. Fellows* (9), daughter, school, born Bilston;
- [9] *Catherine Fellows* (7), daughter, school, born Bilston;
- [10] *Elizabeth Fellows* (4), daughter, born Bilston;
- [11] *John Fellows* (23), son, iron tea tray maker, born Bilston;
- [12] *Elizabeth Fellows* (24), daughter in law, born Bilston;
- [13] *Thomas Fellows* (1), grandson, born Bilston:

South Staffordshire Times 10/6/1922

“At Bilston Police Court. Friday. Before Messrs. V. Hickman and G. H. Sankey.

Application was made by *Thomas Samuel Bate* to have the license of the HAND AND KEYS INN, Wolverhampton Street, Bilston, transferred to himself.

Superintendent Higgs made an objection, saying he did not think applicant was a proper person to hold a license as manager of a public house. He formerly held the license of the WHITE HORSE INN, Ettingshall, and while there he was convicted for selling beer during prohibited hours.

A representative of the brewery company pointed out that conviction took place in 1917, when *Bate* was only fined 15s, which indicated that the offence could not have been regarded as a serious one. For five years afterwards *Bate* held the license, without the slightest complaint being made against him. The house had been closed with compensation. The company had every confidence in *Bate*.

PC Wright, called by Superintendent Higgs, said that during the last few years in which *Bate* kept the house in Ettingshall the conduct of the house was generally bad. He did not think *Bate* was a fit person to hold a license for a public house. Replying to the company's representative, witness said no proceeding were taken against *Bate* after the one referred to, but the house so situated that it was difficult to keep proper observation.

After deliberation, the Chairman said they had decided to grant a temporary license, but *Bate* must be careful in the conduct of his house.”

Thomas William Brookes – see also GEORGE AND DRAGON, and BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Daisy Bank.

[1985]

Subject to a Compulsory Purchase Order in August 1985.

Closed

It was demolished in 1987.

HAPPY WANDERER

141, Green Lanes, (Marchant Road), Stowlawn Estate, BILSTON

OWNERS

Ansells Ltd.

LICENSEES

J Grashon [1988] – [1989]
Eileen Hilda Johnson [1995] – [2007]

NOTES

Marchant Road
141, Green Lanes [2001]

It opened in 1966.

[1976]

Alterations were approved in 1988.

Ansells Advert 17/2/1994

“This two roomed pub consisting of bar and lounge, is in excellent decorative order requiring little capital investment. With a catering kitchen, 3 bedroomed accommodation, beer garden, large car park and situated in the middle of a housing estate, this pub offers great potential.”

[2015]



The Happy Wanderer, Stowlawn Estate, Bilston
This two roomed pub, consisting of bar and lounge, is in excellent decorative order requiring little capital investment. With a catering kitchen, 3 bedroomed accommodation, beer garden, large car park and situated in the middle of a housing estate, this pub offers great potential.

Advert 1994



2007



2016

HEN AND CHICKENS

25, (32), (32–33), George Street, (Hall Park Street), Priestfield, (New Village), (Ettingshall), BILSTON

OWNERS

Charles Clark, gentleman, Perton Grove, Wolverhampton
George Riley
Matthew Rhodes
Richard Andrew Harper, brewer, Bilston
R. A. Harper Ltd.
Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1946]

LICENSEES

J Evans [1858]
James Taylor []
George Riley [1868] – **1898**;
Matthew Rhodes **(1898 – 1903)**;
Richard Andrew Harper **(1903 – 1908)**;
John Harris [1903] ?
Joseph Oliver [1904] ?
Joseph Benjamin Oliver **(1908 – 1910)**;
Benjamin Oldfield **(1910 – 1912)**;
Walter Addenbrooke Cook **(1912 – 1913)**;
Henry Herbert Nuttall **(1913 – 1927)**;
Harry Millington **(1927 – 1930)**;
Mrs. Martha Millington **(1930 – [1940])**

NOTES

Hall Park Street
32, George Street [1870], [1892], [1896]
32–33, George Street [1871]
25, George Street [1901], [1904], [1912], [1940]

George Riley, beer retailer and pawnbroker, 32 George Street, New Village. [1868], [1870], [1872]
George Riley was also a pawnbroker. [1873]

1871 Census

32 and 33, George Street
[1] *George Riley* (37), licensed pawnbroker and publican, born Bilston;
[2] *Phoebe Riley* (36), wife, born Bilston;
[3] *Lizzie Riley* (10), daughter, born Bilston;
[4] *Maria Rowley* (8), orphan, born Priestfield;
[5] *Amelia Riley* (20), domestic servant, born Priestfield;
[6] *John Kirkham* (18), general servant, born Endlebury [Enderby?], Leicestershire:

1881 Census

New Village – HEN AND CHICKENS

- [1] *George Riley* (47), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Phoebe Riley* (46), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Eliza Riley* (20), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Emily Phillips* (21), domestic servant, born New Village;
- [5] *Marrion Benton* (19), domestic servant, born Wolverhampton:

1891 Census

George Street – HEN AND CHICKENS INN

- [1] *George Riley* (57), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Phoebe Riley* (56), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Hannah Hill* (25), barmaid, born Stafford;
- [4] *Jane Warwick* (18), general servant, born West Bromwich:

1901 Census

25, George Street

- [1] *Matthew Rhodes* (42), licensed victualler and brewer, born Coseley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Rhodes* (43), wife, born Market Drayton, Shropshire;
- [3] *Ernest Harold Rhodes* (18), son, brewer's clerk, born Coseley;
- [4] *Stephen John Rhodes* (16), son, brewer's clerk, born Coseley;
- [5] *Albert Bert Rhodes* (14), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *George Leonard Rhodes* (13), son, born Bilston;
- [7] *Maud Elsie Rhodes* (11), daughter, born Bilston;
- [8] *Walter Sidney Rhodes* (9), son, born Bilston;
- [9] *Victor Archibald Rhodes* (8), son, born Bilston;
- [10] *Lily May Rhodes* (6), daughter, born Bilston;
- [11] *Edwin Arthur Rhodes* (5), son, born Bilston;
- [12] *Percy Hubert Rhodes* (4), son, born Bilston;
- [13] *Mabel L. Rhodes* (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [14] *Eliza Parkes* (26), sister, born Coseley;
- [15] *Eliza Morrell* (17), domestic servant, born Bilston:

1911 Census

George Street

- [1] *Benjamin Oldfield* (34), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mabel Oldfield* (39), wife, married 9 years, born Dorchester, Dorset;
- [3] *Wilfred B. Oldfield* (4), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Charlotte New* (16), servant, born Ettingshall:

A team from here took part in the Butlers (Bilston) Darts League. [1946]

Closed

Demolished

HEN AND CHICKENS

16, (60+61), Green Croft, BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas White, Derby
William Briggs, publican, 2, Ames Alley, Derby
John Paget, maltster, Castle Donington
Mrs. Paget, Derby
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Winsper [1861]
Mary Winsper [1865] – **1895**;
Stephen Winsper (**1895 – 1899**);
Charles Francis Pitt (**1899 – 1900**);
Mary Ann Pitt (**1900**);
John Harris (**1900 – 1910**);
Thomas Talbot (**1910 – 1913**);
Jabez Flavell (**1913**);
Frederick William Martin (**1913 – 1914**);
Elizabeth Baldwin (**1914 – 1922**);

NOTES

60, Green Croft [1861]
60+61, Green Croft [1891]
16, Greencroft [1901], [1904]

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

60, Green Croft – HEN AND CHICKENS Public House and General Shop

- [1] *Thomas Winsper* (53), publican and grocer, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary Winsper* (50), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Agnes Winsper* (22), daughter, servant, born Bilston;
- [4] *Thomas Winsper* (18), son, engine fitter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Job Winsper* (16), son, engine fitter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Alice Winsper* (14), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Hannah Winsper* (10), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Stephen Winsper* (8), son, scholar, born Bilston:

Mary Winsper, beer retailer and provision dealer, 60, Greencroft. [1865]

1871 Census

- 60, Greencroft
- [1] *Mary Winsper* (60), widow, publican, born Bilston;
 - [2] *Hannah Winsper* (20), daughter, born Bilston;
 - [3] *Stephen Winsper* (18), son, born Bilston:

1881 Census

60, Green Croft – HEN AND CHICKENS

- [1] *Mary Winsper* (70), widow, publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Stephen Winsper* (29), son, beer brewer, born Bilston;
- [3] *Jane Dudley* (18), domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [4] *George S. Pitt* (10), grandson, scholar, born Bilston:

1891 Census

60+61, Green Croft

- [1] *Mary Winsper* (80), grocer and beer seller, born Bilston;
- [2] *Stephen Winsper* (38), son, brewer, born Bilston;
- [3] *Jane Felton* (20), barmaid, born Bilston;
- [4] *Mary J. Powell* (13), niece, scholar, born Blakenall:

Stephen Winsper, grocer and beer retailer, 60, Green Croft. [1896]

1901 Census

16, Greencroft

- [1] *John Harris* (50), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Betsy Harris* (49), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *George Maddox* (24), son in law, general labourer, born Bilston;
- [4] *Sarah A. Maddox* (26), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *George S. Maddox* (4 months), grandson, born Bilston;
- [6] *Katie Harris* (4), granddaughter, born Bilston:

John Harris, shopkeeper and beer retailer, 16, Greencroft. [1904]

South Staffordshire Times 27/7/1922

“The principal meeting of the County Licensing Committee was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Thursday morning, Colonel R. C. Clive presiding.

No opposition was offered to the closure of the HEN AND CHICKENS, Greencroft, Bilston (licensee *Elizabeth Baldwin*).”

The License renewal was refused by the Compensation Authority on 20th July 1922.

Compensation of £1,300 was paid on 23rd December 1922.

It was closed.

HIBERNIAN TAVERN

64, Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Forgan [1861]

NOTES

1861 Census

64, Oxford Street – HIBERNIAN TAVERN

- [1] *Thomas Forgan* (58), publican, born Ireland;
- [2] *Bridget Forgan* (55), wife, born Ireland;
- [3] *Michael Forgan* (21), son, brewer, born Ireland;
- [4] *John Forgan* (20), son, labourer, born Ireland;
- [5] *Edward Forgan* (18), son, labourer, born Ireland;
- [6] *Patrick Forgan* (16), son, no employment, born Ireland;
- [7] *Michael M. Andrew* (30), lodger, coal miner, born Ireland;
- [8] *Ellen M. Andrew* (60), lodger, widow, born Ireland;

HIGHFIELDS

Highfields, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Skidmore [1874]

HIMLEY ARMS

16, (91), (136), (96), (52), Dudley Street (North), (Temple Street), BILSTON

OWNERS

John Bishop, draper, Bilston
Sarah Bishop, widow, Bilston
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1946]

LICENSEES

Thomas Tomes [1854] – [1858]
Benjamin Banks [1860] – [1861]
Samuel Perry [1865] – **1873**;
Alexander Paul (**1873 – 1875**);
Edward Allen (**1875 – 1877**);
Elizabeth Baker (**1877 – 1880**);
Daniel Rose (**1880 – 1881**);
Edmund Darby (**1881 – 1882**);
George Thomas Lawley (**1882**);
Benjamin Moore (**1882 – 1891**);
Thomas Salt (**1891 – 1893**);
John Silvester (**1893 – 1897**);
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Silvester (**1897 – 1921**);
Alfred Silvester (**1921 – 1935**);
Arthur John Edwards (**1935 – [1940]**)
James Hale (**1959**)

NOTES

Temple Street [1860]
52, Dudley Street [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870]
96, Dudley Street [1871], [1872]
136, Dudley Street [1874]
91, Dudley Street [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896]
16, Dudley Street [1901], [1904], [1912], [1916], [1940]

HIMBERLEY ARMS [1861]

Thomas Tomes = Thomas Tome

1871 Census

96, Dudley Street
[1] *Samuel Perry* (71), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
[2] *Fanny Perry* (61), wife, born Darlaston;
[3] *Sophia Howes* (20), barmaid, born Bilston;
[4] *Mary Clark* (17), domestic servant, born Bilston:

1881 Census

91, Dudley Street – HIMLEY ARMS INN

- [1] *Edmund Darby* (31), publican, born Wheaton Aston, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary A. Darby* (35), wife, born Sawley, Yorkshire;
- [3] *Alice Darby* (26), sister, general servant, born Albrighton:

1891 Census

91, Dudley Street – HIMLEY ARMS

- [1] *Benjamin Moore* (55), licensed victualler manager, born Bilston;
- [2] *Benjamin N. Moore* (18), son, letter carrier, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sarah A. Smart* (28), niece, general servant, born Portobello;
- [4] *Ann Hadley* (24), general servant, born Daisy Bank:

1901 Census

16, Dudley Street – HIMLEY ARMS INN

- [1] *Mary Elizabeth Silvester* (49), widow, licensed victualler, born Bradley;
- [2] *John Silvester* (17), son, tool turner, born Bilston;
- [3] *Alfred Silvester* (14), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Mary Elizabeth Silvester* (12), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Fanny Beatrice Silvester* (14), niece, born Bradley;
- [6] *Mary Price* (30), general servant, born Bilston:

1911 Census

Dudley Street – HIMLEY ARMS

- [1] *Mary Elizabeth Silvester* (59), widow, publican, born Bradley;
- [2] *Alfred Silvester* (24), son, pattern maker, born Bilston;
- [3] *Elizabeth Ashfield* (36), general servant, born Bilston;
- [4] *Eliza Higgins* (17), general servant, born Wednesbury:

A team from here took part in the Butlers (Bilston) Darts League. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Bilston Crib League, Section B. [1946]

James Hale was born in Coseley.
He married *Elizabeth Statham*.
He died in 1959.

Closed

It was demolished circa 1966.

The site is now occupied by the market car park.

HOO ARMS

Hoo Lane, Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Fanny Clarke [1845]

NOTES

Check Tipton.

HOPE AND ANCHOR

12, (60), Bank Street, (60, Bilston Street), Hallfields, Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Henry Harris, puddler, America
Isaac Harris
Keziah Harris
Richard Andrew Harper, brewer, Bilston

LICENSEES

Elizabeth Hooper [1873] – **1874**);
Isaac Harris (**1874 – 1895**);
Keziah Harris (**1895 – 1896**);
Adam Bailey (**1896 – 1912**);
James Paul Pickin (**1912 – 1918**):

NOTES

60, Bilston Street [1881], [1891]
60, Bank Street [1901]
12, Bank Street [1911], [1912]

It had a beerhouse license.

1881 Census

60, Bilston Street – HOPE AND ANCHOR
[1] *Isaac Harris* (36), beer retailer, born Bilston;
[2] *Kezia Harris* (33), wife, born Bilston;
[3] *Polly Harris* (8), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
[4] *Rebecca Jones* (16), general servant, born Bilston:

Evening Express 27/4/1881

“National United Order of Free Gardeners. The members of the Fruitful Vine Lodge, 1300, sat down to an excellent dinner provided by the host, Bro. *Harris*, at their lodge house, the HOPE AND ANCHOR INN, Hallfields, a night or two ago.

Bro. John Brookes occupied the chair, and Bro. George Fersey, district secretary, the vice chair.....”

Evening Express 2/9/1881

“Thomas Kempson, Old Fields, ____, was fined 5s and costs for refusing to quit the HOPE AND ANCHOR beerhouse, Bilston Street, Bradley, on ____ night last.”

1891 Census

60, Bilston Street – HOPE AND ANCHOR

- [1] *Isaac Harris* (46), beer seller, born Bilston;
- [2] *Kezia Harris* (43), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Jenny Harris* (24), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Polly Harris* (18), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Kezia Brereton Buxton* (4), granddaughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Zackariah Buxton* (3), grandson, born Wednesfield;
- [7] *Isaac Buxton* (1), grandson, born Portobello:

Isaac Harris died on 19th August 1895.

1901 Census

60, Bank Street

- [1] *Adam Bailey* (51), publican, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Mary Bailey* (51), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Alice Olive Williams* (17), domestic servant, born Bradley, Bilston:

1911 Census

12, Bank Street

- [1] *Adam Bailey* (61), beerhouse keeper, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Mary Bailey* (61), wife, married 42 years, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Florence Kelsey* (16), domestic servant, born Coseley:

Adam Bailey, beer retailer, 12, Bank Street, Bradley. [1912]

License refused by Compensation Authority on 3rd July 1918.

Compensation of £850 was paid on 21st December 1918.

HOPE AND ANCHOR

36, Bridge Street / Queen Street, (Duck Lane), BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Jacob Brereton [1818]
Thomas Walton [1828] – [1842]
Ann Walton [1851]
John Evans [1858]
Thomas Griffiths [1867] – [1873]
Joseph Richards [1881]
Alfred Fellows [1891] – [1892]

NOTES

Duck Lane [1828], [1830], [1833], [1841], [1851]
Queen Street [1858], [1868], [1871], [1881], [1891]
36, Bridge Street [1873]

ANCHOR [1818], [1858], [1867], [1881]
HOPE AND ANCHOR [1834], [1835], [1851], [1870], [1871], [1873], [1892]

1841 Census

Duck Lane
[1] *Thomas Walton* (55), publican, born Staffordshire;
[2] *Anne Walton* (65), born Staffordshire;
[3] *Sarah Hill* (15), servant, born Staffordshire;
[4] *Rhoda Foster* (8), servant, born Staffordshire:

1851 Census

Duck Lane – HOPE AND ANCHOR INN
[1] *Ann Walton* (77), widow, licensed victualler, born Bilston;
[2] *Richard Foster* (26), grandson, painter, born Bilston;
[3] *Rhoda Foster* (17), granddaughter, straw bonnet maker, born Bilston;
[4] *Charles Foster* (5), grandson, scholar, born Bilston;
[5] *Emma A. Tinsley* (14), visitor, schoolmistress, born Edmonton, Middlesex:

1871 Census

Queen Street – HOPE AND ANCHOR
[1] *Thomas Griffiths* (54), publican, born Darlaston;
[2] *Sarah Griffiths* (54), wife, born Darlaston;
[3] *George Griffiths* (36), son, gun lock filer, born Darlaston;
[4] *John Griffiths* (22), son, millman, born Darlaston;
[5] *James Griffiths* (10), son, scholar, born Darlaston;
[6] *Sarah Howell* (24), daughter, born Darlaston;
[7] *John Howell* (24), stepson [son in law?], mill furnace man, born Bilston;
[8] *Samuel Howell*, (1 month), grandson, born Bilston:

Evening Express 6/1/1881

“Dance at HOPE AND ANCHOR, Queen Street, Bilston, Tuesday, at 7; string band in attendance.”

1881 Census

Queens Street – ANCHOR INN

- [1] *Joseph Richards* (60), chartermaster, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Mary Ann Richards* (54), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Herbert Richards* (26), son, labourer in coalfield, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Mary Garbett* (20), domestic servant, born Toll End:

1891 Census

Queen Street – HOPE AND ANCHOR Public House

- [1] *Alfred Fellows* (32), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Eliza Fellows* (26), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Lilly Fellows* (5), daughter, scholar, born Bilston:

HOP POLE

72, (63), (68), Dudley Street (South), BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas Richards, licensed victualler, Dudley Street, Bilston
Charles Colonel Smith, Fox Brewery, Wolverhampton
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1965]

LICENSEES

Thomas Chambers [1860]
David Baker [1871] – **1876**);
Mrs. Elizabeth Baker (**1876 – 1877**);
Jane Elizabeth Garrington (**1877 – 1878**);
Frank Eglington (**1878 – 1884**);
Miss Eliza Eglington [1881]
John Meanley (**1884 – 1889**);
Thomas Winwood (**1889 – 1896**);
James Cornelius Wooldridge (**1896 – 1912**);
Mrs. Susannah Wooldridge (**1912 – 1913**);
Adam Bailey (**1913 – 1920**);
Arthur Samuel Caddick (**1920 – 1926**);
Robert Reynolds (**1926 – 1931**);
Harry Martin (**1931 – 1933**);
Walter Edward Draisey (**1933 – [1940]**)
Albert Matthews []

NOTES

68, Dudley Street [1871]
63, Dudley Street [1881], [1891], [1904]
72, Dudley Street [1901], [1904], [1911], [1912], [1921], [1940]

FOX [1901]

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

68, Dudley Street
[1] *David Baker* (50), publican, born Tipton;
[2] *Elizabeth Baker* (49), wife, born Tipton;
[3] *Mary A. Baker* (25), daughter, born Tipton;
[4] *William T. Baker* (23), son, iron roller, born Tipton;
[5] *Jabez Baker* (21), son, iron roller, born Tipton;
[6] *Eliza Baker* (19), daughter, born Tipton;
[7] *John Baker* (15), son, born Tipton;
[8] *Joseph Baker* (13), son, scholar, born Tipton:

David Baker died in 1876.

Elizabeth Baker died in 1877.

1881 Census

63, Dudley Street – HOP POLE INN

[1] *Eliza Eglington* (36), unmarried, beerhouse keeper, born Cradley Heath:

1891 Census

63, Dudley Street – HOP POLE

[1] *Thomas Winwood* (62), engine fitter, born Great Bridge;

[2] *Ann Winwood* (61), wife, born Roseville;

[3] *Mary J. Winwood* (26), daughter, born Coseley;

[4] *Eliza Westwood* (17), general servant, born Daisy Bank:

Thomas Winwood, beer retailer, 63, Dudley Street. [1896]

1901 Census

72, Dudley Street – FOX INN

[1] *James C. Wooldridge* (45), innkeeper, born Sedgley;

[2] *Susan Wooldridge* (47), wife, born Bilston;

[3] *John New* (17), stepson, tin polisher, born Bilston:

James Cornelius Wooldridge, beer retailer, 72, Dudley Street. [1904]

1911 Census

72, Dudley Street

[1] *James C. Wooldridge* (56), beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;

[2] *Susannah Wooldridge* (57), wife, married 14 years, born Bilston;

[3] *Edwin Leonard New* (22), boarder, tin plate worker, born Bilston:

Mrs. Susannah Wooldridge, beer retailer, 72, Dudley Street. [1912]

Walter Edward Draisey = *Walter Braisey*

A team from here took part in the Bilston Charity Darts League. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Bilston Crib League, Section A. [1946]

Albert Matthews married *Ethel*. See also ROCKET POOLS and OLD BUSH.

[1986]

Delicensed [1988]

HOP POLE

Hall Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard Chambers [1818] – [1835]

NOTES

Richard Chambers was also a baker [1818]

Richard Chambers, retailer of beer, Hall Street. [1835]

HOP POLE

2, (20), Market Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Daniel Evans
Sarah Evans
William Butler and Co. Ltd. (leased)
John Thomas Mottram
George Henry Harbach
Johnson and Phipps Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Daniel Evans* [1858] – [1861]
David Evans* [1864]
Daniel Evans* [1865] – **1877**;
Mrs. Sarah Evans (**1877 – 1886**);
Mrs. Jane Randall (**1886 – 1897**);
Miss Ellen Ralph [1892] (?)
John Thomas Mottram (**1897 – 1924**);
Horace Henry Harbach (**1924 – 1926**);
George Henry Harbach (**1926 – 1936**);
Leonard Lilley (**1936** – [1940]
Robert Thompson [1995]
Stewart Parton [2005] – [2006]

NOTES

20, Market Street [1858], [1865], [1891], [1896], [1901], [1940]
2, Market Street [2005], [2006]

It was situated next to Bilston bus station. [2006]

* possibly the same person

1871 Census

Market Street

- [1] *Daniel Evans* (49), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Evans* (46), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Daniel Evans* (8), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Jane Hart* (18), domestic servant, born London:

Daniel Evans died in 1877.

1881 Census

Market Street

- [1] *Sarah Evans* (56), widow, innkeeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Daniel Evans* (18), son, born Bilston;
- [3] *Mary Perry* (18), domestic servant, born Tipton:

1891 Census

20, Market Street – HOP POLE INN

- [1] *Jane Randall* (55), widow, publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Amelia J. Hinde* (15), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

Jane Randall – see also SWAN GARDEN TAVERN

1901 Census

20, Market Street – HOP POLE INN

- [1] *John T. Mottram* (31), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Mottram* (30), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Clare Mottram* (3 months), daughter, born Bilston:

1911 Census

20, Market Street

- [1] *John T. Mottram* (41), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Mottram* (40), wife, married 13 years, born Bilston;
- [3] *Clare Mottram* (10), daughter, school, born Bilston;
- [4] *Blanche Mottram* (7), daughter, school, born Bilston;
- [5] *Hilda Mottram* (6), daughter, school, born Bilston:

John Thomas Mottram brewed here. [1921]

Horace Henry Harbach brewed here. [1926]

Closed

Demolished

Rebuilt c.1973

[2016]



HORSE AND JOCKEY

72, (79), Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Samuel Holloway, timber merchant, Bilston

Eliza Holloway

Thomas Jones, commission agent, Parkfield Street, Wolverhampton
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Samuel Holloway [1818] – [1851]

Ann Fowler [1851] – [1865]

Peter Nixon [1868] – **1880**;

Mrs. Rebecca Nixon [1881] manager

John Jenks (?) **(1880 – 1886)**;

Joseph Brooks (?) **(1886 – 1887)**;

Thomas Price (?) **(1887)**;

Joseph Holberry **(1887 – 1888)**;

William Pettifer **(1888 – 1891)**;

George Ellis **(1891 – 1892)**;

Thomas Joseph Hodgson **(1892 – 1897)**;

Edward ? **(1897 – 1898)**;

Henry ? **(1898 – 1900)**;

Thomas Legge **(1900)**;

Frederick John ? **(1900 – []**

Edward Henry Till [1901] – **1902**);

Thomas Lindsay **(1902)**;

Alfred Plant **(1902 – []**

Samuel Mansell [1904]

Harry Weare [1911] – [1916]

George Jones [1921]

Ben Olney [1935]

Jack Howard []

M G L Jackson [1940]

Samuel John Bolton []

Walter Edgar Perry [1976]

Kathleen Riley [1980s]

David Bellingham [1994] – [1995]

Mrs. Jacqueline 'Jacky' Phillips **(1998 – [2002]**

Susan Tiernan [2005]



1997



2016

NOTES

79, Church Street [1861], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1871], [1872], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1904]

72, Church Street [1901], [1911], [1912], [1916], [1921], [1940], [1978]

It was opposite to Greencroft.

Samuel Holloway was also a boat builder. [1818], [1833]

1841 Census

Church Street (South side of)

- [1] *Samuel Holloway* (55), boat builder, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Samuel Holloway Junior* (25), boat builder, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Eliza Holloway* (25), born Staffordshire:

1861 Census

79, Church Street

- [1] *Ann Fowler* (66), widow, licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *John Fowler* (26), son, sheet iron furnace man, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sarah Fowler* (21), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Betsy Parker* (12), granddaughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *William Parker* (5), grandson, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Thomas Goodman* (27), brewer, born Birmingham;
- [7] *Sarah Palin* (18), general servant, born Bilston:

1871 Census

79, Church Street

- [1] *Peter Nixon* (36), publican employing one man, born Copesthorpe, Cheshire;
- [2] *Rebecca Nixon* (46), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *John Fowler* (21), son, engine fitter at works, born Bilston;
- [4] *Sarah Fowler* (18), daughter, bar assistant, born Bilston;
- [5] *Thomas Goodman* (39), assistant brewer, born Birmingham:

Peter Nixon died on 2nd February 1880.

1881 Census

79, Church Street

- [1] *Rebecca Nixon* (56), widow, manageress of liquor shop, born Bilston;
- [2] *Eliza Bate* (18), general servant, born Bilston;
- [3] *Thomas Goodman* (50), brewer, born Birmingham:

1891 Census

79, Church Street

- [1] *William Pettifer* (47), licensed victualler, born Smethwick;
- [2] *Sarah A. Pettifer* (47), wife, born Smethwick;
- [3] *Mary Rook* (18), general servant, born Oldbury:

Thomas Joseph Hodgson = *Thomas Joseph Hodson*

1901 Census

72, Church Street – HORSE AND JOCKEY INN

- [1] *Edward H. Till* (52), licensed victualler, born Tettenhall Wood;
- [2] *Lucy Till* (48), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Lucy Till* (17), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Emily Till* (14), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Annie Rhodes* (19), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

1911 Census

72, Church Street

- [1] *Harry Weare* (45), public house manager, born Bilston;
- [2] *Alice Weare* (45), wife, married 13 years, public house manager, born Bilston;
- [3] *Louisa Mallett* (20), domestic servant, born Bilston:

South Staffordshire Times 16/6/1923

“A one-armed man named Thomas Higginson, of Salop Street, Bradley, was charged with begging in a public house; with refusing to quit when requested to do so; and assaulting a man named Isaac Campbell, Greencroft, Bilston, on the previous evening.

George Jones, licensee of the HORSE AND JOCKEY, Church Street, Bilston, said that on the previous evening defendant went into the house and asked him if he could go round and beg money from customers. Witness told him that he could not allow it, as there had been several others in doing the same the same thing, and the customers did not like it. Defendant, however, insisted on going round, and witness ordered him out, but he said he would not go. At last he said he would go outside, but when he got there he smashed the windows. On going out defendant struck a man named Isaac Campbell, who had in no way interfered with him. Witness then sent for the police.

Isaac Campbell said he was sitting quietly in the house when defendant came in, and he saw all that took place, but did not in any way interfere with defendant. As defendant was leaving the house he struck witness on the jaw, and knocked him down.

PC Davy said that he was called to the HORSE AND JOCKEY on the previous night, and there found defendant being detained by the licensee, who made complaint against defendant. Witness took defendant to the Police Station. Defendant was under the influence of drink.

Defendant said he was unable to follow his occupation, and was trying to get an ‘honest copper or two’ towards his lodgings. He was ‘born and bred’ in the town, and thought he had as much right to go into a public house and ask for coppers as people from outside had, but they were not prevented from doing it. He was sorry he struck Campbell, but that was because Campbell interfered.

Defendant was sentenced to 14 days’ imprisonment for assault, but the other two charges were dismissed.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 20/10/1928

“Members of the Loyal Lily of the Valley Lodge (MU) of Oddfellows passed a pleasant evening at a social gathering at the HORSE AND JOCKEY INN, Church Street, Bilston. The NG (Bro. L. Smith, PG) presided, and was supported by district officers.....”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 24/11/1928

“The annual show of racing pigeons arranged by the Bilston and District Flying Club was held on Saturday night last at the HORSE AND JOCKEY INN, Church Street.....”

Ben Olney was a footballer (goalkeeper). He played for England (2 caps).

He played for Aston Villa, Brierley Hill Alliance, Stourbridge, Derby, Bilston United, Walsall, and Shrewsbury.

He was born in March 1899, in Holborn, London.

He died in September 1943.

Jack Howard married Elizabeth Robinson (daughter of Tom ‘Tarpole’ Robinson).

Samuel John Bolton died in 1982.

London Gazette 13/6/1978

“*Perry, Walter Edgar*, Club Steward, residing at the Codsall Conservative Club previously residing and carrying on business as The HORSE AND JOCKEY, 72, Church Street Tenant Publican.....”

Jacky Phillips married Bill Phillips.

She was born c. 1957.

[2016]

IRONMASTER

Wesley Street, Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

M Zakula [1983]
Reuben Campbell [1988] – [1995]
Marie Janet Webb [2002]
Timothy Richard Aston [2005]
Pauline Wilde [2005]

NOTES

It opened on 4th January 1972.

[2007]

Closed [2008], [2012]

Sold as a development opportunity for £125,000.

Demolished [2013]

Housing was built on the site.



2000



2007

JAPANNERS ARMS

116, (130), (132), Oxford Street, (Greencroft), BILSTON

OWNERS

Eliza Kendrick, wife of Arthur, Yarnfield, near Stone
Richard Andrew Harper, brewer, Bilston

LICENSEES

Isaac Smith [1861]
Mrs. Mary Smith [1868] – **1876**);
William Swift (**1876 – 1877**);
John Stokes (**1877 – 1878**);
Henry Sirrett (**1878 – 1881**);
Richard Finch (**1881**);
Walter Thorman (**1881**);
William Swift (**1881 – 1884**);
Joseph Yale (**1884 – 1885**);
Joseph Ball (**1885 – 1886**);
Susanna Benson (**1886 – 1887**);
Job Stokes (**1887 – 1888**);
Isaiah Wantling (**1888**);
George Smith (**1888 – 1890**);
Arthur Edward Devereux (**1890 – 1893**);
Frank Haynes (**1893 – 1898**);
William Beardmore (**1898 – 1903**);
Isaac Roper (**1903 – 1912**);
Louisa Jones (**1912**);

NOTES

132, Oxford Street [1861]
130, Oxford Street [1891]
116, Oxford Street [1901], [1911]

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

132, Oxford Street

- [1] *Isaac Smith* (62), publican and japanner (master) employing 21, including women and children, born Sedgley;
[2] *Mary Smith* (52), wife, born Lilleshall, Shropshire;
[3] *Letha Smith* (27), daughter, house servant, born Lilleshall, Shropshire;
[4] *Mary Smith* (20), daughter, employed in japan shop, born Sedgley;
[5] *Joseph Smith* (18), servant, japanner, born Bilston:

Mrs. Mary Smith, japanner and beer retailer, 132, Oxford Street. [1868]

Mary Smith died in 1876.

Evening Express 8/2/1881

“*Richard Finch*, landlord of the JAPANNERS ARMS, Greencroft, Bilston, was summoned for having sold ale without a license.

The evidence showed that the defendant took to the house a short time ago from Mr. Harper, auctioneer, and the license had not been transferred to him. On Thursday Police-sergeant O’Brien and Police-constable Smith went to the house and were supplied by the landlady with two glasses of ale. It transpired that the defendant had paid a deposit upon the fixtures in taking possession of the house, and understood that the license had been transferred.

Under these circumstances a fine of 40s only and the costs was ordered to be paid, the Bench remarking that Mr. Harper ought to repay the amount.”

1881 Census

Oxford Street – Public House

- [1] *Richard Finch* (59), publican, born Old Park, Shropshire;
- [2] *Mary Ann Finch* (40), wife, born Penkridge, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Arthur Finch* (16), son, iron moulder, born Dudley Port;
- [4] *Charles Finch* (15), son, iron moulder, born Dudley Port;
- [5] *Kate Finch* (10), daughter, scholar, born Smethwick:

1891 Census

130, Oxford Street

- [1] *Arthur E. Devereux* (36), publican / manager, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Maria Devereux* (34), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Jessie Devereux* (8), daughter, scholar, born Scotland;
- [4] *Alice Devereux* (10 months), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Maria Devereux* (6), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Francis Udall* (72), father in law, widower, born Handsworth;
- [7] *Thomas Udall* (35), son, butcher, born Bilston;
- [8] *Lizzie Shepherd* (16), general servant, born Wednesbury:

1901 Census

116, Oxford Street – Beerhouse

- [1] *William Beardmore* (59), widower, publican (beerhouse), born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary Beardmore* (18), daughter, dressmaker, born Bilston;
- [3] *Samuel Brown* (25), son in law, widower, forge roller, born Bilston;
- [4] *William Brown* (2), grandson, born Bilston;
- [5] *Myra Cotterill* (13), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Isaac Roper, beer retailer, 116, Oxford Street. [1904], [1912]

1911 Census

116, Oxford Street

- [1] *Isaac Roper* (62), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Ann Roper* (51), wife, married 32 years, born Bilston;
- [3] *Mary Elizabeth Roper* (21), daughter, millinery shop assistant, born Bilston;
- [4] *Florence Roper* (21), daughter, millinery shop assistant, born Bilston;
- [5] *Harry Roper* (15), son, clerk, railway, born Bilston;
- [6] *Bertha Fisher* (30), boarder, domestic servant, born Willenhall;
- [7] *Grace Roper* (7), daughter, school, born Bilston:

License refused by Compensation Authority on 18th July 1912.

Compensation of £500 was paid on 21st December 1912.

License extinguished on 28th December 1912.

JOLLY COLLIER

Bristol Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Henry Riley

LICENSEES

Henry Riley* [1845] – [1861]
Henry Riley* [1873] – **1876**;
William Riley **(1876 – []**

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

* probably the same person

Henry Riley was described as a brickmaker [1845], [1849], [1850]
He was described as a miner. [1851]

1861 Census

Bristol Street

- [1] *Henry Riley* (55), victualler, born Coston (?), Warwickshire;
- [2] *Emily Riley* (58), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Jane Wade* (13), servant, born London:

Henry Riley died in 1876.

Freeman's Black Country Folk

'Harry R Sells His Wife'

"*Harry* was the landlord of the JOLLY COLLIER INN and as a butty collier worked some profitable pits in the Lunt Colliery. Like many of his craft he came from Shropshire His wife and he decided that a change was advisable, and it was arranged for her to be sold in Bilston market....."

The license was abandoned.

KINGS ARMS

12, Church Street / Lichfield Street, Swan Bank, BILSTON

OWNERS

Ralph Gough
Charles Gray

LICENSEES

John Tomkys [1818] – [1841]
Mrs. M Tomkys [1845]
Mrs. Ellen Busst [1849] – [1851]
Henry Oliver [1858]
William Lewis [1860] – [1861]
Ralph Gough [1873] – **1879**;
Charles Gray **(1879 – []**

NOTES

Court of Request and Excise Office [1833]
Excise office [1822], [1941]
Commercial and excise office [1828]
Commercial, coaching and excise office [1845]
Commercial house and excise office [1830], [1835], [1849], [1850]
Commercial inn [1851]
Inn and commercial hotel [1851]

Coaches to Birmingham (The Mail), Liverpool (Bang-up), Manchester (Eclipse), Shrewsbury (Prince of Wales), Chester (Prince of Orange) and Holyhead (Mail) left from here. [1818], [1845]

The Regulator coach to Birmingham left from here every morning at eight, and returned the same evening at seven. [1822]
The Eclipse coach to Birmingham left from here every afternoon at half past three. [1822]
The Bang-up coach and the Prince of Orange coach to Birmingham left from here every evening at half past six. [1822]
The Prince of Orange coach to Chester left from here every morning at half past seven. [1822]
The Bang-up coach to Liverpool left from here every morning at eight. [1822], [1828]
The Aurora coach to Liverpool left from here every morning at nine. [1822]
The Rockett coach to Liverpool left from here every evening at ten. [1822]
The Royal Mail coach to London, through Birmingham and Coventry left from here every afternoon at one. [1822]
The Young Prince coach to London left from here every day at one. [1822], [1828]
The Lark coach and the Rocket coach to London left from here every morning at three. [1822]
The Oxonian coach and the Aurora coach to London left from here every morning about three. [1822]
The Union coach to London left from here every morning at half past ten. [1822]
The Shamrock coach to London left from here every day at twelve. [1822]
The Old Prince of Wales coach to London left from here every afternoon at three. [1822]
The Traveller coach to London left from here every afternoon at five. [1822]
The Eclipse coach to Manchester, through Stafford, Congleton and Wilmslow, left from here every morning at seven. [1822]
The Traveller coach to Manchester, through Stafford, Congleton, Macclesfield, and Stockport, left from here every morning at half past seven. [1822]
The Lark coach to Manchester, through Stafford, Stone, the Potteries, and Congleton, left from here every morning at ten. [1822]
The Royal Mail coach to Shrewsbury left from here every forenoon at half past eleven. [1822]
The Prince of Wales coach to Shrewsbury left from here every morning at ten. [1822]
The Young Prince of Wales coach to Shrewsbury left from here every day at a quarter before one. [1822]
The Shamrock coach to Shrewsbury left from here every afternoon at two. [1822]
The Oxonian coach to Shrewsbury left from here every night at eleven. [1822]

The Prince of Orange coach to Shrewsbury left from here every morning at half past 7. [1822], [1828]

The Union coach to Shrewsbury left from here every morning at 9. [1822], [1828]

The Shropshire Hero coach to Birmingham left from here every morning at 10. [1828]

The Eclipse coach to Birmingham left from here every afternoon at 4. [1828]

The Traveller coach to Birmingham left from here every afternoon at 5. [1828]

The Bang-up coach to Birmingham left from here every evening at half past 7. [1828]

The Shropshire Hero coach to Bridgnorth left from here every afternoon at 4. [1828]

The Royal Mail coach to Holyhead left from here every morning at half past 9. [1828]

The Royal Mail coach to Liverpool left from here every evening at 9. [1828]

The Independent Tally Ho coach to Liverpool left from here every morning at 7. [1828]

The Rocket coach to Liverpool left from here every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday nights at 11. [1828]

The Royal Mail coach (from Holyhead) to London, through Birmingham and Warwick, left from here every afternoon at 4. [1828]

The Oxonian coach to London, through Birmingham, left from here every morning at 3. [1828]

The Hibernia coach to London, through Birmingham, left from here every morning at 5. [1828]

The Union coach to London, through Birmingham, left from here every afternoon at half past 2. [1828]

The Old Prince coach to London, through Birmingham, left from here every afternoon at 3. [1828]

The Wonder coach to London left from here every morning at 8. [1828]

The Emerald coach to London left from here every day at half past 1. [1828]

The Independent Tally Ho coach to London left from here every day. [1828]

The Eclipse coach to Manchester left from here every morning at 8. [1828]

The Traveller coach to Manchester left from here every day at half past 2. [1828]

The Old Prince coach to Shrewsbury left from here every morning at 10. [1828]

The Emerald coach to Shrewsbury left from here every morning at half past 11. [1828]

The Young Prince coach to Shrewsbury left from here every day at noon. [1828]

The Oxonian coach to Shrewsbury left from here every evening at 5. [1828]

The Wonder coach to Shrewsbury left from here every evening at half past 7. [1828]

The Hibernia coach to Shrewsbury left from here every night at 11. [1828]

Magistrates met here every Tuesday. [1833]

Blackcountryman (Winter 1982)

‘The Cry Of The Children’ by C. J. L. Elwell

“*John Tomkyns*, landlord of the KINGS ARMS at Bilston, argued that the Tommy-shops were ‘a good thing, because the working classes are very improvident and extravagant; if they had their wages in money, the majority of them would spend it in ducks and geese and fowls, and starve the rest of the week; most of the colliers have large families and their wives, by means of the Tommy-shops, get sufficient provisions instead of the husband spending all the wages at once on drink or other extravagancies’.”

Freeman’s Black Country Folk

‘John Etheridge’

“Before Police Court missionaries were thought of he (John Etheridge) regularly attended the Bilston Court which was then held at the KINGS ARMS INN, on Swan Bank.....”

Freeman’s Black Country Folk

‘Abel Hill’

[Abel Hill murdered Mary Martin and her 2 year old son.]

“.....His first hearing took place in the Justice’s Room at the rear of the old KINGS ARMS.....”
[c.1830].

1841 Census

Swan Bank

- [1] *John Tomkys* (48), victualler, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Tomkys* (33), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Mary Tomkys* (3), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *John Tomkys* (1), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *John Price* (24), ostler;
- [6] *Sarah Baker* (18), barmaid, born Staffordshire;
- [7] *Emma Thursfield* (15), barmaid, born Staffordshire;
- [8] *Jane Homer* (22), cook, born Staffordshire;
- [9] *Elizabeth Bucknall* (20), chamber maid, born Staffordshire;
- [10] *Mary Ann Waldron* (18), nursemaid, born Staffordshire:

A coach and omnibuses to Birmingham left here from 9am to half past 9 at night. [1849]

A coach to Bridgnorth left from here every evening at 5. [1849]

An omnibus to the Potteries left from here every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, return every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. [1849]

A coach to Holyhead left from here every morning at 3. [1849]

The Royal Mail coach to Shrewsbury left from here every afternoon at 4. [1849]

The Salopian coach to Shrewsbury left from here every afternoon at half past 2. [1849]

The Greyhound coach to Shrewsbury left from here every afternoon at half past 2. [1849]

The Wonder coach to Shrewsbury left from here every afternoon at half past 1. [1849]

Omnibuses to Wolverhampton left from here every hour. [1849]

1851 Census

Church Street

- [1] *Ellen Busst* (36), widow, innkeeper, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [2] *Jane Maria Busst* (19), daughter, barmaid, born Bilston;
- [3] *Charles James Busst* (16), son, tailor, born Bilston;
- [4] *Horatio Samuel Busst* (15), son, at home, born Bilston;
- [5] *George Walter Busst* (13), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Thomas Busst* (11), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *James Alford Busst* (6), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Richard Harris* (53), visitor, widower, former innkeeper, born Warwick;
- [9] *John Williams* (22), visitor, wine merchant, born Birmingham;
- [10] *Mary Brown* (29), chambermaid, born Whittington, Shropshire;
- [11] *Sarah Bythaway* (17), house maid, born Bilston;
- [12] *John Amor* (52), boot at inn, born Stockland, Dorsetshire;
- [13] *Thomas Kirkland* (13), errand boy, born Coventry:

1861 Census

12. Church Street – KINGS ARMS

- [1] *William Lewis* (46), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Hannah Lewis* (54), wife, born Rawcliffe, Lincolnshire;
- [3] *Mary J. Lewis* (22), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Mary A. Lyons* (17), servant, born ____rend, Somersetshire;
- [5] *John Kelley* (22), servant, born Waterford, Ireland:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/7/1861

“On Friday evening last the supporters of Mr. Griffiths during the late borough election dined together at the KINGS ARMS, Bilston. About 130 or 140 electors had been invited, and nearly all attended. Mr. Griffiths presided, and the vice-chairs occupied by Mr. W. H. Hancox, Mr. James Walker, and Mr. H. Boucher. The dinner, was of the most sumptuous character, including every delicacy of the season and the choicest wines.....”

The license was abandoned. [pre 1890]

It became Bilston Conservative and Unionist Club, and later shops.

KINGS HEAD

27, (13), (12), Broad Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

John Shale, licensed victualler, Broad Street, Bilston
William Hanley, leather dealer, Willenhall
William Butler and Co. Ltd. (acquired in 1896)

LICENSEES

William Rhodes [1858]
William Butler [1864] – **[1866];**
Henry Mayer **(1866 – [1868]**
Henry Crown Wellings [] – **1869);**
Sarah Wellings **(1869 – 1877);**
Samuel Wellings **(1877 – 1887);**
John Williams **(1887 – 1889);**
William Joseph Wood **(1889 – 1899);**
Ernest Wood **(1899 – 1901);**
James Caddick **(1901 – 1903);**
John Winyard **(1903 – 1923);**
George Cresswell **(1923 – 1926);**
Harry Llewelyn Paviter **(1926 – 1929);**
James Langford **(1929 – 1934);**
Henry James Darlington **(1934 – 1936);**
Mrs. Florence Jane Haynes **(1936 – [1940]**

NOTES

12, Broad Street [1874]
13, Broad Street [1871], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1904]
27, Broad Street [1901], [1911]

H. Mayer = H. Maher

Dudley Herald 2/5/1868

“Clearing out sale on 11th May KINGS ARMS, Broad Street, Bilston the whole of the public house fixtures belonging to Mr. *Maher* who has no further use for them.....”

Henry Crown Wellings = Henry Crown Welling

Henry Crown Wellings died in 1869.

1871 Census

13, Broad Street – KINGS HEAD

- [1] *Henry C. Welling* (60), publican, born Tewkesbury; [Isn't he dead?]
- [2] *Sarah Welling* (48), wife, born Tenbury, Herefordshire;
- [3] *John Smith* (30), lodger, journeyman iron refiner, born Gosty Hill [Part of Old Hill];
- [4] *Emma Smith* (33), wife, born Bilston;
- [5] *George S. Smith* (8), son, scholar, born Bilston:

1881 Census

13, Broad Street – KINGS ARMS

- [1] *Samuel Wellings* (54), engineer and licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Phoebe Wellings* (43), wife, born Kidderminster;
- [3] *Samuel Wellings* (14), son, house painter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Phoebe Wellings* (10), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Thomas Wellings* (64), widower, brother, general labourer, born Bilston;
- [6] *Thomas Wellings* (28), nephew, general labourer, born Bilston:

1891 Census

13, Broad Street

- [1] *Joseph Wood* (53), licensed victualler, born Shareshill, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Emma Wood* (49), wife, born Walton upon Trent, Derbyshire;
- [3] *Jemima Hill* (15), general servant, born Bilston:

1901 Census

27, Broad Street

- [1] *James Caddick* (25), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Harriet M. Caddick* (26), wife, born Wolverhampton:

1911 Census

27, Broad Street

- [1] *John Winyard* (45), married, wood turning, born Birmingham;
- [2] *William Winyard* (21), son, wood turning, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Florance Winyard* (17), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *George Earnest Winyard* (15), son, fitting and turning, born Bilston;
- [5] *Harry Winyard* (13), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *Harold Winyard* (12), son, born Bilston;
- [7] *Annie Winyard* (10), daughter, born Bilston;
- [8] *Sidney Winyard* (8), son, born Bilston;
- [9] *Ivy Winyard* (6), daughter, born Bilston;
- [10] *Bella Spencer* (47), servant, born Birmingham:

John Winyard also ran a saw mill. [1912]

South Staffordshire Times 16/12/1922

"Bilston Police Court. Florence *Winyard*, 37, Broad Street, Bilston, summoned her husband, *John Winyard*, Oatmeal Square, Bilston, for desertion, and applied for a maintenance order.

Mr. A. J. Glover appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Pritchard for defendant.

Mr. Pritchard having intimated that desertion would not be disputed, Mr. Glover said he could considerably shorten the case, as it was now resolved itself into a question of means. The parties were married on the 8th December, 1920, complainant being then a widow with three children. Defendant also was a widower with several grown-up children. There was one child, aged four months, of the present marriage. Defendant formerly kept a licensed house [KINGS HEAD] in Broad Street, Bilston, but on 30th October he gave it up. He bought himself a new house and went to it, but told complainant that he would not have her there. He had previously told her that he should cease living with her. He said he would let the matter be brought before the Court, and whatever the magistrates put on him he would pay. He had recently repeated that assertion, week after week, and, as he at last put it into effect, the complainant took out a summons for desertion. With regard to defendant's means, when complainant married him she was a licensee in Bilston [*Florence Davis*, ROYAL OAK, Salop Street?], but she gave up that business and went to live at defendant's licensed premises. While living together there defendant used to give her £7 10s to £8 per week for household expenses. He was then not only a license-holder, but also carried on business as a wood-turner and case-maker, in which he employed two men and two boys. Shortly after the marriage, defendant showed her some figures, and told her he had £3,000 invested in war loans and in the bank. Complainant now had herself to keep, also the child of the last marriage, and the children of the former marriage. Therefore, he (Mr. Glover) appealed to the magistrates to make an order for the full amount of £2 per week for complainant herself, and 10s per week for the young child of the marriage with defendant. He understood that she could not claim anything for the children by the former marriage, although defendant was well aware that she had them when he married her. In addition to buying the new house referred to, defendant must have received a good sum for fixtures and stock at the licensed house which he vacated, and therefore could not be short of means.

Complainant stated that she married defendant at Wolverhampton Registry Office, on 8th December, 1920. She was then a widow, with three children. There was one child living of her marriage to defendant. It was born on the 14th August last. On 30th of last month defendant left the public-house, and went to a private house which he had bought. On the day they were leaving the public-house, she went to the bar door and asked defendant if she could go to the private house, and he said she could not, even if she took proceeding against him. He said he would have the children, but not her. He had made similar remarks on many occasions. He had many times told her to clear out, and said that whatever separation allowance the magistrates ordered him to pay he would be willing to pay. Knowing that defendant would not have her at the private house, she did not go to it. She took the four children and went into lodgings. Defendant had not given her any money since then. Defendant used to allow her between £7 10s and £8 per week for the whole of the household expenses. He had carried on business as a wood-turner and case-maker for about 18 years, and still had the business. She believed defendant gave £575 for the private house, and spent about £12 on repairs. About a week after they were married defendant showed her some figures. They represented about £3,000, and defendant said that was what he was worth in War Savings Certificates and money in the bank. He also received money from the sale of the stock and fixtures at the public-house.

Mr. Pritchard: Did you ever see the certificates for £3,000?

Complainant: No, he has taken care never to let me see them.

Mr. Pritchard: You say he showed you the figures?

Complainant: Yes they were written on a piece of cardboard. It was one night in the bedroom, and he said, 'You can go into the street tomorrow knowing that you are worth £3,000.'

Mr. Pritchard: Have you never seen any evidence of it?

Complainant: No; but I have seen some certificates.

In the witness box defendant said he was quite willing for a separation order to be made, as he thought it was most desirable at the present moment. It was impossible for himself and complainant to live together. He would offer her £1 a week for herself and child. She was capable of taking a business. When he bought the private house complainant said she would not live with him there. She said she had been used to a business house, and she must go to another. He then told her he would never go to another public-house, as that was the cause of all their trouble. With regard to the £3,000, it was not true that he had that much invested. Whatever there was complainant had had her share of it, and the other had been used up. He had lost money at the public-house, but there had been a little profit on the wood-turning business. He had five sons living with him in the private house.

Mr. Glover: Do you seriously make an offer of only £1 per week to complainant for herself and children, and suggest that is enough?

Defendant: Yes.

Mr. Glover: I repeat the question. Do you seriously offer her only £1 per week for herself and children, and suggest that is enough?

Defendant: Yes; if she takes another business, as she intends to do.

Mr. Glover: What do you say are the profits and the wood-turning business?

Defendant: Very little; £1 per week would clear it. I lost money on the public-house.

Mr. Glover: Will you swear you have not been making more than £1 per week profit at the wood-turning business?

Defendant: Recently I have not. I lost £104 on the public-house last year.

Mr. Glover: Have you four sons living with you?

Defendant: Yes.

Mr. Glover: What do they pay you?

Defendant: One is out of work, and the other three, when working, pay 25s, per week each for their board and lodging.

The Bench made an order for defendant to contribute £2 per week to complainant, and 10/- per week for the child, defendant also to pay two guineas solicitor's fee."

A team from here took part in the Butlers (Bilston) Darts League. [1946]

[1965]?

It closed circa 1960.

Demolished

KINGS HEAD

(Middle) Field Lane, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Shale [1818] – [1835]
Joseph Hartill [1841] – [1842]
William Rhodes [1849] – [1854]

NOTES

Field Lane [1830], [1833]
Middlefield Lane [1841], [1849], [1850], [1851]

1841 Census

Middlefield Lane

- [1] *Joseph Hartill* (30), victualler, born Staffordshire;
- [2] Sarah Hartill (25), born Staffordshire;
- [3] Joseph Hartill (1 month), born Staffordshire:

1851 Census

Middlefield Lane

- [1] *William Rhodes* (56), stone miner, born Malins Lee, Shropshire;
- [2] Martha Rhodes (40), wife, born Malins Lee, Shropshire;
- [3] Eliza Rhodes (14), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] Thomas Rhodes (9), son, born Bilston;
- [5] Elizabeth Wilkinson (74), mother in law, widow, born Wicksor, Shropshire;
- [6] Betsy Wild (25), general servant, born Donnington Wood, Shropshire:

LAMB AND FLAG

89, (16), (Lower) Salop Street, (Shropshire Row), (Salop Row), (16, Highfields Road), (Hall Field Road),
Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Henry Fowler, iron master, Albrighton
Rev. Charles Lee, Vicar of Bilston
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Banks [1818]
William 'Will' Banks* [1828] – [1851]
William Banks* [1860]
James Ball [1861] – **1874**;
Mrs. Elizabeth Ball **(1874 – 1876)**;
John Fletcher **(1876 – 1888)**;
James Bibby **(1888 – 1889)**;
James Osborne **(1889 – 1894)**;
Frederick Jones **(1894 – 1896)**;
Henry McLoughlin **(1896)**;
Enoch Duce **(1896 – 1898)**;
Samuel Tate **(1898 – 1899)**;
Alexander Berry **(1899)**;
John Henry Jeffery **(1899)**;
John Little **(1899 – 1900)**;
Frank McDonald **(1900 – 1901)**;
William Henry Ralph **(1901 – 1904)**;
Henry Maddock **(1904 – 1906)**;
Daniel Dalton **(1906 – 1909)**;
Elijah Pountney **(1909 – 1910)**;
Alfred Pountney **(1910 – 1911)**;

NOTES

Shropshire Row [1818], [1828], [1830], [1833], [1850], [1851]
Salop Row [1861], [1881]
Salop Street [1868], [1881]
Highfields Road [1871]
Hall Field Road [1881]
16, Salop Street [c.1901]
89, Salop Street
16, Highfields Road

Good stabling.

It was known locally as the "Hell House".

It had a beerhouse license.

Blackcountryman (Winter 1985)

‘Two Notorious Public Houses In Bilston’

“.....But if the SWAN was rowdy, the LAMB AND FLAG of Salop Street was positively the most riotous in the area, and was also a great resort of ironworkers. Standing as it did on high ground it was known as Hill House, but as riotous repute increased so it gradually assumed more suitably to Hell House. *Tommy Banks*, who kept the house for a time, was a big burly character who in addition to keeping the inn also managed the butchery department of the noted Banks’ tommy-shop. He entered into all of the excesses of the place with gusto and was locally known as the devil One singular feature of the inn was that it stood in the Parish of Sedgley and for that reason after became a sanctuary for men under pursuit when the cry was raised that the local bobby was on his rounds. Culprits simply entered the inn out of his jurisdiction The inn had quite spacious cellars where dog fights and cock fights took place Trading at the inn appears to have ceased early in the century.”

* possibly the same person

Will Banks was a bookmaker.

William Banks, beer retailer, Shropshire Row. [1849], [1850]

1861 Census

Salop Row

- [1] *James Ball* (41), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Betsey Ball* (38), wife, born Blockley; [no county given]
- [3] *Louisa Ball* (13), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *William H. Ball* (8), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Betsy Ball* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Phoebe Ball* (17), servant, born Sedgley;

Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/9/1866

“At the Police Court, yesterday, the Magistrates on the Bench were E. Bagnall and H. D. Best, Esqs. The following were the chief cases of interest.....

Thomas Chambley pleaded guilty to stealing six quarts of ale, from the house of *James Ball*, publican where he was employed. He was sentenced to six weeks imprisonment.....”

1871 Census

Highfields Road – LAMB AND FLAG

- [1] *James Ball* (50), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
 - [2] *Betsy Ball* (47), wife, born Blockley, Worcestershire;
 - [3] *William Ball* (18), son, roll turner, born Bilston;
 - [4] *Mary E. Ball* (4), daughter, born Bilston;
 - [5] *Agnes Cockburn* (21), domestic servant, born Wolverhampton:
- [Blockley is about 10 miles SE of Evesham.]

James Ball was married to *Elizabeth*.

He died on 20th November 1874.

Evening Express 2/2/1881

“Yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon, three youths recklessly ventured on the ice at the Old Bankfield pool, Bradley, when the ice, which was rotten, suddenly gave way, and precipitated all three into the water. Two of the three, after some difficulty, succeeded in getting to land, but the third, a youth named *John Stubbs*, 15 years of age, who resided with his parents in Bradley Street, Bilston, was unfortunately drowned. The deceased’s companions gave information of the occurrence to Police-constable *Clarke*, of the Bradley Police Station, who at once proceeded to the scene of the fatality, and, with the assistance of a number of bystanders, to pool was dragged.

After considerable searching the body was recovered, and removed to the LAMB AND FLAG INN, Salop Street, Hallfields, to await an inquest.”

Dudley and District News 19/3/1881 - Advert

“Under A Distraint. / LAMB AND FLAG INN, Salop Street, Hallfields, near Bilston. / Monday Next, March 21st, 1881. / Mr. Short will Sell by Auction, as above, a capital Sausage Chopping Machine (to work by hand), Sausage Filler, &c, removed to the above place for convenience of Sale.....”

1881 Census

Hall Field Road – LAMB AND FLAG

- [1] *John Fletcher* (49), licensed victualler, born Tipton;
- [2] *Mary Ann Fletcher* (57), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *John Fletcher* (23), son, millman in ironworks, born Tipton;
- [4] *Elizabeth Fletcher* (18), daughter, born Birmingham:

Evening Express 6/5/1881

“This (Friday) morning, a boy, named Joseph Wilkinson, 12 years of age, whose parents reside in Ivy House Lane, Coseley, was drowned in the Birmingham Canal, near to the Bankfield Ironworks, Bradley. Deceased, with another boy of similar age, went into the water to bathe, and, it is believed, got out of his depth, and was drowned before assistance could be rendered. Information was conveyed to the Bradley Police Station, and Police-constable Clarke at once went to the spot and had the body removed to the LAMB AND FLAG INN, Salop Street, where it now lies to await the verdict.”

Evening Express 13/5/1881

“On Tuesday an inquest was held by W. H. Phillips, Esq, district coroner, at the LAMB AND FLAG INN, Salop Row, Bilston, touching the death of a youth named Joseph Wilkinson, who was drowned in the Birmingham Canal, near the Bankfield Ironworks, Bradley, under circumstances already reported. The jury, after hearing the evidence of the boy Joseph Pargeter, who was bathing with the deceased, returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Evening Express 10/11/1881

“An adjourned inquest was held at the LAMB AND FLAG INN, Salop Street, Bilston, this (Thursday) afternoon on the body of a child, named Harry Aston, whose death was reported on Monday.

William Mott Hancox, surgeon, said that on the 4th instant he received a note from the relieving officer to attend deceased. He visited the child on that day and found it in a dying condition. He observed an abrasion upon the forehead and left side of the face, which, he was told, were caused by scalds. He also found an abrasion on the right foot. On Monday he made a post mortem examination of the body, assisted by Dr. Cameron, surgeon, of Bilston. The body weighed six pounds and a half, and presented a very emaciated appearance. The abdomen was collapsed, and the body reduced to a mere skeleton. Externally he found an extensive abrasion of the skull, extending over the left side of the forehead and nose; also similar injuries on the right instep and on the foot. There were also two blue marks on the left side of the cheek and a bruise on the left hand. On opening the child he found the lungs pale, collapsed, and bloodless. The heart and large vessels were destitute of blood. The stomach contained one ounce of coagulated milk. The whole of the intestines and the brain were slightly congested. The result of the post mortem enabled him to arrive at the conclusion that the child had not received sufficient nourishment during life. He should think the scalds had existed for six or seven days. If the child had died from starvation or from scalds he should not have found any material difference in the appearance of the child in post mortem. The irritation from the scalds might have prevented the child taking the necessary substances, but would not have prevented it altogether from taking food in small quantities. The bruise might have been produced by slight pressure on the skin, owing to the impoverished condition of the blood. In answer to a question from the coroner, Dr. Hancox said the child had died of starvation, accelerated by scalds. In reply to a further question, he said he should think the child had been neglected from its birth, more or less, to produce such a state of things as the post mortem showed.

William Upton, puddler, said he recollected the mother of the child coming to live with them about 11 weeks ago, accompanied by Aston. They did not sleep together as man and wife. Aston paid for the lodgings, and for the support of the woman and child. When the child came to his house it was small, but appeared well. The child always took nourishment when it was offered to it. Aston generally fed it himself, because the mother was not so sharp as she should be, though she seemed capable of taking care of herself. They lodged about three weeks with witness, and then they went to live by themselves. There was no alarm called when the child was scalded. Witness had heard

Aston say it was his child, and also heard him deny it. He had never heard Aston threaten, or seen him hit the child. Aston had been all the time in full work.

Mary Ann Goodreid said she saw the baby when Aston and the mother came to live in the court; it was a poor little creature. While the deceased's parents were living at Upton's, the mother did not pay proper attention to the child. When they went into housekeeping witness visited them most days. On the Tuesday after the child was scalded she went into the house, and asked how the scalds had happened. The child's mother replied, 'Don't say anything, because Aston had said he would do something at her, and go and leave her.' The mother told witness Aston was putting his shirt on and pulled the saucepan on to the child. She also said Aston told her, if anyone asked about the baby, to tell them that it had broke out with the measles. The scalds had no dressing upon them whatever. Aston told her the child's bottle was broke and no use. He broke the bottle purposely. The child always took food when it was offered it in witness's presence.

William Upton said one morning in September, while Aston and the mother were lodging at his father's home, he and Aston were in the same room sleeping. They had both been working nights, and when they were in bed the deceased's mother brought the child to Aston and it began to cry. Aston then struck the child, and it had a black eye. Joseph Upton, an intelligent little fellow of eleven, who satisfactorily answered the coroner's inquiries as to his knowledge of an oath, said he slept with Aston while the latter lived at his mother's house. Just after they came to witness's father's house deceased's mother brought the child to Aston in bed, and he struck the child on its face, and said he would quieten it. He also shook the child, and kept on shaking it till the child was quiet.

Ann Atkins said she remembered seeing the child one morning in Mrs. Upton's arms; it had a black eye and a bruise up each side of its neck. This was when Aston and the mother resided at Upton's. Aston threatened Mrs. Upton for showing the child. She heard nothing more of the child until last Wednesday week, when deceased was found in bed. Witness had given both the mother and child food since they had been in housekeeping. The child could always eat when it had food given it. Witness considered the mother capable of nursing the baby.

Joseph Corbett said Aston worked with him until the last week. During the last month Aston had earned £3 9s 10d, out of which 17s 10d had been paid to him, and his wife the remainder.

Louisa Freeman had seen bruises on the child on two occasions. One of the bruises was on the eye, and one under the chin. When the witness Talbot brought the deceased to her house on the Wednesday morning the child was in a most wretched and neglected condition. Witness attended to the child after it was brought from the Hospital, and fed it on the Thursday with milk, but he only took about two teaspoonfuls at a time. On the Friday the child took less milk still, and died on Saturday. The mother was capable of minding her own child, though not quite sharp. Witness had seen deceased's mother rush out of the house.

Emily Pearson, daughter of a previous witness, said she was an in-patient in the Wolverhampton Hospital about five months ago, when the mother of the deceased, who was suffering from gathered breasts, became an in-patient. Dr. Winter attended upon them, and gave the child, who was with its mother, medicine three times a day.

The Coroner said it was material that the jury should know what was the condition of the child at that time, and he thought they had better have evidence of Dr. Winter on the point.

The inquiry was accordingly adjourned for this purpose until Friday, the 18th inst."

Evening Express 18/11/1881

"The adjourned inquest on the body of the child Harry Bailey, who died under circumstances already reported, was held at the LAMB AND FLAG, Salop Row, Bilston, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, district coroner.

Henry Trimmer Winter, house surgeon at Wolverhampton Hospital, said he remembered the mother of the deceased being in the Hospital. She went in on April 11th, and came out on the 24th May. The child which she had with her was a very small one, but might have been reared by careful nursing. The child was under treatment when the mother was in the Hospital, at which time the mother was in such a state as to nurse and care for it herself.

In answer to the foreman, witness said the medicine the child had was a tonic to strengthen it.

Mary Ann Rigby said she lived next door to Priscilla Aston's father's at Priestfield, and witness took her to the Workhouse to be confined. During that time she did not visit her because the authorities would not allow any one to do so. When the mother and child came from the Workhouse the child was very thin. The mother suckled it until her breasts got bad, and she had to go to the Hospital on that account. When the child came out of the Hospital it was a nice child, but thin. On the Wednesday, when Mary Talbot found the child in bed scalded, she saw it, and it then looked to be in a dying condition; but she did not notice that it was much thinner. It then took milk freely, and did not vomit after it. She saw the child daily after until it died. She never saw the mother ill use the baby, and was of opinion that she was as sound in mind as she (witness) was, and quite capable of taking care of the child.

Elizabeth Upton, recalled, said when she saw the father strike the baby the mother was not present. The child had a bruise on the eye.

After the Coroner had read over the evidence, Aston, the father of the child, and Mrs. Pearson, one of the witnesses, came to him and said it would be better to burn the tube of the child's bottle. She asked him what he should get for the child, and he replied, 'We can't afford best milk, but it shall have a pint of skim a day.' She said she would not get skim milk.

Priscilla Aston, the mother of the deceased, said her husband had beaten the child dreadfully at times. She heard him smack it several times. On Saturday night, when he scalded the baby, he beat her as well. She did not know of the scalds till she came back from Bilston. When she asked her husband what was the matter with the baby, he replied, 'Shut up,' and she let it be till Sunday morning. He would not let his mother in law see the baby, or let any one else see it.

The Coroner then summed up. He said they had to consider how this child Harry Bailey came to his death, and they must be guided in their verdict entirely by the evidence they had heard in that room, and not from any kind of rumour or report which they might have heard circulated in the neighbourhood. They had heard that this child was from the first a very delicate child, and one that the mother was not able to suckle and rear herself in consequence of her having gathered breasts. They had heard from the surgeon to the Wolverhampton Hospital that the child was, when in that institution, a very delicate and weakly child, and such was its history all along. That this child was very improperly treated whilst in the care of Aston before their marriage was undoubted, and that he ill treated it in a very brutal manner. At the same time they had to consider the actual cause of death, and they would have to be guided very much by the medical evidence of Mr. Hancox. He had told them that the child had died of starvation, accelerated by scalds. He said in his evidence, also, that the child being scalded, would exhibit feverish symptoms, which would tend to make the child refuse to take food freely. They would consider whether the scalds which were on the child prevented it from taking food. At the same time, if they believed that starvation was the actual cause of death, and was brought about by the ill treatment and neglect of the father, or the mother, or both, then they had the power to bring in a verdict of manslaughter against one or both.

The jury, after a lengthened deliberation, returned a verdict of Manslaughter against Harry Aston and Priscilla Aston, his wife."

Frederick Jones was convicted on 24th March 1896 for two cases of permitting gaming on licensed premises.

1901 Census

Salop Street – LAMB AND FLAG INN

- [1] *William H. Ralph* (34), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Jane Ralph* (30), wife, born Hagley, Worcestershire;
- [3] *William E. Ralph* (8), son, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Arthur L. Ralph* (4), son, born Sedgley;

License referred to Compensation Authority on 24th June 1910.

Compensation of £725 was paid on 21st January 1911.

It closed on 28th January 1911.

LAMP TAVERN

Lichfield Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mary Hawkswood [1861]

LAND OAK

18, Wesley Street, (Westley Street), Bradley, (Batman Hill), (Brierley), BILSTON

OWNERS

Richard Lunn
George Lunn
Thomas Plant's Brewery Ltd., Netherton
Jeremiah Francis Baker, coal merchant, Albert Road, Wolverhampton
Thomas Oliver Ltd., Sandwell Brewery, Walsall Road, West Bromwich

LICENSEES

Richard Lunn [1861] – 1883);
George Lunn (1883 – 1892);
George Wainwright (1892 – 1894);
Titus Lowe (1894 – 1898);
John Percival (1898 – 1899);
James Tate (1899 – 1900);
Benjamin Beckett Cooper (1900);
George Asprey (1900 – 1903);
Stephen Edward Wilkins (1903 – 1906);
Isaac Bradburn (1906 – 1910);
Mary Bradburn (1910 – 1913);
Samuel Nuttall (1913 – 1914);
Benjamin Thomas Waterhouse (1914 – 1915);
Clarissa Alice Crew (1915 – 1916);
Martha Berhshebe Wisherell (1916 – 1923);
Stephen Edward Williams (1923 – 1926);

NOTES

Westley Street [1861]
18, Wesley Street [1871], [1881], [1891], [1901], [1911]

It had a beerhouse license.

Richard Lunn, beer retailer, Upper Bradley. [1861], [1868]

1861 Census

Westley Street
[1] *Richard Lunn* (49), beer seller and fitter, born Bloxwich;
[2] Ann Lunn (47), wife, born Sedgley;
[3] Sarah A. Lunn (16), daughter, servant, born Sedgley;
[4] Jane Lunn (13), daughter, servant, born Sedgley;
[5] George Lunn (11), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
[6] Richard Lunn (7), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
[7] Robert Beddow (14), servant, labourer, born Sedgley:

Richard Lunn, beer retailer, Wesley Street, Bradley. [1865]

1871 Census

18, Wesley Street

- [1] *Richard Lunn* (59), slitter in iron work, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Ann Lunn* (57), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Jane Lunn* (23), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *George Lunn* (21), son, slitter in iron work, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Richard Lunn* (17), son, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Mary Barns* (16), general servant, born Sedgley:

1881 Census

18, Wesley Street

- [1] *Richard Lunn* (69), publican, born Walsall;
- [2] *Ann Lunn* (67), wife, at home, born Sedgley;
- [3] *George Lunn* (31), son, sheet iron worker, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Jane Perry* (18), domestic servant, born Bilston;

Richard Lunn died on 13th October 1883.

1891 Census

18, Wesley Street

- [1] *George Lunn* (41), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Clara Lunn* (23), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Arthur Lunn* (5), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Walter Lunn* (3), son, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Agnes Lunn* (1), daughter, born Sedgley:

1901 Census

18, Wesley Street

- [1] *George Asprey* (41), stocktaker sheet iron, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Eliza Asprey* (33), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Percy V. Asprey* (3), son, born Sedgley:

1911 Census

18, Wesley Street

- [1] *Mary Bradburn* (62), widow, proprietress, born Tipton;
- [2] *James Smith* (28), son in law, engine (gas) driver, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Florence Smith* (26), daughter, married 8 years, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Florence Smith* (7), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Lily Smith* (5), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Maude Braiden* (19), servant, barmaid, born Sedgley;
- [7] *William Collier* (60), boarder, file cutter, born Sedgley:

A billiard license was granted on 5th March 1920.

License refused by Compensation Authority on 28th June 1926.

Compensation of £950 was paid on 24th December 1926.

It closed on 31st December 1926.

Demolished

LEOPARD

97, (53), Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Edwin Purcell, hosier, 53, Church Street, Bilston
Richard Andrew Harper, brewer, Bilston
R. A. Harper Ltd., Hall Park Brewery, Bilston
Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1914], [1965]

LICENSEES

John Fellows [1822] – [1835]
Phoebe Fellows [1841] – [1842]
Mrs. Sarah Salt [1851] – [1854]
Edward Foster [1858] – [1865]
John Fowler [1870] – **1884**;
Henry Fowler [1878] ?
William Fowler [1879] ?
John Millard Fellows **(1884 – 1886)**;
George Price **(1886 – 1887)**;
William Wright Ball **(1887 – 1888)**;
Paul Lewis **(1888 – 1890)**;
Thomas Joseph Hodson **(1890 – 1892)**;
George Fox **(1892 – 1893)**;
Arthur Ray **(1893)**;
Benjamin Wilkinson **(1893 – 1896)**;
Jesse Veal **(1896)**;
Hannah Taft **(1896 – 1897)**;
Anne Massey **(1897)**;
John Groome **(1897 – 1898)**;
Henry Turchus [Tertius] Hodgkiss **(1898 – 1899)**;
Frederick McQuay **(1899)**;
George Walter Fox **(1899 – 1900)**;
Amy Cottrell **(1900 – 1902)**;
William Nathaniel Cottrell [1901] ?
Richard Jones **(1902)**;
William Guy **(1902 – 1903)**;
Ernest Edward Lloyd **(1903 – 1904)**;
George Maddocks **(1904 – 1905)**;
William Guy **(1905 – 1914)**;
Igal Alfred Sidaway **(1914 – 1915)**;
Henry Tertius Hodgkiss **(1915 – 1916)**;
Annie Porter **(1916 – 1917)**;
Frank Pearman **(1917 – [1940])**
Jack Hylton []

NOTES

53, Church Street [1861], [1870], [1871], [1872], [1874], [1892], [1896], [1904]
97, Church Street [1901], [1911], [1912], [1916], [1934], [1940]

It stood opposite to the CRICKETERS ARMS.

SPOTTED LEOPARD [1854], [1858], [1860], [1865]
LEOPARD [1822], [1833], [1873]

It had a beerhouse license.

John Fellows was also a mine agent. [1833]

Phoebe Fellows, beer retailer, Church Street. [1841]

1841 Census

Church Street

- [1] *Phoebe Fellows* (70), victualler, born Staffordshire;
- [2] Elizabeth Norton (30), fs, born Staffordshire;
- [3] Ann Morris (20), fs, born Staffordshire:

1851 Census

Church Street

- [1] *Sarah Salt* (39), widow, victualler, born Baswick, Staffordshire;
- [2] Sarah Ann Salt (14), daughter, born Baswick, Staffordshire;
- [3] Fanny Salt (10), daughter, born Baswick, Staffordshire;
- [4] Edward Salt (9), son, born Baswick, Staffordshire;
- [5] Frederick Salt (6), son, born Bilston;
- [6] John Salt (3), son, born Bilston;
- [7] James Nevil (28), lodger, brush maker, born Liverpool;
- [8] Ann Nevil (20), wife, born Walsall:

Sarah Salt married *Edward Foster* (cordwainer) on 25th October 1854 at the Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton.

1861 Census

53, Church Street

- [1] *Edward Foster* (47), victualler and innkeeper, born Bilston;
- [2] Sarah Foster (53), wife, born Brockton, Staffordshire;
- [3] Clara Salt (23), stepdaughter, born Brockton, Staffordshire;
- [4] Thomas Salt (18), stepson, boiler maker, born Brockton, Staffordshire;
- [5] Frances Salt (20), stepdaughter, born Brockton, Staffordshire;
- [6] John Salt (12), stepson, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] Frederick Salt (14), stepson, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] Elizabeth Bratt (21), house servant, born Bilston;
- [9] Levison Martin (41), boarder, fishmonger, born Staffordshire:

1871 Census

53, Church Street – The LEOPARD

- [1] *John Fowler* (36), innkeeper, born Bilston;
- [2] Sarah A. Fowler (27), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] Mary A. Deeley (19), barmaid, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] John Cumming (23), visitor, journeyman hatter, born London:

Henry Fowler was a committee member of the Wolverhampton and District Licensed Victuallers' Society. He was elected on 3rd January 1878.

1881 Census

53, Church Street – LEOPARD

- [1] *John Fowler* (46), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Clara M. Fowler* (24), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Elizabeth Evans* (19), general servant, born Princes End;
- [4] *William Fletcher* (61), musician, pianist, blind, born Ludlow;
- [5] *Richard Andrew* (70), boarder, tailor, born Berriew, Montgomeryshire;
- [6] *George Allcock* (41), boarder, commercial traveller (japan goods), born Bilston:

Evening Express 7/12/1881 - Advert

“Wanted at once, a respectable Girl, as General Servant.

Apply, LEOPARD INN, Church Street, Bilston.”

1891 Census

53, Church Street

- [1] *Thomas J. Hodson* (35), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Harriet Hodson* (36), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Emily J. Hodson* (11), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Alfred E. Hodson* (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *George J. Hodson* (7), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Alice M. Hodson* (5), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *Eliza A. Hodson* (2), daughter, born Wolverhampton:

1901 Census

97, Church Street

- [1] *William Nathaniel Cottrell* (42), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Amy Cottrell* (44), wife, born Wellesbourne, Warwickshire;
- [3] *William Douglas Cottrell* (15), son, railway clerk, born Tettenhall;
- [4] *Arthur Felix Cottrell* (13), son, born Tettenhall;
- [5] *Amy Beatrice Cottrell* (10), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Florence Hutchinson* (21), general servant, born Bilston:

Jack Hylton was married to *Maude*.

1911 Census

97, Church Street

- [1] *William Guy* (49), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Maria Guy* (39), wife, married 9 years, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Joseph Henry Guy* (23), son, fitter cold pressed nut trade, born Bilston:

A team from here took part in the Bilston Crib League, Section B. [1946]

[1966]

Closed

It was demolished circa 1970.

LEOPARD

Dudley Road, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Kimberley [1873]

LION

79, (44), Church Street / Crown Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

George Masters, agent, Oxford Street, Bilston
George Masters, agent, Holly Bank, Congleton
Frederick William Plant, wine and spirit merchant, Bilston
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1904]

LICENSEES

William Fox Hollingsworth [1854]
Samuel William Hales [1858] – **1861**)
William George Masters and Son [1864] – [1866]
William George Masters [1868] – [1870]
Charles Roberts [1871] – **1874**);
George William Hands (**1874 – 1876**);
Thomas Barnes (**1876 – 1879**);
Samuel Barnett (**1879 – 1881**);
Charles Roberts (**1881**);
George Millard (**1881 – 1896**);
Frederick William Plant (**1896**);
Charles Homer Bond (**1896 – 1897**);
Frederick William Plant (**1897 – 1906**);
Mary Sophia Wright (**1906 – 1907**);
William Howard Collins (**1907 – 1935**);
Mrs. Ethel Mary Collins (**1935 – [1940]**)
J R Hughes [1960]

NOTES

44, Church Street [1861], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1871], [1873], [1874], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896]
79, Church Street [1916], [1932], [1940]

It was next door to the MARKET TAVERN, opposite the Market Hall.

LION HOTEL [1860], [1861], [1865], [1870], [1871], [1891], [1904], [1916], [1940]
LION and Commercial house [1858]
Commercial hotel [1854], [1861], [1873]

Frontage to Church Street about 28ft.

Samuel William Hales = Samuel William Hale

1861 Census

44, Church Street

- [1] *Samuel W. Hale* (32), widower, spirit merchant, born Moreton, Gloucestershire;
- [2] Ann Sherritt (35), housekeeper, born Oxford;
- [3] Jane Budry (21), waitress, born Ross;
- [4] Jane Griffiths (26), cook, born Welchford, Shropshire;
- [5] Mary Smith (36), barmaid, born Sedgley;
- [6] Louisa Hale (35), sister, born Moreton, Gloucestershire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 31/7/1861 - Advert

“Important To Wine And Spirit Merchants And Others.

To Be Let, the LION Commercial Hotel, Wine and Spirit Vaults, situated in High-street, Bilston, in the county of Stafford, in the very best business part of town, being immediately opposite the Market-place. The premises consist of a large Spirit Vaults, with attractive Frontage and Entrance Hall, Smoke Room, and extensive Cooking Kitchen on the ground floor, a large Commercial Room, Sitting Room, Club Room, and five Bed Rooms, with convenience to add to their number. The Out-offices comprise extensive Brewhouse, Stabling, Shedding, and Store Room. The Cellars are excellent, and the whole Premises admirably adapted for carrying on a first-rate Commercial Business, and a large Wholesale and Retail Wine and Spirit Trade.

The Business, which is well established and flourishing, is to be disposed of in consequence of the death of late Proprietor.

The Fixtures are the property of the landlord, and the in-coming Tenant will merely have to purchase the Goodwill, Stock-in-Trade, and Brewing Plant, at a fair valuation.

Immediate possession can be given.

For further particulars, apply to the Executors of the late Mr. *Samuel Hale*, Mr. Purcell and Mr. George Jackson, of Church-street; or Mr. George Jackson, Auctioneer, Oxford-street, all of Bilston, aforesaid.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 18/9/1861 - Advert

“LION COMMERCIAL HOTEL, and Wine and Spirit Vaults, Church Street, Bilston.

To Wine and Spirit Merchants, Brokers, and Others.

Mr George Brown is instructed by the Executors of the late Mr. *Samuel Hale*, to Sell upon the above premises, on Monday and Tuesday next, the 23rd and 24th days of September instant, the Household Furniture, stock of Wines and Spirits, Brewing Plant, and other Effects.

Catalogues may be had upon the premises, or at the Auctioneer’s Offices, Oxford-street, Bilston, aforesaid.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 19/9/1866 - Advert

“September 28, 1866. Twelve Freehold Messuages or Dwelling Houses, Coseley Row, Bilston.

Messrs. Walker and H. J. Lloyd will Sell by Auction, on Friday, the 28th day of September, at the house of Mr. *Masters*, called the LION HOTEL, Church Street, Bilston, at Six o’clock in the Evening, subject to conditions as then will be produced.....”

1871 Census

44, Church Street – LION HOTEL

- [1] *Charles Roberts* (35), licensed victualler employing 1 assistant, born Overton, Hampshire;
 - [2] Elizabeth Roberts (37), wife, born Walsall;
 - [3] Anne Roberts (9), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
 - [4] Charles Roberts (6), son, scholar, born North Wales;
 - [5] William Roberts (3), son, scholar, born Oldbury;
 - [6] Harry Roberts (1), son, born Wolverhampton;
 - [7] Clara Callis (15), general servant, born Smethwick;
 - [8] Edith E. Hawkins (26), general servant, born Manchester;
 - [9] Ann M. Allen (29), visitor, cooper’s wife, born Blackheath, Staffordshire:
- [Overton is about 8 miles WSW of Basingstoke.]

Midland Advertiser 9/2/1878 - Advert

“Walter Showell, Crosswells’ Brewery, Oldbury / Has the pleasure to inform his friends and customers of Oldbury and District, that he has given up the Agency of Messrs. W. A. Gilbey. He has been induced to so in consequence of the rapid increase of business, which has far outgrown the limits to which agencies of this kind usually attach, and which has consequently rendered it necessary for him to purchase in the open market, in order to meet the requirements of his customers. In doing so he has confined his purchases to Importers of the first class only, and being in a position to obtain the most favourable terms, and finds himself able to offer an article very far superior, in that he has been hitherto able to do in his capacity as Agent. In order to give every facility for the prompt attention of Orders, he has arranged for a stock of each quality of Wines and Spirits to be kept at the / ROYAL OAK INN / King Street, Wednesbury / Where / Mr. *William Hupton* / Will be happy to supply any order that may be entrusted to him / Wholesale and Family Orders forwarded to the Crosswells Brewery will receive prompt attention / Agents: Mr. *T. Taft*, TALBOT HOTEL, Cradley Heath.

Mr. *Isaac Newton*, HORSESHOE INN, Brierley Hill.

Mr. *Thomas Barnes*, LION HOTEL, Bilston.

Mr. *Daniel Darby*, OLD BRITANNIA INN, Moxley.”

1881 Census

44, Church Street – LION

[1] *Charles Roberts* (47), licensed victualler, born Hampshire;

[2] *William Roberts* (14), son, born Oldbury;

[3] *Enoch Wood* (30), barman, born St. Ives, Huntingdonshire:

Evening Express 26/8/1881 - Advert

“Wanted, a good General Servant, with good character.

Apply at the LION HOTEL, Bilston.”

George Millard – see also BARREL VAULTS and SPREAD EAGLE.

1891 Census

44, Church Street – LION HOTEL

[1] *George Millard* (46), licensed victualler, born Eversholt, Bedfordshire;

[2] *Mary Millard* (43), wife, born London;

[3] *Laura Millard* (18), daughter, born Walsall;

[4] *Elizabeth Guest* (23), barmaid, born Staffordshire;

[5] *Sarah Stretton* (25), general servant, born Derbyshire;

[6] *Alice Davis* (15), waitress, born Staffordshire:

George Millard – see also BARREL VAULTS

1901 Census

79, Church Street

[1] *Mary Wright* (44), widow, hotel manageress, born Bilston;

[2] *Harold Wright* (13), son, born Bilston;

[3] *Winifred Wright* (11), daughter, born Bilston;

[4] *Mary Wright* (10), daughter, born Bilston;

[5] *Emily Finlow* (28), barmaid, born Kidderminster:

South Staffordshire Times 7/10/1922

“Mr. Wright, on behalf of Messrs. Butlers, brewers, Wolverhampton, for permission for structural alterations at the MARKET TAVERN, Church Street, Bilston and the LION INN, which adjoins it, and BRITANNIA INN, Bradley. Dealing with the MARKET TAVERN first, he said the proposed alterations would be an improvement in the domestic and sanitary accommodation of the premises, and the building of a bath room upstairs. The premises would be made more comfortable for the occupants and also more convenient for the customers of both sexes.

The Chairman said the Bench quite approved of the desire to make the occupants more comfortable. That was a very reasonable request, and the application would be granted.

Mr. Wright explained that the alterations at the LION would be similar, and the application was also granted.....”

William Howard Collins was fined £10, on 24th April 1931, for suffering the bar of his licensed premises to be used for the purpose of betting.

William Howard Collins died in 1935.

Closed

It was put up for auction in July 1960 as a de-licensed public house.

Demolished

LOT ONE

THE FREEHOLD PROPERTY
known as

THE LION HOTEL
CHURCH STREET, BILSTON
AND LAND AT REAR

THE PROPERTY

TRADING LOCATION
(See key plan)

DESCRIPTION
(See site plan)

Brick built and comprising
DE-LICENSED PUBLIC HOUSE
designed on basement, ground floor and two upper floors.
together with
LAND AT REAR
Frontage to Church Street about 28 ft.
Built depth about 79 ft.
Return site frontage to Crown Street and site depth about 238 ft.
(including land at rear)

The upper floors are internally approached and comprise four rooms, having an area of approximately 610 sq. ft. and bathroom on the first floor, whilst on the second floor there are three rooms, having an area of approximately 410 sq. ft.

The basement is utilised for storage purposes and has an area of approximately 900 sq. ft.

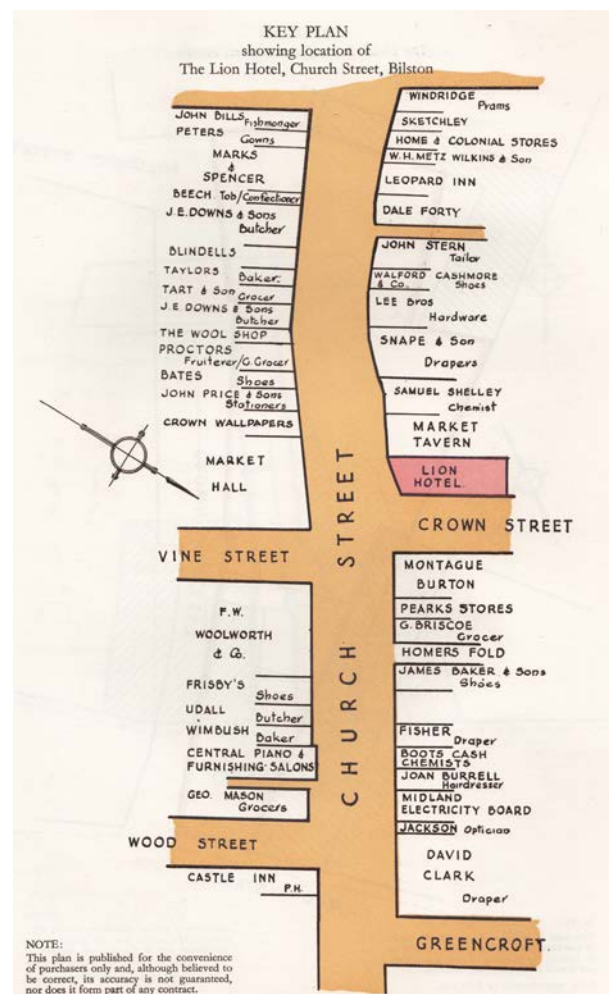
TENURE

The property is **FREEHOLD**.

VACANT POSSESSION
ON COMPLETION

RIPE FOR CONVERSION OR REDEVELOPMENT
AS RETAIL SHOPS WITH OFFICES OR SHOWROOMS
ABOVE ON THE CHURCH STREET FRONTAGE, AND
RESIDENTIALLY AT THE REAR.

The Justices and Excise Licences and all furnishings, trade fixtures and fittings, are excluded from the sale.



Auction catalogue 1960

LION

1, Coseley Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Charles Tizard [1861]

NOTES

1861 Census

1, Coseley Street – The LION

[1] *Charles Tizard* (45), victualler and grocer, born Charminster, Dorset;

[2] *Elizabeth Tizard* (42), wife, born Whitney, Herefordshire;

[4] *Sarah Kinston* (16), general servant, born Bilston:

LION

Millfields, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Jonathan Westwood [1860]

LITTLE SWAN

30, (40), Gozzard Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Parker, blacksmith, Tame Street, Wednesbury
Daniel Ratcliffe
Chater and Co. Ltd., brewers, Wolverhampton
J. and J. Yardley and Co. Ltd.
Daniel and J. H. Ratcliffe, 17, High Street, Bilston
J. H. Ratcliffe, butcher, 32, Market Street, Hednesford
Millward Brothers Ltd., maltsters, Leabrook, Wednesbury
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Parker [1858] – [1865]
Daniel Ratcliffe [1871] – **1894**;
Thomas Hall **(1894)**;
John Pagett **(1894 – 1895)**;
Mrs. Ann Bird **(1895)**;
Fanny Daniels **(1895)**;
Joseph Davis **(1895 – 1897)**;
William Dunn **(1897)**;
Caroline Smith **(1897 – 1898)**;
Eliza Hall **(1898)**;
George Hall **(1898)**;
Daniel R Bishop **(1898 – 1901)**;
Thomas Hill **(1901 – 1902)**;
Richard Bate **(1902 – 1905)**;
Frederick John Thomas Haskew **(1905 – 1911)**;
John Simmons **(1911 – 1913)**;
Mrs. Sarah Maria (Vickers) Walton **(1913 – 1929)**;
William Henry Vickers **(1929 – [1940]**
F E Owen [1976]
Frank Roper []

NOTES

40, Gozzard Street [1861], [1871], [1881]
30, Gozzard Street [1901], [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

William Parker, beerhouse, Gozzard Street. [1858]

1861 Census

40, Gozzard Street – LITTLE SWAN

- [1] *William Parker* (50), victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elizabeth Parker* (48), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Ann Parker* (19), daughter, house servant, born Bilston;
- [4] *Thomas Parker* (10), son, scholar, born Bilston:

William Parker, beer retailer, Gozzard Street. [1865]

Daniel Ratcliffe = *Daniel Radcliff* = *Daniel Radcliffe*

1871 Census

40, Gozzard Street

- [1] *Daniel Radcliff* (29), beer seller, born Alton, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Emma Radcliff* (23), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Mary Radcliff* (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Harriet Hackwood* (17), domestic servant, born Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire:

1881 Census

40, Gozzard Street

- [1] *Daniel Radcliffe* (39), beerhouse keeper, born Alton, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Emma Radcliffe* (33), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Mary Radcliffe* (13), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Daniel Radcliffe* (7), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *John Radcliffe* (3), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Wilfred Radcliffe* (6 months), son, born Bilston;
- [7] *Mary Radcliffe* (78), mother, widow, visitor, born Alton, Staffordshire;
- [8] *Emma Lane* (21), general servant, born Bilston:

Evening Express 16/6/1881

“An inquest was held at the LITTLE SWAN INN, Gozzard Street, Bilston, on Tuesday, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, district coroner, on the body of a child, aged three months, named Alice Emberton, who died suddenly on Monday afternoon.

The mother of the deceased stated that the child had been entirely in her own care, and had only been suffering from a slight attack of diarrhea. On Monday deceased seemed a little better, and she laid it down while she went into the yard. When she returned, about twenty minutes after, the child was dead. The yard in which she lived was in a very unhealthy condition. In wet weather a pool of stagnant water lay in front of the dwelling, and remained there until it was absorbed, the smell arising from it being, at times, very strong.

A neighbour gave similar testimony. She said that the mother of the deceased had lost four children since she had lived in the yard. The yard had been in its present bad condition for two or three years. A number of other children had been taken ill. She believed some of her neighbours had complained about the state of the yard.

A juryman said he had been told that the surveyor had seen the place, and had stated that he did not think it was the province of the Township Commissioners to put it in proper order.

The coroner said whether that was so or not, he thought it was the duty either of the inspector of nuisances or the surveyor to see that the yard was put in a healthy condition either by the owners of the property or someone else. It was utterly impossible to rear a healthy child whilst the yard was in its present filthy and badly drained state; and he hoped the jury would call the attention of the Commissioners to the matter.

The jury returned a verdict of Natural Causes, and adding to their verdict the following rider, ‘That the attention of both the surveyor and inspector of nuisances should be called to the terrible condition of the yard, with a view to affecting some remedy of the existing sanitary defects’.”

1891 Census

40, Gozzard Street – SWAN INN

- [1] *Daniel Ratcliffe* (49), publican (beerhouse), born Alton, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Emma ratcliffe* (43), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *John Ratcliffe* (13), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Wilfrid Ratcliffe* (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Joseph Ratcliffe* (8), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Albert Ratcliffe* (5), son, born Bilston:

1901 Census

30, Gozzard Street – Public House

- [1] *Thomas Hill* (35), public house keeper, born Lye;
- [2] *Mary Hill* (34), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *Maria Hill* (14), daughter, born Lye;
- [4] *Abigail Chance* (62), boarder, widow, born Lye;
- [5] *Nellie Hunt* (15), general servant, born Beoley, Worcestershire:

Haskew and Co. brewed here. [1908]

John Simmons, beer retailer, 30, Gozzard Street. [1912]

Sarah Maria Vickers married Job Walton on 19th March 1916.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Walton, beer retailer, 30, Gozzard Street. [1921]

She was fined £10 and special costs, on 28th June 1918, for selling beer not exceeding 1034 gravity above maximum price.

A team from here took part in the Bilston Charity Darts League. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Bilston Comforts Fund Darts League.
They won the cup for the best collection in 1946.

Frank Roper was the brother of Isaac (DOG AND PARTRIDGE).

Closed

Demolished [2007]

LORD NELSON

2, (65), Bridge Street / Fraser Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Bowen, solicitor, Bilston
Elijah Price
James Wedge
Lucy Wedge
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1946]

LICENSEES

John Proffitt [1865] – [1866]
Richard Silvester [1868] – [1870]
Joseph Shale [1871] – **1874**;
William Evans **(1874)**;
George Evans [1875] ?
Joseph Jones **(1874 – 1882)**;
Thomas Winsper **(1882 – 1886)**;
Job Winsper **(1886 – 1887)**;
James Wedge **(1887 – 1908)**;
Lucy Wedge **(1908 – 1910)**;
Mrs. Mary (Wedge) Richards **(1910 – 1916)**;
Eli Scarrott **(1916 – [1940])**

NOTES

65, Bridge Street [1881], [1901]
2, Bridge Street [1904], [1912], [1940]

It was built on the site of the Bull Holes, which had been used for bull baiting.

NELSON [1861], [1868], [1870], [1881], [1891], [1901], [1903]

It had a beerhouse license.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 18/9/1861 - Advert

“Sale on Tuesday Next, Sept. 24, 1861, at the NELSON INN, Bridge-Street, Bilston.

Mr. John Cassere will Sell by Auction, without the least reserve, upon the premises above, the whole of the Stock-In-Trade, Brewing Plant, Public House, Fixtures, and Effects, comprising 20 bushels of malt, capital malt crusher, casks of 500 and 3000 gallons each, several 60-gallon ale casks, 50 gallon ditto; excellent 4-pull beer machine, gas fittings, meter, screens, benches, lead piping, furnace, mash tub, cooler, round tubs, about 100 gallons of ales, tables, capital 8-day clock in mahogany case, and numerous other effects, all of which will be sold without the least reserve. Sale to commence at eleven o'clock precisely.

John Cassere, Auctioneer and Valuer, 51, Snowhill, Wolverhampton.

N.B. – The House To Be let, with immediate possession.”

John Proffitt, beer retailer, 65, Bridge Street. [1865]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 24/1/1866 - Advert

“Tuesday, February 6th, 1861. Desirable Freehold Public House and Premises, at Bilston, in the County of Stafford. Mr. Samuel Baker will Sell by Auction (by direction of the representatives of the Mortgagee under power of Sale), at the GREAT WESTERN INN, Hall Street, Bilston, on Tuesday, the 6th day of February, 1866, at Six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions:—

All that old-established and well-accustomed Public House, known by the sign of the LORD NELSON, situate and fronting to Bridge-street, in Bilston aforesaid, with the brewhouse, large copper boiler, outbuildings and appurtenances there to belonging, now in the occupation of Mr. *John Proffitt*, at an annual rent of £18.

The house comprises bar, parlour, smoke room, tap room, spacious club room, excellent cellaring and brewhouse, with malt room over the same, and is well situated for business, being in a densely populated neighbourhood, and within a short distance of the Bilston Brook Ironworks.

The premises now offered for sale are coloured red on a plan, which will be produced at the time of sale.

To view premises apply to the tenant, and for further particulars at the offices of Messrs. Mason and Holmes, Solicitors; or to the Auctioneer, Bilston.”

1871 Census

Bridge Street

- [1] *Joseph Shale* (30), blacksmith and publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Agnes Shale* (28), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Florence Shale* (7), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *William Shale* (4), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *J_____ Shale* (3), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Marian Shale* (4 months), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Betsy Wilkes* (18), general servant, born Bilston:

Midland Counties Evening Express 2/4/1875

“John Hartshorn, collier of Bilston, was brought up under remand, charged with stealing two knives and a steel, the property of *George Evans*, landlord of the LORD NELSON. The theft was committed while prisoner was drinking at the house of the prosecutor.

Mr. Willcock appeared for the prisoner, and pleaded previous good character as a reason why the sentence should be a mitigated one.

The Stipendiary sent prisoner to gaol for one month.”

1881 Census

65, Bridge Street – NELSON INN

- [1] *Joseph Jones* (33), sheet iron roller, born Bilston;
- [2] *Catherine Jones* (33), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *James Jones* (10), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Thomas Richard Jones* (8), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Frederick Walter Jones* (4), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *Hannah Maria Jones* (6 months), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Edwin Jones* (35), boarder, shingler in iron works, born Bilston:

1891 Census

Bridge Street – The NELSON

- [1] *James Wedge* (35), beer retailer, born Bilston;
- [2] *Lucy Wedge* (32), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Lucy Wedge* (8), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Mary Wedge* (6), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *James Wedge* (3), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *Mary Ann Fellows* (16), domestic servant, born Bilston:

James Wedge, beer retailer, 65, Bridge Street. [1896]

1901 Census

65, Bridge Street – NELSON INN

- [1] *James Wedge* (45), publican and coal dealer, born Bilston;
- [2] *Lucey Wedge* (43), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Lucey Wedge* (18), daughter, assistant to above, born Bilston;
- [4] *Mary Wedge* (16), daughter, assistant to above, born Bilston;
- [5] *Ann M. Wedge* (8), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Alfred Wedge* (5), son, born Bilston:

James Wedge, beer retailer, 2, Bridge Street. [1904]
He died on 20th December 1908.

Lucy Wedge died on 3rd June 1910.

Mary G. Wedge married *David Richards* in the third quarter 1910.

1911 Census

Bridge Street – NELSON INN

- [1] *David Richards* (32), steel furnace man, born Ettingshall;
- [2] *Mary Richards* (26), publican (beer retailer), born Bilston;
- [3] *Annie Wedge* (18), sister, assisting in business, born Bilston;
- [4] *Alfred Wedge* (15), brother, apprentice in bootmaking, born Bilston:

Mrs. Mary Richards, beer retailer, 2, Bridge Street. [1912]

A team from here took part in the Butlers (Bilston) Darts League. [1946]

Closed

It was demolished circa 1970.

LORD NELSON

Wednesbury Oak, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard Lunn *[1851]*

NOTES

[This possibly belongs to Princes End, Tipton.]

MALT SHOVEL

Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Susannah Halford [1818] – [1830]

Benjamin Goodred [1833] – [1835]

William Bath [1841] – [1842]

NOTES

Benjamin Goodred = Benjamin Goodbred

1841 Census

Church Street

- [1] *William Bath* (50), wine merchant;
- [2] *Charlotte Bath* (35), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *William Bath* (11), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Rosabella Bath* (9), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Charlotte Bath* (7), born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Helen Bath* (6), born Staffordshire;
- [7] *Sarah Bath* (4), born Staffordshire;
- [8] *Charles Bath* (9 months), born Staffordshire;
- [9] *Mary Williams* (20), fs, born Staffordshire;
- [10] *Elizabeth Jordan* (35), fs;
- [11] *Mary Gorhead* (15), fs;
- [12] *Mary Chetten* (14), fs, born Staffordshire;
- [13] *Dousella Drew* (20), fs, born Staffordshire;

MALT SHOVEL

91, (40), Oxford Street, (Oxford Road), BILSTON

OWNERS

Richard Pearson Snr., gentleman, Wednesfield
Frederick William Plant
Henry Plant and Son [1896]
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1904], [1934], [1946]

LICENSEES

William Brown [1818] – [1845]
Joseph Linney [1849] – [1850]
Ann White [1851]
Henry Plant [1864] – [1870]
William Jeffery [1871] manager
George French [1873] – **1875**;
Henry Plant [1874] (?)
Frederick William Plant **(1875 – 1877)**;
Isaac Richardson **(1877 – 1880)**;
William Matthews **(1880 – 1883)**;
William Griffin **(1883 – 1900)**;
John Danks **(1900 – 1902)**;
Mrs. Phoebe Danks **(1902 – 1911)**;
Robert Rudge **(1911)**;
Walter Waldron **(1911 – 1914)**;
George Powell **(1914 – 1922)**;
Edwin Hill **(1922 – 1937)**;
Harry Frederick Thomas **(1937 – [1940])**

PEREMPTORY and UNRESERVED SALE at the MALT SHOVEL LIQUOR VAULTS, OXFORD-STREET, BILSTON. TO LIQUOR MERCHANTS, PUBLICAN, SBRÖKERS and OTHERS.

MESSRS. J. MORRELL and SON will SELL upon the above premises, on THURSDAY NEXT, December 31st, 1874, under Bill of Sale and other legal processes, the whole of the Valuable LIQUOR VAULT FIXTURES, Trade Utensils, and other effects, consisting of 12-tap spirit fountain, six-pull lever beer machine, three-tap copper hot water apparatus, three large metal drainers, 18 spirit casks, spirit jars, stone spirit barrels, large mahogany counter, 24 feet long, broad deal counter, 24 feet, window boards, screens, seating, tables, ale and spirit measures, ale and spirit glasses, jugs and bottles; also the neat and genteel HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of mahogany telescope dining table, mahogany Pembroke table, mahogany-framed couch, in hair; mahogany-framed easy chair, pianoforte, handsome eight-day clock, Windsor, cane-seated, and other chairs, round and square deal tables, half-tester bedsteads in wood and iron; mahogany dressing tables, mahogany chests of drawers, drugget, Kidderminster and other carpets, wool and feather beds, wool and straw mattresses, six mahogany crown-back chairs, in hair with the usual kitchen and culinary utensils, with numerous other Effects, as detailed in catalogues.

Sale to commence at 10 a.m.
Auctioneers offices, Swan-bank, Bilston.

Advert 1874

NOTES

Oxford Road [1828]
40, Oxford Street [1864], [1865], [1871], [1874], [1881], [1891], [1896], [1904]
91, Oxford Street [1901], [1911], [1916], [1940]

It stood between the SADDLE AND STIRRUPS and TALBOT.

William Brown was also a maltster. [1818], [1845]

1851 Census

Oxford Street

- [1] Ann White (50), widow, MALT SHOVEL INN, born Romsley, Worcestershire;
- [2] Mary Ann White (26), daughter, born Bromsgrove;
- [3] Thomas White (23), son, castrator, born Bromsgrove;
- [4] Isabella White (21), daughter, born Bromsgrove;
- [5] Dorothy White (14), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;
- [6] John Griffin (24), visitor, maltster, born Stourbridge;

Henry Plant, wine and spirit vaults, 40-41, Oxford Street. [1868]

Frederick William Plant, wine and spirit vaults, 40 and 41, Oxford Street. [1870]

1871 Census

40, Oxford Street

[1] *William Jeffery* (27), manager of liquor vaults, born Northampton;

[2] *Mary A. Jeffery* (29), wife, assistant in liquor vaults:

Dudley Herald 3/1/1874

“To be sold by auction the MALT SHOVEL INN, Oxford Street, Bilston occupied by Mr. *Henry Plant*, with four houses.”

