

HITCHMOUGH'S BLACK COUNTRY PUBS



STOURBRIDGE

(INC. AMBLECOTE, LYE, WOLLASTON, WOLLESCOTE, WORDSLEY)

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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 Robert Walker, 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
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Hitchmough Anticipates

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

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. I anticipate releasing about 3 files per year. Hopefully new old pubs will continue to be discovered, as will some mysteries be cleared up.

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

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

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I look forward to hearing from you.

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ABOUT THIS FILE

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ACORN

108, (109), Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Edwin Parkes, Stourbridge

Mr. Travis, Pedmore, Stourbridge [1880's]

J. Rolinson and Son (acquired c. 1901 for £1,850)

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

LICENSEES

Henry Pagett [1861] – **1872**;

William Naylor (**1872 – 1884**);

Theodore Frederick Miller (**1884 – 1885**);

William Spittle (**1885 – 1889**);

Henry Sutton (**1889 – 1900**);

Samuel Thomas Pitt (**1900 – 1901**);

Martha Cooper (**1901 – 1902**);

Arthur Edward Mumford (**1902 – 1903**);

Mrs. Mary Ann Worrall (**1903 – 1905**);

Thomas Stephen West Good (**1905 – 1911**);

John Harry Parrock Wilcox (**1911 – 1916**);

George Sutton Oliver (**1916 – 1922**);

Alfred Horace Cookson (**1922 – 1924**);

Walter Salt (**1924 – 1927**);

Mrs. Emily Salt (**1927 – 1940**);

Frank Wheatley (**1940 – 1942**);

John Henry Hawthorne (**1942 – 1944**);

Harry Cowles (**1944 – 1957**);

Alfred 'Alf' Lewis (**1957 – 1967**);

Anthony George Jacomb (**1967 – 1969**);

Nancy Habbard (**1969**);

Frank William Joyner (**1969 – 1970**);

Edith Mary Corbett (**1970**);

Margaret Rose Lea (**1970 – 1980**);

NOTES

109, Brettell Lane [1901], [1911], [1912]

108, Brettell Lane

It had a beerhouse license.

It was a home brew house.

1861 Census

Brettle Lane

- [1] *Henry Pagett* (40), carpenter, employing 2 men and 1 boy, born Amblecote;
- [2] *Mary Ann Pagett* (40), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Eliza Pagett* (11), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Henry Pagett* (10), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Sarah Pagett* (7), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Thomas Pagett* (3), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Emma Farmer* (18), house servant, born Kingswinford:

Henry Pagett was also a builder. [1864], [1865]

1871 Census

ACORN INN

- [1] *Henry Pagett* (48), victualler, born Amblecote;
- [2] *Mary Ann Pagett* (49), wife, born Oldswinford;
- [3] *Eliza Pagett* (21), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Sarah Pagett* (17), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Thomas Pagett* (13), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Mary Ann Davis* (18), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

Henry Pagett – see also RED LION.

1881 Census

Brettell Lane – ACORN INN

- [1] *William Naylor* (61), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Jane Naylor* (61), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *Susannah Bannister* (23), niece, born Dudley;
- [4] *Sarah A. Surrell* (19), general servant, born Stourbridge:

Theodore Miller was born in Austria.

He was also a glass engraver.

He was married to Susan.

See also ROYAL OAK, Tipton.

1891 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] *Henry Sutton* (50), licensed victualler and glass master, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary A. Sutton* (42), wife, born Kinver;
- [3] *Sarah Sutton* (22), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *William Sutton* (20), son, glass blower, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Benjamin Sutton* (18), son, glass blower, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Harry Sutton* (16), son, chemist's assistant, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Annie Sutton* (14), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Ethel Sutton* (10), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Elsie Sutton* (9), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [10] *Edward Sutton* (7), son, born Kingswinford;
- [11] *Alice Sutton* (5), daughter, born Kingswinford:

Samuel Thomas Pitt was the son of Thomas Pitt (BLACK HORSE, Buckpool).

1901 Census

109, Brettell Lane – ACORN INN

- [1] *Samuel Thomas Pitt* (40), glass maker, born Wordsley;
- [2] *Emma Pitt* (37), wife, born Wordsley;
- [3] *William Basil Hale Pitt* (11), son, born Wordsley;
- [4] *Stanley Pitt* (3), son, born Wordsley;
- [5] *Doris Pitt* (1), daughter, born Wordsley;
- [6] *Selina Hendley* (22), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Elsie Hendley* (15), nurse, born Wordsley;

Mrs. Mary Ann Worrall, beer retailer, 109, Brettell Lane. [1904]

Mary Ann Worrall – see also QUEENS HEAD.

1911 Census

109, Brettell Lane – ACORN INN

- [1] *Thomas Stephen West Good* (61), licensed victualler, born London, St. Leonards;
- [2] *Sarah Hannah Good* (58), wife, married 33 years, born Dudley;
- [3] *Henry J. Wilcox* (28), son in law, builder's clerk, born Wordsley;
- [4] *Ethel Wilcox* (28), daughter, born Dudley;
- [5] *Florence Good* (18), daughter, born Audlem, Cheshire;

Thomas Stephen West Good – see also KINGS ARMS, Brierley Hill.

John Harry Parrock Wilcox = John Henry Wilcox

John Henry Wilcox, beer retailer, 109, Brettell Lane. [1912]

Harry Cowles was married to May.

Alfred Lewis was married to Abby.

Margaret Rose Lea was married to William.

It closed on 15th January 1980.

It became a shop.



Ex Pub 2009

ALBION

Bridgnorth Road, Withy Bank, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Isaac Thomas Digger, Royal Exchange, Stourbridge
Home Brewery (Quarry Bank) Ltd.

LICENSEES

Mrs. Mary Morgan [1861] – **1874**;
David Abel (**1874** – []
Mary Kendrick []

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It had steps up to the front door.

1861 Census

Withy Bank

- [1] Mary Morgan (52), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Wordsley;
- [2] Mary Morgan (27), daughter, assistant, born Belbroughton;
- [3] David Hubball (30), son in law, blacksmith, born Belbroughton;
- [4] Mary Hubball (4), granddaughter, born Belbroughton:

Mary Morgan, retailer of beer, Wollaston. [1862]

Mary Morgan, beer retailer, Wollaston. [1864], [1865], [1872]

1871 Census

Withy Bank – ALBION INN

- [1] Mary Morgan (62), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Wordsley;
- [2] David Hubball (40), son in law, blacksmith, born Belbroughton;
- [3] Mary J. Hubball (37), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [4] Mary Hubball (14), granddaughter, born Wollaston;
- [5] Sarah C. Hubball (3), granddaughter, born Wollaston;
- [6] Charles W. Hubball (2), grandson, born Wollaston:

The license expired on 31st January 1921.

It was demolished in 1959.



Mary Kendrick Licensee

ALHAMBRA STORES

AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Harriet Walker [1872] – [c. 1877]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It closed c. 1877.

ANCHOR

Green Lane, (Pedmore Road), Waste Bank, (Waste Land), LYE

OWNERS

Kidderminster Brewery Co, Ltd. [1905]

LICENSEES

Henry Eveson [1861] – [1862]
Edward Billingham [1874]
John Jordan [1888] – [1892]
Mrs. Hettie Marion Johns [1916]
Thomas Bashford [1921]

NOTES

Waste Land [1892]
Waste Bank

1861 Census

Pedmore Road

- [1] Henry Eveson (45), maltster and victualler, born Oldswinford;
- [2] Sarah Eveson (43), wife, born Oldswinford;
- [3] Charles Eveson (11), son, born Oldswinford;
- [4] William Eveson (9), son, born Oldswinford;
- [5] Sarah Eveson (7), daughter, born Oldswinford;
- [6] Mary Eveson (5), daughter, born Oldswinford;
- [7] Henry Eveson (3), son, born Oldswinford;
- [8] Jane Parker (19), house servant, born Oldswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 11/7/1874

“At the Stourbridge Police Court, yesterday, before Colonel Fletcher and Mr. R. L. Freer, *Edward Billingham*, landlord of the ANCHOR INN, Lye, was charged with permitting gambling in his house by playing at dominoes, on the 27th ult, and further charged with refusing to admit the police. Police-sergeant Rea said about half past four o’clock on the above date, he had occasion to go to defendant’s house to serve a notice. Whilst he was there he heard someone say ‘That makes two games to me’, and witness heard the sound of dominoes.

As he went into the room, defendant’s daughter ran past him and swept the dominoes into her apron. Caught hold of the two dominoes produced. Defendant then laid hold of me and pushed me across the room. I then left and returned shortly after. On going to the door, defendant refused to open it for some time.

Mr. Stokes, for the defence, said that this was not a tittle of evidence against the defendant, that dominoes were played with for money or monies worth, he should bring a number of respectable witnesses to prove that, although Rea bore the badge of a sergeant he had told a tissue of falsehoods.

Elijah Bingham said that he went into defendant’s house, and been in a few minutes, there were four other men in the house when he went in. Saw the daughter cleaning out the cupboard. Did not see any domino playing. Will swear there was none. Saw Rea make a snatch at the daughter’s apron. Did not see what he took out. The officer slammed the door. Rea came in again in a few minutes. As he went out he shut the door so hard that the drop latch came down. As he came the second time the door was open at once.

William Pearson, nailer, Mrs. *Billingham*, and defendant, all swore there was no domino playing, and that as soon as Rea came back the door was opened for him.

The Bench retired for a short time to consider their verdict. On returning into court Colonel Fletcher said, the Bench believed that persons were playing at dominoes, but there being no evidence to prove they were playing for money or monies' worth, and would dismiss bothe summonses."

[1930's]

ANCHOR

Wollescote, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Cooper [] - **1867**);
James Perry (**1867** - []

ANCHOR

Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Child [1820] – [1822]
Mark Tench [1829] – [1849]

ANGEL

40, (37), Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Messrs H. and F. Kelley
Home Brewery (Quarry Bank)
John Thomas Roper (acquired in 1921)
George Downes, Victoria Street, Stourbridge
Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd. [1933]

LICENSEES

Joseph Venables [1820] – [1835]
George Richards [1841]
Edwin Parkes [1845]
Joseph Venables [1849]
Edwin Parkes [1850] – [1871]
Henry Pagett Snr. [1872] – **1877**;
Henry Pagett Jnr. **(1877 – [])**
Mrs. Mary A Pagett [1881] – [1884]
Thomas Pagett [1888] – [1892]
Henry Kelley [1898] – **1905**;
Mrs. Rose Emma Kelley **(1905 – 1910)**;
H O F Kelly **(1910 – 1911)**;
Edward Fletcher [1916] – **1917**;
Mary Ann Fletcher **(1917 – 1919)**;
Edward Fletcher **(1919 – 1920)**;
Henry James Edwards **(1920)**;
Elizabeth Ann Jenkins **(1920 – 1921)**;
Henry 'Harry' Moore **(1921 – 1922)**;
Edward Roland Hill **(1922 – 1923)**;
John Thomas Roper **(1923 – 1926)**;
Francis Perrins **(1926 – 1929)**;
Frederick Taylor **(1929 – 1934)**;
Julia Laura Wheelwright **(1934 – 1936)**;

NOTES

40, Coventry Street [1861], [1870], [1872], [1921]
37, Coventry Street [1873], [1884], [1888], [1891], [1892], [1916]

Rowland Hill's Angel Brewery was here.

1851 Census

Coventry Street

- [1] Edwin Parkes (39), unmarried, innkeeper, born Stourbridge;
- [2] Mary Parkes (25), sister, housekeeper, born Stourbridge;
- [3] Ann Hart (25), waiter, born Stourbridge;

Brierley Hill Advertiser 24/1/1857

“Ralph Docker, Esq, held an inquest on Saturday evening last, at the ANGEL INN, on the body of Henry Cox, three years of age. The deceased had been under the care of his uncle and aunt, who live in Angel Street. On Thursday morning the aunt went out for a few minutes, leaving the child in the kitchen alone. The uncle, who was in bed, hearing screams, got up, and met the boy coming up stairs, enveloped in flames. The uncle wrapped his jacket round the child, but the deceased was so fearfully burned about the body that he died the following day. Verdict Accidentally Burned.”

Edwin Parkes = Edwin Parks

1861 Census

40, Coventry Street

- [1] *Edwin Parkes* (49), unmarried, victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Mary Parkes* (36), sister, house keeper, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Ellen Walker* (18), barmaid, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Maria Rixham* (18), house servant, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Betsey Greenhouse* (27), lodger, traveller, born Chaddesley Corbett:

Stourbridge Observer 24/2/1866

“On Monday last, George Whatmore, brewer, was charged with receiving a quantity of decanters for Samuel Wilson, knowing them to have been stolen. Mr. Burbury appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Maltby for the defence.

Elijah Smith proved that the quart and pint decanters produced, were his property. Saw the prisoner at Mr. *Parkes*, the ANGEL INN, and asked him if he had sold Mr. J. Heming some quart and pint decanters. He at once admitted it, and said that he had received £1 2s 6d for them. I asked him where he had them from. He said he had them from a man named Wilson, who, I believe, is his brother in law. I asked him if he had sold any others. He said, ‘No.’ I asked him how much he paid his brother in law for them. He said something about some silver. The next morning I saw him in custody. I afterwards went to Mr. *Sanders*’s, the CROWN INN, and saw another pair.

Cross-examined: Do not always mark both decanters. Can swear to the three marked as being my property. The other three correspond with the drawing book. They might have been made elsewhere, but don’t believe they have been. Prisoner could not buy them. They are not saleable goods as they are marked round the necks of the decanters. There are hundreds of patterns. I have seized glass at persons’ houses before, but not at Mr. *Rowcliffe*’s [WAGGON AND HORSES]. Did not say it was my property, but that it was our pattern. I believe prisoner had been in his place between two and three years. Never heard anything against his character. I heard that the decanters had been exposed for sale in a room at a public house, from Mr. *Sanders*. There was no attempt to hide them. It is not usual to send out goods less than the price, when they are chipped. Prisoner told me that he received 22s 6d for them, and paid his brother in law 19s for them by Holloway End Church. The chip in the decanters would not affect the value, as it could be altered. The pints were missed in September last. Could not find it in place. When missed it was reported to me. When patterns are missed they have to be made from the drawing book. When the pattern was missed the whole stock was gone; they had another order come and could not find the pattern.

Mr. Burbury said after his client had been examined in the way he had by his friend, he must ask the Bench to be allowed to examine the thief who had just received two months.

Mr. Maltby remarked that if Mr. Burbury was going to examine a thief he would request the Bench to allow him to ask Mr. Smith a few other questions, so as to test his credibility.

Re-examination continued: I have convicted persons before for stealing glass, who are now undergoing punishment. It was from the evidence of the thief, a woman named Robinson. She is not in my employ now. I am surprised at you putting such questions. She is at liberty for all I know. I did not prosecute her. When I charged the prisoner he at once pleaded guilty. I did not say I would recommend him to mercy. I did ask him how much he paid his brother in law for the decanters. He said he paid him nothing, but gave him a bottle of brandy. He told me that four was all he had ever stolen. He took them about four months ago. He did not say anything about the pints.

Samuel Wilson deposed that he had been in the employ of the prosecutor as teaser. I can’t tell when I stole them, but should think it was five or six months since. I did not take all the six produced. One pair was hid for nine days before I took them. I don’t recollect that Whatmore requested me to take them. After I had stolen them I took them to the prisoner. Did not give him any directions as to what he was to do with them. I took them one at a time. He knew that I was at work in the glass trade. There was nothing said about what he was to do with them. He did not tell me that he had sold them to Mr. Heming. I had some money from him, but he did not say what it was for. I

once asked him to lend me some money, and did not pay it back to him again. He never gave me any account of the sale. I told Mr. Smith that the prisoner had given me a drop of brandy and that was all I ever had. My wife was ill at the time. He did not ask me to tell him all, and he would recommend me to mercy. It was 2s that I borrowed.

Cross-examined: I did live at the Gig Mill. Married prisoner's sister. Did not take them to him. I took the first pair to his house; the second pair he fetched. My object in taking them was for him to sell them. When he fetched the second pair I was in bed. Don't know that he fetched them. The third pair I took to his house. Don't know that I left them with the prisoner. I received 12s 6d from him at Holloway End Church. He did not give me 10s. Mr. Smith charged me with stealing four decanters, and I said I had stolen no more. Did not recollect at the time that I had stolen six decanters. Mr. Smith did ask me if I had anything to do with Robinson. The brandy was in a ginger beer bottle. He said it was a present, and had brought it from his master.

By the Bench: He lent me 1s 6d or 2s. That was all he ever lent me. I took them a pair at a time. When I took them to prisoner's house. I put them upon the table.

Joseph Heming, printer, deposed that he lived at Stourbridge. In consequence of having heard that there were some decanters for sale, he went to Mr. *Sanders's* to see them. I afterwards saw the prisoner about purchasing them. I asked him how much he wanted for them. He replied 25s. I said that they were damaged, and not quite so good as I wanted, but if would throw off half a crown, I would buy them. I gave him 22s 6d for them. Don't know who delivered them, but paid him for them the first time I saw him. He said that he was selling them for a person who was ill, and out of work.

Cross-examined: I thought it was a fair price for them as they were damaged. I saw them in a public room. Have known the prisoner for some time; ever since he has been employed by Mr. *Parkes*, and thought him a steady man.

Re-examined: I went down with a friend. It is a public room. There was no one in the room at the time. I went down as soon as I heard they were for sale. Did not make any enquiries as to where they were made.

John Sanders deposed that the prisoner brought four decanters to his house one club night, some five or six months since. Wilson did not come with him when he brought them. He said he had four decanters to sell. I did not want them keeping a beerhouse. They were afterwards offered to Mr. Nash who refused to buy them, but said he knew a friend who wanted some. Prisoner said he was selling them for a friend that was ill and out of employment. He afterwards brought a pair of pints which I bought. Have never seen Wilson upon the subject. I gave 5s for the pair I bought. The four decanters were at my house about four days.

Cross-examined: There was no secrecy. They were handed round the room and examined by members of the club. It was club night.

Police-constable Freeman deposed that on the 13th inst, he went to Messrs. Richardson and Smith's. Saw Wilson and took him in charge. I afterwards went to the prisoner's and charged him with receiving a quantity of glass, knowing it to have been stolen. He replied that he had some decanters from his brother in law Wilson, and sold them to Joseph Heming for 22s 6d, and gave Wilson part of the money. He said that he wished he had had nothing to do with it. He would rather have bought twenty lots.

Mr. Maltby then addressed the Bench for the defence, contending that there was no evidence against his client except that of a convicted thief. He had hitherto borne an irreproachable character, and he proposed to ask witnesses to prove that. He should then ask the Bench to discharge the prisoner, and not to send him to prison so as to have his character for ever blasted.

Edward Nash deposed that he was a maltster, and a member of the club held at the CROWN INN. Prisoner brought the decanters to the club house, stating that he wanted to sell them. I looked at them, and told him that they were chipped and I should not buy them, as I had some much better than those. I told him that I had a friend who wanted some, and that I would mention it to him. I told Mr. Heming of it, and we went down and looked at them, and he agreed to buy them for 22s 6d. Have known the prisoner for several years. Always thought him to be a very steady, honest, and sober man.

Edwin Parkes deposed that he was landlord of the ANGEL INN. The prisoner was his brewer, and had worked for him for two years. He had a four years character with him from Mrs. Ablow Collis. Always found the prisoner to be perfectly honest, sober and steady. He had never neglected his work one hour since he had been with him. Prisoner had the custody of a great deal of his property and never had the least occasion to suspect his honesty.

The Bench deliberated for a short time, when Mr. Evers said they were of opinion that at the time the prisoner had the decanters he had not a guilty knowledge that they were stolen, but had acted incautiously, and was therefore discharged."

1871 Census

40, Coventry Street

[1] *Edwin Parks* (59), unmarried, victualler, born Stourbridge;

[2] *Mary Parks* (46), sister, house keeper, born Stourbridge;

[3] *Elin Bloomer* (21), niece, visitor, born Birmingham;

[4] *Kate Barratt* (24), barmaid, born Birmingham:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 13/4/1872

“Wanted – A Brewer. One used to the trade preferred. Apply The ANGEL in Stourbridge.”

Stourbridge Observer 10/1/1874

“An inquest was held at the ANGEL INN, Coventry Street, on Saturday, before Mr. Corbet, Deputy Coroner, on the body of Jane Phillips, aged 24, who died from burns, on Thursday last. Mary Ann Sharpe, wife of U. Sharpe, labourer, said the deceased was a single woman and was her sister. Deceased came to her house at midnight on Christmas eve, and said she would stay till the morning. She remained at the house during the night, and till half past two on the Christmas day. Witness was upstairs at that time, and heard her scream. Witness ran down, and met her at the bottom of the stairs all in flames. Witness’s husband followed her down. They tried to put the flames out, but could not entirely, and some persons who ran in cut her clothes off her. A doctor was sent for. Deceased died exactly a week after the accident. Deceased told witness that she was lying down on a bench by the fire, when her clothes caught fire, but she did not know how. There was no fender to the grate. Dr. Campbell said he was called in to the deceased on the afternoon of Christmas day. She was burnt over the face, body, arms and legs. He treated her in the usual manner, but she never rallied, and died from the effects of burns on the 1st inst. The jury found that the deceased had died from accidental burning.”

AND

“An inquest was held at the ANGEL INN, on Saturday, before Mr. Corbet, Deputy Coroner, on the body of John Parkes, aged 35, butcher, of Coventry Street.

John Sewell, butcher’s assistant, said he knew the deceased, who had been in business in Coventry Street. He came into the shop Thursday morning and began talking about a wedding which had taken place the day before. There was something peculiar in his manner which witness noticed, and which he had never seen before. Parkes, after talking a little time, darted out of the shop suddenly.

Henry Powell, butcher, said he knew the deceased. Witness went to grind some knives on deceased’s grindstone a little before ten on Thursday morning. The grindstone was in the brewhouse, and he found the door locked, and the key inside. Witness looked through a window and saw deceased hanging. He raised an alarm, and the door was forced open. Deceased was cut down, and he appeared to be quite dead. He had never noticed anything peculiar to deceased’s manner.

Solomon Walters, carter, said he went to deceased’s brewhouse on Thursday morning, and burst the door open. He saw the deceased hanging by a rope from a hook in the ceiling. Witness held him up, while someone cut the rope.

Mr. A. Freer, surgeon, said he was fetched to deceased about 10 o’clock on New Year’s morning. He was quite dead, but warm, and appeared to have been dead half an hour. There were marks on the neck, and death appeared to have taken place from strangulation.

A brother of the deceased said his manner had been peculiar lately, and he attributed to his drinking too much.

By a Juryman: He had never heard from deceased that he had received a letter from a solicitor on behalf of a lady, but he had been told so by others.

A Juryman said he did not believe deceased destroyed his life from drink.

The Jury returned a verdict of Suicide while in state of temporary insanity.”

Henry Pagett Snr. died in 1877.

1881 Census

37, Coventry Street

- [1] Mary A. Pagett (60), widow, licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] Eliza Pagett (30), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [3] Sarah Pagett (27), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] Thomas Pagett (23), son, grocer, born Kingswinford;
- [5] Fanny Rudge (21), domestic servant, born Stourbridge:

1891 Census

37, Coventry Street

- [1] Thomas Pagett (33), licensed victualler, born Amblecote;
- [2] Ellen Pagett (33), wife, born Walsall;
- [3] John Pagett (4), son, born Stourbridge;
- [4] Elise K. Pagett (2), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [5] Lilian Clessold (19), barmaid, born Worcestershire;
- [6] Elizzabeth Chandler (20), domestic servant, born Netherton;
- [7] Keziah Price (15), domestic servant, born Wordsley:

It was the centre of Liberalism in Stourbridge. [c. 1903]

Henry Kelley = Henry Kelly

1901 Census

37, Coventry Street

- [1] Henry Kelley (35), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] Rose E. Kelley (37), wife, born Badsey, Worcestershire;
- [3] Frank Kelley (7), son, born Stourbridge;
- [4] Nina E. Hedwards (20), niece, born Evesham;
- [5] Alice Harwood (18), domestic servant, born Stourbridge:

Henry Kelley died in June 1905.

He was a member of the firm H. and F. Kelley, brewers.

Black Country Bugle 6/9/2001

“Mr. Henry Kelley he was a publican at the ANGEL INN in Coventry Street (formerly Pig Street because of the number of butchers with abattoirs resident there), and was very strict with the way his patrons behaved themselves in his pub. Bowls were left around the bar to accept coins in the case of foul language being used; non deliverance met a ban from the pub and all the money collected went to charity.

His friends, led by Arthur Phillips an ex Stourbridge footballer, collected enough money to erect the drinking fountain [in Promenade Gardens] in his memory in 1906.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 2/12/1910

“The Angel Brewery, at Stourbridge, with properties adjoining and several full-licensed houses and beerhouses, has been offered for sale by auction by Messrs. Alfred W. Dando & Co of Dudley, acting under instructions from the trustees of the late Messrs. H. and F. Kelley. Although there was a very active interest shown during the sale, the estate as a whole was retired, several local and Burton brewers being in competition. Active negotiations have since been in progress, and a sale has now been carried through of the entire concern, to a local purchaser. We understand it is the intention of the purchaser to reside at the ANGEL INN. Messrs. Travis and Sheldon were the solicitors acting for the vendors.”

It closed on 29th December 1936.

ANVIL

26, Talbot Street, (Talbot Square), (Attwood Street), Cross Walks, LYE

OWNERS

Julia Hanson and Son Ltd.

LICENSEES

Elijah Pearson [1871] – [1873]
A H Cook []
Jeremiah Brooks [1888] – [1916]
Thomas Cartwright [1921]
Harry Cook [1931]

NOTES

Attwood Street [1871]
Talbot Square [1888], [1892]
26, Talbot Street [1911], [1921]



Token

1871 Census

Attwood Street – ANVIL INN

- [1] *Elijah Pearson* (29), miner (coal) and publican, born Lye;
- [2] *May Pearson* (28), wife, milliner, born Lye;
- [3] *Matilda Pearson* (2), daughter, born Lye;
- [4] *Mary Pearson* (1), daughter, born Lye;
- [5] *Jane Pearson* (15), niece, nurse, born Lye:

A. H. Cook issued tokens from here.

1891 Census

Talbot Street

- [1] *Jeremiah Brooks* (30), licensed victualler, born Lye;
- [2] *Mary Brooks* (30), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *Sarah Aston* (16), domestic servant, born Lye:

1901 Census

Talbot Street

- [1] *Jeremiah Brooks* (40), licensed victualler, born Lye;
- [2] *Mary Brooks* (40), wife, born Wollescote;
- [3] *Elizabeth Pardoe* (17), domestic servant, born Lye:

1911 Census

26, Talbot Street

- [1] *Jeremiah Brooks* (50), fruit merchant and licensed victualler, born Lye;
- [2] *Mary Brooks* (50), wife, married 24 years, born Lye;
- [3] *Florrie Taylor* (18), general servant, born Lye;
- [4] *Amelia Alford* (20), general servant, born Lye:

Harry Cook sponsored the Lye Bowling League.

[1960's]

ASHWOOD

76, Bells Lane, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Mrs. Beryl Field **(1983 – [1985]**

Ron Field [1987]

Daryosh Rossokh [1995]

NOTES

[1976]

It had a pigeon club. [2001]

The QUEENS HEAD Bowling Club moved here in season 2004/5, and were renamed ASHWOOD Bowling Club.

[2013]



2007



2009

BALDS LANE TAVERN

35, Balds Lane, The Hayes, Wollescote, LYE

OWNERS

William Bridgwater

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Francis Pardoe [1871] – [1874]

Thomas Pardoe [1881]

William T Mobberley [1911]

John Griffiths Snr. [1916] – [1921]

John Griffiths Jnr. []

Don Taylor [1974]

NOTES

BALLS LANE TAVERN [1874]

It was known locally as the “Sawdust Hotel”.

1871 Census

Ball's Lane

[1] *Francis Pardoe* (56), victualler, born Lye;

[2] *Sarah Pardoe* (55), wife, born Worcestershire;

[3] *William Pardoe* (32), son, labourer, born Worcestershire;

[4] *Mercy Pardoe* (20), daughter, dressmaker, born Worcestershire;

[5] *Mirah Pardoe* (17), daughter, dressmaker, born Worcestershire:

Francis Pardoe, beer retailer, Balds Lane. [1872]

Francis Pardoe applied for a spirits license on 28th August 1874. It was refused.

1881 Census

Balds Lane – BALDS LANE TAVERN

[1] *Thomas Pardoe* (67), publican, born Lye;

[2] *Sarah Pardoe* (65), wife, born Lye;

[3] *William Pardoe* (41), brickyard labourer, born Lye;

[4] *Clara Burley* (20), general servant, born Lye:

It was rebuilt in 1911.

1911 Census

35, Balds Lane – BALDS LANE TAVERN

[1] *William T. Mobberley* (57), licensed victualler, born Lye;

[2] *Henrietta Mobberley* (57), wife, married 38 years, assitst, born Cradley;

[3] *William T. Mobberley* (11), son, scholar, born Cradley:

J. Griffith (sic) issued tokens from here.

The present building was opened in 1970.

[2013]

Closed [2014]



1997



2010

BARLEY MOW

Hagley Road, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Bateman [1845]

BARLEY MOW

131, (129), High Street (Wollaston Road) / Vicarage Road, (41, Pountney Terrace), Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd.
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)
Helen Little and Stuart 'Sid' Hingley [2008]

LICENSEES

Richard Clark [1835]
George Taylor [1841]
John Baker [1854]
Richard Matty [1862]
William Matty [1864] – [1865]
Thomas Timmins [1871] – [1873]
Francis Martin [1881]
Samuel Deakin [1884] – [1888]
John Wilcox [1892]
Luke Bradbury [1901]
James H Kendricks [1916]
William C Farmer [1921]
Tom Sidaway [1991]
Norman John William Readman and Wendy Barker [2007]

NOTES

41, Pountney Terrace [1871]
Wollaston Road [1873]
High Street [1892]
56, High Street [1901]
129, High Street
Vicarage Road [1990]
131, High Street [2005]

George Taylor was married to Elizabeth.

Stourbridge Observer 30/7/1864

“It will be seen by an advertisement in another column that the respected landlord of the BARLEY MOW INN, Wollaston, announces his annual wake to take place on Monday next. This is the 6th year it has been held at this old and well-conducted house, and should the weather prove fine, no doubt there will be a large number of persons present to witness the sports.”

Thomas Timmins = Thomas Timmings

1871 Census

41, Pountney Terrace – BARLEY MOW INN

- [1] *Thomas Timmins* (31), fork maker and publican, born Netherton;
 - [2] Sarah Timmins (29), wife, annuitant, born Park Lane, Staffordshire; [Possibly Tipton]
 - [3] Mary H. Timmins (5), daughter, scholar, born Park Lane, Staffordshire:
- AND

41, High Street – BARLEY MOW INN

- [1] Edwin Tibbetts (27), lodger, fork maker, born Blackheath;
- [2] Lydia Tibbetts (27), wife, dress maker, born Blackheath;
- [3] Florence Tibbetts (4), daughter, scholar, born Blackheath;
- [4] Harriet Tibbetts (2), daughter, born Blackheath;
- [5] Jesse Tibbetts (5 months), son, born Wollaston:

Stourbridge Observer 4/1/1872

“At the Petty Sessions, yesterday, before Major Fletcher, *Thomas Timmins*, landlord of the BARLEY MOW, Wollaston, was charged by Superintendent Freeman with having his house open for the sale of beer before the hour of twelve, on the 31st ultimo. Police-sergeant Jones said he visited defendant’s house on the above date at twelve minutes to twelve o’clock. He saw a man in the house named Randle. He had a cup before him, which contained ale. Defendant said he was out at the time. He was very sorry it had occurred. Fined 5s and costs.”

Thomas Timmins was also a manufacturer of steel forks and spade and shovel trees. [1873]

Stourbridge Observer 2/8/1873

“A lamentable accident occurred on Saturday at Mr. Norris’ Spade Works, Wollaston. A man named Edward Edwards was employed there, and it is stated that he had been doing something to the gearing of the machinery, when in attempting to rise to his feet afterwards, he slipped, and one of his legs was drawn into the revolving wheels. The limb was not only torn, but the poor fellow’s body was split up in the most horrible manner. With such injuries, death at once supervened. Edwards’ remains, on being extricated from the machinery, presented a shocking spectacle. He was a married man, and two of his sons were engaged at the same works as himself. Their anguish and terror at the affair was extreme and they rushed away from the place, almost bereft of their senses. The body was removed to the BARLEY MOW, Wollaston.

An inquest was held on the body on Tuesday evening, and a verdict of Accidental death was returned.”

1881 Census

High Street – BARLEY MOW

- [1] *Francis Martin* (55), publican, born Matlock;
- [2] Mary Martin (56), wife, born Harborne;
- [3] Jane Stevens (85), mother in law, publican’s wife, born Harborne;
- [4] Jane Martin (22), daughter, dressmaker, born Harborne;
- [5] Kate Martin (22), daughter, milliner, born Harborne;
- [6] Ann Taylor (12), general servant, born Wollaston:

1901 Census

56, High Street – BARLEY MOW

- [1] *Luke Bradbury* (42), joiner (and innkeeper), born Sheen, Staffordshire;
- [2] Margaret Bradbury (44), wife, born Cheadle, Lancashire;
- [3] Mabel M. Bradbury (15), daughter, born Queensland, Australia;
- [4] Ethel Bradbury (154), daughter, born Queensland, Australia;
- [5] Florence Bradbury (11), daughter, born Queensland, Australia;
- [6] William J. Bradbury (9), son, born Leek;
- [7] Beatrice Latham (23), general servant, born Wordsley:

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“All that messuage or dwelling-house situate at Wollaston known as the BARLEY MOW fronting the high road leading from Enville to Coalburnbrook with the stable garden piggeries outbuildings and appurtenances thereto belonging.....”

The present building was erected on the original site circa 1965.

Tom Sidaway was born in Cradley Heath.
He was married to Margaret.

It was the headquarters of Furnace Sports FC. [2000]

[2009]

It closed in 2013.
It was converted into a shop.



2007



2009

BAY HORSE

Halesowen Road, Hay Green, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Smith [1862]

Robert Woodhouse [1870] – [1873]

NOTES

Robert Woodhouse, beer retailer, Hay Green [1870]

1871 Census

Halesowen Road

[1] *Robert Woodhouse* (62), publican, born Lye;

[2] *Mary Woodhouse* (60), wife, born Lye;

[3] *Sabina Woodhouse* (34), daughter, agent for ale, born Lye;

[4] *Annie Woodhouse* (11), granddaughter, scholar, born Lye;

[5] *Mariah Cartwright* (17), general servant, born Lye:

Robert Woodhouse was also a brewer. [1873]

See also COTTAGE SPRING

BEAR

High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Noah Plant [1820] – [1822]

Henry Mould [1835]

Joseph Iddens [1849]

Sarah Butler [1850]

BEEFEATERS ARMS

18, Union Street, (Beefeaters Street), Wollescote, (Lye Waste), (Beefeaters Fields), LYE

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd.

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

William Wooldridge [1861] – [1862]

George Wooldridge [1864] – [1865]

William Wooldridge [1870] – [1874]

William Wooldridge [1881] – [1882]

Misses Eliza and Betsy Harper [1884]

George Surrell [1888]

Henry Whittaker [1892]

Owen Scriven [1911]

Joseph Taylor [1916] – [1921]

NOTES

1861 Census

Waste

[1] *William Wooldridge* (45), anvil maker, born Waste;

[2] *Jane Wooldridge* (43), wife, born Waste;

[3] *Elizabeth Wooldridge* (19), daughter, dressmaker, born Waste;

[4] *Mary Ann Wooldridge* (17), daughter, dressmaker, born Waste:

William Wooldridge, retailer of beer, Lye. [1862]

Stourbridge Observer 30/7/1864

“Sargeant Witton has been favoured with instructions to offer for sale by public auction, on Tuesday the 16th day of August 1864, at six o’clock in the evening, at the BEEFEATERS INN, Lye Waste, near Stourbridge, the exceedingly Valuable and most Desirable Fire Clay Mines, lying under the Beef Eaters Field, situate at the Lye.....”

Stourbridge Observer 18/2/1865

“A fatal accident occurred to *Elizabeth Meredith* on Monday last, under the following circumstances. It appears that deceased had a lodger who had injured his ankle, and she went upstairs to put a bran poultice upon it, and on turning round she fell down the stairs, and fractured her skull, to such an extent that she died the same day. An inquest was held at Mr. *Wooldridge*’s, the BEEF EATERS INN, before W. Hayes, Deputy Coroner, and a verdict of accidental death was returned.”

William Wooldridge was part of *George Wooldridge and Son*, manufacturers of improved anvils, hammers, vices etc. [1873]

Stourbridge Observer 9/5/1874

“Ann Parker, was charged with stealing on the 2nd inst, one shilling in silver, 5½d in copper, two blacking brushes, and 10 half ounces of tobacco, the property of *William Wooldridge*, of The BEEFEATERS, Lye.

Betsy Wooldridge, daughter of the prosecutor, stated that on the above date the prisoner, who had formerly been a domestic servant in her father's employ, came to their house to see them. Prisoner first came into the back kitchen. She went into the bar, and witness afterwards missed tow sixpences out of the till. She also missed some tobacco out of the parlour; she could not say how much. Witness did not miss anything else out of the house. Cross examined by Mr. Perry (who was for the defence): Ann Parker used to be a servant at their house, and witness's mother always thought highly of her. On Saturday evening when her mother came in she said to the prisoner, ‘Oh I thought you were never coming again.’ It was a supper night, and mother asked the prisoner to help her, and she did so. There were several people at the house who used to know her, and they treated her with drink; and after a time she became senselessly tipsy. She was in the tap room when she got so very tipsy, and she was helping witness's mother generally.

Mrs. Jane Ball said in consequence of a communication made to her by the last witness, she searched prisoner. Prisoner was in the tap room when witness searched her. She had the two brushes produced in her pocket. She also found upon her 10 half ounces of tobacco, 1s 5d, and a thimble. They had always sold the kind of tobacco produced. She could not tell how much tobacco was gone, because there was some taken before. She could not tell the exact quantity, but knew there was some taken because the tobacco was only had in on the previous Thursday. The brushes produced were her father's property. This witness was cross examined at considerable length upon this point by Mr. Perry, but swore positively to the brushes, although she admitted there were no distinguishing mark upon them by which she might know them.

PS Rea proved apprehending prisoner on Sunday afternoon. He charged her with stealing a shilling, two sixpences, and some tobacco from *William Wooldridge*. Prisoner said, ‘I don't deny the tobacco and the brushes in my pocket.’ He did not stand in the room where she dressed, but he stood upon the stairs.

Mr. Perry then addressed the Bench in a remarkably able speech for the defence, and said that he had two theories to submit to them in answer to the charge. The first of these was that some of the men in the house seeing the drunken condition the prisoner was in, might for the purpose of perpetrating one of those senseless practical jokes which were so common at the Lye, have placed the brushes in her pocket. Or the prisoner, herself, in the state she was in, might unconsciously have got them in her pocket. Either of these theories were feasible, and so long as there was a doubt in the case, he claimed the benefit of that doubt for his client. Besides it had not been conclusively proved that the articles in question were the property of *Wooldridge*, as the tobacco was such as was sold everywhere, and although Mrs. Ball had sworn to the brushes, she admitted there was no mark upon them. Thus, there was another element of doubt imported into the case. He animadverted in very strong terms upon the manner in which PS Rea had got up the case, and said the introduction into it by him of the ‘two sixpences’ was a totally unwarrantable proceeding, which was not justified by the slightest particle of evidence. He also referred to the officer's altering the prisoner's statement, so as to strengthen the case against her, and said it was an invariable rule that when a case was weak or there was a break in the chain of evidence, the missing link was supplied by the policeman.

In consequence of prisoner's previous good character, the Bench discharged her. The Bench remarked that they thought Mr. Perry's remarks on Rea's conduct uncalled for.”

1881 Census

Beefeaters Field

[1] *William Wooldridge* (25), publican, born Lye;

[2] *Sarah Wooldridge* (24), wife, born Kingswinford:

Dudley Herald 20/5/1882

“Sale freehold old licensed public house consists of kitchen, tap and smoke room, bar, three bedrooms, club or association room 45 ft. x 15 ft, ale cellars, spirit cellar, brewhouse, coach house, malt room.....”

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“All those two plots of land part of a certain field called ‘The Beefeaters Piece’ situate at Lye containing together by admeasurement 1074 square yards together with the messuage public-house and premises erected thereon called The BEEFEATERS INN.....”

1911 Census

18, Union Street – BEEFEATERS ARMS

- [1] *Owen Scriven* (48), licensed victualler, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Mary Roper Scriven* (48), wife, married 25 years, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *Rhoda Scriven* (21), daughter, waitress, born Brockmoor;
- [4] *Maggie Scriven* (18), daughter, waitress, born Brockmoor:

Black Country Bugle (January 1974)

Letter from Mrs. Cartwright

“.....He [*Felix Taylor*] did keep the UNION INN in Chapel Street in fruit and vegetables His brother Joe kept the BEEFEATERS in Union Street.....”

BEEHIVE

Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Sheppard [1855]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

BELL

22, Belmont Road / Cemetery Road, (Bell Mount), Wollescote, (Waste Bank), LYE

OWNERS

Arthur Morris and Arthur Nelson Brevitt
Grigg and Brettell Ltd. (acquired on 20th October 1937)
Ansells Ltd,
Adventure Taverns Ltd. [2003]
Punch Taverns

LICENSEES

Richard Osborne [1860]
William Cartwright [1861] – [1862]
Richard Webb [1865] – **1867**;
John Cooper **(1867 – [1888])**
R Rhodes [1892]
Frederick Hobson [1916]
Donald Moore [1921]
Josephine Garfield [2007] – [2008]

NOTES

Waste Bank [1871], [1916], [1921]
Bell Mount [1873]
Belmont Road [1892], [1996]
22, Belmont Road [1914]

It was known locally as the “Top Bell”

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

Waste Bank

- [1] *William Cartwright* (51), widower, victualler, born Lye;
- [2] *Sarah Cartwright* (15), daughter, scholar, born Lye;
- [3] *Jane Cartwright* (10), daughter, scholar, born Lye:

Richard Webb was fined during the year ending August 1865.



2007

UNRESERVED AND CLEARING-OUT SALE AT
The BELL INN, LYE WASTE, near Stourbridge.

S WITTON will SELL by AUCTION, by order of Mr. Richard Webb (who is giving up the House) on TUESDAY NEXT, JULY 23rd, 1867, on the Premises, as above, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and other Effects, including capital Eight-day o'clock, Sofa, Chest of Drawers, Tables, Cupboards, Chairs, Bedsteads, Beds, Brewing Requisites, &c.; two very large Iron Furnaces, three Mashing Tubs, Set Ninepins, Cooling Vats, Hogsheads, Half-hogshead Casks, and numerous other Effects.

Sale to commence at Twelve o'clock in the Morning.

Advert 1867

Stourbridge Observer 20/7/1867

"Unreserved and clearing out sale at the BELL INN, Lye Waste, near Stourbridge.

S. Witton will Sell by Auction, by order of Mr. *Richard Webb* (who is giving up the House) on Tuesday next, July 23rd 1867, on the Premises as above, Household Furniture and other Effects, including capital Eight-day Clock, Sofa, Chest of Drawers, Tables, Cupboards, Chairs, Bedsteads, Beds, Brewing Requisites &s; two very large Iron Furnaces, three Mashing Tubs, Set Ninepins, Cooling Vats, Hogsheads, Half hogshead Casks, and numerous other Effects."

1871 Census

Waste Bank

[1] *John Cooper* (62), licensed victualler, born Lye;

[2] *Mary Cooper* (62), wife, born Lye;

[3] *Mary Cooper* (17), daughter, born Lye:

Stourbridge Observer 1/3/1873

"On Thursday morning, a man named Richard Knowles, (70), an old pensioner, died suddenly. It appeared that deceased had served twenty-four years in the 78th Regiment of Foot. On Wednesday night, he eat a quantity of pancakes, and between two and three o'clock, complained of a pain in the stomach, got up, and went down stairs and died.- An inquest was held on the body last night, at the BELL INN, Waste Bank, before Mr. Corbett, deputy coroner, and a verdict of 'Died by the Visitation of God' was returned."

Closed

It was reopened in 1987 by boxer, Pat Cowdell.

Its name was changed to the TOP BELL [1990], [2014]

Josephine Garfield was fined £1000, in January 2008, for failing to stop customers smoking on the premises, £500 for serving after hours, and £100 for playing music after 11pm plus £1015 costs.

[2014]



BELL +

LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Samuel Cook [1884]

BELL

20, (42), (43), Market Street / Bell Street, (Ryemarket), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Charles William Collis
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)
Q Pubs [2009]
Tadhg McGillicuddy and Tom Jones

LICENSEES

Thomas Taylor [1820]
Joseph Harris [1822]
Thomas Jones [1835]
William Lamb [1841] – [1845]
Thomas Jones [1849]
William Lamb [1850] – [1851]
Mrs. Charlotte Solloway [1854] – [1860]
Janetta Lamb [1861]
John Dutton [1864] – [1881]
Edwin Canner Sylvester [1884] – [1888]
Mrs. Ellen Cookson [1891] – [1892]
Frederick Hart [1896]
Alfred John Otter [1899] – **1904**);
James Harold Brownson (**1904 – 1906**);
Emily (Calder) Moore (**1906 – 1910**);
Arthur Benjamin Holland (**1910 – 1915**);
Maude Holland (**1915**);
Mrs. Kate McDowell (**1915 – 1917**);
Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Dorrell (**1917 – 1924**);
Rosannah Evans (**1924 – 1933**);
Arthur Oliver Lane (**1933 – 1949**);
George Albert Edward Bradford (**1949 – 1953**);
Arthur Frank Mason (**1953 – 1979**);
Eric Shepherd (**1979 – 1982**);
Christopher Frank Swift (**1982 – 1984**);
Graham William Peet (**1984 – 1985**);
Keith Fox (**1985 – 1987**);
Martyn Randolph West (**1987 – 1988**);
John Joseph O'Rourke (**1988**);
Richard Harold Jones (**1988 – 1990**);
Nial Michael Dorrity (**1990**);
Robin Andrew Bridges (**1990 – 1991**);
Philip John Harman (**1991 – 1994**);
David Bryan Priest (**1994 – 1996**);
Anthony Costello (**1996 – 1997**);
Cheryl Priest (**1997 – 1998**);
Margaret Ann Padernyk (**1998**);
Christopher Martin Gilbert (**1998 – []**)
Chris and Linda Rhoden (**2000 – 2002**)

Kim Hamilton [2005]
Robin Carter [2009]
Alex Waldron [2009]
Tom Jones **(2010 – []**

NOTES

Ryemarket [1820], [1822], [1845], [1850]
Market Street [1871]
42, Market Street [1861], [1872]
43, Market Street [1881]
20, Market Street [2001], [2002], [2005]

OLD BELL [1820], [1822], [1835]
BELL HOTEL [1864], [1871], [1872], [1911]

It was a coaching inn.
Commercial inn [1845]
Commercial Hotel and posting house [1872]
Family and commercial hotel and posting house [1872], [1884], [1888]
Family and commercial hotel [1892], [1911]
Commercial Hotel [1896]

[1816]

1851 Census

Ryemarket
[1] William Lamb (51), innkeeper, born Worcestershire;
[2] Janetta Lamb (46), wife, born Upton; [Upton on Severn?]
[3] Charlotte Holloway (19), cousin, born Kennington;
[4] Louisa James (21), waitress, born Worcester;
[5] Emma Riley (20), cook, born Stourport;
[6] John Smith (23), servant, born Hagley;
[7] Benjamin Hill (36), servant, born Stourbridge;
[8] William Hughes (26), lodger, forgerman;
[9] Edward Provins (39), lodger, nailmaster;
[10] Eliza Adams (26), lodger, dressmaker;
[11] Evan Evans (64), lodger, horse dealer;
[12] John Evans (31) lodger, horse dealer;
[13] William Reece (22), lodger, miner:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 23/5/1857

BELL HOTEL Bowling Green, Brierley Hill. The above Green will be Opened for the Season on Monday, May 25th 1857, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, when Twenty Prizes Will Be Bowled For, which in consequence of the unfavourable state of the weather, on the last day of the last season, could not then be bowled for. Gentlemen wishing to visit the Green, must apply at the Bar, or on the Green, for a card of Admission (not transferable,) which will admit them during the season, by Complying with the Rules of the Green. The Prizes may be seen at the Hotel, on the morning of the bowling. No practising allowed."

1861 Census

42, Market Street – BELL INN
[1] Janetta Lamb (52), widow, innkeeper, born Upton;
[2] Ann Pride (38), visitor, born Wales;
and a waitress, cook, ostler, and porter:

Stourbridge Observer 9/7/1864

“Dinner at the BELL HOTEL – The President’s Annual Spread took place at the above Hotel, on July the 6th, when a goodly number of the leading tradesmen of Stourbridge, and other gentlemen, sat down to a first-rate dinner, which was served in the usual excellent style, by the worthy host Mr. *John Dutton*. A first-class brass band was in attendance, and played some very excellent music. Mr. R. Mountford, President; Mr. G. Doody, vice President, and a very convivial evening was spent. The Spread took place on the well-known bowling green.”

Stourbridge Observer 16/7/1864

“Wanted immediately, a respectable Girl, as Chambermaid and Waitress, also a Kitchen Girl – apply the BELL HOTEL, Stourbridge.”

Stourbridge Observer 8/7/1865

“At the Petty Sessions yesterday, William Jones, was charged by Sarah Hughes, with assaulting her on the 4th inst. Defendant did not appear. Complainant said that the defendant was her son in law. She had no husband, and lived at Mr. Webb’s. When the defendant gets drunk he comes to Mr. Webb’s and insults her. On the above date defendant struck her on the nose and made it bleed. A.S. Faulkner said that he went to the BELL INN, and saw the defendant drunk. He refused to leave the house when he was requested to do so by the landlady. Defendant was fined 5s and costs, and he was further charged with being drunk, for which offence he was fined 2s 6d.”

Stourbridge Observer 3/3/1866

“The town of Stourbridge awoke on Thursday morning to hear the melancholy tidings of the sudden death of Mr. Joseph Heming, printer, under circumstances which rendered the tidings more distressing still, and are fully detailed in the evidence given before the coroner, as below. This gentleman, who is nearly 29 years of age, and was to have been married, shortly, being the representative of the oldest establishment in the town, was well known and highly respected. The news of his untimely death excited sorrowful feelings in the breasts of many relatives and a wide circle of friends.

An inquest was held yesterday, at Mr. *Dutton*’s, the BELL INN, before Mr. H. Sanders, the Deputy Coroner, on the body.....

Esther Hayward was the first witness called, who deposed: I live in Stourbridge, and am a single woman. I know the deceased, Joseph Heming. I was servant. Deceased lived at the house in High Street. I last saw him alive on Wednesday night, just before twelve o’clock, in his own house in the sitting room. George Jones was with him. They came into the house together, remained in about five minutes, and went out again together. He appeared in his usual state of health. He went out about eight o’clock, and came in just before twelve. He did not go out with Mr. Jones. Did not observe anything peculiar about deceased or Jones. The next morning, about half past seven, I saw deceased. He was lying in the sitting room, with his head over the fender, before the fire place. He was quite dead. Did not hear him come in, nor any noise. No one slept in the house but deceased and myself. The gas was burning in the sitting room, and the outer door and the street door were open. I thought he was asleep. I picked his head up off the fender, and it fell back again. I then called in Mr. Bowen as I thought he was dead. Deceased had often complained of a pain in his side. Has not lately been attended by any medical man. Deceased was a printer. Saw no one with him but Jones between eight o’clock and twelve.

By a juror: His head fell in the same position that it was in before I picked it up. One arm was outside the fender, the other before him. Do not know where he had been that night.

By the Coroner: He and Jones appeared to be sober when they came in about twelve.

Henry Raven deposed: I live at Mr. *Dutton*’s, and am under ostler. I knew the deceased well. I last saw him alive at a quarter past three o’clock, on the morning of the 1st inst, at his own house door, in Market Street. A person named Anthony Jones was with him. Deceased asked me to come in the house. I did not go in. Deceased and Jones went inside the house and shut the door. I went home. Deceased was not sober; neither was Mr. Jones. I know Mr. George Jones. I saw him at the BELL INN, about ten o’clock.

By a juryman: I took Anthony Jones’s gig to Mr. Heming’s yard door, and left it there.

Alfred Freer deposed: I am a member of the Royal College of Surgeons. On Thursday morning, about ten minutes past eight, I was called in on the report that Mr. Heming was dead. I found him in the sitting room of his own house, lying on the left side of a brass fender. He was quite dead, and had been so for four or five hours. I examined the body. There were no external marks. There was a small spot of dried blood on the lower lip. I have been his medical attendant for six or eight years. The last time I attended him was about five or six months since, for hoemorrhage from the lungs. I have also attended him for rheumatism and affection of the heart. Deceased died from suffocation,

by the neck falling in the fender being closeley compressed. The upper part of the throat just below the jaw was pressed strongly backwards from the weight of the body. The tip of the tongue was livid and swollen, and protruded through the teeth. There was a frothy mucus on the lips. The lips also were very blue. The body lay on the left side, with the legs slightly bent, and the right hand lay open. The dress was not disarranged, nor the fender out of place. A handkerchief lay as if dropped from his hand. The chest was warm, and the legs quite warm. I have no doubt he died from choking.

By a juryman: The lividness of the tongue would be caused by the pressure of the teeth. He might have had a fit, or from drinking excessively he might become helpless.

By the coroner: I should not have been surprised if he had died sudden as he was suffering from heart disease.

By the Foreman: I do not think that by calling a post mortem, I could throw any more light on the cause of death, and I think it unnecessary.

George Adam Jones: I live at Rowley, near Dudley, and am a nail manufacturer. I knew the deceased. The last time I saw him alive was about twelve o'clock on Wednesday in the bar at the BELL HOTEL. I had been in his company that day since four o'clock. I called at his house, and we went to the VINE, and afterwards we went to other places. The last time I was in his house was at four o'clock in the afternoon. I did not see the deceased's servant girl that night, and was not in his house a little before twelve, but saw him at his door and accompanied him to the BELL INN. I went to bed at the BELL. I left deceased with five or six other persons; my brother was one of them. The next morning I rode over home to tell my brother. Deceased at twelve o'clock was perfectly sober.

At this stage the foreman said they could not close the inquest without the evidence of Anthony Jones.

The inquest was then adjourned till eleven o'clock this day (Saturday)."

Stourbridge Observer 10/3/1866

"This appeared in our second edition of last Saturday.

The inquest on the body of Mr. Joseph Heming, which was adjourned from yesterday to procure the attendance of Mr. Anthony Jones, who was the last person in his company, was held this morning at 11 o'clock, before H. Sanders Esq., at the BELL HOTEL.

Mr. Anthony Willetts Jones deposed as follows: I live at Rowley, near Dudley, and am a chain manufacturer. I knew the deceased Mr. Joseph Heming. I last saw him alive about 22 or 23 minutes past 3 o'clock on Thursday morning last. I saw him on the sofa, in his own house. I had been with him during the day. I first met with him about at about half past seven o'clock at the MITRE. I went with him to his home about 8 o'clock. I continued with him until close upon 12. He met me next at the BELL at a few minutes past 12. He stopped here with me in the bar until nearly 3 o'clock. He was in my company all the time with the exception of five minutes when I left him to take a short drive. When I returned I found him in the bar. He and I left together about 3 o'clock. We left nobody in the bar except Miss Goode. We went to the deceased's house. The deceased was not sober. We went into his sitting room. There was no one up at the house. The deceased opened the door with his latch key. He went to the cupboard and took out a bottle of wine, which we tapped. I did not drink much, neither did he. We sat talking about 20 minutes. I left his house about 22 or 23 minutes past 3. I left him in the sitting room, on the sofa. He was not asleep. My gig was at the door. I let myself out, but cannot say whether I left the door open or not. I should think he was in a position to take care of himself when I left him. There was gas burning. I drove home. He asked me to sleep with him, but I declined. I do not know that he had any object in asking me. My brother has slept with deceased, but I have not. We were friends. He appeared in his usual health that day. He was rather worse for liquor. We walked from the BELL to his house arm-in-arm. He staggered very much. The floor of the sitting room, I think, is carpeted. Deceased and I had arranged to meet together the same day at Dee's Hotel, in Birmingham.

The coroner stated that when any one died suddenly the world was ever ready to heap blame on the person who saw him alive last; and he, therefore, thought that the inquest had been very properly adjourned to hear Mr. Jones's statement.

After a little consultation the jury returned a verdict of Accidental death, in which the coroner concurred."

Stourbridge Observer 30/6/1866 - Advert

"Grand Match At Bowls / BELL HOTEL, Stourbridge / Open To All England / On Tuesday, the 3rd Day of July 1866, a Grand Bowling Match will be played on the Green at the BELL HOTEL, Stourbridge, to which the support of all lovers of this truly English Out-door Game is respectfully invited / Terms:- 32 Subscribers, at 7s 6d each / First Prize £5, Second Prize £3, 2 at £1 each £2 / 3 at 10s £1 10s, Expenses 10s total £12 / A Handsome Cup will be given by the Club to be bowled for by the 16 Losing Competitors."

John Dutton was vice president of the Stourbridge Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society from 1866 to [1867].

1871 Census

BELL HOTEL – Market Street

- [1] *John Dutton* (44), hotel keeper, born Walsall;
 - [2] Harriet Dutton (44), wife, born Ashby St. Leger, Northamptonshire; [Ashby St. Ledgers]
 - [3] Joseph(?) William Goode Dutton (16), son, scholar, born Walsall;
 - [4] George Frederick Goode Dutton (8), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
 - [5] Hawkins Goode Dutton (3), son, born Stourbridge;
 - [6] Ellen Goode (42), wife's sister, barmaid, born Ashby St. Leger, Northamptonshire;
 - [7] Lavinia Robson (52), widow, sister, born Walsall;
 - [8] Ann Roberts (19), waitress, born Dawley Brook, Staffordshire; [possibly Kingswinford]
 - [9] Mary Holt (18), general servant, born Dawley Brook, Staffordshire;
 - [10] Henry Dowler (22), stable man, born Wellborn, Worcestershire;
 - [11] James Cain (17), boots, born Kidderminster:
- [Ashby St. Ledgers is about 3 miles N of Daventry.]

Advert - 1872

“BELL HOTEL, Family, Commercial, and Posting House / 42, Market Street, Stourbridge / *John Dutton*, Proprietor / The Billiard Room contains Two New Tables, by Burroughs and Watts, and is well fitted up and thoroughly ventilated. / The Finest Bowling Green in the County adjoins the Hotel, and is liberally supported by the Inhabitants. / An Ordinary every Tuesday and Friday at Half-past One o'clock. / Horses and Gigs for Hire; also Saddle Horses for Hunting. / *J. Dutton* / Wholesale and Retail Wine and Spirit Merchant; Agent for Guinness's Bottled Stout, and Ind, Coope, and Co's Bottled Ale. / Corn Exchange Vaults, Market Street, Stourbridge.”

Stourbridge Observer 9/3/1872

“The annual meeting of the Stourbridge Cricket Club took place at the BELL HOTEL, last evening. Mr. Hill was voted to the chair.....”

John Dutton – “and CORN EXCHANGE VAULTS” [1873]

1881 Census

43, Market Street

- [1] *John Dutton* (54), hotel keeper, born Walsall;
- [2] Harriett Dutton (54), wife, born Ashby St. Leger, Northamptonshire;
- [3] Ellen Good (41), sister in law, barmaid, born Ashby St. Leger;
- [4] Catherine Loyd (20), domestic servant, born Stourbridge;
- [5] Eliza Pearsall (20), waitress, born Stourbridge;
- [6] Francis Phillips (20), ostler, born Kingswinford;
- [7] William Parkes (16), boots, born Stourbridge;

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1891 Census

Market Street – BELL HOTEL

- [1] *Ellen Cookson* (42), widow, hotel proprietress, born Oldswinford;
- [2] *Elizabeth Cookson* (19), daughter, born Oldswinford;
- [3] *Sarah G. Cookson* (18), daughter, born Oldswinford;
- [4] *Marian Cookson* (14), daughter, scholar, born Oldswinford;
- [5] *Florence M. Cookson* (12), daughter, scholar, born Oldswinford;
- [6] *Katherine Cookson* (10), daughter, scholar, born Oldswinford;
- [7] *Ethel C. Cookson* (8), daughter, scholar, born Oldswinford;
- [8] *William Henry Warrilow* (34), boarder, boot maker and dealer, born Stone, Staffordshire;
- [9] *Charles S. Lloyd* (39), billiard marker, born Oldswinford;
- [10] *Laura J. Wallis* (23), barmaid, born Birmingham;
- [11] *Edward A. F. W. A. Smith* (21), boots, born Oldswinford;
- [12] *Clara Blanche Thursley* (30), cook, born Hunworth, Norfolk;

1901 Census

Market Street – BELL HOTEL

- [1] *Alfred J. Otter* (42), hotel proprietor, born Ireland;
- [2] *Annie Otter* (34), wife, hotel proprietress, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Nora K. Otter* (5), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Margaret Otter* (1), daughter, born Stourport;
- [5] *Allan J. Otter* (1 month), son, born Stourport;
- [6] *Annie E. Bairston* (28), barmaid, born Kidderminster;
- [7] *Mary J. Bairston* (21), barmaid, born Kidderminster;
- [8] *Clara Green* (22), general servant. Born Quarry Bank;
- [9] *Kate E. Morris* (15), nursemaid, born Stourport;
- [10] *Francis J. Fisher* (18), boots, born Swarkstone, Derbyshire;

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“All that public-house situate in Market Street and Bell Street Stourbridge aforesaid called The BELL together with the yards stables and bowling green garden and premises usually occupied and enjoyed therewith.....”

1911 Census

Market Street – BELL HOTEL

- [1] *Arthur Holland* (42), veterinary surgeon and licensed victualler, born Shawe, Oxfordshire;
- [2] *Jane Holland* (39), wife, married 19 years, born Deptford, Middlesex;
- [3] *Cecil James Davis Holland* (17), son, dentist, pupil, born Shawe, Oxfordshire;
- [4] *Douglas Llewelyn Holland* (15), son, school, born Dray, Breconshire;
- [5] *Flora Mason* (24), barmaid, hotel, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *Elizabeth Wooldridge* (34), cook, born Stourbridge;
- [7] *Eva Stokes* (19), waitress, hotel, born Northampton;
- [8] *Ernest Bury* (18), boots, hotel, born Oldswinford;

Lin Powell was barmaid here from 1957 to 1979.

It had a bowling green which had become the pub's car park by circa 1965.

It closed on 4th July 2005 for a £200,000 refurbishment.
It reopened on 19th May 2005.

It closed in 2007.
Reopened

It was renamed CHAOS in 2009.

It closed in 2010.

It reopened as the BELL HOTEL on 21st May 2010, after undergoing a £100,000 facelift.

[2010]

It became a night club [2012]



1997



2009



2007

BELL

Bell End, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Job Gregory [1835]
George Wright [1892]

BIRCH TREE

Vicarage Road, (Amblecote Lane), Amblecote Bank, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Earl of Stamford and Warrington

Simpkiss Brewery (acquired in February 1929)

Greenall Whitley (acquired in 1985)

LICENSEES

Elijah Wilcox [1851]

Mrs. Ann Wilcox [1861] – **1893**);

Joseph Wilcox (**1893 – 1901**);

John Wilcox (**1901 – 1902**);

Sarah Pitt Wilcox (**1902 – 1907**);

John Albert Jeavons (**1907 – 1926**);

Mrs. Eliza Jeavons (**1926 – 1929**);

William Arthur Newton (**1929 – 1932**);

Henry Barton (**1932 – 1933**);

Percy Jewison Greensmith (**1933 – 1968**);

Peter Robert Greensmith (**1968 – 1981**);

Graham Boyes (**1981 – 1992**);

Carol Ann Akel (**1994** – [1996]

Ahmed Bin Akel [2003] – [2005]



NOTES

Amblecote Lane [1871], [1896]

Vicarage Road [1912]

BIRCH TREE COTTAGE [1872], [1893], [1907], [1924], [1932], [1940]

It had a beer and wine license.

1851 Census

Amblecote Bank

[1] *Elijah Wilcox* (26), coal miner, born Delph;

[2] *Ann Wilcox* (27), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *John Wilcox* (2), son, born Delph;

[4] *Thomas Wilcox* (6 months), born Amblecote;

[5] *John Wilcox* (16), brother, iron trade, born Amblecote;

[6] *Zipporah Wilcox* (14), sister, born Delph;

[7] *Hannah Wilcox* (12), sister, born Delph;

[8] *Ann Wilcox* (11), sister, born Delph;

Ann Wilcox = Anne Wilcox

1861 Census

Amblecote Bank

- [1] *Ann Wilcox* (37), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *John Wilcox* (12), son, born Delph;
- [3] *Thomas Wilcox* (10), son, born Amblecote;
- [4] *Elijah Wilcox* (8), son, born Amblecote;
- [5] *Sarah Wilcox* (5), daughter, born Amblecote;
- [6] *Joseph Wilcox* (4), son, born Amblecote;
- [7] *Ann Wilcox* (2), daughter, born Amblecote;
- [8] *Richard Wilcox* (36), boarder, miner, born Amblecote;
- [9] *John Wilcox* (25), boarder, puddler, born Amblecote:

Mrs. Ann Wilcox, beer retailer, Amblecote. [1870]

1871 Census

Amblecote Bank

- [1] *Ann Wilcox* (46), widow, beer seller, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *John Wilcox* (22), son, sheet glass cutter, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Thomas Wilcox* (20), son, labourer, born Oldswinford;
- [4] *Elijah Wilcox* (18), son, blacksmith's striker, born Oldswinford;
- [5] *Sarah Wilcox* (15), daughter, born Oldswinford;
- [6] *Joseph Wilcox* (13), son, born Oldswinford;
- [7] *Ann Wilcox* (12), daughter, born Oldswinford;
- [8] *John Wilcox* (36), brother in law, forge roller, born Amblecote:

1881 Census

Amblecote Bank

- [1] *Ann Wilcox* (57), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Sarah Wilcox* (25), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Joseph Wilcox* (23), son, moulder, born Amblecote;
- [4] *John Wilcox* (46), brother in law, roller, born Amblecote:

1891 Census

Amblecote Bank

- [1] *Ann Wilcox* (64), widow, innkeeper, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Joseph Wilcox* (34), son, born Amblecote;
- [3] *Annie Wilcox* (24), daughter, born Dennis Park;
- [4] *May Brookes* (22), niece, born Mount Pleasant:

Joseph Wilcox = *Joseph Willcox*

Joseph Willcox, beer and wine retailer, Amblecote Lane. [1896]

John Wilcox was the son of *Elijah* and *Ann*.

He died on 18th June 1902.

See also RAVEN.

1901 Census

Amblecote Lane

- [1] *Sarah P. Willcox* (52), married, licensed victualler, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Elsie A. Willcox* (13), daughter, born Oldswinford;
- [3] *Maggorie Willcox* (11), daughter, born Oldswinford;
- [4] *Joseph D. Willcox* (7), son, born Amblecote;
- [5] *John H. Benson* (20), brewer, born Lye;
- [6] *Matilda Benson* (15), domestic servant, born Lye:

A full license was granted on 23rd August 1898.

Mrs. *Joseph Willcox*, beer and wine retailer, Vicarage Road. [1904]

Black Country Bugle

'Susan Jane Remembers The Caroline In The Cornfield Murder'

"The body was discovered by a Mr. *Harry Wilcox*, then [10th July 1906] licensee of the BIRCH TREE INN, whilst he was exercising his dog. Caroline, aged about 25, had disappeared several weeks earlier and all efforts to trace her by her family and friends had failed. Paradoxically, the cornfield, in which her body was found, lay in sight of her mother's house in Turners Lane. The slaying created a tremendous sensation, at the time, and the murderer committed suicide shortly afterwards."

[Harry Wilcox was probably the husband of Sarah Pitt Wilcox, who was the licensee.]

[Was Harry Willcox the same as Joseph Willcox?]

1911 Census

near Brierley Hill – BIRCH TREE COTTAGE INN

- [1] *John Albert Jeavons* (39), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Eliza Jeavons* (36), wife, married 12 years, assisting in business, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Lilian Hilda Jeavons* (11), daughter, school, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Elsie Irene Jeavons* (7), daughter, school, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Ethel Esther Jeavons* (5), daughter, school, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Mrs. Wright* (65), widow, mother in law, assisting in business, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Eliza Fletcher* (16), general servant, born Lye:

John Albert Jeavons, beer and wine retailer, Vicarage Road. [1912]

He died in January 1926.

He was married to *Eliza*.

Percy Jewison Greensmith had spent 23 years in the navy.

He was born c. 1892 and died on 10th August 1968.

He was president of the Amblecote Cricket Club.

Peter Greensmith was married to *Margery*.

He was the son of *Percy Jewison Greensmith*.

It was refurbished in 1981 at a cost of £30,000.

Graham Boyes was married to *Joyce*.

See also DUDLEY ARMS, Himley.

The license was not renewed in 1992.

It reopened in 1994.

Carol Akel was married to *Ahmed Akel*.

[2014]



2007



2009

BIRD IN HAND

209, (159), Stourbridge Road, Stambermill, (Hay Green), LYE

OWNERS

H. and F. Kelley
Home Brewery (Quarry Bank) (acquired in February 1918)
T. Darby and Sons (Old Hill) (acquired in 1920)
Admiral Taverns [2007]



2007

LICENSEES

Richard Mobberley [1850] – [1854]
John Henry Deeley [1856] – [1865]
Joseph Deeley [1870]
Henry Hatton [1871] – [1892]
Isaac Whitehouse [1911]
William Cartwright [1916] – [1921]

NOTES

Hay Green [1850]
159, Stourbridge Road [1911], [1990]
209, Stourbridge Road [2001], [2007]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 5/7/1856

“On Tuesday last an adjourned inquest was held before R. Docker, Esq, at the house of Mr. *John Deeley*, BIRD IN HAND INN, Stamber Mill, on the body of Harriet Harding, a girl who fell into a coal pit, which had been worked out, and covered, but from which the covering had been mischievously removed. When taken out she was quite dead. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

John Deeley was also a shopkeeper. [1860]

1861 Census

Stamber Mill – BIRD IN HAND

- [1] *John Henry Deeley* (37), carpenter and licensed victualler, born Oldswinford;
- [2] *Mira Deeley* (32), wife, born Stamber Mill;
- [3] *Mercy Deeley* (10), daughter, scholar, born Stamber Mill;
- [4] *John Henry Deeley* (7), son, scholar, born Stamber Mill;
- [5] *Charles Thomas Deeley* (5), son, scholar, born Stamber Mill;
- [6] *Zachariah Deeley* (1), son, born Stamber Mill;
- [7] *Mary Ann Squires* (14), house servant, born Stamber Mill;

John H. Deeley was also a joiner. [1864], [1865]

1871 Census

Stamber Mill – Public House

- [1] *Henry Hatton* (46), spade maker and victualler, born Oldswinford;
- [2] *Ann Hatton* (47), wife, born Oldswinford;
- [3] *Priscilla Hatton* (23), daughter, dressmaker, born Oldswinford;
- [4] *Henry B. Hatton* (11), son, scholar, born Oldswinford;

1881 Census

Stamber Mill

- [1] *Henry Hatton* (56), licensed victualler, born Lye;
- [2] *Ann Hatton* (57), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *Henry B. Hatton* (21), son, general labourer, born Lye:

1911 Census

159, Stourbridge Road

- [1] *Isaac Whitehouse* (60), publican, born Daisy Bank;
- [2] *Annie Whitehouse* (56), wife, married 37 years, born Bilston;
- [3] *Hannah Toft* (79), widow, mother, born Coseley;
- [4] *Hugh Forshaw* (28), son in law, grocer, born Walover Bridge, Lancashire;
- [5] *Deborah Forshaw* (26), daughter, married 2 years, born Daisy Bank;
- [6] *Vera Forshaw* (1), granddaughter, born Wolverhampton:

[2009]

Closed

It became a take away restaurant. [2010]



Ex Pub 2014

BIRD IN HAND

147, (149), Hagley Road, (High Street), Oldswinford, (Upper Swinford), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Job Coley (acquired in 1832 for £340)

Richard Coley

Charles Hill, shoe warehouse (acquired in July 1886 for £525 4s 10d)

Harry Timmins Skelding

Daniel Batham and Son Ltd. (acquired on 9th April 1926 for £2000)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in May 1940 for £3000)

LICENSEES

Job Coley **(1832 – 1869);**

Richard Coley **(1869 – [1871]**

Charles Hill* **[1881] – [1884]**

Charles Hill* **(1886 – 1900);**

Sarah Hill **(1900 – 1904);**

Harry Timmins Skelding **(1904 – 1911);**

Mrs. Martha Matilda Skelding **(1911 – 1914);**

John Lemonde Pargeter **(1914 – 1926);**

Daniel Batham Jnr. **(1926 – 1932);**

Charles Richard Goring **(1932 – 1933);**

Thomas Harry Southall **(1933 – 1954);**

Mary Maria Southall **(1954 – 1960);**

Albert Edward Swadling **(1960 – 1964);**

Mary Maria Swadling **(1964 – 1970);**

William Tate Wade **(1970 – 1973);**

Leslie Frederick Hill **(1973 – 1974);**

Sidney Norman Hill **(1974 – 1976);**

Geoffrey David Swann **(1976 – 1977);**

Richard Horrell **(1977);**

George James W Andrews **(1977 – 1979);**

Stanley Williams-Jones **(1979 – 1990);**

David Edward Benjamin **(1990);**

Elayne Selwyn **(1990 – []**

NOTES

High Street, Oldswinford *[1911]*

149, Hagley Road

147, Hagley Road *[1996], [1999], [2003], [2005]*

It had a brewery at the rear.

It had a bowling green.

It opened as a beerhouse, originally called the LION, in 1832.

The name was changed to OLD HOUSE AT HOME *[1861]*

1861 Census

Coley Road – OLD HOUSE AT HOME

- [1] *Job Coley* (62), licensed victualler, born Hartlebury;
- [2] *Mary Coley* (59), wife, born Oldswinford;
- [3] *Richard Coley* (17), son, born Oldswinford:

Job Coley, beer seller, Oldswinford. [1841]

Job Coley, retailer of beer, Oldswinford. [1862]

Job Coley was married to *Mary*.

He was also a tracemker.

He died on 6th December 1869.

See also BUILDERS ARMS.

Richard Coley was the son of *Job* and *Mary*.

Richard Coley, beer retailer, Oldswinford. [1870]

1871 Census

Hagley Road, Oldswinford – Public House

- [1] *Richard Coley* (27), flint glass cutter, born Oldswinford;
 - [2] *Mary A. Coley* (30), wife, born Oldswinford;
 - [3] *Sarah W. Coley* (6), daughter, scholar, born Amblecote;
 - [4] *Harry K. Coley* (1), son, born Stourbridge;
 - [5] *Phoebe Wood* (13), general servant, domestic, born Mount Pleasant, Staffordshire:
- [There were many Mount Pleasants in Staffordshire, eg. Bilston, Quarry Bank, Sedgley.]

* probably the same person

1881 Census

Oldswinford – BIRD IN HAND

- [1] *Charles Hill* (38), shoe dealer and publican, born Oldswinford;
 - [2] *Sarah Hill* (39), wife, born Oldswinford;
 - [3] *Arthur Hill* (12), son, born Oldswinford;
 - [4] *Louisa Hill* (6), daughter, born Oldswinford;
 - [5] *Walter Hill* (5), son, born Oldswinford;
 - [6] *Sydney Hill* (3), son, born Oldswinford;
- and one servant:

Charles Hill operated a shoe warehouse.

He was a pigeon flyer.

He was married to *Sarah*.

The name was changed to BIRD IN HAND circa 1886.

It was demolished and rebuilt in the 1890's.

The brewery was enlarged (situated at rear of bowling green) and a pigeon house was built.

1911 Census

Hagley Road – BIRD IN HAND

- [1] *Harry Timmins Skelding* (39), publican, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Martha Matilda Skelding* (40), wife, married 13 years, born Tipton;
- [3] *John Harry Skelding* (12), son, school, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Esther Louisa Turner Skelding* (10), daughter, school, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Charles Turner Skelding* (5), son, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Edith Biddle* (21), general servant, born Upton on Severn, Worcestershire:

Daniel Batham was born in 1867, in Lower High Street, Cradley Heath.
 He was married to Myra. She died on 4th September 1920.
 He was vice chairman of Brierley Hill and District Free Home Brewers' Association. [1921]
 Daniel Batham Jnr. left the pub due to failing eyesight.
 He died on 1st June 1939.
 See also KING WILLIAM, Netherton, and VINE, Brierley Hill.

A full license was granted on 26th April 1948.

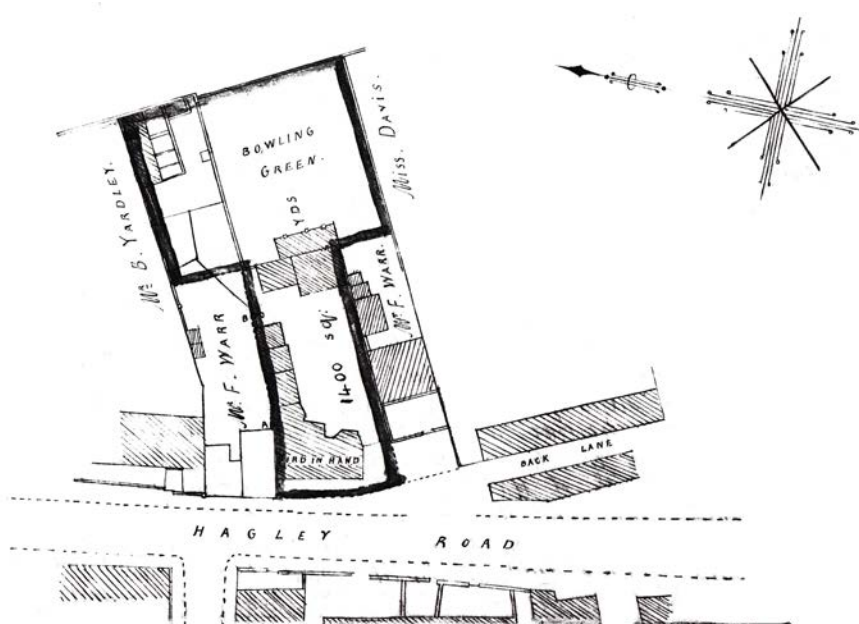
[2014]



c. 1980s



2009



Plan 1903

BIRD IN HAND

57, John Street / Bridge Street, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Elijah Collins

Joseph Collins (acquired in 1883)

Samuel Cooper (acquired in 1894)

Alfred Fisher

Samuel Herbert Newnham, brewer, Lye (acquired in 1905)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (Julia Hanson and Son Ltd.) (acquired in 1960)

Liquid Services Ltd.

Alan Bradley

LICENSEES

Elijah Collins [1869] – **1883**;

Joseph Collins (**1883 – 1894**);

Samuel Cooper (**1894 – 1902**);

Alfred Fisher (**1902 – 1905**);

William John Service (**1905 – 1926**);

Mrs. Margaret (Service) Hackett (**1926 – 1931**);

Egbert Charles Hackett (**1931**);

Charles Henry Matthews (**1931 – 1940**);

William Henry Turner (**1940 – 1949**);

James Powell (**1949 – 1951**);

William Lewis (**1951 – 1955**);

Gladys Bradbury (**1955 – 1956**);

Charles C Treadwell (**1956 – 1958**);

Leonard Delves (**1958 – 1963**);

Beatrice Delves (**1963 – 1978**);

Joyce Irene Parish (**1978**);

Winifred 'Win' Matthews (**1978 – 1983**);

Ronald Wilfred 'Ronnie' Wright (**1983 – 1991**);

Audrey May Lea (**1991 – 1993**);

Deborah Black (**1993 – 1996**)

Alan Bradley [1999]

Roy Eccleston [2013]



1994

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

John Street

[1] *Elijah Collins* (64), widower, beerhouse keeper, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Elizabeth Webb* (15), general servant, domestic, born Kingswinford:

Elijah Collins, beer retailer, Wordsley. [1872]

He was married to *Maria* (she died in 1869).

He died in 1883.

Joseph Collins was the son of *Elijah* and *Maria*.

He was married to *Catherine* (Kate).

He was also a carpenter.

See also GRAND TURK, Brierley Hill.

Samuel Cooper was married to *Mary*.

He died in 1902.

William John Service, beer retailer, 57 John Street. [1912]

He was married to *Margaret*.

He died in 1926.

Mrs. *Margaret Service* married *Egbert Hackett*.

A full license was granted on 1st February 1960.

It had a pigeon club. [2001]

[2013]



2010

BLACK BOY

High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Randle [] – 1857)

NOTES

Brierley Hill Advertiser 21/2/1857

“Sale at the BLACK BOY, High Street, Stourbridge. To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Hawkins, on Wednesday next, Feb 25th 1857, the whole of the Public House Fixtures, Stock of Ale, part of the Household Furniture, Screens and Drinking Tables, Beer Machine, Partition, Well-seasoned Casks, Mashing Tub, Copper and Iron Furnaces, American Bowling Alley, Pegs and Balls, and other effects, belonging to Mr. Randle, who is declining the Public Business.....”

SALE AT THE BLACK BOY, HIGH STREET, STOURBRIDGE.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, BY

MR. HAWKINS, on Wednesday next, Feb. 25th, 1857, the whole of the PUBLIC HOUSE FIXTURES, Stock of Ale, part of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Screens and Drinking Tables, Beer Machine, Partition, Well-seasoned Casks, Mashing Tub, Copper and Iron Furnaces, American Bowling Alley Pegs and Balls, and other effects, belonging to Mr. Randle, who is declining the Public Business.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock in the Morning.

The House to Let. Any part of the Fixtures may be taken to at a fair Valuation, previous to the Sale.

For particulars apply to the Auctioneer, Commercial Inn, Round Oak, Brierley-Hill.

Advert 1857

BLACK HORSE

Market Street, (Ryemarket), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Dudley [1850]
John Whittaker [1854]

NOTES

Stourbridge Observer 22/10/1864

“Thomas Wakeman was charged with assaulting Jemima Marsh, with intent to ravish, on the 24th. The plaintiff, daughter of Richard Marsh, the Lye, deposed to having been sent to Stourbridge for medicine, on the 28th, and to have met the defendant near the clock; she alleged that having then accosted her, he took her to the BLACK HORSE, and while there she had some ale, after which she accompanied him, unwillingly, to the High Fields, beyond the station; when there he committed the indecent assault complained of, and told her not to tell her father or mother. Mr. Burbury appeared for the defendant. After a patient hearing of the evidence of the plaintiff who appears non compos and that of some other witnesses, including the girl’s mother, the Bench thought there was not sufficient to convict the prisoner, who was accordingly dismissed.”

BLACK HORSE

New Road, Buckpool, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

W. S. and E. Webb, Wordsley [1886]
Wordsley Brewery Co.
Worcestershire Brewing and Malting Co. (acquired in 1898)
Kidderminster Brewery (acquired in 1911)

LICENSEES

George Castery [1851]
George Ceston [1862]
Sarah Castrey [1864] – [1865]
William Castrey []- **1867**;
Samuel Rock **(1867)**;
Joseph Hillman **(1867 – [1870]**
Thomas Pitt [1871] – **1872**;
William Henry Hughes **(1872 – 1875)**;
John Cook **(1875)**;
Joseph Thompson **(1875 – 1878)**;
William Mason **(1878 – 1879)**;
Edwin Attwood **(1879 – 1882)**;
Thomas Henry Round **(1882 – 1883)**;
Jane Ellen Round **(1883 – 1887)**;
James Bakewell **(1887)**;
Francis Wright **(1887 – 1888)**;
Mary Jones **(1888 – 1889)**;
Charles Cockayne **(1889 – 1890)**;
Sarah Cockayne (m. Russell) **(1890 – 1892)**;
John Russell **(1892 – 1899)**;
Edwin Hodges **(1899 – 1905)**;
William James Robertson **(1905 – 1906)**;
Thomas Punfield **(1906 – 1907)**;
Joseph Ward **(1907 – 1909)**;
Henry Thomason **(1909 – 1915)**;
Tom George Cooke **(1915 – 1916)**;

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

William Castrey = William Castree

1871 Census

- [1] *Thomas Pitt* (44), glassmaker and innkeeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Ann Pitt* (43), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *William J. Pitt* (22), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Mary A. Cavington* (21), daughter, married, miner's wife and dressmaker, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Elizabeth Pitt* (19), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Lavinia Pitt* (17), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Samuel Pitt* (14), son, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Rosina Pitt* (10), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Eunice Pitt* (7), daughter, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

New Road – BLACK HORSE

- [1] *Edwin Attwood* (56?), beerhouse keeper, born Dumbleton, Gloucestershire;
 - [2] *Ann Attwood* (61), wife, born Worcester;
 - [3] *Emma Caddick* (16), general domestic servant, born Kingswinford:
- [Dumbleton is about 6 miles SW of Evesham.]

Catalogue for sale by auction on 24th September 1915

“with garden and outbuildings, situate near to Messrs. Webb and Sons Seed Warehouse.”
- It was withdrawn at £475.

The license renewal was refused on 8th July 1916.
The license was extinguished on 30th December 1916.

It became an off license and general store. (THE DOCK)



2008



2009

BLUE BOY

Hagley Street, (Hagley Road), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Wellings [1850]
Christopher Ray [1854]
R A Green [1865]

NOTES

Hagley Road [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 1/4/1865

"Hagley Road, Stourbridge To be sold by Auction by Messrs Oates and Perrens All those substantial and well-built Old-licensed Public House, late called the BLUE BOY, with the Brewhouse, Shopping and Outbuildings belonging thereto, now, or late occupied by Mr. *R. A. Green*, Plumber and Glazier: also that Messuage or Dwelling House adjoining the same....."

HAGLEY ROAD, STOURBRIDGE.

Valuable Old Licensed Public-House, The Blue Boy Inn, and Residence adjoining in highly improvable situation.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, by Messrs. OATES and PERRENS, at the Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge, on Friday, the 7th day of April, 1865, at Six o'clock in the afternoon, in such Lots as shall be determined upon at the time of Sale, and subject to conditions then to be produced—

All those substantial and well-built Old Licensed PUBLIC-HOUSE, late called the Blue Boy, with the Brewhouse, Shopping, and Out-buildings, belonging thereto, now, or late occupied by Mr. R. A. Green, Plumber and Glazier; also that MESSUAGE or DWELLING HOUSE adjoining the same, now occupied by Miss Fiddian, Upholstress, with the Out-buildings, Well and Town Water, between the same. The Lots front to the Bromsgrove Turnpike Road, adjoining Land belonging to C. Roberts, Esq., which affords a direct road from Hagley Street, to the Railway Station. This Property is also offered for Sale upon the same day, at the same place, by Messrs. Oates and Perrens, which renders this Property doubly valuable to an intending Purchaser.

To view, apply on the Premises, and for further information, to H. Heckford, Esq., Solicitor, Kidderminster; Messrs. Harward and Shepherd, Solicitors, Stourbridge; Charles Gallimore Brouns, Esq., Solicitor, Bilston; or the Auctioneers, Stourbridge, where Plans may be seen, and Particulars had.

Advert 1865

BOARD

122, High Street, (Platts Place), (Coalbournbrook), (Brettell Lane), AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

George Grainger, maltster, Brettell Lane

Mrs. Sarah J. Grainger, Brettell Lane (acquired on 29th March 1886)

John Rolinson and Son Ltd. (leased from 1910)

LICENSEES

Noah Plant [1834]

George Grainger [1861]

Thomas Wood [1871] – [1881]

James Henry Billingham **(1886 – 1904);**

Emma Billingham **(1904 – 1906);**

Samuel Causer Whitehouse **(1906 – 1908);**

John Hawblett **(1908);**

Ethel Lilian Youngson **(1908 – 1909);**

Richard John Griffith **(1909 – 1910);**

Ernest Edward Webb **(1910 – 1911);**

Florence McGill **(1911);**

Walter Farmer **(1911 – 1912);**

Harriet Charlotte Howell **(1912 – 1913);**

NOTES

It was situated on the west side of High Strteet.

BOARD VAULTS [1909]

YE OLDE BOARD INN [1911]

It had a six-day alehouse license.

Wine and spirit vaults. [1896], [1900], [1904]

George Grainger was married to (1) Hannah and (2) Sarah Jane.
He died in 1883.

1871 Census

Amblecote – LIQUOR SHOP

[1] *Thomas Wood* (41), wine and spirit merchant, born Dudley;

[2] *Ann Wood* (37), wife, born Feckenham;

and two servants:

1881 Census

Amblecote

[1] *Thomas Wood* (50), spirit dealer, born Dudley;

[2] *Ann Wood* (47), wife, born Feckenham;

and a family of five:

James Henry Billingham, wine and spirit vaults, Coalbournbrook. [1896]
He was born c. 1830 in Stourbridge.

1901 Census

Coalbournbrook – BOARD INN

- [1] *James Henry Billingham* (70), spirit retailer, born Wordsley;
- [2] *Emma Billingham* (69), wife, born Wollaston;
- [3] *Florence Eliza Billingham* (33), daughter, born Wollaston;
- [4] *Elizabeth Bayliss* (27), domestic servant, born Fairfield, Worcestershire:

He died on 3rd February 1904.

Tipton Herald 12/6/1909

“In the adjourned case of Mrs. *Ethel Lilian Youngson*, formerly proprietor of the BOARD VAULTS, Amblecote, the debtor was asked to account for a delay in the filing of the cash account. She explained that she had left everything in the hands of two gentlemen, and the delay was not her fault.

Mr. Marshall then indicated two items in the list of payments respecting the stabling and keep of two horses. It transpired from debtor’s replies that the horses did not belong to her, and that the payments were only made through her by Mr. Lewis. She had, however, omitted to enter the amounts on the other side of her statement as being received.

The examination was closed.”

1911 Census

High Street – YE OLDE BOARD INN

- [1] *Florence McGill* (33), married, publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Clara Dawes* (22), general servant, born Quarry Bank:

There was no application for renewal of the license in 1913.

BOARD

Lower High Street / Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

W. E. Gardner (acquired in 1948)
Nicholls and Perks

LICENSEES

NOTES

[c. 1960]

Closed
It became part of Nicholls and Perks' shop.



c. 1980s



2007

BOWLING GREEN

WORDSLEY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Christiana Pardoe [1862]

BRICKLAYERS ARMS

Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Christopher Smith [1860]

BRICKMAKERS ARMS

58, Dudley Road, (Lye Forge), LYE

OWNERS

G. K. Harrison, Hagley

Alfred Dunn, Mount Pleasant, Quarry Bank [1904]

Frederick Warren, Plough Brewery

Vale (acquired in March 1926 for £2,500)

Caleb Burton Batham (acquired on 16th July 1926)

Bathams Brewery (acquired in 1937)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in April 1940 for £2,250)

LICENSEES

William Mobberley [1835] – [1841]

Mrs. Elizabeth Mobberley [1845]

John Pearsall [1854] – [1873]

Mrs. Elizabeth Higgs [1881] – [1884]

Thomas Henry Brooks [1888] – **1904**;

Gervase George Dunn (**1904 – 1908**);

Arthur Walker (**1908 – 1913**);

Richard Thomas Homer (**1913 – 1920**);

Richard John Lansdown Bedford (**1920 – 1926**);

Caleb Burton Batham (**1926 – 1929**);

Frederick Webster (**1929 – 1930**);

George Harry Darby (**1930 – 1931**);

Jonathan Eccles (**1931 – 1932**);

James Edward Taylor (**1932 – 1935**);

Frederick Webster (**1935 – 1936**);

George Bashford (**1936 – 1954**);

Thomas Batham (**1954 – 1957**);

Joseph Jesse Parry (**1957**);

Mary Ann Tomlinson (**1957 – 1958**);

Joseph Jesse Parry (**1958 – 1961**);

Charles Leslie Farmer (**1961 – 1963**);

Janet Sheppard (**1963 – 1964**);



1933

NOTES

Lye Forge [1835]

It had a beerhouse license.

William Mobberley, retailer of beer, the Lye. [1835]

He was also a brick and tile maker. [1841]

1861 Census

Dudley Road

- [1] *John Pearsall* (60), victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Lucy Pearsall* (53), wife, born Oldswinford:

1871 Census

Dudley Road

- [1] *John Pearsall* (72), victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Lucy Pearsall* (64), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *Betsey Walker* (57?), domestic servant, born Lye:

1881 Census

Dudley Road

- [1] *Elizabeth Higgs* (40), licensed victualler, born Lye;
- [2] *Alfred Higgs* (17), son, apprentice, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Harry Higgs* (16), son, apprentice, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Eleanor Alice Higgs* (14), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Lucy Higgs* (12), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Emily Higgs* (10), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

BRICKMAKERS ARMS

- [1] *Thomas H. Brooks*, (39), licensed victualler, born Lye;
- [2] *Elizabeth Brooks* (34), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *Susannah White* (20), visitor, born Lye;
- [4] *Priscilla White* (16), servant, born Lye:

1911 Census

58, Dudley Road

- [1] *Arthur Walker* (37), brewer and publican, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Mary Walker* (37), wife, married 15 years, assists in business, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Louise F. Walker* (13), daughter, born Woods Bank, Level;
- [4] *Alfred G. Walker* (10), son, school, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Cyril J. Walker* (8), son, born Quarry Bank:

It was sold at auction in March 1926 to Mr. Vale for £2,500. It was described in the catalogue as:
“A well arranged double fronted property with draw-in at side, close to several works and capable of doing a trade.”
It consisted of “tap room, bar, front smoke room, large club room, garden, urinal and two water closets” and “it occupies a good area of land, situate on a main road with large passing traffic. Electric light is installed.”

Caleb Burton Batham was the brother of Daniel Batham Jnr.

He was born on 13th June 1881.

He married Elizabeth Lee.

He died in 1956.

It was put up for sale by auction on 10th November 1933, by Messrs Skelding & Boucher.

“Freehold – Fully Licensed – 7 Days.

Well situated on the main road, leading from Lye to Brierley Hill, with plenty of passing traffic. The house is under management.

The Main Structure is of Two-Storey, Double Fronted, Brick Built and Tiled.

The Accommodation includes – Entrance Passage, Tap Room 14ft 6in x 11ft 9in, Front Smoke Room 24ft x 14ft 6in, Serving Bar, Snug 11ft 6in x 10ft 6in, Living Kitchen and Scullery combined 14ft 6in x 10ft 6in, Three Bedrooms 13ft 6in x 10ft 6in, 14ft 9in x 14ft 6in, 11ft 9in x 10ft 9in, Spirit Room, Club Room 28ft 6in x 14ft 6in with separate approach from yard. Excellent Cellaring. Paved Yard. Garden. Two WC's. Urinal and other Outbuildings. Electric light throughout.

The Property occupies a good area of land.


Fixtures &c – The Purchaser will be required to take over the Public House Trade Fixtures, Fittings, and Effects, also the good and saleable stock of Wines, Spirits, Malt, Liquors, Tobacco, Cigars, and other Stock-in-Trade, all Trade Utensils and similar loose Trade Effects upon the Premises at the date of the completion of the purchase at a fair valuation, to be made in the usual way.”

Caleb Burton Batham died in 1956.

It closed at 10.30pm on 24th April 1964.

The license was transferred to the GIG MILL.

PARTICULARS
—OF—
THE “BRICKMAKERS” ARMS
Dudley Road, LYE, Stourbridge.



FREEHOLD—FULLY LICENSED—7 DAYS.
To be Sold by Auction at
THE TALBOT HOTEL, STOURBRIDGE,
ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 1933,
at 6.30 p.m. prompt, subject to prior Sale and Conditions.

Solicitors concerned:—Messrs. Wm. WALDRON & SON, BRIERLEY HILL. Tel. 7014; and High Street, STOURBRIDGE. Tel. 5036.

Auctioneers:
MESSRS. SKELDING & BOUCHER,
81 HIGH STREET, STOURBRIDGE. TEL. 5355.
AND AT BIRMINGHAM, COVENTRY, KIDDERMINSTER, WALSALL, WOLVERHAMPTON & WORCESTER.

Particulars

The “BRICKMAKERS” ARMS
DUDLEY ROAD, LYE, Stourbridge.

FREEHOLD—FULLY LICENSED—7 DAYS.

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Electric Light throughout.

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Further Particulars may be obtained from the Solicitors concerned:—
MESSRS. WM. WALDRON & SON, BRIERLEY HILL. Tel. 7014; and High Street, STOURBRIDGE. Tel. 5036.

Or the AUCTIONEERS:—
Messrs. SKELDING & BOUCHER, 81 High Street, STOURBRIDGE. Tel. 5355.

J. T. Ford, Printer, Stourbridge.

BRIDGE

(Lower) High Street, Holloway End, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

George Pearson, Oldswinford
Wordsley Brewery Co. Ltd. (acquired in 1901)

LICENSEES

Samuel Brown [1861] – [1865]
Noah Brown [1872] – **1888**;
Mrs. Elizabeth Brown (**1888 – 1898**);
Edith Selina Brown (**1898 – 1900**);
William Henry Morgan (**1900 – 1902**);
John Gilbert (**1902**);
George Frederick Smith (**1902 – 1903**);
Lilly Harper (**1903**);
William Hobson (**1903 – 1904**);
Horace Joseph Hill (**1904**);
Caroline Taylor (**1904 – 1905**);
Enoch Perry (**1905 – 1906**);

NOTES

It was situated opposite the entrance to the railway yard.

It was licensed before 15th July 1869.

It had a beerhouse license.

Samuel Brown, retailer of beer, Bridge. [1862]
Samuel Brown, beer retailer, Bridge. [1864], [1865]

Samuel Brown was born c. 1819.
He was also a carter.

1881 Census

Main Road

- [1] *Noah Brown* (48), beer retailer, born Amblecote;
- [2] *Elizabeth Brown* (46), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Sarah Ann Brown* (24), daughter, assistant at home, born Amblecote;
- [4] *Edith Brown* (19), daughter, born Amblecote;
- [5] *George H. Brown* (16), son, factor's warehouse, born Amblecote;
- [6] *Emily Brown* (14), daughter, scholar, born Amblecote;
- [7] *Noah Frederick Brown* (3), son, born Amblecote;

Noah Brown was fined 40s and costs, on 21st April 1881, for opening during prohibited hours.

Noah Brown, beer retailer, Holloway End. [1872]

1891 Census

Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *Elizabeth Brown* (56), widow, publican, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Edith Selina Brown* (29), daughter, born Amblecote;
- [3] *George Henry Brown* (26), son, clerk in engine sheds, born Amblecote;
- [4] *Noah A. Brown* (13), son, born Amblecote:

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, beer retailer, Lower High Street. [1896]

1901 Census

Lower High Street

- [1] *William H. Morgan* (45), glass cutter and publican, born Dennis Park;
- [2] *Hannah E. Morgan* (47), wife, born Bradley, Bilston;
- [3] *Maria Morgan* (77), mother, widow, born Oldswinford;
- [4] *Selina Bridgins* (18), niece, domestic, born Brierley Hill:

The license was renewed in March 1903 after a wall was built at the rear of the premises, disconnecting it from the common yard there.

William Hobson, beer retailer, High Street. [1904]

The license renewal was not required, and it was extinguished on 22nd December 1906.
[The Wordsley Brewery ceased trading on 4th December 1906]

BRIDGE

Audnam, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Walter Edwards [1905]

BRIDGE

Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

[1911]

Check Mamble Square.

BRIDGE

1, Mamble Square / Enville Street, Beauty Bank, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Young [1861] – **1864**);
Henry Mills (**1864** – []
William Young [1864] – [1873]
Benjamin Stormey Raybould [1881] – [1892]

NOTES

Mamble Square [1873]

It was situated on the opposite corner to KATIE FITZGERALD'S.

Dudley Chronicle - 1861 - Advert

“*William Young* / Licensed Victualler / and General Provision Dealer / BRIDGE INN, Beauty Bank, Stourbridge / NB. Good Stabling.”

William Young was described as also being a grocer. [1864]

1871 Census

Beauty Bank

[1] *William Young* (47), publican and grocer, born Cookley;
[2] *Harriet Young* (48), wife, born Shrewsbury;
[3] *Mary Ann Young* (21), daughter, born Stourbridge;
and a servant:

William Young was described as also being a shopkeeper. [1872], [1873]

1881 Census

1, Mamble Square

[1] *Benjamin Raybould* (44), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
[2] *Mary Raybould* (45), wife, born Halesowen;
[3] *Ann B. Bird* (22), daughter, married, born Stourbridge;
[4] *Margaret L. Raybould* (20), daughter, dressmaker, born Stourbridge;
[5] *William H. Raybould* (18), son, clerk, born Stourbridge;
[6] *Lucy Raybould* (14), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
[7] *George W. Raybould* (9), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
[8] *Ellenor Raybould* (2), daughter, born Stourbridge;
[9] *Samuel F. Bird* (4), grandson, scholar, born Stourbridge;
[10] *Ellen Maddocks* (52), visitor, upholsteress, born Bridgnorth:

Check Bridgnorth Road.

BRITANNIA

35, (38), Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Gardener [1829]
William Crump [1835] – [1850]
Thomas Thomas [1854]
Edward Davis [1862]
Henry Sutton [1870] – **1872**;
Mrs. Mary Ann Sutton (**1872** – [1873]
James Higgs [1881] – [1916]
Mrs. Mary E Higgs [1921]

NOTES

38, Coventry Street [1862], [1870], [1873]
35, Coventry Street [1881], [1884], [1888], [1892], [1916], [1921]

Edward Davis, retailer of beer, 38, Coventry Street. [1862]

1871 Census

38, Coventry Street – Publick House
[1] *Henry Sutton* (31), glass cutter, born Staffordshire;
[2] *Mary Ann Sutton* (31), wife, born Stourbridge;
[3] *Alice Sutton* (2), daughter, born Stourbridge;
and one servant:

1881 Census

35, Coventry Street
[1] *James Higgs* (31), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
[2] *Thomas Higgs* (26), brother, skinner, born Stourbridge;
[3] *Henry Stephen* (46), boarder, tailor, born Worcester;
[4] *Ebytha Kettley* (23), boarder, labourer, born Stourbridge;
[5] *Thomas Edgar* (27), boarder, tailor, born Hanley, Staffordshire; [part of Stoke on Trent]
[6] *John Timmins* (40), boarder, spade maker, born Stourbridge;
[7] *William Broome* (34), boarder, groom, born Stourbridge:

1911 Census

Coventry Street – BRITANNIA INN

- [1] *James Higgs* (61), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Mary Elizabeth Higgs* (45), wife, married 19 years, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *James Milward Higgs* (18), son, boy clerk civil service, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Thomas Frederick Higgs* (17), son, male learner, post office, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Philip Leslie Higgs* (15), son, school, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Frank Reginald Higgs* (14), son, school, born Stourbridge;
- [7] *Horace Higgs* (12), son, school, born Stourbridge;
- [8] *Cyril Higgs* (11), son, school, born Stourbridge;
- [9] *Bessie Milward Higgs* (10), daughter, school, born Stourbridge;
- [10] *Amelia Hill* (16), general servant, born Stambermill;

It was subject of a Compulsory Purchase Order.

It closed on 28th January 1968.

BRITANNIA

75, (28), High Street, (Wollaston Road), Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Bents Brewery Ltd, Liverpool [1905]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Enterprise Inns

LICENSEES

Joseph Pagett [1845]
John Cox [1850]
Samuel Bullus [1854] – [1856]
Mrs. Ann Bullus [1861] – [1862]
Alfred Davies [1864] – [1865]
John Nicholls [1870]
Henry Wakeman [1872] – [1873]
Richard Haden [1881] – [1892]
Thomas Hornbuckle [1903] – **1911**;
Enoch Colley **(1911)**; manager
Amy Eleanor Colley **(1911 – 1913)**;
George Thomason **(1913 – 1922)**;
James Richard Thomason **(1922 – 1946)**;
Kezia Thomason **(1946 – 1952)**;
Kenneth Howard Arnold **(1952)**;
Alice May Arnold **(1952 – 1956)**;
William Henry Pool **(1956)**;
Alice Dodds **(1956 – 1972)**;
Maurice Rich **(1972)**;
Frank Allan Bill **(1972 – 1987)**;
Jacqueline Ann Brown **(1987 – 1988)**;
Vera Kathleen Watson-Jones **(1988 – 1989)**;
Sandra Joan Flavin **(1989 – [])**
Dave Russell and Vicki Reynolds [2001] – [2007]
Vicki Reynolds [2007]
Christine Garland [2009]
Wayne Etheridge [2011] – [2013]



OLD GOOSEBERRY WAKE, WOLLASTON.

BALL AND CONCERT.

THE following SPORTS will take place at Mr. S. BULLUS'S, BRITANNIA INN, at Two o'clock, on Monday, July the 21st, and Monday, July 23rd; Bowling Match for a Pig, Swarming the Pole, Donkey Races, Diving for Oranges, Jingling and Roll and Treacle Matches, Foot, Wheelbarrow, and Sack Races, &c. Dancing to commence at Eight o'clock. Balloons will ascend at Nine o'clock.

A Quadrille Band will be in attendance.

Advert 1856

NOTES

Wollaston Road [1873]
28, High Street [1911]
75, High Street

Brierley Hill Advertiser 19/7/1856 - Advert

“Old Gooseberry Wake, Wollaston / Ball and Concert / The following Sports will take place at Mr. S. Bullus's BRITANNIA INN, at Two o'clock, on Monday, July the 21st; Bowling Match for a Pig, Swarming the Pole, Donkey Races, Diving for Oranges, Jingling and Roll and Treacle Matches, Foot, Wheelbarrow, and Sack Races, &c. / Dancing to commence at Eight o'clock / Balloons will ascend at Nine o'clock. / A Quadrille Band will be in attendance.”

1861 Census

(next to New Street)

- [1] *Ann Bullus* (60), widow, innkeeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Samuel Bullus* (34), son, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Amelia Davies* (15), granddaughter, house servant, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

High Street

- [1] *Richard Haden* (52), innkeeper, born Wordsley;
- [2] *Harriet Haden* (46), wife, born Brewood;
- [3] *Matilda Timmins* (16), general servant (domestic), born Stourbridge:

1911 Census

28, High Street – BRITANNIA INN

- [1] *Enoch Colley* (37), innkeeper, hotel manager, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Mrs. Colley* (37), wife, married 14 years, born Harts Hill;
- [3] *Elsie Maud Colley* (13), daughter, school, born Stourbridge:

Dave Russell took part in a competition, in Cumbria, to find the world's biggest liar, in November 2007. He was the beaten finalist.

Wayne Etheridge was born c. 1970.

[2014]



2007



2014

BROADWAY

89, The Broadway / Windsor Road, Norton, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Cyril Fello **(1958 - []**
Michael and Michelle Turner **[2003]**
Mick Willetts **(2003 - [2004]**
Jane and Keith Johnson **(2010 - 2011)**

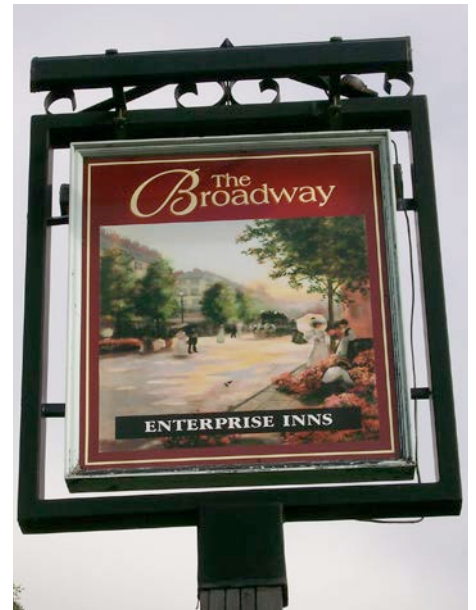
NOTES

It was a live music venue. **[2004]**

Stourbridge and District Scooter Club met here. **[2001]**

Mick Willetts was married to Jane.

It closed in February 2011.
It became a convenience store.



2007



2009



Ex Pub 2014

BUILDERS ARMS

116, (115), Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Miss Hill, Wolverhampton
Bucknall's Brewery, Kidderminster (acquired in 1889)
Benjamin Sedgley
Albert Hill

LICENSEES

Job Coley [1850] – [1851]
Joseph Sutton [1862] – [1865]
William Hale [1870] – **1877**;
George Harris **(1877 – 1878)**;
Richard Sherwood Leigh **(1878 – 1879)**;
William Durbin **(1879 – 1882)**;
William Manning **(1882 – 1883)**;
Henry Hill **(1883 – 1889)**;
Joseph Richard Scott **(1889)**;
Thomas Kimberley **(1889 – 1890)**;
Joseph Bullock **(1890 – 1892)**;
John Robinson **(1892 – 1893)**;
Edward Milward Higgs **(1893 – 1896)**;
Benjamin Sedgley **(1896 – 1908)**;
Thomas Sedgley **(1908 – 1922)**;
Joseph William Sedgley **(1922 – 1936)**;
Albert Hill **(1936 – 1937)**;

NOTES

115, Brettell Lane
116, Brettell Lane [1924]

It was originally the SWAN.

It had a beerhouse license.

1851 Census

Brettell Lane End – SWAN INN

- [1] *Job Coley* (53), publican, born Hartlebury;
 - [2] *Mary Coley* (49), wife, born Oldswinford;
 - [3] *Sophia Coley* (21), daughter, born Oldswinford;
 - [4] *William Coley* (25), son, born Oldswinford;
 - [5] *Henry Coley* (18), son, born Oldswinford;
 - [6] *Richard Coley* (8), son, born Oldswinford;
- and a servant:

Job Coley was also a letter messenger.

He was also a cow keeper. [1850]

See also BIRD IN HAND.

Joseph Sutton, retailer of beer, Brettell Lane. [1862]

Joseph Sutton, beer retailer, Brettell Lane. [1865]

Joseph Sutton was married to Elizabeth.

See also BULLS HEAD, Silver End, and WHITE HART, Wordsley.

William Hale, beer retailer, Brettell Lane. [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

Stourbridge Road (Brettell Lane Road) – Public House

- [1] *William Hale* (49), beerhouse keeper, born St. George's, Gloucestershire;
- [2] *Mary Ann Hale* (33), wife, born Derbyshire;
- [3] *Sarah Ann Hale* (13), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *William Hale* (11), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *John Shaw Hale* (8), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Mary Ann Hale* (6), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Cicilia Hale* (4), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Sarah Read* (19), general servant, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Mary Ann Horobin* (56), widow, mother in law, born Nottingham:

1881 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] *William Durbin* (59), beerhouse keeper, bornkenham, Somersetshire;
- [2] *Mary Durbin* (51), wife, born Nailsea, Somersetshire;
- [3] *Henry Durbin* (23), son, glass maker, bornkenham, Somersetshire;
- [4] *Fred Durbin* (21), son, labourer at iron foundry, born Amblecote:

William Durbin was an ex-engine driver.

He was convicted of permitting drunkenness in July 1880, and fined 40s and costs.

1891 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] *Joseph Bullock* (29), shingler at iron works and innkeeper, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Mary Bullock* (22), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Sydney Bullock* (5), son, scholar, born Wollaston;
- [4] *Percy Bullock* (4), son, scholar, born Wollaston;
- [5] *Henry U. Bullock* (2), son, born Wollaston;
- [6] *Amy V. Bullock* (1), daughter, born Wollaston;
- [7] *Caroline Russell* (52), mother in law, born Kingswinford:

It was originally known as the SWAN until 1897.

A billiards license was granted on 26th September 1898.

Benjamin Sedgley, beer retailer, Brettell Lane. [1904]

He was born in Brettell Lane.

1911 Census

Brettell Lane – BUILDERS ARMS INN

[1] *Benjamin Sedgley* (51), unmarried, brewer and licensed holder, born Wordsley;

[2] *Thomas Sedgley* (38), brother, manager, born Wordsley;

[3] *Joseph Sedgley* (29), brother, manager, born Wordsley;

[4] *Florence Slater* (22), domestic servant, born Wordsley:

Joseph Sedgley, beer retailer, 116, Brettell Lane. [1924]

He brewed the beer here.

The license referred to Compensation Authority on 1st March 1937.

It closed on 31st December 1937.

It became a shop.



Ex Pub 2009

BULLS HEAD

67, Pedmore Road, (Lower Lye), (Lye Waste), LYE

OWNERS

George Bridgwater, Victoria Brewery, Cradley Heath [1928]
Frederick Smith Ltd.
William Butler and Co.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Pearson [1860] – **1864**;
William Pearson (**1864** – []
John Pearson [1865] – [1870]
James Cook [1871] – [1888]
Mrs. Mary Cook [1891] – [1892]
James Cook [1914] – [1921]
John Bedford [1928]
C E Briggs [1932] tenant
George Easthope (**1955** – [1959]
J Whiley [1983]
Mandy Smith [2000]

NOTES

John Pearson was born c. 1827.
He was also a pipemaker. [1860]

John Pearson, beer retailer, Lye Waste. [1865]

1871 Census

Pedmore Road – BULLS HEAD INN

- [1] *James Cook* (36), licensed victualler and miner, born Lye;
- [2] *Mary Cook* (32), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *Esther Cook* (10), daughter, scholar, born Lye;
- [4] *John Cook* (9), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [5] *James Henry Cook* (7), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [6] *George Cook* (6), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [7] *James Cook* (2), son, born Dudley;
- [8] *Ann Cook* (7 months), daughter, born Dudley;
- [9] *William Pearson* (65), boarder, annuitant, born Lye:



Stourbridge Observer 25/1/1873

“Before Messrs. J. B. Cochrane and W. C. Firmstone, Zimri Bingham and Joseph Price were charged with wilfully breaking a quantity of glasses, cups, and jugs, on the property of *James Cook*. The defendants were further charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the BULLS HEAD INN, Lower Lye, on the same date. Mr. Addison defended. Mary Cook, landlady, said that there was some snow balling going on. The two defendants came into the house, began to fight, and refused to go out. She got assistance, and they were put out. Defendants broke six glasses, one quart jug, and a pint jug, a large basin, and also broke the cupboard. The defendants were both drunk. Several witnesses were called on both sides. The Bench considered the both cases proved, and in the case of wilfull damage ordered defendants to pay 5s damage, and a fine of 2s 6d and costs. For refusing to quit, fined 10s and costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 19/4/1873

“Joseph Bateman was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the BULLS HEAD INN, Lower Lye, on the 14th inst. The case was proved and the defendant fined 5s and costs, or 14 days.”

1881 Census

Pedmore Road – BULLS HEAD INN

- [1] *James Cook* (46), clay miner and publican, born Lye;
- [2] *Mary Cook* (42), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *Esther Cook* (20), daughter, born Lye;
- [4] *John Cook* (19), son, pin cutter, born Lye;
- [5] *Harry Cook* (17), son, coach smith, born Lye;
- [6] *James Cook* (11), son, scholar, born Dudley;
- [7] *Annie Cook* (10), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;
- [8] *Sarah Cook* (5), daughter, scholar, born Lye:

1891 Census

Pedmore Road – BULLS HEAD INN

- [1] *Mary Cook* (50), widow, publican, born Lye;
- [2] *James H. Cook* (27), son, steel worker, born Lye;
- [3] *George Cook* (26), son, steel worker, born Dudley;
- [4] *James Cook* (21), son, shoeing blacksmith, born Dudley;
- [5] *Annie Cook* (20), daughter, born Dudley;
- [6] *Sarah Cook* (15), daughter, dressmaker, born Lye;
- [7] *Sarah Cook* (54), cousin, widow, clay picker, born Lye:

1911 Census

67, Pedmore Road

- [1] *James Cook* (42), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *Sarah Jessie Cook* (42), wife, married 15 years, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Elsie May Cook* (13), daughter, student, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Minnie Cook* (18), general servant. Born Lye:

Catalogue for sale by auction on 25th October 1932

“Fully licensed. Situate on the main road from Lye Cross to Pedmore within a short distance of Stourbridge Junction Station, within a short distance of the new housing estate.

The accommodation comprises of:- Entrance hall with Outdoor Department, front bar, smoke room with bay window, front tap room, back smoke room.

On the FIRST FLOOR – Spacious club room, two bedrooms.

In the BASEMENT – Excellent cellarage with rolling way.

In partly paved yard having double gateway approach from the road is 2-stall stable and the usual outbuildings.

Held under a quarterly tenancy. Tenant Mr. C. E. Briggs at £40 0s 0d, tenant paying all outgoings.”

A new building opened 23rd October 1959.
It was built at the rear of the old premises.
The architects were Messrs. Jennings, Homer and Lynch.
The builders were A. H. Guest Ltd.

Butler's Magazine (Christmas 1959)

“The new premises, built at the rear of the old premises, have a wide frontage with car park area. A single entrance leads through a hallway decorated in rustic brick, to a bar and beyond, a lounge. The latter room is most pleasantly decorated with a striped hardwood ceiling and a servery faced in varied coloured brick and bottle ends. There is also a small stage with the inevitable aid to modern singing – the ‘mike’. A fine children’s room has its own entrance and, to comply with the law, its own difficult access to the central servery.”

George Easthope was born in Lye.
He was married to Mary.

[2010]

Closed [2012], [2014]



2007



2010

BULLS HEAD

Bull Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Baker [1873]

BULLS HEAD

62, (58), High Street, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd.
Davenports Ltd. (acquired in 1949)
Edwin and Alfred Marler
Punch Taverns



1994

LICENSEES

Joseph Hobson [1854]
William Stewart [1881] – [1884]
William Gough [1888] – [1892]
George Bosley [] – **1903**;
James Weaver **(1903 – 1907)**;
Maria Weaver **(1907 – 1909)**;
Frank Silvester **(1909 – 1921)**;
William Martin **(1921 – 1924)**;
Mrs. Maria Martin **(1924 – 1929)**;
Mary Florence Hurst **(1929 – 1931)**;
William Nuttall Hurst **(1931 – 1938)**;
Henry Alfred Marler **(1938 – 1949)**;
Dennis James Millward **(1949 – 1952)**;
Wallace Smith **(1952 – 1965)**;
John Philip Auden **(1965 – 1969)**;
George Edward Snook **(1969 – 1970)**;
Archibald McGregor Maclean **(1970)**;
Leslie Hughes **(1970 – 1979)**;
David Arthur Cottrell **(1979 – 1981)**;
Leonard Timmis **(1981 – 1983)**;
Philip John 'Phil' Boyle **(1983 – [2001]**
Gary Moreton [2003]

NOTES

58, High Street [1911]
62, High Street

BULLS HEAD AND BUTCHER [1888]

Joseph Hobson was also a butcher. [1854]

1881 Census

Wollaston – High Street – BULLS HEAD

- [1] *William Stewart* (37), licensed victualler, born Buckpool;
 - [2] *Emma Stewart* (41), wife, born Hanford, Staffordshire;
 - [3] *James Stewart* (7), son, scholar, born Birmingham;
 - [4] *Evelyn Emily Stewart* (4), daughter, born Birmingham;
 - [5] *Jessie Stewart* (2), daughter, born Birmingham:
- [Hanford is now part of Stoke on Trent.]

It sold for £650 at auction on 14th October 1929.

Phil Boyle was born c. 1944.

[2007]

Closed [2008]

It was converted into a restaurant.



2009

BULLS HEAD

WORDSLEY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Baker [1862]

BUSH

Waste, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Elizabeth Woolridge [1829]

CAR AND HORSES

38, (37), Market Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Edward Rutland (acquired in 1905)
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Alexander Sanders [1854]
Charles Andrews [1855]
Mrs. Andrews [1860]
Thomas B Jones [1862]
Samuel Ward [1864] – **1873**;
John Gardener (**1873** – [1884]
Mrs. F Underwood [1888] – [1892]

NOTES

37, Market Street [1871], [1873]
38, Market Street [1881], [1884], [1888], [1892]

CAR AND CAB HORSES [1873]

William Alexander Sanders was also a plumber, painter and glazier. [1854]

Samuel Ward, beer retailer, Market Street. [1864], [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 14/10/1865

“The annual feast, in connection with the Foresters’ Court No. 2527, was held at the CAR AND HORSES INN, on Monday night last. Upwards of 40 men sat down to an excellent spread, provided by the host Mr. *Ward*. After supper, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, and songs, toasts, recitations, &c were the order of the evening, which was spent in a very convivial manner.”

1871 Census

37, Market Street

[1] *Samuel Ward* (46), victualler, born Sutton Ashfield, Nottinghamshire; [Sutton in Ashfield]

[2] Ann Ward (46), wife, born Stourbridge:

1881 Census

38, Market Street (CAR AND HORSES)

[1] *John Gardener* (54), publican, born Halesowen;

[2] Ann Gardener (57), wife, born Birmingham;

[3] Thomas Gardener (87), father, farm labourer beyond work, born Halesowen:

John Gardener = John Gardner

See also WAGGON AND HORSES.

It closed on 30th December 1914.

CARPENTERS ARMS

Hospital Road, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Dovey [1841]

CASTLE

2, Balds Lane, Hayes, Wollescote, LYE

OWNERS

Johnson and Phipps Ltd., Wolverhampton
J. P. Simpkins, Dennis Brewery, Brierley Hill
Greenall Whitley and Co. Ltd. (acquired in July 1985)

LICENSEES

Henry Fawdry [1881] – [1884]
George Griffiths [1891]
Levi Thomas Newey [1902] – [1911]
Patrick Arnett [1985] – **1986**

NOTES

It was known locally as the 'Bucket'.

1881 Census

Balds Lane – CASTLE INN

- [1] *Henry Fawdry* (42), publican, born Halford Bridge, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Mary Fawdry* (50), wife, born Kings Heath, Worcestershire;
- [3] *George Fawdry* (12), son, imbecile, born Kings Heath, Worcestershire;
- [4] *Emily Fawdry* (14), niece, general servant, born Halford Bridge, Warwickshire:

Henry Fawdry, beer retailer, Balds Lane. [1884]

1891 Census

Hayes, Wollaston – CASTLE INN

- [1] *George Griffiths* (57), beer seller, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Mary Griffiths* (57), wife, born Oldswinford;
- [3] *Alfred Griffiths* (23), son, chainmaker, born Cradley;
- [4] *Eliza Griffiths* (18), daughter, dressmaker, born Oldswinford;
- [5] *Elen Morgan* (25), married, daughter, born Oldswinford;
- [6] *Albert Morgan* (6), son, scholar, born Wollescote;
- [7] *Minney Morgan* (3), daughter, born Wollescote;
- [8] *Alfred Morgan* (1), son, born Wollescote:



1986

L. H. Newey was a committee member of Stourbridge, Lye, Cradley and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1902]

1911 Census

2, Balds Lane – CASTLE INN

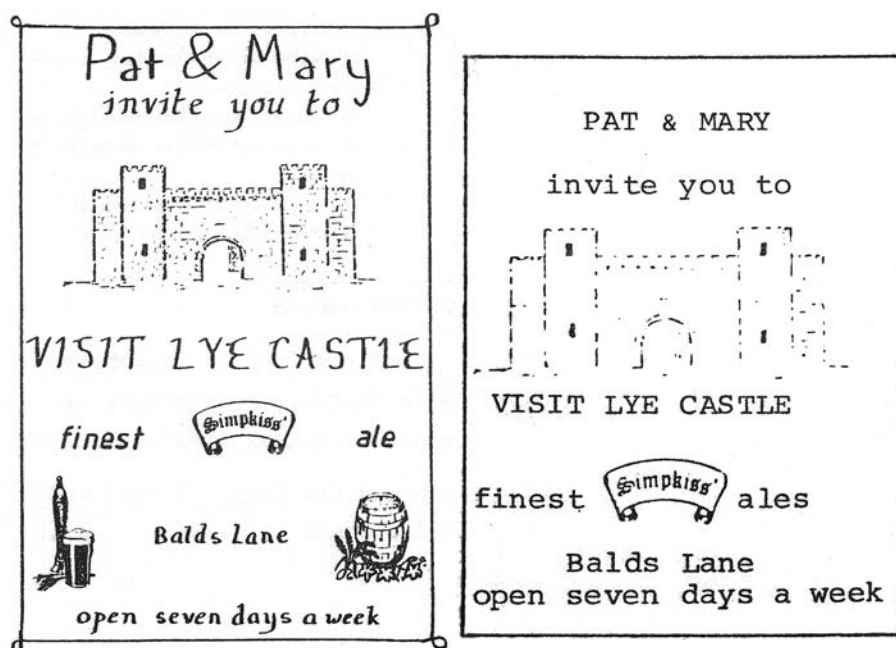
- [1] Levi Thomas Newey (35), brewer and publican, born Wollescote;
- [2] Eve Newey (34), wife, married 13 years, assists publican, born Wollescote;
- [3] Thomas Newey (13), son, school, born Wollescote;
- [4] Maude Newey (11), daughter, son, school, born Wollescote;
- [5] Mary Newey (7), daughter, school, born Wollescote;
- [6] Riley Newey (6), son, school, born Wollescote;
- [7] Gladys Newey (5), daughter, school, born Wollescote;
- [8] Sarah Round (74), mother in law, old age pensioner, born Cradley, Worcestershire:

Patrick Arnett was married to Mary.

[1987]

Closed [pre 1997]

Demolished



Adverts 1982

CHEQUERS

96, (Upper) High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Luke Renshaw, Church Hotel, Droylsden, Manchester
Bent's Brewery Co. (acquired in 1899) [1956]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1970's]
Luminar Leisure Ltd. [2005]
3DE [2010]
J. D. Wetherspoon (acquired on 2nd February 2010)

LICENSEES

Susan Biven* [1820]
Susannah Bevan* [1822]
Thomas Biven [1829] – [1835]
John Giles [1836]
Ann Giles [1841]
Mrs. Martha Giles [1845]
Francis Richards [1850] – [1851]
Herbert Chance [1854]
Henry Rowcliffe [1870] – [1881]
Frank Underwood [1884]
Mrs. Underwood [1887]
Miss Winifred Burrows [1888]
William Flavell [1891] – [1892]
Richard Harris Shirt [1903] – **1905**);
Samuel Millichamp (**1905 – 1912**);
Alphonse Smets (**1912 – 1930**);
Elizabeth Herrick (**1930 – 1932**);
Thomas Alfred Bayley (**1932 – 1935**);
Harry Arrowsmith (**1935 – 1955**);
William Horace Vickers (**1955 – 1960**);
Samuel Sheldon (**1960 – 1964**);
William Henry Poole (**1964**);
Raymond Guy Burton (**1964 – 1965**);
Frederick Thomas White (**1965 – 1966**);
Robert Edward Kingsbury (**1966 – 1967**);
Jack Kenneth Furber (**1967 – 1968**);
Robert Shaw (**1968 – 1969**);
Frank William Cotterill (**1969 – 1970**);
Peter James Stretton (**1970**);
Margaret Elizabeth Emslie (**1970 – 1971**);
Maurice Leslie Raybould (**1971 – 1982**);
Gladys Lillian Prosser (**1982 – 1984**);
Peter Tonks (**1984 – 1986**);
Carolyn Daphne Holden (**1986**);
Vera Raybould (**1986 – []**)

THE CHECKERS INN,
UPPER HIGH STREET, STOURBRIDGE
HENRY ROWCLIFFE, PROPRIETOR.
Also WINES and SPIRITS of the finest quality.
Advert 1873

John Allison **(2004 – []**
Andrew Stobbs and Derek Simpson [2007]
Louisa Payne [2009] general manager
Gareth Firkin [2013] – [2014] manager

NOTES

CHECKERS [1872], [1873]

The Birmingham mail coach, carrying 3 passengers, left from here every morning at 7.30. [1820]

* probably the same person

1851 Census

Upper High Street – CHEQUERS INN

- [1] *Francis Richards* (53), innkeeper, born Stourbridge;
 - [2] *Maria Richards* (46), wife, born Stourbridge;
- and family of four, and two servants:

1871 Census

96, High Street

- [1] *Henry Rowcliffe* (39), clerk at TALBOT HOTEL and licensed victualler, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Keziah Rowcliffe* (60), wife, born Pershore;
- [3] *Fanny Lashford* (18), niece, general servant, domestic, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Rosehannah Hunt* (22), general servant, domestic, born Delph, Staffordshire; [Brierley Hill?]
- [5] *Hannah Timmins* (18), general servant, domestic, born Brierley Hill:

1881 Census

96, High Street

- [1] *Henry Rowcliffe* (48), widower, innkeeper, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Ann M. Tennant* (40), widow, housekeeper, born Coalbournbrook; [Amblecote]
- [3] *Albertine Warren* (26), married, barmaid, born London;
- [4] *Sarah Harper* (25), married, general servant, born Halesowen;
- [5] *Henry V. Squire* (30), boarder, corn factor, born Brighton;
- [6] *Thomas Sidwell* (17), boarder, writer and decorator, born Coventry:

Henry Rowcliffe issued tokens from here.
See also WAGGON AND HORSES.

1891 Census

96, High Street – The CHEQUERS

- [1] *William Flavell* (39), publican, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Mary Ann Flavell* (34), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Alfred Birch* (24), lodger, collier, born London;
- [4] *Charles North* (51), lodger, travelling showman, born Nottingham;
- [5] *Anna North* (50), lodger, born Nottingham;
- [6] *Elizabeth Ann North* (13), daughter, born Nottingham;
- [7] *Edward Samuel North* (12), son, born Nottingham:

A music license was granted, for the smoking room only, in 1914.

[2003]

Closed

It reopened as the CHICAGO ROCK CAFÉ on 26th November 2004.

John Allison was born in Scotland.

It reopened as CHEQUERS on 14th May 2010.

[2014]



1997



2009



2014

CHERRY TREE

Barnett Lane / Lawnswood Road, (Brewery Street), WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Joshua Webb [c. 1884]
Thomas Taylor (maltster), Stourbridge [c. 1893]
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. [acquired in 1896]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

George Hall [1854]
Rosannah Ward [1864] – **1865**);
Edward Lowe (**1865 – 1874**);
Thomas Hand (**1874 – 1880**);
John Haynes (**1880 – 1891**);
Mrs. Emma Hale (**1891 – 1893**);
Samuel Thomas Pitt (**1893 – 1898**);
Elijah Baker (**1898**);
James Edwards (**1898 – 1899**);
Lawrence Henry Price (**1899 – 1900**);
Thomas Bloomer (**1900**);
William Hems (**1900 – 1901**);
Edward Davies (**1901 – 1902**);
William Lowe (**1902 – 1904**);
Walter Hodgetts (**1904**);
Benjamin Cotton (**1904 – 1905**);
Thomas James Banks (**1905 – 1906**);

NOTES

Brewery Street [1873], [1881], [1904]

Rosannah Ward = Rose Ann Ward

Edward Lowe, beer retailer, Wordsley [1870]

1881 Census

Brewery Street – CHERRY TREE

[1] *John Haynes* (38), licensed victualler, born Ombury, Shropshire;
[2] *Mary Haynes* (39), wife, born Diddlebury, Shropshire;
[3] *Maria Haynes* (77), boarder, widow, born Stokesay, Shropshire:
[Diddlebury is about 6 miles N of Ludlow.]
[Stokesay is about 6 miles NW of Ludlow.]

The license renewal was not required on 5th March 1906.
The license was extinguished on 19th September 1906.

CHICAGO

1+3, Ryemarket, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Eldridge Pope Ltd. [2002]
Atmosphere Bars and Clubs [2012]
Chicago Leisure [2013]

LICENSEES

Rob Collett [2002] – [2003] manager
Nathan Darby [2005]
James Whittingham [2013]

NOTES

The building was formerly a BeWise store.

The police objected to the original license application in July 2002.

It opened as the TOAD AT THE GLASSWORKS in November 2002.

[2004]

It was renamed QUE PASA. [2009]

[2010]

Closed

It was reopened in September 2012, after a £500,000 renovation, as the CHICAGO.

Atmosphere Bars and Clubs went into administration in May 2013.



2014

CINDER MILL

Hagley Road, Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

George Edwards [1850] – [1854]

NOTES

CIDER MILL [1850]

CINDER MILL [1854]

1851 Census

Hagley Road

[1] *George Edwards* (45), builkder and innkeeper, born Oldswinford;

[2] *Elizabeth Edwards* (37), wife, born Kinver;

[3] *Ann Edwards* (14), daughter, born Oldswinford;

[4] *Sarah Edwards* (13), daughter, scholar, born Oldswinford;

[5] *Samuel Edwards* (11), son, scholar, born Oldswinford;

[6] *Edwin Edwards* (9), son, scholar, born Oldswinford;

[7] *Elizabeth Edwards* (7), daughter, scholar, born Oldswinford:

George Edwards was also a carpenter. [1854]

COACH AND HORSES

61, Bromley Street, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Samuel Taylor [1914] – [1921]

NOTES

It was known locally as "Twister's"

It had a beerhouse license.

Samuel Taylor, beer retailer, 61, Bromley Street. [1916], [1921]

Samuel Taylor was married to Lillian.

[1928]

COACH AND HORSES

63, (Upper) High Street / Barlows Yard, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

William Patch (of Bennett and Patch, Alhambra Theatre, Stourbridge) [post 1865]
Eliza Patch
Dr. W. Bennett, 22, Broad Street, Birmingham
Sarah Elizabeth Breese
William Dare and Son, South End Brewery, Birmingham

LICENSEES

Elias Barlow [1820] – [1860]
Arnold Spilsbury [1862]
Elizabeth Spilsbury [1864] – [1865]
John Baggott [1870] – **1874**;
John Skelding (**1874** – []
William Patch [1881] – [1884]
Arthur George Eagle [1888]
Mrs. M Brearley [1892]
Frank William Fry [] – **1904**;
C Williams (**1904** – **1907**);
Helen Harwood (**1907** – **1909**);
Samuel Causer Whitehouse (**1909**);
Joseph William Smith (**1909** – **1914**);
Albert Breese (**1914** – **1916**);
Sarah Elizabeth Breese (**1916** – **1918**);
Henry Wake (**1918** – **1919**);
William Hancock (**1919** – **1920**);
Albert Edward Breese (**1920** – **1925**);
Frederick Walker Smith (**1925** – **1927**);
William John Taylor (**1927** – **1928**);
Albert Edward Breese (**1928** – **1929**);
Leo Harold Phillips (**1929** – **1931**);
Harry Reynolds (**1931** – **1934**);
Gordon Jack Evans (**1934** – [1938]



NOTES

COACH AND HORSES HOTEL [1892], [1911]

Eating house. [1873]

Commercial and posting house. [1884], [1888]

The Royal Perseverance coach left here every morning at 9 for Wolverhampton via Dudley. [1820]
It left here every afternoon at 5 for Worcester via Kidderminster. [1820]

Geary, carrier to Kidderminster, left from here every Monday. [1822]

The Nimrod coach to Birmingham left from here every afternoon at five. [1835]

Ashmore's Waggon (from Birmingham) to Bristol, through Dudley, Bromsgrove and Droitwich, left from here every Wednesday and Friday afternoon at four. [1835]
Budd and Co's Vans to Worcester and Kidderminster left from here every Tuesday and Friday. [1835]

Elias Barlow issued tokens from here.
He died on 9th February 1865.

Elizabeth Spilsbury was also a butcher. [1864], [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 23/6/1866

"Oates, Perrens and Wooldridge, have been favoured with instructions from the Mortgagee to Sell by Auction on Friday, the 29th day of June, 1866 Lot 1. All that well-accustomed Old-licensed Public House, the COACH AND HORSES, with the Butcher's Shop, for many years in the occupation of the late Mr. *E. Barlow*, afterwards of Mr. *Spilsbury*, situate in the best part of Upper High Street, Stourbridge, with the House and Shop adjoining, in the occupation of Mr. Alford, together with the Outbuildings, Yard, and Garden Ground, Stabling for 15 Horses, Coachhouse, Shed and Piggeries....."

It offered good stabling in the 1870's.

John Baggott = John Bagott

1871 Census

63, High Street

- [1] *John Baggott* (40), licensed victualler, born Brettell Lane;
- [2] Martha Baggott (40), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] Henry Baggott (18), son, born Stourbridge;
- [4] Harriott Baggott (11), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [5] William W. Baggott (8), son, born Stourbridge;
- [6] Mary A. Baggott (6), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [7] Susannah Baggott (4), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [8] John Powell (41), maltster, born Stourbridge;
- [9] Jane Wheelwright (16), general servant, born Stourbridge;
- [10] John Collins (25), visitor, labourer, born Stourbridge;
- [11] Mary Collins (23), visitor, born Astley, Shropshire;
- [12] Henry Hamilton (22), visitor, comedian, born Cambridge;
- [13] John H. Swadbury (51), visitor, comediean, born Long _____, Lincolnshire;
- [14] Charles Croxhall (22), visitor, labourer, born Burton, Staffordshire;

John Baggott was also a cowkeeper. [1873]

Stourbridge Observer 9/8/1873

"Oates, Perrins and Wooldridge are favoured with instructions to sell by auction, at the TALBOT HOTEL, Stourbridge, on Monday 11th day of August 1873 Lot 1 – That well known Inn called the COACH AND HORSES situated in the best part of High Street, and the Butcher's Shop occupied by Mr. George North, together with the large Yard, extensive Stabling, Garden and Outbuildings thereto belonging, containing 2400 square yards."

Stourbridge Observer 6/9/1873

"*John Bagott*, licensed victualler, was summoned by Superintendent Freeman, for keeping his house open on the 20th ult. during prohibited hours. Mr. Perry defended. PC Bladen said that he visited the defendant's house a few minutes past twelve. Went in at the back door. Found Mr. Heming there, who was very drunk. Asked him if he was going to stay all night. He said he was.

Witness visited the house again at half past twelve o'clock. Mr. Heming was in the smoke room and had a glass on the table which appeared to contain liquors. Mr. Heming said he had taken a bed and was going to stay all night. In answer to the Bench, witness said that Mr. Heming lived in Hagley Street. PS Jones gave corroborative evidence. Mr. Perry addressed the Bench for the defence, and read the Act of Parliament bearing upon the question, and said that the defence was, that Mr. Heming had taken a bed there for the night, and that it was not done with any colourable light, and the question was whether *Bagott* honestly believed he was a lodger for that night. He should prove that he did, and that he went to bed, but for some caprice got up again and had something to drink, and afterwards left the house. Several witnesses were called to prove the above.

The Bench considered it a case of great suspicion and very properly brought before them, but should not convict on the evidence, and the case was dismissed.

Francis Heming was charged with being drunk on the 21st ult. Pleaded guilty. Fined 20s and costs."

Stourbridge Observer 16/5/1874 - Advert

"Notice of Removal. / *John Skelding* (Late of the OLD KINGS HEAD.) / Takes the present opportunity of thanking his friends for their past support and respectfully solicits a continuance of the same, now that he has taken to that well known 'hostelrie' / The COACH AND HORSES INN, High Street, Stourbridge / And to ensure them that he is actuated by the removal, still further to cater to their satisfaction, the Premises being superior in every respect to his former Residence. / An Ordinary every Friday at One o'clock, on the Birmingham principle. / Foreign Wines and Spirits / Good Stabling, Lock Coach-house and Yard."

John Skelding – see also OLD KINGS HEAD.

1881 Census

63, High Street

- [1] *William Patch* (56), licensed victualler, born Exeter;
 - [2] *Eliza Patch* (54), wife, born Dudley;
 - [3] *Amy Bennett* (16), niece, actress, born Bewdley;
 - [4] *Harry Bennett* (14), nephew, musician, born Bewdley;
 - [5] *Milly Ashford* (16), musician, born Birmingham;
 - [6] *Prudence Ashmore* (28), barmaid, born London;
 - [7] *Jane Finch* (40), cook, born Tipton;
 - [8] *Thomas Ryder* (18), ostler. Born Monmouth;
- [Are these related to Bennett and Patch, theatre owners?]

1911 Census

High Street – COACH AND HORSES HOTEL

- [1] *Joseph William Smith* (40), publican, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Edith Annie Smith* (38), wife, married 16 years, assisting in business, born Wordsley;
- [3] *Sidney George Smith* (16), son, optician, machinist, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Frederick Charles Smith* (12), son, school, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Emily Jones* (20), domestic servant, born Blackheath;
- [6] *Gertrude Smith* (15), domestic servant, born Stourbridge;
- [7] *Lily Thomas* (25), visitor, actress, born Southampton;
- [8] *Doris Ryder* (22), visitor, actress, born London;
- [9] *Kathleen Ronayne* (26), visitor, actress, born Douglas;
- [10] *Wallace G. Court* (30), visitor, actor, born Canterbury;

It closed on 29th August 1960.

Demolished

TRADESMEN'S ADDRESSES.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

JOHN SKELDING,

(Late of the Old King's Head),

TAKES the present opportunity of thanking his friends for their past support, and respectfully solicits a continuance of the same, now that he has taken to that well-known "hostelrie,"

**THE COACH AND HORSES INN,
HIGH-STREET, STOURBRIDGE,**

And to assure them that he is actuated by the removal, still further to cater to their satisfaction, the Premises being superior in every respect to his former Residence.

An ORDINARY every Friday at One o'clock, on the Birmingham principle.

FOREIGN WINES and SPIRITS.

Good Stabling, Lock Coach-house and Yard.

~~See~~ Note the Removal.

Advert 1874

COCK

High Street, Lye Waste, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Smith [1841] – [1860]
Henry Hatton [] – **1866**;
Elijah Pearson (**1866** – [1870]
Simeon Hayes [1871]
Samuel Sidaway [1872] – [1873]

NOTES

John Smith was also a nailmaster. [1841], [1860]

1871 Census

High Street – The COCK INN

- [1] *Simeon Hayes* (24), butcher and publican, born Lye;
- [2] *Emily Hayes* (23), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *Susannah Hayes* (2), daughter, born Cradley;
- [4] *Thomas Hayes* (9 months), son, born Lye;
- [5] *Martha Cooper* (12), domestic servant, born Lye:

COMMERCIAL

LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Gittings [1862]

COTTAGE

Brook Road, Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

[1900]

COTTAGE

49, (27), Enville Street, (18, Beauty Bank), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Mary Ann Hobday
Eliza Miles
William Thomas Miles
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired on 1st February 1946)
Michael France [2007]

LICENSEES

David Robinson [1871] – [1873]
Elizabeth Perkins [1881] – [1891]
Mary Ann Hobday [1903] – **1906**);
Alexander Hobday (**1906**);
William Miles (**1906 – 1920**);
William Thomas Miles (**1920 – 1954**);
Reginald George Edward Baker (**1954 – 1955**);
Cyril Thompson (**1955 – 1968**);
Elsie May Thompson (**1968 – 1972**);
Elizabeth Marie Eveson (**1972 – 1983**);
John Eveson (**1983 – 1985**);
William Raymond Beard (**1985 – 1987**);
Sonia Betty Leah Lewis (**1987 – 1988**);
Ronald George Dance (**1988 – 1989**);
Susan Mary Martin (**1989 – 1991**);
Jane McCreedy (**1991** – [1993]
Miss M Merritt [2007]
Michael France [2007]

NOTES

18, Beauty Bank [1871]
27, Enville Street [1881], [1911]
49, Enville Street

It had a beer and cider license.



1871 Census

18, Beauty Bank – The COTTAGE

- [1] *David Robinson* (62), public house keeper, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Eliza Robinson* (66), wife, born Stourbridge:

1881 Census

27, Enville Street – COTTAGE INN

- [1] *Thomas Perkins* (61), bricklayer, born Kingswinford;
 - [2] *Elizabeth Perkins* (60), innkeeper, born Stourbridge;
 - [3] *Eliza Perkins* (23), daughter, born Stourbridge;
 - [4] *Thomas Perkins* (21), son, born Stourbridge;
 - [5] *Mary Wood Perkins* (18), daughter, born Stourbridge;
 - [6] *David Robinson* (72), uncle, widower, retired, born Stourbridge;
- and a nephew:

1891 Census

27, Enville Street – The COTTAGE INN

- [1] *Elizabeth Perkins* (70), widow, innkeeper, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Mary Wood Perkins* (28), daughter, assistant housekeeper, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Henry Moreton* (16), nephew, solicitor's clerk, born Stourbridge:

1911 Census

27, Enville Street

- [1] *William Miles* (56), innkeeper, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Eliza Miles* (53), wife, married 21 years, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *William Thomas Miles* (20), son, assisting in business, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Ernest Albert Parkin Miles* (17), son, whitesmith, born Stourbridge:

A full license was granted in 1954.

[2011]

Closed [2011], [2014]



2007



2009

COTTAGE OF CONTENT

Amblecote Bank, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Earl of Stamford

LICENSEES

Caleb Skidmore [1886] – **1903**):

NOTES

It was situated close to the Withymoor Works.

Caleb Skidmore was born c. 1811.
He was also a maltster and retail brewer.
He was married to Ann.

The license was not renewed in 1903.

COTTAGE OF CONTENT

High Street, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Benjamin Eves [1822]

Benjamin Parkes [1822] – [1851]

NOTES

It was situated close to the OLD CAT.

COTTAGE SPRING

73, (36), Bridgnorth Road, Withy Bank, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Punch Taverns

LICENSEES

Enoch Davies [1864] – [1870]
Robert Woodhouse [1872] – [1873]
Joseph Hodges [1884]
Thomas Turner [1888]
Thomas Allender [] – **1889**
J Wall [1892]
Thomas Ingram [1904]
Horace G Pearson [1916] – [1921]
A Clewes [1929]
Claude Sargent **(1968 – 1973);**
Mrs. Edie Sargent **(1973 – 1982);**
Steve Sargent **(1982 – [1985]**
Jill McLuckie [1997]
Terry Cartwright **(2003 – []**

C O T T A G E S P R I N G
W O L L A S T O N .
THE Proprietor of the Above Inn begs to
inform his Friends that he has made extensive
Alterations in the
P L E A S U R E G R O U N D S ,
Which he trusts will add to the enjoyment of his
Customers.
Admission Free.
T H E B O W L I N G G R E E N
Is in excellent Condition, and is NOW OPENED for the
Season.
A L E S & S P I R I T S O F T H E F I N E S T Q U A L I T Y .

Advert 1872

NOTES

36, Bridgnorth Road [1892], [1916], [1921]
73, Bridgnorth Road [1990], [2002], [2003], [2005]

It was situated opposite the church.

SPRING COTTAGE [1872]

Stourbridge Observer 21/12/1867

“Died. On the 13th inst., aged 9 years, Tamar, oldest daughter of Mr. *Enoch Davis*, of the COTTAGE SPRING, Wollaston.”

Robert Woodhouse was also a brewer. [1873]
See also BAY HORSE.

Stourbridge Observer 13/7/1873 - Advert

“COTTAGE SPRING, Wollaston / The proprietor of the Above Inn begs to inform his friends that he has made extensive Alterations in the / Pleasure Grounds / Which he trusts will add to the enjoyment of his Customers / Admission Free / The Bowling Green / Is in excellent Condition and is Now Opened for the Season / Ales and Spirits of the Finest Quality.”

Thomas Allender died on 12th April 1889.

It was sold at auction on 14th October 1929 for £1,500.

Wollaston Vics FC changed here. [c. 1948]

Claude Sargent died in 1973.

Edie Sargent died in March 1985.

Jill McLuckie was married to Colin.

[2008]

Name changed to GRAHAM'S PLACE. [2010]

[2014]



2007



2014

CRABMILL

197, Hagley Road, Oldswinford, (Upper Swinford), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Flower and Sons Ltd., Stratford on Avon
H. Corbett, Belper House, Dudley
Frederick Smith Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1960]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Hardy and Hanson Ltd. (acquired in January 2001)
Greene King and Co. Ltd. [2008]



LICENSEES

Edward Hartle [1828] – [1835]
James Pagett [1841]
Joseph Bailey [1845] – [1854]
John Bailey [1858] – [1865]
Mrs. Ann Bailey **(1867 – [1870])**
Joseph Bailey [1871] – [1873]
John Wilcox [1884]
George Stockley [1892]
Frederick James James [1896]
William Ward [] – **1904);**
Archibald Grieve **(1904 – 1905);**
Frederick Pittaway **(1905 – 1906);**
John Owen Thomas **(1906 – 1907);**
Leo Albert Sutton **(1907 – 1908);**
Sidney Lawrence Jones **(1908);**
Harry Turton Houlston Newton **(1908 – 1910);**
William James Beavan **(1910 – 1911);**
Harold Pearson **(1911 – 1912);**
Mrs. Sarah Crane Bosley **(1912 – 1922);**
William Henry Ives **(1922 – 1927);**
Bertie Westwood **(1927 – 1928);**
John Edwin Waine **(1928 – 1929);**
Alfred Ernest Jenks **(1929 – 1930);**
Bernard Charles Ashford **(1930 – 1931);**
George Frederick Hodson **(1931 – 1933);**
James Ashford **(1933 – 1956);**
William David Annis **(1956 – 1959);**
Stuart Sydney Flanders **(1959);**
George Arthur Yeomans **(1959 – 1960);**
Eric Leslie Haycock **(1960 – 1964);**
Herbert James Little **(1964 – 1968);**
Robert Duncan Potter **(1968 – 1970);**
Peter James Stretton **(1970);**
Clive Hammonds **(1970 – 1974);**
Peter James Coyle **(1974 – 1975);**
Anthony Raymond Johnson **(1975 – 1980);**
John Clifford Cooper **(1980);**

David Robert Sperring **(1980 – 1986);**
Susan Lyme Harding **(1986 – 1989);**
Neil Harding **(1989 – []**
Simon Broadbridge [2001]
Malcolm France [2002] – [2003] manager
Ann Marie Watton [2006] manager
Richard Carpenter **(2008 – []** manager
Simon Willetts [2009] manager

NOTES

It was originally known as the CRABMILL.

CRABB MILL [1850], [1862]

Blackcountryman (Winter 1986)

'The CRAB MILL, Oldswinford' by H. Jack Haden

".....It was there in 1828 when the licensee was *Edward Hartle* to be seen [in photo] among the trees in its garden is Thornleigh, late 19th century home of W. W. Boulton, glass manufacturer of Audnam, and in 1922 home of Ernest A. Lunt, coal merchant: this mid 19th century house is now the new CRABMILL, though when it was first converted and opened as an inn it was named just the MILL, and had a windmill sign. Some £3000 had been spent on conversion work The site of the old CRABMILL was taken up partly for road widening on a dangerous corner, and part of it is part of the new inn's car park....."

Wolverhampton Chronicle 26/1/1858

"To be shot for at the house of Mr. *John Bailey*, the CRAB MILL INN a fat pig and double barrel gun. The best shot to have pig or £7 10s. Sixteen members at 10s each. Arrangements for the Gun Sweepstake to be made at the time of meeting."

Stourbridge Observer 21/5/1864

"The members of the Oddfellows Lodge, held at the CRAB MILL INN, Oldswinford, celebrated their Anniversary by dining together on Monday last. P. G. Nicholls presided and F. G. Hare occupied the vice chair....."

Stourbridge Observer 15/6/1867

"The members of the 'Tree of Liberty' Lodge, Wolverhampton Order of Odd Fellows, held their anniversary and feast at the CRAB MILL INN, Oldswinford, on Monday last, which was served by the hostess in her usual first class style. P. G. Nicholls occupied the chair, and P. G. N. Patrick the vice chair. The usual loyal toasts and the health of the hostess having been drank, the remainder of the day was happily spent in song and sentiment."

1871 Census

Hagley Road, Oldswinford – Public House

- [1] *Joseph Bailey* (33), innkeeper, born Pedmore;
 - [2] *Maria Bailey* (26), wife, born Cradley;
 - [3] *Ann Bailey* (63), mother, born Pedmore;
 - [4] *Alice H. Bailey* (1), daughter, born Oldswinford;
 - [5] *Martin Scott* (20), ostler, born Rushock, Worcestershire;
 - [6] *Handel Toms* (14), waitress, born Clent;
- [Rushock is about 4 miles SE of Kidderminster.]

Stourbridge Observer 25/5/1872

“On Monday last, the members of ‘Tree of Liberty’ Lodge (Wolverhampton Order of Odd Fellows) held their annual meeting at the CRAB MILL INN, Oldswinford, where an excellent dinner was produced by the host, Mr. *Bailey*. A procession was formed in the morning, headed by the Cradley Heath Brass Band, and they paraded through the principle streets in full regalia, with garlands &c., under the superintendence of Mr. Dudley, of Brierley Hill, the whole presenting a very gay appearance. The accounts show the lodge to be in a very flourishing and prosperous condition.”

Joseph Bailey was also a beer, wines and spirits agent. [1873]

Stourbridge Observer 9/5/1874

“Henry Herbage and Thomas Perrens were fined 1s each and costs, for disorderly conduct at the CRAB MILL INN, Oldswinford, on the 27th April last.”

Stourbridge Observer 19/9/1874

“On the 10th inst a meeting of licensed victuallers of the township of Upper Swinford was held at Mr. *Carter*’s, the LABOUR IN VAIN INN, for the purpose of appealing against the decision of the Justices of Worcestershire to close their public houses at 10 o’clock. On Tuesday, a large meeting was held at Mr. *Bailey*’s, CRAB MILL INN, when nearly the whole of the trade was represented. After some discussion, it was resolved to employ Messrs. Freer and Perry, solicitors, to appeal against the decision of the Justices, on the ground that the township of Upper Swinford contains 612 houses, and upwards of 3,000 inhabitants. A meeting was also held at Mr. *Hambrey*’s, the STATION INN, on Wednesday, confirming the resolution, and we understand that an appeal will be made before the licensing Justices, at Worcester, this day, Saturday.”

Auction Catalogue 25/10/1932

“Fully licensed. Standing in an important corner position on the main road between Stourbridge and Hagley within a short distance of Stourbridge Junction Station. The Accommodation comprises:-

On the Ground Floor:- Entrance Passage front, front to back. Front Vaults with Serving Windows. Bar Smoke Room with Outdoor Department. Front Smoke Room with bow window. Lounge. Kitchen fitted with modern range. Scullery, hot and cold and Pantry. In the Basement:- Arched cellar. On the First Floor:- Club Room. Three bedrooms. Bathroom and Lavatory Basin (h and c). On the Second Floor:- Two excellent bedrooms.

There is a side yard with double gateway and at the rear with side approach, pleasant garden, WC and Urinal. Held under a quarterly tenancy, at a Rental of £50 per annum, tenant paying all outgoings Immediately opposite the property is a plot of land having a frontage to the main road and Love Lane used as a Car Parking Ground.”

[1990]

It closed on 31st August 1970.

It was demolished between 4th and 10th September 1970.

The new house opened on 2nd October 1970 in Thornleigh (as MILL).

It was renamed OLDSWINFORD LODGE in 1990.

It was renamed OLDSWINFORD in 1997.

Malcolm France was married to Sarah.

It was refurbished in 2002.

Closeed

It reopened in July 2008, after a £400,000 refit, as the CRABMILL.

Dudley Chronicle 31/7/2008

“.....The old bar has been removed and an interior wall knocked down to make more space. A new bar with leather seating and an open fire has been introduced. The original name is believed to stem from crab apple presses used in the past.”

[2014]



2007



2009

CRICKETERS ARMS

88, (96), (Upper) High Street, (Church Street), (Windmill Street), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Reuben Roby [1850] – [1867]

NOTES

Church Street

Windmill Street [1850]

96, High Street [1856]

Upper High Street [1864], [1865]

88, High Street [1864], [1865]

Reuben Roby = Reuben Robey

Brierley Hill Advertiser 4/10/1856

“The fourth annual dinner of court Fountain of Hope of the Ancient Order of Foresters, was held on Monday last at the CRICKETERS ARMS. About thirty sat down to dinner, comprising a goodly number of visiting brothers from other courts, together with a few gentlemen of the neighbourhood. T. M. Harding, Esq, occupied the chair....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 7/2/1857

“Last evening an inquest was held at the CRICKETERS ARMS INN. High Street, before R. Docker, Esq, and a respectable jury, on the body of a male child which was found under the following circumstances:-

On Wednesday, about half past one o'clock, two men, names William Tilley and Edward Yates, were going from Stourbridge to Brierley Hill, and on passing through a field which adjoins Park Lane Hill they saw a bundle lying in the snow. On examining it they found it contained the body of a full grown child, apparently a few hours old, closely wrapped in a coat sleeve lining. The inquest was adjourned for a week in order that a post mortem examination might be made, and an inquiry initiated relative to its birth.”

1861 Census

96, High Street

[1] *Reuben Roby* (46), innkeeper, born Nottingham;

[2] Emma Roby (37), wife, born Birmingham;

[3] Ellen Roby (13), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;

[4] Frederick Roby (11), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;

[5] Alice Roby (1), daughter, born Stourbridge;

[6] Eliza Adams (12), general servant, born Stourbridge;

[7] Robert Robson (30), lodger, farmer, born Bowsfield, Durham;

[8] John Robson (28), lodger, farmer, born Bowsfield, Durham:

Stourbridge Observer 2/4/1864 - Advert

“*R. Roby* / CRICKETERS ARMS, Upper High Street, Stourbridge / An Ordinary every Friday and County Court Days.”

R. ROBY,
CRICKETERS' ARMS, 88, HIGH STREET
STOURBRIDGE.

Dealer in Wines and Spirituous Liquors, Tobacco and
Cigars of First-class Quality.

Advert 1864

TO HOTEL KEEPERS, PUBLICANS, & OTHERS.

SALE AT THE CRICKETERS' ARMS INN,
HIGH-STREET, STOURBRIDGE.

DAVIES & KING will SELL by AUCTION,
(under a Bill of Sale), on Monday Next,
December 16, 1867, the whole of the PUBLIC-HOUSE
FIXTURES, Capital BREWING PLANT, and
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, including English Oak
and Iron-bound 500-gallon Hogshead and other Casks,
Copper and Iron Furnaces, Malt Crusher, Beer and
Porter Machines, Counters, Liquor Barrels, excellent
Bagatelle Board, with Balls, Cues, and Markers com-
plete; 300 gallons prime Fresh Ale, 20 gallons of Old
Port Wine, Fat Pig, Mahogany and other Chairs, Sofas,
Dining-tables, Wardrobe, Washstands and Dressing-
tables, Four-post French and Iron Bedsteads, Engrav-
ings, Fender, Fireirons, Copper Kitchener, Scales,
Weights, and numerous other Effects, belonging to Mr.
Roby, and will be Sold on the Premises, as above.

SALE TO COMMENCE AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK.

Catalogues may be obtained at the Auctioneers', 87,
High-street, Stourbridge, and Brierley Hill.

Advert 1867

Stourbridge Observer 15/10/1864 - Advert

“*R. Roby*, CRICKETERS ARMS, 88, High Street, Stourbridge / Dealer in Wines and Spirituous Liquors, Tobacco and Cigars of First-class Quality.”

AND

“Elias Roberts, of the Jewish persuasion, was charged by Superintendent Freeman. With being drunk and creating a disturbance in High Street, on the night of the 8th inst. From the evidence of P.C. Symmonds it appears that defendant was drunk, and creating a disturbance in Mr. *Robey*’s CRICKETERS ARMS. He was put out a second time and refused to go home, and making a great noise: he was then locked up. Fined 5s and costs, 14s 6d.”

Stourbridge Observer 25/3/1865

“An adjourned inquest was held at Mr. *Roby*’s, CRICKETERS ARMS INN, on Thursday last, before R. Docker Esq., Coroner, touching the death of John Griffiths, who was killed at the Amblecote Colliery, on the 14th February last.

The Coroner said that he had been informed that one gentleman on the jury had also been on the other jury. He himself did not know that it was of much consequence. A verdict had already been given on one case of Accidental Death, but if fresh evidence was produced, of course they would hear it and decide upon it.

Mr. Webb [foreman of the jury] said they were informed on the last occasion, that they could not go to view the place where the accident occurred, as it was in Staffordshire.

The Coroner: That is quite right.

Mr. Hill said it had been stated that it was entirely an accident, and that they could not give any other verdict than had been given at the other enquiry. He did not think that such remarks should be made previous to hearing the evidence.

The Coroner asked what County the juryman lived in.

Mr. Westwood rose and said that it was himself that had been referred to, and he lived in Worcestershire.

Mr. Docker said it was quite competent for twelve to decide.

Mr. Westwood said he wished to withdraw from the jury, and did so.

Mr. Baker, Government Inspector, was present at the inquiry, also Mr. Richard Deeley to watch the case, on behalf of the Earl of Stamford, and Mr. Aston, on behalf of Harris and Pearson.

The first witness called was George Green, who said he lived at Brierley Hill, and he was a banksman, and was employed at the pit where the accident occurred. It was called Amblecote Colliery, and belonged to Hill and Allchurch, part of my duty is to see to the tackling of the skip. Was at the pit the day Griffiths was killed, which was on the 14th February. It wanted a quarter to seven. Joseph Allchurch went down the pit with Griffiths. The deceased was the doggy, and Allchurch the pikeman. It was daylight. On that day Griffiths looked to the tackling of the skip. I was at the gin [a machine used for hoisting]. Two lots of men had gone down that morning in two’s and deceased let them down. Afterwards Griffiths went down, and when about fifteen yards down, the skip became unhacked and fell to the bottom. We then reversed the gin, and pulled up the rope, and found that the skip was detached. The men that were down before the deceased and Allchurch brought them up out of the pit in the other shaft. John Griffiths looked to the tackling of the skip, and putting his hand to the hook, said it was all right.

By a juryman: It was a part of my duty to see that all was right.

By the foreman: Two men can manage the gin to let them down without any fear of being overpowered, and can stop it at any time. The skip was going down very quietly.

By a juryman: It was daylight at a quarter to seven o’clock, and in addition there were fires. The hook produced is the one that the skip was attached to, and it was in the same condition. The clasp is off, and was broken by John Griffiths on the previous Friday, because it was in the lad’s road hooking the skip on at the bottom. I asked Griffiths if we had not better have the clasp on, as it was not safe. He said let it be until the shaft was dry. It was used on the Saturday, whilst in a broken state. On the Monday we did not work, and the accident occurred on the Tuesday.

By Mr. Baker: I have seen the rules at the pit. I cannot read the rules, nor write. They have not been read to me. I know it was my duty not to leave the pit while they were ascending or descending. I have been head banksman at the Salt Wells. My duty was to see the men up and down, but Griffiths ordered me to go to the gin. Griffiths used to see to the tackling of the skip. I never knew the skip catch the shaft. Allchurch was at the pit when the accident occurred. I did not tell Allchurch when the clasp was broken, it was the ordinary coal skip the men went down in. Joseph Hill said he lived at Quarry Bank, and was doggy at the adjoining pit. Was at the pit when Allchurch and Griffiths were let down. Was standing between the pits. Thomas Allchurch, the master, was putting ashes around the ring of the gin. I was not minding the pit, but was there ready to do anything that was wanted to be done. After Griffiths and Allchurch had got into the pit, they said, ‘All right.’ Short, Green and Hobel began to lower them down.

One of the men shouted out for some one to put a light at the bottom. They were lowered very quietly and carefully. When about fifteen yards down, I saw the rope come up slack. Did not hear any rumbling noise. The rope was going gradually down, and not swinging.

By Mr. Baker: They have always gone down very freely. Green is banksman at both the pits. He was always engaged to loose the men down.

By a juryman: It was no part of my duty to assist the banksman.

By Mr. Baker: I did not notice that the hook was all right. Griffiths had charge of that pit, and I was in charge of the other. Griffiths examined the hook and said, 'All right.' The rules produced I believe are a copy of those in the hovel.

Robert Loyals Campbell: Said he was a surgeon. He saw the body of the deceased at about eight o'clock at night, on the 14th February, at his house in Union Street, the body was dead, and had been so about an hour. There was some blood about the ears, and a severe bruise at the back of the head, and one of the bones above the elbow was broken. Death was caused by injuries to the brain by a blow at the back of the head.

John Gough said he lived at Brettle Lane, and was at the bottom of the pit where Griffiths was killed. Had not been down more than five minutes. I afterwards examined the hook, before I was drawn up, and it is in the same state now as then. I brought Griffiths up out of the pit dead, previous to my going down the pit Griffiths was in charge. It was part of Green's duty to mind the gin. When he was not minding the pit he was at work at the gin, and the pit was left to mind itself. If the skip had struck the side, I should have heard it. I do not know how fast it was coming down. I did not stir that morning two yards from the bottom. I have worked there for five months.