Midland Counties Evening Express 30/12/1874

“Peremptory and Unreserved Sale at the MALT SHOVEL LIQUOR VAULTS, Oxford Street, Bilston Messrs. J. Morrell and Son will sell upon the above premises, on Thursday next, December 31st 1874 the whole of the Valuable Liquor Vaults Fixtures, Trade utensils, and other effects, consisting of 12 tap spirit fountain, six-pull lever beer machine, three-tap copper hot water apparatus, three large metal drainers, 18 spirit casks, spirit jars, stone spirit barrels, large mahogany counter, 24 feet long, broad deal counter, 24 feet, window boards, screens, seating, tables, ale and spirit measures, ale and spirit glasses, jugs and bottles; also the neat and genteel Household Furniture.....”

1881 Census

40, Oxford Street – MALT SHOVEL INN

[1] *William Matthews* (37), licensed victualler, born Minety, Wiltshire;

[2] *Emily Matthews* (46), wife, born Warwick;

[3] *Annie Matthews* (13), daughter, scholar, born Stockton on Tees;

[4] *Jane Matthews* (11), daughter, scholar, born Middlesbrough;

[5] *John Matthews* (7), son, scholar, born Guisborough, Yorkshire;

[6] *Elizabeth Matthews* (6), daughter, scholar, born Guisborough, Yorkshire;

[7] *James Matthews* (5), son, scholar, born Middlesbrough;

[8] *Rhoda Holcroft* (17), general servant, born Bilston:

1891 Census

40, Oxford Street – MALT SHOVEL INN

[1] *William Griffin* (43), licensed victualler, born Leigh, Staffordshire;

[2] *Jane Griffin* (44), wife, born West Bromwich;

[3] *Jennie Jones Griffin* (10), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;

[4] *William Griffin* (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;

[5] *Samuel Andrew Griffin* (7), son, scholar, born Bilston;

[6] *Robert Thomas Griffin* (5), son, scholar, born Bilston:

William Griffin was convicted on 23rd October 1894 for permitting drunkenness.

1901 Census

91, Oxford Street

[1] *John Danks* (45), publican, born Bradley;

[2] *Phoebe Danks* (42), wife, born Sedgley;

[3] *Mary E. Danks* (14), daughter, school teacher, born Sedgley;

[4] *Stephen J. Danks* (13), son, office boy, born Bilston;

[5] *Frederick C. Danks* (11), son, born Bilston;

[6] *Lilian V. M. Danks* (11 months), daughter, born Sedgley;

[7] *Clara Hamsley* (19), general servant, born Sedgley;

[8] *Sarah M. Briscoe* (14), general servant, born Sedgley:

John Danks died on 11th July 1902.

1911 Census

91, Oxford Street

[1] *Robert Rudge* (40), publican, born Tettenhall;

[2] *Jessie Rudge* (37), wife, married 9 years, born West Bromwich;

[3] *Gertrude Dalton* (22), assistant, assisting in the business, born Tettenhall:

South Staffordshire Times 26/2/1921

“Bilston Police Court..... *Joseph Thomas Roach* (Wednesbury) and *John Waling* (Oxford Street, Bilston), were charged with being drunk and disorderly in Oxford Street, Bilston, on February 23rd, and further with refusing to quit the MALT SHOVEL INN when requested to do so by the manager.

The evidence was to the effect that the two men who have no particular occupation, were drunk and disorderly in the street; but previous to that they had gone into the MALT SHOVEL INN and when the manager refused to serve them with drinks they became threatening and abusive, and tried to get over the counter to help themselves. They had to be forcibly ejected.

Defendants, who had previous convictions against them, were each fined £6, or two months imprisonment.”

A team from here took part in the Butlers (Bilston) Darts League. [1946]

Closed

Demolished

MANCHESTER HOUSE

Coseley Row, BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas Bywater, clerk, Birmingham

LICENSEES

Edward Roberts [] – **1873**);
John Shipley (**1873** – []

NOTES

License abandoned – House down. [1873]

MANOR

94, Stowheath Lane, BILSTON

OWNERS

Courage Ltd.
Inntrepreneur Ltd. [1995]

LICENSEES

Carole O'Rourke [1986] – [1989]
Keith Lawley [1995]
Christina Wilkes [2005]

NOTES

Built c.1960s

[1976]
[1997]

An application was made for alterations in 1998.

It was renamed the HARE AND HOUNDS. [2001]

It closed in 2007.

It was demolished in 2012.

Housing was built on the site.



1997



2007

MARKET TAVERN

81, (45), (46), Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Henry Plant, wine merchant, Penkridge
Henry Plant and Sons [1896]
Frederick William Plant
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1904]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1975]

LICENSEES

John Green [1851]
W Ashcroft [1858]
Benjamin Taylor [1860]
Walter Plant [1873] – **1876**;
Henry Plant **(1876 – 1877)**;
Frederick William Plant **(1877 – 1917)**;
Miss Sarah A Overton [1891] manageress
Walter Waldron **(1917 – 1937)**;
Edwin Hill **(1937 – [1940])**
John H Smallman [1983] – [1988]
Grant McMurchie [] – **1995**;
Graham Steven Williams **(1995 – [2005])**

NOTES

46, Church Street [1858]
45, Church Street [1881], [1891], [1896], [1904]
81, Church Street [1901], [1916], [1921], [1940], [1994], [1997], [2002], [2003]

It was next door to the LION HOTEL.

MARKET VAULTS [1858]

Tokens were issued from here.

John Green was also a wine and spirit merchant. [1851]

1851 Census

Church Street

- [1] *John Green* (36), widower, innkeeper, born Studley, Worcestershire;
- [2] *George Green* (34), visitor, builder, born Studley, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Edna Green* (46), sister in law, widow, house keeper, born Tong, Staffordshire;
- [4] *Edna Green* (26), niece, born Warwickshire:



Wolverhampton Chronicle 6/2/1861

“Hezekiah Webb and Charles Hughes, both of Bilston, were charged at the Police Office, yesterday, with having stolen a gold watch from the person of Thomas Hughes, at the MARKET TAVERN, on the 28th ultimo. The prosecutor was a schoolmaster at Stone. On the 28th ultimo he had occasion to visit Bilston, and while in the town he called at the NEW MARKET TAVERN. He was there robbed of an old-fashioned gold watch, and the prisoners being near him at the time of the robbery was committed, they were taken into custody. The watch has not been recovered. Hughes was not present to prosecute yesterday, and the prisoners were bound over on their own recognisances to appear when called on.”

Midland Counties Evening Express 10/2/1875

“*Walter Plant* of the MARKET TAVERN was summoned for permitting drunkenness on Saturday night. Mr. Barrow defended.

Police-constable Webb said that he entered the defendant’s house at nine o’clock on Saturday night, and found a man named Lavender drunk. He told him to leave, but going again in half an hour found him still there, and saw him drink some whisky. Several witnesses were called who swore that Lavender was not supplied with drink in the house, but that after being put out at nine o’clock he returned and concealed himself in an obscure corner of the liquor shop, and upon being discovered was again put out.

The learned Stipendiary allowed the summons to be withdrawn on defendant paying the costs.”

1881 Census

45, Church Street – MARKET TAVERN

- [1] *Frederick Plant* (32), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Mary Plant* (37), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Alfred G. Plant* (21), brother, clerk, born Bilston;
- [4] *Henry W. Plant* (6), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Caroline A. Plant* (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Emma L. Plant* (1), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Annie Salmon* (24), barmaid, born Warwick;
- [8] *Jane Butler* (26), nurse, born Bilston;
- [9] *Clara Caddick* (19), general servant, born Bilston:

1891 Census

45, Church Street – MARKET TAVERN

- [1] *Sarah A. Overton* (33), unmarried, barmaid, manageress, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Ellen Payne* (19), barmaid, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Griffith Evans* (23), general servant, born Guilsfield, Montgomeryshire;
- [4] *Florence A. Richards* (19), general servant, born Bilston:

1901 Census

81, Church Street

- [1] *Martha Turley* (21), barmaid, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Miriam Agg* (18), barmaid, born Charles Wotton, Broadway, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Martha Wood* (21), barmaid, born Oldbury;
- [4] *Louisa Matthews* (44), cook, born Eccleshall, Staffordshire;
- [5] *Annie Varley* (14), general servant, born Bilston:

South Staffordshire Times 24/7/1920

“Bilston Police Court. Friday. Before Messrs. J. A. Jordan and J. A. Allen.

Walter Waldron, of the MARKET TAVERN, Bilston, was granted an occasional license for the Bilston Flower Show on August 4th from 10.30 to 10pm.”

South Staffordshire Times 7/10/1922

“Mr. Wright, on behalf of Messrs. Butlers, brewers, Wolverhampton, for permission for structural alterations at the MARKET TAVERN, Church Street, Bilston and the LION INN, which adjoins it, and BRITANNIA INN, Bradley. Dealing with the MARKET TAVERN first, he said the proposed alterations would be an improvement in the domestic and sanitary accommodation of the premises, and the building of a bath room upstairs. The premises would be made more comfortable for the occupants and also more convenient for the customers of both sexes.

The Chairman said the Bench quite approved of the desire to make the occupants more comfortable. That was a very reasonable request, and the application would be granted.

Mr. Wright explained that the alterations at the LION would be similar, and the application was also granted.....”

It was refurbished in the early 1990s.

Grant McMurchie committed suicide in August 1995.

Graham Williams was married to Vicky Anne.

[2016]



1997



2016

MARQUIS OF WELLINGTON

Ettingshall Lane, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard Evans [1835]

NOTES

Etenshall Lane [1835]

MINERS ARMS

Stafford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Price [1860]

MINERS ARMS

1, Thompson Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

John Baker, air pipe maker, Thompson Street, Bilston
Richard Andrew Harper, brewer, Bilston
Cheshire's Brewery Ltd. (leased)
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (leased)
John Downing, brewer, Black Horse Brewery, Dudley
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1965]

LICENSEES

Alfred Townsend [1873] – **1874**);
Henry Baker (**1874 – 1875**);
Vincent Wheeler (**1875 – 1876**);
Francis Bridgman (**1876 – 1881**);
Joseph James Blackford (**1881 – 1882**);
John Millward (**1882 – 1884**);
Henry Baker (**1884 – 1886**);
Joseph George Hall (**1886 – 1894**);
Thomas Wood (**1894 – 1896**);
William Harris (**1896 – 1897**);
Thomas Hunt (**1897**);
Alfred Wood (**1897 – 1901**);
Edward Astwick (**1901 – 1902**);
Alice Astwick [1901] ?
John Henry Wright (**1902 – 1905**);
Charles Smith (**1905 – 1906**);
Henry John Underwood (**1906**);
Joseph Martin (**1906 – 1907**);
Joseph Dicken (**1907 – 1908**);
Arthur Perks (**1908**);
Frederick William Lewis Bowness (**1908 – 1909**);
Charles Smith (**1909**);
Henry Willey (**1909 – 1911**);
Frederick Ernest Bird (**1911**);
Thomas Roberts (**1911 – 1914**);
William Roberts (**1914 – 1920**);
Joseph Wilfred Law (**1920 – 1922**);
Job Lockley (**1922 – [1940]**)

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1891 Census

Thompson Street – MINERS ARMS

- [1] *Joseph G. Hall* (29), beerhouse keeper, born Warwick;
- [2] *Hannah J. Hall* (30), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Millie Hall* (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Matilda Molineux* (23), general servant, born Bilston:

Thomas Wood, beer retailer, Thompson Street. [1896]

1901 Census

1, Thompson Street

- [1] *Edward Astwick* (35), woolen draper's traveller, born Flockton, Yorkshire;
- [2] *Alice Astwick* (27), wife, licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Annie Cund* (18), domestic servant, born Wolverhampton:

John Henry Wright, beer retailer, 1, Thompson Street. [1904]

1911 Census

1, Thompson Street

- [1] *Frederick Ernest Bird* (38), publican, beerhouse, born Tamworth;
- [2] *Edith Maude Bird* (39), wife, married 19 years, born Cradley Heath;
- [3] *Herbert Victor Bird* (18), son, gas tube labourer, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Minnie Margaret Louisa Bird* (12), daughter, school, born Birmingham;
- [5] *Louisa Hill* (68), widow, mother in law, born Brennall, Wiltshire;
- [6] *Charles Hodgkinson* (29), visitor:

Thomas Roberts, beer retailer, 1, Thompson Street. [1912]

Job Lockley was fined £3, on 22nd July 1927, for supplying beer during non-permitted hours.

Bilston and Willenhall Times 4/2/1928

“In applying for the renewal of the license of the MINERS ARMS, Thompson Street, Bilston, to *J. Lockley*, Mr. F. Cooper (Walsall) mentioned that on July 22nd there was a conviction against the house, and it might be imagined that the offence was a serious one. It arose, however, purely through a misunderstanding on the part of the licensee. It applied to some beer, which had been served on a Saturday night, and had been put on premises at the back, to be called for on Sunday morning by a party who were having a day's outing. The licensee had held the house for six years without the slightest complaint by the police or the owners of the property, and at the legal proceedings the police were good enough to intimate that they did not regard this as a case where the Brewery Company should be asked to get rid of the licensee. Mr. Cooper asked the Justices in this case, where the conviction was due entirely to a misconception, to renew the license to a man who had borne so excellent a character in the eyes of the police and his employers.

The application was granted.”

A team from here took part in the Bilston Crib League, Section B. [1946]

Letter to the Clerk of Justices in Wolverhampton, dated 22nd July 1975

“MINERS ARMS, Thompson Street, Bilston.

The above premises will close for trading after permitted hours on Thursday, 31st July 1975, and the license will be allowed to lapse.

We would be obliged if you would please amend your records accordingly.”

Mitchells & Butlers Limited

Cape Hill Brewery
P.O. Box 27
Birmingham B16 0PQ
Telephone: 021-558 1481

Ext: 2143

Your Ref:

Our Ref: GWW/HG/AMD/ESTATES/
47485

22nd July, 1975.

P.K. Dodd Esq., B.A., L.L.B.,
Clerk to the Justices,
4th Floor,
McLean House,
School Street,
Wolverhampton,
WV1 4LT

BOROUGH JUSTICES

24 JUL 1975

CLERK

Dear Sir,

MINERS ARMS, THOMPSON STREET, BILSTON

The above premises will close for trading after permitted hours on Thursday, 31st July 1975, and the licence will be allowed to lapse.

We would be obliged if you would please amend your records accordingly.

Yours faithfully,
MITCHELLS & BUTLERS LIMITED



G. W. Wright, A.R.I.C.S.,
Regional Estates Manager



MITRE

Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

Closed
It was demolished in the 1960s.

MOULDERS ARMS

Lower Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Lady Emily Foley

LICENSEES

Samuel Busby [1873]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

The license was abandoned.

NAGS HEAD

Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

John Hickman, ironfounder, Bilston

LICENSEES

Edward Holloway [1818]
John Hickman [1828] – [1842]
Thomas Jones [1851] – [1854]
Alfred Hill [1861]
Thomas Jones [1873] – **1885**):

NOTES

Edward Holloway was also a boat builder. [1818]

John Hickman was also a brass and iron founder. [1833]

1851 Census

Wolverhampton Street

- [1] *Thomas Jones* (34), pattern maker and victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Lydia Jones* (29), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Ann Jones* (8), daughter, day scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Lydia Jones* (3), daughter, day scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Enoch Evan Jones* (1), son:

1861 Census

Wolverhampton Street – NAGS HEAD Public House

- [1] *Alfred Hill* (32), coal miner, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Hill* (29), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Henry Hill* (12), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Denis Hill* (5), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Aron Hill* (2), son, born Bilston:

The license was abandoned in 1885.

NAVIGATION

1, (2), Salop Street, (2, Salop Row), (Shropshire Row), Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Hayward
Mrs. Goodreid
Emma Goodred, widow, Salop Street, Bradley, Bilston
Edward Lawrence, brewer, Wolverhampton
Harmer and Co. Ltd.
Holt Brewery Co. Ltd.
Ansell's Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Hayward [1854] – **1880**;
William Goodreid **(1880)**;
Charles Preston **(1880 – 1888)**;
Alfred Fellows **(1888 – 1889)**;
Thomas Whitehouse **(1889 – 1891)**;
Mrs. Sarah Ann Whitehouse **(1891 – 1895)**;
Joseph Danks **(1895 – 1905)**;
George Willcox [1901] manager
James Clay **(1905 – 1907)**;
Rachel Westwood **(1907 – 1909)**;
Thomas Williams **(1909 – 1919)**;
Mrs. Lizzie Williams **(1919 – 1930)**;
Frank Holliday **(1930 – 1932)**;
Louisa Bourton **(1932 – 1937)**;
George Henry Wilkes **(1937 – [1940])**
Ron Higginson [c.1960]

NOTES

2, Salop Row [1861]
Shropshire Row [1868]
2, Salop Street [1873]
2+1, Salop Street [1881]
1, Salop Street [1891], [1904], [1912], [1940]

The Bradley Marathon started and finished outside here.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/2/1858

“On Monday last, W. H. Phillips Esq., deputy coroner, held an adjourned inquest at the house of Mr. *Hayward*, the NAVIGATION INN, Bilston, on the body of Harriet *Hayward*, wife of the landlord of the inn. The inquest was held in accordance with the wish of the friends of the deceased, certain rumours having been current to the cause of death. At the opening of the inquest Mr. Hancox, surgeon, gave it as his opinion that the deceased had died from excessive drinking, but according to the desire of Mrs. *Hayward*’s friends the inquest was adjourned in order that Mr. Best, surgeon, might make a post mortem examination of the body. At the adjourned inquiry Mr. Best confirmed the opinion of Mr. Hancox as to the cause of the deceased’s death – namely, the excessive use of intoxicating drinks. There were, he said, no marks of violence upon the body. The Jury returned a verdict accordingly.”

1861 Census

2, Salop Row

- [1] *William Hayward* (40), victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Emma Hayward* (39), sister, housekeeper, born Bilston;
- [3] *Emma Hayward* (9), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *George Hayward* (6), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Jane Murry* (20), servant, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Thomas Butler* (40), brewer, born Northampton:

1871 Census

Salop Street

- [1] *William Hayward* (52), widower, licensed victualler, born Bilston;
 - [2] *William Goodreid* (22), visitor, iron roller in forge, born Bilston;
 - [3] *Emma Goodreid* (19), visitor, born Bilston;
 - [4] *George Hayward* (16), son, born Bilston;
 - [5] *Thomas Buttler* (59), domestic servant, born Northampton:
- [Was William Goodreid the person who followed William Hayward as the licensee?]

1881 Census

2+1, Salop Street

- [1] *Charles Preston* (28), publican, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Harriet Preston* (27), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Eliza Preston* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Harriet Preston* (5), daughter, scholar, born Willenhall;
- [5] *Charles Preston* (4), son, scholar, born Willenhall;
- [6] *Eliza Percival* (14), niece, born Wolverhampton:

1891 Census

1, Salop Street – NAVIGATION INN

- [1] *Thomas Whitehouse* (45), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *Sarah Ann Whitehouse* (45), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Maude Whitehouse* (14), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;
- [4] *Edith Whitehouse* (13), daughter, scholar, born Dudley:

Thomas Whitehouse died on 15th June 1891.

Joseph Danks = Joseph Banks

See also PRINCE OF WALES, Highfield Road.

1901 Census

NAVIGATION INN

- [1] *George Willcox* (49), manager of public house, born Stone Easton, Somersetshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Willcox* (49), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Elizabeth Danks* (19), waitress, born Bilston:

A team from here won the Bradley Darts League, Second Division, in 1946.

Ron Higginson died in 1981.

He was married to Lily.

[1956]

NAVIGATION

Pot House Bridge, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Abraham Brereton [1818] – [1822]

NEW BULLS HEAD

High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Batte [1818]

NEW BULLS HEAD

97, Wellington Road, (Wolverhampton Road), (Bilston Road, Priestfield), (Ettingshall), BILSTON

OWNERS

Henry Ward, gentleman, Rodbaston Parsonage
Richard Andrew Harper, brewer, Bilston
R. A. Harper Ltd., Hall Park Brewery, Bilston
Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Phineas Bullock [1822] – [1858]
William Cook [1864] – [1865]
T Smart [] – **1866**;
T Maddocks (**1866** – [])
John Hughes [1871] – **1879**;
George Hughes (**1879** – **1880**);
Richard Andrew Harper (**1880** – **1916**);
William Edwards [1901] ?
Harry Millington (**1916** – **1917**);
Howard Silvester Harper (**1917** – **1918**);
Charles Willis (**1918** – **1919**);
John Stokes (**1919** – **1925**);
Harry Boucher (**1925** – **1926**);
John Henry Golby (**1926** – **1927**);
Catherine Golby (**1927** – **1928**);
Jonathan Eccles (**1928** – **1931**);
Percy Thomas Mercer (**1931** – [1940])
H Singh [1983]
L Chand [1988]
A Singh [1989]
Jaswant Mehta [1995]

NOTES

Wolverhampton Road, Bilston [1851], [1864], [1866], [1896]
Bilston Road, Priestfield [1874]
97, Wellington Road [1901]
Wellington Road, Bilston [1912], [1928]

BULLS HEAD [1864], [1865], [1871], [1881], [1901]

Phineas Bullock = Phinias Bullock
He was also a glazier and painter. [1833]

1851 Census

Wolverhampton Road – NEW BULLS HEAD INN

- [1] *Phineas Bullock* (42), innkeeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary Bullock* (43), wife, born Bransford, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Phineas S. Bullock* (6), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Mary Jane Bullock* (4), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Anne Dawes* (25), boarder, barmaid, born Admaston, Shropshire;
- [6] *Eliza Cox* (22), house servant, born Bilston;
- [7] *George Mathews* (22), ostler and brewer, born Condover, Shropshire;
- [8] *John Lane* (33), leather factor and ladders ironmonger, born Stourport:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/1/1861 - Advert

“For Sale By Private Treaty, the excellent road-side House, the NEW BULLS HEAD INN, Wolverhampton Road, Bilston, containing Attics, large Club Room, four Bed Rooms, Dressing Room, Large front Parlour, private Parlour, Bar, Tap Room, Kitchen, larder, excellent Cellaring, Brew-house, three-stall Stable, with Lofts over, Coach house, Piggeries, Outhouses, &c., being a most complete and desirable property.
Application to be made on the Premises, or to Mr. John Bullock, Bilston.”

1871 Census

BULLS HEAD INN – Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *John Hughes* (49), publican, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Hughes* (38), wife, born Q____by, Shropshire;
- [3] *George Hughes* (19), son, scrap dealer, born Bilston;
- [4] *Alfred Hughes* (18), son, scrap dealer, born Bilston;
- [5] *Edward Hughes* (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *John Hughes* (2), son, born Bilston;
- [7] *William Hughes* (7 months), son, born Bilston;
- [8] *Elizabeth Russell* (10), wife's daughter, scholar, born Q____by, Shropshire;
- [9] *Mary J. Russell* (5), wife's daughter, scholar, born Q____by, Shropshire;
- [10] *Ann Whitehouse* (19), domestic servant:

John Hughes died on 8th May 1879.

1881 Census

Wolverhampton Road – BULLS HEAD INN

- [1] *Richard A. Harper* (37), licensed victualler, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Elizabeth Harper* (38), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] *Ann M. Harper* (13), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Agness Harper* (12), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Elizabeth Harper* (8), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Richard W. Harper* (5), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Sarah Ball* (21), general servant, born Bilston:

Richard Andrew Harper was a brewer. [1892], [1900]
He was listed as R. A. Harper, brewer, Hall Park Brewery [1904]
(registered November 1916).

1901 Census

97, Wellington Road – BULLS HEAD INN

[1] *William Edwards* (51), licensed victualler, born Redditch;

[2] *Sarah A. Edwards* (49), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Thomas Richards* (19), son, theatre bar waiter, born Bilston;

[4] *Ann Griffiths* (16), general servant, born Bilston:

[Richard A. Harper, brewer and spirit merchant, was listed at No. 95.]

Harry Millington was married to *Martha*.

He was fined £1, on 8th April 1918, for selling beer to a child under 14 in a vessel not corked or sealed.

South Staffordshire Times 10/1/1920

“At the generosity of Mr. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. *J. Stokes*, Mr. Walter Webb and Mr. Garbett, a large number of women were entertained to an excellent tea at the BULLS HEAD INN, Wellington Road, Bilston, on New Years night, and the beautifully decorated room and tables presented an attractive appearance. Mrs. Garbett and her busy staff of waitresses made every effort to make the guests feel in an atmosphere of happiness. An interesting and miscellaneous programme was subsequently gone through. Violin solos were creditably contributed by Mr. Davies, songs by Mrs. Humprey, humorous gramophone selections on Mr. Langstone’s instrument, Mrs. Ramsey made an excellent accompanist. A most pleasant evening was spent, and the donors were heartily thanked for their hospitality and Mr. *J. Stokes* suitably replied.”

It was rebuilt c.1925.

A music license was granted on 6th February 1925.

Bilston and Willenhall Times 28/1/1928

“There was a good attendance at the NEW BULLS HEAD, Wellington Road, Bilston, on Wednesday night, on the occasion of the annual dinner of the R.A.O.B. ‘Wellington’ Lodge (No.684). Bro. K. Pitt occupied the chair.....”

Percy Thomas Mercer was fined £15 and special costs of £6 5s 0d, and costs of 12s for using the bar of the licensed premises for the purpose of betting (and 3 other cases), on 21st June 1935.

[1995]

It closed in February 2002.

It was converted, along with neighbouring buildings, into a temple.



Ex Pub 2007

NEW INN

300, Bilston Road (Row) / Ettingshall Road, (Wolverhampton Road), Ettingshall, (Priestfield), (Monmore Green), BILSTON

OWNERS

Philip Partridge
Jane Partridge
William Partridge
Philip and William Partridge [1904]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1972]
Pyramid Pub Co. [2005]

LICENSEES

John Bill [1828] – [1830]
Thomas Bill [1834]
Catherine Bill [1835] – [1841]
Philip Partridge [1849] – [1851]
Thomas Lowe [1851]
Mrs. Ann Lowe [1855] – [1861]
Enoch Evans [1864]
Philip Partridge [1861] – **1880**;
Mrs. Jane Partridge **(1880 – 1888)**;
Philip and William Partridge **(1888 – 1901)**;
Frederick Henry Hartill **(1901 – 1902)**;
Charles Yeates **(1902 – 1903)**;
Emanuel Hanstock **(1903 – 1919)**;
Edward John Peers **(1919 – 1930)**;
John Walker **(1930 – 1938)**;
John Herbert Jackson **(1938 – 1939)**;
William Thomas Kings **(1939 – [1940])**
L Chand [1988]
Shaun James Cherrington [1994] – **1995**;
Andrew Fraser **(1995 – [])**
Tommy Collins [2003]
Bing Liang Feng [2005] – [2006]



NOTES

Bilston Road [1851], [1860], [1911]
Wolverhampton Road [1871], [1901], [1904], [1940]
Ettingshall Road [1891]

It was originally known as the DUKE OF YORK.

1841 Census

Bilston Road

- [1] *Catherine Bill* (60), victualler;
- [2] *Mary Baker* (73);
- [3] *Anne Tilton* (19), fs;
- [4] *Thomas Jones* (25), ms:

1851 Census

Bilston Road

- [1] *Philip Partridge* (36), victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Jane Partridge* (35), wife, born Wotton, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Julia Partridge* (14), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Moirra Partridge* (12), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Philip Partridge* (10), son, born Sedgley;
- [6] *William Partridge* (8), son, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Ann Partridge* (6), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] *Anne Lowell* (52) step mother, born Wotton, Warwickshire;
- [9] *Martha Phillips* (16), general servant, born Bilston:

1861 Census

Bilston Road – NEW INN

- [1] *Philip Partridge* (46), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Jane Partridge* (45), wife, born Leek Wootton, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Moirra Partridge* (23), daughter, born Ettingshall;
- [4] *Philip Partridge* (21), son, iron roll turner, born Ettingshall;
- [5] *William Partridge* (18), son, iron roll turner, born Ettingshall;
- [6] *Annie Partridge* (16), daughter, born Ettingshall;
- [7] *Eliza Duckers* (20), general servant, born Whitchurch, Shropshire:

1871 Census

Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *Philip Partridge* (56), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
 - [2] *Jane Partridge* (55), wife, born Wootton, Warwickshire;
 - [3] *Philip Partridge* (31), son, helps in father's business, born Sedgley;
 - [4] *William Partridge* (29), son, roll turner, born Wolverhampton;
 - [5] *Annie Partridge* (27), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
 - [6] *Philip Dixon* (7), grandson, born Wootton, Warwickshire;
 - [7] *Ann Lowe* (76), mother in law, born Wootton, Warwickshire;
 - [8] *Ann Munday* (18), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:
- [Wootton = Leek Wootton.]

Philip Partridge died in 1880.

1881 Census

Bilston Road

- [1] *Jane Partridge* (65), widow, licensed victualler, born Leek Wootton, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Philip Partridge* (41), son, born Sedgley;
- [3] *William Partridge* (38), son, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Annie Partridge* (36), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Ada Dixon* (4), granddaughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Sarah Rubery* (16), general servant, born Sedgley:

1891 Census

Ettingshall Road – NEW INN

- [1] *Philip Partridge* (51), innkeeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *William Partridge* (48), brother, innkeeper, born Bilston;
- [3] *Jane Partridge* (75), mother, widow, born Leek Wootton, Warwickshire;
- [4] *Emma Hateley* (18), domestic servant, born Walsall;

1901 Census

Wolverhampton Road – NEW INN

- [1] *Philip Partridge* (61), unmarried, publican innkeeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *William Partridge* (58), brother, unmarried, publican innkeeper, born Bilston;
- [3] *Annie Partridge* (56), sister, unmarried, cook, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Polly White* (16), general servant, born Wolverhampton;

1911 Census

Bilston Road – NEW INN

- [1] *Emanuel Hanstock* (50), publican, born Heath Town;
- [2] *Mary Hanstock* (52), wife, married 30 years, assisting in the business, born Heath Town;
- [3] *Henry Hanstock* (20), son, weighing clerk, nut and bolt trade, born Heath Town;
- [4] *Thomas Hanstock* (18), son, crate maker, varnish and paint trade, born Heath Town;
- [5] *Sarah Hanstock* (16), daughter, assisting in the business, born Heath Town;
- [6] *Richard Hanstock* (14), son, fitting shop, iron foundry, born Heath Town;
- [7] *Ethel Hanstock* (9), daughter, school, born Heath Town;
- [8] *Harriet Jones* (24), general servant, born Heath Town;

Plans for structural alterations were approved in February 1925.

It was rebuilt in 1937.

An application for alterations was made in 1972.

[2001]

It opened as a “Bar and Oriental Restaurant” on 26th April 2006.

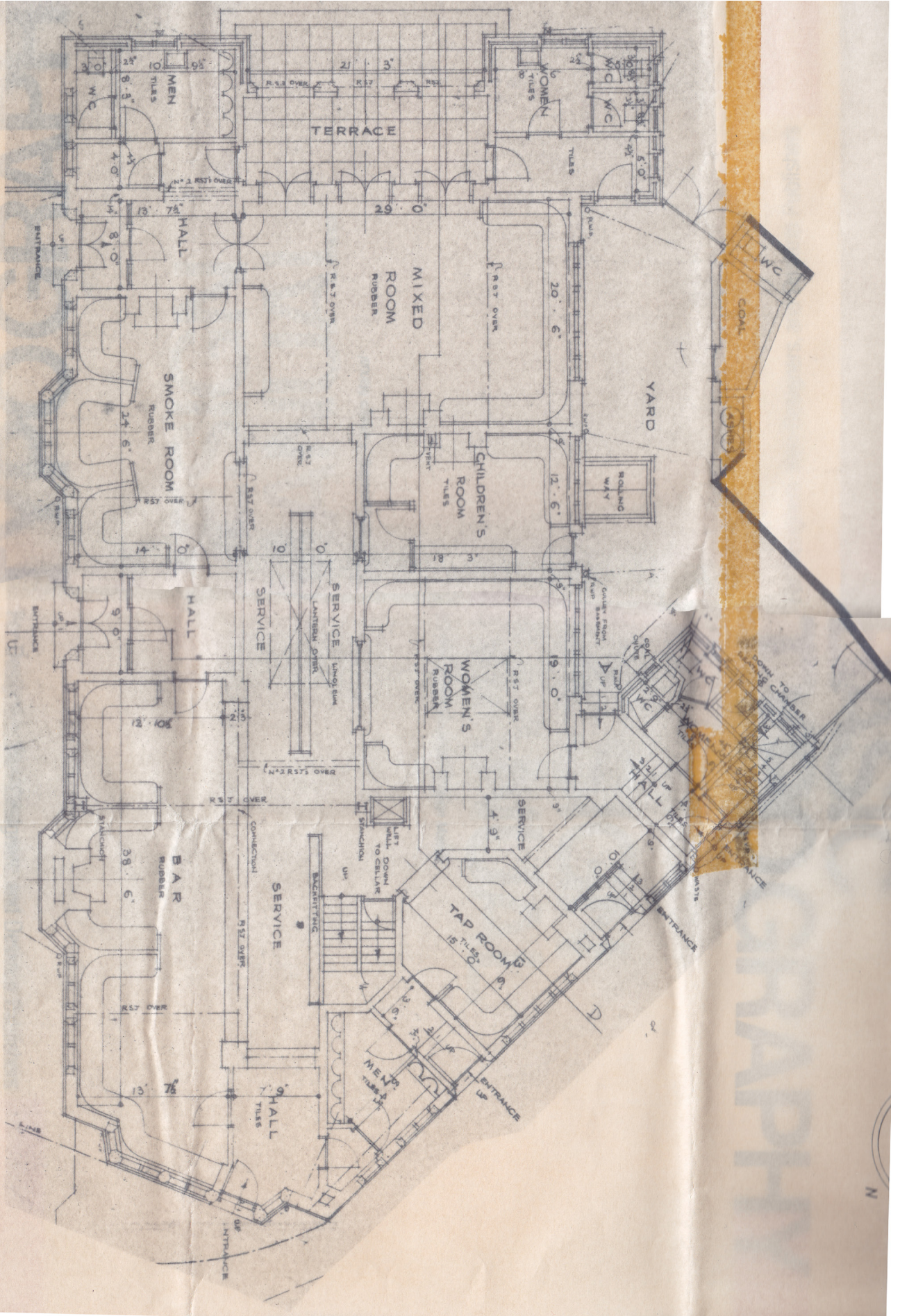


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2007

GROUND FLOOR PLAN



NEW INN

84, (150), Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas Twigg, shoe salesman, Rhyl
Millward Brothers, malsters, Wednesbury

LICENSEES

Abraham Lunn [1868]
Joseph Taylor [1871] – **1884**;
Mrs. Eleanor Taylor (**1884**);
Samuel Plant (**1884 – 1886**);
Alfred Perry (**1886 – 1889**);
John Hand (**1889**);
Thomas Keay (**1889 – 1890**);
John Griffiths (**1890 – 1891**);
George Pearson (**1891**);
Amy (Pearson) Fellows (**1891 – 1898**);
John Timmins (**1898 – 1899**);
Isaac Godfrey Daft (**1899 – 1900**);
Samuel Timmins (**1900**);
Thomas Dunn (**1900**); [1901]?
Catherine Harold (**1900 – 1901**);
John Henry Clements (**1901 – 1902**);
Mary Ann White (**1902 – 1903**);
John Doughty (**1903 – 1924**);

NOTES

150, Oxford Street [1871], [1881], [1891]
84, Oxford Street [1901]

It had a beerhouse license.

Abraham Lunn, beer retailer, 84, Oxford Street. [1868]

1871 Census

150, Oxford Street
[1] Joseph Taylor (41), retail brewer, born Packwood, Warwickshire;
[2] Eleanor Taylor (40), wife, born Bicknal, Warwickshire;
[3] Eleanor Rose (77), widow, boarder, born Sedgley:

1881 Census

150, Oxford Street

- [1] Joseph Taylor (51), retail brewer, born Pack Wood, Warwickshire;
- [2] Elenor Taylor (50), wife, born Bicknel, Warwickshire;
- [3] Katherine Taylor (23), daughter in law, no occupation, born West Bromwich;
- [4] Ellenor Taylor (3), granddaughter, born Bilston;
- [5] Joseph W. G. Taylor (1), grandson, born Bilston;
- [6] Elizabeth Barrett (18), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

Joseph Taylor was married to *Eleanor*.

He died on 20th March 1884.

She died on 18th August 1884.

1891 Census

150, Oxford Street – The NEW INN

- [1] *George Pearson* (30), beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Amy Pearson* (28), wife, born Wednesfield;
- [3] *Mary Ann Pearson* (5), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Joseph Pearson* (2), son, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Charlotte Whittingham* (16), domestic servant, born Bilston:

John Griffiths died on 18th June 1891.

Amy Pearson married *John Fellows* on 30th January 1892.

Amy Fellows, beer retailer, Oxford Street. [1896]

1901 Census

84, Oxford Street – Public House

- [1] *Thomas Dunn* (43), public house manager, born Walsall;
- [2] *Clara Dunn* (25), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Agnes Dunn* (12), daughter, born Walsall;
- [4] *Thomas Christopher Dunn* (6), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Peter Dunn* (5), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Florence May Dunn* (2), daughter, born Walsall:

Thomas Dunn – check also HARP, Wolverhampton.

John Doughty, beer retailer, 84, Oxford Street. [1904], [1912]

1911 Census

84, Oxford Street

- [1] *John Doughty* (53), coal miner, hewer, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elizabeth Doughty* (52), wife, married 32 years, born Bilston;
- [3] *Agnes May Doughty* (14), cousin, adopted, school, born Blackpool:

License refused by Compensation Authority on 28th July 1924.

Compensation of £1,400 was paid on 24th December 1924.

License extinguished on 31st December 1924.

NEW INN

9, Twenty House Row, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Barnbrook [1881]

NOTES

1881 Census

9, Twenty House Row – NEW INN

[1] *Thomas Barnbrook* (59), innkeeper, born Worcestershire;

[2] *Sarah Barnbrook* (56), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *James Barnbrook* (21), son, labourer in iron works, born Sedgley;

[4] *Thomas Barnbrook* (18), son, labourer in iron works, born Sedgley;

[5] *Ann Barnbrook* (14), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;

[6] *Emma Pound* (19), niece, domestic servant, born Tenbury, Shropshire:

NEW INN

Lower Ettingshall, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Pritchards [1873]

NOTES

Joseph Pritchards was also a hay and straw dealer. [1873]

NOAHS ARK

1, Wolverhampton Street / High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Ann Payton, widow, Wolverhampton Road, Bilston
Joseph Parker
John Summerfield
Frank Myatt Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Lee [1828] – [1830]
Sophia Morris [1833] – [1835]
William Fellows [1845] – [1851]
Thomas Parker [1858] – [1861]
John Fowler [1860] ?
Edward Clarke [1864] – [1871]
Richard Clarke [1873] – **1881**;
Joseph Parker **(1881 – 1890)**;
Barzillai Lambert **(1890 – 1891)**;
Alfred Folkes **(1891 – 1920)**;
Joseph H Parker **(1920)**;
John Summerfield **(1920 – 1923)**;
Horace Philip Bassett **(1923 – 1925)**;
William Large **(1925 – 1926)**;
John Johnson **(1926 – 1927)**;
Samuel Higgins **(1927 – 1929)**;
Francis James Winmill **(1929 – 1931)**;
Harold Draisey **(1931 – 1933)**;
William Frederick Pugh **(1933 – 1938)**;
Thomas Rowson **(1938 – [1940])**

NOTES

Thomas Lee = Thomas Lea

1851 Census

Wolverhampton Street

- [1] *William Fellows* (54), coal miner employing 25 men, 5 boys, 1 woman, and victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Fellows* (56), wife, born Broseley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Elizabeth Taylor* (20), general servant, born Bilston:

1861 Census

Wolverhampton Street – NOAHS ARK

- [1] *Thomas Parker* (44), widower, publican, born Ireland;
- [2] *Sarah Parker* (15), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [3] *Alfred Parker* (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Thomas Parker* (7), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Michael Healey* (40), brewer, born Ireland;
- [6] *Harriet Johnson* (25), servant, born Brewwood, Staffordshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/6/1861

“*Thomas Parker*, a publican and marine store dealer, was charged at the Police Office, yesterday, with having a quantity of iron skip wheels, knowing them to have been stolen. The man had encouraged two little girls – sisters – named Pitt, to steal a quantity of skip wheels, which, as soon as he got, he broke up into small pieces, with the door of his store fastened. The magistrates committed him for trial at the Sessions.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21/8/1861 - Advert

“NOAHS ARK Public House, Wolverhampton Street, Bilston.

To be Disposed of by Private Contract, in consequence of the death of Mrs. *Parker*, the late landlady. This excellent house of business is situated at the junction of three roads, in a densely populated neighbourhood, and is commodious and conveniently fitted up. Rent low. In-coming about £130.

Apply W. Ashcroft and Son, Auctioneers, 38, Snowhill, Wolverhampton.”

1871 Census

1, Wolverhampton Street – NOAHS ARK

- [1] *Edward Clarke* (51), publican employing 3 men, born Coalbrookdale, Shropshire;
 - [2] *Caroline Clarke* (49), wife, born Astley Abbots, Shropshire;
 - [3] *Caroline Clarke* (14), daughter, born Bilston;
 - [4] *Edward Clarke* (10), son, born Bilston;
 - [5] *Terry Wigan* (70), general servant, born Kingswinford;
 - [6] *Caroline Rushton* (12), general servant, born Heath Town;
 - [7] *Harriet Wright* (19), general servant, born New Village, Bilston:
- [Astley Abbots is about 2 miles N of Bridgnorth.]

1881 Census

1, Wolverhampton Street – NOAHS ARK

- [1] *Joseph Parker* (35), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Selina Parker* (39), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Minnie Parker* (9), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Clara C. Parker* (5), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Edith E. Parker* (5), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Mary F. Parker* (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Selina J. Parker* (1), daughter, born Bilston;
- [8] *Catherine Parker* (14), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Evening Express 4/8/1881

“On Bilston Wake Monday the members of the Rose, Shamrock and Thistle lodge of the United Order of Free Gardeners held their anniversary at the NOAHS ARK INN, Wolverhampton Street, Bilston. About sixty sat down to a capital dinner, well served up by the host and hostess, and, after the withdrawal of the cloth, the chair was taken by Brother Robert Hodgkisson, and the vice chair by Brother Peter Murphy. The usual loyal toasts, the toasts ‘Success of the Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle Lodge’, and the ‘Host and Hostess’ having been duly honoured, the evening was spent in social enjoyment.”

1891 Census

1, Wolverhampton Street – NOAHS ARK

- [1] *Barzillai Lambert* (47), planer – engine makers, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [2] *Sarah Lambert* (46), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Elizabeth Lambert* (16), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Susan Lambert* (14), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Zeo. Lambert* (8), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Alfred Lambert* (3), son, scholar, born Bilston:

1901 Census

1, Wolverhampton Street

- [1] *Alfred Folkes* (46), licensed victualler, born Winchcombe, Gloucestershire;
- [2] *Amelia Folkes* (42), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Arthur Folkes* (22), son, steel works labourer, born Bilston;
- [4] *Charlotte Folkes* (19), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Rhoda Folkes* (18), daughter, boot machinist, born Bilston;
- [6] *Herbert Folkes* (15), son, packer in Japanner ware works, born Bilston;
- [7] *Frank Folkes* (12), son, born Bilston;
- [8] *Frederick Folkes* (11), son, born Bilston;
- [9] *George Folkes* (9), son, born Bilston;
- [10] *Alice Folkes* (5), daughter, born Bilston:

1911 Census

1, Wolverhampton Street

- [1] *Alfred Folkes* (56), manager, hotel, born Winchcombe, Gloucestershire;
- [2] *Arthur Folkes* (31), son, bricklayer, general, born Bilston;
- [3] *Frank Folkes* (23), son, fitter, general, engineer's, born Bilston;
- [4] *Frederick Folkes* (21), son, welder, wheel, born Bilston;
- [5] *George Folkes* (19), son, porter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Alice Folkes* (15), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Emily Chapman* (14), servant, born Bilston:

South Staffordshire Times 29/5/1920 - Advert

"Tuesday Next, June 1st, 1920. / Joseph T. Parker begs to announce that he has been instructed by the Owner to submit for Sale By Auction, at the PIPE HALL HOTEL, Bilston, at 7 o'clock in the Evening on the above date the following:....

Lot 2. The very valuable and important licensed Premises known as the NOAHS ARK INN situate at the junction of High Street and Wolverhampton Street, Bilston (with possession on completion). A freehold, Free, Fully Licensed Property.

The House, with a double front, occupies an excellent position at the junction of several main thoroughfares and close to several large works.

The accommodation includes, on the ground floor, Vestibule, Front Bar, Tap Room, Smoke Room, and Living Room fitted with sink, water being laid on.

On the first floor, Landing, Large Club Room 28ft 6in x 14ft 6in, small Store Room, and one Bedroom.

On the second floor, Landing and three Bedrooms.

In the basement, three Cellars, two having brick stillaging.

Outside there is a good paved Yard with a gateway entrance from Wolverhampton Street, from which there is a right of way. Gas is laid on.

The house is well known, has done a good deal of lucrative trade, and is worthy of attention.

The purchaser will be required to take to and pay for at fair valuation the whole of the trade fixtures, fittings and effects, together with the whole of the consumable stock-in-trade on the date of completion, also the apportionment of license, rates, taxes, etc.

For further particulars apply to Messrs. Hall, Pratt and Pritchard, Solicitors, Bilston (Tel. 36); or to the Auctioneers, 13 Mount Pleasant, Bilston."

South Staffordshire Times 5/6/1920

"The NOAHS ARK one of the few free, fully licensed public houses in this district, was offered for sale by auction at the PIPE HALL HOTEL on Tuesday by Mr. J. H. Parker. The house, however failed to find a purchaser. It was in the occupation of the late Mr. *Alfred Folkes* for a period of thirty years."

A team from here took part in the Bilston Crib League, Section B. [1946]

Closed
Demolished

OAK AND IVY

22, (28), (173), Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Frances Payton, widow, High Street, Bilston
John Poulton, chartermaster, 10, Railway Street, Bilston
Emily Lashford, 119 St Annes Road, Willenhall
Truman, Hanbury, Buxton and Co. Ltd.
Courage Ltd.
Avebury Taverns Ltd. (acquired in 1999)

LICENSEES

James King [1860] – 1879);
Richard Smith (1879 – 1883);
Lydia Smith (1883 – 1884);
William Woolley (1884 – 1891);
Thomas Tranter (1891 – 1892);
George Burrows (1892 – 1898);
John Poulton (1898 – 1911);
Rebecca Poulton (1911 – 1912);
Henry Flavell (1912 – 1916);
Charles Hall Leadbetter (1916);
Alfred Hugh Thomas (1916 – 1923);
Jane (McGrail) Betts (1923 – 1931);
Howard Fullwood (1931 – 1935);
Harry Robbins (1935 – 1936);
Leslie Norman Westley (1936 – 1937);
Samuel Brindley (1937 – [1940]
K Hoyle [1976]
J Pilkington [1983]
V A Ratcliffe [1988]
N Beman [1989]
Raymond Davies [1995]
Donna Fleetwood [2005] – [2006]

NOTES

173, Oxford Street [1881], [1891]
28, Oxford Street [1904], [1912], [1916], [1921], [1940]
22, Oxford Street [1997], [1998], [2001]

It had a beerhouse license.



1861 Census

173, Oxford Street – OAK AND IVY

- [1] *James King* (51), coal miner and victualler, born Winchester;
- [2] *Ann King* (51), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sarah King* (12), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Sarah Claton* (17), general servant, born Bilston;
- [5] *Elizabeth King* (92), visitor, widow, farm labourer, born Ashby de la Zouch:

James King, beer retailer, 173, Oxford Street. [1865], [1868]

He died on 30th March 1879.

1881 Census

173, Oxford Street

- [1] *Richard Smith* (49), beerhouse keeper, born Tamworth;
- [2] *Lydia Smith* (47), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Elizabeth Smith* (21), daughter, potmaker in pottery works, born Bilston;
- [4] *Esther Smith* (16), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Alice Clara Smith* (14), daughter, dressmaker, born Bilston;
- [6] *Hannah Louisa Smith* (11), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Florence K. Smith* (7), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Esther Jones* (67), wife's mother, born Sedgley:

Richard Smith died on 15th February 1883.

1891 Census

173, Oxford Street – OAK AND IVY

- [1] *Thomas Tranter* (31), iron worker, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Louisa Tranter* (30), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *William Tranter* (8), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Joseph Tranter* (7), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Alice Tranter* (3), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Mariah Doughty* (18), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

George Burrows, beer retailer, 173, Oxford Street. [1896]

1901 Census

28, Oxford Street

- [1] *John Poulton* (59), widower, Royalty Coalmaster and Beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah A. Poulton* (26), daughter, barmaid to above, born Bilston;
- [3] *Rebecca Poulton* (23), daughter, barmaid to above, born Bilston;
- [4] *William Poulton* (23), son, caster labourer, born Bilston:

John Poulton, beer retailer, 28, Oxford Street. [1904]

1911 Census

28, Oxford Street – OAK AND IVY INN

- [1] *Rebecca Poulton* (33), unmarried, beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Maria Poultney* (18), niece, domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [3] *Margaret Kinsey* (59), widow, domestic servant, born Bilston:

Henry Flavell, beer retailer, 28, Oxford Street. [1912]

Alfred H. Thomas, beer retailer, 28, Oxford Street. [1921]

Jane McGrail married *Abraham Betts* on 5th August 1925.

A team from here took part in the Bilston Crib League, Section A. [1946]

Bilston and Willenhall Times 18/5/1946

“It was reported that a successful season had just ended, when cups and prizes won by players in the Bilston Charity Darts League were distributed at the OAK AND IVY, Oxford Street, Bilston, on Tuesday night by the Mayor (Councillor C. H. Green).....”

On New Year's Eve, 1984, Stuart Saffery had his hair cut for the Wolverhampton Eye Infirmary and New Cross Hospital, in a charity event, here.

A fire broke out in the bar at about 3am on 24th June 2006. It caused smoke damage.

It was locally listed in 2009.

[2012]

It was converted into housing. [2015]



2006



2009

ODYSSEY

Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Enterprise Inns Ltd. [1991]

LICENSEES

John Hunter [1986]
J Pardoe [1988]
W Goddard [1989]
Kevin Lockley [1991]
Patrick Meddings [1995]

NOTES

It was built in 1971.

[1976]

Enterprise Inns Advert 11/3/1996

“This modern two bar house is on the main Bilston to Wolverhampton Road. It is ideally situated to serve the local industry and the catering kitchen provides an excellent opportunity to develop the food business. The ODYSSEY has extensive car parking facilities. Estimated In-going £10,000.”

It closed in December 1996 after a dispute among the management.
It reopened.

It closed in November 1999.

It was demolished in November 2000.
The site was occupied by a car showroom.

OLD BALL

Green Croft, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard Morris [1818]

OLD BARLEY MOW

Wolverhampton Road, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Bratt Adderley [1842]
Thomas Yarsley [1854]

OLD BOARS HEAD

88, (72), (40), Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Theophilus Morrell, auctioneer, Church Street, Bilston
Mrs. Maria Rogers
Manchester Brewery Co. Ltd.
Thomas Russell Ltd. [1881]
Richard Andrew Harper, brewer, Bilston
R. A. Harper Ltd., Hall Park Brewery, Bilston
Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd.
William Butler & Co. Ltd. [1946]

LICENSEES

Joseph Lawrence [1860] – [1861]
John Thomas Hunt ([1871] – [1874];
Sidney Wright [];
John Whitehead [];
W J Bould [1878];
Thomas Barnes [1879] – **1881**);
James Bennett (**1881** – [];
Mark Taylor [] – **1882**);
William Vann (**1882** – [];
Frederick Evans [];
John Harriman [];
William Alfred Johnson [];
Charles Freeman [];
Alfred Walters [];
Thomas Finney [1891] – [1892];
John Jones [];
Peter Lewis [1896];
Harry Meredith [];
John Lee Newton [1898] – **18__**);
Thomas Hooper (**18__** – **1899**);
Frank Hare (**1899** – **1900**);
Thomas Lee (**1900** – **1902**);
Alfred Edwards (**1902** – **1904**);
Joseph Hankins Mutlow (**1904**);
Thomas Hooper Todd [1904] ?
Major George Cox (**1904** – **1907**);
Richard Andrew Harper (**1907** – **1908**);
Richard John Larking (**1908**);
Job Lawley (**1908** – **1909**);
Benjamin Oldfield (**1909** – **1910**);
Herbert Rutland Meatyard (**1910** – **1911**);
Robert Woolley (**1911** – **1912**);
Frederick Robinson (**1912** – **1913**);
Charles Lewis Caldicott (**1913**);
John Davis (**1913** – **1920**);
Archibald James Wilson (**1920** – **1925**);

William Lote (1925 – 1926);
Arthur Humpage (1926 – 1933);
Arthur William Parton (1933 – 1934);
Arthur Humpage (1934 – 1938);
Mrs. Margaret (Humpage) Edwards (1938 – [1946])

NOTES

40, Church Street [1861]
72, Church Street [1871], [1873], [1874], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1904]
88, Church Street [1901], [1911], [1912], [1916], [1921], [1940]

BOARS HEAD [1873], [1878], [1901]
OLD BOARS HEAD [1872], [1896], [1904], [1912], [1916]

1861 Census

40, Church Street
[1] Joseph Lawrence (36), spirit merchant, born Willenhall;
[2] Mary Lawrence (25), wife, born Coseley;
[3] Catherine Palmer (26), niece, barmaid, born Willenhall;
[4] Catherine Howell (13), house servant, born Bilston:

Joseph Lawrence – see also SWAN, Willenhall.

1871 Census

72, Church Street
[1] John Thomas Hunt (30), publican, born Macclesfield;
[2] Betsey Maria Hunt (28), wife, born Hanley, Staffordshire;
[3] Lizzie Maud Esther Hunt (6), daughter, scholar, born Stockport;
[4] Charlotte Deleinan (16), general domestic servant, born Bilston:

John Thomas Hunt was also a wine and spirit merchant. [1873]

Sidney Wright was convicted of allowing intoxicating liquor to be consumed during prohibited hours.

Midland Counties Evening Express 4/1/1878

“Last night the last quarterly meeting of the committee of the Wolverhampton and District Licensed Victuallers’ Society previous to the annual meeting of the trade was held at Mr. *W. J. Bould*’s BOARS HEAD INN, Bilston. Mr. Duncan Smith, vice president of the society presided.....”

1881 Census

72, Church Street
[1] Thomas Barnes (45), licensed victualler, born Newport, Salop;
[2] Ann E. Barnes (41), wife, born Brierley Hill;
[3] John H. Barnes (18), son, draughtsman, born Brierley Hill;
[4] Ann E. Alden (13), niece, barmaid, born Brierley Hill;
[5] Mary Davis (19), general servant, born Bilston:

Evening Express 5/5/1881

“On Wednesday morning as a bailiff named *James Bennett*, who was in possession at the OLD BOARS HEAD INN, Church Street, Bilston, was walking past the top of the cellar steps he slipped and fell to the bottom. On assistance being obtained it was found that he had broken one of his legs, and he was taken at once in a cab to the Wolverhampton Hospital, where he now lies.”

Evening Express 19/5/1881 - Advert

“BOARS HEAD, Church Street, Bilston, to Let.

For particulars, apply Great Western Street Brewery, Wolverhampton.”

Evening Express 17/10/1881 - Advert

“Licenses, Fixtures, &c, of the BOARS HEAD INN, Church Street, Bilston, to be Sold.

Apply Thomas Russell, Great Western Street Brewery, Wolverhampton.”

1891 Census

72, Church Street

[1] *Thomas Finney* (34), public house manager, born Golds Green;

[2] *Eliza Finney* (33), wife, born Dudley;

[3] *Thomas F. Finney* (11), son, scholar, born Golds Green;

[4] *William Finney* (9), son, scholar, born Golds Green;

[5] *Frances E. Finney* (7), daughter, scholar, born Birmingham;

[6] *Elizabeth Finney* (3), daughter, born Hill Top;

[7] *Samuel Finney* (75), father, retired cowkeeper, born Anstey, Leicestershire:

John Lee Newton was convicted on 16th February 1898, for permitting drunkenness.

1901 Census

88, Church Street – BOARS HEAD INN

[1] *Thomas Lee* (46), licensed victualler's manager, born Coddington, Nottinghamshire;

[2] *Sarah J. Lee* (47), wife, born Leicester;

[3] *Elsie Lee* (17), daughter, milliner, born Leicester;

[4] *Madge Lee* (9), daughter, born Leicester:

1911 Census

88, Church Street – BOARS HEAD

[1] *Herbert Rutland Meatyard* (46), licensed victualler, born Camberwell, Surrey;

[2] *Elizabeth Meatyard* (47), wife, married 26 years, assisting in the business, born Munlochy, Rosshire;

[3] *Clara Knott* (22), barmaid, born Lye;

[4] *Esther Easthope* (20), general servant, born Bilston:

South Staffordshire Times 27/11/1920

“Billiards. On Wednesday evening at the OLD BOARS HEAD, Bilston, in the presence of a large assembly, a match of 500 up was played between Mr. H. W. Mathews and Mr. R. Smith. Each made good breaks, and at the interval Mr. Mathews led by 321 to 304. Mr. Smith quickly improved in the closing stages, and won by 500 to 496.”

South Staffordshire Times 7/6/1924

“A successful concert arranged by the Hollywood Lodge of the R.A.O.B. was held at headquarters, the OLD BOARS HEAD, Church Street.....”

Bilston & Willenhall Times 12/9/1925

“An enjoyable evening was passed on Wednesday, at the R.A.O.B. Holmwood Lodge, OLD BOARS HEAD, Church Street, the company meeting to bid farewell to the host and treasurer, Mr. Arch Wilson, and to welcome his successor, Mr. T. Lote, of Walsall. Mr. Wilson, who had been associated with various activities in the town, is leaving for the TROCADERO, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, on Monday next. He has been associated with the recently-formed Bilston United F.C. Supporters Club, and had been an active worker on Flower Show Committees. He is also a visiting member of the R.A.O.B., Mr. Wilson served with the Royal Engineers in France, 1914-1919.”

A music license was granted on 3rd February 1928.

A team from here took part in the Butlers (Bilston) Darts League. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Bilston Crib League, Section B. [1946]

Bilston and Willenhall Times 4/5/1946

“The wedding took place at Holy Trinity Church, Bilston, on Saturday of Mr. John Hillman, at present serving with the RAF, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hillman, Windsor Road, Parkfield, Wolverhampton, and Miss Beatrice Humpage, youngest daughter of Mrs. *Edwards* and the late Mr. *A. Humpage*, of the OLD BOARS HEAD, Church Street, Bilston.....”

Closed

It was demolished in the late 1960s.

Check BOARS HEAD

OLD BROWN JUG

55, (29), (25), Temple Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Edwin Lewis, gentleman, Goldthorn Hill, Wolverhampton
Enoch Pearson, Victoria Road, Aston, Birmingham
Enoch Bailey, gentleman, Birmingham Road, Walsall

LICENSEES

Joseph Shale [1858] – [1871]
Patrick Gibbons [1873] – **1877**);
John Knight (**1877 – 1883**);
Michael Delmore (**1883 – 1886**);
Martin McTighe (**1886 – 1888**);
John Sidebottom Jnr. (**1888**);
Charles Carpenter (**1888 – 1892**);
William McManus (**1892 – 1893**);
Samuel Foley (**1893 – 1894**);
Benjamin Bee (**1894 – 1895**);
Charles Carpenter (**1895**);
William Dudley (**1895**);
John Beebee (**1895 – 1896**);
John Harper (**1896 – 1899**);
James Lemm (**1899**);
Charles Brown (**1899 – 1900**);
Phoebe Fowler (**1900**);
John Harper (**1900 – 1905**);
Ellen Harper [1901]
Robert Colley (**1905 – 1906**);
Arthur Taylor (**1906**);
Henry Richard Adams (**1906 – 1907**):

NOTES

29, Temple Street [1861], [1865], [1868], [1881], [1891]
25, Temple Street [1871]
55, Temple Street [1904]

OLD BROWN JUG [1858], [1861], [1881], [1901]

It had a beerhouse license.

Joseph Shale, beer retailer, Temple Street. [1858]

1861 Census

29, Temple Street – OLD BROWN JUG

- [1] *Joseph Shale* (45), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary Shale* (44), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *John H. Shale* (20), son, blacksmith, born Bilston;
- [4] *Benjamin Shale* (18), son, apprentice carpenter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Sarah Shale* (16), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Thomas Shale* (12), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Mary S. Shale* (6), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Elizabeth Shale* (1), daughter, born Bilston:

Joseph Shale, beer retailer, 29, Temple Street. [1865]

Joseph Shale, beer retailer, 29, Temple Street. [1868]

1871 Census

25, Temple Street

- [1] *Joseph Shale* (55), retail brewer, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary Shale* (54), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *John H. Shale* (30), son, brewer, born Bilston;
- [4] *Benjamin T. Shale* (28), son, carpenter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Sarah Shale* (25), daughter, dress maker, born Bilston;
- [6] *Thomas Shale* (22), son, blacksmith, born Bilston;
- [7] *Mary S. Shale* (16), daughter, born Bilston;
- [8] *Elizabeth Shale* (10), daughter, scholar born Bilston:

Joseph Shale – see also BARREL.

1881 Census

29, Temple Street – OLD BROWN JUG

- [1] *John Knight* (53), innkeeper, born Ireland;
- [2] *Mary Knight* (51), wife, born Ireland;
- [3] *Margaret Knight* (26), daughter, dress maker, born Runcorn;
- [4] *Peter Knight* (14), son, assistant in iron works, born Bilston;
- [5] *Mary Ann Knight* (11), daughter, scholar, born Bilston:

Evening Express 1/11/1881

“William Kilfoy was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit licensed premises in the occupation of *John Knight*, Temple Street, and was fined 2s 6d and costs.”

1891 Census

29, Temple Street – OLD BROWN JUG

- [1] *Charles Carpenter* (52), coachman – domestic servant, born Tamworth, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Emma Carpenter* (51), wife, greengrocer, born Sluddby, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Alice Carpenter* (17), daughter, born Bilston:

William Dudley, beer retailer, 29, Temple Street. [1896]

He died in 1895.

[It appears he paid for the Directory entry before he died.]

1901 Census

Temple Street – OLD BROWN JUG

- [1] *John Harper* (50), tin plate worker, born Bilston;
- [2] *Ellen Harper* (48), wife, beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [3] *Stanley Harper* (10), son, born Aston, Warwickshire;
- [4] *Horace Harper* (8), son, born Tipton;
- [5] *James Pugh* (26), son in law, groom, born Bilston;
- [6] *Florence Pugh* (22), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Louisa Pugh* (3 months), granddaughter, born Bilston;
- [8] *John Attwood* (30), lodger, brickmaker, born Bilston;
- [9] *Hannah Heighway* (18), visitor, dressmaker, born Moxley:

John Harper, beer retailer, 55, Temple Street. [1904]

Robert Colley was fined £2 and costs, on 29th September 1905, for permitting drunkenness.

License refused by Compensation Authority on 18th June 1907.
Compensation of £425 was paid on 12th October 1907.

OLD BUSH

15, (38), (23), Cross Street (Tup Lane), Bradley Bridge, (Bradley Lane), (Upper Bradley), Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Peter Price, engineer, 2, Hall Street, Bradley
Henry Wilkes
George Thompson, brewer, Dudley
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1912]
Union Pub Co. (W&D) [2001]

LICENSEES

John Jeavon [1828] – [1830]
John Martin [1834] – [1842]
Joshua Townsend [1845]
Joseph Townsend [1850] – [1854]
James Griffiths [1861] – [1870]
Henry Wilkes [1871] – [1881] – **188_**;
Luke Bird **(188_ – 1891)**;
Ann Bird **(1891 – 189_)**;
Mrs. Betsy Jeavons **(189_ – 1912)**;
William George **(1912 – 1914)**;
Edward Williams **(1914 – 1915)**;
Alfred Jeavons **(1915 – 1916)**;
Arthur Edward George **(1916 – 1921)**;
Richard Fred Coxon **(1921)**;
James Brent **(1921 – 1922)**;
William Edward George **(1922 – 1925)**;
Clara Holland **(1925 – 1933)**;
Wilfred Taylor Noon **(1933 – 1934)**;
Frank Frederick Holmes **(1934 – 1936)**;
James Jeavons **(1936 – [1940])**
Albert Matthews []
Dennis Jones []
Jane Parkin [1995]
Valerie Hayward [2000] – [2005]
Ricky Hunt [] – **2008**
Curt Sale [2014]



2000

NOTES

Tup Lane [1851]
Bradley Bridge [1865], [1896]
38, Cross Street [1861], [1871], [1881], [1891]
23, Cross Street [1911]
15, Cross Street [2001], [2002], [2005]

BUSH [1828], [1830], [1834], [1835], [1841], [1842], [1891], [1940]
OLD BUSH [1865], [1871], [1881], [1896], [1916]

1841 Census

Bradley

- [1] *John Martin* (45), victualler, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Hannah Martin* (40), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Mary Ann Martin* (15), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Phebe Martin* (12), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Ellen James* (13), born Staffordshire:

Joseph Townsend = Joseph Townshend

1851 Census

Tup Lane

- [1] *Joseph Townshend* (40), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Ann Townshend* (32), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *John Townshend* (15), son, mill man, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Joseph Townshend* (13), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Rebecca Dunn* (23), house servant, born Bilston:

1861 Census

38, Cross Street

- [1] *James Griffiths* (44), victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Ann Griffiths* (41), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Joseph Griffiths* (18), son, puddler, born Bilston;
- [4] *Jabez Griffiths* (15), son, shingler, born Bilston;
- [5] *James Griffiths* (13), son, puddler, born Bilston;
- [6] *Henry Griffiths* (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *John Griffiths* (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Alfred Griffiths* (7), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [9] *Jane Peace* (18), general servant, born Bilston:

1871 Census

38, Cross Street – OLD BUSH INN

- [1] *Henry Wilkes* (43), publican, born Broseley, Shropshire;
 - [2] *Harriet Wilkes* (53), wife, born Wenlock [Much Wenlock];
 - [3] *Amy Wilkes* (14), daughter, born Quatford, Shropshire;
 - [4] *Polly Nickless* (20), visitor, key maker, born Bridgnorth;
 - [5] *Sophia Haden* (16), general servant, born Dudley Port;
 - [6] *Maria Pugh* (20), boarder, no occupation (farmer's daughter), born Bridgnorth:
- [Broseley id part of Telford.]
[Quatford is about 2 miles SE of Bridgnorth.]

Dudley Herald 27/9/1873 - Advert

“To be sold by auction. All that old licensed public house and premises known by the sign of the BUSH INN situate at Bradley's Bridge, Bradley near Bilston, comprising tap room, bar, parlour, club room, three bedrooms, storeroom, two cellars, two stables, large brewhouse, maltroom, piggeries and other outbuildings, now in the occupation of Mr. *Henry Wilkes* at yearly rent of £30 per annum.”

1881 Census

38, Cross Street – OLD BUSH

- [1] *Henry Wilkes* (55), licensed victualler, born Broseley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Harriet Wilkes* (64), wife, born Much Wenlock;
- [3] *Amy Wooton* (24), widow, daughter, born Quatford, Shropshire;
- [4] *Phoebe Hill* (23), domestic servant, born Bilston:

1891 Census

38, Cross Street – The BUSH

- [1] *Luke Bird* (43), licensed victualler, born Hirley, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Mary A. Bird* (35), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Ann Bird* (17), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Alice Bird* (14), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Mary I. Bird* (12), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Emily Bird* (10), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *John Bird* (8), son, born Bilston:

Luke Bird – see also GEORGE AND DRAGON

Luke Bird died on 28th July 1891.

1901 Census

Cross Street

- [1] *Thomas Jaevons* (57), living on own means, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Betsey Jeavons* (51), wife, licensed victualler, born Sedgley:

Tipton Herald 9/5/1903

“.....*Betsy Jeavons*, landlady of the BUSH INN, Cross Street, Bradley, was charged with selling intoxicating liquor to a drunken person, and also with permitting drunkenness on her licensed premises on the 13th April.

Mr. A. Turton prosecuted on behalf of the police authorities and Mr. R. A. Willcock defended.

Mr. Turton said it was only proposed to proceed with the case of permitting drunkenness. It appeared that at six o'clock on the 13th ult Police-constable Patrick and another officer visited the house and found a man named Henry Nock, sitting with a number of others, in a very drunken condition. It was ascertained he had been there since one o'clock, and when the officer asked how much drink had been served him the man himself shouted out, 'Fourteen pints, but what the ____ has it got to do with you.' The defendant had kept the house for thirty years, and had previously given satisfaction to the authorities.

Police-constable Patrick and Police-sergeant Gibbs gave evidence proving the charge.

Mr. Willcock urged that defendant had not remained in the tap room during the whole of the afternoon, and that Nock procured most of his drink from friends who had come to visit him from Wales.

The magistrates, after retiring for a few minutes fined defendant £5 and £3 18s 6d costs.

Mrs. *Jeavons* was then charged with selling intoxicating liquor to a girl under the age of fourteen years in an unsealed vessel.

Police-sergeant Gibbs deposed that on the 28th ult he saw a girl named Bertha Mole, aged ten years, come out of the defendant's house with a bottle containing beer, the cork of which was not sealed.

In cross-examination by Mr. Willcock, who defended, witness admitted there was sealing wax both on the cork and bottle, but it was not attached.

The Bench gave defendant the benefit of the doubt in this case.”

1911 Census

23, Cross Street, Bradley

- [1] *Thomas Jeavons* (68), licensed victualler, born Coseley;
- [2] *Betsey Jeavons* (61), wife, house wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *William Jeavons* (38), brewer, born Coseley;
- [4] *Lilian Jeavons* (15), domestic, at home, born Bradley:

William Edward George was fined £3, on 1st May 1915, for aiding and abetting consumption of beer except during permitted hours.

Maud Fellows, a barmaid here, was badly injured when a bomb, dropped by a Zeppelin, on 31st January 1916, exploded. She died later in the pub.

Bilston & Willenhall Times 2/5/1925

“William Edward George, Cross Street, Bradley, licensee of the OLD BUSH INN, was summoned for selling intoxicating drink during prohibited hours, and also for aiding and abetting in the same offence.

At 10.30 on the night of March 28th PS Maddox and PC Moore found the front door of the house open, and in the club room at the rear of the premises were 17 male customers and one female. Four glass jugs containing beer and one full glass of port were on the tables, and when the officers entered a man named Hadley picked up his glass and drank the contents. Edward Cooper and his wife were singing at the piano and a man named Jackson was playing. After the singing Cooper sat down near a glass containing beer, but he would not admit that it was his. Mrs. Cooper took her seat near the port wine, but said it belonged to a woman who had just left the premises.

In another room marked ‘Refreshments Room’ were six women and three children, and to all appearances business seemed to be going on as usual. Defendant told the sergeant that there were only four glasses on the table and the drink had been served before ten o’clock.

The defendant said he called ‘Time’ at ten o’clock and asked the customers to empty their glasses. There were 27 glasses on the table, and those with drops of beer in them had been left by persons who had gone. He denied that Hadley consumed drink in the presence of the officers.

Before giving their decision the magistrates heard a summons against William Joseph Hadley for consuming drink on licensed premises during prohibited hours. PS Maddox said he saw the defendant drink half a pint of beer from a glass mug. A fine of 10s was imposed.

The summons against the licensee for selling during prohibited hours was dismissed. For aiding and abetting he was fined 60s, with the option of a month’s imprisonment.”

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

Albert Matthews was married to Ethel.

See also HOP POLE and ROCKET POOLS

Dennis Jones was married to Pat.

He died on 13th August 2008, aged 88.

See also DOG AND PARTRIDGE, FORGE HAMMER, and ROCKET POOLS.

Valerie Hayward was married to Keith.

Express and Star 2/10/2000

“Regulars at the OLD BUSH pub in Bradley, Wolverhampton, have raised £3,000 to help grant the wishes of terminally ill children. They organised a range of fundraising events including a sponsored pool marathon, a pub crawl and a barbecue.....”

It closed in June 2008.

It reopened in 2011.

Curt Sale was born in Denver, Colorado.

He was married to Nicky.

[2016]



2016

OLD BUSH

Ettingshall Lane, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Pool [1833]

OLD BUSH

22, (50), Ward Street, (Gibbet Lane), Priestfield, (New Village), (Ettingshall), BILSTON

OWNERS

Messrs. Pritchard and Shelton, solicitors, Wolverhampton
Elijah Price, licensed victualler, Bilston
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1987]

LICENSEES

William Fellows [1834] – [1851]
James Leadbetter [1858] – [1861]
George Farley [1864] – [1865]
William Fellows [1868] – [1870]
Thomas Coleclough [1871] – [1872]
George Golding [1873] – **1874**;
Urban Bates (**1874 – 1875**);
Richard Holmes (**1875 – 1878**);
Elizabeth Holmes (**1878**);
Samuel Cutler Holmes (**1878 – 1879**);
Benjamin Wilkinson (**1879 – 1880**);
Thomas Maddock (**1880 – 1881**);
Joseph Fieldhouse (**1881 – 1882**);
Benjamin Samuel Blower (**1882 – 1884**);
William Phillips (**1884 – 1888**);
Samuel Henry Tilsley (**1888 – 1891**);
George Henry Turley (**1891 – 1892**);
John Barratt (**1892 – 1893**);
Arthur Smith (**1893 – 1895**);
James Collins (**1895 – 1901**);
John Collins (**1901 – 1904**);
Ada Elizabeth Nannery (**1904 – 1905**);
Harry Weare (**1905 – 1907**);
Henry Hendley (**1907 – 1908**);
Edward Davies (**1908 – 1910**);
John Davies (**1910 – 1913**);
William Poole (**1913 – 1917**);
James Collins (**1917 – 1925**);
Francis William Brooks (**1925 – 1926**);
Arthur Sambrook Clift (**1926 – 1930**);
Matthew William Dangerfield (**1930 – 1931**);
Maria Atkiss (**1931 – 1933**);
William Robert Nicholls (**1933 – 1937**);
John Albert Howard (**1937 – 1938**);
Leonard Hillman (**1938 – 1939**)
Gwendoline (Paskin) Neale [1995] – **2010**)



NOTES

Gibbet Lane [1835], [1841], [1851], [1873]
Ward Street, New Village [1858], [1860], [1868]
50, Ward Street
22, Ward Street [1871], [1881], [1891]

BUSH [1861]
OLD BUSH [1858], [1860], [1912]

1841 Census

Gibbet Lane
[1] William Fellows (50), victualler, born Staffordshire;
[2] Martha Fellows (35);
[3] John Fellows (8), born Staffordshire;
[4] Edwin Fellows (6), born Staffordshire;
[5] Clara Fellows (4), born Staffordshire;
[6] Alfred Fellows (2), born Staffordshire;
[7] Martha Halton (14), fs, born Staffordshire:

William Fellows was also a coal master. [1851]

1851 Census

Gibbet Lane
[1] William Fellows (59), victualler, born Bilston;
[2] Martha Fellows (40), wife, domestic, born Birmingham;
[3] John E. Fellows (18), son, attorney's general clerk, born Bilston;
[4] Edwin Fellows (16), son, assistant clerk in County court, born Bilston;
[5] Alfred Fellows (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;
[6] James Fellows (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;
[7] Frederick Buckley (15), visitor, glass cutter, born Birmingham;
[8] Mary A. Banks (17), servant, born Bilston:

An inquest was held here in 1868.

1871 Census

22, Ward Street – OLD BUSH
[1] Thomas Coleclough (29), publican and boat builder, born Kidsgrove, Staffordshire;
[2] Mary J. Coleclough (25), wife, born Braynston, Northamptonshire;
[3] Emma J. Coleclough (3), daughter, scholar, born Ettingshall;
[4] Minie Coleclough (2), daughter, born Ettingshall;
[5] Emma Richardson (23), visitor, born Branston, Northamptonshire;
[6] Martha Buckley (18), general servant, born Wolverhampton;
[7] James Edwards (24), boarder, blacksmith's striker, born Dudley Port:

Richard Holmes died in 1878.

Thomas Maddock = Thomas Maddocks

London Gazette 31/8/1880

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869. In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Dudley. In the matter of Proceedings for Liquidation by Arrangement or Composition with Creditors, instituted by *Benjamin Wilkinson*, formerly of the OLD BUSH, Gibbett Lane that a Second General Meeting of the creditors of the above named person 8th day of September 1880.....”

1881 Census

22, Ward Street – public house

- [1] *Thomas Maddocks* (56), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Sarah H. Maddocks* (39), wife, born Ryde, Isle of Wight;
- [3] *Arthur W. Maddocks* (23), son, labourer in iron works, born New Village;
- [4] *Philip A. Maddocks* (17), son, apprentice to factor, born New Village;
- [5] *Clara Maddocks* (15), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *George A. Maddocks* (14), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Agnes Maddocks* (7), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Richard Maddocks* (5), son, scholar, born New Village;
- [9] *Minnie Maddocks* (3), daughter, born New Village;
- [10] *Thomas Maddocks* (1), son, born New Village;
- [11] *Mary Ann Jones* (17), domestic servant, born Wolverhampton:

Benjamin Samuel Blower was also a file and rasp manufacturer. [1884]

1891 Census

22, Ward Street

- [1] *Samuel Henry Tilsley* (37), ironworker and publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Ann Tilsley* (32), wife, born Tewkesbury;
- [3] *Samuel Tilsley* (10), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Sarah Jane Tilsley* (9), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Mary Ann Tilsley* (7), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Sarah Ann Tilsley* (5), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Esther Tilsley* (4), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [8] *Florence Tilsley* (1), daughter, born Bilston:

1911 Census

Ward Street, Priestfield

- [1] *John Davies* (26), gas minder and publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Minnie Davies* (26), wife, married 5 years, assistant in public business, born Bilston;
- [3] *Florence Simms* (18), servant, born Bilston:

William Poole was fined £20 and costs for permitting consumption on the premises after 9pm, contravening the Defence of the Realm Act.

An application was made in 1998 for alterations.

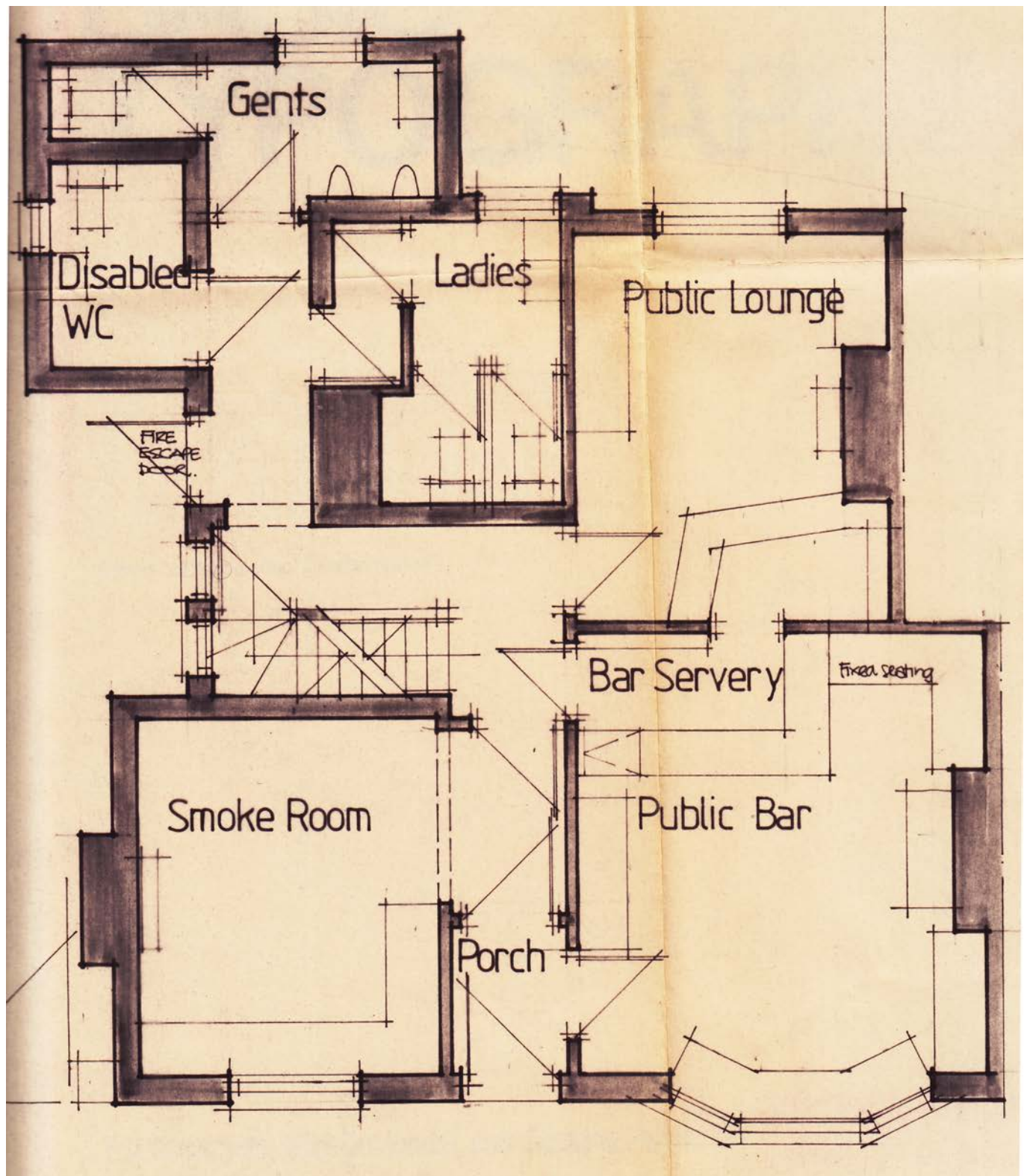
Gwendoline Neale died on 7th December 2010, aged 64.

[2010]

Closed [2011], [2016]



2007



Plan 1998

OLD BUSH

70, (102), (103), Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Mrs. Buckley
Fred Charles Perry, gentleman, Dunston
Henry Clarke, rent collector / licensed victualler, BOAT INN, Ettingshall
Herbert Marchant, excise officer, Priestfield, Bilston
Thomas Legge, beerhouse keeper, Moore Street
Benjamin Legge
Richard Andrew Harper, brewer, Bilston
R. A. Harper Ltd., Hall Park Brewery, Bilston
Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1965]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Job Hickman [1818] – [1830]
Thomas Hickman [1833] – [1842]
James Akers [1849] – [1851]
Miss Jane Sharpy [1858] – **1878**);
Alfred Akers **(1878 – 1888)**;
Joseph Hunt **(1888 – 1889)**;
Mrs. Ann Hunt **(1889 – 1891)**;
Benjamin Legge **(1891 – 1897)**;
Richard Jones **(1897 – 1910)**;
Matthew Sidaway **(1910 – 1915)**;
Joseph Hill **(1915 – 1919)**;
Caroline Hill **(1919 – 1920)**;
Charles Albert Cole **(1920 – 1927)**;
Horace Edwin Price **(1927 – 1932)**;
Joseph Ernest Marriott **(1932 – [1940]**

NOTES

BUSH [1822], [1851], [1874]
OLD BUSH [1835], [1871], [1912], [1916], [1940]

102, Wolverhampton Street [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1871], [1873], [1874], [1881],
[1884], [1892], [1896]
103, Wolverhampton Street [1891]
70, Wolverhampton Street [1904], [1911], [1912], [1916], [1921], [1940]

1851 Census

Wolverhampton Street

- [1] *James Akers* (56), licensed victualler, born Burton, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Ann Akers* (41), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Alfred Akers* (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *William Akers* (4), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Harriet Sherry* (26), house servant, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *James Silvester* (42), lodger, book keeper, born Bilston:

Jane Sharry = *Jane Starry* = *Jane Sherry*

1861 Census

102, Wolverhampton Street

- [1] *Jane Sherry* (40), unmarried, innkeeper (beershop), born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Harriet Sherry* (35), sister, house servant, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Alfred Akers* (21), nephew, pattern maker, born Bilston:

1871 Census

102, Wolverhampton Street – OLD BUSH

- [1] *Jane Sharry* (55), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Harriett Sharry* (46), sister, housekeeper, born Bilston;
- [3] *Alfred Ackers* (31), nephew, journeyman pattern maker, born Bilston:

1881 Census

102, Wolverhampton Street – OLD BUSH INN

- [1] *Alfred Akers* (41), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary A. Akers* (31), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Alfred J. Akers* (4), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Edith M. Akers* (2), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Harriet Sherry* (55), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

Joseph Hunt died on 10th September 1889.

1891 Census

103, Wolverhampton Street

- [1] *Ann Hunt* (53), widow, publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elizabeth Blaize* (77), mother, widow, born Bilston;
- [3] *Louisa Doughty* (20), domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [4] *John Johnson* (22), boarder, born Wolverhampton:

Benjamin Legge = *Benjamin Legg*

1901 Census

70, Wolverhampton Street

- [1] *Richard Jones* (64), licensed victualler, born Broseley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Jones* (58), wife, born Hilton, Bridgnorth;
- [3] *Elizabeth Elwell* (10), niece, born Bilston;
- [4] *Elizabeth Norwood* (20), domestic servant, born Lane Head:

1911 Census

70, Wolverhampton Street

[1] *Matthew Sidaway* (59), publican, born Netherton;

[2] *Levinial Sidaway* (58), wife, married 39 years, assisting in the business, born Rowley;

[3] *Wilfred Sidaway* (25), son, art metal fitter, born Netherton;

[4] *Florence Hill* (15), granddaughter, born Netherton;

[5] *Harry Hill* (12), grandson, school, born Netherton:

A music license was granted on 6th February 1925.

Letter to the Clerk to the Licensing Justices, Wolverhampton, dated 26th June 1980.

“OLD BUSH, Wolverhampton Street, Bilston.

The above fully licensed premises are affected by the proposed Bilston Town Centre By-Pass and the West Midlands County Council have agreed to take possession of the premises prior to their actual date of requirement.

This being the case, the premises ceased trading after permitted hours on Thursday 12th June, with the County Council having possession with effect from Saturday 14th June.

No doubt you wish to amend your Licensing Register to this effect.

A copy of this letter has been forwarded to the Chief Superintendent of Police for his information.....”

Closed

Demolished late 1983 / early 1984.

Bass Mitchells & Butlers Limited

Cape Hill Brewery
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Telex: 335586

Ext: 2146

Your Ref:

Our Ref: E/W/K/47439

2 JUL 1980

C. R. Seymour, Esq.,
Clerk to the Licensing Justices
Town Hall
North Street
Wolverhampton

26th June 1980

Dear Sir

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Bilston

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Yours faithfully
BASSMITCHELLS & BUTLERS LIMITED

RH Geles.

Regional Estates Manager

Registered Notes



OLD CROWN

Bridge Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Samuel Brawn [1818]
Thomas Fellows [1822]
Thomas Fowler [1828] – [1835]
Mrs. Ann Fowler [1841] – [1850]
Thomas Fowler [1851]
Rebecca Fowler [1858]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

CROWN [1822], [1828], [1830], [1871]

1841 Census

Bridge Street

- [1] *Ann Fowler* (45), victualler, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Henry Fowler* (20), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Marian Fowler* (15), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Thomas Fowler* (15), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *William Fowler* (11), born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Ann Fowler* (3), born Staffordshire;
- [7] *Phoebe Williams* (25), fs, born Staffordshire;
- [8] *Harriett Steele* (15), fs, born Staffordshire:

1851 Census

Bridge Street

- [1] *Thomas Fowler* (25), furnace man, born Bilston;
- [2] *Rebecca Fowler* (29), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *John Fowler* (1), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Maria Parker* (29), sister, married, born Bilston;
- [5] *Elizabeth Parker* (3), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Arthur Parker* (1), son, born Bilston:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 28/11/1866 - Advert

“Capital Beer House, the OLD CROWN, Bridge Street, Bilston.

To be Let, this well-accustomed Beerhouse, situate in a well populated neighbourhood, and near to extensive works and collieries. Proprietor taking to another house. Valuation only required, which will be about £80 or £90. Apply on the premises; or to C. Baker, valuer, Bilston.”

1871 Census

Bridge Street - CROWN INN - Unoccupied

OLD CROWN

Crown Street / Parliament Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Maybury [1818] – [1834]
Thomas Hazeldine [1835]
Thomas Tomkinson [1841] – [1842]
Thomas Salt [1845] – [1854]
E Salt [1858]

NOTES

Crown Street [1822], [1851], [1858]
Parliament Street [1850]

CROWN [1822], [1834], [1835]
OLD CROWN [1854], [1858]

1851 Census

Crown Street

- [1] *Thomas Salt* (53), licensed victualler, born Ludlow;
- [2] *Elizabeth Salt* (64), wife, born Tettenhall;
- [3] *Gabriel Parker* (53), visitor, agricultural labourer, born Tettenhall;
- [4] *John Parker* (16), visitor, bricklayer, born Tettenhall:

OLD CROWN

12, Wootton Square, (Hall Street), Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Walters [1864] – [1865]

James Walters [1866]

Benjamin Fellows [1868] – [1871]

NOTES

Hall Street [1864], [1870]

12, Wootton Square [1871]

John Walters was also a grocer. [1864], [1865]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:–

Bilston Division, August 31st, 1866.

‘I beg to submit to the Magistrates the attached list of licensed victuallers who have been complained about during the year. Twenty-five have been convicted, and three have paid costs; one had been convicted three times and five twice. This is a large increase on last year’s list; but I think it has arisen from the police being more particular in reporting cases of permitting drunkenness – as it was found to be an evil rather on the increase. I believe it has caused landlords to be more careful in supplying drink to persons intoxicated.’

H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List....

James Walters, OLD CROWN, Hall Green, Sedgley left over until the adjourned licensing meeting on the 28th of September.....”

Benjamin Fellows = Benjamin Fellowes

1871 Census

12, Wootton’s Square – OLD CROWN

[1] *Benjamin Fellows* (41), licensed victualler, born Tettenhall;

[2] Catherine Agnes Fellows (42), wife, born Pelsal (sic);

[3] Edward Holt Fellows (10), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;

[4] Rebecca Jane Fellows (15), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[5] Catherine Agnes Fellows (14), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[6] Florence Fellows (7), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

OLD CROWN AND ANCHOR

Coseley Street, (Coseley Row), BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Hall [1818] – [1822]
John Hall [1828] – [1830]
Mary Turner [1833] – [1835]
James Abbott [1845]
William Vaughan [1849] – [1850]
Thomas Henshaw [1851] – [1854]
W Williams [1858]

NOTES

Coseley Row [1822], [1828]

CROWN AND ANCHOR [1822], [1830], [1849], [1850]
CROW AND ACORN [1833] [Typographical error?]
OLD CROWN AND ANCHOR [1845], [1858]

It had a beerhouse license.

Mary Turner, retailer of beer, Coseley Street. [1835]

OLD ENGLISH GENTLEMAN

Thompson Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Jones [1861]

NOTES

1861 Census

Thompson Street – OLD ENGLISH GENTLEMAN

- [1] *Thomas Jones* (30), puddler and innkeeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elisa Jones* (30), wife, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [3] *Phebe Jones* (9), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Thomas Jones* (7), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *David Jones* (5), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Sarah J. Jones* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Harriett Jones* (14 days), daughter, born Bilston:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/5/1861 - Advert

“Bilston. Valuable Freehold Property. Situate in Thompson Street, Bilston.

To be Sold by Private Contract, all those valuable newly-built Freehold Premises, consisting of a Public House, known as the OLD ENGLISH GENTLEMAN, now in the occupation of Mr. *Thomas Jones*.....”

OLD HOUSE AT HOME

Greencroft, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

Closed
Demolished

OLD HOUSE AT HOME

16, (102), (101+102), Temple Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas Jones
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Sarah Beckell [1861]
Mrs. Sarah Jones [1871]
Thomas Jones [1873] – **1899**;
Henry Cox **(1899 – 1909)**;

NOTES

101+102, Temple Street [1861], [1871], [1881]
102, Temple Street [1891]
16, Temple Street [1901]

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

101+102, Temple Street
[1] *Sarah Beckell* (35), widow, publican, born Darlaston;
[2] *Fanny Beckell* (7), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
[3] *Betsy Beckell* (4), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
[4] *Jane Beckell* (3), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
[5] *Harriet Hyde* (17), housemaid, born Bilston:

1871 Census

101+102, Temple Street – OLD HOUSE AT HOME INN
[1] *Thomas Jones* (40), stocktaker in iron works, born Shropshire;
[2] *Sarah Jones* (43), wife, beerhouse keeper, born Darlaston;
[3] *John Jones* (4), son, born Bilston;
[4] *Martha Jones* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
[5] *Sarah Jones* (7), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
[6] *Fanny Beckitt* (18), stepdaughter, works in tin factory, born Bilston;
[7] *Elizabeth Beckitt* (16), stepdaughter, general servant, born Bilston;
[8] *Jane Beckitt* (13), stepdaughter, scholar, born Bilston:

1881 Census

101 and 102, Temple Street – OLD HOUSE AT HOME
[1] *Thomas Jones* (49), publican, born Welsh Hampton, Shropshire;
[2] *Sarah Jones* (52), wife, born Bilston;
[3] *Sarah Jones* (17), daughter, servant, born Bilston;
[4] *John Jones* (14), son, scholar, born Bilston;
[5] *Martha Jones* (12), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
[6] *James Corbett* (50), lodger, baker, born Snowhill, Gloucestershire:

1891 Census

192, Temple Street – OLD HOUSE AT HOME

- [1] *Thomas Jones* (57), publican, born Welsh Hampton, Shropshire;
- [2] *Sarah Jones* (61), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Martha Jones* (22), daughter, barmaid, born Bilston;
- [4] *Joseph Welch* (30), boarder, mill furnaceman, born Ireland:

Thomas Jones, beer retailer, 102, Temple Street. [1896]

1901 Census

16, Temple Street

- [1] *Henry Cox* (48), iron moulder and publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Drucilla Cox* (45), wife, born Tettenhall;
- [3] *Clara Cox* (17), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Florence M. Cox* (11), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Drucilla B. Cox* (9), daughter, born Tipton;
- [6] *Ethel K. Cox* (6), daughter, born Tipton;
- [7] *Harry Fennah* (38), boarder, iron moulder, born Smethwick:

Henry Cox, beer retailer, 16, Temple Street. [1904]

The License renewal was refused by the Compensation Authority on 11th June 1909.
Compensation of £350 was paid on 4th December 1909.

OLD MALT SHOVEL

40, Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Benjamin Goodreid [1834]
William Smith [1841] – [1842]
Joseph Butler [1873] – [1874]

OLD MERMAID

33, (18), (17+18), Salop Street, (Shropshire Row), Bradley, (Highfields), (Hallfields), BILSTON

OWNERS

William Hazledine, butcher, Shropshire Row
James Rawson, Crewe
Messrs. Humby, brewers, Stafford
Eley, Nesbitt and Co., brewers, Stafford
Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Hazeldine [1818]
Richard Hall [1828] – [1835]
William Hazeldine [1845] – [1865]
William Knott [] – **1866**;
Job Dolphin (**1866 – 1876**);
Samuel Hazeldine (**1876 – 1879**);
John Anslow (?) (**1879 – 1881**);
Jacob Tate (?) (**1881**);
Alfred Ray (?) (**1881 – 1888**);
William Edwin Cole (**1888 – 1890**);
Annie Walmsley (?) (**1890 – 1891**);
Thomas Shinton (**1891 – 1921**);
Thomas Davies (**1921** – [1938])
James Davies [1940]

NOTES

Shropshire Row [1828], [1830], [1850]
17+18, Salop Street [1861], [1901]
Salop Street [1865], [1868]
18, Salop Street [1891]
33, Salop Street [1911], [1912], [1940]

MERMAID [1818], [1827], [1828], [1830], [1850], [1866], [1868], [1873], [1875], [1901], [1946]
YE OLD MERMAID [1891]
OLD MERMAID [1904], [1912], [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

William Hazeldine was also a butcher. [1818]

Richard Hall, retailer of beer, Highfields. [1835]

William Hazeldine = William Hazledine

William Hazeldine was also a butcher. [1845], [1849], [1850], [1851], [1854]

1861 Census

17+18, Salop Row

- [1] *William Hazledine* (58), publican and butcher, born Bilston;
- [2] *Maria Hazledine* (52), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *William Hazledine* (21), son, butcher, born Bilston;
- [4] *George Hazledine* (19), son, wire drawer, born Bilston;
- [5] *Samuel Hazledine* (14), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Harriett Perry* (18), servant, born Bilston:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:–

Bilston Division, August 31st, 1866.

‘I beg to submit to the Magistrates the attached list of licensed victuallers who have been complained about during the year. Twenty-five have been convicted, and three have paid costs; one had been convicted three times and five twice. This is a large increase on last year’s list; but I think it has arisen from the police being more particular in reporting cases of permitting drunkenness – as it was found to be an evil rather on the increase. I believe it has caused landlords to be more careful in supplying drink to persons intoxicated.’

H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

William Knott, MERMAID, Salop Street, Bilston granted.....”

AND

“The next application was made by Mr. Best on behalf of *John Smith*, an innkeeper, living in John-street, Bradley. Mr. Thurstans opposed on behalf of Mr. *Knott*, the occupier of the MERMAID. The application was refused.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/9/1866

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1861. In the County Court of Staffordshire, holden at Wolverhampton.

William Knott, late of the MERMAID INN, Salop Row, in the Township of Bilston, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler, Dealer and Chapman, residing in lodgings in King Street, in the said Township of Bilston, out of business, having been adjudged bankrupt in Wolverhampton, on the 24th day of September, 1866, is hereby required to surrender himself to Charles Gallimore Brown, Esq., a Registrar of the County Court of Staffordshire, holden at Wolverhampton, at the First Meeting of Creditors to be held on the 12th day of October, 1866, at twelve o’clock noon precisely, at the Court House, Queen Street, Wolverhampton.

Mr. F. W. Topham, of West Bromwich, is the Solicitor acting in the bankruptcy.

At the meeting the Registrar will receive proofs of the debts of the creditors, and the creditors may choose an Assignee or assignees of the bankrupt’s estate and effects.

All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the said bankrupt must deliver them to the Registrar, and all debts due to the bankrupt must be paid to the registrar.

Clifton H. Curtis, High Bailiff.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/12/1866

“At the County Court, on Monday, before the Judge, A. M. Skinner, Esq., Q. C., the following bankrupts came before his honour for their last examination, and receive their orders of discharge.....

William Knott, Salop Row, Bilston, licensed victualler, supported by Mr. Topham of West Bromwich.....”

1871 Census

Salop Street

- [1] *Job Dolphin* (37), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Julia Dolphin* (36), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Esther Dolphin* (13), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *George T. Dolphin* (4), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Mary E. Dolphin* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Richard H. Dolphin* (3 months), son, born Bilston;
- [7] *Sarah Nicholls* (18), servant, born Bilston:

Midland Counties Evening Express 10/2/1875

“*John* (sic) *Dolphin*, of the MERMAID, Bilston, was summoned by Police-constable Eden for permitting drunkenness in his house. - Mr. Barrow appeared for the defence.

Mr. Spooner, after hearing the evidence, said he thought the constable had failed to prove his case, and the summons was dismissed.”

1891 Census

18, Salop Street – YE OLD MERMAID INN

- [1] *Thomas Shinton* (37), licensed victualler, born Daisy Bank;
- [2] *Harriet Shinton* (35), wife, assistant in business, born Daisy Bank;
- [3] *Ada N. Shinton* (8), daughter, scholar. born Daisy Bank;
- [4] *May Shinton* (6), daughter, scholar, born Daisy Bank;
- [5] *Joseph Shinton* (4), son, scholar, born Daisy Bank;
- [6] *Lilley Shinton* (2), daughter, born Daisy Bank;
- [7] *Edith Collidge* (13), domestic servant, born Birmingham:

Thomas Shinton, beer retailer, 18, Salop Street. [1896]

1901 Census

17+18, Salop Street – MERMAID INN

- [1] *Thomas Shinton* (47), licensed victualler, born Bradley;
- [2] *Harriet Shinton* (46), wife, born Bradley;
- [3] *Nellie Shinton* (18), daughter, born Bradley;
- [4] *May Shinton* (16), daughter, born Bradley;
- [5] *Joseph Shinton* (14), son, born Bradley;
- [6] *Lily Shinton* (11), daughter, born Bradley;
- [7] *Sidney Shinton* (6), son, born Bradley;
- [8] *Elizabeth Caddick* (16), general servant, born Bradley:

1911 Census

33, Salop Street

- [1] *Thomas Shinton* (57), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Harriet Shinton* (56), wife, married 28 years, born Sedgley;
- [3] *May Shinton* (25), daughter, assistant, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Joseph Shinton* (22), son, assistant, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Lilly Shinton* (20), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Sidney Shinton* (16), son, born Bilston:

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

A team from here took part in the Bradley Darts League, First Division. [1946]

OLD ROUND OF BEEF

35, (17), High Street / Workhouse Fold, BILSTON

OWNERS

Sarah Hanson, widow, Broad Street, Bradley, Bilston
Thomas Cross, maltster, Bilston
James Cresswell, accountant clerk, Wolverhampton
William Northwood Reeves, eating house keeper, High Street, Bilston
Wordsley Brewery Co. Ltd.
Plant's Brewery Ltd., Netherton
Hereford and Tredegar Brewery Ltd.
Plant's Brewery Ltd.

LICENSEES

Enoch Meadows [] - **1873**);
Alfred Lambden (**1873 - 1875**);
William Northwood Reeves (**1875 - 1897**);
Job Wilkes (**1897 - 1898**);
Alfred Martin (**1898 - 1899**);
John Richards (**1899 - 1905**);
Louis Skelding (**1905**);
George Cox (**1905 - 1906**);
William John Baker (**1906 - 1907**);
Horace John Elwell (**1907 - 1908**);
John Biggs (**1908**);
Edith Biggs (**1908 - 1913**);
Charles Smith (**1913**);

NOTES

17, High Street [1881], [1891]
35, High Street [1901], [1911]

It had a beerhouse license.

1881 Census

17, High Street
[1] William N. Reeves (39), refreshment house keeper, born Bilston;
[2] Mary A. Reeves (42), wife, born Bilston;
[3] Jane A. Perry (12), niece, scholar, born Bilston;
[4] Mary Howell (18), general servant, born Bilston:

1891 Census

17, High Street - OLD ROUND OF BEEF
[1] William N. Reeves (49), refreshment house keeper, born Bilston;
[2] Mary A. Reeves (55), wife, born Ocker Hill;
[3] Jane Ann Perry (22), niece, born Bilston:

William Northwood Reeves, beer retailer, 17, High Street. [1896]

1901 Census

35, High Street

- [1] *John Richards* (63), beer retailer, born Bradley;
- [2] *Mary A. Richards* (59), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Lucy Richards* (26), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Minnie Richards* (23), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Lilly Richards* (20), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Mary Richards* (17), daughter, born Bilston:

A wine license was granted in 1903.

1911 Census

35, High Street

- [1] *Edith Biggs* (37), wife, married 10 years, beerhouse keeper, born Middleton in Chirbury;
- [2] *Arthur Cliff* (30), boarder, labourer, born Tipton:

Edith Biggs was fined £3 and costs, on 30th July 1912, for permitting drunkenness.

License refused by Compensation Authority on 24th July 1913.

Compensation of £300 was paid on 24th December 1913.

License extinguished on 31st December 1913.

The building became dining rooms.

It was later [1986] occupied by Heath's grocers.

OLDE SHOPPE

John Street, Ettingshall, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1946]

LICENSEES

Godfrey [1930s]
Arthur Latham []
Joe Archer [] last

NOTES

It was also known as the JOHN STREET BEERHOUSE.

It was William Butler's first pub.

A team from here took part in the Butlers (Bilston) Darts League. [1946]

Joe Archer was married to Doris.

Closed
Demolished

OLDE WHITE ROSE

20, Lichfield Street, (20, (102), (103), Church Street), (Swan Bank), BILSTON

OWNERS

Elijah Price
Henry Plant and Son [1896]
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1904]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Enterprise Inns Ltd. [1991]
John Denston (acquired in 1997)

LICENSEES

George Banks [1818]
Sarah Banks [1828]
Sarah Baker [1830]
Joseph Best [1834] – [1835]
Robert Hollyman [1841] – [1842]
Thomas Caddick [1858]
Elijah Price* [1865] – [1873]
Elijah Price* [] – **1893**;
Frederick William Plant **(1893 – 1906)**;
Albert Simpson [1901] ?
John Docker **(1906 – 1909)**;
George Wilcox **(1909 – 1919)**;
Charles James Webb **(1919 – 1929)**;
Mrs. Mary Ann Webb **(1929 – [1940])**
I Bhattia [1988]
Anant R Jhalli [1995]
John Denston **(1997 – [2011])**



NOTES

Church Street [1818], [1828], [1830], [1834], [1841], [1842], [1904]
103, Church Street [1871]
102, Church Street [1873], [1881], [1892]
20, Church Street [1901], [1916], [1940]
Swan Bank [1911]
20, Lichfield Street [1994], [1998], [2001], [2003], [2005]

ROSE [1818], [1834], [1835], [1841], [1842]
OLD ROSE [1828], [1830]
WHITE ROSE [1904], [1911]

It was a coaching inn. [1834]
Coach office [1835]

1841 Census

Church Street, Swan Bank

- [1] *Robert Hollyman* (30), wine merchant;
- [2] *George Wilson* (15), shop;
- [3] *Catharine Cherry* (25), fs:

* possibly father and son / the same person

Elijah Price, wine and spirit vaults, 102, Church Street. [1865]

1871 Census

103, Church Street

- [1] *Sarah Price* (26), daughter, assistant at spirit merchants and public house, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elijah Price Jr.* (19), son, spirit merchant's assistant, born Bilston;
- [3] *Elizabeth Butler* (22), servant, spirit merchant's assistant, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Harriet Whalley* (22), general servant, born Sedgley;
- [5] *John Evenson* (21), servant, porter at public house, born Ellesmere, Shropshire:

1881 Census

102, Church Street

- [1] *Elijah Price* (64), widower, wine and spirit dealer, born Clent, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Esther Price* (22), daughter, born Dudley;
- [3] *Alice Price* (18), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Clara Newbolt* (24), barmaid, born Burton on Trent, Staffordshire;
- [5] *Martha Evans* (20), general servant, born Bilston;
- [6] *George Campion* (22), porter, born Sedgley:

1891 Census

102, Church Street

- [1] *Elijah Price* (39), spirit merchant, born Bilston;
- [2] *Clara Price* (38), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Harold Price* (10), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Frances Elikington* (16), niece, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Mary Cartmale* (32), barmaid, born Lichfield;
- [6] *Martha Weaver* (20), general servant, born Montgomery;
- [7] *William Gill* (19), porter + spirit merchant, born Horseley, Staffordshire:

Elijah Price was also a maltster and hop merchant of Oxford Street, Bilston.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/9/1899

"Wanted – a good general servant....."

1901 Census

20, Church Street – WHITE ROSE

- [1] *Albert Simpson* (40), licensed victualler, born Portsmouth;
- [2] *Annie Simpson* (41), wife, born Paddington, London;
- [3] *Annie Griffiths* (18), general servant, born Bilston:

1911 Census

Swan Bank – WHITE ROSE

- [1] *George Wilcox* (59), hotel manager, born Stone Easton, Somerset;
- [2] *Elizabeth Wilcox* (59), wife, married 29 years, born Bilston;
- [3] *Elizabeth Danks* (29), niece, at home, born Bilston:

Serious structural defects meant the pub required a complete rebuild in 1958.

[1986]

Closed [1997]

It reopened in December 1997 as THE OLDE WHITE ROSE.

John Denston was born in Wednesbury, c.1958.

He was brought up in Cheltenham.

He was married to Clare.

Wolverhampton CAMRA Pub of the Year 1999, and 2005.

Bierkeller opened in 2002.

A former printing works to the rear of the pub was purchased and converted into a hotel facility which opened in August 2010.

[2016]



1997



2016

ORANGE TREE

56, (32), (19), Ward Street, (Gibbet Lane), (Ettingshall), Priestfield, BILSTON

OWNERS

Edward Powers, licensed victualler, Upper Penn
Frank Myatt Ltd.
Eley's Stafford Brewer Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1946]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Black Country Traditional Inns

LICENSEES

Silvanus Sower [1851]
Mary Ann Sower [1861]
Jacob Braben [1871]
George ? [1873] – **1875**);
Alfred Caswell (**1875 – 1884**);
Matthew Rhodes (**1884 – 1890**);
Adam Bailey (**1890 – 1891**);
James Parkes (**1891 – 1895**);
Charles Fernihough (**1895 – 1902**);
Benjamin Biggs (**1902 – 1903**);
Joseph Edward Chatterton (**1903**);
Ernest Harold Rhodes (**1903 – 1918**);
Annie Rhodes (**1918 – 1926**);
William Ball (**1926 – 1931**);
Joseph Leadbetter (**1931 – 1934**);
Martin Butler (**1934** – [1940]
Neville J Taylor [1987] – **1995**);
Maurice Twigg (**1995** – []
Jacqueline Donna Walker [2005]

NOTES

Gibbet Lane [1851]
19, Ward Street [1871], [1881], [1891]
32, Ward Street [1901]
56, Ward Street [1911]

It had a beerhouse license.

It had a pigeon fliers club.

1851 Census

Gibbet Lane

- [1] *Silvanus Sower* (67), retail brewer, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary Sower* (57), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *James Sower*, 24, son, japanner, born Bilston;
- [4] *Edward Sower* (23), son, iron roller, born Bilston;
- [5] *Catharine Sower* (20), daughter, dress maker, born Bilston:

1861 Census

Ward Street – ORANGE TREE

- [1] *Mary Ann Sower* (68), widow, retail brewer, born Bilston;
- [2] *James Sower*, (35), son, japanner, born Bilston;
- [3] *Catherine Sower* (30), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Elizabeth Sower* (26), daughter, born Bilston:

1871 Census

19, Ward Street

- [1] *Jacob Braben* (43), licensed victualler, born Halesworth, Suffolk;
- [2] *Ann Braben* (32), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Clara Braben* (7), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Margaret E. Braben* (6), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Lucy Braben* (3), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Margaret Samms* (70), mother in law, widow, born Bilston:

1881 Census

19, Ward Street – Public house

- [1] *Alfred Caswell* (29), filler (?) and publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Joanna Caswell* (26), wife, born Priestfield;
- [3] *Alfred E. Caswell* (5), son, scholar, born Priestfield;
- [4] *Mabel A. Caswell* (2), daughter, born Priestfield;
- [5] *Eliza E. Caswell* (5 months), daughter, born Priestfield;
- [6] *Martha Hill* (13), domestic servant, born Priestfield:

1891 Census

19, Ward Street – Public House

- [1] *Adam Bailey* (41), beerhouse keeper, no birthplace given;
- [2] *Nora Bailey* (40), wife, no birthplace given;
- [3] *Sarah Wilkes* (15), general servant, no birthplace given:

1901 Census

32, Ward Street

- [1] *Charles Fernihough* (41), iron moulder, born Hanley, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary J. Fernihough* (30), wife, born Stafford;
- [3] *Florence M. Fernihough* (3), daughter, born Ettingshall;
- [4] *Charles B. Fernihough* (1), born Ettingshall:

Ernest Rhodes, beer retailer, 32, Ward Street. [1904]
He was born circa 1882.

1911 Census

56, Ward Street – ORANGE TREE INN

- [1] *Ernest Harold Rhodes* (28), beerhouse keeper, born Coseley;
- [2] *Annie Rhodes* (30), wife, married 5 years, assisting in business, born Hanley, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Mabel Louisa Rhodes* (4), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Gladys Ethel Rhodes* (1), daughter, born Bilston:

Ernest Rhodes died in 1959.
See also GATE

A team from here took part in the Butlers (Bilston) Darts League. [1946]

An application was made in 1989 for alterations.

An application was made in 2005 for alterations

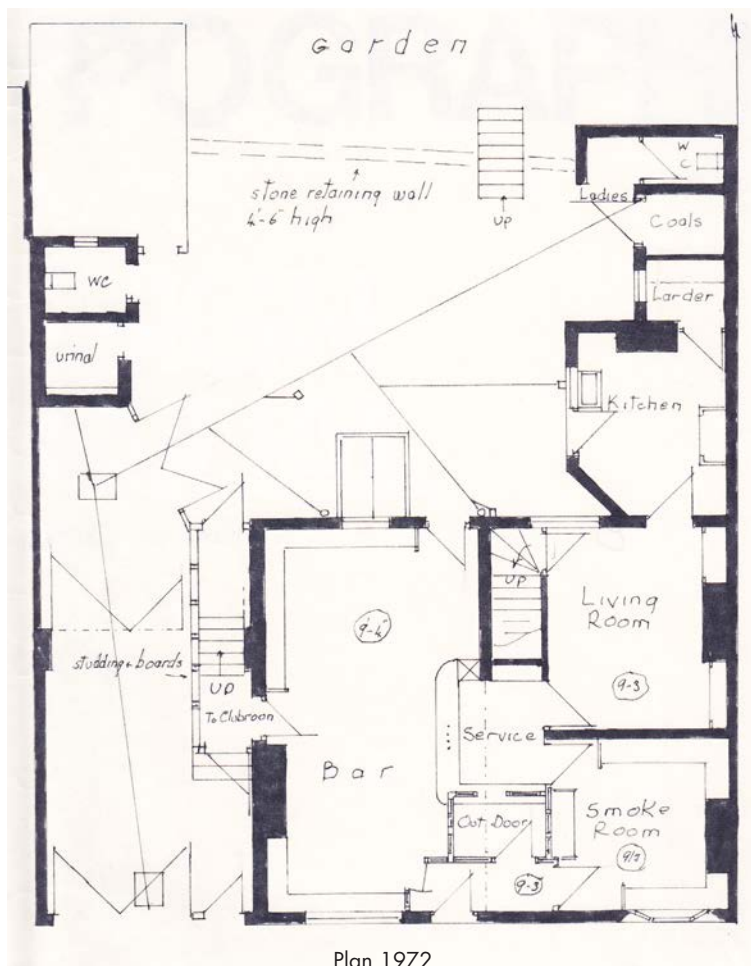
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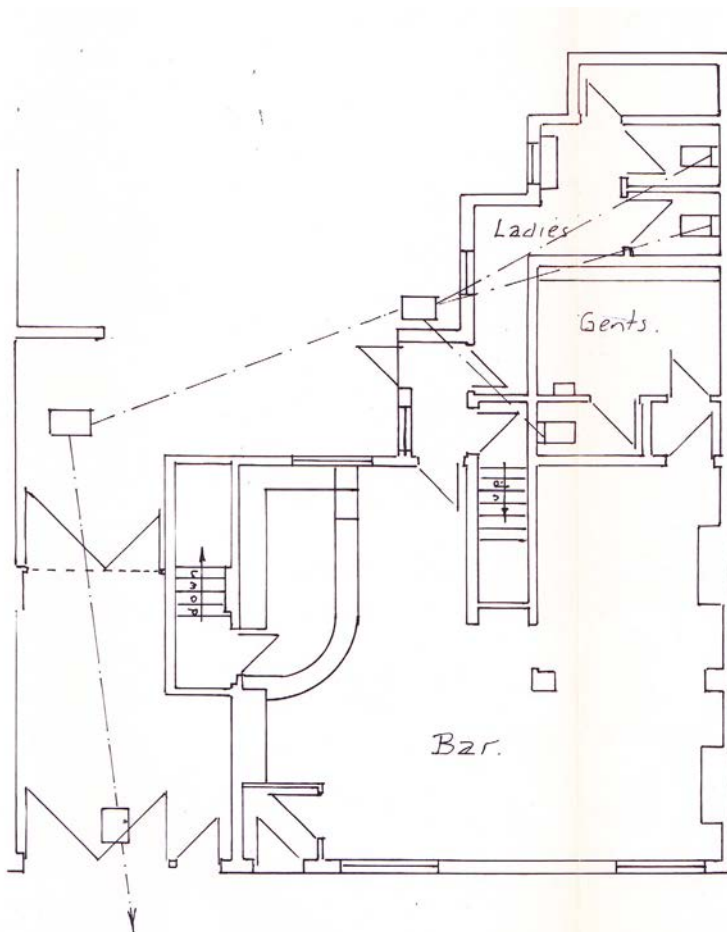
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Plan 1972



Plan 1989

OXFORD

83, (37), (36), (36a), (26), Oxford Street / Brook Street, (New Town), BILSTON

OWNERS

David Riley, contractor, Bilston
Chesters Brewery Co. Ltd., Manchester
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd.
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Sarah Robinson [1818] – [1822]
Elizabeth Fellows [1828] – [1830]
Joseph Maybury [1833]
Aaron Martin [1834]
Joseph Maybury [1835]
Elizabeth Fellows [1841] – [1842]
Miss Mary Fellows [1845]
Miss Sarah Fellows [1849] – [1851]
J Fellows [1858]
Daniel Parsons [1860] – [1861]
Joseph Guest [1864] – [1865]
John Henry Watkiss [1868] – [1871]
John Mack [1873] – **1876**;
David Evan Williams (**1876**);
Matthew Marston (**1876 – 1877**);
John Tranter (**1877 – 1878**);
Charles Matthew Anderson (**1878 – 1879**);
Frank Finch (**1879 – 1880**);
Isaac Richardson (**1880**);
Richard Hall (**1880 – 1884**);
John Stoker [1881] manager
John Gardner (**1884 – 1885**);
Richard Hall (**1885 – 1889**);
John Beebee (**1889 – 1890**);
Joseph Goodwin (**1890 – 1891**);
Edward Benjamin Horton (**1891 – 1893**);
William Turner (**1893 – 1894**);
Albert Charles Clarke (**1894 – 1895**);
Edith Hickman (**1895 – 1896**);
Frank William Ratcliffe (**1896 – 1898**);
William Henry Edward Dutton (**1898**);
Alfred Guest (**1898 – 1899**);
Benjamin Biber (**1899**);
Bert Evans (**1899 – 1900**);
Henry Connor (**1900 – 1901**);
Alfred John Pardoe (**1901 – 1902**);
Stephen Malkin (**1902 – 1903**);
Joseph Hankins Mutlow (**1903 – 1904**);
John Thomas Wilson (**1904**);
Thomas Marshall (**1904 – 1907**);

Samuel Cook (1907 – 1908);
Ernest Jones (1908);
John Griffiths (1908 – 1909);
Thomas William Marshall (1909 – 1910);
James Collins (1910 – 1911);
Harry Reynolds (1911);

NOTES

Brook Street [1818]
Oxford Road, Newtown [1828]
36, Oxford Street [1858], [1868], [1870], [1871], [1874]
37, Oxford Street [1861], [1864], [1865], [1896], [1901]
26, Oxford Street [1881]
36a, Oxford Street [1891]
83, Oxford Street [1901]

It was originally known as the WATERLOO.

WATERLOO HOUSE [1818], [1858]

WATERLOO INN [1830], [1835], [1860], [1861], [1868], [1873]

Tokens were issued for 'WATERLOO MUSIC HALL'.

1851 Census

Oxford Street

- [1] John Fellows (54), constable, born Bilston;
- [2] Mary Fellows (53), wife, born Colton, Warwickshire;
- [3] William Fellows (20), son, clerk to mine owner, born Bilston;
- [4] Sarah Fellows (18), daughter, innkeeper (WATERLOO), born Bilston;
- [5] William Page (27), general servant, born Hooghly, Shropshire;
- [6] Sarah Massy (25), general servant, born Bridgnorth;

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/4/1858

"On Monday last, W. H. Phillips Esq., opened an inquest at the WATERLOO INN, on two men named Michael Conniff and Michael Kelly, who, with George Harrison, a fellow workman, had been killed in a pit at the Fiery Holes Colliery, belonging to Messrs. Fletcher, Rose and Co., on the previous Saturday, by a fall of coal adjourned."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/1/1861

"Yesterday at the Police Court, before W. Partridge Esq., John Guest was charged with having stolen two bagatelle balls, the property of *Daniel Parsons*, publican of Bilston. The prisoner was the last customer in the room on Saturday night, and the gas was put out before he left. The balls were safe a few minutes before, and he was seen to put his hand towards the bagatelle board. Directly upon his leaving they were missed. The prisoner denied the charge, but was committed for trial."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/3/1861

"At the Police Court on Friday last, an Irishman, named John Brennan, was charged with violently assaulting Mr. *Daniel Parsons*, of the WATERLOO INN, on the 17th of December last. On the night in question the prisoner and a number of other Irishman were creating a disturbance at the house of Mr. *Parsons*, and while Mr. *Parsons* was attempting to turn them out of doors, Brennan attacked him. He struck him on the forehead with a gutta percha life preserver, inflicting a dangerous wound, and by reason of which, Mr. *Parsons* was under medical treatment for some time after. Brennan absconded, but was apprehended at a house in Temple-street, on Sunday night. The magistrates considered the case too serious for them to deal with, and committed the prisoner for trial at the sessions."

1861 Census

37, Oxford Street

- [1] *Daniel Parsons* (34), innkeeper, born Netherton;
- [2] *Matthew Parsons* (12), son, scholar, born Kates Hill;
- [3] *Mary Bennett* (27), housekeeper, born Toll End:

London Gazette 28/6/1861

“WHEREAS a Petition of *Daniel Parsons*, at present, and for about ten weeks now last past, residing at the FIELDHOUSE, in the parish of Tettenhall, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler, Retail Brewer, and Dealer in Tobacco, and during about the first six weeks of such time carrying on the same trades or businesses, also that of a Licensed Retailer of Wines, at the WATERLOO INN, Oxford-street, Bilston, in the said county of Stafford, his wife, during the whole of such time residing at, and keeping a School at Codsall Wood, Codsall, in the said county of Stafford, previously, and for about seventeen months, residing at the WATERLOO INN, Bilston, aforesaid, carrying on there the same trades or businesses as aforesaid, his wife also residing at, and keeping a School at Codsall as aforesaid, previously, and for about three years, residing at Dudley Port, in the parish of Tipton, in the said county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler, Retail Brewer, and Dealer in Tobacco, and occasionally working as a Stock Taker, his wife, during all such time, residing at, and keeping a School, at Much Wenlock, in the county of Salop, 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 *Daniel Parsons*, under the provisions of the Statutes in that case made and provided, the said *Daniel Parsons* is hereby required to appear before the said Court, on the 12th day of July 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 *Daniel Parsons*, or that have any of his effects, are not to pay or deliver the 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.”

It was described as well-accustomed in January 1868

Dudley Herald 1/2/1868 - Advert

“For sale all that old established public house and wine and spirit vaults known by the sign of the WATERLOO INN, situate in Oxford Street, Bilston, together with the small shop adjoining thereto, formerly used as a cooper’s shop and also the extensive stabling, shedding, bowling alley, yard and premises at the back of the said public house and adjoining Brook Street. The whole of the said premises occupy a site of 680 square yards The whole premises produce an annual rental of £50.”

1871 Census

36, Oxford Street

- [1] *John H. Watkiss* (30), licensed victualler, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Seraphina Watkiss* (30), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Lizzie Watkiss* (5), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Mary Kelsall* (20), domestic servant, born Bilston:

1881 Census

26, Oxford Street – WATERLOO INN

- [1] *John Stoker* (33), hotel manager, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Esther M. Stoker* (28), wife, manageress, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Amy E. Stoker* (9), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Louisa L. Stoker* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Albert Stoker* (6), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *William Hopley* (27), visitor, iron puddler, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *Elizabeth Hopley* (31), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] *Elizabeth Hill* (54), visitor, domestic servant, born Wolverhampton:

1891 Census

36a, Oxford Street – WATERLOO INN

- [1] *Joseph Goodwin* (35), licensed victualler, born Bolton, Lancashire;
- [2] *Frances Goodwin* (25), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Lawrence Goodwin* (3), son, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Olive V. Goodwin* (10 months), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Sarah Marchetti* (68), mother in law, widow, living on own means, born Birmingham;
- [6] *Nellie Green* (23), cousin, general servant, born Birmingham;
- [7] *Frank Green* (13), cousin, scholar, born Scarborough;
- [8] *James Curley* (22), boarder, sheet iron worker, born Bilston:

John Henry Watkiss was later at the SHIP AND RAINBOW, Oxford Street.

1901 Census

83, Oxford Street

- [1] *Henry Connor* (36), manager of tavern, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Ted Connor* (20), son, barman, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Joe Tompson* (23), barman, born Darlaston:

The name was changed to the OXFORD circa 1902.

Alfred John Pardoe was convicted on 11th March 1902 for two cases of permitting drunkenness.

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“All that messuage or dwelling-house public house and premises situate at New Town in Bilston formerly known as The WATERLOO INN and now known as The OXFORD INN. And also the stabling yard gardens and outbuildings adjoining thereto and at the back thereof together with the loft or room erected and now projecting over part of the said yard.....”

The license was refused by the Compensation Authority on 6th July 1911.

Compensation of £500 was paid on 16th December 1911.

The license was extinguished on 23rd December 1911.

Bilston & Willenhall Times 18/10/1924

“Mr. Cyril H. Green, F.N.A.A., auctioneer, Bilston, conducted a successful sale of freehold properties, de-licensed houses, and land, situate in Bilston, Priestfields, and Bradley, at the PIPE HALL HOTEL, on Tuesday evening..... The freehold dwelling houses, formerly the OXFORD VAULTS in Oxford Street, Bilston, a freehold piece of building land in Thompson Street, Bilston, and two dwelling houses in Wolverhampton St., Bilston, were sold privately previous to the sale and realized respectively £550, £183, and £380.....”

PARKFIELD TAVERN

715, Parkfields Road, (18, Parkfield Road), (Ettingshall), BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas Johnson
Elizabeth Johnson
Sarah Johnson
Alice Roper, 716, Parkfields Road
Johnson and Phipps
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Avebury Taverns Ltd. (acquired in 1999)
Swinder Bath [2003]

LICENSEES

Thomas Johnson [1871] – **1887**;
Isaac Johnson (**1887 – 1889**);
Mrs. Sarah Johnson (**1889 – 1916**);
Elizabeth Johnson (**1916**);
George Prosser (**1916 – 1936**);
John Leonard Jones (**1936 – [1940]**)
Harblas Rai [1994] – [1995]

NOTES

18, Parkfield Road [1871], [1881]
715, Parkfields Road [1901], [1940], [1997]

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

18, Parkfield Road – PARKFIELD TAVERN

- [1] *Thomas Johnson* (63), coal miner and licensed victualler, born Shropshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Johnson* (61), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *William Johnson* (33), son, coal miner, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Mary Smart* (24), general servant, born Sedgley:

Thomas Johnson, beer retailer, Parkfields. [1872]

1881 Census

18, Parkfield Road

- [1] *Thomas Johnson* (73), public house, born Oakengates;
- [2] *Elizabeth Johnson* (71), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Mary Taylor* (16), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

Thomas Johnson died on 12th September 1887.

Isaac Johnson was the son of *Thomas*.
He died on 4th December 1889.

Mrs. Sarah Johnson, beer retailer, Parkfield Road. [1896]

1901 Census

715, Parkfield Road

- [1] Sarah Johnson (58), widow, publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] Ben Johnson (27), son, barman, born Sedgley;
- [3] Elizabeth Johnson (29), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] Sarah Sparrow (25), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [5] Charles D. Sparrow (26), son in law, commercial clerk, born Shrewsbury;
- [6] Thomas Smith (41), boarder, striker hurdle making, born Tipton:

Mrs. Sarah Johnson, beer retailer, 715, Parkfield Road. [1912]

Sarah Johnson died on 22nd May 1916.

South Staffordshire Times 8/3/1924

"The adjourned Licensing Sessions for the Bilston Division were held yesterday, before a full Bench of Justices, Mr. E. Hickman presided.....

Considerable opposition was offered to the provisional application for a license to new premises it was proposed on land in Parkfield Road.

Mr. Skidmore made the application. Mr. Turton opposed on behalf of the owner and tenant of the RED LION, Parkfield Road, and Mr. J. F. Bourke (instructed by Messrs. Landon and Barrows) on behalf of the owner and licensee of the PARKFIELD TAVERN. The application was opposed by the Rev. W. E. Richardson, Primitive Methodist Church, Parkfield Road; the Vicar of Etingshall (Rev. W. H. R. Gipps); Mrs. Hodgetts on behalf of herself and neighbours; Mr. Geo. Watkins, on behalf of the Vicar of Blakenhall; Mr. Staghouse, on behalf of the trustees of the Primitive Methodist Church, Parkfield; and Mr. Joseph Hatelly, on behalf of the residents and trustees of Parkfield Primitive Methodist Church.

Mr. Skidmore in his remarks to the justices, said the proposal was to remove the GIFFORD ARMS, Codsall Wood, which was a rural district and already well served, to a proposed site in Parkfield Road. The site to which it was proposed to transfer the license was a different proposition. The site was directly opposite the new estate which was being developed by the Wolverhampton Corporation and a large number of houses had been run up there. The new road to Birmingham would run within a very few yards of the site. He knew it was unusual to ask for the removal of a license in one district to another, and the justices might say that Codsall would lose one license and this district get one more. If the justices granted the removal of the license of the GIFFORD ARMS, the applicant was prepared to give up the license of the ROYAL EXCHANGE, Queen Street, Bilston, an 'on' beer license. So at any rate they would get rid of one license in the county for nothing. They would get a license transferred from a place where it was not particularly required, to a site where it would be of great public convenience, and he ventured to suggest that the justices should not take too narrow a view. Mr. Skidmore added he should produce plans by which it would be seen that the house it was proposed to erect upon the site was most modern and up-to-date in every way.

Mr. Tomlins, Wolverhampton, explained the plans and spoke of the increase in dwellings which would take place by a housing scheme which was being pressed forward.

Mr. F. B. Housiaux, the owner of the estate upon which it was proposed to build the new premises, said he was a general dealer and he approached Mr. Myatt with a scheme suggesting it would make a good site for a licensed house, and agreed to sell it to him.

Mr. Bourke, in his opposition to the application, emphasised the fact that the justices were asked to remove a license which was outside, into their district. Much had been said on housing and the new road, but under the present conditions he urged that the district was well supplied with licensed houses.

Mr. Turton expressed the opinion that the present was not a suitable time to grant such an application.

The Rev. W. E. Hutchinson, speaking on behalf of the petitioners against the granting of a license, said one point was that there were sufficient licensed houses in the neighbourhood to meet requirements. They felt the future should take care of itself and they asked the justices to wait and see what may be the conditions in the future. Within half a mile of the proposed site were seven places where refreshments could be obtained. Nearly seventy-five per cent of the people living in the new houses had signed a petition against it.

The Justices retired, and after a brief absence, the chairman announced that they had given careful attention to the application, and the petition against it, and were unanimous in declining it."

An application was made in 1991 for alterations.

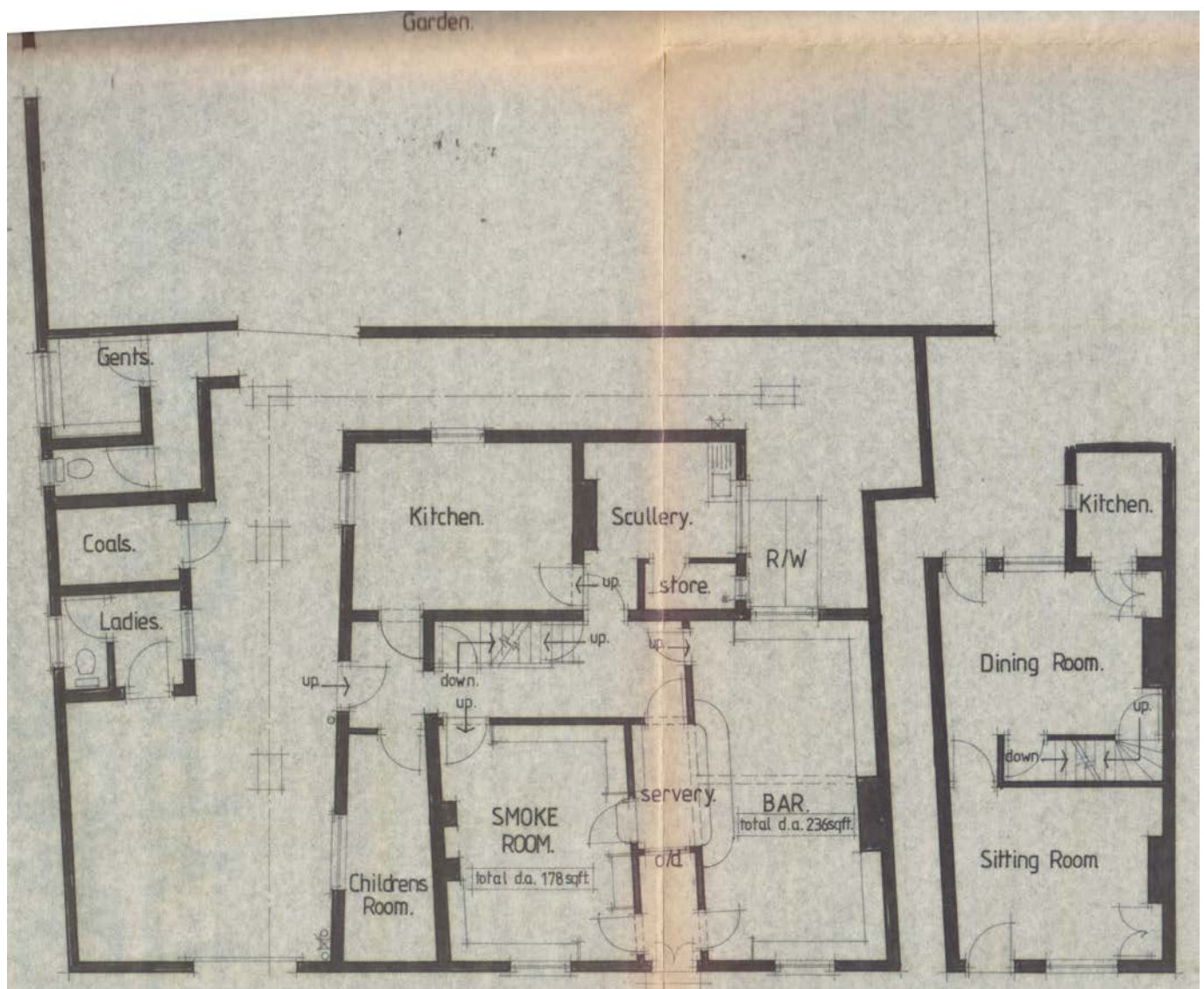
[1997]

Closed

It was converted into two shops in 2004.



1997



Plan 1992

PATCH BOX

Willis Pearson Avenue, Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Enterprise Inns Ltd. [1991]

LICENSEES

Charles Taylor [1903]
G Evans [1988] – [1989]
Brian Harry Swinnerton [1994] – [1995]

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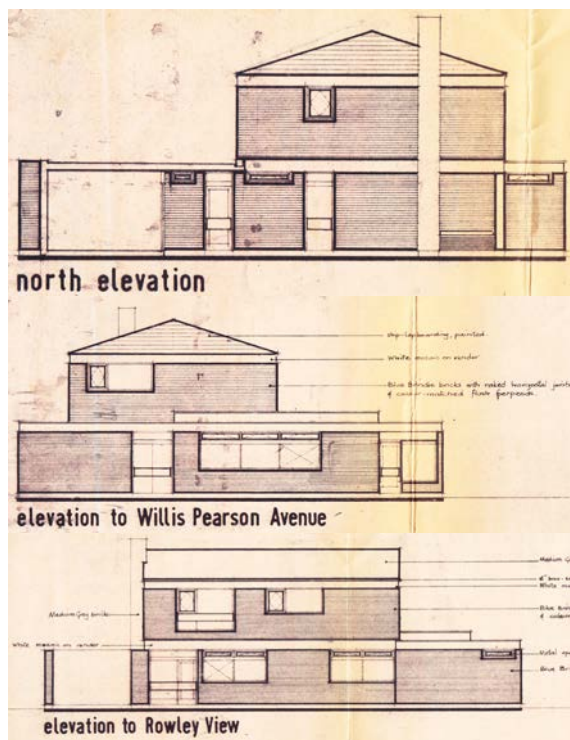
Charles Taylor was married to Nance.

It was rebuilt in 1964.

It closed in 1999.

It was badly damaged in an arson attack in October 1999.

It was demolished in August 2001.



Plans 1964

PHEASANT

20, (96), (76), (167), Broad Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas Roper, mine agent, Salop Street, Bilston
Millward Brothers, maltsters, Lea Brook, Wednesbury

LICENSEES

James Merrick [1865] – **1877**);
Mrs. Mary Merrick (**1877 – 1891**);
Mrs. Sarah Harriet (Price) Walker (**1891 – 1895**);
Joseph George (**1895 – 1897**);
James Elsegood (**1897**);
John Fowler (**1897 – 1899**);
Lucy Dunn (**1899 – 1900**);
Henry Gould (**1900**); [1901] ?
William Thomas Mallin (**1900 – 1902**);
Joseph William Smith (**1902 – 1903**);
William Thomas Davies (**1903 – 1904**);
Martha (Davies) Maddock (**1904 – 1909**);
Frederick John Burton (**1909 – 1912**);
Thomas Boulton (**1912 – 1913**);
Charles Henry Thornley (**1913 – 1914**);
Charles Dickenson (**1914**);
Samuel Doughty (**1914 – 1915**);
Elijah Pountney (**1915 – 1922**);
Frank Ernest Millward (**1922**);

NOTES

167, Broad Street [1873]
76, Broad Street [1881], [1891]
96, Broad Street
20, Broad Street [1901]

It had a beerhouse license.

James Merrick, beer retailer, Broad Street. [1865], [1868]
He married *Mary Hartill*.

1871 Census

Broad Street – The PHEASANT

- [1] *James Merrick* (46), publican, born Shrewsbury;
- [2] *Mary Merrick* (54), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Mary Hartill* (23), daughter, unmarried, dressmaker, born Bilston;
- [4] *Martha Hartill* (22), daughter, unmarried, dressmaker, born Bilston:

James Merrick died in 1877.

1881 Census

76, Broad Street – PHEASANT

- [1] Mary Merrick (60), widow, publican, born Bilston;
- [2] Mary Hartill (39), daughter, born Bilston;
- [3] Mary J. Poole (12), granddaughter, born Bilston;
- [4] Alice Miller (16), general servant, born Amblecote:

1891 Census

76, Broad Street

- [1] Mary Merrick (75), widow, licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] Martha Jones (46), daughter, widow, living on her own means, born Bilston;
- [3] Mary J. Pool (22), granddaughter, dress maker, born Bilston;
- [4] Elizabeth Jones (10), granddaughter, scholar, born Birmingham;
- [5] George H. Jones (8), grandson, scholar, born Birmingham;
- [6] John A. Jones (4), grandson, born West Bromwich;
- [7] Ellen Williams (21), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Sarah Harriet Price married Charles Henry Walker on 29th January 1893.

Mrs. Sarah Walker, beer retailer, 76, Broad Street. [1896]

1901 Census

20, Broad Street – Tavern

- [1] Henry Gould (59), beerseller, born Oldswinford;
- [2] Frances B. Gould (54), wife, born Oldswinford:

William Thomas Davies, beer retailer, Broad Street. [1904]
He died on 28th October 1904.

Martha Davies married William Edward Maddock on 11th March 1906.

1911 Census

Broad Street – PHEASANT INN

- [1] Frederick John Burton (40), publican, born Dudley;
- [2] Louise Jane Burton (33), wife, married 11 years, assisting in the business, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [3] Frederick Charles Burton (11), son, born Bilston;
- [4] Edward Henry Burton (8), son, born Bilston;
- [5] Leslie John Burton (7), son, born Bilston:

Elijah Pountney was an ex blacksmith of Bradley.

South Staffordshire Times 22/4/1922

“All Bilston district was horrified on Sunday evening when it became rumoured that a woman had been murdered in Broad Street, Bilston, in the early part of the afternoon. The news, unfortunately, afterwards received what appeared to be convincing affirmation. In a small, unattractive licensed house [PHEASANT, Broad Street, Bilston], there had lived, for the past six years a man named *Pountney*, manager, aged 50; his wife Alice Gertrude *Pountney*, aged 47; their only son, John Henry *Pountney*, aged about 20 years, and one or two other persons. Previous to going to Broad Street, Mr. and Mrs. *Pountney* lived at the RAILWAY INN, Wellbrook, Coseley, where both of them were well known. *Pountney* at one time also worked as a blacksmith at Bradley. More recently, in addition to having the management of the PHEASANT INN, he had been employed as a labourer at the Tarmac Works, Ettingshall. The actual facts of the terrible affair could not be disclosed until the inquest has been completed, or full magisterial proceedings had been taken, but from communications made to the police, and statements made by people who saw most of what transpired at the time of the alleged crime, a dispute of some description arose between *Pountney* and his wife at mid-day on Sunday, but nothing unusual was observed by the few customers present until shortly before

two o'clock, the time for closing. Mrs. *Pountney* was then in the back kitchen, peeling potatoes for dinner. With her was her only son, John Henry *Pountney*. As a customer, named Joseph Henry Norton, of 5, Sankey Street, Bilston, was about to leave the house, the others in the kitchen were joined by *Elijah Pountney* himself, Norton called and asked the latter what time he proposed closing, but he made not reply. It was stated that Mrs. *Pountney* herself then called out 'Come here, Joe,' and when Norton got to the kitchen, she said: 'He (her husband) has accused me that I am going to have a baby.' She added, 'If he don't know, who should know. That's why he has been so sulky with me for a long while.' Norton asserted that the woman had a knife in her hand with which she had been peeling potatoes, and that she said, 'If it wasn't for this lad (meaning her son), I'd _____' but the sentence remained unfinished.

Pountney turned away, and walked a few yards, but turning about, so it is alleged, he put his arm around his wife's shoulders in a caressing manner (as Norton thought), and said, 'Come here,' exactly as though he was about to kiss her. Norton, however, alleges that he had then perceived a razor in *Pountney's* other hand, and although he sprang forward and tried to seize it, he was not quick enough to prevent *Pountney* from drawing the blade across his wife's throat.

It was afterwards noticed that the arteries and the windpipe had been severed, and a stream of blood gushed from the wound. Norton saw the woman stumble for several yards into a verandah and the fall to the ground. He rushed off to the nearest surgery, and on the way he saw PCs Piddock and Maw at the corner of Broad Street and Church Street. He quickly related what had occurred and the police officers went to the house. Dr. Mathews following within a few minutes. The woman however was then dead.

The police finding her lying face downwards on the verandah floor in a pool of blood.

Maw was at once dispatched to the police station, and Superintendent Higgs and Sergeants Cartwright and Daniels joined Piddock at the PHEASANT. It was ascertained that *Pountney* had left the house immediately after the tragedy, and had been seen to go in the direction of Bradley. The police therefore took up pursuit.

At Bankfield, midway between Bilston and Bradley, they learned that a lad named William Doughty, of 5 court, Wolverhampton St., Bilston, had been proceeding along the road with friends named Jesse and Leonard Hamblett, and that on arriving at the canal bridge the former's attention was called to a bottle floating on the water.

He went to the parapet intending to throw at it when he perceived a man in the water apparently wedged between two boats alongside Mr. J. Toole's coal wharf. He was then up to the armpits in water. The boys called the attention of two youths to the man's position, and together they succeeded in getting him out.

Doughty stated that *Pountney* – for it was he – wanted them to leave him on the wharf, but they led him on to the road. They asked where he lived, but he is stated to have replied, 'I don't know; but I can find my way.'

He walked a few yards, and the youths then saw him go down the other side of the bridge, but before he reached the water he collapsed, apparently from exhaustion.

The police arrived almost immediately, and PCs Piddock and Royce resorted to artificial respiration, which they afterwards carried on under the superintendence of Drs. Waddell and Acheson, who had been summoned. At length the man showed signs of consciousness, and a motor belonging to Mr. F. W. Collins, which was passing, was requisitioned to convey him to the police station. Upon arrival there was found necessity to continue artificial respiration for a period.

Some time later he was formally charged by PS Cartwright with causing the death of his wife, and acting on medical advice, the man was afterwards removed the infirmary at New Cross, Wednesfield, to be kept under observation until brought before the magistrate.

There were two other persons living at the PHEASANT INN, in addition to *Pountney* and his wife and son. These included a man who was stated to have been in bed at the time and a brother of the woman – Arthur Cornelius Reynolds.

In a statement made by the latter he asserted that soon after he got up he heard his sister to say to her husband, 'You are opening your mouth too wide.' He did not hear anything else until the son called him, and he saw the latter with his mother in his arms and blood streaming profusely from her throat.

Reynolds also alleged that he heard *Pountney*, when in drink, make use of threats concerning himself and his wife. It was expected that the husband would be brought up at Bilston Police Court on Tuesday morning and charged with the wilful murder of his wife, but Supt. Higgs stated that he had an intimation that owing to his physical condition it had been deemed advisable to detain him in the infirmary a little longer.

THE INQUEST

The inquest on the deceased was formally opened by Mr. J. T. Higgs at Bilston Police Court, on Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Hewitt being foreman of the jury.

The coroner said he did not intend to proceed with the inquiry that afternoon, but to take evidence of identification only, and then adjourn the enquiry till Friday, to enable the husband to be present.

John Henry *Pountney*, framemaker, only son of deceased, said he saw his mother alive and well on Sunday morning, and saw her dead a little after two o'clock. She was 47 years of age.

The inquest was then adjourned.

Continuing his evidence at the adjourned inquest last evening [Friday], John Edward *Pountney* said that at 1.40pm on the 16th inst., he was in the back kitchen of the house. Deceased was there paring potatoes for dinner. His father came in and said something to his mother, but witness could not hear what it was. His mother said, 'What?' In front of my son?' and he said, 'Yes; in front of him.' His father then left the kitchen and went to another part of the house. About 1.55 his father returned to the back kitchen. Joseph Norton followed him in. His father then pushed his (witness's) mother towards Norton, and said, 'Kiss her Joe; it might be the last time.' Norton replied. 'If that's it, I'm going home.' His father then said, 'Don't take offence, I don't mean anything,' and walked toward the door, but he soon came back, and sat on a chair. A few moments afterwards he got up, put his arms round his wife's neck, as if he were going to kiss her, and witness heard Norton say, 'Oh!' and he then noticed blood flowing from his mother's neck. Witness caught hold of her, and walked with her to the verandah. She then fell down, and he saw a terrible wound in her throat.

He saw his father standing in the passage, wiping his hands on a piece of newspaper which he threw down. He then said to witness, 'Do you want any money, or do you want the bank book?' His father then left the house by the front door. Witness handed the newspaper to PC Piddock. His mother died in a few seconds.

Joseph Henry Norton said he was a bedstead caster, and lived at 5, Sankey Street, Bilston. He went to the PHEASANT INN about 12.25, and sat down in the kitchen, where *Pountney* was sitting. *Pountney* served him with a drink. Witness remained there till about half-past one and then went into the back yard. Mrs. *Pountney* was in and out of the kitchen all the time. Witness returned to the same room and had another drink, remaining there till about three minutes to two. Then he got up to leave, and at the door, he said to *Elijah Pountney*, 'Elijah, what time are you shutting up?' *Pountney* was then in the big kitchen with his wife and son. *Pountney* and his wife were arguing about something, but what it was he could say, as he was 'hard-hearing.' *Pountney* did not answer witnesses question, but Mrs. *Pountney* called, 'Come here Joe.' Witness then went toward her, and put his hand on her shoulder, and said, 'He has accused me that I am going to have a baby. If he didn't know, why should I know? That's why he has been sulky with me a long time.' She was paring potatoes at the time. With the knife in her hand, she pointed to *Pountney* and said, 'If it wasn't for the lad I would.' She did not say what. *Pountney* moved a bit away, and then turned back and caught hold of her round the neck with one hand, and said, 'Come here,' as though to kiss her. Witness then saw a razor in his other hand, and jumped up to grab hold of it, but he had drawn it across her throat.

She did not speak after he had done that.

When she was talking to witness she was speaking close to his ear, because of his deafness. *Pountney* and the son could hear every word she was saying. She staggered out to the verandah, her son having held her all the time. Then she fell down, slipping from the arms of her son. Witness went for a doctor, but his opinion was that Mrs. *Pountney* was dead before witness had left the house. The blood was gushing from her throat. Witness and Mrs. *Pountney* as children were brought up together. It was why he used to go there. They were friends and nothing more. That was the only suggestion he could offer why she called to tell him of her trouble.

Edmund McCann, bricklayer, who had his lodging at the PHEASANT INN for about six months, said that about November last *Pountney* and his wife were quarrelling in the ___ room. He heard *Pountney* say 'I shall do you in, before the night is out.' Witness did not know the cause of the quarrel. On many occasions since he had heard them quarrelling. On the Saturday night previous to the tragedy witness went to sleep in the kitchen and did not go to bed with the other residents. He could not say what time he went to bed. He did not get up on Sunday until he was called, after the tragedy.

Replying to further questions by the Coroner, witness said he had rarely ever seen *Pountney* sober, and he was under the influence of drink on Sunday morning.

The other witnesses, recalled, also spoke of *Pountney's* intemperate habits, but said that on Sunday morning he was well able to serve customers, although he had had drink.

PS George Cartwright said that at 2pm on the 16th inst., he went to Bradley in search *Elijah Pountney*. Arriving at the canal bridge, he saw him there, and assisted in the artificial respiration. *Pountney* was afterwards removed to Bilston Police Station and Dr. Waddell examined him. Witness afterwards accompanied the doctor to the PHEASANT INN, and was present when he made an external examination of deceased. Later the same day witness charged *Pountney* with murdering his wife, by cutting her throat with a razor. He cautioned *Pountney* and he replied, 'It's correct, I have had cause for it.' Owing to his physical condition *Pountney* was removed to the New Cross Infirmary, and witness went with him.

Dr. Charles Hope Waddell said that at the PHEASANT INN he examined the body of Mrs. *Pountney*. He found an incised wound four inches long, extending right across the front of the neck. All structures lying in front of the vertebral column, including the trachea, were severed. In his opinion death would take place in a few moments from hemorrhage and shock. On the 17th inst., he made a post-mortem examination, in order to ascertain if there was any foundation for the statement that she was pregnant, and the result was that he found she was not.

Pountney was found guilty of wilful murder.

POUNTNEY BEFORE THE MAGISTRATES.

Pountney was brought before Messrs. B. Adams and J. A. Jordan yesterday morning, charged with the wilful murder of his wife.

Prisoner, whose appearance would suggest that he is one of the most harmless men alive, was perfectly composed, and on being asked if would have any objection to remand he said he had not, as 'it would have to be gone into later on.'

PS Cartwright said that at Bilston Police Station he charged prisoner with the murder of his wife, and he replied, 'Quite correct I had cause for it.'

On the application of Superintendent Higgs prisoner was then remanded for a week.

THE PHEASANT INN LICENSE.

Mr. T. R. J. Tildesley, representing the owners of the PHEASANT INN, asked for the license to be temporarily transferred to Mr. Edward *Pountney* (son of prisoner). He said arrangements had been made for him to carry on the business, and he would have the assistance of an uncle who had been living at the house.

The application was granted.

FUNERAL OF THE VICTIM.

The funeral of the deceased woman took place Coseley early yesterday afternoon and a large crowd assembled to witness the interment."

South Staffordshire Times 22/4/1922

"At Bilston Police Court, yesterday, before Messrs. J. A. Jordan and G. H. Sankey, *Elijah Pountney*, 48, formerly licensee of the PHEASANT INN, Broad Street, Bilston was brought up on remand, charged with the wilful murder of his wife, Alice Gertrude *Pountney*.

Mr. Paling represented the Director of Public Prosecutions, and Mr. J. A. Sharpe represented the prisoner, who seemed to have recovered from his immersion in the canal, and was perfectly composed in appearance.

Mr. Paling said he did not propose to make an opening statement but would at once call evidence.

John Edward *Pountney*, son of prisoner, said that about 1.10pm, on the 16th inst., he was in the back kitchen of the house. Deceased was there preparing potatoes for dinner. His father came in and said something to his mother, but witness could not hear what it was. His mother said, 'What? In front of my son?' and he said, 'Yes in front of him.' His mother then left the kitchen and went into another part of the house. About 1.55 his father entered the back kitchen, Joseph Norton followed him in. His father then pushed the witness's mother toward Norton, and said, 'Kiss her, Joe, it might be the last time,' Norton replied, 'If that's it, I'm going home.' His father then said, 'don't take offence,' and walked towards the door, but he soon came back, and sat on a chair. A few moments afterwards he got up, put his arms round his wife's neck, as if he were going to kiss her, and witness heard Norton say, 'Oh!' and he then noticed blood flowing from his mother's throat. Witness caught hold of her, and walked with her to the verandah. She then fell down, and he saw a terrible wound in her throat.

He afterwards saw his father standing in the passage, wiping his hands on a piece of newspaper, which he threw down. Witness went upstairs and called a lodger named McCann, his father then left the house by the front door. Witness afterwards saw a razor on the floor.

Cross-examined by Mr. Sharpe:

Was Norton a relative of yours? – No he was an old friend of the family, and very often came to the house.

Who is McCann? – He was a lodger, and had been there about six months.

Where was he when the tragedy occurred? – In bed.

Had your father been drinking a good deal? – Yes.

Did he that morning appear very strange in his manner? – No.

Did he appear to be suffering from the effects of drink? – Yes.

Norton was in the kitchen all the time when this happened? – Yes.

He would see everything that took place as well as you? – I cannot say.

Was your mother peeling potatoes at the time? – Yes.

And she had a knife in her hand? – Yes.

Did you hear her threaten your father? – No.

Did you see her raise the knife? – No.

Was there any unpleasantness at all, leading up to this occurrence? – No, nothing at all.

But there had been unpleasantness between them, before that morning? – Yes.

Over a lodger? – Not that I am aware of.

Did you know that there had been quarrelling that morning over money? – No.

Examined by Mr. Paling:

I think your mother lent some money to somebody. – Yes.

Was it not to McCann? – No, somebody else.

And your father appeared to be suffering from the effects of drink. Had he been serving in the bar that morning? – Yes.

And he could walk and talk all right? – I think so.

Would you say he was drunk or sober? – I would say he was drunk.

You have been asked about the lodger, McCann. As far as you have seen has McCann's conduct in the house been everything that could be desired? – Yes.

Have you seen the slightest thing to cause your father to be jealous regarding your lodger and mother? – No.

Has your father ever shown the slightest sign of insanity? – No.

Would you describe him as a perfectly sound man? – Yes.

As well as being licensee of the house he went to work regularly? – Yes.

By Mr. Sharpe: Did your father meet with an accident about twelve months ago at the works? – Yes.

His head was cut? – Yes.

Was he at home about two months? – I forget the length of time. I do not think he had to stay at home.

Joseph Henry Norton said he was a bedstead caster, and lived at 5, Sankey Street, Bilston. On Sunday the 16th inst., he went to the PHEASANT INN about half-past one, and there he went into a back yard. Mrs. *Pountney* was in and out of the kitchen all the time. Shortly before two o'clock Mrs. *Pountney* called, 'Come here Joe.' Witness then went towards her and she put her hand on his shoulder and said, 'He has accused me that I am going to have a baby. If he don't know, who should know. That's why he has been so sulky with me for a long time.' She was peeling potatoes at the time. With the knife in her hand she pointed to *Pountney* and said, 'If it wasn't for the lad I would ____.' She did not say what. *Pountney* moved a bit away. He turned back and caught hold of her round the neck with one arm and said, 'Come here,' as though to kiss her. Witness then saw a razor in his hand, and jumped up to catch hold of it, but he had drawn it across her throat. She did not speak after he had done that. *Pountney* was not quite sober then, but witness could not say he was drunk. He could walk and talk all right. Witness had not seen any signs of insanity in the prisoner. He remembered prisoner meeting with an accident around twelve months ago, but did not notice any strangeness in him after that. Witness ____ pointed the knife at the prisoner ____ in a threatening attitude.

Cross-examined by Mr. Sharpe: Your expression before the Coroner was that prisoner that morning seemed to be 'dosi ____'? – Yes.

So he did not appear to be quite in his right mind at the time? Evidently he had been drinking? – But I had not seen him having any.

Edward McCann, bricklayer, said he had been lodging at the PHEASANT INN for about six months. He had heard the prisoner threaten his wife. That was about the second week after he went there. He struck her, and knocked her down, saying, 'That is not all you will have. I shall do you in before the night is out.' Witness did know the cause of the quarrel. On many occasions he had heard them quarrelling. On the Saturday night previous to the tragedy witness went to sleep in the kitchen, and did not go to bed with the other residents. He could not say what time he went to bed. He did not get up on the Sunday until he was called, after the tragedy

Cross-examined by Mr. Sharpe:

Were you on friendly terms with both Mr. and Mrs. *Pountney*? – Yes, we had been drinking together on Saturday night.

The Prisoner had been drinking heavily? – I have never seen him sober since I have been there.

When he was drinking like that was ___ in his manner? – I could not answer that.

Did you tell the Coroner anything about the prisoner knocking his wife down? – He did not ask me that.

Did you tell him you heard him threaten his wife the first fortnight you were there? – Yes.

Had she lent you any money? – No.

None at all? – No, never.

I understand she had lent money to someone else, and there had been a lot of 'tiffs' about it.

Do you know that was partly the cause of the quarrels? – No. I think drink was the cause of it all.

Do you say both of them were quarrelsome? – Yes. Six of one and half-a dozen of the other.

There was not much difference, so far as their quarrelling went. Have you ever seen her assault him? – On occasion, with cause.

When there was any cause she would not be backward in assaulting him? – She always took her own part.

Re-examined by Mr. Paling:

Was she a very hard working woman? – Yes.

You have never seen her drunk? – No.

William Doughty, 5, court, 26 house, Wolverhampton Street, Bilston, gave evidence as to seeing the prisoner in the canal near Bradley, and calling for assistance.

PS Piddock stated that having received information of the tragedy, he went to the PHEASANT INN, and there he found deceased lying on her face in a pool of blood. She was quite dead.

PS George Cartwright said at 2.30pm on the 16th inst. he went to Bradley in search of the prisoner. Arriving at the canal bridge, he saw him there, and assisted in the artificial respiration. *Pountney* was afterwards removed to Bilston Police Station, and Dr. Waddell examined him. Witness afterwards accompanied the doctor to the PHEASANT INN, and was present when he made an external examination of the deceased. Later the same day witness charged *Pountney* with murdering his wife, by cutting her throat with a razor. He cautioned *Pountney* and he replied; 'It's correct. I have had cause for it.' Owing to his physical condition *Pountney* was removed to the New Cross Infirmary, and witness went with him. On the way to the Infirmary: 'They had been up before me, having oysters and drinking beer and stout, and when I got up and asked for my breakfast she said the bacon was in the kitchen and I could go and get my own. There is a bank-book in the house and when I was going down the cellar for some beer, I heard her and McCann arranging to go away together. If she ain't in trouble, a post-mortem will prove it.'

PS Westbury said that on Friday, March 3rd, prisoner went into the police station and said, 'Do you mind sending an officer up to my place, the PHEASANT INN, I have got a lodger I want putting out.' Witness asked: 'Cannot you put him out?' and prisoner replied, 'No, he's too big for me. My wife encourages him there. I'm not going to be dominated over by them any longer. If he stays any longer I shall do her in. I'm sure to kill her.' Witness told him he must not talk like that. As prisoner walked away he said, 'Well, you'll see, I shall find you a job.' He then left the place. Witness sent two constables to the inn, and they afterwards reported on their visit.

Dr. Charles Hope Waddell said that at the PHEASANT INN he examined the body of Mrs. *Pountney*. He found an incised wound, four inches long, extending right across the front of the neck. All structures lying in front of the vertebral column, including the trachea, were severed. In his opinion death would take place in a few moments, from hemorrhage and shock. On the 17th inst. he made a post-mortem examination, in order to ascertain if there was any foundation for the statement that she was pregnant, and the result was that he found she was not.

This concluded the evidence, and prisoner, who reserved his defence, was committed to take his trial at the next Assizes."

South Staffordshire Times 8/7/1922

"The trial of Elijah *Pountney* (48), labourer, indicted for the wilful murder of his wife Alice Gertrude *Pountney*, at Bilston, on April 16th, opened at Stafford Assizes on Friday morning before Mr. Justice Shearman.

Mr. Graham Milward and Mr. Vachell prosecuted, and Mr. A. J. Long defended.

'I don't remember anything,' said prisoner, in pleading not guilty to the indictment.

In opening Mr. Graham Milward said the case was not a long one; it was quite a short and simple tale. Prisoner and his wife kept the PHEASANT INN at Bilston, and prisoner also worked at the Tarmac Works. A man named McCann came to lodge at the house in the early part of the year and there was trouble between prisoner and his wife. He knocked her down, McCann was present and took the woman's part, and from that time prisoner felt anger against McCann.

As time went on prisoner got into his mind that there was a wrong relationship between the lodger and his wife, and he remarked to a police officer, 'If the lodger stays much longer, I shall do her in.'

On the day of the alleged crime prisoner came home having apparently had some drink and he said to a man named Norton who was in the house, 'Kiss her Joe; it may be for the last time.' Subsequently he put his arm round her neck and cut her throat with such violence with a razor that she died almost immediately. Prisoner afterwards attempted to commit suicide by throwing himself into the canal.

John Edward *Pountney*, son of prisoner, first gave evidence, and said after committing the crime his father wiped his hands on a piece of paper. Witness afterwards saw a razor on the floor.

Mr. Long: While your father was at work something like twelve months ago, did something happen to him? – Yes, a piece of cinder fell on his head.

Since that time he has been continually drinking more than was good for him? – Yes.

Have you observed any changes in his manner since he had this blow? – Yes. He said things to mother, and when asked what he meant, he has turned round and said he never said anything.

Since the accident a very little drink has a great deal of effect on him? – Yes.

Did he suggest sometimes that there was improper relationship between McCann and your mother? – Yes. Witness added that his father had never suggested it to him, but he had overheard him say to his mother that she had kissed McCann or that McCann had kissed her.

Counsel: Was there the slightest foundation for such a suggestion? – No.

McCann, the lodger, said in his opinion drink was the cause of all this trouble. There was no truth in the suggestion that there was any impropriety between prisoner's wife and witness.

William Doughty, a boy, of Bilston, spoke of seeing prisoner in the canal. He was got out, and he asked them not to make any bother about it.

PS Cartwright said when he charged the prisoner with murdering his wife he replied, 'It's correct, I have cause for it.'

Dr. C. H. Waddell, in reply to Mr. Long, said when he saw prisoner he formed the conclusion that he had taken a considerable quantity of alcohol.

Sentence of death was passed."

Elijah Pountney murdered his wife, Alice, by cutting her throat on 16th April 1922. He was hanged at Winson Green Prison on 11th August 1922.

The license was refused by the Compensation Authority on 20th July 1922.

South Staffordshire Times 27/7/1922

"The principal meeting of the County Licensing Committee was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Thursday morning, Colonel R. C. Clive presiding.

No opposition was offered to the closure of the PHEASANT, Bilston (*Frank E. Milward*), and the licenses were refused on the ground of redundancy.

Compensation of £800 was paid on 23rd December 1922.

The License was extinguished on 30th December 1922.

PIPE HALL

27, Hall Street / The Orchard, BILSTON

OWNERS

Edward Pugh, gentleman, Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton
Arthur Charles Kerrison
Peck and Kerrison [1881], [1896]
Bent's Brewery Co. Ltd. [1904], [1916]

LICENSEES

John Coulson Bull [] - **1873**;
Edward Pugh (**1873 - 1874**);
William Peck (**1874 - 1881**);
Arthur Charles Kerrison (**1881 - [1896]**);
John Sprawson Iliffe [];
Selina Annie Iliffe [] - **19__**; [1901]
William Henry Matthews [1903] - **1912**; manager
William James Vaughan (**1912**);
Arthur Edward Hewitt (**1912 - 1922**);
Clothilda Hannah Lenora Hewitt (**1922 - 1926**);
William Robert Vowles (**1926 - 1935**);
Florence Ethel Vowles (**1935 - 1936**);
William Robert Holland (**1936**);
Edgar John Adey (**1936 - [1938]**)
John McCardle [1940] manager
Swinder Singh Bath [] - **2009**

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Sole Agents in South Staffordshire for
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Beg to announce that in consequence of the demand for their
Ales in small tanks they have now in stock a selection of the
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Advert 1881

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It dates to c.1810.

It stood close to the railway bridge.

PIPE HALL VAULTS [1876], [1950s]
PIPE HALL HOTEL [1896], [1904], [1940]

It was formerly a private residence and later a private school.

Dudley Herald 13/5/1876

“Eliza Campbell (47) was charged with having stolen the sum of £2 11s 6d from the person of Mary Ann Cross. Whilst the prosecutrix was in the market on Monday she was taken ill, owing to which she adjourned to the PIPE HALL VAULTS and got something to drink. She became worse in the vaults, and the prisoner who was present, kindly volunteered to unloose the prosecutrix's dress. In doing so she took of a loose pocket in which was a purse containing £2 11s 6d. After extracting the money, prisoner placed the pocket in a basket belonging to the prosecutrix. Soon afterwards Cross missed her purse and charged the prisoner with stealing it. She denied the charge and left the place. Cross followed her and in Church Street after much trouble, prisoner gave up the purse and the money three months hard labour.”

William Peck died on 20th September 1881.

1881 Census

Hall Street

- [1] *Arthur C. Kerrison* (41), unmarried, hotel keeper, born East Harling, Norfolk;
- [2] *Catherine E. Biss* (48), manageress, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Anne Swain* (22), assistant, born Tipton;
- [4] *Arthur G. Cowley* (14), assistant, born Attleborough, Norfolk;
- [5] *John Price* (18), assistant, born Bilston;
- [6] *Ann Brown* (30), house keeper, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Florence Armstrong* (19), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Dudley and District News 7/5/1881 - Advert

"Sale of valuable Ungotten Mines and Minerals, also Freehold and Old-established Boiler and Girder Manufactory, Plots of Building Land, Dwelling-house, Tenements and Premises, at Bradley, in the Township of Bilston, in the County of Staffordshire.

Messrs. Walker and H. J. Lloyd are instructed to Dispose of by Auction, on the 9th day of May, 1881, at the house of Messrs. Peck and Kerrison, called PIPE HALL HOTEL, Hall Street, Bilston, at Six o'clock in the evening, subject to such conditions of sale as will be then produced...."

Peck and Kerrison brewed here. [1888], [1916]

1891 Census

Hall Street – PIPE HALL HOTEL

- [1] *Arthur C. Kerrison* (50), unmarried, brewer and wine and spirit merchant, born East Harling, Norfolk;
- [2] *William W. Cowles* (17), nephew, builder's apprentice, born Rockland, Norfolk;
- [3] *Harry F. Cowles* (14), nephew, scholar, born Cambridgeshire;
- [4] *James Probert* (33), boarder, railway porter, born Hereford;
- [5] *Sarah Silvester* (23), servant, born Great Bridge;
- [6] *Elizabeth Barker* (48), servant, born Claverley, Shropshire;
- [7] *Sarah Unitt* (32), servant, born Bilston;
- [8] *Emma O. Parker* (21), servant, born Wednesbury:

1901 Census

PIPE HALL HOTEL

- [1] *Selina Annie Iliffe* (37), widow, hotel manageress, born Welford on Avon, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Sydney L. S. Iliffe* (15), son, born Leamington;
- [3] *Victor M. Iliffe* (13), son, born Leamington;
- [4] *Kathleen McPherson* (24), domestic servant, born Birmingham;
- [5] *Marion Whittingham* (24), domestic servant, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Elizabeth Tennant* (17), domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [7] *Nellie Hughes* (17), domestic servant, born Walsall:

Wednesbury Leader 20/7/1901

"Bilston Charity Football Association. The annual meeting of the above association was held at the PIPE HALL HOTEL, Bilston, on Friday evening. Mr. J. M. Lloyd (chairman) presiding over a large attendance....."

South Staffordshire Times 1/5/1920

"The butchers of Bilston spent a very enjoyable time at the PIPE HALL HOTEL on Thursday evening, on the occasion of the annual dinner of the local Butchers Association....."

South Staffordshire Times 2/10/1920

"Billiards. – A match was played at the PIPE HALL HOTEL, Bilston, on Wednesday evening, between two well-known local amateurs – Messrs. R. Smith and H. W. Matthews. The game was 400 up, which Mr. Smith obtained in under an hour, making breaks of 110, 69 and 53. The final scores were:– Smith 400, Matthews 212."

South Staffordshire Times 8/10/1921

“The proprietor of the PIPE HALL HOTEL applied for an hour’s extension at night beyond ordinary time, for the purpose of supplying alcoholic drinks to people who had meals at the hotel. He said a large number of dinners were provided at nights, especially in the winter months.

The Chairman said the Bench had decided not to grant the application that morning, but would adjourn it till the annual licensing meeting, when the application could be renewed.”

Arthur Edward Hewitt died in 1922.

South Staffordshire Times 9/2/1924

“The third annual open exhibition of Roller Canaries, promoted by the Bilston and District Canary Club, was held on Wednesday and Thursday at the PIPE HALL HOTEL, Bilston. In every respect the show was a decided success. The exhibits were which sent from many parts of England, and also from Scotland, numbered close to 100, and included many high class breeds.....”

Bilston & Willenhall Times 7/2/1925

“The fourth annual Open Exhibition of Roller Canaries, promoted by the Bilston and District Roller Canary Club, was held at the PIPE HALL HOTEL, Bilston, on Wednesday and Thursday last.....”

Bilston & Willenhall Times 7/11/1925

“The Bilston Roller Canary Club has now become one of the most important in the country. The membership includes not only local breeders, but fanciers all over the country, in Scotland and in Wales, while former residents, who have gone overseas, continue their interest. For the fifth annual open exhibition, held at the PIPE HALL HOTEL, on Wednesday and Thursday last there were 323 entries, and many valuable birds were staged.....”

Bilston & Willenhall Times 12/12/1925

“The annual dinner and musical evening of the members in the Midland Benefit ‘Holloway’ and ‘Approved’ Societies, took place on Thursday night at the PIPE HALL HOTEL, Bilston.....”

A music and dancing license was granted on 6th January 1928.

Bilston and Willenhall Times 10/3/1928

“Bilston Horticultural Society celebrated on Thursday evening at the PIPE HALL HOTEL, Bilston, a record financial year, by holding their first annual dinner. There was a large gathering over which Councillor J. E. Downs (president of the society) presided.....”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 22/12/1928

“For the 8th annual open exhibition organised by the Bilston and District Roller Canary Club, held at the PIPE HALL HOTEL, Bilston, on Wednesday and Thursday, there were 300 entries, about the same as in last year.....”

Miss Sadler’s Dance Classes were held here. [1931]

Bilston and Willenhall Times 20/1/1934

“A most enjoyable evening was spent by the men’s and women’s committees of the New Town Ward, Bilston, Unionist Association, on Thursday evening, when a supper was given at the PIPE HALL HOTEL, by the ward members of the Town Council.

There were upwards of 50 present, including Alderman and Mrs. J. T. Baker, Alderman T. R. Wood, CC, JP, Councillor and Mrs. G. H. Plant, Councillor and Mrs. R. Smith, Mrs. John Toole, Mr. C. E. Clarke, and Mr. R. G. Sawyer (Unionist agent).....”

William Robert Holland was fined £5 plus £5 5s 0d costs, on 22nd May 1936, for supplying intoxicating liquor during non-permitted hours.

John McArdle was born on 5th October 1907.

He was married to Ethel.

He was a devout Catholic.

He was called up for service in 1941 with the WT Reserve as NAAFI manager.

He died in 2000.

[The Black Country Bugle ran a series of articles, following his wartime diary, from 14/1/2010.]

Bilston and Willenhall Times 21/9/1946

“A bring and buy sale, organised by the members of Bilston Inner Wheel Club, was held at the PIPE HALL HOTEL on Tuesday, when about £35 was raised for various charities. Visitors were members from No.6 District Inner Wheel Club, and Mrs. Louie Taylor, district chairman opened the sale. Mrs. Gameson, national representative, was also present.”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 19/10/1946

“Mr. T. Radford, secretary to the Birmingham Branch of the International Friendship League, explained the League’s aims at a meeting of Bilston Inner Wheel Club, held at the PIPE HALL HOTEL on Tuesday.”

Black Country Bugle 27/11/2014

Letter from Reg Summerfield

“.....I remember going on a regular weekly basis to the PIPE HALL HOTEL The night many of us attended was a regular ‘live’ music night in the early 60s which featured resident entertainers The Harry Powers Trio plus compere / entertainer Don Tighe.....”

It became TOP CATS night club.

It was renamed CAROUSEL [pre 1971]

[1971]

PIPE HALL [1982]

Closed [1984]

It reopened as ROAR. [2003]

Closed [2008]

It reopened as GAVINS SPORTS BAR. [2009]

The landlord, *Swinder Singh Batth*, was shot dead outside the bar on 28th July 2009.

He was born c.1962.

He was married to Palwinder.

Two men were found guilty of his murder, in August 2010.

Closed [2012]. [2016]



2008

PLOUGH

82, (47), (46), (45), High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Ann Hickman, spinster, Bilston
Edgbaston Brewery Co. Ltd., Five Ways, Birmingham
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Atkinsons Brewery Ltd.

LICENSEES

Samuel Shotton [1858]
Mrs. Margaret Shotton [1860]
James Cook [1861] – [1865]
Reuben Robert Humphries [1868] – [1870]
Ann Hickman [1871]
Thomas Maddocks [1872] – **1875**);
Richard Hill (**1875 – 1877**);
Benjamin Clarke (**1877 – 1878**);
Matthew Ward (**1878 – 1881**);
Thomas Collins (**1881**);
Joseph Ellwell (**1881 – 1882**);
Francis Harper (**1882 – 1884**);
John Millward (**1884 – 1885**);
John George Kidson (**1885**);
George Reynolds (**1885 – 1886**);
Albert Lovatt (**1886 – 1887**);
William Millett (**1887 – 1888**);
Frederick Gardner (**1888 – 1889**);
Herbert Stringer (**1889**);
Walter Smith (**1889 – 1890**);
Alfred Newton (**1890 – 1891**);
James Maddox (**1891 – 1892**);
Thomas Robinson (**1892 – 1894**);
Mark Robinson (**1894 – 1895**);
Edward Green (**1895 – 1897**);
William Bickley (**1897**);
John Evans (**1897 – 1911**);
William Evans (**1911**);
Thomas Goodall (**1911 – 1913**);
Alfred Evans Hodson (**1913 – 1915**);
Joseph Herrington (**1915**);
George Maddox (**1915**);
James Collins (**1915 – 1917**);
Ada Mary Collins (**1917 – 1920**);
John Davis (**1920 – 1921**);
Annie Whittaker (**1921 – 1922**);
Albert Bradley (**1922 – 1925**);
Howard Freeman (**1925 – 1929**);
William Henry Southall (**1929 – 1931**);
George Amos Fox (**1931 – 1934**);

Richard Bettelly (1934 – 1936);
William Robert Holland (1936 – 1938);
Arthur James Stringer (1938 – [1940])

NOTES

47, High Street [1858], [1864], [1865], [1871], [1872], [1874], [1881], [1892], [1896], [1900], [1904]
46, High Street [1870]
45, High Street [1891]
82, High Street [1911], [1916], [1921], [1932], [1940]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 19/12/1866

“On Friday last, an inquest was held at the PLOUGH INN, High-street, before W. H. Phillips, Deputy Coroner, on the body of Emily Hipkiss, a child, two years of age, who died from burning. The child lived with its parents, in Black Horse yard, High-street, and it appeared from the evidence, that on Monday evening, the 19th instant, the father of the deceased left her sitting on a sofa, whilst he went into the back yard. There was a lighted candle on the table, and the only other person in the house besides the deceased was a boy about seven years of age, whom the father told to look after the child in his absence. In about two minutes afterwards piercing screams were heard, and on two of the neighbours rushing into the house to see what was the matter, the little girl was found by herself with her clothes on fire. The flames were at once extinguished, but the child was found to be very severely burnt about the arms and neck. The burns were dressed with oil &c., and the child was afterwards attended to by a woman who resided in the neighbourhood, and as the child seemed to be going on well up to Sunday last no medical man was called in. On Monday morning the child seemed so much worse that the father called in Mr. Best, surgeon, but although the gentleman prescribed for it, the little sufferer never rallied, and died on Tuesday morning. The father gave as another reason why he did not get the assistance of a doctor earlier that he had been out of work for some time, and could not afford the expense, but the Coroner told him that was not sufficient excuse when his child’s life was in danger, and especially as he might have had the parish doctor free of charge. There was no one who could give any evidence as to how the child got on fire, but it was supposed that the little boy having left the house the little girl was trying to reach the candle, and pulled it on to its clothes, as the house was in darkness when the two neighbours rushed in. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1871 Census

47, High Street – The PLOUGH

- [1] *Ann Hickman* (25), widow, publican employing one assistant, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary Wilcox* (68), house keeper, born Bilston:

1881 Census

47, High Street – The PLOUGH

- [1] *Matthew Ward* (30), engine smith, beerhouse keeper, born Stanton, Derbyshire;
- [2] *Mary Ward* (30), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Bernard Ward* (7), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Winifred Ward* (6), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Gertrude Ward* (4), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Austin Ward* (3), son, born Bilston;
- [7] *Mary Ward* (1), daughter, born Bilston;
- [8] *Ann Gallagher* (20), general servant, born Bilston:

1891 Census

45, High Street – PLOUGH INN

- [1] *Alfred Newton* (32), licensed victualler, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Mary W. Newton* (31), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Jessie C. Newton* (6), daughter, scholar, born Darlaston:

T. Robinson was declared bankrupt.

1901 Census

82, High Street

- [1] *John Evans* (53), coal miner (hewer) and publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Jane Evans* (52), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *John Evans* (22), son, ironworker, born Bilston;
- [4] *Lizzie Evans* (17), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Thomas Evans* (14), son, bricklayer's assistant, born Bilston;
- [6] *William Evans* (5), grandson, born Bilston:

1911 Census

82, High Street

- [1] *Thomas Goodall* (52), publican, born Bloxwich;
- [2] *Emma Goodall* (49), wife, married 30 years, born Bloxwich;
- [3] *David Davis* (36), son in law, builder and bricklayer, born Bloxwich;
- [4] *Jane Davis* (27), daughter, married 5 years, born Bloxwich:

Thomas Goodall – see also LAMP, Bloxwich.

A music license was granted on 2nd March 1928.

Application for removal of license to premises to be erected in Stowheath Lane, Bilston was granted on 3rd March 1939.

It closed in 1956.

Demolished

PLOUGH

Shropshire Row, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Parr [1839]

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Wolverhampton Chronicle (October 1839) - Advert

“Sale by Auction on the premises, on 15th October 1839 About 1,000 gallons of Prime Old Ale and the whole of the barrels and brewing utensils effects of *John Parr*, PLOUGH INN, Shropshire Row, Bilston.....”

PLOUGH AND HARROW

Stafford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

George Withers [1835]

POINT OF WAR

High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Freeth [1833] – [1834]

PRINCE OF WALES

17, Highfields Road / Wright Street, Highfields, (Hallfields Road), (Hallfields), (Upper) Bradley, (Sydney Village), BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas Holland
John Holmes
Frederick William Plant, wine and spirit merchant, Bilston
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Holland [1868] – **1877**);
Robert Owen Nicholls (**1877 – 1878**);
Richard Edward Lewis (**1878 – 1884**);
John Holmes (**1884 – 1892**);
Frederick William Plant (**1892**);
Ann Maria Holmes (**1892 – 1897**);
Joseph Danks (**1897 – 1915**);
William Edwin Harrison (**1915 – 1921**);
Annie Elizabeth Harrison (**1921 – 1923**);
Edwin George Smith (**1923 – 1925**);
William Butler (**1925 – [1940]**)
J S Rowley [1983]

NOTES

Highfields [1872]
Hallfields, Daisy Bank [1873]
Hallfields Road [1901]
17, Highfields Road [1904], [1911], [1912]

It had a beerhouse license.

Thomas Holland, beer retailer, Upper Bradley. [1868], [1870]

Evening Express 13/1/1881

“Bradley Iron and Tin-plate Works. The annual supper of the sick club of the above works (Messrs. Hatton and Sons) took place on Saturday, at the PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL, Sydney Village.

Upwards of sixty persons were present.

The chair was taken by Mr. Joseph Parker, of Hallfields, who, after the cloth was drawn, gave several toasts, and said he was very glad to find that the club had gone on so prosperously during the past year, and to find that they had handed themselves together to help each other in the present year should any require such help. The rest of the evening was spent in singing, &c, the proceedings closing with the National Anthem.....”

1881 Census

Highfields Road

[1] *Richard Edward Lewis* (55), licensed victualler, born Worthen, Shropshire;

[2] *Mary Lewis* (50), wife, born Horsehay, Shropshire;

[3] *Mary Ann Butler* (17), servant, born Sedgley;

[Worthen is about 12 miles WSW of Shrewsbury.]

[Horsehay is now part of Telford.]

John Holmes was married to *Ann Maria*.

He died in 1892.

1901 Census

Hallfields Road – PRINCE OF WALES INN

[1] *Joseph Danks* (46), victualler, born Bradley;

[2] *Ann Danks* (44), wife, born Warwick;

[3] *Joseph Danks* (21), son, roll turner, born Bradley;

[4] *Laura Danks* (18), daughter, born Bradley;

[5] *William Clarke* (17), stepson, engine fitter's apprentice, born Princes End;

[6] *Frances Clarke* (16), stepdaughter, school teacher, born Princes End;

[7] *Eliza Danks* (16), daughter, school teacher, born Bradley;

[8] *Ethel Danks* (7), daughter, born Princes End;

[9] *Selina Carter* (19), general servant, born Leabrook;

1911 Census

17, Highfield Road, Bradley

[1] *Joseph Danks* (56), licensed victualler, born Bradley;

[2] *Ann Danks* (54), wife, married 21 years, born Warwick;

[3] *Eliza Danks* (26), daughter, assistant in business, born Bradley;

[4] *Ethel Danks* (17), daughter, born Princes End;

[5] *Sylvia Best* (20), domestic servant, born Wolverhampton;

Joseph Danks – see also NAVIGATION, Salop Street, Bradley.

Closed

It became a shop.



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PRINCE OF WALES

44, Queen Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Isaac Bruerton, gentleman, Walsall
M J Fanning, wine merchant, Solihull
John William Hall, solicitor, Bilston
John Price Hilton
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Griffiths [1873] – **1878**);
Samuel Rogers (**1878 – 1880**);
Joseph Edward Hand (**1880**);
George Joseph Richards (**1880 – 1886**);
Richard Kinsey (**1886**);
George Thomas Simkin (**1886 – 1887**);
James Lawley (**1887**);
Sarah Lawley (**1887 – 1888**);
William Michael Murty (**1888 – 1889**);
James Ball (**1889 – 1890**);
William Corkhill (**1890 – 1891**);
Alfred Fellows (**1891 – 1892**);
Edwin Humphries (**1892 – 1902**);
John Hilton [1896] ?
John Price Hilton (**1902 – 1933**); [1901] ?
Richard Harold Hilton (**1933 – [1940]**)
K J Grainger [1976]
Graham Fisher (**1977 – [1983]**)
M D Fisher* [1988]
Margaret Fisher* [1995]

NOTES

James Lawley died on 17th November 1887.

1901 Census

24, Queen Street – PRINCE OF WALES INN

- [1] *John P. Hilton* (48), licensed victualler manager, born Bilston;
- [2] *Louisa J. Hilton* (50), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *James L. Hilton* (24), son, barman, born Bilston;
- [4] *John H. Hilton* (18), son, brewer's cellarman, born Bilston;
- [5] *Richard H. Hilton* (13), son, born Bilston:

John Price Hilton was president of St. Leonards FC.

He was fined £1 and costs, on 5th May 1916, for selling beer exceeding measure called for.

Bilston & Willenhall Times 20/12/1924

“Mr. *John Hilton*, who has been the landlord of the PRINCE OF WALES, Queen St. [Bilston], for 33 years received many congratulations from very many friends on the anniversary of his 73rd birthday on Thursday last.”

* probably the same person

Margaret Fisher was married to Graham.

It closed in 2003.

It was attacked by arsonists March 2004, who caused a fire in the cellar.

It was demolished c.2005.

Check HOPE AND ANCHOR

QUEEN

Temple Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

Closed
Demolished

QUEENS ARMS

10, (13), (25), Wellington Road, (Wellington Street), (Lichfield Street), (Wolverhampton Street) / Short Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

John Grainger, builder, Darlaston Green
Richard Andrew Harper, brewer, Bilston
R. A. Harper Ltd., Hall Park Brewery, Bilston
Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Totally Fair Pub Co. [2000]

LICENSEES

John Granger [1850] – [1851]
H Booth [1858]
Charles Wright [1860] – [1866]
Charles Woodin [1868] – **1873**;
James Henry Shepherd (**1873 – 1875**);
Frank Lloyd (**1875**);
William Wright (**1875 – 1876**);
James Wright (**1876 – 1877**);
Samuel Thomas (**1877 – 1880**);
Walter Dovey (**1880 – 1881**);
Catherine Sturge (**1881 – 1882**);
George Walker (**1882 – 1884**);
David Ashmole (**1884 – 1885**);
Elizabeth Evans (**1885**);
Alfred Stone (**1885 – 1886**);
Helen Stone (**1886**);
Mary Ann Richards (**1886 – 1888**)
William Scott [1891] – **1897**;
Mrs. Mary Jones (**1897 – 1901**);
Edward Henry Till (**1901 – 1910**);
Griffith Evans (**1910 – 1925**);
Mrs. Marian Jane Richardson (**1925 – [1940]**)
L Ram [1989]
Robert Michael Collins [2005]

NOTES

Lichfield Street [1850], [1851]
Wolverhampton Street [1851], [1861], [1868], [1870], [1872]
Wellington Street [1858], [1860], [1881], [1884]
25, Wellington Road [1871]
13, Wellington Road [1873]
13, Wellington Street [1891]
10, Wellington Road [1911], [1940]

QUEENS ARMS HOTEL [1861]

John Granger, beer retailer, Lichfield Street. [1850]

He was also a builder. [1851]

1861 Census

Wellington Street

[1] *Charles Wright* (55), publican, born London;

[2] *Elizabeth Wright* (30), wife, born London;

[3] *Arthur George Wright* (9), son, scholar, born Coventry;

[4] *Elizabeth Adelaide Wright* (6), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;

[5] *Zillah Maria Wright* (5), daughter, scholar, born Birmingham;

[6] *Sophia Amelia Wright* (3), daughter, born Birmingham;

[7] *Elizabeth Williams* (54), mother in law, widow, no occupation, born Radnorshire;

[8] *Sophia Garbett* (20), barmaid, born Princes End;

[9] *Hannah Cartwright* (20), barmaid, born Wolverhampton;

[10] *Samuel Charles* (24), manservant, born Lenton, Nottinghamshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/11/1861

“A case of *Francis Udall*, a publican living in Bilston [ELEPHANT AND CASTLE], against Mr. *C. Wright*, occupier of the QUEENS’ HOTEL, in the same town, was argued today on an important point raised by Mr. Thurstans, the defendant’s attorney. The plaintiff was supported by Mr. Claydon. The facts were simply these: In November, 1857, *Udall*, *Wright*, and a man named Burgess became sureties for a Mr. Hobdy, who has since left the country, on two promissory notes of £70 and £30. *Udall* was afterwards called upon to fulfil the bond, and he did so, paying the whole, or nearly the whole of the £100. Burgess afterwards undertook to repay his share, and *Udall* now sought to recover £31 12s, the share of the other co-surety. In defence, Mr. Thurstans argued that defendant was protected by a certificate in Bankruptcy, under the date of January, 1860; the petition, it should be added, was filed in May, 1859. Mr. Claydon argued, first that the certificate afforded no protection whatever, but subsequently he maintained, and it was on this point the case was decided, that the certificate only afforded partial protection. Nearly two-thirds of the £100 were paid by *Udall* before defendant filed his petition, and the Court could consider that money to be the shares of *Udall* and Burgess; the remaining third was paid after defendant’s bankruptcy, therefore defendant was liable. The 52d section of the Bankruptcy Act would not apply in a case like the present – between surety and co-surety, only between surety and principal, and in support of this he cited the case ‘Clements and Longman.’ Mr. Thurstans maintained the 177th sec. of the 13 and 14 Vie. provided the debts payable on contingency could be accessed by the Court of bankruptcy; and the Act further provided that where they were not assessable, the only remedy of the creditor would be to prove his debt, and receive dividends in case the contingency arose, and those dividends should be given without disturbing former dividends, payable to other creditors. Mr. Thurstans further argued that the defendant was only liable at the most for one-third the amount paid after the bankruptcy. His Honour considered that the section of Victoria referred to by Mr. Thurstans was a re-enactment of a section in the case cited by Mr. Claydon. He was, however, of opinion that it was not competent to the plaintiff to appropriate payments he had paid before the bankruptcy, but he was entitled to prove under the bankruptcy for the defendant’s share of that amount. He should consequently give judgement for a third of the sum paid by plaintiff since defendant’s bankruptcy, which would be £13 15s 8d.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/5/1866

“At the Police Court, yesterday, before I. Spooner, Esq.....

Mr. *Wright* of the QUEEN’S ARMS, was fined 1s and costs.”

[Permitting Drunkenness]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:—

Bilston Division, August 31st, 1866.

'I beg to submit to the Magistrates the attached list of licensed victuallers who have been complained about during the year. Twenty-five have been convicted, and three have paid costs; one had been convicted three times and five twice. This is a large increase on last year's list; but I think it has arisen from the police being more particular in reporting cases of permitting drunkenness – as it was found to be an evil rather on the increase. I believe it has caused landlords to be more careful in supplying drink to persons intoxicated.'

H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

Charles Wright, QUEEN'S ARMS, Wellington Street, Bilston granted....."

1871 Census

25, Wellington Road – QUEENS ARMS

- [1] *Charles Woodin* (42), innkeeper, born Towcester, Northamptonshire;
- [2] *Ellen Cecelia Woodin* (42), wife, born Binfield, Berkshire;
- [3] *Esther Jane Deller* (73), mother in law, farmer's widow, born Binfield, Berkshire;
- [4] *Charles Frederick Elau* (?) (12), nephew, born Birmingham;
- [5] *Emma Greenfield* (15), domestic servant, born Wolverhampton:

1881 Census

Wellington Street

- [1] *Walter Dovey* (29), commission agent, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Polley Dovey* (20), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Ada Young* (15), niece, born Stourbridge:

Midlands Evening News 16/4/1884 - Advert

"The QUEENS ARMS INN, Wellington Street, Bilston.

Mr. Thomas Skidmore is in receipt of instructions to sell by auction, without reserve, on the above premises in the occupation of Mr. *George Walker*, the whole of the Public House Fixtures and Effects, comprising in the spirit vault, fixed and loose seats, with stuffed backs; mahogany and oblong drinking tables, 8-day English timepiece, 6-pull ale machine, with stop taps and piping, 8-tap spirit fountain, piping, taps and barrels, metal drainer, measures, funnels, ranging, glass shelving, mahogany top counter, with fittings, counter at back, half glazed door, jugs, cups, glasses, bottles, window blinds, gas fittings and piping, 30 gallons wines and spirits, 250 gallons ale, several boxes of cigars etc. The smoke room fittings are 11 birch arm smoking chairs, capital mahogany table, another oblong table, chimney glass, oil cloth, Windsor chairs etc. The other public house effects, comprise 3 table tops, seats with backs, slate bottom bagatelle board, full size, with balls and cues, set of skittles and bowls, in good condition; outside lamp and ironwork etc., also an assortment of household furniture....."

1891 Census

13, Wellington Street – QUEENS ARMS

- [1] *William Scott* (60), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Hannah Scott* (50), wife, born Bloxwich;
- [3] *Herbert Scott* (24), son, bricklayer, born Bilston;
- [4] *Deborah Badger* (25), niece, general servant, born Bloxwich;
- [5] *Kate Banks* (23), servant, born Bilston:

William Scott was also a builder. [1892], [1896]

1901 Census

Wellington Road – QUEENS ARMS INN

- [1] *Mary Jones* (58), widow, hotel keeper, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Helen Jones* (26), visitor, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Mary Shore* (19), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill:

1911 Census

10, Wellington Road

[1] Griffith Evans (43), licensed victualler, born Guilsfield, Montgomeryshire;

[2] Charlotte Evans (37), wife, married 12 years, born Wolverhampton;

[3] Griffith Walter Evans (10), son, born Bilston;

[4] Edgar Evans (6), son, born Wolverhampton;

[5] Frederick William Evans (3), son, born Bilston:

[1997]

It was renamed HAWKS BAR in 2000.

[2003], [2007]

Closed [2008]

It reopened as the B4 BAR. [2009]

It was renamed NEW QUEENS ARMS. [2009]

Closed

It was converted into housing. [2012]



1997



2009

QUEENS HEAD

BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Charles Walters [1879]

RAILWAY

3, (5), Brook Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Barnett, builder, Bilston
Mary Ann Taylor, Perton Court, Wolverhampton
Richard Andrew Harper, brewer, Bilston
R. A. Harper Ltd., Hall Park Brewery, Bilston
Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd.

LICENSEES

James Davenall [1861] – [1868]
Joseph Cooper [1871] – **1881**;
Samuel Gaunt **(1881 – 1893)**;
Alfred Hall **(1893 – 1897)**;
Sarah Hyde **(1897 – 1898)**;
William Briggs **(1898 – 1930)**;

NOTES

5, Brook Street [1861], [1871], [1881], [1891]
3, Brook Street [1901], [1911]

It had a beerhouse license.

James Davenall = James Davenhall

1861 Census

5, Brook Street
[1] *James Davenhall* (41), publican, born London;
[2] Mary Davenhall (38), wife, born Shropshire;
[3] Henry Davenhall (18), son, born Bilston;
[4] Bessy Edwards (18), general servant, born Shropshire:

James Davenall, beer retailer, Brook Street. [1865]
James Davenall, beer retailer, 5, Brook Street. [1868]

1871 Census

5, Brook Street – RAILWAY TAVERN
[1] *Joseph Cooper* (57), beerhouse keeper, born West Bromwich;
[2] Phoebe Cooper (50), wife, born Bilston;
[3] William Cooper (24), son, forge labourer, born Bilston;
[4] Samuel Cooper (22), son, moulder, born Bilston;
[5] Edwin Cooper (19), bundler in iron works, born Bilston;
[6] Elijah Cooper (15), son, scholar, born Bilston;
[7] Joseph Cooper (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;
[8] Alfred Cooper (5), son, scholar, born Bilston;
[9] Selina Cooper (17), daughter, born Bilston;
[10] Edward Pugh (12), grandson, scholar, born Bilston:

1881 Census

5, Brook Street – RAILWAY INN

- [1] *Samuel Gaunt* (27), publican and general dealer, born Bilston;
- [2] *Selina Gaunt* (28), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Agnes Gaunt* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Samuel Gaunt* (1), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Selina Gaunt* (8 months), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Frederick Curtis* (19), servant, born Bilston;
- [7] *Alfred Cooper* (15), servant, born Bilston;
- [8] *Isaac Morgan* (15), servant, born Willenhall:

1891 Census

5, Brook Street – RAILWAY INN

- [1] *Samuel Gaunt* (37), general dealer and publican, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Selina Gaunt* (36), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Agnes Gaunt* (12), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Samuel Gaunt* (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Selina Gaunt* (10), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Mary Gaunt* (9), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Edith Gaunt* (5), daughter, scholar, born Bilston:

1901 Census

3, Brook Street

- [1] *William Briggs* (34), tube grinder iron works, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Marey A. Briggs* (29), wife, born Bilston:

William Briggs, beer retailer, Brook Street. [1904]

1911 Census

No. 3, Brook Street

- [1] *William Briggs* (44), tube worker, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Mary Ann Briggs* (39), wife, married 14 years, assisting in business, born Bilston:

License refused by Compensation Authority on 28th July 1930.

Compensation of £1,275 was paid on 20th December 1930.

RAILWAY

4, Hill Street, (64, Hall Street), (Railway Street), (Queen Street), Hallfields, Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Samuel Holloway
Francis Light, blacksmith, Burslem
Samuel Salt, brewer, Dudley
Chater and Co., brewers, Wolverhampton
J. and J. Yardley and Co. Ltd.
The Old Wolverhampton Breweries Ltd.
Frank Myatt Ltd.
Ansells Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Richards [1841] – [1842]
Samuel Holloway [1851] – [1854]
Mrs. Sarah Holloway [1861] – [1870]
Samuel Holloway Leech [1871] – **1886**;
Thomas Butler **(1886 – 1892)**;
Mrs. Eliza Butler **(1892 – 1922)**;
James Brown **(1922)**;
Frederick Cower **(1922 – 1923)**;
Joseph Challenger **(1923 – 1929)**;
Samuel Higgins **(1929 – 1933)**;
Harry Richards **(1933 – 1937)**;
George Henry 'Harry' Percival **(1937 – [1940]**
Leonard John 'Len' Hunt []

NOTES

Railway Street
Queen Street [1851]
64, Hall Street [1861], [1871], [1881], [1891]
4, Hill Street [1904], [1911], [1916], [1921], [1940]

RAILWAY TAVERN [1864], [1865], [1868] [1871], [1873], [1881], [1896], [1946]
RAILWAY INN [1940]

Samuel Holloway was born in Sedgley in 1802.
He was also a boat builder.
He married Sarah Read on 26th December 1821, at Tipton.

1851 Census

Queen Street, Hallfields

- [1] *Samuel Holloway* (48), boat builder, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Sarah Holloway* (48), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Samuel Holloway* (20), son, boat builder, born Bilston;
- [4] *Ruth Holloway* (18), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Horatio Holloway* (15), son, blacksmith, born Bilston;
- [6] *Thomas Holloway* (13), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Sarah Ann Doleman* (12), house servant, born Bilston:

Samuel Holloway died in 1860.

1861 Census

64, Hall Street – RAILWAY TAVERN

- [1] *Sarah Holloway* (58), widow, victualler, born Bilston:

Samuel Holloway Leech was born in 1843, in Bilston, the son of John Leech and Elizabeth Holloway.
He married Ann Carthy on 20th June 1863 in Wolverhampton.

Sarah Holloway died in 1881.

1871 Census

64, Hall Street – RAILWAY TAVERN

- [1] *Samuel H. Leech* (28), iron roller and publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Ann Leech* (27), wife, born Lichfield;
- [3] *John H. Leech* (3), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Samuel Leech* (10 months), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Sarah Holloway* (68), grandmother, annuitant, born Bilston;
- [6] *Emily Leech* (12), sister, domestic servant, born Wolverhampton:

1881 Census

64, Hall Street – RAILWAY TAVERN

- [1] *Samuel H. Leech* (38), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Ann Leech* (37), wife, born Lichfield;
- [3] *Jennie Leech* (15), daughter, born Walsall;
- [4] *John H. Leech* (14), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Samuel Leech* (10), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *Mary Leech* (9), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Lucy H. [Hannah] Leech* (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [8] *Harriet Leech* (7 months), daughter, born Bilston;
- [9] *Sarah Holloway* (78), grandmother, born Bilston:

Samuel Holloway Leech went bankrupt in 1886.
He died in 1894, in West Bromwich.

1891 Census

64, Hall Street – The RAILWAY TAVERN

- [1] *Thomas Butler* (46), publican, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Eliza Butler* (45), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Mary Butler* (22), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Mary A. Butler* (15), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [5] *George F. Butler* (13), son, born Great Bridge;
- [6] *Ellen Stewart* (10), niece, born Birmingham:

Thomas Butler died on 25th June 1892.

1901 Census

Hill Street

- [1] *Eliza Butler* (53), widow, publican, born Birmingham;
- [2] *George T. Butler* (23), son, joiner, born Toll End;
- [3] *Philip E. F. Whitehouse* (28), son in law, ironworker, born Bradley, Bilston;
- [4] *Mary A. Whitehouse* (25), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [5] *Philip S. Whitehouse* (2), grandson, born Bradley, Bilston:

1911 Census

4, Hill Street

- [1] *Eliza Butler* (64), widow, licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Philip E. F. Whitehouse* (39), son in law, iron worker at sheet, born Bradley;
- [3] *Mary Ann Whitehouse* (35), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Phil Sirdas Whitehouse* (12), grandson, school, born Bradley;
- [5] *Frederick Whitehouse* (9), grandson, school, born Bradley:

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

Bilston and Willenhall Times 16/3/1946

“At Bilston Adjourned Licensing Sessions, on Friday of last week, among the applications was one for the removal of the license of the RAILWAY INN, Bradley, to premises proposed to be erected at the junction of Burton Road and Broadway, Sedgley, or alternatively, for a new license at the site.

It was intimated that there was opposition from local residents, who appointed Mrs. J. L. Cort, of 270, The Broadway, to speak for them. Mr. A. D. Dallow also opposed on behalf of the GREEN DRAGON, a licensed house some 700 yards away.

Mr. O. L. Bergendorff, who appeared for the applicants, said a canvas in the area had been taken and this showed an overwhelming majority of people in favour of a public house being erected on the site and he submitted that a more ideal spot for one could not be found.

After hearing witnesses for the applicants and also the opposition, the justices declined to sanction the removal for a new license.”

Leonard John Hunt was married to *Edna* (Vi).

See also HAMEMAKERS ARMS, Walsall.

Closed

License removed to new house to be built at Ellowes Road, Lower Gornal - February 1957.

Demolished

RAILWAY FOUNTAIN

Hall Green, (Upper Bradley), Highfields, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Green [1851]
John Martin [1861]
A Martin [] - **1866**;
Noah Halford (**1866** - [1870])

NOTES

John Martin was also a grocer. [1861]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 6/11/1861

"Yesterday afternoon W. H. Phillips, Esq., deputy-corner, held an inquest at the RAILWAY FOUNTAIN, Bradley, on the body of William Lewis, 69 years, iron roller, who had died under distressing circumstances on the previous Sunday morning. Deceased, it seems, was returning home in a state of intoxication on Saturday night, and he succeeded in getting as far as the entry leading into his yard. Between three and four o'clock on the Sunday morning he was found there by a watchman named Hickman, but Hickman did not know him, and consequently did not remove him. At the inquest yesterday Hickman was not examined, but a witness named Solloway proved having a conversation between him and the deceased. She heard Hickman inquiring of Lewis who he was, and heard Hickman go away, saying that he would fetch a policeman. During the conversation between Hickman and the deceased witness got up to go to the window. After five or ten minutes the witness got into her bed again, and while Hickman was searching for the police Mrs. Solloway heard some one apparently drag the deceased out of the entry into the road, where he was found next morning. She heard deceased cry, 'Mercy,' and 'Don't murder me,' but she did not get up a second time. A girl named Elizabeth Thompson proved seeing a man pick the deceased up in the street at seven o'clock on Sunday morning. He was alive and muttered something very inaudibly, but no one could understand what he said; he died shortly afterwards. A woman named Waller stated that she heard someone cry 'Murder,' but it only seemed to be the bawling of a drunken man. Thomas Perry proved hearing a man in conversation with deceased; he believed the man to be Hickman. The inquest was adjourned till Monday next for the purpose of making a post mortem examination.

Rumours have been currently circulating in Bilston that the deceased was murdered, but there is little reason to suppose that this is the case. An indefatigable correspondent to the London and provincial papers has 'written up' the case most alarmingly, and many of the daily papers yesterday were flaming with an account of 'Another Murder at Bilston'."

Check GREAT WESTERN.

RECRUITING SERGEANT

High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Harthill [1818] – [1835]

NOTES

SERGEANT [1827]

It had a beerhouse license.

Joseph Hartill, retailer of beer, High Street. [1835]

RED COW

3, (5), Bridge Street, (Fraser Street), BILSTON

OWNERS

John Proffitt
Samuel Hughes
John William Hall, solicitor, Bilston
Matthew Smith, brewer, Dudley
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd.

LICENSEES

Noah Caddick [1818] – [1822]
Edward Evans [1828] – [1830]
James Caddick [1833] – [1851]
William Stretton [1854]
Joseph Moreton [1861]
John Harthill Palmer [1864] – [1865]
George Calloway { } – **1866**;
John Proffitt **(1866 – 1883)**;
John Palmer [1868] – [1870] (?)
George Holmes [1879] (?)
George Proffitt **(1883 – 1884)**;
Charles Smith **(1884 – 1885)**;
John Garner Parker **(1885 – 1886)**;
Samuel Hughes **(1886 – 1893)**;
William Price **(1893 – 1894)**;
Charles Carpenter **(1894 – 1895)**;
George Lawrence **(1895 – 1896)**;
William Clay **(1896 – 1898)**;
Enoch Burton Waterfield **(1898)**;
Arthur Bagnall **(1898 – 1899)**;
Alfred Guest **(1899 – 1901)**;
William and Catherine Williams **(1901 – 1902)**;
John Owen **(1902)**;
John Jones **(1902 – 1908)**;
George Henry White **(1908)**;
William Edwards **(1908 – 1909)**;
John Lewis **(1909)**;
William Edwards **(1909)**;
John Thomas Lloyd **(1909 – 1911)**;
Mrs. Elizabeth Millard **(1911 – 1916)**;
Henry Flavell **(1916 – 1922)**;
George Richards **(1922 – 1923)**;
George William Newbould **(1923)**;

NOTES

5, Bridge Street [1874], [1892], [1896]

3, Bridge Street [1904], [1912]

Fraser Street [1916], [1921], [1922]

It was known locally as "The Red Curtains".

It was used by theatricals.

Noah Caddick was also a cabinet lock maker. [1818]

James Caddick was also a brass and iron founder. [1833]

1841 Census

Bridge Street or Bridge Road

[1] James Caddick (50), brass founder, born Staffordshire;

[2] Ann Caddick (45), born Staffordshire;

[3] James Caddick (15), iron labourer, born Staffordshire;

[4] Ann Caddick (15), born Staffordshire;

[5] Esther Caddick (15), born Staffordshire;

[6] Joseph Caddick (15), born Staffordshire;

[7] Maria Caddick (13), born Staffordshire;

[8] Ann Caddick (8), born Staffordshire;

[9] Sarah Moore (8), fs, born Staffordshire:

James Caddick was described as being also a brassfounder. [1845], [1849]

1851 Census

Stone Street

[1] James Caddick (60), victualler and brass founder, born Bri____, Staffordshire;

[2] Ann Caddick (56), wife, born Bilston;

[3] James Caddick (32), son, born Bilston;

[4] Joseph Caddick (25), son, butcher, born Bilston;

[5] Ann Caddick (23), daughter, born Bilston;

[6] Maria Caddick (18), daughter, born Bilston;

[7] Mary Dugumpt (18), servant, born Ireland;

[8] Phoebe Richards (14), servant, born Bilston:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/6/1858

"An inquest was held on Monday last at the RED COW INN, Bilston, before T. M. Phillips Esq., on the body of Thomas Foy, aged 50, a miner, who was accidentally killed by a fall of coal, whilst working in a pit belonging to Mr. Blackwell. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/7/1858

"On Friday last, T. M. Phillips Esq., Coroner, held an inquest at the RED COW INN, Bilston, on the body of Enoch Williams, a miner, aged nineteen years. On Wednesday last, the deceased was employed at the bottom of Richard Rudge's coal pit, in the coalfield of Mr. D. Jones, taking out the curb and bricks, for the purpose of filling up the shaft, the pit being an old one. Rudge had been down the shaft several times in the course of the day, assisting the deceased, but in the afternoon, when Williams was alone the whole of the brickwork lining the shaft suddenly fell in and upon him The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 11/9/1861 - Advert

“RED COW INN, Bridge Street, Bilston.

To Be Let, with immediate possession, the above old-established Inn, now in the occupation of Mr. *Joseph Moreton*, who is retiring in consequence of ill health. The Premises consist of Smoke Room, bar parlour, large Club Room (with two Clubs attached), Stabling for twelve Horses, Piggeries, Brewhouse, Pipe Manufactory (which is let off) and Bowling and Marble Alley. The Brewing Utensils, Fixtures, and Stock may be taken to at valuation.

For particulars apply to Mr. R. Heseltine, Auctioneer and Valuer, Midland Counties Auction Rooms, Bilston.”

John Proffitt, beer retailer, 65, Bridge Street. [1864]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 24/1/1866

“At the Wolverhampton County Court, on Monday, before A. M. Skinner, Esq., Q.C. (Judge), *John Hartill Palmer*, ex-publican, of Bilston, supported by Mr. Jackson, for Mr. Cresswell, came up at the County Court for his final Order, as a publican. Mr. Langman opposed for a creditor named Austin, and elicited that out of £187, bankrupt owed Austin £12 8s 4d. £25 of that amount was for a gig, which bankrupt said he had bought to drive his wife out in for the benefit of her health. Mr. Langman asked that the discharge should be conditional on the bankrupt paying something out of his income, as a forgerman, for the benefit of his creditors. The learned Judge said the Court was placed in a most anomalous position. There he had been sitting all the morning compelling people to pay their debts, and now he was sitting in the same Court to administer a legal machinery by which people were relieved from the necessity of doing so. He put it to the bankrupt whether such a state of things was not as abominable as anomalous, and whether he would not make his creditors an offer. After some hesitation defendant offered to pay £25 in twelve months. The offer was accepted, and the bankrupt was conditionally discharged.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/2/1866

“Yesterday at the Police Court, before I. Spooner, Esq., *George Calloway*, landlord of the RED COW, in Bilston, was charged at the instance of Mr. Allcorn, Supervisor of Excise, with having made a false entry in his brewing paper, with the intent to defraud the office for Inland Revenue. The offence was clearly proved, and the defendant was fined in the mitigated penalty of £50.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:–

Bilston Division, August 31st, 1866.

‘I beg to submit to the Magistrates the attached list of licensed victuallers who have been complained about during the year. Twenty-five have been convicted, and three have paid costs; one had been convicted three times and five twice. This is a large increase on last year’s list; but I think it has arisen from the police being more particular in reporting cases of permitting drunkenness – as it was found to be an evil rather than the increase. I believe it has caused landlords to be more careful in supplying drink to persons intoxicated.’

H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

George Galloway, RED COW, Bridge Street, Bilston left over until the adjourned licensing meeting on the 28th of September.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 31/10/1866

“Yesterday, at the Police Court, *John Profit*, keeper of the RED COW, was summoned for allowing drunkenness in his house.

The offence was proved by a police officer, who visited the defendant’s house on Saturday last, and found several persons creating a disturbance there.

The Magistrates imposed a fine of 10s and costs.”

John Proffitt and *John Palmer* appear in the same 1868 Directory.

1881 Census

5, Bridge Street – RED COW

- [1] *John Proffit* (70), innkeeper, born Willenhall;
- [2] *Mary Proffit* (70), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Eliza Bull* (22), niece, general servant, born Dudley:

Evening Express 17/5/1881

“An inquest was held on Monday afternoon at the RED COW INN, Bridge Street, Bilston, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, touching the death of an infant named John Sanders, whose parents reside in Stone Street, Bilston.

William Henry Sanders, the father, said deceased was about three months old. He was taken to bed on Tuesday night last, and about half past four was found dead. The child had been delicate from birth, and as long as its mother was able to attend to it she did so, but she was very ill, and its grandmother had recently brought it up by hand. The witness had made no application to the parish for relief for the child, but the mother was now being attended to by the parish doctor. He had been out of work, and when in work he had been doing but a day, or two days a week. The deceased was their first baby.

Hannah Harper, the grandmother, who had attended on the child, gave corroborative evidence.

In reply to the Coroner, the husband said they had but one blanket in the house.

The Jury returned a verdict of Died from Natural Causes, accelerated by want of proper nourishment.

The Coroner said the wife, who was lying in the house on a bench, and was evidently in a critical condition, ought to be removed to the union, where she could be kept warm and properly fed and looked after. The woman would die for want if some such course was not taken. If she was left as she was, the husband would be responsible for what happened, and he (the Coroner) strongly urged upon them to consent to her removal.”