By Mr. Baker: I cannot read the rules, but they are in the office.

John Griffiths (13), son of the deceased, said he lived in Union Street. Cannot read but little. I know the clasp was broken. It was not broken off for me. I do not know who broke it off. I never complained that it was in my way. The clasp was broken on the Friday, while my father was down the pit. One of the girls found the clasp on the bank.

By the foreman: I do not think my father would break it off.

Thomas Allchurch said he lived in Coventry Street. The colliery belongs to myself and James Hill. We work it by royalty, taking it off Messrs. Harris and Pearson, who have it upon a lease from Earl Stamford. I was at the colliery when the accident occurred, standing about eight or ten feet from where the gin works. The rules produced are a copy of those hung up in my office. George Green is the banksman. The rules say that the banksman's duty is to let the men up and down. It is a very common practice about this country for the banksman to leave the pit and go and assist to work the gin. He did so on the day of the accident, with my knowledge.

The Coroner then asked him to read the fifteenth rule, which said, 'That the banksman shall not under any pretence whatever leave the top of the pit, when any person is ascending or descending the shaft, nor allow any person to descend, without properly tackling the skip or cage.'

Mr. Baker also called the attention of this witness to the 21st rule, where it stated – 'That at every pit where a cage is not used, a permanent tackled skip and cover shall be kept for the purpose of raising or lowering men, and the Charter-master shall see that these are always kept in good order, and are not used for any other purpose.' This rule had also been broken according to the evidence, as coals had been drawn up the shaft.

This was admitted by Mr. Allchurch who expressed his regret, and said that he would take care that it never occurred again.

The Coroner then summed up, and the jury deliberated for half an hour.

The foreman then read the following verdict:- 'We are of the opinion that John Griffiths was accidentally killed, and that there was great negligence on the part of the proprietors and banksman, according to the rules laid down for their guidance, and we request for the future, that the proprietors will provide a proper banksman, and working tackle, according to the colliery rules.'"

Stourbridge Observer 14/12/1867

"To Hotel Keepers, Publicans, and Others. Sale at the CRICKETERS' ARMS INN, High Street, Stourbridge.

Davies & King will Sell by Auction, (under a bill of sale), on Monday next, December 16th, 1867, the whole of the Public House Fixtures, Capital Brewing Plant, and Household Furniture, including English Oak and iron-bound 500 gallon Hogshead and other Casks, Copper and Iron Furnaces, Malt Crusher, Beer and Porter Machines, Counters, Liquor Barrels, excellent Bagatelle Board, with Balls, Cues and Markers complete; 300 gallons prime Fresh Ale, 80 gallons of Old Port Wine, Fat Pig, Mahogany and other Chairs, Sofas, Dining tables, Wardrobe, Washstands and Dressing tables, Four-post French and Iron Bedsteads, Engravings, Fender, Fireirons, Copper Kitchener, Scales, Weights, and numerous other Effects, belonging to Mr. *Roby*, and will be Sold on the Premises, as above."

CRITERION

65, Lichfield Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Horace Walker Umbers [1892]

CROSS

217, High Street, (Pedmore Road), Lye Cross, LYE

OWNERS

Mary Ann Brooks

LICENSEES

William Cox [1829] – [1835]
Benjamin Webb [1841]
William Lakin [1845] – [1850]
William Steadman [1860]
William Hill [1862]
Elijah Robinson [1864] – [1870]
John Pearson [1870] – [1884]
Thomas Henry Brooks [1888] – [1892]
Mary Ann 'Polly' Brooks [1914] – [1928]

NOTES

Pedmore Road [1871]
High Street [1884], [1888]

OLD CROSS [1864], [1865], [1870], [1884], [1888], [1892], [1916], [1921]
CROSS [1829], [1841], [1845], [1860], [1870], [1871], [1873], [1881], [1914], [1928]

It was known locally as "Polly Brooks's".

Bull baiting took place in front of the pub.

1871 Census

Pedmore Road – CROSS INN

- [1] John Pearson (54), licensed victualler, born Lye;
- [2] Elizabeth Pearson (55), wife, fruiterer, born Lye;
- [3] John T. Pearson (18), son, warehouseman, born Lye;
- [4] Francis Pearson (14), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [5] Elizabeth Pearson (8), daughter, scholar, born Lye:

1881 Census

The CROSS INN

- [1] John Pearson (65), widower, publican, born Lye;
- [2] John T. Pearson (28), son, waggoner, born Lye;
- [3] Francis Pearson (24), son, waggoner, born Lye;
- [4] Elizabeth Pearson (20), daughter, domestic, born Lye:

Polly Brooks also owned a substantial fruit and vegetable wholesale / retail business a few doors away.

It closed on 1st March 1935.
Demolished

CROSS

Hagley Road, (Glasshouse Hill), (Red Hill), Oldswinford Cross, Oldswinford, (Upper Swinford),
STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

George Cale [1828] – [1841]
Mrs. Mary Cale [1845] – [1855]
Philip Perrens [1862] – [1873]
George Perrins [1884] – **1904**;
Mrs. Isabel Perrins (**1904 – 1921**);
Sidney Albert Danks (**1921 – 1923**);
Samuel Edwin Beebee (**1923 – 1924**);
Harry Smith (**1924 – 1927**);
Cecily Phoebe Paterson (**1927**);
James Jefferies (**1927 – 1942**);
Gladys Maud Jefferies (**1942 – 1946**);
Alfred Harry Cook (**1946 – 1950**);
John Gunnon (**1950 – 1952**);
Andrew Charles Bennie (**1952 – 1953**);
Roy Frederick Harold Hanley (**1953 – 1958**);
Kenneth Heath Fowler (**1958 – 1976**);
Beatrice Joyce Fowler (**1976 – 1979**);
Eunice Hutton (**1979 – 1981**);
Roderick Paul Walker (**1981 – 1982**);
Ivy Elizabeth Nash (**1982 – 1984**);
Mrs. Elizabeth Brown [1983] ?
Frank Roundford (**1984 – []**)
Wayne and Ted Etheridge [2005] – [2011]



Detail From Old Postcard

NOTES

It was a home brew house.

George Cale = George Cole

Philip Perrens = Philip Perrins

1891 Census

Red Hill – The CROSS INN

- [1] *George Perrins* (31), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Oldswinford;
- [2] *Hannah Perrins* (80), mother, widow, living on her own means, born Harvington, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Helen Cole* (52), sister, housekeeper, born Oldswinford;
- [4] *Caroline Lane* (44), sister, born Oldswinford;
- [5] *Lydia Lane* (19), niece, barmaid, born Oldswinford;
- [6] *Jane Perks* (30), general servant, born Oldswinford;

Regular 'Meet the Sportsman' evenings were held from 2005. [2009]

Wayne Etheridge was born c.1969.
His father was Ted.

[2014]



2009



2014



CROSS KEYS

189, Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

John Lowe, Longlands, Stourbridge

F. W. Soames and Son, Wrexham (acquired in 1891)

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1897)

LICENSEES

Thomas Richards [1850]

William Beck [1864]

Mrs. Mary Ann Beck [1870] – **1875**);

Austin Tarpey (**1875**);

James Chance (**1875 – 1879**);

James Samuel Asbury (**1879 – 1891**);

Elizabeth Conquest (**1891**);

William Robinson (**1891 – 1892**);

Edward Jones (**1892 – 1897**);

Benjamin Cotton (**1897**);

William Lyth (**1897 – 1901**);

William Abraham Thompson (**1901 – 1902**);

Thomas Henry Cooper (**1902 – 1904**);

Alfred Chapman (**1904 – 1906**);

NOTES

It was situated on the north side of Brettell Lane.

It had a beerhouse license.

William Beck, beer retailer, Brettell Lane [1864]

He was married to *Mary Ann*.

Mrs. Mary Ann Beck, beer retailer, Brettell Lane [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

Brettell Lane – CROSS KEYS

[1] *Mary Ann Beck* (66), beerhouse keeper, born Sandford, Oxfordshire; [Sandford on Thames]

[2] *Sarah Matthews* (66), widow, sister in law, born Barton, Oxfordshire;

[3] *Thomas Lewies* (56), boarder, brick setter, born Kingswinford:

[Sandford on Thames is just south of Oxford.]

1881 Census

Brettell Lane – CROSS KEYS

- [1] *James S. Asbury* (32), licensed beer seller, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Lucy Asbury* (33), wife, born Wollaston;
- [3] *George H. Asbury* (10), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *John Asbury* (9), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Frederick W. Asbury* (6), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Samuel Asbury* (1 month), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Eliza Payne* (16), domestic servant, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Alice Asbury* (4), daughter, scholar, born Wollaston:

James Asbury – see also PHEASANT.

An inquest was held here in 1900.

1901 Census

189, Brettell Lane

- [1] *William A. Thompson* (33), publican, born Manchester;
- [2] *Emily Thompson* (37), wife, born Swindon, Staffordshire:

Thomas Cooper, beer retailer, 189, Brettell Lane. [1904]

The license renewal was refused on 18th June 1906.

The license was extinguished on 19th September 1906.

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“All that messuage or dwelling-house formerly a public-house known as The CROSS KEYS INN situate in Brettell Lane near Brierley Hill fronting the main road leading from Stourbridge to Dudley.....”

The building still [2009] stands.

CROSS KEYS

8, (10), (10-11), New Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

John and Eliza Ann Amphlett
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd.
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

J Pittaway []
Richard Bateman [1861] – **1867**);
John Page (**1867** – [1870]
Richard Bateman [1871] – [1872]
Albert Walker [1873] – [1902]
Arthur A Browne [1916]
Horace Herbert Oliver [1921]

NOTES

10, New Street [1870], [1873]
10 – 11, New Street [1871]
8, New Street [1881], [1884], [1888], [1892], [1921]

J. Pittaway issued tokens from here.

1861 Census

New Street – CROSS KEYS

[1] *Richard Bateman* (58), innkeeper, born Stourbridge;
[2] *Elizabeth Bateman* (52), wife, born Stourbridge;
[3] *Eliza Bateman* (15), daughter, barmaid, both Stourbridge;
[4] *Jane Bateman* (8), daughter, born Stourbridge;
and two servants:

Richard Bateman, retailer of beer, New Street. [1862]

Stourbridge Observer 12/10/1867

“To be Let, that well-known, Old-Licensed Public House, the CROSS KEYS, New Street, Stourbridge. It has not changed hands for twelve years. Stock and Fixtures about £200, which may be reduced by one half.”

John Page was also a maltster. [1870]

1871 Census

10 and 11, New Street – CROSS KEYS

[1] *Richard Bateman* (68), innkeeper, born Stourbridge;
[2] *Elizabeth Bateman* (64), wife, born Stourbridge;
[3] *Eliza Evans* (23), daughter, born Stourbridge;
[4] *Jane Bateman* (17), daughter, born Stourbridge;
[5] *Albert Grove* (5), grandson, scholar, born Wednesbury;
[6] *Ellen Lees* (21), domestic servant, born Prestwood, Staffordshire:

1881 Census

8, New Street (CROSS KEYS)

- [1] *Albert Walker* (34), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Emma Mary Walker* (39), wife, born Swan Village;
- [3] *George Albert Walker* (7), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Emma Mary Walker* (5), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Julia Walker* (3), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Elizabeth Walker* (2), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [7] *Ann Walker* (28), sister, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] *Ellen Cafferty* (14), general servant, born Stourbridge:

Albert Walker was a trustee of the Stourbridge, Lye, Cradley and District Licensed Victuallers' Association.
[1902]

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

"All that public-house known as The CROSS KEYS INN erected upon the site of four separate messuages or houses situate together in the New Street Stourbridge aforesaid with the brewhouses shops outbuildings gardens and appurtenances thereto belonging....."

It closed on 7th June 1927.

Demolished

CROSS WALKS INN

Cross Walks, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Esther Hayes [1881] – [1888]

NOTES

1881 Census

CROSS WALKS INN

- [1] Thomas Hayes (40), master carpenter, born Wollescote;
- [2] *Esther Hayes* (39), wife, innkeeper, born Wollescote;
- [3] Sara M. Hayes (10), daughter, scholar, born Wollescote;
- [4] Emily Hayes (8), daughter, scholar, born Wollescote;
- [5] Ann P. Hayes (4), daughter, scholar, born Wollescote:

Esther Hayes, beer retailer, Cross Walks. [1884], [1888]

[1911]



Token

CROWN

Attwood Street, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Taylor [1871]

NOTES

1871 Census

Attwood Street – CROWN INN

[1] *Thomas Taylor* (60), nailmaker and publican, born Lye;

[2] *Phyllis Taylor* (49), wife, born Lye;

[3] *Henry Taylor* (20), son, carter, born Lye;

[4] *Job Taylor* (11), son, scholar, born Lye;

[5] *Albert Taylor* (9), son, scholar, born Lye:

CROWN

Dudley Road, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Stevens [1862] – [1865]
Mrs. Ann Taylor [1872] – [1873]
Job Cartwright [1881] – [1892]
Mrs. Mary Kendrick [1916]
Horace Oakes [1921]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Mrs. Ann Taylor, beer retailer, Dudley Road, Lye. [1872]

Stourbridge Observer 13/9/1873

“Ann Taylor, landlord of the CROWN INN, the Lye, was charged by Superintendent Freeman with permitting drunkenness in her house on the 16th last. Mr. Collis defended. Police constable Harrison said that about 9 o’clock he visited defendant’s house. Saw a man by the bar, drunk. He complained to the landlady who appeared more drunk than the man. She asked him not to say anything about it.

Mr. Collis, for the defence, said that he should prove beyond all doubt that the landlady was not drunk, and that no ale had been supplied to the man who was in the house; and the second time he came in Mrs. Taylor refused to let him have any ale.

Simeon Siddaway said that the defendant refused to fill him any ale, telling him that he had enough, and she would rather give him a pint when he was sober. Witness would swear defendant was sober, but she complained of being unwell and went to lie down. George Arthur Siddaway also gave evidence to show that defendant was not drunk, and that there was no one drunk in the house.

A certificate was put in for Mr. W. H. Thompson, surgeon, stating that Mrs. Taylor was suffering from dyspepsia, which would account for giddiness of the head.

The Bench considered that the defendant had permitted drunkenness, and as a previous conviction had taken place, they must fine her 20s and costs.”

1881 Census

Dudley Road

- [1] Job Cartwright (40), publican, born Lye;
- [2] Ann Cartwright (50), wife, born Lye;
- [3] Arthur Taylor (19), horse nail maker, born Lye;
- [4] Jane Kendrick (18), servant, born Lye;



Mary Kendrick Licensee

CROWN

Halesowen Road, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Brace Rhodes [1870]

William Rhodes [1871] – [1872]

NOTES

J. B. Rhodes issued tokens from here.

1871 Census

Halesowen Road – CROWN INN

[1] *William Rhodes* (26), unmarried, innkeeper, born Lye;

[2] Edward Drewry (51), retired grocer, born Camden, Gloucestershire;

[3] Sarah Drewry (57), wife, born Stourbridge;

[4] Edward T. Drewry (16), son, born Birmingham;

[5] Patricia H. Drewry (11), daughter, born Birmingham:

CROWN

111, Stourbridge Road, Stambermill, (Hay Green), LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Michael Welch [1841] – [1870]
George Munslow [1871] – [1873]
Thomas Cox* [1881]
Thomas Cox* [1888] – [1892]
James Henry Cox [1914] – [1916]
Frederick Pardoe [1921]

NOTES

Michael Welch, beerseller and grocer, Stamber Mill. [1841]
Michael Welch was also a chainmaker. [1845]
He was described as being also a shopkeeper. [1860]

1871 Census

Stamber Mill

[1] *George Munslow* (27), licensed victualler, born Crowle, Worcestershire;
[2] *Elizabeth Munslow* (71)?, wife, born Lye;
[3] *Mary Hodgetts* (23), general servant, born Lye:
[Crowle is about 2 miles E of Worcester.]

George Munslow was also a shopkeeper. [1872], [1873]

* possibly the same person

1881 Census

Stambermill Road – CROWN INN public house

[1] *Thomas Cox* (53), chartermaster, born Lye;
[2] *Elizabeth Cox* (53), wife, born Stourbridge;
[3] *Mariah Cox* (26), daughter, domestic, born Lye;
[4] *Zepporah Cox* (21), daughter, dressmaker, born Lye;
[5] *Martha Cox* (18), daughter, domestic, born Stourbridge;
[6] *James H. Cox* (12), son, scholar, born Stambermill:

Thomas Cox was also a shopkeeper. [1888]

[1928]



James Henry Cox Licensee

CROWN +

LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Brooks [1870] – [1872]

CROWN

1, Enville Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Kidderminster Brewery Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Cannon [1861]

John Sanders [1866]

NOTES

1861 Census

1, Enville Street – CROWN INN

[1] *Thomas Cannon* (26), unmarried, labourer and publican, born Ireland;

[2] *Patrick Laffey* (40), lodger, born Ireland;

[3] *Michael Bready* (21), lodger, born Ireland;

and a servant:

John Sanders = John Saunders

He issued tokens from here.

See also ANGEL.

CROWN

206, (195), Hagley Road, Oldswinford, (Upper Swinford), (Pedmore), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Josiah Thomas Warr, Oldswinford
Thomas Plant and Co. Ltd.
Ansells Ltd. [1956]

LICENSEES

George Wyatt [1862]
Richard Webb [1870] – [1873]
George Daniels [1884] – [1888]
Jabez Pargeter [1891] – [1892]
Frank Hollinshead [] – **1904**;
Elizabeth Hollinshead **(1904 – 1905)**;
Oliver Preece Harris **(1905 – 1911)**;
Elizabeth Harris **(1911)**;
William Whitehouse **(1911 – 1913)**;
John Clement Jacobs **(1913 – 1916)**;
Jeremiah Guest **(1916 – 1918)**;
Zachariah Dawes **(1918 – 1923)**;
Joseph Edward Postings **(1923 – 1928)**;
Howard Farmer **(1928 – 1956)**;
Dorothy Homes **(1956 – 1966)**;
William Harry Homes **(1966 – 1969)**;
Albert Ronald Smith **(1969 – 1973)**;
Stanley Chivers **(1973 – 1983)**;
John Rowland Woodhall **(1983 – [1986]**
L Swindon [1993]
Chris Foxall [2007] – [2012]

NOTES

195, Hagley Road [1921]
208, Hagley Road [1998], [2005]

OLD CROWN



2009

CROWN INN, HAGLEY-ROAD, OLDSWINFORD,
Near Stourbridge.

TO FAMILIES FURNISHING, MALTSTERS,
PUBLICANS, BROKERS, & OTHERS.

SARGEANT WITTON will SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, on MONDAY NEXT, JULY 1st, 1867, commencing at Eleven o'clock, the whole of the rest and clear HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, BREWING PLANT, FIXTURES, and STOCK-IN-TRADE, comprising superior Mahogany Horsehair-seated Sofa, large Pier Glass, Mahogany Oak and Deal Tables, Eight-day Clock, Mahogany Chest of Drawers, Windsor and Case-seated Chairs, Wood and Iron Bedsteads, with hangings; Toilet Glass, three Feather Beds, Mattresses, Blankets, Sheets, Linen; and also the whole of the BREWING PLANT and FIXTURES, comprising capital Four-pull Beer Machine, with piping and taps complete; 16-bushel Mashing Tub, Wort Vat, Working Tub, Round Tubs, 70-gallon Boiler, four hogshhead and seven Half-hogshhead, seventy-eight, twenty, and eighteen gallon Casks; Malt Crusher, two rack Waggon, Ninepins and Bowls; Pocket and a half Worcestershire Hops; also large Wood Stable, 24ft. by 15ft. and numerous other Effects, belonging to Mr. Richard Barratt, of the Crown Inn, Oldswinford, aforesaid, who is giving up housekeeping.

Advert 1867

Stourbridge Observer 29/6/1867

"CROWN INN, Hagley Road, Oldswinford, near Stourbridge. To Families Furnishing, Maltsters, Publicans, Brokers and Others. Sargeant Witton will Sell by Public Auction, on Monday next, July 1st 1867, commencing at Eleven o'clock, the whole of the neat and clean, Household Furniture, Brewing Plant, Fixtures and Stock-in-Trade, comprising superior Mahogany Horsehair-seated Sofa, large Pier Glass, Mahogany, Oak and Deal Tables, Eight-day Clock, Mahogany Chest of Drawers, Windsor and Cane-seated Chairs, Wood and Iron Bedsteads with Hangings, Toilet Glass, three Feather Beds, Mattresses, Blankets, Sheets, Linen; and also the whole of the Brewing Plant and Fixtures, comprising capital Four-pull Beer Machine, with Piping and tape complete; 16-bushel Mashing Tub, Wort Vat, Working Tub, Round Tubs, 70-gallon Boiler, four Hogshead and seven Half-hogshead, seventy-eight, twenty, and eighteen gallon Casks; Malt Crusher, two rack Waggon, Ninepins and Bowls; Pocket and a half Worcestershire Hops; also large Wood Stable, 24ft by 15ft, and numerous Other Effects, belonging to Mr. Richard Barratt, of the CROWN INN, Oldswinford, aforesaid, who is giving up housekeeping."

1891 Census

Hagley Road – CROWN INN

- [1] Jabez Pargeter (50), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Ellen Pargeter (45), wife, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] Ann Pargeter (11), daughter, scholar, born Worcester;
- [4] Lucy Malpas (20), servant, born Stourbridge;
- [5] Alice Leake (25), niece, born Wolverhampton;

1911 Census

Hagley Road – The CROWN INN

- [1] Elizabeth Harris (40), married, publican, born Lower Swinford;
- [2] Elsie Frances Hollinshead (16), daughter, assisting in business at home, born Compton;
- [3] Lilian Edna Hollinshead (14), daughter, school, born Compton;
- [4] Agnes Mary Harris (4), daughter, born Oldswinford;

Announcement of sale 10/5/1916

"..... all that substantially erected Double Fronted, Freehold Fully-Licensed House and Premises known as the CROWN INN, situate on the main Bromsgrove Road, with a frontage thereto of 25 feet, and running through to the Worcester main road, having a frontage of 45 feet, with Double Gateway approach and covering a large area of land. The accommodation comprises Entrance Passage running from front to back, Tap Room, Smoke Room, Bar Smoke Room, Living Kitchen, Billiard Room or Club Room, 27ft by 12ft, four Bedrooms and excellent Cellars, together with spacious Yard, Brewery, 2-stall Stable, and the usual Outbuildings.

The foregoing Property is in a good state of repair and is situate on the main road about one mile outside the town of Stourbridge, combining the advantages of a town and country house which under good occupation must command an excellent trade, the property being sold with possession upon completion of the purchase....."

[2014]

ANNOUNCEMENT of SALE BY AUCTION of a
FREEHOLD FULLY-LICENSED HOUSE and
PREMISES at

OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE.

ALFRED W. DANDO AND CO.

Have received instructions to SELL BY
AUCTION at the TALBOT HOTEL, STOUR-
BRIDGE, on FRIDAY, MAY 12th, 1916, at
Seven o'clock in the Evening precisely,
subject to Conditions of Sale then to be
produced, all that substantially erected
DOUBLE FRONTED FREEHOLD FULLY-
LICENSED HOUSE and PREMISES known as

THE CROWN INN,

situate on the main Bromsgrove Road, with a
frontage thereto of 25 feet, and running
through to the Worcester main road, having
a frontage of 45 feet, with Double Gateway
Approach and covering a large area of land.
The accommodation comprises Entrance
Passage running from front to back, Tap
Room, Smoke Room, Bar Smoke Room, Living
Kitchen, Billiard Room or Club Room, 27ft. by
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and country house which under good occupa-
tion must command an excellent trade, the
property being sold with possession upon com-
pletion of the purchase.

Further particulars may be obtained of
W. W. BANNISTER, Esq.,

Solicitor, Stourbridge, or of the AUCTION-
EERS, Dudley (Tele. 56). 2157

Advert 1916

CROWN

High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

R Brown [] – **1805**);

J Heath (**1805** – []

James Morris []

James Lowe [1820] – [1822]

John Moseley [1828] – [1835]

NOTES

Commercial and posting inn [1828], [1835]

It was the terminus of the Stourbridge to Birmingham coach.

CROWN +

STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Cook [] - **1872**);
Mrs. Rosannah Cook (**1872** - []

NOTES

Mr. Cook died in 1872.

CROWN

Audnam, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

A Houldey [1911]

NOTES

[1822]
[1911]

DOG AND DUCK

High Street, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Jim Stanton [1930]

DOG AND PARTRIDGE

77, (78), Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

George Mallen, Lye [1870's]
Thomas Higgs, Dudley Street, Brierley Hill
Joseph Higgs and Thomas Clulee, Brierley Hill [1905]
Elsie May Clulee [1909]
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd.
Leased to William Henry Simpkins

LICENSEES

John William Oliver [1870] – **1872**;
John Squires **(1872 – 1876)**;
Benjamin Simpson **(1876 – 1877)**;
George Waters **(1877)**;
John Cartwright **(1877 – 1878)**;
Alfred William Perks **(1878 – 1905)**;
George Benton **(1905)**;
Benjamin Edmunds **(1905 – 1907)**;
George Barwell **(1907 – 1913)**;
Mrs. Laura Barwell **(1913 – 1924)**;
Frank Webster **(1924 – 1929)**;
John Beardsmore **(1929 – 1930)**;
Frank Webster **(1930 – 1934)**;
Thomas Beardsmore **(1934)**;
Harry Oakes **(1934 – 1936)**;

NOTES

78, Brettell Lane [1912]
77, Brettell Lane [1924]

It stood next door to the PHEASANT, between Vale Street and Hill Street, on the south side of Brettell Lane.

It was licensed before 15th July 1869.

It had a beerhouse license.

John Oliver = John Olliver

John William Oliver, beer retailer, Brettell Lane. [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] *John Olliver* (35), publican and carpenter, born Elmbridge, Shropshire;
 - [2] *Hannah Olliver* (32), wife, born Staffordshire;
 - [3] *Alice Olliver* (9), daughter, scholar, born Amblecote;
 - [4] *Harry Olliver* (7), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
 - [5] *Ernest Olliver* (5), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
 - [6] *Henzey(?) Olliver* (1), daughter, born Amblecote;
 - [7] *Ellen Strong* (13), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:
- [Elmbridge is about 3 miles N of Droitwich.]

John Oliver was also a glass cutter.

Thomas Higgs was a coal dealer.
He was married to *Esther*.

1881 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] *Alfred Perks* (32), publican, born Brierley Hill;
 - [2] *Esther Perks* (30), wife, born Brierley Hill;
 - [3] *Alfred Perks* (3), son, born Dudley;
 - [4] *Joseph Perks* (3 months), son, born Amblecote;
- and a lodger:

Alfred William Perks, beer retailer and coal dealer, Brettell Lane. [1896]
Alfred William Perks, beer retailer and coal dealer, 78, Brettell Lane. [1904]

George Barwell, beer retailer, 78, Brettell Lane. [1912]
He was married to *Laura*.

Mrs. Laura Barwell, beer retailer, 77, Brettell Lane. [1924]

A billiard license was granted in February 1926.

The license renewal was referred to Compensation Authority on the grounds of redundancy on 2nd March 1936.

The renewal was refused on 17th July 1936.

It closed on 30th December 1936.

DOG AND PARTRIDGE

Horus Road, Thorns, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Henry Bate [1872]

DUDLEY ARMS

Waste, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Sarah Round [1835]

DUKE OF YORK

159, Stourbridge Road, Hay Green, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Witton [1829]
Mrs. Hannah Witton [1835] – [1854]
John Wooldridge [1871] – [1884]
Mrs. Ellen Wooldridge [1888]
William Henry Chance [1892]
Mrs. Annie Whitehouse [1916] – [1921]

NOTES

Hannah Witton = Hatton Witton = Hannah Whitton = Hannah Whilton

1871 Census

Haygreen – DUKE OF YORK INN

[1] *John Wooldridge* (32), carpenter and licensed victualler, born Lye;

[2] *Ellen Wooldridge* (28), wife, born Lye:

John Wooldridge, beer retailer, Hay Green. [1872]

1881 Census

Hay Green – public house DUKE OF YORK

[1] *John Wooldridge* (43), carpenter, born Lye;

[2] *Ellen Wooldridge* (32), wife, domestic, born Lye:

DUKE WILLIAM

Pedmore Road, Waste, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Fletcher [1835] – [1841]

Isaac Lees [1850] – [1862]

NOTES

John Fletcher, retailer of beer, Lye Waste. [1835]

Isaac Lees was born c. 1796.

He was also a shopkeeper. [1860]

DUKE WILLIAM

25, (13), Coventry Street / Duke Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Richard Ghent Rowley
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)
David Craddock (acquired in August 2009)

LICENSEES

William Micklewright [1820] – [1822]
Thomas Prescott [1829]
John Baker [1835] – [1841]
Thomas Thomas [1845] – [1850]
John Trueman [1854]
Elizabeth Chance [1861]
John Compton [1864] – **1872**;
Mrs. Hannah Compton **(1872 – [1873])**
John Christopher Cox* [1881]
John Cox* [1884]
Charles Nicholls [1888]
Richard Ghent Rowley [1892]
Frederick W Brown [1901] manager
William Charles Hooper [] – **1903**;
Charles Deakins **(1903)**;
Harry Richards **(1903 – 1904)**;
Walter Julius Warr **(1904 – 1908)**;
Albert Henry Norton **(1908 – 1910)**;
Walter Julius Warr **(1910)**;
Walter Ernest Barlow **(1910)**;
Ernest Tranter **(1910 – 1911)**;
Elizabeth Ann Jenkins **(1911 – 1912)**;
Frederick Ely **(1912)**;
Henry Wake **(1912 – 1917)**;
Edward Woodcock **(1917 – 1920)**;
John Henry Smith **(1920 – 1921)**;
William Tudor **(1921 – 1922)**;
Thomas Prescott **(1922 – 1923)**;
George Edward Smith **(1923 – 1931)**;
Susannah Smith **(1931 – 1932)**;
Wilfred Vipound **(1932 – 1933)**;
Robert Ruff **(1933 – 1936)**;
Charles Henry Chatfield **(1936 – 1938)**;
Albert Horace Matthews **(1938 – 1944)**;
Alfred Bradley **(1944 – 1950)**;
Thomas Henry Dunn **(1950 – 1958)**;
Frank Reginald Bangham **(1958 – 1961)**;
Frank Bangham Snr. **(1961 – 1975)**;
Jean Brown **(1975 – 1982)**;
Brian Edward Prescott **(1982 – 1986)**;



1983



2007



2014

Stuart Harding **(1986 – 1989)**;
Margaret Marilyn Rose **(1989 – []**
David Craddock **(2009 – [2011]**

NOTES

13, Coventry Street [1870], [1873], [1884], [1888], [1892], [1916]
25, Coventry Street [1994], [1996], [1999], [2001], [2003], [2004], [2005]

NEW DUKE WILLIAM [1911]

It was known locally as the “Duke”.

It was the brewery tap for North Worcestershire Breweries.

B. Fieldhouse, carrier to Kinver, left from here daily. [1835]

1861 Census

13, Coventry Street
[1] *Elizabeth Chance* (54), widow, innkeeper, born Belbroughton;
and one servant and one lodger:

1871 Census

Coventry Street
[1] *John Compton* (46), licensed victualler, born Sulgrave, Northamptonshire;
[2] *Hannah Compton* (48), wife, born Barford, Norfolk;
[3] *Charlotte Scott* (19), orphan, assistant licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
[4] *Eliza Hillman* (19), servant, born Stourbridge:
[Sulgrave is about 6 miles ENE of Banbury.]
[Barford is about 6 miles W of Norwich.]

Stourbridge Observer 23/3/1872

“A meeting of the employees of the Mersey Wheelworks, in this town, was held at the DUKE WILLIAM INN, Coventry Street, on Saturday night last, for the purpose of considering the desirability of adopting the nine hours movement. It was unanimously resolved ‘that a memorial should be presented to Mr. Thomas Parker, the proprietor of the works, soliciting him to grant them the nine hours movement, as a similar concession had been made to the men at the Derby Works’. A reply was requested by the 23rd inst. The memorial was signed by the Chair and the whole of the members present.”

Stourbridge Observer 13/4/1872

“An inquest was held at the DUKE WILLIAM INN on Saturday, before Mr. W. H. Phillips, on the body of Eliza Bywater, nine years of age, who met her death by burning, on the 26th March, and died on the 4th inst. A verdict of Accidental death was returned.”

Stourbridge Observer 23/11/1872

“On Thursday morning last a girl named Margaret Stevens, aged 17, was killed at Mr. Turney’s Glue Works. It appeared that the deceased was employed at the Glue Works, and that she went to some place to turn on a tap. Her dress became entangled with a part of the machinery in motion, and before she could be rescued she was fatally injured. The machinery is fenced in a most efficient manner, and only a few weeks ago the Inspector complimented Mr. Turney on the careful way in which this was done. It was no part of the girl’s duty to go to the place for water where she met her death.

The inquest was held at Mrs. *Compson*’s, the DUKE WILLIAM INN, Coventry Street, before Mr. R. Docker, Coroner. The first witness called was Mary Staples, who said she knew the deceased, who lived in Angel Street, and worked at Mr. W. J. Turney’s. It was her duty to keep the machine clean to wash the skins. On the morning of the

19th, about a quarter past eight o'clock, she saw the deceased going to her work, and witness went to hers. In a short time she heard a scream. Went to see what was the matter, and saw the deceased by the shaft of the machine, her clothes going round, and the deceased bleeding from the mouth. The engine was stopped almost immediately.

Mr. Alfred Freer, surgeon, said he saw the body after the accident. He examined the body. There were superficial injuries on the legs and chest. Blood was issuing from the nose, ears and mouth. The face was intensely blue, and one of the spinal bones of the neck was fractured, and he considered that deceased's death resulted from strangulation. The base of the skull was also fractured.

John Davis, engineer at Mr. Turney's works, said that deceased went to turn off the water. It was not her duty to do so. The cog wheels were all boxed up, but not the shaft where deceased went. Deceased had often turned the water off, but witness had remonstrated with her. It was not known by the manager that deceased turned the water off.

Mr. Turney, who was present, said that all the works were made as safe as it was possible to be, and that the water should be turned on at six, and not touched again until six at night, so that there could be no danger.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental death."

Stourbridge Observer 17/1/1874

"On Sunday morning last, a very melancholy occurrence was brought to light in this town. Two boys who were returning from the railway station at about eleven o'clock in the morning of that day, discovered the dead body of a female in a small pond contiguous to the station, which is known as Pot Pool. The boys communicated the news of their discovery to a man who was passing at the time. He looked into the pool, and having verified what the boys had told him, advised them at once to inform the police of what they had seen.

This was done, and shortly afterwards Superintendent Freeman hastened to the place. By this time the news had spread with lightning like rapidity, and hundreds of persons were quickly congregated near the spot, and they accompanied the remains of deceased to her own residence. Medical assistance was procured, but it was of no avail, as the deceased had evidently been dead some time.

The deceased was the wife of Mr. George Bosworth, fishmonger, of Coventry Street, and had been in a low desponding state since her confinement, which had happened only a few weeks ago. She had frequently since that time complained of pains at the back of her head, and said she could not sleep at night. Her husband had accompanied her to Birmingham with the object of obtaining medical advice, the day before she committed the rash act.

On her return she went to sleep at her brother's house in Oldswinford, and, in answer to enquiries stated that she felt much better, and believed she would be able to sleep that night. She retired to rest with one of her brother's children, and nothing more was heard until about six o'clock on the following morning, when her brother was astonished to find she had left the house. Search was at once made for her; but she was not found until the following morning, in the manner related above.

Deceased leaves three young children, one of whom is but a baby a few weeks old. Great sympathy has been expressed for Mr. Bosworth, who was a very kind husband to deceased, and is generally respected as a steady persevering man.

An inquest was held on the body at the DUKE WILLIAM INN, Coventry Street, before Mr. Miller Corbett, Coroner, on Tuesday evening last. The first witness was Henry Billingham, a youth about 17 years of age, who said: I live at the Longlands, and am a cooper. I went up to the railway station to meet my cousin on Sunday morning about nine o'clock, and I stopped up there until about eleven. There was another little lad with me. We left the station at eleven o'clock; and as we were passing Pot Pool we saw a dead dog in the water, and the little lad with me asked me to go and look it. I went to look at it, and whilst doing so, I thought I saw another up at the other end. I went to look at it, and saw what looked like a frock on the top of the water, and I 'flinched' away. A man was coming up at the time, and on looking at it he said it was a woman. He told me to fetch Mr. Freeman, and I did so.

Superintendent Freeman deposed: From information received from the last witness, I went up to the pool and saw the body in the water. Deceased was lying on her back, with her hands tightly clasped across her breast. I had her got out of the pool and put into a cart, and conveyed to her husband's home, in Coventry Street. I then went to Mr. Freer's. He was from home at the time, but I left word that he was to view the body when he came home. He has done so.

James Veal deposed: I live at Oldswinford, and am a coach painter. The deceased was my sister. She was married. Her husband is a fishmonger, of Coventry Street, Stourbridge. Deceased was between 28 and 29 years of age. I last saw her alive on Friday night, about eleven o'clock. She was preparing for bed at my house. She came up there for that night thinking she would be able to sleep. She had not been able to sleep at night for time previous. That was the first night she slept there. She had been at her mother's next door to me. She had had no disturbance with her husband. It was about a week since she had been able to sleep. She could not sleep through weakness caused by

her confinement about three weeks before. Her child is alive. She was in low spirits, but she had never said anything about destroying herself, but she had repeatedly told us she did not think she was going to live. I saw her in bed. She slept with with my children, and I had to go through the room she was sleeping in to get to my own bedroom. I got up about half past six on Saturday morning, and on coming through the room I found that she was not in bed. I did not hear any noise in the night. I did not see her again until I saw her dead body.

In answer to a Juryman witness said: I asked my little girl, but she did not remember her getting up. I heard no noise. I know of no cause that could have induced her to do it. She had been complaining of a strange feeling at the back of her head and down her back, but we had no idea she intended to do such a strange thing as that.

By the Foreman: The night before she would not go to bed at all: but Mr. Bosworth, her husband, sat up with her all night. The next day she said she should like to go to see a doctor, And he took her to Birmingham to see one, and afterwards seemed much better. She said she thought she should go to sleep. When I got down I found the front door open, and I calculated she was gone, and I went and alarmed my mother, and we went in search of her all that day. Her child was not with her when she slept at my house.

By a Juryman: The door was latched, and she brought the night lamp downstairs, and left the lamp and the matches on the table. We cannot say what time she went out. She was dressed when found.

The Coroner said he thought there had been sufficient evidence given to enable them to carry out the purposes of an inquest. There was no doubt no one in any way assisted in the death of the unfortunate woman; and he thought from the low state of her spirits they might naturally calculate that she drowned herself. Still there was no evidence to show that she had destroyed herself. It was quite an open question that she might have been taken ill and wandered to the pool and have fallen in. He thought they had better under all the circumstances return an open verdict of 'Found drowned'.

The Jury, after a brief deliberation, returned a verdict to the effect that deceased committed suicide whilst in a state of temporary insanity."

* probably the same person

1881 Census

Coventry Street – publick house

[1] *John Christopher Cox* (40), licensed victualler, born Burston, Surrey; [Burstow?]

[2] *Mary Cox* (37), wife, born London;

[3] *Charles John Cox* (10), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;

[4] *Percy Otway Cox* (9), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;

[5] *Arthur Gee Cox* (8), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;

[6] *Ethel Mary Cox* (5), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;

[7] *Jane Alice Peplow* (19), general servant, born Worcester:

1901 Census

13, Coventry Street

[1] *Frederick W. Brown* (27), unmarried, public house manager, born Upton St. Leonards, Gloucestershire;

[2] *Emma Macdonald* (47), housekeeper, born Tewkesbury;

[3] *Thomas Macdonald* (21), boarder, cellar man, born Tewkesbury:

The present building was erected in 1903.

It was the headquarters of Stourbridge Albion FC. [1907]

Dave Craddock – see also PLOUGH AND HARROW

He was born c. 1981.

He was married to Rachel.

He founded Craddock's Brewery here in 2011.

[2014]

EAGLE

7, Vicarage Road, (Amblecote Lane), AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Joseph Pitman

Executors of Joseph Pitman

Hodgetts and Cooper, Halesowen (leased) [1890's]

Henry Wilson Price, Mincing Lane, London

Peter Walker and Co., Burton on Trent (leased)

LICENSEES

George Cook [1851] – **1879**);

Mrs. Hannah Cook (**1879 – 1886**);

John Cook (**1886 – 1891**);

John Wall (**1891 – 1909**);

Mrs. Caroline Wall (**1909 – 1912**);

NOTES

It was originally the SPREAD EAGLE.

It had a beerhouse license.

1851 Census

Amblecote Lane

[1] *George Cook* (33), brewer, born Sopworth, Wiltshire;

[2] *Hannah Cook* (33), wife, born Amblecote;

[3] *Jane Cook* (5), daughter, scholar, born Amblecote;

[4] *John Cook* (4), son, scholar, born Amblecote;

[5] *George Cook* (2), son, at home, born Amblecote;

[6] *Thomas Cook* (10 months), son, at home, born Amblecote:

1861 Census

Amblecote Lane – SPREAD EAGLE

[1] *George Cook* (47), beerhouse keeper, born Sopworth, Wiltshire;

[2] *Hannah Cook* (45), wife, born Amblecote;

[3] *John Cook* (14), son, scholar, born Amblecote;

[4] *William Cook* (7), son, scholar, born Amblecote;

[5] *Hannah Cook* (5), daughter, scholar, born Amblecote;

[6] *Alice Cook* (2), daughter, born Amblecote;

[7] *John Morris* (78), boarder, widower, engineer, born Norley, Shropshire:

George Cook, retailer of beer, Amblecote. [1862]

1871 Census

Amblecote Lane – SPREAD EAGLE

[1] *George Cook* (57), publican, born Sopworth, Wiltshire;

[2] *Hannah Cook* (53), wife, born Amblecote;

[3] *William Cook* (17), son, wheelwright, born Amblecote;

[4] *Hannah Cook* (15), daughter, scholar, born Amblecote;

[5] *Alice Cook* (12), daughter, scholar, born Amblecote;

[6] *Ellen Morgan* (10), nurse, born Quarry Bank:

[Sopworth is about 6 miles W of Malmesbury.]

George Cook was also a brewer.

John Wall, beer retailer, Amblecote Lane. [1896]

He was born c. 1835, Gornal.

He was married to Emma.

John Wall, beer retailer, 7, Vicarage Road. [1904]

Alterations were carried out in 1904.

Mrs. *Caroline Wall*, beer retailer, 7, Vicarage Road. [1912]

The license renewal was refused on 6th March 1911.

The license was extinguished on 28th December 1912.

EAGLE TAVERN

(Lower) King Street, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Sarah Tromans, WHEELWRIGHTS ARMS, Netherton

LICENSEES

Elizabeth Harmshaw [1862] – **1864**);

Henry Harmshaw (**1864** – []

David Robinson [1870] – [1872]

Henry William Taylor [1871] – [1873]

George Hinds [1884]

Mrs. Mary Ann Hinds [1888] – [1892]

George Workman [1916]

Frank Minchin [1921]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Elizabeth Harmshaw, retailer of beer, Wollaston. [1862]

Elizabeth Harmshaw, beer retailer, King Street. [1864], [1865]

1871 Census

King Street – EAGLE TAVERN

[1] *H. W. Taylor* (38), publican, born Lawley, Derbyshire;

[2] *Emily Taylor* (40), wife, born Derby;

[3] *William Green* (24), lodger, turner, born Wednesbury;

[4] *Francis Ashbury* (50), lodger, smith, born Manchester:

EAGLE VAULTS

60, High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

H. & B. Woodhouse, Alma Brewery, Dudley
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (leased)
Holt Brewery Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Titley [1835] – [1841]
John Villiers [1854] – [1870]
John Edwards [1872] – [1873]
William Taylor [1881] – [1892]
Charles Arthur Noke [1911]
William Phillips [1921] – [c. 1938]

NOTES

It was originally known as the FARRIERS ARMS. [1841], [1854], [1860], [1864], [1865], [1870], [1872]

EAGLE VAULTS [1873], [1884], [1888]

William Titley, retailer of beer, High Street. [1835]

William Titley was also a smith. [1841]

John Villiers was also a blacksmith. [1854], [1860], [1864], [1865], [1870]

Ford's Household Almanack for 1881 - Advert

“EAGLE VAULTS / High Street, Stourbridge / *William Taylor*, (late *John Edwards*), Proprietor / Allsopp's Ales and Double Stout / Wines and Spirits of the Finest Quality.”

1881 Census

60, High Street

[1] *William Taylor* (38), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;

[2] *Eliza Rollason* (19), barmaid, born Brierley Hill:

1911 Census

High Street – EAGLE INN

[1] *Charles Arthur Noke* (35), publican, born Pedmore;

[2] *Alice Noke* (32), wife, married 11 years, born Stamber Mill;

[3] *George Noke* (9), son, born Birmingham;

[4] *Beatrice Noke* (1), daughter, born Stourbridge:

It closed on 24th August 1962.

EAGLE VAULTS


HIGH STREET, STOURBRIDGE

WILLIAM TAYLOR

(LATE JOHN EDWARDS),

PROPRIETOR.

Allsopp's Ales and Double Stout.

 Wines and Spirits of the Finest Quality.

Advert 1881

EAGLE AND SERPENT

Hagley Road, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Cooper [1850] – [1854]
John Freeman [1860]

NOTES

Thomas Cooper was also a contractor. [1854]

Brierley Hill Advertiser

“EAGLE AND SERPENT INN, Hagley Road, Stourbridge. Mr. F. Jones has received instructions to offer for Sale by Auction, on the Premises, on Monday, the 13th day of April, 1857

All that Valuable Freehold Old-Licensed, Well-built and Commodious Inn and Premises, the EAGLE AND SERPENT, situate fronting hat excellent thoroughfare the Hagley Road, Stourbridge, and with upwards of 30ft frontage to Union Street; consisting of Entrance Hall, Front Parlour, Bay Window; Front Kitchen, or Tap Room, Bay Window; Back Parlour, Cooking Kitchen, Four Bedrooms, Two Closets, Long Club Room, 48ft by 11ft 9in, Four roomy arched Cellars, under whole of house, with gangway out of Yard. Brewhouse, Four-stall Stable, Thirty Hogshead soft Water Cistern and Pump, Hard Water Pump, Yard opening into Union Street, and appurtenances.

The Premises which are unusually well-built, are in an excellent state of repair, pleasantly and well situated for business, and are adapted alike for the purpose of an Inn, or the requirements of a private family of respectability. Early possession may be had if required.....”

EDWARD RUTLAND

High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

J. D. Wetherspoon

LICENSEES

Hayley Smithson **(2005 - []**
Richard Tandy [2009]
Rachel Smith [2010]
Emma Harvey [2011] manager

NOTES

It opened on 30th January 2005.
The building was formerly a catalogue shop.

Rachel Smith was born c. 1971.

[2014]



2009



2014

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Newton [1862]

NOTES

Check Quarry Bank.

EXCHANGE

5, Market Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd.
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Charles H Tennant [1861] – [1865]
John Hand [1871]
John Dutton [1872] – [1873]
J B Rhodes [1881]
Edward Morris [1884] – [1888]
J Middleton [1892]
Mrs. Florence Jordan [1916] – [1921]

NOTES

CORN EXCHANGE STORES [1861]
CORN EXCHANGE [1865], [1873]
CORN EXCHANGE VAULTS [1872], [1884], [1888], [1892], [1909], [1911]
EXCHANGE VAULTS [1916], [1921]

Dudley Chronicle - 1861 - Advert

“Charles H. Tennant / CORN EXCHANGE STORES / 5, Market Street / Stourbridge / Importer of Wines and Spirits.”

1871 Census

5, Market Street

- [1] John Hand (44), wine and spirit merchant, born Kingswinford;
 - [2] Mary A. Hand (35), wife, born Hopton Wafers, Shropshire;
 - [3] Jessie B. Hand (12), daughter, born Stourbridge;
 - [4] Kate M. Hand (11), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
 - [5] Richard P. Hand (10), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
 - [6] Esther J. Hand (7), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
 - [7] Edward R. Hand (5), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
 - [8] Mary E. Hand (4), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
 - [9] Frederick C. Hand (3), son, born Stourbridge;
 - [10] Florence M. Hand (1), daughter, born Stourbridge;
 - [11] Harriet Roe (26), barmaid, born Coalbournbrook, Shropshire; [Amblecote]
 - [12] Mary James (23), general servant, domestic, born Amblecote;
 - [13] Elizabeth Cooke (17), general servant, nursemaid, born Brierley Hill:
- [Hopton Wafers is about 2 miles W of Cleobury Mortimer.]

1881 Census

5, Market Street

- [1] *J. B. Rhodes* (48), publican, born Oldswinford;
- [2] Anne Rhodes (44), wife, born Lye;
- [3] Polly Rhodes (10), adopted child, scholar, born Lye;
- [4] Amy Foley (18), barmaid, born Cradley;
- [5] Susannah Cartwright (14), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill:

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“ All That public-house known as the CORN EXCHANGE VAUKTS situate in Market Street Stourbridge aforesaid including the large room at the back thereof and one over the said room.....”

It closed on 23rd May 1966.

EXCHANGE

Green, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Wordsley Brewery [1894]
Plant's Brewery (acquired in 1908)

LICENSEES

Thomas Warther [1872] – **1887**);
Joseph Warther (**1887 – 1894**);
William Albert Deeley (**1894 – 1895**);
Albert Edward Hill (**1895 – 1896**);
Henry Alfred Simpson (**1896**);
Alexander Harry Quarry (**1896 – 1899**);
Samuel Simpson (**1899 – 1901**);
Eliza Jeavons Fellows (**1901 – 1903**);
Joseph Dean Garbett (**1903 – 1904**);
Samuel Thomas Pitt (**1904 – 1905**);
Charles Edward Brownhill (**1905 – 1907**);
Mary Ann Ellis (**1907**);
William Lewis (**1907 – 1909**);

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1881 Census

Wordsley Green – EXCHANGE INN

- [1] *Thomas Warther* (70), beerhouse keeper and shoe maker, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Sarah Warther* (63), wife, born Lawnswood; [Stourbridge?]
- [3] *Thomas Warther* (22), son, moulder in iron foundry, born Wordsley;
- [4] *George Warther* (22), grandson, flint glass blower, born Wordsley;
- [5] *Joseph Cox* (60), brother, general labourer, born Wordsley;
- [6] *Mary E. Warther* (10), granddaughter, scholar, born Wordsley;

17th February 1900 - *Samuel Simpson* and his son, *Arthur Simpson*, (of Cottage Street, Brierley Hill) were proceeded against for cruelty to a mare - the former as owner - the latter as driver.

Samuel Thomas Pitt, beer retailer, Wordsley. [1904]

The license renewal was refused on 2nd March 1908.
The license was extinguished on 16th January 1909.

FALCON

81, (Upper) High Street, (Halesowen Road), (Lye Waste), LYE

OWNERS

Smith and Williams

Julia Hanson and Son (acquired in 1934)

LICENSEES

Samuel Brooks [1860] – **1866**);

Thomas Westwood (**1866 – 1867**);

William Mapp (**1867 – [1870]**

Henry William Jones [1871] – **1874**);

John Brooks (**1874 – []**

Stephen Robinson [1884] – **1889**);

Mrs. Sarah Ann Robinson (**1889 – [1892]**

C Robinson [1911]

Alexander Bradley [1911]

Jeremiah Guest [1916]

Nevi Pardoe [1921]

NOTES

Samuel Brooks was also an anvil maker. [1864], [1865]

Dudley Herald 27/3/1869

“*Thomas Westwood*, now and for the last nine months, of Corngreaves Street, Cradley Heath butcher and previous thereto of the FALCON INN, Lye Waste, near Stourbridge and carrying on the business of licensed victualler and butcher and previous thereto of the BULLS HEAD, High Street, Cradley Heath and then carrying on the business of retail brewer and butcher, having been adjudged bankrupt 22nd March.”

1871 Census

Halesowen Road – FALKEN INN

[1] *Henry William Jones* (34), publican, born Stourbridge;

[2] *Maria Williams* (68), widow, house keeper, born Bath;

[3] *Emma Fan*____ (24), domestic servant, born Bath:

Stephen Robinson was a chain striker at Hingley's.

He was born in Edwards Row, Cradley in 1844.

He married *Sarah Ann Cox* (b. c. 1847) in 1862.

He was killed in a railway accident at Cradley Heath in December 1889.

1911 Census

81, High Street

[1] *Alexander Bradley* (30), publican, born Chasetown, Staffordshire;

[2] *May Emily Edith Bradley* (25), wife, married 7 years, born Pensnett;

[3] *Joseph Jones* (68), father, gentleman, born Pensnett;

[4] *Lord Harvey* (18), general servant, born Chasetown, Staffordshire:

It closed on 31st October 1935. The site was occupied by Hayes Garage.

FALCON

Market Street, (Ryemarket), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Woodhouse [1820] – [1828]

Samuel Brookes* [1835]

Samuel Brook* [1841]

John Baker [1845]

William Edwards [1850] – [1854]

NOTES

Ryemarket [1820], [1822], [1841], [1845]

Market Street [1854]

Commercial inn.

* possibly the same person

William Edwards was also an auctioneer. [1854]

Closed

The building became the Mechanics' Institute, opening on 2nd November 1857.

It was demolished in 1936.

FIR TREE

1, Careless Green, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mary Barson [1881]
Samuel Cook [1911]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1881 Census

Careless Green – FIR TREE INN

- [1] Elijah Barson (39), coal miner, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Mary Barson* (39), beerhouse keeper, born Stourbridge;
- [3] Matilda Barson (12), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [4] Mary Barson (10), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [5] Joseph Barson (4), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [6] William Barson (3), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [7] Jane Barson (2 months), daughter, born Stourbridge:

FISH

1, Wollaston Road / High Street, Coalbournbrook, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

John Nock
Cornelius Twomay
Mary Ann Sutton [1886]
Truman, Hanbury and Co. (acquired on 17th June 1887) [1962]
Courage Ltd.
Dennis Hayes

LICENSEES

William Sims [1818]
John Evers [1829] – [1835]
John Aldridge [1841]
Daniel Sutton [1841]
George Maund [1840's]
Nicholas Hill [1845]
Daniel Sutton [1851] – **1881**;
Mrs. Mary Ann Sutton **(1881 – 1887)**;
George Smallman Robinson **(1887 – 1898)**;
George Gough **(1898 – 1901)**;
William Edward Dixon **(1901 – 1903)**;
Mrs. Clara Dixon **(1903 – 1905)**;
George Duncombe **(1905 – 1916)**;
Sarah Duncombe **(1916 – 1921)**;
Isaac William 'Ike' Lunn **(1921 – 1925)**;
Hugh Ollier **(1925 – 1931)**;
William Chalcraft **(1931 – 1932)**;
John William Willis **(1932 – 1939)**;
Samuel Nunn **(1939 – 1950)**;
Major Tomlinson **(1950 – 1962)**;
Raymond Cooksey-Boucher **(1962 – 1964)**;
Alec Ernest Tolley **(1964 – 1979)**;
Lawrence Barry Hathaway **(1979 – 1983)**;
Anthony John Warne **(1983)**;
Cornelius Twomey **(1983 – 1988)**;
Dennis Hayes **(1988 – 1991)**;
Richard David Leonard Turner **(1991 – [])**

NOTES

Coalbournbrook [1865], [1881], [1891]
High Street [1912], [1940]
1, Wollaston Road [1990]

George Maund was married to Elizabeth.
He was also a butcher.



1986

1851 Census

FISH INN

- [1] *Daniel Sutton* (40), innkeeper, born Audnam;
- [2] *Mary Sutton* (38), wife, born Bridgnorth;
- [3] *Mary A. Sutton* (13), daughter, born Audnam;
- [4] *John Sutton* (11), son, born Audnam;
- [5] *Henry Sutton* (9), son, born Audnam;
- [6] *George Sutton* (4), son, born Audnam;
- [7] *James Sutton* (2), son, born Audnam;
- [8] *Charles Sutton* (1), son, born Audnam:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 22/11/1856

“On Tuesday the body of a respectable young woman named Maria Appleby, who parents reside in King Street, Stourbridge, was discovered floating on the waters of the Canal, just below the bridge, at Coalbournbrook. The deceased was last seen alive on Monday last, when after purchasing a few articles at a shop in Stourbridge. She represented to her parents that she intended going to see her brother at Brockmoor and nothing was seen of her until found as above described. When she left home appeared to be extremely well, and in good spirits. No cause can, as yet, be assigned for the rash act, as no personal violence, whatever appears to have been inflicted, and the deceased when found was dressed the same as when she left her parents’ dwelling..

An inquest is to be held at the FISH INN, kept by Mr. *Sutton*, at Coalbournbrook, this day (Saturday), when no doubt a verdict of Found Drowned will be returned.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 34/1/1857

“The fifth annual dinner in connection with the Friendly Gift Society, was held on Friday, December 26th, at the house of Mr. *D. Sutton*, FISH INN, Coalbournbrook. Upwards of forty members were present, who sat down to an excellent dinner which did great credit to the worthy host in catering. A dividend of £1 per member was declared, after defraying the current expenses of the Society.....”

1861 Census

FISH INN

- [1] *Daniel Sutton* (50), innkeeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Ann Sutton* (48), wife;
- [3] *Mary Ann Sutton* (23), daughter;
- [4] *George Sutton* (14), son, born Amblecote;
- [5] *James William Sutton* (12), son, born Amblecote;
- [6] *Benjamin Sutton* (11), son, born Amblecote;
- [7] *Catherine Sutton* (9), daughter, born Amblecote:

Stourbridge Observer 14/1/1865

“Mr. W. Hawkins is instructed by the Devises in Trust under the Will of the late Mr. John Nock, to offer for Sale by Auction, on Friday, the 24th day of February, 1865, at the TALBOT HOTEL, Stourbridge, at Five o’clock in the afternoon, the following valuable Freehold Property, in the undermentioned Lots

Lot 1 – That well accustomed Old Licensed Freehold Public House, with stable, yard, outbuildings and appurtenances, known as the FISH INN, situate at Coalbournbrook, in the hamlet of Amblecote, near Stourbridge, fronting to the turnpike roads, leading to Stourbridge, Wolverhampton and Bridgnorth, in the occupation of Mr. *Daniel Sutton*, at the Annual rent of £25.”

Stourbridge Observer 3/6/1865

“Suspected Murder near Stourbridge. On Thursday morning, Mr. T. M. Phillips, Coroner, opened an inquest at the FISH INN, Coalbournbrook, near this town, on the body of Mary Dorrell, a servant girl, who was found drowned in the Canal, near Stourbridge. The deceased, it appears, is the daughter of a corn dealer, living at Dudley, and, as will be seen by the following evidence, had not up to the time when last seen alive, manifested the slightest tendency to any despondent feelings, but was, on the contrary, of a kindly and cheerful disposition. The supposition, therefore, still remains that she has been foully murdered, but hitherto no clue has been obtained to the elucidation of the affair. The body when viewed by the Jury presented a horrible appearance. The water had inflated it, and the progress of

decomposition had been very rapid. The face bore evident traces of a severe black eye, and other portions of the features were also discoloured, though the latter was caused by post mortem effects.

The first witness called was Mr. Henry Hicklin, painter, Wollaston, who said he knew the deceased. She was the daughter of a corn dealer, living at Castle View, Dudley. She was about twenty years of age, and had lived in service with him since the 10th of April. He was not aware that any one paid suit to her. She always appeared to be in her right mind. He last saw her alive at eight o'clock on Saturday night. She then left his house to go into Stourbridge.. She generally stayed about an hour. As she did not return, and he heard nothing of her till Tuesday, he wrote to her father on Monday. After posting the letter he went to Oldswinford to make enquiries from an uncle of the girl. He then gave information at the Stourbridge Police Office, describing the girl, and stating when she left his house. On the following evening he met Police-constable Jones, at Wollaston, and the officer showed him a bonnet, which he identified as the bonnet the deceased wore on Saturday evening. Police-constable Hammond, who was with Jones, told him the dead body of a woman was lying at the FISH INN, and asked him to accompany him to the place. He saw the body and identified it as that of deceased. He could not account to her being in the water from any circumstances within his knowledge. She was a cheerful girl, and not all given to despondency.

Martha Holloway, wife of James Holloway, of Wollaston said she had known deceased for some years. About eight o'clock on Saturday evening, witness was coming down from Wollaston to Stourbridge, when the deceased overtook her. They spoke to each other, and the deceased said she was going into the town. She was calm in her demeanour. She spoke kindly of her mistress, and talked of dress and other things. Witness said, 'I suppose you will be forming some acquaintance after a time.' The deceased answered, with simplicity, 'Oh, I have an acquaintance, and am going into the town to meet him.' She said nothing more in regard to this acquaintance till they got close to Mr. Doody's, in Stourbridge. The deceased gave a glance around amongst the people, and said, 'Well, I don't see him anywhere about; but if he has not come, I will cut his head off when I see him.' She spoke this jokingly, and gave a slight cough. Witness left her at the Market Hall gates. Deceased when they parted, said, 'I am going up the town,' She did not see her again alive. It was about a quarter or twenty minutes past eight when they parted.

Mrs. Mary Pagett, wife of Mr. John Pagett, of Stourbridge, said she had known the deceased for about eight years. Deceased came into her shop on Saturday evening to buy a pair of gloves. The gloves produced were those she sold to the deceased. She said, when she paid for the gloves, that she would see witness on Monday. This was in reference to some things she owed witness for. There was nothing peculiar in her manner.

Edward Smith, labourer, Wollaston, said he was going along the Stourbridge canal, between five and six on Tuesday evening, with a boat. He saw a body floating in the canal; the cape was over the head. Witness cried out to his comrade who laid hold of the body, and said it was either a man or a woman. The body was in the middle of the canal. Witness helped a man named Richards to get the body out of the water. The deceased might go from Stourbridge to Wollaston by the canal side, but the turnpike road was the most direct. The canal side was used as a public road, and a good number of persons went along it in the summer.

Joseph Richards, labourer, corroborated the last witness.

Mrs. Mary Ann Sutton, wife of Daniel Sutton, of the FISH INN, said she knew the deceased by sight. The body was brought to her house about six o'clock on Tuesday evening. Witness removed the deceased's clothes. Her crinoline was much torn, but no other portion of her clothes. There was no blood on her clothes. Witness washed the body, and laid it out. The right eye was black, and very much swollen. There was no cut at all. There was a bruise on the shoulder and a bruise on each elbow. There was also a bruise on the left hip, a little more than an inch in length, and perhaps a quarter of an inch in breadth – something like the mark of a man's boot. Witness thought the crinoline was torn in being got out of the water. The black silk gloves produced were in her pocket. She had a pair of brown cloth gloves on her hands. She had no money, nor letter, nor anything of the sort, in her pocket. Witness thought the deceased had been ill-used. There were no other injuries on the body than those she described. She formed her opinion that the girl had been ill-used before death from the fact that she had seen several persons who had been drowned, and had been brought to her house.

Police-constable Hammond then detailed to the Coroner the result of the enquiries he had made with regard to the deceased, but these it is advisable to withhold for the present.

Mr. Dorrell, the girl's father, was also called in and questioned by the Coroner.

Mr. Phillips said it would be necessary to adjourn the enquiry, and the inquest was adjourned accordingly till next Friday."

Stourbridge Observer 10/6/1865

"Yesterday, Mr. T. M. Phillips, Coroner, conducted the adjourned enquiry, at the FISH INN, Coalbournbrook, into the mysterious death of Mary Dorrell, aged twenty, lately in the service of Mr. Henry Hicklin, of Wollaston, and whose body was found in the canal at Coalbournbrook Bridge, on Tuesday evening the 30th ult. On Thursday week the inquest was opened, the full particulars of which was reported in last week's Observer.

Neri Wooldridge: I am a coal agent, and live at Bewdley. My lodgings are at Mr. Thomas Maylett's, near the station. I knew the deceased. I was no suitor of hers. When she lived in Bewdley, before she went to service at Mr. Hicklin's, I saw her as often as two or three times a week when she lived in Bewdley. I have walked out with her frequently. I did not then or since go with any intention of marrying her. It was during last winter that I took walks with her in Bewdley. I saw her on the Saturday night fortnight before the 27th in Stourbridge at night – that is on the 13th. I met her casually between eight and nine o'clock. She was alone when I saw her, leaving Stourbridge about half past nine. I cannot recollect whether we went along the canal side or across the fields. I am quite sure I did not go along a turnpike road; but either across the fields, or along the canal. I parted with her against Wollaston Hall, at what time I cannot tell. I told her in answer to her question as to when I would be in Stourbridge again that I was in Stourbridge every Saturday night. I did not see her, or have any communication from her, between the 13th and 27th. I saw her on the 27th about five minutes past nine, when I saw her first. She was against the clock, opposite the market place. She was then alone. She said she had been looking out for me to ask me to take a book to Bewdley on the Monday. The book was for a woman named Edwards. She gave me the book. I did not know what book it was as it was sealed up. She asked me to walk part of the way home with her. I told her I had some business in town, but if she would stay by the clock for a few minutes I would accompany her. When I returned it was 20 minutes past nine by the clock. I found her alone. We started off at once. We went down the town, and turned by Mr. Foster's Iron Works which led us by the canal side. We walked along the side of the canal on the towing path which leads us to Wollaston Hall. Near Wollaston Hall I parted with her, not later than five minutes past ten. The distance from Stourbridge is about one quarter of a mile. I looked at my watch a minute or two before I parted from her. She went alone towards Mr. Hicklin's house along the turnpike road, which is not far distant. Around Mr. Hicklin's house there are numerous other houses. After I left her I heard no shriek or screams. I stayed nowhere after I left until I got into Stourbridge. I went across the fields. I do not remember what our conversation was on. She was sober and in her usual good spirits. I do not think I could have heard any screams. If any one had attacked the girl, although it was in the stillness of night.. I stayed in Stourbridge a short time, and then went direct home and got there about half past eleven. My father's house is at Careless Green, in the parish of Oldswinford. I slept there. I went to Bewdley on the following Monday morning and heard of the occurrence on the Thursday. I was informed of it by a letter from a female friend in Stourbridge. The name of this friend was Mary Locket who is in service at Amblecote Hall. She stated that Miss Dorrell had been found in the canal. I have the letter in my possession at home. Mary Dorrell has written several letters to me, but I have never replied to any. I received no letter from within a month or five weeks to the best of my knowledge. I do not recollect meeting any one on the canal side, between the bridge and the place where we parted. I am positive I did not go on the bridge with the deceased. Several persons passed us going towards Wollaston. She did not appear to know any. I am not now paying my address to Mary Locket, but have been in time past. I do not know whether she had any suitor or not. I wore a black coat on the night of the 27th, a rather dark waistcoat, and a pair of dark trousers. I cannot recollect how the deceased was dressed. She always appeared to me to be a happy contented woman. I have heard her speak of one 'George' who is employed at Mr. Ryland's farm, near Bewdley, in casual conversation, but she never spoke of him as if she was engaged to him. The witness here identified a letter produced as in his handwriting. He said that he was at a loss to understand how she had become of it. I am positive I never sent it to her.

Cross examined by Mr. Burbury: I do not recollect sending it to any one. I may have carried about in my pocket. My object in meeting her, and walking with her was for friendship's sake. I do not recollect walking with her except in the night. I passed the time away like this during a period of 3 or 4 months. I have been with her as often as three, four, five times and sometimes only once. I saw her by the clock on the 27th. I saw John Oaks before I saw Mary Dorrell. Oaks and I had stood several minutes by the clock before Dorrell came up.

By the Coroner: As I was waiting for Locket coming out of a shop adjoining, Mary Dorrell came out. While speaking to Mary Dorrell, Locket came out of the shop. I then left Dorrell and went with Locket down town. I do not think Mary Dorrell saw Locket.

Cross examined by Mr. Burbury: I do not recollect saying to a young woman, that 'this (Oakes) comes from Bewdley.' I walked down past the VINE INN, with Mary Lockett, between the first and second meeting with Mary Dorrell. Mary Lockett wore a bonnet. The signature 'Polly' to a letter, I showed the Bewdley police is Mary Lockett's. I met Oaks on the Sunday afternoon, between 3 and 4 o'clock, in Oldswinford churchyard; I asked him

if he was going to Bewdley Fete. I may have said I wanted to go off for a week or two. I have a doubt whether I met Oakes at Spring Grove last Tuesday, or not. I remember him saying I am sorry you have got into this mess about this girl. I may have replied, 'I do not think anything will come of it though.' I did not see him again that night. I stayed there until nine. I was there with two young women. My object in going to the policeman, was simply in connection with the letter and the deceased. I did not tell the policeman who the 'Polly' was. The letter (which is absent) states that there will sure to be some suspicion on the young man who was with her. During the time I went with Mary Dorrell, I received letters from Mary Lockett. I believe I have written to her (Mary Lockett) once.

John Oakes was next examined, but nothing material was elicited from him.

Daniel Mynard: I am Superintendent of Police, stationed at Bewdley. I know Wooldridge, but do not know his christian name. I knew the deceased. I may have known Dorrell for 10 months. She lived at Mr. Ryland's. From information I received, I understand Wooldridge paid court to her. On Thursday, 1st of June, Wooldridge came to see me at my quarters between 9 and 10, and asked to confer with me in a private room. He produced a letter, appeared confused, and had been crying. We adjourned to a private room. He said, 'I have got a letter, Mr. Mynard.' I said, 'What's the matter?' He produced the letter. He said, 'I'm afraid I am in trouble.' 'Read the letter, Sir.' The contents of the letter was to the effect that a girl had been found drowned, and suspicion pointed to him. The writer asked him to write and say if he knew anything about it, and if he did, she would not divulge it. I said, 'My lad, it appears you are in serious trouble.' I advised him not to write to her, as the document might be produced against him. I then sent for the Gazette, and he seemed eager to read the report of the deceased being found dead. I pointed out to him that the deceased appeared to have been bruised badly. I told him not to be out of the way as most probably an officer from Stourbridge would be after him. On the Saturday, I met him by chance in the street in Bewdley. He asked me 'If I had ever heard that deceased had tried to drown herself?' I told him that I had heard so, but knew nothing further about it. I saw him on Wednesday and I told him that I was going over to the inquest. I had been sent to Mr. Ryland's on an account of an attempt to drown herself. I found her in a shed beyond a large tank crying. I never had reason to think she was contemplating drowning herself. I met her in the street some time after that and asked her if she intended drowning herself on the day in question, she replied, 'Oh dear, no. I only went out to frighten the cook.'

Elizabeth Hands: I am not married and am sister-in-law to the deceased, she showed me the poetry produced the day after she returned from Mr. Ryland's.

Jemima Heaton: I am cook at Mr. Ryland's, Bewdley. She lived with me there about nine months. She left about the middle of March. Wooldridge paid his addresses to her, and continued to do so until she left. Deceased was a happy, contented girl. She slept with me and always conducted herself properly. On Saturday week he called at Mr. Ryland's and said he should like me to attend the inquest to say that I had heard her say she would like to drown herself. I never knew her have anything on her mind, with the exception that a girl accused her of stealing a net and was continually bothering her about it. This seemed to annoy her, and in consequence she said she would drown herself, but did not, assigning as a reason for not doing so, that if she had no one would like to drink the water in the tank.

George Jones was next examined, but his evidence was not important.

Hannah Garrington: My husband's name is William. He is a glass cutter. I live at Wollaston, near the Post Office. On Saturday, the 27th, I was going from Coalbrook with my husband to Wollaston, between eleven and half past; and after we passed the bridge over the Stour, we saw a young man, of short stature, with dark clothes, and a low crowned hat, with a young woman, rather stout, shorter than him, wearing a light dress, and dark mantle, leaning against the rails, as if they were engaged in a serious conversation.

Thomas Laveder: I am a tailor, and live near the Lye Cross. I did not know the deceased. I know Wooldridge well. He joined Elias Eveson, in Foster Street, according as he said twenty minutes to eleven. We stayed about five minutes and then went with him to his brother-in-law's near the Lye Cross. He passed us after that at the Lye Institution, going towards his father's house. He wore a black coat, and a round hat. He had nothing in his hand, and I did not notice his trousers. On the 1st Sunday of last month coming from Oldswinford in the evening, he asked me if I would go to Stourbridge with him, on his way to Wollaston. I joked with him about going to see a young lady, and understood he was going to see one. I never heard him mention her name.

Mr. Burbury: I saw Wooldridge last Sunday. We talked over the time when we went home.

By the coroner: He talked about the inquest. I have seen him at least twice since. When he told me to come to the inquest: he did not come to teach; we met at the Lye Congregational Sunday School where we both teach. He told me that I should be wanted to say that I had gone to the Lye with him as he had stated.

Elias Eveson corroborated the last witness's statement.

The Inquest was then adjourned until Tuesday the 4th of July."

Stourbridge Observer 22/7/1865

"On Tuesday last at the FISH INN, Coalbournbrook, Mr. Phillips, Coroner, resumed the inquiry into the mysterious circumstances attendant on the death of Mary Dorrell, who was up to the time of her death, in the service of Mr. Hicklin, painter, Wollaston, and whose dead body was taken out of the Stourbridge Canal, on Tuesday the 30th of May. The following evidence as taken:-

Mary Lockett: I am a single woman, and live at Amblecote Hall in the capacity of cook. I did not know the deceased Mary Dorrell. I saw her once, and that on the 6th of May, at the house of Mr. Hicklin. I walked with Neri Wooldridge there on that date. It was a little after nine. It was only just light. I understood he went to deliver a message to the deceased. Deceased walked down to the gate in front of the house with him, and she saw him cross the road to me. He was not with her above a second. Wooldridge then walked into the town with me. I did not know he was then paying his addresses to her. He was not paying his addresses to me. We went across the fields towards Amblecote Hall. We had no conversation about the girl. I did not correspond with him, and did not see him or hear from him after this until the 27th of May. On the 27th of May we met in Stourbridge about nine, against the clock. Wooldridge was then in company with a young man of dark complexion. I did not see the deceased on that night. From the clock he walked with me down the town in the direction of Amblecote Hall. He went to the bottom of the town – very near the gasometer. When he left me he said he was going home. I went home. I had corresponded with him, but it was twelve months previous. I wrote to him touching the discovery of the deceased in the canal. I knew of the discovery from a woman who was a total stranger to me. She was passing the door and said, 'What a strange thing it is about this young woman being found in the canal.' It was between six and seven on the 30th of May. I asked her if she knew who it was; and she said it was a young woman who had been in service at Mr. Hicklin's, Wollaston. She said that it (the body) had just been found. I asked her further questions. She and the other woman then passed on. I did not see Neri Wooldridge nor have I had any communication with him either directly or indirectly, from the night of the 27th to the night of the 30th. When I heard of the deceased being found, I wrote to him that night; but previously I came down to see if I could satisfy myself that it was actually the body of Mary Dorrell. I came down to this house on the 31st of May, having suspicions that it was Mary Dorrell. It was between three and four in the afternoon, when I was at the house. There were two strange women looking at the dead body in the yard when I saw it. I could not identify it as the body of Mary Dorrell. The body was then undressed. I could not have recognised her had I seen her alive, as it was only a transient glance I had of her, on the night when I accompanied Wooldridge to Mr. Hicklin's. The two strange women told me that it was Mary Dorrell. On the same day I wrote to Neri Wooldridge.

Samuel Went, Detective Inspector, of Staffordshire, here produced the letter, which read as follows:-

Dear Neri,

I have no doubt you will think it strange to see a letter from me; but it is a painful story I have to tell you of. You remember me going with you to see that young girl, at Wollaston, the other night. They gave her the name of Mary Dorrell, a native of Bewdley. She has been found in the canal at Wollaston, on Tuesday evening, and is lying at the FISH INN. They say she has been murdered by her lover or some one else. Dear Neri, they have found a letter in her box, and it is from a young man in Bewdley. She asked to go out to buy a pair of gloves on Saturday night, and it is supposed that she went to meet this young man, as they say he comes over very often about eight o'clock, or from that to nine. Dear Neri, me and Jane went to see her this afternoon, but I shall never forget it. I never see such a sight before. I only hope you have nothing to do with it, as it will be a painful case before it is done with as they will be sure to say it is the young man that has been going with her. She has been served most dreadful; words she not able to tell. I only wish those that have done it could see her now. They say she has no mother, only a father in Dudley. They have written to him, but have had no answer from him yet. Dear Neri, if you know any friends of hers please to let them know, as she has no friends in this town as they know of. They are trying to find out if the young man was here on Saturday night. Dear Neri, I hope what you know about this girl you will say little, but be sure to speak the truth, as God knows it all, and God will not suffer anything to go unpunished. Dear Neri, please to write to me, and tell me what you know of her, as what you say will go no further from me. I now conclude, with kind love, hoping to remain, Your well-wisher, Polly.

In a hurry. Please to burn this, when read.

I received no letter from Wooldridge in reply to this. I did not write to him again. I did not see him again, or communicate with him until today (Thursday) at this house.

Mr. Bedford: Amblecote Hall stands within a garden. I have lived long at Amblecote Hall. The woman who told the others about the body of deceased being found, went one way and the other women the other. They were all strangers to me.

Coroner: I did not suppose Wooldridge had drowned deceased. All I had referred to in my letter, when I invited his

confidence, was the message he delivered to her on the 8th of May, when I accompanied him.

Detective Inspector Went: I am Inspector of the Detective Force, in the Staffordshire Constabulary. I was instructed by Colonel Hogg to come up to enquire into this mysterious drowning case. I came up on the 8th of last month, and made enquiries at Bewdley, Lye Waste, Stourbridge, Wordsley and other places. I obtained no particular information. I obtained, however, possession of a letter and a hat. I found Neri Wooldridge at home when I called. I asked him for the letter he had received from Mary Locket, the last witness, which had reference to the deceased being found drowned. He took a number of letters from his jacket pocket, and placed them on the table. I examined them, but saw only the one I produce from Locket, signed Polly. The others were about his own business, and did not concern the affair at all. I asked him for the hat he wore when he walked home with deceased on the night of the 27th. He has described the hat, and the one I now produce appears to be the same.

John Jones: I am an apprentice with Mr. H. King, land surveyor, Stourbridge. Mr. Burbury instructed Mr. King to measure certain distances for a plan to be produced at this enquiry. From the town clock to the bottom of the town is 425 yards, thence to a point called the 'sludge' along the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal is 665 yards; thence to Wollaston Bridge 693 yards; thence to the stile close to Wollaston Lodge 481 yards; thence from the stile to Mr. Hicklin's house is 341 yards. The total distance is 2608 yards. [This does not add up.] I measured from the town clock to Mr. Hicklin's house across the fields and found it 1736 yards.

In reply to the Coroner, Mr. Superintendent Mills said he had not been able to obtain any further evidence. Every enquiry had been made.

Mr. Bedford stated that advertisements had been inserted in the local papers and the Post, and handbills circulated, inviting any one who could evidence to come forward.

Dr. Campbell: I am a surgeon, living at Stourbridge. I made a post mortem examination of the body of the deceased on the 1st day of June last, at the FISH INN, Coalbournbrook. The body was well formed of a bluish colour, and much swollen from decomposition. There were marks of bruises on the right eye and shoulder; also on both arms, elbows and left hip. Those on the eye and shoulder were caused before death. The tongue was swollen, and protruded between the teeth. The brain was healthy; the blood vessels on its surface were slightly congested, but not so in the substance. There was no fracture of a bone in any part of the body. The lungs were greatly congested; there was no frothy mucus or water to be squeezed out of them; there was no frothy mucus in any of the air passages. The heart was flabby and all its cavities empty; its structure was healthy. The stomach contained about four ounces of matter of about the consistency of gruel, apparently chewed biscuit. The liver and kidney were healthy and not congested. The uterus was unimpregnated. There was no appearance of having been violated. From the advance state of decomposition, I could not tell whether connection had happened just before death. From the above appearances I am of opinion that the deceased was stunned by a blow on the head, and in that condition went into the water, and sank at once without a struggle. The blow on the head would not have produced death. The deceased died from drowning and suffocation.

Mr. Maltby: Suppose she jumped off the bridge, and struck her head as she fell into the water, are the appearances consistent with that?

Dr. Campbell: Yes, if she came into contact with some projection.

The Coroner: That would be so instantaneous that she would have opened her mouth in the water, but there was no appearance of that being so.

Mr. Maltby: She might have struck a boat.

The Coroner: Oh, no; jumping from that bridge would have done more than bruise her eye.

Dr. Campbell: It would have fractured her skull.

Mr. Maltby then called witnesses on the part of Neri Wooldridge.

John Cartwright: I am a miner, and reside near the Lye Cross, in this parish. Neri Wooldridge, my brother-in-law, came to my house on the night of the 27th of May, exactly at ten minutes past eleven, by our clock, which is a little too fast. He has to pass our house to go to his father's house, which is about one mile beyond. There was no one with me when he called except my wife. We were having supper, and asked him to have some, but he said, 'No; it was getting late.'

By Mr. Bedford: He stayed two minutes, and I cannot tell which way he went afterwards.

By the Coroner: He had a dark suit of clothes on. I had been to Stourbridge that night. I had not seen him there at all. I got home a little after ten. I neither knew Mary Locket, or Mary Dorrell. It is about a mile from Stourbridge to our house. Neri is in the habit of calling at our house of a Saturday night, when he comes from Stourbridge. I heard of the circumstances of her being missing on the Sunday, the 28th. About three o'clock in the afternoon Neri came with a cousin. It was from Eli Wooldridge (the cousin) that I heard that the girl was missing. Neri was present and heard it. He said, 'Have you heard of the young female who was found drowned.' My wife was not present;

she was in a neighbour's house. In reply I said I had not heard of it. I do not remember what was said after that. The two then went out of the house. He did not say in what canal she was found; nor did I ask him. Neri asked no questions, nor made any reply. I did not hear anything further of it until the following Saturday; on that day I saw it in the paper. Witness went on to make statements which the Coroner told him were at variance with the facts, and the Coroner cautioned the witness several times. I did not see either of them during the week. I saw Neri on the Saturday. I work at the Hayes. I did not read much of it. I read Lavender's evidence.

The Coroner: Lavender was called to prove an alibi.