1891 Census

Bridge Street – RED COW INN

- [1] *Samuel Hughes* (40), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Esther Hughes* (39), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Joseph Hughes* (10), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Elizabeth Dale* (20), general servant, born Bilston:

1901 Census

Bridge Street – RED COW INN

- [1] *James Williams* (33), engine driver (stationary), born Darlaston;
- [2] *Catherine Williams* (28), wife, born London;
- [3] *Frank Williams* (3), son, born Darlaston;
- [4] *Horace J. Williams* (1), son, born Tipton;
- [5] *Violetta Grice* (24), sister in law, blind from birth, born London:

1911 Census

RED COW

- [1] *George Millard* (66), assistant in business, born Eversholt, Bedfordshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Millard* (29), wife, married 9 years, licensed victualler, born Margam, South Wales;
- [3] *Elsie Millard* (9), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Gwindoline Millard* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Jane Burleigh* (20), general servant, born Bilston:

George Millard – See also BARREL, LION and SPREAD EAGLE.

South Staffordshire Times 16/12/1922

"At Bilston Police Court, yesterday morning, before Messrs. Tom B. Adams and C. W. Harris, *George Richards*, licensee of the RED COW INN, Fraser Street, Bilston, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises on November 28th; with selling drink to a drunken person; with selling intoxicating liquor in contravention of Section 4 of the Act of 1921; with supplying intoxicating liquor under same section; and with supplying intoxicating liquor to a person on credit. There were also summonses against the following persons for consuming intoxicating liquor on licensed premises after 10pm: Sidney Jasper, 35, Upper High Street, Wednesbury; Leonard Taylor, 18, Oxford Street, Bilston; Elizabeth Taylor, same address; Gladys Dennis, 39, Thompson Street, Bilston; Ralph Draisey, 21, Bow Street, Bilston; Frederick Thomas Jeavons, 37, Bilston Road, Wolverhampton; Albert Rogers, 3, Bridge Street, Bilston; John Davies, 23 court, Bridge Road, Bradley; William Hubble, High Street, Bilston; and William Cole, 19, Great Bridge Road, Bradley.

Mr. J. A. Sharpe appeared to prosecute on behalf of the police; Mr. Glover represented Dennis, Leonard Taylor, Edith Taylor, and Sydney Jasper; and Mr. Rhodes appeared for *Richards*, Draisey, Cole, and Jeavons; Mr. Green watched on behalf of the owners of the house. Rogers, Davies, and Hubbard were not legally represented.

Outlining the circumstances, Mr. Sharpe said observations on the RED COW INN, of which *Richards* had been tenant for eleven months, were kept from a disused burial ground near the Wesleyan Church, directly opposite the RED COW INN. It was a quiet neighbourhood in the daytime, and it was owing to *Richards*' activities that it had become a somewhat notorious neighbourhood at night. For some time past the police had had reason to believe that *Richards* had been conducting the house in a disgraceful manner, and the present proceedings were the outcome of it.

Detective-constable Thorpe explained how he and Detective-constable Nixon took up positions in the Wesleyan burial ground. He said he kept observation, and from time to time the other officer made notes of what was seen. At 10.15pm he saw that the doors in the passage inside the house were open. Several men were in the smokeroom. He could tell that by the shadows on the blind. The landlord crossed the passage from the bar to the smokeroom carrying a tray which had glasses on it. About 10.20pm the men left the smokeroom and went into a room at the rear of the bar. The middle and front doors of the house were then closed by the landlord. At 10.25pm a male and female entered the house. At 10.35 witness and Nixon left the hiding place and went under bar window. Witness then distinctly heard movements in the bar, the jingle of glasses, and someone operating the bar pump. Witness tried to see who was actually in the bar, but was unable to do so because of the blinds. About 10.50 witness and Nixon were joined by a number of uniformed men. Witness then knocked at the front door of the inn. It was opened by the landlord, and witness said to him, 'We are police officers, and have reason to believe that drinking is taking place on your premises.' The landlord replied, 'My God.' Witness and other officers then went into the room at the rear of the bar. There were 14 persons in the room. These included the landlady, her son, and his fiancée. There were glasses containing intoxicating liquor on the table on left-hand side of the room, and also others containing liquor over the fire-place. One glass contained port wine. The glasses were then within the reach of all the persons there. At this point the landlady called out to somebody, 'You are all right; there has been no drink served after 10 o'clock.' She also said that Sidney Jasper, Gladys Dennis, Leonard Taylor, and Edith Taylor were staying there, but as witness was taking the names Dennis said, 'No; we are not staying here.' Leonard Taylor had a glass in front of him which contained stout, Edith Taylor had a glass of whisky and lemonade, Gladys Dennis had a glass of beer and lemonade, and Jeavons drank up something from his glass which smelt of intoxicants. Jeavons was sitting at the time with the glass in front of him. Jeavons then got up and staggered towards witness, who said to him, 'You are drunk, and you will be locked up for being drunk on licensed premises.' He was afterwards taken to the Police Station. Sergeant Daniels took the names of William Cole, John Davis, Arthur Rudge, William Hubble, and also that of a man who was being called as a witness. Witness ascertained that there were three adults and a child staying at the inn, and they were in bed at the time. Witness told the landlord that he should report him for selling intoxicating liquor during prohibited hours. The landlord replied, 'I am sorry this has happened; but I have not served a drink after ten o'clock. I can give away as much as I like. Witness called attention to Jeavons' condition, and told the landlord that he should report him for permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises. To that the landlord made no reply. During the whole of the time witness and Nixon had the house under observation there was a motor car, the property of William Cole, standing in the open ground in front of the house. Witness told the customers in the house that they would be reported for consuming intoxicating liquors on licensed premises. The only one who made a reply was Hubble, who said, 'I have had nothing to drink.'

Mr. Glover: Were Gladys Dennis, Edith Taylor, Leonard Taylor, and Sidney Jasper sitting by themselves, and not mixing up with other people? – Witness: Yes.

Mr. Glover: So far as you know there has been no previous charges against them? – Witness: Not to my knowledge. Cross-examined by Mr. Rhodes, witness said he presumed that the landlord must have had a previous good character, or he would not have been granted the license of the RED COW. Witness knew the landlord had been in the habit of providing board and lodging for theatrical people, and that some of them went to the house after ten o'clock at night.

Mr. Rhodes: Have you ever made any complaint to Mr. *Richards*, regarding the way he has conducted the house? – Witness: I reported to the superintendent, but not complained to Mr. *Richards* himself.

Mr. Rhodes: Then the first time he had any knowledge that there was any suggestion that the house was not properly conducted was when you and your fellow officers went in on the night of the 28th inst. – Witness: That is so.

Mr. Rhodes: So far as Mr. *Richards* is concerned, you have always known him to be a thoroughly straightforward man? – Witness: A very decent fellow.

Mr. Rhodes: A man whose word can be relied upon? – Witness: I have had no dealings with him before this.

Mr. Rhodes: I suggest to you that this particular night the bar was closed at ten o'clock? – Witness: No it was not.

Mr. Rhodes: And that the lights were put out in the bar a moment or two after ten? – Witness: No.

Mr. Rhodes: Also that after the landlord had cleared the glasses from the smokers room, just after ten, no one entered the house until the officers arrived. – Witness: I saw several men leaving the smokers room and going into the room at the rear about 10.20.

Mr. Rhodes: I suggest that when you arrived you found the bar door locked? – Witness: No, the bar door was slightly open.

Mr. Rhodes: You had seen Jeavons before that night? – Witness: No.

Mr. Rhodes: Weren't you in the theatre bar that night? – Witness: Yes.

Mr. Rhodes: I put it to you that you saw Jeavons there? – Witness: No, I did not.

Mr. Rhodes: And you recognised him at the RED COW? – Witness: Certainly not.

Mr. Rhodes: Did you not make the remark that you were surprised to find Jeavons at the RED COW? – Witness: No.

Mr. Rhodes: Did you know he was a friend of the family? – Witness: No.

Mr. Rhodes: Did you know he had been in the habit of staying nights with the landlord's son? – Witness: No.

Mr. Rhodes: Did you hear Mrs. Cole say, 'Mind you we have had no drink'? – Witness: I did not.

Detective-constable Nixon and Sergeant Daniels gave similar evidence as to what had transpired, and as to the identity of the persons charged with consuming on the premises.

Frank William Hind, who said he was in lodging in Bilston, stated that he was at the RED COW on the night in question. He got there about 9.20. He went into the smokers room and had something to drink, but finished it off before ten o'clock. He did not leave the premises until some minutes afterwards. There were several other people there, and after ten o'clock he saw them having something to drink. He particularly noticed that Jeavons was intoxicated. About 10.30 he saw Jeavons supplied with a drink by the landlord's son. It was not paid for then. Jeavons told the landlord's son to bring in a drink for himself as well. This he did, but Jeavons did not pay for it then. It was bitter beer. Jeavons said he could not pay for the drinks then, but they could be put down to him. Later on witness saw the landlord go into the bar, and afterwards he brought in four glasses of beer and a port. Witness was there when the police came in. He heard the landlady say to some of the people there, that they were all right as they were staying there.

Replying to Mr. Rhodes, witness said he had been subpoenaed to give evidence.

Mr. Rhodes: I submit that at ten o'clock the landlord called, 'Time!', and immediately removed the glasses from the tables? – Witness: That is not correct.

Mr. Rhodes: I submit that you did not see a single drink served after ten? – Witness: I say I did.

Mr. Rhodes: Where was the landlord when his son served the drinks referred to? – Witness: In the bar.

This concluded the case for the prosecution.

For the defence, Mr. Rhodes again submitted that as he had pleaded guilty to two charges, the other might be allowed to be withdrawn. With regard to Jeavons he said he had been drinking elsewhere prior to closing time, and went to the RED COW to ask Richard's son if he could stay the night. Mr. Glover said while he pleaded guilty on behalf for Dennis, the Taylors, and Jasper, he expressed sincere regret on their behalf. The first three were members of the theatrical profession, and Jasper was the son of a respectable Wednesbury butcher. Certain statements had been made of what was going on at that hour on this night, which he described as mere idle gossip without foundation. Cole and Draisey gave evidence denying that they consumed any drink after closing time.

Mr. T. B. Adams intimated that the Bench had decided to convict in all cases, and after retiring they ordered *Richards* to pay £10 or a month's imprisonment for permitting drunkenness, £10 or a month's imprisonment for selling liquor to a drunken person, and £20 or a month's imprisonment for selling during prohibited hours, together with £11 5s special costs. And on the other summonses he was ordered to pay costs.

In the cases of consuming liquor during prohibited hours, Hubble was ordered to pay 5s 6d costs, and the others 10s 6d each.

For being on the premises in a drunken state Jeavons was fined 10s. Mr. Sharpe undertook to withdraw seven summonses against *Richards* in respect of previous dates on payment of costs. *Richards*'s total amounted to £53 3s 6d."

South Staffordshire Times 30/12/1922

"Mr. Green made an application for the transfer of the license of the RED COW INN, Fraser Street, Bilston, from *George Richards* to *George William Newbould*. He said that Mr. *Newbould* had previously held licenses at Wednesbury, Bilston, and Darlaston, and his character was good.

Superintendent Higgs referred to recent proceeding against *Richards*, and said that the penalties imposed, amounting to about £50, had not yet been paid. He therefore asked the Bench to take that into consideration before consenting to the transfer.

Mr. Green pointed out that Mr. *Newbould* was already in possession.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. Pratt): That is at his own risk.

Superintendent Higgs said he had no objection to Mr. *Newbould* personally, as his references were perfectly satisfactory, but he must ask for the point he had raised to be considered.

After a short adjournment of the application, Mr. Green observed that *Richards* was given a fortnight in which to pay £20 of the fines, and extended time for the balance. On behalf of his client he (Mr. Green) was now willing to pay the first £20.

On this condition the transfer was granted."

South Staffordshire Times 20/1/1923

"*George Richards*, former licensee of the RED COW INN, Frazer Street, Bilston, who several weeks ago was fined £50 for offences against the Licensing Acts, now applied for an extension of time in which to pay the fine. He said he was out of work, and had no money. As soon as he got employment he would pay the fine as quickly as possible. Applicant was allowed another month in which to pay."

South Staffordshire Times 10/2/1923

"Bilston Licensing Sessions.....

Mr. Green on behalf of Mr. *Newbould*, licensee of the RED COW INN, Fraser Street, Bilston applied for renewal of the license.

Mr. A. J. Sharpe said he had been instructed by the Chief Constable to oppose renewal on the ground it had been badly conducted. The former licensee, *George Richards*, was on December 15th last, fined for a series of offences against the Licensing Acts, committed at the house. Those all had relation to incidents on the 28th November. There were several summonses issued for offences previous to that date, but those were withdrawn on payment of costs. The police were now entitled to call the whole of the evidence to enable the Bench to see that there had been systematic mismanagement of the house. He (Mr. Sharpe) had not a word to say against Mr. *Raybould* [sic], the present licensee, except that he was exceedingly indiscreet in taking over a house with such a record as that had got. It was the house itself that he (Mr. Sharpe) was dealing with.

Detective-constable Thorpe then gave evidence in regard to watching the house on successive nights between 21st and 28th November. He said almost every night, between ten and eleven, he saw men and women going into the house and coming from it. Sometimes they came in motor cars, which were often left outside. Frequently after ten he heard the rattling of glasses, the jingling of money, and music. He had also seen drink carried from one room to another.

Witness repeated his previous evidence as to what took place on the night of the 28th of November, and all of his statements were corroborated by PC Nixon.

Replying to Mr. Green, the witness said there had not been any complaint against the present licensee. He kept proper time and conducted the house well.

Mr. Green said he did not in any way to belittle the gravity of the offences, committed by *Richards*, for which *Richards* was heavily fined, but he was there that day on behalf of the owners of the house and its present tenant,

whose character was everything that could be desired. As soon as the owners knew of the charges against *Richards* they took steps to get rid of him immediately, and had done everything they could to retrieve the character of the house. They would do everything they possibly could to ensure its being well conducted in future.

The Bench retired to consider their decision and on returning the Chairman said they were unanimously of the opinion that there had been most flagrant acts of mismanagement, and they must refuse the license."

AND

"Bilston Police Court.....

Last week the Licensing Magistrates refused the renewal of the RED COW INN, Fraser Street, Bilston, and Mr. Green now appeared to make application to the Bench to fix the necessary recognisances for an appeal which it was intended to make at the Quarter Sessions against the decision of the licensing Justices.

The Bench fixed the recognisance of Mr. *Newbould*, the present tenant of the house, at £100 and two sureties at £50 each. Subsequently, the former tenant of the house, Mr. *George Richards*, applied for an extension of time to pay the fine imposed upon him for offences against the Licensing Acts, while he was tenant of the RED COW INN, and which amounted to over £50. He said he had paid £20, and would pay the balance as soon as he could. He was out of work, had filed his petition, and had no means at his disposal.

The Bench allowed another month's time, but advised applicant to do his best to pay something."

The license was refused at the annual licensing meeting, on 9th February 1923, on the grounds that it was ill conducted.

South Staffordshire Times 31/3/1923

"At Staffordshire Quarter Sessions, on Wednesday, before Lord Hatherton (chairman) and other magistrates, *George William Newbould*, licensee of the RED COW INN, Fraser Street, Bilston, and Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd., Dudley, the owners of the house, appealed against the decision of the Bilston Justices in refusing to renew the license.

Applicants were represented by Mr. Graham Milward, and Mr. J. Wylie appeared for the Bilston Justices, the respondents in the case.

In opening, Mr. Wylie said the RED COW was raided by the police on the night of November 28th. For several nights previously a police constable had seen people entering and leaving the premises after 10pm which was closing time. *George Richards*, who was the landlord, was seen carrying glasses of beer on trays. When the premises were raided at 10.50pm on November 28th, twelve or fourteen people were found in the house. Most of them had some kind of intoxicating liquor. One man was drunk and had to be taken to the police station. *Richards* appeared before the magistrates and was convicted.

Evidence was given by Detective Thorpe that he kept watch on the premises at night from November 21st to November 28th. On each night he saw people entering and leaving after 10pm. Sometimes there were motor cars outside. On November 25th it was 1.17am before the last person left the premises.

Thomas Hanson, director and secretary of the appellant firm, gave evidence, and cross-examined said he did not make any inquiry at the Wolverhampton police as to *Richards*, the former licensee. If the firm had had a whisper of what was going on they would have kept the house under observation.

Addressing the Court for the appellants, Mr. Graham Milward said the only question that arose was whether there was any necessity to punish the owners to the extent which undoubtedly they would be punished if the license was taken away. There was no question that a fully licensed house was a very valuable property. This was one of those curious cases where the purely human factor came in. After the Wolverhampton police had made communication respecting *Richards*, the previous licensee, the man had behaved like a perfect fool, and kept the house open long after hours. They watched the premises from November 21st to 28th, but they did not believe it to be their duty to apprise the owners of what was going on. The question arose where did the duty of the police end? Ought they to prevent crime, or ought they to catch criminals, or ought they to try and do both? He argued that the owner had been 'let down' by *Richards*. Mr. Wylie suggested that if the owners had made inquiries of the Wolverhampton police as to *Richards*'s character at the time the license was transferred to him they would have known exactly what was known to-day with regard to his character.

Lord Hatherton announced that the Court felt the appeal ought to be dismissed, though they had come to that decision with some reluctance. At the same time they had some doubt as to what was in the minds of the police ought to have been, communicated to the owners."

It closed in 1923.

It became a lodging house.

RED CROSS KNIGHT

11, Brook Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas Strange Hatton, gentleman, Wednesbury
Messrs. Scott and Harris, japanners, Bilston

LICENSEES

Elizabeth Smith [1861]
William Beards [1868] – [1871]
Job Porter [1873] – **1874**;
Jonathan Dyke (**1874 – 1880**);
Daniel Darke (**1880 – 1887**);
William Till (**1887 – 1893**);

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

11, Brook Street

- [1] John Smith (50), machiner's clerk, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elizabeth Smith* (47), wife, beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [3] Mary Smith (24), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] Stephen Smith (19), son, plasterer's labourer, born Bilston;
- [5] Agnes Smith (16), daughter, dressmaker, born Bilston;
- [6] Charles Smith (14), son, solicitor's junior assistant, born Bilston;
- [7] Margaret Smith (9), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] Lucy L. Smith (7), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [9] Terese Agene (?) Smith (5), daughter, scholar, born Bilston:

William Beards, beer retailer, 11, Brook Street. [1868]

1871 Census

11, Brook Street – RED CROSS KNIGHT

- [1] *William Beards* (46), coal miner and beer seller, born Bilston;
- [2] Elizabeth Beards (47), wife, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [3] William Beards (19), son, coal miner, born Bilston;
- [4] Elizabeth Beards (15), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] John Beards (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] Michael Dunning (74), father in law, formerly coal miner, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [7] John Dunning (28), boarder, coal miner, born Bilston:

1881 Census

11, Brook Street – RED CROSS KNIGHT

- [1] *Jonathan Dyke* (34), publican and miner, born Bilston;
- [2] *Martha Dyke* (34), wife, born Coseley;
- [3] *Mary Dyke* (9), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Hannah Dyke* (7), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *William Dyke* (4), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Martha Dyke* (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Elijah Dyke* (6 months), son, born Bilston:

The license was abandoned at the Licensing Meeting in 1893.

RED LION

32, Brierley Lane, (Batmans Hill), (Daisy Bank), Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Ann Townsend, Brierley Lane, Bradley

LICENSEES

Edward Smith [1828] – [1851]
Thomas Price [c.1869]
Miss Esther Wise [1871]
Sarah Ainsworth [] – **1873**;
Enoch Walters **(1873 – 1875)**;
Samuel Busby **(1875 – 1879)**;
John Roberts **(1879 – 1881)**;
Joseph George **(1881 – 1883)**;
William Stone **(1883 – [1904])**

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Daisy Bank [1849]

It had a beerhouse license.

London Gazette 22/11/1870

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869.

In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Dudley. In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *Thomas Price*, of Wesley Street Shingler, previously thereto residing in Ohio Shingler, and formerly of the RED LION INN, Batmans Hill Road, Bradley, aforesaid, Shingler and Beerhouse Keeper Notice is hereby given that a First General Meeting of the creditors of the above named person has been summoned on the 5th day of December next.....”

1871 Census

32, Brierley Lane

- [1] *Esther Wise* (34), unmarried, tailoress and beer seller, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Wise* (26), sister, milliner, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Arthur Wise* (66), father, labourer (ill), born Sedgley;
- [4] *Sarah Wise* (62), mother, born Sedgley;

Evening Express 16/2/1881 - Advert

“A Splendid new Bicycle (52½in.) to be Sold cheap, or to be Ballotted for.
S. Smith, RED LION INN, Daisy Bank, Bradley, near Bilston.”

Evening Express 7/11/1881 - Advert

“Wanted, a Pianist, for Saturday and Monday evenings next.
Apply, at once, RED LION INN, Bradley.”

William Stone, beer retailer, Brierley Lane, Bradley. [1896], [1900], [1904]

RED LION

Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

An inquest was held here in May 1874, on Lucy Cooper (29), who was beaten to death by her husband, Roland. A verdict of manslaughter was given.

RED LION

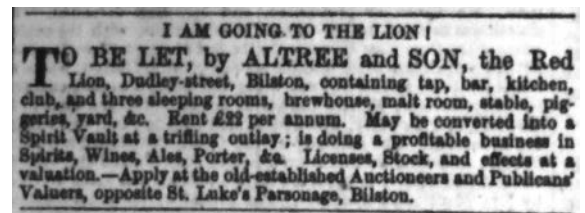
49, (26), (25+26), (31), (30), (23), Dudley Street (South), BILSTON

OWNERS

John Smith, beerhouse keeper, Salop Row, Bradley, Bilston
Solomon Fellows
Samuel Leadbetter
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1946], [1965]

LICENSEES

John Taylor [1858] – [1861]
Thomas Smart [1864] – [1865]
Thomas Richards [1868] – **1876**);
William Richards (**1876**);
Solomon Fellows (**1876 – 1880**);
Samuel Leadbetter (**1880 – 1886**);
Joseph Onions (**1886 – 1887**);
Thomas Hill (**1887 – 1888**);
James Gilbert (**1888 – 1893**);
Samuel Leadbetter (**1893**);
Jemima Leadbetter (**1893 – 1894**);
Thomas Woodhouse (**1894 – 1896**);
William Millard Whitehouse (**1896 – 1906**);
Mrs. Martha Annie Whitehouse (**1906 – 1912**);
James Elwell (**1912 – 1913**);
Job Foster (**1913 – 1921**);
Fred William Baker (**1921 – 1922**);
John Edward Currin (**1922 – 1933**);
William Edward Leach (**1933 – [1940]**)
Frank Poole [1954]



Advert 1861

NOTES

23, Dudley Street [1858], [1861], [1864], [1865]
30, Dudley Street [1871], [1872]
31, Dudley Street [1873], [1874]
25–26, Dudley Street [1881], [1891]
26, Dudley Street [1892], [1896]
49, Dudley Street [1901], [1904], [1912], [1916], [1921], [1932], [1940]

LION [1868], [1870]

It had a beerhouse license.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 20/2/1861 - Advert

"I Am Going To The Lion!

To Be Let by Aintree and Son, the RED LION, Dudley Street, Bilston, containing tap, bar, kitchen, club, and three sleeping rooms, brewhouse, malt room, stable, piggeries, yard, &c. Rent £22 per annum. May be converted into a Spirit Vault at a trifling outlay; is doing a profitable business in Spirits, Wines, Ales, Porters, &c. Licenses, Stock, and effects at a valuation.

Apply at the old-established Auctioneers and Publicans' Valuers, opposite St. Lukes's parsonage, Bilston."

1861 Census

23, Dudley Street

- [1] *John Taylor* (38), coal miner and victualler employing 16 men and 5 boys and 2 girls, born Bloxwich;
- [2] *Mary Taylor* (43), wife, born R____ill, Lincolnshire;
- [3] *Emma Taylor* (8), niece, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Joseph Taylor* (21), brother, coal miner, born Bilston;
- [5] *Ester Davies* (17), house servant, born Bilston:

1871 Census

30, Dudley Street

- [1] *Thomas Richards* (41), widower, publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Thomas H. Richards* (14), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [3] *Samuel Richards* (6), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Alfred Richards* (4), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Nancy Richards* (68), mother, widow, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Sarah Smith* (18), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Thomas Richards died on 8th July 1876.

1881 Census

25+26, Dudley Street – RED LION INN

- [1] *Samuel Leadbetter* (46), colliery manager, born Bilston;
- [2] *Jemima Leadbetter* (46), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Harriett Richards* (15), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

Evening Express 10/8/1881

"An inquest was held this morning, at the RED LION INN, Dudley Street, Bilston, before Mr. W. H. Phillips, district coroner, touching the death of a child, about two years of age, named Mary Cadman, who was drowned on Monday under circumstances already reported.

Matilda Cadman, the mother of the deceased, stated that she took the child into a neighbour's yard to play with some other children, and a few minutes afterwards, on going into the yard for the purpose of putting her hat on, she found that the deceased had fallen head foremost into a low tub of water which stood near the brewhouse. She took her out and carried her home, and every effort was made to bring her to consciousness without avail.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

1891 Census

25+26, Dudley Street – RED LION

- [1] *James Gilbert* (50), public house manager, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Eliza A. Gilbert* (54), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Benjamin Gilbert* (27), son, clerk in factory, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Samuel Gilbert* (26), son, stationary engine fireman, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *William Gilbert* (24), son, hairdresser, born Bilston;
- [6] *Emily Gilbert* (18), daughter, general servant, born Bilston;
- [7] *Edith Talbot* (8), niece, scholar, born Smethwick;
- [8] *John Fletcher* (15), nephew, stationary engine fireman, born Bilston;
- [9] *Fancy Fletcher* (14), niece, born Bilston:

Samuel Leadbetter died on 24th November 1893.

Jemima Leadbetter was convicted on 28th February 1894 for permitting drunkenness.
She died on 21st March 1894.

1901 Census

49, Dudley Street – RED LION INN

- [1] *William Whitehouse* (45), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Martha Whitehouse* (35), wife, born Holyhead;
- [3] *William T. Whitehouse* (9), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Grace C. Whitehouse* (5), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Margaret G. Whitehouse* (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Lily Green* (21), general servant, born Manchester:

1911 Census

Dudley Street – RED LION INN

- [1] *Martha Whitehouse* (45), widow, licensed victualler, born Holyhead;
- [2] *William Whitehouse* (19), son, tank manufacturer's clerk, born Bilston;
- [3] *Grace Whitehouse* (15), daughter, assisting in business, born Bilston;
- [4] *Margaret Whitehouse* (13), daughter, school, born Bilston;
- [5] *Jane Guy* (39), general servant, born Sedgley:

Bilston and Willenhall Times 14/1/1928

“A smoking concert of lodges 384 and 456 of the Caledonian Corks, attended by upwards of sixty members, was held at the RED LION INN, Dudley Street, Bilston, to welcome district officials.

Mr. Harold Jones presided at the piano and songs were given by Messrs. Harold Jones, C. Richards, Bert Jones, Harry Heath, Harry Clarke, and Bert Clarke.”

A team from here took part in the Butlers (Bilston) Darts League. [1946]

Frank Poole later kept the BRITANNIA, Bradley.

[1966]

Closed

It was demolished circa 1970.

RED LION

Ettingshall Lane, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Ann Marson [1833] – [1835]
George Marston [1841] – [1842]

NOTES

Ann Marson, retail brewer, Ettingshall Lane. [1833]

George Marston = George Mason = George Marson

1841 Census

Ettingshall Lane

[1] *George Marston* (30), publican, born Staffordshire;
[2] *Eliza Marston* (20), born Staffordshire:

RED LION

39, (34), George Street, Priestfield, (New Village), (Ettingshall), BILSTON

OWNERS

Benjamin Benton, labourer, George Street, New Village
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Edward Flowers [1868] – [1870]
James Evans [1871] – **1878**);
Edward Ratcliffe (**1878 – 1895**);
Albert Higgs (**1895 – 1898**);
Mrs. Ellen Higgs (**1898 – 1901**);
Robert Theophilus Reynolds (**1901 – 1904**);
Thomas Howell (**1904 – 1905**);
Edward Stambridge (**1905 – 1910**);
David Lloyd (**1910 – 1914**);
Samuel Hadley (**1914**);
William Turner (**1914 – 1933**);
Samuel Thomas Stanley (**1933 – 1937**);
Sidney Purslow (**1937 – [1940]**)

NOTES

34, George Street
39, George Street [1911], [1940]

OLD RED LION [1892], [1896], [1901], [1904], [1912]

Check Chapel Street

Wolverhampton Chronicle 30/10/1861 - Advert

“RED LION INN, George Street, New Village.

W. Ashcroft and Son will Sell by Auction, on Monday next, November 4th, 1861, 120-gallon Boiler and underwork, capital Mashtub and oval Coolers, nine Brewing Tubs, fourteen Ale Barrels, copper wire sieve, Wort Spout, 4-pull Beer Machine, tap table, Spirits and Beer Measures, Screens, Benches, large Tables, Spittoons, and a large portion of Household Furniture, Licenses, and Possession, and Effects, on the premises s above.

Sale to commence at eleven o'clock.

The House To Be Let.”

1871 Census

34, George Street

- [1] *James Evans* (55), publican and butcher, born Ettingshall;
- [2] *Catherine Evans* (54), wife, born Stow Lawn;
- [3] *John Evans* (26), son, striker for blacksmith, born Ettingshall;
- [4] *Polly Evans* (22), daughter, born Ettingshall;
- [5] *George Evans* (21), son, striker for blacksmith, born Ettingshall;
- [6] *Lydia Evans* (19), daughter, born Ettingshall;
- [7] *David Evans* (16), son, striker for blacksmith, born Ettingshall;
- [8] *Keziah Evans* (12), daughter, scholar, born Ettingshall;
- [9] *Samuel Evans* (9), son, scholar, born Ettingshall;

Edward Ratcliffe = Edward Radcliffe

1881 Census

George Street – RED LION

- [1] *Edward Radcliffe* (49), licensed victualler, born Goldthorn Hill;
- [2] *Mary Radcliffe* (47), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Richard Radcliffe* (25), son, furnaceman, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Emilia Walters* (17), general servant, born Bilston;

1891 Census

34, George Street – RED LION INN

- [1] *Edward Ratcliffe* (59), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Mary Ratcliffe* (57), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Flora Heeley* (19), general servant, born Wolverhampton;

1901 Census

39, George Street – OLD RED LION Public House

- [1] *Robert Reynolds* (46), publican innkeeper and iron roll turner, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Ada Reynolds* (30), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Theophilus Reynolds* (4), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Winifred Reynolds* (2 months) daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Eunice Dunkey* (22), domestic servant, born Liverpool;

1911 Census

39, George Street, Priestfield

- [1] *David Lloyd* (52), joiner, building, born Bilston;
- [2] *Annie Lloyd* (52), wife, married 16 years, born Halesowen;
- [3] *Annie Lloyd* (23), daughter, born Walsall;

William Turner was fined £1 and costs, on 5th May 1916, for selling beer exceeding measure called for.

Closed

Demolished

RED LION

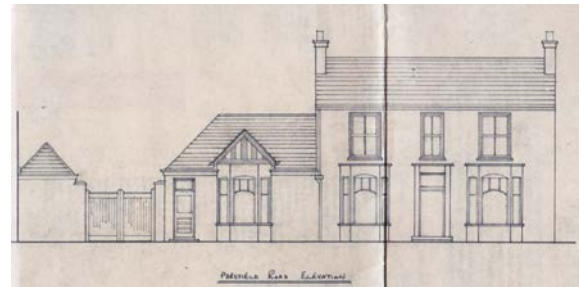
121, (120), (119), Parkfield Road, (29, Goldthorn Hill Road), Rough Hills, (near Catchems Corner), Ettingshall, BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas Skidmore, auctioneer, Dudley
Thomas Hampton
John Young
Sarah Young
The Brewers' Investment Cooperative Ltd.
Showells Brewery Ltd.
Ind Coope and Allsopp (leased)
Ansells Ltd.
Burtonwood Brewery Plc. [1996]

LICENSEES

George Jones [1841] – [1850]
William Jones [1851] – **1876**;
Enoch Cooper (**1876 – 1878**);
Thomas Hampton (**1878 – 1880**);
John Young (**1880 – 1881**);
Sarah Young (**1881 – 1884**);
Joseph Jefferson Boston (**1884 – 1886**);
Henry Francis Griffiths (**1886 – 1887**);
Charles Robert Junior (**1887**);
Charles Freeman (**1887 – 1888**);
Samuel Sprason (**1888**);
Robert Bevan (**1888 – 1889**);
Jeremiah Skidmore (**1889 – 1893**);
Lewin Ellis (**1893 – 1903**);
Sarah Jane Gardom (**1903 – 1911**);
William Herrington (**1911 – 1919**);
Thomas Kent (**1919 – 1922**);
Donald David Leary (**1922 – 1930**);
James Henry Clark (**1930 – [1938]**)
H Singh [1988]
S Dalhu [1989]
Baldev Chand [1995]



Plan 1968

NOTES

Penn Road [1841]
29, Goldthorn Hill Road [1861]
Goldthorn Hill Road [1871], [1881]
120, Parkfield Road [1912]
119, Parkfield Road [1912], [1916]
121, Parkfield Road [1998]

1841 Census

Penn Road, Bilston

- [1] *George Jones* (45), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Ellen Jones* (40), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *William Jones* (20), mining labourer, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *John Jones* (20), mining labourer, born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Thomas Jones* (18), mining labourer, born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Louisa Jones* (15), born Staffordshire;
- [7] *Betsey Jones* (14), born Staffordshire;
- [8] *Ellen Jones* (12), born Staffordshire;
- [9] *George Jones* (11), born Staffordshire;
- [10] *Gabriel Jones* (9), born Staffordshire;
- [11] *Samuel Jones* (7), born Staffordshire;
- [12] *Robert Brown* (35), mining labourer, born Staffordshire;
- [13] *John Toy* (20), mining labourer, born Staffordshire;
- [14] *Thomas Evans* (25), mining labourer, born Staffordshire;
- [15] *George Blower* (15), mining labourer, born Staffordshire;
- [16] *Mary Jones* (23), born Staffordshire;
- [17] *Henry Jones* (7 months), born Staffordshire:

1851 Census

Goldthorn Hill

- [1] *George Jones* (53), contactor and publican, born Shropshire;
- [2] *Ellen Jones* (53), wife, born Shropshire;
- [3] *Thomas Jones* (30), son, contactor, born Bilston;
- [4] *Gabriel Jones* (20), son, contractor, born Bilston;
- [5] *Samuel Jones* (17), son, contractor, born Bilston;
- [6] *Mary Ann Shelton* (29), general servant, born Bilston;
- [7] *Mary Shinton* (10), visitor, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *William Long* (19), visitor, born Bilston:

1861 Census

29, Goldthorn Hill Road – RED LION

- [1] *William Jones* (44), victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary Ann Jones* (43), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Henry Jones* (20), son, driver of horses, born Bilston;
- [4] *John Jones* (12), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *William Jones* (10), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Samuel Jones* (8), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Sarah Griffiths* (18), house servant, born Bilston:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 14/8/1861

“The following insolvents have filed their petitions to appear in the Insolvency Court, Wolverhampton, on Friday next.....

William Jones, licensed victualler, Rough Hills, Wolverhampton; debts £285 13s 9d; credits £3 18s.....”

1871 Census

Goldthorn Hill Road – Public House – RED LION INN

- [1] *William Jones* (53), contractor employing 9 men, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Maryann Jones* (53), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sarah Ann Jones* (24), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Samuel Jones* (17), son, labourer in field, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Margaret Barnsley* (25), visitor, born Darlaston;
- [6] *George Jones* (14), nephew, labourer at iron works, born Shipley, Staffordshire;
- [7] *Rachel Wootton* (10), niece, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Mary Kenyon* (49), domestic servant, born Newcastle, Northumberland;

Evening Express 21/2/1881

“On Saturday evening the annual dinner of the Ettingshall branch of the Wolverhampton Liberal Association was held in the RED LION INN, Parkfield Road, Ettingshall, when about 80 members sat down to a substantial spread which was excellently served up by the host. After the removal of the cloth the chair was taken by Mr. George Adams, president of the branch, and he was supported by Mr. John Harper, president of the Bilston Association.....”

1881 Census

Goldthorn Hill Road – RED LION INN

- [1] *John Young* (59), licensed victualler and brewer, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Sarah Young* (37), wife, born Stafford;
- [3] *Lizzie Young* (12), daughter, scholar, born Wigan, Lancashire;
- [4] *Annie Young* (10), daughter, scholar, born Birmingham;
- [5] *Sarah Young* (14), niece, born Bilston;
- [6] *Emma Davis* (18), general servant, born Bilston;

Evening Express 30/5/1881 - Advert

“A Great Variety of Bedding-out Plants, Bouquets, &c, for Sale, at the RED LION Pleasure Gardens, Park Fields, near Wolverhampton.”

Evening Express 15/11/1881 - Advert

“Camelias, white, from 6d each; Chrysanthemum Blooms, 2d each; Wreaths, &c. made.
RED LION Pleasure Gardens, Parkfields.”

Evening Express 15/11/1881 - Advert

“Wanted, strong, domesticated young Woman (good references), at the RED LION, Parkfields, near Wolverhampton.”

John Young died in 1881.

1891 Census

Parkfield Road – RED LION

- [1] *Jeremiah Skidmore* (31), public house manager, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Skidmore* (28), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Emma Bird* (19), servant, born Sedgley;

Lewin Ellis = *Lewis Ellis*

1901 Census

Parkfield Road

- [1] *Lewin Ellis* (49), publican, born Stourport;
- [2] *Emma Ellis* (38), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Harry Ellis* (12), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Bertha Ellis* (9), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Adelaide Smallman* (42), visitor, born Bilston;
- [6] *Nelly Attwood* (17), general servant, born Bilston;

1911 Census

Parkfield Road – RED LION

- [1] Sarah Jane Gardom (60), widow, licensed victualler, manageress, born Dorking, Surrey;
- [2] Sidney Christie Gardom (22), son, barman, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Harriet Wesley (21), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Permission to make alterations was granted in 1968.

In October 1996, Burtonwood Brewery advertised for experienced people to take on the tenancy of this pub.

It was closed temporarily in June 1997 after the licensee was dismissed.

Closed

It was converted into a restaurant. [2007]

A Great Variety of Bedding-out Plants, Bouquets, &c, for Sale, at the Red Lion Pleasure Gardens, Park Fields, near Wolverhampton. d1793

WANTED, strong, domesticated young Woman (good references), at the Red Lion, Parkfields, near Wolverhampton. d9077

CAMELIAS, white, from 6d. each; Chrysanthemum Blooms, 2d. each; Wreaths, &c., made.—Red Lion Pleasure Gardens, Parkfields. d9151

Adverts 1881



Ex Pub 2007



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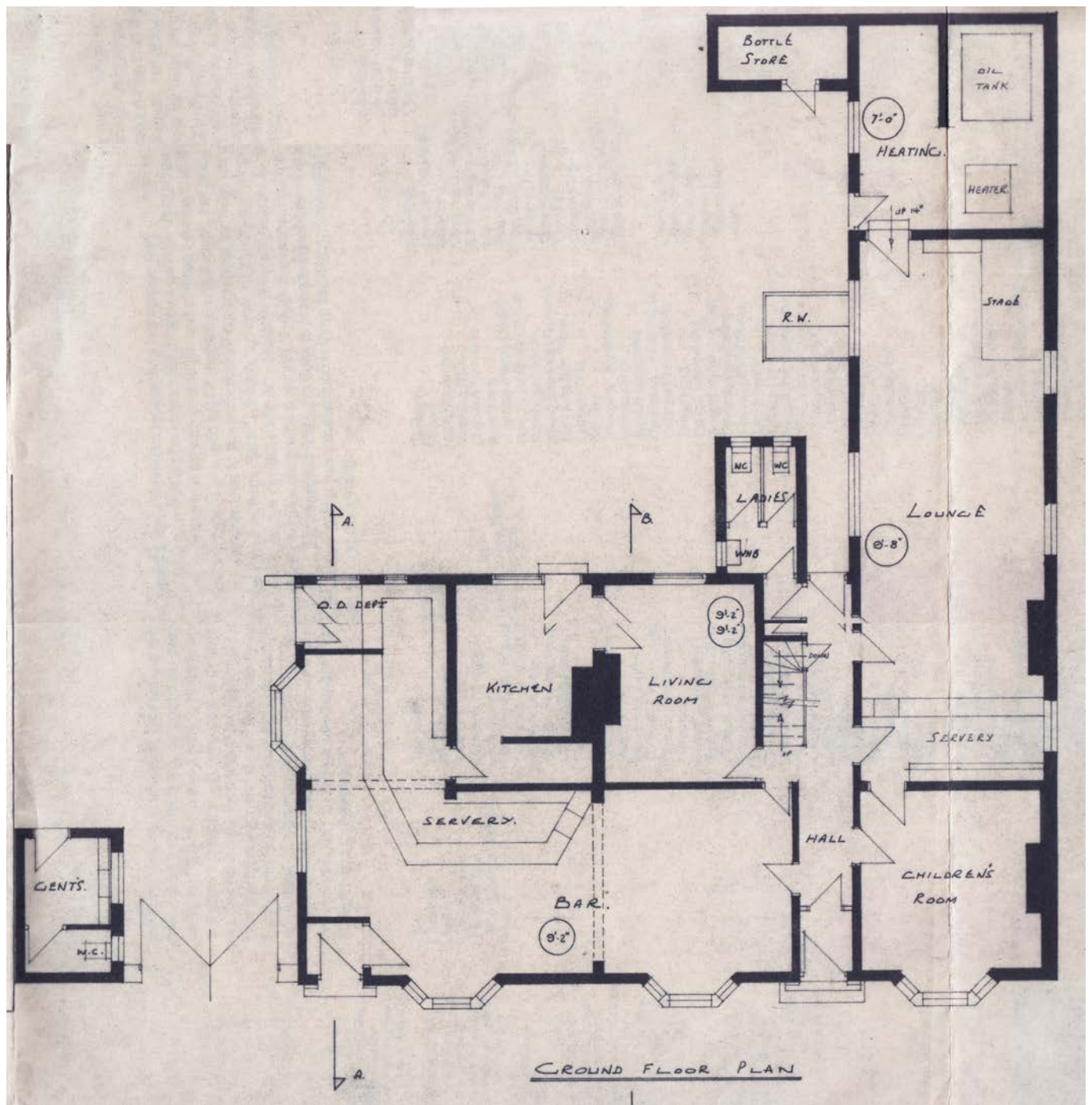
Only people who have the drive and commitment to succeed need apply for this demanding yet, rewarding career.

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Tenancy Recruitment, Burtonwood Brewery Plc., Bold Lane, Burtonwood Village, Warrington WA5 4PJ

Advert 1996



Plan 1968

RED LION

Catchems Corner, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Benjamin Smith [1833]

NOTES

Check Parkfield Road.

RISING SUN

16, Cross Street, Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Benjamin Bumford [1854]
Thomas Adams [1861]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Thomas Adams, beer retailer, Upper Bradley. [1861]

1861 Census

16, Cross Street – RISING SUN

- [1] *Thomas Adams* (55), publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Mary Ann Adams* (57), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Thomas Adams* (25), son, fitter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *James Adams* (21), son, fitter, born Wednesbury:

ROBIN HOOD

161, (76), (75 and 76), Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Mellor, pork butcher, Darlaston
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Richard Walker [1858]
John Jones [1861] – **1876**;
George Bullock **(1876 – 1878)**;
Thomas Price **(1878 – 1879)**;
George Martin **(1879 – 1881)**;
George Rose **(1881 – 1882)**;
John Jones **(1882 – 1883)**;
Arthur Faulkner Williams **(1883 – 1885)**;
Thomas Leadbetter **(1885 – 1886)**;
John Unitt **(1886 – 1893)**;
William Davis **(1893 – 1907)**;
Emma Davis **(1907 – 1910)**;
John Thomas Davis **(1910 – 1913)**;
Mary Louisa Davis **(1913 – 1914)**;
Joshua Sillitoe **(1914 – 1919)**;

NOTES

76, Oxford Street [1861], [1891]
75 and 76, Oxford Street [1871]
161 Oxford Street [1901]

It had a beerhouse license.

Richard Walker, beerhouse keeper, 76, Oxford Street. [1858]

1861 Census

76, Oxford Street
[1] John Jones (36), beer shopkeeper, born Bolas, Shropshire;
[2] Martha Jones (35), wife, born Lane End, Cheshire;
[3] John Jones (3), son, born Bilston;
[4] Benjamin Jones (1), son, born Bilston;
[5] Elizabeth S. Jones (3 weeks), daughter, born Bilston;
[6] Isaac Anderton (18), boarder, puddler, born Bilston;
[7] Ann Evans (14), domestic servant, born Bilston:

John Jones, beer retailer, 76, Oxford Street. [1865], [1868]

1871 Census

75 and 76, Oxford Street

- [1] *John Jones* (43), publican, born Bolas, Shropshire;
- [2] *Martha Jones* (43), wife, born Madeley, Cheshire;
- [3] *John Jones* (14), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Benjamin Jones* (12), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Alfred Jones* (7), son, born Bilston:

1891 Census

76, Oxford Street – ROBIN HOOD

- [1] *John Unitt* (51), sheet iron shearer, born Kings Arley, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Hannah Unitt* (51), wife, born Acton Trussell, Staffordshire;
- [3] *John Humpage* (17), nephew, sheet iron furnace helper, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *George Humpage* (13), nephew, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Lilly Unitt* (2), granddaughter, born Willenhall;
- [6] *Charles Morton* (50), boarder, bright tinner, born Birmingham:

William Davis = William Davies

1901 Census

161, Oxford Street

- [1] *William Davies* (63), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Emma Davies* (61), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *William Davies* (23), son, puddler, born Moxley;
- [4] *Mary A. Marr* (17), domestic servant, born Bilston:

William Davis, beer retailer, 161, Oxford Street. [1904]

License refused by Compensation Authority on 24th July 1919.
Compensation of £1,450 was paid on 20th December 1919.
License extinguished on 27th December 1919.

It was demolished.

ROCKET POOLS

Rocket Pool Drive, (1, School Drive), Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1980]
Union Pub Co. (Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.)

LICENSEES

Albert Matthews []
Dennis Jones []
Martin Childs [1995]
Christine Vera Hickinbottom [2000]
Phuman Singh Sanghera [2005]
Sunjit Singh Sanghera [2007]

NOTES

School Drive
Rocket Pool Drive [1990], [1997], [2001]

Albert Matthews was married to Ethel.
He was also licensee of the OLD BUSH and HOP POLE.

[1983]

A newly refurbished bar opened in March 1997. "Traditional Cask Conditioned Ales including Banks's, Banks's Bitter, Kronenburg and Harp Lager...."

It was the headquarters of the Princes End Racing Pigeon Club. [2000]

It was refurbished in April 2007. "Live Entertainment / Every Wednesday and Sunday Evening / Includes Karaoke – Singers + Comedians etc....."

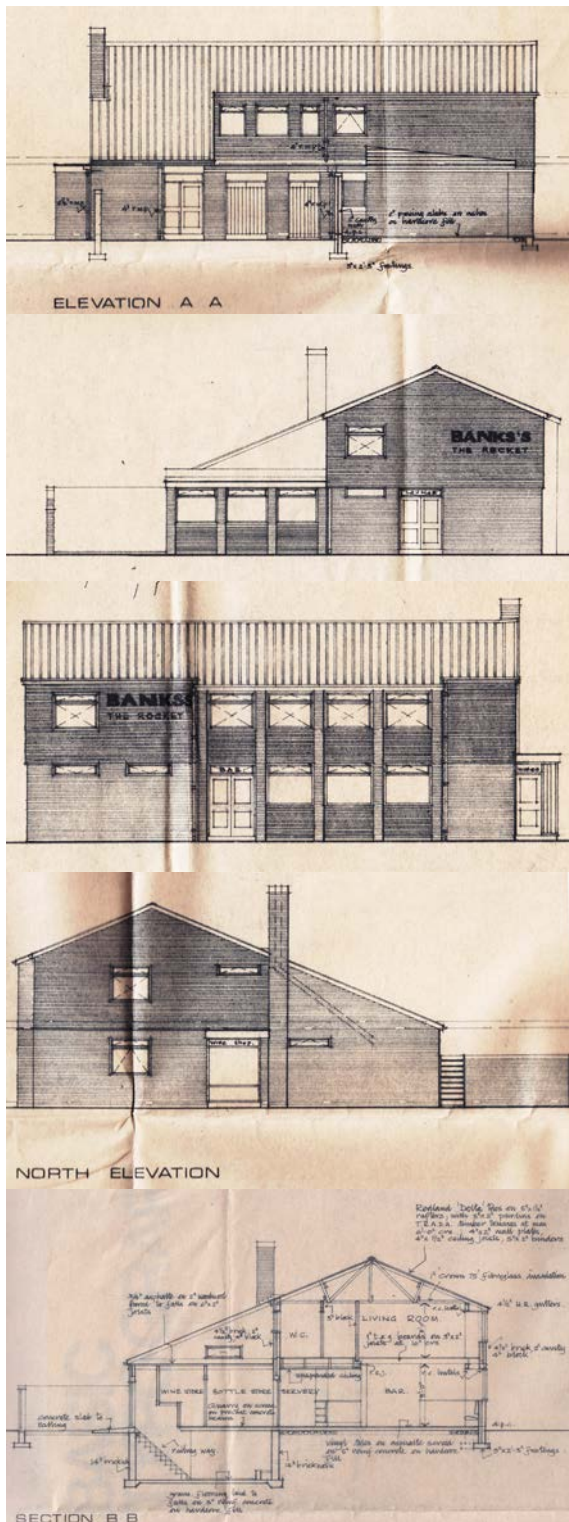
Dennis Jones was married to Pat.
He died on 13th August 2008, aged 88.
See also OLD BUSH, Bradley, DOG AND PARTRIDGE, and FORGE HAMMER.

It was refurbished in 2013.

[2016]



2016



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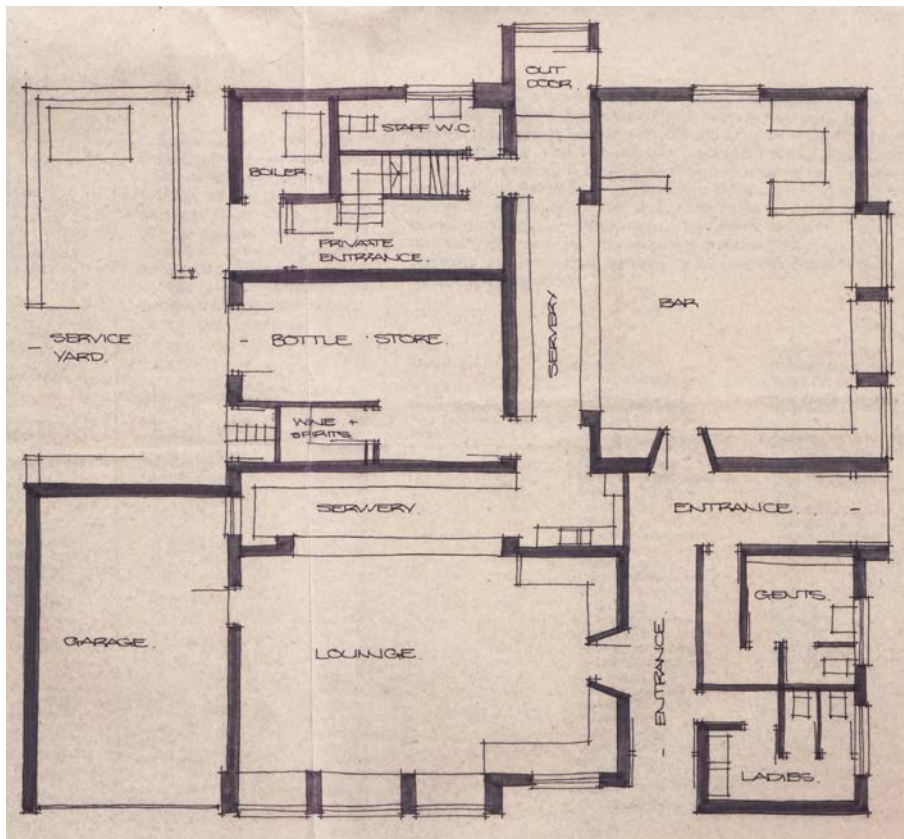
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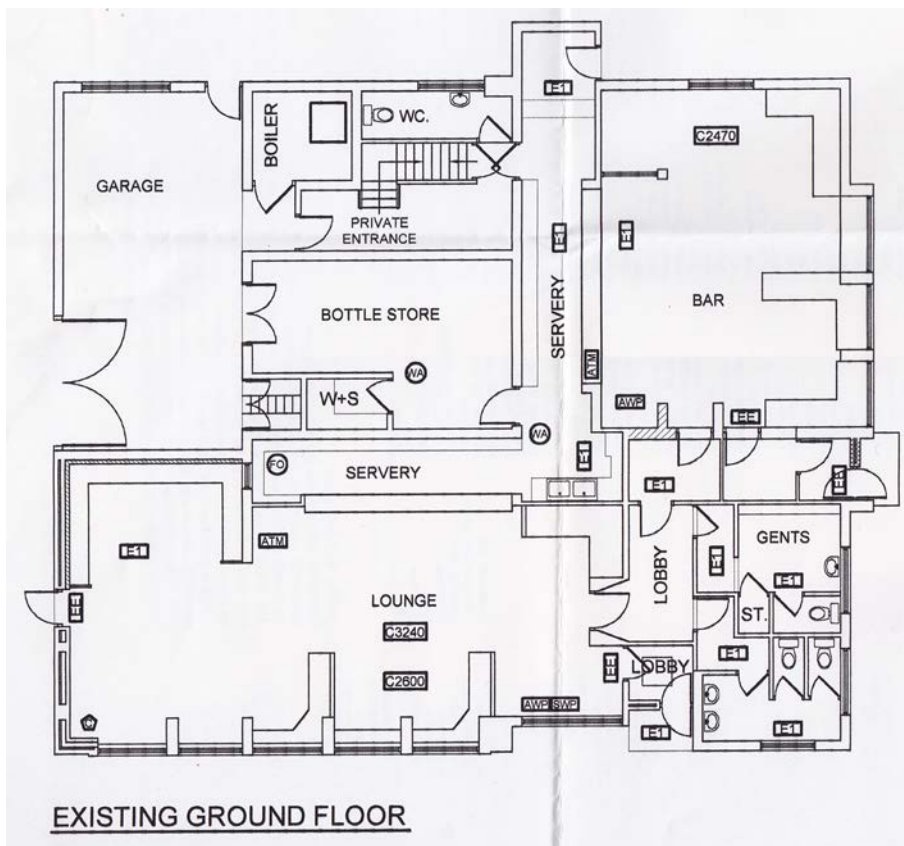
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ROEBUCK

50, Bridge Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Theophilus Morrell, auctioneer, Bilston

LICENSEES

John Hall [1818] – [1822]
James Nash [1828] – [1830]
Joseph Carter [1833] – [1834]
Ann Fowler [1851]
Benjamin Owen [1851]
Samuel Jones [1861] – [1865]
Mrs. Sarah Jones [1868] – **1872**):

NOTES

1861 Census

Bridge Street

- [1] *Samuel Jones* (48), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Jones* (46), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Richard Jones* (18), son, puddler, born Bilston;
- [4] *George Jones* (16), son, caster, born Bilston;
- [5] *Ann Jones* (14), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Eliza Jones* (11), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Lydia Jones* (3), daughter, born Bilston:

Samuel Jones – see also BRIDGE.

1871 Census

Bridge Street – ROE BUCK INN

- [1] *Sarah Jones* (55), widow, publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *John Jones* (32), son, moulder, born Bilston;
- [3] *Richard Jones* (31), son, puddler, born Bilston;
- [4] *Lydia Jones* (13), daughter, scholar, born Bilston:

The license was taken away by the justices at an adjournment of the annual licensing meeting in 1872.

ROEBUCK

2, Crown Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Edward Clarke [1861]

NOTES

1861 Census

2, Crown Street – ROEBUCK INN and Tailor's Club House

- [1] *Edward Clarke* (41), retail brewer, born Bridgnorth;
- [2] *Caroline Clarke* (40), wife, born Bridgnorth;
- [3] *William Clarke* (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Carline Clarke* (4), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Eliza Hallam* (17), general servant, born Bilston;
- [6] *William Jones* (54), lodger, tailor, born Llandovery, Glamorganshire;
- [7] *Joshua Jones* (22), lodger, tailor, born Aitken, North Wales;
- [8] *Evan Jones* (21), lodger, tailor, born Llanrhaird, North Wales;
- [9] *Henry Benson* (43), lodger, tailor, born Shrewsbury;
- [10] *Robert Jones* (21), lodger, tailor, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [11] *James Steward* (18), lodger, tailor, born Glasgow, Scotland;
- [12] *Enoch Williams* (33), lodger, tailor, born Liverpool;
- [13] *Margaret Williams* (30), wife, born Liverpool;
- [14] *Maria Williams* (10), daughter, born Liverpool;
- [15] *Enoch Lavander* (47), lodger, blacksmith, born Bilston;
- [16] *Emanuel Lavander* (14), son, born Bilston;
- [17] *George Cottage* (40), lodger, agricultural labourer, born Bilston;
- [18] *Joseph Maddox* (45), lodger, blacksmith, born Bilston;
- [19] *Susannah Wriggles* (59), lodger, tailor, born Kingswinford;

ROLLING MILL

12, Highfield Road, (High Street), (Stafford Row), Highfields, (Ettingshall), BILSTON

OWNERS

Mrs. Lloyd, Pennfields, Wolverhampton
William Taft
Hannah Taft
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Edward Jones [1818] – [1842]
Anthony Rolinson [1845] – [1854]
Whitmer Lathe [1860] – [1865]
John Skidmore [] – **1866**;
Anthony Rollason (**1866** – []
William Stokes [1868] – [1870]
Mrs. Catherine Stokes [1871] – [1872]
Richard Shuttleworth [] – **1873**;
William Taft (**1873** – **1890**);
Mrs. Hannah Taft (**1890** – **1896**);
Henry Moseley (**1896** – **1901**);
Mark Knight (**1901** – **1902**);
Joseph Edward Chatterton (**1902**);
Patrick 'Pat' Walsh (**1902** – **1906**);
John Joseph Turner (**1906** – **1907**);
Thomas Holmes Pardoe (**1907** – **1917**);
George Williamson (**1917** – **1923**);
Thomas Bowyer (**1923** – **1927**);
Arthur Hall (**1927** – **1932**);
William Ball (**1932** – **1938**);
Percy Mills Lloyd (**1938** – [1940]



NOTES

Ettingshall [1828], [1860]
Stafford Row
High Street [1845], [1849]
12, Highfield Road [1891]

1841 Census

Highfield
[1] Edward Jones (62), victualler;
[2] Stephen Jones (18), born Staffordshire;
[3] Elizabeth Conn (50), fs;
[4] Eliza Banks (18), fs:

1851 Census

Highfields

- [1] *Anthony Rolinson* (34), roll turner and licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Jane Rolinson* (29), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Edwin Rolinson* (9), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Emily Rolinson* (6), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Ann Elizabeth Rolinson* (1), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Edward Jones* (72), wife's father, formerly licensed victualler, born Willey, Shropshire;
- [7] *Ann Gardener* (20), house servant, born Sedgley;

1871 Census

Highfield Road – ROLLING MILL INN

- [1] *Catherine Stokes* (33), widow, born Hall Green;
- [2] *Catherine Stokes* (14), daughter, born Hall Green;
- [3] *John Stokes* (9), son, born Hampstead, London;
- [4] *Lisa Stokes* (7), daughter, born Hampstead, London;
- [5] *William Stokes* (3), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *William Priest* (27), lodger, blacksmith, born Bristol;

1881 Census

Highfield Road – ROLLING MILL INN

- [1] *William Taft* (49), maltster and brewer, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Hannah Taft* (49), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Hannah Line* (14), domestic servant, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Ann Potts* (20), domestic servant, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Sarah Turley* (28), barmaid, born Sedgley;

Evening Express 10/6/1881

“On Tuesday the members of Court Merry Woodmen, No.3305 A.O.F., partook of their annual dinner at the court house, the ROLLING MILL INN, Highfields Road, near Bilston. About 80 members sat down to an excellent spread, and, after ample justice had been done to it, Dr. Larkin, the surgeon of the court, was called upon to preside, the vice chair being taken by Brother John F. Caddick.

After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been duly honoured, the toast, prosperity to Court Merry Woodmen was proposed and responded to by the secretary of the court, PDCR Walter Hughes, who said that, when he was appointed secretary, some twenty years ago, the number of members on the books was fifty, and the amount of the court's funds £4 0s 5d; but at the present time there were 126 financial and 9 honorary members, the amount of the funds invested being £925, of which £800 was invested at 4 per cent, the balance being in the Post Office Savings Bank.....”

1891 Census

12, Highfield Road – ROLLING MILL INN

- [1] *William Taft* (58), riveter and brewer, born Coseley;
- [2] *Hannah Taft* (58), wife, born Coseley;
- [3] *Alex Taft* (20), son, roll turner, born Bilston;
- [4] *Matilda Taft* (18), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Florence Whitehouse* (16), granddaughter, born Bilston;

1911 Census

Highfield Road

- [1] *Thomas Holmes Pardoe* (34), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Selina Pardoe* (34), wife, married 10 years, assists in business, born Coseley;
- [3] *Vincent Leslie Pardoe* (10), son, school, born Coseley;
- [4] *Marjorie Pardoe* (5), daughter, born Coseley;
- [5] *Ellen Lane* (20), niece, general servant, born Bilston;

Thomas Bowyer was fined 25s, on 23rd May 1924, for selling beer, in a vessel not corked or sealed, to a child under 14 years.

On 26th December 1926, he was fined £5 for supplying intoxicating liquor during non permitted hours, and £2 for aiding and abetting the consumption of intoxicating liquor during non permitted hours.

ROLLING MILL

Millfields Road / 22, Union Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Richard Cross
William Hugh Sparrow
Enoch Wild
Martha Wild
James Cahill, brewer, Heath Town, Wolverhampton
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1965]

LICENSEES

William Edwards [1873] – **1874**);
Richard Cross (**1874 – 1877**);
Richard Delmore (**1877 – 1883**);
Richard Cross (**1883 – 1892**);
Mary Wild (**1892 – 1893**);
Enoch Wild (**1893 – 1905**);
Martha Wild (**1905 – 1910**);
Eli Cresswell (**1910 – 1923**);
John Fellows (**1923 – 1927**);
Arthur John Edwards (**1927 – 1933**);
John Beards (**1933 – 1937**);
Arthur Weekes (**1937** – [1950s]
G B Garrett [1976]

NOTES

It was originally called BRITANNIA.
BRITANNIA ARMS [1881]

It had a beerhouse license.

1881 Census

22, Union Street – BRITANNIA (sic) ARMS

- [1] *Richard Delmore* (48), furnace labourer, born Co. Galloway, Ireland;
- [2] *Mary Delmore* (47), wife, born Co. Mayo, Ireland;
- [3] *Annie Delmore* (20), daughter, born Walsall;
- [4] *Patrick Delmore* (15), son, _____and labourer, born Bilston;
- [5] *Bridget Delmore* (12), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Michael Delmore* (10), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Kate Delmore* (8), daughter, scholar, born Bilston:

1891 Census

Union Street – The ROLLING MILL

- [1] *Richard Cross* (59), carpenter, born Bilston;
- [2] *Ellen Cross* (58), wife, publican, born Bilston;
- [3] *Clara Cross* (19), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Richard Cross* (17), son, labourer in iron foundry, born Bilston;
- [5] *Priscilla Cholmes* (14), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

Mary Wild died on 2nd March 1893.

The name was altered to ROLLING MILL, in the licensing register, on 29th August 1899.

Enoch Wild = Enoch Wilde

E. Wild issued tokens from here.

1901 Census

Millfields Road

- [1] *Enoch Wild* (29), brewer and publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Martha Wild* (27), wife, born Smethwick;
- [3] *Mary Wild* (8), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *James Wild* (6), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *John Wild* (4), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *Evelyn Wild* (2), daughter, born Bilston:

Enoch Wild, beer retailer, Millfields Road. [1904]

1911 Census

Millfields Road – ROLLING MILL INN

- [1] *Eli Cresswell* (31), manager of beerhouse, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Ann Cresswell* (34), wife, married 8 years, assisting in business, born Coseley;
- [3] *Bessie Cresswell* (8), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Elsie Cresswell* (6), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Doris Cresswell* (4), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Sydney Eli Cresswell* (2), son, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Hubert Cresswell* (2 months), son, born Bilston;
- [8] *Ethel Cresswell* (25), sister, worker in workhouse, born Sedgley;
- [9] *Mabel Cresswell* (22), sister, assisting in housework, born Sedgley:

Eli Cresswell, beer retailer, Millfields Road. [1912], [1916]

Auction Catalogue (Alfred W. Dando & Co. Ltd.) 2nd June 1915

“.....Let on a short tenancy at a rental of £40 0s 0d per annum. A valuable old-fashioned corner property extending to and fronting Union Street, close to the works of Messrs. Alfred Hickman Ltd, on the main road between Bilston and the Fighting Cocks with a great and constant passing traffic, the accommodation comprising Entrance Passage, Smoke Room front 14' x 11', Tap Room 12' x 12', Bar 12' x 10', Living Kitchen, Scullery, Two Bedrooms and Cellars, together with Three-floor Brewery, Stabling, Piggeries, large open yard and the usual Outbuildings, the Property being entirely walled in; also the two unnumbered brick-built and tile-roofed Four-roomed Dwelling Houses fronting Union Street, let.....”

John Beards = John Beard

He was married to Comfort Alice.

He was ex-works manager for M. B. Wild.

He died on 7th February 1937, aged 62.

Bilston and Willenhall Times 12/1/1946

“In connection with the crib club held at the ROLLING MILL INN, Millfields Road, Bilston, the annual supper was held last Thursday, when there was a large attendance. An excellent Christmas repast was served and afterwards there was a concert.....”

Closed

It was demolished circa 1980.

ROOKERY TAVERN

35, Wood Street, Lanesfield, (New Street, Ettingshall), BILSTON

OWNERS

John Davis
Richard Jones
Stephen Rhodes
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1966]

LICENSEES

John Davis [1866] – **1881**;
Richard Jones (**1881 – 1896**);
Jonah Jones (**1896 – 1897**);
Stephen Rhodes (**1897 – 1926**);
William Thomas Bayliss (**1926 – [1940]**)
Sid Bennett [1966]
Anthony 'Tony' Andrews [1995] – [1999]
Amardeep Singh Matharu [2005]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:–
Bilston Division, August 31st, 1866.

‘I beg to submit to the Magistrates the attached list of licensed victuallers who have been complained about during the year. Twenty-five have been convicted, and three have paid costs; one had been convicted three times and five twice. This is a large increase on last year’s list; but I think it has arisen from the police being more particular in reporting cases of permitting drunkenness – as it was found to be an evil rather on the increase. I believe it has caused landlords to be more careful in supplying drink to persons intoxicated.’

H. McCrea, Superintendent.....

Mr. Underhill applied on behalf of *John Davis*, of the ROOKERY, Sedgley, and produced testimonials as to character, and also two recommendations by the occupiers of licensed houses near.

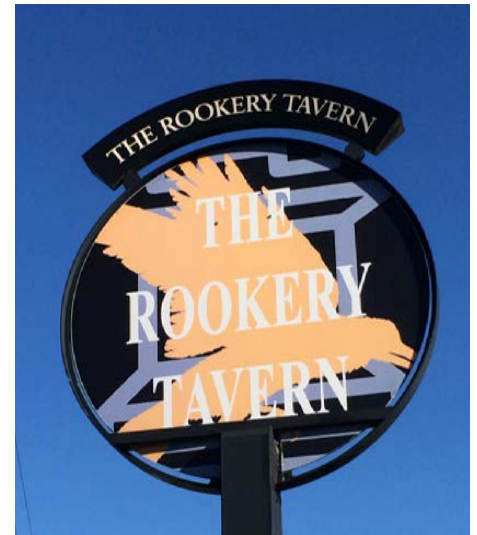
Mr. Young opposed on behalf of Messrs. Murcott, Wright, and Co., and it was refused.....”

John Davis, beer retailer, Rookery, Ettingshall. [1872]

1901 Census

Wood Street – ROOKERY TAVERN

- [1] *Stephen Rhodes* (39), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Harriet Rhodes* (37), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Albert Rhodes* (17), son, boiler works, born Bilston;
- [4] *Alice Rhodes* (15), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Fred Rhodes* (13), son, boiler works, born Bilston;
- [6] *Beatrice Rhodes* (4), daughter, born Bilston:



Stephen Rhodes, beer retailer, 35, Wood Street, Lanesfield. [1904], [1912]

1911 Census

35, Wood Street, Lanesfield – ROOKERY TAVERN

- [1] Stephen Rhodes (49), brewer, born Bilston;
- [2] Harriet Rhodes (47), wife, married 28 years, born Bilston;
- [3] Joseph Barker (62), brother in law, coal miner, born Bilston;
- [4] Sidney Rhodes (20), son, iron worker, sheet mill, born Bilston;
- [5] Ethel V. Rhodes (17), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] Beatrice Rhodes (14), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] Hilda M. Rhodes (8), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] Percy S. Rhodes (5), son, born Wolverhampton:

Black Country Bugle 9/12/1999

‘The Rookery Tavern etc.’, based on a letter from Ben Owen of Parkfields

“.....This brought back to me many memories of the nineteen twenties. At that time, the brewer at the tavern was a Mr. Jim Lakin, a friend of our family. He was either the very first, or one of the first to be run over and killed by a car on the Birmingham New Road Jim Lakin also assisted in the brewing at the HEN AND CHICKENS in Eagle Street, Wolverhampton.”

James Henry Lakin, brewed the beer here in the 1930s.

William Bayliss was also a brewer.

‘Wolverhampton Pubs’ by Alec Brew

“The last licensees of the old pub, *Sid* and *Elsie Bennett*, also became the first of the new one.”

Demolished

It was rebuilt c.1967.

It reopened in August 1996 after a £100,000 refurbishment.

[2012]

Closed [2015], [2016]



Proposed Plan 1966



2007

ROPEMAKERS ARMS

BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

[1827]

ROSE AND CROWN

Church Street, Swan Bank, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

George Banks [1822]

Elijah Price [1845] – [1860]

Joseph Best []

NOTES

Swan Bank [1849]

ROSE [1822], [1858]

Coaches to Birmingham ran from here twice a day.

1851 Census

Swan Bank

[1] *Elijah Price* (34), spirit dealer, born Clent, Worcestershire;

[2] Matilda Price (28), wife, born London;

[3] Henry Usher (21), house servant, born Bodicoot, Oxfordshire;

[4] James Farmer (22), house servant, born Barndley, Worcestershire;

[5] Caroline Jukes (23), house servant, born Wolverhampton:

Check WHITE ROSE.

ROSE AND CROWN

(Middle) Field Lane, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joshua Granger [1818] – [1834]
Thomas Almond [1835]

NOTES

Joshua Granger = Joshua Grainger

Joshua Granger was also a tray manufacturer. [1818]

ROSE AND CROWN

41, Temple Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Benjamin Owen [1861]

NOTES

1861 Census

41, Temple Street

[1] *Benjamin Owen* (65), stone miner, born Dawley, Shropshire;

[2] *Mary A. Owen* (55), wife, born Dawley, Shropshire;

[3] *Sarah Owen* (18), daughter, born Bilston;

[4] *Abraham Roper* (34), lodger, stone miner, born Broseley, Shropshire;

[5] *Phebe Roper* (32), wife, born Bilston:

ROUGH HILLS TAVERN

Rooker Avenue, (8, Rough Hills), (Dudley Road), (Rough Hills Lane), Parkfields, BILSTON

OWNERS

Edwin Dixon [1871]
John Stephens [1880]
Thomas Skidmore [1892]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1900], [1997]

LICENSEES

James Trevitt [1866] – [1871]
William Jones [1874]
John E Stephens [1881]
Benjamin Asbury [1891]
John Russell [1901]
Ziah Jones []
Wilf Workman [1950s]
Martin Stackhouse [1995]
R Kumar [2005]



NOTES

8, Rough Hills [1901]
Rooker Avenue [2005]

It had a beerhouse license.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/1/1866

“*James Trevitt*, beerhouse keeper, Roughills, was charged upon a summons, issued under the authority of the Inland Revenue Board, with having sold one gill of spirits on the 25th of November, without having a license authorising him so to do. Mr. Allcorn, supervisor, supported the summons, and Mr. J. E. Underhill appeared for the defence. The charge was preferred under the 6th Geo. IV. Chap. 81, sec. 26. It appeared from the evidence of two common informers, named Richard Bray and Paul Roper, that in consequence of a communication received from Mr. Allcorn, they went to the defendant’s beer house about five o’clock in the afternoon of the 23rd of November, and after having some ale, Bray asked the defendant’s wife for a quarter of rum, handing her a bottle to put it in. She went upstairs and brought the rum, for which she charged sixpence. The witness, in answer to Mr. Underhill, said they had previously laid information for the Excise, and had received compensation for so doing, generally consisting of half the penalty, less expenses. They sat in the tap-room, and no one was present except the landlady, the servant, and some little children, who were in and out of the room. This was the whole of the evidence, and Mr. Allcorn, in reply to the Bench, said the onus of proving that he had a license lay upon the defendant.

Mr. Underhill, for the defence, complained that in this case, which was in the nature of criminal proceedings, the summons did not furnish full details of what the defendant had to answer, as it ought to do. He said that the Excise had acted disgracefully towards the defendant, for they had refused, upon written application from him (Mr. Underhill) to state who supplied the rum, to whom it was served, and at what hour. Under these circumstances the object of the Excise must be to get a conviction whether the defendant was guilty or not. It might be said that if such information were given evidence for the defence might be manufactured, but the duty of the Bench was to sift the evidence brought before them. The law prevented him from calling the defendant’s wife, but she instructed him to say that she never sold a particle of rum in the house in her life. Mr. Underhill asked the Bench not to convict on the uncorroborated evidence of two common informers, who had a pecuniary inducement to seek to get convictions

in cases of this kind. He then called Ann Carney, who was servant at the house on the day in question, and she said she had lived at the defendant's twelve weeks, and never saw any rum sold there. She was at the house all day on the 25th of November, was in and out of the tap-room, and did not see the informers.

Stephen Davis, a butty miner, under Mr. Aston, stated he was in the tap-room of the house from about half-past one till about half-past seven on the day in question, and saw no men, except his own workpeople, come in during that time, and no spirits sold.

This was the last witness, and the Magistrates said they must convict. The full penalty was £50, but they would mitigate it to £12 10s."

[Richard Bray and Paul Roper, the prosecution witnesses appear in a similar case against *Eli Reynolds*, beerhouse (unnamed) keeper, Moseley Hole, Wednesfield]

1871 Census

Rough Hills Lane – ROUGH HILLS TAVERN

[1] *James Trevitt* (36), publican, born Sheriff Hales, Staffordshire;

[2] *Hannah Trevitt* (41), wife, born Barwell, Leicestershire;

[3] *Clara Trevitt* (13), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;

[4] *James Trevitt* (10), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;

[5] *George Trevitt* (8), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;

[6] *Alfred J. Trevitt* (7), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;

[7] *Tom Trevitt* (5), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton:

[Barwell is about 2 miles NE of Hinckley.]

The original building was demolished circa 1880 due to subsidence.

It was rebuilt in 1880.

Evening Express 22/1/1881 - Advert

"To Capitalists, Public Caterers, Sportsmen, Brewers, and Others.

To be Let or Sold, the ROUGH HILLS TAVERN, situate at Parkfield, one mile from Wolverhampton or Sedgley, and two from Bilston. The premises are recently erected and substantially built, and comprise a lofty bar, 40ft 6in by 17ft; smokeroom, kitchen, entrance hall, large clubroom, bedrooms, domestic offices, landings, &c. The extensive Pleasure Grounds adjoining contain bar, 40ft by 12ft; dancing room over bowling alley, straight pedestrian track, 240 yards long; grand stand, level track, five laps to the mile, and having 260 yards straight, suitable for bicycling, coursing, shooting, football, cricket, &c; dressing shed, stabling, shedding, pigstyes, closets, ashpits, &c, all enclosed, and being situate within such an easy distance of the above towns, offers an enterprising man an opportunity seldom to be met with.

NB. The whole premises supplied with hard and soft water and gas, and the freehold, if sold, will include the mines and minerals underneath it.

For further particulars apply, Thomas Skidmore, auctioneer and valuer, Wolverhampton."

1881 Census

ROUGH HILLS TAVERN

[1] *John E. Stephens* (42), widower, beer retailer, born Wolverhampton:

1891 Census

ROUGH HILLS TAVERN

[1] *Benjamin Asbury* (37), beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Jane Asbury* (35), wife, born Walsall;

[3] *Sydney Asbury* (11), son, scholar, born Walsall;

[4] *Gertrude Asbury* (8), daughter, born Walsall;

[5] *Benjamin Asbury* (5), son, scholar, born Walsall;

[6] *Benjamin Burnes* (25), lodger, living on his means, born Darlaston;

[7] *Joseph Durms* (25), lodger, weaver, born Edinburgh:

1901 Census

8, Rough Hills – ROUGH HILLS TAVERN

- [1] *John Russell* (43), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Elison Russell* (40), wife, born Bloxwich;
- [3] *Jane Russell* (17), daughter, born Hednesford;
- [4] *Florry Russell* (16), daughter, born Hednesford;
- [5] *Thomas E. Russell* (12), son, born Hednesford;
- [6] *Ruth Russell* (11), daughter, born Hednesford;
- [7] *Elison Russell* (8), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] *John W. Russell* (6 months), son, born Wolverhampton:

Ziah Jones later had a chip shop on Dudley Road [c.1922]

Black Country Bugle

'The Rough Hills Tavern' – letter from H. T. Peplow of Sedgley

"One of the best known pubs in the Black Country was the ROUGH HILLS TAVERN at Parkfields, Wolverhampton, near the Bilston boundary. At the back of the pub was an enclosed piece of ground known far and wide as the running grounds. The grounds had a straight track of 200 yards in length and an oval track with a circuit of a quarter mile. Here many runners met in competition There were other sports at the grounds besides running. One of the most popular was coursing, when two dogs chased after a rabbit....."

A Full License was granted in 1939.

It was demolished in September 1963.

It was rebuilt in 1964.

[1976]

Express and Star 24/11/1997 - Advert

"Large estate pub – bar, function room, small lounge. Well known popular community pub."

Express and Star 9/8/1999 - Advert

"3 room community operation. Lounge, Bar and Function Room. Car park and outside drinking area. 3 bedroom private accommodation. Last 12 months wet trade – 150 barrels. Tenancy. Approximate ingoings £15,000 (purchase plan available for fixtures and fittings)."

[2005]

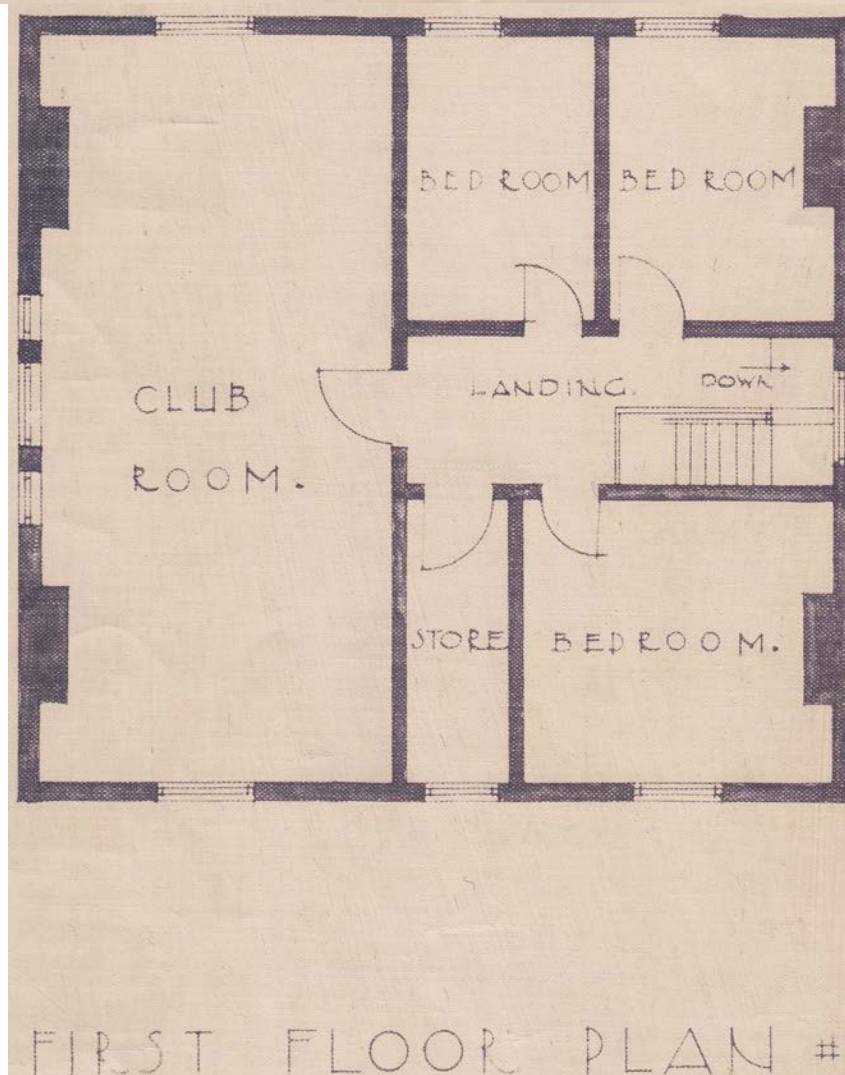
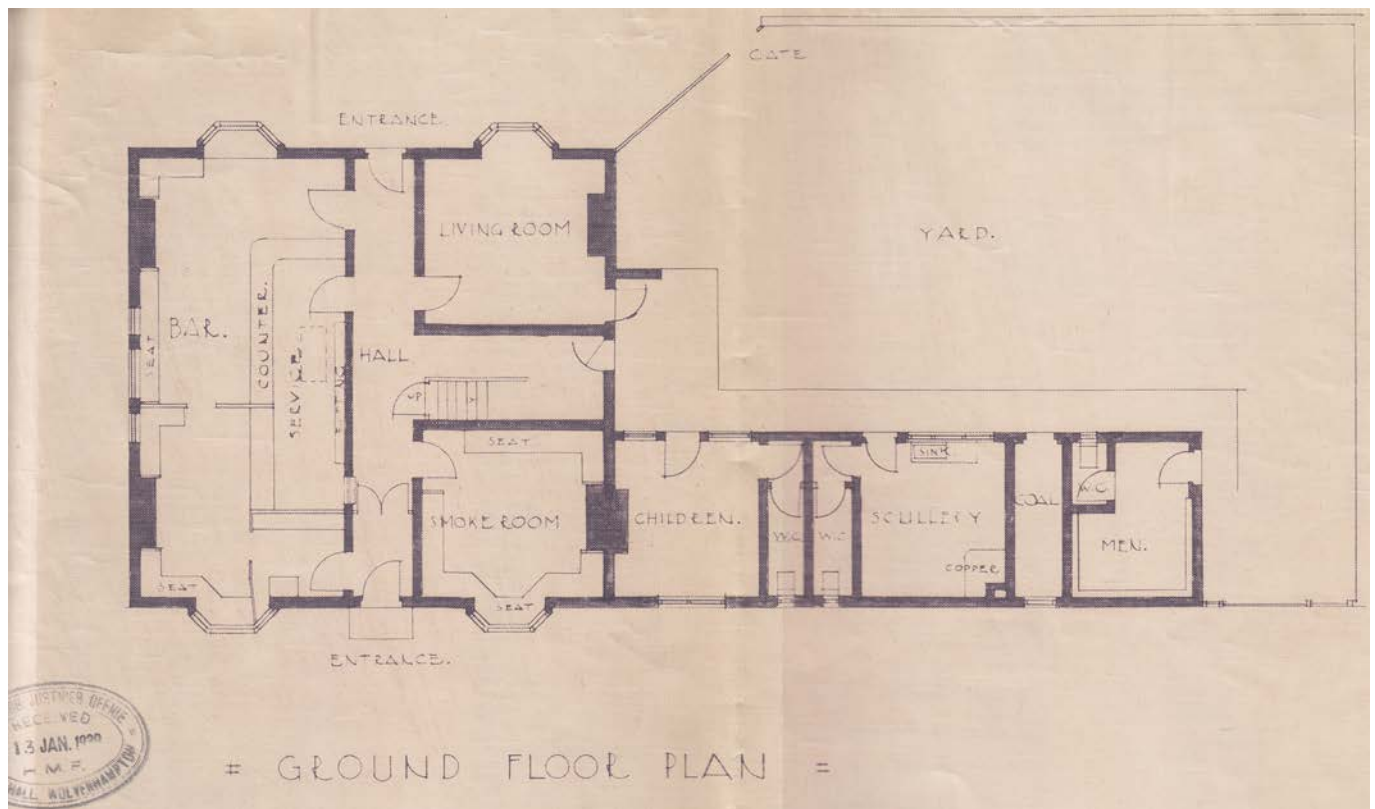
Closed [2007], [2013]

Demolished [2014]

Housing was built on the site.



2009



ROUND COUNTER

4, Rose Street, (Batmans Hill), Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

John Venton
Ambrose Roberts
Ambrose Hughes, grocer, Cross Street, Bradley, Bilston
Thomas Homer, Brierley Hill
Atkinsons Brewery Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Venton [1871] – **1890**);
Mrs. Eliza Venton (**1890 – 1892**);
Ambrose Roberts (**1892 – 1893**);
Eliza (Martin) Paul (**1893 – 1897**);
Samuel Marlow (**1897 – 1900**);
Emma Harris (**1900 – 1902**);
Rowland Thomas (**1902 – 1905**);
John Grainger (**1905**);
John Grainger (**1905 – 1907**);
James Harris (**1907 – 1910**);
Joseph Campion Churms (**1910 – 1913**);
William Brown (**1913 – 1915**);
Henry Brown (**1915 – 1918**);

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

4, Rose Street

- [1] *John Venton* (45), beerhouse keeper, born Exeter;
- [2] *Eliza Venton* (48), wife, born Credinton [Crediton?], Devonshire;
- [3] *Elizabeth Venton* (23), daughter, born Exeter;
- [4] *John Venton* (18), son, labourer, born Exeter;
- [5] *Alfred Venton* (17), son, labourer, born Exeter;
- [6] *Frank Venton* (15), son, labourer, born Exeter;
- [7] *Mary Ann Venton* (9), daughter, born Winscombe, Gloucestershire;

John Venton died on 20th August 1890.

Eliza Martin married James Paul on 19th May 1895.

Tipton Herald 7/3/1903

“Objection was raised on the grounds that the license was not required and the house difficult of police supervision. Superintendent Walters said the necessary work had been commenced, and if carried out according to the plans, would be satisfactory. He withdrew the objection. The license was renewed.”

Rowland Thomas, beer retailer, 4, Rose Street, Bradley. [1904]

John Grainger was fined £2 and costs, on 24th November 1905, for permitting drunkenness.

It was referred to the Compensation Authority in February 1908.

1911 Census

Rose Street – ROUND COUNTER

[1] *Joseph Campion Churms* (25), beerhouse manager, born Bradley;

[2] *Lucy Churms* (23), wife, married 2 years, born Great Bridge;

[3] *Edwin Churms* (1), son, born Woodsetton:

Joseph Campion Churms – See also SHOULDER OF MUTTON.

License refused by Compensation Authority on 3rd July 1918.

Compensation of £750 was paid on 21st December 1918.

License extinguished on 28th December 1918.

ROYAL ARTILLERY

9, (5), High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

David Jones Bache, gentleman, Bilston
Mrs. Mary Tudor, Langley, Oldbury
J. and J. Yardley and Co. Ltd.
The Old Wolverhampton Breweries Ltd.
Atkinsons Brewery Ltd.

LICENSEES

Mary Tudor [1873] – **1875**);
Joseph Siddons (**1875 – 1879**);
Frank Bostock (**1879**);
Ann Palmer (**1879**);
John Corbett (**1879 – 1882**);
George Roberts (**1882 – 1884**);
Samuel Fellows (**1884 – 1887**);
John Bailey (**1887 – 1888**);
William Thomas Goodway Locke (**1888 – 1889**);
Kate Roberts (**1889 – 1891**);
William McDonnell (**1891**);
William Edwin Cole (**1891 – 1892**);
William Millard Whitehouse (**1892 – 1896**);
Thomas Woodhouse (**1896 – 1897**);
Job Webb (**1897 – 1906**);
William Benjamin Wood (**1906 – 1907**);
Arthur John Roden (**1907 – 1912**);
John Wright (**1912 – 1913**);
Arthur Frederick Hawkins (**1913 – 1914**);
Mrs. Annie Whittaker (**1914 – 1921**);

NOTES

5, High Street [1892], [1896], [1900], [1904]
9, High Street [1901], [1911], [1912], [1916], [1921]

It was originally known as the BOARD. [1873]

1901 Census

9, High Street

- [1] Job Webb (62), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] Jane Webb (59), wife, fish dealer, born Tong, Shropshire;
- [3] William H. Satterthwaite (42), son in law, insurance agent, born Willenhall;
- [4] Emily H. Satterthwaite (33), daughter, barmaid, born Bilston;
- [5] Daniel H. Webb (32), son, barman, born Bilston;
- [6] Albert E. H. Webb (25), son, fish shop assistant, born Bilston;
- [7] Martha J. Satterthwaite (12), granddaughter, born Bilston;

1911 Census

9, High Street

[1] *Arthur John Roden* (43), compositor and licensed victualler, born Wagbeach, Shropshire;

[2] *Harriett Roden* (39), wife, assisting in the latter, born Wolverhampton;

[3] *Caroline Palk* (36), sister in law, assisting in the latter, born Wolverhampton;

[4] *Arthur Joseph Palk* (11), nephew, born Wolverhampton;

[5] *Daisy Stanley* (5), niece, born Wolverhampton;

[6] *Annie Burgwin* (18), general servant, born Bilston:

Application for removal of this license to the THREE CUPS INN beerhouse, Lanesfield, was granted on 7th March 1921.

It closed on 20th March 1921.

Demolished

ROYAL EXCHANGE

26, (25), (27), Chapel Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Jane Riley
Lucy Amelia Davies
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Avebury Taverns Ltd. (acquired in 1999)

LICENSEES

Isaac Riley [1861] – [1881]
Jane Riley [1883] – **1886**;
Mrs. Lucy Amelia Davies (**1886 – 1904**);
William Butler Slater (**1904 – 1905**);
Theresa (Platt) Griffiths (**1905 – 1912**);
Alfred Blud (**1912**);
Sarah Pecey Hall (**1912 – 1913**);
Humphrey Willows (**1913**);
Charles Dickenson (**1913 – 1914**);
Samuel Morris (**1914**);
Henry Richard Adams (**1914 – 1915**);
Thomas Gateley (**1915 – 1927**);
David Cartwright (**1927 – 1930**);
John Knight (**1930 – 1934**);
George Scotto (**1934 – [1940]**)
F H Skett [1976] – [1983]
Maurice Davey [1994]
Mrs. Doreen P Beaman [1995]
Kulwinder Singh Sahota [2005]



2007

NOTES

25, Chapel Street [1861], [1865], [1881], [1891]
27, Chapel Street [1871]
26, Chapel Street [1904], [1940], [2005]

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

25, Chapel Street – Beer House
[1] Isaac Riley (51), publican, born Bilston;
[2] Amelia Riley (40), wife, born Bilston;
[3] Lucy Riley (13), daughter, born Bilston:

Isaac Riley, beer retailer, 25, Chapel Street. [1865], [1868]

1871 Census

27, Chapel Street

[1] *Isaac Riley* (61), widower, retail brewer, born Bilston;

[2] *Lucy Riley* (23), daughter, born Bilston;

[3] *Phoebe Brown* (14), general servant, born Bilston:

1881 Census

25, Chapel Street

[1] *Isaac Riley* (71), widower, publican, born Bilston;

[2] *Lucy A. Davies* (32), daughter, housekeeper, born Bilston;

[3] *George Davies* (32), son in law, waiter, born Astley Abbots, Shropshire;

[4] *Elizabeth Stubbs* (21), general servant, born Bilston:

Jane Riley died in 1886.

Lucy Davies = *Lucy Davis*

1891 Census

25, Chapel Street – ROYAL EXCHANGE

[1] *Lucy A. Davies* (33), publican, born Bilston;

[2] *Mary Riley* (67), visitor, widow, housekeeper, born Bilston;

[3] *Lizzie Haynes* (23), visitor, schoolmistress, born Bilston:

Mrs. *Lucy Davies*, beer retailer, 25 Chapel Street. [1896]

1901 Census

Chapel Street – ROYAL EXCHANGE

[1] *Lucy A. Davis* (50), beer seller, born Bilston;

[2] *Annie Meredith* (14), domestic servant, born Bradley:

Mrs. *Lucy Davies*, beer retailer, 26, Chapel Street. [1904]

Theresa Platt married *Thomas Griffiths* on 1st February 1909.

Bilston & Willenhall Times 1/4/1930

“At the Bilston Licensing Sessions, yesterday....

Mr Stewart also submitted plans for the re-construction of the ROYAL EXCHANGE, Chapel Street, Bilston, which was badly damaged by fire in April 1929. Mr. Stewart said that the plans provided for a new house, with excellent modern arrangements, and he hoped the plans would meet with the approval of the Bench. The Bench approved the plans.”

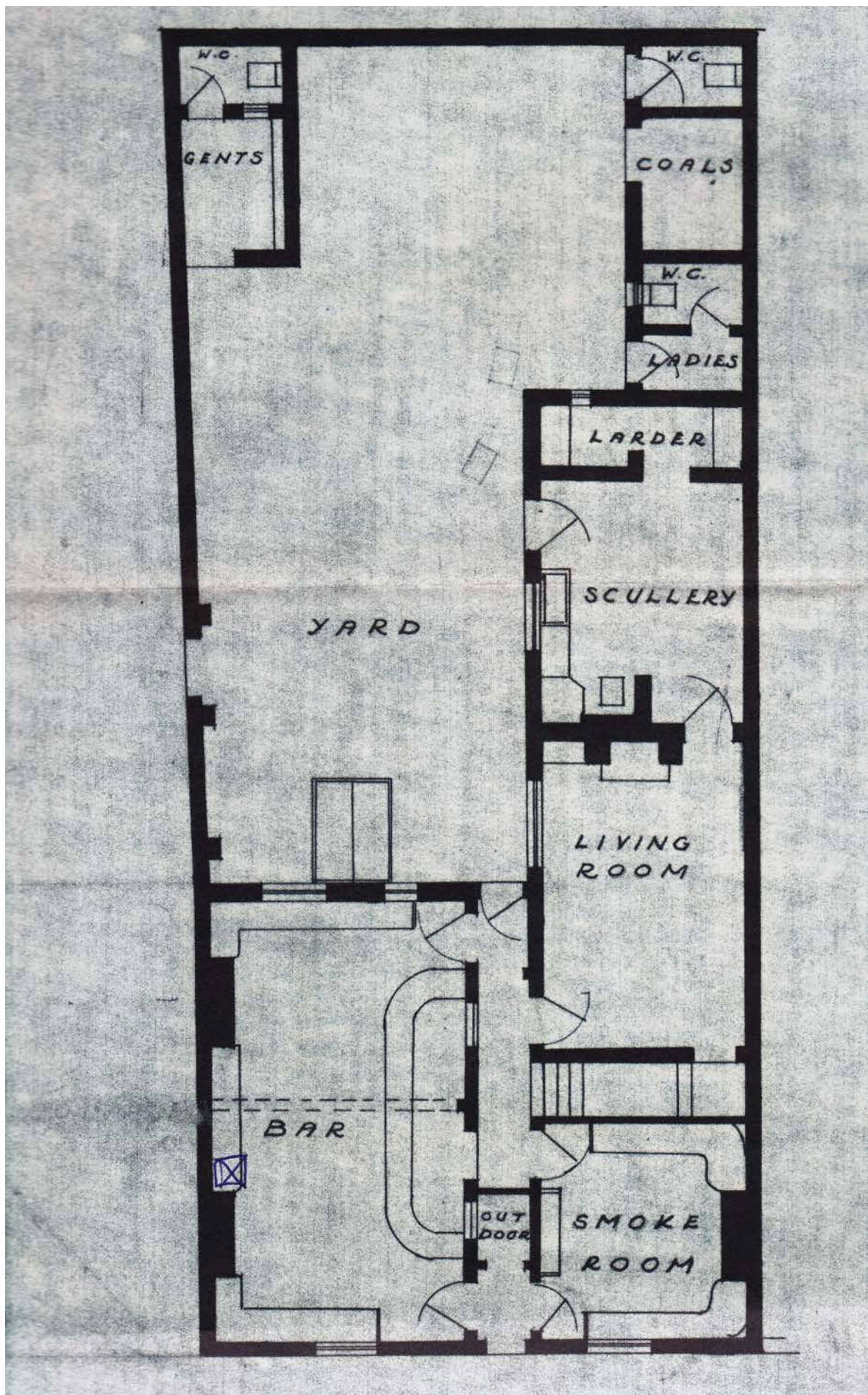
A team from here took part in the Bilston Crib League, Section A. [1946]

Alterations were made in 1986.

[2012]

Closed [2014]

It was demolished in 2014.



Plan 1986

ROYAL EXCHANGE

4, (57), Queen Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Edward Atkins, accountant, Wednesbury
Major George Cox, brewer, Bilston
John Rolison and Son Ltd. (leased from 1909)
Harmer and Co. Ltd.
Frank Myatt Ltd. (leased)
Frank Myatt Ltd. (acquired c.1924)

LICENSEES

Francis Hickinbottom [1861]
Thomas Jones [1871] – **1873**;
Robert Hughes **(1873 – 1878)**;
William Bardell **(1878 – 1882)**;
Thomas Lloyd **(1882 – 1883)**;
George King **(1883 – 1884)**;
James Wright **(1884 – 1892)**;
Ellen Wright **(1892 – 1894)**;
Henry Richard Adams **(1894 – 1905)**;
Arthur Taylor **(1905 – 1906)**;
Albert William Pugh **(1906)**;
Herbert Mounfield **(1906 – 1907)**;
Clara Aston **(1907 – 1908)**;
Joseph Hadley **(1908 – 1909)**;
Henry Richard Adams **(1909 – 1912)**;
Mary Jemima Bott **(1912 – 1913)**;
George Priest **(1913 – 1915)**;
Joseph Hadley **(1915 – 1917)**;
Thomas Fellows **(1917 – 1924)**;

NOTES

57, Queen Street [1861], [1871], [1881]
4, Queen Street

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

57, Queen Street – ROYAL EXCHANGE

- [1] *Francis Hickinbottom* (35), retail brewer, born Breedon, Leicestershire;
- [2] *Mary Hickinbottom* (33), wife, born Nalesworth, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Alice Burgess* (14), general servant, born Bilston:

1871 Census

57, Queen Street

- [1] *Thomas Jones* (26), bricklayer and publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Maria Jones* (28), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Maria Jones* (8 months), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Maria Fleet* (20), domestic servant, public house, born Red Hill, Worcestershire: [Stourbridge?]

1881 Census

57 Queen Street Stone Street

- [1] *William Bardell* (45), retail beer seller and bedstead fitter, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Elizabeth Bardell* (47), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *William Bardell* (23), son, bedstead stock fitter, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Nellie Venton* (6), granddaughter, scholar, born Bilston:

1891 Census

Queen Street – ROYAL EXCHANGE

- [1] *James Wright* (40), coal miner, born Bilston;
- [2] *Ellen Wright* (37), wife, born Moseley Village;
- [3] *James Wright* (14), son, carter, born Barnsley, Yorkshire;
- [4] *Amy Wright* (15), daughter, born Barnsley, Yorkshire;
- [5] *William Wright* (12), son, scholar, born Barnsley, Yorkshire;
- [6] *George Wright* (10), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Thomas Wright* (8), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Blanche Nellie Wright* (4), daughter, scholar, born Bilston:

James Wright died in 1892.

Henry Adams, beer retailer, 57, Queen Street. [1896]

1901 Census

ROYAL EXCHANGE (Public House)

- [1] *Harry Adams* (46), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Jane Adams* (35), wife, born Portsmouth;
- [3] *Fred Adams* (12), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Edith Adams* (8), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Jane Adams* (6), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Harry Adams* (5), son, born Bilston;
- [7] *Gertrude Adams* (4), daughter, born Bilston;
- [8] *Alice Adams* (4 months), daughter, born Bilston;
- [9] *Florrie Heywood* (19), domestic servant, born Bilston:

1911 Census

Queen Street

- [1] *Henry Richard Adams* (57), publican, beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Jane Adams* (47), wife, married 24 years, assisting in the business, born Portsmouth;
- [3] *Frederick Adams* (23), son, fitter and turner, japan tin plate and general hollowware trade, born Bilston;
- [4] *Edith Adams* (18), daughter, siser, jappanners tray makers, born Bilston;
- [5] *Jane Adams* (16), daughter, black stover, jappanners tray maker, born Bilston;
- [6] *Harry Adams* (15), son, iron plate work, bucket and hollowware maker, born Bilston;
- [7] *Gertrude Adams* (14), daughter, leker (?), iron bedstead company, born Bilston;
- [8] *Richard Adams* (9), son, school, born Bilston:

Henry Richard Adams, beer retailer, 4, Queen Street. [1912]

South Staffordshire Times 28/2/1920 - Advert

"A Highly Important sale by Auction of Seven Licensed Properties finely situated in the heart of the Black Country – All Freehold.

By Order of Major G. Cox. Esq., with Possession On Completion.

The Ante '60 Beer Houses known as:

The STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT, Darlaston

The FORGE HAMMER, Lanesfield.

The TOWNHALL STORES, Bilston.

The ROYAL EXCHANGE, Bilston.

And Building Land near to the FORGE HAMMER, Lanesfield.

Solicitors: Messrs. Hall, Pratt and Pritchard, Bilston"

South Staffordshire Times 8/3/1924

"The adjourned Licensing Sessions for the Bilston Division were held yesterday, before a full Bench of Justices, Mr. E. Hickman presided.....

Considerable opposition was offered to the provisional application for a license to new premises it was proposed on land in Parkfield Road.

Mr. Skidmore made the application. Mr. Turton opposed on behalf of the owner and tenant of the RED LION, Parkfield Road, and Mr. J. F. Bourke (instructed by Messrs. Landon and Barrows) on behalf of the owner and licensee of the PARKFIELD TAVERN. The application was opposed by the Rev. W. E. Richardson, Primitive Methodist Church, Parkfield Road; the Vicar of Etingshall (Rev. W. H. R. Gipps); Mrs. Hodgetts on behalf of herself and neighbours; Mr. Geo. Watkins, on behalf of the Vicar of Blakenhall; Mr. Staghouse, on behalf of the trustees of the Primitive Methodist Church, Parkfield; and Mr. Joseph Hatley, on behalf of the residents and trustees of Parkfield Primitive Methodist Church.

Mr. Skidmore in his remarks to the justices, said the proposal was to remove the GIFFORD ARMS, Codsall Wood, which was a rural district and already well served, to a proposed site in Parkfield Road. The site to which it was proposed to transfer the license was a different proposition. The site was directly opposite the new estate which was being developed by the Wolverhampton Corporation and a large number of houses had been run up there. The new road to Birmingham would run within a very few yards of the site. He knew it was unusual to ask for the removal of a license in one district to another, and the justices might say that Codsall would lose one license and this district get one more. If the justices granted the removal of the license of the GIFFORD ARMS, the applicant was prepared to give up the license of the ROYAL EXCHANGE, Queen Street, Bilston, an 'on' beer license. So at any rate they would get rid of one license in the county for nothing. They would get a license transferred from a place where it was not particularly required, to a site where it would be of great public convenience, and he ventured to suggest that the justices should not take too narrow a view. Mr. Skidmore added he should produce plans by which it would be seen that the house it was proposed to erect upon the site was most modern and up-to-date in every way.

Mr. Tomlins, Wolverhampton, explained the plans and spoke of the increase in dwellings which would take place by a housing scheme which was being pressed forward.

Mr. F. B. Housiaux, the owner of the estate upon which it was proposed to build the new premises, said he was a general dealer and he approached Mr. Myatt with a scheme suggesting it would make a good site for a licensed house, and agreed to sell it to him.

Mr. Bourke, in his opposition to the application, emphasised the fact that the justices were asked to remove a license which was outside, into their district. Much had been said on housing and the new road, but under the present conditions he urged that the district was well supplied with licensed houses.

Mr. Turton expressed the opinion that the present was not a suitable time to grant such an application.

The Rev. W. E. Hutchinson, speaking on behalf of the petitioners against the granting of a license, said one point was that there were sufficient licensed houses in the neighbourhood to meet requirements. They felt the future should take care of itself and they asked the justices to wait and see what may be the conditions in the future. Within half a mile of the proposed site were seven places where refreshments could be obtained. Nearly seventy-five per cent of the people living in the new houses had signed a petition against it.

The Justices retired, and after a brief absence, the chairman announced that they had given careful attention to the application, and the petition against it, and were unanimous in declining it."

The License renewal was refused by Compensation Authority on 28th July 1924.

Compensation of £1,620 was paid on 24th December 1924.

ROYAL EXCHANGE

35, (19), Salop Street, (Shropshire Row), (Hallfields), Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Abraham Hazledine, iron worker, Scotland
John Leadbetter
Banks and Co., brewers, Wolverhampton
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1908]

LICENSEES

John Leadbetter [1868] – **1889**;
Richard Roberts (**1889 – 1899**);
Mrs. Rachel Roberts (**1899 – 1907**);
Arthur Edward George (**1907 – 1915**);
John Henry Williams (**1915 – 1918**):

NOTES

19, Salop Street [1881], [1891], [1901]

It had a beerhouse license.

John Leadbetter = John Leadbeater

John Leadbeater, beer retailer, Salop Street, Hallfields. [1868]

1871 Census

Salop Street

- [1] *John Leadbetter* (43), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] Ann Leadbetter (39), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] James Leadbetter (17), son, born Bilston;
- [4] Sarah Leadbetter (15), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [5] Ann Leadbetter (14), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [6] Naomi Leadbetter (11), daughter, born Sedgley:

1881 Census

19, Salop Street

- [1] *John Leadbetter* (52), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] Ann Leadbetter (49), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] James Leadbetter (26), son, no occupation, born Bilston;
- [4] Angelina Leadbetter (5), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] Wliza Pragg (23), general servant, born Bilston:

1891 Census

19, Salop Street – ROYAL EXCHANGE INN

- [1] *Richard Roberts* (63), beerhouse keeper, born Lydbrook, Gloucestershire;
- [2] *Mary A. Roberts* (64), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *John Roberts* (30), son, tin mill roller, born Aberavon, Wales;
- [4] *Watson Roberts* (27), son, sheet mill furnaceman, born Lydbrook, Gloucestershire;
- [5] *Mary A. Price* (35), general servant, born Bilston;
- [6] *Mary A. Turner* (14), general servant, born Bilston;
- [7] *Alfred Roberts* (21), son, sheet turner, born West Bromwich:

Richard Roberts, beer retailer, 19, Salop Street. [1896]

1901 Census

19, Salop Street – ROYAL EXCHANGE

- [1] *Rachel Roberts* (51), widow, beer retailer, born Bilston;
- [2] *May Roberts* (28), daughter, domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [3] *Frederick T. Roberts* (22), son, hauler for iron works, born Bilston;
- [4] *Ada Roberts* (17), daughter, domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [5] *Eva M. Roberts* (13), daughter, born Bilston:

Mrs. Rachel Roberts, beer retailer, 35, Salop Street, Bradley. [1904]

It was referred to Compensation Authority in February 1908.

1911 Census

35, Salop Street

- [1] *Arthur E. George* (33), beerhouse keeper, born Cross Street, Bradley;
- [2] *Mrs Harriet George* (32), wife, married 11 years, born Bradley;
- [3] *Arthur George Jnr.* (10), son, born Bradley;
- [4] *Lizzie George* (6), daughter, born Bradley;
- [5] *Alice George* (4), daughter, born Bradley;
- [6] *Annie George* (1), daughter, born Bradley;
- [7] *Elise Ward(?)* (15), domestic servant, born Bradley:

Arthur Edward George, beer retailer, 35, Salop Street. [1912]

License refused by Compensation Authority on 3rd July 1918.

Compensation of £800 was paid on 21st December 1918.

South Staffordshire Times 25/9/1920 - Advert

“Sale By Auction. At 6.30pm for 7pm promptly. J. Southwick and Son have received instructions from the executors, and others, to submit for sale by auction at the PIPE HALL HOTEL, Bilston. The following Valuable Freehold Properties. Including Three commodious De-licensed Dwelling Houses and Premises.....

Lot 2.- No. 35 Salop Street, Bradley. Formerly known as the ROYAL EXCHANGE INN, together with two Dwelling Houses, being Nos.1 and 3 at the rear, Salop Street, Bradley.

The ROYAL EXCHANGE could easily be converted into two Dwelling Houses at a comparatively small Cost.....”

ROYAL GEORGE

44, (92), Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Messrs. Lester, wine merchants, Bilston
William Appleby (acquired 23rd January 1878)
George Wilkinson and Co., brewers, Birmingham
Henry Plant and Sons [1896]
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1904]

LICENSEES

Henry Plant [1873] – **1874**;
Richard Harper (**1874 – 1877**);
William Appleby (**1877 – 1878**);
Matthew Moreton (**1878**);
William Pettifer (**1878 – 1884**);
Charles Paulton Plant (**1884 – 1891**);
Samuel Machin [1891]
George Lawrence (**1891 – 1895**);
William Maddocks (**1895 – 1897**);
James McNairnie (**1897 – 1900**);
George Tubb (**1900 – 1910**);
Charles James Webb (**1910 – 1919**);
Mrs. Mary Ann Dutton (**1919 – [1940]**)

NOTES

92, Church Street [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1904]
44, Church Street [1901], [1911], [1916], [1921], [1932], [1940]

It was almost opposite the Town Hall.

It was originally known as the BLACK BULLS HEAD
It was also known as the CAT.

It had a total frontage about 23ft 9in.

1881 Census

92, Church Street

- [1] William Pettifer (35), licensed victualler, born St. Neots?, Huntingdonshire;
- [2] Sarah A. Pettifer (36), wife, born Oldbury;
- [3] Jane A. Pettifer (16), daughter, assistant barmaid, born Oldbury;
- [4] Charles J. Pettifer (15), son, publican's assistant, born Birmingham:

1891 Census

92, Church Street

- [1] Samuel Machin (52), innkeeper, born Madeley, Shropshire;
- [2] Mary Lewis (58), sister, widow, living on her own means, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [3] Elizabeth Machin (54), sister, living on her own means, born Dawley, Shropshire:

William Maddocks = William Maddock

1901 Census

44, Church Street – ROYAL GEORGE

- [1] George Tubb (41), licensed victualler, born Gloucester;
- [2] Grace Tubb (54), wife, born Scotland;
- [3] Mabel Shaw (23), stepdaughter, barmaid, born Gloucester;
- [4] Lily Tubb (20), daughter, barmaid, born Gloucester:

1911 Census

44, Church Street

- [1] Charles James Webb (36), publican, born Walsall;
- [2] Mary Ann Webb (36), wife, married 4 years, born Walsall:

Closed

It was put up for auction in 1960, as a delicensed public house.

Demolished

LOT TWO

THE
FREEHOLD PROPERTY
known as
THE ROYAL GEORGE INN
CHURCH STREET, BILSTON

THE PROPERTY

TRADING LOCATION
(See key plan)

DESCRIPTION
(See site plan)

The premises occupy a busy retail trading position close to Timothy Whites and Taylors, Ltd., Broadmead, Ltd., etc.

Brick built and comprising
DE-LICENSED PUBLIC HOUSE

Designed on basement, ground floor and two upper floors together with

SHOP AND UPPER PART ADJOINING
Total frontage about 42 ft. Site depth about 168 ft.

The Royal George Inn
Frontage about 23 ft. 9 in.
Maximum built depth about 55 ft.
Site depth about 168 ft.

The upper floors are approached internally and comprise two rooms on the first floor and one room on the second floor having a total area of approximately 515 sq. ft.
The basement is utilised for storage and has an area of about 850 sq. ft.

VACANT POSSESSION
of The Royal George Inn on completion.

The Justices and Excise Licences and all furnishings, trade fixtures and fittings, are excluded from the sale.

Shop premises adjoining (outlined in blue)
Frontage about 18 ft. 3 in. Shop depth about 46 ft. 6 in.
Built depth about 69 ft. Site depth about 108 ft.

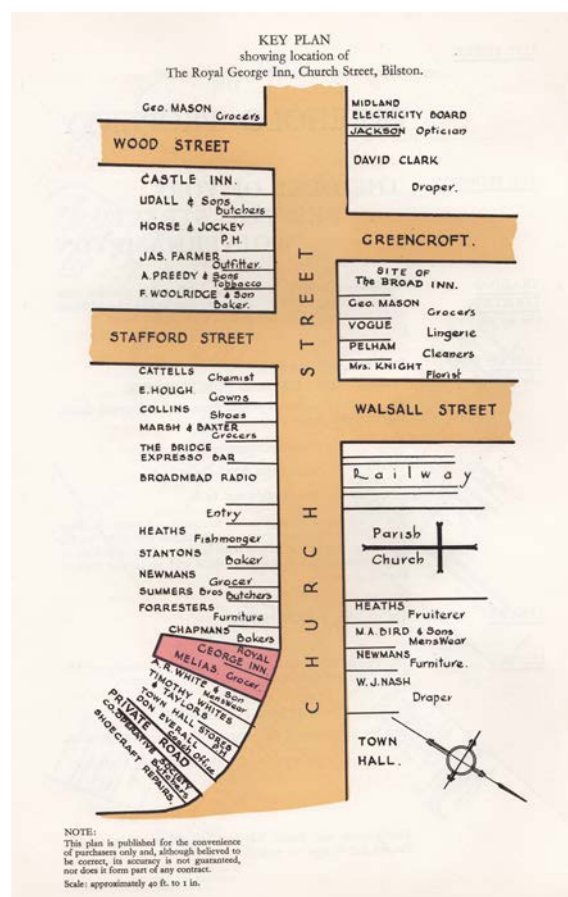
The two upper floors are approached internally and provide two rooms on the first floor and three rooms on the second floor, one of which overalls the first floor of The Royal George Inn.

The property is **FREEHOLD**.

The shop premises are let on a full repairing and insuring lease for a term of 21 years from 24th June, 1959, to MELIAS, LTD.
the well known multiple grocers and provision retailers, at the modest exclusive rental of

per **£200 annum**
rising to **£300** per annum in 1966 and to **£400** per annum in 1975.
THE ROYAL GEORGE INN IS

RIPE FOR CONVERSION OR REDEVELOPMENT
AS RETAIL SHOPS WITH OFFICES OR SHOWROOMS ABOVE.



Auction Catalogue 1960

ROYAL GEORGE

Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Benjamin Burdett [1881]

ROYAL OAK

3, Ettingshall Road (20, (22), Ettingshall Lane), Ettingshall, BILSTON

OWNERS

Ann Fellows Owen

Mary Ann Lett, wife of Richard Lett, chartermaster, Bilston

Warren Lett

Clara Waller and Caroline Lett, 68, New Waverley Street, Stockton on Tees

Atkinsons Ltd.

LICENSEES

Mrs. Ann Fellows Owen [1858] – **1874**);

Mary Ann Baker (**1874 – 1876**);

Richard Lett (**1876 – 1877**);

Richard Owen (**1877 – 1879**);

Richard Lett (**1879 – 1907**);

Warren Lett (**1907 – 1916**);

Caroline Lett (**1916 – 1918**);

John Walker (**1918 – 1924**);

James Plummer (**1924 – 1932**);

John Sheffield (**1932 – 1935**);

Charles Samuel Tedstill (**1935**);

Ernest Albert Taylor (**1935 – [1940]**)

NOTES

3, Ettingshall Road [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

Ann F. Owen, beerhouse keeper, Ettingshall. [1858]

1861 Census

Ettingshall Lane

[1] *Ann F. Owen* (51), widow, victualler, born Welshpool;

[2] *Mary Ann Owen*, (18), daughter, dressmaker, born Bilston;

[3] *John Owen* (14), son, scholar, born Bilston;

[4] *Richard Owen* (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;

[5] *Mary Ann Wood* (12), niece, servant, born Bilston;

[6] *Henry Wood* (46), boarder, boatman, born Bilston:

Mrs. Ann Fellows Owen, beer retailer, Ettingshall. [1865], [1868]

1871 Census

22, Ettingshall Lane

[1] *Ann F. Owen* (64), widow, publican, born Bilston;

[2] *Mary A. Baker* (29), daughter, widow, dress maker, born Bilston;

[3] *Richard Owen* (19), son, boat builder, born Bilston;

[4] *Harriet Hargett* (17), general servant, born Bilston:

Ann Fellows Owen died on 10th August 1874.

1881 Census

20, Ettingshall Lane – ROYAL OAK

- [1] *Richard Lett* (49), coal master employing 10 men and 2 boys, born Bilston;
- [2] Mary Ann Lett (40), wife, born Ettingshall;
- [3] Julia Lett (16), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] Albert A. Lett (14), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] Clara Lett (5), daughter, scholar, born Ettingshall;
- [6] Herbert Lett (3), son, born Ettingshall;
- [7] Warren Lett (2), son, born Ettingshall;
- [8] Sarah Lett (19), general servant, born Sedgley:

1891 Census

Ettingshall Road – ROYAL OAK

- [1] *Richard Lett* (65), charter master, born Bilston;
- [2] Mary Ann Lett (49), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] Albert Arthur Lett (24), son, coal miner, born Bilston;
- [4] Clara Lett (14), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] Herbert Lett (13), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] Warren Lett (12), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] Sarah Blakewell (61), visitor, born Warwick:

1901 Census

3, Ettingshall Road

- [1] *Richard Lett* (75), beerhouse landlord, blind, born Priestfield;
- [2] Mary A. Lett (60), wife, born Ettingshall;
- [3] Clara Lett (24), daughter, born Ettingshall;
- [4] Herbert Lett (23), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Warren Lett (21), son, fitter iron foundry, born Ettingshall:

Richard Lett, beer retailer, Ettingshall Road. [1904]

He died in 1907.

[1964]

ROYAL OAK

30, (31), (26), Hall Street, (74, (30), Hill Street), Hall Green, Upper Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

John Taylor, miner, Hallfields
Simon Paul
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd.

LICENSEES

Richard Talbot [1845] – [1854]
John Elwell [1851] ?
John Knight [1860] – [1870]
Thomas Paul [1873] – **1884**;
Simon Paul **(1884 – 1929)**;
Daniel Paul **(1929 – 1931)**;
Ernest William Baxter **(1931 – 1933)**;
Joseph Andrews **(1933 – 1934)**;
George Harry Thomas **(1934 – 1938)**;
Samuel Thomas Stanley **(1938 – []**
Mrs. Lily Stanley [1940]

NOTES

31, Hall Street [1861], [1874], [1881], [1891]
26, Hall Street [1873]
30, Hall Street [1892]
30, Hill Street [1896]
74, Hill Street [1904], [1912], [1932], [1940]

Richard Talbot was also a shopkeeper. [1845]

1861 Census

31, Hall Street – ROYAL OAK
[1] *John Knight* (46), victualler, born Herefordshire;
[2] *Mary Knight* (56), wife, born Sedgley;
[3] *George Knight* (16), son, cow boy, born Sedgley;
[4] *Ann Caddick* (16), general servant, born Sedgley:

1881 Census

31, Hall Street – ROYAL OAK
[1] *Thomas Paul* (41), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
[2] *Eliza Paul* (35), wife, born Sedgley;
[3] *Thomas Paul* (16), son, labourer in iron works, born Sedgley;
[4] *Florence Paul* (14), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
[5] *Alexander Paul* (12), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
[6] *James Paul* (11), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
[7] *Elizabeth A. Paul* (5), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley:

London Gazette 15/3/1895

“*Thomas Paul*, Rose-street, Bateman’s Hill, Bradley, near Bilston formerly of the ROYAL OAK INN, Hall-street, Bradley.....”

1891 Census

31, Hall Street – ROYAL OAK

- [1] *Simon Paul* (46), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Paul* (45), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Isaac Paul* (23), son, inspector under mines drainage company, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Samuel Paul* (18), son, brewer, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Elizabeth Paul* (16), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Daniel Paul* (14), son, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Phoebe Paul* (9), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [8] *Cecilia Lewington* (15), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

1901 Census

Hill Street – ROYAL OAK

- [1] *Simon Paul* (56), widower, publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary E. Paul* (26), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Daniel Paul* (23), son, brewer, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Phoebe Paul* (19), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Sarah Whitehouse* (16), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

Wednesbury Leader 20/4/1901

“On Tuesday evening a miners’ meeting was held at the house of Mr. *Simon Paul*, ROYAL OAK INN, Hill Street, Bradley, under the auspices of the South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire Amalgamated Miners’ Association, branch of the Miners’ Federation of Great Britain. Mr. R. Bainbridge presided.....”

Simon Paul was also a brewer. [1914], [1923]
He died on 13th October 1929.

A music license was granted on 3rd February 1928.

Daniel Paul was also a brewer. [1930]

ROYAL OAK

20, (74), High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Frederick Warren, pork butcher, Bilston
Ella Evans, Grendon, Bradmore, Wolverhampton
Major George Cox
John Rolinson and Son Ltd. (leased from 1909)
Harmer and Co. Ltd. (leased)

LICENSEES

Edwin Hooper [1873] – **1877**);
Hannah Chambers (**1877**);
William Downes (**1877 – 1878**);
John Cross (**1878 – 1880**);
James Clarke (**1880**);
Elizabeth Nicholls (**1880 – 1881**);
Elizabeth Bromley (**1881 – 1882**);
William Henry Jones (**1882 – 1895**);
John ?? (**1895**);
Jesse Walsgrove (**1895**);
John ?? (**1895**);
George Frederick Coombs (**1895 – 1896**);
Harriet Messenger (**1896 – 1905**);
George Cox (**1905**);
Frederick John Burton (**1905 – 1907**);
William Haynes (**1907 – 1909**);
Bernard John Durnall (**1909**);
Henry Tertius Hodgkiss (**1909 – 1910**);
Mrs. Rose Hannah Taylor (**1910 – 1914**);

NOTES

74, High Street [1881]
20, High Street [1901], [1912]

It had a beerhouse license.

1881 Census

74, High Street
[1] *Elizabeth Bromley* (44), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Sedgley;
[2] Alfred Bromley (19), son, canal toll clerk, born Moseley, Staffordshire;
[3] Lizzie Bromley (16), daughter, born Moseley;
[4] Anne Bromley (11), daughter, scholar, born Moseley;
[5] Emily Bromley (8), daughter, scholar, born Moseley;

George Coombs, beer retailer, 74, High Street. [1896]

1901 Census

20, High Street – ROYAL OAK INN

- [1] Thomas Messenger (50), coal hewer below ground, born Bilston;
- [2] Harriet Messenger (50), wife, beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [3] Nellie Corley (20), general servant, born Bilston:

Rose Hannah Taylor = Rosannah Taylor

1911 Census

High Street – ROYAL OAK INN

- [1] *Rosannah Taylor* (53), widow, business, own account, born Bilston;
- [2] George Taylor (32), son, driver, at steelworks, born Bilston;
- [3] Samuel Taylor (25), son, tinner, at holloware manufacturers, born Bilston;
- [4] Alice Taylor (22), daughter, domestic, born Bilston;
- [5] Agnes Taylor (13), niece, born Bilston;
- [6] Rosannah Jones (10), niece, born Bilston:

Mrs. Rose Hannah Taylor, beer retailer, 20, High Street. [1912]

License refused by Compensation Authority on 29th July 1914.
Compensation of £325 was paid on 28th December 1914.

ROYAL OAK

1, St. Lukes Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

J Holmes [1858]
William Speakman [1871]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

J. Holmes, beerhouse, 1, St. Lukes Street. [1858]

1871 Census

1, St. Lukes Street – ROYAL OAK INN

- [1] *William Speakman* (48), innkeeper, born Elsmore [Ellesmere?], Shropshire;
- [2] *Margaret Speakman* (49), wife, born Elsmore, Shropshire;
- [3] *William Speakman* (21), son, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Sampson Gerrard* (47), boarder, miller, born Cubley, Derbyshire;
- [5] *William Gerrard* (14), boarder, labourer in iron works, born Clifton, Derbyshire:
[Cubley is split into Great Cubley and Little Cubley and is about 5 miles S of Ashbourne.]
[Clifton is about 1 mile SW of Ashbourne.]

ROYAL OAK

84, (83), Salop Street, (83, Salop Row), (Shropshire Row), Bradley, (Hallfields), BILSTON

OWNERS

Benjamin Beebee, painter, Bilston
John Skidmore, licensed victualler, Highfields, Bilston
The Holt Brewery Co.
Showells Brewery Co. Ltd.
Ind Coope and Allsopp (leased)

LICENSEES

James Clapperton [1828] – [1830]
William Russell [1834] – [1838]
Cheavril Welsh [1841] – [1842]
James Corradine [1845] – [1851]
Ingram Morris [1861]
Mrs. Elizabeth Pea [1864] – [1870]
William Harris [1871] – **1873**);
Edward Lawley (**1873 – 1877**);
Thomas Skidmore (**1877 – 1878**);
George Skidmore (**1878 – 1881**);
Jeremiah Skidmore (**1881 – 1885**);
William Kettle (**1885 – 1887**);
Emanuel Roberts (**1887 – 1889**);
George Ward (**1889 – 1890**);
Daniel Ecclestone (**1890 – 1895**);
William Cotton Jnr. (**1895 – 1896**);
William Bennett (**1896 – 1898**);
George Robinson (**1898**);
James Mockford (**1898 – 1899**);
John Henry Walters (**1899**);
Alfred Roberts (**1899 – 1900**);
Samuel Cotton (**1900 – 1901**);
Francis Hodge (**1901 – 1902**);
William Thomas Arnold (**1902 – 1904**);
Lewin Ellis (**1904 – 1911**);
Samuel Joseph Salt (**1911 – 1913**);
James Harris [1912] ?
James Harris (**1913 – 1915**);
Joseph Campion Churms (**1915 – 1918**);
Joseph Harold Davis (**1918 – 1919**);
Florence Davis (**1919 – 1921**);
Frederick George Robinson (**1921 – 1922**);
William Henry Westwood (**1922**);
Frederick Whittingham (**1922 – 1923**);
Henry Frederick Reynolds (**1923 – 1924**);
Charles Edwin Pitchford (**1924 – 1925**);
John Bayley Robinson (**1925 – 1928**);
William Munslow George (**1928 – 1933**);
Frank Albert Stanford (**1933 – []**);

William Henry Willett [] – **1937**);
David Owen Jones (**1937 – 1938**);
Robert Baden Walker (**1938 – 1939**);
John Henry Fletcher (**1939** – [1940])

NOTES

Shropshire Row [1828], [1833], [1850]
Salop Row [1841], [1851]
83, Salop Row [1861]
56, Salop Street [1871]
83, Salop Street [1871], [1881], [1891]
84, Salop Street [1901]

It was known locally as “The Long Pull”.

Cheavril Welsh = Cheevril Welch

1841 Census

Salop Row
[1] *Cheevril Welch* (50), victualler, born Staffordshire;
[2] Ann Welch (35), born Staffordshire;
[3] Ann Hyde (19);
[4] Sarah Wilson (18), born Staffordshire:

1851 Census

Salop Row
[1] *James Corrodine* (65), victualler, born Burton, Staffordshire;
[2] Elizabeth Corrodine (70), wife, born Brewood, Staffordshire;
[3] James Corrodine (37), son, sheet iron roller, born Burton on Trent;
[4] Martha Corrodine (33), wife, born Hall Green;
[5] Emma Corrodine (12), daughter, scholar, born Hall Green;
[6] Eliza Corrodine (6), daughter, scholar, born Scotland;
[7] Edward Corrodine (4), son, born Scotland;
[8] William Corrodine (1), son, born Scotland;
[9] Sarah Bradbury (23), house servant, born Wednesbury:

Ingram Morris, beer retailer, Bradley. [1861]

1861 Census

83, Salop Row – Public House
[1] *Ingram Morris* (40), victualler, born Ludlow;
[2] Elizabeth Morris (32), wife, born Princes End;
[3] Thomas Morris (14), son, born Salop Row;
[4] Sarah Morris (7), daughter, scholar, born Salop Row;
[5] William Morris (5), son, scholar, born Salop Row;
[6] Anne Morris (3), daughter, scholar, born Salop Row;
[7] Edward Morris (11), son, scholar, born Golds Green;
[8] Mary Morris (9), daughter, scholar, born Golds Green;
[9] John Morris (7), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
[10] Rachel Tait (16), domestic servant, born Hallfields:

Mrs. *Elizabeth Pea*, beer retailer, Bradley. [1868], [1870]

1871 Census

83, Salop Street

- [1] *William Harris* (49), coal miner and publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Sarah Harris* (43), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *John Cumpston* (16), son, puddler, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Thomas Cumpston* (14), son, mine labourer, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Elizabeth Jackson* (12), niece, general servant, born Sedgley:

1881 Census

83, Salop Street – ROYAL OAK

- [1] *George Skidmore* (30), licensed victualler, born Princes End;
- [2] *George Skidmore* (1), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [3] *Hannah K. Skidmore* (29), wife, born Penn;
- [4] *Sarah A. Ritchard* (22), general servant, born Bilston:

Daniel Ecclestone = Daniel Eccleston

1891 Census

83, Salop Street

- [1] *Daniel Eccleston* (46), licensed victualler, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Hannah Eccleston* (45), wife, born Spondon, Derbyshire;
- [3] *Sarah Eccleston* (21), daughter, born Bilston:

1901 Census

84, Salop Street

- [1] *Samuel Cotton* (28), publican (manager), born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Ellen Cotton* (26), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Cyril Cotton* (3), son, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Edwin B. Cotton* (1), son, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Mary Davis* (20), general servant, born Sedgley:

Florence Davis married secondly *John Winyard* (KINGS HEAD), on 8th December 1920.

Bilston and Willenhall Times 4/2/1928

“Mr. Harris made a similar application [for a music license] with regard to the ROYAL OAK INN, Bradley, with the addition of Sunday. At Bradley, he said, there was no form of entertainment on Sunday, and if the application was granted it would be greatly appreciated.

Superintendent Young objected to the license being extended to Sunday. Music in public houses on Sunday, he said, wanted cutting out.

The application for Sunday was refused, and a six-day license for singing was granted.”

[1950]

ROYAL OAK

Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Preston [1841] – [1842]

SADDLE AND STIRRUPS

121, (56), Oxford Street / Warwick Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Peck, spirit merchant, Coseley
Peck and Kerrison [1896]
Georgiana Peck, widow, Coseley
Bent's Brewery Co. Ltd. [1900], [1904]

LICENSEES

William Peck [1849] – [1858]
Thomas Rowley [1860] – [1861]
Philip H Fellows [1864] – [1865]
Benjamin Fellows [] – **1868**;
Elisha Fellows (**1868** – [] [Is this Eliza?]
Mrs. Eliza Fellows [1868] – [1870]
John Buckley [1871] – **1877**;
Robert Hunt (**1877** – **1881**);
Frank Bridgman (**1881** – **1886**);
John Farmer (**1886** – **1889**);
Samuel Hill (**1889**);
John Silvester (**1889** – **1892**);
William Pettifer (**1892**);
Thomas Talbot (**1892** – **1909**);
William Edwards (**1909** – **1926**);
Alice Edwards (**1926**);
Leonard Jeffries (**1926** – **1929**);
Thomas Joseph Oakey (**1929**);
George William Chilton (**1929** – **1931**);
Jesse Hart (**1931** – **1933**);
John Thomas Shelley (**1933** – **1937**);
George Edward Large (**1937** – [1940]
G E Morgan [1976]



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56, Oxford Street [1861], [1864], [1868], [1870], [1871], [1872], [1874], [1881], [1884], [1891]
121, Oxford Street [1940]

1851 Census

Oxford Street

- [1] William Peck (37), wine merchant, born Wymondham, Norfolk;
- [2] Martha Peck (45), wife, born Sarhing, Norfolk;
- [3] Thomas Griffiths (21), visitor, saddler, born Waters Upton, Shropshire;
- [4] John Roberts (24), servant, brewer, born Wittingslow, Shropshire;
- [5] Mary Ann Jones (25), inn servant, born Giulsfield, Montgomeryshire;
- [6] Mary Guest (21), barmaid, born Liverpool:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 10/5/1856

“On Thursday, at the SADDLE AND STIRRUPS INN, Bilston, T. M. Phillips, Esq, coroner, concluded the inquest upon the body of Edmund Harris, one of the unfortunate persons who were killed by the boiler explosion at the works of Messrs. Rose, Higgins, and Rose, on the night of Monday, the 29th ult. The inquest had been adjourned from the Wednesday previous, in consequence of the opinion of the coroner and jury that the evidence before them on that occasion was defective and unsatisfactory, and that Mr. E. T. Wright, engineer, of Wolverhampton, who had examined the boiler, should be requested to attend, and give the testimony.

On Mr. Wright being called, he deposed that on the morning after the explosion he carefully examined the exploded boiler. The appearance of the riveted joints of that portion which was exposed to the fire indicated that they had been red hot. The pieces of the boiler which he charged to be cut off and now produced, already indicated that the boiler had been without water, and the plates over the fire red hot at the accident of the explosion. The accident could not be strictly called an ‘explosion’, because it resulted, not from any increase in pressure within, but, from the weakening of the plates of the boiler by their being red hot, which rendered it incapable of sustaining the ordinary working pressure. It did not always follow that because the plates of an exploded boiler were red hot the explosion took place from a scarcity of water in the boiler. Plates were often red, as were the plates of the exploded boiler which he produced, but redness was often caused by the order of iron. It was from the appearance of the fracture of the iron that he judged the plates had been red hot. If the boiler had been filled at six o’clock in the evening, it could not have exploded at a quarter to seven for want of water. It would have taken two or three hours to work that boiler empty. He agreed with what had been said by other witnesses that it was equally the duty of the man who came to work an engine, as of a man who was leaving off, to see that the boiler was full of water. The exploded boiler was a good one; and he should not have hesitated to work it at between sixty and seventy pounds to the square inch. Mr. Wright, having finished his evidence, was thanked by the coroner and jury for his attendance. Mr. Wright said, that for the good of the public he felt a pleasure in being present.

William Plant, an engineer, deposed that he left the boiler which exploded, in the care of William Tuckley, at four o’clock on Monday. It was then full of water, and the valves and buoy were in working order. He closed the steam valve, so that no steam could get from the other boilers into that which exploded, and also the water valve with which it was supplied with water, because Tuckley said he would not fire the boiler. He afterwards saw Tuckley firing. Henry Smith took charge of the boiler at six o’clock. Mr. Stephen Thompson, boiler maker, and the manufacturer of the boiler in question, corroborated the evidence of Mr. Wright. Henry Smith, having been cautioned in the usual manner before he made any statement, said that the boiler in question was as full when he came to his turn as it was regularly worked. About half a minute before the boiler exploded he thought that something told him to stop a distance from the boiler. He did so, and immediately afterwards the explosion took place.

The coroner continuing this statement to exonerate Tuckley, called him as a witness. He stated that when he left the boiler at six o’clock it contained plenty of water, enough to last five or six hours. He left the valves open when he gave up the charge of the boiler to Smith.

This being the whole of the evidence, the coroner briefly summed up, pointing out the questions the jury to consider. After a short deliberation, the jury returned a verdict of Manslaughter against Henry Smith and William Tuckley, giving it as their opinion that the story told by them had been concocted between them. The coroner therefore made out his warrant for their committal to the assizes.”

William Peck, spirit vaults, 56, Oxford Street. [1858]

1861 Census

56, Oxford Street – SADDLE AND STIRRUPS

- [1] *Thomas Rowley* (49), victualler, born Pattingham;
- [2] *Jane Rowley* (42), wife, born Broseley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Eliza Williams* (39), sister in law, assistant, born Broseley, Shropshire;
- [4] *Mary A. Collier* (24), general servant, born Coalport, Shropshire:

Thomas Rowley – see also *WHEEL*, Wolverhampton.

Philip H. Fellows was also an engineer, 73, Oxford Street. [1864], [1865]

Benjamin Fellows died in 1868.

Elisha Fellows was the son of *Benjamin*.

1871 Census

56, Oxford Street

- [1] *John Buckley* (55), innkeeper, born Brewood;
 - [2] *Eliza Buckley* (50), wife, born Willey, Shropshire;
 - [3] *Thomas Boyer* (60), brother, moulder, born Willey, Shropshire;
 - [4] *Sarah Jones* (19), general servant, born Wednesbury;
- [Willey is about 5 miles NW of Bridgnorth.]

John Buckley was also a farmer of Summerford, Stafford Road. [1874]

Frank Bridgman = Francis Bridgeman

1881 Census

56, Oxford Street

- [1] *Francis Bridgeman* (35), publican, born Chaddesley, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Eliza Jane Bridgeman* (24), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Walter Bridgeman* (3), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Alice Bridgeman* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Elizabeth Stinton* (21), general servant, born Bromyard:

1891 Census

56, Oxford Street – SADDLE AND STIRRUP

- [1] *John Silvester* (44), public house manager, born Bilston;
- [2] *Emma Silvester* (44), wife, born Liverpool;
- [3] *John Henry Silvester* (11), son, scholar, born Moxley;
- [4] *Louisa Silvester* (9), daughter, scholar, born Moxley;
- [5] *Thomas Silvester* (7), son, scholar, born Moxley;
- [6] *George Silvester* (6), son, scholar, born Moxley;
- [7] *Maria Wilks* (20), domestic servant, born Darlaston:

1901 Census

Oxford Street – SADDLE AND STIRRUPS

- [1] *Thomas Talbot* (52), widower, publican, born Wyrley, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Ernest Stride* (22), nephew, brewer's carter, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Sophia Stride* (22), niece, born Sedgley:

1911 Census

SADDLE AND STIRRUPS

- [1] *William Edwards* (60), licensed victualler, manager, born Tipton;
- [2] *Sarah Ann Edwards* (58), wife, married 23 years, born Tipton:

A team from here took part in the Bilston Charity Darts League. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Bilston Crib League, Section A. [1946]

[1982]

Closed

It became [1986] a grocery store.

SAMPSON AND LION

1, Green Croft, (Green Cross Street), BILSTON

OWNERS

Mary Ann Harris, widow, Bilston
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Hateley [1828] – [1835]
William Howes [1841] – [1858]
Maryann Howes [1861]
William Williams [1864] – [1865]
Mrs. Rebecca Williams [1868] – [1872]
John Williams [1871] – **1887**;
Alfred Smith **(1887 – 1889)**;
William Sutley **(1889 – 1892)**;
Josephus Simpson **(1892 – 1894)**;
Thomas Tranter **(1894 – 1896)**;
John Bowen **(1896 – 1909)**;
Frances Eliza Goodwin **(1909 – 1911)**;
George Cresswell **(1911 – 1923)**;
Joseph Statham **(1923 – 1924)**;

PIANIST Wanted two nights a week.—Apply personally,
Samson and Lion, Green-croft, Bilston. c5808

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Green Cross Street [1858]

LION [1881]
SAMSON AND LION [1896]

Joseph Hateley was also a shoeing and jobbing smith. [1833]

1841 Census

Green Croft

- [1] *William Howes* (55), victualler, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Howes* (38), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *John L. Howes* (15), carpenter, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Jane Howes* (6 months), born Staffordshire;

1851 Census

Green Croft

- [1] *William Howes* (60), publican and innkeeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary Ann Howes* (40), wife, born Stoke;
- [3] *John Howes* (26), carpenter and joiner, born Bilston;
- [4] *Sarah Hately* (18), daughter in law, dressmaker, born Bilston;
- [5] *Jane Howes* (10), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Henry Howes* (8), son, born Bilston;
- [7] *Julia Howes* (6), daughter, born Bilston;
- [8] *Mary Howes* (4), daughter, born Bilston;
- [9] *Louisa Bayley* (14), servant, born Wellington, Shropshire:

1861 Census

1, Green Croft

- [1] *Maryann Howes* (55), widow, victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Hately* (27), stepdaughter, born Bilston;
- [3] *Jane Howes* (30), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Julia Howes* (15), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Mary Howes* (13), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Susannah Schofield* (14), general servant, born Hull:

William Williams was also a tea dealer. [1864], [1865]

1871 Census

1, Greencroft – SAMPSON AND LION

- [1] *John Williams* (25), unmarried, innkeeper – licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Jane Williams* (31), unmarried, sister, teacher, born Bilston;
- [3] *Clara Higgins* (15), general servant, born Bilston:

John Williams married Catherine Shale.

Midland Counties Evening Express 4/3/1875

“On Tuesday evening the members of ‘Lilly of the Valley Lodge’ of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity, met at their lodge house, the SAMPSON AND LION INN, Greencroft, Bilston, for the purpose of acknowledging the valuable services rendered to the lodge by Host, Bro. *John Williams*, also Bros. Neale and Jones, for having introduced a large number of young members into the lodge during the past six months.....”

Evening Express 1/3/1881 - Advert

“Pianist Wanted two nights a week.

Apply personally, SAMSON AND LION, Green Croft, Bilston.”

1881 Census

1, Green Croft – LION

- [1] *John Williams* (36), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Catherine Williams* (25), wife, born Cheadle, North Staffordshire;
- [3] *John Williams* (2), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Lydia Lawley* (21), general servant, born Sedgley:

Evening Express 5/4/1881

"James Russell, miner, lately of Clay Cross, Derbyshire, formerly of Darlaston, was charged with stealing a pair of trousers, the property of Samuel Snelus, groom, of Ettingshall.

The theft took place in the SAMSON AND LION public house, Green Croft, Bilston, while the parties and other people were there on Saturday afternoon, the 4th of December, the trousers being in a parcel which by some means got upon the floor; but it was only lately discovered what had become of them, the prisoner having sent them to pledge.

Prisoner pleaded guilty, and was ordered to pay 20s and costs, and to compensate prosecutor for the loss of the trousers."

Smethwick Telephone 12/7/1884

Miners meeting at the LION INN, Greencroft, Bilston.

1901 Census

1, Greencroft

[1] *John Bowen* (37), innkeeper, born Bilston;

[2] *Elizabeth Bowen* (36), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Harriet Bowen* (12), daughter, born Bilston;

[4] *William Bowen* (9), son, born Bilston;

[5] *Harold Bowen* (7), son, born Bilston;

[6] *Ida Bowen* (1), daughter, born Bilston:

George Cresswell was fined £1 and costs, on 21st January 1916, for selling beer exceeding measure called for.

South Staffordshire Times 4/3/1922

"At the adjourned Licensing Sessions, at Bilston, yesterday (Mr. Victor Hickman presiding) Mr. Graham Milward made application on behalf of Thomas Alfred Webb and Butler's Brewery Company, Wolverhampton, for the removal of the license of the SAMSON AND LION INN, Green Croft, Bilston, to a house yet to be built in the neighbourhood of Fraser Street, Bilston.

Mr. Milward said before proceeding to put his case to the Bench he would like to know if there were any objection to the application.

Mr. R. Tildesley said he appeared to oppose it on behalf of Mr. John Chilton [*John Price Hilton*, licensee, PRINCE OF WALES, Queen Street, Bilston?], owner and licensee of the PRINCE OF WALES INN, *George Davies*, licensee of the COCK INN, Willenhall Road, and the owners of the same house.

Sister Josephine presented a petition from various temperance societies against the application.

Mr. Milward said he made a similar application a year ago, and it was then refused, but since that date there were a good many altered facts which placed the application that day in a much stronger position than it was before. Today they knew exactly what was the opposition to the application. With regard to that which was being made by the licensees or owners of other public houses, he accepted that as a compliment, because if it meant anything at all it meant that those licensees or owners knew that there were people using their houses because they could not go to any other in the neighbourhood which they would prefer if it were in existence, and because they felt that their houses would stand no chance if such a house as his client proposed to erect came into existence. With regard to the lady who had presented the petition from the temperance societies, they must always respect any feeling of that sort, but it was a question whether, when people signed petitions of that description, they were thoroughly acquainted with the circumstances. If his application was worth a snap of the fingers, it was essentially, an application for the betterment of the neighbourhood, and for the promotion of temperance rather than intemperance. It would remove that bogey that the granting of a license to the new house was going to spread intemperance. The license proposed to be removed to the new house was that of the SAMSON AND LION, Green Croft, Bilston. It was a valuable license, as the house was doing considerable trade, and would entail heavy compensation if taken away, but when they came to look at that locality they would find that there were so many licensed houses that the people would not be penalized if the license of the SAMSON AND LION were removed. That appeared to be the view of the Licensing Justices, for they had already scheduled a house in Green Croft on the grounds of redundancy. It was proposed to build the new house at the corner of a large piece of bare ground near Fraser Street [Newbolt Road], and having access to Willenhall Road. A good road would be made through the land, and it would have excellent

frontages, so that the land could be developed as a building estate, and there was not the slightest doubt that this would be due, although the brewery company only undertook the making of the road. Perhaps the most important point was as to what class of house was going to be put up, and what was the class of house already existing in Bilston. They knew perfectly well what the old idea was, when licensees wanted to sell drink and nothing else. They had a lot of small rooms on their premises – the more of them the better – in which people could go and sit drinking the whole of the time. They had plenty of such houses in Bilston to-day. The house his clients proposed to build was one of a different character. The rooms would be large and commodious, its appurtenances complete, and the whole could constitute the latest thing in public-house architecture. There was no house in Bilston at present like what that would be. It would attract the most decent people and set a high standard. People would not want to go to the dirtier place. It was also proposed to have a bowling green attached to it, regardless of cost, for the purpose of recreation, and he understood that the Bilston people appreciated few things as much as a game of bowls. The Brewery Company would also surrender the license of another house in the division.

Plans were put in, and formal evidence was given on behalf of the application.

Mr. Tildesley said the opposition was similar to that of last year, and it ought not to be set aside. Some consideration should be given to the small owners of licensed houses. It was not quite fair for wealthy companies to come along, shaking their money bags, and to say that they were going to put up a house of a high standard to keep people from going to smaller houses. It was not fair that there should be a monopoly in the licensed trade by people who could afford to spend larger sums of money than anyone else. There were already in the neighbourhood referred to a number of houses in good condition and they were entitled to consideration.

The Justices retired to consider their decision, and afterwards the chairman said they had decided to grant the removal of the license.

Mr. Pratt (magistrates clerk) said it would be understood that the license would continue at the SAMSON AND LION until the new house was completed.”

South Staffordshire Times 18/3/1922

“At a meeting of the County Licensing Committee, at Stafford, on Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Graham Milward applied for the confirmation of the renewal of the license of the SAMSON AND LION, Greens Croft, Bilston, to new premises situate on land near Reckett Street, Bilston. The property of Messrs. W. Butler and Co., Wolverhampton. He said the application had been approved by the Bilston Magistrates, and one of the advantages, if it succeeded, was that 12 to 16 dwelling houses would be put up on the land. Bilston, stated, Mr. Millward, was not very up to date in its public houses, and they were going to put up the latest and most up to date house. The prospective tenant of the house was Mr. Thomas Alfred Webb, chief stocktaker at Messrs. A. Hickman Ltd. A petition was submitted in favour of the petition, which was granted.”

George Cresswell – see also KINGS HEAD.

South Staffordshire Times 23/6/1923

“At Bilston Police Court, on Tuesday, before Messrs. C. W. Harris and G. W. Sankey.

Joseph Statham, licensee of the SAMSON AND LION, Greencroft, Bilston, was summoned for permitting music in a public room in his house, for which no license had been obtained, on 21st, 23rd, 27th and 28th May.

Mr. J. A. Sharpe, who prosecuted on behalf of the police, said part 4 of the Public Health Act provisions could be adopted by any district. That had been done in Bilston, and under them it became necessary that all licensed victuallers who wished to have public music in their houses must apply to the magistrates for a license. He understood that the Bilston magistrates were averse to granting such licenses, and defendant had taken the law into his own hands. He had not applied for a license, but, it was alleged, had permitted public music without one. He had a piano in the room, and a pianist was paid to play it.

PS Maddox stated that about 8.40pm on the 21st May he and PC Durrant went into the SAMSON AND LION to make inquiries about certain matters, and while there he heard a piano being played. In the presence of witness defendant asked the pianist her name and she said it was Florence Matton, and that she lived at Wolverhampton. He then asked her if she was employed by defendant to play the piano. She said she was, for three nights per week, and was paid for her services. On the 26th, 27th and 28th May Witness and PC Durrant again visited the house, and on each occasion saw the same pianist playing the piano.

Mr. A. J. Glover, who appeared for defendant, asked witness if on any of the occasions on which he visited the house he told defendant it was an offence to allow the piano to be played in a public room without a license, and he replied that he did not.

Mr. Glover said that after very careful consideration of the circumstances he had advised his client to plead guilty to the charge. He (Mr. Glover) had been informed that in Bilston, although music, singing and dancing licenses should be applied for, up to the present time no such license had been granted. He had been further informed that within the last two or three months licenses had been applied for, but the justices had refused them. No application had been made by defendant at any time. To get a conviction in a case of this kind many things had to be taken into consideration. It was not an offence for a piano to be used on licensed premises for an impromptu concert which might be suggested by the customers amongst themselves, and for which no payment was made to the performers, but in the case before them it now seemed that Mrs. Matton was paid to play the piano on certain nights every week, and when he found that to be correct he could come to no conclusion other than in law defendant was guilty in allowing it to be done. He believed that was the first case in the district, and he thought justice would be met if the Bench dismissed the summonses on payment of costs. He had no desire to find fault with the police, but he thought that when they heard the piano on the first occasion they ought to have warned the landlord that he was committing an offence.

The Chairman said that he and his colleagues considered that if defendant did not know the regulations, he ought to have known them, and he would be fined £2 on each of the four summonses, with three guineas special costs."

AND

"*Joseph Statham*, defendant in the previous case, was then charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises on Sunday, May 20th.

Mr. Sharpe explained that on the night of May 20th, three young men – Joseph Patrick O'Connor, William Henry George Thompson, and William O'Connell – were seen by the police in a disgraceful state of drunkenness about 100 yards from the SAMSON AND LION. They were singing and tumbling about. The police gave them every opportunity of clearing off, but they were so much overcome by drink that they could not go home. They were arrested, locked up at the Police Station all night, bailed out the next morning, and brought before the magistrates on the 22nd May. They were then convicted for being drunk and disorderly. It was ascertained that on the night of the 20th May they had been visiting the SAMSON AND LION. That was a Sunday night. They went in about nine and remained till closing time. Evidence would be called to show that each man had about six glasses of ale during that time, and when they came out of the house they were drunk. It might be said in the defence that defendant did not see them, but the onus was on him. It was his duty to take reasonable precaution to prevent drunkenness on his premises.

John Patrick O'Connor (19), labourer, 3, Southampton Street, Wolverhampton, said he came to Bilston on the night of the 20th May with Thompson and O'Connell. They went into the SAMSON AND LION about nine o'clock and stayed till closing time. Witness had a least six half-pints of beer. He felt all right while in the house, but queer on getting outside. He and his companions were quite sober in the house, and he assumed the air got over them when they were outside. The room in which they had been sitting was hot and stuffy.

Mr. Sharpe drew witness's attention to a written statement which witness admitted he had made. He said it was read over to him, and he signed it.

Mr. Glover objected to quotation being made from it, as witness had not shown himself to be in any way hostile. The Bench upheld the objection.

Continuing, witness again admitted that he felt a bit queer on getting outside the house. The other two men were also all right in the house, but seemed under the influence of drink when they got outside. They had been drinking in the public bar. The landlord came in once, about a quarter to ten. Witness had had no beer before he went to the SAMSON AND LION. He and his companions were afterwards brought before the magistrates and convicted.

Cross-examined by Mr. Glover, witness said that that was his first visit to the house. He and his friends left about ten minutes to ten, after 'time' had been called. Witness saw an assistant in the bar. It was not until witness got outside that he felt queer. When a policeman first went up to them in the street O'Connell was singing 'Blue Bird' and the officer said that it would be 'black eyes' not 'Blue Bird' if they did not get off. Witness and Thompson then got on a tramcar for Wolverhampton, but as O'Connell was staying behind, they got off the car and went for him. They then got too late for the car, and started to walk home. They had not gone far before they were arrested.

William Henry George Thompson (23), 10, Inkerman Street, Wolverhampton, gave similar evidence, he said he had only six glasses of beer at the SAMSON AND LION, and felt all right while he was there.

Mr. Sharpe: Do you remember making a statement to the police which you afterwards signed? – Witness: Yes.

Mr. Sharpe: Is that the statement (handed up)? – Witness: Yes.

Mr. Sharpe (to the Bench): This statement contradicts what the witness has just said, and I submit that I am entitled to put it in, so as to show the nature of the contradictions.

After authorities had been quoted, the Chairman said they would allow Mr. Sharpe to put questions from the document.

Mr. Sharpe (to witness): In this statement you say, 'I only had beer. It made me queer. I was queer when I left the public-house. I managed to get out without assistance. I was drunk, but not disorderly at all. I got drunk in the public-house, the SAMSON AND LION.' – Witness: I did say that, but when I came out I could walk as straight as anyone. It must have overcome me when I got into the street.

The Clerk: You were quite sober when you left the house? – Witness: Yes; but when I made that statement I said I was queer.

Witness admitted that he fell down in the street, but that was owing to the slippery ground. When the police arrested him and the other men they were 'stumbling about a bit.'

Cross-examined by Mr. Glover, witness said he had had no intoxicants before going to the SAMSON AND LION, where they had bitter beer. He saw the landlord once or twice in the public bar, and also an assistant named Elliman. All the time witness was sitting down he felt all right, and did not feel queer until he got into the street. He gave no indication of having been drunk while in the house, and acted there in a perfectly rational manner.

PC Adams stated that about 10.15pm on May 20th he was in Church Street, accompanied by PC Durant. They saw the three men referred to. They were drunk, and singing and shouting. At that time they were about 30 yards from the SAMSON AND LION. Witness spoke to them about their conduct, and gave them every opportunity of going away. They went in the direction of the Town Hall, and when the Wolverhampton car came up two of them got on it, but afterwards got off and joined the one who remained behind. They all started to walk in the direction of Wolverhampton, and again began to sing and shout. PC Bates intercepted them, and in consequence of their conduct they were taken into custody.

Mr. Glover: When you first spoke to them in the street, you did not think it necessary to arrest them? – Witness: We believe in giving people a chance to go home.

PC Bates and PC Durrant gave similar evidence.

Sergeant Maddox said he was at the Police Station on the night of May 20th when the three men referred to were brought in. They were drunk. They were placed in the cells and bailed out the next morning.

Mr. Glover raised a point as to whether Sergeant Maddox and a constable visited the SAMSON AND LION on the night of the 20th May, but all the officers who had given evidence stated that they did not go in the house that night at all.

Supt. Higgs afterwards said that he had made enquiries, and could not find that any officers went into the house that night. Some of them visited it on other nights.

Addressing the Bench for the defence, Mr. Glover in the first place submitted that there was no case which defendant should be called upon to answer, but the Bench ruled against him.

Mr. Glover then contended that there was not the slightest evidence to show that the three men were drunk on the licensed premises, and he thought that, when they had heard the evidence to be adduced, they would agree that his client took reasonable precautions to prevent drunkenness. They had heard that no officer visited the house on the night of 20th May, but he would call witnesses who would contradict that.

Defendant stated that on the 20th May he was assisting in the business at his house from 7 to 10pm. At different times he was in all the rooms of the house, and helped to serve customers in the public bar. During the whole of that time no person in the house showed any signs of drunkenness, or he would have noticed it. During the evening Sergeant Maddox and a constable came in, and looked through the house. That was about half-past nine. He asked the sergeant if everything was all right, and he said, 'Yes.' The sergeant and the constable then went out together. He (defendant) saw all the customers leave the house at closing time, and not one showed any signs of drunkenness. There was no staggering at all. There were between fifty and sixty people in all the rooms of the house.

In cross-examination Mr. Sharpe asked defendant how many rooms there were in the house in which drink was served, and he replied, 'that there was a tap room, a smoke, bar parlour, and a children's room.'

Mr. Sharpe: Do you serve drink in the children's room? – Defendant: Occasionally.

Mr. Sharpe: Do you mean that you serve the mothers with drinks while the children are there? – Defendant: Yes, sometimes.

Mr. Sharpe: That is very strange! How many mothers would be in the children's room when you had to serve on this night? – Defendant: About nine or ten.

Mary Jane *Statham*, wife of defendant, said she was assisting in the house from 7 to 10pm on May 20th. She served drinks at one of the bar-parlour windows, and a daughter served at the other. On that night she did not serve anybody who was drunk. Nobody who went to the windows for drink showed any signs of intoxication. She was very strict on that point. She saw the customers as they left the house at closing time, and everyone was all right. The same

night Sergeant Maddox and a constable came in, and looked through the house. She heard the sergeant say to her son-in-law (Elliman), 'You have a full house tonight.' That would be about half-past nine.

Cross-examined by Mr. Sharpe, witness said she did not go into the public bar that night, nor did she see who was there. She saw them going out, and they were all right.

Mabel *Statham*, daughter of the last witness, said that on the night referred to she was serving at one of the bar-parlour windows. She served nobody who was either drunk or showing any signs of it. She saw Sergeant Maddox and a constable there during the night, and she remarked to her mother, 'They are here again.' Both were in uniform.

Joseph *Statham*, son of the defendant, said that on the night of May 20th, he was serving in the public bar and also in the children's room. He saw no customers who showed any signs of intoxication. He saw Sergeant Maddox and a constable going through the house. Witness saw all the customers as they left the house at closing time, and not one showed any signs of drunkenness.

Mr. Sharpe: Are women served in the children's room? – Witness: Sometimes.

Sidney Elliman, defendant's son-in-law, said he was assisting in the public bar and other rooms from 7 to 10pm on May 20th. Everyone who left the house at closing time was sober. He saw the sergeant and a constable in the house. The sergeant said to him, 'You have got a full house.' The sergeant made no complaint.

Mr. Sharpe: Do you sometimes serve in the children's room? – Witness: Yes, but the children are left outside on the verandah.

Florence Henrietta Matton said that in addition to playing the piano she helped to serve drink in the house on the night of May 20th. Nobody in the house on the night showed any signs of drunkenness.

A young man who gave his name as Frederick Wedge, said he was in the house on the night referred to, but saw nobody who showed any signs of intoxication.

This concluded the evidence for the defence.

After retiring to consider the decision, the Chairman said the Bench were of opinion that there was not sufficient corroborative evidence of drunkenness to justify a conviction, and the case was dismissed."

South Staffordshire Times 9/2/1924

"Bilston Licensing.....

Plans for erecting new premises on land leading from Fraser Street to Willenhall Road, passed on the 3rd March, 1922, were now completed, and an application for the removal of license of the SAMSON AND LION, Greencroft, Bilston, to these new premises was to be made that day. If granted, an undertaking was given by the owners to surrender the license of the ELEPHANT AND CASTLE, Oxford Street, which would close simultaneously with the house in Greencroft."

AND

"Bilston Licensing.....

Mr. Wright gave particulars of the application for the license of the new premises in Fraser Street. The house to be known as the SAMSON AND LION, he said, satisfied the authorities, and it was necessary to get a final order. The ELEPHANT AND CASTLE, which was surrendered, and the SAMSON AND LION, Greencroft, Bilston, if the licenses were transferred to the new premises, would be closed at two o'clock that day.

The application for transfer of the license of the old SAMSON AND LION to Robert Collins Robson was granted."

It closed on 8th February 1924.

Application for removal of license to the New SAMPSON AND LION was granted on 3rd March 1926.

SAMPSON AND LION

34, Newbolt Road, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1946]

Inntreprenur Ltd. [1995]

LICENSEES

Robert Colling Robson [1940]

R W Johnson [1976]

D J Ratcliffe [1988] – [1989]

Brian Boden [1995]

Samantha Jeavons [2005]



2007

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The license was transferred from the old SAMPSON AND LION, Green Croft.

SAMSON AND LION

It opened in 1924.

Bilston & Willenhall Times 25/4/1925

“The new Bilston Bowling Club, which was formed at the newly-erected SAMSON AND LION, New Market Street, Bilston, opened the season with 50 members. Mr. J. J. Yardley is the president, Mr. A. Roper captain, Mr. A. Rhones vice-captain, Mr. Herbert Davies hon. secretary, and Mr. R. C. Robson hon. treasurer. The green was opened by Major Addenbrooke, who referred to the opportunities it would afford for outdoor sport and sociability during the summer. He and Mr. A. Roper played a friendly game, which was followed by a match between the captain’s and vice-captain’s teams, the latter winning by 20 points.”

A team from here took part in the Butlers (Bilston) Darts League. [1946]

[2008]

It was locally listed in 2009.

Closed [2009], [2016]

(Planning permission was granted in 2011 to convert to housing.)

SEVEN STARS

24, (72), (73), (22), High Street / Dudley Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Ann Harper, widow, Queen Street, Wolverhampton
Richard Andrew Harper, brewer, Bilston
R. A. Harper Ltd.
Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1961], [1965]

LICENSEES

Edward Beebee [1818] – [1822]
Thomas Busst [1828] – [1830]
Charles Gallimore [1833] – [1834]
Thomas Dickinson [1835] – **1874**;
Hannah Bell **(1874 – 1875)**;
Samuel Burrowes **(1875 – 1880)**;
John Samuel Dickinson **(1880 – 1882)**;
Francis Harper **(1882 – 1886)**;
Frederick John Hibell **(1886 – 1890)**;
Thomas Cook **(1890 – 1891)**;
Thomas Dixon **(1891 – 1895)**;
Henry Cox **(1895 – 1896)**;
Benjamin Talbot **(1896 – 1897)**;
Martha Horton **(1897)**;
William Cox **(1897 – 1898)**;
George Legge **(1898)**;
Emily Jones **(1898)**;
Thomas Harris **(1898 – 1901)**;
Edward Jones **(1901 – 1906)**;
Henry Herbert 'Harry' Nuttall **(1906 – 1913)**;
Richard Stoker **(1913)**;
Henry Tertius Hodgkiss **(1913 – 1915)**;
Harry Blatherwick **(1915 – 1916)**;
Charles Smith **(1916 – 1917)**;
Thomas Newell **(1917 – 1922)**;
Clarissa Price **(1922)**;
Bertram Studley Nokes **(1922 – 1925)**;
Harry Millington **(1925 – 1927)**;
Edward 'Ted' Wilkinson **(1927 – 1929)**;
Phoebe Alice Wilkinson **(1929 – 1934)**;
Bernard Arthur Wright **(1934 – 1937)**;
Wilfred Edgar Bates **(1937 – [1940]**
Wally Davies []
Tarsem Lal Kainth [1983]



NOTES

72, High Street [1858], [1861], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1871], [1872], [1874], [1881], [1892], [1896], [1900]
73, High Street [1891]
24, High Street [1901], [1912], [1916], [1921], [1940]
22, High Street [1911]

YE OLD SEVEN STARS
OLD SEVEN STARS
SEVEN STARS HOTEL

The original building was part of a farm.

Edward Beebee was also a stone mason. [1818]

Thomas Dickinson = Thomas Dickenson

1841 Census

High Street

- [1] *Thomas Dickenson* (50), publican, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Ester Dickenson* (55), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Joseph Dickenson* (25), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Sarah Dickenson* (15), born Staffordshire:

1851 Census

High Street

- [1] *Thomas Dickenson* (61), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Esther Dickenson* (61), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Sarah Webb* (26), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Jane Dickenson* (18), niece, barmaid, born Tipton;
- [5] *Evan Evans* (42), hostler, born Welshpool;
- [6] *John Judge* (26), lodger, cheese factor, born Tysoe, Warwickshire;
- [7] *Vincent Roe* (18), lodger, labourer, born Great Houghton, Northamptonshire;
- [8] *Henry Roe* (19), lodger, boot and shoe maker, born Great Houghton, Northamptonshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/2/1858

“Saturday evening some adroit pilferer contrived to abstract from the SEVEN STARS public house in High Street, Bilston, a cheese of prime quality weighing 30lbs.”

1861 Census

72, High Street

- [1] *Thomas Dickinson* (70), widower, licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Ellen Dickinson* (15), granddaughter, house servant, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Sarah Beardsmore* (18), house servant, born Bilston;
- [4] *John Judd* (37), lodger, hawker, born Tryson (?), Warwickshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/1/1866

“On Friday, at the Police Court, before A. Sparrow and G. P. A. Pudsey, Esqs., the following persons were summoned before the Bench and fined for offences against their licenses.....

Thomas Dickinson, licensed victualler, of the SEVEN STARS INN, High-street, was ordered to pay the costs, for permitting drunkenness.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:–

Bilston Division, August 31st, 1866.

‘I beg to submit to the Magistrates the attached list of licensed victuallers who have been complained about during the year. Twenty-five have been convicted, and three have paid costs; one had been convicted three times and five twice. This is a large increase on last year’s list; but I think it has arisen from the police being more particular in reporting cases of permitting drunkenness – as it was found to be an evil rather on the increase. I believe it has caused landlords to be more careful in supplying drink to persons intoxicated.’

H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

Thomas Dickenson, SEVEN STARS, High Street, Bilston left over until the adjourned licensing meeting on the 28th of September.....”

1871 Census

72, High Street

- [1] Thomas Dickinson (84), widower, innkeeper, born West Bromwich;
- [2] Isabella Dickinson (23), granddaughter, housekeeper, born Stourbridge;
- [3] John Dickinson (13), grandson, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [4] Emma Webb (22), granddaughter, assistant, born Dudley;
- [5] Henry Wilson (42), boarder, traveller, NK;
- [6] Joseph Gross (70), boarder, traveller, NK;
- [7] Francis Lloyd (25), boarder, traveller, NK;
- [8] Not Known (50), boarder, traveller, NK;

Thomas Dickinson died in 1874.

1881 Census

72, High Street – SEVEN STARS INN

- [1] *John Dickinson* (22), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] Hannah Dickinson (28), sister, general servant, born Stourbridge;

1891 Census

73, High Street – SEVEN STARS

- [1] *Thomas Cook* (44), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] Elizabeth Cook (43), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] Ethel Cook (12), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] Janet Cook (9), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] Blanch Cook (4), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] Elizabeth Cook (16), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] Elizabeth Cox (18), general servant, born Bilston;
- [8] Jacob Fironeer (24), visitor, musician, born Bassel, Switzerland;
- [9] Jacob Buss (22), visitor, musician, born Bassel, Switzerland;
- [10] George E. Bailey (25), lodger, theatrical professional, born Oldham, Lancashire;
- [11] Maggie Bailey (22), lodger, theatrical professional, born Manchester;
- [12] Peter Berst (34), visitor, musician, born Hisuchen, Bavaria;

1901 Census

24, High Street – SEVEN STARS INN

- [1] *Thomas Harris* (28), licensed victualler and iron caster, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary Ann Harris* (27), wife, born Old Hill;
- [3] *John Thomas Harris* (2), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Arthur Harris* (8 months), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Harriet Hayward* (20), general servant, born Bradley:

1911 Census

22, High Street – SEVEN STARS

- [1] *Henry Herbert Nuttall* (37), licensed victualler, born Dudley Port;
- [2] *Mina Nuttall* (38), wife, married 12 years, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Tom Nuttall* (10), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Elizabeth Nuttall* (8), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Lillie Bennett* (19), servant, born Wolverhampton:

South Staffordshire Times 10/3/1923

“The tenant of the SEVEN STARS INN, High Street, Bilston, applied for a music license, this to be in operation during the whole time the house was open for business purposes.
The application was refused.”

South Staffordshire Times 7/6/1924

“The members of the Bilston Butchers’ Association, on Tuesday, received a visit from Mr. G. H. Collinge (Southport), President of the National Federation of Meat Traders, and Mr. Ben Turner (Wigan), a member of the Executive Committee. A large attendance at the SEVEN STARS, High Street, was presided over by Mr. E. C. Nicklin, president of the local association.....”

A music license was granted on 6th February 1925.

It was rebuilt in 1934.

It closed in 1985.

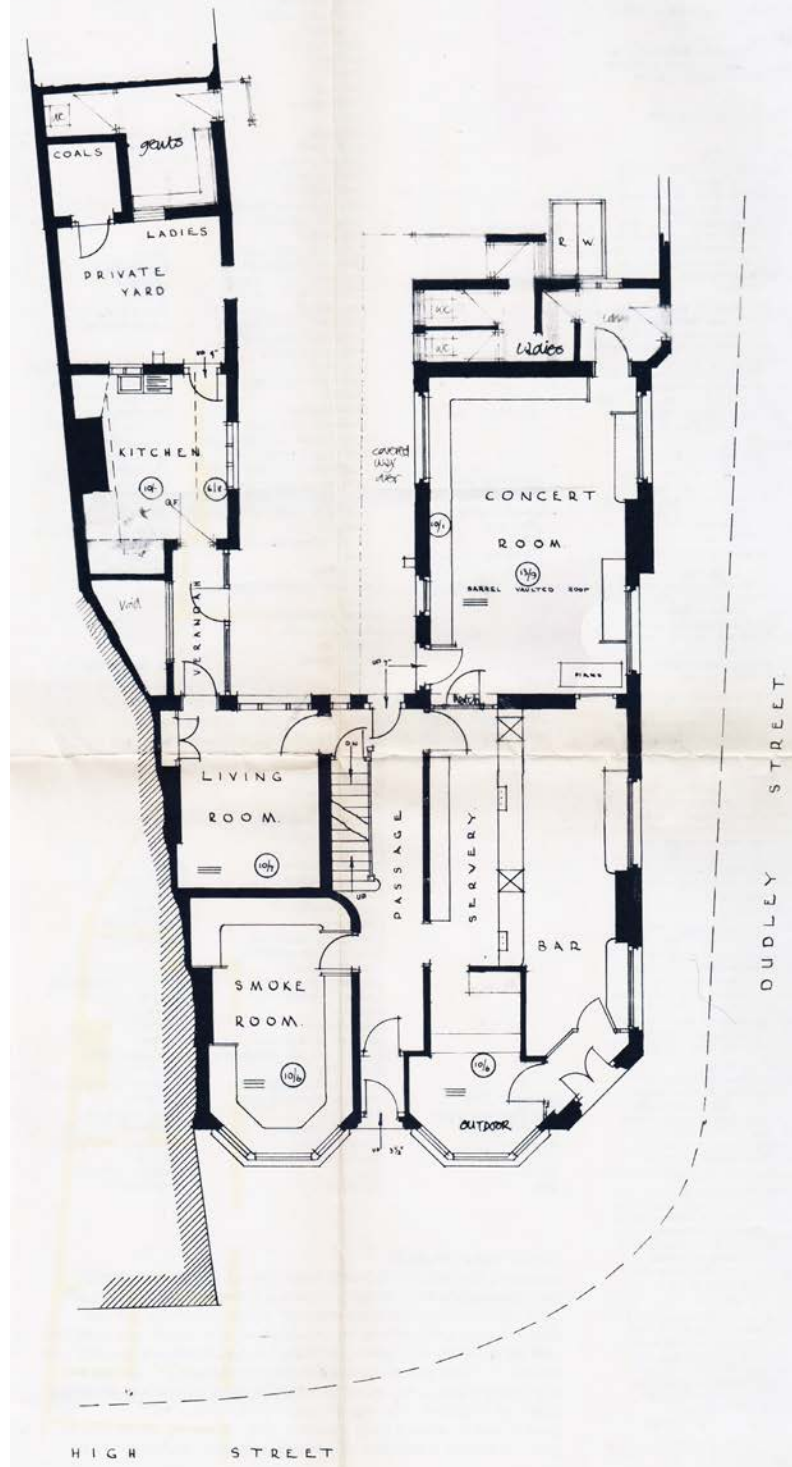
It was converted into a shop.



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THE SEVEN STARS ,

PLANS AS AT PRESENT.



Plan 1952

SHAKESPEARE

Hall Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

George Bishton [1835]
Joseph Taylor [1841] – [1842]
George Davis [1849] – [1850]

SHAKESPEARE

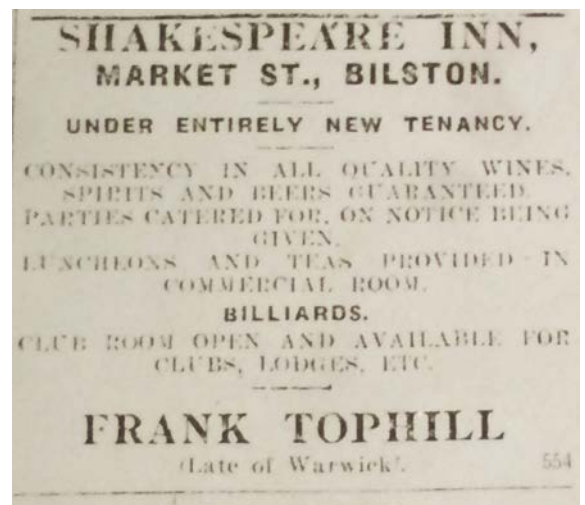
29, (8), (6), Market Street, (Newmarket Street), BILSTON

OWNERS

James Cremonimu, gentleman, Belle View Park, Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton
Dr. William Larkin, physician and surgeon, Alice Street, Bilston
Showells Brewery Co. Ltd.
Ind Coope and Allsopp (leased)
Johnson and Phipps

LICENSEES

John Shayshut [1828] – [1830]
George Jellicoe [1833] – [1834]
Richard Corbett [1851]
Henry James Lester [1851]
Samuel Glover [1858] – [1861]
Thomas Leake [1864] – [1865]
Mrs. Margaret Leake [1866] – [1870]
Thomas Rogers [1871] – [1874];
Richard Andrew Harper (187_ – []
Catherine Sturge [];
Matthew Ward [] – 188_);
Francis Harper (188_ – 188_);
Reuben Valentine (188_ – 1889);
George Anson (1889 – 1905);
Samuel Watson (1905 – 1906);
William Lloyd (1906 – 1908);
Ernest Walter Gardom (1908 – 1910);
Daniel Evans (1910 – 1922);
Frank Thomas Parish (1922 – 1923);
Frank Tophill (1923 – 1924);
James Henry Clark (1924 – 1930);
Edward John Cornforth (1930 – [1938]
Frederick G Gleghorn [1940]



Advert 1922

NOTES

6, Market Street [1858]
8, Market Street [1872], [1873], [1874], [1896]
29, Market Street [1911], [1916], [1932], [1940]

Richard Corbett was also a maltster and corn dealer. [1851]

1851 Census

Market Street

- [1] *Richard Corbett* (30), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary Horton* (42), sister, married, born Bilston;
- [3] *Thomas Horton* (15), nephew, born Tipton;
- [4] *Henry Wilden* (26), brewer, born Shropshire;
- [5] *William Stokes* (14), waiter, born Jamaica:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/7/1861

"A daring burglary was committed last Sunday night, at the SHAKESPEARE INN, Market Street. A thief got into the house through a back window which happened to be insecurely fastened, or the woodwork of which was rotten. The till was robbed of 12s, with which the fellow seems to have been satisfied. He left behind a neat little bludgeon, showing he was prepared for extremities."

Thomas Leake = *Thomas Leek*

Wolverhampton Chronicle 4/9/1861

"Applications For New Licenses.....

Thomas Leek, of the SHAKESPEARE INN, Bilston, all of whom had been fined in the previous year for various offences had their licenses suspended until the adjourned meeting on 20th September next....."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 11/12/1861 - Advert

"A favourable Opportunity.

To be Let or Sold, the SHAKESPEARE INN, with Liquor shop, adjoining the Market Place, Bilston. Possession may be had at Christmas. No stock or fixtures to be taken to.

For particulars, &c., apply *James Cremonini*, 3, Oxford-street, Bilston."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

"The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:–

Bilston Division, August 31st, 1866.

'I beg to submit to the Magistrates the attached list of licensed victuallers who have been complained about during the year. Twenty-five have been convicted, and three have paid costs; one had been convicted three times and five twice. This is a large increase on last year's list; but I think it has arisen from the police being more particular in reporting cases of permitting drunkenness – as it was found to be an evil rather on the increase. I believe it has caused landlords to be more careful in supplying drink to persons intoxicated.'

H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

Margaret Leake, SHAKESPEARE, Market Street, Bilston left over until the adjourned licensing meeting on the 28th of September....."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

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H. McCrea, Superintendent.....

Mr. Best next applied on behalf of *Margaret Leake*, keeper of a beershop in the Market-place. Mr. Best proceeded to state that the house was formerly a licensed one. It had originally been kept by the applicant’s husband, who had recently died, leaving the house as the sole support of his wife and family. The Magistrates said they need not go into the case, as they had quite made up their minds to reject the application.....”

License renewal refused in October 1867 - “reconsider a new tenant.”

1871 Census

Market Street

- [1] *Thomas Rogers* (34), licensed victualler, SHAKESPEARE INN, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Matildia* (sic) *Rogers* (33), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] *Clara B. Rogers* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Jane Morgan* (21), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

Reuben Valentine was married to *Elizabeth*.

1891 Census

Market Street – SHAKESPEARE INN

- [1] *George Anson* (51), licensed victualler, born Tettenhall;
- [2] *Caroline Anson* (46), wife, born Oaken, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Alice A. Anson* (21), daughter, draper’s assistant, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *William J. Anson* (19), son, grocer’s assistant, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Eleanor H. Anson* (17), daughter, draper’s assistant, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Florence S. Anson* (16), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *Mary E. Anson* (13), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] *Charles E. Anson* (11), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [9] *Lillian C. Anson* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [10] *Georgina D. Anson* (5), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton:

1901 Census

Market Street – SHAKESPEARE HOTEL

- [1] *George Anson* (61), licensed victualler, born Tettenhall;
- [2] *Caroline Anson* (56), wife, born Codsall;
- [3] *Florence S. Anson* (26), daughter, barmaid, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Charles E. Anson* (21), son, iron tool maker, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Mary E. Anson* (23), daughter, typist in office, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Lilian C. Anson* (18), daughter, school teacher, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *Georgina D. Anson* (15), daughter, typist in office, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] *George Cooper* (67), visitor, carpenter, born Northampton:

1911 Census

29, Market Street

- [1] *Daniel Evans* (45), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Ann Maria Evans* (41), wife, married 12 years, born Bilston;
- [3] *Florence Harvey* (29), domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [4] *Maria Evans* (10), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Nora Evans* (7), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Dan Evans* (9), son, born Bilston;
- [7] *Leo Evans* (5), son, born Bilston;
- [8] *Linda Evans* (under 1 year), daughter, born Bilston:

South Staffordshire Times 21/10/1922 - Advert

“SHAKESPEARE INN, Market Street, Bilston. / Under Entirely New Tenancy. / Consistency In All Quality Wines, Spirits and Beers Guaranteed. Parties Catered For, on Notice Being Given. Luncheons and Teas Provided In Commercial Room. / Billiards / Club Room Open and Available for Clubs, Lodges, Etc. / *Frank Tophill* (Late of Warwick).”

Bilston & Willenhall Times 4/7/1925

“Bilston Police Court.....

Mr. Glover asked for a singing and music license for the SHAKESPEARE INN, Market Street, Bilston. It was not the intention of the licensee, he added, to make the room anything like a music hall. His customers had frequently desired to have some music, and a band was being formed, the members of which wished to be able to practice in the club room.

The magistrates refused the application on the ground that the premises were at present unsuitable.”

Closed

It was demolished circa 1970.

SHAMROCK

91, (47–48), Temple Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Harriet Dean, widow, Bilston
Samuel Ginder (?), The Hough, Stafford
J. R. Downes, Penn Brewery
J. Whitehouse, Greenfield House, Smethwick
Henry Chevalier Rigaud, 21, Regent Street, London

LICENSEES

Thomas Worlock [] – **1873**);
John William Waldron (**1873**);
Richard Shuttleworth (**1873 – 1874**);
Joseph Donoghue (**1874**);
Thomas Collins (**1874 – 1876**);
Stephen O'Connor (**1876 – 1888**);
William Kimberley (**1888**);
Richard Ball (**1888 – 1889**);
Richard Slater (**1889**);
Benjamin Powis (**1889 – 1891**);
Thomas Blockley (**1891 – 1892**);
Rachel Blockley (**1892** – [1893]
John Blockley [1896] – **1899**);
John Bowlby (**1899**);
George Powell (**1899 – 190_**);
Thomas Edmunds (**190_ – 1901**);
Sarah J Edmunds [1901] ?
Thomas Bayliss (**1901 – 1903**);
David Jones (**1903 – 1904**);
Emanuel Lavender (**1904 – 1905**);
William Chew (**1905 – 1911**);
Mrs. Rachel Roberts (**1911 – 1913**);
George Smith (**1913 – 1916**);

NOTES

47–48, Temple Street [1881], [1891]
91, Temple Street [1904], [1912]

It had a beerhouse license.

1881 Census

47 and 48, Temple Street – SHAMROCK

- [1] *Stephen O'Connor* (46), innkeeper, born Ireland;
- [2] *Ann O'Connor* (36), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Stephen O'Connor* (16), son, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Bridget O'Connor* (14), daughter, nurse, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Agnes O'Connor* (6), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Clara O'Connor* (4), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *William O'Connor* (3), son, born Bilston;
- [8] *Theresa M. O'Connor* (3 months), daughter, born Bilston;
- [9] *Catherine McNealy* (20), domestic servant, born Madeley, Shropshire:

1891 Census

47+48, Temple Street – The SHAMROCK INN

- [1] *Benjamin Powis* (41), beerhouse keeper, born Hill Top, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Emily Powis* (44), wife, born Kidderminster;
- [3] *Richard Powis* (22), son, labourer in iron works, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Eliza Powis* (20), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Joseph Powis* (15), son, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Harry Lane* (21), lodger, labourer in iron works, born Kidderminster:

Thomas Blockley died intestate on 27th June 1892.

Rachel Blockley was convicted on 13th December 1893 for using unlawful measures.

John Blockley, beer retailer, 48, Temple Street, [1896]

1901 Census

Temple Street – SHAMROCK INN

- [1] *Sarah J. Edmunds* (37), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Harriet Edmunds* (15), daughter, born Bilston;
- [3] *Thomas Edmunds* (8), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *May Edmunds* (2), daughter, born Bilston:

David Jones, beer retailer, 91, Temple Street. [1904]

1911 Census

Temple Street – SHAMROCK INN

- [1] *Rachel Roberts* (60), widow, manageress, beerhouse, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary Blockley* (38), daughter, unmarried, assisting in business, born Bilston:

Mrs. Rachel Roberts, beer retailer, 91, Temple Street. [1912]

William Chew was fined £5 and costs, on 7th January 1916, for permitting a person to take intoxicating liquor from licensed premises during prohibited hours.

License refused by Compensation Authority on 8th July 1916.
Compensation of £400 was paid on 23rd December 1916.

Closed
Demolished

SHIP AND RAINBOW

42, (166), Oxford Street, (Oxford Road) / Queen Street, (Bow Street), BILSTON

OWNERS

William Jennings, builder, Bilston
John Henry Watkiss
The Manchester Brewery Co. Ltd.
Richard Andrew Harper, brewer, Hall Park Brewery, Bilston
R. A. Harper Ltd., Hall Park Brewery, Bilston
Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Emmanuel Jennings [1818] – [1851]
George Hyde [1851] – [1861]
Thomas Proud [1864] – [1867]
Mrs. Mary Proud [1868] – [1870]
James Blackburn [1871]
John Henry Watkiss [1872] – **1897**;
Thomas Cook **(1897 – 1902)**;
Stephen Allan Corbett **(1902)**;
Albert Edmond Wells **(1902 – 1905)**;
David Pittam **(1905 – 1906)**;
Alfred Tennant **(1906 – 1919)**;
John Harris **(1919 – [1940])**

NOTES

Bow Street [1822]
Oxford Road [1828]
166, Oxford Street [1858], [1861], [1871], [1872], [1874], [1881], [1891]
42, Oxford Street [1916], [1921], [1940]

Emanuel Jennings was also a caddy lock manufacturer. [1818]

1841 Census

Oxford Street
[1] *Emmanuel Jennings* (70), victualler, born Staffordshire;
[2] *Elizabeth Jennings* (65), born Staffordshire;
[3] *Catherine Jennings* (30), born Staffordshire;
[4] *Harriet Jennings* (14), born Staffordshire:

George Hyde was also a coal pit shaft sinker. [1851]

1851 Census

Oxford Street
[1] *Emanuel Jennings* (86), widower, victualler, born Bilston;
[2] *Cath Jennings* (45), daughter, born Bilston:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/6/1858 - Advert

“Mr. George Brown will sell by auction on the 11th day of June 1858.....

Lot 11 – All that old-licensed Freehold Public House, known as the SHIP AND RAINBOW INN, together with a Messuage adjoining, and the Stabling, Brewhouses and Outbuildings belonging thereto. 1250 square yards or thereabouts, occupied by Mr. Benjamin Cole, or his undertenants and producing £25 per annum.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 30/1/1861 - Advert

“Valuable Freehold Property At Bilston, Staffordshire, And Life Interest In Property, At Wellington, Salop.

Messrs. Richards and Turley will Sell by Auction, on Thursday, the 14th day of February, 1861, at the House of Mr. *George Hyde*, the SHIP AND RAINBOW INN, Oxford-Street, Bilston, at six o'clock in the evening, by order of the Mortgagee, and subject to conditions to be produced:

Lot 1. All that Life Interest of Thomas Philips, aged 50 or thereabouts, in four Freehold Houses, situate in King-street.....”

1861 Census

166, Oxford Street – SHIP AND RAINBOW

- [1] *George Hyde* (47), miner and victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Sarah Hyde* (44), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Selina Hyde* (21), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *George Hyde* (19), son, mine agent (coal and iron), born Sedgley;
- [5] *Sara Ann Hyde* (15), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley:

1871 Census

166, Oxford Street – SHIP AND RAINBOW

- [1] *James Blackburn* (36), innkeeper, born Stafford;
- [2] *Sarah Blackburn* (40), wife, born Garreg, Montgomeryshire;
- [3] *James Blackburn* (17), son, ostler, born Bilston;
- [4] *Elizabeth Blackburn* (16), daughter, waitress in public house, born Bilston;
- [5] *Alice Blackburn* (8), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Emily Blackburn* (5), daughter, born Bilston:

1881 Census

166, Oxford Street – SHIP AND RAINBOW INN

- [1] *John Henry Watkiss* (40), licensed victualler, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Sarah Watkiss* (40), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Lo___ Halsall Watkiss* (15), daughter, born Moxley;
- [4] *Gwen Ellen Watkiss* (7), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Laura May Watkiss* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Susan Kate Guy* (20), visitor, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [7] *Phoebe Ann Johnson* (29), domestic servant, born Tipton:

1891 Census

166, Oxford Street – SHIP AND RAINBOW

- [1] *John Henry Watkiss* (50), licensed victualler, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Seraphine Watkiss* (50), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Annie Louise Watkiss* (18), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Gwen Ellen Watkiss* (16), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Albert Thomas Guy* (14), nephew, assistant, born Oakengates, Shropshire;
- [6] *Margaret Nock* (18), domestic servant, born Darlaston:

John Henry Watkiss – see also OXFORD.

1901 Census

42, Oxford Street

- [1] *Thomas Cook* (53), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elizabeth Cook* (52), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Ethel A. F. Cook* (21), daughter, barmaid, born Bilston;
- [4] *Ann J. Cook* (18), daughter, barmaid, born Bilston;
- [5] *Blanch Cook* (14), daughter, barmaid, born Bilston;
- [6] *Lily Ashcroft* (6), stepdaughter, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Eva E. Ashcroft* (3), granddaughter, born Bilston:

A music license was granted on 3rd February 1928.

Closed

It was demolished circa 1970.

SHOULDER OF MUTTON

73, (83), Hall Green Street, Bradley, (Daisy Bank), BILSTON

OWNERS

Joseph White

Colonel Charles Smith, brewer, Worcester Street, Wolverhampton
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph White [1873] – **1874**);
Thomas Hall (**1874 – 1876**);
David Cooper (**1876 – 1897**);
Samuel Tennant (**1897 – 1899**);
Joseph Reynolds (**1899 – 1904**);
Richard Davies (**1904 – 1913**);
Joseph Campion Churms (**1913**);
Albert Davies (**1913 – 1916**);
Edwin Davies (**1916**);
John Davies (**1916 – 1920**);
John Henry Williams (**1920 – 1930**);
Mrs. Florence Williams (**1930 – [1940]**)

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It was known locally as "The Fourpenny Shop".

1881 Census

83, Hall Green Street

- [1] *David Cooper* (43), agent and beerhouse keeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Jane Cooper* (45), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Daniel Cooper* (20), son, iron worker, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Sarah E. Cooper* (11), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Ann M. Cooper* (10), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Alice R. Cooper* (5), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;

Richard Davies = Richard Davis

David Cooper, beer retailer, 73, Hall Green, Bradley. [1896]

1901 Census

73, Hall Green Street

- [1] *Joseph Reynolds* (31), packer at bedstead works, born Bradley;
- [2] *Betsey Reynolds* (29), wife, born Bradley;
- [3] *John Reynolds* (7), son, born Bradley;
- [4] *Joseph Reynolds* (5), son, born Bradley;
- [5] *Richard Reynolds* (1), son, born Bradley;
- [6] *Mary Ann Mountford* (19), domestic servant, born Bradley;

Joseph Reynolds, beer retailer, 73, Hall Green Street, Bradley. [1904]

1911 Census

73, Hall Green Street – SHOULDER OF MUTTON

[1] *Richard Davies* (40), licensed victualler, born Coseley;

[2] *Phoebe Davies* (29), wife, married 4 years, born Coseley:

Richard Davies, beer retailer, 73, Hall Green Street. [1912]

Joseph Campion Churms – See also ROUND COUNTER.

Albert Davies was also a brewer.

John Williams, beer retailer, 73, Hall Green Street. [1921]

SIR HENRY NEWBOLT

45–47, High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

J. D. Wetherspoon

LICENSEES

Stephen Craig [2001]
Karen Leach **(2001 – []**
Kirsty Bailey [2005]

NOTES

The building was originally a cinema.

It opened in July 2000.

Karen Leach – See also *MOON UNDER WATER*, Wolverhampton.

[2016]



2007



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SOLDIER'S RETURN

Brook Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Purslow [1841] – [1849]
Sophia Purslow [1851]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

James Purslow was born in 1778, in Bilston.

He married *Sophia* Lester in November 1800.

He joined the 1st. Grenadier Guards in 1798 and served in the Peninsular War. He lost the sight of one eye at the Battle of Waterloo.

He returned to Bilston in 1816.

James Purslow, beer retailer, Brook Street. [1841], [1849]

1841 Census

Brook Street

[1] *James Purslow* (60), publican, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Sophia Purslow* (55), born Staffordshire;

[3] Ann Horne (17), fs, born Staffordshire:

1851 Census

Brook Street

[1] *Sophia Purslow* (69), widow, retail brewer, born Bilston;

[2] Jane Purslow (18), granddaughter, servant, born Bilston;

[3] Ann Morris (20), servant, born Bilston:

SPREAD EAGLE

19, (24), Ladymoor Road, Ladymoor, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Corbett [1851]
Richard Sheldon [1851]
Richard Nickholds [1864] – [1870]
Richard Harper [1873]
Edward Jones [1874]
Thomas Sheldon [1881]
Enoch Smith [1892]
George Smith [1895]
Frederick Bill [1901]
Ernest Holcroft [1908] – [1940]
Len Jeffrey [post 1940]

NOTES

24, Ladymoor Road [1881]
19, Ladymoor Road [1911]

1851 Census

Ladymoor

- [1] *Richard Sheldon* (36), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Sheldon* (36), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Thomas Sheldon* (13), son, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Mary Sheldon* (10), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Eliza Sheldon* (7), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Matilda Sheldon* (3), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Sarah Ann Sheldon* (13), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [8] *Elizabeth Clark* (18), house servant, born Sedgley:

Richard Nickholds = Richard Nicholls

1881 Census

24, Ladymoor Road

- [1] *Thomas Sheldon* (42), moulder, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary J. Sheldon* (35), wife, born Great Bridge;
- [3] *Elizabeth Sheldon* (62), mother, widow, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Jane Sheldon* (18), niece, born Tettenhall;
- [5] *Ellen Sheldon* (8), daughter, born Columbus, Ohio:

Evening Express 18/11/1881

“Samuel Barnsley, of no fixed residence, was charged with being on premises with intent to commit a felony. *Thomas Sheldon*, landlord of the SPREAD EAGLE public house, Ladymoor, Bilston, said he observed a light in his cellar, and on going to see the cause found the prisoner on the stairs. The Bench remanded him for a week.”

Evening Express 25/11/1881

“Samuel Barnsley, an old man having no fixed residence, who was remanded last Friday for being on the licensed premises of *Thomas Sheldon*, the SPREAD EAGLE INN, Ladymoor, for an unlawful purpose, was brought up today and sentenced to six weeks’ hard labour, under the Prevention of Crimes Act.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 19/7/1899

“Members and friends of Royal Perseverance Sick, Funeral and Dividend Society held annual dinner here.”

1901 Census

19, Ladymoor Road

- [1] *Frederick Bill* (44), licensed victualler, born Moseley Village;
- [2] *Mary E. Bill* (32), wife, born Old Hill;
- [3] *William Bill* (23), son, general blacksmith, born Moseley Village;
- [4] *Frederick Bill* (4), son, born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Sarah Morris* (62), mother in law, widow, born Broom, Worcestershire:

Frederick Bill – see also BRITISH OAK, Darlaston.

1911 Census

19, Ladymoor

- [1] *Ernest Holcroft* (34), mechanic, pig iron manufactory, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary E. Holcroft* (39), wife, married 10 years, born Willenhall;
- [3] *Ernest Holcroft* (9), son, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Frances Holcroft* (7), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Cecil Holcroft* Dead
- [6] *Olive Holcroft* (5), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Deborah Holcroft* (4), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [8] *Nelly Clarke* (19), domestic servant, public house, born Bilston:

It closed in 1956.

Demolished

SPREAD EAGLE

37, (20), (5), Lichfield Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

George Hyde
Mary Ann Hyde
Showells Brewery Co. Ltd.
Ind Coope and Allsopp (leased)
Ansells Ltd.
Skittain Ales [1994]
Graham Watkins
Totally Fair Pub Co. [1997]

LICENSEES

William Taylor [1818] – [1842]
Mrs. Mary Taylor [1845]
Samuel Glover [1849] – [1851]
George Hyde [1854] – **1877**;
William and Richard Hyde (**1877 – 1880**);
Richard Hyde (**1880 – 1896**);
George Millard (**1896 – 1911**);
Arthur Edward Hewitt (**1911 – 1912**);
Harry William Matthews (**1912 – 1924**);
William Henry Ramsden (**1924 – 1932**);
Mrs. Elsie Ramsden (**1932 – [1940]**)
E Fishlock [1961]
Edmund Harry Underwood [] – **1967**;
Robert Victor Wright (**1967 – 1968**);
Fred Moseley (**1968 – 1969**);
Leslie Leonard Jones (**1969 – 1972**);
Roy Lawrence Graham Hallam (**1972 – 1973**);
Stewart Clive Mountford (**1973 – 1975**);
Allan James Dunn (**1975 – 1976**);
Gordon Simcox (**1976**);
Frederick William Lewis (**1976 – 1980**);
Lilian Maureen Ryan (**1980 – 1991**);
Jean Skitt (**1991 – 1995**)
Graham Watkins (**1996 – [1997]**)
Cheryl Clark [2001]
Tony Mandani [] – **2015**): MALONES

NOTES

5, Lichfield Street [1864], [1865], [1871], [1881], [1896], [1912], [1916], [1940]
20, Lichfield Street [1997]
37, Lichfield Street [2002], [2003]

It was situated opposite to the Town Hall.



1997



2016

SPREAD EAGLE HOTEL [1920]

1841 Census

Lichfield Street

[1] *William Taylor* (68), innkeeper, born Staffordshire;

[2] *Mary Taylor* (82), born Staffordshire:

1851 Census

Litchfield Street

[1] *Samuel Glover* (55), publican, born Broseley, Shropshire;

[2] *Marriah Glover* (38), wife, born Bilston;

[3] *Ebnor Brian* (11), niece, scholar, born Glasgow;

[4] *John Tomkys* (20), general servant, born Birmingham;

[5] *Jane Brown* (21), servant, born Shropshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 2/1/1861 - Advert

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

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

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

At the SPREAD EAGLE INN, at Bilston, on Mondays, January 7th, February 4th, and March 4th, 1861, at ten o'clock am.....

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

1861 Census

5, Lichfield Street – SPREAD EAGLE INN

[1] *George Hyde* (46), licensed victualler, born Bilston;

[2] *Mary A. Hyde* (49), wife, born Bilston;

[3] *George Hyde* (16), son, born Bilston;

[4] *William Hyde* (14), son, born Bilston;

[5] *Richard Hyde* (12), son, born Bilston;

[6] *Naomi Hyde* (10), daughter, born Bilston;

[7] *Elizabeth Hyde* (4), daughter, born Bilston;

[8] *Harriet Potts* (16), servant, born Bilston;

[9] *Emma Windsor* (17), servant, born Bilston:

George Hyde was also a tinplate worker of Lichfield Street. [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1872]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 31/1/1866 - Advert

“Tuesday, 13th February, 1861. Important Freehold Property, situate in Oxford Street, Bilston.

Mr. Thomas Richards will Sell by Auction (by order of the Mortgagees with power of sale), at the house of Mr. *George Hyde*, the SPREAD EAGLE INN, Lichfield Street, Bilston, on Tuesday, the 13th day of February, 1866, at six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions then to be produced:–

All that valuable Freehold Dwelling House, with large yard, stable, shopping, and outbuildings thereto, being No.174, situate adjoining the Independent Chapel, in Oxford Street, Bilston, aforesaid, having a frontage of 11 yards to the said street, and also Stone Street, and lately belonging to and in the occupation of the late Mr. Samuel Mallin, builder, and occupying a site of 421 square yards.

Further particulars may be obtained from Mr. Thomas Waterhouse, Solicitor, or Mr. James Cremonini, Furniture Dealer, both of Bilston; or the Auctioneer, 17, Darlington Street, Wolverhampton.”

1871 Census

5, Lichfield Street – SPREAD EAGLE

- [1] *George Hyde* (56), licensed victualler employing one man, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary A. Hyde* (59), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Richard Hyde* (22), son, tin plate worker, born Bilston;
- [4] *Naomi Hyde* (19), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Martha Snape* (19), domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [6] *Emma Roper* (19), domestic servant, born Bilston:

William Hyde died on 17th November 1880.

1881 Census

5, Lichfield Street – SPREAD EAGLE

- [1] *Richard Hyde* (32), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Eliza Hyde* (31), widow, sister in law, born Bilston;
- [3] *Elizabeth C. Hyde* (9), niece, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Clara Hyde* (4), niece, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *William Hyde* (3), nephew, born Bilston;
- [6] *Alice Hyde* (2), niece, born Bilston;
- [7] *Eliza Hyde* (4 months), niece, born Bilston;
- [8] *Lydia Jones* (23), unmarried, sister in law, barmaid, born Bilston;
- [9] *Maria Smith* (17), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Evening Express 19/5/1881 - Advert

“Wanted, a good General Servant, one who understands bar duties.
Apply to the SPREAD EAGLE INN, Bilston.”

George Hyde died on 5th August 1881.

Evening Express 10/8/1881 - Advert

“Wanted, a good General Servant.
Apply, SPREAD EAGLE INN, Bilston.”
[This was repeated in October.]

WANTED, a good General Servant.—Apply, Spread Eagle
Inn, Bilston. d7204

Advert 1881

1891 Census

Lichfield Street

- [1] *Richard Hyde* (42), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Eliza Hyde* (40), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sarah Hyde* (19), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Clara Hyde* (14), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *William Hyde* (13), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Alice Hyde* (12), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Eliza Hyde* (10), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Mary A. Hyde* (4), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [9] *Richard Hyde* (3), son, born Bilston;
- [10] *Herbert Hyde* (2 months), son, born Bilston;
- [11] *Annie Butler* (21), general servant, born Sedgley;
- [12] *Mary Hale* (20), general servant, born Gornal Wood:

1901 Census

Lichfield Street – SPREAD EAGLE

- [1] *George Millard* (56), widower, licensed victualler, born Eversholt, Bedfordshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Edwards* (21), barmaid in public house, born Morgan, Glamorganshire;
- [3] *Harriett Middleton* (21), cook, born Moxley;
- [4] *Sarah Loydon* (18), housemaid, born Bilston:

George Millard – see also BARREL VAULTS and LION.

1911 Census

Lichfield Street – SPREAD EAGLE

- [1] *Arthur Edward Hewitt* (39), hotel manager, born Coalbrookdale, Shropshire;
- [2] *Clotilda Hannah Lenora Hewitt* (31), wife, married 10 years, assisting in business, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Gladys Lenora Winifred Hewitt* (9), daughter, born Handsworth;
- [4] *Nelly Kathleen Hewitt* (6), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Hellan Samson Watson* (21), general servant, born Bilston:

Harry William Matthews sponsored Bilston United FC. [1920]

South Staffordshire Times 21/7/1923

“The annual meeting of the shareholders of Bilston United Football Club Ltd. was held at the SPREAD EAGLE INN, Bilston, on Tuesday evening, and there was a large attendance, under the presidency of Councillor T. R. Wood.....”

Plans for alterations were approved in February 1957.

It closed in 1995.

It reopened in November 1996, after a £30,000 refurbishment.

Graham Watkins was married to Jan.

The Newly Refurbished SPREAD EAGLE New Carvery was reopened on 29th April 2005.

The building to the right of the pub was incorporated into the pub. [2007]

It closed on 16th May 2011.

The right hand part of the pub became LILLY MALONES. [2011]

It was renamed MALONES. [2012]

Express and Star 15/1/2016

“A bar has had its license revoked after CCTV footage revealed how staff did not respond to the brutal assault of a man inside the premises. MALONES BAR in Bilston, which had its license suspended following the incident on November 7th last year, was unable to convince council officials that the premises should keep its license in the meeting.

CCTV footage, which was provided by PC Mitch Harvey of the West Midlands Police licensing department, showed a young man being punched once in the face and hitting his head on the end of the bar as he fell to the floor.....”

[There was also evidence of smoking being allowed inside, and drug taking.]

SPREAD EAGLE

Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Elizabeth Sheldon [1861]

SQUIRREL

Moorcroft, Lower Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Henry Piggott [1866] – [1871]

NOTES

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:–

Bilston Division, August 31st, 1866.

‘I beg to submit to the Magistrates the attached list of licensed victuallers who have been complained about during the year. Twenty-five have been convicted, and three have paid costs; one had been convicted three times and five twice. This is a large increase on last year’s list; but I think it has arisen from the police being more particular in reporting cases of permitting drunkenness – as it was found to be an evil rather on the increase. I believe it has caused landlords to be more careful in supplying drink to persons intoxicated.’

H. McCrea, Superintendent.....

An application was then made by Mr. Young on behalf of *Henry Pigott*, of the SQUIRREL INN, Fiery Holes, Bradley. Mr Young said the house had been in possession of a spirit license, but it had been suspended from the former tenant, and the applicant, who was the current occupier, wished it renewed. It was not granted.....”

1871 Census

Moorcroft

[1] *Henry Piggott* (36), coal miner and publican, born Hilton, Staffordshire;

[2] *Amelia Piggott* (36), wife, born Stanley, Shropshire;

[3] *William H. Piggott* (6), son, scholar, born Aberley, Staffordshire:

STAG

13, (5), (1), Crown Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Pratt, grocer, Bilston
John Tart, grocer, Bilston
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

James Busby [1871] – **1874**)
Mary Crump [1873] – **1875**);
Mrs. Elizabeth Busby (**1875 – 1878**);
Miss Annie Tilley (**1878 – 1882**);
William Morris (**1882 – 1883**);
Alfred Brown (**1883 – 1886**);
James Harrison (**1886 – 1887**);
George Lavender (**1887 – 1888**);
William Spate (**1888 – 1890**);
Albert Arthur Haycock (**1890 – 1891**);
Thomas Hunt (**1891 – 1892**);
William King (**1892 – 1894**);
Eugenie Ann Satterthwaite (**1894 – 1895**);
William Morris (**1895 – 1907**);
Mary Ann Elizabeth Morris (**1907 – 1910**);

NOTES

1, Crown Street
13, Crown Street [1891]
5, Crown Street [1901]

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

Crown Street – The STAG INN
[1] *James Busby* (38), sheet iron roller, born Bilston;
[2] *Elizabeth Busby* (40), wife, born Broseley, Shropshire:
[Broseley is part of Telford.]

Midland Counties Evening Express 23/12/1874

“Mr. *James Busby*, landlord of the STAG INN, Crown Street, Bilston, died suddenly on Sunday morning [20/12] between seven and eight o’clock. Deceased was in his usual health on the previous night, and retired to bed about half past eleven.”

1881 Census

1, Crown Street – STAG
[1] *Annie Tilley* (25), unmarried, publican, born Much Wenlock;
[2] *Elizabeth Busby* (61), aunt, widow, born Broseley, Shropshire;
[3] *Emily Lloyd* (16), general servant, born Bilston:

1891 Census

13, Crown Street

[1] *Thomas Hunt* (24), beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;

[2] *Sarah J. Hunt* (26), wife, born Bilston:

1901 Census

5, Crown Street

[1] *William Morris* (47), publican, born Bilston;

[2] *Mary A. E. Morris* (45), wife, born Much Wenlock;

[3] *Annie Morris* (17), daughter, pawnbroker's assistant, born Bilston;

[4] *William C. Morris* (13), son, born Bilston;

[5] *Leonard Morris* (10), son, born Bilston:

William Morris, beer retailer, Crown Street. [1904]

The license was surrendered in 1910, on the granting of an off beer license in Green Lanes, Bilston.

It closed on 2nd May 1910.

STAR

31, (15), Church Street, (31, (15), Lichfield Street), Swan Bank, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Blakemore
Sarah Blakemore
Richard Andrew Harper, brewer, Bilston
R. A. Harper Ltd., Hall Park Brewery, Bilston
Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1946]
Bass, Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Conway [1858]
Peter Rudge [1861]
Augustus Weatherstone [1865]
William Blakemore [1868] – **1879**;
Mrs. Sarah Blakemore **(1879 – 1893)**;
Major George Cox **(1893 – 1896)**;
Jane Fletcher **(1896 – 1899)**;
William Whitford **(1899)**;
Sarah Ann (Whitford) Deakin **(1899 – 1901)**;
William Harper **(1901 – 1926)**;
William Sydney Hyde **(1926 – 1936)**;
Alfred James Draisey **(1936 – [1946])**

NOTES

15, Church Street [1861], [1881]
15, Lichfield Street [1871]
31, Church Street [1901], [1912], [1916], [1921], [1940]
Lichfield Street [1903]
31, Lichfield Street [1911]

It was originally called the LAMB. [1861]

STAR VAULTS [1912], [1916], [1921], [1940], [1946]

It had a beerhouse license.

John Conway, beerhouse keeper, 15, Church Street. [1858]



c.1975

1861 Census

15, Church Street – LAMB

- [1] *Peter Rudge* (32), beer seller, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Rudge* (35), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Samuel Rudge* (13), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Peter Rudge* (10), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] *John Rudge* (6), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Mary J. A. Rudge* (4), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Alfred Rudge* (1), son, born Bilston;
- [8] *Jane Rudge* (11), daughter, nurse, born Sedgley;
- [9] *Nancy Parker* (52), house servant, born Ro_____ Wood, Shropshire:

Augustus Weatherstone, beer retailer, 15, Lichfield Street. [1865]

William Blakemore, beer retailer, 15, Church Street. [1868]

1871 Census

15, Lichfield Street – STAR

- [1] *William Blakemore* (64), innkeeper, born Whiston, Staffordshire;
 - [2] *Sarah Blakemore* (48), wife, born Macclesfield;
 - [3] *Joseph Blakemore* (23), son, born Whiston, Staffordshire;
 - [4] *Ann Blakemore* (19), daughter, born Whiston, Staffordshire;
 - [5] *William Blakemore* (17), son, waggoner, born Whiston, Staffordshire;
 - [6] *Richard Blakemore* (15), son, currier, born Whiston, Staffordshire;
 - [7] *Emma Blakemore* (12), daughter, scholar, born Whiston, Staffordshire;
 - [8] *Mary Blakemore* (11), daughter, scholar, born Whiston, Staffordshire;
 - [9] *Henry Blakemore* (8), son, scholar, born Whiston, Staffordshire;
 - [10] *Edwin Blakemore* (6), son, scholar, born Whiston, Staffordshire:
- [Whiston is about 7 miles SE of Leek.]

William Blakemore died in 1879.

1881 Census

15, Church Street – STAR

- [1] *Sarah Blakemore* (57), widow, publican, born Macclesfield;
- [2] *Ann Blakemore* (29), daughter, born Bilston;
- [3] *Henry Blakemore* (18), son, clerk in iron works, born Bilston;
- [4] *Edwin Blakemore* (16), son, waiter (public house), born Bilston:

1891 Census

Church Street

- [1] *Sarah Blakemore* (67), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Macclesfield;
- [2] *Ann Blakemore* (40), daughter, born Whiston;
- [3] *William Blakemore* (38), son, paviour, born Whiston;
- [4] *Henry Blakemore* (28), son, draughtsman, born Whiston;
- [5] *Edwin Blakemore* (26), son, brewer, born Whiston:

Major George Cox, beer retailer, 15, Church Street. [1896]

William Whitford died on 3rd May 1899.

Sarah Ann Whitford married *Richard Deakin* on 6th December 1900.

1901 Census

31, Church Street

- [1] Richard Deakin (31), iron plate worker, born Bilston;
 - [2] Sarah Ann Deakin (37), wife, licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
 - [3] William Whitfield (sic) (14), stepson, born Aston, Warwickshire;
 - [4] Howard Whitfield (sic) (13), stepson, born Nechells, Warwickshire;
 - [5] Harry Whitfield (sic) (11), stepson, born Birmingham;
 - [6] Frank Whitfield (sic) (8), stepson, born Aston, Warwickshire;
 - [7] Amy Beach (20), housemaid, born Birmingham;
- [The licensing register gives Whitford as Sarah Ann's surname, and her previous husband's.]

A full license was confirmed in 1903. Removed from the BLACK HORSE.

1911 Census

31, Lichfield Street

- [1] William Harper (37), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] Hannah Harper (37), wife, married 15 years, born Bilston;
- [3] Richard Harper (14), son, school, born Bilston;
- [4] Edith Wright (21), servant, born Bilston;

A music license was granted on 3rd February 1928.

A team from here took part in the Butlers (Bilston) Darts League. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Bilston Crib League, Section A. [1946]

Bilston and Willenhall Times 22/6/1946

"Charges of receiving a quantity of cigarettes, knowing them to have been stolen, were preferred against *Alfred James Draisey*, licensee of the STAR VAULTS, Swan Bank, Bilston, and his wife, *Alice Draisey*, at Bilston on Tuesday, when they were committed for trial at Staffordshire Assizes.

Mr. E. E. Brown outlined the case for the prosecution, and said that *Draisey* was alleged to have purchased a quantity of cigarettes from a man named Walter Kendrick, 24, Hickman Road, Bilston. Kendrick and his brother, Alfred, of 12, St. Johns Road, Darlaston, were last week committed for trial on charges of stealing cigarettes from the premises of Mrs. Griffiths, Wolverhampton Street, Bilston, and Mr. T. E. Pursehouse, Oxford Street, Bilston.

Mr. Brown went on to say that on a Sunday in April, a customer was told by Mr. *Draisey* that he had no cigarettes, whereupon Walter Kendrick, who was in the bar, said, 'Do you want to buy some?', and *Draisey* said, 'Have you got some?', and Kendrick replied, 'Yes, I have got some here for another customer. You can have them if you like and I'll get some more.'

A parcel was handed over and when opened was found to contain two cartons each containing 500 cigarettes. *Draisey* checked up the price from a bill which he had in the bar and said, '£3 19s 2d is the price', but Kendrick said, '£3 15s 0d is all I want', and this was the price paid over.

On a later date, May 3rd, to be exact, said Mr. Brown, Kendrick again called at the STAR VAULTS and asked *Draisey* if he wanted some more cigarettes. Later he brought 2,000, and was told to take them into the kitchen, where Mrs. *Draisey* paid him.

Mr. Brown then read out a statement made to the police by Mrs. *Draisey*, in which she said she thought the man was in the cigarette business. He did not give any receipt for the money he received. She did not ask him who he was or anything. It was the first time since the beginning of the war that they had bought any cigarettes from anybody except their regular dealer.

Evidence was given by Mrs. Griffiths that her shop was broken into on the night of April 13th and cigarettes stolen, and Mr. Pursehouse said that on the night of May 1st 15,000 cigarettes were stolen from his lock-up shop.