By Mr. Bedford: Eli Wooldridge did not on the 29th say from whom he received the evidence.

By the Coroner: I first learnt that the body had been found on the Saturday following. I saw Neri about nine o'clock in the evening. There was nothing then said about the poor woman being found. I read the account in the paper after I had left. I did not know Mary Dorrell. I do not take the Brierley Hill paper in regularly; my wife happened to buy it that day. The only depositions I read were Lavender's and Eveson's.

Emma Cartwright: I am wife of last witness, and am sister of Neri Wooldridge. I never heard of the matter of Mary Dorrell before. I did not know he was paying court to her. He called at our house about ten minutes past eleven, on the 27th day when we were at supper. He was alone. He did not pull out his watch. He looked at the clock, and said it was late. I asked him to have supper, but he would not. In looking at the clock he said it was past eleven (too late) and he would not stay. He left immediately. I do not recollect whether Neri and Eli called at our house on the Sunday following. I won't be sure that Neri called on the Monday. He did not call on the following Saturday. I first heard that the girl was found on the Saturday following by rumour. A cousin, Philip Wild, a chainmaker, from Oldswinford, told me about the middle of the day, that Neri was taken into custody, and charged with the murder of the girl. I told him I did not know anything about the matter. After he was gone out I read the paper. This was about half past twelve. When my husband came home about half past five o'clock, I showed him the paper, which he immediately read. I cannot say whether Neri called that night, or the next day. I can't say when he called again. I was never told to say at this enquiry ten minutes past. I read all the evidence given in the Brierley Hill paper, but it was not all given in that paper. I have spoken to Neri on the subject but cannot say what was said or when. I remember Neri and Eli calling at our house once since this occurrence. I was present when they called. They may have said something about the death of the deceased, but I will not be sure. This was after I read the Brierley Hill paper.

By Mr. Bedford: I never knew Neri and Eli call together but once since the girl was drowned. It was on a Sunday. I was present whilst my husband read the paper. He did not read up so that I could not say whether he read the whole of it or not. My husband read it immediately after he left work.

By a Juryman: I read Lavender's and Eveson's evidence and am positive of it.

Dinah Wooldridge: I am the wife of Charles Wooldridge, and the mother of Neri Wooldridge. I live at Careless Green. My son is employed at Bewdley and goes on Monday morning and returns on Saturday evenings. He generally leaves by the nine o'clock train, on Monday morning, and returns about eight on Saturday evenings. I did not see him on the 26th, until half past eleven. He slept at my house. He left home to go to school as I believe on the following morning, and returned at half past twelve o'clock. Eli Wooldridge lives next door and often calls. I went out in the evening, but do not know whether Eli went with him, or not. On the Thursday morning after the 27th of May, I heard that deceased had been found. My eldest son, Edward Wooldridge, who lives in the Lye told me.

Hannah Perry: I am a laundress, at Mr. Ryland's, Bewdley. I am a widow, and have known deceased for nine months. She was living at Mr. Ryland's when I first became acquainted with her. About twelve months ago she was living with her uncle, Mr. Ryland, at Bewdley, and I remember going to work there. Mary Dorrell asked me, 'If I had heard of the policeman being fetched to me, because I had attempted to drown myself?' I said 'Yes.' She told me she did not have the net which she was charged with stealing. She was that much put about that she wanted to drown herself but did not. She said she wanted to drown herself in the tank. I told her to banish such thoughts from her head, but she said she would be sure to do it.

By Mr. Bedford: No one was present when she made the statement. I never heard her say that she made the threat on purpose to frighten the cook.

After a little consideration the inquest was adjourned until Tuesday the 3rd of October."

Stourbridge Observer 7/10/1865

"The somewhat lengthy and protracted enquiry touching the death of Mary Dorrell who, it will be remembered, was found in the canal near to Coalbournbrook Bridge, on the 30th of May, was on Thursday brought to a termination at the FISH INN, Coalbournbrook, before T. M. Phillips, Esq., Coroner.

Dr. Campbell, whose evidence was given in the report of the last enquiry, in answer to questions by Mr. Burbury, said that the injuries the deceased received were not sufficient to cause death, but merely to stun and render deceased insensible, but if she were thrown in the canal in that state she would sink.

The evidence of Henry Hicklin, Martha Holloway, Mary Ann Pagett, Edward Smith, Joseph Richards, and Mary Ann Sutton, which they gave at the previous enquiry was read over to them, but they had nothing more to add.

William Lloyd, butcher of Wollaston, then deposed that on the evening of the 27th of May, he was standing at his shop door, at about three minutes to eleven, when he saw a young man and a young woman pass by. They were walking arm in arm together. He was confident because his wife, who was in the kitchen, called out to him and told him that he had better shut up the shop, as it was three minutes to eleven o'clock. The two were then gone past, and when he went out to put up the shutters, he observed them about five yards down the road, near to his slaughter-house. They were then walking slowly. They must have stopped a short time between the time when he saw them pass his door, and the time when he saw them down the road. He observed as they passed his window that the young man was rather short in stature, had on a low hat, and wore light whiskers. Here Wooldridge was fetched in, but he had shaven off his whiskers. Lloyd, however, expressed his belief as to him being the same young man he saw pass. Witness said the height was the same.

Wooldridge was here asked by the Coroner why he had shaven off his whiskers and he replied that there was only a little to shave off.

In cross examination by Mr. Burbury, witness said the whiskers were very light. There were no gas lamps near his house, but he had a lamp in his shop window which lighted up the road all across. The two passed within a yard of him as he stood at the door. The dress worn by the young woman he saw, corresponded to the colour of the dress worn by the deceased. The distance from his house to the place where deceased was found, would be about 600 yards.

In answer to a Jurymen, witness said he was quite satisfied that Wooldridge was the person he saw pass by his shop, and the deceased, the young woman in his company.

John Oakley, clerk of Bewdley, in addition to what he had before stated, said that when he first heard of the young woman being found in the canal, it at once occurred to him that it was the same to whom Neri Wooldridge had introduced him, whilst near to the Town Clock, in Stourbridge. He had spoken to some of his most intimate friends about this enquiry, but they were not friends of Wooldridge. He had seen the deceased at Bewdley, but he could not swear it was the same to whom he was introduced.

The evidence of Daniel Maynard, Superintendent of Police, at Bewdley, was next read over, and he made a little addition. He said when Neri Wooldridge came to him at Bewdley, he observed a scratch on his nose. He questioned him as to how he got it, but Wooldridge avoided answering the question.

Elizabeth Hands was next examined, but she knew nothing more.

The evidence of Jemima Heaton was also read over with a similar result.

Thomas Lavender, tailor, of the Lye, one of the witnesses who were attempting to prove an alibi, was examined by Mr. Burbury. In the course of his examination, he several times hesitated some time before he answered the different questions put to him, and would not give a straightforward answer to any question that he thought was against Wooldridge. He was examined in regard to the time he met with Wooldridge, and as to whether he had any conversation with Wooldridge, or Eveson, or Cartwright, previous to the enquiry.

Mary Lockett, cook at Amblecote Hall, deposed that she went with Wooldridge to Mr. Hicklin's, where the deceased formerly lived, and saw the deceased. Wooldridge left witness and went to the deceased. He staid a minute or two, and when he came back he told her he had been delivering a message to the deceased. With regard to the letter she wrote to Wooldridge, she had no suspicion on her mind at the time of writing it, but she merely wrote it that he might acquaint the girls' friends of what had occurred.

John Jones, from the office of Davies and King, Surveyors, who measured the distances of the various places connected with this case, proved that Wooldridge in going along the side of the canal to the master's house of the deceased, would have to go quite one thousand yards further, than if he had gone up the main road.

John Cartwright, brother in law to Wooldridge, and another who was endeavouring to prove an alibi, when asked by the Coroner concerning one of the dates which he had distinctly averred to be right upon a previous enquiry, now expressed himself as being extremely sorry, but said he had made a positive mistake, his memory was very treacherous, and he not being used to give evidence, it was not at all unlikely that he should make a mistake.

Mr. Burbury and the Coroner, said witness gave his evidence in a very firm, confident, and decisive manner. When asked by the Coroner what his explanation for making the mistake was, he could not give a satisfactory one. The Coroner intimated that he should like to examine witness's wife, as some of her statements in the evidence she had already given, were in direct contradiction to those now given by the witness himself. Witness explained his wife was dangerously ill with the cholera, and could not possibly attend on this day. Witness then in answer to Mr. Burbury, stated the first he heard of the supposed murder of deceased was on the 3rd of June, it was not on the 28th of May as he had before stated. He had heard of the death of the young woman in a hairdresser's shop, at the Lye. He did not know who it was that mentioned it. On the Saturday afterwards he read an account of it in one of the local papers. Witness only read the evidence given by Lavender and Eveson. Could not tell why he did not read the other particulars.

Mr. Burbury then questioned him respecting other particulars, to which his answers were very unsatisfactory – hesitating frequently, and trying to avoid answering the questions asked.

Hannah Perry of Bewdley, next stated that she knew the deceased, who formerly lived at service at Mrs. Ryland's, Bewdley. She once heard the deceased affirm that she attempted to drown herself, and that though she failed then in some future time she should do it.

Witness in answer to a question from Mr. Burbury, denied ever having been accused of felony. She had once been taken to Cleobury Mortimer, by a policeman, but that was because she refused to attend as a witness. She should expect Wooldridge to pay her for her loss of time.

Hannah Garranton, of Wollaston, stated that she, in company with her husband and two other persons, were passing down the road from Coalbournbrook to Wollaston, and when they had passed the canal bridge a little way, they saw a young woman and a young man standing together near to the rails. The man was short, and dressed in dark clothes; he also had on a short hat. The young woman was looking upon the ground. Witness then described the colour of her dress. Witness had known deceased some years, but could not positively swear it was the deceased, although when she heard of the young woman being drowned, it at once occurred to her that it was possibly the same as she saw talking by the rails. The height of Wooldridge was the same as of the person she saw by the road side.

Elias Eveson, of the Lye, another of the witnesses who appeared on behalf of Wooldridge, was called and subjected to a rigorous cross-examination by Mr. Burbury, in the course of which he several times flatly contradicted himself, so much so that the Coroner said that if witness was not careful he should be obliged to indict him for committing perjury. The witness's replies to the questions put to him were anything but satisfactory.

Wooldridge was then called him, and the Coroner explained to him that it was his (the Coroner's) duty to read over to him the evidence that had been taken. On the previous occasion Wooldridge had made a voluntary statement, and if he had anything more to say it would be his duty to take it down. It might, however, be used in evidence against him, if the Jury thought proper to commit to trial.

In reply, Wooldridge said he had nothing more to say.

The Coroner then read through the evidence to him, after which he addressed the Jury, pointing out the points upon which any uncertainty or doubt rested, and referring to the various suppositions raised to account for the death of the unfortunate young woman. He strictly advised them not to come to any conclusions upon anything they had heard elsewhere, but to judge simply according to the evidence they had heard.

After about half an hour's consultation, the Jury returned a verdict of 'Wilful murder, against some person or persons unknown'.

The enquiry lasted between five and six hours."

1871 Census

Amblecote – FISH INN

- [1] *Daniel Sutton* (60), innkeeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Ann Sutton* (58), wife, born Bridgnorth;
- [3] *Benjamin Charles Sutton* (21), son, warehouseman, born Amblecote;
- [4] *Catherine Sutton* (19), daughter, waitress, born Amblecote;
- [5] *Mary Ann Sutton* (7), granddaughter, scholar, born Derby;
- [6] *Thomas Hillman* (59), widower, brewer, born Kidderminster;

Daniel Sutton died on 10th February 1881.

1881 Census

Coalbournbrook – FISH INN

- [1] Mary A. Sutton (68), widow, beer keeper, born Bridgnorth;
- [2] James W. Sutton (32), son, glass engraver, born Amblecote;
- [3] Benjamin C. Sutton (31), son, traveller, born Amblecote;
- [4] Mary A. Sutton (17), granddaughter, general servant, born Dronfield, Derbyshire;
- [5] Catherine Nash (10), granddaughter, general servant, born Wollaston:

1891 Census

Coalbournbrook

- [1] George S. Robinson (36), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Amblecote;
- [2] Jessie Robinson (40), sister, born Amblecote;
- [3] Eliza Highes (17), servant, born Amblecote:

1901 Census

Coalbournbrook – FISH INN

- [1] George Gough (49), publican, born Amblecote;
- [2] Mary Gough (47), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] William Gough (20), son, electric tram driver, born Kingswinford;
- [4] George Gough (18), son, wheelwright, born Kingswinford;
- [5] Georgeina Gough (16), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] Richard Gough (14), son, tailor, born Kingswinford;
- [7] Walter Gough (12), son, born Kingswinford;
- [8] Albert Gough (10), son, born Kingswinford;
- [9] Henrietta Gough (7), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [10] Sidney Gough (5), son, born Kingswinford:

William Edward Dixon was married to *Clara*.
He died in May 1903.

Clara Dixon was fined £5 for each charge of permitting gaming on her licensed premises on 26th September 1904.

Tipton Herald 29/5/1909

“An inquest was held last Saturday, at the FISH INN, Coalbournbrook, by Mr. T. A. Stokes, coroner for South Staffordshire, on the body of Harriett Walker, of Box Hill, Amblecote, who died suddenly on the previous Thursday morning. It appeared that the deceased had suffered from cancer for some time past, but had not been attended by a doctor for the last seven years.

A verdict of Natural Causes was returned.”

George Duncombe died on 22nd May 1916.

The license was surrendered on 16th August 1995.
It was converted into a restaurant. [1996]

FOLEY ARMS

33, (19), Envile Street / Short Street, (Beauty Bank), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

J.A. and A. Thompson, Oldbury
William Butler and Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Philip Talbot [1850]
Richard Nash [1851] – [1854]
Edward Nash []
David Robinson [] – **1865**;
Henry Cartwright **(1865 – [])**
Mrs. Jane Nash [1870]
Simeon Perrins [1872] – [1873]
Mary Ann Brooks [1881]
Edwin Roberts [1884]
Thomas Whittaker [1892]
W Asbury [1911]
Mrs. Caroline Asbury [1916] – [1921]



1983

NOTES

Beauty Bank [1865]
19, Envile Street [1884], [1892], [1916]
33, Envile Street [1921]

1851 Census

Beauty Bank

[1] *Richard Nash* (37), publican and joiner, born Stourbridge;
[2] *Jane Nash* (41), wife, born Birmingham;
[3] *Jane Nash* (14), daughter, barmaid, born Stourbridge;
[4] *Richard Nash* (11), son, born Stourbridge;
[5] *Emily Nash* (10), daughter, born Stourbridge;
[6] *Alfred James Nash* (7), son, born Stourbridge;
[7] *Harriet Nash* (6), daughter, born Stourbridge;
plus a servant:

Simeon Perrins = Simeon Perrens

1881 Census

19, Envile Street – FOLEY ARMS

[1] *Philip Brooks* (26), spade maker, born Stourbridge;
[2] *Mary Ann Brooks* (40), wife, innkeeper, born Prestwood;
and family:

It closed on 19th December 1982. It became a house.

FOLEY ARMS

Hagley Road, Pedmore, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Big Steak Pub Group [1999]
Ember Inns [2000], [2013]

LICENSEES

Mrs. Ann Clive [1835] – [1845]
Jacob Burford [1850] – [1870]
Thomas Ebenezer Brooks [1872] – [1892]
Peter Jones (1999 – [2005]

NOTES

Stourbridge Observer 8/10/1864

“*Jacob Burford*, proprietor of the FOLEY ARMS, Pedmore, was summoned for having his house open at prohibited hours on Sunday week. The charge had been substantiated by a witness who was passing at the time. The defendant alleged that there were only two travellers in the house at the time, one of whom, named Aston, deposed to having drunk a quart of ale on the occasion, on his way home. After some deliberation the Magistrates decided that the house had been open for the sale of beer, and fined defendant 5s and costs, in all 16s 6d; in default 15 days.”

[This case had been adjourned the previous week in order to try the people who had passed themselves off as travellers.]

Stourbridge Observer 24/8/1867

“At the Petty Sessions, yesterday, *Jacob Burford*, was charged by Superintendent Freeman with keeping his house open for the sale of beer, on Sunday, the 11th inst, during prohibited hours. Mr. Maltby defended.

This case, it will be remembered, was adjourned for the attendance of a witness. Mr. Maltby said that he had made enquiries as to the statement of Police-constable Gwilliam, and had found it correct. It was, therefore, unnecessary for him to bring them here today, but he would ask the Bench to consider that it was a road-side public house, and that the defendant was not depending upon his neighbours for his support. The persons had represented themselves as travellers, and the defendant knew no better. Under the circumstances, he hoped the Bench would not fine him. Police-constable Gwilliam then reported his evidence, as reported last week, and the Bench fined the defendant 10s and costs, £1 4s 0d.”

Thomas Ebenezer Brooks issued tokens from here.

Stourbridge Observer 19/10/1872

“At the Police Court, yesterday, before Major Fletcher, the Hon. C. G. Lyttleton, Messrs. H. D. Firmshaw and J. B. Cochrane, Mr. *Brooks*, landlord of the FOLEY ARMS INN, Pedmore, applied for a license to sell ale and liquors at Churchill stock sale, on Tuesday next. The license was granted.”



Token

1891 Census

Pedmore

- [1] *Thomas E. Brooks* (62), innkeeper, born Lye;
- [2] *Sarah Brooks* (57), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *George A. Brooks* (33), son, brewer, born Pedmore;
- [4] *Ann A. Brooks* (19), daughter, born Pedmore;
- [5] *Thomas E. Brooks* (17), son, grocer's assistant, born Pedmore;
- [6] *Sarah R. Brooks* (15), daughter, born Pedmore;
- [7] *Ernest R. Brooks* (13), son, born Pedmore:

Peter Jones was married to *Caroline*.

It reopened on 13th December 2000 after a £600,000 refurbishment.

[2014]



2007



2014

FOLEY ARMS

Upper High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas King [1828]
Joseph Shallcross [1835]
William Lamb [1841]
William Hodgins [1845]
John Bayley [1850]
John Nichols [1860] – [1865]

NOTES

Joseph Shallcross was also a peepshowman.

The omnibus to Worcester left from here every morning (Friday and Sunday excepted), through Kidderminster, Ombersley and Attlebury, at six. [1835]

The Albion Celerity coach to Birmingham left from here every afternoon at three. [1835]

John Nichols was also a coachbuilder. [1860], [1864], [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 14/1/1865

“Mr. W. Hawkins is instructed by the Devises in Trust under the Will of the late Mr. John Nock, to offer for Sale by Auction, on Friday, the 24th day of February, 1865, at the TALBOT HOTEL, Stourbridge, at Five o’clock in the afternoon, the following valuable Freehold Property, in the undermentioned Lots

Lot 3 – All that Old Licensed Freehold Public House and appurtenances, known as the FOLEY ARMS, situate fronting to High Street, Stourbridge; a desirable Shop and Dwelling house adjoining, and outbuildings, belonging, together with the large yard at the back, Stable, Workshop and premises, now used for coach building purposes; and the tenement adjoining fronting to the George Walk. The above is in the respective occupations of Mr. *John Nichols*, Mr. Robert Robinson, and Michael Kilcoyne, at the annual rent of £53 4s.”

FORESTERS ARMS

Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Christopher Ray [1860]
Jesse Cooper
William Young
Thomas Wall, gentleman, Stourbridge
Home Brewery (Quarry Bank) Ltd. (leased) [1915]
Grigg and Brettell Ltd. (acquired in 1935 for £2,150)
Ansells Ltd.
Holt, Plant and Deakin
Allied Domecq



LICENSEES

George E Hill [] – **1861**)
Jesse Cooper [1871] – [1874]
Joseph Whittingslow [1881]
Arthur Smith [1903] – **1907**);
Benjamin Alfred Hill (**1907 – 1935**);
Joseph Havelock Tromans (**1935 – 1953**);
Frederick Arthur 'Fred' Raybould (**1953 – 1975**);
Dennis Frederick Portman (**1975 – 1982**);
Frank Robert Downes (**1982 – 1984**);
Pamela Mary 'Pam' Downes (**1984 – 1991**);
Gillian Mary Norton (**1991**);
Leon Aregasis (**1991 – 1993**);
Philip Andrew Teece (**1993**);
Paul Christopher Jones (**1993 – []**)
Peter Francis Jackson (**1995 – 1998**)
Jayne Mills [1998]
Richard Henry Shaw (**1998 – 1999**);
Matthew David Smith (**1999**);
Gillian Victoria Greenhaigh (**1999**);
Jean Mary Rawson (**1999 – []**)
Philip Gardiner [2003] – [2010]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It was known locally as the "Ridge Top".

Wollaston Amateur Boxing Club was based here.

1861 Census

FORESTERS ARMS

- [1] *George E. Hill* (40), publican, born Birmingham;
 - [2] *Maria Hill* (36), wife, born Stourbridge;
 - [3] *Thomas Hill* (45), brother, draper, born Birmingham;
 - [4] *George Hill* (9), son;
 - [5] *Polly Ann Hill* (4), daughter;
- and a niece / servant:

Brierley Hill Advertiser – November 1861

“Sale at Wothy Bank, Wollaston, near Stourbridge. To Publicans, Brokers & Others. To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Edwards, on Monday next, November 18th, 1861, all the excellent Brewing Utensils, 12-hogshead, half-hogshead, and other Casks, 14-bushel Mash Tub, Two six-bushel ditto, Working Tub, Pair Wort Vats, 14-gallon Iron Furnace, Malt Crusher, 3-pull Beer Machine, Iron Garden Roll, Forms, Screens, large Sign, and other Effects, belonging to Mr. G. E. Hill, late of the FORESTERS ARMS, Wollaston, whom has declined the Public Business, and has no further use for the same.....”

1871 Census

FORESTERS ARMS

- [1] *Jesse Cooper* (28), innkeeper, born Kinfare; [Kinver]
- [2] *Eliza J. Cooper* (21), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Annie Harden* (11), niece, born Kidderminster;
- [4] *George Greene* (26), cousin, accountant, born Birmingham:

Jesse Cooper, beer retailer, Wollaston. [1872]

Jesse Cooper applied for a wine license on 28th August 1874. It was refused.

1881 Census

Bridgnorth Road – FORESTERS ARMS

- [1] *Joseph Whittingslow* (40), beerhouse keeper, born Ombersley;
- [2] *Sarah Whittingslow* (40), wife, born Worcester;
- [3] *Joseph Whittingslow* (16), son, born Ombersley;
- [4] *John Whittingslow* (15), son, born Ombersley:

Frank Downes was nicknamed “The Gas”.

Philip Gardiner was married to Sue.

[2014]



1986

FORGE HAMMER

Stamber Mill, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Cox [1829]

Bartholomew Meanley [1835] – [1841]

NOTES

Bartholomew Meanley = Bartholomew Menley

FOSTERS ARMS

Lower High Street / Canal Street, Holloway End, (Bridge Row), AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Stourbridge Canal Co. [1886]
Wordsley Brewery Co. [1906]
Smith and Williams (acquired c.1928)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired in 1934)

LICENSEES

Thomas Wheeler [1850] – **1857**);
Mrs. Hannah Ganner (**1857 – 1875**);
Herbert Walter Richards (**1875 – 1887**);
Thomas Bloomer (**1887**);
Harry George Creech (**1887 – 1888**);
William Bird (**1888 – 1898**);
Hannah Bird (**1898 – 1901**);
Albert Horace Hulme (**1901 – 1902**);
Thomas George Eardley (**1902 – 1904**);
Alfred Moore (**1904 – 1905**);
William Harry Bowen (**1905 – 1906**);
Enoch Perry (**1906 – 1912**);
James Henry Wooldridge (**1912 – 1913**);
Reginald James Thompson (**1913**);
Emily Agnes Shirt (**1913 – 1920**);
Thomas Evans (**1920 – 1923**);
Mrs. Lily Evans (**1923 – 1924**);
David Newstead (**1924 – 1925**);
John Silvester (**1925 – 1935**);
Cora Elsie Bowen (**1935 – 1939**);

NOTES

It was situated two doors from the MOORINGS TAVERN.

FORRESTERS ARMS [1896]
[Probably a mis-spelling.]

Thomas Wheeler was born c. 1800 in Grimley, Worcestershire.
[Grimley is about 3 miles N of Worcester.]
He was married to Mary.

Hannah Ganner = Hannah Garner

Dudley Chronicle 1861 - Advert

“Britannia Brewery Co. / *Hannah Ganner* / FOSTERS ARMS / Agent for Stourbridge.”
[There were a number of Britannia Breweries, the nearest being in Worcester.]

1871 Census

Holloway End – FOSTERS ARMS

[1] *Hannah Garner* (50), widow, innkeeper, born Stourbridge;

[2] *Jane Goodman(?)* (20), servant, born Stourbridge;

[3] *John Clully(?)* (19), relative, clerk, born Stourbridge:

Hannah Ganner died on 20th July 1875.

Herbert Walter Richards married *Jane Maria Ganner* (daughter of *Hannah*).

He was also an accountant's clerk.

Harry George Creech was married to *Emma*.

William Bird was born c. 1852, in West Bromwich.

He was married to *Hannah* (b. c. 1853, Dudley).

Enoch Perry was convicted of serving liquor during prohibited hours on 24th June 1912.

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All those two messuages and premises situate at the corner of High Street and Canal Street Amblecote in the County of Stafford with land outbuildings and appurtenances thereto belonging one being used as a private dwelling-house and numbered 1 Canal Street and the other as a fully licensed public house and known as The FOSTERS ARMS.....”

Black Country Bugle (July 1986)

‘The Squanderers etc.’

“The first premises on your right as you entered Canal Street, Amblecote were the FOSTERS ARMS, a very appropriate title, in view of the very adjacent iron works. It became derelict and was bought back by the Canal Company who during the War Years let it to a rope manufacturing company for storage purposes. In 1947, the Canal Company sold it to the ‘Milk Maid’, Milk Bars Ltd., Worcester - and it is now a Chinese takeaway.”

A Removal Order to the ROUND OF BEEF was confirmed in 1938.

It closed on 25th April 1939.

FOUNTAIN

30, Hagley Street, (42, Hagley Road), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd.

William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1965]

LICENSEES

Harriet Hooper [1862]

George Devey [] – **1864**);

W Bath (**1864** – []

John Cooling [1870]

George Smith [1871] – [1873]

George Young [1881] – [1888]

Samuel Greaves [1892]

Mrs. M G Kelly [1916]

Harry Wakefield [1921]

Mrs. G E Morgan [1976]

NOTES

Hagley Road [1872], [1884], [1888]

42, Hagley Road

Hagley Street [1864], [1870], [1881]

30, Hagley Street [1871]

1871 Census

Hagley Street – FOUNTAIN INN

[1] *George Smith* (33), licensed victualler and dealer, born Oldswinford;

[2] *Sarah E. Smith* (31), wife, born Wordsley;

[3] *Mira Hill* (19), domestic servant, born Oldswinford;

[4] *Ann Rolinson* (35), visitor, born Oldswinford:

George Smith was also a horse dealer. [1872], [1873]

1881 Census

Hagley Street - FOUNTAIN INN

[1] *George Young* (35), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;

[2] *Martha Young* (36), wife, born Dudley;

[3] *Emma Round* (24), servant, born Shut End:

It closed on 10th December 1976.

FOUNTAIN

Lower Swinford, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Coley [1860]

NOTES

Check Oldswinford

FOUNTAIN

Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard Matty [1854]

NOTES

Check Lower Swinford

FOX

8, Green Lane, LYE

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Bingham [1871] – [1879]
Elizabeth Bingham [1881] – [1888]
Joseph Gauden [1892] – [1896]
John Henry Perry [1902] – [1921]
Phoebe Eliza Annie Matthews [] – **1929**;
Albert Hill **(1929 – 1936)**;
John Thomas Wooldridge **(1936 – 1960)**;
James Birks **(1960 – 1967)**;
Thomas Edward Johnson **(1967 – 1974)**;
Roger Edward Johnson **(1974 – 1990)**;
Stephen James Peters **(1990)**;
Elizabeth Ann Broderick **(1990 – 1998)**;
Mark Graham Wooldridge **(1998 – [])**
John S Siddaway [2010]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It was built in 1866.

It was gradually extended to take in adjoining cottages (four).

1881 Census

Green Lane

- [1] *Elizabeth Bingham* (55), widow, publican, born Lye;
- [2] *Mary Bingham* (17), daughter, dressmaker, born Lye;
- [3] *Isabelor Barnett* (18), niece, nailor, born Lye;
- [4] *John Gander* (6), nephew, born Lye;
- [5] *George William Cook* (22) lodger, clay miner;
- [6] *Lily Cook* (22), lodger:

John Henry Perry, beer retailer, Green Lane. [1916], [1921]

J. H. Perry was chairman of Stourbridge, Lye, Cradley and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1921]

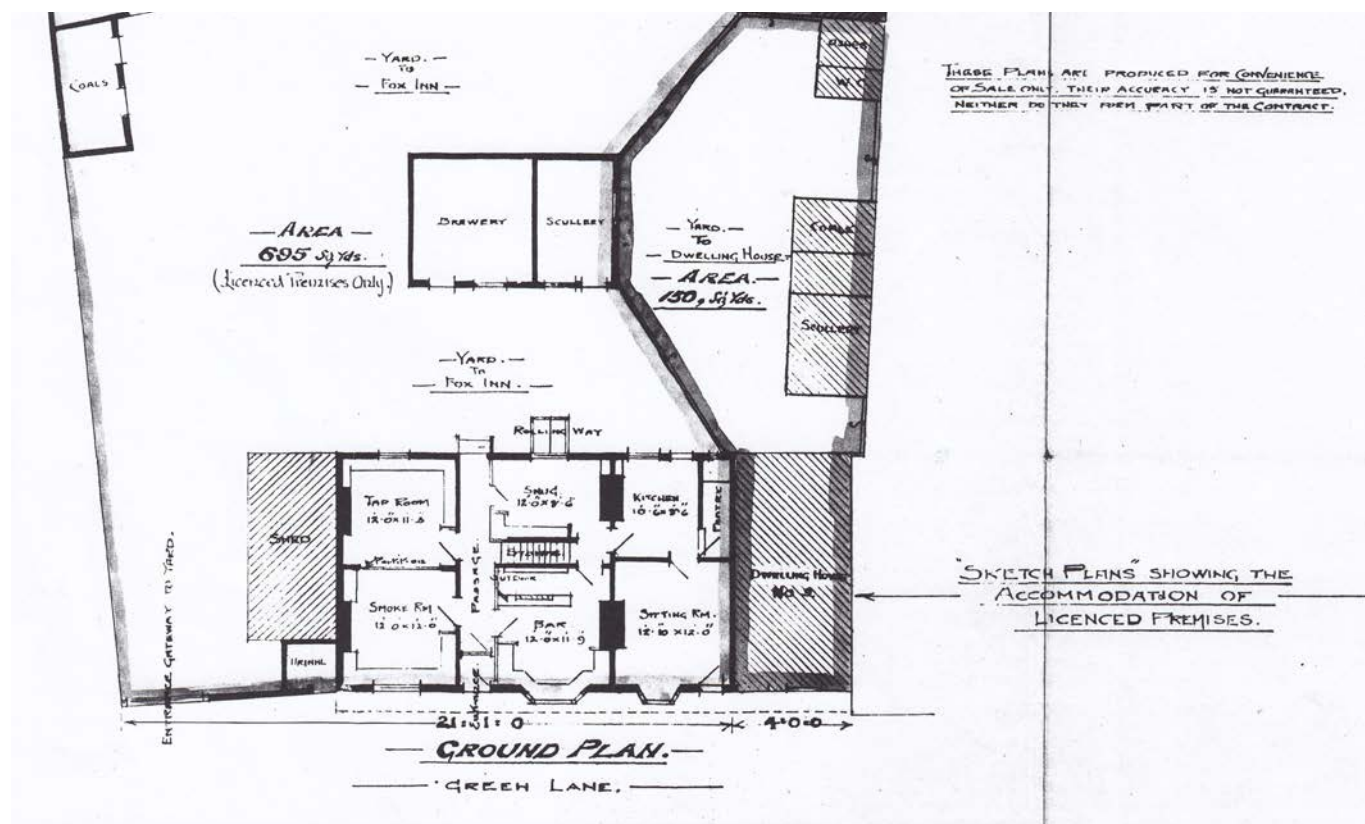
He was also a JP. [1921]

Black Country Bugle (June 1980) - Pub of the Month

“In those days Harry [*Perry*] brewed his potent ale on the premises. He also had pig-sties and reared some excellent pigs. It is believed that the heaviest pig in England was reared and killed in the back premises of the FOX.”

Mark Wooldridge died on 16th March 2006.

[2013]



Plan 1895



2007



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FOX

Hagley Road, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Job Coley [1835]

FOX

High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Edkins [1829]
John Atkins [1841]

FOX

Ryemarket, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Peter Crawford [1820] – [1822]

FOXCOTE ARMS

Wynall Lane South, Wollescote, LYE

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Avebury Taverns [1998]

LICENSEES

Harry Dawes [] – **1986)**
Desmond Dimmock [] – **1990)**

NOTES

[1976]
[1994]

FREEMASONS ARMS

112, Birmingham Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Wordsley Brewery Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Edward Mills (Snr ??)* [1862] – [1865]

Edward Mills* [1867]

Edward Mills (???)* [1870] – [1872]

Edward Mills Jnr.* [1873] – [1881]

Mrs. Mary Mills [1884] – [1892]

Kate Maria Guest [1901]

NOTES

* possibly the same person

Edward Mills was also a grocer. [1864], [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 10/8/1864

“*Edward Mills* was charged with having drawn beer at unlawful hours, on Sunday, the 4th instant. Police-constable 84 deposed to having found 10 men drinking in the house on the day in question. The defendant alleged they were travellers. The Bench inflicted a fine of 10s and costs, 11s 6d. Paid.”

Stourbridge Observer 7/1/1865

“Martha Timmins was summoned y John Timmins for assaulting him on the 2nd inst. From the evidence it appears the complainant is brother in law to the defendant. On the above day he was sitting in the FREEMASONS ARMS public house, when defendant came and kicked up a ‘bother’ about some money, and rubbed her fist in his face. The defence was that complainant owed her 14s, she merely asked him for it, and said he ought to be ashamed to cheat his blind brother. She did not put her hand in his face. The magistrates said it was a paltry case, and dismissed the summons.”

Stourbridge Observer 5/1/1867

“*Edward Mills*, landlord of the FREEMASONS ARMS INN, was charged by Superintendent Freeman with allowing disorderly company in his house on the night of the 28th ult. He was further charged with being drunk and disorderly at the same time.

Mr. Burbury prosecuted, and Mr. Perry defended.

Mr. Burbury said the defendant was charged with keeping a disorderly house on the night of the 28th ult. He should prove that by Police-sergeant Booth and Police-constable Beasley. If he proved the case he should ask the Bench to fine him what they thought fit.

Police-sergeant Booth said: I was on duty on the night of the above date, at about quarter past 12. When I got opposite the defendant’s house I heard a great noise of persons cursing and swearing. I asked defendant if he allowed such conduct in his house. He said he could not help it, and if there was any one I did not like to put them out. I told him I had nothing to do with it and left the house. All the people appeared to be very drunk. At a quarter to two I visited the house again, and two women appeared as if they had been fighting. They were covered with blood, and were bleeding then. They were the same that I saw before in the house. I called the attention of Mr. Mills to the disorderly conduct. About ten minutes to two I met Police-constable Beasley. We heard a noise, and ran back to the house. A lot of people were fighting, and we took two women into custody that were quite drunk. We returned

to defendant's house, and he said, 'What the h___ do you want with me? I cannot rest in the house for you b___s.' Defendant was quite drunk, cursing and swearing. He said, 'I can't rest for your b___y Superintendent is on to me, and you are on to me as well, you sallow-faced b___r.' He said he did not care for all the b___y poilice in Stourbridge.

Police-constable Beasley corroborated the last witness, and Mr. J. King and Mr. E. Cookson proved that the sergeant was quite sober at one o'clock, as they were talking to him for ten minutes.

This being the case, Mr. Perry addressed the Bench, for the defence. He admitted there was some dispute going on between his customers, and the landlord did all he could to stop the noise and get them out. He should call a witness who would prove that, and the defendant was quite sober at the time. If he did that he should ask the Bench to dismiss the charges.

Joseph Pearson, of the Lye, said he went into defendant's house,, a little after 12. There were six persons in. Shortly after three others came. A dispute occurred, about some pigeons, and about one o'clock there was 'a bit of a scramble'. Defendant said he would not draw any more ale, and asked them to leave the house quietly. A policeman came in who asked the defendant to turn them out. He refused, and told the policeman to turn them out himself. Defendant afterwards turned them out, and they had a bit of a row. The policemen that came up was not fit for his office. After that two policemen came up, and told the defendant that he should have him up. Defendant said he would not be taken by a 'tallow candle b___ like him.'

The Bench said they should convict for the first offence and fine him 20s and costs. There was some doubt about the second charge, and they should dismiss it."

1881 Census

112, Birmingham Street - FREEMASONS ARMS

- [1] *Edward Mills* (46), publican, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Mary Mills* (45), wife, born Stamber Mill;
- [3] *Jemima Mills* (20), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Alice Mills* (18), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Albert Mills* (9), son, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Florence E. Mills* (2), daughter, born Stourbridge:

1901 Census

112, Birmingham Street – FREE MASONS ARMS

- [1] *Kate Maria Guest* (33), married, publican, born Fordingbridge, Hampshire;
- [2] *William Goyns* (9), son, born Aldershot;
- [3] *Gladys M. Guest* (4), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Winifred K. Guest* (3), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Howard J. Guest* (1), son, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Florence M. Pardoe* (19), general servant, born Wordsley:

Tipton Herald 18/4/1903

"The Easter Quarter Sessions for Worcester City were resumed on Wednesday. Mr. J. W. Willis Bund presiding. Arthur Farmer and the Wordsley Brewery Co. Ltd, appealed against the refusal of the Stourbridge Justices to renew the license of the FREEMASONS ARMS, Birmingham Street, Stourbridge.

For respondents it was contended that the house, which was fully licensed, was of a poor class, the ratable value being only £15 16s 0d. The grounds of objection were that the house was not required, and that it was disorderly. The population of Stourbridge, it was stated, was 10,372, and the adults (over 14) were 7,167. There were 49 fully licensed houses, 11 on-licensed beerhouses, 12 off-licenses, and 5 miscellaneous licenses such as restaurants. Within 200 yards there were 10 fully licensed houses, 1 beerhouse, and 11 grocers' and other licenses. In the parish of St. John's, in which the house was, there had been a considerable reduction in the number of houses for the purposes of the railway and of street improvement.

There had been frequent changes of tenancy and since 1895 there had been four or five convictions, one of which was since the date of the last renewal. There was no complaint against the character of the present tenant, who at the desire of the company, was doing his best to conduct the house properly, but respondent alleged that since he had excluded undesirable characters there was hardly any trade done at the house. The takings were from £4 to £6 a week, and the gross profit not more than £2.

Mr. Vachell, for appellants, put it to witness that for purpose of calculation the population of Wollaston and Upper Swinford should be included, as they were part of the township of Stourbridge. The total would then be 14,306. Mr. Vachell elicited that since 1871 wine on-licenses had not been renewed, and one wine and four off-licenses had been granted.

The Court decided that the house had been proved to be disorderly and dismissed the appeal with costs.”

GARIBALDI

19, (2), Cross Street, (Easy Row), Longlands, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

William Henry Packwood
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (leased from 12th October 1900)
Edward Rutland (acquired in 1918)
Matthew Smith, Queens Cross Brewery, Dudley [1929]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1931], [2001]
Pyramid Pub Co. [1995]
Steam Mill Business

LICENSEES

William Crumpton [1851]
William Davey [1870]
Mrs. Eleanor Davey [1871] – [1872]
William Davey [1873]
Richard Bateman [1881]
William Henry Packwood [1884] – [1892]
George Garbett **(1902 – 1903);**
Robert Wilson Simpson **(1903 – 1906);**
Edward Lewis Perkins **(1906 – 1908);**
Joseph Harris Jnr. **(1908 – 1909);**
Harold Pearson **(1909 – 1911);**
John Henry Thornes **(1911 – 1916);**
Thomas Richards **(1916 – 1922);**
George William B Nash **(1922 – 1928);**
Thomas Cook **(1928 – 1931);**
Samuel C Harper **(1931 – 1932);**
Albert William Edwin Parsons **(1932 – 1933);**
Mary Ball **(1933);**
Frederick Ernest Bell **(1933 – 1935);**
Raymond Carpenter **(1935 – 1936);**
Walter Samuel Percy **(1936);**
Edward V Eccleston **(1936 – 1940);**
James Ernest Powell **(1940 – 1942);**
William Henry Hayes **(1942 – 1950);**
Frederick C Turner **(1950 – 1957);**
Bernard William Currie **(1957 – 1967);**
Alfred Lewis **(1967 – 1970);**
Terrance Martin Smith **(1970 – 1971);**
Percy Leslie Skitt **(1971 – 1976);**
Robert G Willetts **(1976 – 1983);**
John Henry Cullis **(1983 – 1984);**
Warwick C Thompson **(1984 – 1985);**
Audrey May Lea **(1985 – 1986);**
Trevor F Beresford **(1986 – 1988);**
Philip Barry Johnson **(1988 – 1995);**
Ian Michael Reid **(1995 – 1998);**
Jason Geoffrey Cox **(1998 – 1999);**



Christine Mary Breakwell **(1999 – 2000);**
William Edward 'Bill' Lockley **(2000);**
Samantha Jane Phillips **(2000 – 2001);**
William Edward Lockley **(2001 – []**
Samantha Jane Phillips and Chris Canton **[] – 2003);**
Steve Hadley **(2003 – [2005]**
Mark Weaver **(2005 – [2006]**

NOTES

Easy Row [1871]

It was originally an unnamed beerhouse.

It was known locally as the "Gari".

1871 Census

Easy Row

- [1] *Eleanor Davey* (56), widow, licensed victualler, born Suffolk;
- [2] *William Davey* (24), son, mine agent, born Prestwood, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Emma Davey* (15), daughter, born Prestwood, Staffordshire;
- [4] *Mary J. Morris* (17), visitor, born Bilston:

1881 Census

2, Cross Street

- [1] *Richard Bateman* (78), innkeeper, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Elizabeth Bateman* (73), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Annie Grove* (37), daughter, widow, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Albert Grove* (11), grandson, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Charles Grove* (10), grandson, born Stourbridge:

It was rebuilt in the 1930's.

Steve Hadley was an ex-printer.
He was married to Christine.

Mark Weaver was married to Emma Knight. She was the daughter of John Knight, of the MITRE.

It underwent an extensive refurbishment in 2006.

[2014]



2007



2014

GATE HANGS WELL

1, High Park Avenue / Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Henry Nickless

Atkinsons Ltd. (acquired in October 1897 for £1,200)

William Butler and Co. Ltd. (acquired in December 1929 for £5,000)

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

Enterprise Inns (acquired in September 1991) [2009]

LICENSEES

Thomas Pardoe [1835]

Thomas Barlow [1841]

Joseph Wakeman [1845]

James Ward [1854]

William H Sitch [1861]

Mrs. Elizabeth Sitch [1862]

Jeremiah Bourne [1864] – **1865**);

Richard Weston (**1865** – []

William Nickless [1870]

James Cosnett [1871]

Henry Smith [1872] – [1873]

John Steadman [1875]

George Rew [1881]

Mrs. Mary Rew [1884]

Henry Nickless Jr. [1886] – [1892]

Thomas Higgins Snr. [1903] – **1913**);

Daniel Baker (**1913** – **1916**);

Charles Bartlett (**1916** – **1933**);

Walter James Brettell (**1933** – **1939**);

Clifford Grantleigh Wood (**1939** – **1950**);

Ivy Elaine Annie Edith Wood (**1950** – **1956**);

Walter Bertram Hickman (**1956** – **1964**);

Christopher Leslie Arnold (**1964** – **1965**);

Nancy Arnold (**1965** – **1973**);

William Henry Goodwin (**1973** – **1980**);

Doris Goodwin (**1980** – **1984**);

June Rose Sidaway (**1984** – []

Don Close [1999]

Graham Darby [2007] – [2009]

NOTES

GATE [1835], [1862], [1870], [1873]

It had a bowling green. This is now the pub car park.



1997



2009

1861 Census

GATE HANGS WELL INN

- [1] *William H. Sitch* (47), licensed victualler, born Cradley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Sitch* (55), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *William H. Sitch Jnr.* (22), son, ironwork stocktaker, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Mary Sitch* (22), wife, born Ketley;
- [5] *Anne E. Sitch* (15 months), granddaughter, born Dawley:

1861 – Put up for sale”having a frontage to the Bridgnorth Turnpike Road of 27 yards, and to a new street leading therefrom to Bowling Green Lane, 65 yards, and containing in the whole 494 square yards.”

Stourbridge Observer 29/6/1867

“A fatal accident occurred on Tuesday last to a little boy named Allen Wilkes, aged four years. Deceased is the son of Joseph Wilkes, of Wollaston Farm, and it appears they were carrying hay on the above day, and for the purpose of allowing the waggon to pass in and out of the gateway adjoining the house the gate was unhung, and placed against the wall. The little fellow, it appears, climbed up the gate, and in so doing pulled it on to himself and fractured his skull. This was about half past five o’clock. Mr. A. Freer was soon in attendance, but gave no hope of his recovery, and he died about half past eight the same night. An inquest was held on the body at the GATE HANGS WELL yesterday, before R. Docker, Esq, Coroner, and a verdict of Accidental death was returned.”

[This strikes me as an inappropriate venue for this particular inquest.]

1871 Census

Bridgnorth Road – GATE HANGS WELL

- [1] *James Cosnett* (38), innkeeper, born Pershore;
- [2] *Susannah Cosnett* (37), wife, born Uphampton;
- [3] *Harriet Roskins* (12), nurse, domestic servant, born Ombersley:

Stourbridge Observer 21/12/1872

“On Sunday last, between one and two o’clock, Mrs. *Smith*, landlady of the GATE HANGS WELL INN, was sitting on a chair, when she stooped to pick up a child, and fell dead upon the floor. She was at once raised up, and Mr. Freer, surgeon, sent for, but when he arrived life was extinct. An inquest was held on the body on Wednesday, before Mr. Docker, Coroner, and after hearing the evidence the jury found that she died from natural causes.”

Henry Smith was also a shopkeeper. [1873]

Midland Counties Evening Express 26/4/1875

“At the Stourbridge Police Court on Saturday, *John Steadman*, landlord of the GATE HANGS WELL, was summoned for having his house open for the sale of liquor at five minutes past twelve o’clock on the morning of the 17th last, but the evidence given was considered insufficient for a conviction. A man named *Smith*, however, who was in the house at the time, was fined 5s and costs.”

1881 Census

High Park – GATE HANGS WELL

- [1] *George Rew* (40), licensed victualler, born Wolverley;
- [2] *Annie Rew* (40), wife, born Wolverley;
- [3] *Louisa Rew* (14), daughter, scholar, born Wolverley;
- [4] *Kate Bennett* (2), niece, born Kidderminster:

Bennett’s Business Directory 1911-1912

“*T. Higgins*. Home brewed ales. Wines, spirits and cigars. Bowling Green.”

It was the headquarters of the Wollaston, Norton and Kinver [pigeon] Flying Club and the Wollaston 4 Bird Club. [1999]

[2014]

GEORGE

39, (37), Stourbridge Road, (Halesowen Road), Hay Green, LYE

OWNERS

Radcliffe and Co, Kidderminster [1928]

LICENSEES

George Edwards [1872] – [1873]

Joseph Checketts [1881] – [1884]

Mrs. Elizabeth Aston [1888] – [1892]

B Hughes [1911]

Henry Jackson [1916]

Mrs. Sarah Jackson [1921]

NOTES

Halesowen Road [1881]

37, Stourbridge Road [1914]

39, Stourbridge Road

1881 Census

Halesowen Road

[1] *Joseph Checketts* (50), innkeeper, born Elmley, Worcestershire; [Elmley Lovatt or Elmley Castle?]

[2] *Mary Checketts* (48), wife, born Claines, Worcestershire;

[3] *Fanny Bevan* (23), niece, dressmaker, born Upper Snodsbury, Worcestershire;

[4] *Amy Bevan* (9), niece, scholar, born Upton Snodsbury, Worcestershire:

[Claines is about 2 miles N of Worcester.]

[1984]

GEORGE

High Street / Foster Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Jones [1820] – [1822]
Edwards [1829]
G James [1865]

NOTES

GEORGE [1820], [1822], [1829]
OLD GEORGE [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 1/4/1865

“The Norman Family. The above celebrated family are engaged by Mr. *G. James*, at the OLD GEORGE INN, High Street, as will be seen by our advertising columns [No advert appears in this or further issues.], for a short season:- the family consists of five in number, Miss L. Norman, character singer and dancer; Miss Alice Norman, sentimental vocalist; Miss C. Norman, the character vocalist; Miss Rosie Norman, the infant wonder; and Mr. G. Norman, Pianist; during the [Horse] fair nights, hundreds of persons could not gain admittance. The characters of each artist were well sustained, as was frequently shown by the loud applause given.”

It closed in 1865 and was converted into a Temperance Hotel.

Stourbridge Observer 27/5/1865

“Stourbridge To be sold by auction by Mr. Edwards, on Wednesday next, May 31st, 1865, Household Furniture, Bedsteads, 3 Feather Beds, Mahogany and oak Chests of Drawers, Cupboards, Mahogany and other Tables, Mahogany and Windsor Chairs, 12 Iron-bound Hogsheads and Half Hogsheads, 2 Large Mashing Tubs, Iron Furnaces and Settings, 2 large Wort Backs, Lead Pump, Tap Cupboard, 2 excellent Beer Machines, Forms, Screens, Chamber and Culinary Utensils, Prints, and other Effects, belonging to Mr. Joseph Hemming, the Temperance Hotel (late the GEORGE INN), High Street and corner of Foster Street, Stourbridge.....”

STOURBRIDGE.

TO PUBLICANS, BROKERS, & OTHERS.

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Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock.

Catalogues may be had at the place of Sale, and of the Auctioneer, at his Offices, 80, Market-street, Stourbridge.

Advert 1865

GEORGE III

WORDSLEY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Hannah Sutton [1818] – [1829]

NOTES

GEORGI REX [1818]

GEORGE AND DRAGON

Ryder Street, / Haden Close, The Green, (Bell Street), (Bellvue), WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Richard William Harriman
Grigg and Brettell, Holt Street, Birmingham (acquired on 24th July 1936)
Ansells Ltd.
Gibbs Mew and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Brazier [1864] – [1871]
Arthur Rowley [] – **1872**;
William Whitehouse (**1872 – 1875**);
Henry Richards (**1875 – 1881**);
Charles Davies (**1881 – 1908**);
Mary Hollis Davies (**1908**);
Charles Thomas Davies (**1908 – 1933**);
John Waterfield (**1933 – 1936**);
Richard William Harriman (**1936 – 1937**);
Sarah May Harriman (**1937**);
Francis John Dell (**1937 – [1940]**)
Leslie Stirling [1985]

NOTES

Bell Street [1881]
The Green [1896], [1912]
Bellvue [1940]
Ryder Street

It was originally called the WOODMAN. [1864], [1871]
It was renamed SAINT GEORGE AND DRAGON. [1872], [1873]
GEORGE AND DRAGON [1881]

John Brazier = John Blazier

Dudley Herald 29/4/1871

“To be sold by auction. All that old-licensed public house and premises known as the WOODMAN INN, Wordsley, comprising tap room, parlour, bar, large club room, two bedrooms, brewhouse, cellar, store room, shed, stable, piggeries, outbuildings and garden, together with a piece or parcel of land adjoining containing a bed of valuable SAND, which is open and partially worked, in the occupation of Mr. *Brazier*.”

Stourbridge Observer 11/5/1872

“Mr. Hawkins will sell by auction, on Tuesday, the 28th day of May Lot 5 – that Freehold Old-Licensed Double-fronted Public House and Premises, known as the SAINT GEORGE AND DRAGON, Wordsley, formerly called the WOODMAN INN, comprising Tap room, Parlour, Bar, large Club Room, Chambers, Brewhouse, Cellar, Store-room, Stable, Piggeries, Carpenter’s Shop, Outbuildings, and Garden, together with a Piece or Parcel of Land adjoining, containing a bed of Valuable Sand which is opened and partially worked, in the occupation of Mr. Arthur Rowley, containing together with the site of the buildings 1456 square yards, or thereabouts. A large sum of money has recently been laid out on the Property, and it is in excellent repair.”

Stourbridge Observer 8/6/1872

“Clearing-out sale at the SAINT GEORGE AND DRAGON INN, Wordsley Green, Wordsley to be sold by auction the whole of the public house fixtures, together with the very excellent Brewing Plant.....”

William Whitehouse was also a butcher of High Street. [1873]

1881 Census

Bell Street – GEORGE AND DRAGON

- [1] *Charles Davies* (38), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
 - [2] *Mary H. Davies* (40), wife, born Dudley;
 - [3] *George W. Davies* (15), son, assistant to father, born Dudley;
 - [4] *Charles T. Davies*, (12), son, scholar, born Clent;
 - [5] *Pauline Davies* (9), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
 - [6] *Ada L. Davies* (9), daughter, scholar, born West Bromwich;
 - [7] *Nellie Davies* (7), daughter, scholar, born Fairfield, Worcestershire;
 - [8] *Alfred H. Davies* (5), son, scholar, born Fairfield, Worcestershire:
- [5] and [6] were twins.

1891 Census

Wordsley Green – GEORGE AND DRAGON

- [1] *Charles Davies* (47), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Mary H. Davies* (49), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Charles I. Davies* (22), son, brewer, born Clent;
- [4] *Pauline Davies* (19), daughter, assistant barmaid, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Ada L. Davies* (19), daughter, assistant barmaid, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Nellie Davies* (17), daughter, assistant barmaid, born Belbroughton;
- [7] *John A. Davies* (9), son, scholar, born Wordsley:

Demolished

The new building opened in 1957.

[1998]

Closed [1999]

It was demolished. [2007]



GIGMILL

South Road / The Broadway, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Pathfinder Pubs [2002]

LICENSEES

Mark Wyer [1860]
Reg Holt **(1972 – [1973]**
Peter McCann [1997] – [1998]
Wendy Hartley and Paul Jakeman **(2000 – [2004]** managers
Paul Jakeman [2007]

NOTES

Mark Wyer was described as a beer retailer. [1860]

The present building was built in 1963.
The license was transferred from the BRICKMAKERS ARMS, Lye.

It reopened on 9th December 2002 after a £260,000 refurbishment.

[2014]



2009



2014

GLADSTONE ARMS

49, Audnam, (High Street), WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Mrs. Pardoe [1956]
Ansell's Ltd.
Holt, Plant and Deakin
Spirit Group [2002]
Punch Taverns (acquired in January 2003)

LICENSEES

Samuel Grainger [1870] – **1872**);
Charles Skelding (**1872 – 1908**);
Joseph Howard Pargeter (**1908 – 1915**);
Frederick William Jones (**1915 – 1916**);
Thomas Albert Parrish (**1916 – 1934**);
Albert Abraham Parrish (**1934 – [1940]**)
William Patrick Welch []
Rob Towers (**1987 – []**)
Tony Freeman [1996] – [1997]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

Audnam – GLADSTONE ARMS

- [1] *Samuel Grainger* (46), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Eliza Grainger* (44), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *David Grainger* (19), son, glass engraver, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Mary Grainger* (17), daughter, born Kingswinford:

Samuel Grainger, beer retailer, Wordsley. [1872]

Stourbridge Observer 10/8/1872

“On Monday last, at the Police Court, before Messrs. Holcroft and Freer, *Samuel Grainger*, beerhouse keeper, Amblecote, was charged with having his house open during illegal hours, on the 18th ult. Police-constable Freeman said: On Thursday the 18th ult., at 3.40 am, I was concealed at the back of a wall opposite *Grainger's* beerhouse. Saw a boy who gave the name of Hinton, go to the front door of the beerhouse, and rap. Saw *Grainger* go to the window. The boy then went round the end of the house to the back door. I changed my position to the back of the house, where I could get a good view of the back door. I saw *Grainger* without his coat within the back door. I saw him give the boy two bottles. The one was a stone bottle, with about three quarts of ale in it. The other is the one produced. Saw him come from the back door to the gates, where I stopped him. I tasted the ale in the bottles. I asked *Grainger* how it was. He said that the boy called him up to brew. I asked him about the ale. He made no answer.

Edward Kinnersley said: I saw Freeman on the morning of the 18th ultimo. I saw some one go to *Grainger's* back door. I saw some one come from *Grainger's* back door with two bottles; one stone and the other glass.

Cross examined: it was about 20 minutes to four. I had been by Mr. Pardoe's wall about a quarter of an hour. Saw Freeman about half past three. I did not at Bolton's say, '*Grainger* cut my finger and I will cut his hand.' Could see

over the wall between *Grainger's* and the siding piece. If Hinton was walking under the wall I could not see him from where I stood. I saw the boy go into the yard, and afterwards, out of the yard.

William said: I work at Steward and Mills. On the 17th ultimo was at the defendant's house. He told me where to find the ale in the hedge siding piece. There had been beer put there before. He asked me to call him to brew. I left the glasshouse about half past three. Did not go to the front door, but went to the back window in the yard. Had not been anywhere else first. I rapped at the window, and then at the back door. I then went to the hedge for ale. I came down the road. Did not go into defendant's yard a second time. Freeman came across the turnpike road; the other in the field road. First saw defendant against a fence of the field. It was light.

Mary Grainger said that Hinton came on the 17th July. The ale was ordered and put in the fence. It was drawn before eleven o'clock. My father asked Hinton to call him to brew it. The ale has been placed in the fence a dozen times. The fence is Mr. Glazebrook's, and divides my father's yard from his field. It is not my father's fence.

The Bench considered the offence proved, and fined defendant £1 and costs."

Stourbridge Observer 17/8/1872

"Police-constable Joseph Freeman (241), stationed at Brettell Lane, was charged with having, on the 5th of August, committed perjury upon the hearing of an information laid by Mr. Superintendent Mills, against *Samuel Grainger*. Mr Perry appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Stokes for the defence.

James Edwin Southall said: I am the clerk for Mr. King, the Magistrates' Clerk. I was present on the 5th inst, at the Brierley Hill Police Court. I took notes from the evidence in the charge by Mr. Mills against *Samuel Grainger* for having on the 18th ult had his house open for the sale of beer before the hour of five o'clock in the morning. On looking at those notes, Freeman said the various things mentioned in the notes. They were copied down. Previous to making those statements, Freeman was sworn. He said he saw *Grainger* and the boy at *Grainger's* back door.

Samuel Grainger said: I keep a beerhouse at Audnam, in the parish of Kingswinford. I received both summonses produced, and attended before the Magistrates. On the evening of the 17th of July last a man named Thomas Hinton came to my house and ordered of me 8 pints of ale and a pint of porter. He came about half past six o'clock. In consequence of what he said to me I had some ale filled that night before eleven o'clock. The ale was put in a stone bottle, and the porter was put in a glass bottle. In consequence of what he told me I placed the two bottles in a hedge belonging to Mr. Grazebrook – a hedge between my garden and a piece called the siding piece. Both of the bottles were corked before I put them there. If either of those bottles were found the next morning without a cork I cannot give any account of it. That same night I saw William Hinton. I requested him to call me up at four o'clock. He brought a couple of bottles to my house that night. The next morning I heard a rap at the side of my house next to the siding piece, and presently I heard a noise at the back door. My back door opens into an enclosed yard. Between the occupation road and the yard is a wall with a gate in it. The wall is 5ft 6½in high by the house, and at the end it is six feet high. No one could see the back door unless they were standing by the gate. The house lies a little back from the turnpike road. I did not hear a rap at the front door. I did not go to the front window. As soon as I heard the rapping at the back door I got up and came down stairs. I was not above three or four minutes coming down. I went to the back door and opened it. When I opened the back door there was no one there. I then went out of the yard gate. At that time I had not seen the boy Hinton. When I went out of the gate I saw the boy between the turnpike road and the gate. He was about ten yards from the gate. He was going towards the turnpike road. I had not that morning given him two bottles. I had not supplied him with any ale or porter at my back door, or anywhere else. As the boy was going across the turnpike road I saw Police-constable Freeman run around the horse road from the direction of the glasshouse towards the boy Hinton. I saw Freeman come up to the boy and stop him, and he then came up to me. He said, 'I have been watching for you for some time, and I have caught you at last.' He said, '*Grainger*, what brings you up?', and I said I have got up to brew. He asked the boy where he had got the ale from, and the boy would not say. At the time Freeman was asking me the questions, I was standing about ten yards from my gate, in the siding piece. It is not true that Freeman saw me and the boy as I was going out of the back gate. I did not brew that day. On the afternoon of that day I saw the defendant go in to the ROSE AND CROWN INN, opposite my house, about half past four. He was there about twenty-five minutes. When he came out I went out of my house. As he was coming out I said, 'Freeman, if you would look after that property and mine better would become of you than smooching after me.' Defendant was standing against a wall, a portion of which was broken down. A wall of mine had been knocked down. He said, 'You mind your own business, or I will come and lock you up.' I said, 'I am on my own premises, Freeman,' and he said, 'I question whether you are or not; I question where you get the money from.' When he said he would lock me up, I said 'Come on and take me up then.' I was sober at the time. I had not had anything to drink that day except water and tea. I will swear that. I was not pulled into the house that afternoon. Freeman said last week I was pulled into the house. I was not riotous. There was not a

crowd gathered in the road. There were not three people that I saw. Freeman said last week I was madly drunk, and caused a crowd of scores of people.

Cross examined: I had been previously convicted. It was for keeping the house open for the sale of drink during prohibited hours. That has been about two years ago. I was convicted before then. It was for a similar offence. It is my own property where I live. I placed the bottles in the hedge myself. The hedge is about 30 yards from my door. It is as near 30 yards as I can say. That road leads to Cookson's foundry, and to the junction. Men go backwards and forwards to their work down there. Hinton works at Stuart and Mills' glass works. That might be about a quarter of a mile away. I should have some difficulty getting over my gate. It is an ordinary field gate. There is a wall each side of the gate in some places the wall is 4ft 9in high. Any one could get over the wall. I have a stable and a pigstye in the yard. I have not any brewhouse outside the house. I do not keep a horse. I put coal in the stable. I keep the stable locked at night. The hedge is pretty thick. It is about five or six feet high. The field adjoining the hedge is a rough piece of ground. One of the bottles was a large gallon stone bottle. I put that bottle in the hedge, and the pint porter bottle. They would be close to the end of the wall. The latter was perfectly obscured from the sight of the people. I put some hay round it. The hay could be seen by the passers by. I put the bottles upright in the hedge. Sometimes I get up at three o'clock to brew; sometimes at four. I brew about five bushels at a time. I generally get some of the things ready in the brewhouse. I get the boiler filled, and get the fire under. I did not get a fire in that morning. I did not put the water in the boiler myself. There was some malt. I did intend to brew that night when I went to bed. I told the Mrs. to get ready for brewing. I did not tell anyone to put a fire under. I found the next morning that all the things were not ready. I did not go to see if there were any officers about. I spoke to the boy Hinton in the night, and told him to call me up. The lad brought a bottle to our house that night, but I could not say whose bottle it was. The first I saw of the lad was that he was nearer the horse road than the gate. He had got the bottles then. I did not examine the bottles, nor see that any froth came out. The defendant was running across the horse road. The boy would not say where he had the drink from. I did not say where it had come from. I did not tell the officer that it had been fetched out of the hedge. If Freeman had been a gentleman I told him where it had come from, nor gave him any information about anything. There was no one there but the lad Hinton, defendant, and myself. I came out of the yard the same afternoon. I had not got my coat on. I spoke across the road to Freeman. I will not swear that there were not half a dozen of people present. I will swear that there were not twelve. I cannot tell whether the people were stopping or walking. It was not because I had had drink that I could not tell whether they were walking or stopping. I will swear that Mrs. Jones was there. Mrs. Hack was 60 yards away. I was not taken into the house by my wife and another woman. My wife never touched me. I did not challenge the officer to fight. I was sober all that day. At seven o'clock I was not taken into the house rolling drunk. The smell of my ale was not enough to make me drunk. I have a beer machine in the house. I do not sell spirits. There might have been about 20 or 30 people in the house that day. There were some people in the house with me that afternoon. I had some drink that night. I had a share of five pints with Hinton and Parkes. I might have had plenty of ale without anyone seeing me have it. I did not tell the boy that any ale was in the hedge. I knew he was coming for ale. He had come before, and I did not think it was necessary to tell him. He has called me up to brew many times. I do not know that I have not brewed when he has called me up before.

William Hinton said: I am son of Thomas Hinton, glass-maker. I work with him, and am a taker in. On the night of the 17th of July I went to *Grainger's* house about ten minutes past six, and took with me a bottle. The next morning I went to *Grainger's* premises to call him up. It would be about a quarter to four. I rattled the side window. I then went to the back and rapped it, and after I had rapped the back door I went and fetched the ale out of the hedge. It was a bottle of ale and a bottle of porter. When I had got that out I then went down the siding piece into the turnpike road. I saw *Grainger* that morning. He was just coming outside his gate in the siding piece when I first saw him. It is not true that I was with Mr. *Grainger* at his back door that morning. It is not true that *Grainger* at his back door, or anywhere else, that morning gave me the bottles. When I went towards the turnpike road I saw the defendant running across from Bolton's cave. He came to me. I was just coming down the siding piece. I did not go into *Grainger's* yard after I had the ale.

Cross examined: When I first saw *Grainger* he would be about 50 yards from the place where I fetched the bottles from. Just as I got by the gate leading into the yard I met *Grainger*. One of the bottles was frothy. It was porter. When I got into the turnpike road I saw Penn there. The policeman stopped me.

Mary *Grainger*, daughter of *Samuel Grainger*, said: On the night of the 17th ult I filled some ale and porter for Hinton. It was filled before eleven o'clock at night. Hinton was not there when I filled it. There were three pints of ale and one pint of porter. My father took it away when it was filled.

Eliza *Grainger*, wife of *Samuel Grainger* said: On the night of the 17th ult I heard Thomas Hinton give an order. I saw my daughter draw some ale before eleven o'clock that night, and I saw my husband take it out somewhere. On

the morning of the 18th July I heard a rap on the back shutters about four o'clock. That was in the siding piece. I did not hear any other rap. Soon after I heard my husband get up, and he went down stairs. He did not go to the front window. At a quarter past four that afternoon my husband was sober. He went out at the front door. Defendant was coming out of the ROSE AND CROWN INN, across the road. Defendant stood at the opposite side of the road, and my master said to him that if he looked after his property and other people's, it would look better of him than smooching after him. Freeman said if my husband did not go in he would lock him up. My husband did not challenge him to fight. There was not a crowd of people in the road.

Cross examined: I had been attending to my household duties the whole of the day. I did not see my husband take any ale. There might have been five or six outside the house, but I do not think there were a dozen.

John Henry Penn said: I work at Pargeter's glass works, at Wordsley. On the morning of the 18th of July I passed Mr. *Grainger's* house at a quarter to four. I was coming from Hillman's public house at Brettell Lane. As I was passing *Grainger's* house I saw the boy Hinton, and just after I saw Police-constable Freeman. He came from behind Bolton's cave. He ran to Hinton. He was on the footpath running from the direction of *Grainger's*. Freeman spoke to the boy, and they were at the corner of the siding piece wall when they spoke. *Grainger* was with Freeman and the boy when they began to talk.

Ezekiel Mullett said: On the 18th of July, a little past four o'clock I saw defendant and the boy Hinton walking together. I was about 100 yards away, and I was coming from the direction of Stourbridge. I did not hear what took place between them. I spoke to *Grainger* in the afternoon, and he was sober.

Cross examined: I have been a witness for *Grainger* before. My eyesight is very good.

Harriet Jones said: I live at Audnam Bank. On the 18th of July, between four and five o'clock, I heard the defendant tell *Grainger* that if he did not go into the house he should lock him up. I did not see crowds of people there. I have seen Freeman since that afternoon. He came down to our house last Thursday. He told me he wanted me. He wanted me to be a witness and say that *Grainger* came out of the house, took off his coat, squared off his fists, and challenged him to fight. I told him I heard him tell Mr. *Grainger* that if he did not go from the street he should lock him up.

Cross examined: I did not say I heard *Grainger* swear and challenge him. Freeman did not write that down in my presence. I have been convicted once at this Court for felony.

Mr. Southall recalled: Freeman, in giving his evidence last week, said *Grainger* came out of his house about a quarter past four on the 18th of July, and challenged him to fight. He said *Grainger* was drunk, and he said there were crowds of people there.

This being the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Stokes made a very eloquent and earnest speech on behalf of Freeman, in which he contended that the whole case had been trumped up by *Grainger*, who had everything to gain by so doing, as it would materially affect his license and the value of his property; whilst Freeman was simply doing his duty as a police-officer.

At the conclusion of Mr. Stokes's speech the Bench retired for a short time, and on returning said they had decided to hear the witnesses for the defence.

Edward Kinnersley was called, and said: I am a teaser in the employ of Messrs. Bolton and Mills, Audnam Bank. On the 17th ult I was at work nights. I know the boy William Hinton, and I know Mr. *Grainger's* house. About half past four o'clock on the morning of the 18th I saw the boy Hinton fetch ale from *Grainger's* house. He went to *Grainger's* house and called him up. I saw the lad go into the house. I saw *Grainger* open the door and let the lad into the house. I saw *Grainger* come out with a stone jar and a glass bottle, but what was in the bottles I do not know. *Grainger* and the boy came out together, and I saw defendant meet the lad against the gate, and drink out of one of the bottles. He took him into the road, and I went on with my work. I saw Freeman after that in the road.

By the Bench: I saw the lad go up to the door, and knock and call *Grainger* up. He stayed at the door until *Grainger* opened it. He did not go away; that I will swear.

John Chapman, glassmaker, living at Audnam, said: On the 18th ult I was opposite *Grainger's* house between four and five o'clock in the afternoon. I saw *Grainger* run out of the house, and, addressing Freeman, said 'Joe you b____, you shall have one.' His wife and another woman pulled him. Before that Freeman said if he did not go into the house he should lock him up. *Grainger* was rolling up his sleeves. He was struggling and had the appearance of being drunk.

Helen Hack, living at Wordsley, said: I passed by *Grainger's* house on the 18th of July. I passed *Grainger's* house about four o'clock, and saw *Grainger* and Freeman. *Grainger* was being taken into the house, and he was tumbling about.

The Bench dismissed the case, and said they did not consider the charge brought against Freeman did, in their minds, at all impeach the 15 years character he had previously borne."

1881 Census

Audnam – GLADSTONE ARMS

- [1] *Charles Skelding* (32), licensed victualler, born Amblecote;
- [2] *Mary Skelding* (27), wife, born Amblecote;
- [3] *Elizabeth P. Skelding* (7), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Charles S. Skelding* (2), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Phoebe Lowe* (18), general servant, domestic, born Kingswinford:

A wine license was granted in 1888.

Charles Skelding, beer retailer, Audnam. [1900], [1904]

Joseph H. Pargeter, beer retailer, Audnam. [1912]

William Patrick Welch was born in Woodside, c. 1912.
He died on 17th July 1968.

The new building was erected on a site at the rear of the original pub in 1956.
The original pub was demolished after the new one was completed.

It was known briefly as ROOSTER'S.

[2005]

Closed [2006]
It was demolished in 2006.



1999

GLASSCUTTERS ARMS

9, Barnett Street, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Jane (Ryder) Lashford
Frederick Warren
Frederick Smith Ltd. (acquired in 1926)
William Butler and Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Shrewsbury and Wem
Greenall Whitley Ltd.
Punch Taverns

LICENSEES

William Newman [1870] – **1892**;
Jane Newman (**1892 – 1894**);
Alfred Ryder (**1894 – 1896**);
Jane (Ryder) Lashford (**1896 – 1905**);
Albert Harry Elwell (**1905 – 1909**);
Frederick Loach (**1909** – [1940]
William Mason [1958]
Alice Maud Mason [] – **1968**);
Jean Mary Aimes (**1968 – 1970**);
David Alexander Landucci (**1970 – 1971**);
Robert George Jones (**1971**);
Violet Alexander (**1971 – 1973**);
Joseph Evans (**1973 – 1979**);
James David Wale (**1979 – 1983**);
Stephen Raymond Cook (**1983 – 1986**);
Alan Samuel Miles (**1986 – 1991**);
George Finnie Hutchinson (**1991 – 1992**);
Victor Norton (**1992 – 1996**);
David Whitehouse (**1996** – [2002]
Greg and Lee Bevin [2013]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

William Newman, beer retailer, Wordsley. [1872]

Jane Ryder married Mr. Lashford c.1900.

James Lashford, beer retailer, Barnett Street. [1904]

Frederick Loach, beer retailer, Barnett Street. [1912]



Auction catalogue 25/3/1926

“GLASS CUTTERS ARMS, Barnett Street Beerhouse – on. Under management. A pleasantly situate substantially erected double-fronted property occupying a large area of land. The accommodation includes:- Entrance Passage from front to back. Front Smoke Room. Front Tap Room. Back Bar and Living Kitchen combined. Side entrance to Scullery. Three Bedrooms and Club Room. In a large yard with double gateway approach at the side, the whole forming a most compact and desirable property and capable of doing a good trade. Electric light is installed.

License £10 13s 4d, Compensation Fund Levy £3. Rated at £16 5s.”

- It sold for £1775 to Abbotts Foster.

[Was / were Abbotts Foster an agent / agents for Frederick Smith Ltd.?)

It had a bowling club. [1968], [1978], [2005], [2013]

The bowling green at the rear of the pub was laid in the 1930's.

Dudley Herald 27/2/1986

“Applications before council Shrewsbury and Wem Brewery The GLASSCUTTERS ARMS change of use from garden to form bowling green extension.”

David Whitehouse was married to Ann.

[2013]



2008

GLASSMAKERS ARMS

33, High Street (Stourbridge Road) / Collis Street, (Coalbournbrook), AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Alfred Turner
Mrs. Orpah Turner, Chapel Street, Lye
Henry Mitchell and Co., Smethwick
Bent's Brewery Co. Ltd. (acquired in 1904)
Bass Ltd.

LICENSEES

Alfred Turner [1862] – 1878);
Christopher Turner (1878 – 1880);
Alfred Turner (1880 – 1881);
Mrs. Orpah Turner (1881 – 1882);
Eugene Egan (1882);
George Nicklin (1882 – 1888);
Charles William Jeffs (1888 – 1890);
George Eli Burton (1890 – 1892);
George Nicklin (1892);
Ann Sophia Nicklin (1892 – 1893);
Joseph Kelly (1893 – 1894);
Daniel Beech (1894 – 1896);
Alfred George Gillen (1896);
Samuel Tetley (1896 – 1898);
William Henry Vaughan (1898 – 1901);
Charles John Webb (1901 – 1904);
Samuel Frank Bird (1904 – 1909);
James Woodcock (1909 – 1911);
John Edwin Hills (1911 – 1921);
Philander Pargeter (1921 – 1933);
Edgar John Adey (1933 – 1936);
Sam Nixon Tearne (1936 – 1937);
Frederick Charles Vickers (1937 – 1940);
Gordon Jack Evans (1940 – 1944);
Ada Mary Evans (1944 – 1945);
William Arthur Kendrick (1945 – 1950);
Kenneth Howard Arnold (1950 – 1952);
Edward Hill (1952 – 1955);
Leonard Delves (1955 – 1965);
John William Johnson (1965 – 1979);

NOTES

Coalbournbrook [1896]
High Street [1912], [1940]

1871 Census

Stourbridge Road – Public House

- [1] *Alfred Turner* (57), glass maker, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Harriet Turner* (57), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Christopher Turner* (20), son, glass maker, born Oldswinford;
- [4] *Ada Turner* (18), daughter, scholar, born Oldswinford;
- [5] *Herbert Turner* (13), son, scholar, born Oldswinford;
- [6] *Albert Turner* (11), son, scholar, born Oldswinford:

Orpah Turner = *Orpha Turner*

1881 Census

Coalbournbrook

- [1] *Orpah Turner* (29), widow, licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Christopher Turner* (3), son, born Amblecote;
- [3] *Orpah E. Turner* (1), daughter, born Amblecote:

Orpah Turner married secondly, *Frederick Wakelam*.

Eugene Egan was also a glassmaker.

George Nicklin was born c. 1863 in Romsley.

He was married to *Ann Sophia*.

He died on 6th September 1892.

George Eli Burton was also a railway station porter.

He was married to *Emma*.

Alfred George Gillen was born in London.

He was also an accountant.

He married *Harriet Kelly*.

William Vaughan was born c. 1865 in Worcester.

He was also a wheelwright.

He was married to *Louisa*.

John Hills = *John Hill*

Philander Pargeter was born c. 1891.

[1976]

It was closed on 18th May 1979, on the grounds of redundancy.

Demolished



Ex Pub 1986

GLASSMAKERS ARMS

STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Charles Bridgens [] - **1874**);
Ann Kendall (**1874** - []

GLASSWORKS

Camp Hill, Audnam, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Whitbread (Brewers Fayre)

LICENSEES

Howard Jones **(1997 – []**
Craig Chadderton [2001] – [2003] manager
Emma Laurie [2005] manager
Sarah Graham **(2006 – []** general manager

NOTES

It was built in 1996, at a cost of £1.4M.
It opened on 22nd April 1997.

Howard Jones was married to Corrine (Carin).

It reopened in September 2003 after a £125,000 refurbishment.

It reopened on 13th February 2006 after a £300,000 refurbishment.

[2014]



2008

GRAPES

Stourbridge Road, Hay Green, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Sarah Hill [1892]

NOTES

BUNCH OF GRAPES

It was known locally as the 'Blazing Stump'.

GREYHOUND

97, (92), King William Street, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

George Robinson, Hartlebury
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1897)
Thomas Salt and Co. Ltd. (acquired in 1904)
Eley's (Stafford) Brewery Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1961]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1966]

LICENSEES

George Palmer [1862] – [1870]
William Henry Lloyd [1871] – **1876**);
Edward Perry (**1876 – 1884**);
George Male (**1884 – 1885**);
Hezekiah Spears (**1885 – 1888**);
Granville Corfield (**1888 – 1890**);
Benjamin Sedgley (**1890 – 1895**);
Tom Caleb Beard (**1895 – 1896**);
William Lyth (**1896 – 1897**);
Thomas Lawrence (**1897 – 1898**);
Alfred Burton (**1898**);
William Partridge (**1898 – 1899**);
George Bowen (**1899 – 1902**);
Walter Salt (**1902 – 1923**);
Reuben Henry Shaw Batchford (**1923 – 1924**);
Emily Jane Shaw Batchford (**1924 – 1925**);
Thomas Bywater (**1925 – 1934**);
William James Waldron (**1934 – 1936**);
Ernest Fellows (**1936 – 1937**);
Malcolm Lees Gorman (**1937 – 1938**);
William Thomas Manley (**1938 – 1949**);
Zachariah Edward Dawes (**1949 – 1953**);
Walter Bertram Hickman (**1953 – 1956**);
Joseph Tallett (**1956 – 1962**);
Ethel Maria Denbury (**1962 – 1969**);
Doris May Denbury (**1969 – 1970**);
Alice Elizabeth Cartwright (**1970 – 1980**);
Robert Graham Charles Carter (**1980 – 1982**);
Arthur Denis Jones (**1982**);
Doris May Denbury (**1982 – 1983**);

NOTES

92, King William Street
97, King William Street [1940]

It was situated on the south side of King William Street.

It had a beerhouse license.

It was a home brew house.

George Palmer, retailer of beer, Dennis Park. [1862]

George Palmer, beer retailer, King William Street. [1870]

George Palmer issued tokens from here.

He was also a flint glass cutter.

He was married to Sarah.

See also OLD DIAL.

1871 Census

King William Street – Public House

[1] William Lloyd (53), widower, engine smith, born Dudley;

[2] William Henry Lloyd (26), son, innkeeper, born Wordsley;

[3] Annie Nocraft (16), general servant, born Brettle Lane:

Edward Perry was born in Stourbridge.

He was also a furnaceman.

He was married to Esther.

Hezekiah Spears was born c. 1859 in Wollaston.

He married Myra Walker in 1882.

Granville Corfield was also a glassmaker.

He was married to Sarah.

Benjamin Sedgley – see also BUILDERS ARMS.

George Bowen was born c. 1865 in Stourbridge.

He was also a wood moulder.

He was married to Martha Jane.

Walter Salt, beer retailer, 92, King William Street. [1904], [1912]

He advertised his home brewed ales. [1911]

1911 Census

97, King William Street

[1] *Walter Salt* (33), beerhouse keeper, brewer, born Dudley;

[2] *Emily Salt* (35), wife, married 10 years, born Lye;

[3] *Clara Jordan* (18), general servant, born Lye;

[4] *Albert Welsh* (23), brewer at above, born Stourbridge:

Reuben Shaw Batchford, beer retailer, 92, King William Street. [1924]

Home brewing ceased in 1934.

A full license was granted on 25th April 1951.

It closed in 1983.

It became a house.



Ex Pub 2009

GREYHOUND

168, Norton Road / Greyhound Lane, The Heath, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

The Brewers' Investment Corporation Ltd.
J. Rolinson and Son Ltd.
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1925)

LICENSEES

Thomas Stokes [1854]
Mrs. Mary Stokes [1862] – **1874**;
William Mann (**1874** – [1881]
Miss Eliza Mann [1884]
Thomas Higgs [1888]
William Henry Abel [1892] – **1903**;
George Perry (**1903** – **1915**);
Arthur Scoyne Bowden (**1915** – **1917**);
John Smith (**1917** – **1931**);
Joseph William Smith (**1931** – **1932**);
Charles Alfred Dabbs (**1932** – **1934**);
Joseph Foster (**1934** – **1948**);
Roland Ridsdill (**1948** – **1953**);
Dennis Charles Dutton (**1953** – [1971]
Donald Edward Saunders [] – **1973**);
Brian Alfred Carrier (**1973** – **1975**);
Paul Carter (**1975** – **1976**);
Albert Victor David 'Vic' Norton (**1976** – **1979**);
Geoffrey David Swann (**1979** – **1982**);
Leslie Piggott (**1982** – **1983**);
Terence Edward Hutton (**1983** – **1984**);
Geoffrey Walters (**1984** – **1987**);
Judith E Walters (**1987** – **1990**);
Michael John Bishop (**1990** – **1992**);
Kevin David Potter (**1992** – **1993**);
Wayne Raymond Etheridge (**1993** – []
Andrew White (**2000** – [2001]



2014

NOTES

1871 Census

Norton Road – GREYHOUND INN

- [1] Mary Stokes (66), widow, innkeeper, born Broom, Worcestershire;
 - [2] Sarah Morris (72), sister, born Broom, Worcestershire;
 - [3] Thomas Mann (5), nephew, scholar, born Oswestry;
 - [4] Ann Jones (86), lodger, born Horsecliffe, Shropshire;
 - [5] Emma Jones (44), daughter, seamstress, born Stourbridge;
- [Broom is about 6 miles NNE of Evesham.]

Stourbridge Observer 27/4/1872

“About a quarter past four o’clock on Monday afternoon, information was given at the Police Court of a determined case of self-destruction at Pedmore. Police-sergeant Jones and Police-constable Rea immediately proceeded to the place, when it was found that a man named John Tong, a gardener in the employ of Mr. George Grazebrook, solicitor, had committed suicide. Deceased was found lying in a forcing-pit at the back of the house, with his skull shattered, his right eye blown out, and his brains scattered on the ground. A single-barrel gun was lying on the body. Death must have been instantaneous. Mr. Freer (surgeon) was soon on the spot, but his services were of no avail. The body was removed to the house.”

AND

“An inquest was held on the body on Thursday evening, at the GREYHOUND INN, Norton, before Mr. R. Docker, Coroner.

The first witness was Francis Worrall, who said he lived with his parents at Norton. He knew the deceased who was a gardener for Mr. George Grazebrook. On Monday afternoon, about four o’clock, he saw the deceased come out of the saddle-room with a gun in his hand. He passed witness as he was pumping water for the horses. He asked deceased what he was going to do with the gun, and he said he was going to shoot. Witness afterwards heard the report of the gun, and on going to see what Tong had killed, he saw a quantity of smoke coming out of the forcing-pit, and deceased was lying down. Witness told Conquest, the waggoner, who looked at the pit, and went to tell George Shepherd, the groom, who went and opened the door of the forcing-house, came back, and sent for Mr. Freer, the surgeon. George Shepherd said that Tong was gardener. From what last witness told him he went to the forcing-pit, and saw deceased lying on his back, dead. He went for a surgeon, and on returning saw a gun between deceased’s legs. He saw a wound on the right temple. Mr. Freer saw the body as it lay. Witness saw Tong a few minutes before. He was not sober. He had been drinking on the Saturday and Sunday, and appeared a little strange about the eyes. Mr. Alfred Freer, surgeon, said that about 6 o’clock he saw the deceased. He must have been dead from two to four hours. The body was lying on the narrow walk of the forcing-pit, on its back. The arms lay by the side. The legs were apart, and a single-barrel gun between the legs. The ramrod was resting on the thigh. There was a large wound on the forehead, into the skull, the right orb was shot away, and the brains protruding, which must have caused instant death. He had no doubt from the position of the body, that the gun might have gone off accidentally. The jury returned an open verdict, to the effect that deceased was killed by a gunshot wound, but there was no evidence to show how it was caused.”

1881 Census

Norton Road

- [1] *William Mann* (71), widower, publican, born Stourbridge;
 - [2] *Eliza Mann* (32), daughter, born Snitterfield, Warwickshire;
 - [3] *Amelia Mann* (20), daughter, born Kinver;
 - [4] *Susan Mann* (17), daughter, born Kinver;
- [Snitterfield is about 3 miles NNE of Stratford on Avon.]

1891 Census

Norton Road – GREYHOUND INN

- [1] *William H. Abel* (31), widower, licensed victualler, born Lye; 1849
- [2] *John Abel* (5), son, born Oldswinford;
- [3] *Hannah Abel* (3), daughter, born Oldswinford;
- [4] *Matilda Abel* (19), sister, housekeeper, born Lye;
- [5] *Martha Parsons* (19), servant, born Amblecote;

Closed

Demolished

It was rebuilt on the original site.

Andrew White was married to *Helen*.

Customer, *Jack Jones*, celebrated his 101st birthday here in March 2009.

[2014]

HADCROFT

New Farm Road / Grange Lane, (Pedmore Road), LYE

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Marstons plc

LICENSEES

Mrs. Maria Skelding [1892]
William Maiden [1916] – [1921]
Harry Holmes []

NOTES

Pedmore Road [1911], [1921]

It was originally the NOAHS ARK.

The original pub stood in Pedmore Road, nearer to Lye Cross, and on the opposite side of the road.

Harry Holmes was also a druggist of High Street.

It was replaced by a new building in New Farm Road.

The name was changed to HADCROFT in 2000.

It had a bowling green. [2002]

[2014]



2010



2014

HARE AND HOUNDS

Wynnall Lane, Careless Green, Wollescote, LYE

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Coley [1829]
William Perrins [1835]
Joseph Coley [1841]
William Alexander Perrins [1845] – [1865]
William Perrins [1870]
George Newnam [1872] – [1892]
Mrs. Isabella Hodgetts [1916] – [1921]
Les Piggott [1974]
Clive Bowater []
Vi Chance []
Robert Hill [2009]

NOTES

[1812]

William A. Perrins was also a farmer. [1860]

George Newnam was also a blacksmith and wheelwright of Stourbridge Road, Lye. [1873]

1881 Census

Careless Green – HARE AND HOUNDS

- [1] *George Newnam* (56), wheelwright and innkeeper, born Lye;
- [2] *Isabella Newnam* (54), wife, born Derby;
- [3] *William Newnam* (16), son, wheelwright, born Lye;
- [4] *Samuel H. Newnam* (14), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [5] *Frances Newnam* (12), daughter, scholar, born Wollescote;
- [6] *Catherine Holmes* (3), granddaughter, born Halesowen;
- [7] *Maria Homer* (17), general servant, born Wollescote:

[2009]

Closed [2010]

It reopened [2012]

[2014]



1997



2014

HARMONIC TAVERN

13, High Street, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Richard Parrish
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

George Smith [1849] – [1854]
Cuthbert White [1872] – **1877**);
Joseph Baker (**1877 – 1883**);
Thomas Hand (**1883 – 1893**);
Thomas Edwards (**1893 – 1894**);
Mary Elizabeth Hodnett (**1894 – 1897**);
E Morris [1896] ?
James Beasley (**1897 – 1898**);
Benjamin Cotton (**1898 – 1900**);
John Bennett (**1900**);
Henry Homer (**1900**);
William Lowe (**1900 – 1902**);
Mrs. Florence Holmes (**1902 – 1910**);
William Workman (**1910 – 1920**);
Mrs. Daphne Dalrymple (**1920 – 1923**);
Edward Beauchamp Sloane (**1923 – 1925**);

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Cuthbert White, beer retailer, Wordsley. [1872]

1881 Census

High Street – HARMONIC TAVERN

- [1] *Joseph Baker* (32), licensed victualler, born Wordsley;
- [2] *Clara Baker* (25), wife, dressmaker, born Dudley;
- [3] *Archibald Fred Baker* (3), son, born Wordsley;
- [4] *Ann C. Baker* (2), daughter, born Wordsley;
- [5] *Lincoln L. Baker* (7 months), son, born Wordsley;
- [6] *Roland Baker* (1), son, born Wordsley;
- [7] *Jessie Wall* (11), visitor, born Birmingham;
- [8] *Eliza Rowley* (19), general servant, born Dudley;

E. Morris appears in a directory of 1896.

1901 Census

13, High Street – HARMONIC TAVERN

[1] *William Lowe* (48), glass maker and innkeeper, born Wordsley;

[2] *Eliza Lowe* (48), wife, born Wordsley;

[3] *Samuel Lowe* (18), son, glass cutter, born Wordsley;

[4] *Lilly Lowe* (15), daughter, barmaid, born Wordsley;

[5] *Minnie Lowe* (13), daughter, born Wordsley;

[6] *Eva Lowe* (11), daughter, scholar, born Wordsley:

Edward Beauchamp Sloane was married to *Jessie*.

He died in 1930.

The license was referred to Compensation Authority, on 2nd March 1925, on the grounds of redundancy.
Confirmed on 18th June 1925.

The license was extinguished on 31st December 1925.

It became a private house.

HARVEST HOME

18, Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Maria Rogers [1861]
George Billingham [1870] – [1872]
Thomas Tillman [1872]
John Clarke [1884]
John Marshall [1888]
Benjamin Lucas [1892]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

18, Coventry Street

- [1] Maria Rogers (53), innkeeper, born Stourbridge;
- [2] Ellen Rogers (10), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [3] Joseph Rogers (23), son, engineer, born West Bromwich:

George Billingham, beer retailer, 18, Coventry Street. [1870], [1872]

Thomas Tillman, beer retailer, 18, Coventry Street. [1872]

HEART IN HAND

Stourbridge Road, Stambermill, LYE

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Williams [1855]
John Gibson [1860] – [1865]
Joseph Pearson [1866] – [1870]
Jonathan Gibson [1871] – [1884]
John Williams [1881]
William Mallen [1888]
W A White [1892] – [1902]
Timothy Worrall [1916]
Uni Tromans [1921]

NOTES

HAND AND HEART [1860], [1865]
HEART IN THE HAND [1888]

It had a beerhouse license.

Stourbridge Observer 2/4/1864

“Claim for Damage to Ale. *John Gibson* v George King Harrison.

John Gibson deposed that he is a publican residing at Stamber Mill, situate at the right hand side of the road leading from Stourbridge to Birmingham. From the Turnpike to his cellar is about a yard and a half. He was noted for keeping good ale. Previous to April last he stocked his cellar with ale brewed in the two preceeding months. He purchased the malt from Mr. Fox, and got good ale from it.

Defendant commenced to dig a pit on Good Friday in some ground opposite plaintiff’s house. He took precaution to examine the ale in the early part of April and found it all right. There was upwards of 200 gallons of ale at 1s 8d a gallon, and about 80 gallons of fourpenny, threepenny and twopenny. It is 14 yards from the front door over the cellar to the shaft of the pit.

When the blasting was going on every barrel in the cellar completely ‘jumped’. The blasting went on five or six times a day. The ale turned thick, muddy, sour and unsaleable through the shaking caused by the blasting operations. Defendant’s bailliff came and saw the ale whilst the blasting was going on, and took samples away with him. He made application for compensation to Mr. Abbot, defendant’s clerk, who told him ‘They would not pay anything.’ He had sustained damage to the amount of £100, at the least.

William Young, publican and brewer said: Seven years ago he sank a well near his house and had to blast the rock. His beer was spoiled.

Jeremiah Skidmore, mine surveyor, knew defendant’s shaft, as he had been down it. There is a rock about 16 or 18 feet below the surface. The vibration from blasting would shake the earth at 30 yards distance.

Sergeant Wilson said he had measured the surface from the cellar to the shaft, and found it was 16 feet. He had noticed some fresh cracks under the windows.

Michael Welsh, publican, said: I sank a well some time ago and blasted the rock. My ale turned muddy but as it was properly brewed, it afterwards righted itself and got fine.

Thomas Fox, maltster, of Cradley, said he supplied Gibson with good malt made from barley of fine English growth. He was sure the malt would make a good glass of ale.

John Wall, practical brewer, said some time ago he made a cellar and had to blast. He had a large quantity of ale in his cellar which did not suffer. He believed if ale was brewed as it ought to be, shaking would not in any way affect it.

G. K. Harrison, said he had sunk the shaft on the only part of surface eligible. No more powder had been used than was necessary, and every precaution had been taken. (He admitted that proceedings had been commenced against him by another party, for the fall of a house.)

John Hatton, agent for defendant, said he had superintended the works, and that only ten or twelve blasts had been made, and that not more than 12lbs of gunpowder had been used in the whole.

William Baker, well sinker, said he was employed seven years [ago] by Mr. Young, in sinking a well, but he was certain no blasting had taken place and that Mr. Young had never before complained of it. If ale is good it will not spoil by shaking.

In this important case, Mr. Maltby was engaged for the plaintiff; and Mr. Burbury for defendant. Judgement deferred."

Stourbridge Observer 11/8/1866

"Yesterday, at the Public Office, *Joseph Pearson*, landlord of the HEART IN HAND INN, Stamber Mill, was summoned by Superintendent Freeman for having had his house open for the sale of beer on Sunday afternoon last. Defendant stated that he drew the ale, and gave it to a relative. A witness corroborated this, and as there was some doubt about it the defendant was discharged with a caution."

Stourbridge Observer 15/6/1867

"On Wednesday, 12th inst, the wife of *John Pearson*, HEART IN HAND INN, Stamber Mill, was heading some ginger beer bottles, when one of them burst, and a piece of the glass came violently into contact with her face, and cut open a blood vessel. She lost several pints of blood, and fainted frequently. In the evening Mr. R. L. Bayley was called in, and the bleeding was arrested."

1871 Census

Stambermill – Public House

- [1] *Jonathan Gibson* (46), beerhouse keeper and blacksmith, born Oldswinford;
- [2] *Suesa(?) Gibson* (40), wife, born Oldswinford;
- [3] *Amelia Gibson* (19), daughter, born Oldswinford;
- [4] *Ann M. Gibson* (17), daughter, born Oldswinford;
- [5] *Sarah A. Gibson* (15), daughter, general servant, domestic, born Oldswinford;
- [6] *Matilda Gibson* (12), daughter, scholar, born Oldswinford;
- [7] *Jonathan Gibson* (8), son, scholar, born Oldswinford;
- [8] *John H. Gibson* (6), son, scholar, born Oldswinford;
- [9] *Samuel B. Gibson* (3), son, scholar, born Oldswinford;
- [10] *Albert W. Gibson* (1), son, born Oldswinford:

1881 Census

Stourbridge Road

- [1] *John Williams* (25), publican, born Halesowen;
- [2] *Mary Williams* (24), wife, born Halesowen;
- [3] *Frances Annie Williams* (1), daughter, born Halesowen:

West Bromwich Weekly News 9/4/1881

"*John Williams*, landlord of the HEART IN HAND, alehouse, Stourbridge Road, was summoned for permitting Gaming on his licensed premises. Mr. Wright defended.

Evidence was given by a witness named Major Cartwright to the effect that on the 5th of March he visited the defendant's house and there saw several games of cards played for money and beer, the defendant being an onlooker. For the defence witnesses were called to show that defendant, when he found out that gambling was going on, took away the cards, and that any subsequent games were played with a pack produced by one of the company.

The Bench fined the defendant 40s and costs."

W. A. *White* was a committee member of the Stourbridge, Lye and Cradley and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1902]

It closed on 29th December 1984.

HEARTY GOOD FELLOW

Hay Green, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Hill [1850]

HEARTY GOOD FELLOW

Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Chance [1860] – [1862]

NOTES

John Chance, beer retailer, Oldswinford. [1860]

John Chance, retailer of beer, Oldswinford. [1862]

HIT OR MISS, LUCK'S ALL

Mount Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Tonks [1860] – [1865]
Mrs. Elizabeth Tonks [1873]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

John Tonks, beer retailer, Mount Street. [1860], [1865]
John Tonks, retailer of beer, Mount Street. [1862]

HOGSHEAD

Foster Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Greene King [2006]

Mark and Sarah McMaster (leased) [2006]

LICENSEES

David Collins [1998] – [2002]

Jane O'Connor [2003]

NOTES

The building was originally Bordeaux House.

Jane O'Connor was chairman of the Stourbridge Pubwatch scheme. [2003]

Closed

It was renamed GLASS.

It reopened in January 2006 after a two week refurbishment.

[2011]

It closed [2014]



1997

HOLE IN THE WALL

High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Careless [1820] – [1829]

William Young [1835] – [1860]

Martin J McHale [1871]

James Conway [] – **1872**;

James Hall (**1872** – [1873])

NOTES

Thomas Careless = Thomas Carless

William Young was also a patten ring maker [1845]

He was described as a patten ring maker, and lock and jobbing smith. [1860]

He was listed in the 1871 Census as a patten ring maker (master), aged 77, living at the HOLE IN THE WALL, with his wife Maria.

1871 Census

HOLE IN THE WALL

[1] *Martin J. McHale* (32), licensed victualler and house plasterer, born Ireland;

[2] *Bridget McHale* (32), wife, born Ireland;

[3] *Marietta McHale* (12), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;

[4] *Mary McHale* (7), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;

[5] *Kate McHale* (4), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;

[6] *John McHale* (3), son, born Stourbridge;

[7] *Hannah McHale* (1), daughter, born Stourbridge;

[8] *Julia Gibbons* (13), general servant (domestic), born Stourbridge;

[9] O_____ *Flannagan* (61), boarder, musician, born Ireland:

Stourbridge Observer 27/1/1872

“To be sold by auction, by Mr. Hawkins, on Monday, January 29th 1872, the whole of the Spirit Shop Fixtures, well-made Counter, Shelving, 4-pull Beer Machine, Ale and Spirit measures, Tap Room Fittings, Brewing Vessels, Mashing and Gathering Tubs, Boilers, and Setting, well seasoned Casks, Timber Materials forming Concert Room; Gas Fittings and Piping throughout the House, Drinking Tables, 8-day Clock, Windsor and other Chairs, Bedsteads, Flock Beds, Chest of Drawers; together with the Licenses, goodwill, and possession of the House and Premises known as the HOLE IN THE WALL in the occupation of Mr. *James Conway*, who is giving up the business.”

Stourbridge Observer 26/4/1873

“At the Petty Sessions held yesterday, before Messrs. J. Holcroft and J. C. A. Scott, Thomas Eston was charged with being drunk and disorderly on the 19th inst. Daniel Bird said that he was passing the HOLE IN THE WALL INN, saw the defendant, who was making a great noise and quarrelling. Told the defendant to go home, he refused to do so, and began to beat his mother, an old woman. Defendant pleaded guilty, and said he did it in a mistake, he thought it was his own wife that he struck, he was in beer at the time. Fined 1s and costs.”

HOLLY BUSH

88, (16), Cemetery Road, (Porridge Hall), (Waste), (Lower Lye), LYE

OWNERS

Jack Penn, Queens Head Brewery, Lye
Admiral Taverns [2007]

LICENSEES

Thomas Brooks [1835] – [1845]
John Brooks [1860]
Thomas Brooks [1864] – [1865]
Mrs. Harriet Jane Wellens [1870] – [1884]
James L Carter [1884] – [1892]
T W Newall [1902]
Thomas Henry Newall [c. 1904]
George Edwin Dufield [1911]
Zachariah Brooks [1914] – [1921]
G H Holloway [1976]
Peter Watson [1987]
Charles Henry Bromley []

NOTES

Lower Lye [1870]
Porridge Hall
16, Cemetery Road [1916], [1921]
88, Cemetery Road [1982], [1987], [1992], [1994], [1998], [2003], [2004]

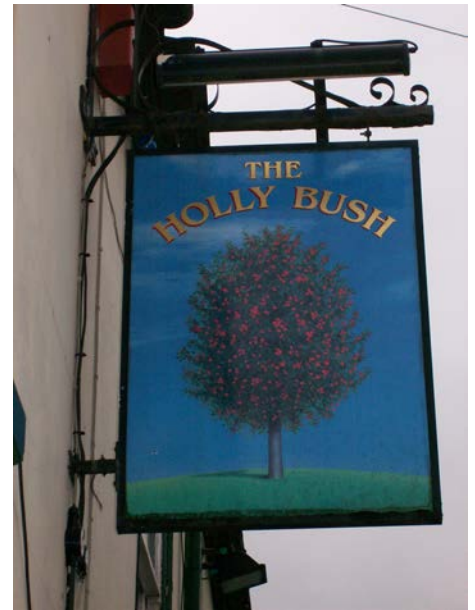
It had a beerhouse license.

Thomas Brooks, retailer of beer, Lye Waste. [1835]
Thomas Brooks, beer retailer and butcher, Lye. [1841]

James Carter, beer retailer, Cemetery Road, Lye. [1884], [1888]

T. W. Newall was a committee member of Stourbridge, Lye and Cradley and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1902]

Thomas Henry Newall's daughter Laura married John Penn, owner of the QUEENS HEAD, Cross Walks Road on 30th May 1904.



1911 Census

16, Cemetery Road

[1] *George Edwin Duffield* (52), licensed victualler, born Wolverley, Worcestershire;

[2] *Edith Florence Duffield* (53), wife, married 27 years, assisting in the business, born Kidderminster;

[3] *Henry Duffield* (75), father, widower, born Greet, Gloucestershire;

[4] *Emma Smith* (22), general servant, born Tamworth:

It had a pigeon club. [1940's]

[2013]

Check Cross Walks.



2013

HOLLY BUSH

Cross Walks, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Elijah Pearson [1872]

NOTES

Check Cemetery Road.

HOLLY BUSH

Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Nickless [1845]
Elizabeth Evers [1865]
Elijah Pearson [] - **1874**);
Edward Woodhall (**1874** - []

NOTES

BUSH [1845]

William Nickless was also a maltster. [1845]

Elizabeth Evers was fined during the year ending August 1865.

Stourbridge Observer 15/2/1873

“Judith Carrigan was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the HOLLY BUSH INN, Coventry Street, on the 10th inst. The evidence went to show that defendant was drunk and refused to quit, and used bad language. The defence was that complainant had two pawn tickets belonging to her, and refused to give them up. Mr. King, the clerk, said that no person had a right to buy pawn tickets, and if they did so they rendered themselves liable to a penalty of 40s. Defendant was fined 1s and costs, in default seven days.”

Stourbridge Observer 6/6/1874

“*Woodhall* was cautioned [at the license transfer], as the house has previously been badly conducted.”

HOLLY BUSH +

STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Brookes [1820]

NOTES

William Brookes was also a nail factor. [1820]

Check Lye.

HOP AND BARLEYCORN

Mount Pleasant, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

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

LICENSEES

William Barklam [1872] – **1878**);

Richard Harper (**1878 – 1896**);

Lydia Harper (**1896 – 1909**);

Isaiah Round (**1909**);

William Henry Harper (**1909 – 1911**);

Edward Fletcher Jnr. (**1911 – 1915**);

Edward Henry Lindsay (**1915 – 1920**);

NOTES

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

Confirmed on 15th July 1920.

License extinguished on 31st December 1920.

Check Kingswinford.

HOPE AND ANCHOR

44, (40), King William Street, Dennis Park, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Thomas Weaver, Bristol
Samuel Duggan (acquired in 1875)
George Thompson and Sons, maltsters, Dudley (acquired c. 1889)
Bucknall's Brewery, Kidderminster
Worcestershire Brewing and Malting Co. (acquired c. 1898)
Kidderminster Brewery (acquired c. 1914)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Samuel Duggan [1871] – **1880**);
Thomas Hand (**1880 – 1883**);
John Richards (**1883 – 1884**);
William Brooks (**1884 – 1888**);
Mary Ann Brooks (**1888 – 1889**);
James Hand (**1889 – 1890**);
William Adey (**1890 – 1891**);
Joseph Pearson (**1891 – 1898**);
Thomas Higgs (**1898 – 1899**);
Harry Bullus (**1899 – 1900**);
Mrs. Helen (Flint) Bridgens (**1900 – 1913**);
Thomas Henry Dulson (**1913 – 1917**);
Minnie Hayes (**1917**);
Miss Ada Nightingale (**1917 – 1949**);
George Arnold Corfield (**1949 – 1952**);
Kenneth Jeavons (**1952 – 1955**);
Marion Jeavons (**1955**);
Maggie Roome (**1955 – 1958**);
Margaret Alice Worton (**1958 – 1960**);
Ethel Annie Jordan (**1960 – 1966**);
Violet Mary Bradley (**1966 – 1971**);

NOTES

40, King William Street. [1904]
44, King William Street. [1916], [1924], [1940]

It was originally known as the STOCKING INN.

It had a beerhouse license.

Samuel Duggan, beer retailer, Dennis Park. [1872]

A billiard license was granted in 1880.

Thomas Hand was married to *Maria*.

The name was changed to HOPE AND ANCHOR in 1888.

William Brooks was also a clay miner.
He was married to *Mary Ann*.

Mary Ann Brooks married secondly *James Hand*.

William Adey was born c. 1822 in Birmingham.
He was also a glasscutter.

Joseph Pearson, beer retailer, King William Street. [1896]

Helen Flint was born c. 1865 in Campbelltown, Argyllshire.
She married E. Bridgens on 3rd October 1904.

Mrs. *Helen Flint*, beer retailer, 40, King William Street. [1904]
Mrs. *Helen Bridgens*, beer retailer, 44, King William Street. [1912]

Miss *Ada Nightingale*, beer retailer, 44, King William Street. [1924]

A full license was granted in 1949.

It closed on 28th February 1971.

HORSE AND GROOM

83, (84), (Upper) High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Noah Jones [1845] – [1854]
Charles Price [1862] – **1867**;
Joseph Pitt **(1867 – [1870])**
George Dark [1871] – [1872]
Mrs. Eliza Dark [1881] – [1888]
Charles Harry Parkes [1891] – [1892]
Owen Scriven [1916]
Mrs. Mary Scriven [1921]

NOTES

84, High Street [1865]
83, High Street [1871]
83-84, High Street [1881]

Stourbridge Observer 23/7/1864

“Mr. *Price*, landlord of the HORSE AND GROOM, Stourbridge, has in his possession a spaniel dog called ‘Rover’. Should any one enter the house and the landlord be absent from the bar at the time, the dog at once leaps on a seat and commences ringing the bell, not leaving off until the waiter is present to attend to the customer.”

1871 Census

83, High Street
[1] *George Dark* (54), innkeeper, born Allcester [Alcester];
[2] *Eliza Dark* (55), wife, born Morton, Shropshire;
[3] *Anne Dark* (25), daughter, born Dudley;
[4] *Sarah E. Dark* (17), daughter, born Oldswinford;
[5] *George Barnsley* (63), ostler, born Stourbridge:

Stourbridge Observer 20/1/1872

“The Late Railway Accident.

An inquest was held at the HORSE AND GROOM INN, High Street, before R. Docker Esq., touching the death of Edwin Moseley (23), who died from injuries received on the previous Tuesday. Arthur Sutton, a signalman, was the first witness, who said that about half-past four o’clock the deceased came to his box, on the No.5 siding, to form his train. He had released his break-van, and it ran down the siding, and stopped at the crossing where the siding joined the main line. The deceased then shouted to witness that he would have to turn the engine on the main line to take up the van. At that time the deceased was standing by the van waiting for the engine. When the engine reached the van, he heard deceased cry out. Went to see what was the matter, and found him seriously hurt on the chest, and he could not stand. Asked him how it was done, he said he had given the wrong signal, and had made a mistake.

John Smith, engine driver at the time, said the last witness signalled to him to take the engine on the main line. In doing so it struck against something, and heard the deceased cry out. He then got down, and found the breaksman lying down. He asked him what was the matter, when the deceased said ‘that the bobby (pointsman) had turned the engine on the wrong road.’ He helped deceased up. Moseley should have stopped outside until the engine came up to the van, before getting between. He considered it a very dangerous practice to do, and had often cautioned the

deceased and others about the same thing. It was Moseley's own fault the accident occurred.

Cuthbert Miller, surgeon, proved that he attended to the deceased until his death. He found him suffering from injuries received on the chest. He had no doubt the deceased died from internal injuries – the bursting of small vessels causing haemorrhage. The jury found a verdict of Accidental death.”

Stourbridge Observer 29/6/1872

“An inquest was held at the HORSE AND GROOM INN, High Street, on Saturday afternoon, before Mr. R. Docker, Coroner, on the body of Walter Slaney, a carpenter, of Birmingham, whose body was found in the Kettle Pool near to the Stourbridge Railway Station, on the previous Friday morning.

From the evidence of Police-constable Hyde it appeared that he and Police-constable Payne met Police-sergeant Jones for consultation near the spot where the body was found, about 20 minutes to four o'clock on the Friday morning. Shortly after they had parted with the Sergeant they saw a hat and jacket hanging upon some rails. Their suspicions being aroused by this circumstance, they got over the rails and followed the tracks through the grass till they came to the pool above spoken of, where they discovered the body of deceased lying in the water. Police-constable Payne blew his whistle, which attracted the attention of Police-sergeant Jones, and he directly afterwards arrived at the spot. In the meantime Police-constable Hyde proceeded to the railway station, where he procured a piece of iron, with which they got out the body of the deceased. They then conveyed it on a trolley to Dr. Bayley's, and, having called him up, the latter gentleman examined the body, and found that life was extinct. The only things found upon deceased were a purse (which contained a farthing and a note, the contents of which have previously appeared in our columns), and a carpenter's rule. The clothes of the deceased were not in the slightest degree disarranged; neither was there any appearance of any struggle having taken place. The distance from where the coat and hat was found to the pool, in his (Hyde's) opinion about 30 or 40 yards.

Samuel Latham, of Lozells Street, Lozells, Birmingham, said the body which the jury had just viewed was that of Walter Slaney, carpenter, of Birmingham. Deceased was the brother of witness's wife. He had had no fixed residence for the last few days, but up to the Saturday night previous had lodged with his four children in Heath Street, Winson Green, near Birmingham. On that night deceased borrowed eight shillings of his mother-in-law. He seemed at that time to be in a very desponding state, and had since the death of his wife, which occurred in February last, given way to rather unsteady habits. He was out of work, and seemed very much troubled as to what would become of his children. He was from 35 to 36 years of age. Witness produced a letter which had been written by deceased to his mother-in-law, and in which it was stated that he felt so unhappy that he could not bear to live any longer, and expressing a hope that they would lay him beside his wife, and take care of his children.

Dr. R. L. Bayley stated that he saw the body of deceased about four o'clock on the Friday morning. When he examined it it was quite warm, and deceased could not have been dead much more than an hour. There was a wound on the throat which was from four to six inches long. It was such an one as would be caused by the knife produced. (The knife spoken of was found by Police-sergeant Jones in the road, at a short distance from the hat and coat of the deceased. It was a rather large penknife, and when found the largest blade was opened, and the knife was covered in blood.) Witness (continuing): It was a superficial flesh wound, neither the wind-pipe nor any of the larger arteries being severed, and would not have caused death. He did not see any bruise or injury of other kind on the body. There was a mucus or froth issuing from the mouth of deceased, and from this and other indications he believed death to have resulted from drowning.

John Wicks stated that he was a signalman at the Stourbridge Railway Station. At about 7 o'clock on the Thursday evening, deceased, who was an acquaintance of his, called on him at the place where he was employed near the station. He told witness that he had come to Stourbridge to look for work, but had not succeeded in getting any, and asked him to lend him some money to pay his railway fare back to Birmingham. Witness had but twopence with him at the time, and this he gave to deceased. Deceased was perfectly sober, and witness did not notice anything peculiar about him, with the exception that he was rather more subdued and quieter than usual.

In summing up, the Coroner remarked that he thought there could be no doubt that deceased came to his death by his own act, and in reference to his sanity he believed it would have been impossible for any one of a sound mind to have written such an incoherent letter as that which he had read to the jury, and which had been addressed to his relatives a short time before he committed the fatal act, by deceased.

The Jury thoroughly coincided with this, and returned a verdict to the effect that ‘Deceased committed suicide whilst in a state of temporary insanity.’”

1881 Census

83 and 84, High Street

- [1] *Eliza Dark* (65), widow, public house keeper, born Shropshire;
- [2] *Ada Whatmore* (24), barmaid, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Sarah Golding* (20), general servant, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *William Smith* (21), brewer, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Edith E. Newport* (5), granddaughter, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Olivia H. Clasey* (13), servant, born Stourbridge:

1891 Census

84, High Street

- [1] *Charles Harry Parkes* (28), licensed victualler, born Oldswinford;
- [2] *Isadora Parkes* (25), wife, born Amblecote;
- [3] *Gladys Mabel Parkes* (7 months), daughter, born Oldswinford;
- [4] *John Henry* (40), boarder, travelling draper, born Nevey, Ireland;
- [5] *Henry Drain* (45), boarder, travelling draper, born Salisbury;
- [6] *John Reedy* (22), boarder, travelling draper, born Melksham, Wiltshire;
- [7] *Richard Sink* (26), brewer, born Cleobury Mortimer;
- [8] *Edna Smith* (19), domestic servant, born Lye;
- [9] *Lily Bingham* (19), domestic servant, born Bilston:

It closed on 25th July 1932.

It was demolished to make way for St. Johns Road.

HORSE NAIL FORGERS ARMS

High Street, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Samuel Cooke [1871] – [1872]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

High Street – HORSE NAIL FORGERS ARMS

- [1] *Samuel Cooke* (32), publican, born Lye;
- [2] *Emma Cooke* (30), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *Samuel Cooke* (10), son, born Lye;
- [4] *Richard Cooke* (8), son, born Lye;
- [5] *G. H. Cooke* (6), son, born Lye;
- [6] *Thomas Cooke* (2), son, born Lye:

Samuel Cooke, beer retailer, Lye. [1872]

HUNDRED HOUSE

7, Skeldings Lane, (Brown's Lane), Waste, LYE

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Elijah Wooldridge [1871] – [1872]

Mrs. Betsy Wooldridge [1884]

John Wooldridge [1888]

Caleb Parish [1914]

Enoch Cartwright [1916]

Thomas Pardoe [1921]

Frank Pardoe [1945]

NOTES

Brown's Lane [1871]

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

Brown's Lane – The HUNDRED HOUSE

[1] *Elijah Wooldridge* (59), innkeeper, born Lye;

[2] *Betsey Wooldridge* (54), wife, born Lye;

[3] *Joseph Wooldridge* (24), son, carter, born Lye:

Elijah Wooldridge, beer retailer, Lye Waste. [1872]

Mrs. Betsy Wooldridge, beer retailer, Skeldings Lane. [1884]

John Wooldridge, beer retailer, Skeldings Lane. [1888]

Caleb Parish was married to Polly.

Enoch Cartwright, beer retailer, 7, Skeldings Lane. [1916]

Thomas Pardoe, beer retailer, 7, Skeldings Lane. [1921]

Frank Pardoe was married to Florence.

He brewed his own beer.

[1960]

Closed

Demolished

INN ON THE GREEN

Bells Lane, (Bellevue), (Bell Street), The Green, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Samson Smart

LICENSEES

William Rogers [1862] – **1889**);
Mrs. Sarah Rogers (**1889 – 1891**);
James Corfield (**1891 – 1893**);
William Freeman (**1893**);
Richard Furber (**1893 – 1898**);
Henry Price (**1898 – 1899**);
John Wilcox (**1899 – 1902**);
Thomas Jinks (**1902 – 1906**);
Susannah Shuck (**1906**);
William Shuck (**1906 – 1907**);
Alfred Ward (**1907 – 1912**);
Mrs. Sarah Pitt Wilcox (**1912 – 1921**);
Samson Smart (**1921** – [1940]
Harry Willetts [1955]
Hull [1994]

NOTES

Bell Street [1881]
Bellvue [1940]

It was originally called the GREEN TAVERN. [1862], [1881], [1896]

It was a home brew house.

1881 Census

Bell Street – The GREEN TAVERN

[1] William Rogers (52), licensed victualler, born Rock, Worcestershire;
[2] Sarah Rogers (56), wife, charwoman, born Newport, Monmouthshire;
[3] Sarah Southall (20), stepdaughter, general servant, born Wordsley:
[Rock is about 5 miles W of Stourport.]

Its name was changed to RAVEN c.1899. [1904], [1928], [1940]

Thomas Jinks = Thomas Jenks

Tipton Herald 26/9/1903

“Richard Wilmar, described as a bookmaker’s clerk, was charged in custody with stealing a gold watch, value £20, the property of *Thomas Jenks*, RAVEN INN, The Green, Widsley, on the 14th inst.

Mr. Montgomery Hooper of Birmingham defended.

Prosecution stated that on the 14th inst, about 5.45pm, a large number of people came to his house from Wordsley Races. Witness was directing customers to their rooms, when he noticed the prisoner amongst the crowd in the passage. Only a few minutes afterwards he saw the prisoner fetch his gold watch from his pocket and hand it to someone behind him, who made away with it. He was confident it was the prisoner, because his hand was wrapped in a bandage, similar to the way he was before the court. Witness caught hold of him and said ‘Come back, you have stolen my watch,’ prisoner said ‘Search me there is nothing on me,’ and witness said ‘That is useless, the watch is gone, and you have passed it on to your friends.’ Witness valued the watch at £20, he handed the prisoner into custody.

Joseph Griffiths, King William Street, Denis Park, deposed to assisting the last witness in the bar on the date in question. He saw the prisoner steal the watch, and could swear to him again.

PC Lawton said when the prisoner was in custody with Hodgetts, another prisoner, he heard Hodgetts ask what he had done, prisoner replied ‘copped a clock, but they have not found it on me, so they can’t prove it.’ When charged with the theft the following morning prisoner said ‘I know nothing about it.’

PS Harris deposed to seeing the prisoner on the Race Course, and also to assisting PC Lawton to bring him to the station.

Mr. Hooper asked if the evidence was sufficient to commit the prisoner to trial.

The Bench held that it was, and fixed the bail for the prisoner in £50, two sureties of £40, or three of £30 each.

Mr. Hooper pleaded not guilty on behalf of his client.”

It had a bowling green. [1920], [1930]

Harry Willetts was married to *Nellie*.

Dudley Herald 12/9/1925

“Structural improvements approved.”

It had a pigeon flying club. [1928]

Bilston and Willenhall Times 4/5/1946

“Mr. Ernest L. Fletcher, FAI, of Cradley Heath, offered for sale by auction on Wednesday, on the instruction of the executors of Mr. *Samson Smart*, deceased, the free freehold, fully licensed house, The RAVEN, Bell Lane, Wordsley, Stourbridge, with possession. A large company assembled. Starting at £5,000, the bidding reached £12,000 at which price the premises were sold. Messrs. Bernard King and Sons, of Stourbridge, were the solicitors concerned.”

It was renamed INN ON THE GREEN [2001]

Closed

It was demolished in 2002.

JAGUAR

High Street, (Coalbournbrook) / Stamford Street, Hollway End, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

John Beard

John Birt

Bucknall's Brewery, Kidderminster

Worcestershire Brewing and Malting Co. Ltd. (acquired c. 1899)

Kidderminster Brewery Co. Ltd. (acquired c. 1914)

LICENSEES

John Elcock [1850] – [1854]

John Beard [1856] – [1871]

John Birt [1872] – **1889**;

Ellen Pargeter **(1889)**;

Charles Arthur Hazlewood **(1889 – 1890)**;

Leigh Fawke **(1890 – 1891)**;

James Steadman **(1891 – 1893)**;

James Phillips **(1893 – 1894)**;

George Henry Woodman **(1894 – 1895)**;

Daniel William Augustus Workman **(1895)**;

William Hodges **(1895 – 1896)**;

Henry Ivins **(1896)**;

Charles Mason **(1896 – 1899)**;

John Gerard Ellis **(1899 – 1904)**;

Alfred Henry Darwent **(1904)**;

John Edwards **(1904 – 1905)**;

William Walter Smith **(1905)**;

John William Matthews **(1905 – 1906)**;

Willie Hausar Stephens **(1906 – 1907)**;

Albert Kennersley **(1907)**;

Mrs. Phoebe Briney **(1907 – 1913)**;

Mrs. Caroline Wall **(1913 – 1928)**;

George Frederick Cartwright **(1928 – 1939)**;

Elizabeth Lucretia Jarvis **(1939 – 1940)**;

Albert Henry Talbot **(1940 – 1948)**;

Sylvia Marjorie Talbot **(1948 – 1949)**;

Eaton Hardman **(1949 – 1958)**;

Sylvia Marjorie Hardman **(1958 – 1965)**;

Marjorie Irene Townsend **(1965 – 1972)**;

John Henry Killick **(1972 – 1977)**;

Paul Peter Tobor **(1977 – 1981)**;

NOTES

Coalbourn Brook [1896]
High Street [1912], [1940]

It stood next door to Hewitt's Garage.

It was originally known as the HOLLY BUSH. [1850], [1856], [1862], [1873], [1904], [1911], [1928], [1938], [1940]

1851 Census

Top of Holloway – HOLLY BUSH

[1] John Elcock (45), publican and glass blower, born Stourbridge;

[2] Sarah Elcock (41), wife, born Wordsley;

[3] John Elcock (8), son, born Holloway End;

[4] Charles Elcock (6), son, born Holloway End;

and a servant:

John Elcock - see also PLOUGH, Wollaston.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 23/2/1856

"On Thursday last, an inquest was held before T. M. Phillips Esq., Coroner, at the house of Mr. *Beard*, the HOLLY BUSH INN, Holloway End, on the body of the daughter of Mr. *Beard*, an infant 6 weeks old. The mother stated that on awakening in the morning of Tuesday last, she found the child dead by her side. Mr. Freer, surgeon, who was immediately called in, gave it as his opinion that life had been extinct for some hours previous, and that the child had been accidentally suffocated by the pressure of the mother upon its face during sleep. Verdict accordingly."

John *Beard* was married, firstly, to Jane.
He was married, secondly, to Elizabeth.

Stourbridge Observer 16/2/1867

"On Monday last, at the Public Office, John *Beard*, landlord of the HOLLY BUSH INN, Amblecote, was charged by John Mullett with assaulting him on the 31st ult.

Mr. Addison appeared to prosecute, and Mr. Burbury defended.

Complainant said that he resided at Buck Pool. On the above date, between two and three o'clock, he was returning home with John Hampton. Witness asked Hampton if he would have something to drink. Witness then went into defendant's house and called for a pint of ale. He pulled out some silver to pay for it, but the servant girl could not give him change, and he told the girl that his name was Mullett, and to tell Mr. *Beard*. He went on his way home, and when near Turner's the defendant came up to him, caught hold of him by the coat, and pulled him about. Defendant also set a dog at him, but the animal did not bite him. His coat was torn in the struggle.

Cross examined: I was not sober at the time. I forgot to pay for the ale as I was talking to some men. Defendant's servant did not call her master. I did not behave badly to her. I did not send Hampton to the defendant to make it up, but defendant offered to buy me a coat. I have not tried to make it up.

Henry Bate said he did not see the beginning of it, but saw the defendant try to put Mullett over the wall. Also threatened to break his b____y neck, and madse use of very bad language, and said that if he did not pay for the ale he would rip his b____y heart out.

James Flewitt, warehouseman at a glass house, in Brettell Lane, said he saw complainant who asked him to have a jug of ale. He saw defendant come with a dog which he told to hold complainant. The dog did not bite the complainant, but the defendant caught hold of him, and asked him for the money he owed him. Complainant gave him a shilling, and defendant gave him the change, saying that for two pins he would knock his head off.

Jacob Thompson, collector at the Coalbournbrook Gate, said that he saw the defendant come running down the road, and shouting to stop the complainant. When he came uop he collared the complainant, and used bad language.

Mr. Burbury then addressed the Bench for the defence, and contended that the defendant was perfectly justified in what he had done. Complainant went to defendant's house, had some ale, and refused to pay for it. He not only did this but assaulted Mrs. *Beard* and the servant girl in a gross manner. He then left the house. Defendant was at once

informed of it, and followed the complainant. When he got up to him he asked for the money. Complainant did not pay him, and defendant caught hold of him by the collar of his coat, and of course became very excited. According to complainant's own witness' evidence, defendant did not lay hold of him till he refused to pay. Had he paid when requested, there would have been an end to the case. He should call the defendant's servant, who would tell them how she had been insulted (and he would say there was a summons against the complainant for that). The Bench would hear her version of the case, and they would judge for themselves. He should call Mr. Hampton and other witnesses, if necessary, and he had no doubt that after hearing their evidence the Bench would at once dismiss the case.

Sarah Ann Meese deposed: I am servant at the defendant's house. I was there when Mullett came in. He had a pint of ale, but did not pay for it. He left the house, and I ran after him. I called after him, but he did not stop or look round. There were two women with him. When I got up to him I asked him for the money for the ale. He said, 'What ale?' The women told him the ale he had not paid for. He then struck me on the face and chest, and I returned and told my master of it. Mullett then ran away and the master ran after him. When my master got to him he asked him for the money. He refused to pay and Mr. *Beard* caught hold of him by the collar.

At this stage of the case the Bench said that they would dismiss the summons.

Mr. Burbury said he should advise his client to withdraw the case of assault against Mullett. Mr. *Beard* expressed his willingness to do so, and said that Mullett had brought it all upon himself."

1871 Census

Holloway End

- [1] *John Beard* (53), publican, born Amblecote;
- [2] Elizabeth Beard (56), wife, born Calne, Wiltshire;
- [3] Eliza Ralph (17), general servant, born Kingswinford;
- [4] William Jones (19), osler (sic), born Worcestershire:

1881 Census

Main Road

- [1] *John Birt* (41), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Wolverley;
- [2] Elizabeth Birt (47), sister, born Wolverley:

James Steadman was born c. 1851.

He was married to Adelaide.

John Gerard Ellis was also a contractor. [1904]

Tipton Herald 24/7/1909

"Mr. T. A. Stokes, Coroner of South Staffordshire, and a jury, enquired into the circumstances attending the death of George Dimmock, a chainmaker, of Victoria Road, Quarry Bank, on Monday afternoon at the HOLLY BUSH INN, Amblecote. Mr. George Francis James watched the proceedings on behalf of the Tramway Company. Mr. Cramp, general manager, and Mr. John Ward, traffic manager, being also present.

Faithful Dimmock, brother of the deceased, said he, the deceased, John Waldron, of Cradley Forge, and Samuel Russon, of East Street, Quarry Bank, boarded a car on the Kinver light railway, and which came from Kinver, at the Ridge Top at Wollaston about half past one on Sunday afternoon. The car was crowded, and they stood on the platform at the back.

The Coroner: That was because there was no room in the car? – Yes, sir.

Well, what happened? – We went on for about half a mile, when the car jerked and my brother fell into the road.

How many people were there on the platform? – Four.

Did they stop the car? – Yes, we told them to, and I picked my brother up with the help of another man. My brother was unconscious, and he never spoke again.

His neck seemed to be broken? – Yes.

Continuing, witness said his brother had been in good health previously.

The Coroner: How much had you to drink?

Two quarts of beer between us.

Did you see the conductor at all? – Yes.

Did he ask you to get off the platform? – No, sir.

You are sure of that? – Yes.

Did he make no remark to you about standing on the platform? – No, sir.

Was the car full? – Every seat was filled up.

Was there no standing room inside? – No, sir. The seats were too close.

In reply to Mr. James, witness said the deceased and his companions walked to the Hayes together from Quarry Bank, and then took a car to Stourbridge in the morning, and then rode to the Ridge at Wollaston, arriving at that place about half past eleven. They then walked about, and afterwards went to a public house, after which they took the car for home.

Mr. James: When the conductor saw you on the back of the car, did he not come up to you? – Yes, to take the money.

Did he not tell you you must come off the car at the next stopping place? – No.

Did you refuse to pay him your fare? – No.

Did he stop the car at the next stopping place? – No, sir. He did not stop at all until the accident happened.

Do you say that the car never stopped at all from the Ridge until your brother fell off? – I would not be sure.

Now recollect something. You have made a sort of admission.

Witness: I don't think it did.

Mr. James: Will you swear that that is as far as you can go? – Yes.

Well, if I tell you that it stopped three or four times, what do you say to that? – It didn't stop three or four times.

The Coroner: The car was going over the junction, near Mr. Nash's spade works, Coalbournbrook, when it gave a jerk? – Yes.

Samuel Russon, East Street, Quarry Bank, gave evidence showing that when they got on the back part of the car he, deceased, and Faithful Dimmock stood up, and Waldron sat down. The conductor when he came up to them for their fares did not tell them that they must not stand on the platform.

The Coroner: He did not order you off the car? – No, sir. The accident happened whilst the conductor was taking the fares from other people. We had been on the tram for about five minutes.

There was nothing for you to catch hold of? – There was a bar.

Mr. James: How many times did the car stop before the accident occurred? – Only once that I remember.

Did you hear the conductor come and say that you would have to get off when he found you there? – No, sir.

Did you refuse to get off? – No, sir; we were not ordered off at all.

John Waldron said the car was crowded, and that there was hardly an inch anywhere but on the back.

The Coroner: Did the conductor say anything to you? – No. He only took the money from us. He did not say anything of the sort that we must get off.

Mr. James: How many times did the car stop? – I believe it was twice or three times.

John Fisher, the conductor of the car, was the next witness, and he said he was collecting the fares, when he was told the men were on the back of the car.

The Coroner: Did you go straight to them? – Yes, I went to them. There were four of them.

What did you say to them? – I told them they must get inside; but the men were very stupid and would not obey me. They said they would not go.

You went to them for the purpose of getting their fares? – Yes, and I told them they were not allowed on the back of the car, but they would not obey me.

Did you order them off the car? – No, I didn't order them off, but I told them that they would have to get off at the corner for Stourbridge.

They said they would not? – Yes.

When the car stopped did you order them off? – I went to them again, sir, but they would not come off. The car stopped twice between the time they got on and the accident, and on each occasion I ordered them off the platform.

The Coroner: I take it that nobody else got on the car after these men? – Yes, a few did.

The Coroner: I thought the car was full up, and no more could get in? – A good many passengers changed at Wollaston for Stourbridge, and I spoke to the men who would not go inside the car.

In answer to a juror, witness said there was standing room inside the car, but the men would not go in.

Mr. Cramp, on the witness being asked what the car was licensed to carry, said it was not licensed, but had a capacity for 56 passengers. The platform on which the men stood was a small place on the outside of the car where the controller stood, and he could not understand the men crowding there. The conductor was always inside the car, and never outside, or was on the side of the car.

In answer to a juror, the conductor said the reason he was going to take the men's fares, if the men were going to get off, was because it was his duty.

Why did you not stop the car, and demand that the men should come off? – I did, but they would not come off.

You did not think the men would not get off after paying their fares?

The Coroner said they were there to ascertain the cause of death. He thought they would have little doubt that the unfortunate man met with his death as a result of an accident. Whether it was right or wrong there was little doubt that he was standing on the platform of the car, and as it went over the junction at a loop, the car gave a jerk. I did not appear that the deceased had hold of anything at the time, and he fell off and was picked up dead. The only question was whether the injuries were accidentally inflicted; but he did not think it affected the matter in the least whether the conductor ordered him off the car or not. It was a peculiar thing to take his full fare if he was going to order him off at the next stop; perhaps the conductor thought he would do his best for his masters. In some future court it might be material, but he did not think it was material as far as the jury was concerned.

A juror said he should like to say that the junction was one of the most dangerous on the line. It was not fit for traps or gigs to go there. He had been on a car himself, and had been almost jerked off himself. He did not see why the company should have put two lines there. Any man who was sober would have to be careful, or he might be jerked off.

The Coroner: Then you advocate that the Tramway Company should remedy these things?

Mr. Crump said it was an ordinary place, and if people would stand in all sort of funny places they would take the risks. If they took their places inside the car they would be all right.

The Coroner asked the jury whether they agreed that the death was accidental or not – it did not matter whether the man was drunk or sober.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death through standing on a dangerous place. At the same time he thought the conductor was wrong for taking the men's fares.

Mr. James said the object of getting the man off the back of the car was to get him inside, and he would have been allowed to proceed on his journey after paying his fare."

George F. Cartwright founded *Cartwright's Dairy*, John Street, Wordsley in 1939, after leaving the pub.

Phoebe Briney = *Phoebe Biney*

[Did *Sylvia Marjorie Talbot* remarry to *Eaton Hardman*?]

It was renamed the JAGUAR.

[1976]

It closed on 10th March 1981.

It was demolished.

JOLLY SOLDIER

50, Birmingham Street, (Coventry Street), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Partridge [1850]
Samuel Moore [1854] – [1873]

NOTES

Coventry Street [1850]
Birmingham Street [1854], [1865]
50, Birmingham Street [1871]

1871 Census

50, Birmingham Street
[1] *Samuel Moore* (52), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
[2] *Martha Moore* (57), wife, born Stourbridge;
[3] *Harriet Moore* (19), daughter, born Stourbridge;
[4] *Eliza Moore* (16), daughter, born Stourbridge:

JUNCTION

WORDSLEY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

George Richards [1868]

KATIE FITZGERALD'S

187, (97), Envile Street / Mamble Road, (Beauty Bank), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Sydney Evershed Ltd, Burton on Trent (leased) [1902]
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (leased) [1904]
Thomas Homer, Brierley Hill (acquired in 1905)
John Auden
Francis John Auden
Ansells Ltd. (acquired on 1st March 1961)
Eddie Morton [2003]
Petrina Keane [2001]

LICENSEES

Thomas Haslock Richards [1862] – [1870]
Thomas Whiston [1871] – [1874]
Edward Haweswood [1880]
Henry Oakes [1881]
Trevis Richards [1884]
Thomas John Voce [1888]
Thomas Power [1892]
William Henry Bowen [1896] – **1905**;
John Homer **(1905)**;
George Mountford **(1905 – 1906)**;
Zachariah Mills **(1906 – 1907)**;
William Henry Cooper **(1907 – 1908)**;
Joseph Jordan **(1908 – 1909)**;
William Edmonds **(1909 – 1910)**;
John Auden **(1910 – 1924)**;
Rhoda Auden **(1924)**;
Charles Henry Waldron **(1924 – 1926)**;
Thomas Samuel Watkins **(1926 – 1929)**;
Arthur George Morris **(1929 – 1930)**;
Reginald Thomas Ellis **(1930 – 1934)**;
William Henry Skinner **(1934 – 1936)**;
Reginald Thomas Ellis **(1936 – 1939)**;
Francis John Matthews **(1939 – 1947)**;
Evelyn Beatrice Matthews **(1947 – 1954)**;
Sarah Elizabeth Matthews **(1954 – 1958)**;
Ethel Maria Denbury **(1958 – 1959)**;
Sarah Elizabeth Matthews **(1959)**;
Thomas Harry Cartwright **(1959 – 1960)**;
Harry Coates **(1960)**;
Kenneth George Shilvock **(1960 – 1961)**;
John Hartley Rider **(1961 – 1964)**;
Ronald Haycock **(1964 – 1966)**;
John Sadler **(1966)**;
John Frederick Morris **(1966 – 1967)**;
Robert Caleb Darby **(1967 – 1968)**;
Eunice Joan Dowler **(1968)**;



1983

Audrey May Kirkham (1968 – 1974);
Donald Nock (1974 – 1976);
Ernest Hartill (1976 – 1984);
Michael Bradburn (1984 – 1985);
Raymond Forrester (1985);
Robert William Griffiths (1985 – 1987);
John William Kent (1987 – 1988);
Margaret Diana Costello (1988 – 1990);
Roger Anthony Cooper (1990 – 1992);
Margaret Diana Costello (1992 – 2000);
Petrina Rosemarie 'Trina' Keane (2000 – [2012])

NOTES

97, Enville Street [1881], [1884], [1888], [1892], [1916]
187, Enville Street [1921], [2008]

It was originally the GOLDEN LION. [1864], [1865], [1874], [1884], [1916], [1921]

It was also known as The NORTH WORCESTERSHIRE BREWERIES ENTIRE. [1892]

It was a home brew house. [1930]

Stourbridge Observer 8/10/1864

“An inquest was held at Mr. *Richards*’s, the GOLDEN LION INN, on Thursday last, before R. Docker Esq., coroner, touching the death of John Meredith,, of Mamble Square, who was killed on Monday last. From the evidence it appears that deceased was waggoner in the employ of Messrs. J. and W. Pearsons. On Monday last he was in charge of a cart and two horses. On coming down a hill at Aston’s Ford, he got into the cart, and was driving without reins. When nearing the bottom there is a short turn, deceased spoke sharply to the horse, who then went much quicker, and one of the wheels went up the embankment, upsetting the cart at thriller horse [a shaft horse, or the last of a team], throwing him out, when the cart fell upon him, across the loins. Assistance was quickly on the spot, and the cart got off the poor fellow’s body, he was put into the cart to be conveyed home, but died in about ten minutes. Mr. Freer was called, but life was extinct. A verdict of Accidental death was returned.”

1871 Census

Beauty Bank – GOLDEN LION

[1] *Thomas Whiston* (45), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;

[2] *Elizabeth Whiston* (46), wife, born Stourbridge;

and a servant:

Stourbridge Observer 3/10/1874

“To be let, and may be entered upon at once, all that well established old-licensed Public House, the GOLDEN LION INN, with Stables, Coach House, and large Garden, situate at Beauty Bank, Stourbridge, adjoining the Turnpike Road leading from Stourbridge to Enville.

Apply to Mr. *Whiston* upon the premises, Mr. Thomas H. Richards, Wollaston, or to Mr. Edwards, Auctioneer and Publican’s Valuer, 30, Market Street, Stourbridge.”

1881 Census

97, Enville Street

[1] *Henry Oakes* (57), licensed victualler, born Kidderminster;

[2] *Mary A. Oakes* (53), wife, born Bromsgrove;

[3] *Florence Oakes* (15), daughter, born Bromsgrove;

[4] *Sarah A. Oakes* (14), daughter, born Bromsgrove;

[5] *Sarah Kimberley* (16), domestic servant, born Bromsgrove:

William Henry Bowen was married to Mary Ann.

Brewing resumed under the ownership of *Thomas Homer*, in 1905.

1911 Census

GOLDEN LION, Enville Street

- [1] *John Auden* (43), publican, born Cradley;
- [2] *Rhoda Auden* (42), wife, married 22 years, assisting in business, born Cradley;
- [3] *Lawson Auden* (20), son, apprentice engineer, born Lancashire; [St. Helens]
- [4] *Nelly Auden* (19), daughter, domestic servant, born Cradley;
- [5] *Wesley Auden* (17), son, engineer's apprentice, born Cradley;
- [6] *Rhoda Auden* (12), daughter, scholar, born Cradley;
- [7] *William Auden* (9), son, scholar, born Cradley;
- [8] *Rosabella Auden* (6), daughter, born Cradley;
- [9] *John Auden* (2), son, born Cradley;

John Auden – see also LION, Cradley.

Brewing ceased in 1947.

It was put up for sale by auction in 1959.

[1983]

It closed on 21st March 1986.

It reopened as the STOURBRIDGE LION on 4th August 1989.

[1998]

Petrina R. Keane married *Eddie Morton*.

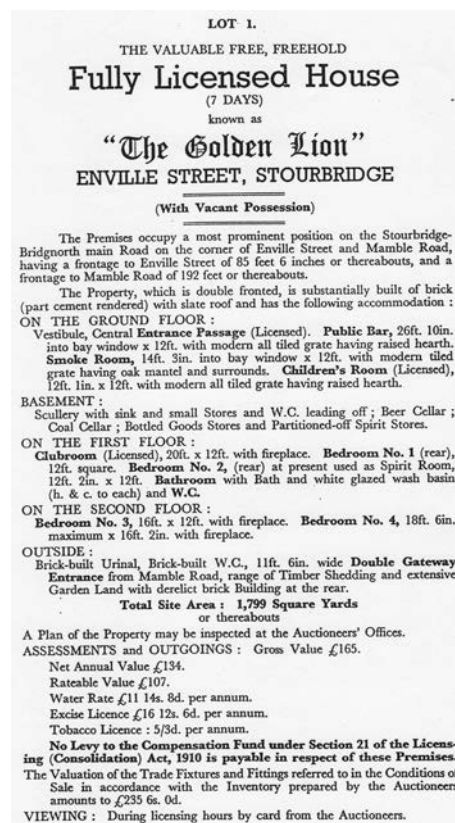
It reopened as the renamed *KATIE FITZGERALD's* on 18th June 2000.

It was named after *Petrina Keane's* grandmother.

A four car pile up outside, on the evening of 15th December 2000, caused damage to the front of the building.

Petrina Keane was fined £500 and £1,621 costs, for allowing smoking in a marquee at the rear of the pub, in June 2012.

[2014]



Auction Catalogue 1959



2014

KINGS HEAD

High Street / Victoria Passage, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Humphries [1814] – [1822]

NOTES

KINGS HEAD [1820]

OLD KINGS HEAD [1822]

Cox, a carrier to Wolverhampton, left from here every Thursday. [1820]

Cox, a carrier to Worcester, left from here every Friday. [1820]

William Humphries = William Humphreys

William Humphries was also a currier. [1820]

Check OLD KINGS HEAD.

KINGS HEAD +

High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Nock [1820]

KINGS HEAD +

High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Andrews [1829]

KINGS HEAD +

High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Hobson [1829]

KINGS HEAD +

High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Penn [1841]

KINGS HEAD +

High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Taylor [1850]

KINGS HEAD

High Street, Audnam, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Hannah Sutton [1822] – [1835]

KING WILLIAM

Audnam, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joshua Bridgens [1864] – [1865]

LABOUR IN VAIN

59, Redhill (Road) / Church Street, (Lower Swinford), Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Watergate Inns [2000]

LICENSEES

Joseph Chance [1845] – [1870]
Amos Valentine Carter [1871] – [1892]
William Henry Abel [1916]
Thomas Sparrow [1921]
Anne Georgina Johnson [c. 1955]
Richard Coughlan (2000 – [2001]
Chris Garrington [2002]
Russell Briscoe (2002 – []
James Dolman [2003]
Donna Tromans (2006 – []

NOTES

59, Red Hill [1993], [1999], [2001], [2003]

Stourbridge Observer 3/6/1865

“The painful intelligence of Mr. William Rigby, Station Master in the Goods’ Department, having committed self destruction by cutting his throat on the previous evening as it passed from one to another on Monday morning, excited feelings of general sorrow and wide spread regret. Of course many rumours were soon afloat as to the cause of his taking such a desperate step. It was stated by some with considerable assurance that in consequence of allowing the monetary matters of the Railway Company to get into arrears, he received notice to quit their service. But we are informed on the most creditable authority that such was not the case; he merely was in arrears so far as the work was concerned, from what cause we are unable to say, but certainly the most charitable interpretation, and one which would seem to be warranted by after relevations, would be to attribute it to ill-health. He did not receive notice from the Railway Company; on finding that they did not confide in him as heretofore evidencing by their sending another gentleman down, Mr. Rigby’s keen sense of honour was touched, and he on the same day sent in his resignation. The probable causes of his committing the suicidal act was annoyance in finding that he could not be trusted by the railway company, and the feverish excitement which he had experienced in his body some time before the sad deed was perpetrated. All with whom we have conversed bear testimony to the obliging, upright and generous manner which characterised the unfortunate gentleman.

The inquest on the body was opened at four o’clock, on Tuesday afternoon, by R. Docker Esq., the District Coroner, at the LABOUR IN VAIN, by Mr. *J. Chance*, Oldswinford. The Jury having been duly sworn, the following evidence was given.

Mr. Allen John Evers Swindell; I live at Oldswinford Castle. I knew the deceased by sight. I knew he was Station master in the Goods’ Department, Stourbridge. On Sunday evening between eight and nine o’clock, and about a quarter to nine according to my present recollection, as I was walking along the railway, from the direction of Hagley to Stourbridge, in company with Mr. Grazebrooke, jun., I saw something white in the ditch by the side of the railway, in the White Hall cutting, about twenty yards beyond the White Hall. At first sight I thought it was the shirt of a man who was drunk, and who had his waistcoat opened. On a more careful observation I discovered that he was besmeared with blood, and at once the thought struck me that it was the form of a man who had committed suicide.

At the time I did not recognise that it was Mr. Rigby, but I have since recognised that it was he. I at once hastened to inform my father who was at home, of what I had seen. My father told me to go for Police-constable Ray, and with the latter I returned to the spot. The body of deceased was got out in my presence, which was quite dead. I observed no weapon whatever.

Police-constable Ray; My name is John Ray. I went with the former witness to the spot where deceased was found. I helped to get him out of the ditch. I produce a razor which I received on the spot from Mr. James Evers Swindell. It was after testified that this razor belonged to the deceased, and was one of a couple which had been presented to him by Mr. Phillips, the present Station-master in the Passenger Department.

Mr. James Evers Swindell; I am one of the County Magistrates, and live at Oldswinford. In consequence of what my son, who was the first witness, told me, I went to the spot which he mentioned. I found the body of the deceased lying in the ditch. The throat was fearfully cut and the blood was then flowing, incontestibly proving that the wound had only been recently made. It was removed in my presence and brought to the house where we are now assembled. I found a razor on the right hand side of his body, between his coat and his waistcoat; it was then wet with blood. Blood was upon both hands. The body was on its back, and the hands straight down. This witness also stated that he saw him pass his house about 10 or 15 minutes before the time the intelligence was brought him by his son. He was then going in the direction of the spot where he was subsequently found. I knew him, but have not had cause to speak to him for six or seven days.

Mr. Alfred Freer; I am a surgeon, living at Stourbridge. I saw the body of deceased on Sunday night, about a quarter past eleven, at Mr. *Chance's*. Judging from the appearance of the body, I should say that it had been dead between two and three hours. I found two incised wounds across the throat; the upper one, very large and deep, and across the front of his throat, separating the larynx from its attachments to the tongue, and dividing the large blood vessels of the neck on both sides. The gullet was also divided, and cut through with the exception of a little portion at the back. There was a smaller transverse wound about an inch and a half below the other, completely dividing the larynx, so that the larynx hung loose in the neck. There was a great deal of blood about his neck and head, but no other injury that I saw. The body was blanched and completely dead. I should think that death would result in about three minutes at least, from haemorrhage. The wounds might have been inflicted by himself. In all probability the smaller and more insignificant wound was made first. I knew the deceased for I had attended him for two days previously. He was suffering from feverish symptoms, accompanied with pain in his head, joints, and limbs. He experienced increased heat of the body, had a full, quick pulse, furred and white tongue, with a slight cough. I did not know him before Friday, on which day, he sent for me. I saw nothing in his manner at all strange or irrational; neither did I perceive that he was dispirited at all. He was confined to his bedroom on Friday and Saturday. He was not well enough to go out. His brain would, in my opinion, be naturally affected by going out and continuing in an upright position. His mental powers would be weakened, especially if there had been any predisposition in him to commit suicide, this feeling would accordingly be increased. It is possible that his going out in such a condition of body as he then was, would temporarily destroy the balance of his mind.

Mr. James Phillips; I live at Stourbridge, and am Station-master in the Passenger Department. I knew the deceased well. I have known him ever since he came to live in the town; which is upwards of two years ago, and have seen him every day during that period. I visited him on Thursday and Friday two or three times each day. He was then weak and ill, but on Saturday evening he was considerably improved. On the Sunday about a quarter past one in the afternoon he came to my lodgings and inquired for me. I went to the door to him. I found he looked wild and talked incoherently. With much persuasion I induced him to go in. I asked him to take some dinner, but he at first declined; afterwards he said he would have some, but he only took two or three mouthfuls. He expressed a wish to go out, and while I was upstairs preparing to accompany him, he wandered to the back of the house and was accosted by a servant of the establishment, whose fears were aroused by his appearance, with whom the deceased was rash in consequence of having been interrupted. He asked me to take him to the station – it was now about a quarter to three o'clock – and when we arrived at the station, he asked me what business I had to bring him there. We there saw Mr. Rollinson, the timber merchant, who was struck with Mr. Rigby's appearance, and who mentioned it to me, and who told me to look closely after him. I then took him a walk in the Grange-field; but after he had gone some distance he wished to return and go home. When we got against the stile he stood suddenly still and fixed his eyes wildly upon me. I took him by the arm, and told him to come along. We reached his home about four o'clock, and with him I stayed until five o'clock. He asked me to stay for tea, but I could not. I left him with his wife, apparently in a quieter mood. I never saw his manner like it was on this occasion. I think from the questions he proposed to me and from the general wildness of his manner that he was insane.

By a Jurymen; He said he thought he was light headed, and told me to mind him. I have no doubt leaving the station and his illness preyed on his mind.

Mr. Freer recalled; I am of opinion that the state of mind in which Mr. Phillips has stated he found him in was the natural consequence of his going out.

After a little consultation the Jury unanimously returned a verdict of Suicide while in a state of temporary insanity.”

Stourbridge Observer 17/3/1866

A serious accident occurred to Mrs. *Chance* of the LABOUR IN VAIN INN, Oldswinford, under the following circumstances. It appears that on the morning of the 8th inst, she was coming down stairs when her foot slipped, and she fell down several steps, dislocating her collar bone, and was severely bruised. Medical assistance was called, and the unfortunate sufferer is doing as well as can be expected.”

1871 Census

Lower Swinford – Public House

- [1] Amos V. Carter (49), publican, born Thanford, Northamptonshire; [Thenford?]
 - [2] Alice Carter (45), wife, born Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire;
 - [3] James Carter (19), son, engine cleaner, born Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire;
 - [4] Maryann Carter (16), daughter, born Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire;
 - [5] John Carter (13), son, born Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire;
 - [6] Frederick Carter (11), son, born Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire;
 - [7] Emma Carter (3), daughter, twin, born Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire;
 - [8] Catherine Carter (3), daughter, twin, born Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire;
 - [9] Amos Carter (5 months), son, born Oldswinford:
- [Middleton Cheney is about 2 miles E of Banbury.]
[Thenford is about 4 miles E of Banbury.]

Stourbridge Observer 11/5/1872

“On Sunday evening a large meeting of the employees of the Great Western Railway Company of Stourbridge and district was held at Mr. *Carter*’s, the LABOUR IN VAIN INN, Oldswinford, to take into consideration the desirability of joining the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants.....”

- A branch was started.

Stourbridge Observer 3/8/1872

“A very large meeting of the employees of the Great Western Railway Company was held at the LABOUR IN VAIN INN, Oldswinford, on Sunday evening. The Chairman of the district presided, and a deputation from Worcester was present.

The Chairman entreated those present to be united and work firmly together, and if they did so he had no doubt that the Society would become the greatest in England. The deputation from Worcester, who had attended the meeting in London, gave a sketch of what had transpired there. And stated that the annual picnic had not been held this year in consequence of the traffic on the South Wales line, and the company not being able to let them have any carriages for the excursion trains. The company had given them £150 in lieu of the picnic, and two gentlemen had given £5 each to the society.

The Chairman said they all felt very thankful to the deputation for the kind manner in which he had given them an account of the society. The next part of the business was the revised scale of wages. A gentleman present had prepared that scale, and he would read it to them.

The Gentleman said he had prepared the scale, but he would have them know that he was perfectly satisfied with what wages he got himself, but most of the men were not getting good wages, and therefore he thought he would draw up the scale, and lay it before them. A foreman to have from 25s to 80s per week, shunters and yardsmen 21s to 15s per week, guards the same as at present, working 10 hours per day, pointsmen 22s to 25s per week, porters 18s to 21s per week, platelayers 18s to 21s per week. These men, he believed, got 15s per week at present; horse drivers 14s to 18s per week.

A Platelayer said the last speaker had proposed that platelayers should have from 18s to 21s per week. He only got 17s per week, and it was very hard for him to work and keep his family of six out of it. It often made his mouth water when he looked into a butcher’s window, and thought that he could not have anything. He thought they ought to have £1 per week to enable them to live, now that provisions had risen to such a price. All the rise he had had in ten years was 1s.

A signalman said he thought all signalmen should get the same. Another signalman said he considered that signalmen at the larger stations like Stourbridge, where there was a great deal more work, should have more than signalmen at a place like the Lye or Cradley.

The Chairman said the object of the society was to secure 10 hours a day for all men.

Another signalman observed that the signalmen at Stourbridge did not work so many hours as those at Cradley.

A Voice: The signalmen at Stourbridge are on the eight hours movement.

A signalman moved that the scale referring to signalmen be raised to 20s, and start at no less than 23s.

This was seconded and carried.

A platelayer proposed that the platelayers have 18s per week after they have been on the line two years.

This was seconded and carried.

A vote of thanks to the deputation from Worcester, and to the Chairman, closed the proceedings.”

Stourbridge Observer 9/11/1872

“The first half-yearly meeting of the Stourbridge Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants was held on Sunday night last, at the LABOUR IN VAIN INN, Oldswinford. There was a very large attendance. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing six months. Chairman, treasurer, secretary, two trustees, two auditors, assistant secretary and a committee of 18.....”

Stourbridge Observer 29/11/1873

“Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants. A meeting of the Stourbridge Auxiliary of the above branch, was held at the LABOUR IN VAIN INN, Oldswinford, on Sunday evening last, and there was a fair attendance. Mr. W. Packwood, of this town, occupied the chair. The proceedings were commenced by the introduction of the chairman to the meeting. This having been done.

Mr. Packwood said he was greatly obliged to them for the honour they had done him in inviting him to take the chair. He was rather surprised at not seeing more present, especially as the railway servants in this district were so powerful a body, but it may be accounted for by the fact there were some away on duty. He should say a few words to them on unionism, and then Mr. Vincent would address them. He hoped that nothing distasteful or disgusting to the ear, would fall from either his or Mr. Vincent’s lips, to offend any one present. He made these remarks because he had not been amongst them before. The object of the meeting was trades unionism and the benefits to be derived therefrom. He thoroughly believed in trades unionism. He had heard that railway servants wanted an alteration in their hours of working. If they found themselves together they would soon have their own way, but they would not unless they were one and all join in unity. He had been connected with trades unionism for nearly 20 years, and had had something to do with meetings in his own trade, and he always found that if they wanted anything from the masters they must all join together they would obtain whatever they wanted in reason. He did not believe in strikes, and now the matter could be settled in a far more amicable manner than formerly, and that was by arbitration. If there was a disagreement between masters and men, a number of each would assemble together and talk the matter over, and then decide what course it would be best to pursue. With regard to the 8 and 10 hours movement, he was ashamed to hear that some of the men still worked 30 or 40 hours consecutively, whilst he, himself, did not work more hours than that in a whole week. After some other remarks, the Chairman called upon Mr. Vincent, of Birmingham, to address the meeting.

Mr. Vincent said it gave him great pleasure to be once more amongst them. He had hoped when he was there before that by this time that Stourbridge would have been in a more prominent position among the branches of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, but as it was, he congratulated them on being such a strong body as they were. He related several instances of accidents on railways through the servants being overworked, and said the men wanted first to get a higher wage; in the second place they wanted a better system of working, as regards the time; in the third place, in cases where railway servants are injured or killed in accidents, their friends should have the same advantages as the friends of passengers who fared similarly. In a long and powerful speech he urged upon those present the necessity of joining together in one body, if they wanted their rights. If they did not do so, they would never attain their ends.

Votes of thanks to Mr. Chairman, and Mr. Vincent, closed the proceedings.”

Stourbridge Observer 19/9/1874

“On the 10th inst a meeting of licensed victuallers of the township of Upper Swinford was held at Mr. *Carter*’s, the LABOUR IN VAIN INN, for the purpose of appealing against the decision of the Justices of Worcestershire to close their public houses at 10 o’clock. On Tuesday, a large meeting was held at Mr. *Bailey*’s, CRAB MILL INN, when nearly the whole of the trade was represented. After some discussion, it was resolved to employ Messrs. Freer and Perry, solicitors, to appeal against the decision of the Justices, on the ground that the township of Upper Swinford contains 612 houses, and upwards of 3,000 inhabitants. A meeting was also held at Mr. *Hambrey*’s, the STATION INN, on Wednesday, confirming the resolution, and we understand that an appeal will be made before the licensing Justices, at Worcester, this day, Saturday.”

1881 Census

Lower Swinford

- [1] *Amos Carter* (59), licensed victualler, born Northamptonshire;
- [2] *Alice Carter* (55), wife, born Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire;
- [3] *Frederick Carter* (21), son, brewer, born Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire;
- [4] *Emma Carter* (13), daughter, born Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire;
- [5] *Catherine Carter* (13), daughter, born Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire;
- [6] *Elizabeth Carpenter* (17), domestic servant, born Birmingham:

[2012]



1986



2009

LAMB

High Street, (Stourbridge Road), Hay Green, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Elijah Hatton [1862] – [1870]

Mrs. Ann Hatton [1871] – [1881]

John Allchurch [1888] – [1892]

NOTES

Stourbridge Road [1873]

1871 Census

Haygreen – LAMB INN

[1] *Ann Hatton* (53), widow, licensed victualler, born Lye;

[2] *Mary A. Hatton* (27), daughter, born Lye;

[3] *Sarah A. Hatton* (19), daughter, born Lye;

[4] *Elijah Hatton* (17), son, spade maker, born Lye:

1881 Census

near Cross – public house LAMB INN

[1] *Ann Hatton* (66), licensed victualler, born Thorns, Staffordshire;

[2] *Elijah Hatton* (28), son, bucket maker, born Lye;

[3] *Edith E. Robins* (11), granddaughter, scholar, born Lye:

LAMP

14, Birmingham Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Middleton [1865]
John Hall [1873]
Sarah Ann Hall [1881]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Stourbridge Observer 6/5/1865

“*Joseph Middleton*, landlord of the LAMP INN, was charged by Superintendent Freeman, with having his house open for the sale of beer, after 11 o’clock, on the night of the 1st inst. Police-constable Burford proved the case. Fined 2s 6d and costs.”

1881 Census

14, Birmingham Street – LAMP INN

- [1] *Sarah Ann Hall*, widow, licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Hannah Maria Hall* (11), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Albert Hall* (8), son, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *James Hall* (5), son, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Amelia Hall* (3), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Elizabeth Courtney* (21), domestic servant, born Stourbridge:

LAWNSWOOD

Lawnswood Road, Fair Oaks, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Ansells Ltd.

Allied Domecq [1998]

Ember Inns [2002]

Stonegate Pub Company [2013]

LICENSEES

Lawrence Wootton **(1987 - [1989]**

Donna Eastman [2001]

Nathan Knowles [2004]

NOTES

It was refurbished in 1988.

Lawrence Wootton was married to Bryer.

Closed

It reopened in October 2001 after a £500,000 refurbishment.

[2013]



2009

LEAMINGTON BREWERY STORES

King William Street, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

W M Salmon [1856]

NOTES

Brierley Hill Advertiser 25/10/1856

“Freehold Public House, Dennis Park, Brettell Lane. To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Detheridge, on Monday, the 10th day of November 1856, at the house of Mr. *John Bolton*, the FOLEY ARMS INN, Brettell Lane, aforesaid, All that Freehold Public House, known by the name of The LEAMINGTON BREWERY STORES, situate in King William Street, Dennis Park, Brettell Lane, in the Hamlet of Amblecote, in the parish of Oldswinford, and occupied by Mr. *W. M. Salmon*, at a rent of £18 a year.

The House comprises Parlour, Tap Room, Kitchen, and Bar Pantry, excellent Cellaring, Six Bed Rooms, Yard, Garden, Coal House, and other Outbuildings, being also well supplied with hard and soft water, the whole occupying 640 square yards of land.

Part of the purchase money may remain as a mortgage on the property.

For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer, or at the offices of Mr. Jeston Homfray, Solicitor, both of Brierley Hill.”

LEOPARD

WORDSLEY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Edwards [1834] – [1835]

LION

14, Brewery Street, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Edward Oakes Jnr.

Wordsley Brewery (acquired c. 1894)

Thomas Plant and Co. Ltd. (acquired in 1908)

LICENSEES

Edward Oakes Jnr. *[1856] – 1877*);

David Sharp **(1877 – 1879)**;

Richard Griffiths **(1879)**;

David Sharp **(1879 – 1888)**;

Francis Tyrer **(1888 – 1889)**;

Mercey Male **(1889 – 1890)**;

George John Turner **(1890)**;

Arthur John Oakes **(1890 – 1892)**;

George John Turner **(1892 – 1893)**;

Thomas Bancroft **(1893 – 1894)**;

John Edward Jones **(1894 – 1896)**;

Alfred George Gillen **(1896 – 1897)**;

George Parsons **(1897)**;

Benjamin Cotton **(1897 – 1898)**;

James Freeman **(1898)**;

John Nott **(1898 – 1899)**;

William Partridge **(1899)**;

Thomas Chuter **(1899 – 1907)**;

William Lowe **(1907 – 1909)**;

NOTES

It was situated near to the junction with Watery Lane.

It had a beerhouse license.

Edward Oakes Jnr. set up the Crown Brewery in Bug Pool Lane (later Brewery Street)

Edward Oakes, brewer and maltster. *[1870]*

Edward Oakes, brewer, maltster and beerhouse, Brewery Street. *[1872]*

He was born c. 1821, the son of Edward Snr.

He was married to Sarah.

1881 Census

Brewery Street

[1] *David Sharp* (36), beerhouse keeper, born Glasgow;

[2] *Clara Ann Sharp* (43), wife, born Wordsley:

Thomas Chuter, beer retailer, 14, Brewery Street. *[1904]*

The license renewal was refused on 2nd March 1908. The license was extinguished 16th January 1909.

LION AND UNICORN

Lye Waste, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Esther Bashford [1872]

LITTLE PIG

120, High Street, Coalbournbrook, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

George Grainger, Brettell Lane
Henry Weaver, Brierley Hill
Bucknall's Brewery, Kidderminster (acquired in 1895)
John Wooldridge (acquired in 1906)
Edward Fletcher
John Joule and Sons (acquired on 10th November 1926)
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Ken Banks
Michael Dickinson (acquired in December 2001)
Burtonwood (acquired on 22nd May 2003)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [2006]

LICENSEES

John Flavell [1844] – [1850] first
Mrs. Martha Flavell [1851]
Edward Ashton [1854]
George Hall [1861] – **1865**;
John Lee Hems* **(1865 – [])**
John Lee Hems* **(1868 – [1870])**
John Hems [1871] which one?
John William Hems [1872] – **1878**;
Mrs. Esther Wooldridge **(1878 – 1895)**;
John William Wooldridge **(1895 – 1908)**;
Robert Anson **(1908 – 1909)**;
Joseph Walter Hobson **(1909 – 1913)**;
Samuel Edwin Beebee **(1913 – 1919)**;
Samuel Rollason **(1919 – 1921)**;
Edward Fletcher **(1921 – 1926)**;
William Hawkins Jnr. **(1926 – 1929)**;
John Pickford **(1929 – 1930)**;
Bernard Kyffin Williams **(1930 – 1938)**;
Albert Garnett Edwards **(1938 – 1945)**;
Clifford Bridgens **(1945 – 1962)**;
Reginald Frank Jones **(1962 – 1973)**;
Robert Pocklington **(1973 – 1983)**;
Kenneth Bernard Banks **(1983 – [2000])**
Stephen Hull [2003]
Dawn Ball [2013]



John William Wooldridge Licensee



Samuel Edwin Beebee Licensee



c. 1980s

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Coaching inn.