Walter Kendrick was called to give evidence and said he went to *Draisey's* public house on a Sunday morning with some cigarettes, which he had had from Mrs. Griffiths's shop. After hearing a customer refused cigarettes he told *Draisey* that he had some cigarettes with him and he could have half. He eventually had the lot, and on looking at a price list, said, 'They are £3 19s 2d.' Witness said, 'You can have them for £3 15s 0d', and *Draisey* paid him that amount. He did not remember *Draisey* asking him where he had had the cigarettes from. He had been to the public

house on two occasions since with cigarettes. On one of them Mrs. *Draisey* paid him for the cigarettes and remarked, 'Do you want it keeping dark?', and he replied, 'Yes.' These cigarettes which he sold had been taken from Mr. Pursehouse's shop. He had not purchased any of the cigarettes which he had sold to *Draisey*.

Cross-examined by Mr. J. F. Bourke, for the defence, Kendrick said that when he was first approached by the police he denied stealing any cigarettes but after they found something at his house, he admitted the theft.

In answer to a further question he said he sold some cigarettes to a publican at Willenhall at something under retail price.

PS H. Willetts said that he interviewed Mrs. *Draisey* and after she had made a statement he told her it would appear that her husband had bought cigarettes that had been stolen and that it would have to be considered in that light.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bourke witness said that of the 16,000 cigarettes alleged to have been stolen by Kendrick, 4,500 only were accounted for in the charges against the *Draiseys*, and 3,000 which were sold at Willenhall.

Mr. Bourke submitted to the Bench that on the evidence offered he had no case to answer. The only evidence they had heard that incriminated the *Draiseys* was that of a thief.

After retiring the Bench said that they had considered Mr. Bourke's submission, but in their opinion there was a case to answer.

Accused, who pleaded guilty, reserved their defence, and were committed to the Assizes for trial."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 6/7/1946

"Arising out of transactions concerning the cigarettes which Kendrick admitted stealing, *Alfred James Draisey* (55).....

It was stated that Kendrick had given the impression that he was a tobacco dealer, and had the *Draiseys* known the cigarettes were stolen they would never have purchased them. Both the *Draiseys* had unblemished characters....."

[The charges against them were dismissed.]

Letter to the Clerk to the Justices, Wolverhampton, dated 18th December 1978

"STAR VAULTS, Lichfield Street, Bilston.

We write to advise you that the above fully licensed premises were acquired by Wolverhampton Municipal Borough Council in connection with road widening proposals, as a consequence of which sale of the premises to the Local Authority has now been completed.

The affective date of closure of the premises for trading was the 15th January 1978, and we now herewith surrender the current Justices License."

It became a shop.



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Ext: 2142

Your Ref:

Our Ref: RHE/BMC

18th December, 1978

C.R. Seymour, Esq
Clerk to the Licensing Justices,
4th Floor, McLean House,
School Street,
Wolverhampton.
WV1 4LT

WOLVERHAMPTON

22 DEC 1978

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Yours faithfully,
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STAR

155, (72), (72-73), (73), Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Amelia Best, widow, Sandhills, Walsall
Samuel Thompson, Oxford Street, Bilston
George Short, gentleman, 24, Park Road, Forest Hill, London
John Froggatt, manufacturer, Wellington Road, Bilston

LICENSEES

Samuel Thompson [1871] – **1888**);
Sarah Thompson (**1888 – 1902**);
Alfred Evans (**1902 – 1903**);
Joseph Colbourne (**1903**);
Mrs. Martha Horton (**1903 – 1904**);
Joseph Hall (**1904 – 1905**);
Charles Rowland Hill (**1905**);
Thomas Kelly (**1905 – 1906**);
John Henry Tate (**1906 – 1907**);
Daniel Paul (**1907 – 1908**);
John Lewis (**1908 – 1909**);
Bertha Lilian Griffin (**1909 – 1910**);
John Simmons (**1910 – 1911**);
Frederick John Thomas Caskew (**1911 – 1914**);
Oscar Bradshaw Whitehouse (**1914**);

NOTES

73, Oxford Street [1871], [1873]
72+73, Oxford Street [1881], [1891]
72, Oxford Street
155, Oxford Street [1904]

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

73, Oxford Street
[1] Samuel Thompson (39), baker and grocer – master (2 men), born Stourbridge;
[2] Sarah Thompson (37), wife, born Dudley;
[3] Maryann Thompson (75), mother, widow, born Kidderminster;
[4] John Thompson (4), nephew, born Worcester;
[5] Eliza Shaw (22), niece, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
[6] James Carvell (41), servant, baker, born Evesham;
[7] John Whiteside (45), servant, baker, born Kempsey, Worcestershire:

Samuel Thompson was also a baker, grocer and provision dealer of 73, Oxford Street. [1873]

1881 Census

72+73, Oxford Street – STAR INN

- [1] *Samuel Thompson* (48), grocer (master employing 4 servants), born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Sarah Thompson* (46), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Arthur E. Thompson* (7), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Charles W. Thompson* (43), brother, baker, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Charles Shaw* (19), grocer and baker, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *Jack Thompson* (15), nephew, apprentice (grocer's), born Worcester;
- [7] *Annie Perks* (20), domestic servant, born Warwick:

1891 Census

73+72, Oxford Street – STAR INN

- [1] *Samuel Thompson* (58), grocer and baker and beer retailer, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Sarah Thompson* (56), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Arthur E. Thompson* (17), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *John Charles Shaw* (30), baker and grocer, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Emma Lillian Jonson* (20), housemaid, born Bilston;
- [6] *Annie Powis* (33), boarder, japanner polisher, born Bilston:

1901 Census

Oxford Street – STAR INN

- [1] *Samuel Thompson* (69), shopkeeper, grocer and baker, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Sarah Thompson* (66), wife, publican, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Arthur E. Thompson* (26), son, grocer's assistant, born Bilston:

Mrs. Martha Horton, beer retailer, 155, Oxford Street. [1904]

1911 Census

Oxford Street – STAR INN

- [1] *John Simmons* (40), licensed victualler, born Nantwich, Cheshire;
- [2] *Emma Simmons* (40), wife, married 18 years, born Manchester;
- [3] *Edith Mary Simmons* (17), daughter, book keeper, grocery and provisions, born Northwich, Cheshire;
- [4] *Elsie Simmons* (15), daughter, born Ashton under Lyne, Lancashire;
- [5] *Winifred Elizabeth Simmons* (10), daughter, born Ludlow, Shropshire;
- [6] *Albert Victor Elcock* (24), visitor, tailor, born Dudley:

License refused by Compensation Authority on 29th July 1914.

Compensation of £360 was paid on 20th December 1914.

STAR AND GARTER

3, (8), Lester Street, (Leicester Street), BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas Waterhouse, solicitor, Sedgley
Charles Kidson
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Job Smith Lester [1865] – [1868]
Job Lester [1871]
Charles Kidson [1873] – **1889**;
Edward Kidson (**1889 – 1900**);
William Hardwick (**1900**);
Mary Onions (**1900 – 1902**);
James Edwin Potts (**1902**);
John Owen (**1902 – 1906**);
John Henry Williams (**1906 – 1908**);
John Thomas Lloyd (**1908 – 1909**);
Enoch Meese (**1909 – 1910**);
Sarah Meese (**1910 – 1912**);
Joseph Shaw (**1912 – 1921**);

NOTES

8, Lester Street
3, Lester Street [1911]

It had a beerhouse license.

Job Smith Lester, beer retailer, 8, Lester Street. [1865], [1868]

1871 Census

8, Lester Street

- [1] *Job Lester* (44), beer retailer, born Bilston;
 - [2] *Phoebe Lester* (42), wife, born Bilston;
 - [3] *Florence Lester* (12), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
 - [4] *Frank Lester* (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;
 - [5] *Jessie Lester* (6), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
 - [6] *Caroline Harvey* (24), barmaid, born Bickenhall [Bickenhill?], Warwickshire;
 - [7] *Mary Southall* (20), domestic servant, born Bilston:
- [Bickenhill is about 3 miles NE of Solihull.]

Charles Kidson was also a chartermaster. [1873]

1881 Census

Lester Street – STAR AND GARTER

- [1] *Charles Kidson* (50), royalty master, born Bilston;
- [2] *Eliza Kidson* (47), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] *Charles Kidson* (23), son, flour (?) maker, born Willenhall;
- [4] *Edward Kidson* (20), son, coal miner, born Willenhall;
- [5] *William Heath* (71), father in law, labourer, born Bushbury;
- [6] *Elizabeth Heath* (16), niece, general servant, born Bilston;
- [7] *Mary Pritchard* (15), general servant, born Bilston:

Evening Star 27/1/1882

“Michael Flinn, of Chapel Street, Bilston, was summoned for refusing to quit the licensed premises of the STAR AND GARTER INN, Leicester Street, belonging to *Charles Kidson*, on Saturday evening last.

The charge was proved by Police-constable Wilson, and the landlord.

Defendant had been convicted several times before and was now sentenced to one month’s imprisonment with hard labour.”

1891 Census

Lester Street – STAR AND GARTER INN

- [1] *Charles Kidson* (61), colliery owner, born Bilston;
- [2] *Eliza Kidson* (59), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Edward Kidson* (30), son, widower, colliery manager, born Willenhall;
- [4] *Eva Kidson* (4), granddaughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Eliza Wilkes* (16), born Bilston:

Edward Kidson was also a coal dealer, Lock Pits, Bradley Colliery.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/7/1899

“To be sold by private treaty by representatives of the late *Charles Kitson* the well known full licensed freehold public house.....”

1901 Census

Lester Street – STAR AND GARTER

- [1] *Joseph Onions* (29), teacher in school, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Mary Onions* (27), wife, publican manageress, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Martha Slater* (18), domestic servant, born Wednesbury:

1911 Census

3, Lester Street

- [1] Mrs. *Sarah Meese* (49), widow, manageress hotel, beerhouse, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Benjamin Meese* (26), son, galvanizer, factory, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Bert Meese* (22), son, stocktaker, factory, ironworks, born Bilston;
- [4] *Dorothy Meese* (20), daughter, barmaid, born Bilston;
- [5] *Elsie Meese* (19), daughter, polisher, factory, brass, born Bilston;
- [6] *Sidney Meese* (16), son, dresser, factory, iron plate works, born Bilston;
- [7] *Pauline Meese* (14), daughter, born Bilston;
- [8] *Kate Meese* (12), daughter, born Pontywyndd, South Wales;
- [9] *Gwendoline Meese* (9), daughter, born Pontywyndd, South Wales;
- [10] *Joseph Henry Meese* (6), son, born Wolverhampton:

License refused by Compensation Authority on 24th July 1914

Compensation of £1,600 was paid on 24th December 1921.

Bilston & Willenhall Times 11/10/1924

“Tuesday Next, October 14th, 1924, at 7 o’clock in the Evening. Important Sale of Freehold Properties and Land, and de-licensed houses, at Bradley and Priestfields, which Cyril H. Green F.N.A.A. has been instructed to submit for Sale By Auction, at the PIPEHALL HOTEL, Bilston, on the above Date, subject to conditions of sale to be then read, the under-mentioned Properties.....

Lot. 6.— Three Freehold Houses, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Lester Street, Bilston. Gross annual rentals £56 8s 10d.

No.1 Lester Street, was formerly the licensed premises known as the STAR AND GARTER INN, but is now de-licensed.....”

Bilston & Willenhall Times 18/10/1924

“Mr. Cyril H. Green, F.N.A.A., auctioneer, Bilston, conducted a successful sale of freehold properties, de-licensed houses, and land, situate in Bilston, Priestfields, and Bradley, at the PIPE HALL HOTEL, on Tuesday evening.....

Three houses in Lester Street, one of which was formerly the STAR AND GARTER, £370.....”

Closed

Demolished

STAR AND GARTER

7, (4), (5), Salop Street, (Salop Row), (Shropshire Row), Bradley, (Hallfields), BILSTON

OWNERS

Abraham Duffield
Thomas Wood
Matilda Wood
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Abraham Duffield [1861] – 1875);
Thomas Johnson (1875 – 1876);
Thomas Wood (1876 – 1892);
Mrs. Matilda Wood (1892 – 1907);
Thomas Wood (1907 – 1913);
Andrew Gallantree Snr. (1913 – 1936);
Andrew Gallantree Jnr. (1936 – [1940]



NOTES

6, Salop Row [1861]
5, Salop Street [1881]
4, Salop Street [1891]
7, Salop Street [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

Abraham Duffield, beer retailer, Bradley. [1861]

1861 Census

6, Salop Row
[1] *Abraham Duffield* (54), publican, deaf, born Bilston;
[2] *Esther Duffield* (38), wife, born Newport, Shropshire;
[3] *Edward Duffield* (20), son, born Bilston;
[4] *Hannah Briscoe* (17), servant:

Abraham Duffield, beer retailer, Salop Street, Bradley. [1865]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 23/5/1866

“Yesterday, before H. Ward, Esq., *Abraham Duffield*, of Shropshire-row, was fined 1s and costs for permitting drunkenness in his house.”

1871 Census

Salop Street
[1] *Abraham Duffield* (64), publican, born Bilston;
[2] *Esther M. Duffield* (47), wife, born Newport, Shropshire;
[3] *Fanny Westwood* (15), servant, born Bilston:

1881 Census

5, Salop Street

- [1] *Thomas Wood* (44), publican, born Pelsall;
- [2] *Matilda Wood* (42), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Sarah A. Wood* (21), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Thomas Wood* (18), son, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Matilda Wood* (12), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Elizabeth Mansell* (17), general servant, born Bilston:

1891 Census

4, Salop Street – STAR AND GARTER INN

- [1] *Thomas Wood* (55), beerhouse keeper, born Pelsall;
- [2] *Matilda Wood* (53), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Thomas Wood* (28), son, sheet mill shearer, ironworks, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Matilda Wood* (21), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Annie Wilcox* (20), servant, born Coseley:

Thomas Wood died on 22nd December 1892.

Mrs. Matilda Wood, beer retailer, Salop Street, Bradley. [1896]

1901 Census

Salop Street – STAR AND GARTER INN

- [1] *Matilda Wood* (60), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Kate Fellows* (17), granddaughter, born Bilston;
- [3] *Annie Wild* (20), general servant, born Sedgley:

Mrs. Matilda Wood, beer retailer, 7, Salop Street, Bradley. [1904]
She died in 1907.

1911 Census

Salop Street – STAR AND GARTER

- [1] *Thomas Wood* (48), publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Sarah wood* (44) wife, married 20 years, landlady, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Sidney Charles Wood* (18), son, ironworker, born Moxley;
- [4] *Thomas William Wood* (17), son, hairdresser, born Bradley;
- [5] *Spea_____ Wood* (15), son, butcher, out of work, born Bilston;
- [6] *Sarah Elizabeth Wood* (14), daughter, at school, born Bradley;
- [7] *Thomas Wood* (11), son, at school, born Wednesfield;
- [8] *Geffery Gormley* (16), adopted son, ironworker, born Liverpool;
- [9] *Phoebe Sorrow* (28), attendance in sickness, born Coseley:

Thomas Wood, beer retailer, 7, Salop Street, Bradley. [1912]

Andrew Gallantree Snr. died in 1936.

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

[1974]

Demolished

SWAN

59, (19), Bank Street, (19, Bilston Street), (19, Lord Street), (Queen Street), (Hallfields), (Upper Bradley),
Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Mr. Brookes, forgerman, Smethwick
Mazilla Johnson, grocer, Hallfields, Bradley, Bilston
William Henry Taylor, Church Street, Bilston
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Brooks [1841] – [1845]
Thomas Hall [1851]
William Brooks [1854]
William Griffiths [1861] – [1865]
Richard Heighway [1866] – [1871] [1874] ?
Richard Hughes [] – **1873**);
Joseph Strong (**1873 – 1874**);
Daniel Eccleston (**1874 – 1881**);
James Whitehouse (**1881 – 1883**);
Samuel Johnson (**1883 – 1899**);
Mrs. Catherine Johnson (**1899 – 1905**);
George Johnson (**1905 – 1906**);
Sarah Ann Johnson (**1906 – 1908**);
Miss Elizabeth Johnson (**1908 – 1912**);
Betsy Jeavons (**1912 – 1914**);
George Edward Jeavons (**1914 – 1916**);
John Fletcher (**1916 – 1923**);
George Henry Shelley (**1923 – 1931**);
Thomas Roderick (**1931 – 1936**);
Thomas William Haynes (**1936 – [1940]**)

NOTES

Bilston Street [1865], [1868]
Queen Street [1873]
19, Lord Street
19, Bilston Street [1861], [1871], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896]
19, Bank Street [c.1901]
59, Bank Street [1904], [1911], [1921], [1940]

WHITE SWAN [1851], [1870], [1872]

William Brooks = William Brookes

1861 Census

19, Bilston Street

- [1] *William Griffiths* (63), licensed victualler and manager of tin works, born Lachraze, Cardiganshire;
- [2] *Sarah Griffiths* (65), wife, born Laurmiten, Worcestershire;
- [3] *David Griffiths* (33), son, tin plate manager, born Gluster near Brook;
- [4] *Susan J. Griffiths* (6), niece, born Bilston;
- [5] *Ann Millington* (17), servant, born Bilston;
- [6] *Emma Griffiths* (17), granddaughter, born Bilston, deaf and dumb from birth:

Richard Heighway = Richard Highway

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:–

Bilston Division, August 31st, 1866.

‘I beg to submit to the Magistrates the attached list of licensed victuallers who have been complained about during the year. Twenty-five have been convicted, and three have paid costs; one had been convicted three times and five twice. This is a large increase on last year’s list; but I think it has arisen from the police being more particular in reporting cases of permitting drunkenness – as it was found to be an evil rather on the increase. I believe it has caused landlords to be more careful in supplying drink to persons intoxicated.’

H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

Richard Highway, SWAN, Hallfields, Bilston left over until the adjourned licensing meeting on the 28th of September.....”

1871 Census

19, Bilston Street

- [1] *Richard Heighway* (43), licensed victualler, born Broseley, Shropshire;
 - [2] *Hannah Heighway* (41), wife, born Bilston;
 - [3] *William Heighway* (19), son, sheet iron shearer, born Bilston;
 - [4] *Sarah Heighway* (18), daughter, born Bilston;
 - [5] *Hannah Heighway* (16), daughter, born Bilston;
 - [6] *George Heighway* (14), son, helper at Forge Hammer, born Bilston;
 - [7] *Arthur Heighway* (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;
 - [8] *James Heighway* (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;
 - [9] *Julia Heighway* (8), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
 - [10] *Albert E. Heighway* (3), son, born Bilston;
 - [11] *Maud Heighway* (3 months), daughter, born Bilston:
- [Broseley is part of Telford.]

Joseph Strong was convicted in 1873 for selling intoxicating liquor to a drunken person.

Midland Counties Evening Express 10/2/1875

“*Daniel Eccleston*, of the SWAN INN, Hallfields, appeared in answer to a summons charging him with permitting gaming in his house on the 13th January.

Police-constable Newman said that on the day named he visited the SWAN INN, in plain clothes, and in a room upstairs found a number of persons playing at bagatelle for checks, for which money was paid to the landlord.

The defendant expressed his sorrow for what had occurred, and said that he did not know that it was illegal. He had only kept the house six months.

Mr. Spooner remarked that the offence was a very serious one, and fined the defendant £5 and costs.”

1881 Census

19, Bilston Street – SWAN INN

- [1] *Daniel Eccleston* (36), licensed victualler and coal dealer, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Harriet Eccleston* (35), wife, born Spounding, Derbyshire;
- [3] *Hannah Eccleston* (16), daughter, dress maker, born Herefordshire;
- [4] *Nathan Eccleston* (13), son, scholar, born Barrow in Furnace [Barrow in Furness], Lancashire;
- [5] *Sarah Eccleston* (11), daughter, scholar, born Wednesbury:

1891 Census

19, Bilston Street – SWAN INN

- [1] *Samuel Johnson* (40), licensed victualler, born Cookley, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Catherine Johnson* (37), wife, born Cookley, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Sarah A. Johnson* (6), daughter, scholar, born Cookley, Worcestershire;
- [4] *Elizabeth Johnson* (5), daughter, scholar, born Cookley, Worcestershire;
- [5] *Frederick Johnson* (1), son, born Cookley, Worcestershire;
- [6] *Hannah Smith* (21), general servant, born Sedgley:

Samuel Johnson died on 29th June 1899.

1901 Census

Bank Street

- [1] *Catherine Johnson* (47), widow, licensed victualler SWAN INN, born Cookley;
- [2] *Sarah Ann Johnson* (16), daughter, born Bradley, Bilston;
- [3] *Elizabeth Johnson* (15), daughter, born Bradley, Bilston;
- [4] *Frederick Johnson* (11), son, born Bradley, Bilston;
- [5] *Harriet Johnson* (9), daughter, born Bradley, Bilston;
- [6] *George Johnson* (7), son, born Bradley, Bilston:

Catherine Johnson died on 17th December 1905.

George Johnson died on 1st August 1906.

1911 Census

59, Bank Street

- [1] *Elizabeth Johnson* (25), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Bradley;
- [2] *Frederick Johnson* (21), brother, licensed victualler, born Bradley;
- [3] *Maud Johnson* (19), sister, assistant to licensed victualler, born Bradley:

1911-1912 Directory

“Home Brewed Ales.”

Teams from here took part in the Bradley Darts League. [1946]

[1950]

SWAN

108, Church Street, (108, Hall Street), Swan Bank, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard Morgan [1822]
John Lloyd [1830] – [1850]
Mrs. Jane Lloyd [1851] – [1861]
John Lloyd [1864] – [1873]

NOTES

Hall Street [1849], [1850], [1851], [1858], [1871]
Church Street [1860]
108, Hall Street [1861]
108, Church Street [1868]

It was built in the 17th century.

1841 Census

Church Street (Swan Bank)
[1] *John Lloyd* (55), innkeeper, born Staffordshire;
[2] *Jane Lloyd* (55), born Staffordshire;
[3] *John Lloyd* (15), born Staffordshire;
[4] *Emma Lloyd* (25), fs, born Staffordshire;
[5] *Elleanor Cotterill* (15), fs, born Staffordshire;
[6] *Alfred Lloyd* (4), born Staffordshire:

1851 Census

Hall Street
[1] *Jane Lloyd* (69), widow, victualler, born Kingswinford;
[2] *John Lloyd* (24), son, assistant, born Bilston;
[3] *Emma Lloyd* (39), daughter in law, widow, inn servant, born Bilston;
[4] *Jane Price* (9), granddaughter, scholar, born Bilston;
[5] *Mary Ashbury* (20), servant, born Polesworth:

1861 Census

108, Hall Street – SWAN INN
[1] *Jane Lloyd* (80), widow, licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
[2] *John Lloyd* (34), son, brewer, born Bilston;
[3] *Mary A. Price* (24), granddaughter, barmaid, born Bilston;
[4] *Jane Price* (19), granddaughter, barmaid, born Bilston;
[5] *Joseph Reeves* (45), lodger, labourer, born Colchester:

1871 Census

Hall Street – SWAN INN

[1] *John Lloyd* (44), licensed victualler, born Bilston;

[2] *Marian Lloyd* (24), wife, born Stourbridge;

[3] *Lucy P. Lloyd* (3), daughter, born Bilston;

[4] *Sarah A. Griffin* (16), general servant, born Worcestershire:

Closed

It was demolished before 1880.

SWAN

Cross Street, Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Myatt [1873] – [1874]

NOTES

Check Twenty House Row.

SWAN

84, (46), (44), High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Rhoda Maybury, widow, Hall Green
Edwin Hickman, quarry master, The Quarries, Bilston
Matthew Rhodes, brewer, Priestfield
Johnson and Phipps Ltd., Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1987]

LICENSEES

Thomas James [1818]
T Tome [1822]
Ann Baker [1828] – [1830]
John Preston [1834]
Millard Thoms [1835]
Joseph Tomes [1841] – [1842]
George Harper* [1849] – [1850]
George Harpin* [1851]
William Ombler [1854]
Solomon Cross []
Benjamin George Holton [1861] – [1865]
John Hollingsworth [1868] – **1879**);
Thomas Legge **(1879 – 1898)**;
Francis Rhodes **(1898 – 1899)**;
Richard Tildesley **(1899 – 1900)**;
Charles Fishburn **(1900 – 1901)**;
James Doody **(1901 – 1902)**;
James William Green **(1902 – 1903)**;
Joseph Freeman **(1903)**;
George Hassel **(1903 – 1905)**;
Henry Richard Adams **(1905 – 1906)**;
Charles William Garfield **(1906)**;
Owen Michael Horan **(1906 – 1907)**;
John Fellows **(1907)**;
Thomas 'Tom' Robinson **(1907 – 1926)**;
Bert Burrows **(1926 – 1932)**;
John Albert Fantom Grainger **(1932 – [1940]**
Robert D Flatley [1995]
Robert Collins []
Rosemary Frisby [2005]
Tony Brookes [2005]



1997

NOTES

46, High Street [1871], [1896], [1900], [1904]
44, High Street [1891]
84, High Street [1901], [1911], [1912], [1916], [1921], [1936], [1940], [2003], [2006]

It was originally called GENERAL MOORE. [1818]
GENERAL SIR JOHN MOORE [1849], [1850], [1851], [1865], [1871], [1881]
SIR JOHN MOORE [1827], [1830], [1835], [1868], [1873], [1892], [1896]

It was known locally as "Tarpole's".

Boxing matches were held in an outbuilding at the rear of the pub.

* possibly the same person

1851 Census

High Street

- [1] *George Harpin* (41), victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Harriet Harpin* (40), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Thomas Harpin* (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Mary Smith* (24), house servant, born Bilston:

1861 Census

High Street

- [1] *Benjamin Holton* (38), victualler, born Tingewick, Buckinghamshire;
- [2] *Esther Holton* (37), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Sarah Holton* (7), daughter, born Coventry;
- [4] *Catherine A. Holton* (5), daughter, born Coventry;
- [5] *Edith Jones* (21), house servant, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Ann E. Scotman* (15), nursemaid, born Willenhall;
- [7] *Edward Holland* (40), boarder, clerk in spirit store, birthplace unknown:

London Gazette 7/5/1861

"*Solomon Cross*, late of Spon-lane, in the parish of West-bromwich, in the county of Stafford, in lodgings and out of employment, previously of Bearwood-hill, in the hamlet of Smethwick, in the parish of Harborne, in the said county, Iron Safe and Bedstead Manufacturer, Iron Founder, Bill Broker, Commission Agent, and Ale and Porter Agent, formerly of the same place and occupations, and likewise carrying on the trades of Licensed Victualler and Dealer in Tobacco, at the GENERAL SIR JOHN MOORE INN, Bilston, in the said county."

1871 Census

46, High Street – GEN. SIR JOHN MORE

- [1] *John Hollingsworth* (40), licensed victualler employing one assistant, born Cubley, Derbyshire;
 - [2] *Mary Hollingsworth* (44), wife, born Highington, Lincolnshire;
 - [3] *Sarah Whitehouse* (16), domestic servant, born Tipton:
- [Cubley is split into Great Cubley and Little Cubley and are about 5 miles S of Ashbourne.]

John Hollingsworth was also a wine and spirit merchant.

1881 Census

46, High Street – GENERAL SIR JOHN MOORE

- [1] *Thomas Legge* (41), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Maud Legge* (39), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Alice Legge* (17), daughter, barmaid, born Bilston;
- [4] *Emily Legge* (8), daughter, scholar, born Birmingham;
- [5] *Thomas Legge* (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *William Legge* (6), son, scholar, born Birmingham;
- [7] *Fanny Legge* (4), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *Edith Legge* (2), daughter, born Bilston:

1891 Census

44, High Street

- [1] *Thomas Legge* (49), widower, licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Alice Legge* (27), daughter, barmaid, born Bilston;
- [3] *Emily Legge* (18), daughter, barmaid, born Birmingham;
- [4] *William H. Legge* (16), son, assistant photographic printer, born Birmingham;
- [5] *Fanny Legge* (14), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Edith Legge* (12), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Howard Legge* (9), son, scholar, born Bilston:

Thomas Legge was also a photographer of Walsall Street. [1892]

The name was altered to SWAN in the licensing register on 31st October 1892.

Thomas Legge was also a photographer of Walsall Street. [1896]

1901 Census

84, High Street

- [1] *Charles Fishburn* (32), licensed victualler, born Henshaw, Yorkshire;
- [2] *Alice Fishburn* (33), wife, born Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire:

James William Green was convicted on 7th October 1902 for permitting betting.

George Hassel = *George Harcel*

Thomas Robinson (1860 - 1927) was known as "Tar Pole".

1911 Census

84, High Street

- [1] *Tom Robinson* (50), license holder, born Netherton;
- [2] *Deborah Robinson* (49), wife, married 26 years, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sarah Robinson* (24), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Florrie Robinson* (17), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Jemima Robinson* (14), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Beatrice Robinson* (12), daughter, school, born Bilston:

Bert Burrows was bantamweight boxing champion of the Midlands in 1912.
He later became a boxing promoter.

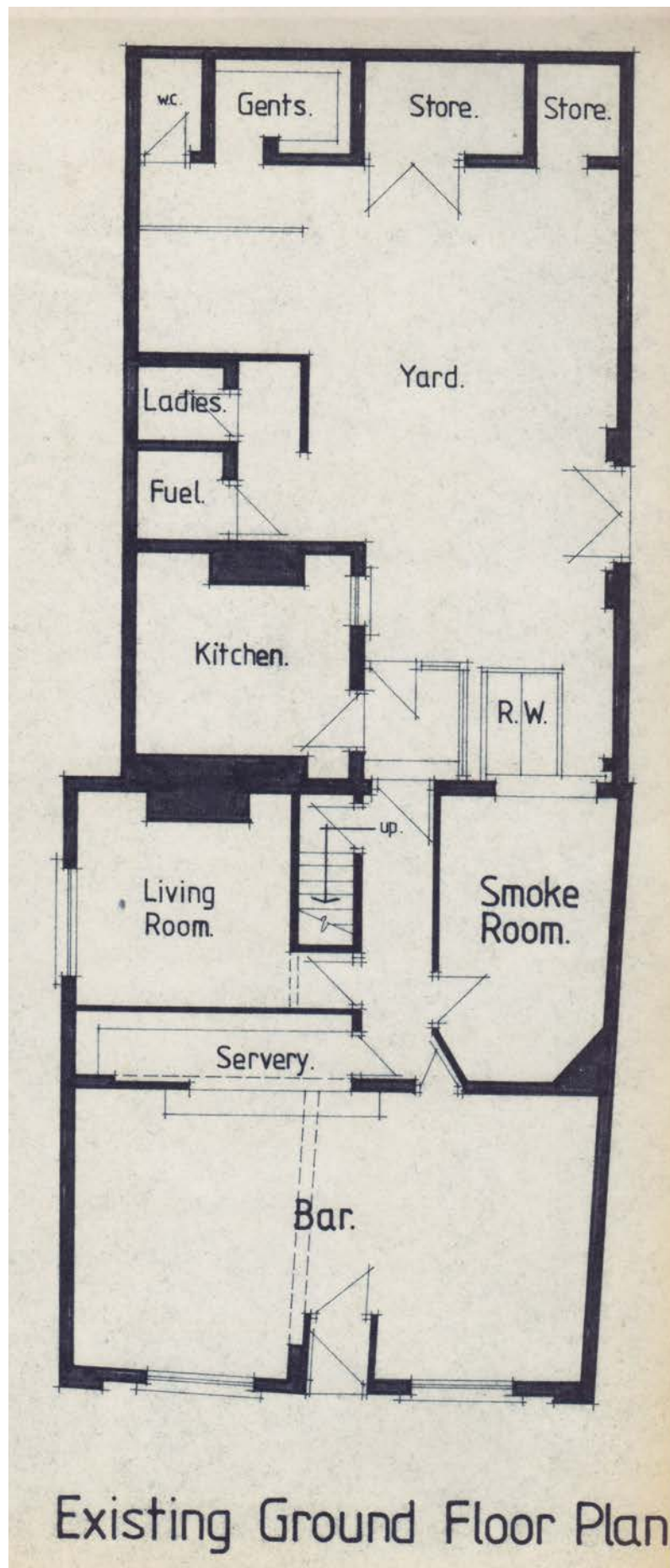
Alterations were approved on 17th July 1897.

It was refurbished in the early 1990s.

[2016]



2016



Existing Ground Floor Plan.

SWAN

1, John Street, New Village, Priestfield, (Ettingshall), BILSTON

OWNERS

Ann Holland, widow, New Village
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Holland [1851] – [1866];
R Tranter (1866 – []
John Rogers [1868] – [1870]
Thomas Wingfield [1871] – 1876);
Richard Seden Tysoe (1876 – 1879);
John Tomlinson (1879 – 1881);
Ezra Spittle (1881 – 1892);
Ezra Thomas Spittle (1892 – 1905);
Thomas Powell (1905 – 1913);
John William Eames (1913 – 1915);
Harriet Elizabeth Eames (1915 – 1929);
William Rowley (1929 – [1940]

NOTES

WHITE SWAN [1873]

New Village [1851]

1851 Census

Ettingshall

- [1] *Thomas Holland* (51), victualler, born Brewood, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Holland* (48), wife, born Shareshill, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Ann Holland* (21), daughter, born Brewood, Staffordshire;
- [4] *Charles Beard* (37), brother, iron foundry, born Shareshill, Staffordshire:

1861 Census

1, John Street – Public House

- [1] *Thomas Holland* (61), victualler, born Brood [Brewood], Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Holland* (57), wife, born Shareshill, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Maria Wilkes* (19), general servant, born Bilston;
- [4] *Charles Beard* (47), lodger, born Shareshill, Staffordshire;

Wolverhampton Chronicle 4/9/1861

“Applications For New Licenses.....

Richard Millington, the VINE TAVERN, New Village. Supported by Mr. Bowen; opposed by Mr. *Holland*, a rival publican. Refused.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 23/5/1866

“An inquest was held before W. H. Phillips, Esq., (Deputy Coroner), on Thursday, at the SWAN INN, on the body of Joseph Smith, aged 62, a butty miner, employed at the Springvale Colliery. It appeared from the evidence that on Tuesday, the 8th inst., the deceased was at work on the pit bank assisting to take of and send down skips. An empty skip was hanging over a pit mouth, which was not covered at the moment with the waggon, when the deceased, apparently in ignorance of the circumstance, pushed forward a ‘tram’ to the top of the shaft, and the result was that he and ‘tram’ fell to the bottom, a depth of 150 yards. He was dead when picked up. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1871 Census

1, John Street

- [1] *Thomas Wingfield* (47), publican, born Kempsey, Worcestershire;
 - [2] *Sarah Wingfield* (44), wife, born Clifton on Teme, Worcestershire;
 - [3] *Sarah A. Wingfield* (14), daughter, scholar, born Pensax, Worcestershire;
 - [4] *Catherine Hills* (16), domestic servant, born Gornall, Worcestershire:
- [Kempsey is about 4 miles S of Worcester.]
[Clifton upon Teme is about 10 miles NW of Worcester.]
[Pensax is about 6 miles WSW of Stourport.]
[Could Gornall be one of the West Midlands' Gornals?]

1881 Census

John Street – SWAN INN

- [1] *John Tomlinson* (24), licensed victualler, born Gornal;
- [2] *Elizabeth Tomlinson* (21), wife, born Barrow Hill, Derbyshire;
- [3] *Eliza Tomlinson* (56), mother, widow, born Gornal;
- [4] *Henry Tomlinson* (19), brother, carpenter, born Gornal:

Wednesbury Herald 22/4/1882

“Mr. W. H. Phillips, Coroner, held an inquest at the SWAN INN, Priestfield, on Monday afternoon on the body of Thomas Bayliss (62), nursery seedsman and florist, of Pennfields, near Wolverhampton, who met with his death on the Great Western Railway, at Priestfield, on Saturday morning, under very melancholy circumstances.

Mr. W. H. Tinsley, of Sedgley, appeared for the relatives of the deceased, and Inspector Ledbrook watched the proceedings on behalf of the railway company.

Evidence was given as to the deceased passing over the level crossing at the station, the only means of reaching the centre platform, and to his being knocked down and run over by a fast goods train while standing in the four-foot. The only officials at the station were the stationmaster and a porter, and at the time of the accident there was only the porter on duty. During the past eleven years the stationmaster stated that no one had been killed, and he had always been able to work the station with one porter. Owing to many of the passengers having to cross the four sets of rails a foot-bridge would be very useful.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned, and the jury added a recommendation that the railway company should erect a foot-bridge over the lines, and always have two men on duty at the station.”

1891 Census

1, John Street – SWAN INN

- [1] *Ezra Spittle* (48), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *Sarah Spittle* (48), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Thomas Spittle* (23), son, hosier, born Sedgley;
- [4] *John Spittle* (19), son, ironmonger's assistant, born Dudley:

Ezra Spittle was married to Sarah Ann. She was from Dudley. She died in 1891.

Ezra Thomas Spittle was the son of *Ezra* and Sarah Ann.

He married Polly Stevenson of Florence House, Goldthorn Hill in 1893.

He was known as Thomas.

1901 Census

1, John Street – SWAN HOTEL

- [1] *Ezra Spittle* (34), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Spittle* (34), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Cissy Spittle* (6), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Dolly Spittle* (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Minnie Leek* (20), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Ezra Spittle, beer retailer and general dealer of 122, John Street, New Village. [1904]

1911 Census

1, John Street

- [1] *Thomas Powell* (45), hotel keeper, born Blakenhall;
- [2] *Christiania Powell* (43), wife, married 20 years, house wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Horace Walter Powell* (15), son, clerk, lock manufacturer, born Bilston;
- [4] *Marion Evelyn Powell* (13), daughter, school, born Bilston;
- [5] *Alfred Norman Powell* (8), son, school, born Bilston;
- [6] *John Cooper* (87), grandfather, widower, old age pensioner, coal miner, hewer, born Snedshill, Shropshire:

[1964]

Closed
Demolished

SWAN

Prestons Row, Ettingshall, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Radnall [1841] – [1842]

NOTES

Check John Street.

SWAN

9, (13), Twenty House Row, (Bradley Row), Lower Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Lady Emily Foley, Stoke Edith, Herefordshire
Paul Foley, Prestwood, Stourbridge
Lady Bateman Scott, Great Barr
Thomas Marsh, colliery proprietor, Bradley, Bilston

LICENSEES

Thomas Wall [1818] – [1850]
Ann Widow [1861]
Ann Wall [1864]
David Cooksey [1864] – [1870]
John Myatt [1871] – **1873**;
Henry Cooper **(1873 – 1874)**;
Ann Cooper **(1874)**;
Thomas Barnbrook **(1874 – 1875)**;
Thomas Jackson **(1875 – 1880)**;
George Wellings **(1880 – 1883)**;
Thomas Barnbrook **(1883 – 1895)**;
Joseph Martin **(1895 – 1916)**;
Joseph Marsh **(1916)**;
George E Jeavons [1916] (?)

NOTES

13, Twenty House Row
9, Twenty House Row [1871]
Bradley Row [1875], [1879]

WHITE SWAN [1857], [1864], [1868], [1870]

1851 Census

Bradley
[1] Thomas Wall (54), innkeeper, born Bilston;
[2] Ann Wall (55), wife, born Darlaston;
[3] Joseph Wall (22), son, iron puddler, born Bilston;
[4] Jason Wall (20), son, iron puddler, born Bilston;
[5] Emma Wall (18), daughter, born Bilston;
[6] Betsy Wall (12), daughter, born Bilston;
[7] Sarah Waller (20), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 20/6/1857

“On Tuesday last, W. H. Phillips, Esq, attended at the WHITE SWAN INN, at Bradley, for the purpose of resuming the adjourned inquest upon the body of Elizabeth Hopley, who was found drowned in the canal at Bradley, on the 29th of April last, under circumstances calculated to excite suspicions that she had met with her death by foul means. Owing, however, to the continued absence of the witness Powell, whom the unceasing exertions of the police have failed to discover, no additional evidence was offered. The inquest was therefore further adjourned for a month, and

in the meantime a reward will, we understand, be offered for the apprehension of Powell, respecting whose absence various rumours are afloat in the neighbourhood, all of which are, however, we are informed upon the best authority, totally unfounded. On the same day the accused was placed before J. Bagnall and J. Lonsdale Esqrs, when Mr. Waterhouse, who appeared to watch the proceedings on his part, submitted to the magistrates that the seriousness of the charge against the accused was equalled by the improbability of any evidence being forthcoming to substantiate it. It was hard that his client should be continually kept in prison upon a charge of mere suspicion, for, in reality, the present charge amounted to no more than that.

Mr. Lonsdale, however, said that they did not consider themselves justified in incurring the responsibility of discharging the prisoner as the evidence on a former occasion had been taken before J. Leigh, Esq, and they would, therefore, remand him until the succeeding day, when the examination would be resumed at Wolverhampton.

Accordingly, next day prisoner was placed at the bar, before J. Leigh and S. Cartwright, Esqrs, and again further remanded for a week."

1861 Census

13, Twenty House Row – SWAN INN

[1] *Ann Widow* (65), widow, victualler, born Darlaston:

[Could this have been Ann Wall, widow of Thomas?]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 12/6/1861

"The inquest on the body of Edward Withers, who, as stated in another page, was killed by the kick of a horse at Mr. Rose's stable, at Bradley, on Saturday, was held on Monday at the SWAN INN. It seemed that a man named Norwood, a horse driver, was about to give the horse a ball, when the deceased volunteered to do it for him. He was allowed to do so, and afterwards struck the horse with a stick, saying it was to make the animal swallow. The horse then kicked him in the loins, knocking him against a wall, and his head was thus cut open. He died the same night from the effects of the injuries. The deceased had acted as a farrier, and was in the habit of giving balls to horses. The horse in question was a quiet one, and had been in the care of the same man about two years. Verdict Accidental Death."

David Cooksey = David Cooksley

1871 Census

9, Twenty House Row

[1] *John Myatt* (29), publican, born Birmingham;

[2] *Selina Myatt* (26), wife, born West Bromwich;

[3] *Sussane Myatt* (6), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;

[4] *Lydia Myatt* (4), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;

[5] *John Myatt* (3), son, scholar, born Bilston;

[6] *Fanny Reynolds* (16), general servant, born Bradley;

[7] *Elizabeth Moody* (17), general servant, born Bradley:

Henry Cooper died in 1874.

Thomas Barnbrook was convicted on 4th September 1874 and on 16th October 1874 for permitting drunkenness.

1891 Census

9, Twenty House Row – SWAN INN

[1] *Thomas Barnbrook* (69), general labourer, born Dudley;

[2] *Sarah Barnbrook* (65), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *James Barnbrook* (31), son, coal wheeler, born Sedgley;

[4] *William Corbett* (23), boarder, coal wheeler, born Bilston;

[5] *Sarah Sorrow* (16), general servant, born Sedgley:

Joseph Martin issued tokens from here.

1901 Census

Lower Bradley – SWAN INN

- [1] *Joseph Martin* (41), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] Sarah Ann Martin (25), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] Philip Martin (13), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Esther Martin (11), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] Joseph Martin (8), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] Samuel Martin (6), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] Arthur Martin (3), son, born Bilston;
- [8] Frank Martin (1), son, born Bilston;
- [9] Earnest Martin (1 month), son, born Bilston;
- [10] Mary Harper (20), general servant, born Bilston;
- [11] Clara Wilkes (13), general servant, born Bilston:

1911 Census

Lower Bradley

- [1] *Joseph Martin* (51), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] Sarah Ann Martin (34), wife, married 13 years, born Bilston;
- [3] Esther Martin (21), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] Joseph Martin (17), son, born Bilston;
- [5] Samuel Martin (16), son, born Bilston;
- [6] Frank Martin (11), son, school, born Bilston;
- [7] Ernest Martin (9), son, school, born Bilston;
- [8] Annie Martin (7), daughter, school, born Bilston;
- [9] Percy Martin (5), son, school, born Bilston;
- [10] Bertie Martin (4), son, born Bilston;
- [11] Mary Boden (17), general servant, born Bilston:

License refused at adjourned licensing meeting, on 10th March 1916, on the grounds of structural unsuitability.

An appeal was heard at Stafford Quarter Sessions.

[The result of this appeal is unknown at present. It is doubtful that it was successful, because there is no record of the house in the licensing register after 1916.]

SWAN BANK TAVERN

3-5, Lichfield Street, (3, (2), Church Street), Swan Bank, BILSTON

OWNERS

Frederick Warren, pork butcher, Bilston
Messrs. Banks and Co. Ltd., brewers, Wolverhampton
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1989]

LICENSEES

Whitehead []
Jackie Fellows [1820]
John Lloyd [1828]
Sarah Jane Lloyd [19th century]
William Jones [1858]
Richard Langford [1860]
David Jones [1861]
Robert Broughton [1865] – **1880**);
John Wallett (**1880 – 1882**);
Thomas Oadams Clews (**1882 – 1883**);
Job Ecclestone (**1883 – 1886**);
Joseph Yeomans (**1886 – 1894**);
Henry Nicholls (**1894 – 1895**);
William Darbey (**1895 – 1910**);
James Goodall (**1910 – 1913**);
David Bragg Davis (**1913 – 1914**);
James Goodall (**1914 – 1919**);
Mabel Goodall (**1919 – 1920**);
James Goodall (**1920 – 1939**);
William Henry Venville (**1939 – [1940]**)
Roy Gibbons [1995]
Jackie Anne Collins [2005]

NOTES

Swan Bank [1828]
2, Church Street [1861], [1871], [1881]
3, Church Street [1901], [1911], [1912], [1940]
3-5, Lichfield Street [2003], [2005]

SWAN [1828]

It was known locally as the "Blazing Stump".

It had a beerhouse license.

Jackie Fellows was the town constable. [1820]

William Jones, beerhouse keeper, 2, Church Street. [1858]

1861 Census

2, Church Street – SWAN BANK TAVERN

- [1] *David Jones* (42), shoe maker and beer seller, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Sarah Jones* (43), wife, born Ludlow;
- [3] *Kate Jones* (16), daughter, servant, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Ann Jones* (14), daughter, servant, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Matilda Jones* (12), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;
- [6] *Sarah A. Jones* (9), daughter, scholar, born Tipton;
- [7] *William Jones* (7), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [8] *John Jones* (4), son, scholar, born Dudley;
- [9] *David Jones* (1), son, born Dudley:

Robert Broughton, beer retailer, 2, Church Street. [1865], [1868]

1871 Census

2, Church Street

- [1] *Robert Broughton* (60), retail brewer, master, born Derby;
- [2] *Ann Broughton* (45), wife, born S. Julian, Shropshire:

1881 Census

2, Church Street – SWAN BANK TAVERN

- [1] *John Wallett* (26), iron bedstead blacksmith, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elizabeth Wallett* (25), wife, born Scotland;
- [3] *Edith Wallett* (7), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Martha Speakman* (13), domestic servant, born Bilston:

William Darbey = William Darby

William Darbey, beer retailer, 2, Church Street. [1896]

1901 Census

3, Church Street

- [1] *William Darby* (37), beer retailer, born Bilston;
- [2] *Emma Darby* (33), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Joseph William Darby* (11), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Arthur Darby* (9), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Alice May Darby* (6), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Winifred Darby* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Emma Probert* (15), general servant, born Bilston:

1911 Census

3, Church Street

- [1] *James Goodall* (26), publican, born Bloxwich;
- [2] *Mabel Goodall* (19), wife, married 1 year, assisting in the business, born Walsall;
- [3] *May Hall* (39), mother in law, widow, draper, born Aldridge;
- [4] *Agnes Powis* (17), servant, born Blakenhall, Walsall:

George (sic) *Goodall*, beer retailer, 3, Church Street. [1912]

James Goodall, beer retailer, 3, Church Street. [1916], [1921]

Plans for structural alterations were approved in February 1925.

Full license transferred from the PIG AND WHISTLE, Sedgley on 8th April 1933.

A team from here took part in the Bilston Charity Darts League. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Bilston Crib League, Section A. [1946]

Alterations were made c.1990.

It closed in May 2008.

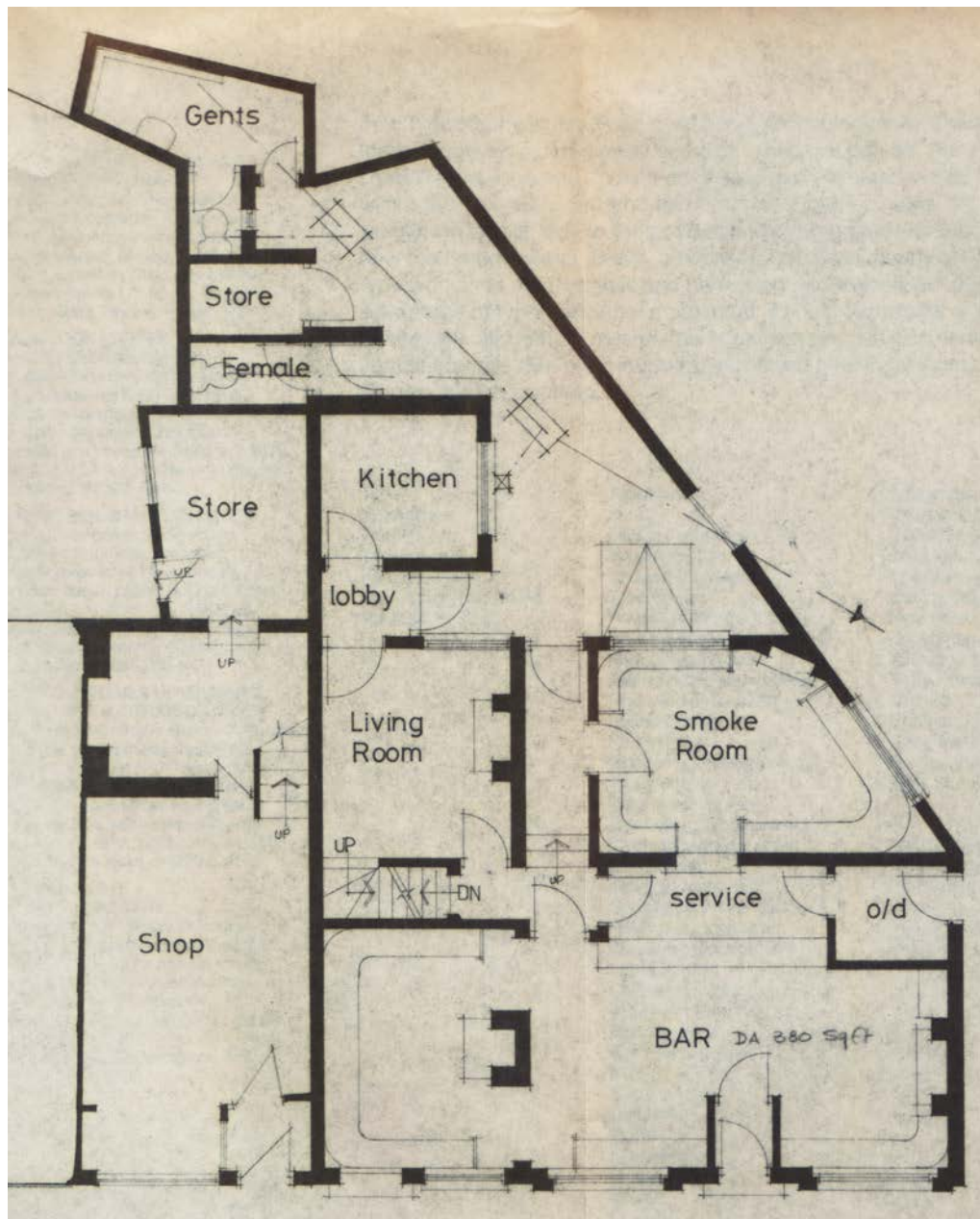
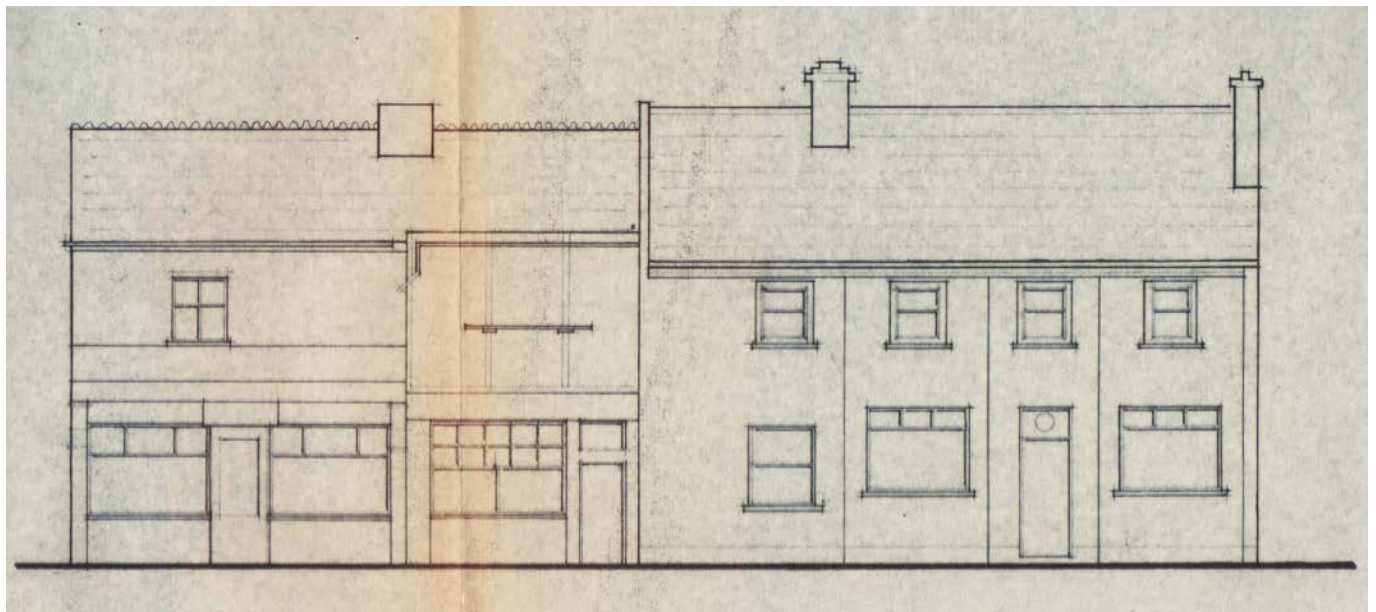
Closed [2016]



1997



2007



Plans 1989

SYDNEY VILLAGE INN

21, Wright Street, (Hallfields), Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

John Humphries
Sarah Jane Fieldhouse

LICENSEES

John Humphries [1871] – **1874**;
Thomas Fieldhouse (**1874 – 1883**);
Mrs. Susan Jane Fieldhouse (**1883 – [1904]**)
Richard Yeoman [1940]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

21, Wright Street – SYDNEY VILLAGE INN

- [1] *John Humphries* (54), widower, sinker and publican, born Shropshire;
- [2] *Mary Ann Humphries* (23), daughter, housekeeper, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sarah Humphries* (18), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Enoch Humphries* (13), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Eliza Humphries* (11), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *John Taylor Humphries* (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Thomas Albert Humphries* (7), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *John Preston* (41), visitor, boiler maker, born Bilston:

1881 Census

Wright Street

- [1] *Thomas Fieldhouse* (43), moulder, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Susan A. Fieldhouse* (34), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Thomas Fieldhouse* (10), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [4] *John Fieldhouse* (8), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] *William F. Fieldhouse* (5), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [6] *George Fieldhouse* (3), son, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Eliza Humphries* (18), servant, born Bilston:

Thomas Fieldhouse died on 23rd November 1883.

1891 Census

21, Wright Street

- [1] *Susan J. Fieldhouse* (44), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Thomas Fieldhouse* (20), son, engine fitter, born Coseley;
- [3] *Annie Fieldhouse* (17), daughter, born Bradley;
- [4] *Arthur Fieldhouse* (9), son, scholar, born Bradley;
- [5] *Susan E. Fieldhouse* (7), daughter, scholar, born Bradley:

Mrs. *Susan Jane Fieldhouse*, beer retailer, Wright Street, Bradley. [1896], [1904]

1901 Census

21, Wright Street

- [1] *Susan J. Fieldhouse* (54), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] Thomas Fieldhouse (30), son, mechanical engineer, born Princes End;
- [3] John Fieldhouse (28), son, grocer's assistant, born Bradley;
- [4] George Fieldhouse (23), son, checker in works, born Bradley;
- [5] Susan E. Fieldhouse (17), daughter, born Bradley;
- [6] Emmie Thomas (23), general servant, born Great Bridge:

A team from here took part in the Bradley Darts League, First Division. [1946]

[1956]

TALBOT

31, (11), Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Richard Colbourne, gentleman, Halesowen
Miss L. J. Colbourne, Speedwell Road, Edgbaston
Jessica Louisa Taylor, Wych Elm, Compton Road, Wolverhampton
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Bradshaw [1841] – [1851]
Emma Bradshaw [1858]
Wright and Co. [1861]
Henry Stevens [1861] – [1870]
Mrs. Sarah Wilkes [1872] – **1879**;
John Hands (**1879 – 1880**);
William George Dixon (**1880**);
Solomon Bryant (**1880 – 1887**);
Jethro Powderhill (**1887 – 1891**);
John Aston (**1891 – 1892**);
Joseph Edwards (**1892 – 1893**);
George Gwilt (**1893**);
Samuel Lloyd (**1893 – 1894**);
John Myatt (**1894 – 1899**);
John Knight [1896] [probably John Myatt]
Thomas Turvey (**1899 – 1900**);
Arthur Hinckley (**1900 – 1901**);
Sidney Arthur (**1901**);
Thomas Frederick Aston Ash (**1901 – 1902**);
Thomas Simpson Tunnicliffe (**1902 – []**)
Henry William Stanley [] – **1903**;
Thomas Green (**1903**);
Richard Percy Phipps (**1903 – 1911**);
George Tubb (**1911 – 1922**);
William Arthur Williams (**1922 – 1932**);
Mrs. Sarah Jane (Williams) Lane (**1932 – [1940]**)

NOTES

11, Oxford Street [1858], [1861], [1864], [1870], [1872], [1874], [1881], [1884], [1891], [1892], [1896]
31, Oxford Street [1904], [1912], [1916], [1940]

1841 Census

Oxford Street

- [1] *John Bradshaw* (25), spirit merchant;
- [2] *Emma Bradshaw* (20), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Rebecca Shaw* (15), fs, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Ann Shaw* (15), fs, born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Mary Darby* (15), fs, born Staffordshire:

John Bradshaw was also a wine and spirit merchant. [1851]

1851 Census

Oxford Street

- [1] *John Bradshaw* (44), wine and spirit merchant, born Crake, Yorkshire;
- [2] *Emma Bradshaw* (35), wife, born Melbourne, Derbyshire;
- [3] *Isabella Bradshaw* (6), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Thomas Bradshaw* (50), brother, land agent, born Crake, Yorkshire;
- [5] *Sarah Bradshaw* (15), niece, born Manchester;
- [6] *Fanny Shaw* (22), unmarried, wife's sister, waitress, born Bilston;
- [7] *William H. Y. Jukes(?)* (33), servant, born Barbados;
- [8] *Ann Warmington* (16), servant, born Bilston;
- [9] *Martin Devaney* (17), servant, born Bilston:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 4/8/1858 - Advert

"To be let, that excellent old-established liquor business The TALBOT, Oxford Street, Bilston. Rent and incoming moderate. £250 to £300 may remain for 9 or 12 months on approved security....."

1861 Census

11, Oxford Street

- [1] *Henry Stevens* (30), publican, born Ludfield, Sussex;
- [2] *Ann Stevens* (31), wife, born Cirencester;
- [3] *Mary Tart* (7), niece, born Cirencester;
- [4] *Ellen Cook* (21), general servant, born Okengates [Oakengates], Shropshire:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/1/1866

"We have the pleasure in reporting the celebration of the annual supper of the Great Western Railway officials and employees of Bilston station. It was held on Friday night, at Mr. *Stevens's*, TALBOT HOTEL, Oxford-street, and the spread was well served up by the proprietor. Mr. Owen was unanimously voted to the chair. The usual toasts, loyal and social, were given and responded to, and the evening passed off in a most agreeable manner. It is gratifying to see theses evidences of good fellowship between the servants of a large Railway Company and the townspeople, and as usual it was pleasant. It must promise well for the traffic of Bilston station. This was the ninth annual anniversary, but it has been held this year, for the first time at Mr. *Stevens's*, whose liberality and attention has insured the continuance of the celebration at his house in future. Several influential townspeople were present. Many really good speeches were made, and some good songs sung. The party broke up about twelve o'clock in an orderly and pleasing manner, with the farewell toast of the 'Ladies,' which was drunk with musical honours."

John Hands = John Hand

1881 Census

11, Oxford Street – TALBOT INN

- [1] *Solomon Bryant* (30), master mariner and licensed victualler, born Bristol;
- [2] *Emma Bryant* (33), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Minnie H. Bryant* (13), daughter, scholar, born Redditch;
- [4] *Mary Wall* (21), general servant, born Bilston:

Evening Express 12/4/1881

“*Solomon Bryant*, landlord of the TALBOT INN, Oxford Street, answered a summons charging him with permitting drunkenness in his house on the 26th ult.

Several police-officers having proved drunkenness in the house on two occasions when visits had been made by them.

Chief Superintendent Longden informed the Stipendiary that the house had been badly conducted while in the hands of the defendant.

The offence was admitted by Mr. R. Willcock (Queen Street, Wolverhampton), who had been engaged to defend, and the defendant was fined 20s and costs.”

Evening Express 10/10/1881 - Advert

“Pianist Wanted. – Apply, TALBOT INN, Oxford Street, Bilston.”

1891 Census

11, Oxford Street – TALBOT INN

[1] *Jethro Powderhill* (54), licensed victualler, born Winchcomb, Gloucestershire;

[2] *Mary Powderhill* (50), wife, born Dublin;

[3] *Charlotte Powderhill* (19), daughter, born Dublin;

[4] *May Powderhill* (5), granddaughter, born West Bromwich:

1901 Census

31, Oxford Street

[1] *Sydney Arthur* (36), publican, born Walsall;

[2] *Harriet E. Arthur* (31), wife, born Walsall;

[3] *Lynda A. Arthur* (8), daughter, born Walsall;

[4] *Nellie Arthur* (7), daughter, born Walsall:

Richard Percy Phipps was fined £2 and costs, on 3rd July 1908, for permitting drunkenness.

He was fined £5 and costs on 28th July 1911, for the same thing.

Sarah Jane Williams married *Arthur Lane* on 28th May 1936.

A team from here took part in the Bilston Crib League, Section A. [1946]

Closed

Demolished

THREE CROWNS

Bridge Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Hall [1861]

THREE CUPS

87, (3), Spring Road, (5, Spring Vale Road), Lanesfield, (Ettingshall), BILSTON

OWNERS

Enoch Ward
Stephen Cole, coal merchant, Ettingshall
Joseph Ward
Atkinsons Ltd. [1935]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Enterprise Inns Ltd. [1991]

LICENSEES

William Ensor [1871]
Joseph Ward [1873] – **1893**;
Lucretia Fanny and Harriet Ward (**1893 – 1894**);
Harriet (Ward) Rolinson (**1894 – 1901**);
Henry Rolinson (**1901 – 1903**);
James Alfred Deakin (**1903**);
William Hindley (**1903 – 1904**);
Aaron Deakin (**1904 – 1905**);
David Lloyd (**1905 – 1906**);
Alexander Paul (**1906 – 1908**);
James Wolverson (**1908 – 1911**);
Ernest Sidney Hentsch (**1911 – 1912**);
George Hassell (**1912 – 1916**);
Enoch Ward (**1916 – 1925**);
William Hendley (**1925 – 1927**);
William Thomas Hickman (**1927 – 1929**);
Robert Victor Fisher (**1929 – 1930**);
William Robert Holland (**1930 – 1932**);
Howard Freeman (**1932 – 1937**);
Mary Ann Mason (**1937 – 1938**);
William Edmund Walker (**1938 – [1940]**)
Fred Owen [1960's]
J M Morgan [1983] – [1989]
Josephine Homer [1995]
Vanessa Harris [2001]
Robert 'Rob' Lee Kevin Gibson [2005] – [2008]



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Spring Vale Road [1871]
3, Spring Road [1881], [1891], [1901]
87, Spring Road

1871 Census

5, Spring Vale Road

- [1] *Joseph Ward* (43), blacksmith, born Wolverhampton;
 - [2] *Lucretia Ward* (47), wife, born Burnington, Herefordshire;
 - [3] *Richard Ward* (21), son, blacksmith's assistant, born Sedgley;
 - [4] *Joseph Ward* (16), son, blacksmith's assistant, born Sedgley;
 - [5] *Enoch Ward* (14), son, blacksmith's assistant, born Sedgley;
 - [6] *Lucretia Ward* (4), daughter, born Sedgley;
 - [7] *Harriet Ward* (1), daughter, born Sedgley;
 - [8] *Jane Morris* (12), general servant, born Leominster, Herefordshire:
- [This has been shown because he was later licensee, as were his children.]
and

3, Spring Vale Road

- [1] *William Ensor* (53), licensed victualler, born Warwickshire;
- [2] *Sarah Ensor* (50), wife, born Mansetten, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Catherine Crowley* (29), daughter, married, born Coventry;
- [4] *Julia Crowley* (5), granddaughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] *William Crowley* (3), grandson, scholar, born Sedgley:

1881 Census

3, Spring Road – THREE CUPS INN

- [1] *Joseph Ward* (53), publican and blacksmith, born Bilston;
- [2] *Lucretia Ward* (56), wife, born Billington (?), Herefordshire;
- [3] *Joseph Ward*, (26), son, blacksmith and boilermaker, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Enoch Ward* (18), son, blacksmith and sinker, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Lucretia Fanny Ward* (12), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Harriet Ward* (10), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley:

1891 Census

3, Spring Road

- [1] *Joseph Ward* (63), widower, publican, born Goldthorn Hill;
- [2] *Fanny Ward* (22), daughter, born Spring Vale;
- [3] *Harriet Ward* (21), daughter, born Spring Vale;
- [4] *Emma Griffiths* (40), sister, unmarried, housekeeper, born Leintwardine, Herefordshire:

Joseph Ward died on 2nd September 1893.

Harriet Ward married *James Henry Rolinson* on 24th December 1894.

1901 Census

3, Spring Road

- [1] *Henry Rolinson* (31), innkeeper, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Harriet Rolinson* (30), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Lucretia Rolinson* (3), daughter, born Sedgley:

Enoch Ward brewed his own beer.

Black Country Bugle - Pub of the Month

“.....Arthur Dawes, train driver at Dudley Zoo, then told us about *Enoch Ward*, landlord of the THREE CUPS at Lanesfield. It seems that *Enoch* had a heart attack and was carried up to bed. The doctor was sent for, and after a cursory examination pronounced to *Enoch's* daughter, Louise ‘I’m afraid he’s dead, Miss Ward.’ *Enoch* roused up and insisted ‘I bate be jed yet’. To which his daughter, Louise, replied, ‘Shurrup an lie still, feyther, the doctor knows best’.....”

South Staffordshire Times 7/2/1920

“Bilston Licensing Sessions....

During the past year plans had been passed for the reconstruction or alteration of the undermentioned houses; LIMERICK INN, Gornal Wood; BUSH INN, Gornal Wood; 10, Cinder Road, Gornal Wood; and the WOOD CROSS INN, Cinderhill; THREE CUPS INN, Lanesfield; CASTLE INN, Bilston; BULLS HEAD INN, Ettingshall. The reconstruction or alterations in the case of the LIMERICK INN, BUSH INN, 10, Cinder Road, and WOOD CROSS INN, were in hand, but in the case of the other houses had not commenced In the case of the reconstruction of the THREE CUPS and CASTLE INN the contracts had been made in each for reconstruction.”

It was rebuilt in 1921 on an adjacent site.

South Staffordshire Times 10/9/1921

“The old-fashioned and well-known hostelry, the THREE CUPS INN, Lanesfield, near the Rokery, and which had been in the *Ward*’s family for upwards of fifty years, has been taken down and a new up-to-date building has been erected in its place, by Messrs. Atkinson, Aston Park Brewery, Birmingham. It is now tenanted by Mr. *E. Ward*. A courtyard and green have been excellently laid out by Jas. Hy. Green, a well-known landscape gardener of Coventry, and who acted as one of the judges at the Bilston Flower Show. The whole of the stone of which the walls are built was found in the ground when the old foundation was being got out. It points to the possibility of the existence of a monastery centuries ago. The deeper the excavations went the larger they found the stones, which had been fixed by a kind of clay, and at a depth from 14ft they found many forms of fossils.”

South Staffordshire Times 12/11/1921

“A meeting of Coseley Urban District Council was held on Tuesday evening The THREE CUPS INN, Lanesfield. It was resolved that the chairman of the committee and members for Spring Vale Ward be requested to inspect the footpath fronting the above mentioned property.”

Robert Gibson was born c.1970.

J. M. Morgan = *J. M. Morgans*

Express and Star 26/11/2001

“Windows at a Bilston pub were shattered by heat early yesterday after a car parked outside was set alight. The blue Ford Sierra was parked close to the THREE CUPS in Spring Road.

Landlady *Vanessa Harris* said someone barred from the pub had threatened her when he tried to get back in on Saturday night. Someone later threw a bottle through a window.”

It had two darts teams, a pool team, and a Sunday football team. [2008]

It closed in 2009.

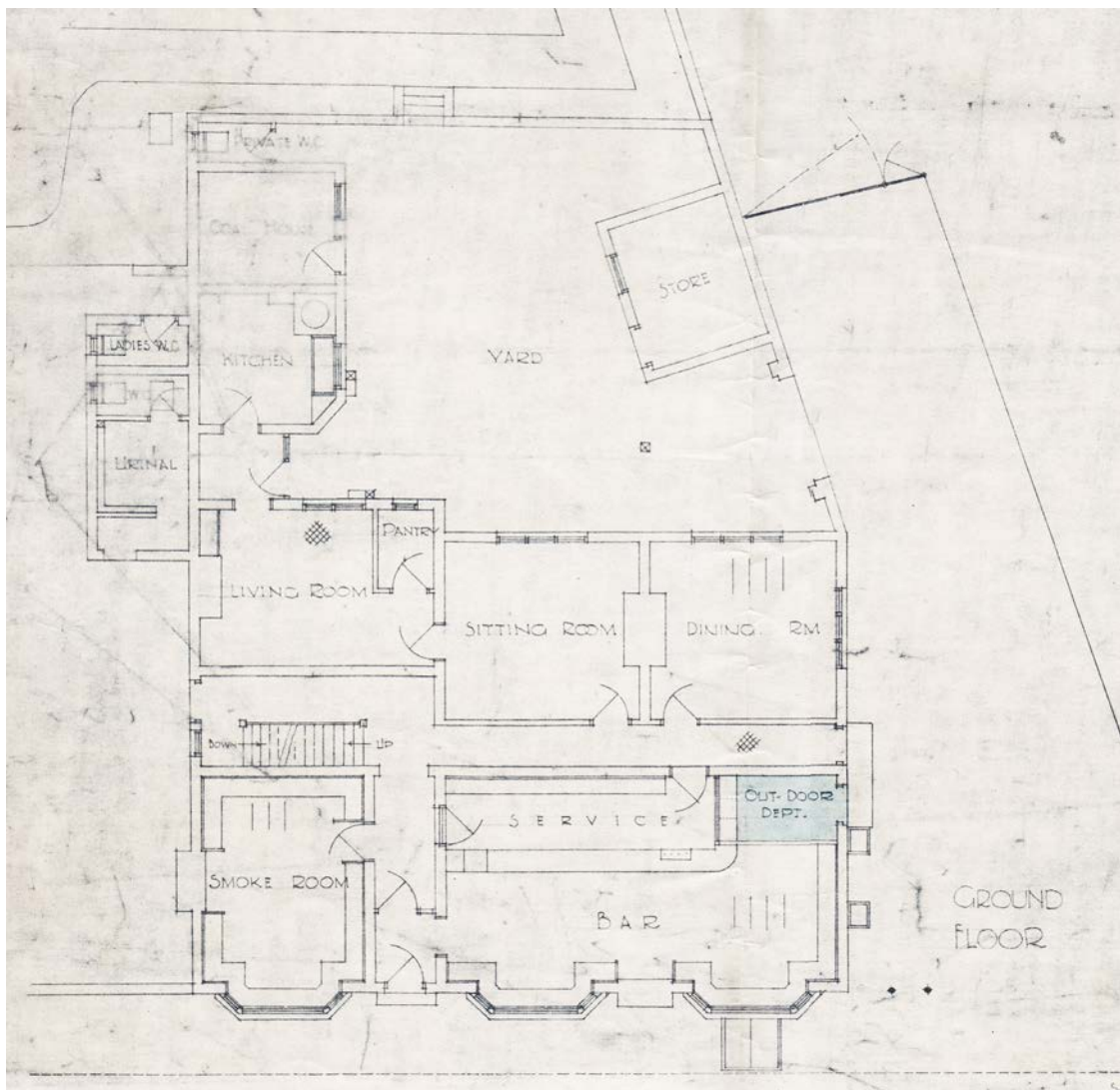
An arson attack took place in an upstairs bedroom in March 2009.

It reopened

[2016]



2016



Plans 1935

THREE HORSESHOES

Broad Lane, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Skidmore [1866]

NOTES

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:–

Bilston Division, August 31st, 1866.

‘I beg to submit to the Magistrates the attached list of licensed victuallers who have been complained about during the year. Twenty-five have been convicted, and three have paid costs; one had been convicted three times and five twice. This is a large increase on last year’s list; but I think it has arisen from the police being more particular in reporting cases of permitting drunkenness – as it was found to be an evil rather on the increase. I believe it has caused landlords to be more careful in supplying drink to persons intoxicated.’

H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

John Skidmore, THREE HORSE SHOES, Broad Lane, Bilston granted.....”

THREE HORSESHOES

65, (28), Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Joseph Howell, greengrocer, Lichfield Street, Bilston
Richard Hyde, licensed victualler, Compton Road, Wolverhampton
Messrs. Millward Brothers, maltsters, Lea Brook, Wednesbury
Holt Brewery Co. Ltd.
Ansells Ltd.

LICENSEES

Elizabeth Bate [1858]
James Nash [1865] – [1868]
William Rogers [1871]
Thomas James Hall [] – **1873**);
William Attwood (**1873 – 1875**);
Thomas Legg (**1875 – 1879**);
Lucy Legg (**1879 – 1885**);
Clara Howell (**1885 – 1886**);
William Bladon (**1886 – 1888**);
Sarah Hill (**1888**);
George Garratt (**1888**);
Ralph Smith (**1888 – 1889**);
Thomas Bernard Edwards (**1889 – 1890**);
Arthur Ray (**1890 – 1891**);
John Horton (**1891 – 1892**);
John Halford (**1892 – 1894**);
Jemima Done (**1894 – 1895**);
Joseph Allport (**1895 – 1896**);
Edward Palmer (**1896 – 1897**);
Stratford Harrie Callon (?) (**1897 – 1898**);
Richard Plumer Wilson (**1898 – 1906**);
Mrs. Eliza Wilson (**1906 – 1913**);
Mary Jemima Bott (**1913 – 1914**);
Charles Dickenson (**1914**);
George William Newbould (**1914 – 1915**);
Samuel Doughty (**1915 – 1920**);
William Roberts (**1920**);
Titus Horton (**1920 – 1921**);
Mrs. Hannah Wright (**1921 – 1930**);
John Plasher (**1930 – 1933**);
Mrs. Naomi Southall (**1933** – [1940]
J Lines [1976]

NOTES

28, Oxford Street [1865], [1871], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896]
65, Oxford Street [1901], [1904], [1912], [1921], [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

HORSE SHOES [1871]

Elizabeth Bate, beerhouse, 28, Oxford Street. [1858]

James Nash, beer retailer, 28, Oxford Street. [1865], [1868]

1871 Census

28, Oxford Street – HORSE SHOES INN

- [1] *William Rogers* (58), locksmith and beer seller, born Shropshire;
- [2] *Mary Rogers* (57), wife, born Kidderminster;
- [3] *Elizabeth Jones* (23), daughter, born Willenhall;
- [4] *Emma Hall* (19), daughter, born Willenhall;
- [5] *Edward Rogers* (17), son, locksmith, born Willenhall;
- [6] *Mary Rogers* (15), daughter, born Willenhall;
- [7] *James Jones* (3), nephew, born Bilston;
- [8] *Mary J. Jones* (2), niece, born Bilston;
- [9] *Charles Hanson* (36), boarder, cordwainer, born Bilston:

Thomas Legg died in 1879.

1881 Census

28, Oxford Street – THREE HORSE SHOES

- [1] *Lucy Legg* (50), widow, publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *John Legg* (16), son, bucket maker, born Bilston;
- [3] *George H. Legg* (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Nelly Legg* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Sarah Jane Smith* (12), niece, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *James Wedge* (26), son in law, shearer in iron works, born Bilston;
- [7] *Lucy Wedge* (23), daughter, wife, born Bilston:

Evening Express 10/6/1881

“*Lucy Legg*, landlady of the THREE HORSE SHOES INN, Oxford Street, Bilston, was charged with having sold some ale during prohibited hours on the night of 4th instant.

Police-constable Wilson stated that he was on duty in Oxford Street on the night in question, about 12.45, when he saw a man and a woman up an entry adjoining the THREE HORSE SHOES. The woman was carrying the can produced, which contained a small quantity of ale. When she saw him she went back into the entry, and fell down, another woman, coming up at the time, falling over her, and he (witness) also falling. When he caught hold of the can it did not contain much ale, but when he examined the entry he found that some of it had been spilled there. The house was open at the back. *Lucy Legg* said the house was open because she was waiting for her son and another young man to come home by the last train. She denied the can belonged to her, or that she filled any ale in it after 11 o'clock. She also denied having fallen down.

Ann Holmes, the woman who carried the can, and daughter of the defendant, said she lived in Stone Street. The can was hers, and she had gone across to the back premises of her mother for some steam water for her sister, who was ill. The can had contained some ale, which she obtained before closing time, and it had not been washed when she took it for some water, and it might have had a little ale left in the bottom.

The Bench thought there was some doubt in the matter, and gave her the benefit of it. The case was dismissed. Mr. Bowen defended.”

1891 Census

28, Oxford Street – THREE HORSE SHOES

- [1] *John Horton* (58), publican, born Tipton, lost one eye;
- [2] *Mary Horton* (55), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Frank Horton* (20), son, labourer in gas tube works, born Bilston;
- [4] *Benjamin Horton* (18), son, labourer in gas tube works, born Bilston;
- [5] *Minnie Horton* (13), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Sarah Hunston* (17), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Joseph Allport was convicted on 25th February 1896 for permitting gaming on licensed premises.

Richard Plumer Wilson was convicted on 8th February 1895 for permitting drunkenness.

1901 Census

65, Oxford Street

- [1] *Richard P. Wilson* (35), brewer and beerhouse keeper, born Redditch;
- [2] *Eliza Wilson* (32), wife, born Walworth, London:

Richard Plumer Wilson died on 16th July 1906.

1911 Census

Oxford Street – THREE HORSE SHOES INN

- [1] *Eliza Wilson* (43), widow, brewer and beerhouse keeper, born Newington, London;
- [2] *Ellen Adelaide Wilson* (13), daughter, school, born Marylebone, London;
- [3] *Matilda Holmes* (45), sister, unmarried, helps in business, born Newington, London;
- [4] *Emily Fullwood* (19), general servant, born Bilston:

Mrs. Eliza Wilson, beer retailer, 65, Oxford Street. [1912]

A team from here took part in the Bilston Charity Darts League. [1946]

A team from here took part in the Bilston Crib League, Section B. [1946]

It closed in 1984.

It was demolished circa 1987.

THREE TUNS

55, (35), Bridge Street / Queen Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas Shale
William Shale
Clara Shale
George Henry Harbach
Charles Darby, Dunkirk Brewery, Greets Green, West Bromwich
Darby's Brewery Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Shale Snr. [1858] – **1896**);
William Shale and Thomas Shale Jnr. (**1896 – 1902**);
William Shale (**1902 – 1906**);
Mrs. Clara Shale (**1906 – 1914**);
Clara Harbach (**1914**);
George Henry Harbach (**1914 – 1926**);
Thomas Leonard Moorwood (**1926 – 1927**);
Thomas Bailey (**1927 – 1931**);
John Harold Poynton (**1931 – 1939**);
Horace John Saxon (**1939 – [1940]**)
A R Bennett [1983]

NOTES

35, Bridge Street [1864], [1865], [1870], [1871], [1873], [1881], [1892], [1901]
55, Bridge Street [1912], [1916], [1921]
Queen Street [1940]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1858

“Mr. Waterhouse appeared to make application for a license for the THREE TUNS, Bridge Street, Bilston, kept by Mr. *Thomas Shale*. Mr. Waterhouse stated that the house was situated nearly opposite the works of Mr. David Jones. There were two or three other licensed houses in the same street, but the applicant's premises were some distance off, and possessed much superior accommodation. There was no opposition. After some deliberation the Bench decided to postpone their decision until the adjourned day.”

1861 Census

Bridge Street

- [1] *Thomas Shale* (43), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Shale* (40), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] *William Shale* (10), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Thomas Shale* (7), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Eliza Jane Shale* (5), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Prudence Beckett* (17), house servant, born Willenhall:

1871 Census

35, Bridge Street

- [1] *Thomas Shale* (53), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Shale* (52), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] *William Shale* (20), son, apprentice joiner, born Bilston;
- [4] *Thomas Shale* (17), son, iron worker, forge, born Bilston;
- [5] *Eliza Jane Shale* (15), daughter, scholar, born Bilston:

Wednesbury Herald 28/8/1880

“On Monday night, Mr. W. H. Phillips (Coroner) held an inquest at the THREE TUNS INN, Bilston, on the body of James Crook (50), wheelwright, of Church Street, who was run over by a brake belonging to Mr. Riley of Wednesbury.

The evidence showed that on Saturday the workmen in the employ of Mr. Henry Smith, contractor, West Bromwich had been having a trip to Bridgnorth, and on returning through Bilston, about nine o’clock at night, the deceased was knocked down whilst crossing Oxford Street, and run over. He was removed home, but died a few minutes afterwards. It was admitted that he had had a quantity of beer during the evening, and the witness stated that he paid no attention when the driver called out to him. It was impossible for the driver to pull up in time to prevent the accident.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Evening Express 9/2/1881

“On Monday afternoon an inquest was held before W. H. Phillips, Esq, coroner, at the THREE TUNS INN, Bridge Street, Bilston, touching the death of an infant child of a woman named Elizabeth Bartley, of the same street, which died on Sunday.

The child was in health up to Saturday night, when its mother put it to bed, and on the following morning, at half past seven, on waking up she found the infant dead by her side.

A verdict of Died by Accidental Overlaying was returned.”

1881 Census

35, Bridge Street – THREE TUNS INN

- [1] *Thomas Shale* (62), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Shale* (60), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *William Shale* (30), son, joiner (out of employ), born Bilston;
- [4] *Thomas Shale* (27), son, butcher (out of employ), born Bilston:

1891 Census

35, Bridge Street – THREE TUNS INN

- [1] *Thomas Shale* (73), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Shale* (69), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] *William Shale* (40), son, carpenter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Thomas Shale* (37), son, butcher, born Bilston:

Thomas Shale Snr. died in 1896.

1901 Census

35, Bridge Street – THREE TUNS INN

- [1] *William Shale* (50), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Clara Shale* (46), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Thomas Shale* (47), brother, licensed victualler, born Bilston:

Thomas Shale Jnr. died in 1902.

William Shale died on 18th June 1906.

1911 Census

Bridge Street – THREE TUNNS INN

- [1] *Clara Shale* (56), widow, publican (licensed victualler), born Bilston;
- [2] *Beatrice Westmorland* (18), niece, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Eveline Westmorland* (16), niece, milliner (shop assistant), born Chorley, Lancashire:

George Harbach brewed here.

A team from here won the Bilston Comforts Fund Darts League in 1946.

Teams from here took part in the Bilston Crib League. [1946]

[1988] ?

Closed [1988]

Demolished [1998]

TIGER

Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Edward Salt [1845] – [1850]

TOWN HALL STORES

36, Church Street, (High Street), BILSTON

OWNERS

Edward Pearson, farmer, Oakengates
William Hanson Deakin, confectioner / licensee, Bilston
Major George Cox, brewer, Bilston
John Rolinson and Son Ltd. (leased from 1909)
Harmer and Co. Ltd.
Atkinsons Brewery Ltd., Aston Park Brewery, Birmingham
Peter Walker and Co. Ltd., 81, Colmore Road, Birmingham

LICENSEES

James Joseph Darnell [1873] – **1880**);
William Hanson Deakin **(1880 – 1894)**;
Sarah Susannah Oliver **(1894 – 1896)**;
John Bennett **(1896 – 1897)**;
Sarah Susannah Bennett **(1897 – 1898)**;
William Charles Deakin **(1898 – 1899)**;
William Henry Dexter **(1899 – 1901)**;
Herbert Henry Goodwin **(1901)**;
Charles Beynon **(1901 – 1909)**;
Richard Henry Bennett **(1909 – 1910)**;
Mrs. Elizabeth Baldwin **(1910 – 1912)**;
Richard Henry Bettelly **(1912 – [1940]**

NOTES

It was opposite to the Town Hall.

It was known locally as "Betley's".

It had a beerhouse license.

Sarah Susannah Oliver married John Bennett.

Charles Beynon was married to Clara.

1911 Census

TOWN HALL STORES

- [1] James Baldwin (55), house painter, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Elizabeth Baldwin* (55), wife, married 33 years, manageress of beerhouse, born Newport, Monmouthshire;
- [3] Charles Ernest Baldwin (28), son, barman, born West Bromwich;
- [4] William McParry (15), adopted son, china packer, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Emily O'Brien (59), visitor, housekeeper, born Burton on Trent;
- [6] Edward Leadbetter (30), boarder, engine fitter, born Dudley;

Mrs. Elizabeth Baldwin, beer retailer, 36, Church Street. [1912]

South Staffordshire Times 28/2/1920 - Advert

“A Highly Important sale by Auction of Seven Licensed Properties finely situated in the heart of the Black Country – All Freehold.

By Order of Major G. Cox. Esq., with Possession On Completion.

The Ante '60 Beer Houses known as:

The STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT, Darlaston

The FORGE HAMMER, Lanesfield.

The TOWNHALL STORES, Bilston.

The ROYAL EXCHANGE, Bilston.

And Building Land near to the FORGE HAMMER, Lanesfield.

Solicitors: Messrs. Hall, Pratt and Pritchard, Bilston.”

A music license was granted on 3rd March 1928.

It closed circa 1965.

It is now a shop.



Ex Pub 2016

TRAVELLERS REST

Spring Vale Wharf, Millfields Road, (Union Street), (Catchems Corner), BILSTON

OWNERS

Samuel Sellman, timber merchant, Penn
Harriet Frances Sellman, Penn
Alice Westwood

LICENSEES

Isaac Bayliss [1861] – **1878**);
Joseph Westwood (**1878 – 1896**);
Mrs. Jane (Westwood) Gough (**1896 – 1906**);
Miss Alice E Westwood (**1906 – [1940]**)

NOTES

Union Street [1871], [1881]
Millfields Road [1901]
Spring Vale Wharf [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

Isaac Bayliss = Isaac Baylis

1861 Census

Back of Mill Street – TRAVELLERS REST

- [1] *Isaac Baylis* (46), publican, born Upton on Severn;
- [2] *Olivia Baylis* (39), wife, born Upton on Severn;
- [3] *William James Baylis* (18), son, no profession, born Upton on Severn;
- [4] *Fanny Baylis* (20), daughter, born Upton on Severn;
- [5] *William James Baylis* (1), son, born Bilston:

1871 Census

Union Street

- [1] *Isaac Bayliss* (55), publican, master, born Upton on Severn, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Eliza Bayliss* (48), wife, born Hanley Castle, Worcestershire;
- [3] *William J. T. Bayliss* (11), grandson, scholar, born Bilston:

1881 Census

Union Street – TRAVELLERS REST

- [1] *Joseph Westwood* (57), labourer in furnace yard and beerhouse keeper, born Gospel End;
- [2] *Sarah Westwood* (54), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Joseph Westwood* (23), son, schoolmaster (Board school), born Sedgley;
- [4] *Mary Ann Westwood* (21), daughter, born Millfields;
- [5] *Jane Westwood* (18), daughter, born Millfields;
- [6] *Alice E. Westwood* (13), daughter, scholar, born Millfields;
- [7] *Sarah Westwood* (9), daughter, scholar, born Millfields;
- [8] *Ellen E. Westwood* (12), daughter, scholar, born Millfields:

Jane Westwood married Mr. Gough in 1892.

1901 Census

Millfields Road

- [1] Joseph Gough (35), ironworker, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Jane Gough* (35), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] Alice Gough (3), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] Harold Gough (2), son, born Bilston;
- [5] Ellen Gough (10 months), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] Sarah Phillips (14), niece, born Bilston:

1911 Census

Millfields – TRAVELLERS REST

- [1] *Alice E. Westwood* (43), unmarried, innkeeper, born Millfields;
- [2] Ellen E. Westwood (42), sister, assistant, born Millfields;
- [3] Sarah Westwood (39), sister, assistant, born Millfields;
- [4] Alice M. Gough (18), niece, school, born Millfields:

A team from here took part in the Bilston Crib League, Section A. [1946]

TRUMPET

58, (57a), (56), High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Sarah Vaughan, beerhouse keeper, West Bromwich
William Fellows (acquired in 1861 for £160)
James Lawley, coal merchant (acquired in 1868 for £350)
Bruford and Co. Ltd., brewers, Wolverhampton [1888]
J. and J. Yardley and Co. Ltd. (acquired in 1899 for £680)
William Swan
Alice Swan
Herbert Beach, furniture dealer, Thornbury, Wolverhampton Road, Bilston
James Hewitson, High Street, Bilston
Holdens Brewery Co. Ltd. (acquired in 1970)

LICENSEES

Joseph Fellows [1833] – [1851]
Mary Lester [1858]
Joseph Cross [1871] – [1872]
William Fellows [] – **1877** (?)
Joseph Grise [1873] – **1877**;
James Lawley (**1877**);
James Turner (**1877 – 1879**);
Benjamin Rhodes (**1879 – 1880**);
John Atkin (**1880 – 1884**);
Maria Atkin (**1884 – 1891**);
Thomas Edmunds (**1891 – 1899**);
William Hassell (**1899 – 1900**);
John Thomas Unitt (**1900 – 1901**);
William Edwards (**1901 – 1902**);
George Hassell (**1902 – 1903**);
James Breedon (**1903**);
William Swan (**1903 – 1915**);
Mrs. Alice Swan (**1915 – 1929**);
Arannah Charles Lewis (**1929**);
Bert Wilson (**1929 – 1935**);
Harry Porter (**1935 – 1936**);
Joseph James Llewelyn (**1936 – 1937**);
Lottie Rose Llewelyn (**1937 – 1938**);
Joseph Thomas Dilger (**1938 – [1940]**)
Les Megson (**1965 – 1983**);
Ethel Megson (**1983**);
Anthony William 'Tony' Swinnerton (**1983 – 1985**);
Robert Francis Conway (**1985 – 1990**);
Catherine M Duffy (**1990 – [1995]**)
Rob Clee (**2000 – []**)
Mrs. Ann Smith [2005]
Musti Bouameur (**2006 – [2010]**)



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12.00pm - 3.00pm
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Programme for May 2000**

Monday 1st Reg Keirle & Musti	Tuesday 2nd Blue Train jazz band	Wednesday 3rd Nova Bounce
Thursday 4th R.S.J.	Monday 8th Reg Keirle & Musti	Tuesday 9th Mell Hill & Archie Cotterill
Wednesday 10th Dutch Lewis & Archie Cotterill	Thursday 11th Phill Spapiro & All That Jazz	Friday 12th Swing Parade
Saturday 13th Central City Jazzmen	Sunday 14th Green Haze Jazz Men	Monday 15th Reg Keirle & Musti
Tuesday 16th S. Placito, J. Sparry, B. Watts	Wednesday 17th The Chase Jazz Men	Thursday 18th Bank ST Syncopators
Friday 19th Swing Parade	Saturday 20th Apex Jazz Band & Barbara	Sunday 21st Trent Valley Stompers
Monday 22nd Reg Keirle & Musti	Tuesday 23rd The Diane Edwards Jazz Band	Wednesday 24th Keith Bill Trio
Thursday 25th Mike Owens Woodland Jazz Band	Friday 26th Swing Parade	Saturday 27th Frank Bells Swing 5
Sunday 28th Terry Roberts & Archie Cotterill	Monday 29th Reg Keirle & Musti	Tuesday 30th Mell Hill's Jazz Junction
Wednesday 31st Phill Spapiro & All That Jazz	Bilston Charity Jazz Festival 22nd of July ask at bar fordetails	
Trumpet Polo Shirts on sale now! Ask at bar for detail	Sunday Lunchtimes: Pacitto, Keirle & Guests	

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NOTES

56, High Street [1871]

57a, High Street

58, High Street

It was originally called BUTCHERS ARMS

It was originally a butcher's shop, slaughterhouse and stable converted by William Fellows. (?)

It was known locally as the "Trumpet".

It had a beerhouse license.

Joseph Fellows, retail brewer, High Street. [1833]

Joseph Fellows, retailer of beer, High Street. [1835]

Joseph Fellows, beer retailer, High Street. [1849], [1850]

1851 Census

High Street

[1] *Joseph Fellows* (61), retail brewer, born Bilston;

[2] *Ann Fellows* (63), wife, born Belbroughton;

[3] *Fanny Fellows* (16), house servant, born Belbroughton:

Mary Lester, beer retailer, 58, High Street. [1858]

1871 Census

56, High Street

[1] *Joseph Cross* (42), butcher and licensed victualler, born Bilston;

[2] *Fanny Cross* (31), wife, born Bilston;

[3] *Sarah Cross* (9), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;

[4] *Hariett Cross* (11), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;

[5] *Mary Evans* (16), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Joseph Cross, beer retailer and butcher, 58, High Street. [1872]

Midland Counties Evening Express 29/5/1875

"The following are among the announcements of liquidations, by arrangement in last night's Gazette *Joseph Cross*, High Street, Bilston, beerhouse and eating house keeper. First meeting at the offices of Mr. Barnes, Mount Pleasant, Bilston, June 19th at 3."

The name was changed to ROYAL EXCHANGE in 1877.

1881 Census

High Street – ROYAL EXCHANGE

[1] *John Atkin* (32), beerhouse keeper, born Stockport, Cheshire;

[2] *Maud Atkin* (46), wife, born Stockport, Cheshire:

John Atkin died on 14th January 1884.

1891 Census

High Street – ROYAL EXCHANGE

- [1] *Maria Atkins* (sic) (56), widow, publican, born Ashton under Lyne, Lancashire;
- [2] *Richard Hawkins* (50), boarder, widower, agent to British Worker, born Bilston;
- [3] *Hannah Hawkins* (27), boarder, book keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *Sarah Hawkins* (25), boarder, dressmaker, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *Thomas Hawkins* (16), boarder, manufacturer's clerk, born Wednesbury;
- [6] *Edith M. Hawkins* (15), boarder, dressmaker, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Jane Glover* (19), domestic servant, born Wednesbury;

Thomas Edmunds, beer retailer, 57a, High Street. [1896]

1901 Census

High Street

- [1] *George Hassell* (50), colliery engine driver and publican, born Sedgley;
 - [2] *Mary Ann Hassell* (50), wife, born Sedgley;
 - [3] *Gertrude Hassell* (24), daughter, born Sedgley;
 - [4] *George Hassell* (22), son, engine driver (loco), born Sedgley;
 - [5] *Mary Ann Hassell* (19), daughter, born Sedgley;
 - [6] *Edith Hassell* (17), daughter, born Sedgley;
 - [7] *Amelia Hassell* (15), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [George did not hold the license until 1902.]

1911 Census

High Street

- [1] *William Swan* (48), iron plate worker, born Bilston;
- [2] *Alice Swan* (48), wife, married 29 years, born Tewkesbury;
- [3] *John Swan* (20), son, tram conductor;
- [4] *George Swan* (14), son, butcher's;
- [5] *Maude Swan* (12), daughter;
- [6] *Elsie Mary Swan* (10), daughter;
- [7] *Sarah Ann Potts* (23), servant;
- [8] *William Collins* (30), boarder, bricklayer;

William Swan died on 1st October 1915.

William Swan – see also GEORGE AND DRAGON.

Harry Porter was fined £5 and special costs of £7 7s 0d, on 20th August 1935, for aiding and abetting to consume beer during prohibited hours.

Lottie Rose Llewelyn died on 28th January 1938.

Express And Star 2/4/1983

'Jazz With The Landlord And A Half'

".....which often sees bemused visitors wandering around Bilston High Street asking "Do you know a pub called the Trumpet?"

When *Les Megson* took over the license of the ROYAL EXCHANGE in 1965 it had yet another name. BAD.

Its reputation was so low that the pub couldn't boast a single regular customer. Often a whole night would pass by without Les seeing a soul. With nothing to lose, he decided to enjoy himself in solitude as best he could. "I have been a jazz fan since the age of ten, and I had an old gramophone and a stack of records which I'd collected. It was nothing like the gear of today, there were no speakers or anything, but I just started to blast out the jazz."

Fortunately for Les, someone passing by heard some of his favourite music and popped into the pub for a drink, a listen and a chat. It was none other than pianist, jazzman and comedian *Tommy Burton* - and that chance meeting saw a change in the fortunes of the Trumpet Before long, jazz fans from around Wolverhampton were packing

the place out to hear a combination of Tommy, Les's collection of jazz records, and occasional visits from other jazzmen in the area Sadly for Bilston, and jazz fans everywhere, Les is retiring soon - but he's leaving his pictures, the ceiling records, and 100 of his specially recorded tapes to his successor, *Tony Swinnerton*, his head barman, who has worked in the pub for the past 12 years....."

A full license was granted on 7th January 1966.

Les Megson died.

The front of the building was replaced in 1988, due to rotting timbers.

Rob Clee was born in Bilston.

He was married to Julie.

The name was changed to the TRUMPET. [2006]

[2016]



c.1980s



2016

TURKS HEAD

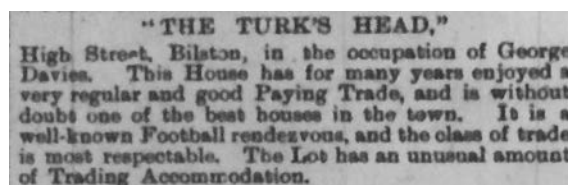
11, (6), (4), (5), High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

John Caddick, gentleman, Handsworth
Colonel Tudor, Wolverhampton
Samuel Burrows
Belle and Co., brewers, Burton on Trent
J. and J. Yardley and Co. Ltd.
Thomas Salt and Co. Ltd.
William Butlers and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Hannah Price [1818]
Thomas Nagington [1822] – [1830]
Joseph Price [1833] – [1842]
John Caddick [1841] – [1851]
William Stretton [1851]
Samuel King [1854]
George Reade [1860] – [1861]
Thomas Leahy [1868] – [1870]
George Legg [1871] – **1876**;
Richard Lell (**1876 – 1877**);
Thomas Heighway (**1877 – 1881**);
Samuel Burrows (**1881 – 1897**);
Nathan Ecclestone (**1897 – 1898**);
Arthur Wright (**1898 – 1899**);
Frank Torr (**1899 – 1900**);
George Davies (**1900 – 1901**);
Thomas Clark (**1901 – 1902**);
Samuel James Plimmer (**1902 – 1911**):



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NOTES

5, High Street [1868], [1870], [1872]
4, High Street [1871], [1874], [1881]
6, High Street [1873], [1896], [1904]
11, High Street [1901]

It had a full license.

Joseph Price and *John Caddick* both appear in the same Directory in 1841.

1851 Census

High Street – TURKS HEAD Fold

- [1] *John Caddick* (35), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elizabeth Ralph* (75), aunt, widow, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Mary Ann Stokes* (19), house servant, born Bilston:

Thomas Leahy was fined 60s and costs for permitting drunkenness in June 1868.

1871 Census

4, High Street – TURKS HEAD INN

- [1] *George Legg* (45), master boiler maker employing 13 men and 2 boys, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elizabeth Legg* (28), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *John Legg* (18), son, coal miner, born Bilston;
- [4] *Richard Legg* (17), coal miner, born Bilston;
- [5] *Murray Legg* (15), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Sarah Legg* (10), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Eleanor Legg* (7), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [8] *George Legg* (4), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [9] *James Legg* (2), son, born Bilston:

1881 Census

4, High Street

- [1] *Thomas Heighway* (66), publican, born Ironbridge, Shropshire;
- [2] *Sarah Heighway* (60), wife, born Coseley;
- [3] *Joseph Maybury* (25), nephew, ironworks roller, born Deepfields;
- [4] *William Maybury* (24), nephew, iron bedstead maker, born Deepfields;
- [5] *Sarah Ann Gough* (15), general servant, born Bilston:

1891 Census

High Street – TURKS HEAD

- [1] *Samuel Burrows* (56), publican, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Sarah Burrows* (49), wife, born Ettingshall;
- [3] *Emma Edwards* (15), domestic servant, born Ladymoor:

George Davies = *George Davis*

County Express 29/12/1900 - Advert

“Rowley, Windmill End, Netherton, and Bilston.

Large And Very Important Sale of Freehold Licensed Houses, The value of which cannot be over-estimated, situate in the midst of the above great Industrial centres, and necessarily surrounded by a large Working Class Population. To Brewers, Wine & Spirit Merchants, Maltsters, and Others.

Herbert Humphries, F.A.I., has the privilege of announcing that he has been especially instructed to Offer By Public Auction, at the DUDLEY ARMS HOTEL, Dudley, on Tuesday, January 15th, 1901, at 6.30 o'clock, subject to conditions then to be read:—.....

Lot 10.— That exceptionally good, Old-established, Fully-Licensed Inn and Premises, The TURKS HEAD, High Street, Bilston, in the occupation of *George Davies*. This House has for many years enjoyed a very regular and good Paying Trade, and is without doubt one of the best houses in the town. It is a well-known Football rendezvous, and the class of trade is most respectable. The Lot has an unusual amount of Trading Accommodation.

Remarks.— This sale offers a most exceptional opportunity to Brewers and others of acquiring most valuable Licensed Premises. Each Lot occupies a fine trading position being surrounded by large works, blast furnaces, collieries, brickworks, etc, etc, which gives employment to a dense population.

For further particulars, and to inspect Conditions of Sale, apply to the Auctioneer.

Offices: Brierley Hill and Stourbridge.”

1901 Census

11, High Street

- [1] *George Davis* (38), publican manager for brewery, born Bilston;
- [2] *Harriet Davis* (37), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Florence Davis* (13), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *George Davis* (6), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Jack Davis* (3), son, born Bilston;
- [6] *Edith Bailey* (19), domestic servant, born Bilston:

1911 Census

High Street – TURKS HEAD INN

- [1] *Samuel Plimmer* (36), innkeeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary Ellen Plimmer* (27), wife, married 8 years, assisting in the business, born Bilston;
- [3] *Frances Plimmer* (6), daughter, school, born Bilston;
- [4] *James Plimmer* (2), son, born Bilston:

License refused by Compensation Authority on 6th July 1911.
Compensation of £400 was paid on 16th December 1911.

UNICORN

45, Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Walter Plant and Co. [1864] – [1865]

Walter Plant [1868] – [1875]

NOTES

Walter Plant, spirit vaults, 45, Church Street. [1868], [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

45, Church Street – The UNICORN

[1] Mary Hayes (28), housekeeper, born Birmingham;

[2] Ann Millward (23), barmaid, born Kidderminster;

[3] Thomas George (35) journeyman brewer, born West Bromwich:

UNION

68, (44) Coseley Road, (68, (67), (64), (44), Coseley Street), (Coseley Row), BILSTON

OWNERS

Joseph Mills, ironworker, Union Street, Bilston
Alfred Parrish
Sarah Parrish
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1965]

LICENSEES

George Hyde [1851]
Joseph Hatton [1854]
Richard Lloyd [1858] – [1870]
Thomas Haycock [1871] – **1873**;
Mrs. Sarah Haycock **(1873 – 1875)**;
Alfred Parrish **(1875 – 1912)**;
Sarah Parrish **(1912 – 1913)**;
William Ernest Tomkins **(1913)**;
Thomas Billingham **(1913 – 1934)**;
Frances Harriet Gill **(1934 – 1938)**;
Albert Nathan Gill **(1938)**;
William Brown **(1938 – [1940]**
Ron Drinkwater [] – **1985)**

NOTES

44, Coseley Street [1858], [1861], [1871]
Coseley Street [1861], [1868]
Coseley Row [1873]
44, Coseley Road [1896]
68, Coseley Street [1901]
68, Coseley Road [1912], [1916], [1932], [1940]
67, Coseley Street

UNION TAVERN

UNION INN [1851], [1868]

It was popular with pigeon fanciers.

1851 Census

Coseley Street

- [1] George Hyde (37), miner and publican, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Sarah Hyde (34), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] Richard Hyde (17), son, fitter, born Sedgley;
- [4] George Hyde (9), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] Mary Hyde (8), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [6] Sarah Ann Hyde (6), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [7] Elisabeth Hurst (61), mother in law, annuitant, born Dudley;

Richard Lloyd, licensed victualler, Coseley Street. [1861]

He married *Bertha Bywater*, daughter of *Thomas* (a maltster, St. James Square, Wolverhampton, see also OLD ANCHOR.)

1861 Census

44, Coseley Street

- [1] *Richard Lloyd* (40), victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Bertha Lloyd* (36), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Alice M. Lloyd* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Edith B. Lloyd* (6 months), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Ellen Stokes* (23), servant, born Sheffield:

1871 Census

44, Coseley Street – UNION INN

- [1] *Thomas Haycock* (43), licensed victualler, born Claverley;
- [2] *Sarah Haycock* (38), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Louisa Doyle* (26), domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [4] *Deborah Higgs* (8), niece, scholar, born Bilston:

Thomas Haycock died in 1873.

Alfred Parrish was born in 1833. ?

He was married to *Sarah*. [Was this *Sarah Haycock*?]

She died in 1913.