It was a home brew house. [c. 1907]

A full license was granted in 1844.

John Flavell was married to *Martha*.

1851 Census

LITTLE PIG INN

- [1] *Martha Flavell* (67), widow, shopkeeper and innkeeper, born Coalbournbrook;
- [2] Elizabeth Lamb (18), shop woman, born Clent;
- [3] Gin Forbes (18), house servant, born Scotland;
- [4] Samuel Willitts (36), house servant, born Coalbournbrook;
- [5] Edward Watton (23), lodger, glass cutter, born Birmingham;
- [6] George Slater (26), lodger, glass cutter, born Harbourn [Harborne], Staffordshire;
- [7] John Williams (25), lodger, glass cutter, born Birmingham;
- [8] Joseph Chesterton (27), lodger, glass cutter, born Harbourne, Staffordshire:

1861 Census

Coalbournbrook

- [1] *George Hall* (36), glass maker and victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Mary Hall (34), wife, born Smethwick;
- [3] Maria Hall (12), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] William Hall (9), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] Margaret Hall (7), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] Georgianna Hall (5), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] Thomas Hall (1), son, born Kingswinford;
- [8] Thomas Fuller (32), brewer, born Kington, Herefordshire:

George Hall issued tokens from here.

* possibly the same person

1871 Census

Coalbournbrook – LITTLE PIG

- [1] *John Hems* (44), publican and glass cutter, born Birmingham;
- [2] Lucy Hems (39), wife, born Wordsley;
- [3] Sarah Elizabeth Hems (19), daughter, born Wollaston;
- [4] Mary Ann Hems (17), daughter, born Wollaston;
- [5] Julia Hems (15), daughter, born Wollaston;
- [6] Emily Hems (13), daughter, born Wollaston;
- [7] William Albert Hems (4), son, born Coalbournbrook;
- [8] Florence Hems (1), daughter, born Coalbournbrook:

1881 Census

Coalbournbrook

- [1] *Esther Wooldridge* (49), widow, innkeeper, born Netherton;
- [2] Edwin Wooldridge (25), son, spade and shovel maker, born Netherton;
- [3] George Wooldridge (23), son, clerk, born Netherton;
- [4] Lavinia Wooldridge (18), daughter, born Netherton:

1901 Census

Coalbournbrook – LITTLE PIG INN

- [1] *John William Wooldridge* (49), publican, born Netherton;
- [2] *Susannah Wooldridge* (46), wife, born Wollaston;
- [3] *Edwin Wooldridge* (24), son, blacksmith, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *George Wooldridge* (18), son, carpenter, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Frank Wooldridge* (16), son, engine fitter, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Beatrice Wooldridge* (12), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [7] *Horace Wooldridge* (10), son, born Stourbridge;
- [8] *Archie Wooldridge* (7), son, born Stourbridge;
- [9] *Annie Cartwright* (18), general servant, born Rowley Regis;

John William Wooldridge was vice president of Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1902]

He was a licensed brewer and wine and spirit merchant.

Joseph Walter Hobson was born in 1867, in Kingswinford.

1911 Census

High Street – LITTLE PIG

- [1] *Walter Hobson* (44), licensed victualler and brewer, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Ruth Hobson* (48), wife, married 19 years, born Sedgley;
- [3] *May Baynham* (18), general servant, born Stourbridge;

It had a bowling club. [1920's]

Plans were approved for reconstruction on 3rd September 1928.

Birmingham Evening Mail

'This Little Pig Let The Water In'

"High Street, Amblecote still has a LITTLE PIG INN. But the modern building looks very different from this timbered house with its bay windows, and tiled roof which was demolished in 1930. The old inn itself lay well below the level of the road. Amblecote was an area where the Coalbourn Brook often flooded. Culverts were built to take some of the flood water, and the road had to be raised over the culverts. But nothing could be done about the LITTLE PIG - until the entire structure was knocked down."

It was demolished in 1930.

It was rebuilt in 1930 by T. W. Edwards and Sons (Audnam) Ltd.

Bernard Kyffyn Williams – see also SWAN.

Kenneth Banks was married to Angela.

It closed in 2013.

It became an estate agent. [2014]



LITTLE PIG

5, Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Susannah Robinson [1820] – [1822]
Henry Corns [1829] – [1835]
Reuben Wassall [1841] – [1845]
William Nickless [1850] – [1861]
Thomas Allchurch [1862] – [1873]
Mrs. Elizabeth Allchurch [1881] – [1888]

NOTES

PIG [1820], [1822], [1829], [1835]
OLD PIG [1841], [1845], [1850], [1860], [1865], [1873]
LITTLE PIG [1870], [1872], [1884], [1888]

1861 Census

5, Coventry Street

[1] *William Nickless* (44), widower, licensed victualler, born Upper Warren, Worcestershire;
[2] *Henry Nickless* (4), son, born Worcestershire;
[3] *Sarah Nickless* (6), daughter, born Worcestershire;
[4] *Elizabeth Taylor* (23), unmarried, lodger, born Worcestershire;
and a servant:

1881 Census

Coventry Street – publick house

[1] *Elizabeth Allchurch* (50), widow, born Oldswinford;
[2] *Mercy Goodhead* (17), general servant, born Oldswinford:

Closed

LONGLANDS TAVERN

24, Western Road, (13, Lower Hill Street), (Prescott Street), Longlands, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Mrs. E. Knibb

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (leased)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired on 28th September 1954)

LICENSEES

Mrs. Sarah Bryant [1864] – [1872]

Mrs. Elizabeth Knibb [1871] – [1888]

Miss S A Harris [1892]

Henry Nicholas Turberville [] – **1903**;

Emily Calder **(1903 – 1904)**;

Arthur Grove **(1904 – 1905)**;

William Thomas Thatcher **(1905 – 1906)**;

George Frederick Hare **(1906 – 1909)**;

George Frederick Stokes **(1909 – 1910)**;

John Thompson Roper **(1910 – 1911)**;

Thomas Charles Binfield **(1911)**;

Alfred Oerter **(1911 – 1914)**;

Mrs. Elizabeth Gray **(1914 – 1927)**;

Bertie Lippett **(1927 – 1929)**;

Beatrice May Webster **(1929 – 1930)**;

Frank Cole **(1930 – 1932)**;

Harry Mobberley **(1932 – 1964)**;

John Albert Robin **(1964 – 1967)**;

Kenneth Hubert Whittaker **(1967 – 1990)**;

Gerald Fordham Grosvenor **(1990 – 1994)**;

Mary Alice Baker **(1994 – 1995)**;

Christine Carol Johnson **(1995 – [2007])**



2009

NOTES

Prescott Street [1871], [1873]

Lower Hill Street [1911]

LONGLANDS TAVERN [1870], [1884], [1888], [2002]

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

Prescott Street

[1] *Elizabeth Knibb* (50), widow, tavern keeper, born Stourbridge;

[2] Sarah A. Knibb (17), daughter, pupil teacher, born Stourbridge;

[3] Amelia Knibb (11), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;

1881 Census

13, Lower Hill Street

[1] *Elizabeth Knibb*, beerhouse keeper, born Stourbridge:

1911 Census

Lower Hill Street – LONGLANDS TAVERN

[1] *Thomas Charles Binfield* (49), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Brookland, Longton, Staffordshire;

[2] *Sarah Ann Herbert* (33), housekeeper to above, born Wolverhampton;

[3] *Alice Herbert* (24), barmaid, born Smethwick:

Alterations were made in 1969.

The first meeting of Stourbridge Branch of CAMRA was held here in 1974.

[2014]



2014

LORD DUDLEY'S ARMS

65, (Upper) High Street, (Halesowen Road), (Lye Waste), LYE

OWNERS

Smith and Williams [1928]
Julia Hanson and Sons (acquired in 1934)

LICENSEES

Sarah Round [1829] – [1841]
Henry Pritchard [1845]
Nebo Homer [1860] – [1873]
John Homer [1881] – [1888]
Francis Hughes [1892]
Alfred Harry Cook [1916] – [1921]

NOTES

DUDLEY ARMS [1860]
LORD DUDLEY'S ARMS [1914]
LORD DUDLEY ARMS [1934]

It had a beerhouse license.

Nebo Homer = Nebro Homer

Nebo Homer, retailer of beer, Lye Waste. [1862]
Nebo Homer, beer retailer, Lye Waste. [1865]

1871 Census

Halesowen Road – Public House

- [1] *Nebo Homer* (66), publican, born Cradley;
- [2] Sarah Homer (58), wife, born Lye;
- [3] Phoebe Cartwright (16), domestic servant, born Lye:

Stourbridge Observer 18/1/1872

“At a delegate meeting held at the LORD DUDLEY ARMS, at the Lye, on Monday evening, Mr. Solomon Westwood in the chair, it was unanimously resolved to make out a new list for all hundred nails, in accordance with the application made to the masters for an advance. Delegates from Halesowen, Gornal, Lye Waste, Oldswinford, and other places were present. The meeting was adjourned till twelve o'clock on Monday next, at Sedgley.”

1881 Census

Lye Waste

- [1] *John Homer* (36), licensed victualler, born Lye;
- [2] *Sarah Ann Homer* (37), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *Benjamin Homer* (11), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [4] *John Homer* (10), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [5] *Maria Homer* (8), daughter, scholar, born Lye;
- [6] *Sarah Homer* (6), daughter, born Lye;
- [7] *Nebo Homer* (4), son, born Lye;
- [8] *Alfred Homer* (3), son, born Lye;
- [9] *Sarah Homer* (66), mother, widow, born Lye:

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“Firstly all that messuage tenement or dwelling-house called or known by the name or sign of LORD DUDLEY ARMS INN High Street Lye aforesaid and used and occupied as a public-house with the yard brewhouse and outbuildings thereto adjoining and belonging Secondly all that building used as a storeroom and washhouse formerly a small tenement or cottage situate at the back thereof (where a stable and brewhouse formerly stood) with the outbuildings thereto belonging and all which said premises first;y and secondly described are situate at Lye aforesaid and are bounded in front by the main road leading from Stourbridge to Birmingham on one side by a road or footway and property of William Oliver and Sons and on the other side by property of Samuel Taylor Together with the use of the said road or footway.”

[1960]

Closed

Demolished

MALT SHOVEL

54, Enville Street, Beauty Bank, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

H. and F. Kelley
Bents Brewery Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Lavender [1861]
Francis Aldis [1871] – [1873]

NOTES

1861 Census

MALT SHOVEL INN – 54, Enville Street
[1] *John Lavender* (48), publican, born Stourbridge;
[2] *Louisa Lavender* (38), wife, born Stourbridge;
and family:

1871 Census

54, Beauty Bank
[1] *Francis Aldis* (50), publican, born Suffolk;
[2] *Sarah Aldis* (48), wife, born Suffolk;
and family:

It closed on 8th June 1953.

MALT SHOVEL

Oldswinford, (Lower Swinford), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Isaac Brain [1820]

Thomas Yardley [1829]

Timothy Starkey [1835]

William Leary [1841] – [1845]

NOTES

Isaac Brain was also a maltster. [1820]

William Leary, beer seller and maltster, Oldswinford. [1841]

William Leary, beer retailer and maltster, Oldswinford. [1845]

MALT SHOVEL

The Heath, Norton, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Benjamin Davis [1850] – [1854]

Francis Aldis [1862]

William Aldis [1870] – [1872]

NOTES

1871 Census

MALT SHOVEL INN

[1] *William Aldis* (56), labourer and publican, born Baddington, Suffolk;

[2] *Maria Aldis* (58), wife, born Bramfield, Suffolk;

[3] *Henry Aldis* (19), son, agricultural labourer, born Oldswinford;

[4] *Thomas Tomkins* (11), grandson, born Oldswinford;

[5] *James Tomkins* (8), grandson, born Oldswinford:

[Bramfield is about 10 miles NE of Framlingham.]

Check PLOUGH AND HARROW.

MARKET HALL VAULTS

Market Street / Smithfield, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Holt Brewery Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Charles Herbert Tennant [] - **1865**);

John Hand (**1865** - []

Charles Rudd [1884]

Mrs. Emma Williams [1888]

William Walker (**1891** - []

William Cope [1892]

Miss A Harris (**1898** - [1907]

Frank E Greatwick [1916] - [1921]



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NOTES

MARKET HALL LIQUOR VAULTS [1865]

William Walker was also a grocer in Smethwick.
He was declared bankrupt in July 1892.

Demolished

It was rebuilt in 1906.

Sold by auction "old established freehold fully licensed house." on 27th September 1907.

Black Country Bugle 14/9/2000

'The Market Hall Vaults.....etc'

".....There was a yard at the side of the pub, and it was divided from the Fire Station's yard by a wall with a door in it. So if the firemen had been out on a hot summer's day and didn't get back until the pub was shut, they could go in through that door and let themselves in for a drink."

It closed on 11th August 1970.

It became a greengrocers shop, and later a furniture store.

MARQUIS OF GRANBY

High Street, Audnam, (Audnam Bank), (Brettell Lane), WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Sophia Hunt
Elwell, Williams (acquired c. 1901)

LICENSEES

Henry Moody [1829] – [1835]
John Pardoe [1845] – [1854]
Mrs. Christiana Pardoe [1864] – [1870]
William Whitworth [1871] – **1886**;
Mrs. Alexandrina Whitworth (**1886 – 1897**);
Sophia Hunt (**1897 – 1898**);
Vincent Thomas Hunt (**1898 – 1900**);
William Henry Parrish (**1900 – 1902**);
Alfred George (**1902 – 1903**);
William Sedgley (**1903 – 1904**);
William Hobson (**1904 – 1905**);
Thomas Ellis (**1905 – 1910**);
Josiah Weston (**1910 – 1911**);
Herbert Henry Holloway (**1911 – 1912**);
Thomas Albert Parrish (**1912**):

NOTES

Stourbridge Observer 14/7/1866

“Sale by Auction Lot 2. A well accustomed Freehold Public House, The MARQUIS OF GRANBY at Audnam, in the parish of Kingswinford with capital Club Room (near 30ft by 14ft), Bar, Parlour, Kitchen, Brewhouse, Bed Chambers, and Store Rooms, most excellent Arched Cellars, Stabling, and Coach House, a Bowling Alley, and large Bowling Green at the Back.....”

1871 Census

Audnam – MARQUIS OF GRANBY INN

- [1] *William Whitworth* (35), glass maker and publican, born Dudley;
- [2] *Alexandrina Whitworth* (33), wife, born Oldswinford;
- [3] *Sophia Whitworth* (10), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Letitia Comfort Raybould* (19), domestic servant, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Mary Ann Raybould* (17), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

Audnam – MARQUIS OF GRANBY

- [1] *William Whitworth* (45), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *Mabel Alexandrina Whitworth* (43), wife, born Oldswinford;
- [3] *Sophia Whitworth* (20), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Elizabeth Penn* (16), domestic servant, born Kinlet, Herefordshire:

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

Tipton Herald 4/4/1903

“Bowling Club. The annual meeting of this club was held on Monday evening at the MARQUIS OF GRANBY INN, Audnam. It was reported that the club was in a sound financial condition. The matches were fixed for the coming season.”

1911 Census

Audnam – MARQUIS OF GRANBY

- [1] *Josiah Weston* (46), engineer's stockkeeper and licensed holder, born Cradley Heath;
- [2] *Alicia Emmeline Weston* (47), wife, married 22 years, assisting in business, born Cradley Heath;
- [3] *Cissie May Weston* (19), daughter, assisting in business, born Cradley Heath;
- [4] *Edith Gertrude Weston* (17), daughter, assisting in business, born Cradley Heath:

The license renewal was refused on 18th July 1912.

The license was extinguished on 28th December 1912.

MAVERICK

1, High Street / Brettell Lane, Coalbournbrook, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

John Guest, Brettell Lane [1879]
Holt Brewery Co. Ltd. (acq. 1888)
Thomas Higgs
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (acq. c. 1918)
Mark Boxley and Tim Poole (acquired in 1992)

LICENSEES

Daniel Taylor [1829]
Benjamin Hyde [1834] – [1841]
Mrs. Ellen Hobbins [1845]
Thomas Adams [1851]
William Laight [1854]
Thomas Winchurch [1862] – [1864]
Rowland Thompson [1864] – [1870]
John Lawrence [] – **1872**);
Mrs. Mary Ann Saunders (**1872 – 1878**);
Charles Matthew Anderson (**1878**);
Henry Holland (**1878**);
John Parsons (**1878 – 1879**);
Peter Charles Williamson (**1879 – 1881**);
Thomas Whitehouse (**1881 – 1885**);
Richard Hall (**1885 – 1886**);
William Beeton (**1886 – 1887**);
Thomas Whitehouse (**1887 – 1888**);
Sarah Ann Malpass (**1888**);
Edward Brettell (**1888 – 1889**);
Thomas Kimberley (**1889**);
Richard Kimberley (**1889**);
William Hill (**1889 – 1892**); manager
Henry Stevens (**1892**);
Harvey White (**1892 – 1894**);
Samuel Munn (**1894 – 1895**);
James Henry Cook (**1895 – 1898**);
Thomas Higgs (**1898 – 1918**);
Charles Leopold Waldren (**1918 – 1919**);
Charles Edward Collins (**1919 – 1922**);
Edward Charles Morris (**1922 – 1923**);
James Elcock (**1923 – 1938**);
Bert Cole (**1938 – 1944**);
William Henry Bennett (**1944 – 1958**);
John Clifford Gough (**1958 – []**)
Pete Fleming []
D Middleton [1976]
Frank W Shillingford [1983]
Fiona Hughes [1994]
Mark Boxley (**1997 – [2009]**)

NOTES

It was originally known as the WHITE HORSE.

MAVERICK DRINKING HOUSE [2001]

It had a beerhouse license.

Whitehouse, carrier to Tipton and Dudley, left from here every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. [1835]

1851 Census

WHITE HORSE INN

[1] *Thomas Adams* (44), victualler, born Northumberland;

[2] *Eleanor Adams* (38), wife, born Ireland;

[3] *Thomas Adams* (18), son, born Northumberland;
and a servant:

William Laight was born c. 1822 in Kington, Worcestershire.

He was married to Elizabeth.

[Kington is about 7 miles E of Worcester.]

Thomas Winchurch = Thomas Whinchurch

Thomas Whinchurch, retailer of beer, Brettell Lane. [1862]

Rowland Thompson, beer retailer, Brettell Lane. [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 10/8/1872

“William Bridgens and Robert Banks were charged with being disorderly in the WHITE HORSE INN, Brettell Lane, and refusing to quit when requested to do so. They were further charged with assaulting George Brown.

Mr. Addison was for the complainant, and Mr. Perry for the defendants.

Brown assists in the management of the inn, which is kept by *Mary Ann Saunders*. On Saturday evening the 20th of July, defendants were drinking in the house, when a man named Callaghan entered, and Banks called him a ‘black leg’, and on being remonstrated with, he struck Callaghan a violent blow. Both defendants were ordered to leave the inn, but they refused, and, on Brown attempting to eject them, they assaulted him. He was knocked down and brutally maltreated.

Confirmative evidence having been adduced, each defendant was fined 20s and costs; in default one month’s imprisonment.”

Peter Charles Williamson was born c. 1848 in Shaw Hall, Cheshire.

He was married to Clara.

William Hill was also a glass decorator. [1891]

He was born in Brettell Lane, c. 1854.

He was married to Rhoda.

Thomas Higgs was also a brewer.
He married *Jessie Daykin* in 1891.

1901 Census

1, Coalbournbrook – WHITE HORSE INN

- [1] *Thomas Higgs* (47), publican, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Jessie Higgs* (29), wife, born Ilkeston, Derbyshire;
- [3] *Harry T. M. Higgs* (7), son, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Sarah H. Higgs* (3), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Elizabeth M. Higgs* (2 months), daughter, born Amblecote;
- [6] *Elsie Chapman* (16), general servant, born Wordsley;
- [7] *Annie Chapman* (13), general servant, born Wordsley;

“Home brewed ales” were advertised. [1907]

1911 Census

1, High Street – WHITE HORSE INN

- [1] *Thomas Higgs* (56), publican, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Jessie Higgs* (38), wife, married 19 years, mistress, born Ilkeston, Derbyshire;
- [3] *H. T. M. Higgs* (17), son, metal spinner, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *S. H. Higgs* (13), daughter, school, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *E. M. Higgs* (10), daughter, school, born Amblecote;
- [6] *D. Higgs* (9), daughter, school, born Amblecote;
- [7] *M. Hallagan* (22), domestic servant, born Walsall Wood;

It closed on 5th August 1991.

It reopened as a Wild West themed pub, the MAVERICK in April 1992.

Mark Boxley's partner was *Anne Partridge*.

The BBC filmed an episode of ‘The Lightning Kid’ here on 13th February 2006.

It was Stourbridge and Halesowen Branch of CAMRA’s Pub of the Year in 2008.

[2014]



2007



2014

MINERS ARMS

4, (19), Yardley Street, (off Bagley Street), Stambermill, LYE

OWNERS

Holt Brewery Co. Ltd.
Ansells Ltd.

LICENSEES

Samuel Rutter [1881]
Joseph Aston [1884]
William Patrick Welch (1963 - []
Bob Woodward (1977 - 1983)
Marnie Costello (1986 - [1987]
Richard James [1988]

NOTES

19, Yardley Street [1881]
4, Yardley Street [1986]

It had a beerhouse license.

It had a bowling green. [1945]
It had a bowling club.

1881 Census

19, Yardley Street – MINERS ARMS
[1] Samuel Rutter (62), publican, born Bromsgrove;
[2] Jane Rutter (61), wife, born Oldswinford;
[3] Benjamin Rutter (22), son, tailor, born Oldswinford;
[4] Benjamin Gill (14), grandson, born Oldswinford;
[5] John Gill (8), grandson, born Oldswinford:

Joseph Aston, beer retailer, Yardley Street. [1884]

A full license was granted on 6th May 1953.

William Patrick Welch was born in Woodside c. 1912.
He died on the 17th July 1968.
See also GLADSTONE ARMS, Wordsley.

Bob Woodward was born c. 1938.
He was married to Hilary.
He died in February 2004.

Closed

It reopened on 22nd August 1986 as the BOWLER.

It was renamed GRORTY DICK'S.

Richard James was also known as Grorty Dick.

It was renamed MINERS ARMS. [1993]

Closed

It was converted into a house. [2000]



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MITRE

209, High Street / Mitre Road, (Chance's Lane), LYE

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1986]

LICENSEES

John Benjamin Chance [1862] – [1870]

Joseph Chance [1871] – **1873**);

James Lewis (**1873** – []

James Wood [1881] – [1891]

Edith Wright [1921]

NOTES

[1820]

Tokens were issued from here.

Ward, a carrier to Wolverhampton, left from here every Thursday. [1820]

Wakefield, a carrier to Birmingham, left from here every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. [1820]

John B. Chance = John B. Change

John B. Change, retailer of beer, Lye. [1862]

J. Benjamin Chance was also a butcher. [1864], [1865], [1870]

1871 Census

High Street – MITRE INN

[1] *Joseph Chance* (33), butcher and publican, born Lye;

[2] *Mary Chance* (25), wife, born Lye;

[3] *Benjamin J. Chance* (5), son, born Lye;

[4] *Ann Louisa Chance* (2), daughter, born Lye;

[5] *Mary Johnson* (43), domestic servant, born Lye:

Joseph Chance was also a butcher. [1872]

Stourbridge Observer 7 and 14/12/1872

“.....Oates, Perrens and Wooldridge are favoured with instructions from Mr. *Joseph Chance*, to Sell by Auction, at the MITRE INN, near the Cross at the Lye on Wednesday, the 18th day of December.....

Lot 2. – All that Old-licensed Public House, Butcher's Shop and Premises, known as the MITRE INN, comprising Tap Room, Bar Parlour, Butcher's Shop, two Bedrooms, Large Room, two Cellars, Brewhouse, Slaughterhouse, Piggeries, Outbuildings and enclosed yard, fronting the Halesowen and Stourbridge Turnpike Road, now in the occupation of Mr. *Joseph Chance*.....”

Stourbridge Observer 1/2/1873

“MITRE INN, Lye. To Publicans, Butchers and Others. Mr. W. Fiddian will sell by auction, on Monday, February 10th, 1873, on the premises as above, the whole of the Brewing Utensils, ½ hogshead and other Casks, 4-pull beer machine. ½ pocket Sussex Hops, Butcher’s hoist, Wheel, Sideboards and other Effects belonging to Mr. *Joseph Chance*, who is leaving the above inn.....”

Stourbridge Observer 3/10/1874

“The adjourned inquiry touching the circumstances of the death of Clara Jane, daughter of a working shoemaker, named Griffin, living at the Lye. The particulars under which the child’s death occurred will be fresh in the memory of our readers. Owing to a quarrel with her husband, the mother, leaving the little one at home, went to her mother’s to spend the night. In the morning, on returning home, she found the child was not with the father, and immediately afterwards she discovered the body of the child with the head immersed in what is commonly known as a sink.

In reply to Mr. Docker, the coroner, the jury said they so far remembered the evidence that they did not wish it read over.

Dr. Bailey was then examined, and deposed that he had made an examination of the child’s body. He opened the abdomen and found a quantity of water in the stomach – about 48 ounces similar to the contents of the well or drain in which the body was found. The contents of the stomach had the same appearance and smell as the contents of the well, and were mixed with portions of undigested food. There was proof that the child was in the well alive, and that the dirty water was swallowed during life. The other individual organs were healthy. The lungs were considerably congested. Having described the evidence of the organs, he said that the whole indicated that death had resulted from suffocation.

A Juror: Do you think that the bruises caused unconsciousness, so that the child would not ‘cry’ or ‘worrit’.

Witness: Quite so.

The Coroner: What do you think was the cause of death?

Witness: I think suffocation, certainly.

The Coroner said he had seen the place the other day, after hearing the evidence and that had relieved him of considerable difficulty. They had heard that in the absence of the mother, and often in the dark, the child came downstairs. He did not know what might be the view of the jury, but he himself felt perfectly satisfied.

A juror thought it was a wonder some accident had not occurred before. The place was most dangerous for children to ‘toddle’ about in.

A verdict of Accidental death was returned; and,

The Foreman addressing the Coroner said: The father is a careless man, and to some extent he is responsible for the child’s death.

The father was then called on, and

The Coroner addressing him said: The jurymen have come to the conclusion that the means by which the death was brought about were accidental, but they think you will have cause to regret the circumstances under which the death happened. It arose from a quarrel with your wife under circumstances which drove her from her home, and deprived the child of her mother’s protection – a protection which, in all probability would have prevented what happened. I hope that you feel the occurrences very strongly, and that the fatality is owing in some measure to your conduct. Had your wife been at home, no doubt the child would now be alive. I hope that this will be a lesson to you hereafter.

The Father: Yes, sir.

The Coroner: You know your wife confesses she is obliged to leave home when you are in drink?

The Father: I don’t believe I ever used violence towards her above twice during the two years.

The Coroner: I hope you won’t again. Twice is too much for any woman. Never strike a woman. One of the strongest offences now is to strike a woman; and the authorities are using very stringent measures against men who are guilty of the mean conduct of thrashing their wives. It is not often that such fatal consequences arise, but I cannot help telling you that if you had not driven away your wife, your deceased child would now have been safe and well. You must see into that place (the well), for it is not a fit place to remain in its present condition. You promise to live on better terms with your wife?

The father: Yes, sir.

The Coroner: Men get beer, and they don’t know what they are doing, and there is some small excuse when they don’t know what they are about. When they know that drink causes them not to know what they are about, then they should not take the drink.

The proceedings then closed.”

1881 Census

High Street

- [1] *James Wood* (56), publican, born Glossop;
- [2] *Ann Wood* (43), wife, born Cadford, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Mary Wood* (18), daughter, born Lye;
- [4] *Thomas Wood* (11), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [5] *Nelly Wood* (18), general servant. Born Harley, Worcestershire;
- [6] *Lizzie Thompson* (30), boarder, born London;
- [7] *Charles Price* (30), boarder, packer in bucket works, born Lye:

1891 Census

High Street

- [1] *James Wood* (67), innkeeper, born Derbyshire;
- [2] *Ann Wood* (54), wife, born Worcestershire;
- [3] *Mary Silvester* (28), daughter, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Thomas Henry Wood* (21), son, labourer, born Worcestershire;
- [5] *Ann Percy* (20), servant, born Worcestershire;
- [6] *Sarah Taunkes* (15), servant, born Worcestershire;
- [7] *John Silvester* (29), son in law, grocer, born Shropshire:

[1986]

It closed.

It became a chemist's shop.



1986

MITRE

152, (153), Lower High Street / Crown Lane, (Enville Street), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

William Webb (acquired in 1828 for £900)
William George Webb
Edward Webb
Worcestershire Brewing and Malting Co. (acquired in 1898)
Edward Webb (acquired in 1905)
Bosco's Pictures, Dudley (acquired in 1913)
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (acquired in 1924)
Punt Pubs [2001]
Punch Taverns [2006]

LICENSEES

Joseph Hawkes [1820]
Elizabeth Hawkes [1822]
William Webb [1829] – [1835]
William Hazeldine [1841] – [1862]
Joseph Hazeldine [1861] – [1870]
Richard Jesson [] – **1872**;
James Allen (**1872** – [1873]
Joseph Hazledine [1881]
Alfred James Barnett [1884] – [1888]
Jesse Hooper Smallwood [1891] – [1892]
William G Wincott [1916]
Mrs. Ethel Harris [1921]
H Worthington [1959]
John Knight [1975] – **2001**;
Sue Bannister (**2001** – **2002**)
Chris Stevens (**2003**);
Shaun Jones (**2003** – [2007]
Mike Cartwright [2009] – [2013]

*CLEARING OUT SALE AT THE MITRE INN,
STOURBRIDGE.*

**TO LICENSED VICTUALLERS, BREW-
ERS, AND OTHERS.**

MESSRS. HAWKINS and SON will Sell
by AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY,
April 15th and 16th, 1874, the whole of the Excellent
BREWING PLANT, 300-gallon Wrought-iron Furnace,
160, 80, and 30-gallon Coppers, 35-bushel Mashing Tub,
Large Wood Vats.

The whole of the gas and water Piping throughout the
premises, Spirit Shop, Tap Room, Parlour, Smoke Room
and Dining Room Fittings, Materials forming Bowling
Saloon, Saddle Room, and Malt Room, well-seasoned
Casks, and other valuable effects.

Particulars and Catalogues to be had from the Auction-
eers Offices; 32, Dudley-street, Brierley Hill.

Advert 1874

NOTES

153, High Street [1863], [1864]
152, High Street [1870], [1872], [1884], [1888], [1891]

MITRE HOTEL [1891]

It was originally called the GEORGE. [1741]

Rufford's waggons ran from here in the 18th century.

Tokens were issued from here.

John Wakefield, a carrier to Birmingham, left from here every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. [1822]

Samuel Dodd, carrier to Birmingham, left from here every Saturday. [1835]
It left from here for Ludlow every Monday. [1835]

William Hazeldine was also a butcher. [1841], [1845], [1854]
He was described as also being a farmer and horse dealer. [1845], [1860]
He was married to Mary.

Joseph Hazeldine = Joseph Hazledine

Dudley Chronicle - 1861 - Advert

“MITRE INN, Stourbridge / *J. Hazledine* begs to announce to his Friends, that an Ordinary is held at the above Inn, every Friday, at a quarter past One. / Good Stabling, Lock-up Coach House, Loose Boxes &c.”

Joseph Hazeldine was also a butcher. [1864], [1865], [1870]

At the Adjourned licensing meeting in September 1873, *James Allen* promised to do away with a bowling alley here, after several complaints had been made about it.

Stourbridge Observer 28/3/1874 and 11/4/1874

“Clearing Out Sale at the MITRE INN, Stourbridge Messrs Hawkins and Son will Sell by Auction, on Wednesday and Thursday, April 15th and 16th, 1874, the whole of the Excellent Brewing Plant, 300 gallon Wrought-iron Furnace, 160, 80 and 30 gallon Coppers, 35 Bushel Mashing Tub, Large Wood Vats.

The whole of the gas and water Piping throughout the premises, Spirit Shop, Tap Room, Parlour, Smoke Room and Dining Room Fittings, Materials forming Bowling Saloon, Saddle Room, and Malt Room, well seasoned Casks, and other valuable effects.....”

1881 Census

High Street – Hotel

- [1] *Joseph Hazledine* (45), hotel keeper, born Wollescote;
- [2] *Mary Elizabeth Hazledine* (44), wife, born Wollescote;
- [3] *William Hazledine* (22), son, horse dealer, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Joseph P. Hazledine* (21), son, horse dealer, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Emily Hazledine* (16), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Ada Hazledine* (14), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [7] *Harriet Ann Sturgess* (27), barmaid, born Oldswinford;
- [8] *Elizabeth Lawley* (21), cook, born Kidderminster;
- [9] *Sarah Ann Man* (24), general servant, born Quarry Bank;
- [10] *William Griffin* (26), boots, born Bewdley:

1891 Census

152, High Street – MITRE HOTEL

- [1] *Jesse H. Smallwood* (57), licensed victualler, born Cheltenham;
- [2] *Harriet Smallwood* (57), wife, born Temple Balsall, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Ann Lea* (10), visitor, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Selina Price* (22), general servant, born Birmingham:

It was put up for sale by auction in September 1915:

“Commercial Hotel with extensive stabling and enclosed yard. Fronting High Street and Enville Street, with cartway entrance from both roads to the junction of five main thoroughfares.”

Demolished
Rebuilt. The architect was Percy Clarke.
It reopened in March 1934.

John Knight was married to Babs. She died in October 2003.
They were the parents of Emma Weaver (GARIBALDI).
He was a singer / guitarist.

Sue Bannister was born c. 1956.
She was married to Paul.

Shaun Jones was married to Kim.

[2014]



1997



2014

MOLOKO VODKA BAR

Lower High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Steve Cartwright [2004]

LICENSEES

Steve Cartwright [2004] – [2005]

MOORINGS TAVERN

78+80, (80), (78+79), Lower High Street / Canal Street, Holloway End, (Bridge Row), AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Joseph Davies, Stourbridge [1870's]
Mrs. Elizabeth Sutton, Coalbourn Villa, Amblecote (acquired in 1908) [1914]
Timothy Worrall
Charles John Gardener
Nicholls and Perks
Premier Midland Ales (acquired in January 1991)
Wiltshire Brewery
Punch Taverns [2000]
Nicholls and Perks [2009]

LICENSEES

Thomas Wellings [1841] – [1851]
Joseph Smithyman [1854]
Matilda Cox Moody [1861] – [1862]
Thomas Corbett [1864] – **1866**;
Thomas Harmshaw (**1866 – 1881**);
Mrs. Alice Emma Harmshaw (**1881 – 1890**);
Mrs. Elizabeth Rohrs (**1890 – 1892**);
Amy May Staynes (**1892**);
Cornelius John Penny (**1892 – 1895**);
Frederick William Turley (**1895 – 1897**);
David Joseph Smith (**1897 – 1898**);
Hannah Smith (m. Perrins) (**1898 – 1901**);
Samuel Cox (**1901 – 1919**);
Timothy Worrall (**1919 – 1938**);
Esther Worrall (**1938 – 1939**);
Charles John Gardener (**1939 – 1947**);
William Ewart Gardener (**1947** – [1958]
Sean Lester [1992] – **1994**);
Neil Lester (**1994** – []
Justine Walters [2000]
Michael Andrew 'Mike' Cartwright [2004] – [2009]

NOTES

Bridge Row [1850], [1862]
80, Lower High Street [1924]
80, High Street [1940], [1994]
78-79, Lower High Street
78-80, Lower High Street

It was formerly the BARREL. [1850], [1862], [1865], [1871], [1873], [1896], [1912], [1924]

Thomas Wellings was born c. 1796 in Mitton, Worcestershire.

Matilda Cox Moody married *James Moody*, a glassmaker.

1861 Census

BARREL INN

- [1] *Matilda Cox Moody* (48), widow, victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Mary Ann Moody* (25), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Jane Bagot* (80), lodger, widow, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Bridget Heston* (18), general servant, born Ireland:

Thomas Corbett was also a pattern maker.

Thomas Harmshaw = *Thomas Armstraw*

1871 Census

Holloway End – BARREL INN

- [1] *Thomas Harmshaw* (33), born Amblecote;
- [2] *Alice E. Harmshaw* (26), born Kidderminster;
- [3] *Stephen Harmshaw* (5), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Alice Harmshaw* (1), daughter, born Amblecote:

Thomas Harmshaw was also a glass cutter.

It was put up for auction on 5th July 1872.

Stourbridge Observer 28/6/1873

“*Thomas Harmshaw*, landlord of the BARREL INN, Stourbridge, was charged with having on the 18th inst, kept his house open during prohibited hours. Mr. Parry defended. Police-constable Freeman said that on the night in question he was near the above house at a quarter to eleven o’clock, when he saw a man named *Foley* knock at the front door of the above house and afterwards go round to the back door. The defendant put a large stone bottle down, and *Foley* took it up. Witness took the bottle from *Foley*, and after learning its contents, restored it to him.

The defendant said that he had placed the bottle on the public road, in accordance with the order given by *Foley* at half past five o’clock. *Thomas Foley* gave confirmative testimony and stated that he picked up the bottle of beer on the public road.

By the Magistrates’ Clerk (Mr. King): The bottle of beer was 20 yards from the defendant’s house.

By Superintendent Mills: I had once before had ale left for me on the bridge.

Arthur Turner, glassblower, said he was with *Foley* on the night in question. He saw him go to the bridge and pick up a bottle of ale. He did not drink at defendant’s door.

Frank Woolridge, a lad, gave similar testimony.

The Magistrates, after a consultation with their clerk, adjourned the case for a fortnight.”

1881 Census

Main Road

- [1] *Thomas Harmshaw* (43), licensed victualler, born Amblecote;
- [2] *Alice Emma Harmshaw* (37), wife, born Kidderminster;
- [3] *Stephen Harmshaw* (15), son, warehouse boy, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Alice C. Harmshaw* (11), daughter, scholar, born Amblecote;
- [5] *Thomas Arthur Harmshaw* (9), son, scholar, born Amblecote;
- [6] *Fanny F. Harmshaw* (7), daughter, scholar, born Amblecote:

Alice Emma Harmshaw remarried in 1887.

Cornelius John Penny was born c 1839 in Birmingham.
He died in 1895.

David Joseph Smith was married to *Hannah*.
Hannah Smith married Mr. Perrins c1899.

Samuel Cox was fined 40s and costs, on 15th June 1908, for selling adulterated whisky.

Timothy Worrall was born c. 1869.
He married *Esther Skidmore* in 1910.
He died on 27th April 1938.

It advertised "Home brewed ales" in the 1930's.

It opened as the MOORINGS TAVERN in October 1985.

Sean Lester and *Neil Lester* were brothers.

[2009]

Closed [2012], [2014]



2007

MOUNT STREET TAVERN

31, (11), Mount Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

J. A. and A. Thompson Ltd, Oldbury
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (acquired on 7th February 1947)

LICENSEES

Ralph Wood [1860] – **1873**;
Charles Shaw (**1873** – []
James Seeney [1881]
William Lewis [1888]
John J Stafford [1892]
Frank Barlow [1916]
Frederick Barlow [1921]

NOTES

11, Mount Street [1881], [1888], [1892]
31, Mount Street [1921]

It had a beerhouse license.

Ralph Wood, beer retailer, Mount Street. [1864], [1865]

1871 Census

MOUNT STREET TAVERN

[1] *Ralph Wood* (63), innkeeper, born Stourbridge;
[2] *Eliza Wood* (64), wife, born Dudley:

1881 Census

11, Mount Street - MOUNT STREET TAVERN

[1] *James Seeney* (26), publican, born Feckenham, Worcestershire;
[2] *H. Seeney* (25), wife;
[3] *M. A. Seeney* (4), daughter, born Inkberrow;
[4] *E. G. Seeney* (2), daughter, born Tibberton:

Frank Barlow issued tokens from here.

It closed on 31st December 1958.

NAGS HEAD

1, New Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Frederick Smith Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Mary Perrins [1820] – [1822]
Richard Worrall [1829] – [1835]
William Worrall [1841] – [1845]
Mrs. Frances Richards [1850] – [1870]
Joseph Jones [1871]
Richard Keysell [] – **1872**;
William Morris (**1872 – 1873**);
John Benjamin Chance (**1873 – []**)
John Turner [1881] – [1892]
H M Skelding [1916] – [1921]

NOTES

YE OLDE NAGS HEAD [1911]

[1812]

1871 Census

New Street – NAGS HEAD

- [1] *Joseph Jones* (55), licensed victualler, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Eliza Jones* (55), wife, born Essington;
- [3] *Selina Jones* (11), daughter, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Mary Mobberley* (28), visitor, born Cutland, Worcestershire;
- [5] *George Pearson* (30), lodger, clerk, born Cheltenham:

Stourbridge Observer 24/2/1872

“The NAGS HEAD SPIRIT VAULTS, Stourbridge; Goodwill & Licenses, With Possession; Also Furniture and Effects, in lots as per Catalogue, without Reserve. Mr. Whittle will Sell by Auction, on the Premises, on Monday next, February 26th at Twelve o’clock. – the Goodwill, Licenses, and Possession of this well established Old-Licensed Public House; also the Furniture and Fittings, comprising Tables, Chairs, Sofas, Looking-Glasses, Feather Beds and Bedding, Bedsteads, Beer Engine, Mashing Tub, Coolers, Gathering Tubs, Casks, and remaining Stock.....”

Stourbridge Observer 1/3/1873

“The NAGS HEAD INN, New Street, Stourbridge. To be sold by auction, by Mr. Whittle, on the premises, on Tuesday, 18th March, 1873, at Eleven for Twelve precisely, without reserve, the Fixtures, Fittings, Casks, Brewing Utensils (very good), Boilers, Coolers, excellent Mash Tub, Beer Engine, Piping, Hops; a portion of household furniture, an excellent Fat Sow &c, &c.....”

1881 Census

1, New Street - NAGS HEAD

[1] *John Turner* (37), shingler and licensed victualler, born Tipton;

[2] *Louisa Turner* (35), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Matilda Turner* (10), daughter, born Tipton;

[4] *Louise Catford* (14), general servant, born Tipton:

It closed on 14th March 1965.

THE NAG'S HEAD SPIRIT VAULTS, STOURBRIDGE;

GOODWILL & LICENSES, WITH POSSESSION;

Also, FURNITURE and EFFECTS,

In Lots as per Catalogue, without Reserve.

MR. WHITTLE will SELL by AUCTION,
on the Premises, on MONDAY NEXT, FEBRUARY
26, at Twelve o'clock—the GOODWILL, LICENSES,
and POSSESSION of this well-established Old-Licensed
PUBLIC-HOUSE; also the FURNITURE and FIT-
TINGS, comprising Tables, Chairs, Sofas, Looking-
Glasses, Feather Beds and Bedding, Bedsteads, Beer
Engine, Mashing Tub, Coolers, Gathering Tubs, Casks,
and remaining Stock.

Catalogues of the Auctioneer, 1A, Smithfield-street,
Birmingham.

Advert 1872

NAGS HEAD

Swan Lane, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Peter Lyne [1995]

NOTES

[1976]

Peter Lyne was married to Shirley.

[2010]

Closed [2012], [2014]



1997

NAVIGATION

Bridge Row, (The Bridge), (High Street), (The Wharf), Holloway End, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Wood [1818] – [1822]
Rhoda Wood [1834] – [1835]
James Wood [1841]
John Cartwright [1850] – [1851]
George Shipman [1854]

NOTES

Holloway End [1822]
High Street [1835]
The Wharf [1851]

1851 Census

The Wharf

- [1] *John Cartwright* (35), innkeeper, born Wombourne;
- [2] *Sarah Cartwright* (35), wife, born Stourport;
- [3] *Jane Tipper* (7), niece, scholar, born Stourport;
- [4] *Samuel Cooper* (60), visitor, boatman, born Wordsley;
- [5] *Joseph Meredith* (40), lodger, labourer, born Astly, Worcestershire:

Closed

It was demolished when a railway was routed through the site on its way to Bradley's ironworks.

NAVIGATION

WORDSLEY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Shaw [] - **1864**);
George Kealing (**1864** - []

NEW INN

151, (Upper) High Street, Lye Waste, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Attwood [1829] – [1870]
Thomas Gardner [1871] – [1873]
Thomas Attwood [1884]
James Attwood [1888] – [1916]
Samuel Adams [1921]

NOTES

John Attwood was also a maltster. [1854], [1860]

Thomas Gardner = Thomas Gardener

1871 Census

High Street – NEW INN

- [1] *Thomas Gardner* (34), miner and publican, born Lye;
- [2] *Elizabeth Gardner* (36), wife, born Amblecote;
- [3] *Annie Gardner* (10), daughter, scholar, born Lye;
- [4] *Martha Gardner* (1 month), daughter, born Lye;
- [5] *Sarah Allport* (14), niece, born Lye;

Stourbridge Observer 21/12/1872

“At the Petty Sessions, yesterday, before Major Fletcher and the Hon. C. G. Lyttleton, *Thomas Gardner*, landlord of the NEW INN, Lye, was summoned for keeping his house open during prohibited hours, on the 8th inst. Police-sergeant Rea proved that he visited defendant’s house at five o’clock, and found nine men in the back parlour. There were two quart jugs of ale, and some liquor in some glasses. Defendant said that some men from Birmingham had been to his house for tea, or it would not have happened. Fined 19s and costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 10/1/1874

“William Raybould was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit a public house, at the Lye, on the 6th inst. Police-officer Needle said he saw the defendant on the above date at the NEW INN, Lye. Defendant was drunk and refused to quit when the landlord requested him to do so. Several previous convictions having been proved against the defendant. Major Fletcher asked him what he had to say why a fine of £5 should not be imposed upon him. Defendant said he was very sorry, and if the Bench would be lenient to him this time, he would try to guard against it in the future. He was then ordered to pay 20s and costs; in default one month.”

James Attwood was a brewer.

NEW INN

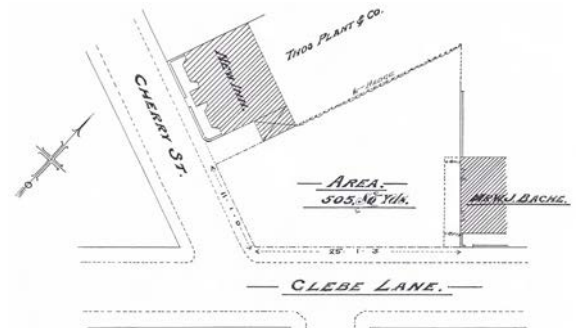
Cherry Street / 30, Glebe Street, (Heath), Norton, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Ellen Bache
Thomas Plant Ltd.
Ansell's Ltd.
Holt, Plant and Deakin

LICENSEES

William Bache [1881]
Ellen Bache [1903] – **1917**;
William John Bache (**1917 – 1924**);
Frederick Harry Crampton (**1924 – 1928**);
Clifford Harris Pearson (**1928 – 1932**);
Frederick Birkett (**1932 – 1933**);
John Harris Pearson (**1933 – 1938**);
Harry Hall (**1938 – 1940**);
Archie Field (**1940**);
Victor Eccleston (**1940 – 1947**);
Leslie Stanton Hand (**1947 – 1953**);
William Turner (**1953 – 1955**);
William Henry Chancellor (**1955 – 1956**);
George Kirtley (**1956 – 1957**);
Michael Guinan (**1957 – 1958**);
Phyllis Ruby Swadkins (**1958 – 1959**);
Gillian Mary Geary (**1959**);
Alfred Edwin Tongue (**1959 – 1967**);
John Frederick Morris (**1967**);
William Robert Butler (**1967 – 1969**);
Albert Charles Turner (**1969 – 1972**);
Stanley Chivers (**1972 – 1974**);
Arthur Peter Radcliffe George (**1974**);
Joseph Leslie Robinson (**1974 – 1979**);
Herbert Claude Taylor (**1979 – 1980**);
Alexander John Paul Strange (**1980 – 1982**);
Dorothy Gladys Chivers (**1982**);
Robert Jeffrey Billingham (**1982 – 1987**);
Cyril Lockett (**1987** – []
Barry Payne [c. 1980]
Robert 'Bob' Vickers [1998] – **2007**)
Robert John Vickers [2009]
Rachel Smith [2010]



Plan 1921

NOTES

NEW INNS [1911]

It had a beerhouse license.

1881 Census

30, Glebe Street – Public House

[1] *William Bache* (33), spade maker and beerhousekeeper, born Cradley Heath;

[2] *Ellen Bache* (30), wife, born Cradley Heath;

[3] *Winifred Bache* (3), daughter, born Cradley Heath;

[4] *William Bache* (1), son, born Stourbridge;
and one servant:

William Bache died on 2nd October 1900.

Ellen Bache died on 8th February 1917.

A full license was granted on 3rd February 1922.

Barry Payne had served in the R.A.F.

He was married to Pat.

He died on 26th January 2008, aged 71.

See also BELL, Kingswinford.

Robert Vickers married Jayne in 2000.

He died in May 2007, aged 62.

[2014]



1997



2007



2014

NEW INN

Dunsley Road, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Ann Jones [1829]
Thomas Oxford [1835]
William Jenks [1841]
Henry Eveson [1845]

NOTES

It closed in 1991.
Demolished

NEW INN

19, (10), (8), Enville Street, (Crown Lane), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Bents Brewery Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Cooper [1820]
James Cooper [1822]
Thomas Cooper [1829] – [1830]
Thomas Hollington [1835]
William Adderley [1841]
John Aston [1845] – [1854]
Mrs. Sarah Aston [1860] – [1862]
Christopher Smith [1864] – **1867**;
Richard Kelly **(1867 – [1873])**
Mrs. Jane Kelly [1881] – [1892]
Thomas Whittaker [1895]
Samuel Millichamp [1903] – **1905**;
John William Whyley **(1905 – 1910)**;
John Joseph Boyle **(1910 – 1912)**;
David William Nicholas **(1912 – 1913)**;
William Henry Brett **(1913 – 1915)**;
William Lyth **(1915 – 1930)**;
S Smith **(1930)**;
William Henry Lilley **(1930 – 1932)**;
Ernest William Griffith **(1932 – 1938)**;
Harold Hinton **(1938)**;

THE NEW INN, ENVILLE-STREET, STOURBRIDGE.

RICHARD KELLY, in returning thanks to the Inhabitants of Stourbridge and Neighbourhood, for the kind support bestowed upon him while at the Queen's Head, begs to inform them that he has taken to the above Old-established INN, where by strict attention, punctuality, and keeping the best quality of Ales, Spirits, and Cigars, &c., he hopes to merit a share of their patronage and support.
N.B.—Good Stabling.

Advert 1867

NOTES

Crown Lane [1820], [1822], [1829], [1830], [1835], [1841], [1845], [1850], [1851]
8, Enville Street [1871]
10, Enville Street [1881], [1884], [1888], [1892], [1916]
19, Enville Street [1921]
[Crown Lane was at the Stourbridge end of what is now Enville Street.]

NEW INNS [1881]

1851 Census

Crown Lane

[1] John Aston (43), widower, mine agent and publican, born Amblecote;
[2] Edward Aston (23), son, born Lye;
[3] Hannah Aston (21), daughter, born Lye;
[4] Ester Aston (20), daughter, born Lye;
and one visitor and one servant:

Richard Kelly = Richard Kelley

Stourbridge Observer 22/6/1867 - Advert

"The NEW INN, Enville Street, Stourbridge / *Richard Kelly*, in returning thanks to the Inhabitants of Stourbridge and Neighbourhood, for the kind support bestowed upon him while at the QUEENS HEAD, begs to inform them that he has taken to the above Old-established Inn, where by strict attention, punctuality, and keeping the best quality of Ales, Spirits and Cigars, &c., he hopes to merit a share of their patronage and Support. / NB – Good Stabling."

1871 Census

8, Enville Street – NEW INN

- [1] *Richard Kelly* (38), glasscutter and victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] Jane Kelly (38), wife, born Hagley;
- [3] Henry Kelly (5), son, born Stourbridge;
- [4] Frank Kelly (3), son, born Stourbridge;

Stourbridge Observer 23/3/1872

"A meeting of the Operative Bricklayers' Society was held at the NEW INN, Enville Street, to take into consideration the short hours movement, and an increase of wages. After some discussion, the following resolutions were agreed to, and to come into operation on the 29th April, the various masters to be served with a copy.

- 1st That instead of working by the day, we work by the hour, and that we receive 6½ d an hour, winter and summer.
- 2nd That we commence to work in summer at six o'clock, and leave at half past five o'clock the first five days, and one o'clock on Saturdays, meal times to be as usual.
- 3rd In winter we commence work at seven o'clock, the first five days, and leave at five o'clock, and at one o'clock on Saturdays, and have one hour for meals, as usual."

1881 Census

10, Enville Street – NEW INNS

- [1] *Jane Kelley* (49), widow, licensed victualler, born Hagley;
- [2] Henry Kelley (15), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [3] Frank Kelley (13), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [4] James Franks (77), grandfather, widower, gardener, born Bromsgrove;
- [5] Thomas Knight (11), nephew, scholar, born Walsall;
- [6] Maria Eggerton (21), general servant, born Stourbridge;

1891 Census

10, Enville Street – NEW INN

- [1] *Jane Kelly* (59), widow, licensed victualler, born Hagley;
 - [2] Henry Kelly (25), son, born Stourbridge;
 - [3] Frank Kelly (23), son, born Stourbridge;
- and a servant:

1911 Census

Enville Street – NEW INN

- [1] *John Joseph Boyle* (33), publican, born Kidderminster;
- [2] Phoebe Elizabeth Boyle (32), wife, married 9 years, assisting in business, born Pensnett;
- [3] John Gerald Boyle (3), son, born Stourbridge;
- [4] Nellie Baker (20), unmarried, sister in law, axminster setter, brn Pensnett;

W. H. Lilley was treasurer and secretary of the Stourbridge, Lye, Cradley and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1934]

It closed on 28th October 1938.

NEW INN

Middle Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Daniel Fisher [1871]

NOTES

1871 Census

Middle Street – NEW INN

[1] *Daniel Fisher* (58), publican, born Sedgley;

[2] *Mary A. Fisher* (64), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Mary Fisher* (13), niece, born Sedgley;

[4] *Mary H. Golding* (12), general servant, born Netherton:

NEW INN

117, High Street, Wordsley Green, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

John Darby [1822]
Elwell, Williams Brewery (acquired c. 1901)
Smith and Williams [1925]
Julia Hanson and Son (acquired on 2nd July 1934)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Daniel Batham Ltd. (acquired in 2008)

LICENSEES

Edward Darby [1822] – [1829]
William Darby [1834] – [1854]
Mrs. Mary Darby [1861] – **1875**;
Miss Jane Darby **(1875 – 1884)**;
Joseph Thurston **(1884 – 1887)**;
William Arnold **(1887 – 1892)**;
William Whitehouse **(1892 – 1900)**;
Dorcas Whitehouse **(1900 – 1901)**;
William Ameson **(1901)**;
Robert White **(1901 – 1902)**;
William Henry Morgan **(1902 – 1905)**;
John Nott **(1905 – 1906)**;
Thomas Henry Whitworth **(1906 – 1907)**;
Benjamin Edmunds **(1907)**;
Charles Frederick Moore **(1907 – 1909)**;
Edward Gough **(1909 – 1914)**;
Joseph Arthurs **(1914 – 1920)**;
Arthur Kelly **(1920 – 1921)**;
William Henry Lowe **(1921 – 1922)**;
William Fletcher **(1922 – 1923)**;
Percy Robert Drew **(1923)**;
John Owen **(1923 – 1927)**;
John Cope **(1927 – 1934)**;
Horace McGregor Wells **(1934 – [1940]**
R F Field [1976] – [1983]
Reg Homer [1986]
Stephen 'Steve' Hadley **(2008 – [2013]** manager



NOTES

William Darby = William Darbey

William Darby, beer retailer, Wordsley. [1849], [1850], [1854]

1861 Census

High Street

- [1] *Mary Darby* (58), widow, innkeeper;
- [2] *Jane Darby* (22), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Mary Darby* (18), daughter, born Kingswinford:

Mrs. Mary Darby, beer retailer, Wordsley. [1873]

1881 Census

High Street – public house

- [1] *Jane Darby* (38), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Darby* (35), sister, born Kingswinford:

1901 Census

117, High Street – NEW INN

- [1] *William Ameson* (52), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Margaret Ameson* (51), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *John Ameson* (29), son, steel worker, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Phoebe Ameson* (17), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Richard Ameson* (11), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *William Ameson* (8), son, born Brierley Hill:

Plans were passed for alterations in June 1925.

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage or dwelling-house used as a public house and known as the NEW INN with the outbuildings and garden thereto situate at Wordsley Green in Wordsley aforesaid containing one rood and thirty two perches or thereabouts now or late occupied by *J. Arthurs* bounded on the East by the main road leading from Stourbridge to Wolverhampton.”

Steve Hadley – see also GARIBALDI.

[2014]



1996



2008

NOAHS ARK

Priest Lane, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Noah Forrest [1851] – [1872]

NOTES

Noah Forrest = Noah Forest

1851 Census

Priest Lane

[1] *Noah Forrest* (34), chain maker, born Cradley;

[2] *Henzey Forrest* (34), wife, born Oldswinford;

[3] *Susannah Forrest* (7), daughter, scholar, born Oldswinford;

[4] *Elizabeth Forrest* (6), daughter, scholar, born Oldswinford;

[5] *Sarah Bradley* (74), mother in law, widow, proprietor of houses, born Oldswinford:

Noah Forest was also a maltster. [1872]

NOAHS ARK

Lower Lye, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Lock Carter [1884]
James Chance [1888]

NOAHS ARK

135, (82), Enville Street, Beauty Bank, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Wordsley Brewery Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Cox [1841]
Benjamin Sant [1845]
John Turberville [1860] – [1862]
Mrs. Mary Turbeville [1864] – [1865]
Nathaniel Yates [1870] – [1873]
Elijah Slater [1881]
James Green [1884]
Thomas Lawrence [1892]

NOTES

Beauty Bank [1841], [1845], [1864]
82, Enville Street [1871], [1873], [1876]
135, Enville Street [1881], [1884], [1888], [1892]

It had a beerhouse license.

1841 Census

Beauty Bank
[1] John Cox (50), beerhouse keeper;
[2] Sarah Cox (50), wife;
and one servant:

John Turberville, retailer of beer, Enville Street. [1862]

1871 Census

82, Enville Street
[1] Nathaniel Yates (40), rope spinner and publican, born Worcester;
[2] Sarah Yates (34), wife, born Cookley:

Nathaniel Yates was also a manufacturer of rope, twine, matting and tarpaulin. [1873]
He was described as a rope and twine maker. [1872]

1881 Census

135, Enville Street
[1] Elijah Slater (37), innkeeper, born Lye;
[2] Martha Slater (32), wife, born Stourbridge;
and 4 children:

The license renewal was refused in 1906.

NOAHS ARK

Shepherds Brook, Oldswinford, (Upper Swinford), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

William Oliver and Sons Ltd. [1928]

LICENSEES

Alfred Garrington [1888]

OAKFIELD TAVERN

Oak Park Road, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Ansells Ltd.

LICENSEES

NOTES

It was designed by Farmer and Farmer of Birmingham.

It opened on 25th November 1940.

The license was transferred from BOAT, Pheasant Road, Brockmoor.

An arson attack in February 2008 caused 20% damage.

[2008]

Closed [2010]

It was demolished in January 2011.



2008

ODDFELLOWS ARMS

Upper High Street, LYE

OWNERS

William Oliver and Sons Ltd.

LICENSEES

M Hipkiss [1892]

NOTES

[1914]

It closed on 11th June 1928.

OLD BAR

High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Vale [1854]

OLD BARLEY MOW

Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Samuel Mees [1854]

OLD BEAR

4, Brewery Street, (4, Brierley Hill Road), (Buckpool Road), WORDSLEY

OWNERS

William Whitworth
Mary Whitworth

LICENSEES

Benjamin Cooper [1870] – **1876**);
William Kitson (**1876 – 1880**);
William Benton (**1880 – 1881**);
James Worrall (**1881 – 1883**);
William Whitworth (**1883 – 1886**);
Mrs. Mary Whitworth (**1886 – 1906**);
William Haden Richardson Pargeter (**1906**);
Thomas Stantiall (**1906 – 1912**);
Mary Stantiall (**1912 – 1917**);
Florence Ethel Stantiall (**1917 – 1919**);
William Henry Walters (**1919 – 1922**);
Arthur Banks (**1922**);

NOTES

4, Brewery Street [1912], [1916], [1921]
4, Brierley Hill Road

It had a beerhouse license.

Benjamin Cooper, butcher and beer retailer, Wordsley. [1870]

1871 Census

Buckpool Road – OLD BLACK BEAR INN

[1] *Benjamin Cooper* (57), butcher and publican, born Kingswinford;
[2] *Mary Ann Cooper* (55), wife, born Cradley;
[3] *Caroline Cooper* (28), daughter, born Kingswinford;
[4] *Fanny Cooper* (22), daughter, born Kingswinford;
[5] *Benjamin Cooper* (17), son, butcher, born Kingswinford;
and a servant:

1881 Census

Brewery Street – OLD BEAR

[1] *James Worrall* (41), beerhouse keeper, born Stourbridge;
[2] *Ann Worrall* (42), wife, born Brierley Hill;
[3] *William Worrall* (17), son, flint glass caster, born Lye;
[4] *Alfred Worrall* (15), son, office boy, born Tipton;
[5] *Ellen Worrall* (10), daughter, scholar, born Wing, Buckinghamshire;
[6] *Thomas Worrall* (8), son, scholar, born Brettell Lane;
[7] *Harry Worrall* (6), son, scholar, born Brettell Lane;
[8] *William Worrall* (75), father, widower, retired, born Amblecote:

Mrs. *Mary Whitworth*, beer retailer, Brewery Street. [1904]

Thomas Stantiall, beer retailer, 4, Brewery Street. [1912]

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on 6th March 1922.

Its renewal was refused on 20th July 1922.

The license was extinguished on 30th December 1922.

OLD BELL

Chapel Street, (169, (Upper) High Street), LYE

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Brettell []
David Millward []
Desmond "Jim" Beaman [1974]
Nick Jones [1984]
Sandra Watkin [2001]
Jessica Lees [2011] manager

NOTES

169, High Street [1914]

BELL [1914]
OLD BELL

It was known locally as the "Bottom Bell".

Black Country Bugle (1974) - Pub of the Month

".....one of Lye's noted taverns will shortly become a pile of rubble, a time-expired veteran of some stirring days in the town's history the OLD BELL must go to be replaced by a 'new' BELL on an adjacent site. The OLD BELL has been a Lye ale-house for something like 150 years and is mentioned frequently in the annals of the town. The Brettells kept it for more than 80 years from 'wum brewed' days to more recent times Time is due to be called, for the last time, at the OLD BELL on Tuesday April 22nd and the new pub will open next day. The demolition crew move into the old building on the following Monday....."

Demolished
Rebuilt

[2013]



2007



2014

OLD BOAT

Brierley Hill Road, Buckpool, (Bug Hole), (Bug Pool), WORDSLEY

OWNERS

John Payton and Joseph Cox [1822]
G. Grainger, Brettell Lane [1886], [1899]
Daniel Gill
Emma Gill, W. W. Wylde, Brettell Lane and George Walford, Dudley [1919]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1936]

LICENSEES

John Payton [1822] – [1829]
Thomas Cook [1834] – [1835]
Ambrose Harthill [1849] – [1851]
Sarah Harthill [1855] – [1856]
Henry Collins [1861] – **1872**;
Mrs. Catherine Collins **(1872 – 1875)**;
John Francis **(1875 – 1878)**;
Samuel Simpson **(1878 – 1884)**;
Daniel Gill **(1884 – 1915)**;
Emma Gill **(1915 – 1932)**;
Frank Chatterton Turner **(1932 – 1935)**;
Frederick William Williams **(1935 – 1938)**;
Martin Ridley Barnsley **(1938)**;

NOTES

It was situated near the Dock.

BOAT [1822], [1834], [1835], [1850], [1855], [1856], [1865]
OLD BOAT [1873], [1892], [1904], [1912]

‘William Fowler’s Kingswinford’ by Eric Richardson

“.....we reach the site of ‘The BOAT INN’ again, which would have been near the south side of the gorge leading through Bunter sandstone crags downhill towards the traffic lights.”

Ambrose Hartill = Ambrose Hartell

Ambrose Harthill was christened at Kingswinford Parish Church on 25th December 1787.
He married Sarah Wilkes on 23rd April 1810.

1851 Census

Bug Pool

- [1] *Ambrose Hartell* (60), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] Sarah Hartell (58), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] Henry Collins (40), widower, son in law, agricultural labourer, born Kingswinford;
- [4] Charles Smallman (20), grandson, blacksmith, born Leintwardine;
- [5] Sarah Smallman (18), granddaughter, blacksmith's wife, born Kingswinford;
- [6] Ambrose Hartell (13), grandson, errand boy, born Kingswinford;
- [7] Ann Marsh (26), house servant, born Sedgley;
- [8] Maria Hill (7), visitor, born Kingswinford:

Sarah Harthill = Sarah Hartill = Sarah Harthell

Brierley Hill Advertiser 21/6/1856

“An inquest was held yesterday (Friday), at the house of *Sarah Harthill*, BOAT INN, Wordsley, on the body of William Whittock, aged 53, who was drowned by falling into the canal. Deceased with another man named John Harris were walking along the towing path of the canal near Wordsley, both being in a state of intoxication, on the night of the 19th inst, when he fell into the canal; he was got out of the water as quickly as possible but life was extinct. Verdict Accidental Death.”

Put up for sale by auction on 17th May 1858.

1861 Census

Buckpool

- [1] *Henry Collins* (50), victualler, born Kingswinford;
 - [2] *Catherine Collins* (38), wife, born Worcestershire;
 - [3] Catherine Collins (7), daughter, born Kingswinford;
 - [4] Thomas Collins (5), son, born Kingswinford;
 - [5] Sophia Collins (3), daughter, born Kingswinford;
 - [6] Joseph Collins (1), son, born Kingswinford;
- and one servant:

Henry Collins, retailer of beer, Wordsley. [1862]

1871 Census

Buckpool

- [1] *Henry Collins* (60), licensed victualler, born Wordsley;
- [2] *Catherine Collins* (47), wife, born Stourport;
- [3] Catherine Collins (17), daughter, born Wordsley;
- [4] Thomas Collins (15), son, born Wordsley;
- [5] Sophia Collins (13), daughter, born Wordsley;
- [6] Joseph Collins (11), son, born Wordsley;
- [7] Charles Collins (9), son, born Wordsley;
- [8] Walter Collins (4), son, born Wordsley:

1881 Census

Buckpool

- [1] *Samuel Simpson* (35), publican and boat proprietor employing 7 men, born Wordsley;
- [2] *Ann Emma Simpson* (35), wife, born Delph;
- [3] *Samuel Simpson* (14), son, born Wordsley;
- [4] *John Simpson* (12), son, born Wordsley;
- [5] *Henry Simpson* (9), son, born Wordsley;
- [6] *George Simpson* (7), son, born Wordsley;
- [7] *William Simpson* (5), son, born Wordsley;
- [8] *Arthur Simpson* (3), son, born Wordsley:

1891 Census

Buckpool

- [1] *Daniel Gill* (35), publican, born Buckpool;
- [2] *Emma Gill* (38), wife, born Buckpool;
- [3] *Mary E. Gill* (10), daughter, born Buckpool:

Daniel Gill was a licensed brewer.

He was married to *Emma* (she died 31st March 1934).

He died on 9th September 1915 aged 59.

License transferred to the ODDFELLOWS ARMS, Compton on 12th May 1936.

The pub closed on 11th May 1938.

OLD CAT

110, High Street / Lawnswood Road, (Town End, Brierley Hill), WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Mrs. Pagett [1822]

James Pagett

William Webb, farmer and maltster (leased from 1837)

Worcestershire Brewing and Malting Co. (acquired c. 1898) [1903]

Kidderminster Brewery Co. Ltd.

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1913)

LICENSEES

John Cooper [1812]

Sarah Cooper [1818] – [1822]

George Cooper [1829]

Mrs. Margaret Gritton [1834] – [1854]

Jeremiah Bourne [1860] – **1872**;

Mrs. Martha Bourne **(1872 – 1875)**;

Sarah Bowman **(1875 – 1876)**;

Samuel Hammond **(1876 – 1882)**;

James Elwell **(1882 – 1883)**;

Frederick Warren **(1883 – 1884)**;

Jane Hale **(1884 – 1887)**;

George Henry Batham **(1887 – 1890)**;

Joseph Bache **(1890)**;

James White **(1890 – 1903)**;

Joseph Frederick White **(1903 – 1905)**;

John Frederick Alwen **(1905 – 1934)**;

John Barrett Wells **(1934 – 1935)**;

Albert Edward Prickett **(1935 – 1939)**;

Charles Harold Pinches **(1939 – 1950)**;

John Simmonds **(1950 – 1952)**;

John French 'Jack' Hancox **(1952 – 1956)**;

James Henry Jones **(1956 – 1957)**;

Thomas William Matthews **(1957 – 1973)**;

Martha Winifred Matthews **(1975 – 1976)**;

William Raymond Beard **(1976 – 1979)**;

John Brian Hibbert **(1979 – 1980)**;

Gerald Fordham Grosvenor **(1980 – 1985)**;

Robert Somme Partridge **(1985 – 1986)**;

William Brian Whetton **(1986 – 1993)**;

Brian George Tarsell **(1993 – 1996)**;

John Edward Oliver **(1996 – 2001)**;

Michael Patrick 'Mick' O'Sullivan **(2001 – []**

Steve Smith [2002]



NOTES

Town End [1834], [1851]
Wordsley Green [1849], [1850]

CAT [1818], [1829], [1835], [1845], [1850], [1854], [1856], [1862], [1864], [1865], [1870],
[1872], [1873], [1881], [1901]
CAT AND CUSHION, Town End [1834], [1849], [1850], [1851]
OLD CAT [1896]

It was Grade II listed in 1976.

John Cooper was also a butcher.

Sarah Cooper was also a butcher. [1818]

Notice of sale

"CAT INN and eligible building land, Wordsley, near Stourbridge. To be sold by auction on Monday, May 20th 1844....."

Lot 1. All the above well known and long established inn, called the CAT, with the outbuildings and appurtenances situate at Wordsley, aforesaid, by the side of the Stourbridge and Wolverhampton Turnpike Road, and the Road leading to Green's Forge and Enville The tenant (*Mrs. Gritton*)....."

1851 Census

Wordsley Green

- [1] *Margaret Gritton* (55), widow, victualler, born Monmouthshire;
- [2] *Cecelia Gritton* (21), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Jeremiah Bourne* (30), nephew, glassmaker, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Rose Howell* (21), niece, servant, born France:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 12/1/1856

"Wordsley. An adjourned inquest was held on Friday (yesterday) before T. M. Phillips, Esq., at the CAT INN, in this place, on the body of a man named Henry Davies, aged 45, who was killed by a fall of coal, at the Lays Colliery, on the 3rd inst. The Government Inspector of mines attended, and bore evidence to the effect that the accident arose from causes that could not be avoided. A verdict of Accidental death was returned."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 22/11/1856

"An inquest was held at the CAT INN, Wordsley, on Monday last, before Mr. T. M. Phillips, Esq. on the body of a man named James Tennant, a miner, aged 35 years. It appeared from the evidence adduced that the deceased was at work in the Bromley Colliery, on the 31st of July 1850, when a fall of coal from the roof of the workings fell upon the deceased and so injured him that he was compelled to keep his bed. He was frightfully crushed across the lower part of his back and bowels, and he lingered with his sufferings until the night of the 16th instant, when death put a period to his pains. The jury, under all the circumstances, returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

1861 Census

High Street – CAT INN

- [1] *Jeremiah Bourne* (40), glassmaker, born Kingswinford;
 - [2] *Martha Bourne* (38), wife, born Oldswinford;
 - [3] *Frank G. Bourne* (9 months), son, born Kingswinford;
- and one servant:

Jeremiah Bourne was also a glass cutter. [1864]

1871 Census

High Street

[1] *Jeremiah Bourne* (50), glassmaker and publican, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Martha Bourne* (48), wife, born Stourbridge;

[3] *Henry Bourne* (9), son, born Wordsley;

[4] *Ann J. Bourne* (7), daughter, born Wordsley;

[5] *Samuel Bourne* (2), son, born Wordsley;

and one servant:

Stourbridge Observer 11/5/1872

“An inquest was held at the CAT INN, Wordsley, on Saturday last, before Mr. Phillips, Deputy Coroner, touching the death of Emily Ann Corbett (16). From the evidence it appears that on the Thursday previous, deceased was left at home in the house, with a little boy, the mother having previously left for a short time. The boy also went out for a few minutes, and on coming into the house again found his sister’s clothes in flames. A man named Corbett, and a Mrs. Jones were soon in attendance, and put the fire out, but deceased was so burnt about the face, arms and body, that she died the following day. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental death.”

Jeremiah Bourne died in October 1872.

Stourbridge Observer 1/11/1873

“The adjourned inquest on the body of a man, presumed to be Matthew Cotton (65), late an inmate of the Birmingham Union, was held at the OLD CAT INN, Wordsley, on Monday evening last. It will be remembered by our readers that the inquiry was adjourned for the purpose of having a post mortem examination of the body, and also for the production of the persons who were in the trap, and the driver of the same, in order to hear the evidence of the former, and the latter an opportunity of making a statement as to how the affair happened. Mr. W. H. Phillips, deputy coroner, again conducted the inquiry, and the first witness was

John Rock, who said he was a cooper and furniture dealer, residing at 182, High Street, Stourbridge. He engaged Mr. Kindon, to take a cask for him to Commonsideside [Pensnett], last Monday week, and he (witness) accompanied him. He went and also returned with Kindon. There was a man named Walter Short with him. He could not say how the accident occurred, as he was not aware there was anything wrong until after they had gone over the man. They all three sat on one seat in the vehicle. It was about nine o’clock at night when the affair happened. After they had gone over the man he saw something white, and gave an alarm to Kindon, and said something was the matter. Kindon stopped the horse instantly. The something white turned out to be the deceased. He did not hear anyone speak, or call out to them at the time, but just as they came out of Brierley Hill Kindon gave the mare a cut with the whip, and she started into a gallop, and stumbled slightly. The mare is nearly a thoroughbred animal, and when she stumbled he (witness) cautioned Kindon to be as careful as he could, and the latter pulled the horse into a trot in 10 or 12 yards. He (witness) could not remember hearing a police officer calling out to him to go steadily. He did not hear anything of an officer until after the accident happened. He neither heard nor saw anything of police officer before then. At the time when the horse was galloping it was going at the rate of seven or eight miles an hour. It was a dark night. It was between two lamps where the accident occurred. The horse was a very showy one and held up its head in such a manner that they could see nothing within 20 yards of them. He could see nothing of deceased in the road. He (witness) considered Kindon was only driving at a fair speed at the time the affair happened. The showy action of the horse would be very likely to deceive any one as to the rate at which they were going. He did not have occasion to caution Kindon as to the way in which he was driving. In answer to the Coroner, witness said that at the time of the accident the horse was not going at a gallop. Kindon was sober. They did not start from Stourbridge until six o’clock, when they had one pint between them, and they had two quarts at the house they took the barrel to, and as they were going through Brierley Hill they called at Mr. Griffiths’s at the BELL, and had a glass of whisky each. Kindon was sober; in fact, witness never saw him drunk in his life, though he had known him for some time.

The Coroner here called the attention of the witness to the statement of another witness to the effect that the horse was galloping at the time of the accident, when Mr. Rock said that the witness who had made that statement would not be in a position to give a correct opinion unless he was very close to the horse, on account of the action of the animal being such that it appeared to go much faster than it really did.

Walter Short, the other person who was in the trap at the time of the accident, corroborated last witness.

Robert Lyons Campbell, surgeon and physician, stated that he made the post mortem examination on Friday the 24th inst. Externally, deceased was a well formed man, and well fed. There was a severe bruise on the left side of the head, and the eye was very much bruised. There was no external fracture of the skull. The right hand was also bruised. There was also external evidence of a severe bruise over the abdomen. On opening the skull he found the external plates of the skull fractured. The fracture extended over the left orbit. He was of the opinion that the immediate cause of death, was the shock which the system had received. If medical attendance had been called in at once, deceased could not have recovered from the injuries he had received.

The Coroner told the jury he asked the last question because there was an opinion amongst some people to the effect that if deceased had been taken at once to a medical man instead of the Police Station, he might have recovered. Dr. Campbell's answer, would however, set that question at rest; and the only question for the jury to consider now would be whether deceased's death was the result of pure accident, or whether any one was to blame in the matter. It was evident that the weight of evidence was in favour of the fact that Kindon's horse was only going at a fair ordinary trot when the occurrence took place, as there were three witnesses who deposed to this, whilst there was only one who said the animal was galloping. It would be, however, for them to say whether it was an accident or not; and if they considered it was not an accident they must say who was culpable.

The jury, after a short deliberation, returned a verdict to the effect that deceased's death was the result of an accident. The Coroner then cautioned Kindon, and said the verdict of the jury was in his favour this time, but if it had been against him he should have been obliged to commit him for manslaughter. He hoped it would cause him to be very careful in the future."

Stourbridge Observer 8/11/1873

"At the Brierley Hill Police Court, on Thursday, before Mr. Isaac Spooner (Stipendiary), James Kindon, furniture broker, Wollaston, near this town, was charged with furiously driving a horse and trap on the night of the 20th October.

Police-constable John Giles was on duty in Brettell Lane, when he saw the defendant driving at a furious pace. Defendant was beating the horse with the reins, and the animal was going as fast as it could gallop. Witness called out to defendant, but before he pulled up he ran over a man, who received such severe injuries that he died the next day.

In reply to the Magistrates, Mr. Superintendent Mills stated that an inquest had been held on the body of the man killed, and the jury returned a verdict of Accidental death.

The Stipendiary told defendant that he had had a very narrow escape of being committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter. He believed every word of the police-constable's evidence, and if the defendant had been brought before him, instead of before a jury, he did not think he should have taken the view of the case adopted by the jury. No doubt the jury did what they thought was right. Defendant was seen by a police officer galloping his horse, and beating it with the reins, and in a few minutes afterwards a man was knocked down and run over, and the next day he died. It was insufferable, and he (the Stipendiary) should have sent the driver for trial. He, however, had merely to try him for furious driving, and he should inflict the highest fine allowed by law, namely, £5 and costs, in default six weeks' imprisonment, with hard labour.

Mr. Ward (magistrate's clerk): £5 9s 6d.

The money was paid."

1881 Census

Wordsley Green – CAT INN

- [1] *Samuel Hammond* (29), engine fitter and licensed victualler, born Wordsley;
- [2] *Sarah Hammond* (43), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Mary Hammond* (4), daughter, scholar, born Wordsley;
- [4] *Samuel O. Hammond* (3), son, scholar, born Wordsley;
- [5] *Ethel Hammond* (6 months), daughter, born Wordsley;
- [6] *Emily Bowman* (13), stepdaughter, scholar, born Wordsley;
- [7] *Kate Bowman* (10), stepdaughter, scholar, born Wordsley;

George Henry Batham – see also MARKET VAULTS, Brierley Hill.

1901 Census

110, High Street – CAT INN

- [1] *James White* (47), innkeeper, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Emma White* (50), wife, born Bromley;
- [3] *Joseph White* (21), son, hair dresser, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Florrie White* (20), daughter, barmaid, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Thomas White* (74), father, widower, born Brierley Hill:

James White died c. January 1903.

He was the father of *Joseph Frederick White*.

1911 Census

110, High Street – OLD CAT INN

- [1] *John Frederick Alwen* (36), licensed victualler, born Wordsley;
- [2] *Florence Alwen* (30), wife, married 5 years, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *John Henry Alwin* (2), son, born Wordsley;
- [4] *Esther Millward* (20), servant, born Round Oak:

Put up for auction on 24th September 1915 – bar, tap room (35' x 14'), 5 bedrooms, 4 arched cellars, yard, coal house. It was withdrawn at £1,350.

John F. Alwen was the son in law of *Joseph F. White*.

Black Country Bugle (Feb. 1986)

'Bobbington Reader Recalls the OLD CAT INN in Bygone Days'

".....is reckoned to date from the late 1700's, although it may have begun life as a row of country cottages during Vic's [Vic Alwen - the son of *John F. Alwen*] the CAT INN was more like a quaint country inn. Being on the fringe of general farmland, it was much frequented by hearty rustic types Vic reminisced At ten I was pulling pints in the bar, which was strictly out of bounds to women in those days. I can bring to mind many grand old characters who propped up the bar - like old Fred Pool of Yew Tree Farm, Prestwood. Many was the time he'd be put in the bottom of his cart to be taken home by his horse, after one pint too many.

Then there was Big Jack Giles (who farmed land where the Rectory Fields are now), Tom Green (hairdresser), Sporty Matthews (newsagent), Billy Thompson (who ran an off license), Harry Lamb (painter and decorator), Billy Newman (assistant at Wordsley Workhouse), Adam Jordan and Sid Elwell (both glassworks foremen) In 1934 the *Alwen* family moved out of the CAT - but only to premises next door in the High Street, which were then being run by Vic's brother John, as a greengrocers' shop....."

Plans for structural alterations were passed on 10th December 1987.

Jack Hancox married Susan Baker.

Mick O'Sullivan was married to Marie.