1881 Census

Coseley Street – UNION INN

- [1] *Alfred Parrish* (36), innkeeper, born Netherton;
- [2] *Sarah Parrish* (46), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sarah E. Wedge* (9), niece, scholar, born Chesterfield;
- [4] *Kelurah Wedge* (28), visitor, born Tideswell, Derbyshire;
- [5] *Flora Wedge* (3), visitor, born Featherstone, Yorkshire;
- [6] *Roland A. Wedge* (1), visitor, born Featherstone, Yorkshire:

1891 Census

Coseley Street – COSELEY INN

- [1] *Alfred Parrish* (46), licensed victualler, born Netherton;
- [2] *Sarah Parrish* (57), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sarah Wedge* (19), niece, born Chesterfield;
- [4] *Gertrude Foster* (11), niece, scholar, born Wolverhampton:

1901 Census

68, Coseley Street

- [1] *Alfred Parrish* (57), publican, born Netherton;
- [2] *Sarah Parrish* (67), wife, born Bilston:

1911 Census

Coseley Street – UNION INN

- [1] *Alfred Parrish* (67), publican, born Netherton;
- [2] *Sarah Parrish* (77), wife, married 36 years, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sarah Holloway* (20), domestic servant, born Coseley:

Thomas Billingham was fined £1 and costs, on 28th April 1916, for selling beer exceeding the measure called for.

It had a boxing booth attached. [1930s]

Thomas Billingham died in 1934.

A team from here took part in the Bilston Crib League, Section B. [1946]

It was subject to a compulsory purchase order in August 1985 and April 1987.

Closed

It was demolished circa 1988.

UNION

44, Union Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard Lloyd [1864] – [1865]

NOTES

Check Coseley Road

UNION MILL

1, Manor Road, (82, Parkfield Road), (Ettingshall lane), (22, Can Lane), Ettingshall, (Catchems Corner), BILSTON

OWNERS

Benjamin Baker
Mary Whitehouse
Henry Clark, beerhouse keeper, BOAT INN, Ettingshall
J. and J. Yardley and Co. Ltd.
Old Wolverhampton Brewery Ltd.
Frank Myatt Ltd.
Ansells Ltd.

LICENSEES

George Ward [1818]
William Russell [1828] – [1830]
Richard Baker [1833]
Edward Charles Baker [1834]
Richard Homer Baker [1835] – [1842]
Edward Charles Baker [1851]
Edward Homer [1851]
Benjamin Homer Baker [1854] – **1885**;
Mary Whitehouse **(1885 – 1887)**;
Edward Baker **(1887 – 1891)**;
Enoch Ward **(1891 – 1899)**;
Frederick Mason **(1899 – 1901)**;
Enoch Ward **(1901 – 1916)**;
Mrs. Ellen Lloyd **(1916 – 1922)**;
Thomas Henry Mason **(1922 – 1924)**;
Ellen Lloyd **(1924 – 1927)**;
Henry Herbert Nuttall **(1927 – 1929)**;
Joseph Marriot **(1929)**;
Frank Victor Price **(1929 – 1934)**;
Mrs. Ellen Lloyd **(1934 – [1940])**

NOTES

Catchems Corner [1828], [1830]
Ettingshall Lane [1833]
82, Parkfield Road [1871]
1, Manor Road [1901]
Parkfield Road [1931]

OLD UNION MILL [1851]

Richard Baker was also a stock locksmith. [1833]

1851 Census

UNION MILL INN

- [1] *Edward C. Baker* (64), widower, innkeeper, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Edward C. Baker* (33), son, commission agent (oil), born Sedgley;
- [3] *Isaiah R. Baker* (38), son, master boot maker, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Catherine E. Baker* (25), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Anne Cope* (22), house servant, born Codnor Park, Derbyshire:

1871 Census

82, Parkfield Road – UNION MILL INN

- [1] *Benjamin H. Baker* (57), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Susannah Baker* (59), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Mary A. Walters* (16), general servant, born Sedgley:

1881 Census

UNION INN

- [1] *Benjamin Homer Baker* (67), widower, licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Whitehouse* (65), sister, widow, house keeper, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Harriet Hale* (18), general servant, born Sedgley:

Benjamin Homer Baker died on 1st April 1885.

1901 Census

1, Manor Road

- [1] *Frederick Mason* (40), licensed victualler, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Janet Mason* (45), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Emily Swann* (24), stepdaughter, hotel waitress, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Arthur Swann* (22), stepson, barman, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Alice Swann* (13), stepdaughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Jenny Downing* (15), stepdaughter, born Oldbury;
- [7] *Norman T. Downing* (6), stepson, born Wolverhampton:

1911 Census

Manor Street

- [1] *Enoch Ward* (48), widower, licensed victualler, born Ettingshall;
- [2] *Lucretia Ward* (20), daughter, born Ettingshall;
- [3] *Elsie Ward* (19), daughter, born Ettingshall;
- [4] *May Ward* (17), daughter, born Ettingshall:

South Staffordshire Times 14/7/1923

“*Thomas Mason*, licensee of the UNION MILL INN, Ettingshall, was summoned for using a room for dancing without having a license; and *Robert Henry Horton*, *Hughes Street*, and *Alfred Ernest Bugg*, of *Wanderers’ Avenue*, *Wolverhampton*, were charged with aiding and abetting.

Mr. Stewart appeared for *Mason*, and *Mr. Hall* for the other defendants.

PC Donnellan said that acting on instructions he visited *Mason’s* house on several occasions in June, and there heard music and dancing. On his first visit he asked *Mason* if he had a license, and he said he had not. Witness told *Mason* that he had better communicate with his firm about it. The dancing continued on various dates, but there had been no application for a license. Witness also asked *Horton* if he had a license, and he said he had not, but that he and *Bugg* had rented the room at 10s per week, and charged people 1s each to go into the room.

Cross-examined by *Mr. Stewart*, witness said *Mason* had always conducted the house itself in a very satisfactory way.

PS Maddox corroborated the other officer’s evidence.

Mason, giving evidence on his own behalf, said he had been at the house nearly two years. He was under the impression that it was not necessary for him to have a license for dancing or he would have taken one out.

In answer to Supt. Higgs, *Mason* admitted that he made a great mistake in not consulting his firm when advised to do so by PC Donnellan.

Horton and Bugg said they simply rented the room from *Mason*, and thought that all the regulations had been complied with.

Mr. Stewart said this was a case of much importance to all licensees in the district, because of the misunderstanding which appeared to exist with regard to music and dancing licenses. The proceedings had been taken under a very old Act, the provisions of which could be either adopted or ignored in respective petty sessional divisions. These provisions had been adopted so far as Bilston and Coseley were concerned, but had not been adopted at Sedgley. Licensees at Sedgley could keep rooms open for music and dancing all night long without infringing the regulations. If *Mason's* house had been in Sedgley about 150 yards from where it was, he could not have had this charge made against him.

The Chairman said that if *Mason* had taken the advice of the constable in the first instance nothing more might have been heard in the matter, but he seemed to have made no inquiries, and took the risk. He would be fined 10s and costs. The other defendants would each have to pay 5s 6d costs."

Ellen Lloyd = Helen Lloyd

South Staffordshire Times 8/3/1924

"The adjourned Licensing Sessions for the Bilston Division were held yesterday, before a full Bench of Justices, Mr. E. Hickman presided....

Mr. Harris (Messrs. Tildesley and Harris) applied on behalf of *Helen Lloyd* for a music and dancing license for the UNION MILL INN, Ettingshall. The room it was proposed to use, he said, was the club room. The applicant had several large clubs meeting at the house, and had had many applications for the facilities she was now asking for. It was felt that it would be a distinct advantage to the people coming to the house if the license was granted.

The applicant stated that the premises were used for supper, smoking concerts, and presentations.

In answer to Supt. Higgs she said the room was on the first storey. There was one staircase only. This was of wood and had two turnings. She thought that in case of panic the staircase would be a safe exit.

Mr. Myatt, on behalf of the owners of the house, said he was willing to provide an emergency exit whenever Supt. Higgs wished it. The house was quite a modern one, and on the point of whether the room was of sufficient strength, he expressed willingness to have the room examined by an experienced architect who should send the magistrates a certificate.

The Justices granted the application conditional upon a second exit being provided and the receipt of an architect's certificate stating that the building was perfectly safe for the purposes required."

[1982]

Closed [1987]

Demolished

VAULTS

5, (3), High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Mary Bache [1858] – [1868]
David Jones Bache [1871]
Miss Mary Bache [1872] – [1873]
John Corbett [1881]

NOTES

3, High Street [1864], [1870], [1871], [1872], [1881]
5, High Street [1873]

Wine and spirit vaults [1864]

Mrs. Mary Bache, spirit vaults, 3, High Street. [1858], [1868]

1871 Census

3, High Street – Wine and Spirit Vaults

- [1] David Jones Bache (73), widower, wine merchant employing 1 man, born Walsall;
- [2] Mary Bache (70), unmarried, sister, annuitant, born Walsall;
- [3] Mary Bache (29), niece, general servant, born Birmingham;
- [4] Agnes Bache (33), niece, general servant, born Walsall;
- [5] Alice Jeavons (17), general servant, born Tettenhall;
- [6] Sarah Stanley (32), general servant, born Bilston:

Miss Mary Bache, spirit vaults, 3, High Street. [1872]

1881 Census

3, High Street

- [1] John Corbett (58), licensed victualler, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [2] Harriet Corbett (57), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] John Corbett (22), son, die sinker, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] Mary Corbett (20), daughter, barmaid, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] Matthew Corbett (18), son, barman, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] Joseph Corbett (15), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] Sarah Turner (27), niece, domestic servant, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] Cecilia Linforth (3), granddaughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton:

VICTORIA

33, Wesley Street, Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Philemon Roberts
Elizabeth (Roberts) Fellows
Arthur Charles Kerrison
Peck and Kerrison [1896]
Bent's Brewery Co. Ltd. [1904]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Bumford [1864] – [1870]
Philemon Roberts [1871] – **1873**;
Elizabeth Roberts (**1873 – 1875**);
William Roberts [1874] (?)
Henry Fellows (**1875 – 1877**);
Charles Clark (**1877 – 1878**);
Edward Nicklin (**1878 – 1879**);
Samuel Busby (**1879 – 1883**);
William Henry Jennings (**1883**);
Margaret Jackson Busby (**1883**);
Arthur Charles Kerrison (**1883 – 1891**);
James Robins (**1891 – 1898**);
Tom Newbold (**1898**);
James Robins (**1898 – 1899**);
Henry Hewitt (**1899 – 1900**);
Henry Morriss (**1900 – 1906**);
John Bullus Beesley (**1906 – 1907**);
William Herbert Chidley (**1907**);
Thomas Kelly (**1907 – 1910**);
Benjamin Thomas Waterhouse (**1910 – 1912**);
Samuel James Plimmer (**1912 – 1913**);
Alfred Davies (**1913 – 1915**);
John Baker (**1915 – 1917**);
William Joseph O'Brien (**1917 – 1920**);
Mrs. Louisa O'Brien (**1920 – 1932**);
Charles Thomas Laight (**1932 – 1934**);
Mary Ann Laight (**1934 – 1935**);
Harold Hinton (**1935 – 1938**);
Archibald Claude Hartill (**1938 – [1940]**)
William Tuft [] – **1953**;
Hinton (**1953 – []**)
Mrs. Jessie Smith (**1962 – 1970**)

NOTES

It was known locally as "Tufty's" or "The Stores"

Wolverhampton Chronicle 4/9/1861

“Applications For New Licenses..... Mr. T. M. Whitehouse applied for a license on behalf of *John Bamford* for a license to the VICTORIA TAVERN, Bradley. The application was opposed by Mr. Waterhouse, and behalf of the landlord of the GREYHOUND INN.

Dudley Herald 27/6/1868

“*John Bumford*, licensed victualler, VICTORIA INN, Wesley Street, Bradley found guilty of beating his wife.....”

[He had already served 3 months for beating his former wife.]

Philemon Roberts = Phileman Roberts

1871 Census

33, Wesley Street

- [1] *Philemon Roberts* (36), victualler and corn dealer, born Tipton;
- [2] Elizabeth Roberts (37), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] Amelia Roberts (11), daughter, scholar, born Darlaston;
- [4] Elizabeth Roberts (6), daughter, scholar, born Darlaston;
- [5] Catherine Roberts (4), daughter, scholar, born Darlaston;
- [6] Ellin Roberts (1), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [7] Elizabeth Lane (19), general servant, born Sedgley;
- [8] John Watkiss (20), wagoner, born Bobbington:

Dudley Herald 27/1/1877 - Notice

“Notice is hereby given that all creditors the estate of *Philemon Roberts*, late of Bradley licensed victualler and corn factor, deceased, who died on the 12th day of May 1873.....”

Midland Counties Evening Express 23/2/1875

“*Elizabeth Roberts*, VICTORIA INN, Bradley, was summoned for permitting gaming in her house on the 30th January.....”

- She was given a warning.

Elizabeth Roberts married *Henry Fellows* in the 2nd quarter of 1875.

Dudley Herald 27/1/1877 - Notice

“Notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the estate of Elizabeth Fellows, late of the VICTORIA INN, Bradley, near Bilston deceased, who died on the 17th day of November 1876, and of whose personal estate Letters of Administration have been granted to *Henry Fellows* of Bradley.....”

Henry Fellows = Henry Fellowes

Midland Counties Evening Express 7/1/1878 - Advert

“General servant wanted – Apply VICTORIA INN, Wesley Street, Bradley, near Bilston.”

1891 Census

33, Wesley Street

- [1] *James Robins* (54), coal miner, born Walsall;
- [2] Ann Robins (56), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] Anne Robins (26), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] Lizzie Dyer (18), servant, born Bilston;
- [5] Violet Lees (5), granddaughter, born Willenhall:

Henry Morriss = Henry Morris

1901 Census

33, Wesley Street

[1] Henry Morriss (34), publican, manager B. Co, born Stourbridge;

[2] Emily Morriss (35), wife, born Wolverhampton;

[3] Dorothy Morriss (7), daughter, born Wolverhampton;

[4] Frederick H. Morriss (5), son, born Wolverhampton;

[5] William T. Morriss (3), son, born Wolverhampton;

[6] Samuel Morriss (4 months), son, born Sedgley:

South Staffordshire Times 2/8/1924

“The first annual outing in connection with the Social Club, held at the STORES INN, Bradley (Mrs. *O'Brien*) took place on Saturday afternoon, and was a great success. The party was conveyed by char-a-banc to Bridgnorth. Although the weather was unpropitious at the start, it cleared up beautifully during the latter part of the day. After a pleasant ride, a stop was made at Trysull, where an alfresco lunch was partaken of. The destination was reached at 4.30, and a substantial tea was enjoyed at the George Hotel. At the conclusion of the repast, Mr. V. Tunncliffe proposed and Mr. H. Morris seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Griffiths (proprietor), for his commendable catering, alluding felicitously to the satisfaction he had given. The host suitably responded, and thanked them for their kind expressions. The visitors were subsequently photographed outside the hotel. A convivial hour was spent, songs being creditably contributed by Messrs. W. Spittle, T. Thompson, R. Piper, and H. Taylor, whose items received quite an ovation. Mr. J. Downs discharged efficiently the dual duties of soloist and accompanist. The top town received a visit, and a pleasant stroll was taken round the river. After extracting as much pleasure as possible during their limited stay, a start was made for home, which was reached at 9.30, where harmony was again indulged in by members of the Social. The outing, which was of a typical Black Country character was a signal success from every standpoint.”

Black Country Bugle (June 1988)

“.....Nevertheless regulars at the Stores (the VICTORIA INN) during the 1920s were quite used to seeing a duck waddling between the bar stools This feathered friend was a pet of ‘Letty’ Gittings who lived at the pub Her son, Frank, was born at the pub in 1910 Frank, his mother Letty and his grandmother *Louisa O'Brien* all lived at the Stores.”

Charles Thomas Laight died in 1934.

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

A team from here took part in the Bradley Darts League, Second Division. [1946]

It closed in the early 1960s. ?

It was demolished circa 1970.

VILLIERS ARMS

Villiers Avenue, (Villiers Square) / Froggatt Road, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1946]
Enterprise Inns Ltd. [1991]
John Denston (acquired in 2009)

LICENSEES

William Moakler **(1926 – 1939);**
James Goodall **(1939 – [1940]**
Mabel Goodall []
K Foster [1989]
Miss Tracey Crook [1995] – [2005]
Sharon Dickens [2005]
Wayne Dicken [2009] manager
Lesley and David Hughes [c.2009]

NOTES

Villiers Square [1990], [2009]
Villiers Avenue

Bilston & Willenhall Times 28/2/1925

“Much interest has been taken for some months in the question of whether a licensed house should be erected on the Green Lanes estate, where council houses stand. Some of the residents are in favour, others are not. Notices, however, have been published of the intention of Messrs. Butler and Co. Ltd., to apply at the adjourned Licensing Sessions at Bilston on March 6th for the transfer of the license of the WELLINGTON INN, Price St., Bilston to a house and premises proposed to be erected at Villiers Square, Villiers Avenue, which is part of the Green Lanes estate. Local temperance workers are likely to oppose the application.”

Bilston & Willenhall Times 11/4/1925

“The Staffordshire County Licensing Committee met at Stafford on Saturday, when an application was made by Cyril Tom Wynn, brewer’s traveller, on behalf of Messrs. Butler and Co., for provisional grant of removal of the license of the WELLINGTON INN, Price Street, Bilston, to new premises to be erected in Villiers Square, Bilston, to be known as the VILLIERS ARMS.

Mr. F. O. Langley, who appeared in support of the application, said that confirmation of the action of the Bilston Justices in agreeing to the proposal was sought. He contended that Bilston, with a population of 30,000, was entitled to a new hotel, and it would be located in a new suburb, which was rapidly growing with estate development. There was only one bedroom in the present hotel accommodation in the town. In addition to the WELLINGTON INN, the brewery company was prepared to give up a second licensed house, the name of which would be given to the committee if the application was granted.

Evidence was given in support of the application by Mr. W. J. Nash, draper, of Bilston, who said it was absolutely necessary that a hotel with bed room accommodation should be provided in Bilston. Councillor Beech (chairman) and other members of the Bilston Urban District Council also supported the application.

Mr. A. V. Haydn (Walsall) opposed on behalf of the Bilston Temperance Trust, and said those who instructed him were asked to do so by members of the working class. The Trust was not actuated by any spirit of awkwardness or vindictiveness, but they felt that the real road to progress in licensing matters lay along the road of elimination rather than repetition. He urged that the policy of elimination should be pursued, and that one license should not be



merely taken from a congested area and removed to a purely residential district which was just being opened up. Mr. Hadyn called no witnesses, but said a petition against the application had been signed by 485 persons over the age of 18.

The committee unanimously decided to pass the application.”

The license was transferred from the WELLINGTON, Price Street, on 3rd December 1926.

A music and dancing license was granted on 4th February 1927.

Dance classes were held here, under the tuition of a Miss Sadler, in the 1930s.

A team from here took part in the Butlers (Bilston) Darts League. [1946]

Express and Star 20/4/2001

“A wooden walkway linking the toilets to the main building of a Bilston pub was severely damaged when flames spread from a car which was set on fire early today.

The Montego was parked outside the VILLIERS ARMS, in Villiers Square, when arsonists struck shortly before 2am.

Flames spread to a walkway, causing heavy smoke-logging to the downstairs of the pub.....”

A man was stabbed outside here in January 2009.

It was locally listed in 2009.

It was closed in June 2009, after a police drugs raid, and a man was attacked outside, in January 2009. It reopened in 2010.

[2013]

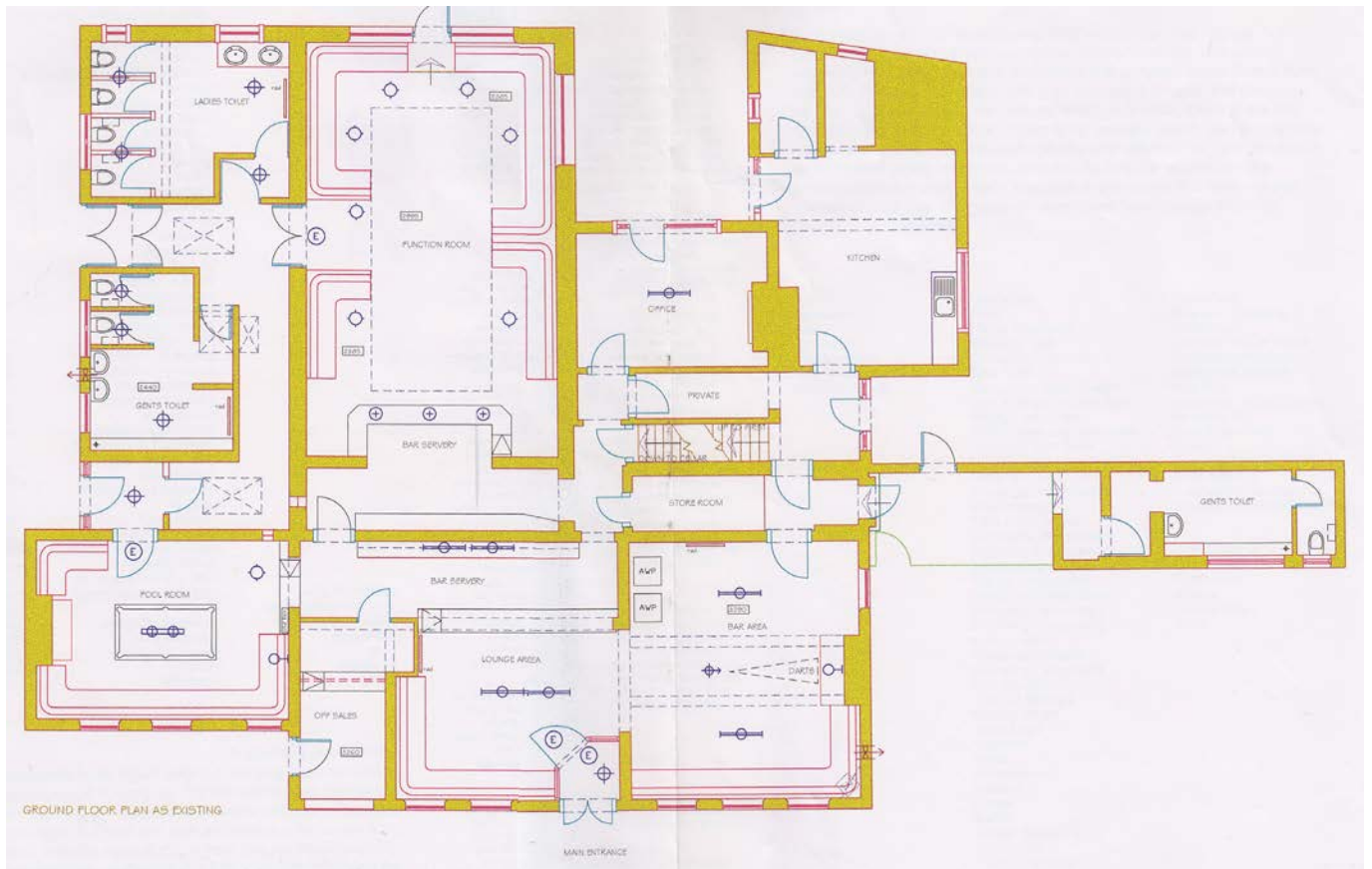
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VINE

34, (32), (92), John Street, New Village, (Ettingshall), BILSTON

OWNERS

Richard Millington
Thomas Edwin Millington
Matthew Rhodes
Atkinsons Ltd.

LICENSEES

Richard Millington [1858] – **1883**);
Eliza Millington (**1883 – 1886**);
Thomas Edwin Millington (**1886 – 1890**);
Matthew Rhodes (**1890 – 1898**);
William Askew (**1898**);
Samuel Beebee (**1898 – 1925**);
Elizabeth Beebee (**1925 – 1929**);
John William Beebee (**1929 – [1940]**)

NOTES

92, John Street [1861], [1881]
32, John Street [1871]
34, John Street [1901], [1904], [1912], [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

Richard Millington, beer retailer, John Street, New Village. [1858], [1868], [1870]

1861 Census

92, John Street
[1] *Richard Millington* (48), publican, born Ettingshall;
[2] *Eliza Millington* (45), wife, born Bilston;
[3] *Isaac Millington* (21), son, agent to engine master, born Bilston;
[4] *Eliza Millington* (18), daughter, assistant house keeper, born Bilston;
[5] *Thomas Millington* (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;
[6] *Alice Millington* (9), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
[7] *Mary Jane Millington* (6), daughter, scholar, born Bilston:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 4/9/1861

“Applications For New Licenses.....

Richard Millington, the VINE TAVERN, New Village. Supported by Mr. Bowen; opposed by Mr. *Holland*, a rival publican. Refused.....”

Richard Millington, beer retailer, New Village. [1865]

1871 Census

32, John Street, New Village – VINE INN

- [1] *Richard Millington* (56), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Eliza Millington* (52), housewife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Thomas Millington* (21), son, clerk at iron works, born Bilston;
- [4] *Mary J. Millington* (16), daughter, dress maker, born Bilston:

Richard Millington, beer retailer, John Street, New Village, Ettingshall. [1872]
He died in 1883.

1881 Census

92, John Street – The VINE

- [1] *Richard Millington* (67), beer seller, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Eliza Millington* (64), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Anna Steventon* (15), domestic servant, born Bilston:

Eliza Millington died on 5th April 1886.

1901 Census

34, John Street

- [1] *Samuel Beebee* (49), beerhouse keeper, born Priestfield;
- [2] *Elizabeth Beebee* (49), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Samuel Beebee* (28), son, moulder, ironworks, born Priestfield;
- [4] *Ernest Beebee* (15), son, born Priestfield;
- [5] *William Beebee* (13), son, born Priestfield:

Samuel Beebee, beer retailer, 34, John Street. [1904], [1912]

1911 Census

34, John Street

- [1] *Samuel Beebee* (59), beer retailer, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Beebee* (59), wife, married 40 years, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Ernest Harold Beebee* (25), son, fitter and ____ engineer, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *John William Beebee* (23), son, fitter and ____ engineer, born Staffordshire;
- [5] *John Howard Beebee* (13), grandson, school, born Staffordshire:

A billiard license was granted on 5th February 1918.

A music license was granted on 2nd February 1928.

It closed in 1956.

Demolished

VINE

16, (4), Vine Street, (Market Street) / Cooper Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas Johnson, beerhouse keeper, Tipton
Richard Hyde
Samuel Woodhall, brewer, West Bromwich
J. A. and A. Thompson Ltd., maltsters, Orchard Street, Oldbury
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1967]

LICENSEES

Timothy Brookes [1828] – [1845]
Thomas Howl [1849] – [1854]
J McMahon [1858]
Henry Jones [1864] – [1865]
Benjamin Fellows [] – **1866**;
John Rudge (**1866** – [])
Noah Barker [1866] – [1870]
George Buckley Myatt [1871] – **1878**;
Mrs. Elizabeth Myatt (**1878** – **1884**);
Richard Hyde (**1884** – **1895**);
Frank Torr (**1895** – **1899**);
David Benton (**1899**);
George J Wells (**1899** – **1901**);
George Henry Lawrence (**1901** – **1911**);
Mrs. Maria Louise Lawrence (**1911** – **1922**);
Thomas Roberts (**1922** – **1923**);
Lily Selina Roberts (**1923** – **1935**);
Clara Corey (**1935** – **1937**);
William Harold Chamberlain (**1937** – [1940])

NOTES

Market Street [1828], [1830], [1833], [1834], [1835], [1842]
4, Vine Street [1871], [1881]
16, Vine Street [1901]

Timothy Brookes = Timothy Brooks

1841 Census

Vine Street
[1] *Timothy Brookes* (40), victualler;
[2] Maria Brookes (45), born Staffordshire;
[3] Sarah Reagon (20), fs, born Staffordshire:

1851 Census

Vine Street

- [1] *Thomas Howl* (42), victualler, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Mary Howl* (38), wife, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Edward Howl* (18), son, iron master's clerk, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Thomas Howl* (17), son, at home, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *William H. Howl* (11), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Samuel Howl* (9), son, scholar, born West Bromwich;
- [7] *Mary Winsper* (17), house servant, born Bilston;
- [8] *Elizabeth Shinton* (16), servant, born Bilston;
- [9] *Hannah Jeavons* (20), visitor, annuitant, born Wednesbury;

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/7/1861 - Advert

"VINE INN, Market Place, Bilston.

Whitehead and Caddick have received instructions to Sell by Auction, without the slightest reserve, on Monday next, July 22, 1861, the Licenses, Goodwill, and Possession of the above old-established house; also the whole of the Household Furniture, Fixtures, and very valuable Brewing Plant, together with the extensive and well selected Stock-In-Trade. The sale includes the usual Furnishing Requisites, capital 5-pull Beer Machine, with Stop Taps and long range of Piping; Gas Fittings, valuable assortment of Ale casks, from 120 gallons downwards; large Copper and Iron Boilers, mash Tubs, Coolers, excellent Malt Crusher, &c; the Stock consists of a selection of first-class Wines and Spirits, Ale and Porter.

Descriptive particulars in catalogues, which may be had at the Offices of the Auctioneers, Mount Pleasant, Bilston, and Walsall Street, Wolverhampton, and at the Chronicle Office, Wolverhampton."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

"The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:–

Bilston Division, August 31st, 1866.

'I beg to submit to the Magistrates the attached list of licensed victuallers who have been complained about during the year. Twenty-five have been convicted, and three have paid costs; one had been convicted three times and five twice. This is a large increase on last year's list; but I think it has arisen from the police being more particular in reporting cases of permitting drunkenness – as it was found to be an evil rather on the increase. I believe it has caused landlords to be more careful in supplying drink to persons intoxicated.'

H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

Noah Barker, VINE INN, Vine Street, Bilston left over until the adjourned licensing meeting on the 28th of September....."

1871 Census

4, Vine Street – VINE INN

- [1] *George Buckley Myatt* (42), innkeeper, born Burslem;
- [2] *Elizabeth Myatt* (44), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Emma Myatt* (20), daughter, born Burslem;
- [4] *Jane Hampstones* (15), general servant, born Mewstbury [Maesbury?], Shropshire:

1881 Census

Vine Street – VINE INN

- [1] *Elizabeth Myatt* (54), widow, licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Emma Lester* (30), daughter, born Burslem;
- [3] *Mary Carline* (20), general domestic servant, born Princes End:

1891 Census

Vine Street – VINE INN

- [1] *Richard Hyde* (37), licensed victualler, born Ettingshall;
- [2] *Martha Hyde* (35), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Richard H. Hyde* (9), son, scholar, born Bradley;
- [4] *Sidney W. Hyde* (6), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Mary Ann Brown* (68), mother in law, widow, dressmaker, born Hill Top, Staffordshire;
- [6] *Ester Tort* (17), domestic servant, born Daisy Bank:

George Henry Lawrence married *Maria Louisa Cartwright*, daughter of *Charles Cartwright*, of the WHITE SWAN, Wednesbury, on 1st May 1901.

George Wells was convicted on 2nd November 1900 for permitting drunkenness.

1901 Census

16, Vine Street – VINE INN

- [1] *George J. Wells* (38), licensed victualler, born Deptford, London;
- [2] *Rose Wells* (39), wife, born Worcester;
- [3] *Austine (?) Wells* (21), son, warehouse man at iron plate works, born Camden Town, London;
- [4] *George S. G. Wells* (12), son, born Bermondsey, London;
- [5] *Percy J. Wells* (11), son, born Old Kent Road, London;
- [6] *Nellie A. Wells* (9), daughter, born Deptford, London;
- [7] *Leonard Wells* (4), son, born Deptford, London;
- [8] *Albert T. Wells* (2 months), son, born Bilston;
- [9] *Ellen Gafford* (17), domestic servant, born Deptford, London;
- [10] *Elizabeth Harvey* (18), domestic servant, born Bilston:

1911 Census

Vine Street – VINE INN

- [1] *George H. Lawrence* (46), publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Louise Lawrence* (35), wife, married 9 years, born Wednesbury;
- [3] *Laura Hodson* (23), working barmaid, born Bilston;
- [4] *Maud Hodson* (2), visitor, born Birmingham:

A team from here took part in the Bilston Crib League, Section B. [1946]

Bilston and Willenhall Times 6/7/1946

“When William Ernest Webb (24), 22, Wood Street, Bilston, lost his temper in a public house and smashed a glass because he was refused drink, it was the means of him being sent to gaol for two months.

At Bilston on Tuesday, he was summoned for doing damage to a pint glass, and Mr. S. W. Smith, who prosecuted, said that Webb was in the VINE INN, Vine Street, Bilston, on June 24th, and had had several drinks. Shortly before 10pm the landlord placed a towel over the beer pulls and Webb went to the counter and asked for a bottle of stout. The landlord told him he had finished serving, whereupon Webb threw a pint glass into the air, smashing it, at the same time remarking, ‘That’s what I think of you and your ----- beer.’ Mr. Smith added that while the wrecking of the glass might be a small thing in itself, it meant a great deal when in a public house. If people were allowed to act like this, how could the licensees do their duty.

In announcing the sentence, the chairman (Mr. W. R. Mobberley) told Webb that his record was none too good.”

Closed

It was demolished circa 1965.

WAGGON AND HORSES

Broad Lane, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Fletcher [1828]

WAGGON AND HORSES

22, Millfields Road, (22, Mill Street), Ettingshall, (Catchems Corner), BILSTON

OWNERS

Peck and Kerrison [1892], [1896]
Bent's Brewery Co. Ltd. [1904], [1912]

LICENSEES

John Hayward [1854]
William Burrows [1866]
George Hill [1868] – [1870]
Thomas Wildman [1872] – **1874**;
Mrs. Jane Wildman (**1874 – 1875**);
Joseph Smith (**1875 – 18__**);
John Walker [1881] (**18__ – 1913**);
John Walker (**1913 – 1917**);
Alice Walker (**1917 – 1919**);
James Nicholls (**1919 – 1922**);
Thomas Green (**1922 – [1940]**)

NOTES

22, Mill Street [1881], [1901]
22, Millfields Road [1940]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21/2/1866

“On Monday last, T. M. Phillips, Esq., coroner, held an inquest at the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Catchem's Corner, on the body of Joseph Tranter, a collier, aged 14 years, who had been employed in a coal pit at the Rookery Colliery, the property of Mr. G. B. Bloomer. It appeared that about the middle of the day on the previous Wednesday, a quantity of coal and ‘clod’ fell in a stall in the pit, where a pikeman, named James Langstone, was at work, burying the latter, and also the deceased. The duty of Tranter was to load skips and drive them from the working to the bottom of the shaft, and it was stated that he had no business out of the road, and that if he had been attending to his duty he would not have been hurt. Langstone was covered by the coal, &c, which fell, but he was fortunately recovered without having suffered serious injuries. It was not known that the deceased had been affected by the accident until he was missed. A search was made for him and he was found under the debris, frightfully cut and bruised about the head and face, and speechless. He was taken home in a cart and attended by Mr. Best, surgeon, but he died the same evening. It was stated that the pit was properly worked; that there was a sufficiency of timber to prop up the roof, and no blame was attributed to any person in reference to the accident. The Jury therefore returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

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H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

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George Hill = George Hall

Thomas Wildman was also a shopkeeper. [1872]

He died in 1874.

1881 Census

22, Mill Street – WAGGON AND HORSES

- [1] *John Walker* (34), blacksmith and licensed victualler, born Bonehill, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Emma Walker* (32), wife, born Branstow, Northamptonshire;
- [3] *Samuel Walker* (9), son, scholar, born Bonehill, Staffordshire;
- [4] *William Walker* (6), son, scholar, born Bonehill, Staffordshire;
- [5] *Emily Jane Walker* (4), daughter, born Heath Town;
- [6] *John Walker* (1), son, born Bilston:

1891 Census

22, Mill Street – WAGGON AND HORSES Public House

- [1] *John Walker* (45), public house manager, born Fazeley, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Emma Walker* (43), wife, born Brownston, Northamptonshire;
- [3] *Samuel Walker* (19), son, galvanised steel packer, born Fazeley, Staffordshire;
- [4] *William Walker* (16), son, galvanised steel packer, born Fazeley, Staffordshire;
- [5] *Emily J. Walker* (14), daughter, scholar, born Heath Town;
- [6] *John Walker* (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Fanny Walker* (9), daughter, scholar, born Ettingshall;
- [8] *Fred Walker* (6), son, scholar, born Ettingshall;
- [9] *Lilian Walker* (4), daughter, born Ettingshall;
- [10] *Arthur Walker* (1), son, born Ettingshall:

1901 Census

22, Mill Street

- [1] *John Walker* (55), publican, born Fazeley, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Emma Walker* (53), wife, born Braunston, Northamptonshire;
- [3] *Samuel Walker* (29), son, engine fitter, born Fazeley, Staffordshire;
- [4] *William Walker* (26), son, engine fitter, born Fazeley, Staffordshire;
- [5] *John Walker* (21), son, holloware moulder, born Bilston;
- [6] *Jenny Walker* (19), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Fred Walker* (16), son, commercial clerk, born Sedgley;
- [8] *Lillian Walker* (14), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [9] *Arthur Walker* (11), son, born Sedgley:

1911 Census

22, Millfield Road

- [1] *John Walker* (64), publican, born Fazeley, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Emma Walker* (63), wife, married 40 years, born Braunston, Northamptonshire;
- [3] *Arthur Walker* (21), son, iron boiler maker, born Ettingshall;
- [4] *Mary Norton* (17), servant, born Bradley:

WAGGON AND HORSES

147, (67–68), (67), (68), Oxford Street, (Oxford Road), New Town, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Poole Tomkys
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1904], [1946]

LICENSEES

James Walters [1818] – [1830]
Isaac Pitt [1833] – [1834]
John Webb [1835]
Edward Millington [1841] – [1842]
Mrs. Maria Thompson [1849] – [1858]
William Poole Tomkys [1860] – [1865]
William Cook [1868] – [1872]
William Poole Tomkys [1874] – **1877**;
Patrick Clines **(1877 – 1882)**;
Frederick William Plant **(1882 – 1891)**;
George Walker **(1891 – 1918)**;
Frederick Dudley **(1918 – 1919)**;
James Duggan **(1919 – 1925)**;
Samuel Farrington **(1925 – 1928)**;
Henry Newick **(1928 – 1929)**;
William George Tudor **(1929 – 1931)**;
James Hall **(1931 – [1940])**

NOTES

Oxford Road, Newtown [1828]
68, Oxford Street [1858], [1861], [1874], [1891]
67, Oxford Street [1864], [1871], [1872], [1892]
67–68, Oxford Street [1881], [1896], [1904]
147, Oxford Street [1916], [1921], [1940]

It was situated opposite to the Roman Catholic Church.

Stamp office [1849], [1850], [1851], [1854]

Maria Thompson was also an agent for the Norwich Union fire and life office. [1849]
She was described as also an agent for Norwich Union Office and for Swetman's Dublin Porter.
[1851], [1854]

1851 Census

Oxford Street

- [1] *Maria Thompson* (52), widow, licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Ann Baker* (29), niece, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sarah Baker* (27), niece, born Bilston;
- [4] *John Baker* (24), nephew, plumber employing 1 apprentice, born Bilston;
- [5] *John Allchurch* (17), apprentice, born Bewdley;
- [6] *Robert Teadstone* (24), servant, born Herefordshire;
- [7] *Eliza Duckus* (29), servant, born Shrewsbury;

William Tomkys was also a wine and spirit merchant, auctioneer and appraiser. [1860]
He was described as also an auctioneer. [1861]

1861 Census

68, Oxford Street – WAGGON AND HORSES

- [1] *William P. Tomkys* (31), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Hannah Everall* (36), housekeeper, born Bloxwich;
- [3] *Hannah Higgs* (20), domestic servant, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *John Perry* (41), brewer, born Bilston;

Wolverhampton Chronicle 11/9/1861

“Introductory Advertisement. Bilston.

Messrs. Aston and Sollom have been favoured with instructions from the Representatives of the late Norris Best, Esq., to Sell by Auction, at the WAGGON AND HORSES, Oxford-Street, Bilston, on a day to be named in future advertisements, the following important Properties.....”

William Poole Tomkys = William Pool Tomkys

He was also a dealer in firebricks, chimney tops and sanitary pipes. [1864], [1865]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 21/2/1866

“A man named Kean was charged on remand with an assault on Police-constable Bradbury, at Bilston. Mr. Travis was for the prosecution, and Mr. Bartlett for defendant.

The evidence showed that at midnight on Saturday, the 27th ult., a number of drunken men came out of the BROWN LION INN, at Bilston, and met another party of men who had just before turned out of another public house called the WAGGON AND HORSES, and were conducting themselves so as to create a disturbance. The officer Bradbury had been trying to persuade them to go home, when he was attacked by a man named Gavon, and another man. After they had assaulted him the two men ran away. The officer followed them, when the men turned around, knocked him down and kicked him, and he was also set upon by some of the other men who had just before come out of the public house, who beat him most terribly; in the words of Mr. Spooner, who saw the officer on Tuesday following the assault, his face was beaten to a jelly. He got away from them, and meeting with Police-constable Curtis, the two went in search of Bradbury’s assailants. They met Kean, who Bradbury recognised as a prominent actor in the recent scene, but inasmuch as he was surrounded by several others the officers wisely refrained from attempting his apprehension, and simply advised him to go home, intending to summon him on the following day. He went away in the direction of his home, and the police shortly afterwards followed; upon seeing them Kean challenged the two to fight, and became very abusive. The police then attempted to take him into custody, but he resisted, and the mob again coming up there was a second attack upon the police, in which stones were freely thrown, and it was only by the determined use of their staves that the two officers succeeded in getting their prisoner to the police station. For the defendant witnesses were called to prove he took no part whatever in the assault on the police, but their evidence failed.

Mr. Spooner characterised the affair as a disgrace to the town in which it occurred. He justified the conduct of the police as to the use of their staves to prevent the rescue of the prisoner and to defend themselves against the fury of the mob, and said that but for the facts spoken to by Superintendent McCrea that Kean was usually of a quiet disposition and had previously borne a good character he should have passed upon him the severest sentence the law allowed; as it was he must pay a fine of £5 and costs, or go to prison for two months.”

1871 Census

67, Oxford Street

- [1] *William Cook* (60), innkeeper, born Tettenhall;
- [2] *Martha Cook* (57), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Mary Ann Cook* (33), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *William Cook* (29), son, sheet iron roller, born Bilston;
- [5] *Edward Cook* (27), son, iron plate maker, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Martha Elizabeth Cook* (24), daughter, born Tipton;
- [7] *Harriet Cook* (22), daughter, born Tipton;
- [8] *Lucy Jane Cook* (17), daughter, born Tipton;
- [9] *Alfred James Cook* (16), son, sheet roller's assistant, born Tipton:

1881 Census

67+68, Oxford Street – WAGGON AND HORSES

- [1] *Patrick Clines* (54), licensed victualler and breeze dealer, born Ireland;
- [2] *Catherine Clines* (48), wife, born Newport, Shropshire;
- [3] *Jane Clines* (19), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Agnes Clines* (13), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Patrick Clines* (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *John Joseph Clines* (4), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [7] *Catherine Rochford* (70), mother in law, formerly domestic servant, born Ireland;
- [8] *Jane Rochford* (29), sister in law, domestic servant, born Wolverhampton:

Evening Express 9/9/1881

"John Jones (24), carter, 1, John Street, Bilston, was charged with stealing a fitch of bacon, the property of his employer, Mr. Kempson Pratt, grocer, Church Street, Bilston; and Joseph Taylor (42), grocer, of Bilston Street, Bradley, was charged with receiving the same knowing it to have been stolen. Mr. Fellows appeared for Jones, and Mr. Sheldon defended Taylor.

Charles Jones, assistant to the prosecutors, stated that on Monday last he loaded the defendant's (Jones's) cart, and at that time there was not a fitch of bacon in it.

Alfred James Burn, miner, of Chapel Street, Bilston, stated that on Monday night last he was in company with another man named John Shaw, in Oxford Street, Bilston, when he saw a cart belonging to Mr. Pratt, come down the street and stop at William Nash's door. The driver, after looking up and down the street, brought a side of bacon out of the cart, and took it to the back door of Nash's house. About breakfast time the next morning witness was again standing in Oxford Street, when he saw the prisoner Taylor and another man drive up the street and then return down the street in the direction of Moxley. Shortly afterwards Taylor returned, and pulled up at the WAGGON AND HORSES, kept by *Patrick Clines*. The cart was then taken into Nash's back yard, where witness saw someone put a fitch of bacon into the cart, and the cart was then driven off in the direction of Bradley by the man who accompanied Taylor, and another man he had not seen before.

John Shaw, carter, in the employ of the prosecutor, corroborated this evidence. The case was adjourned till Tuesday next, the defendants being admitted to bail. Taylor, himself in £200, and two sureties of £100 each; and Jones, himself in £50, and two sureties of £50 each."

1891 Census

68, Oxford Street – WAGGON AND HORSES

- [1] *George Walker* (36), licensed victualler's manager, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Kate Walker* (38), wife, born Worcester;
- [3] *Francis Walker* (5), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Edith Mildroon* (17), general servant, born Willenhall:

1901 Census

Oxford Street – WAGGON AND HORSES

- [1] *George Walker* (46), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Catherine Walker* (36), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Francis A. Walker* (15), son, clerk in factor's warehouse, born Bilston;
- [4] *Bridget Long* (70), mother in law, widow, born Garrymore, Ireland:

George Walker died in 1918.

Bilston & Willenhall Times 3/1/1925

"Bilston Police Court..... 'You are a terrible character,' the Chairman remarked, after perusing the record of *James McDonald*, a Scotchman, of no fixed abode, who was charged with doing wilful damage to a plate glass window at the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Oxford Street, Bilston, on the night of December 26th.

The evidence of *James Duggan*, the licensee of the house, and the customers who were in the house at the time, showed that about 10.40 on Boxing Night a window of the public bar was smashed, and a boot came through and went under a table. Mr. *Duggan* hurried into the street and saw defendant, who was being held by one of the customers. He had only one boot on. He was under the influence of drink, but had not been on the premises of the WAGGON AND HORSES. The licensee took the man to the police station, and in answer to the charge he said: 'Yes, I wanted a night's kip.'

Asked what he had to say, defendant was very voluble. He said he was on the road between London and Edinburgh. He had ___ glasses of whisky, three of rum, and ___ bottles of stout, and they 'got mixed up.' The Chaplain at the gaol, he added, had said that the best thing he could do was ask the magistrates to send him to gaol for six months. He would come out and then he (the Chaplain) would make application to the Discharged Prisoners' Society to send him back to Scotland.

Prisoner was sentenced to three months hard labour."

A team from here took part in the Butlers (Bilston) Darts League. [1946]

Closed

Demolished

WATERLOO

Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Hadley [] - **1866**);
Elisha Clay (**1866** - []

WATERLOO

Ettingshall, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Cox [1828] – [1830]

WELCOME STRANGER

161, Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Jones [1861]

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1861 Census

161, Oxford Street – WELCOME STRANGER

[1] *James Jones* (28), carpenter (master) and victualler, born Bilston;

[2] *Maria Jones* (33), wife, born Bilston;

[3] *Mary J. Jones* (1), daughter, born Darlaston;

[4] *William Jones* (1 month), son, born Bilston;

[5] *Martha Jones* (72), mother, widow, born Hungerford, Berkshire:

WELLINGTON

High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Hopkins [1822] – [1830]

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LORD WELLINGTON [1822]

John Hopkins = John Hopkin

WELLINGTON

13, (7), Price Street (Tame Street) / Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

John Silvester
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Matthew Holmes [1845] – [1850]
James Butler [1851]
John Silvester [1858]
Sarah Willetts [1861]
John Silvester [1881] – **1890**);
Miss Mary Jane Silvester (**1890 – 1904**);
John Silvester (**1904 – 1906**);
George Birkenhead (**1906 – 1907**);
Mary Sophia Wright (**1907 – 1908**);
John Silvester (**1908 – 1910**);
Charles Glen (**1910 – 1926**);
Willis Glen (**1926**);

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Oxford Street [1850]
4, Price Street [1861]
7, Price Street
13, Price Street [1901]

MARQUIS OF WELLINGTON [1851]
WELLINGTON ARMS [1901]

1861 Census

4, Price Street – WELLINGTON INN
[1] *Sarah Willetts* (69), widow, victualler, born Kingswinford:

1871 Census

Price Street
[1] *John Silvester* (43), boat labourer and licensed victualler, born Horsley Heath;
[2] *Edna Silvester* (42), wife, born Old Hill;
[3] *John Silvester* (19), son, labourer at foundry, born Bilston;
[4] *Mary J. Silvester* (16), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
[5] *Edna Silvester* (12), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
[6] *James Silvester* (9), son, scholar, born Bilston;
[7] *Marian A. Silvester* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
[8] *Clara Silvester* (4), daughter, scholar, born Bilston:

1881 Census

Price Street – WELLINGTON INN

- [1] *John Silvester* (54), widower, licensed victualler, born Walsall;
- [2] *John Silvester* (28), son, boat builder, born Bilston;
- [3] *Mary J. Silvester* (25), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Edna (?) Silvester* (22), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *James Silvester* (19), son, general labourer, born Bilston;
- [6] *Marian Silvester* (14), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [7] *Clara Silvester* (12), daughter, scholar, born Bilston:

John Silvester was also a shopkeeper.
He died on 19th April 1890.

1891 Census

Price Street – WELLINGTON INN

- [1] *Mary J. Silvester* (36), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *James Silvester* (29), brother, haulier, born Bilston;
- [3] *Clara Silvester* (21), sister, dressmaker, born Bilston:

Miss M. J. Silvester was also a shopkeeper. [1892]

1901 Census

13, Price Street – WELLINGTON ARMS

- [1] *Mary Jane Silvester* (45), unmarried, beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *James Silvester* (38), brother, married, haulier and contractor, born Bilston;
- [3] *Harriet Silvester* (32), sister in law, born Willenhall;
- [4] *Marion Silvester* (35), sister, schoolmistress (cert), born Bilston:

Black Country Bugle 11/11/2004

'Memories of a Black Country Life' by Minnie Clark (nee Harpin)

"My earliest recollections are of life at the WELLINGTON INN, a small and very old public house which was situated in Price Street, Bilston. In those days, Price Street consisted of only eight houses plus the WELLINGTON INN, all of which ran on the one side of the road overlooking the school rooms of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. My grandfather, *Charles Glen*, had moved firstly to Birmingham from Hull, long before I was born. I never knew my grandmother, *Mary Ann*, she died young leaving six children. Inevitably most of the family grew up and went their separate ways, my grandfather eventually remarrying before being widowed once again and moving to Bilston to become the publican of the inn. With him, to Bilston, came his sister, my great aunt, who, incidentally preferred to be called Great Aunt Forth (her married surname), my Uncle Bert (grandfather's stepson from his second marriage), my mother and Uncle Will (her younger brother) My father, *John Thomas Harpin*, lived locally in Brook Terrace after they got married they lived in the WELLINGTON INN with the rest of Mom's family. And it was there, on 10th November 1914, that I was born....."

Bilston & Willenhall Times 28/2/1925

"Much interest has been taken for some months in the question of whether a licensed house should be erected on the Green Lanes estate, where council houses stand. Some of the residents are in favour, others are not. Notices, however, have been published of the intention of Messrs. Butler and Co. Ltd., to apply at the adjourned Licensing Sessions at Bilston on March 6th for the transfer of the license of the WELLINGTON INN, Price St., Bilston to a house and premises proposed to be erected at Villiers Square, Villiers Avenue, which is part of the Green Lanes estate. Local temperance workers are likely to oppose the application."

It closed on 2nd December 1926.
The license was transferred in 1926 to the VILLIERS ARMS.
It was demolished.

WHEATSHEAF

131, (61), (60), Oxford Street, (Oxford Road), New Town, BILSTON

OWNERS

Caroline Eyre, Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton
South Staffordshire Brewery Co. Ltd.
J. and J. Yardley and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Daniel Poyser [1818]
J Dancer [1822]
Benjamin Huck [1828] – [1830]
Aaron Martin [1833] – [1842]
John Gardner [1849] – [1860]
Richard W. Phesse [1861]
Richard Jones [1864] – [1865]
Thomas Robinson [1865]
Joseph Baggott [1866] – [1870]
Mrs. Sarah Lloyd [1868] – [1870]
Samuel Whitmore []
James Lloyd [1871] – **1875**);
Elizabeth Lloyd (**1875 – 1877**);
George Joseph Lavender (**1877 – 1881**);
Robert Hunt (**1881**);
John Froggatt (**1881 – 1883**);
Martha Butler (**1883 – 1885**);
Emma Roper (**1885 – 1886**);
Benjamin Powis (**1886**);
Joseph Henry Bird (**1886 – 1887**);
Mary Elizabeth Joyce (**1887 – 1888**);
Emma Rogers (**1888 – 1889**);
Edward Tandy (**1889 – 1893**);
David Attwood (**1893**);
Samuel Henry Tilsley (**1893 – 189_**);
Henry Mulloy (**189_ – 189_**);
Joseph Westwood (**189_ – 189_**);
John Griffiths (**189_ – 1895**);
Arthur Augustus Greaves (**1895 – 1896**);
Frank Haynes (**1896 – 189_**);
John Winyard (**189_ – 1900**);
Thomas Banks (**1900 – 190_**);
Julia Bould (**190_ – 190_**); [1901]
Herbert Henry Godwin [1903] – **1907**);
John Melling (**1907**);

THE Wheat Sheaf, Oxford-street Bilston; incoming, including all fixtures, &c., £150; doing good and increasing trade.—Apply on the premises. d5903

Advert 1881



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Oxford Road, New Town [1828]

60, Oxford Street [1858]

61, Oxford Street [1861], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1871], [1872], [1874], [1881], [1892], [1986], [1900]

131, Oxford Street [1904]

It had a beerhouse license.

Samuel Whitmore issued tokens from here.

John Gardner = John Gardener

1851 Census

Oxford Street

[1] *John Gardner* (39), wine merchant, born St. Ampney Crosses, Gloucestershire;

[2] *Mary Gardner* (34), wife, born Cheltenham;

[3] *Ellen Gardner* (7), daughter, born Cheltenham;

[4] *Frederic Gardner* (2), son, born Bilston;

[5] *Charlotte Bickley* (20), servant, born Wolverhampton:

1861 Census

61, Oxford Street – WHEAT SHEAF INN

[1] *Richard W. Phesse* (34), licensed victualler, born London;

[2] *Eliza Phesse* (28), wife, born, Essex;

[3] *George Goggins* (4), nephew, born Bow Wood, Hertfordshire:

Thomas Robinson and *Richard Jones* appear in the same 1865 Directory.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:—

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H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List

Joseph Bagott, WHEATSHEAF, Oxford-street, Bilston left over until the adjourned licensing meeting on the 28th of September.....”

Dudley Herald 23/11/1867

“For disposal, in consequence of other engagements, the WHEATSHEAF, Oxford Street, Bilston, near Saint Mary’s Church, comprising liquor shop, smoke room, tap room, brewhouse, two cellars and suitable bedroom.....”

Joseph Baggott and *Sarah Lloyd* appear in the same 1868 Directory.

1871 Census

61, Oxford Street

- [1] *James Lloyd* (29), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Elizabeth Lloyd* (27), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Hannah Ford* (14), domestic servant, born Bilston:

James Lloyd died on 29th December 1875.

1881 Census

61, Oxford Street – WHEATSHEAF

- [1] *Robert Hunt* (32), licensed victualler, born Widnes, Lancashire;
- [2] *Lucy Gertrude Hunt* (27), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Joseph L. Hunt* (5), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Mary B. Hunt* (4), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Theresa G. Hunt* (1), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Dora Hunt* (17), niece, barmaid, born Widnes, Lancashire;
- [7] *Sarah Edwards* (18), niece, domestic servant, born Willenhall;
- [8] *Clara Holland* (10), niece, born Wednesbury;
- [9] *Alexander Mason* (43), visitor, professor of music, born Scotland:

Evening Express 12/9/1881 - Advert

“The WHEAT SHEAF, Oxford Street, Bilston; incoming, including all fixtures, &c, £150; doing good and increasing trade. – Apply on the Premises.”

1891 Census

61, Oxford Street – The WHEAT SHEAF

- [1] *Edward Tandy* (44), licensed victualler, born Penn;
- [2] *Sarah Ann Tandy* (38), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Lucy Tandy* (15), licensed victualler's assistant, born Penn;
- [4] *William Tandy* (13), son, scholar, born Penn;
- [5] *Frances A. Tandy* (11), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton:

1901 Census

Oxford Street – WHEAT SHEAF INN

- [1] *Julia Bould* (46), widow, publican, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Jane Bould* (21), daughter, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Alice Bould* (18), daughter, tray brusher japan works, born Wales;
- [4] *George Bould* (17), son, coal miner loader, born Wales;
- [5] *Lilian Bould* (9), daughter, born Tipton:

License refused by Compensation Authority on 18th June 1907.

Compensation of £200 was paid on 12th October 1907.

Closed

It became a lodging house.

Demolished.

WHITE HART

44, (42), (78), (2), Salop Street, (78, Salop Row), (Shropshire Row), Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Isaac Brereton

Jane Brereton, widow, Salop Street, Bilston

Thomas Salt and Co. Ltd.

Atkinsons Brewery Ltd., Aston Park Brewery, Birmingham [1959]

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1968]

Black Country Traditional Inns

LICENSEES

Abraham Brereton [1845] – **1866**);

Jane Brereton (**1866** – []

Mrs. James Brereton [1868] – [1870]

James Thompson [1871] – **1886**);

George Jenkins (**1886** – **1888**);

John Percival (**1888** – **1894**);

Jesse Hipkins (**1894**);

Edward Watson (**1894** – **1896**);

Edward Danks (**1896** – **1898**);

Mrs. Martha Horton (**1898** – **1900**);

Henry Tertius Hodgkiss (**1900**);

Frederick William Webster (**1900** – **1901**);

Isaiah Tonks (**1901** – **1902**);

Ann Tonks (**1902** – **1903**);

John Timmins (**1903** – **1904**);

Joel Ashcroft (**1904** – **1909**);

Joseph Griffiths (**1909** – **1921**);

Arthur Edward George (**1921** – [1961]

R Torp [1988]

D Hayward* [1989]

Doreen Hayward* [1995]



2000

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Shropshire Row [1849], [1850]

78, Salop Row [1861]

Salop Street, Hallfields [1868]

2, Salop Street [1871]

78, Salop Street [1874], [1881], [1891]

42, Salop Street [1911], [1940]

44, Salop Street [2005]



2016

Abraham Brereton = Abram Brereton

1851 Census

Salop Row

- [1] *Abraham Brereton* (36), victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Jane Brereton* (36), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Isaac Brereton* (11), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *George Brereton* (5), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Kazier Brereton* (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Jane Edwards* (15), servant, born Bilston:

1861 Census

78, Salop Row – Public House

- [1] *Abram Brereton* (44), publican, born Kidsgrove, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Jane Brereton* (44), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Isaac Brereton* (21) son, pig dealer, born Bilston;
- [4] *George Brereton* (15), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Kezia Brereton* (13), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
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H. McCrea, Superintendent.

Black List.....

Abraham Brereton, WHITE HART, Salop Street, Bilston granted.....”

1871 Census

2, Salop Street

- [1] *James Thompson* (54), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Thompson* (53), wife, born Oldbury;
- [3] *Alfred Thompson Key* (18), nephew, journeyman carpenter, born Oldbury;
- [4] *Mary Smith* (18), general servant, born Bradley:

Midland Counties Evening Express 2/4/1875

“An inquest was held, on Tuesday, before the deputy coroner (W. H. Phillips Esq.), at the WHITE HART INN, Bradley, concerning the death of Frederick Barrow, a child six years of age, the son of a canal boatman. It appeared that on Monday, deceased was left on his father’s boat, near Barber’s Field, in charge of an elder brother, and in three quarters of an hour afterwards, his body was found in the canal, it being supposed that he fell in while at play. The jury returned a verdict of Found Dead in the Canal.”

1881 Census

78, Salop Street – WHITE HART

- [1] *James Thompson* (64), widower, innkeeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Alfred Key* (28), nephew, carpenter, born Oldbury;
- [3] *Martha Shakespeare* (16), general servant, born Bilston;
- [4] *Isabell Punchon* (18), general servant, born Bilston;
- [5] *Florence Harris* (7), visitor, born Aston, Warwickshire:

1891 Census

78, Salop Street

- [1] *John Percival* (35), licensed victualler, born Roseville;
- [2] *Mary E. Percival* (28), wife, born Princes End;
- [3] *Adele Percival* (11), daughter, born Woodsetton;
- [4] *Beatrice Percival* (9), daughter, born Gornal;
- [5] *Joseph Percival* (6), son, born Woodsetton;
- [6] *Leonard Percival* (2), son, born Bradley;
- [7] *Emily Percival* (10 weeks), daughter, born Bradley;
- [8] *Clara Surnton* (18), servant, born Bradley;
- [9] *Rebecca Mohe* (19), visitor, born Oakengates:

1901 Census

Salop Street – WHITE HART INN

- [1] *Frederick W. Webster* (35), licensed victualler, born Repton, Derbyshire;
- [2] *Julia Webster* (31), wife, born Walton, Derbyshire;
- [3] *Frederick Webster* (10), son, born Ashbourne, Derbyshire;
- [4] *Frank Webster* (8), son, born Cannock;
- [5] *Harold Webster* (6), son, born Cannock;
- [6] *Edith Webster* (3), daughter, born Cannock;
- [7] *George Webster* (2), son, born Cannock;
- [8] *Minnie Webster* (15), general servant, born Cannock:

1911 Census

42, Salop Street

- [1] *Joseph Griffiths* (53), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Theresa Griffiths* (52), wife, married 4 years, born Sedgley;
- [3] *John Harris* (27), stepson, joiner, born Castleford, Yorkshire;
- [4] *Sarah Brown* (16), general servant, born Bilston:

Joseph Griffiths was also a brewer. [1914]

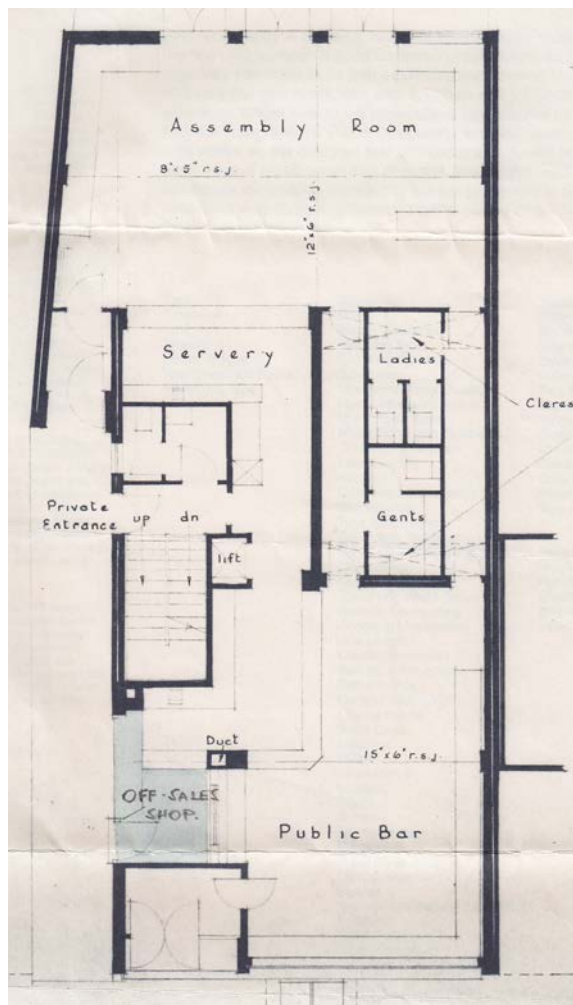
Arthur Edward George was married to *Mary*.

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

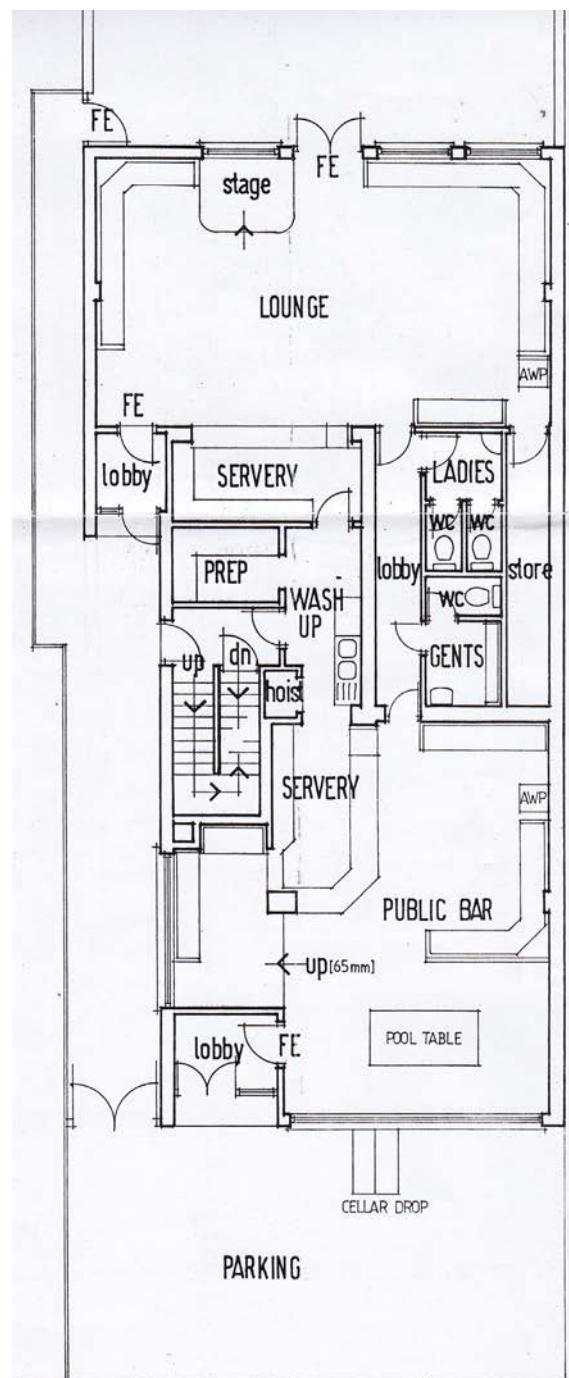
A team from here took part in the Bradley Darts League, First Division. [1946]

* probably the same person

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WHITE HORSE

92, (42), (41), (112), High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

James Cardell, gentleman, Birmingham
Sarah Fanny Butler
Edward Evans
Darby's Brewery Ltd. [1937]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1965]

LICENSEES

John Cooper [1734]
Abraham Cross [1818]
Adam Hill [1822]
Thomas Cardell [1828] – [1835]
Sarah Cardell [1841] – [1842]
Joseph Busst [1849] – [1850]
John Corbett [1851]
Joseph Linney [1851]
Richard Hill [1858] – [1861]
James Trotman [1861]
Samuel Butler Snr. [1864] – **1873**;
Samuel Butler Jnr. **(1873 – 1882)**;
Mrs. Sarah Fanny Butler **(1882 – 1898)**;
Miss Elizabeth Evans **(1898 – 1902)**;
Mrs. Florence Evans **(1902 – 1906)**;
Mrs. Susan Evans **(1906 – 1919)**;
Oliver Brown **(1919 – 1932)**;
Mrs. Selina Jane Brown **(1932 – 1938)**;
Joseph William Pridmore **(1938 – 1942)**

JOHN CORBETT,
WHITE HORSE INN,
HIGH STREET, BILSTON,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,
AUCTIONEER AND APPRAISER.

Advert 1851

NOTES

112, High Street [1864], [1865]
42, High Street [1858], [1861], [1868], [1870], [1871], [1872], [1874], [1881], [1884], [1892],
[1896], [1904]
41, High Street [1891]
92, High Street [1912], [1916], [1921], [1932], [1940]

John Cooper (1689 - 1747) was also a buckle maker and constable.

Thomas Cardell = Thomas Cardall

Sarah Cardell = Sarah Cardale

1841 Census

High Street

- [1] *Sarah Cardale* (65), publican;
- [2] *Mary Pretty* (30), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Sarah Pretty* (10), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Elizabeth Pretty* (8), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Joseph Pretty* (6);
- [6] *Catherine Pretty* (3);
- [7] *Maria Pretty* (7 months);
- [8] *Mary Peacock* (30), fs:

Joe Linney was a Chartist.

Slater's Classified Directory 1851 - Advert

"John Corbett, / WHITE HORSE INN / High Street, Bilston, / Wine and Spirit Merchant, / Auctioneer and Appraiser."

1851 Census

High Street

- [1] *Joseph Linney* (42), licensed victualler, born Macclesfield;
- [2] *Mary Linney* (40), wife, born Blackburn, Lancashire;
- [3] *Elizabeth Pinner* (19), house servant, born Sedgley:

1861 Census

42, High Street

- [1] *James Trotman* (30), victualler, born London;
- [2] *Mary A. Trotman* (34), wife, born Fenton Moor, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Elizabeth Trotman* (4), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton:

1871 Census

42, High Street – WHITE HORSE

- [1] *Thomas Harrison* (19), servant in charge, born Runcorn:

Midland Counties Evening Express 10/2/1875

"Charles Taylor was summoned for being disorderly in the WHITE HORSE public house, High Street, Bilston, and for assaulting *Samuel Butler*, the proprietor of the house, and James Butler, his son, on Monday, the 18th January. Mr. Barrow, who appeared for complainant, was about to make an opening statement, when Mr. Spooner requested him not to do so, as the defendant had no attorney. Defendant said he had engaged Mr. Bowen, and paid him a fee of 15s, but he now refused to appear in the case, and declined to give any reason why he did so. He wished to know if he had no remedy in the matter. Mr. Spooner said defendant could take proceedings in the County Court if his statement was correct. Mr. Bowen shortly afterwards entered the Court, and on being informed what had occurred, intimated that he refused to appear without an 'extra fee', as he had already attended three times and the case had been adjourned. Defendant agreed to pay an extra fee, and Mr. Bowen undertook his defence The whole of the summonses were dismissed."

1881 Census

42, High Street

- [1] *Samuel Butler* (66), licensed victualler, born Darlaston;
 - [2] *Sarah Butler* (58), wife, born Wednesbury;
 - [3] *James Butler* (42), son, roll turner, born Wednesbury;
 - [4] *Fanny Butler* (37), daughter in law, born Sutton Coldfield;
 - [5] *Harriet Newbrook* (65), visitor, annuitant, born Sutton Coldfield;
 - [6] *Pamela Caddick* (19), general servant, born Sedgley;
- [Butler appears as Buller in this census.]

Samuel Butler Jnr. was married to *Sarah Fanny*. (She was known as Fanny.)
He died on 27th February 1882.

1891 Census

41, High Street

- [1] *Sarah Butler* (68), widow, innkeeper, born Priestfield;
- [2] *Fanny Butler* (47), daughter, assistant, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Gertrude E. Jenkins* (12), niece, scholar, born Sutton Coldfield:

1901 Census

High Street

- [1] *Oliver Brown* (27), ironworker and publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Salina J. Brown* (21), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Elizabeth Evans* (32), aunt, domestic servant; born Sedgley;
- [4] *Florence Phillips* (18), domestic servant, born Bilston;
- [5] *Oliver Brown* (1), son, born Bilston:

Susan Evans = *Susannah Evans*

Susan (Susannah) Evans was married to *Edward Evans* (b.1857).
Edward Evans - see also CHURCH, Millfields Road.
He died in 1919 after slipping in the malt room.
She was also a brewer. [1914]

Midlands Evening Chronicle 5/10/1909

"The third annual leek show was held at the WHITE HORSE HOTEL, High Street, Bilston, on Monday. The show was opened by Councillor Leonard Foster....."

1911 Census

2, Millfields Road – CHURCH INN

- [1] *Edward Evans* (49), publican and brewer, born Sedgley;
 - [2] *Susannah Evans* (50), wife, married 30 years, publican, born Gornal;
 - [3] *G. Henry Pinson* (33), boarder, brewer of beer, born Bloxwich;
 - [4] *Happy Hapson* (16), domestic general servant, born Gornal:
- AND

1911 Census

High Street - WHITE HORSE

- [1] *Oliver Brown* (37), publican's assistant, born Bilston;
- [2] *Selina Brown* (33), wife, married 12 years, assistant in public house, born Hurst Hill;
- [3] *Oliver Ed Brown* (11), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Harold Brown* (9), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Ruby Brown* (6), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Dora Evans* (20), assistant in public house, born Priestfield:

Oliver Brown married *Selina Jane Evans* in the third quarter of 1899.
Selina Jane Evans was born in 1879, the daughter of *Edward* and *Susannah Evans*.

Oliver Brown was also a brewer. [1916], [1921]

South Staffordshire Times 28/2/1920

“At Bilston Police Court on Tuesday, *Oliver Brown*, licensee of the WHITE HORSE, was summoned for selling spirits, namely one-fifth part of a gill of rum, 30 per-cent, under proof, at a price exceeding the maximum and there being two summonses for this and a similar offence. He was also summoned that he omitted legibly to mark the maximum price at which spirits might be sold on the receptacle from which such spirits were drawn in such a manner as to be visible to the purchaser, contrary to the provision of the Spirits (Prices and Descriptions Order), 1919.

Mr. Turner, who prosecuted, said this charge was preferred by the Ministry. Defendant, who kept the WHITE HORSE HOTEL, had been licensee for some time and had lived on the premises and managed them for some years on behalf of relatives. There were two charges of over-charging in his public bar for a glass of rum. Two inspectors called at the public bar on December 19th and called for a glass of rum each, and the charge made was 6d. In the Order it was distinctly laid down that the maximum charge should be 5d. The defendant therefore overcharged the customers to the extent of one penny. In addition to that he failed to exhibit the notice of the price at which spirits were retailed in the bar – a serious infringement of the Spirit Order. His explanation was an extraordinary one. He said, ‘I am entitled to sell rum for 6d and I was under the impression I was entitled to do it’. This Order had been in force two years, and if this man has been doing that it showed he had been overcharging his customers for some time. In one case which had been before the Court an old lady had acted in ignorance, but this was a deliberate infringement.

Mr. Pritchard, in defence, said this was a matter of defendant not having understood the Order, some of these Orders were very complicated. On certain proprietary brands of whisky 4d per glass was allowed. This was special Jamaica rum, which was delivered in bottles in cases, and the defendant was under the impression that he was entitled to charge 6d. In fact, he was not conscious otherwise. He thought it was clear that you could sell whiskey at 6d. There was a great chance in these complicated matters of a man making an honest mistake.

Defendant gave evidence, and in cross-examination said he was not a member of any association of licensed victuallers in Bilston.

Mr. Turner: Is there such an association? – Defendant: There is one in Wolverhampton.

Mr. Turner: It would be a good investment for you to join that. You have never thought it worth while to spend a penny on a copy of the Order? – Defendant: No.

Mr. Turner read over the Order for defendant’s instruction, remarking that he had got it in black and white now. Assuming that there were 25 glasses of in a bottle, he asked defendant had he not been making an illegal profit of 2s 1d per bottle.

Defendant said he had only had eight gallons in the house since last October.

The Chairman said there had been an unusual amount of negligence in this case, and a failure to take account of what was required by the law. Defendant would be fined 40s in each case and £5 for not having the notice exhibited, together with £3 3s costs.”

Oliver Brown died in 1932.

Mrs. Selina Jane Brown brewed here.

Joseph William Pridmore also worked part time for Collins the undertakers.

Closed

It was demolished circa 1970.

WHITE HORSE

24, Temple Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Edward Roberts [1916] – [1940]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license. [1916]

WHITE HORSE

1, (42), Ward Street, Priestfield, BILSTON

OWNERS

Mrs. Rhoda Williams, widow, Wellington Road, Bilston
Henry Williams, fishmonger, Wellington Road, Bilston
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Edward Jones [1873] – **1877**);
George Millard Fellows (**1877 – 1884**);
Thomas Edmunds (**1884 – 1892**);
Edward Somerfield (**1892 – 1894**);
Samuel Forrester (**1894 – 1907**);
Hannah Forrester (**1907 – 1912**);
Albert Davies (**1912 – 1913**);
Thomas Samuel Bates (**1913 – 1921**);

NOTES

42, Ward Street [1881]
1, Ward Street [1901]

It had a beerhouse license.

1881 Census

42, Ward Street – WHITE HORSE

- [1] *George M. Fellows* (27), roll turner and beerhouse keeper, born Ettingshall;
- [2] *Elizabeth Fellows* (26), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] *William Fellows* (6), son, scholar, born Ettingshall;
- [4] *Edith M. Fellows* (10 months), daughter, born Ettingshall;
- [5] *Sarah Homer* (13), general servant, born Ettingshall:

1891 Census

Ward Street – WHITE HORSE

- [1] *Thomas Edmunds* (46), blank tray maker, born Bilston;
- [2] *Phoebe Edmunds* (40), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Clara Ann Edmunds* (17), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Harriet I. Edmunds* (14), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *Phoebe A. Edmunds* (11), daughter, born Bilston:

1901 Census

1, Ward Street

- [1] *Samuel Forrester* (41), beerhouse keeper, born Bilston;
- [2] *Hannah Forrester* (34), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Martha Forrester* (15), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Samuel Forrester* (13), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Hannah Forrester* (11), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *John E. Forrester* (9), son, born Bilston;
- [7] *Maud Forrester* (7), daughter, born Bilston;
- [8] *Thomas Forrester* (5), son, born Bilston;
- [9] *Sarah H. Forrester* (17), sister, painting cisterns, born Bilston:

Samuel Forrester, beer retailer, Ward Street. [1904]

Thomas Samuel Bates was fined 15s on 6th February 1917 for selling ale after 8.30 pm.

The license renewal was refused by the Compensation Authority on 24th July 1919.
Compensation of £915 was paid on 24th December 1921.

Bilston & Willenhall Times 11/10/1924

“Tuesday Next, October 14th, 1924, at 7 o’clock in the Evening. Important Sale of Freehold Properties and Land, and DE-LICENSED HOUSES, at Bradley and Priestfields, which Cyril H. Green F.N.A.A. has been instructed to submit for Sale By Auction, at the PIPEHALL HOTEL, Bilston, on the above Date, subject to conditions of sale to be then read, the under-mentioned Properties.

Lot 1.— Eleven Freehold Houses, Nos.1, 3, Ward Street, and No.9 and Four Houses at the rear, Ward Street, and Nos.4 and 1 back, Fleece Street, Priestfield. Gross annual rental £130.

No.1 Ward Street, was formerly the Licensed Premises known as the WHITE HORSE INN, but is now de-licensed.....”

Demolished

WHITE LION

67, (17), Cross Street, (Lower) Bradley, BILSTON

OWNERS

Ann Flavell, wife of licensee
Joseph Townsend
Richard Andrew Harper, brewer, Bilston
R. A. Harper Ltd.

LICENSEES

James Hill [1868] – **1886**;
James Hill **(1886 – 1890)**;
Joseph Townsend **(1890 – 1893)**;
Thomas Finney **(1893)**;
William Bowater Flavell **(1893 – 1902)**;
Mrs. Ann Flavell **(1902)**;
Henry Flavell **(1902)**;
Jonathan Wildman **(1902 – 1907)**;
Ethel May Wildman **(1907 – 1911)**;
Henry Percy Wildman **(1911 – 1912)**;
Harry Archer **(1912 – 1915)**;
Stephen Edward Williams **(1915 – 1921)**;
Henry Insley **(1921 – 1923)**;
George Davies **(1923)**;
Annie Whittaker **(1923 – 1924)**;



Advert 1925

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17, Cross Street [1871], [1881]
67, Cross Street [1891], [1901], [1912]

It had a beerhouse license.

James Hill, beer retailer, Bradley. [1868]

1871 Census

17, Cross Street – WHITE LION
[1] *James Hill* (60), beer retailer, born, Bilston;
[2] *Ann Hill* (52), wife, born Bilston;
[3] *Elizabeth Earp* (19), niece, born Wolverhampton;
[4] *Emma Smith* (22), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

1881 Census

17, Cross Street

- [1] *James Hill* (70), breeze merchant, born Batmans Hill;
- [2] *Ann Hill* (62), wife, born Salop Street, Bilston;
- [3] *George A. Turley* (30), boarder, ironworks clerk, born Leabrook;
- [4] *Easie Anne Lilian Turley* (4), niece, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Paran Raiburn Turley* (2), nephew, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Sarah Ann Smith* (24), general servant, born Willenhall:

James Hill died on 21st May 1886.

1891 Census

67, Cross Street – WHITE LION

- [1] *Joseph Townsend* (53), beer retailer, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Sarah A. Townsend* (48), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *William Townsend* (15), son, iron moulder, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Sarah A. Townsend* (12), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Albert Townsend* (8), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Elizabeth Townsend* (6), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Arthur Townsend* (4), son, scholar, born Sedgley:

1901 Census

67, Cross Street

- [1] *William Flavell* (50), publican, born Ruiton;
- [2] *Ann Flavell* (50), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Harry Flavell* (27), son, labourer in iron foundry, born Gornal:

William Bowater Flavell – see also BARREL.

William Bowater Flavell died in 1902.

1911 Census

Cross Street, Daisy Bank – WHITE LION

- [1] *Henry Percy Wildman* (24), unmarried, sheet mill roller, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Ethel May Wildman* (26), sister, milliner, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Mary Elizabeth Wildman* (23), sister, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Hannah Jane Wildman* (19), sister, dressmaker, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Phoebe Charles* (20), general servant, born Sedgley:

Henry Percy Wildman, beer retailer, 67, Cross Street, Bradley. [1912]

The License renewal was refused by the Compensation Authority on 28th July 1924.
Compensation of £750 was paid on 24th December 1924.

Bilston & Willenhall Times 14/2/1925 - Advert

“Notice Of Sale By Auction of an Excellent double-fronted, brick-built and slate, of the WHITE LION INN, Cross Street, Bradley, near Bilston.

Alfred W. Dando and Co. Have received instructions to Sell By Auction, at the STAR AND GARTER HOTEL, Wolverhampton, At An Early Date, at Seven o'clock in the Evening precisely, the above substantially-erected Dwelling House, containing Entrance Hall, Four Good Rooms down, Four Bedrooms, Cellars, double gateway and side entrances to a large fully-paved Yard, and the usual Out-buildings.

Full particulars will appear in future announcements, or in the meantime may be obtained of Messrs. Hand & Co., Solicitors, Martin Street, Stafford, or of the Auctioneers, 193, Wolverhampton St., Dudley.”

WHITE LION

Millfields Road, (Mill Street), (Mill Lane), (Union Street), (Millfields Bridge), Ettingshall, BILSTON

OWNERS

Thomas Bantock, gentleman, Wolverhampton
Thomas Hampton, builder, Parkfields.
J. W. Hamp, surgeon, Wolverhampton
Richard Andrew Harper, brewer, Bilston
R. A. Harper Ltd.
Eley's Stafford Brewery Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1946]

LICENSEES

Joseph Dancer [1818]
Mrs. Frances Sellman [1828] – [1851]
John Griffiths [1861]
Richard Pinfield [1864] – **1880**;
Ann Pinfield **(1880 – 1881)**;
Thomas Hampton **(1881 – 1884)**;
John Guest **(1884 – 188_)**;
Richard Hawkins **(188_ – 188_)**;
William Millett **(188_ – 189_)**; [1891]
Thomas Richardson [1892] – **1910**;
Samuel Benjamin Richardson **(1910 – 1924)**;
Marion Jane Richardson **(1924 – 1925)**;
John William Slater **(1925 – [1940])**

NOTES

Mill Street [1828], [1861], [1874]
Mill Lane [1841], [1864], [1865], [1882]
Millfields Bridge [1845], [1849], [1850]
Union Street [1871], [1881], [1891]
Millfields Road [1901]

LION [1860], [1865], [1874]

1841 Census

Mill Lane

- [1] *Frances Sellman* (65), innkeeper;
[2] Harriet Dawes (20), fs, born Staffordshire:

1851 Census

Mill Fields

- [1] *Frances Sellman* (76), widow, licensed victualler, born Wolverley;
[2] Sarah Spencer (15), house servant, born Bilston:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 9/5/1857

“This week has added another to the numerous distressing accidents we have lately had the painful duty to record, by which many lives and much property have been destroyed. The accident occurred about half past three o’clock on Tuesday afternoon last, by which three unfortunate individuals were buried into eternity, and several others very severely injured. The facts attending this melancholy catastrophe, as far as we can glean up to the present time are these:-

A blast furnace on the ironworks of Messrs. Riley, at Mill Fields, near Bilston, suddenly, and from causes yet unascertained exploded, forcing out the surrounding brick work, and scattering the burning scoria throughout the casting house, in which at the time were employed two men and a boy, who were literally burnt to cinders. Their names were Thomas Davis, aged 25, moulder, Samuel Thomas, 25, moulder, and Thomas Fletcher, a lad of 9 years of age, employed in the same capacity. The following were immediately removed to the South Staffordshire Hospital, Wolverhampton: John Marr aged 35, Griffiths Buildings, Bilston; Henry Taft, 38, Gibbett Lane near Bilston; Patrick Portell, 26, Bilston; William Rigby, 34, Gibbett Lane near Bilston; and James Corbett, 46, Bilston. The House Surgeon, S. B. Farr, Esq, states that the first four named are extensively burned all over the body, that John Marr and Henry Taft are burned to that extent as to leave their recovery hopeless. James Corbett, who escaped with the fewest injures, has been removed to his family. John Mortboy, 40, Ettingshall, was also removed to the Hospital last evening badly burned.

The inquest on the bodies of the three unfortunate men killed was commenced before W. H. Phillips, Esq, at the WHITE LION yesterday afternoon. The bodies were viewed by the jury, and presented a most horrifying spectacle, the flesh being completely burned off.

From the evidence of Enoch Ledbitter, it appeared that the frightful occurrence took place at half past three o’clock on the preceding day, at the moment the witness was passing the doorway of a foundry leading to No.2 furnace, where the deceased were at work. It was this furnace that exploded, a vast mass of flame rushed by the witness, and he observed a large quantity of embers and molten metal issuing from the furnace. The metal and scoria were blown from the fore part of the furnace, over the wall, dividing it from the casting house. The injured men, now in hospital, were at the time employed between the wall and the furnace. The wall was eight feet in height. Witness assisted in getting the deceased out, and should suppose that about two tons of metal, cinders and coke were blown into the casting house. Ten minutes elapsed before the bodies were got out. Their clothes were completely burned off, and some of their limbs were reduced to cinders. All the men at work between the furnace and foundry wall were injured. He could give no explanation of the cause of the explosion. It is not usual to have a wall between the furnace and the foundry, but this had been erected to keep out intruders. The exploded furnace was similarly constructed and worked as others at which he had been employed. He had worked at the furnace for four years.

Henry Taft, now in hospital, had the management and control of the furnace. George Stanley, a furnaceman was in the ‘big pit’ at the time of the explosion. Taft took day, and witness night turns. The witness examined the furnace after the occurrence, and found that four courses of the brick work had been blown out from the ‘breast’, the result of which would be that the hot metal would be forced through the aperture. He subsequently saw the ‘tweers’ taken out, and discovered a defect in one. He believed the cause of the explosion was that the molten iron had risen to such a height, that it had burned the back tweer, which, however, had not burst, but was burned on the lower side, near the end connected with the furnace and the consequence would be that the water from the cooling pipes would be forced into the furnace. The tweer in question had been placed there about a week previously by Henry Taft. It was the duty of the keeper to examine the tweers once an hour, and Taft had been on duty all the day. The metal was being run out at the time of the explosion. Though the tweer had been put in a week, it had not been used until Tuesday, when contrary to the orders of Mr. Field, Furnace manager, Taft had set it to work. Mr. Field had forbidden the use of it because the furnace was out of repair. The furnace had a ‘bad cinder on’, and the stuff, instead of descending gradually, had come down suddenly, and this would have the effect of stopping up the tweers. Taft, who was paid by the ton, told the witness that he used the addition 1 tweer with a view to work more iron. Had Taft drawn the iron fifteen minutes sooner, the explosion would not have taken place.

Mr. John Thomas Field, manager of the furnaces, deposed that at the time of the explosion he was not on the premises. He had examined Number 2 furnace half an hour previously, and found that the tweer he had forbidden Taft to work had been set on. He gave confirmatory testimony as to the cause of the catastrophe, and said that the tweer was placed lower than was consistent with safety. The furnace was properly constructed, the breastwork was in good order, and everything had been done to ensure security. The rise of the molten iron could have been perceived by Taft through a notch, by which the metal could have been left off.

John Carboy said he assisted Taft and another man to put in the tweer.

The Coroner, here said, that although the witnesses who had been examined agreed as to the cause of the explosion, it would be more satisfactory to the public to have evidence of disinterested practical men, and he would, therefore, adjourn the inquiry until Monday next, at eleven o'clock."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 16/5/1857

"Two more of the sufferers by this sad accident have succumbed under their injuries. Patrick Portell and Michael Marr, thus making five victims in all. The enquiry into the cause of the catastrophe was re-opened on Monday forenoon, at the WHITE LION, Millfields, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, Coroner.

The first witness examined was Isaac Cooksey, who said he lived in Bilston, and was a furnace manager at Messrs. Hickman's Bilston Street Furnaces. On Saturday last witness examined the furnace at the Millfields Works, where the explosion took place. Examined the tuyeres and levelled the ground around. Found the furnace properly constructed. Believed the tuyeres to be then in the same place as before the explosion. Saw the tuyere that had melted. It was burned sufficiently to let water into the furnace. Had nothing more to say about the works except that he considered the furnace generally properly constructed. As furnace manager it was witness's duty to direct the men under his control as to how many tuyeres they should use, and to see these put properly in. That was the usual rule in all furnaces. A furnace keeper ought in no case use more tuyeres for the sake of making more money. Witness, would, however, consider that as taking the power out of the manager's hands.

The Coroner here read over a portion of the evidence taken on the first day of the inquest, and asked the witness if he concurred in opinion with the witnesses then examined as to the cause of the accident. He said he did.

In answer to one of the Jury, Mr. Cooksey said that if he knew of a tuyere being four inches below its level he would consider it his duty to get it shifted.

Thomas Griffiths, furnace manager at the Bilston Furnaces, was next examined. On the Tuesday immediately after the explosion, he had examined the exploded furnace at Millfields. All the tuyeres were in the furnace. One of them was melted. It was the water running in through that tuyere that caused the explosion. That tuyere was in its proper place, but the others were a little raised to increase the fire. Could not see why the melted tuyere should not have been worked. If the keeper did not allow the iron to rise too high. Considered the tuyere in a proper position – such as one as witness himself, had he been manager, would have placed them in. Examined the melted tuyere when it was taken out, and never saw a better. Could not see that any blame was attached to the manager. The iron must have got up to the tuyere and burnt it. The keeper must have allowed the iron to rise too high. He (the keeper) might have seen that the iron was rising too high and ought to have let it off. The burnt tuyere was a little above the notch, but the notch might have been dammed a little too high. Had seen many explosions. In this case considered that the water had accumulated for some time, and when the iron was drawn and rushed into the middle of the furnace, enabled to do so by the falling down of the loose stuff after the iron had been removed. Would allow a keeper little discretion in putting an extra pair of tuyeres on, as a keeper working the furnace ought to know how it was better than the manager.

George Stanley, one of the furnace keepers at Millfields, recalled: Had received orders from Mr. Field several times not to use the tuyeres that got burned. Taft, the other furnace keeper, was present when these orders were given, and they were given to both witness and Taft. On the morning of the explosion, the metal was let off an hour and a half before the regular time. It was let off so much earlier in order to repair the furnace – among other things to put in a few new tuyeres. The one that was burnt was among those that were to be replaced.

The Coroner here read the depositions of Henry Taft, the furnace keeper, in charge at the time of the explosion, taken in the hospital. Taft says: I am a furnace keeper at No.2 furnace, Millfields. I was there at the time of the explosion, having the management of that furnace. I was at the place where the iron is run out. The furnace had been out of fettle. Some time before the explosion, I had gone to tap the lower tuyere. I did not then think there had been so much iron in it. The cause of the explosion was from the iron reaching the lower tuyere and melting it and then the water running in. I do not blame the master or the manager. I do not blame any one. I was about to run out the iron at the time the explosion took place, observing that the flame was altered.

The Coroner pointed out how completely this deposition corroborated the opinion as to the cause of the accident expressed by Mr. Griffiths, but added if the Jury had any idea that Taft was culpable they must leave the deposition out if their consideration. After rather more than an hour's deliberation, the Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

1861 Census

Mill Street – WHITE LION

- [1] *John Griffiths* (50), publican, born Tettenhall Wood;
- [2] *Jane Griffiths* (45), wife, born Stourport;
- [3] *William Griffiths* (17), son, boatman, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Edward Griffiths* (12), son, boatman, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Thomas Griffiths* (10), son, boatman, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Griffiths, L_____* (7), daughter, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *George Griffiths* (5), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] *Catherine Bloor* (23), servant, born Warwickshire:

1871 Census

Union Street

- [1] *Richard Pinfield* (57), publican, born Stourport;
- [2] *Ann Pinfield* (48), wife, born Netherton;
- [3] *Alice J. Pinfield* (20), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Albert R. Pinfield* (16), son, teacher – National school, born Bilston;
- [5] *George F. Pinfield* (16), son, teacher – National school, born Bilston;
- [6] *George A. Smith* (3), grandson, born Smethwick:

Richard Pinfield died on 9th September 1880.

1881 Census

Union Street – WHITE LION

- [1] *Ann Pinfield* (59), widow, licensed victualler, born Netherton;
- [2] *Ruth Pinfield* (34), daughter, general servant, born Dudley;
- [3] *Albert A. Smith* (11), visitor, scholar, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Richard Johnson* (41), boarder, engine fitter (out of employ), born Darlaston:

Evening Express 30/12/1881

“*John Hughes* (24), boatman, *Little's Lane*, Wolverhampton, was brought up in custody charged with stealing a pair of boots, the property of *John Probert*, the captain of a Shropshire Union Company's boat.

The men were drinking together at the WHITE LION, Millfields, on Wednesday, and afterwards went to prosecutor's boat, remaining there till both prosecutor and his wife had gone to sleep, and then leaving with the boots.

Police-constable *Snow* took the prisoner into custody at *Spring Vale* on the following morning, and found the boots in his possession.

He was committed to hard labour for a month.”

Evening Star 17/2/1882

“*Thomas Baines*, *John Baines*, and *Thomas Vaughan*, boatmen, plying on the Birmingham Canal, were charged with stealing a bottle of rum, the property of *Thomas Hampton*, landlord of the WHITE LION INN, Mill Lane, Millfields. On Wednesday morning the prisoners came into the vaults. While they were in a bottle of rum was missed from the shelf, and they were accused of stealing it as there had not been anyone else in the place.

The prisoners were committed to take their trial at the sessions, bail being allowed in £10 each.”

1891 Census

Union Street – WHITE LION

- [1] *William Millett* (34), publican, born Norton, Somersetshire;
- [2] *Sarah Millett* (38), wife, born Nottingham;
- [3] *William Millett* (2), son, born Bilston:

1901 Census

Millfields Road

- [1] *Thomas Richardson* (51), widower, publican, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Marian Richardson* (27), daughter, born Bilston;
- [3] *Samuel Richardson* (26), son, carpenter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Betsey Stokes* (16), niece, barmaid, born Bilston;
- [5] *Fanny Corfield* (54), sister in law, widow, born Bilston:

1911 Census

Millfields – WHITE LION

- [1] *Samuel B. Richardson* (35), unmarried, publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Marian Richardson* (37), sister, housekeeper, born Bilston;
- [3] *Fanny Corfield* (66), aunt, widow, born Bilston;
- [4] *Emma Stokes* (23), assistant in publican's business, born Bilston:

An application for extensive alterations here in January 1923, was put forward to the Licensing Sessions.

South Staffordshire Times 10/3/1923

"Representing Messrs. Harper, brewers, Mr. Graham Milward made application to the Bench for approval of plans for rebuilding the WHITE LION INN, Millfields Road, Bilston.

Mr. Milward said that the plans of two different schemes would be put before the Bench but the one which it was hoped the Bench would sanction slightly extended the drinking area beyond that of the present premises. He did not think that this would in any way increase the sale of intoxicants, but would afford larger and healthier rooms, and also be an improvement in the domestic accommodation. The other scheme was identical with the first except that the rooms would be 'squeezed in.'

The Bench gave approval to the larger scheme, by which the house will be farther back from the Millfields Road, and a piece of land apportioned to the Tarmac Road."

South Staffordshire Times 9/2/1924

"Bilston Licensing.....

Plans for the re-building of the WHITE LION INN, Millfields Road, Bilston, were passed at the adjourned Licensing Sessions, last year, and the premises were near completion."

A music license was granted on 6th February 1925.

A team from here took part in the Butlers (Bilston) Darts League. [1946]

WHITE LION

73, (38), (33), Temple Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Price, farmer, Willenhall
South Staffordshire Brewery Co. Ltd.
J. and J. Yardley and Co. Ltd.
Old Wolverhampton Breweries Ltd.
William Butler and Co Ltd. [1946]

LICENSEES

James Harris [1841] – [1842]
Joseph Winsper [1845] – [1851]
John Brereton [1851]
C B Battye [1858]
Charles Angell [1861]
Charles Hughes [1864] – **1879**;
Mrs. Ann Hughes **(1879 – 1882)**;
Alfred Brown **(1882 – 1883)**;
James ? **(1883 – 1884)**;
Joseph ? **(1884)**;
John Murphy **(1884 – 1886)**;
Edwin Holland **(1886 – 1888)**;
Charles Adams **(1888)**;
Henry Jones **(1888 – 1892)**;
Mrs. Lucy Jones **(1892 – 1898)**;
William Dunn (?) **(1898 – 1899)**;
Edward Murray **(1899 – 1903)**;
Ellen C Murray [1901] ?
Philip Williams **(1903 – 1906)**;
Mary Ann Williams **(1906 – 1910)**;
George Henry Shelley **(1910 – 1922)**;
Rose Ann Shelley **(1922 – 1937)**;
Leonard 'Len' Shelley **(1947 – [1940])**

NOTES

38, Temple Street [1861], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1871], [1872], [1874], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896]
33, Temple Street [1873]
73, Temple Street [1904], [1912], [1916], [1940]

1851 Census

Temple Street

- [1] Joseph Winsper (68), widower, born Bilston;
- [2] Ann Probbess (22), servant, born Bilston;
- [3] Harriet Hodgkiss (8), visitor, born Bilston:

1861 Census

38, Temple Street – WHITE LION INN

- [1] *Charles Angell* (30), cinder burner and beer seller, born Evesham;
- [2] *Charlotte Angell* (39), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Sarah New* (16), general servant, born Bilston:

1871 Census

38, Temple Street

- [1] *Charles Hughes* (30), forge labourer, born Peckforton, Cheshire;
- [2] *Ann Hughes* (29), wife, born Bowgredy, Radnorshire;
- [3] *George Alfred Hughes* (4), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Lucy Maria Hughes* (1), daughter, born Bilston;
- [5] *John Price* (40), boarder, farm labourer, born Bwrgudy, Radnorshire;
- [6] *Mary A. Williams* (16), servant, born Bilston:

Charles Hughes died in 1879.

1881 Census

38, Temple Street

- [1] *Ann Hughes* (39), widow, licensed victualler, born Bequilding (?), Radnorshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth J. Hughes* (15), daughter, born Bilston;
- [3] *George R. Hughes* (14), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [4] *Lucy Maria Hughes* (11), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [5] *Charles H. Hughes* (7), son, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *John Davis* (22), lodger, railway signal fitter, born Talybont, Radnorshire:

Evening Express 27/9/1881

“*Ann Hughes*, landlady of the RED (?) LION INN, Temple Street, was fined 10s and the costs for having permitted drunkenness upon her premises on the 3rd instant.”

1891 Census

38, Temple Street – The WHITE LION

- [1] *Henry Jones* (63), licensed victualler, born Brecon;
- [2] *Lucy Jones* (62), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Eda Smith* (16), general servant, born Bilston:

1901 Census

Temple Street – WHITE LION

- [1] *Edward Murray* (58), cordwainer, born Roscommon, Ireland;
- [2] *Ellen C. Murray* (51), wife, manageress of tavern, born London;
- [3] *Nora A. Murray* (9), daughter, born London:

Black Country Bugle 31/7/2014

Letter from Ron Griffiths

“.....I was a train spotter myself in the early 1940s The third line that was mentioned was known as the Loop on which they used to divert the freight trains on to Wednesbury and bring them up as far as Temple Street so they could keep the passenger trains running specially in the holiday season.

When the main lines had gone quiet they would let them go, that's if they could find the driver and fireman. At times they would telephone the signalman and tell him they were going for a pint. Then they would descend down the embankment and into the back entrance of the WHITE LION in Temple Street.....”

A team from here took part in the Butlers (Bilston) Darts League. [1946]

Closed

Demolished

WHITE ROSE

24, (97), Temple Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

David Kendrick, ironmaster, Codsall
Mrs. Sarah Adams, Priestfield
Banks and Co., brewers, Wolverhampton
J. & J. Yardley and Co. Ltd.
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1969], [1999]

LICENSEES

Mrs. Sophia Kendrick [1860] – 1874);
Joseph Bower (?) (1874 – 1880);
Thomas Marsh (1880 – 1881);
Margaret Marsh (1881 – 1883);
John Knight (1883 – 1888);
Hannah ? (1888);
James Hinton (1888);
James William Jones (1888 – 1889);
William Bowers (1889 – 1892);
Joseph ? (1892);
Solomon ? (1892 – 1893);
Thomas Downing (1893 – 1895);
Mrs. Harriet Yeomans (1895);
John Evans (1895 – 1904);
Thomas Woolley (1904 – 1905);
Joseph Owen (1905 – 1908);
Joseph Blakemore (1908 – 1909);
Edward 'Teddy' Roberts (1909 – 1946)
Jack Shakespeare []
Len Skett []
Harry Willoughby [1968]
John Timmins [1990s]
Jeffery Guy [1995]
Keith Frank Thomas (1995 – [1996]
Tracy Slater (1998 – []
Mac Latham (2001 – []
Nicola Jane Hayes [2005]
S Raj [2005]
Dial Singh [] – 2008)



2007

NOTES

97, Temple Street [1861], [1871], [1881]
24, Temple Street [1901], [1904], [1911], [1912]

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

97, Temple Street

- [1] *Sophia Kendrick* (62), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Shropshire;
- [2] *Mary Poole* (20), housemaid, born Shropshire:

Mrs. *Sophia Kendrick*, beer retailer, 97, Temple Street. [1865], [1868]

1871 Census

97, Temple Street – Public House

- [1] *Sophia Kendrick* (72), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Broseley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Margaret Knight* (18), general servant, born Bilston:

Thomas Marsh died on 20th January 1881.

1881 Census

97, Temple Street – WHITE ROSE

- [1] *Margaret Marsh* (54), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Stroud, Gloucestershire;
- [2] *Ida Marsh* (22), daughter, barmaid, born Newport, Wales;
- [3] *Jane Marsh* (20), daughter, housemaid, born Newport, Wales;
- [4] *Sidney Marsh* (18), son, warehouseman, born Newport, Wales;
- [5] *Florence Marsh* (12), daughter, scholar, born Newport, Wales:

1891 Census

97, Temple Street – WHITE ROSE

- [1] *William Bowers* (28), publican, born Bilston;
- [2] *Sarah Bowers* (28), wife, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Horace Bowers* (1), son, born Wednesbury:

1901 Census

24, Temple Street

- [1] *John Evans* (51), publican, born Audley, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Eliza Evans* (50), wife, born Audley, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Emma Evans* (18), daughter, black stover japan works, born Audley, Staffordshire;
- [4] *Harriet Evans* (11), daughter, born Audley, Staffordshire;
- [5] *William Wright* (21), boarder, coachman (not domestic), born Barnsley, Yorkshire;
- [6] *William Inskip* (20), boarder, iron worker bar drawer, born Bilston;
- [7] *Edwin Inskip* (16), boarder, iron worker marker, born Bilston:

Mrs. *Harriet Yeomans*, beer retailer, 97, Temple Street. [1904]

John Evans, beer retailer, 24, Temple Street. [1904]

1911 Census

24, Temple Street

- [1] *Edward Roberts* (35), bucket maker, born Bilston;
- [2] *Mary Roberts* (33) mother [wife?], married 14 years, born Bilston;
- [3] *Richard Roberts* (13), son, school, born Bilston;
- [4] *Harry Roberts* (8), son, school, born Bilston;
- [5] *Elizabeth Roberts* (6), daughter, school, born Bilston;
- [6] *Ernest Roberts* (4), son, born Bilston;
- [7] *Edward Roberts* (2), son, born Bilston;
- [8] *Lenard Roberts* (1), son, born Bilston;
- [9] *James Casey* (30), visitor, private, RG Artillery, born Bilston;
- [10] *Winifred Dean* (20), visitor, born Moxley:

Edward Roberts, beer retailer, 24, Temple Street. [1912]

Harry Willoughby was married to Lizzie.

It was demolished in 1968, and rebuilt on an adjacent site.
The new building opened in 1968.

Express and Star 7/2/1995

“A Wolverhampton landlord fled with more than £2,000 of his pub’s takings after he caught his wife and a customer in a compromising embrace, a court heard today.

John Timmins disappeared to Blackpool and when he returned he started a blaze at the customer’s home, causing £8,000 worth of damage.

Timmins, who ran the WHITE ROSE public house in Bilston, admitted theft and arson being reckless whether life was endangered at Stafford crown court yesterday.

Mr. Tim Newman, prosecuting, said *Timmins* had found his wife Mary and Derek Brittan – a customer who befriended them – together at the pub in Temple Street.

Timmins, aged 26, left with £2,118 from the pub and went to Blackpool. He claimed the cash was then stolen from his hotel room.

Mr. Newman said *Timmins* had later returned, smashed a window at Mr. Brittan’s home in Dover Street, Bilston, and started a fire. Neighbours in other flats raised the alarm when they noticed smoke pouring through their floorboards. The case against *Timmins*, now of Broad Street, was adjourned for reports. He was granted bail.”

Keith Thomas was married to Jean.

A team from here took part in the Bradley Friday Night Darts League. [1996]

London Gazette 2/3/1998

“*Keith Frank Thomas* 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.....”

Tracy Slater’s partner was Simon Lawrence.

Express and Star 9/8/1999 - Advert

“Single trading area community operation. Bar and games area. Car Park. Purely wet led and games oriented. 3 bedroom private accommodation. Last 12 months wet trade – 125 barrels. Tenancy. Approximate ingoings from £3,000 (purchase plan available for fixtures and fittings).”

It was closed for a minimum of 14 days on 12th April 2001 when mice were found there.

Dial Singh was born c.1962.

He was fined £650 for allowing smoking in his pub in February 2008.

He was fined £2,000 for the same charge in October 2008.

[2005]

It closed in 2008. [2009]

Demolished [2011]

Housing was built on the site.

WILLIAM BUTLER

34, John Street, Priestfield, (Ettingshall), BILSTON

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1987]
Avebury Taverns Ltd. (acquired in 1999)

LICENSEES

L Hale [1988] – [1989]
Keith Davies [1992] – **1994**;
Daphne Davies (**1994** – []

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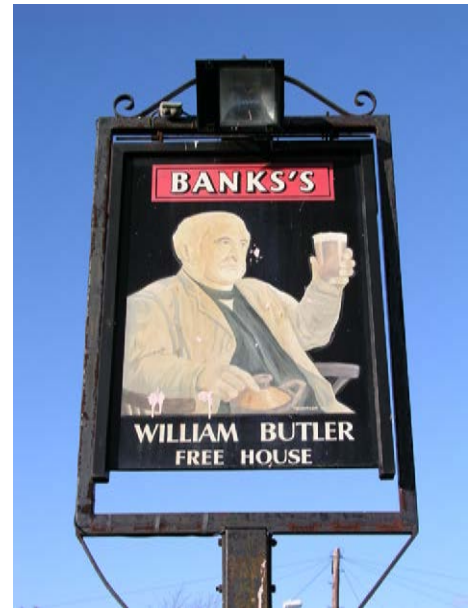
It opened in 1966.

Keith Davies was born in John Street, in 1953.
He was married to Joyce.
He was a lay preacher at George Street Methodist Church.
He was chairman of the Bilston Pool League.
He died in December 1994.
See also BULLS HEAD.

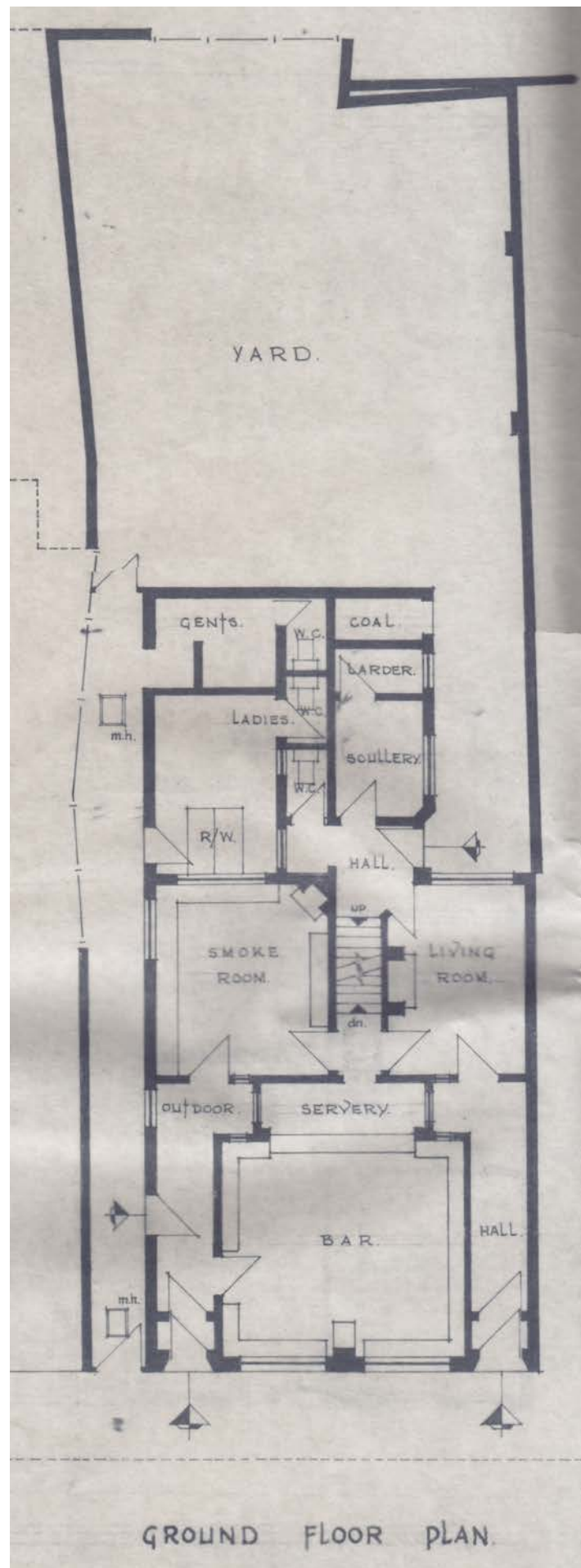
Darts teams from here played in local leagues. [1994]

It closed in 2007.

Demolished.
An apartment block was built on the site. [2009]



2005



Plan 1969

BEERHOUSES

A number of beerhouses were never given a name.
Only those that I am sure had 'on' licenses are included.

Beerhouse - Unnamed

BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Benjamin Stanley [1866]

NOTES

Wolverhampton Chronicle 5/9/1866

“The annual meeting for the renewal of existing licenses, and for receiving applications for fresh ones, was held at the Police Court on Friday, when the Magistrates present were – The Revs. J. Y. Rooker, and W. Lewis, and J. Perks, H. D. Best, A. Sparrow, H. Ward, and W. Hatton, Esqs. At the commencement of the proceedings, the superintendent of Police presented the following report:–

Bilston Division, August 31st, 1866.

‘I beg to submit to the Magistrates the attached list of licensed victuallers who have been complained about during the year. Twenty-five have been convicted, and three have paid costs; one had been convicted three times and five twice. This is a large increase on last year’s list; but I think it has arisen from the police being more particular in reporting cases of permitting drunkenness – as it was found to be an evil rather on the increase. I believe it has caused landlords to be more careful in supplying drink to persons intoxicated.’

H. McCrea, Superintendent.....

Mr. Underhill next applied for a license on behalf of *Benjamin Stanley*, to a beerhouse situate in the centre of town. The property was very commodious, and well adapted for a licensed house. It was not granted.....”

Beerhouse - Unnamed

23, Bridge Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Sarah Smallman, widow, Darlaston

LICENSEES

Thomas Legg [1871] – [1873]

NOTES

1871 Census

23, Bridge Street

[1] *Thomas Legg* (43), provision dealer, employing 1 assistant, born Bilston;

[2] *Lucy Legg* (41), wife, born Bilston;

[3] *Ann Legg* (17), daughter, assistant in shop, born Bilston;

[4] *Lucy Legg* (13), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;

[5] *John Thomas Legg* (6), son, scholar, born Bilston;

[6] *George Henry Legg* (1), son, born Bilston:

The license was taken away by the Justices.

Beerhouse - Unnamed

Cemetery Row, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Lloyd [1873]

NOTES

The license was abandoned.

Beerhouse - Unnamed

54, Church Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

Samuel Sellman, timber merchant, Penn

LICENSEES

Robert Neast [1871] – [1873]

NOTES

It had a six day, on license.

1871 Census

54, Church ~Street

[1] *Robert Neast* (52), widower, baker and confectioner, 3 assistants, born Chawky, Warwickshire;

[2] Enoch R. Neast (27), son, baker's assistant, born Stourbridge;

[3] Naomi Neast (28), daughter, baker's assistant, born Stourbridge;

[4] Prudence Hickin (30), daughter in law, born Stourbridge;

[5] Thomas Pid (22), servant, confectioner's assistant, born Worcester;

[6] Thirsa Bayley (18), general servant, born Brownhills:

The license was abandoned after 1873.

Beerhouse - Unnamed

Ettingshall Row, BILSTON

OWNERS

Samuel Ingram, contractor, Wolverhampton

LICENSEES

John Vickers [1873]

NOTES

It had an on license.

The license was abandoned.

Beerhouse - Unnamed

Frost Street, New Village, BILSTON

OWNERS

James Yates Rotherick, out of business, Wolverhampton

LICENSEES

Robert Booth [1873]

NOTES

The license was abandoned.

Beerhouse - Unnamed

15, High Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Mattocks
Thomas Yardley Mattocks
Joseph Harding, grocer, Bilston
John Fisher

LICENSEES

William Mattocks [1871] – **1876**;
Thomas Yardley Mattocks **(1876 – 1884)**;
James Harding **(1884 – 1885)**;
Samuel Boutcher Collier **(1885 – 1892)**;
John Fisher **(1892 – [1903]**

NOTES

William Mattocks, confectioner and British wine merchant, 15, High Street. [1870]

1871 Census

15, High Street

- [1] *William Mattocks* (60), widower, confectionery and sweets employing 2 men, born Bushbury, deafness ear;
- [2] *Thomas Y. Mattocks* (26), son, shopman, born Bilston;
- [3] June Clark (44), servant, housekeeper, born Middlesex;
- [4] Edward J. Richards (32), servant, journeyman, born Birmingham:

1881 Census

15, High Street

- [1] *Thomas Y. Mattocks* (33), confectioner, born Bilston;
- [2] Emma Gutteridge (49), servant, housekeeper, born Bilston:

Samuel B. Collier = Samuel B. Callear

1891 Census

15, High Street

- [1] *Samuel B. Callear* (36), baker and confectioner, born Bilston;
- [2] Caroline Callear (36), wife, born Limehouse, London;
- [3] Emily Callear (8), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] Percy Callear (7), son, born Bilston;
- [5] Mary Callear (5), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] Annie Callear (2), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] Dorothy Callear (3 months), daughter, born Bilston;
- [8] Mary Ann Owen (18), general servant, born Coseley:

License not applied for.

Premises closed for sale of wine on 10th February 1911.

Beerhouse - Unnamed

64, (78), John Street, New Village, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Smith [1866]
John Parkes [1868] – **1877**);
Charles Tomms Hollington (**1877 – 1895**);
William Pritchard (**1895 – 1898**);
Mary Elizabeth Pritchard (**1898 – []**)
Edward Fellows [] – **1901**)
Annie Elizabeth Field (**1915 – 1917**);
Esther Woolley (**1917 – 1930**);
Richard Enoch Woolley (**1930**);
Albert Bushell Godfrey (**1930 – [1938]**)

NOTES

78, John Street [1871], [1881], [1891]
64, John Street [1901], [1904]

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H. McCrea, Superintendent.....

The next application was made by Mr. Best on behalf of *John Smith*, an innkeeper, living in John Street, Bradley. Mr. Thurstans opposed on behalf of Mr. *Knott*, the occupier of the MERMAID. The application was refused.....”

John Parkes, beer retailer, 78, John Street, New Village. [1868], [1870]

1871 Census

78, John Street, New Village

- [1] *John Parkes* (47), grocer, no assistant, born Willenhall;
- [2] *George Parkes* (41), brother, commercial traveller, born Willenhall;
- [3] *Mary Parkes* (45), sister, housekeeper, born Willenhall;
- [4] *Elizabeth Lawrence* (17), general servant, born Darlaston:

1881 Census

78, John Street

- [1] *Charles T. Hollington* (32), grocer &c, born Kinver;
- [2] *Julia F. Hollington* (33), wife, born Broadwater, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Francis S. Hollington* (6), son, born Bilston;
- [4] *Herbert Hollington* (4), son, born Bilston;
- [5] *Eliza Hollington* (2½), daughter, born Bilston;
- [6] *Sarah Watkis Hollington* (15), domestic servant, born Bilston:

1891 Census

78, John Street

- [1] *Charles T. Hollington* (41), grocer and provision dealer, born Kinver;
- [2] *Julia F. Hollington* (44), wife, born Kidderminster;
- [3] *Francis S. Hollington* (16), son, grocer's assistant, born Priestfield;
- [4] *Charles H. Hollington* (14), son, born Priestfield;
- [5] *Elsie Hollington* (11), daughter, born Priestfield;
- [6] *Harry Hollington* (10), son, born Priestfield;
- [7] *Edith Hollington* (7), daughter, born Priestfield:

1901 Census

64, John Street

- [1] *Edward Fellows* (28), tavern keeper and dray man, born Tipton;
- [2] *Annie Fellows* (23), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Sarah Fellows* (61), mother, widow, born Dudley:

Edward Fellows was also a shopkeeper. [1904]

Annie Elizabeth Field was fined £5 and costs, on 25th May 1917, for permitting drunkenness.

Beerhouse - Unnamed

Lichfield Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard Harris Bray [1866]

NOTES

Wolverhampton Chronicle 17/1/1866

“On Friday, at the Police Court, before A. Sparrow and G. P. A. Pudsey, Esqs., the following persons were summoned before the Bench and fined for offences against their licenses.....

Richard Harris Bray, who keeps a beerhouse in Lichfield-street, was fined 5s and costs for permitting disorderly conduct in his house....”

Beerhouse - Unnamed

45, Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Hart

LICENSEES

William Hart [1865] – **1873**;
Sebastian Eaton (**1873 – 1876**);
Thomas Lane (**1876 – 1877**);
William Hart (**1877 – []**)

NOTES

It had an on beerhouse license.

William Hart, grocer and provision dealer, and beer retailer, 45, Oxford Street. [1865]

1871 Census

45, Oxford Street

- [1] *William R. Hart* (54), grocer, baker and publican employing 2 men, born Rutland;
- [2] *Sarah Hart* (50), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Lizzie Hart* (23), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Mary A. Hart* (14), daughter, scholar born Bilston;
- [5] *Mary J. Kilby* (19), visitor, born Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire;
- [6] *Eleanor Searson* (13), visitor, scholar, born Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire;
- [7] *Fanny Jones* (20), general servant, born Bilston:

The license was abandoned.

Beerhouse - Unnamed

103, (47), Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

David Riley, farmer, Essington
Charlotte Riley, Bloxwich

LICENSEES

William Hanson Deakin [1873] – **1882**);
James Woolridge (**1882 – 1911**):

NOTES

47, Oxford Street
103, Oxford Street [1901]

It had an on license.

1901 Census

103, Oxford Street

- [1] *James Woolridge* (59), baker's shop keeper, born Worcester;
- [2] *Elizabeth Woolridge* (61), wife, born Llandidloes, Montgomeryshire;
- [3] *Elizabeth Woolridge* (27), daughter, born Bilston;
- [4] *Frederick Woolridge* (24), son, confectioner, born Bilston;
- [5] *Charlotte Woolridge* (21), daughter, born Bilston:

License not applied for.
Premises closed on 10th February 1911.

Beerhouse - Unnamed

Oxford Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

William Barrett, builder, Bilston

LICENSEES

John Unitt [1873]

NOTES

The license was abandoned.

Beerhouse - Unnamed

St. Lukes Street, BILSTON

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Edward Ratcliffe [1873]

NOTES

The license was abandoned.

LIST OF BILSTON PUBS

ACORN Bridge Street, BILSTON
ACORN 7, (5), (3), Pinfold Street, BILSTON
ADMIRAL NELSON Ettingshall Lane, BILSTON
ALE HOUSE ROCK 146, Oxford Street, BILSTON
ANCHOR Coseley Street, BILSTON
ANGEL 28, Hall Fold, (28, Hall Street), (22, Pipes Meadow), (Angel Fold), BILSTON
ANGEL 400, Bilston Road, (Wolverhampton Road), (Wellington Road), Priestfield, (New Village), (Ettingshall), BILSTON
BALL COURT 1, Stafford Street, BILSTON
BALLOON 2, (83), High Street / Pinfold Street, BILSTON
BARLEY MOW Ettingshall Lane, Monmore Green, BILSTON
BARLEY MOW Mill Street, (Mill Lane), BILSTON
BARLEY MOW 179, (84), Oxford Street, BILSTON
BARLEY MOW 14, Union Street, (Miller Street), BILSTON
BARLEY MOW Priestfield, BILSTON
BARREL 21, (2), Chell Street, Bradley, (Brierley), (Daisy Bank), BILSTON
BARREL VAULTS 40, Church Street, BILSTON
BARREL 4, Mill Street, BILSTON
BARREL 47, (25), Temple Street, BILSTON
BEEHIVE Shambos Lane, Highfields Bridge, Bradley, (Highfields), BILSTON
BELL Wolverhampton Street, (Wolverhampton Road), BILSTON
BELL 11, (7), Wood Street, BILSTON
BIG COAL Pinfold Street, BILSTON
BIRD IN HAND 102, (37), High Street / Coseley Road, BILSTON
BIRD IN HAND 42, Hill Street, (44, Hall Street), (Hallfields), Bradley, BILSTON
BIRD IN HAND 34, (170), Oxford Street, BILSTON
BLACK BOY 15, Coseley Road, (12, (15), (11), Coseley Street), (Coseley Row), BILSTON
BLACK HORSE 43, High Street, BILSTON
BLACK SWAN Swan Bank, BILSTON
BLANKMAKERS ARMS 26, (55), Green Croft, (Greenscroft), (Green Acres), (Batch Croft), BILSTON
BLUE BALL BILSTON
BLUE BOAR 209, (98), Oxford Street, (Oxford Road), (New Town), BILSTON
BOAR 41, Church Street, BILSTON
BOARD 49, (29), Church Street / Greencroft, BILSTON
BOAT 23, Ettingshall Lane, (7, Ettingshall Road), (Millfields Road), Ettingshall, BILSTON
BOAT Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON
BOATBUILDERS ARMS 167, (79), Oxford Street / Chapel Street, BILSTON
BOROUGH ARMS Bunkers Hill Lane, BILSTON
BRADLEY FIELD HOUSE Lower Bradley, BILSTON
BRICKLAYERS ARMS Wood Street, BILSTON
BRIDGE Bridge Street, BILSTON
BRIDGE 10, Coseley Street, BILSTON
BRIDGE 4, (9), Ettingshall Road, (Ettingshall Lane), Rough Hills, BILSTON
BRITANNIA 13, Church Street, BILSTON
BRITANNIA 54, (63), Hall Green Street / Wootton Square, Upper Bradley, (Brierley), BILSTON
BRITANNIA Mill Street, BILSTON
BRITANNIA 137, (64), Oxford Street, BILSTON
BRITANNIA 20, (177), Oxford Street, BILSTON
BRITANNIA 50, Temple Street, BILSTON
BRITANNIA 22, Union Street, BILSTON
BRITANNIA Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON
BRITANNIA + BILSTON
BRITISH OAK 39, Wesley Street, Bradley, BILSTON
BROWN COW Oxford Street, BILSTON
BROWN JUG 11, (6), Temple Street, BILSTON
BROWN LION 19, (18), Cross Street, Hallfields, Bradley, BILSTON
BROWN LION 165, (78), Oxford Street (Oxford Road) / Chapel Street, New Town, BILSTON
BULL AND MOUTH 41, (20), High Street, BILSTON
BULLS HEAD 92, Church Street, BILSTON
BULLS HEAD 28, (70), (54), High Street (Market Street) / Dudley Street, BILSTON
BULLS HEAD 24, John Street / Chell Street, Bradley, (Hall Green), (Daisy Bank), BILSTON
BULLS HEAD 153, (67), Millfields Road, (Parkfield Road), (Mill Street), (Union Street), (Catchems Corner), Ettingshall, BILSTON
BULLS HEAD Wolverhampton Road, BILSTON
BUSH High Street, BILSTON
BUSH Lichfield Street, BILSTON
CAFÉ METRO BILSTON
CALIFORNIA 36, Hatton Street, (12, John Street), Bradley, BILSTON
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE 6, (5), Mount Pleasant, BILSTON
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON
CASTLE 76, (77), Church Street / Wood Street, BILSTON

CHURCH Millfields Road (Bell Lane) / Little Church Street, (Union Street), BILSTON

CLUB HOUSE Church Street, BILSTON

COACH AND HORSES Coseley Row, BILSTON

COCK 13, Church Street / Lichfield Street, BILSTON

COCK 44, (62), (30), Willenhall Road, (30, Cold Lanes), (Coal Lane), Mount Pleasant, BILSTON

COMMERCIAL Highfields Road, ((56), (61), Ash Street), Bradley, BILSTON

COOPERS ARMS Church Street, BILSTON

COTTAGE SPRING 20, (89), Dudley Street, BILSTON

CRICKETERS ARMS 106, (63), Church Street, BILSTON

CROSS Oxford Street, BILSTON

CROSS GUNS 4, Hartshorn Street, BILSTON

CROWN 16, (58), Bank Street, (58, Bilston Street), (Hallfields), (Hall Green), (Bradley Bridge), Bradley, BILSTON

CROWN 18, Millfields Road, (18, Mill Street), Ettingshall, (Catchem), BILSTON

CROWN Brierley, BILSTON

CROWN AND ANCHOR 2+3, Ettingshall Road, (Can Lane), Ettingshall, BILSTON

CROWN AND ANCHOR 129, (60), Oxford Street, BILSTON

CROWN AND ANCHOR Swan Bank, BILSTON

CROWN AND CUSHION 31, (5), Bank Street, (5, Bilston Street), (Hallfields), Bradley, BILSTON

DOG AND PARTRIDGE 47, (38), (65), (23), Broad Street, BILSTON

DOG AND PARTRIDGE Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON

DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE 14, (39), Cambridge Street / Duke Street, BILSTON

DUKE OF WELLINGTON Ettingshall Lane, (Catchems Corner), BILSTON

DUKE OF YORK Bilston Road, Ettingshall, BILSTON

DUKE OF YORK Wolverhampton Road, BILSTON

EAGLE Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE 40, Hill Street, (47, Hall Street), (Hallfields), Bradley, BILSTON

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE 122, (127), Oxford Street, BILSTON

ELISABETH ARMS Overfield Drive, BILSTON

EXCHANGE VAULTS 72, Church Street, BILSTON

FALCON Mount Pleasant, BILSTON

FIGHTING COCKS Dudley Street, BILSTON

FORESTERS ARMS 12, (6), Walsall Street, BILSTON

FORGE HAMMER Ettingshall Lane, BILSTON

FORGE HAMMER 28, Manor Road, Ettinghall, BILSTON

FORGE HAMMER 112, (6), Spring Road, Lanesfield, (Spring Vale Iron Works), BILSTON

FOUNTAIN 12, Parliament Street, Greencroft, BILSTON

FOUNTAIN 29, (36), Ward Street, Ettingshall, (Priestfield), BILSTON

FOUR HORSE SHOES Broad Lanes, BILSTON

FOX 4, Ash Street, Bradley, (Daisy Bank), BILSTON

FOX 29+30, Bilston Street, Hallfields, BILSTON

FOX 18, Church Street, BILSTON

FOX AND PARTRIDGE BILSTON

GATE 378, Bilston Road, (Gibbet Lane), (30, Wolverhampton Road), (6, Willenhall Road), Monmore Green, (Priestfield), BILSTON

GEORGE Mount Pleasant, BILSTON

GEORGE Stafford Street, BILSTON

GEORGE AND CROWN Willenhall Road, BILSTON

GEORGE AND CROWN Lane End, BILSTON

GEORGE AND DRAGON 104, (105), Broad Lanes, (Ladymoor Road), BILSTON

GEORGE AND DRAGON 61, Hall Green Street / 6, Wootton Square, Upper Bradley, (Hallfields), (Brierley), BILSTON

GLADSTONE ARMS 176, Oxford Street, BILSTON

GLOBE 59, Ash Street / 79, Lane Street, Bradley, (Highfield), (Brierley), BILSTON

GLOBE Market Street, (Hall Street), BILSTON

GLOBE 4, (5), Mount Pleasant, (Willenhall Road), BILSTON

GOLDEN CROSS 74, Oxford Street, BILSTON

GOLDEN CUP 68, (54), (53), High Street / Oat Meal Square, BILSTON

GOLDEN FLEECE 5, (3), Fleece Street, (Ward Street), (3, Providence Place), (Gibbet Lane), Priestfield, (New Village), BILSTON

GOLDEN LION 46, Ash Street, (5, Chell Street), Bradley, (Upper Bradley), (Hall Green), (Daisy Bank), (Highfields), BILSTON

GOLDEN LION Church Street, BILSTON

GRAPES Salop Street, Hallfields, BILSTON

GREAT WESTERN 1, Ash Street / 83, Hall Green Street, Bradley, (Daisy Bank), (Hallfields), BILSTON

GREAT WESTERN Hall Street, BILSTON

GREAT WESTERN 12, Bradley Road, (Cox's Yard), Canalside, Lower Bradley, BILSTON

GREEN HOTEL Wellington Road, BILSTON

GREEN DRAGON 7, (9), Cross Street, Bradley, BILSTON

GREEN DRAGON High Street, BILSTON

GREEN DRAGON 17, Oatmeal Square, (Hot Mill Street), BILSTON

GREEN MAN 178, Oxford Street, BILSTON

GREYHOUND 1, (13), Cross Street, (Upper) Bradley, BILSTON

GREYHOUND AND PUNCHBOWL 51, (25), (26), (27), (47½), High Street, BILSTON

HAND AND BOTTLE 46, (40), (114), (117), Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON

HAND AND KEYS 28, (121), Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON

HAPPY WANDERER 141, Green Lanes, (Marchant Road), Stowlawn Estate, BILSTON
HEN AND CHICKENS 25, (32), (32-33), George Street, (Hall Park Street), Priestfield, (New Village), (Ettingshall), BILSTON
HEN AND CHICKENS 16, (60+61), Green Croft, BILSTON
HIBERNIAN TAVERN 64, Oxford Street, BILSTON
HIGHFIELDS Highfields, BILSTON
HIMLEY ARMS 16, (91), (136), (96), (52), Dudley Street (North), (Temple Street), BILSTON
HOO ARMS Hoo Lane, Bradley, BILSTON
HOPE AND ANCHOR 12, (60), Bank Street, (60, Bilston Street), Hallfields, Bradley, BILSTON
HOPE AND ANCHOR 36, Bridge Street / Queen Street, (Duck Lane), BILSTON
HOP POLE 72, (63), (68), Dudley Street (South), BILSTON
HOP POLE Hall Street, BILSTON
HOP POLE 2, (20), Market Street, BILSTON
HORSE AND JOCKEY 72, (79), Church Street, BILSTON
IRONMASTER Wesley Street, Bradley, BILSTON
JAPPANERS ARMS 116, (130), (132), Oxford Street, (Greencroft), BILSTON
JOLLY COLLIER Bristol Street, BILSTON
KINGS ARMS 12, Church Street / Lichfield Street, Swan Bank, BILSTON
KINGS HEAD 27, (13), (12), Broad Street, BILSTON
KINGS HEAD (Middle) Field Lane, BILSTON
LAMB AND FLAG 89, (16), (Lower) Salop Street, (Shropshire Row), (16, Highfields Road), (Hall Field Road), Bradley, BILSTON
LAMP TAVERN Lichfield Street, BILSTON
LAND OAK 18, Wesley Street, (Westley Street), Bradley, (Batman Hill), (Brierley), BILSTON
LEOPARD 97, (53), Church Street, BILSTON
LEOPARD Dudley Road, BILSTON
LION 79, (44), Church Street / Crown Street, BILSTON
LION 1, Coseley Street, BILSTON
LION Millfields, BILSTON
LITTLE SWAN 30, (40), Gozzard Street, BILSTON
LORD NELSON 2, (65), Bridge Street / Fraser Street, BILSTON
LORD NELSON Wednesbury Oak, BILSTON
MALT SHOVEL Church Street, BILSTON
MALT SHOVEL 91, (40), Oxford Street, (Oxford Road), BILSTON
MANCHESTER HOUSE Coseley Row, BILSTON
MANOR 94, Stowheath Lane, BILSTON
MARKET TAVERN 81, (45), (46), Church Street, BILSTON
MARQUIS OF WELLINGTON Ettingshall Lane, BILSTON
MINERS ARMS Stafford Street, BILSTON
MINERS ARMS 1, Thompson Street, BILSTON
MITRE Church Street, BILSTON
MOULDERS ARMS Lower Bradley, BILSTON
NAGS HEAD Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON
NAVIGATION 1, (2), Salop Street, (2, Salop Row), (Shropshire Row), Bradley, BILSTON
NAVIGATION Pot House Bridge, BILSTON
NEW BULLS HEAD High Street, BILSTON
NEW BULLS HEAD 97, Wellington Road, (Wolverhampton Road), (Bilston Road, Priestfield), (Ettingshall), BILSTON
NEW INN 300, Bilston Road (Row) / Ettingshall Road, (Wolverhampton Road), Ettingshall, (Priestfield), (Monmore Green), BILSTON
NEW INN 84, (150), Oxford Street, BILSTON
NEW INN 9, Twenty House Row, BILSTON
NEW INN Lower Ettingshall, BILSTON
NOAHS ARK 1, Wolverhampton Street / High Street, BILSTON
OAK AND IVY 22, (28), (173), Oxford Street, BILSTON
ODYSSEY Oxford Street, BILSTON
OLD BALL Green Croft, BILSTON
OLD BARLEY MOW Wolverhampton Road, BILSTON
OLD BOARS HEAD 88, (72), (40), Church Street, BILSTON
OLD BROWN JUG 55, (29), (25), Temple Street, BILSTON
OLD BUSH 15, (38), (23), Cross Street (Tup Lane), Bradley Bridge, (Bradley Lane), (Upper Bradley) Bradley, BILSTON
OLD BUSH Ettingshall Lane, BILSTON
OLD BUSH 22, (50), Ward Street, (Gibbet Lane), Priestfield, (New Village), (Ettingshall), BILSTON
OLD BUSH 70, (102), (103), Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON
OLD CROWN Bridge Street, BILSTON
OLD CROWN Crown Street / Parliament Street, BILSTON
OLD CROWN 12, Wootton Square, (Hall Street), Bradley, BILSTON
OLD CROWN AND ANCHOR Coseley Street, (Coseley Row), BILSTON
OLD ENGLISH GENTLEMAN Thompson Street, BILSTON
OLD HOUSE AT HOME Greencroft, BILSTON
OLD HOUSE AT HOME 16, (102), (101+102), Temple Street, BILSTON
OLD MALT SHOVEL 40, Church Street, BILSTON
OLD MERMAID 33, (18), (17+18), Salop Street, (Shropshire Row), Bradley, (Highfields), (Hallfields), BILSTON
OLD ROUND OF BEEF 35, (17), High Street / Workhouse Fold, BILSTON
OLDE SHOPPE John Street, Ettingshall, BILSTON

OLDE WHITE ROSE 20, Lichfield Street, (20, (102), (103), Church Street), (Swan Bank), BILSTON
ORANGE TREE 56, (32), (19), Ward Street, (Gibbet Lane), (Ettingshall), Priestfield, BILSTON
OXFORD 83, (37), (36), (36a), (26), Oxford Street / Brook Street, (New Town), BILSTON
PARKFIELD TAVERN 715, Parkfields Road, (18, Parkfield Road), (Ettingshall), BILSTON
PATCH BOX Willis Pearson Avenue, Bradley, BILSTON
PHEASANT 20, (96), (76), (167), Broad Street, BILSTON
PIPE HALL 27, Hall Street, BILSTON
PLOUGH 82, (47), (46), (45), High Street, BILSTON
PLOUGH Shropshire Row, BILSTON
PLOUGH AND HARROW Stafford Street, BILSTON
POINT OF WAR High Street, BILSTON
PRINCE OF WALES 17, Highfields Road / Caledonia Street, (Hallfields Road), (Upper) Bradley, (Sydney Village), BILSTON
PRINCE OF WALES 44, Queen Street, BILSTON
QUEEN Temple Street, BILSTON
QUEENS ARMS 10, (13), (25), Wellington Road, (Lichfield Street), (Wolverhampton Street) / Short Street, BILSTON
QUEENS HEAD BILSTON
RAILWAY 3, (5), Brook Street, BILSTON
RAILWAY 4, Hill Street, (64, Hall Street), (Railway Street), (Queen Street), Hallfields, Bradley, BILSTON
RAILWAY FOUNTAIN Hall Green, (Upper Bradley), Highfields, BILSTON
RECRUITING SERGEANT High Street, BILSTON
RED COW 3, (5), Bridge Street, (Fraser Street), BILSTON
RED CROSS KNIGHT 11, Brook Street, BILSTON
RED LION 32, Brierley Lane, (Batmans Hill), (Daisy Bank), Bradley, BILSTON
RED LION Church Street, BILSTON
RED LION 49, (26), (25+26), (31), (23), Dudley Street (South), BILSTON
RED LION Ettingshall Lane, BILSTON
RED LION 39, (34), George Street, Priestfield, (New Village), (Ettingshall), BILSTON
RED LION 121, (120), (119), Parkfield Road, (29, Goldthorn Hill Road), Rough Hills, (near Catchems Corner), Ettingshall, BILSTON
RED LION Catchems Corner, BILSTON
RISING SUN 16, Cross Street, Bradley, BILSTON
ROBIN HOOD 161, (76), (75 and 76), Oxford Street, BILSTON
ROCKET POOLS Rocket Pool Drive, (1, School Drive), Bradley, BILSTON
ROEBUCK 50, Bridge Street, BILSTON
ROEBUCK 2, Crown Street, BILSTON
ROLLING MILL 12, Highfield Road, (High Street), (Stafford Row), Highfields, (Ettingshall), BILSTON
ROLLING MILL Millfields Road / 22, Union Street, BILSTON
ROOKERY TAVERN 35, Wood Street, Lanesfield, (New Street, Ettingshall), BILSTON
ROPEMAKERS ARMS BILSTON
ROSE AND CROWN Church Street, Swan Bank, BILSTON
ROSE AND CROWN (Middle) Field Lane, BILSTON
ROSE AND CROWN 41, Temple Street, BILSTON
ROUGH HILLS TAVERN Rooker Avenue, (8, Rough Hills), (Dudley Road), (Rough Hills Lane), Parkfields, BILSTON
ROUND COUNTER 4, Rose Street, (Batmans Hill), Bradley, BILSTON
ROYAL ARTILLERY 9, (5), High Street, BILSTON
ROYAL EXCHANGE 26, (25), (27), Chapel Street, BILSTON
ROYAL EXCHANGE 4, (57), Queen Street, BILSTON
ROYAL EXCHANGE 35, (19), Salop Street, (Shropshire Row), (Hallfields), Bradley, BILSTON
ROYAL GEORGE 44, (92), Church Street, BILSTON
ROYAL GEORGE Oxford Street, BILSTON
ROYAL OAK 3, Ettingshall Road (20, (22), Ettingshall Lane), Ettingshall, BILSTON
ROYAL OAK 30, (31), (26), Hall Street, (74, (30), Hill Street), Hall Green, Upper Bradley, BILSTON
ROYAL OAK 20, (74), High Street, BILSTON
ROYAL OAK 1, St. Lukes Street, BILSTON
ROYAL OAK 84, (83), Salop Street, (83, Salop Row), (Shropshire Row), Bradley, (Hallfields), BILSTON
ROYAL OAK Wolverhampton Street, BILSTON
SADDLE AND STIRRUPS 121, (56), Oxford Street / Warwick Street, BILSTON
SAMPSON AND LION 1, Green Croft, (Green Cross Street), BILSTON
SAMPSON AND LION 34, Newbolt Road, BILSTON
SEVEN STARS 24, (72), (73), (22), High Street / Dudley Street, BILSTON
SHAKESPEARE Hall Street, BILSTON
SHAKESPEARE 29, (8), (6), Market Street, (Newmarket Street), BILSTON
SHAMROCK 91, (47-48), Temple Street, BILSTON
SHIP AND RAINBOW 42, (166), Oxford Street, (Oxford Road) / Queen Street, (Bow Street), BILSTON
SHOULDER OF MUTTON 73, (83), Hall Green Street, Bradley, (Daisy Bank), BILSTON
SIR HENRY NEWBOLT 45-47, High Street, BILSTON
SOLDIER'S RETURN Brook Street, BILSTON
SPREAD EAGLE 19, (24), Ladymoor Road, Ladymoor, BILSTON
SPREAD EAGLE 37, (20), (5), Lichfield Street, BILSTON
SPREAD EAGLE Bradley, BILSTON
SQUIRREL Moorcroft, Lower Bradley, BILSTON
STAG 13, (5), (1), Crown Street, BILSTON

STAR 31, (15), Church Street, (31, (15), Lichfield Street), Swan Bank, BILSTON
STAR 155, (72), (72–73), (73), Oxford Street, BILSTON
STAR AND GARTER 3, (8), Lester Street, (Leicester Street), BILSTON
STAR AND GARTER 7, (4), (5), Salop Street, (Salop Row), (Shropshire Row), Bradley, (Hallfields), BILSTON
SWAN 59, (19), Bank Street, (19, Bilston Street), (19, Lord Street), (Queen Street), (Hallfields), (Upper Bradley), Bradley, BILSTON
SWAN 108, Church Street, (108, Hall Street), Swan Bank, BILSTON
SWAN Cross Street, Bradley, BILSTON
SWAN 84, (46), (44), High Street, BILSTON
SWAN 1, John Street, New Village, Priestfield, (Ettingshall), BILSTON
SWAN Prestons Row, Ettingshall, BILSTON
SWAN 9, (13), Twenty House Row, Lower Bradley, BILSTON
SWAN BANK TAVERN 3-5, Lichfield Street, (3, (2), Church Street), Swan Bank, BILSTON
SYDNEY VILLAGE INN 21, Wright Street, (Hallfields), Bradley, BILSTON
TALBOT 31, (11), Oxford Street, BILSTON
THREE CROWNS Bridge Street, BILSTON
THREE CUPS 87, (3), Spring Road, (5, Spring Vale Road), Lanesfield, (Ettingshall), BILSTON
THREE HORSESHOES Broad Lane, BILSTON
THREE HORSESHOES 65, (28), Oxford Street, BILSTON
THREE TUNS 55, (35), Bridge Street / Queen Street, BILSTON
TIGER Church Street, BILSTON
TOWN HALL STORES 36, Church Street, (High Street), BILSTON
TRAVELLERS REST Spring Vale Wharf, Millfields Road, (Union Street), (Catchems Corner), BILSTON
TRUMPET 58, (57a), (56), High Street, BILSTON
TURKS HEAD 11, (6), (4), (5), High Street, BILSTON
UNICORN 45, Church Street, BILSTON
UNION 68, (44) Coseley Road, (68, (67), (64), (44), Coseley Street), (Coseley Row), BILSTON
UNION 44, Union Street, BILSTON
UNION MILL 1, Manor Road, (82, Parkfield Road), (Ettingshall lane), (22, Can Lane), Ettingshall, (Catchems Corner), BILSTON
VAULTS 5, (3), High Street, BILSTON
VICTORIA 33, Wesley Street, Bradley, BILSTON
VILLIERS ARMS Villiers Avenue, (Villiers Square) / Froggatt Road, BILSTON
VINE 34, (32), (92), John Street, New Village, (Ettingshall), BILSTON
VINE 16, (4), Vine Street, (Market Street) / Cooper Street, BILSTON
WAGGON AND HORSES Broad Lane, BILSTON
WAGGON AND HORSES 22, Millfields Road, (22, Mill Street), Ettingshall, (Catchems Corner), BILSTON
WAGGON AND HORSES 147, (67–68), (67), (68), Oxford Street, (Oxford Road), New Town, BILSTON
WATERLOO Oxford Street, BILSTON
WATERLOO Ettingshall, BILSTON
WELCOME STRANGER 161, Oxford Street, BILSTON
WELLINGTON High Street, BILSTON
WELLINGTON 13, (7), Price Street (Tame Street) / Oxford Street, BILSTON
WHEATSHEAF 131, (61), (60), Oxford Street, (Oxford Road), New Town, BILSTON
WHITE HART 44, (42), (78), (2), Salop Street, (78, Salop Row), (Shropshire Row), Bradley, BILSTON
WHITE HORSE 92, (42), (41), (112), High Street, BILSTON
WHITE HORSE 24, Temple Street, BILSTON
WHITE HORSE 1, (42), Ward Street, Priestfield, BILSTON
WHITE LION 67, (17), Cross Street, (Lower) Bradley, BILSTON
WHITE LION Millfields Road, (Mill Street), (Mill Lane), (Union Street), (Millfields Bridge), Ettingshall, BILSTON
WHITE LION 73, (38), (33), Temple Street, BILSTON
WHITE ROSE 24, (97), Temple Street, BILSTON
WILLIAM BUTLER 34, John Street, Priestfield, (Ettingshall), BILSTON

UNNAMED BEERHOUSES

BILSTON
 23, Bridge Street, BILSTON
 Cemetery Row, BILSTON
 54, Church Street, BILSTON
 Ettingshall Row, BILSTON
 Frost Street, New Village, BILSTON
 15, High Street, BILSTON
 64, (78), John Street, New Village, BILSTON
 Lichfield Street, BILSTON
 45, Oxford Street, BILSTON
 103, (47), Oxford Street, BILSTON
 Oxford Street, BILSTON
 St. Lukes Street, BILSTON

HOW TO USE THE INFORMATION

PUB NAME

This is generally the name by which the pub was officially known. Other names, either changes or nicknames, are to be found in the notes section.

Names marked with + are, at present, not specifically identified as being any of those listed before them, and have not been attributed yet because of the lack of data available.

Pubs are not listed necessarily under their current name.

A number of beerhouses were never given a name, and these appear at the end of the pub lists as Beerhouse – Unnamed. Only those that I am pretty sure had 'on' licences are included.

This is sometimes the case with alehouses too.

Can't find the pub you want?

It's probably had its name changed. Try using the search facility to locate the pub name, or nickname, that you know.

ADDRESS

Eg. 52, (79), Haden Street, (Haden Lane) / Cox Alley, Kates Hill, DUDLEY

Numbers and street names in brackets denote earlier addresses. These are usually detailed in the notes section. Buildings were renumbered with development and demolition, or the renaming of the street etc.

/ = on the corner with.....

Sometimes districts are also included, such as Kates Hill above. These are often historical and are now obsolete, but can be located on early maps.

OWNERS

These are listed where known.

They include companies and individuals, and occasionally the dates acquired and prices paid.

LICENSEES

Often the owner was the licensee, and even when they employed managers their names would appear in directories.

Where known, names are appended with (manager, non-resident, tenant etc.).

Dates

These are differentiated by the use of brackets and/or italics.

[1862] = This was the case in 1862. Where the date appears on its own it refers to the earliest or latest reference found.

This also applies where a pub has its name changed, eg.

[2001] followed by "Its name was changed to XXXXX. [2003]"

This means that in 2001 it still had its previous name, but by 2003 its name had been changed to XXXXX.

[1862] = Information from a directory dated 1862, so may have been out of date when it was published. As much as five years in some cases!

[c. 1862] = About 1862, but exact date not known.

[1860's] = Some time in this decade.

[] = No date available, but the detail is inserted in roughly the right chronological place.

(1862 – [1863] = Started in 1862 and was still the case in 1863.

[1862] – **1863)** = It was the case in 1862 and **ended** in 1863.

(1862 – 1863) = Started in 1862 and **ended** in 1863.

(1862 – 1863); the ; signifies that the licensee was immediately followed by the next person in the list. Sometimes the licence transfer came months after a person's death, but the transfer date is the one used, if date of death is not known.

Sometimes the licensing registers contradict findings from other sources such as directories. Where this occurs the ; is still used, the anomalous name is given a question mark and is placed in a suitable chronological place, and the next person is the one that follows the ;

Eg.

Fred Smith [1916] – **1927);**

Joseph Bloggs [1921] ?

George Jones **(1927 – 1932)**

In the register George Jones follows on from Fred Smith, but Joseph Bloggs was mentioned in another source in 1921. He is left in for completeness.

When using original documents, such as licensing registers, which are sometimes damaged, it is impossible to read some material (including dates). Where this has occurred, and only the decade or century is decipherable, I have used underscoring to replace the missing digits in an effort to keep the licensees in the correct order.

Eg. Fred Smith **(188_ – 18_);**

John Jones **(18__ – 189_):**

If the date is followed with a : this signifies the last person to hold the licence.

NOTES

These start with locations, and are followed by previous names or nicknames of the pub. These are then followed by other details, often where dates are unknown.

Historical details then follow chronologically where possible.

Some pubs listed are the same as others, but so far I have been unable to connect them. This is especially true when directories only list the pub name and licensee, and more than one pub of that name existed at the time. These are often identified by:-
Check OTHER PUB NAME.

Licensees are often associated with more than one pub, and pubs are sometimes rebuilt on different sites to their original one. These are identified by:-
See OTHER PUB NAME

Titles – only Miss and Mrs are used here (when known).
No other titles are used.
ie. Major George Cox was not a major. Major was his first name.

Often names were spelt differently in the sources used. This is identified where possible, and one spelling is used for consistency.

Where I have decided that different spellings are the same person I have identified this
eg. *Smith* = Smithe = Smyth

Where I am unsure about this I have identified it thus

* possibly the same person

or

* probably the same person

Where sources are quoted these appear in **colour**, followed by the quote in black in a different typeface from the remainder of the information. Sometimes I have paraphrased a quotation, and some have had additions entered by myself.

Information which has been transcribed by me from handwritten sources, such as censuses, parish records, licensing minutes etc., should be correctly spelt, but the reader is advised to check the original for themselves. In cases where I have been unable to transcribe individual names, only those letters that are clear are given.
eg, Osbal__on ? The underscore does not indicate the number of missing letters, as this is often as unclear as the name itself.

Where I am not 100% sure that I have deciphered a name correctly this is indicated by a question mark in parentheses ie. (?)

Census records are presented in a different form than the original.

[1] = position in the household.

This is followed by the name and (age).

Relationship to [1] follows, and then occupation (if any is listed).

Finally comes the place of birth. Where these places are local to the Black Country, or are larger towns and cities, no county name is given.

Where birthplaces are given in the Black Country it has to be remembered:-

(a) Harborne once included Smethwick

(b) Kingswinford once covered places such as Brierley Hill, Pensnett, Quarry Bank and Wall Heath

(c) Sedgley once included Coseley and the Gornals

(d) West Bromwich once included Great Bridge (now in the Tipton file), Great Barr and Hamstead (not considered by me as part of the Black Country).

Most local newspapers were weekly and appeared on a Saturday.
This does not apply to the Express & Star, Midland Counties Evening Express, or Evening News / Star.

Newspaper articles sometimes spell the same thing (eg. Surname) differently in a single report. Where the proper spelling is known this is altered by me, but when I am unsure they are left as they appear.

A gazeteer is provided to give approximate locations of place names in relation to larger towns and cities in Britain.

Where a licensee changes her name by marriage, her former surname appears in brackets ie. Jane (maiden or previous married name) Smith.

Where names of spouses are known, they are listed in the past tense, even though many may be still husband and wife. This is merely a convention used by me for convenience.

[text] Where square brackets occur, with text in a different typeface inside, this signifies comments of my own.

Some entries, in all sections, are followed by a number of question marks (without parentheses). These show the extent of doubt that I have over that entry.

The historical nature of the contents has meant that the old currency of pounds shillings and pence is used frequently. A pound (£) was divided into 20 shillings (s) and a shilling was divided into 12 pence (d). Halfpennies and farthings (1/4d) were also in use.

This is also the case where other measures, length, weight etc., are used. See glossary for details.

GLOSSARY

A number of terms may be unfamiliar and their meanings are listed below. Also abbreviations appear in quotations and they are translated below.

acre A measure of area equal to 4840 square yards.

alehouse An obsolete term meaning both a house licensed to sell ale, or one with a full license, as distinct to a beerhouse.

ante 1869 Licensed before 1st May 1869, and applies to beerhouses which were protected from refusal to renew the license, unless statutory rules were broken.

These were:-

- (a) That the premises were frequented by thieves, prostitutes or people of bad character.
- (b) Failure of an applicant to provide evidence of a good character.
- (c) The applicant had been disqualified due to misconduct.

A.O.F. Ancient Order of Foresters

apprentice One who was bound to a skilled worker for a specified time to learn the trade.

axle tree maker One who made axles for coaches and waggons.

bagatelle A billiards derived game in which players have to negotiate wooden pins in order to navigate balls around a table.

bagman A travelling salesman.

banksman A man in charge of the cages at a pit head.

barm yeast / fermenting liquor

barrel A barrel containing 36 gallons.

base coin Counterfeit coin

beerhouse A pub which was only licenced to sell beer.

billiard marker A person who attends on players at billiards and records the progress of the game.

bill poster One who pastes up bills, notices or placards.

billycock A hard felt hat popular in Victorian times.

black list Anyone convicted of drunkenness was placed on this list. It was an offence to serve such a person, knowingly, for three years after being listed.

black saddler Someone who made cart, gig and other saddles in black leather.

blacksmith Someone who forges and shapes red hot iron with a hammer and anvil, also one who shoes horses.

bobber Metal polisher.

boots A hotel servant who cleans boots, runs errands etc.

brake A long waggonette.

breeze Furnace refuse used in making building material.

bridle cutter A person who cut leather to make horses' bridles.

brown saddler A person who made riding saddles from brown leather.

buckle tongue maker A person who made the metal points that go in the holes of belts, harness etc.

bushel A measure of 8 gallons.

butty A mining term for one who takes a contract for work in a coal mine.

c. circa

cabman One who drove a cab.

C.A.M.R.A. Campaign for Real Ale

carter A carrier, usually with a cart or waggon.

chartermaster A middleman who negotiated mining contracts and supplied the labour.

charwoman A cleaner.

cheap Jack A travelling hawker, who professes to give great bargain.

cobbler One who mended shoes.

commercial When applied to an inn or hotel it meant that commercial travellers were catered for, often at a reasonable price.

common brewer A brewer whose beer is brewed for the public, generally, not just for a pub.

Compensation Authority A body set up to decide the amount of compensation to be paid to the owner, when a licensing authority proposes to refuse a license renewal on grounds other than the statutory ones relating to the character or the conduct of the house.
Compensation was paid by the Inland Revenue from moneys collected from a levy on licenses.

compositor Someone who set type for printing.

cordwainer shoemaker (not a boot maker)

core A device used in casting and moulding processes to produce internal cavities.

Cork Club A charitable organisation in which the members had to carry a cork on their person at all times. They were challenged by other members of the club to produce their cork, and if they could not, they had to pay a 'fine' into the charity fund.

corn factor A middleman in corn deals.

C.R. Chief Ranger – an office within the Ancient Order of Foresters.

currier Horse groom / leather trade finisher who greases the dry leather to make it flexible.

cwt hundredweight, 112 pounds (approximately 51 kilograms)

d (old) pence

DCM Distinguished Conduct Medal

D.C.R. District Chief Ranger – an office within the Ancient Order of Foresters.

D.D.M. Deputy District Master – an office within the Ancient Order of Foresters.

die sinker Someone who engraves dies for stamping or embossing, or cutting screw threads on metal.

D.M. District Master – an office within the Ancient Order of Foresters.

doggy An overlooker of a certain number of men and boys in a pit.

draper A dealer in cloth, cloth goods, and sewing needs.

dray A low strong cart for heavy goods.

dropsy A morbid accumulation of watery fluid on any part of the body.

edge tool maker A person who made knives and agricultural tools such as scythes.

epithet A term or expression.

f. founded

factor's clerk A clerk to a manufacturer.

farrier A horse doctor, or blacksmith who shoes horses.

filling A Victorian term meaning to serve beer / alcohol.

firkin A barrel containing 9 gallons.

florin A coin of the value 2s (10p).

fob A small watch pocket.

four foot The space between the rails on a standard gauge railway.

footpad A highwayman on foot.

freehold Legal ownership and control of a building or a piece of land for an unlimited time.

French polisher Someone who polished quality furniture using French polish, wax or lacquer.

fs when on 1841 census, probably means female servant

fuller A scourer of cloth, or a finisher.

gaming The playing of games of chance for winnings.

gawn A small round tub with a handle, used for carrying the wort.

General Annual Licensing Meeting This was the principal licensing meeting, and was sometimes called the **Brewster Sessions**. They were usually held during the first fortnight of February every year.

grains of paradise Aframomum melegueta. A form of ginger native to the swamps of West Africa. The seeds (grains) were used in brewing to give the impression of strength. Its use became illegal in Britain in 1816.

grist ground malt used in brewing.

guinea An amount of £1 1s 0d.

haberdasher A dealer in small wares, as ribbons, tapes etc.

half crown A coin of the value 2s 6d.

hame One of the two curved bars of a draught horse's collar.

harbouring the police Allowing police officers to be on the licensed premises when they should be on duty. The exceptions being when they have permission of a senior officer, or are engaged in preventing / detecting a breach of the licensing laws, or keeping order.

higgler or **higler** pedlar, usually with a horse and cart

hogshead A barrel containing 52½ gallons.

hoof prints / marks During the winter of 1855 there was a spate of people reporting these marks being visible in the snow on their roofs.

hostler see ostler

indict to officially charge with a crime

indigent in need, especially of sustenance

inst. / instant (during) the current month

intoxicating liquor spirits, beer, cider, wine and British wine

japanner A person who made 'japanned' object using the Japanese lacquer techniques.

journeyman Fully qualified tradesman who had served an apprenticeship.

kilderkin A barrel holding 18 gallons.

liquor water (brewing)

L.M.S. London, Midland and Scottish (railway)

L.N.E.R. London and North Eastern Railway

long pull This was a practice in which more beer was served than the quantity ordered. It was originally encouraged by brewers to improve trade, but around 1900 they began to object to it, to improve takings!
It is no longer illegal.

m. married

M. U. Manchester Unity (of Oddfellows)

milliner A dealer in Milan goods, or more commonly a maker / seller of women's hats, trimmings etc.

Minorca a breed of laying poultry

moiety one of two parts or divisions

NUOFG National United Order of Free Gardeners

oliverman An operator of a forge hammer worked by foot

on tramp travelling

Order of Discharge An order by a court of law saying that a person or company that is bankrupt is no longer responsible for paying back its debts.

ordinary A meal provided at a fixed cost.

Ordinary Removal A method of attaching a license of any description to premises previously unlicensed by the removal of a license of the same description from other premises.

ostler Someone who attends to horses at an inn.

paviour One who does paving work.

PCR Past Chief Ranger (Order of Foresters)

Penny dreadful A cheap sensational serial or tale.

perch A measure of area equal to 30¼ square yards (25.3 square metres).

plaister An obsolete form of plaster.

platelayer One who laid and maintained railway tracks.

posting house (post house) A place where horses were kept as replacements to pull stage coaches, which arrived there. (A staging post is an alternative name.)

potboy / potman Someone who worked in public houses, collecting and washing dirty pots or glasses.

Preceptoress Female preceptor (teacher).

provisional renewal When the Justices refer a license to the Compensation Authority this is granted. It enables the pub to continue until a decision is made. If the license is extinguished this renewal expires 7 days after compensation is paid, if not then it becomes unconditional.

publican's license This license authorizes the sale of any intoxicating liquor for consumption on or off the premises.

puddler (pudler) Wrought iron worker, he would stir molten pig iron to form wrought iron.

puncheon An Imperial measure of 72 gallons.

quart An Imperial measure of liquid equal to two pints.

quarter A measure of eight bushels; equivalent to 8 barrels of beer.

quartern A quarter of a pint.

R. A. O. B. Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes.

rat killing ledger A blood sport in which dogs kill as many rats, in a given time; the one killing most being the winner. Gambling took place – hence the ledger (book in which bets were recorded).

RFA Royal Field Artillery

rim lock A locking device that attaches to the surface of a door or window.

rood A measure of area of about a quarter of an acre.

s shillings

sennight A week (ago)

shingler Manipulator of puddled balls of iron to remove impurities.

Sick and Dividend Society A society in which annual / monthly / weekly contributions were made by its members in order to provide "insurance" payouts when work preventing sickness, or death, occurred to its members. A dividend was paid (usually in December) from the remaining investment.

sine die without a day (appointed), indefinitely.

sinker Well or shaft digger.

6 day license Pubs with this type of license were not allowed to open on Sundays.

smoking concert A concert where those attending were allowed (or even encouraged!) to smoke.

sovereign A coin of the value of £1.

spragging Mining term for propping.

stallman Keeper of stable underground (mining).

syncope a fainting fit caused by a sudden fall in blood pressure in the brain.

temperance hotel (house) A building run along the same lines as pubs / hotels, but without alcohol.

tuyere (or twyer or tweer) a nozzle for a blast of air.

ult / ultimo (during) the previous month

union fermentation system A system of fermentation, developed in the 19th century, in which fermenting beer is kept in rows of large barrels (unions) interconnected by pipes and troughs, which allows the yeast to continually circulate through the beer. It is often referred to as the Burton Union system.

W. B. A. West Bromwich Albion

whitesmith A metal worker in tin, or light metals.

WM masonic term for Worshipful Master.

wood turner Someone who turns wood on a lathe.

wort The malt solution that results from the main brewing operation.

£ pound

THE ACTS

Below is a list of some of the Acts of Parliament relating to licensing, and some of their effects. By no means is all legislation here.

Alehouse Act, 1828

Laid down, for the first time, a uniform code of procedure for annual licensing and transfer sessions. Premises licensed under this Act were enabled to sell not only 'Ale' but other intoxicating drinks.

Beerhouse Act, 1830

A reforming Act intended to discourage the consumption of spirits (especially gin). Excise licenses could be taken out without having to go through the justices, and this resulted in the growth of beerhouses nationwide.

Refreshment Houses Act, 1860

Effectively put the sale of wine on an even footing with beer, as it enabled a refreshment house keeper to sell wine without obtaining a justice's license.

Wine and Beerhouse Act, 1869

Gave the licensing justices control over all premises where intoxicating liquor was sold for consumption on the premises. No new licenses could be obtained without applying to them, but existing beer and wine licenses were protected (see ante 1869, above).

This inhibited the continuing growth of beerhouses resulting from the 1830 Act.

Licensing Act, 1872

This established a procedure whereby a new license was only valid after a second, Confirmation procedure had taken place.

Licensing Act, 1902

This granted justices the same rights over off licenses as they had over on licenses, since 1869.

Licensing Act, 1904

This set up the compensation procedure for the extinguishing of unnecessary licenses, or those of unsound premises, but did not affect ante 1869 beerhouses.

GAZETTEER

The following places appear in the main text. Below is their location in reference to bigger towns or cities. Distances and directions are approximate.
Not all places in the text are mentioned below.

ABBERLEY, Worcestershire - 5 miles SW of Stourport on Severn

ABBOTS BROMLEY, Staffordshire - 7 miles S of Uttoxeter

ABERCARN, Monmouthshire - 10 miles NW of Newport

ABERGAVENNY, Monmouthshire - 15 miles W of Monmouth

ACKLETON, Shropshire - 7 miles NW of Bridgnorth

ACTON TRUSSELL, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Stafford

ADDERBURY, Oxfordshire - 3 miles S of Banbury

ADMASTON, Shropshire is part of Telford

ALBRIGHTON, Shropshire - 7 miles NW of Wolverhampton

ALDBOURNE, Wiltshire - 6 miles NE of Marlborough

ALDERMINSTER, Warwickshire - 4 miles SSE of Stratford upon Avon

ALDINGTON, Worcestershire - 3 miles E of Evesham

ALDRIDGE, Staffordshire - 4 miles ENE of Walsall

ALLENSMORE, Herefordshire - 4 miles SW of Hereford

ALLESLEY, Warwickshire - 3 miles W of Coventry

ALREWAS, Staffordshire - 7 miles SW of Burton upon Trent

ALSTON, Cumberland - 29 miles SE of Carlisle

ALTON, Hampshire - 9 miles SE of Basingstoke

ALTON, Staffordshire - 5 miles ENE of Uttoxeter

ALVECHURCH, Warwickshire - 4 miles NW of Redditch

ALVEDISTON, Wiltshire - 8 miles E of Shaftesbury

ALVELEY, Shropshire - 6 miles SE of Bridgnorth

AMESBURY, Gloucestershire - 7 miles N of Salisbury

ANSTEY, Leicestershire - 4 miles NW of Leicester

ARLEY KINGS - 10 miles N of Worcester

ARLINGTON, Wiltshire is part of Trowbridge

ARMITAGE, Staffordshire - 4 miles NNW of Lichfield

ASHBY CUM FENBY, Lincolnshire - 5 miles S of Grimsby

ASHOVER, Derbyshire - 4 miles NE of Matlock

ASTERLEY, Shropshire - 8 miles ESE of Shrewsbury

ASTLEY, Lancashire - a suburb of Chorley

ASTLEY ABBOTTS, Shropshire - 2 miles N of Bridgnorth

ASTON, Warwickshire is probably the part of Birmingham

ASTON CANTLOW, Warwickshire - 5 miles NW of Stratford

ATTLEBOROUGH, Norfolk - 14 miles NE of Thetford

ATTLEBOROUGH, Warwickshire – about 1 mile SE of Nuneaton

AUDLEY, Staffordshire - 4 miles NW of Newcastle under Lyne

AUSTREY, Warwickshire - 5 miles ENE of Tamworth

BADDESLEY ENSOR, Warwickshire - 3 miles W of Atherstone

BADGER, Shropshire is just to the N of Ackleton (see above)

BADSEY, Worcestershire - 2 miles E of Evesham

BALSALL HEATH, Worcestershire is part of Birmingham

BALSCOTT, Oxfordshire - 4 miles W of Banbury

BARFORD, Norfolk - 6 miles W of Norwich

BARNACLE, Warwickshire – 2 miles NE of Coventry

BARNBY DUN, Yorkshire is part of Doncaster

BARROW UPON SOAR, Leicestershire - 2 miles SE of Loughborough

BARSTON, Warwickshire - 9 miles W of Coventry

BARTON, Lancashire - 6 miles N of Preston

BARTON, Oxfordshire is a suburb of Oxford

BARTON, Yorkshire - 6 miles SW of Darlington

BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD, Staffordshire - 4 miles SW of Burton upon Trent

BASCHURCH, Shropshire - 7 miles NW of Shrewsbury

BAVERSTOCK, Wiltshire - 7 miles W of Salisbury

BAYSTON HILL, Shropshire - 3 miles S of Shrewsbury

BEARLEY, Warwickshire - 5 miles N of Stratford on Avon

BEDDINGTON, Surrey is part of the London Borough of Sutton

BEDSTONE, Shropshire - 5 miles ENE of Knighton

BEDWORTH, Warwickshire - 3 miles S of Nuneaton

BELTON, Rutlandshire - 6 miles SW of Oakham

BENNINGHOLME, Yorkshire - 6 miles N of Hull

BENTLEY, Warwickshire - 6 miles NW of Nuneaton

BEOLEY, Worcestershire - 2 miles N of Redditch

BERKELEY, Gloucestershire - 11 miles SSW of Stroud

BERRINGTON, Shropshire - 4 miles SSE of Shrewsbury

BICKENHILL, Warwickshire - 3 miles NE of Solihull

BIDFORD on AVON, Warwickshire - 4 miles S of Alcester

BILLINGSLEY, Shropshire - 6 miles S of Bridgnorth

BILSTONE, Leicestershire - 3 miles NW of Market Bosworth

BINFIELD, Berkshire - 8 miles SE of Reading

BIRSTALL, Leicestershire - 3 miles N of Leicester

BISHAMPTON, Worcestershire - 9 miles SE of Worcester

BISHOPS STONE, Herefordshire - 6 miles W of Hereford

BISHOP WILTON, Yorkshire - 12 miles ENE of York

BITTERLEY, Shropshire - 4 miles E of Ludlow

BLABY, Leicestershire - 5 miles S of Leicester

BLACKLEY, Lancashire is part of Manchester

BLACKWATER, Berkshire - 1 mile W of Camberley

BLEWBURY, Berkshire - 14 miles S of Oxford

BLOCKLEY, Worcestershire - 10 miles SE of Evesham

BLYMILL, Staffordshire - 10 miles SW of Stafford

BLYTHEFIELD, Staffordshire is part of Burton on Trent

BOBBINGTON, Staffordshire - 8 miles E of Bridgnorth

BOLAS MAGNA, Shropshire - 8 miles N of Telford

BONEHILL, Staffordshire is part of Tamworth

BONSALL, Derbyshire - 2 miles SW of Matlock

BOTTESFORD, Leicestershire - 16 miles N of Melton Mowbray

BOURNHEATH, Worcestershire - 3 miles N of Bromsgrove

BOURTON ON THE WATER, Gloucestershire - 4 miles SSW of Stow on the Wold

BRACKENFIELD, Derbyshire - 4 miles ESE of Matlock

BRADFORD ON AVON, Wiltshire - 8 miles SE of Bath

BRAILES, Upper and Lower, Worcestershire - 4 miles ESE of Shipston on Stour

BRAMFIELD, Suffolk - 10 miles NE of Framlingham

BRAMPTON, Derbyshire is part of Chesterfield

BRAMPTON, Huntingdonshire - 2 miles SW of Huntingdon

BRAMPTON BRYAN, Herefordshire - 5 miles E of Knighton

BRANSTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles S of Burton on Trent

BRAUNSTON, Northamptonshire - 3 miles NNE of Daventry

BRERETON, Staffordshire - 1 mile S of Rugeley

BREWOOD, Staffordshire - 6 miles W of Cannock

BRICKLEHAMPTON, Worcestershire - 3 miles SE of Pershore

BRIDSTOW, Herefordshire - 1 mile W of Ross on Wye

BRINDLE, Lancashire - 5 miles SE of Preston

BROADWAY, Worcestershire - 6 miles SE of Evesham

BROCTON, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Stafford

BROMLEY, Middlesex is part of London

BROOM, Worcestershire - 6 miles NNE of Evesham

BROOME, Worcestershire - 5 miles ENE of Kidderminster

BROSELEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

BROUGHTON GIFFORD, Wiltshire - 1.5 miles W of Melksham

BRYMBO, North Wales is part of Wrexham

BURGHILL, Herefordshire - 3 miles NNW of Hereford

BURLTON, Shropshire - 8 miles NNW of Shrewsbury

BURNHILL GREEN, Shropshire - 6 miles NE of Bridgnorth

BURNTWOOD, Staffordshire - 4 miles W of Lichfield

BURTON IN LONSDALE, Lancashire / Yorkshire - 9 miles E of Carnforth

BURWARTON, Shropshire - 10 miles NE of Ludlow

BYFIELD, Northamptonshire - 6 miles SSE of Daventry

CALNE, Wiltshire - 6 miles E of Chippenham

CANNING TOWN, Essex is part of London

CARLTON, Leicestershire - 12 miles W of Leicester

CARSINGTON, Derbyshire - 2 miles WSW of Wirksworth

CASTLE DONINGTON, Leicestershire - 12 miles SW of Nottingham

CASTLE FROME, Herefordshire - 10 miles ENE of Hereford

CASTLE MORTON, Worcestershire - 5 miles E of Ledbury

CASTOR, Northamptonshire - 4 miles W of Peterborough

CAVERSWALL, Staffordshire - 5 miles ESE of Stoke on Trent

CAYNHAM, Shropshire - 3 miles SE of Ludlow

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, Worcestershire - 4 miles ESE of Kidderminster

CHALFORD, Gloucestershire - 4 miles SE of Stroud

CHARMINSTER, Dorset 1 mile N of Dorchester

CHEADLE, Staffordshire - 7 miles NW of Uttoxeter

CHEDDLETON, Staffordshire - 3 miles S of Leek

CHELMARSH, Shropshire - 4 miles S of Bridgnorth

CHERRINGTON, Shropshire - 6 miles N of Telford

CHESLYN HAY, Staffordshire - 2 miles S of Cannock

CHESWARDINE, Shropshire - 4 miles SE of Market Drayton

CHETTON, Shropshire - 4 miles WSW of Bridgnorth

CHILLINGTON, Staffordshire - 4 miles NW of Wolverhampton

CHILVERS COTON, Warwickshire - 1 mile SW of Nuneaton

CHINNOR, Oxfordshire - 4 miles SE of Thame

CHIRBURY, Shropshire - 3 miles E of Montgomery

CHOLESBURY, Buckinghamshire - 4 miles E of Wendover

CHORLEY, Staffordshire - 3 miles WSW of Lichfield

CHORLTON UPON MEDLOCK, Lancashire is part of Manchester

CHULMLEIGH, Devonshire - 13 miles NW of Crediton

CHURCH HILL, Worcestershire is part of Redditch

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire - 6 miles WSW of Congleton

CLAINES, Worcestershire - 2 miles N of Worcester

CLAYHANGER, Staffordshire is just W of Brownhills

CLEETON, Shropshire - 3 miles NE of Ludlow

CLIFTON, Bedfordshire - 9 miles SE of Bedford

CLIFTON, Derbyshire - 1 mile SW of Ashbourne

CLIFTON UPON DUNSMORE, Warwickshire - 2 miles E of Rugby

CLIFTON CAMPVILLE, Staffordshire - 10 miles E of Lichfield

CLIFTON ON TEME, Worcestershire - 10 miles NW of Worcester

CLOWS TOP, Worcestershire - 5 miles W of Stourport

CLUN, Shropshire - 5 miles N of Knighton

CLUNGUNFORD, Shropshire - 8 miles WNW of Ludlow

CLUTTON, Somerset - 8 miles WSW of Bath

CLYDACH, Breconshire - 4 miles SW of Abergavenny

CLYRO, Radnorshire - 1 mile NW of Hay on Wye

COALBROOKDALE, Shropshire is part of Telford

COALPIT BANK, Shropshire is part of Telford

COALPORT, Shropshire is part of Telford

COBRIDGE, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire - 3 miles E of Newark

CODNOR, Derbyshire - 2 miles N of Heanor

COFTON HACKETT, Worcestershire - 16 miles NE of Worcester

COGGESHALL, Essex - 6 miles E of Braintree

COLD HATTON, Shropshire is part of Telford

COLLINGTON, Herefordshire - 4 miles N of Bromyard

COLTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles N of Rugeley

COLWICH, Staffordshire - 3 miles NW of Rugeley

COMBERFORD, Staffordshire - 2 miles NE of Tamworth

COMBERTON, Herefordshire - 4 miles WSW of Ludlow

CONDOVER, Shropshire - 5 miles S of Shrewsbury

CONGRESBURY, Somerset - 7 miles E of Weston-super-Mare

COOKLEY, Worcestershire - 2 miles N of Kidderminster

CORBIT, Worcestershire is possibly another name for Chaddesley Corbett

CORELEY, Shropshire - 5 miles NE of Tenbury Wells

COTE, Oxfordshire - 4 miles S of Witney

COTHERIDGE, Worcestershire - 4 miles W of Worcester

COTON, Warwickshire - check Chilvers Coton

COTON IN THE ELMS, Staffordshire - 5 miles S of Burton on Trent

COUNTSTHORPE, Leicestershire - 6 miles S of Leicester

COVEN, Staffordshire - 5 miles N of Wolverhampton

COWBRIDGE, Glamorganshire - 7 miles W of Cardiff

CRADLEY, Herefordshire - 3 miles W of Great Malvern

CROOK, County Durham - 10 miles SW of Durham

CROPREDY, Worcestershire - 4 miles N of Banbury

CROWELL, Oxfordshire - 4 miles SE of Thame

CROWLE, Worcestershire - 2 miles E of Worcester

CRUDGINGTON, Shropshire - 7 miles NW of Telford

CUBBINGTON, Warwickshire is on the NE outskirts of Leamington Spa

CUBLEY, Derbyshire - 6 miles S of Ashbourne

CULLINGWORTH, Yorkshire - 4 miles S of Keighley

CURDWORTH, Warwickshire - 11 miles E of Birmingham

CUTNALL GREEN, Worcestershire - 3 miles N of Droitwich

DALLINGTON, Northamptonshire - 2 miles NW of Northampton

DARRINGTON, Yorkshire - 3 miles ESE of Pontefract

DAVENHAM, Cheshire - 2 miles S of Northwich

DAWLEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

DEDDINGTON, Oxfordshire - 6 miles S of Banbury

DEFFORD, Worcestershire - 2 miles SW of Pershore

DESFORD, Leicestershire - 7 miles W of Leicester

DEUXHILL, Shropshire - 4 miles SWS of Bridgnorth

DIDDLEBURY, Shropshire - 6 miles N of Ludlow

DILWYN, Herefordshire - 6 miles SW of Leominster

DITTON PRIORS, Shropshire - 7 miles WSW of Bridgnorth

DODDINGTON, Cambridgeshire - 4 miles S of March

DODLESTON, Cheshire - 5 miles SW of Chester

DONHEAD ST. ANDREW, Wiltshire - 4 miles E of Shaftesbury

DONNINGTON, Shropshire - 6 miles ESE of Shrewsbury

DORDON, Warwickshire - 3 miles NW of Atherstone

DOVERDALE, Worcestershire - 2 miles NW of Droitwich

DRAYCOTT IN THE CLAY, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Uttoxeter

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire - 6 miles SW of Leeds

DUDDINGTON, Northamptonshire - 6 miles SW of Stamford

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire - 3 miles S of Belper

DUKENFIELD, Cheshire is part of Greater Manchester

DYMCHURCH, Kent - 10 miles SE of Ashford

DYMOCK, Gloucestershire - 4 miles S of Ledbury

EARL SHILTON, Leicestershire - 10 miles SW of Leicester

EARLS BARTON, Northamptonshire - 7 miles E of Northampton

EAST HARLING, Norfolk - 8 miles E of Thetford

EASTLEIGH, Hampshire - 5 miles NE of Southampton

EASTNOR, Herefordshire - 3 miles E of Ledbury

EAST STOKE, Dorsetshire - 3 miles W of Wareham

EBRINGTON, Gloucestershire - 2 miles E of Chipping Campden

ECCLESFIELD, Yorkshire - 4 miles N of Sheffield

ECCLESHALL, Staffordshire - 6 miles W of Stone

ECKINGTON, Derbyshire - 7 miles NE of Chesterfield

EDENBRIDGE, Kent - 10 miles W of Tonbridge

EDGTON, Shropshire - 5 miles SE of Bishops Castle

EDWINSTOWE, Nottinghamshire - 6 miles ENE of Mansfield

EDGERTON, Shropshire - near Ludlow (OS SO605812), now abandoned

ELFORD, Staffordshire - 5 miles E of Lichfield

ELMBRIDGE, Worcestershire - 3 miles N of Droitwich

ELMLEY LOVETT, Worcestershire - 5 miles NW of Droitwich

ENDERBY, Leicestershire - 8 miles NNE of Hinckley

EPPING, Essex - 5 miles S of Harlow

EPSTONE, Staffordshire is probably a former spelling of Ipstones

ERDINGTON, Warwickshire is part of Birmingham

ESSINGTON, Staffordshire - 4 miles NE of Wolverhampton

ETTINGTON, Warwickshire - 5.5 miles SE of Stratford on Avon

EXHALL, Warwickshire - 4 miles NE of Coventry

EYNHAM, Oxfordshire - 5 miles NW of Oxford

FALLING SANDS, Worcestershire is part of Kidderminster

FARRINGDON, Berkshire - 10 miles NW of Wantage

FEATHERSTONE, Staffordshire - 5 miles NNE of Wolverhampton

FECKENHAM, Worcestershire - 4 miles SW of Redditch

FENNY COMPTON, Warwickshire - 8 miles N of Banbury

FENNY STRATFORD, Buckinghamshire is part of Milton Keynes

FENSTANTON, Huntingdonshire - 2 miles S of St. Ives

FENTON, Lincolnshire - 5 miles ESE of Newark on Trent

FENTON, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

FEWCOTT, Oxfordshire - 4 miles NW of Bicester

FILLONGLEY, Warwickshire - 7 miles NW of Coventry

FLOCKTON, Yorkshire - 7 miles E of Huddersfield

FOLESHILL, Warwickshire is part of Coventry

FRADLEY, Staffordshire - 5 miles NE of Lichfield

FRAMLINGHAM, Suffolk - 9 miles N of Woodbridge

FRANKLEY, Worcestershire is part of Birmingham

FRESHFORD, Somersetshire - 6 miles SE of Bath

FRODINGHAM, Lincolnshire - 1 mile N of Scunthorpe

FULLBROOK, Oxfordshire - 6 miles WNW of Witney

GAILEY, Staffordshire - 4 miles W of Cannock

GILLINGHAM, Dorset - 4 miles NW of Shaftesbury

GLASBURY, Radnorshire - 4 miles SW of Hay on Wye

GNOSSALL, Staffordshire - 6 miles ENE of Stafford

GOOSNARGH, Lancashire - 5 miles NE of Preston

GOSCOTE is part of Walsall

GREAT ALNE, Warwickshire - 6 miles SE of Redditch

GREAT BARR, Staffordshire is part of Birmingham

GREAT BOWDEN, Leicestershire - 1 mile N of Market Harborough

GREAT CHEVERELL, Wiltshire - 4 miles S of Devizes

GREAT DALBY, Leicestershire - 3 miles S of Melton Mowbray

GREAT HAYWOOD, Staffordshire - 4 miles NE of Rugeley

GREAT MARLOW, Buckinghamshire - 4 miles SSW of High Wycombe

GREAT SHELSLEY, Worcestershire is the former name of Shelsley Beauchamp

GREENS MORTON, Northamptonshire - 1 mile NW of Towcester

GRENDON, Warwickshire - 5 miles SE of Tamworth

GRESSINGHAM, Lancashire - 5 miles E of Carnforth

GRIMLEY, Worcestershire - 3 miles N of Worcester

GRIMSCOTE, Northamptonshire - 5 miles NW of Towcester

GUILSFIELD, Montgomeryshire - 3 miles N of Welshpool

HADLEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

HAGBOURNE, Berkshire - 1 mile S of Didcot

HAGLEY, Worcestershire - 2 miles S of Stourbridge

HALSALL, Lancashire - 3 miles NW of Ormskirk

HAMPTON LUCY, Warwickshire - 4 miles NE of Stratford on Avon

HAMSTALL RIDWARE, Staffordshire - 4 miles ENE of Rugeley

HANBURY, Worcestershire - 4 miles E of Droitwich

HANDSACRE, Staffordshire - 5 miles N of Lichfield; 3 miles S of Rugeley

HANDSWORTH, Staffordshire is part of Birmingham

HANLEY, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

HANLEY CASTLE, Worcestershire - 8 miles S of Worcester

HARBURY, Warwickshire - 6 miles SE of Warwick

HARLEY, Warwickshire - 10 miles SE of Shrewsbury

HARPOLE, Northamptonshire - 4 miles W of Northampton

HARTINGTON, Derbyshire - 9 miles NNW of Ashbourne

HARTLEBURY, Worcestershire - 4 miles S of Kidderminster

HARVINGTON, Worcestershire - 2 miles ESE of Kidderminster

HARWELL, Berkshire / Oxfordshire - 2 miles W of Didcot

HASELOR, Warwickshire - 1 mile E of Alcester

HATHERTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles W of Cannock

HAWARDEN, Flintshire - 6 miles W of Chester

HAYFIELD, Derbyshire - 10 miles N of Buxton

HAZLETON, Gloucestershire - 10 miles E of Cheltenham

HEDNESFORD, Staffordshire - 2 miles NE of Cannock

HENTOR, Oxfordshire - 3 miles W of Princes Risborough

HIGHAM, Derbyshire - 8 miles S of Chesterfield

HIGH HAM, Somerset - 8 miles SE of Bridgwater

HIGHBRIDGE, Somerset - 7 miles N of Bridgwater

HIGHLEY, Shropshire - 7 miles S of Bridgnorth

HIGHWORTH, Wiltshire - 6 miles NE of Swindon

HILDERSTONE, Staffordshire - 9 miles N of Stafford

HIMBLETON, Worcestershire - 6 miles SE of Droitwich

HINDLIP, Worcestershire - 4 miles NE of Worcester

HINTS, Staffordshire - 3 miles W of Tamworth

HIxon, Staffordshire - 5 miles ENE of Stafford

HOLDGATE, Shropshire - 7 miles SE of Church Stretton

HOLLINGTON, Derbyshire - 5 miles ESE of Ashbourne

HOLMES CHAPEL, Cheshire - 8 miles N of Crewe

HOLT FLEET, Worcestershire - 5 miles N of Worcester

HONEYBOURNE, Worcestershire - 3 miles E of Evesham

HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire - 4.5 miles NE of Chipping Norton

HOPTON HEATH, Shropshire - 8 miles W of Ludlow

HOPWOOD, Worcestershire is in South Birmingham

HORSEHAY, Shropshire is part of Telford

HORSLEY, Gloucestershire - 4 miles S of Stroud

HUGGLESCOTE, Leicestershire - 1 mile S of Coalville

HUNTINGTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles N of Cannock

HURLEY, Warwickshire - 8 miles E of Sutton Coldfield

HYDE, Cheshire is part of Greater Manchester

ILMINGTON, Warwickshire - 8 miles S of Stratford

INGESTRE, Staffordshire - 3 miles ENE of Stafford

INGLETON, Yorkshire - 10 miles NW of Settle

INKBERROW, Worcestershire - 6 miles SSW of Redditch

IPSTONES, Staffordshire - 5 miles SE of Leek

IRONBRIDGE, Shropshire is part of Telford

IRONVILLE, Derbyshire - 3 miles N of Heanor

IVINGHOE, Buckinghamshire - 4 miles N of Tring

KEMPSEY, Worcestershire - 4 miles S of Worcester

KEMPTON, Shropshire - 11 miles NW of Ludlow

KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire is part of Newcastle under Lyne

KILSBY, Northamptonshire - 5 miles SE of Rugby

KINGS ARLEY, Worcestershire - see Arley Kings

KINGS BROMLEY, Staffordshire - 4 miles N of Lichfield

KINGSBURY, Warwickshire - 6 miles S of Tamworth

KINGSLAND, Herefordshire - 4 miles WNW of Leominster

KINGS LANGLEY, Hertfordshire - 2 miles S of Hemel Hempstead

KINGTON, Worcestershire - 7 miles E of Worcester

KINLET, Shropshire - 8 miles S of Bridgnorth

KINVER, Staffordshire - 4 miles W of Stourbridge

KIRK LANGLEY, Derbyshire - 4 miles NW of Derby

KIRKTON, Dumfriesshire - 4 miles N of Dumfries

KNUTSFORD, Cheshire - 11 miles NW of Macclesfield

LAMPORT, Northamptonshire - 8 miles WSW of Kettering

LAPLEY, Staffordshire - 7 miles WNW of Cannock

LEAGRAVE, Bedfordshire is part of Luton

LEA MARSTON, Warwickshire - 7 miles SW of Atherstone

LEEK WOOTTON, Warwickshire - 3 miles N of Warwick

LEIGH SINTON, Worcestershire - 5 miles SW of Worcester

LEINTWARDINE, Herefordshire - 8 miles W of Ludlow

LENTON, Nottinghamshire is part of Nottingham

LEYLAND, Lancashire - 6 miles S of Preston

LILleshall, Shropshire - 3 miles NE of Telford

LINDRIDGE, Worcestershire - 8 miles W of Stourport

LINGEN, Herefordshire - 11 miles SW of Ludlow

LINTON, Herefordshire - 3 miles E of Ross on Wye

LISKEARD, Cornwall - 12 miles E of Bodmin

LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire - 5 miles E of Walsall

LITTLE BRICKHILL, Berkshire - 5 miles N of Leighton Buzzard

LITTLE BUDWORTH, Cheshire - 4 miles W of Winsford

LITTLE COMPTON, Gloucestershire - 4 miles NW of Chipping Norton

LITTLE HORWOOD, Buckinghamshire - 4 miles ESE of Buckingham

LITTLE HAYWOOD, Staffordshire - 5 miles E of Stafford

LLANDWSILL, Montgomeryshire - 2 miles from Montgomery

LLANDYFRIOG, Cardiganshire - 16 miles SW of Lampeter

LLANFAIR WATERDINE, Shropshire - 4 miles NW of Knighton

LOCKINGTON, Leicestershire - 7 miles NW of Loughborough

LONG BENNINGTON, Lincolnshire - 7 miles N of Grantham

Longborough, Gloucestershire - 2.5 miles N of Stow on the Wold

LONG BUCKBY, Northamptonshire - 5 miles NE of Daventry

LONG COMPTON, Warwickshire - 12 miles SW of Banbury

LONG ITCHINGTON, Warwickshire - 6 miles E of Leamington Spa

LONGDON, Staffordshire - 2 miles NNW of Lichfield

LONG LAWFORD, Warwickshire - 2 miles NW of Rugby

LONG MELFORD - 14 miles S of Bury St. Edmunds

LONG SUTTON, Lincolnshire - 13 miles E of Spalding

LONGTON, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

LOWER BODDINGTON, Northamptonshire - 5 miles NE of Banbury

LOWER HEYFORD, Northamptonshire - 6 miles W of Bicester

LOWESMORE, Worcestershire is part of Worcester

LOXLEY, Warwickshire - 3 miles ESE of Stratford on Avon

LOYSWEEDON, Northamptonshire - see Weedon Lois

LUDGEBRIDGE BROOK, Worcestershire - Lye

LUGWARDINE, Herefordshire - 1 mile NE of Hereford

LULLINGTON, Derbyshire - 6 miles S of Burton on Trent

LYNTON, Devon - 16 miles W of Minehead

MADLEY, Herefordshire - 6 miles W of Hereford

MADELEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

MANGOTSFIELD, Gloucestershire - 3 miles NE of Bristol

MANTON, Wiltshire - 1 mile WSW of Marlborough

MARCHINGTON, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Uttoxeter

MARCHWOOD, Hampshire - 2 miles SW of Southampton

MARGAM, Glamorganshire - 3 miles SE of Port Talbot

MARSTON GREEN, Warwickshire - 4 miles NNE of Solihull

MARTLEY, Herefordshire - 7 miles NW of Worcester

MARTON, Shropshire - 6 miles SE of Welshpool

MEASHAM, Derbyshire - 4 miles SSW of Ashby de la Zouch

MASBROUGH, Yorkshire is part of Rotherham

MEIFOD, Montgomeryshire - 7 miles NW of Welshpool

MELFORD, Suffolk (see Long Melford)

MELVERLEY, Shropshire - 10 miles WNW of Shrewsbury

MEOLE BRACE, Shropshire - 2 miles S of Shrewsbury

MERTON, Surrey became a London borough

The MIDDLE, Shropshire - 8 miles NW of Shrewsbury

MIDDLETON, Warwickshire - 3 miles ENE of Sutton Coldfield

MIDDLETON CHENEY, Northamptonshire - 2 miles E of Banbury

MILFORD, Staffordshire - 3 miles ESE of Stafford

MILSON, Worcestershire - 10 miles W of Stourport. It is now in Herefordshire.

MINETY, Wiltshire - 8 miles WNW of Swindon

MOIRA, Leicestershire - 3 miles WSW of Ashby de la Zouch

MONKHOPTON, Shropshire - 5 miles W of Bridgnorth

MONK BRETTON, Yorkshire - 2 miles NE of Barnsley

MONMORE GREEN is between Wolverhampton and Bilston

MORETON IN MARSH, Gloucestershire - 8 miles WNW of Chipping Norton

MORETON MORRELL, Warwickshire - 6 miles E of Stratford upon Avon

MOULTON, Cheshire - 3 miles S of Northwich

MUCH WENLOCK, Shropshire - 7 miles NW of Bridgnorth

MURSTON, Leicestershire - 5 miles W of Grantham

NAILSEA, Somerset - 10 miles WSW of Bristol

NAILSTONE, Leicestershire - 3 miles NE of Market Bosworth

NAPTON ON THE HILL, Warwickshire - 10 miles ESE of Warwick

NEEN SAVAGE, Herefordshire - 11 miles E of Ludlow

NEEN SOLARS, Shropshire - 3 miles S of Cleobury Mortimer

NESSCLIFFE, Shropshire - 8 miles NW of Shrewsbury

NESTON, Cheshire - 10 miles NW of Chester

NEWBALD, Yorkshire - 13 miles NW of Hull

NEWBOLD ON AVON, Warwickshire - 1.5 miles NW of Rugby

NEWBOLD VERDON, Leicestershire - 9 miles W of Leicester

NEWDAL, Shropshire is part of Telford

NEWENT, Gloucestershire - 8 miles NW of Gloucester

NEWHALL, Derbyshire - 3 miles SE of Burton upon Trent

NEW INVENTION is part of Willenhall

NEW MILLS, Derbyshire - 8 miles SE of Stockport

NEWNHAM, Worcestershire - 8 miles ESE of Ludlow

NEWPORT, Shropshire - 15 miles ENE of Shrewsbury

NEWSTEAD, Nottinghamshire - 9 miles WNW of Nottingham

NEWTON SOLNEY, Derbyshire - 3 miles NE of Burton on Trent

NORLEY, Cheshire - 6 miles W of Northwich

NORMANTON, Derbyshire is part of Derby

NORTHENDEN, Cheshire - 5 miles S of Manchester city centre

NORTHFIELD, Worcestershire is a part of Birmingham

NORTH NIBLEY, Gloucestershire - 2 miles NW of Wotton under Edge

NORTHWICH, Cheshire - 18 miles E of Chester

NORTON CANES, Staffordshire - 2 miles ESE of Cannock

OAKAMOOD, Staffordshire - 10 miles E of Stoke on Trent

OAKENGATES, Shropshire is part of Telford

OCKER HILL is part of Tipton

OLD PARK, Shropshire is part of Telford

OMBURY, Shropshire - 5 miles NW of Ludlow

OPENSHAW, Lancashire - 2 miles E of Manchester city centre

ORTON ON THE HILL, Leicestershire - 6 miles E of Tamworth

OSGATHORPE, Leicestershire - 7 miles W of Loughborough

OVERTON, Hampshire - 8 miles WSW of Basingstoke

OVING, Buckinghamshire - 3.5 miles NE of Waddesdon

PACKINGTON, Leicestershire - 1 mile S of Ashby de la Zouch

PADBURY, Buckinghamshire - 2 miles SE of Buckingham

PARKGATE, Yorkshire is part of Rawmarsh, 2 miles N of Rotherham

PATTINGHAM, Staffordshire - 7 miles W of Wolverhampton

PAXFORD, Worcestershire - 11 miles ESE of Evesham

PEASENALL, Suffolk - 4 miles N of Saxmundham

PEMBERTON, Lancashire is a district of Wigan

PEMBRIDGE, Herefordshire - 7 miles W of Leominster

PENDLEBURY, Lancashire - 4 miles NW of Manchester city centre

PENDLETON, Lancashire - 7 miles NW of Burnley

PENKRIDGE, Staffordshire - 6 miles S of Stafford

PENSAX, Worcestershire - 6 miles WSW of Stourport

PEOPLETON, Worcestershire - 7 miles SE of Worcester

PERSHORE, Worcestershire - 8 miles SE of Worcester

PILTON, Somerset - 3 miles SW of Shepton Mallet

PIPE RIDWARE, Staffordshire - 6 miles N of Lichfield

PITCHCOTT, Buckinghamshire - 3 miles NE of Waddesdon

POCKLINGTON, Yorkshire - 13 miles E of York

POLESWORTH, Warwickshire - 4 miles E of Tamworth

PONTESBURY, Shropshire - 8 miles SW of Shrewsbury

PORTLAND TOWN, Middlesex was part of Marylebone, London

PORTOBELLO is part of Willenhall

PRESTBURY, Cheshire - 1.5 miles N of Macclesfield

PRESTEIGNE, Radnorshire - 5 miles N of Kington

QUATFORD, Shropshire - 2 miles SE of Bridgnorth

RADBOURNE, Derbyshire - 4 miles W of Derby

RADFORD SEMELE, Warwickshire - 2 miles ESE of Leamington Spa

RADCLIFF ON TRENT, Nottinghamshire - 5 miles E of Nottingham

RAMSEY, Huntingdonshire - 10 miles SE of Peterborough

RATLEY, Warwickshire - 6 miles NW of Banbury

RAVENSTONE, Leicestershire is to the W of Coalville

REPTON, Derbyshire - 5 miles NE of Burton upon Trent

RETFORD, Nottinghamshire - 23 miles W of Lincoln

RIPPLE, Gloucestershire is part of Tewkesbury

RODINGTON, Shropshire - 6 miles E of Shrewsbury

ROMSLEY, Worcestershire - 4 miles S of Halesowen

ROTHLEY, Leicestershire - 5 miles N of Leicester

ROTHWELL, Northamptonshire - 4 miles WNW of Kettering

ROWINGTON, Warwickshire - 5 miles NW of Warwick

RUARDEAN, Monmouthshire - 3 miles NW of Cinderford

RUGELEY, Staffordshire - 6 miles NWN of Lichfield

RUSHOCK, Worcestershire - 4 miles N of Droitwich

RUSHTON, Shropshire is part of Telford

SADDINGTON, Leicestershire - 9 miles SE of Leicester

ST. MARTINS, Herefordshire is part of Hereford

SALTCOATS, Ayrshire - 12 miles WNW of Kilmarnock

SAMBOURNE, Warwickshire - 12 miles NNW of Stratford on Avon

SAMBROOK, Shropshire - 6 miles SSE of Market Drayton

SANDFORD ON THAMES, Oxfordshire - just S of Oxford

SANDON, Staffordshire - 5 miles NE of Stafford

SAWLEY, Yorkshire - 4 miles W of Ripon

SAWTREY, Huntingdonshire - 10 miles S of Peterborough

ST. JULIANS, Shropshire is part of Shrewsbury

SCALEBY, Cumberland - 6 miles NNE of Carlisle

SCRUTON, Yorkshire - 5 miles W of Northallerton

SECKINGTON, Warwickshire - 4 miles NE of Tamworth

SEISDON, Staffordshire - 6 miles W of Wolverhampton

SELWORTHY, Somerset 3 miles W of Minehead

SEVERN STOKE, Warwickshire - 7 miles S of Worcester

SHARESHILL, Staffordshire - 3 miles SW of Cannock

SHEEN, Staffordshire - 8 miles SSE of Buxton

SHELSLEY WALSH, Worcestershire - 9 miles NW of Worcester

SHENSTONE, Staffordshire - 4 miles E of Brownhills

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire - 4 miles W of Loughborough

SHIFNAL, Shropshire - 10 miles NNE of Bridgnorth

SHILTON, Leicestershire – check Earl Shilton

SHIPTON ON CHERWELL, Oxfordshire - 2 miles N of Kidlington

SHIRLAND, Derbyshire - 2 miles NNW of Alfreton

SHORT HEATH, Staffordshire is between Bloxwich and Willenhall

SHREWLEY, Warwickshire - 5 miles NW of Warwick

SHUSTOKE, Warwickshire - 10 miles ENE of Birmingham

SIBFORD GOWER, Gloucestershire - 6.5 miles W of Banbury

SIBSON, Leicestershire - 9 miles ESE of Tamworth

SILSOE, Bedfordshire - 9 miles S of Bedford

SILVERDALE, Staffordshire is part of Newcastle under Lyme

SILVERSTONE, Northamptonshire - 4 miles SSW of Towcester

SNARESTONE, Leicestershire - 9 miles ENE of Tamworth

SNITTERFIELD, Warwickshire - 3 miles NNE of Stratford on Avon

SNOWSHILL, Gloucestershire - 6 miles SSE of Evesham

SOMERTON, Oxfordshire - 6 miles NW of Bicester

SOPWORTH, Wiltshire - 6 miles W of Malmesbury

SOUTHAM, Warwickshire - 7 miles E of Leamington

SOUTH KILWORTH, Leicestershire - 7 miles NE of Rugby

SOUTH LITTLETON, Worcestershire - 2 miles NE of Evesham

SOUTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire - 2 miles N of Newark on Trent

SOUTHWICK, Northamptonshire - 8 miles E of Corby

STANFORD ON TEME, Worcestershire - 6 miles ESE of Stourport

STANFORD BISHOP, Herefordshire - 4 miles SSE of Bromyard

STANTON, Derbyshire - 3 miles SE of Burton upon Trent

STANTON, Staffordshire - 18 miles E of Stoke on Trent

STANWAY, Gloucestershire is part of Tewkesbury

STAPENHILL, Derbyshire is part of Burton on Trent

STAPLETON, Shropshire - 6 miles SW of Shrewsbury

STATHERN, Leicestershire - 10 miles N of Melton Mowbray

STAVELEY, Derbyshire is part of Chesterfield

STEEPLE ASTON, Oxfordshire - 7 miles WNW of Bicester

STIRCHLEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

STOCKINGFORD, Warwickshire - 2 miles W of Nuneaton

STOCKLAND, Dorsetshire / Devonshire - 6 miles NE of Honiton

STOCKTON, Herefordshire - 2 miles NE of Leominster

STOCKTON, Shropshire - 4 miles N of Bridgnorth

STOCKTON, Warwickshire - 8 miles SW of Rugby

STOKE LYNE, Oxfordshire - 4 miles N of Bicester

STOKE PRIOR, Worcestershire - 2 miles S of Bromsgrove

STOKESAY, Shropshire - 6 miles NW of Ludlow

STON EASTON, Somersetshire - 14 miles SW of Bath

STONNALL, Staffordshire - 2 miles E of Brownhills

STRETTON ON DUNSMORE, Warwickshire - 6 miles ESE of Rugby

STUDLEY, Warwickshire - 4 miles SE of Redditch

SUCKLEY, Herefordshire - 8 miles WSW of Worcester

SULGRAVE, Northamptonshire - 6 miles ENE of Banbury

SUTTON, Shropshire - 2 miles SE of Shrewsbury

SUTTON BASSETT, Northamptonshire - 14 miles NW of Kettering

SWARKESTONE, Derbyshire - 6 miles S of Derby

SWINBROOK, Oxfordshire - 4 miles ENE of Witney

SWINDON, Staffordshire - 5 miles W of Dudley

SWINFEN, Staffordshire - 2 miles S of Lichfield

SWINESHEAD, Lincolnshire - 7 miles W of Boston

TADMARTON, Oxfordshire - 4 miles W of Banbury

TANWORTH IN ARDEN, Warwickshire - 4 miles NE of Redditch

TARDEBIGGE, Worcestershire - 2 miles SE of Bromsgrove

TAYNTON, Oxfordshire - 1.5 miles NW of Burford

TEMPLE BALSALL, Warwickshire is part of Solihull

TETBURY, Gloucestershire - 10 miles SW of Cirencester

THAME, Oxfordshire - 13 miles E of Oxford

THENFORD, Northamptonshire - 2 miles E of Banbury

THORNBURY, Herefordshire - 6 miles N of Bromyard

THORNHILL, Derbyshire - 8 miles ENE of Chapel en le Frith

THORPE, Derbyshire - 4 miles NW of Ashbourne

THRUPP, Gloucestershire - 2 miles S of Stroud

THURMASTON, Leicestershire - 4 miles N of Leicester

TIBBERTON, Worcestershire - 5 miles NNE of Worcester

TICKHILL, Yorkshire - 8 miles S of Doncaster

TICKNALL, Derbyshire - 8 miles S of Derby

TIDESWELL, Derbyshire - 6 miles E of Buxton

TILSTOCK, Shropshire - 2 miles S of Whitchurch

TIMSBURY, Somersetshire - 8 miles SW of Bath

TINGEWICK, Buckinghamshire - 3 miles W of Buckingham

TIRLEY, Gloucestershire - 4 miles SW of Tewkesbury

TODDINGTON, Gloucestershire - 7 miles S of Evesham

TODMORDEN, Lancashire / Yorkshire - 8 miles SE of Burnley

TONG, Shropshire - 9 miles NW of Wolverhampton

TREDUNNOCK, Monmouthshire - 4 miles S of Usk

TREFEGLWYS, Montgomeryshire - 10 miles W of Newtown

TRELLECH, Monmouthshire - 6 miles S of Monmouth

TRENTHAM, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

TREVETHIN, Monmouthshire - 1 mile N of Pontypool

TRING, Hertfordshire - 30 miles NW of London

TROWAY, Derbyshire - 2 miles E of Coal Aston

TRYSULL, Staffordshire - 6 miles WNW of Dudley

TUNSTALL, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

TUTBURY, Staffordshire - 4 miles NNW of Burton on Trent

TYBURN, Worcestershire is part of Birmingham

TYSOE, Warwickshire - 9 miles NW of Banbury

ULEY, Gloucestershire - 6 miles SW of Stroud

UPPER ARLEY, Worcestershire - 5 miles NW of Kidderminster

UPPER TEAN, Staffordshire - 9 miles SE of Stoke on Trent

UPPINGTON, Shropshire - 6 miles E of Shrewsbury

UPTON BISHOP, Herefordshire - 3.5 miles NE of Ross

UPTON CRESSETT, Shropshire - 3 miles W of Bridgnorth

UPTON ON SEVERN, Worcestershire - 9 miles S of Worcester

UPTON GREY, Hampshire - 5 miles ESE of Basingstoke

UPTON SNODSBURY, Worcestershire - 5 miles E of Worcester

UPTON WARREN, Worcestershire - 3 miles SW of Bromsgrove

UPWELL, Norfolk - 6 miles W of Downham Market

WAGBEACH, Shropshire - 10 miles SW of Shrewsbury

WAINFLEET, Lincolnshire - 5 miles SW of Skegness

WALCOT, Shropshire - 6 miles E of Shrewsbury

WALL, Staffordshire - 2 miles WSW of Lichfield

WALTON, Derbyshire is a suburb of Chesterfield

WALTON, Radnorshire - 8 miles SSE of Knighton

WALTON, Staffordshire - 1 mile SW of Stone

WALTON UPON TRENT, Derbyshire - 4 miles SSW of Burton upon Trent

WAPLEY, Gloucestershire - 6 miles NE of Bristol

WARBOYS, Huntingdonshire - 5 miles N of St. Ives

WARDINGTON, Oxfordshire - 4 miles NNE of Banbury

WARMINGTON, Northamptonshire - 8 miles SW of Peterborough

WARTON, Warwickshire - 5 miles E of Tamworth

WATERHOUSE, Staffordshire - 6 miles NW of Ashbourne

WATER ORTON, Warwickshire - 6 miles NNE of Birmingham

WATH UPON DEARNE, Yorkshire - 5 miles N of Rotherham

WEEDON LOIS, Northamptonshire - 10 miles S of Daventry

WEEFORD, Staffordshire - 5 miles W of Tamworth

WELFORD ON AVON, Warwickshire - 4 miles WSW of Stratford upon Avon

WELLESBOURNE, Warwickshire - 7 miles S of Warwick

WELLINGTON, Shropshire is part of Telford

WELSHAMPTON, Shropshire - 8 miles ESE of Whitchurch

WELTON, Northamptonshire - 3 miles N of Daventry

WENTNOR, Shropshire - 5 miles NE of Bishops Castle

WERRINGTON, Cornwall - 2 miles N of Launceston

WESCOTT BARTON, Oxfordshire - 7 miles E of Chipping Norton

WESTBURY, Shropshire - 8 miles W of Shrewsbury

WEST DERBY, Lancashire is part of Liverpool

WEST FARNDON, Northamptonshire - 8 miles NE of Banbury

WEST MELTON, Yorkshire - 5 miles N of Rotherham

WESTLEY WATERLESS, Cambridgeshire - 5 miles SW of Newmarket

WESTON LONGVILLE, Norfolk - 8 miles NW of Norwich

WESTON ON TRENT, Staffordshire - 6 miles SSE of Derby

WHALEY BRIDGE, Derbyshire - 7 miles N of Buxton

WHAPLODE, Lincolnshire - 6 miles E of Spalding

WHARTON, Cheshire - 4 miles S of Northwich

WHEATON ASTON, Staffordshire - 7 miles W of Cannock

WHISTON, Staffordshire - 7 miles SE of Leek

WHITBOURNE, Herefordshire - 5 miles E of Bromyard

WHITCHURCH, Buckinghamshire - 4 miles N of Aylesbury

WHITTINGTON, Derbyshire - 2 miles N of Chesterfield

WHITTINGTON, Staffordshire - 3 miles SE of Lichfield

WHITTINGTON, Shropshire - 3 miles NE of Oswestry

WHITTON, Radnorshire - 3 miles S of Knighton

WHITWICK, Leicestershire - 2 miles NW of Coalville

WICK, Worcestershire - 9 miles SE of Worcester

WIGGINTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles N of Tamworth

WIGMORE, Hertfordshire is part of Luton

WILLEY, Shropshire - 5 miles NW of Bridgnorth

WILNECOTE, Staffordshire - 2 miles SE of Tamworth

WIMBLEBURY, Staffordshire - 2 miles E of Cannock

WINCHCOMBE, Gloucestershire - 6 miles NE of Cheltenham

WINKFIELD, Berkshire - 3 miles NE of Bracknell

WINSHILL, Derbyshire - 2 miles E of Burton on Trent

WISTANSTOW, Shropshire - 9 miles NW of Ludlow

WITBOURNE, Worcestershire - 8 miles W of Worcester

WITHINGTON, Herefordshire - 5 miles NE of Hereford

WITHINGTON, Staffordshire - 3 miles W of Uttoxeter

WOLVERLEY, Worcestershire - 2 Miles N of Kidderminster

WOLVERTON, Buckinghamshire is part of Milton Keynes

WOMBOURNE, Staffordshire - 5 miles WNW of Dudley

WOODCHESTER, Gloucestershire - 2 miles S of Stroud

WOOD END, (Staffordshire) is part of Wednesfield

WOODVILLE, Leicestershire - 3 miles WNW of Ashby de la Zouch

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warwickshire - 2 miles S of Henley in Arden

WORTHEN, Shropshire - 12 miles WSW of Shrewsbury

WRIBBENHALL, Worcestershire - 3 miles WSW of Kidderminster

WROCKWARDINE, Shropshire is part of Telford

WROTTESLEY, Staffordshire - 4.5 miles WNW of Wolverhampton

WROXETER, Shropshire - 5 miles SE of Shrewsbury

WROXTON, Oxfordshire - 3 miles W of Banbury

WYRLEY, Staffordshire could be Little Wyrley or Great Wyrley, between Cannock and Brownhills

WYSALL, Nottinghamshire - 11 miles S of Nottingham

YANWORTH, Gloucestershire - 14 miles SE of Cheltenham

YARKHILL, Herefordshire - 6 miles NNE of Hereford

YATTON, Somerset - 11 miles SW of Bristol

YORTON, Shropshire - 7 miles N of Shrewsbury

YOXFORD, Suffolk - 8 miles SW of Southwold

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Certain areas covered by censuses have not yet been used, and not ALL of the newspapers and magazines have been consulted COMPLETELY.

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1911 (2/4)

PARISH REGISTERS

St. Edmund's, Dudley
St. Giles', Rowley Regis
St. Thomas', Dudley

LICENSING REGISTERS

Bilston and Sedgley
Darlston
Dudley
Kingswinford
Oldbury
Smethwick
Stourbridge
Tipton
Walsall and Bloxwich
Wednesbury
West Bromwich

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e-mail editor@blackcountrybugle.co.uk

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e-mail editor@blackcountryman.co.uk

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Chronicle for Wednesbury and Oldbury

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Dudley Advertiser

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Evening Star

Express & Star

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Midland Chronicle and Free Press

Midland Counties Evening Express

Midland Sun

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Oldbury Weekly News

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Stourbridge (Cradley Heath, Halesowen and District) Observer

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Wolverhampton Chronicle

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