[2014]



2009

OLD CRISPIN

5, (3), Church Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

William Ewart Gardener
Marston, Thompson and Evershed Ltd.
Union Pub Co.
Fast Forward Inns plc, Redditch (acquired on 13th April 1988)
Marstons plc (acquired in 1990)
Terry Law and Stuart Hayles (leased)

LICENSEES

John Beddoes [1862] – [1867]
Edward Timmins [1870]
Charles Eveson [1872]
Thomas Eveson [] – **1873**;
William Vale (**1873 – 1874**);
Eliza Keller (**1874**)
Thomas Canadine (**1874 – [1892]**)
D Lambert []
Francis Joseph 'Frank' Matthews [1916] – **1946**;
Samuel Vivian Downing Williams (**1946 – 1959**);
Mary Oakley Brownlee (**1959 – 1964**);
Arthur Jones (**1964**);
Peter Bingham Drysdale-Craig (**1964 – 1965**);
Annie Drysdale-Craig (**1965**);
Ronald James Shepherd (**1965 – 1969**);
Raymond Ewart Gardener (**1969**);
Arthur George Lyon (**1969**);
Raymond Ewart Gardener (**1969 – 1970**);
Marion Whale (**1970 – 1971**);
David Squire Gardener (**1971**);
Michael Smith (**1971**);
David Squire Gardener (**1971 – 1972**);
James Edward Hume (**1972 – 1978**);
David Squire Gardener (**1978**);
Cyril de la Haye (**1978 – 1982**);
David Squire Gardener (**1982 – 1983**);
David Lawrence Fabb (**1983**);
Mrs. Elizabeth Wells (**1983 – 1984**);
David Squire Gardener (**1984**);
James Noble (**1984 – 1985**);
Peter Edward Gully (**1985 – 1987**);
David Brookes and John Willmott (**1987 – 1988**);
Diarmud Francis Murphy and John Willmott (**1988**);
Lindsay Cathcart and John Willmott (**1988 – 1989**);
Kevin Henderson and John Willmott (**1989**);
Luke John Alexander (**1989**);
Andrew Charles White (**1989 – 1990**);
Stephen Yates and Robert John Edmunds (**1990**);



Stephen Yates (1990 – 1991);
Graham Philip Snaithe (1991);
Kevin Green (1991 – []
Andy Penk [2000] manager
Wendy Sutcliffe [2000] tenant
Terry Law and Stuart Hayles [2006] managers

NOTES

3, Church Street [1870], [1872], [1881], [1884], [1888], [1892], [1916], [1921]
5, Church Street [1983], [1993], [1997], [1998], [2004]

CRISPIN [1867], [1873], [1884], [1888]

It had a beerhouse license.

Brierley Hill Advertiser, 4/7/1857

“An inquest was held on Tuesday last at the CRISPIN INN, Church Street, before R. Docker, Esq, on the body of Joseph Howles, aged fifty six, a nailer. It transpired in the evidence that deceased attempted self destruction on the 18th inst, by cutting his throat with a razor. Mr. Wilson, the surgeon, who attended him, entertained no hope of his recovery, and on Monday he succumbed under the injuries.
Verdict, Temporary Insanity.”

John Beddoes, beer retailer, Church Street. [1864], [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 12/10/1867

“To Be Let, on or before 1st December next, the Old-Licensed Public House, the CRISPIN INN, with large Yard and Stable, situate in Church Street, Stourbridge, close to the County Court and Public Office, and within five minutes’ walk of the Railway Station. Stock and fixtures at a valuation.
Apply on the premises, to *John Beddoes*.”

Stourbridge Observer 15/2/1873

“*Thomas Eveson*, landlord of the CRISPIN INN, Church Street, was charged with allowing intoxicating liquors to be consumed on the premises on the 6th inst., and further charged with allowing gaming in his house, on the same date. Mr. Collis defended. P.C. Jones said about 10 minutes past one am, on the morning of the 6th inst, he was passing defendant’s house, in company with P.C. Woodhall. They stood outside a minute or two, and heard someone talking inside. The front door was locked. He then went round to the back of the house, and he heard voices in the back kitchen. The first remark he heard was, ‘We will go for 2s and half a gallon of ale.’ He listened there for several minutes, and heard the noise of cards on the table, and a voice said, ‘Here is Jack; that is game.’ Another remark was, ‘It’s my time, and I start with the ace of spades.’ He then went and got a ladder, and by that means got into the defendant’s yard. When he got there the men seemed to be on the move, and one said that makes five games, and there is half a gallon to come in. He went to the side door and rapped it, and defendant asked, who was there. Witness said, ‘Police, it is Sergeant Jones; open the door.’ There was a great confusion in the kitchen. He saw one or two men go into the front place. Defendant kept him outside three or four minutes. Witness heard the jingle of glasses and something was thrown on the fire. He heard some one upstairs, and defendant refused to open two doors for him. P.C. Woodhall corroborated the sergeant.

Mr. Collis, in defence, submitted that there was no case against defendant. The men, who were in the house, were there as lodgers. Defendant, Benjamin Taylor, Eli Halton, and Caleb Webb, corroborated. Mr. Collis’s statement. The Bench retired for a short time, and on returning fined defendant 20s and costs for allowing gaming, and as there was a doubt as to the men being lodgers they should give defendant the benefit of it and dismiss the case.”

Stourbridge Observer 29/3/1873 - Advert

“The OLD CRISPIN INN / Church Street, Stourbridge / *William Vale* begs to inform his friends and the public, that he has taken to the above well-known Inn / An ordinary on County Court, Market and Stock Sale Days / Well-aired Beds / Ales, Wines and Cigars of the best quality / NB – Good Stabling.”

Stourbridge Observer 17/10/1874 - Advert

“The OLD CRISPIN INN, Church Street, Stourbridge / *Thomas Canadine*, proprietor / T. C. begs to inform the Inhabitants of Stourbridge and district that he has taken to the above Old-established Inn, which is replete with every Accommodation / Ales, Wines, and Spirits, of the Finest Quality / Horse Clipping and Singeing done on the premises with promptness and dispatch / Gentlemen accommodated with Gas, per hour or season / First Class Stabling / Observe the address / The OLD CRISPIN INN, Church Street, Stourbridge.”

THE OLD CRISPIN INN.
CHURCH-STREET, STOURBRIDGE.
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FIRST-CLASS STABLING.
OBSERVE THE ADDRESS:—
THE OLD CRISPIN INN,
CHURCH-STREET,
STOURBRIDGE.

Advert 1874

1881 Census

3, Church Street - CRISPIN INN

- [1] *Thomas Canadine* (39), publican, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Annie Canadine* (38), wife, born Brightwell (Oxon);
- [3] *Edith Canadine* (10), daughter, scholar, born Belbroughton;
- [4] *Walter Canadine* (8), son, scholar, born Belbroughton;
- [5] *Harry Canadine* (6), son, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Louisa Bate* (22), servant, born Cradley;

D. Lambert issued tokens – ‘OLD CRISPIN INN MUSIC HALL’

Frank J. Matthews was president of Stourbridge, Lye, Cradley and District Protection (?) Society. [1918]

It closed c. 1981.

It reopened on a temporary license in October 1983.

It closed in 1998.

It reopened after a £100,000 refurbishment in January 2000.

It underwent a £50,000+ refurbishment in late 2006.

[2014]



2014

LOT 2.

THE CENTRALLY SITUATED FREE, FREEHOLD
Fully Licensed House

(7 DAYS)

known as

"The Crispin Inn"
CHURCH STREET, STOURBRIDGE

(With Vacant Possession)

together with

THE ADJOINING FREEHOLD RETAIL SHOP AND PREMISES

No. 3, Church Street, Stourbridge

(At present Let on a Quarterly Tenancy)

The Property occupies a most important position a few yards from the High Street, having a Total Frontage to Church Street of 36 feet 9 inches or thereabouts and a depth of approximately 105 feet, thus providing a most Valuable Site for Extension, Reconstruction or Rebuilding if desired.

"The Crispin Inn" is an extremely well known House, being one of the oldest established Licensed Houses in the Borough; it is brick-built with tiled roof and has the following accommodation :

ON THE GROUND FLOOR :

Vestibule Entrance. **Public Bar**, 14ft. 4in. x 13ft. 6in. with tiled fireplace. Side Entrance Passage. **Smoke Room**, 10ft. 10in. x 9ft. 7in. with tiled fireplace. **Lounge** (Licensed), 14ft. 10in. x 13ft. 8in. with tiled fireplace having mahogany mantel and surrounds. **Working Kitchen** with terrazzo floor, two-oven combination grate, sink (h. and c.) and Stairs off, with cupboard under. **Verandah** enclosing brick-built **W.C.**

BASEMENT :

Beer Cellar and **Wine Cellar**.

ON THE FIRST FLOOR :

Club Room (Licensed), 20ft. 11in. x 13ft. 6in. with tiled fireplace. **Private Sitting Room** (Front), 13ft. 10in. x 12ft. 9in. with fireplace. **Bedroom No. 1** (Front), 17ft. 3in. x 8ft. 6in. (average measurements). **Bedroom No. 2** (rear), 13ft. 7in. x 9ft. 6in. (maximum) with modern tiled grate. **Bathroom** with bath, white glazed wash basin (h. and c. to each) and **W.C.** There is an Airing Cupboard on the Landing.

ON THE SECOND FLOOR :

Bedroom No. 3 (front), 13ft. 6in. x 12ft. 9in. with fireplace. **Bedroom No. 4** (front), 13ft. 10in. x 8ft. 9in.

OUTSIDE :

6ft. 8in. **Covered Double Gateway Entrance** from Church Street ; Gentlemen's Toilets of brick and slate construction comprising : Three stall Urinal and one W.C. ; Ladies' Toilet of brick and tile construction comprising : One W.C. ; Scullery with sink and Boiler ; Open fronted **Garage**, 14ft. 3in. x 9ft. 3in. with Coal Store adjoining ; Old Brewery and Yard.

Separated from "The Crispin Inn" by the Gateway Entrance is the

FREEHOLD RETAIL SHOP AND PREMISES

No. 3, Church Street

which contains :

Double fronted **Retail Shop**, 12ft. 2in. wide x 21ft. 4in. deep (including window) ; Scullery with sink and boiler and Large Storeroom beyond ; First Floor Stockroom, 19ft. 7in. x 12ft. 6in. and small enclosed Yard at the rear with brick-built W.C.

Let on a Quarterly Tenancy at a Rental of £52 0s. 0d. per annum, Tenant paying Rates.

The Tenant's Fixtures and Fittings are excluded from the Sale.

ASSESSMENT and OUTGOINGS :

	"The Crispin Inn"	No. 3, Church Street.
Gross Value	£156	£45
Net Annual Value	£127	£35
Rateable Value	£102	£28
Water Rate	By Meter	19/4d. per annum.
Excise Licence	£30 17s. 6d. per annum	
Tobacco Licence	5/3d. per annum.	

No Levy to the Compensation Fund under Section 21 of the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910 is payable in respect of these Premises.

VIEWING : "The Crispin Inn." By Card from the Auctioneers.

No. 3, Church Street—By Courtesy of the Tenant, Mrs. V. Baker.

ROGERS (PRINTERS) LTD., LTD.

OLD CRISPIN

Windmill Street, (High Street), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Scott [1820]
Francis Shaw [1822] – [1835]
J Shaw [1841]
John Edwards [1845]

NOTES

High Street [1822]
Windmill Street [1841]

CRISPIN [1822], [1829], [1841]
OLD CRISPIN [1845]

OLD DIAL

17, Audnam, (High Street), (Coalbournbrook), (Holloway End), AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Charles Parkes

Caroline Parkes (acquired on 22nd November 1896)

Worcestershire Brewing and Malting Co. (acquired c. 1898)

Kidderminster Brewery Co. Ltd.

William Webb

Smith and Williams (acquired c. 1916)

Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934, for £1,521)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Wall [1841]

Samuel Robinson [1854] – [1862]

William Laight [1864] – [1865]

William Whitworth [1870]

George Palmer [1871] – **1881**;

Sarah Palmer (**1881** – []

Charles Parkes [1884] – **1886**);

Caroline Parkes (**1886** – **1889**);

Sarah Palmer (**1889** – **1890**);

Charles John Webb (**1890**);

William Hobson (**1890** – **1894**);

Gregory Thomas Brookes (**1894** – **1896**);

Lydia T Webb (**1896** – **1897**);

William Hobson (**1897**);

Thomas Edward Beddard (**1897** – **1899**);

Henry Augustus Withers (**1899** – **1900**);

George Spencer Bayliss (**1900** – **1901**);

George Thomason (**1901** – **1913**);

James William Herbert Green (**1913** – **1915**);

Bertie William Bartlett (**1915** – **1916**);

John Roberts (**1916** – **1917**);

John William Hallam (**1917** – **1925**);

George John Watson (**1925** – **1933**);

Alfred Summerfield (**1933** – **1934**);

Wesley Thomas Pearson (**1934** – **1936**);

George John Watson (**1936** – **1946**);

William Henry Taylor (**1946** – **1954**);

John Cooper (**1954** – **1955**);

Benjamin Breakwell (**1955** – **1973**); manager

Thomas Raymond 'Ray' Evans (**1973** – **1982**);

June Margaret Russell (**1982** – **1985**);

Alexander Headridge Munro Howe (**1985** – **1986**);

Alan Robert Garbett (**1986** – **1987**);

David James Davies (**1987**);

A R Griffiths (**1987** – **1988**);

John Columba Gormley-Carney (**1988** – **1994**);

Anthony John Carney **(1994 – 1997);**
Beverley Powell **(1997 – 1999);**
Deborah Anne 'Debbie' Shillingford **(1999 – []**
Susan Penstone [2008]
Scott Bytheway [2011]

NOTES

High Street [1940]
17, Audnam [1990], [1993], [1996], [1999], [2004]

DIAL [1862], [1871], [1881], [1905]
OLD DIAL [1904], [2008]

William Wall was married to Isabella.
He was born c 1816.

1861 Census

On the turnpike road leading from Stourbridge to Wolverhampton
[1] *Samuel Robinson* (40), widower, publican and pattern maker, born Oldbury, Shropshire;
[2] *Elizabeth Robinson* (12), daughter, born Dennis Park;
[3] *Jane Robinson* (10), daughter, born Dennis Park;
[4] *Lucy Robinson* (9), daughter, born Wollaston;
[5] *George Robinson* (8), son, born Wollaston;
[6] *Mary Carpenter* (20), house servant:
[Oldbury was then part of Shropshire.]

William Laight = William Light = William Leight

Stourbridge Observer 3/6/1865

“At the Petty Sessions on Monday, *William Leight*, beerhouse keeper, Brettle Lane, was charged by Superintendent Mills with having his house open for the sale of beer, on Sunday the 7th ult., before the time allowed. Police constable Hammond proved the case. The defence was that two men came in from Cradley, and had a pint of cider. He considered they were travellers, under these circumstances. The case was dismissed.”

1871 Census

DIAL INN

[1] *George Palmer* (55), licensed victualler and glasscutter, born Birmingham;
[2] *Sarah Palmer* (49), wife, landlady, born Stourbridge;
[3] *George Palmer* (24), son, glass cutter, born Stourbridge;
[4] *Sarah Jane Palmer* (13), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
[5] *Rice Davis* (19), lodger, sheet glass blower, born Spon Lane, Staffordshire:
[Spon Lane was in Smethwick and West Bromwich.]

George Palmer died in 1881.
See also GREYHOUND.

1881 Census

Coalbournbrook – DIAL INN

[1] *Sarah Palmer* (58), widow, publican, born Stourbridge;
[2] *Sarah J. Palmer* (23), daughter, born Stourbridge:

William Hobson was married to Fanny.

1901 Census

Brettel Lane – DIAL INN

- [1] *George Thomason* (47), publican, born Hartlebury;
- [2] *Emily Thomason* (43), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *James Richard Thomason* (17), son, glass maker, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Maggie Thomason* (14), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *George S. Thomason* (11), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *William Thomason* (7), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Harry Thomason* (3), son, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Clara Ryde* (23), general servant, born Kingswinford:

1911 Census

High Street – DIAL INN

- [1] *George Thomason* (58), licensed publican, born Hartlebury;
- [2] *Emily Thomason* (57), wife, married 30 years, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *William Thomason* (18), son, blacksmith's striker, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Harry Thomason* (13), son, school, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Maggie Pumfield* (4), granddaughter, born Wordsley:

It was put up for sale by auction on 24th September 1915 – large brewhouse, coach house, stable and outbuildings.

- It was withdrawn at £750.

John W. Hallam = John W. Hallum

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“DIAL INN with the yard and appurtenances thereto belonging.....”

Benjamin Breakwell died in November 1973.

A charity darts tournament, in memory of Stephen Mallen (who died in 1993, aged 17), was held annually. [2007], [2008]

[2013]



2007

OLD HANDS TO THE PUMP, YE

94, Birmingham Street, (Bedcot Meadow), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Sarah Tromans, WHEELWRIGHTS ARMS, Netherton
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (acquired in 1942)

LICENSEES

William Baker [1841] – [1873]
James Cole [1881]
Mrs. Annie Hill [1884]
Thomas Gorton [1888]
A H Jones [1892]
E A Roberts [1893]
George Harry Share [1903]
Thomas Wilbraham [1904]
G and C Share [1908]
James Henry Wooldridge [1916] – [1921]
C A E Edwards [1929]
Frank Harold Dundas [c. 1930] – [1950's]

NOTES

It was situated opposite J. H. Wood's iron foundry.

HANDS TO THE PUMP [1845], [1862], [1865], [1870], [1873], [1881], [1892]
ALL HANDS TO THE PUMP [1867], [1872]
YE OLDE HANDS TO THE PUMP [1911]
YE OLD HANDS TO THE PUMP [1916], [1921]

It had a beerhouse license.

William Baker, beer seller and pump maker, Bedcot Meadow. [1841]
William Baker was also a pump maker. [1845], [1870]
He was described as a well sinker, and engineer. [1854]
He was described as a blacksmith. [1864], [1865]
He was described as a pump maker and well sinker. [1873]

Stourbridge Observer 27/7/1867

"An inquest was held on Tuesday afternoon last, at the house of Mr. *Baker*, ALL HANDS TO THE PUMP, before R. Docker, Esq. Coroner, on the body of Sarah Westwood, aged 2 years.

From the evidence it appears that the child was standing on a step on Saturday last, about one o'clock. Its mother had occasion to go into the garden. While in the yard the child appeared to have gone into the kitchen where there was a washpot containing about a gallon of water. The mother hearing one of the neighbours' children calling out, ran into the house, and found the child's head in the water, with its heels up in the air moving. She at once pulled the child out, gave it in charge of a neighbour, and went to fetch Mr. Stubbs, who was shortly in attendance; but the child did not live more than a minute, and was dead before that gentleman arrived. He (Mr. Stubbs) used all the necessary means for restoring animation, but life was extinct.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental death."

Stourbridge Observer 1/6/1872

"On Sunday night last a young woman named Mary Winnall, residing at Clatter Batch, committed suicide by taking a quantity of 'Battle's Vermin Killer'. It appears that she had been to Clent with her young man. On returning home she went to Mr. Hughes's, chemist, and bought a packet of vermin killer, went home, and took a portion of it, and died in a short time after. Two medical gentlemen were called in, but their services were of no avail.

The inquest was held on the body on Thursday, at Mr. *Baker's*, ALL HANDS TO THE PUMP, before R. Docker Esq., Coroner.

The first witness called was Elizabeth Winnall, who deposed: I am the mother of deceased. She is 18 years old, and lived at home. She was formerly a servant, but has been at home for three weeks. After dinner on Sunday my daughter went from home, and returned at half past nine. When she came in, I went out with Mrs. Sorrell for a few minutes, leaving my husband and two daughters. On returning home in a few minutes I told my daughter to get her supper, and she began to eat some seed cake, and was taken ill shortly after. Mr. Birt, surgeon, was sent for, and came at once, and also another surgeon. She screamed and knocked about, and died about half past ten o'clock.

George Birt, M.R.C.S., said: I was called to see the deceased a little before eleven o'clock. Found her in spasms, as if suffering from strychnine poison. Tried restoratives, but they proved of no avail. Have since analysed the powder produced, and found strychnine in the powder, and it contained sufficient to cause death. Deceased's death was caused by strychnine.

G. Darrell, assistant to Mr. Hughes, chemist, said they sell at the shop a powder called Vermin Killer. On Sunday night the deceased came to the shop from half past nine to ten, and asked for a packet of 'Battle's Vermin Killer.' Sold her a sixpenny packet. Deceased was quite collected, and not at all excited. The word 'poison' was on the outside packet.

Thomas Gilbert, of Beauty Bank, said he knew the deceased. First saw her about half past two o'clock, in company with George Willington, and went together to Clent. Came back to Hagley at Tompkins's, and when the second pint of ale was had in deceased said, 'Come on George, let's go home,' and left, and witness followed her and walked to Stourbridge with her. When at Coventry Street she said to him, 'Tom, you had better go home now; your mother will wonder where you are.' Witness watched her into Hughes's shop, and afterwards walked home with her. On parting with her she said, 'George will never see me again alive, for I shall be in my coffin soon.' Witness could not give any evidence as to the reason she did it. She had no quarrel with her young man while out.

George Willington, engineer, living in Coventry Street, said: I have kept company with deceased for more than two years. When on Clent Hills deceased looked queer. I told her to put her sulky looks off till I had got to bed. She left me at Hagley, and I did not see her until I got home. She has asked me to marry her. She was not pregnant. Her temper, at times, was very bad.

Police-sergeant Jones proved finding a portion of the poison and labels near the night closet.

The father was called, and said he could not account for the act. She had had nothing to put her about. She was of a queer temper.

After a short consultation, the Jury found that Deceased committed suicide while in a state of temporary insanity."

1881 Census

94, Birmingham Street - HANDS TO THE PUMP

- [1] *James Cole* (29), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Sarah J. Cole* (27), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Sarah M. Tucker* (8), niece, born America;
- [4] *Sarah A. Sidebottom* (22), general servant, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Sarah F. Hodges* (56), visitor, born Birmingham;
- [6] *Eliza J. Tucker* (5), visitor, born Canada:

County Express, July 1893 - Advert

"Hospital Day / In celebration of the Opening of the Corbett Hospital / A Grand Illumination with Hundreds of Vargated Lamps of the Snugglers, Robinson Crusoe, and The Hermit's Caverns / at YE OLD HANDS TO THE PUMP INN, Birmingham Street, Stourbridge / Admission – One Penny / (Under new management) / Proprietor – *E. A. Roberts* / Admission on this occasion to the Musical Gathering in the Large Rom will be Free."

Frank Harold Dundas was a member of Stourbridge Conservative Club. He died in 1958.

It closed on 25th November 1955. Demolished

OLD HORSE SHOE

High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Moseley [1820] – [1822]

William Adderley [1829]

Joseph Parkes [1835] – [1845]

Henry Burton [1850]

Benjamin Pearce [1854]

NOTES

HORSE SHOE [1822], [1829]

E. Wakefield, carrier to Birmingham, left from here every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. [1835]

OLD JACOB'S WELL

High Street, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

OLD KINGS HEAD

133, High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Nock [1820] – [1822]
Thomas Penn [1835]
Joseph Hobson [1835]
Henry Pagett [1841] – [1845]
John Truman [1845] – [1850]
Edwin Truman [1854]
Thomas Davis [1860]
William Vale [1864] – [1872]
John Skelding **(1873 – 1874);**
Thomas Brooks **(1874 – []**
Joseph Nock [1881]

NOTES

KINGS HEAD [1820], [1841], [1865]

John Jolly, a carrier to Dudley and Worcester, left from here every Monday. [1820]
John Jolly, a carrier to London, left from here every Monday. [1822]
Joseph Young, a carrier to Bromsgrove, left from here every Wednesday and Friday. [1822]
W. Cox, a carrier to Wolverhampton, left from here every Thursday. [1822]

Thomas Wastall, carrier to Dudley and Wolverhampton left from here every Tuesday and Friday. [1835]
Thomas Ward, carrier to Stafford and Wolverhampton, left from here every Thursday. [1835]

It was described as an eating house. [1864], [1865], [1873]

Joseph Hobson and Thomas Penn are both mentioned in the same 1835 Directory.

Henry Pagett was also a butcher. [1841]

John Truman = John Trueman

John Trueman was also a tailor. [1845]

Henry Pagett was also a butcher. [1845]

Edwin Truman was also a tailor. [1854]

Thomas Davis was also a butcher. [1860]

William Vale, eating house keeper. [1864], [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 23/7/1864

“Grainger’s Omnibus will leave the OLD KINGS HEAD, High Street, Stourbridge, for the ‘Leasowes’ about twelve o’clock on Monday next.”

[Was this an outing? Was it to The Leasowes, Halesowen, formerly the home of William Shenstone?]

Stourbridge Observer 18/11/1865

“At the Petty Sessions yesterday, George Male was charged by *William Vale*, landlord of the KINGS HEAD INN, with assaulting him on Monday night last. Mr. Burbury appeared for the complainant who stated that on Monday night last, a few minutes before 12 o’clock, defendant, with three others, came to his house. They began to squabble about what they should have to drink. They eventually agreed to have a half pint of whiskey. He served it to them in separate quantities. One of the men who were with the defendant got up and collared him. Defendant and two others got up and made their companion let go his hold of complainant. They then began to quarrel about who was to pay for the drink. Complainant then told them that they should not drink it until they had paid for it, and told the girl to fetch a policeman. Defendant and the others said that they would give the girl ‘What for’, if she did go. One of the men said that he was a Queen’s officer, and had a right to be there, and that he would turn the complainant out of the house. He then took the glasses from them and refused to let them have the whiskey. One of the men collared him, and complainant in turn took hold of him, and put him out of the house. Defendant rushed by and shut the door. In a short time after he opened the door again, two of the men remaining in the house at the time drinking their whiskey which they paid for. Defendant sprung from the left side of the door, and struck complainant on the head with something he had in the palm of his left hand, and with the right he struck him in the eye. Complainant’s head was cut very badly, and his eye bruised. This was corroborated by the servant girl. Defendant was then fined 10s and costs, £1 2s 6d; in default one month.”

Stourbridge Observer 15/6/1867

“The Ancient Order of Foresters. The members of the Mother Court of the Stourbridge and East Worcestershire District, Court Foley, No.2408, met together at the OLD KINGS HEAD INN, on Whit Monday, June 10th, to celebrate their anniversary, when a most sumptuous repast was served in the host’s usual good style. After justice had been done, and the cloth withdrawn, R. Pearson P.D.C.R. was called to the chair, and Bro. S. Taylor to the vice chairBrother S. Broughton, sen., from the Music Depot, Lower High Street, played during the evening upon the concertina some of the most popular music of the day.....”

1871 Census

133, High Street – OLD KINGS HEAD

- [1] *William Vale* (59), licensed victualler, born Rock, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Emma Vale* (36), wife, born Croydon, Surrey;
- [3] *Emma Vale* (5), niece, scholar, born Kings Norton;
- [4] *Clara Levi* (15), general servant, born Stourbridge:

Stourbridge Observer 19/4/1873 - Advert

“The OLD KINGS HEAD INN, High Street, Stourbridge / *John Skelding* begs to inform the public generally that he has taken to the above well-known Inn, and hopes by strict attention to merit a show of support. / Ales, Wines, Spirits, and Cigars of the Best Quality / Well Aired Beds / An Ordinary on Market and County Court Days.”

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HIGH-STREET, STOURBRIDGE.

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Advert 1873

Stourbridge Observer 10/5/1873

“Charles Edge, Joseph Hazeldine, Wilkinson Burley, Will Hall, and John Lowe, were charged with being in the OLD KINGS HEAD, on the night of the 29th ult, drunk. Mr. Perry appeared for Edge and Hall. Police-sergeant Jones said he was sent for to go to the OLD KINGS HEAD. When there he saw all the defendants. Burley was quite drunk, and had a black eye. The other four were drunk, and Edge’s face was bleeding. Daniel Bird gave corroborative evidence. Mr. Perry addressed the Bench on behalf of his clients, and called Thomas Moody, who said he in charge of the house, with his wife, and a number of drunken men came into the house and made a disturbance. Hall was in, but had nothing to drink up to that time. Asked Hall to help to turn the men out. He did so. Witness could swear that Hall was sober. When the police came in Edge was in the house, but he was sober. He had been in the house from an hour to an hour and a half. Witness got the men out of the house with the assistance of the police. Sarah Moody, wife of the last witness, said there was a disturbance in the house. Some men came in drunk, and created a disturbance. Hall and Edge were sober. Thomas Taylor also said that Edge and Hall were sober. All the defendants gave evidence on oath, and there were several discrepancies in their statements. The Bench considered there was a doubt as to whether Hall was drunk, and said they should give him the benefit of it, and dismiss the summons. They, however, thought the case proved against the other defendants, and fined them 2s 6d each, and costs, in default 14 days.”

Stourbridge Observer 25/11/1873

“Foresters’ Dispensary Sunday. The final meeting of the Managing Committee held at the OLD KINGS HEAD. High Street, on Thursday evening last, where it was unanimously resolved that the total expenses connected with the Foresters’ Dispensary Sunday, should be defrayed out of the District Benevolent Fund, so as to enable them to present the amount subscribed intact to the Dispensary. Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to the Rev. H. Sherrard, Mr. Simms and the choir; to the collectors; and to Superintendant Freeman and the officers under his charge.”

John Skelding – see also COACH AND HORSES.

1881 Census

133, High Street

- [1] *Joseph Nock* (48), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Elizabeth Nock* (35), wife, born Hagley;
- [3] *Rosa N. Nock* (13), daughter, scholar, born Hagley;
- [4] *Emmeline Nock* (10), daughter, scholar, born Hagley;
- [5] *Frederick J. Nock* (8), son, scholar, born Hagley;
- [6] *Joseph Malpass* (23), lodger, bill poster, born Stourbridge:

OLD PEAR TREE

The Hayes, LYE

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Nock []
William Morgan [1873] – [1884]

NOTES

It was situated next to Brown's scrapyard.

PEAR TREE [1872], [1875], [1914]

It had a beerhouse license.

Stourbridge Observer 14/9/1872

"At the Stourbridge Police Court, on Wednesday, before Mr. R. L. Freer, George Pearson, engineer, and Thomas Henry Smith, gleed burner, of the Lye, were charged with committing a rape upon Sarah Ann Adams, wife of Henry Adams, a painter. It appears that Adams had been working for Messrs. Attwood, at the Lye, and his wife had taken his dinner. During the afternoon the parties went to the PEAR TREE INN, and the husband's hat being left in the engine house, the wife was sent for it, and it was there that the alleged criminal assault took place. Both persons were bound over to appear yesterday, but as there was only one magistrate present, they were further bailed out to appear on Tuesday next."

Stourbridge Observer 21/9/1872

"At the Petty Sessions held on Tuesday last, before Colonel Barrows and Mr. W. C. Firmstone, George Pearson and Thomas Henry Smith, surrendered on bail, charged with committing a rape upon Sarah Ann Adams, on the 16th inst. Mr. Young (instructed by Mr. C. W. Collis) appeared for the prisoners.

Prosecutrix deposed: I am a married woman and wife of Henry Adams, and reside at Stamber Mill. On the 10th September I took my husband's dinner to Mr. Attwood's works. It was about quarter past one o'clock. My husband was not at the works, and I asked where the painter was. They said he was at the PEAR TREE INN. I found my husband there, and Pearson. I remained there from a quarter past one till near six o'clock. Saw both prisoners there and other customers. About six o'clock my husband told me to go to the engine house and fetch his hat and coat. When I had got the coat and hat in my hand, I met Pearson half way in the engine house. He shut the door and caught hold of me by the neck, and pushed me against the wall. I had a bit of a struggle with him, and told him to keep his hands off me. At that my husband rushed into the engine house, and said to him, 'What are you doing at my wife?' Pearson said, 'Nothing, Harry.' My husband struck at me and Pearson. I said to my husband, 'Don't strike him; he has not done any harm.' Pearson and my husband had a struggle and fell down together. A person named Robins took it up, and challenged my husband out to fight. My husband refused to fight. Robins said he was a parish constable, and struck my husband in the mouth. My husband did not strike again. At this time I stood just inside the engine house door, as it rained a little. My husband picked up his coat and hat and went out of the factory. Pearson was inside the engine house, and Smith stood on the step outside. I said, 'I must go.' Pearson said, 'Don't go yet, he will hit you.' I said, 'No he will not.' Pearson then caught hold of me and dragged me to the other end of the engine house, and Smith was fastening the door at the time. Pearson got me down on the floor, and Smith held me down by the left leg while Pearson criminally assaulted me. I was struggling and screaming at the time to get away. Smith then committed the same assault upon me. Pearson held me down by the neck at the time, and

scratched my neck. At the time Smith was committing the assault the door was pushed open by two or three men. I could swear to one as Robins. I appealed to them for assistance. They did not assist me, and I went into hysterics. When I came to myself Smith had hold of me by the neck. He said, 'Don't make that noise; we shall all have the sack.' They all went out of the engine house, and I followed them. I said to Robins, 'You are one of them, and I will make you suffer the same as the rest.' Robins said, 'If you say that I will punch your _____ head.' Pearson then went to the PEAR TREE INN, and a woman at the door said, 'What have you been doing to that woman?' Pearson made a rude remark. I said to the mistress of the PEAR TREE, 'Is my husband in the house?' She said, 'No; he has just gone up the road.' I then went straight to the Police Station, and saw Sergeant Rea, and told him what had taken place. Have since been examined by Dr. Hayley.

Cross examined: Have been married eight years at Claines Church, near Worcester, by the Rev. ____ Crowther. Previous to my marriage got my living at gloving work for Dent and Allcroft. Eight months prior to my marriage I worked for my husband's mother and lived at home. Used to get from seven to eight shillings per week, and supported myself. I know Mrs. *Morgan* of the PEAR TREE. Not finding my husband at the works I went to the PEAR TREE. Saw Pearson there, and was drinking with him and my husband. Was sitting by my husband, not by the side of Pearson. I did not sing indecent songs in the presence of Mrs. *Morgan* and others. Did not throw my legs across Smith's knees. It was not in consequence of my singing that Mrs. *Morgan* refused to fill any more ale. I know Edward Holden. He was in the house at the time. Did not behave indecently to Pearson. Mrs. *Morgan* and her husband did not tell me they would not draw me any more ale. My husband did not say I had better not go before him. My husband got up and said he would fetch his coat, but he afterwards told me to fetch it. I left the PEAR TREE about the same time as Pearson, but he did not come out with me. When I went to the engine house there was no one there. In about ten minutes Pearson came. Smith was outside at the time, and must have come with Pearson. Pearson came first into the engine house. I was in the engine house when Pearson came in and shut the door. The door was not fastened. My husband immediately rushed in. At that time Pearson had got his arm around my neck. I tried to prevent him doing it, and pushed him away. My husband struck at me, but missed me. I then screamed out, and that was the first scream I gave. After the blows between Pearson and my husband some ale was fetched, and we all drank together. Robins had come in the engine house. Shortly after Robins wanted my husband to fight I began to cry. I did not cry whilst my husband and Pearson were fighting, but tried to part them. After the drink had been fetched my husband remained about ten minutes or a quarter of an hour. I remained in the engine house after my husband had gone. I could not leave because I could not resist Pearson. Pearson said I had better not go, because my husband might strike me. My husband was about 30 or 40 yards from the engine house when he (Pearson) caught hold of me, and dragged me to the top of the engine house. I called out, 'Harry', as loud as I could. Harry could not hear me, because he had got a good drop of beer on. It was about ten minutes after my husband had left when I was assaulted by the two prisoners. I cried out for help, as there were men in the yard at the time. My husband did afterwards call me bad names, and I said if my husband illtreated me I would leave him as I had done before. I did say if I had the money I would go to Birmingham. I have left him for a day or two, through his ill treatment. Did not say what I would do when at Birmingham. After all had happened I went back to the PEAR TREE house, and Mrs. *Morgan* refused me admittance, and I went to the Police Station, and returned to the PEAR TREE with Sergeant Rea, and accused a man named Matthews with assaulting me. I made a mistake, and withdrew the charge against him. Did not receive any money from either of the prisoners. I had 6½ d of my own money.

By the Bench: I was not drunk nor exactly sober; but was in my senses. My husband was drunk.

Henry Adams deposed: I am a painter, and reside at Stamber Mill. The last witness is my wife. On the above date I was engaged by Mr. Bromley to work at the Hayes. At a few minutes to one o'clock I went to the PEAR TREE to have some beer. When there, I saw my wife going to the works with my dinner. In a few minutes she came to the PEAR TREE. I had my dinner there, and my wife stayed there until a quarter to six, when I sent her across to the works to fetch my hat and coat out of the engine house. Pearson was at the PEAR TREE all the afternoon. Smith came about five o'clock. I missed the prisoners out of the house, and went to the engine house, and saw Smith peeping through the keyhole of the door outside. I went up behind him, opened the door of the engine house, and rushed in. I saw my wife with my hat and coat in one hand, and Pearson holding her against the wall. I struck Pearson, when my wife said, 'Don't have any bother, he has not done any harm.' Myself and Pearson both came to the ground. A man named Robins came in and took it up, caught hold of me by the collar of the coat, and dragged me out of the engine house, stating that he was a parish constable, and would break my jaw. He then struck me on the mouth. I refused to fight, and left the yard.

Cross examined: I was not sober, but knew what I was doing. Believe Pearson was the first to leave the PEAR TREE after my wife. When in the engine house I did strike at my wife once. Was in a passion. Do not remember calling my wife a _____. There was no ale fetched after I had fought with Robins, and I did not have any with them.

Did not hear my wife cry out, 'Henry'.

Robert Luther Bayley deposed: I am a surgeon, and practice in Stourbridge. On the 11th inst, the prosecutrix came to my surgery at about three o'clock in the afternoon. I examined her and found two abrasions of the skin on the left side of her forehead, and a long scratch on the neck, three inches in length; also a smaller one; also several large bruises on the right side of her neck. There were also three bruises on the leg. Made a further examination, but nothing to make me believe that a rape had been committed. The bruises might have been caused by fighting, or from being kicked.

Police sergeant Rea, of the Lye, deposed that the prosecutrix came to the Station soon after seven o'clock. From what she said he went in search of the prisoners, and took the complainant with him to the PEAR TREE. In the kitchen were the two prisoners. She identified them as being the two who had assaulted her, and she pointed out another man. Witness told her to be quite sure, and sent for another officer. Pearson made a rude remark as to what he had done, and witness apprehended them and charged them with committing a rape upon Ann Adams. Whilst he was putting the handcuffs upon them, Smith said to Pearson, 'This is all through you.' Pearson then said to Smith it was his fault.

This being the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Young addressed the Bench for the defence, and contended that there was no case for him to answer, inasmuch that no case had been proved. From the evidence it was quite clear that no rape had been committed, and it was not, therefore, necessary for him to call his witnesses; and whatever had been done, had been done with the consent of the prosecutrix.

Colonel Barrows remarked that he did not consider that from the evidence that a rape had been committed, but the conduct of the prisoners was most revolting, and hoped it would be a caution to them in the future, and dismissed the case.

The decision was received with applause in Court, which was, however, immediately suppressed."

William Morgan applied for a full license in 1873. It was refused.

It closed c. 1970.

It was demolished in 2009.

OLD PHEASANT

Upper High Street, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

[1911]

OLD PIPE

172, (Lower) High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Hannah Blew [1820] – [1829]
Joseph Wood [1835]
William Lakin [1841]
Richard Bateman [1850]
Daniel John Lovatt [1867] – [1873]
Benjamin Davis [1873] – [1874]
Elizabeth A Jones [1881]
William Edward Jones [1884]
Walter John Woodbridge [1888]
Charles Christmas Smith [1892]

NOTES

PIPE [1829], [1872]
OLD PIPER [1884]
OLD PIPE [1835], [1841], [1850], [1873], [1874], [1888], [1892], [1911]

It had a beerhouse license.

E. Jones issued tokens from here.

Daniel John Lovatt, beer retailer, 172, High Street. [1870]
He applied for a full license in August 1867, but it was refused.

Stourbridge Observer 2/8/1873

“Benjamin Weston was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the PIPE INN, when requested on Monday last. Police-sergeant Jones said he went into the PIPE INN, High Street, on the above date and saw the defendant there. He was drunk and refused to go when requested. Defendant pleaded guilty, and was ordered to pay 2s 6d and costs, or 14 days.”

Stourbridge Observer 21/3/1874

“Frederick Smith was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the OLD PIPE INN, on the 16th inst. Police-constable Wallace proved the case. Fined 2s 6d and costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 6/6/1874

“*Benjamin Davis*, landlord of the OLD PIPE INN, was charged with permitting drunkenness in his house on the 27th ult.....”

1881 Census

172, High Street

- [1] *Elizabeth A. Jones* (49), innkeeper, born Bath;
- [2] *Amy E. Smith* (22), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Benjamin Smith* (23), son in law, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Sidney Jones* (20), son, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Ada Jones* (18), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Kate Jones* (16), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [7] *Lizzie Smith* (10 months), granddaughter, born Stourbridge:

Good accommodation for travellers &c. [1888]

It was put up for sale by private treaty, in May 1906, as a freehold fully-licensed home-brewing inn.

The license expired on 12th June 1915.

OLD ROSE AND CROWN

LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Skidmore [1850]

OLD ROYAL OAK

LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Smith [1860]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

OLDE SALT BROOKE, YE

39, Hayes Lane, (Hell Hole), (Hill Hole, Lye Waste), (Cradley Forge), LYE

OWNERS

Twists Brewery Ltd. [1928]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Mann, Crossman and Paulin Ltd.

LICENSEES

Sim Robinson []
William Williams [1871] – [1873]
Joseph 'Joe' Pearshouse [1909] – [1911]
North [c. 1940]
Jack Shorthouse [1960]
E Hailstone [1966]
W Williams [1976] – [1982]
Graham Keeling **(1982 – [1988]**
John Dewfall **(1989 – [1992]**
David and Carol Homer [2000]

NOTES

It was formerly called the SALT BROOK END TAVERN.

Black Country Bugle (October 1982) - Pub of the Month

“.....The hamlet's tavern prospered by its proximity to such events and the landlord in those distant days brewed a powerful beverage known as 'Salty Dick's'. He was obviously a crafty character, for he used the saline waters from the brook which flowed past his premises in the brewing process, ensuring that the drinker merely got thirstier with each swallow and came back for more.....”

Stourbridge Observer 31/3/1866

“On Tuesday evening an inquest was held on the body of Mr. Joseph Willetts, builder, living at Reddal Hill, and well known in the neighbourhood, at the SALT BROOK END INN, Cradley Forge, before H. Saunders, Esq., deputy coroner. Deceased, it appears, had been to Stourbridge Fair, and had taken a drop too much. Missing the 6.45 train to Cradley, proceeded to walk down the line and was met by the 7.40 from Cradley which knocked him down, and killed him instantaneously.

Mr. J. Bailey, of Oldswinford, was the first to find deceased. John Parsons, of Old Hill, identified the body as that of Willetts. Elizabeth Truman, of the Lye, saw deceased walking down the line on Monday night, between Cradley, and the Lye, stations, and saw him cross from the down line on the up line. Mr. Hodgson, Cradley Heath, described the injuries which deceased had received. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental death.”

1871 Census

Hill Hole

- [1] *William Williams* (38), publican, born Shrewsbury;
- [2] *Ann M. Williams* (31), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *Susinda Williams* (8), daughter, scholar, born Cradley;
- [4] *William H. Williams* (5), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [5] *Robert A. Williams* (3), son, born Lye;
- [6] *John Williams* (5 months), son, born Lye:

Joseph Pearshouse = Joseph Pershouse

Tipton Herald 17/7/1909

“Before the Stourbridge magistrates yesterday (Friday) morning a young man named John Dimmock, of Cradley Road, Cradley, was summoned for an assault on *Joseph Pearshouse*, landlord of the SALTbrook INN, Hayes Lane, on July 5th.

Mr. C. H. Collis, who appeared for the prosecutor, said that on July 5th the defendant and a number of young men went into the SALTbrook INN, Hayes Lane, and ordered beer.

Defendant used insulting language to his daughter, and when ordered out of the house refused to go. Prosecutor then put the defendant out, whereupon the defendant struck him with a brick, which he had wrapped up in a paper.

Pearshouse corroborated this statement.

Defendant denied the offence, and said he did not use the bad language nor hit the prosecutor with the brick. They had the brick in the house, wrapped it in paper, and put a stamp on with the intention of sending it by post to a friend as a joke. There was a scuffle as prosecutor put him out, and in self-defence he struck him. He did not hit prosecutor with the brick. He (defendant) was the man assaulted, and if he had had any money, he should have taken out a summons.

Lewis Romsley, of the Lye, said the defendant used bad language in the presence of the landlord's daughter. He did not see defendant strike *Pearshouse*, but when he returned to the house he noticed he was bleeding from the mouth. Joseph Pearson, a blacksmith, of Cradley, also gave evidence.

Sergeant Washburn said that when he served the summons on Dimmock, he said he had struck *Pearshouse* with his hand, but not with a brick.

Defendant: That's the truth. I have the marks on my hand now.

Defendant said he did not use any bad language in the house. Prosecutor charged him with having used bad language to his daughter, and at the same time took hold of him to put him out. On the way out prosecutor struck him and again when they got outside. Then he (defendant) struck the landlord in self-defence. The brick fell on the floor.

Mr. Collis: Did your friends help you to injure the landlord? – No.

Did you do all the damage yourself? – I struck him once, and that was all.

James Dimmock said the bother began about 'limericking'. Someone used a naughty word, and the landlord said it was defendant and ordered him out of the house. Defendant, however, did not use any objectionable language, and when the landlord said he did he made a mistake.

George Bloomer, who was described as a customer, said that when *Pearshouse* struck Dimmock outside Dimmock struck him back.

The Chairman: You must pay 40s and costs, or go to prison for a month.

The Clerk: £4 6s 0d.

Defendant: Fetch my cap. I'll go down.”

1911 Census

39, Hayes Lane

- [1] *Joseph Pearshouse* (52), bricklayer and contractor, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Clara Pearshouse* (53), wife, married 33 years, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Martha Ellen Pearshouse* (26), daughter, at home, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [4] *Howard Pearshouse* (20), son, electrical engineer, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [5] *Norman Pearshouse* (17), son, architect's assistant, born Cradley, Worcestershire:

It had a bowling club. [1954], [1960]
The bowling green later became the pub's car park.

Jack Shorthouse was the brother of Wolves player *Bill Shorthouse*.

Graham Keeling was married to *Rita*.

It was renamed DEWFALL ARMS in 1989.

[2000]

David and *Carol Homer* were tied up by armed robbers in the early hours of 24th July 2000.

It was renamed YE OLDE SALT BROOKE [2002], [2006]

Closed [2009], [2014]



2009

OLD SPIRIT VAULTS

High Street, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Walter Farmer [1912]

OLD STAR

47, (50), Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mary Edwards [1820]
William Edwards [1841] – [1845]
James Corbett [1854]
J C Wharton [1857]
James Wheatstone [1860]
John Nicholls [1860] – [1873]
Samuel J Jewkes [1881]
Elijah Skidmore [1884]
Jesse Sidaway [1888]
John William Wooldridge [1892]

NOTES

50, Coventry Street [1862], [1870], [1871], [1873]
47, Coventry Street [1881], [1884], [1892]

STAR [1820]

William Edwards was also an auctioneer. [1845]

James Corbett was also a saddler and harness maker. [1854]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 21/1/1857

“Re J. C. Wharton, a Bankrupt, OLD STAR INN, Coventry Street, Stourbridge. Household Furniture, Fixtures, Ale, Beer, Porter, Large Tent and Fittings, Casks, Tuns, Furnaces, and Effects, to be Sold by Auction by Mr. Davies, (this day), Saturday, the 21st day of February, 1857, (By Order of the Assignees of Mr. *J. C. Wharton*.) Particulars in catalogue, to be had of James Christie, Esq, Official Assignee, Waterloo Street, Birmingham; C. W. Collis, Esq, Solicitor, or the Auctioneer, Stourbridge.....”

James Wheatstone was also a joiner. [1860]

John Nicholls = John Nichols

1861 Census

50, Coventry Street
[1] *John Nicholls* (37), victualler, born Warwickshire;
[2] *Elizabeth Nicholls* (36), wife, born Cleobury Mortimer;
[3] *Charles Nicholls* (2), son, born Stourbridge;
and a servant:

1871 Census

50, Coventry Street

- [1] *John Nichols* (47), innkeeper, born Coleshill;
- [2] *Elizabeth Nichols* (46), wife, born Cleobury Mortimer;
- [3] *Harry Nichols* (2), son, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Ann Wilks* (17), domestic servant, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Caroline Evers* (19), domestic servant, born Stourbridge:

John Nicholls was also a maltster of High Street. [1873]

1881 Census

47, Coventry Street

- [1] *Samuel J. Jewkes* (26), licensed victualler and clerk, born Dudley;
- [2] *Esther Jewkes* (24), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Annie Jewkes* (5), daughter, born Dudley;
- [4] *Herbert E. Jewkes* (3), son, born Dudley;
- [5] *Magge E. Jewkes* (2), daughter, born Dudley;
- [6] *George J. Jewkes* (1), son, born Dudley;
- [7] *Esther A. Jewkes* (16), domestic servant, born Dudley:

Closed

OLD SWAN

(Upper) High Street, (Halesowen Road), Waste, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mary Yardley [1829] – [1835]
Elijah Yardley [1841]
James Hayes [1860] – [1865]
John Hayes [1870]
William Hayes* [1871] – [1892]
W Hayes* [1911]

NOTES

SWAN [1829], [1835], [1864], [1865], [1871]
WHITE SWAN [1911]

It had a beerhouse license.

James Hayes, retailer of beer, Lye Waste. [1862]

1871 Census

Halesowen Road – Public House SWAN INN

- [1] William Hayes (39), licensed victualler, born Lye;
- [2] Zipporah Hayes (36), wife, born Lye;
- [3] Joseph Hayes (13), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [4] Henry Hayes (12), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [5] William Hayes (10), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [6] Emma P. Hayes (9), daughter, scholar, born Lye;
- [7] Albert E. Hayes (7), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [8] Lileyann A. Hayes (2), daughter, born Lye;
- [9] Sarah Wooldridge (12), general servant, born Lye:

* possibly the same person

Stourbridge Observer 27/6/1874

“A meeting of the miners on strike at Lye Waste was held on Thursday at Mr. Jones’s (?), the OLD SWAN INN. Lye Waste. There was a large attendance. A working miner in the neighbourhood was voted to the chair. He expressed his pleasure that the men had behaved themselves so admirably. He was informed that one master in the Waste had given his ‘black legs’ the sack. The men were still playing for the want of a shilling a day, which it was attempted to take from them. From the commencement the men were determined to fight the battle to the bitter end.

Mr. Joseph Lee, the agent of the district, addressed the meeting in favour of the principle of combination. In this district they had been trying to build up an association for some years past, the object of which was to protect their labour, which was their capital, to provide certain benefits when they might meet with an accident, or when they were sick; and to provide something for their children and widows, and something for themselves when the grim monster called upon them.....”

1881 Census

Lye Waste

- [1] *William Hayes* (49), licensed victualler, born Lye;
- [2] *Zipporah Hayes* (47), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *Priscilla Hayes* (19), daughter, general worker, born Lye;
- [4] *Albert Hayes* (17), son, labourer, born Lye;
- [5] *Lily Hayes* (12), daughter, scholar, born Lye;
- [6] *George Hayes* (10), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [7] *Alice Hayes* (8), daughter, scholar, born Lye:

OLD TAVERN

Stambermill Road, Hay Green, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Charles Brooks [1860] – [1873]
Thomas Roper [1881] – [1892]
A Kendrick [1902]

NOTES

OLD TAVERN SOCIAL CLUB AND INSTITUTE. [1914]

It had a beerhouse license.

Charles Brooks, retailer of beer, Hay Green. [1862]

Stourbridge Observer 7/12/1867

“An inquest was held on Monday last, at Mr. *Brooks's*, the OLD TAVERN INN, before R. Docker, Esq, Coroner, touching the death of Caroline Flood (5), whose death was reported in our last week's issue. After hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of Accidental death.”

1881 Census

Stambermill Road – OLD TAVERN – public house

- [1] *Thomas Roper* (49), licensed victualler, born Much Wenlock;
- [2] *Harriet Roper* (47), wife, born Chirk, Derbyshire;
- [3] *Agnes Roper* (16), daughter, domestic, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Elijah Roper* (10), son, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Emma Roper* (4), daughter, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *George Roper* (24), son, coal miner, born Quarry Bank;
- [7] *Louisa Roper* (23), daughter in law, born Lye:

A. Kendrick was vice-president of the Stourbridge, Lye and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1902]

OLD WHEATSHEAF

12, Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Price [1820] – [1822]
Abraham Pritchett Brown [1829] – [1854]
Charles Thomas Childs* [1860]
Thomas Childs* [1861] – [1862]
David Fulwell [1864] – [1867]
Philip Drewry** [1868]
Mrs. Mary Edwards [1870]
Philip Drewry** [1872] – [1873]
Samuel Jones [1884]
Thomas Wheeler [1888]

NOTES

Abraham Pritchett Brown was also a maltster. [1845]

* possibly the same person

1861 Census

12, Coventry Street
[1] *Thomas Childs* (30), innkeeper, born Kinver;
[2] *Mary Childs* (40), wife, born Ellershall;
and family:

Thomas Childs issued tokens from here.

David Fulwell = David Fullwell

Stourbridge Observer 14/12/1867

“Unreserved Sale. OLD WHEATSHEAF INN, No. 12, Coventry Street, Stourbridge. To Publicans Brokers and Others. Sarjent Witton will sell by Public Auction, on Wednesday next, December 18th, 1867, the whole of the Stock In Trade, Public House Fixtures, Horses, Carts, Household Furniture, &c, &c., comprising Chairs, Tables, Feather Beds, Mattresses, Bedstaeds, Sofa, Bed Linen, Toilet Glasses, Fenders, Fireirons; and also Public House Fixtures, Bagatelle Board, 4-Pull Beer Machine, Piping, and Taps; Hogshead, Half Hogshead, and Quarter hogshead Barrels; Mashing, Working, and Cooling Tubs; Furnaces, Grate, and Setting; Spirits and Ales, Shed, and numerous other Effects, belonging to Mr. *David Fullwell*.”

** possibly the same person

Philip Drewry = Philip Drewery

Philip Drewry was also a builder. [1868]
Philip Drewry was also a joiner. [1873]

Stourbridge Observer 27/1/1872

“At the Public Office, on Tuesday, before R. L. Freer Esq., Louisa McFadden was charged with wilfully breaking a pane of glass, the property of *Philip Drewry*, landlord of the WHEATSHEAF, Coventry Street. Prosecutor said the defendant came into his house drunk. She stated she was a married woman. He knew that she was not, and refused to fill her any ale. She refused to go out of the house, and he put her out. In a short time defendant came in again and deliberately broke a square of glass, vale 2s 6d. Defendant was ordered to pay the amount of damage 2s 6d, a fine of 2s 6d and costs; in default 14 days.”

Stourbridge Observer 9/11/1872

“At the Police Court, on Monday, Joseph Fisher, of Liverpool, a respectable looking young man, was charged with being drunk and wilfully damaging some window panes and earthenware belonging to Mr. *Philip Drewry*, landlord of the WHEAT SHEAF INN, Coventry Street, on Sunday night. Police-constable Bladon proved the case, and the defendant was fined 20s, 15s 9d damage, and costs; in default one month.”

Stourbridge Observer 15/3/1873

“*Philip Drewry*, landlord of the WHEATSHEAF, was charged by Superintendent Freeman with permitting drunkenness in his house, on the night of the 8th inst. Mr. Homer defended. P.C. Blades said he visited the house just before 11 o'clock. Saw several men in the house drunk. One man's nose was bleeding. There was a great disturbance. Visited the house a second time, and found the same persons there, and some men were still fighting. P.S. Jones said he saw Turney, who was drunk, and two other men appeared to be drunk. Superintendent Freeman proved that when Turney was brought to the station, he was quite drunk, and that P.S. Jones and Blades brought him straight from *Drewry's* house. Mr. Homer addressed the Bench for the defence, and said that defendant did not permit drunkenness, and called Joseph Locke, Thomas Corbett, William Worrall, and James Rogers. The Bench considered the weight of evidence in favour of the defendant, cautioned him and dismissed the summons.”

Closed

UNRESERVED SALE
OLD WHEAT SHEAF INN, No. 12, COVENTRY
STREET, STOURBRIDGE.

TO PUBLICANS, BROKERS, & OTHERS.

SARJENT WITTON will SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 18th, 1867, the whole of the STOCK-IN-TRADE. PUBLIC-HOUSE FIXTURES, Horses, Carts, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., &c., comprising Chairs, Tables, Feather Beds, Mattresses, Bedsteads, Sofa, Bed Linen, Toilet Glasses, Fenders, Fireirons; and also Public-house Fixtures. Bagatelle Board, 4-pull Beer Machine, Piping, and Taps; Hogshead, Half-hogshead, and Quarter-hogshead Barrels; Mashing, Working, and Cooling Tubs; Varnaces, Girats, and Betting; Spirits and Ales, Shed, and numerous other Effects, belonging to Mr. David Fullwell.

Sale to commence at Ten o'clock in the Morning.
Auctioneers' Offices, High-street, Stourbridge.

Advert 1867

OLD WHITE HART

Brierley Hill Road, (48, Brewery Street), WORDSLEY

OWNERS

W. H. Simpkins, Round Oak (acquired in 1890)
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Thomas Weaver [1818] – [1845]
John Price [1849] – [1854]
Thomas Webb [1864] – **1874**);
Charles Bridgens (**1874 – 1877**);
William Hale (**1877 – 1884**);
William Hale Jnr. (**1884 – 1889**);
Emma Hale (**1889 – 1891**);
Joseph Skelding (**1891 – 1898**);
William Carpenter (**1898**);
Lavinia Carpenter (**1898 – 1903**);
William Sedgley (**1903**);
John Starling (**1903 – 1906**);
Thomas James Banks (**1906 – 1915**);
Mrs. Jemima Willis (**1915 – 1916**);
Joseph Preece (**1916 – 1927**);
George Williams (**1927 – [1940]**)

NOTES

Brewery Street [1896], [1904], [1912]
48, Brewery Street [1916]
Brierley Hill Road [1921], [1940]

WHITE HART [1835], [1881], [1904], [1912], [1916], [1921], [1940]
WHITE HEART [probably a typographical error] [1865]
OLD WHITE HART [1849]

It had a pot-bellied stove in the bar.

Thomas Webb was also a butcher [1864], [1865]
He was described as a grocer [1872]
He was described as a shopkeeper. [1873]

William Hale = William Hales

1881 Census

Brewery Street – WHITE HART

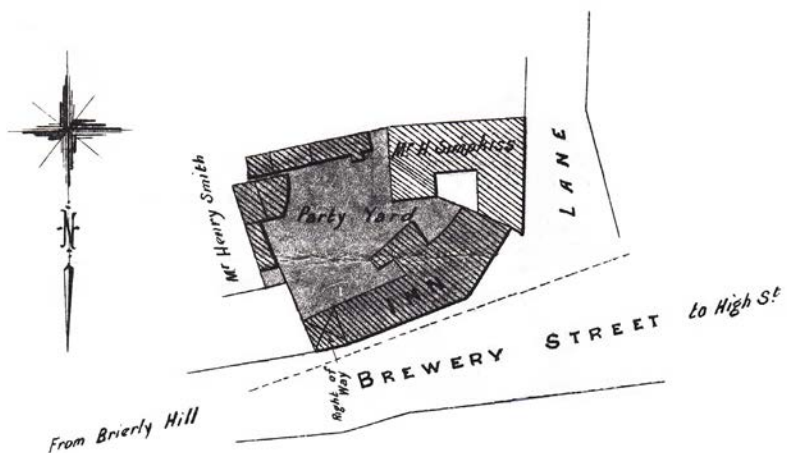
- [1] *William Hales* (49), licensed victualler, born St. George, Bristol;
- [2] *Mary Ann Hales* (43), wife, born Chesterfield;
- [3] *William Hales* (21), son, miller, born Brettle Lane;
- [4] *John Hales* (18), son, butcher, born Brettle Lane;
- [5] *Mary Ann Hales* (16), daughter, domestic servant, born Brettle Lane;
- [6] *Margaret Hales* (7), daughter, scholar, born Brettle Lane;
- [7] *Caroline Quinton* (4), niece, born Derbyshire:

William Hale – check also BUILDERS ARMS, Brettell Lane.

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“All that messuage or dwelling-house known as The WHITE HART INN with the brewhouse stable piggery and other outbuildings yards gardens and appurtenances thereto belonging.....”

It closed in 1979.



OLD WHITE HORSE

South Road, (Worcester Street), (Heath Road), (Kinver Road) Norton, (Upper Swinford), (Heath), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Imperial Inns
Forte (UK) Ltd.
Harvester Restaurants [1992]
Sizzling Pub Co. (acquired in 2003)
Crown Carvery [2009]

LICENSEES

Thomas Parkes [1829] – [1835]
Elizabeth Parkes [1841]
Thomas Parkes [1845]
Thomas and Jane Parkes [1850]
Thomas Parkes [1854]
Thomas and Jane Parkes [1860] – **1865**;
Miss Jane Parkes (**1865** – [1871])
Joseph Coley [1872] – [1873]
Alfred Parkes [1884] – [1916]
Thomas Parkes [1921]
Philip Long [1997]
Peter Raybould [2003] – [2004]
Michelle Kerridge [2009]
Naomi Astley [2010] manager



NOTES

Heath Road [1871]
Kinver Street [1873]

WHITE HORSE [1835], [1845], [1860], [1865], [1870], [1871], [1872], [1884], [1916]
OLD WHITE HORSE [1985], [2004], [2007]

Tokens were issued from the WHITE HORSE.

Stourbridge Observer 6/5/1865

“Died – on April 28th, at the WHITE HORSE INN, Heath, Mr. *Thomas Parkes*, aged 63 years.”

1871 Census

Heath Road – WHITE HORSE INN

- [1] *Jane Parkes* (67), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Oldswinford;
- [2] *Ellen Parkes* (38), general servant, born Kinver;
- [3] *Arthur Parkes* (33), boarder, wheelwright, born Kinver:

Joseph Coley was also a cowkeeper. [1873]

Alfred Parkes was also a farmer. [1884], [1888], [1916]

Advert 1892

“One of the largest pigs in the Midland Counties.”

Thomas Parkes was also a farmer. [1921]

The original pub was demolished for road widening.
Rebuilt

Closed

It reopened on 28th July 2003 as a Sizzling Pub Company house.

[2014]



2009



2014

PACK HORSE

29, Coventry Street, (Birmingham Street), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

George Beddoes [1854]
William Finch [1860] – [1862]
Samuel Rock [1864] – [1866]
Thomas Compson [1870]

NOTES

Birmingham Street [1862], [1864], [1865], [1870]
29, Coventry Street [1869]

PACK HORSE

OLD PACK HORSE [1862], [1864], [1865], [1870]

George Beddoes was also a butcher. [1854]

1861 Census

29, Coventry Street

- [1] *William Finch* (27), unmarried, victualler, born Amblecote;
- [2] *Mary Finch* (70), mother, widow, housekeeper, born Amblecote;
- [3] *Daniel Bleach* (13), grandchild, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Rhoda Bleach* (11), grandchild, scholar, born Stourbridge;

Stourbridge Observer 24/3/1866

“Yesterday, at the Public Office, before the Hon. C. G. Lyttleton and R. L. Freer Esq., *Samuel Rock*, a licensed victualler, was charged by Superintendent Freeman with keeping a disorderly house, and resisting the Police-constable while in the execution of his duty, on the 20th inst. Mr. Burbury appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Maltby for the defence.

Police-constable Hayes deposed: I was on duty on the 20th inst., and when near the defendant's house, about three o'clock in the morning, heard a noise. I pulled out my watch to see what time it was. He said to me, 'I suppose you want to report me.' I replied, not that I know of. He then said that he did not want such men as me in the house. He then pushed me. I went out and met Police-constable Jones, and returned in about twenty minutes. The row was greater than it was before. Persons were cursing and swearing. *Rock* came out and said, 'I will make thee know, watching my house.' He called me a d____d scamp.

Cross-examined: I said he was not much of a man, and if I had not got on the cloth I would cut off his head in a few minutes.

This was the case.

Mr. Maltby then addressed the court for the defendant, stating that policemen had great power over a licensed victualler, for if he should offend an officer he would make it very disagreeable for the licensed victualler. They could lay no information and give evidence while the defendant's mouth was closed; and a policeman knew the value of evidence, and the weight of every word. But although his client's mouth was closed, the legislature never intended that the evidence should not have the weight with the Bench to well consider it. It may offend an officer by defendant keeping his house open, but the defendant had a perfect right to keep it open just as long as he thought proper, as much as any gentleman having a ball at his house, providing he kept it orderly. And he should call several respectable witnesses that would prove that the officer came into the defendant's house in a defiant manner, and

pulled out his watch; and in an improper way went behind the defendant's counter, and leaned against the beer machine. Defendant then said to the officer that he had no right to be in his house, and turned him round and told him to go about his business. And after the company had left the complainant returned, and defendant found him in his entry, and would of course be annoyed, and asked him what he was watching his house for. He had brought the neighbours of the defendant – his right and left hand neighbours, and one living opposite – who would prove that there was no noise at the defendant's house that night. One of the witnesses had a very bad hand, and could not sleep that night, so that if there had been any noise he must have heard it.

George Bowkett said that he was a solicitor's clerk. He was in Mr. *Rock's* bar on the morning in question. The officer came in and pulled out his watch, and stood against the machine. Defendant asked him to walk from behind his counter, as he did not like persons standing by the machine. Witness did not see the defendant push him out of the room.

Francis Heming said he was at the defendant's house on the morning of the 20th last, and saw the officer come in. He pulled out his watch, when defendant asked him what he pulled it out for. Prosecutor replied to see whether the time agrees. The officer stood by the machine, and defendant did not push him out; he went out quietly. Had he pushed prosecutor out by the arms I should have seen it.

William Mills said that he lived near the defendant's and was suffering from a bad hand. He was awake during the night. If there had been any shouting or noise he would have heard it.

At this stage Mr. Burbury said that he could not contend against the evidence of such respectable men, and with the consent of the Bench would withdraw the case.

The case was then withdrawn.

There was a cross summons against the policeman for threatening to assault *Rock*, but it was withdrawn."

PAGE ARMS

92, Market Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Freddy De Freitas [1997]

NOTES

Restaurant.

[1990]

[1994]

PARK TAVERN

26, Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

William Pearson, Brockmoor (acquired in 1887)
James Round, SWAN INN, Brettell Lane. [c. 1894]
George Elwell, Delph (leased)
Kidderminster Brewery Co.

LICENSEES

William Barlow [1861]
Daniel Mallen [1862] – [1872]
Mark Fulford [1872] – **1875**;
Daniel Mallen **(1875 – 1879)**;
Mrs. Ann Mallen **(1879)**;
Levi Rock **(1879 – 1885)**;
George Barker **(1885 – 1887)**;
Thomas Bullock **(1887 – 1890)**;
David Wyld **(1890 – 1892)**;
James Henry Cook **(1892 – 1895)**;
James Cook **(1895 – 1908)**;
Herbert Green Snr. **(1908 – 1909)**;
Mrs. Elizabeth Green **(1909 – 1915)**;
Charles Harry Green **(1915 – 1917)**;
Mary Ann Green **(1917 – 1920)**;

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It had a six-day license.

William Barlow, beer retailer, Brettell Lane. [1861]

William Barlow was born in Kidderminster.
He was also a shoe maker.
He was married to Mary.

Daniel Mallen, retailer of beer, Brettell Lane. [1862]
Daniel Mallen, beer retailer, Brettell Lane. [1865], [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

Brettell Lane – Public House
[1] *Daniel Mallen* (56), publican, born Kingswinford;
[2] *Ann Mallen* (55), wife, born Kingswinford:

Mark Fulford was born in Alvechurch.
He was also a boatman.

Stourbridge Observer 1/2/1873

“*Mark Fulford*, beerhouse keeper, Brettell Lane, was charged by Superintendent Mills, with keeping his house open for the sale of beer on the 19th, during prohibited hours. P.C. Goodfellow proved the case, and said that he found three men in the house with a quart jug of ale before them. P.C. Taylor gave corroborative evidence.

The defence was that the house was open, but the clock was fast, and he was not aware of it. Superintendent Mills said that other publicans had complained to him about the defendant opening his house before time, and that was why he sent an officer. The Bench said that there was no doubt the house was opened before time, and defendant was fined 10s and costs.”

Mark Fulford was fined £10, on 17th April 1875, for selling adulterated ale.

Daniel Mallen died in 1879.

Levi Rock married Rosannah Baker in 1873.

1881 Census

PARK TAVERN

- [1] *Levi Rock* (31), retort builder and publican, born Cradley;
- [2] *Rosannah Rock* (30), wife, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Alice Rock* (13), daughter, born Amblecote;
- [4] *Mary Rock* (7), daughter, born Amblecote;
- [5] *Albert Rock* (4), son, born Amblecote;
- [6] *Levi Rock* (1), son, born Amblecote:

James Cook, beer retailer, 26, Brettell Lane. [1904]

Herbert Green Snr. was also a painter and decorator.

1911 Census

Brettell Lane – PARK TAVERN

- [1] *Elizabeth Green* (60), widow, licensed retailer of beer, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Benjamin Green* (26), son, painter, born Amblecote;
- [3] *Charles Green* (23), son, brewer, born Amblecote;
- [4] *Edith Ann Green* (21), daughter, draper's assistant, born Amblecote:

Mrs. Elizabeth Green, beer retailer, 26, Brettell Lane. [1912]

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority on the grounds of redundancy on 1st March 1920.

The license renewal was refused on 15th July 1920.

The license expired on 31st December 1920.

PARK STREET TAVERN

14, New Road, (14, Kidderminster Street) / Park Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Middleton [1854] – [1858]
James Peploe [1862] – [1865]
Henry Saunders [1870] – [1873]
Joseph Cadwallader [1884] – [1902]
George Wooldridge [1911]
Mrs. Mary Cecilia Wooldridge [1916] – [1921]

NOTES

Kidderminster Street [1854], [1862], [1865], [1884]
14, Kidderminster Street [1870], [1871], [1873]
14, New Road [1892], [1921]

1871 Census

14, Kidderminster Street

- [1] *Henry Saunders* (32), brazier and licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Maria Saunders* (36), wife, born Clent;
- [3] *Alfred H. Saunders* (7), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *William R. Saunders* (5), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Hannah Edmonds* (20), general servant, domestic, born Enville;
- [6] *William H. Cooke* (19), visitor, clerk at chain works, born Cillington, Staffordshire:

Joseph Cadwallader was secretary of the Stourbridge, Lye, Cradley and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1902]

It closed on 29th April 1940.

PEACOCK

Hay Green, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Jordan [1850] – [1870]
Cook [1857]

NOTES

Brierley Hill Advertiser 21/2/1857

“ Desirable Freehold Property. Hay Green, near Stourbridge. To be Sold by Auction, by William Hutchings, by direction of the Trustees (under a power of Sale), at Mr. Cook’s, PEACOCK INN, Hay Green, aforesaid, on Tuesday, March 3rd, 1857, at Six o’clock

All that Eligible Brick and Tiled Freehold Old-Licensed Public House, known as the OLD PEACOCK INN, situate at Hay Green aforesaid, and now unoccupied.

The House comprises Two capital arched Cellars, Tap Room, Parlour, Bar, Back Kitchen, Pantry, & Brewhouse on the ground floor, spacious Club Room and Two Bed Rooms over the same; Back Yard, walled round, and Well of Hard Water; the whole having a frontage of 24 feet to the Stourbridge and Birmingham Turnpike Road. Also a right of way through the Entry adjoining.....”

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To view the Property apply at the Peacock Inn, and for further particulars to T. Addenbrook, Esq., Solicitor, Mr. T. H. Richards, or the Auctioneer, all of Stourbridge.

PEACOCK

Kinver Street, (Kinfare Street), (Kimber Street), WORDSLEY

OWNERS

John Husselbee

LICENSEES

John Husselbee [1862] – [1872]
John Husselbee [1881] – **1908**;
Thomas Phillips **(1908 – 1909)**:

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

John Husselbee, retailer of beer, Wordsley. [1862]

John Husselbee, beer retailer, and carpenter and joiner, Kimber Street. [1864], [1865]

John Husselbee, beer retailer, Wordsley. [1870], [1872]

1881 Census

Kinfare Street – PEACOCK INN

[1] *John Husselbee* (24), beerhouse keeper, born Wordsley;

[2] Ann M. Husselbee (21), wife, born Wordsley;

[3] Joseph Husselbee (14), brother, scholar, born Wordsley:

Tipton Herald 6/3/1909

“The adjourned Licensing Sessions for the Kingswinford Petty Sessional area were held on Monday at Brierley Hill

.....

Mr. Gould appeared for all the persons interested in the license of the PEACOCK INN, Wordsley, the licensee of which was *Thomas Phillips*, and said they were quite willing for the house to be reported to the County Compensation Committee for the sum, which had been agreed upon.

Mr. Superintendent Johnson said the grounds for recommending the house to be reported were redundancy, and that it was doing the smallest trade of the houses in the neighbourhood, and the premises were ill-arranged.

The house was referred to the committee.....”

The License renewal was refused by the Compensation Authority on 11th June 1909.

Licensed extinguished on 11th December 1909.

PEAR TREE

Stamford Road, (Amblecote Lane), Amblecote Bank, (Lower Amblecote), AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Earl of Stamford [1886]
Leased by Elwell
Smith and Williams
John Foley Grey, Enville Hall
Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd. (acquired in 1934)

LICENSEES

Dudley Chance [1851] – **1875**;
Richard Chance Skidmore (**1875 – 1879**);
Miss Mary Ann Skidmore (**1879 – 1885**);
Miss Louisa Skidmore (**1885 – 1899**);
James Lock Carter (**1899**);
Mrs. Lillian Ann Carter (**1899 – 1901**);
Joseph Paskin Simpkins (**1901 – 1905**);
James Henry Wooldridge (**1905 – 1907**);
William Henry Beetlestone (**1907**);
Thomas Ravenscroft (**1907 – 1909**);
Mrs. Annie Louise Mallen (**1909 – 1916**);
Victor Haynes (**1916 – 1919**);
Richard Joseph Aston (**1919 – 1924**);
William Hubert Chapman (**1924 – 1925**);
John Thomas Butler (**1925 – 1940**);
William Butler (**1940**);
Richard Joseph Butler (**1940**);

NOTES

Amblecote Bank [1851], [1881], [1891]
Lower Amblecote [1896]

PEAR TREE COTTAGE [1856], [1865], [1870], [1872], [1881], [1886], [1892], [1896], [1904],
[1912], [1916]
PEAR TREE HOTEL [1909]

It had a bowling green and pleasure grounds.

1851 Census

Amblecote Bank
[1] *Dudley Chance* (52), clay miner and innkeeper, born Oldswinford;
[2] *Esther Chance* (50), wife, born Oldswinford;
[3] *Susannah Aston* (13), servant, born Oldswinford;
[4] *Harriet Skidmore* (1), visitor, born Kingswinford:

Dudley Chance issued tokens from here.
He died in 1875.

Brierley Hill Advertiser – 24/5/1856 - Advert

“PEAR TREE COTTAGE Bowling Green, and Flower Gardens / (Within five minutes walk of Stourbridge Station.) / Amblecote / The above delightful Green and Gardens will be Opened for the Season, on Thursday next, May 29th 1856, when the attendance of any gentleman will much oblige their obedient Servant / *D. Chance*, Proprietor.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 19/7/1856 - Advert

“To the Lovers of Rural Enjoyment / The Annual Picnic and Gipsy Party / will be held under a spacious Marquee, on the Bowling Green, at Mr. *Chance*’s PEAR TREE COTTAGE, Amblecote, on Monday, July 28th 1856. Ten on the table at Four o’clock. Tickets one shilling each. / A Quadrille Band will be in attendance.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 16/5/1857 - Advert

“PEAR TREE COTTAGE Bowling Green and Pleasure Gardens. / Amblecote, near the Stourbridge Station / The above Place of Amusement will be Opened for the Season, on Monday next, May 18th 1857, when the attendance of any Gentleman will much oblige their obedient Servant / *D. Chance*. Proprietor.”

1861 Census

Amblecote Bank – Public House

- [1] *Dudley Chance* (62), victualler, born Oldswinford;
- [2] *Esther Chance* (63), wife, born Oldswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 26/10/1867

“Died. On the 10th inst, at an advanced age, the wife of Mr. *Dudley Chance*, of the PEAR TREE INN, Amblecote.”

1871 Census

Amblecote Bank

- [1] *Dudley Chance* (72), widower, publican, born Lye;
- [2] *Harriet Skidmore* (21), boarder, student painting in oils and colours, born Brierley Hill:

1881 Census

PEAR TREE COTTAGE

- [1] *Mary Ann Skidmore* (27), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Louisa Skidmore* (25), sister, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

Amblecote Bank

- [1] *Louisa Skidmore* (36), unmarried, born Oldswinford;
- [2] *Phoebe J. Skidmore* (20), servant, born Amblecote;
- [3] *Joseph Robinson* (40), boarder, inland revenue officer, born Oldswinford;
- [4] *Mary A. Robinson* (37), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Mary A. L. Robinson* (5), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Harriet May Robinson* (3), daughter, born Kingswinford:

James Lock Carter was married to *Lillian*.
He died on 16th December 1899.

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

PEAR TREE COTTAGE BOWLING GREEN
AND FLOWER GARDENS,
(Within five minutes walk of Stourbridge Station.)
AMBLECOTE.
THE above delightful Green and Gardens will
be Opened for the Season, on Thursday next, May
29th, 1856, when the attendance of any gentleman will much
oblige their obedient Servant,
D. CHANCE, Proprietor.

Advert 1856

TO THE LOVERS OF RURAL ENJOYMENT.
THE ANNUAL PICNIC and GIPSY PARTY
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at Four o’clock. Tickets one Shilling each.
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Advert 1856

PEAR-TREE COTTAGE BOWLING GREEN AND
PLEASURE GARDENS,
AMBLECOTE, NEAR THE STOURBRIDGE STATION.
THE above Place of Amusement will be Opened
for the Season, on Monday next, May 18th, 1857,
when the attendance of any Gentleman will much oblige
their obedient Servant,
D. CHANCE, PROPRIETOR.

Advert 1857

Tipton Herald 2/10/1909

“The annual dinner in connection with the PEAR TREE Bowling Club was held at the PEAR TREE HOTEL, Amblecote, on Saturday evening, when a large attendance included the following.....”

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage or public-house called The PEAR TREE INN situate at Stamford Road with the land out-buildings and appurtenances thereto belonging containing in the whole two thousand seven hundred and eighty-three square yards or thereabouts.....”

It closed on 31st December 1940.

PEAR TREE

LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Taylor [1865]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Stourbridge Observer 6/5/1865

“*John Taylor*, landlord of the PEAR TREE INN, Lye, was charged by Superintendent Freeman, with having his house open for the sale of beer, after the hour of 11 o’clock, on the night of the 1st inst. A.S. Falkner said he visited the house at twenty minutes to twelve, and found three men and one woman in the house drinking. The Bench considered the case proved, and fined him 2s 6d and costs.”

PEDMORE HOUSE

Ham Lane, Pedmore, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

[1980]

It closed in 2006.

It was demolished between May and July 2007.



2007

PHEASANT

77, Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Samuel Asbury

LICENSEES

Richard Maysey [1871]
William Hilton [1872] – **1879**);
Sarah Ann Hilton (**1879 – 1880**);
John Pye (**1880 – 1890**);
Mary Asbury (**1890 – 1891**);
James Samuel Asbury (**1891 – [1904]**)

NOTES

It was situated next door to the DOG AND PARTRIDGE.

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

PHEASANT INN – Brettell Lane

- [1] *Richard Maysey* (47), labourer and publican, born Herefordshire;
- [2] *Melena Maysey* (43), wife, born Powick;
- [3] *Eli Maysey* (20), son, labourer, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Rosana Maysey* (17), daughter, servant, born Staffordshire;
- [5] *John Maysey* (15), son, born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Elizabeth Maysey* (10), daughter, scholar, born Staffordshire;
- [7] *Henry Maysey* (8), son, scholar, born Staffordshire;
- [8] *Melenia Maysey* (5), daughter, scholar, born Staffordshire;
- [9] *George R. Maysey* (3), son, scholar, born Staffordshire:

William Hilton, beer retailer, Brettell Lane. [1872]

William Hilton was also a painter.

He was married to *Sarah*.

He died on 20th August 1879.

John Pye was born in Ormskirk.

He was married to *Sarah A.*

1901 Census

77, Brettell Lane – PHEASANT INN

- [1] *James Samuel Asbury* (52), beerhouse keeper, born Wednesbury;
- [2] *Lucy Asbury* (53), wife, born Wollaston;
- [3] *Mary Ann Asbury* (18), daughter, housemaid, born Brettell Lane;
- [4] *Annie Maria Asbury* (17), daughter, dressmaker, born Brettell Lane;
- [5] *Samuel Percival Asbury* (15), son, brewer's assistant, born Brettell Lane;
- [6] *Mary Asbury* (78), visitor, widow, born Wednesbury:

James Asbury, beer retailer, 77, Brettell Lane. [1904]

He was also a brewer.

See also CROSS KEYS.

PINS, PINTS AND PLATTER

Mill Race Lane, (Block L, Unit 1, Stourbridge Industrial Estate), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Mark Boxley and Timothy Poole

LICENSEES

NOTES

It was originally a members only skittle club.
Full license granted in January 1993.

[1998]

Closed

It became the ROCK CAFÉ 2000. [2007]



2007

PLOUGH

Coalbournbrook, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Green [1829]

PLOUGH

154, (127), Bridgnorth Road, (10, Ridge Top), (The Ridge), Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Mrs. Annie Pearson
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Elcock [1862] – [1870]
Joseph Burton [1871] – [1892]
John Pearson [1903] – **1918**;
Albert Benjamin Haddon **(1918 – 1923)**;
George Lloyd **(1923)**;
George Foden **(1923 – 1952)**;
Vivian Lionel Adams **(1952 – 1967)**;
Violet Adelaide Adams **(1967 – 1968)**;
Margaret Christine Tomkinson **(1968 – 1985)**;
Richard David Denbury **(1985 – 1986)**;
Lorraine Lesley Patricia Denbury **(1986 – 1987)**;
Margaret Mary Hayward **(1987 – [2000])**
Andrew Smith [2008] – [2009]



1986

NOTES

10, Ridge Top [1871]
127, Bridgnorth Road [1892]
154, Bridgnorth Road [1994], [1996], [1998], [2001], [2003], [2004]

NEW PLOUGH HOTEL [1911], [1916], [1921]

It has etched windows proclaiming "Pearson's Entire".

It was the headquarters of the Welcome Lodge of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes.

John Elcock was also a glass blower.
He was born c. 1806 in Stourbridge.
He was married to Sarah.
See also JAGUAR.

1871 Census

10, Ridge Top – PLOUGH INN

- [1] *Joseph Burton* (46), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Rose H. Burton* (45), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Samuel Burton* (13), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *William Burton* (11), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Frank Burton* (9), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Sarah Burton* (6), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;

Albert Benjamin Haddon – see also BULLS HEAD, Brierley Hill, and CROWN, Pensnett.

John Pearson was married to Annie (owner of the pub).

Unity Lodge (No. 4171) of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes met here. [1935]

Margaret Hayward was married to Terry.

Lye Roller Canary Club held meetings here. [2001]

[2014]



1994



2009

PLOUGH

Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Benjamin Harris [1820]

PLOUGH AND HARROW

107, Worcester Street, (Heath Road), Heath STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Henrietta Moorcroft
Holt Brewery Co. Lts. (acquired in 1940)
Grigg and Brettell Ltd.
Ansells Ltd.
Holt, Plant and Deakin (acquired in 1988) [1989]
Punch Taverns



Advert 1989

LICENSEES

Samuel Walton [1840's]; 1st
John Perks [1851] – [1862]
William Wyatt [1864] – **1867**;
Mrs. Ellen Wyatt **(1867 – [1871])**
William Morris [] – **1872**;
William Aldis **(1872 – 1883)**;
Thomas Wyatt **(1883 – 1900)**;
Mrs. Henrietta (White) Moorcroft **(1900 – 1940)**
William Fowkes **(1940 – 1943)**;
Harry Wakefield **(1943 – 1944)**;
Charles Cross Thompson **(1944 – 1950)**;
Kelvin William Limkett **(1950 – 1953)**;
Doris Maria Tromans **(1953 – 1956)**;
Walter Joseph Rowley **(1956 – 1957)**;
Alfred Biddle **(1957 – 1958)**;
Gwendolyn Mary Biddle **(1958 – 1959)**;
Eva Leech **(1959 – 1960)**;
Florence Wright **(1960)**;
Reginald Herbert 'Reg' Green **(1960 – 1965)**;
Robert Edward Brown **(1965)**;
Gwilym H Humphries **(1965 – 1973)**;
Mrs. Margaret Eva Edwards **(1973 – 1982)**;
Peter John Cluett **(1982 – 1983)**;
Irene Vera Trinder **(1983 – 1984)**;
Leonard 'Len' Hands **(1984 – 1988)**;
Frank Roger Downes **(1988 – 1990)**;
Keith Edward Roberts **(1990 – 1993)**;
Terence Michael Tickle **(1993 – 1994)**;
Lawrence Trevor Jones **(1994 – 2001)**;
Lindsey Anne Jeffs **(2001 – 2006)**
David Craddock [2007] – [2010]

NOTES

Heath Road [1860], [1862], [1871]

It had a beerhouse license.



2007



2009

Samuel Walton was born c. 1812 in Burslem.
He was a glassmaker.
He was married to Elizabeth.

John Perks was born c. 1816 in Stourbridge.
He was also a glassmaker.
He was married to (1) Emma.
He was married to (2) Elizabeth Waite.

William Wyatt was born at the Heath.
He was also a glassmaker.
He was married to *Ellen*.
He died in 1867.

1871 Census

Heath Road – PLOUGH AND HARROW INN

[1] *Ellen Wyatt* (43), widow, publican, born Pedmore;
[2] *Thomas Wyatt* (20), son, glass blower, born Birmingham;
[3] *Ellen Winann* (9), niece, scholar, born Cradley:

Ellen Wyatt married *William Aldis*.
He was born in Ipswich in 1837.

Thomas Wyatt was the son of *William* and *Ellen*.
He was also a glassblower.
He was married to Lilley.

Henrietta White married *William Moorcroft* in 1901.
He died in 1914.

Henrietta Moorcroft was fined £2 and costs, on 5th December 1902, for supplying liquor to a police constable whilst he was on duty.

It was a home brew house. [1910]

Henrietta Moorcroft died in 1940.

Brewing ceased in 1940.

Margaret Edwards was married to Colin.

It closed on 9th January 1986.
It reopened as a Holt, Plant and Deakin house on 22nd June 1988.

Frank Downes was born in West Bromwich.
He was married to Trish.

David Craddock – see also DUKE WILLIAM.
He was born c. 1981.
He was married to Rachel.

Halesowen and Stourbridge branch CAMRA Cider Pub of the Year 2010.

[2014]



PRINCESS

115 – 117, (115), (117), Bridgnorth Road / Cobden Street, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Luke Renshaw, Church Hotel, Droylsden, Manchester
Bents Brewery [1920's]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Centric Ltd. [1992]

LICENSEES

David Dalloway [1871] – [1873]
Samuel Wesley [] – **1903**;
Albert Ernest Turnley **(1903 – 1904)**;
George Allen **(1904 – 1909)**;
William 'Will' Harris **(1909 – 1917)**;
Louisa Elizabeth Harris **(1917 – 1919)**;
William 'Will' Harris **(1919 – 1930)**;
Daniel Bagnall **(1930 – 1962)**;
Robert Pocklington **(1962 – 1974)**;
George Albert Lakin **(1974 – 1975)**;
Arthur Dennis Jones **(1975 – 1976)**;
Frederick George 'Fred' Jacobs **(1976 – 1989)**;
Edna Florence Jacobs **(1989 – 1990)**;
Gwynneth Marie Brookes **(1990 – 1991)**;
Simon John Ashton Denbury **(1991)**;
Alan David Dale **(1991 – 1992)**;
Sandra Colbourn **(1992 – 1993)**;
Darren John Phillips **(1993)**;
Share Andrew Wallace **(1993)**;
Georgina Louise Young **(1993 – [])**
Ralph and Kay Vines **(1997 – 2004)**;
Dave and Julie Tibbetts **(2004 – [])**



NOTES

117, Bridgnorth Road
115, Bridgnorth Road [1994], [1997], [2002], [2003]
115 – 117, Bridgnorth Road [2004]

It was originally known as the ALEXANDRA.

It had a beerhouse license.

David Dalloway, beer retailer and butcher. [1873]

‘Stourbridge, Wollaston and Amblecote: A Second Selection’ by Bob Clarke and Michael Reuter

“After an injury while working as a chainmaker *Will Harris* returned as a butcher and started a business at the rear of the ALEXANDRA INN where he was licensee. Later he purchased the two cottages next door, converted one into a butcher’s shop and used the other as his family home.”

A full license was granted on 24th April 1950.

It was renamed PRINCESS in 1997.

Ralph Vines was married to *Kay*.
They emigrated to Spain.

Dave and *Julie Tibbetts* were brother and sister.

[2014]



2007



2009

QUEENS HEAD

Tobacco Box Hill, Coalbournbrook, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Hannah Hyde, Brettell Lane [1870's]
Mrs. Elizabeth Clarke, Platts Lane, Birmingham [1880's]
Emma Jordan, Wollaston
Hutchings and Jackson, Diamond Brewery, Dudley

LICENSEES

David Davies [1861]
Miss Susan Adams [1871] – **1874**;
George Powell (**1874 – 1875**);
John Brooks (**1875 – 1887**);
Paul Homer (**1887 – 1888**);
Thomas Yates (**1888**);
Joseph Nock (**1888 – 1890**);
John Collins (**1890 – 1892**);
Mrs. Mary Ann Collins (m. Worrall) (**1892 – 1903**);
Alfred Blackwell (**1903**);
Samuel Frank Bird (**1903 – 1904**);
William Maddocks (**1904 – 1905**);
Charles Nixon (**1905 – 1907**);

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

David Davies was born in Shrewsbury.
He was married to Sarah.

Susan Adams = Susannah Adams

1871 Census

QUEENS HEAD

- [1] *Susan Adams* (36), unmarried, innkeeper, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Henry Beddard* (27), lodger, labourer at iron works, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Mary Bradmore* (14), general servant, born Smethwick:

John Brooks was also a seedsman.

Mrs. Mary Ann Collins married Joseph Worrall c. 1896.
See also ACORN.

Mrs. Mary Ann Collins, beer retailer, Coalbournbrook. [1896]

The license renewal was refused on 18th June 1906.
The license was extinguished on 19th July 1907.

QUEENS HEAD

Cross Walks Road / Union Street, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John 'Jack' Penn (I) [1914] – [1916]
Mrs. Laura Penn [1921]
John 'Jack' Penn (II) [] – **1961**)

NOTES

It was known locally as 'Jack Penn's'.

It had a beerhouse license.

[1911]

John Penn, beer retailer, Cross Walks Road. [1916]

John 'Jack' Penn (I) was a brewer, Cross Walks Brewery. [1914]

He was born on 5th March 1883 at Baldwin's Green

He married *Laura* Newall, the daughter of Thomas Henry Newall of the HOLLY BUSH, on 30th May 1904 at Stambermill Church.

Mrs. *Laura Penn*, beer retailer, Cross Walks Road. [1921]

John 'Jack' Penn (II) was the son of John (I) and Laura.

He brewed here until the 1950's.

It had a racing pigeon club. [1950's]

QUEENS HEAD

111, (57), Enville Street, (East Wollaston Street), (39, Beauty Bank), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Edward Rutland, Queens Brewery, Stourbridge.
Hugh Neville Usher, Queens Head Brewery
Frederick Smith Ltd.
William Butler and Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Enterprise Inns (acquired in September 1991)
Stourbridge Boxing Club

LICENSEES

Ann Pearson [1862]
Charles Pearson [1867] – [1888]
Thomas Richards [1901] – **1906**;
John Henry Percival **(1906 – 1907)**;
Henry Whittaker **(1907 – 1911)**;
Horace Porter **(1911 – 1913)**;
Jasper Ernest Linton **(1913 – 1915)**;
Samuel Ernest Podgett **(1915)**;
Albert Jeffs **(1915 – 1923)**;
Arthur Thomas Craddock **(1923 – 1929)**;
William Edward Parkes **(1929 – 1931)**;
Wilfred Longford **(1931 – 1932)**;
Aubrey Oswald Bache **(1932 – 1935)**;
Cecil Blakemore **(1935 – 1949)**;
John Edward Taylor **(1949)**;
Cecil Blakemore **(1949 – 1963)**;
Annie Blakemore **(1963 – 1965)**;
William Henry Goodwin **(1965 – 1973)**;
George Henry Simpson **(1973 – 1975)**;
Paul Stephen Durnall **(1975 – 1976)**;
Arthur Dennis Jones **(1976)**;
Donald George Kelly-Ball **(1976 – 1977)**;
Francis Stephen Denbury **(1977 – 1992)**;
Philip Joseph Davies **(1992)**;
Graham Bennett **(1992 – 1993)**;
Christopher Mahony **(1993)**;
Robert Peter Aland **(1994 – [])**
Paul Little **(1996 – [])**
Kiram Tonry **(2001 – [])**



1986

NOTES

East Wollaston Street [1862]
39, Beauty Bank [1871]
57, Enville Street [1881]
111, Enville Street [1990], [2004]

QUEENS ARMS [1871]

It had a beerhouse license.

It was the headquarters of Stourbridge Amateur Boxing Club.

Charles Pearson, beer retailer, Enville Street. [1870], [1872], [1884], [1888]
He applied for a full license in August 1867, but it was refused.

1871 Census

39, Beauty Bank – QUEENS ARMS

- [1] *Charles Pearson* (43), iron worker and publican, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Sarah Pearson* (42), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Charles Pearson* (22), son, iron worker, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Sarah Pearson* (21), daughter, no profession, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Joseph Pearson* (17), son, iron worker, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *George Pearson* (16), son, pupil teacher, born Stourbridge;
- [7] *Henry Pearson* (15), son, iron worker, born Stourbridge;
- [8] *Emily Pearson* (9), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [9] *Edward Pearson* (6), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [10] *Frank Pearson* (2), son, born Stourbridge;

Stourbridge Observer 28/12/1872

Letter from a subscriber

“Sir – By inserting the following in your paper you will much oblige.

On Saturday, December 21st, 1872, the annual meeting and dinner of the Sick and Draw Club was held at the house of Mr. *C. Pearson*, QUEENS HEAD, Beauty Bank, Stourbridge. The dinner was plentifully supplied with the very superior beef and mutton which adorned the Meat Show on Thursday last, served up in excellent style, and ample justice was done to it.

After dinner Mr. J. Lowe was called to the chair. A very favourable report was read by the secretary, Mr. George Sewell, giving on the year a dividend of 17s 2½ d per member. The health of the Queen and Royal Family, with other usual toasts were given, with a number of songs – sentimental and comic. Those by Mr. Pagett were encored with great enthusiasm. Seventeen new members were added, and the evening – a very enjoyable one – closed with a vote of thanks to the host, his wife and family, given with musical honours.”

1881 Census

57, Enville Street – QUEENS HEAD

- [1] *Charles Pearson* (54), licensed victualler, born Cookley;
- [2] *Sarah Pearson* (53), wife, born Walsall;
- [3] *Edward Pearson* (16), son, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Frank Pearson* (12), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Annie Pearson* (83), mother, widow, invalid, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Lillie Thomas* (18), domestic servant, born Stourbridge;

Edward Rutland's Brewery was opened here in December 1900.

Wollaston Vics FC changed here in the 1950's. They walked from here towards the church and through a passageway to the Rec.

It was originally a one-bar pub.

It was renovated and reopened on October 1984.

Francis Denbury was married to Doris (Dot).

It closed in April 1996.

It reopened on 1st August 1996.

It was renamed QUEENS BERRY [1997], [1998], [2001], [2003], [2004]

Kiram Tonry was aged 18 when she took over, being Stourbridge's youngest landlady.

He partner was Richard Denston.

It was renamed QUEENS HEAD. [2007]

[2014]



2009



2014

QUEENS HEAD

Queen Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Harriett Dudley [1854]
Richard Kelly [1864] – **1867**;

NOTES

Stourbridge Observer 18/5/1867

“QUEENS HEAD INN, Queens Street, Stourbridge. To Publicans, Brokers and Others.

Davies & King will Sell by Auction on Monday, May the 27th, 1867, at the QUEENS HEAD INN, as above, Public House Fixtures, Screens, Shelving, Seating, Cupboards, Capital Brewing Plant, Oak and Iron-bound Hogshead, Half Hogshead and other Casks; 14 bushel Mash Tub, Cooling Vats, Tubs and Coolers; 2 Pockets of Sussex Hops, Wrought Iron Furnaces; Household Furniture; Four-post and French Bedsteads, Windsor Chairs, Tables, Cupboards, Feather Bed, Chaffoneer, Eight-day Clock in Mahogany Case; Cups, Jugs, Glasses, Pewter Ale and Spirit Measures, Gas Fittings &c, &c, the property of Mr. *R. Kelly* , who is leaving, as the premises are about to be taken down.....”

Richard Kelly = Richard Kelley

See also NEW INN.

QUEEN'S HEAD INN, QUEEN-STREET, STOURBRIDGE.

TO PUBLICANS, BROKERS, AND OTHERS.

DAVIES & KING will **SELL** by **AUCTION** on **MONDAY, MAY the 27th, 1867**, at the **QUEEN'S HEAD INN**, as above, **PUBLIC-HOUSE FIXTURES**, **Screens**, **Shelving**, **Seating**, **Cupboards**, **Capital BREWING PLANT**, **Oak and Iron-bound Hogshead**, **Half-Hogshead**, and other **Casks**; **14-bushel Mash Tub**, **Cooling Vats**, **Tubs**, and **Coolers**; **2 Pockets of Sussex HOPS**, **Wrought-iron Furnaces**; **HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE**, **Four-post and French Bedsteads**, **Windsor Chairs**, **Tables**, **Cupboards**, **Feather Bed**, **Chaffoneer**, **Eight-day Clock**, in **Mahogany Case**; **Cups**, **Jugs**, **Glasses**, **Pewter Ale and Spirit Measures**, **Gas Fittings**, &c., &c., the property of **Mr. R. Kelly**, who is leaving, as the premises are about to be taken down.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock.

Catalogues may be had at the Place of Sale, or of the Auctioneers, Stourbridge.

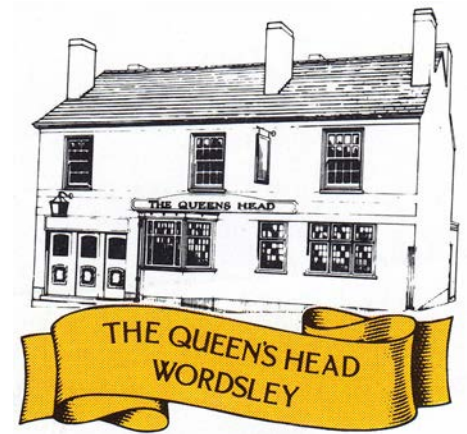
Advert 1867

QUEENS HEAD

129, (127), High Street, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Benjamin Bloomer
Thomas Munday
Ansells Ltd.
Holt, Plant and Deakin
Punch Taverns
Black Country Traditional Inns (acquired in 2013)



Advert 1989

LICENSEES

William Challingsworth [1854] – [1861]
Mrs. Mary Ann Eaton [1870] – **1900**;
Thomas Munday **(1900 – 1904)**;
Mrs. Elizabeth Munday **(1904 – 1919)**;
Richard William Griffin **(1919 – 1925)**;
William Nicholls **(1925 – 1926)**;
Thomas Cartwright **(1926 – 1929)**;
Nellie Tomlinson **(1929 – 1931)**;
Ernest Henry Bowen **(1931 – 1934)**;
Charles Edward Banks **(1934 – 1935)**;
Frederick Ernest Perks **(1935 – 1936)**;
Violet May Perks **(1936)**;
Howard Harper Friday **(1936 – [1940]**
Andrew Murray [1989]
Anthony Francis Daly [2001]
Steve Hands [2004]
Michelle New **(2008 – [2011]**

NOTES

127, High Street [1912], [1916]
129, High Street [1990], [1994], [1996], [1998], [2004]

It had a beerhouse license.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 12/2/1856

“On Monday last, an inquest was held at the QUEENS HEAD INN, Wordsley, before T. M. Phillips Esq., on the body of Charles King Homer, and five years and three months, where death was occasioned by swallowing a quantity of oil of bitter almonds The jury returned a verdict ‘that the deceased died from the effects of poison taken incorrectly by him’, the jury adding that they had a strong opinion upon the want of caution exhibited by Mr. Dennison [chemist] in not putting a label ‘poison’ on the bottel in question.”

1861 Census

High Street

- [1] William Challingsworth (49), iron founder and publican, born Wordsley;
- [2] Elizabeth Challingsworth (42), wife, born Wordsley;
- [3] George Challingsworth (24), son, ironfounder, born Wordsley;
- [4] Maria Challingsworth (20), daughter, born Wordsley;
- [5] William Challingsworth (13), son, ironfounder, born Wordsley;
- [6] Thomas Challingsworth (11), son, scholar, born Wordsley;
- [7] Susan Challingsworth (9), daughter, scholar, born Wordsley;
- [8] Elizabeth Challingsworth (8), daughter, scholar, born Wordsley;
- [9] Martha Challingsworth (6), daughter, scholar, born Wordsley;
- [10] Joseph Challingsworth (3), son, scholar, born Wordsley;

Mrs. Mary Ann Eaton, beer retailer, Wordsley. [1870], [1872]

Thomas Munday, beer retailer, High Street. [1904]

Mrs. Elizabeth Munday, beer retailer, 127, High Street, Wordsley. [1912]

Richard Griffin, beer retailer, High Street. [1921]

QUEENS HEAD Bowling Club was founded in 1983.

They played in the Dudley League until 1986.

In 1986 they joined the Kingswinford and Brierley Hill League.

They returned to the Dudley League.

They played their matches at King George V Park.

The club moved to the ASHWOOD in season 2004/05.

It opened as a Holt, Plant and Deakin pub in December 1988.

Andrew Murray married to Jean.

It closed in May 2008.

It reopened on 30th July 2008.

It closed.

It reopened as a Black Country Traditional Inns house 12th December 2013.

[2014]



1996



2014

QUEENSWAY

Gauden Road, Pedmore Fields Estate, Wollescote, LYE

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Dorothy Meredith [2000] – [2001]

NOTES

It opened on 16th December 1955.

[2014]



2009



2014

RAILWAY

1, (8), Pedmore Road, LYE

OWNERS

Grigg and Brettell Ltd.
Laura Ellen Roper
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Punch Taverns [1999], [2008]



2007

LICENSEES

William Rhodes [1860] – [1884]
Thomas Rhodes [1888] – **1914**;
John Newnham Rhodes (**1914 – 1926**);
Clara Bagley (**1926 – 1929**);
George Henry Brown (**1929 – 1932**);
John Benjamin Bedford (**1932 – 1936**);
John Townley Hodgson (**1936 – 1937**);
Hardy Lamb (**1937 – 1939**);
Thomas Henry Roper (**1939 – 1944**);
Sidney George Cornwell (**1944 – 1959**);
Charles Henry Thompson (**1959 – 1965**);
Rebecca Holmes Reynolds (**1965 – []**)
K Duberley [1983] – [1990]
Andrew Buckingham (**1995 – []**)
Nikki Tinker [1999]
Ann Quigley [2001] – [2002]
Shane and Maureen Hodgkiss [c. 2006]

NOTES

8, Pedmore Road
1, Pedmore Road [2004]

RAILWAY INN
RAILWAY TAVERN [1860]

1871 Census

Pedmore Road – RAILWAY INN

- [1] *William Rhodes* (51), mine agent and licensed victualler, born Lye;
- [2] *Mary Rhodes* (50), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *George H. Rhodes* (20), son, assistant schoolmaster, born Lye;
- [4] *Richard Rhodes* (16), son, wheelwright's apprentice, born Lye;
- [5] *Hannah Rhodes* (14), daughter, scholar, born Lye;
- [6] *John N. Rhodes* (3), son, born Lye;
- [7] *Sarah Rhodes* (11), daughter, born Lye;
- [8] *Ann Weston* (21), general servant, born Quarry Bank;

1881 Census

Pedmore Road – RAILWAY INN

- [1] *William Rhodes* (64), licensed victualler, born Lye;
- [2] *Mary Rhodes* (62), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *George Harry Rhodes* (30), son, Inland Revenue clerk, born Lye;
- [4] *Thomas Rhodes* (28), son, glass engraver, born Lye;
- [5] *Sarah Rhodes* (21), daughter, born Lye;
- [6] *Albert Rhodes* (19), son, pupil teacher, born Lye;
- [7] *John Rhodes* (14), son, born Lye;
- [8] *Patience Drury* (21), niece, born Birmingham;
- [9] *Sarah A. Har* (18), domestic servant, born Lye:

Lye Roller Canary Club held their first meeting here on 21st July 1932.

It had a bowling green [1982]. Since closed.

It reopened on 20th February 1999 after a £180,000 refurbishment.

Shane Hodgkiss was married to Maureen.

It was seriously damaged when a car hit the building at about 11.40pm on 4th April 2008.
It reopened on 27th June 2008.

[2014]



2008



2010



2014

RAILWAY TAVERN

Portobello, LYE

OWNERS

Radcliffe and Co.

LICENSEES

James Taylor [1850] – [1862]

George Davies [1870] – **1872**;

James Taylor (**1872** – [1873])

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

James Taylor was also a carpenter. [1860]

James Taylor, retailer of beer, Portobello. [1862]

RAILWAY TAVERN

59, (113), Birmingham Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Joseph Davies

LICENSEES

James Chance [1881]
Thomas Pountney [1884] – [1888]
James Calloway [1892]
John Aston [1901]
Mrs. Emma Bullock [1916]
Edward Onions [1921]
Mrs. Edith Parsons []

NOTES

113, Birmingham Street
59, Birmingham Street [1881], [1884], [1888], [1901]

1881 Census

59, Birmingham Street - RAILWAY TAVERN
[1] *James Chance* (53), publican, born Claines, Worcestershire;
[2] *Mary Chance* (56), wife, born Claines, Worcestershire;
[3] *William Chance* (23), son, clerk, born Oldswinford;
[4] *Arthur Harris* (24), son in law, pattern designer, born Tipton;
[5] *Amelia Jane Harris* (19), daughter, born Hagley;
[6] *Mary Emily Harris* (1), granddaughter, born Brettell Lane:

1901 Census

59, Birmingham Street – RAILWAY TAVERN
[1] *John Aston* (47), coal miner, born Lye;
[2] *Fanny Aston* (45), wife, nailer, born Lye;
[3] *Fred Aston* (17), son, fitter, hot water apparatus, born Lye;
[4] *Fanny Aston* (16), daughter, born Lye'
[5] *Baker Aston* (11), son, born Lye:

[1928]

It closed on 4th January 1957.
The license was transferred to the STEPPING STONES.

RAILWAY

49, (47), Church Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

J. and J. Yardley and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Evans [1864] – [1873]

John Hunt [1884] – [1888]

Alfred Garrington [1892]

Joseph H Newton [1916]

NOTES

47, Church Street [1884], [1888]

49, Church Street

It had a beerhouse license.

John Evans, beer retailer, Church Street. [1864], [1865]

John Evans, beer retailer, 49, Church Street. [1870]

John Evans was also a joiner, builder, plumber, glazier and painter. [1870], [1872], [1873]

Stourbridge Observer 1/6/1867 - Advert

“Hot Joints, every County Court Day, at / *Evans's* / The RAILWAY INN / Church Street, Stourbridge.”

It closed on 29th December 1923.

NOTICE.

HOT JOINTS, every County Court Day, at

EVANS'S,

THE RAILWAY INN,

CHURCH-STREET, STOURBRIDGE.

Advert 1867

RAVEN

64, Woods Lane, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

[2003]

[2014]



2007



2009

RED LION

147, Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Edward Webb and Sons
William Webb, Audnam
Worcestershire Brewing and Malting Co. (acquired in 1896)
Kidderminster Brewery (acquired c. 1916)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd.
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
InnSpired Group Ltd. [2001]

LICENSEES

James Pagett [1829] – [1845]
Henry Pagett [1849] – [1862]
James Hillman [1866] – **1881**;
Miss Mary Jane Hillman **(1881)**;
William Fritsche **(1881 – 1892)**;
Charles Arthur Rolinson **(1892)**;
Sidney Scriven **(1892 – 1893)**;
William Ryder **(1893 – 1895)**;
Margaret Jones **(1895 – 1896)**;
Walter William Madeley **(1896 – 1900)**; manager
Harry Bullus **(1900 – 1901)**; manager
Edgar Randle **(1901 – 1902)**; manager
Charles Nixon **(1902 – 1904)**;
Alfred Nash **(1904 – 1905)**;
George Alfred Adey **(1905 – 1907)**;
Samuel Parrish **(1907 – 1909)**;
Harry Hall **(1909 – 1910)**;
Alfred Lionel Wyre **(1910 – 1911)**;
Thomas Ellis **(1911 – 1914)**;
Elizabeth Ellis **(1914)**;
William Wright Burgess **(1914 – 1915)**;
Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis **(1915 – 1929)**;
Isaac Fletcher **(1929 – 1932)**;
Hubert Worrall **(1932 – 1933)**;
William Arthur Poles **(1933 – 1944)**;
Walter Henry Jakeman **(1944 – 1947)**;
James Bowen **(1947 – 1962)**;
Harry Joseph Fletcher **(1962 – 1964)**;
Betty May Clayton **(1964 – 1965)**;
Joseph William Capewell **(1965 – 1967)**;
John Davies Matthews **(1967 – 1983)**;
Philip 'Phil' Millard **(1983 – 1986)**;
Philip Malcom Gillam **(1986 – 1987)**;
John Columba Gormley-Carney **(1987 – 1988)**;
Paul Leslie Jakeman **(1988 – 1993)**;
Irene Florence Horton **(1993 – 1994)**;
John Peter Rolfe **(1994 – 1996)**;



Elizabeth Fletcher

Jason Cox (1996 – 1997);
Elizabeth Wilkie (1997 – 1998);
Anthony Furniss (1998 – 1999);
Colleen McFadden (1999);
Philip George Bright (1999 – 2000);
Tony Kinathan (2000);
Janet Anderson (2000 – 2001);
Richard Nicholas Farmer (2001);
Karen Ann Foley (2001 – []

NOTES

1841 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] *James Pagett* (50), victualler;
- [2] *Sarah Pagett* (50), wife;
- [3] *Joseph Pagett* (20), son;
- [4] *Henry Pagett* (15), son:

1851 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] *Henry Pagett* (20), publican and cooper employing 1 man;
- [2] *Mary Ann Pagett* (20), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Elizabeth Pagett* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Henry Pagett* (3 weeks), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *James Lavender* (10), servant, born Oldswinford;
- [6] *Emma Bishop* (13), servant, born Oldswinford:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 4/7/1857

“W. H. Phillips, Esq, deputy coroner, held an inquest on Wednesday last, at the RED LION INN, Brettell Lane, relative to the death of Fanny Beeson, a child of two years and six months old. The parents of the deceased reside at Brettell Lane, and the father carries on the trade of a carpenter and joiner. The mother was the only person examined. She deposed that about six weeks ago, deceased and an elder sister were playing together near the house. She saw them run past the door, and immediately afterwards deceased fell into a gutter, and her forehead coming in contact with some stones she was rendered insensible. A waggoner passing by picked the child up. The child was taken the same day to Mr. Chapman’s, a chemist, of Brierley Hill, who prepared it some medicine, and in a day or two the child seemed much better, but never held up its head afterwards. Deceased had fits in succession, from Friday last till Monday afternoon, when she died.

The jury were of opinion that deceased died from accidental causes, and returned a verdict accordingly.

The coroner said that under such serious symptoms, it would have been much better to have taken the child to a qualified medical man.”

Henry Pagett was also a builder. [1860]

1861 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] *Henry Pagett* (30), carpenter employing 2 men and 1 boy, born Amblecote;
- [2] *Mary Ann Pagett* (30), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Eliza Pagett* (11), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Henry Pagett* (10), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Sarah Pagett* (7), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Thomas Pagett* (3), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Elizabeth ____*? (18), house servant, born Kingswinford:

Henry Pagett was the son of James and Sarah Pagett.
He was also a cooper and carpenter.
He died in 1877.
See also ACORN, Amblecote, and ANGEL, Stourbridge.

Stourbridge Observer 28/4/1866

“At the Wordsley Petty Sessions, on Monday last, before J. Holcroft and W. G. Firmstone, Esqs., *James Hillman*, landlord of the RED LION INN, Brettell Lane, was charged by Superintendent Mills with refusing to admit the police, on the evening of the 17th inst. Mr. Maltby defended.

Police-constable Freeman deposed: I was on duty at about half past eleven o'clock at night, and when near defendant's house heard a noise. I tried the door two or three times. Some one said, 'Who is there?' I cried out 'Police'. Some one cried out inside the house that it should not be opened to such scamps. I believe it was the landlady. I then went away. Shortly afterwards I passed the house again, and the door was open. I attempted to go in, when the landlord's brother pushed me and struck me on the breast, and tried to put me out a second time.

Cross-examined: I did not see any one outside. I stood nearly opposite the house at half past eleven. I saw the landlord's brother come out. I was quite sober. Never had a dispute with the defendant. Did not ask him for a Christmas beer. Never had one. I did not strike the door with my stick, but struck it with it my hand. No one asked me why I did not rap properly. Joseph Hillman asked me if I heard a row; I said I had my suspicions. It is a large house. Been in the district about seven months. Have not heard of any charge before. I did say I should have the door opened when I liked. They did not say I was drunk or mad, but they must have been either drunk or mad, from the way in which they acted. I made the report of the assault and refusal at the same time. The first time I called I rapped three times. The second time I called the door was not open for me, but to let some one else out.

This being the whole of the evidence.

Mr. Maltby addressed the Bench for the defence, and said if his instructions were correct the charge ought not to have been made. He had two men in the house who were quite independent witnesses, and the Bench would hear their version. He would not detain the Bench by making a long address, but at once call the witnesses and they would then be able to judge.

Joseph Hillman deposed: On the night of the 17th inst I was at my brother's house. When he was out I managed for him. On the 17th I was sitting in the kitchen from seven to five minutes past twelve, and attending to the business. My wife was there with the landlady. If there had been any rapping I must have heard it. If Mrs. *Hillman* had answered the door and made any statement I must have heard it. Just after twelve I went out at the front door and saw Freeman. There were two other men (glass-makers) near at the time. The two men went in and I went in after them. They called for a quart of ale. They had not been in long before I heard a great noise of kicking and rapping. I saw Freeman and asked him why he came in that manner; and if there had been any robbery? He replied, 'No; but if you shut this door I will smash it in.' All the persons in the house could have heard if there had been any rapping at the door. There were about twenty persons in. There was a private party. Mrs. Hillman did not say she would not let such scamps as the police in.

Fanny Hillman said: I was there all the day on the above date, assisting in the business. Between ten and twelve o'clock there was no rapping at the door, but at about four minutes past twelve I heard a great noise of kicking and rapping by Police-constable Freeman, who said that he commanded the door to be opened or he would kick it in. Freeman was quite drunk, and my husband told him so. There are marks on the door from his kicking, and it has knocked the paint off.

Thomas Russell deposed: I am a glass blower. On the night of the 17th inst I was returning from work, and when near the defendant's house, I saw Police-constable Freeman standing nearly opposite. I went in and called for some ale. The door was open then, and Freeman could have gone in if he thought proper. I had not been in more than two minutes before I heard a great noise at the door as if it were coming in. Mrs. Hillman went to the door as soon as she could.

Samuel Stevens, glass blower, also proved that he saw the officer standing nearly opposite the defendant's house. Witness went in to have some ale. He had not been in long before there was a great noise of kicking at the door. The door was open when he passed, and Freeman could have gone in if he wished. There was no refusing to open the door. He thought that the officer was sober.

The Bench remarked that they were afraid he had exceeded his duty; to what extent they could not say, and must dismiss the case.”

1871 Census

Brettell Lane – RED LION INN

- [1] *James Hillman* (39), flint glass maker, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary A. Hillman* (38), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Jane Hillman* (16), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Annie Hillman* (15), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;

1881 Census

Brettell Lane – RED LION

- [1] *James Hillman* (51), widower, licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Jane Hillman* (28), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *James Adey* (6), grandson, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *William Fritsche* (28), lodger, glass engraver, born Austria (British subject):
[William Fritsche became a world renowned glass engraver. He worked for Thomas Webb and Sons.]

James Hillman died on 31st July 1881.

Mary Jane Hillman married *William Fritsche* in 1881.

1891 Census

Brettell Lane – RED LION INN

- [1] *William Fritsche* (40), engraver, licensed victualler, born Bohemia;
- [2] *Mary J. Fritsche* (39), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *James A. Adey* (16), nephew, born Amblecote;
- [4] *Elizabeth Langstone* (31), domestic servant, born Worcester;

Walter William Madeley was an ex-clerk at the Round Oak Steelworks.

Edgar Randle was born in Cookley.

It was put up for sale by auction on 24th September 1915.
- It was withdrawn at £475.

Isaac Fletcher was married to *Elizabeth*.

John Columba Gormley-Carney – see also OLD DIAL.

[2013]



RED LION

4, Careless Green, Wollescote, LYE

OWNERS

John Mason and Co. [1891]
Home Brewery (Quarry Bank) (acquired on 24th March 1905)
Smith and Williams (acquired on 9th September 1920)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired in 1934)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Saunders [1860] – [1862]
James Elcock [c. 1900]
Dennis Foxall [] – **1983**

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

Careless Green

[1] *John Saunders* (69), victualler and chainmaker, born Kinver;
[2] *Jane Saunders* (64), wife, born Wolverhampton:

John Saunders, retailer of beer, Carless Green. [1862]

Demolished
Rebuilt

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage or dwelling-house now and for some years past used as a beerhouse and called or known by the name of The RED LION with the brewhouse and other outbuildings garden and premises to same belonging situate lying and being at RED LION Careless Green in County of Worcester and adjoining the public road there leading from Lye Waste to Foxcote.....”

[1997]

Closed [2007]
It became J. and L. Electrics.



1997

RED LION

37, Birmingham Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

H. and F. Kelley

LICENSEES

Joshua Skidmore [1873] – [1881]
John Foote [1884]
Frederick Schofield [1903] – **1906**);
Charles Bidmead (**1906 – 1911**);
Eric Davies (**1911 – 1912**);
William James Wall (**1912 – 1913**);
Claude Hunt (**1913 – 1914**);
John Hobson (**1914 – 1918**);
Horace Oliver (**1918 – 1920**);
John Thomas Proctor (**1920 – 1921**):

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1881 Census

37, Birmingham Street – RED LION INN

- [1] *Joshua Skidmore* (68), widower, crucible maker and publican, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Annie Skidmore* (30), daughter, house keeper, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Sabina Skidmore* (28), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Sarah Ann Bridge* (12), granddaughter, visitor, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Esther Terwill* (8), granddaughter, visitor, born Moseley, Birmingham:

John Foote, beer retailer, 37, Birmingham Road. [1884]

It closed on 31st January 1921.

RED LION

2, (24), Lion Street / Green Street, (New Street), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Henry Mills, Willenhall [1920]
William Butler and Co. Ltd. (acquired in 1932)
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in the 1990's)
Paramount Pub Company

LICENSEES

John Salter [1820] – [1822]
Andrew Newton [1829]
John Wood [1835]
Thomas Parkes Snr. [1841] – [1854]
Mrs. Sarah Parkes [1860]
Robert Thurston [1861] – [1865]
Thomas Parkes Jnr. [1870] – [1888]
Frederick Higgs [1891] – **1919**;
Jesse Lashford **(1919 – 1926)**;
Henry Goodall **(1926 – 1930)**;
George Frederick Mellor **(1930 – 1933)**;
Walter Rimmer **(1933 – 1952)**;
Andrew Cyril Fello **(1952 – 1958)**;
Alfred Cornock **(1958 – 1959)**;
Arthur Joseph Fowke **(1959 – 1960)**;
James Frederick Smith **(1960 – 1969)**;
Elsie May Smith **(1969)**;
William Pritchard **(1969 – 1976)**;
Spencer Frank Edmonds **(1976 – 1984)**;
Peter Holden **(1984 – 1992)**;
Rodney Hale **(1992 – 1994)**;
Terence Michael Tucker **(1994 – []**



2007

NOTES

New Street [1820], [1822], [1865]
24, Lion Street [1891]
2, Lion Street

1861 Census

Lion Street
[1] Robert Thurston (50), innkeeper, born Clerkenwell, London;
[2] Emma Thurston (41), wife, born Stourbridge;
and two lodgers and a servant:

Thomas Parkes was also a maltster. [1870], [1871]

1871 Census

Lion Street – RED LION

- [1] *Thomas Parkes* (43), maltster (employing 3 men) and innkeeper, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Anne Parkes* (42), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Anne Parkes* (4), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Ellen Parkes* (1), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Fanny Barratt* (16), barmaid, born Walsall;
- [6] *Sarah Ann Lowe* (16), housemaid, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Emma Dakin* (16), domestic servant, born Stourbridge;

He was also of Thomas Parkes and Son, spade, shovel and fork manufacturer, Lion Street. [1873]

1881 Census

24, Lion Street - RED LION

- [1] *Thomas Parkes* (53), innkeeper and maltsters' spade manufacturer, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Anne Parkes* (42), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Sarah Parkes* (20), daughter, unmarried, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Thomas Parkes* (18), son, clerk of solicitors, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Anne Parkes* (14), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Helen Parkes* (11), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [7] *Joseph Parkes* (5), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [8] *Leah Louisa Pith* (23), barmaid, born Brierley Hill;
- [9] *Henry Keape* (22), general servant, born Brettell Lane;

1891 Census

24. Lion Street – RED LION INN

- [1] *Frederick Higgs* (27), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Harriet Higgs* (72), widow, mother, born Alveley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Harriet Higgs* (14), niece, born Nottingham;
- [4] *Susan Higgs* (14), niece, born Stourport;

1911 Census

24, Lion Street – RED LION

- [1] *Frederick Higgs* (48), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Emma Higgs* (43), wife, married 17 years, born Wollaston;
- [3] *Gertrude Higgs* (16), daughter, school, born Wollaston;
- [4] *Cissy Higgs* (11), daughter, school, born Wollaston;
- [5] *Frederick Higgs* (10), son, school, born Wollaston;
- [6] *Beatrice Higgs* (3), daughter, born Wollaston;
- [7] *Jane Cole* (21), servant, born Hayes Lane, Lye;
- [8] *Ellen Foxhall* (25), visitor, nurse, born Cradley, Worcestershire;

[2010]

Closed [2011], [2012]

It was converted into housing in 2012.

RED LION +

STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Home Brewery (Quarry Bank) (acquired in February 1918)

LICENSEES

NOTES

License expired on 31st January 1921 - redundancy.

RED LION

23, Lawnswood Road, The Green, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Hughes [1845] – [1865]
William Challingworth [1870] – **1880**);
Thomas Guest (**1880 – 1882**);
Thomas Brearley (**1882 – 1903**);
Samuel Cooksey (**1903 – 1906**);
Daniel Grove Kendrick (**1906 – 1908**);
John Dickie Dalrymple (**1908 – 1911**);
Mrs. Jane Dalrymple (**1911 – 1919**);
Andrew Smart (**1919 – [1940]**)
Walter Poulton []
Fay Bradley [2008]
Alan Davies (**2009 – []**)

NOTES

1881 Census

Lawnswood Road – RED LION INN

- [1] *Thomas Guest* (21), licensed victualler, born Cookley;
- [2] *Rhoda Guest* (26), wife, general servant, born Wordsley;
- [3] *John Guest* (9 months), son, born Wordsley;
- [4] *Sophia Ingles* (16), general servant, born Wordsley:

Walter Poulton died in August 1985 aged 74.

A fire destroyed the lounge and bar on 27th December 2008. It was believed to be an arson attack. It reopened on 10th September 2009, after a £70,000 refit.

Alan Davies – see also RED LION, Lower Gornal

[2012]

It closed in 2012.

It was converted into a Sainsbury's shop in 2012.

OLD RED LION INN,
WORDSLEY.
T. GUEST, PROPRIETOR.
Ales Brewed of the Highest Standard.
Spirits Bought out of Bond.
Cigars of the Best Brands.
WHOLESALE FRUIT MERCHANT.
The Trade Supplied at the Lowest Possible Prices.
Advert 1881



2009

REEF CAFÉ BAR

Lower High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

[2001]

[2003]

RIFLEMANS ARMS

9, (5), (28), Wood Street, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Thomas Whittaker
J. F. C. Jackson Ltd.
Darby's Brewery Ltd. (acquired on 4th May 1937)
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1952]

LICENSEES

Edward Moore [1865] – **1866**;
Timothy Brooks (**1866** – [1881]
William Parsons [1884]
Joseph Parsons [1888] – [1892]
Thomas Whittaker [1901] – [1906]
Thompson [1909]
Ernest Michael Bowker [1911]
Joseph Bates [1916] – [1921]
Harry Taylor [1952] – **1972**
G A Hurley [1976]

NOTES

28, Wood Street [1871]
5, Wood Street [1901]
9, Wood Street

It had a beerhouse license.

Edward Moore = Edward Moor

1871 Census

28, Wood Street – RIFLEMANS ARMS

- [1] *Timothy Brooks* (59), spade maker, born Oldswinford;
- [2] *Eliza Brooks* (52), wife, born Oldswinford;
- [3] *Phoebe Brooks* (22), daughter, born Oldswinford;
- [4] *Ellen Brooks* (20), daughter, born Oldswinford;
- [5] *Michael Brooks* (17), son, iron moulder, born Oldswinford;
- [6] *Philip Brooks* (15), son, spade maker, born Oldswinford;
- [7] *George H. Brooks* (13), son, labourer, spade works, born Oldswinford;
- [8] *Thomas Brooks* (10), son, scholar, born Oldswinford;

Timothy Brooks, beer retailer, Wollaston. [1872]

1881 Census

Wood Street – RIFLEMANS ARMS

- [1] *Timothy Brooks* (66), spade finisher, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Eliza Brooks* (63), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *George Brooks* (21), son, spade finisher, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Thomas Brooks* (20), son, mechanic, born Stourbridge;

1901 Census

5, Wood Street – RIFLEMANS ARMS

- [1] *Thomas Whittaker* (46), innkeeper, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Caroline Whittaker* (45), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *George T. Whittaker* (19), son, fitter, hot water pipes, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Kate Whittaker* (16), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Harry Whittaker* (13), son, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Elsie Whittaker* (11), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [7] *Walter Whittaker* (8), son, born Stourbridge;
- [8] *Emily Whittaker* (5), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [9] *Margaret Whittaker* (3), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [10] *Frederick J. Whittaker* (9 months), son, born Stourbridge;
- [11] *Bertha L. Simkins* (16), general servant, born Kingswinford;

T. Whittaker was a committee member of Stourbridge, Lye, Cradley and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1902]

Tipton Herald 23/1/1909

"Notice of Sale and Withdrawal, The RIFLEMANS ARMS, and Dwelling House adjoining, with Building Land, Wollaston, near Stourbridge.

Also the Valuable Block of Freehold Shop and Dwelling House Properties situate in Coventry Street, Stourbridge. Alfred W. Dando and Co beg to announce the above extensive Sale of Freehold Properties, advertised to be offered at the TALBOT HOTEL, Stourbridge, on Friday, February 5th, 1909, will not take place, the whole having been disposed of to Mr. *Thompson*, of the RIFLEMANS ARMS."

1911 Census

5, Wood Street – RIFLEMANS ARMS

- [1] *Ernest Michael Bowker* (36), licensed victualler, born Trysull;
- [2] *Clara Bowker* (38), wife, married 11 years, assisting in the business, born Priestfield;
- [3] *Nora Bowker* (6), daughter. school, born Wollaston;
- [4] *Connie Bowker* (5), daughter, school, born Wollaston;
- [5] *Louisa Beasley* (18), general servant, born Amblecote;

Harry Taylor was born in St. James Terrace, Dudley in 1892.

He played football for West Bromwich Albion, Shrewsbury Town and Brierley Hill Alliance.

See also NEW COTTAGE SPRING, Dudley.

It closed on 26th November 1978.

It became a private dwelling.



Ex Pub 1983

RISING SUN

64, High Street, Holloway End, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Charles Parkes

Caroline Parkes

South Staffordshire Brewery (acquired on 2nd March 1888 for £550)

J. and J. Yardley, Market Street, Wolverhampton (acquired on 8th January 1898)

Edward Rutland, brewer and wine merchant, Stourbridge (acquired in 1905)

LICENSEES

Sarah Wakelam [c. 1840]

Mrs. Sarah Hammond [1862] – [1872]

Alfred Parkes [] – **1872**;

Charles Parkes **(1872 – 1886)**;

Mrs. Caroline Parkes **(1886 – 1892)**;

Edward Nichols **(1892 – 1893)**;

Charles Plimley **(1893 – 1894)**;

Henry Mulloy **(1894 – 1895)**;

George Lawrence **(1895)**;

William Ryder **(1895 – 1897)**;

William Elliott **(1897 – 1898)**;

William James Jones **(1898 – 1899)**;

Harry Dewey **(1899 – 1900)**;

Charles Oswald Lee **(1900 – 1901)**;

Joseph Bate **(1901 – 1903)**;

Charles Croxton **(1903 – 1916)**;

Walter Phillips **(1916)**;

Elizabeth Alice Bishop **(1916 – 1919)**;

Victor Haynes **(1919 – 1920)**;

James Brown Meunier **(1920 – 1922)**;

Thomas Arthur Welch **(1922 – 1923)**;

Charles Henry Probert **(1923 – 1926)**;

**WORCESTERSHIRE AGRICULTURAL
SHOW, 1872.**

**RISING SUN INN,
A M B L E C O T E ,**

Within a few yards of the Show Ground.

GOOD STABLING, and every convenience
for REFRESHMENTS for VISITORS, at
Moderate Charges, will be provided.

CHARLES PARKES,

Proprietor.

Advert 1872

NOTES

Holloway End [1896]

64, High Street

It was used as a changing room by Stourbridge FC. The pub was situated opposite the football ground.

Sarah Wakelam was born in Heath. [Stourbridge]

She was also a retail brewer.

1871 Census

Holloway End

[1] *Sarah Hammond* (64), widow, innkeeper, born Heath(?), Worcestershire;

[2] *Eliza Hopcroft* (22), niece, barmaid, born Wolverley;

[3] *Ann Mees* (24), general servant, born Wordsley;

Stourbridge Observer 10/8/1872 - Advert

“Worcestershire Agricultural Show, 1872 / RISING SUN INN, Amblecote / Within a few yards of the Show Ground / Good Stabling and every convenience for Refreshments for Visitors, at Moderate Charges, will be provided / *Charles Parkes*, Proprietor.”

1881 Census

Main Road

- [1] *Charles Parkes* (35), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Caroline Parkes* (31), wife, born Prestwood, Worcetershire;
- [3] *George John Parkes* (9), son, scholar, born Wombourne;
- [4] *Charles Harry Parkes* (7), son, scholar, born Amblecote;
- [5] *Caroline Louisa Parkes* (6), daughter, scholar, born Amblecote;
- [6] *Nelley Davey Parkes* (4), daughter, born Amblecote;
- [7] *Elizabeth Davey* (67), mother in law, no occupation, born Suffolk;
- [8] *Emily Scott* (45), general servant, born Quarry Bank;
- [9] *William A. Boof* (22), visitor, pattern maker, born Gloucester:

Charles Parkes was also a butcher.

He died on 26th October 1886.

The Amblecote Conservative Association met here in the 1880's.

1891 Census

Wolverhampton Road

- [1] *Caroline Parkes* (40), widow, licensed victualler, born Prestwood, Staffordshire;
- [2] *George Parkes* (19), son, butcher, born Wombourne;
- [3] *Harry Parkes* (17), son, fitter, born Amblecote;
- [4] *Louisa Parkes* (16), daughter, barmaid, born Amblecote;
- [5] *Nellie Parkes* (14), daughter, barmaid, born Amblecote;
- [6] *Albert Parkes* (11), son, born Amblecote;
- [7] *Gertrude Parkes* (7), daughter, born Amblecote;
- [8] *Ellen Davies* (75), mother, widow, born Ditchingham, Norfolk;
- [9] *Nellie Morris* (24), visitor, born Stourbridge:

William Elliott was fined 31s and costs, on 26th July 1897, for selling intoxicating liquor during prohibited hours.

1901 Census

Holloway End

- [1] *Joseph Bate* (46), publican, born Himley;
- [2] *Patience Bate* (44), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Harry Bate* (22), son, carpenter, born Himley;
- [4] *Joseph Bate* (19), son, carpenter, born Wall Heath;
- [5] *Jessie Bate* (18), daughter, born Wall Heath;
- [6] *Elsie Bate* (15), daughter, born Wall Heath;
- [7] *Edith Bate* (14), daughter, born Wall Heath;
- [8] *Lily Bate* (13), daughter, born Wall Heath;
- [9] *Mable Bate* (5), daughter, born Wall Heath;
- [10] *Winnifred Bate* (3), daughter, born Wall Heath:

License renewal refused on 28th June 1926.

License extinguished on 31st December 1926.

It was demolished in the 1940's.

RISING SUN

46, Pedmore Road, Lower Lye, LYE

OWNERS

John Mason and Co. (Quarry Bank) [1891]

Home Brewery (Quarry Bank) (acquired on 27th January 1905)

James Cook, Bulls Head, Lye (acquired in 1920)

LICENSEES

Henry Bellamy [1861] – [1862]

Mrs. Jane Bellamy [1870] – [1872] ?

Richard Bellamy [1871]

Thomas Mallen [1881] – [1892]

Walter Matthews [1905]

Isaac Fletcher [1916]

Frank Bridgwater [1921]

NOTES

1861 Census

Pedmore Road – RISING SUN

[1] *Henry Bellamy* (57), pipe manufacturer, born Oldswinford;

[2] *Jane Bellamy* (60), wife, born Oldswinford;

[3] *Thomas Bellamy* (25), son, pot manufacturer, born Oldswinford;

[4] *Richard Bellamy* (23), son, pipe manufacturer, born Oldswinford;

[5] *Emma Bellamy* (20), daughter, born Oldswinford;

[6] *Selina Bellamy* (18), daughter, born Oldswinford;

[7] *Ann Hatton* (14), servant, born Oldswinford:

1871 Census

Pedmore Road – RISING SUN INN

[1] *Richard Bellamy* (31), tobacco pipe manufacturer (employing 7 hands) and soda water manufacturer, born Lye;

[2] *Martha Bellamy* (24), wife, born Lye;

[3] *Mary J. Bellamy* (1), daughter, born Lye;

[4] *Jane Bellamy* (71), mother, widow, formerly inn keeper, born Lye:

1881 Census

Pedmore Road – RISING SUN INN

[1] *Thomas Mallen* (56), blacksmith and publican, born Stourbridge;

[2] *Ellen Mallen* (50), wife, born Stourbridge;

[3] *Ann M. Mallen* (26), daughter, dress maker, born Stourbridge;

[4] *Thomas Mallen* (24), son, fitter, born Stourbridge;

[5] *Amelia J. Taylor* (16), general servant, born Lye:

RISING SUN

Church Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Hunt [1855] – [1860]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

ROBIN HOOD

196, (196-200), (15), Collis Street, Dennis Park, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Cooksey Price

William Brettell, carpenter, Harts Hill (acquired on 16th April 1883 for £400)

William Oliver and Sons Ltd., Cradley (acquired in 1929 for £1,500)

Frederick Smith Ltd. (acquired on 12th February 1934)

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

Peter and Jean Rawson

Jean Rawson

Max Rawson (acquired in 1998)

LICENSEES

Cooksey Price [1868] – 1882);

Henry Scrannage (1882 – 1891);

Mrs. Harriet Scrannage (m. Marsh) (1891 – 1904);

Richard Marsh (1904);

John Henry Jacques (1904 – 1905);

Samuel Causer Whitehouse (1905 – 1906);

James Billingham (1906 – 1912);

Walter Farmer (1912 – 1913);

Alfred Bates (1913 – 1959);

Frederick A Yates (1959 – 1963);

Laura Yates [c. 1963] ?

Norman Henry McPherson (1963 – 1971);

Patricia Maud Hadley (1971 – 1973);

Leslie James Wright (1973 – 1976);

Reginald Francis Hadley (1976 – 1978);

Michael Norman John Wright (1978 – 1980);

Gerald Peter McLaren (1980 – 1981);

John Clifford Cooper (1981);

Pamela Joyce Cerrato (1981 – 1988)

Jean Rawson (1990 – 1995);

Max Rawson (1995 – [] manager

Michael Hamblett [1997]

Ben Jeavons [2008]



NOTES

15, Collis Street [1940]

196-200, Collis Street [2004]

196, Collis Street [2008]

It was situated on the north side of Collis Street.

It had a beerhouse license.

Cooksey Price, beer retailer, Dennis Park [1870]
He built a glass engraving workshop next to the pub.

1871 Census

Collis Street – Public House

- [1] *Cooksey Price* (44), glass engraver and innkeeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Ann Price (43), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] Ann Maria Price (18), daughter, scholar, born Oldswinford;
- [4] Jullia Price (14), daughter, scholar, born Oldswinford;
- [5] William C. Price (11), son, scholar, born Oldswinford:

Henry Scrannage was married to *Harriet*.
He died in 1891.

Harriet Scrannage, beer retailer, Collis Street. [1896]
She married Richard Marsh in 1895.

Mrs. Harriet Marsh, beer retailer, Collis Street. [1904]

James Billingham, beer retailer, Collis Street. [1912]

It sold for £1,500 at auction on 14th October 1929.

A full license was granted on 25th April 1951.

Jean Rawson was married to Peter.
They later split up.

Max Rawson was the son of *Jean* and Peter.
His partner was Charlotte Jeavons.

[2014]



2007

ROCK STATION

2, Vauxhall Road / Parkfield Terrace, (Foster Street), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd.
Thomas Plant and Co. Ltd. (acquired in 1920)
Ansells Ltd.
Sycamore Taverns (acquired in 1992)

LICENSEES

Edward Nicholls [1854]
John Martin [1870]
Isaac Marson [1871] – [1873]
T W Nendrick **(1875 – [])**
William F Law [1881]
William Higgs [1884]
John Skelding [1888] – [1892]
William Henry Bath [1916]
Enoch Wharton [1921]
B S Isherwood []
Len Cogzell []
Robert Adams [] – **1988)**
Shaun and Kim Jones **(1999 – [2004])**



1998

NOTES

Foster Street [1854], [1872], [1873]
Vauxhall Road [1888], [1990]
2, Vauxhall Road [2004]

VAUXHALL HOTEL
VAUXHALL GARDENS [1854]
VAUXHALL INN [1865], [1881]

Edward Nicholls issued tokens from here.



2009

Stourbridge Observer 14/1/1865

“Mr. W. Hawkins is instructed by the Devises in Trust under the Will of the late Mr. John Nock, to offer for Sale by Auction, on Friday, the 24th day of February, 1865, at the TALBOT HOTEL, Stourbridge, at Five o’clock in the afternoon, the following valuable Freehold Property, in the undermentioned Lots.....

Lot 7 – All that Old-Licensed Public House, known as the VAUXHALL INN, with Stable, Coach House, Vinery, Shed, and Outbuildings, Lawn, and the large Garden, well stocked with fruit trees, situate fronting to the road leading out of Foster Street, Stourbridge. This lot is now in the occupation of Mrs. Heath and James Hawthorne, or one of them, and contains in the whole 1a 0r 36p [1 acre 0 roods 36 poles]. The land in this lot may be advantageously sold off in plots for villa sites.”

Stourbridge Observer 24/8/1867

“To Be Let, the very eligible and pleasantly situated, Old-Licensed Inn, with nearly Half an Acre of Garden and Grass Land, Vinery, Stabling, Coachhouse, Piggery, and every convenience. The house has been greatly enlarged, and put in thorough repair. It contains Bar and Bar Parlour, Smoke Room, Tap Room, Kitchen, Brewhouse, Club Room, and Four Bed Rooms; and in the hands of an enterprising man it would speedily command a large Business. – Apply to Davies and King, Auctioneers and Land Agents, Stourbridge.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 20/5/1871

“Whitsuntide Holidays. Mr. *Isaac Marson*, begs to inform the Public of Stourbridge and Surrounding District that the Bowling Green, VAUXHALL INN, Foster Street, Stourbridge, will be open for Dancing on Monday and Tuesday 29th and 30th. A first-class Quadrille Band will be in attendance. The Splendid Fountain will play each day. Balloons will ascend at various intervals.

Wines and Spirits, Ales, Porter and Refreshments of the best quality at moderate charges.

Admission to the Green 3d each.....”

Isaac Marson was the patentee of the clay bath. [1873]

He was also a baker. [1873]

Midland Counties Evening Express 6/5/1875

“A vacancy will shortly occur in the representation of St. Matthews Ward [Wolverhampton] in the Town Council of this Borough in consequence of the removal of Mr. *T. W. Nendrick* from this town. Mr. *Nendrick* disposed of his grocery business in Exchange Street a short time ago, since which he has taken to the VAUXHALL INN, Foster Street, Stourbridge, with the VAUXHALL Pleasure Gardens at the rear. Whether Mr. *Nendrick* will resign his seat in the Council Chamber, or allow his office to lapse through non-attendance, we are not in a position to state.”

1881 Census

Foster Street - VAUXHALL INN

[1] *William F. Law* (30), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;

[2] *Frederick W. Law* (7), son, born Compton;

[3] *Leonard T. Law* (26), visitor, born Wolverhampton:

Len Cogzell was a well known illusionist.

He was also a member of Stourbridge Cycling Club.

Robert Adams died on 6th August 1988.

He was married to Yvonne.

[1994]

It was renamed ROCK STATION. [1998]

It was the headquarters of the Stourbridge Motor Cycle Club. [2003]

[2010]

Closed [2012]

ROCK TAVERN

17, Worcester Street, (Heath Road), Heath, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Stirzaker [1855]
Edward Timmins [1867]
Samuel Rollins [1870]
Robert Richards [1871]
Benjamin Mund* [1872]
Benjamin Maud* [] - **1872**;
Henry Davis **(1872 - []**
Harriet Duggan [1881]
Henry Tanswell [1888]

NOTES

Heath Road [1855]

It was situated on the opposite corner to the WAGGON AND HORSES.

It had a beerhouse license.

[1837]

Stourbridge Observer 17/8/1867

“*Edward Timmins*, landlord of the ROCK TAVERN, was summoned by Superintendent Freeman for keeping his house open for the sale of beer after the hour of eleven o’clock at night, on the 10th inst.

Police-constable Bosworth proved the case.

It being his first offence, he was ordered to pay the costs, 8s 6d.”

Samuel Rollins, beer retailer and grocer, 17, Worcester Street. [1870]

1871 Census

17, Worcester Street – ROCK TAVERN

- [1] *Robert Richards* (45), publican, born Elmley Lovatt;
- [2] *Catherine Richards* (46), wife, born Newcuf, Gloucestershire;
- [3] *Charles Richards* (13), son, errand boy, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Henry Richards* (11), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Kate Richards* (9), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Sarah A. Richards* (7), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [7] *Robert Richards* (3), son, born Kinver:

* probably the same person

Benjamin Mund, beer retailer and shopkeeper, 17, Worcester Street. [1872]

Harriet Duggan was also a grocer. [1881]

1881 Census

Worcester Street – ROCK TAVERN

[1] *Harriet Duggan* (55), widow, publican and grocer, born Bridgnorth;

[2] *Joseph Duggan* (21), son, brewer, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Minnie Duggan* (13), daughter, scholar, born Birmingham:

Henry Tanswell, beer retailer, 17, Worcester Street. [1888]

It closed in 1910.

ROCK TAVERN

High Street, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Davies [1861] – [1876]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

James Davies = James Davis

1861 Census

Wordsley

- [1] *James Davies* (59), beerhouse keeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Davies* (59), wife, born Coalbournbrook;
- [3] *James Davies* (27), son, glassmaker, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Samuel Davies* (20), son, warehouseman, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Mary Davies* (17), daughter, born Kingswinford:

James Davies, beer retailer, Wordsley. [1870]

1871 Census

High Street – ROCK TAVERN

- [1] *James Davis* (70), widower, beer seller, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *James Davis* (36), son, glass maker, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Mary M. Davis* (27), daughter, house keeper, born Kingswinford:

The entry was crossed out of License Register in 1876.

ROEBUCK

105, Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Robert Drake, Brierley Hill [1872]
Susannah Drake, South Street, Brierley Hill (acquired in 1890)
Elwell, Williams and Co. [c. 1901]

LICENSEES

Benjamin Pearson [1870] – [1872]
Matthew Morris [1872] ?
Benjamin Pearson [] – **1881**;
Eli Pearson **(1881 – 1883)**;
William Broadhurst **(1883 – 1901)**;
William Henry Baggott **(1901 – 1903)**;
Thomas Ellis **(1903 – 1905)**;
Alfred William Perks **(1905 – 1909)**;

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Benjamin Pearson, beer retailer, Brettell Lane. [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

ROEBUCK

- [1] *Benjamin Pearson* (39), engine smith, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Prudence Pearson* (37), wife, born Amblecote;
- [3] *Emma Jane Pearson* (17), daughter, waitress, born Amblecote;
- [4] *George H. Pearson* (14), son, born Amblecote;
- [5] *Edwin T. Pearson* (3), son, born Amblecote;
- [6] *Alice Pearson* (18 months), daughter, born Amblecote:

1881 Census

Brettell Lane – ROEBUCK INN

- [1] *Benjamin Pearson* (48), engine driver at factory and publican, born Amblecote;
- [2] *Prudence Pearson* (47), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Edwin T. Pearson* (13), son, born Amblecote;
- [4] *Alice Pearson* (11), daughter, born Amblecote;
- [5] *Marrian Pearson* (9), daughter, born Amblecote;
- [6] *Amy S. Pearson* (6), daughter, born Amblecote:

William Broadhurst was born c. 1851 in Warrington.
He was married to Alice.

William Broadhurst, beer retailer, Brettell Lane. [1896]

William Henry Baggott was born in Brierley Hill.
He was married to *Mary Ann*.

Thomas Ellis, beer retailer, 105, Brettell Lane. [1904]

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority in 1st March 1909.
License renewal refused on 11th June 1909.
License extinguished on 11th December 1909.

Demolished.

ROEBUCK

Park Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Randle [1855]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

ROSE AND CROWN

1, High Street / Dudley Street, LYE

OWNERS

Banks and Co.

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1958]

LICENSEES

William Brooks [1860] – **1865**);

Richard Rhodes (**1865** – []

John Harward [] – **1867**);

James Rhodes (**1867** – []

William John Rhodes [1873] – [1884]

Samuel Evans [1888]

John Field [1892]

Walter James (**1897** – []

Walter James [1903]

Enoch Westwood [1916] – [1921]

ROSE AND CROWN INN, LYE.

MR. WOOLDRIDGE will SELL by AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 5th day of JULY, 1865, on the Premises, the Rose and Crown Inn, Lye, near Stourbridge, under a Distress for Rent and a Bill of Sale, all the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Four-pull Beer Machine, Well-seasoned Casks, Brewing Utensils, Gas Fittings, Fixtures, and Effects of Mr. William Brooks.

The Sale to commence at One o'clock, p.m.

Advert 1865

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OLD ROSE AND CROWN [1860], [1865]

It was known locally as the "Merica Bar".

William Brooks was also a maltster. [1864], [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 1/7/1865

".....Mr. Wooldridge will Sell by Auction, on Wednesday next, the 5th day of July, 1865, on the Premises, the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Lye. Near Stourbridge, under a Distress for Rent and a Bill of Sale, all the Household Furniture, Four-pull Beer Machine, Well-seasoned Casks, Brewing Utensils, Gas Fittings, Fixtures and Effects of Mr. *William Brooks*....."

John Harward was the official assignee of John Stephens.

It was rebuilt c. 1903.

Black Country Bugle 4/10/2001

'Quotes From The Black Country And Its Industries' (1903)

"Evidence of the rude and warlike generations of the past could be found on its old irregular walls and quaint but solid woodwork Cromwell and his followers turned their artillery on it whilst marching to Dudley, and certain it is that a large cannon ball was found planted in a staircase after the old building was demolished It is well remembered when a butcher's shop occupied the place of the present smoke room of the hotel, and the part facing Dudley Road and the buildings at the back were at one time or another a place of worship, a school room and a brewery The hotel has splendid accommodation, and the smoke room has seats for one hundred and fifty people; the club room holds a hundred with comfort, while the coffee room has seats for thirty. It is one of the features of this hotel that refreshments of all kinds are provided....."

Closed

ROSE AND CROWN

Stambersmill Road, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Green [1881]

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1881 Census

Stambersmill Road – ROSE AND CROWN Public House

- [1] *James Green* (45), potter, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Caroline Green* (38), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Anne J. Green* (17), daughter, domestic, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Laura Green* (5), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Louisa Green* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Jane Powell* (19), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

ROSE AND CROWN

52, Stourbridge Street, Hay Green, LYE

OWNERS

George Brettell
William Henry Simpkins [1896]
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1928]

LICENSEES

George Brettell [1860] – [1872]
Mrs. Priscilla Brettell [1871] – [1873]
Job Cook [1884] – [1888]
John Cook [1892]
William Heathcote [1916]
Harry Hall [1921]

NOTES

George Brettell married Priscilla Mobberley.

1871 Census

Haygreen – ROSE AND CROWN INN
[1] *Priscilla Brettell* (64), widow, licensed victualler, born Lye;
[2] Ann Morton (23), general servant, born Bromsgrove:

Stourbridge Observer 28/12/1872

“*Priscilla Brettell*, landlady of the ROSE AND CROWN, Hay Green, was summoned by Superintendent Freeman, for keeping her house open on Sunday last, during prohibited hours. Police-constable Harrison said that he saw a person named Hatton come from the house with a bottleful of ale. The offence was admitted, and defendant’s son said that his mother was ill, and the ale was supplied by a young person recently come to live at the house. Defendant was fined 10s and costs.

Stourbridge Observer 27/6/1874

“Mr. W. Fiddian has received Instructions from the Executors of the late Mr. *George Brettell*, to Sell by Auction at the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Hay Green, on Monday the 29th day of June, 1874, at Five for Six o’clock in the Evening, in the following, or other lots, and subject to conditions then to be produced, the undermentioned valuable Freehold Properties.....

Lot 1 – All that well accustomed and excellently situate Freehold Old-Licensed Public House, known as the ROSE AND CROWN, fronting the Stourbridge and Birmingham Turnpike Road, at Hay Green aforesaid, containing Bar, Smoke Room, Tap Room, Kitchen, Club Room, three Bed Rooms and large Cellars, with the Brewhouse, Stable, Gig-shed, and other appurtenances thereto belonging. Also, the Dwelling House adjoining the above, now occupied by William Griffiths, together with the Brewhouse and Outbuildings thereto belonging.....”

Stourbridge Observer 25/7/1874

“ROSE AND CROWN INN, Haygreen, near Stourbridge. Mr. W. Fiddian will Sell by Auction (by order of the executors of the late Mr. *George Brettell*) on Tuesday, the 28th day of July, 1874, on the Premises, as above, the Household Furniture and Effects, comprising birch Four-post, and other Bedsteads, fine Feather Beds, Mattresses, Mahogany Chests of Drawers, Wash Stands, Dressing Tables, Cane-seated Windsor, and other Chairs; Eight-day Clock in Mahogany case; Two eight-day Timepieces, Fire Proof Safe, 26in by 14in; Mahogany and Deal Tables, Sofa, Pier Glass &c., Public House Fixtures and Utensils, including 80-gallon Copper Furnace, Malt Mill, Seven Hogshead, Nine Half-hogshead, and other Casks; Tubs, Coolers, Stone Spirit Jars, Pewter Measures, Ale Glasses, Cups and Jugs, Quantity of Dinner Ware, Mahogany Frame Folding Screens, Long Deal Forms, Table tops and Trestles, Knives and Forks, Cooking Requisites, &c., useful Bay Mare, 6 years old, 14½ hands; Malvern Dog Cart, with cushions, and set of Silver-mounted Harness, the property of Mr. W. Brettell; Four-wheel Phaeton, with cushions; two-knife Chaff engine, Wood Shed, and numerous other Effects.....”

ROSE AND CROWN

20, Coventry Street, (Birmingham Street), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Edkins [1822]
Daniel Wooldridge [1850]
Mrs. Sarah Wooldridge [1855] – [1870]
James Beavon [1872] – [1873]
Germin Havard [1884]
Benjamin Wassall [1888]

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Birmingham Street [1864], [1865]
20, Coventry Street [1870]

1861 Census

Coventry Street

- [1] Sarah Wooldridge (72), widow, publican, born Hay Green;
- [2] Elizabeth Wooldridge (38), daughter, born Hay Green;
- [3] Sarah Wooldridge (28), daughter, born Hay Green;
- [4] Edwin Wooldridge (26), son, roll turner, born Hay Green;
- [5] Elizabeth Wooldridge (14), granddaughter, born Hay Green:

Stourbridge Observer 25/5/1867

“.....Davies & King are instructed to Offer for Sale by Auction, on Friday, the 14th day of June, 1867, at the ANGEL INN, Coventry Street, Stourbridge, at Six o'clock in the Evening,

Lot 1. All that well-accustomed, Old Licensed, Freehold Public House known as the ROSE AND CROWN INN, situate in and fronting to Coventry Street, Stourbridge, in the occupation of Mrs. Sarah Wooldridge. Also the Three Dwelling Houses adjoining, and fronting Coventry Street.....”

James Beavon = James Bevan

James Beavon, beer retailer, 20, Coventry Street. [1872]

At the Adjourned Licensing Day meeting, in October 1873, *James Beavon* was cautioned for harbouring prostitutes.

Germin Havard, beer retailer, 20, Coventry Street. [1884]

FREEHOLD OLD-LICENSED PUBLIC-HOUSE,
SEVERAL FRONT AND BACK DWELLING-
HOUSES, GARDEN GROUND, &c.
—
COVENTRY-STREET, STOURBRIDGE.
—
DAVIES & KING are instructed to OFFER
for SALE by AUCTION, on FRIDAY, the 4th
day of JUNE, 1867, at the ANGEL INN, COVENTRY-STREET,
STOURBRIDGE, at Six o'clock in the Evening, subject to
conditions to be produced, and either together or in the
following Lots, as may be then determined.
Lot 1.—All that well-accustomed Old-Licensed FREE-
HOLD PUBLIC-HOUSE, known as the “ROSE AND
CROWN INN,” situate in and fronting to Coventry-street,
Stourbridge, in the occupation of Mrs. Sarah Wooldridge.
Also the THREE DWELLING-HOUSES adjoining,
and fronting Coventry-street aforesaid, in the respective
occupations of John Morton, William Hill, and — Ware.
Also EIGHT TENEMENTS at the back of the above
property, together with the large Yard, Stabling Out-
buildings, Pump of Water, and Appurtenances belonging
thereto, occupied by G. Powell, Samuel Harris, Charles
Mills, — Spittle, and others.
The site of this Property contains 1,500 square yards,
or thereabouts, has an excellent frontage of 75ft. to Co-
ventry-street, and the total annual rents amount to
£105 16s.
Lot 2.—A Plot of Freehold GARDEN GROUND,
situate near to, and with a right of way from Birming-
ham-street, Stourbridge, bounded on the North by the
Brew Street, and on the other side by properties belong-
ing to the Executors of the late Mr. Richard Webb and
— Fletcher, and containing in area 700 square yards.
For further information apply to Messrs. Frazer and
Perry, Solicitors; or the Auctioneers; all of Stourbridge.

Advert 1867

ROSE AND CROWN

49, (48), Market Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Hobson [1862] – [1873]
Walter J Short [1881]
Miss F Flint [1882]

NOTES

48, Market Street [1865], [1871], [1873]
49, Market Street [1881], [1882]

1871 Census

48, Market Street – The ROSE AND CROWN

- [1] *Joseph Hobson* (46), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Emma Hobson* (41), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Joseph Hobson* (16), son, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Emma Hobson* (9), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge:

1881 Census

49, Market Street

- [1] *Walter J. Short* (31), licensed victualler, born Wollaston;
- [2] *Alice M. Short* (23), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Joseph A. Short* (2), son, born Wollaston;
- [4] *Ellen M. Short* (1), daughter, born Wollaston;
- [5] *Walter J. Short* (3 months), son, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Karoline Hodgkis* (16), domestic servant, born Oldswinford:

Dudley Herald 23/12/1882

“Sale by auction full licensed house ROSE AND CROWN in occupance of *Miss F. Flint*.....”

ROSE AND CROWN

Gossy Bank, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Josiah Baker [1850]

ROSE AND CROWN

Camp Hill, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Elizabeth Baylies [1872]

NOTES

Check Audnam Bank

ROSE AND CROWN

High Street, Audnam Bank, Audnam, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Wordsley Brewery Co. (acquired c. 1901)
Thomas Plant and Co. Ltd. (acquired on 2nd March 1908)
Hereford and Tredegar Brewery (acquired c. 1930)

LICENSEES

Ann Skidmore [1818]
Joseph Tomkins [1822] – [1835]
Charlotte Corbett [1850]
William Hall [1851] – **1865**;
Thomas Tetsill **(1865 – 1867)**;
Thomas Staniworth **(1867 – [])**
Mrs. Elizabeth Russell [1871] – **1876**;
George Powell **(1876 – 1881)**;
Mary Ann Powell **(1881 – 1882)**;
Henry Male **(1882 – 1889)**;
Mrs. Mary Ann Male **(1889 – 1892)**;
Henry Stevens **(1892 – 1893)**;
Thomas Yarnold **(1893 – 1894)**;
Sarah Ann Bragg **(1894 – 1898)**;
Samuel Thomas Pitt **(1898 – 1900)**;
Arthur Edward Houldey **(1900 – 1901)**;
George Fox **(1901)**;
Madaline Annie Fox **(1901)**;
Daniel Davis **(1901 – 1902)**;
John Amer **(1902 – 1903)**;
Harry Roberts **(1903 – 1904)**;
Johannah Simpson **(1904 – 1907)**;
Frederick Harry Perry **(1907 – 1909)**;
Charles Frederick Homes **(1909)**;
Enoch Colley **(1909 – 1911)**;
William Goring **(1911 – 1913)**;
Mrs. Alice Holloway **(1913 – 1924)**;
Sarah Thomas **(1924 – 1925)**;
Mary Elizabeth Thompson **(1925 – 1930)**;

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Joseph Tomkins = Joseph Tomkiss

1851 Census

ROSE AND CROWN INN

- [1] *William Hall* (24), victualler, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Caroline Hall* (29), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *William Hall* (10 weeks), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Esther Hall* (61), mother, widow, born Perry Barr;
- [5] *John Corbett* (21), brother in law;
- [6] *John Pitt* (17), brewer, born Kidderminster:

1861 Census

CROWN INN – High Street, Wordsley

- [1] *William Hall* (34), licensed victualler, born Kidderminster;
 - [2] *Caroline Hall* (40), wife, born Kidderminster;
 - [3] *Esther Hall* (73), mother, widow, born Handsworth;
- and a visitor and a servant:

William Hall was also a confectioner and a hay and straw dealer. [1864], [1865]

Thomas Tetsill = Thomas Tetsall

1871 Census

High Street – ROSE AND CROWN INN

- [1] *Elizabeth Russell* (62), unmarried (?), licensed victualler, born Ludlow;
- [2] *Mary A. Bayliss* (25), niece, born Ludlow:

1881 Census

Audnam – ROSE AND CROWN

- [1] *George Powell* (42), innkeeper, born Bromley, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary Ann Powell* (38), wife, born Wordsley;
- [3] *George E. Powell* (11), son, scholar, born Bromley, Staffordshire:

The license renewal to *John Amer* in March 1903 was allowed on condition that an alteration should be made to a larder window.

Tipton Herald 30/5/1903

“*John Hamar* (sic), of the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Audnam, Wordsley, was summoned for selling intoxicants on his premises during prohibited hours on the 6th inst, and further with neglecting to admit the police to the premises as soon as requested so to do.

Mr. J. Walter Clulow prosecuted on behalf of the Chief Constable of the County. He said that just after 11 o'clock on the evening of the 6th inst, PS Starling, PC Robinson and PC Lawton were watching near the defendants house. From that time up till nearly 12 o'clock a light could be seen and voices distinctly heard. The Sergeant being suspicious of what was happening in the house placed one of the officers at the back door, the other near the side window, and he himself knocked the front door, standing there for some time without getting a reply. Presently the landlady came to the bedroom window and inquired who it was, the Sergeant replied that it was the police who wished to be admitted, because they believed intoxicants were being sold during prohibited hours. It was quite fifteen minutes afterwards before the door was opened, but when the Sergeant was admitted and he had looked round, he found a man named Thomas Henry Wootton, of Kingswinford, lying upon the couch in the bar. He informed the police that he had been supplied since closing time. The landlady gave as an excuse that he had missed the tram, and was consequently obliged to stay all night, this was not so, however, because the officers had seen the tram pass themselves. The landlady's husband was away from home at the time.

PS Starling and PC Robinson both gave evidence, as did also the man Wootton.

Defendant, who did not appear was fined 50s including costs in each case, or in default 2 months imprisonment.”

The license renewal was referred to Compensation Authority on 3rd March 1930.
The license renewal was refused on 28th July 1930.
The license was extinguished on 27th December 1930.

Demolished

ROSE AND CROWN

22, (23), High Street, Audnam, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

John and Sarah Compson
William Hand (acquired in 1795)
Mortgaged to Thomas Badger, Stourbridge in 1814
Thomas Stanworth
Showells Brewery Ltd.
Joseph Billingham, chain manufacturer, Cradley
James Job Ecclestone, Brockmoor
Samuel White and Son (acquired c. 1927) (sold 1951)
Davenports Ltd. [1982]

LICENSEES

William Hand **(1795 – [1822])**
James Wellings **[1829] – [1834]**
Mrs. Sarah Wellings **[1835] – [1845]**
Joseph Moore **[1850] – [1865]**
Thomas Stanworth **[1870] – 1883);**
Martin Stanworth **(1883 – 1891);**
George John Turner **(1891);**
John Cunneen **(1891 – 1892);**
William Henry Morgan **(1892 – 1899);**
James Job Ecclestone **(1899 – 1913);**
Emily Catherine Ecclestone **(1913 – 1915);**
Thomas James Banks **(1915 – 1920);**
William Henry Wallis **(1920 – 1925);**
Alfred William Harris **(1925 – 1927);**
George Henry Bowen **(1927 – 1936);**
Thomas Hughgill Rymer **(1936 – 1953);**
Minnie Olivia Frazier **[] – 1951) ?**
Victor Alexander Moreton **(1953 – 1954);**
Arthur William Ellard **(1954 – 1955);**
Harold Burns Kidd **(1959);**
Stanley Robbins **(1959 – 1960);**
Wilfred Arthur Hill **(1960 – 1961);**
Frederick Nowell **(1961 – 1964);**
John Henry Franklin **(1964);**
John Downes **(1964 – 1966);**
Roy Broad **(1966 – 1967);**
Joseph 'Joe' Cox **(1967 – 1969);**
William Arthur Harris **(1969 – 1970);**
Michael Ryan Atkin **(1970 – 1974);**
David Darkes **(1974 – 1975);**
Ronald Edward Kirk **(1975 – 1976);**
Arthur Bennett **(1976 – 1978);**
Arthur Stephen Fleming **(1978 – 1982);**
Joseph 'Joe' Cox **(1982 – 1984);**
Paul Edward Johnson **(1984 – [1985])**

NOTES

22, High Street [1901], [1990], [1996], [2004]
23, High Street [1940]

CROWN [1881]

TO be LET, with Immediate Possession, that OLD-LICENSED PUBLIC-HOUSE known as "THE ROSE AND CROWN" INN, Audnam, near Stourbridge, and in the vicinity of Works. Stock-in-Trade to be taken to at a Valuation. The House has not changed hands for 24 years.—For particulars, apply to Davis and King, Auctioneers, Stourbridge.

Advert 1867

Stourbridge Observer 29/6/1867

"To be Let, with Immediate Possession, that Old-Licensed Public House known as The ROSE AND CROWN INN, Audnam, near Stourbridge, and in the vicinity of Works. Stock-in-Trade to be taken at a Valuation. The House has not changed hands for 24 years....."

William Hand was also a shoemaker. [1818]

1881 Census

High Street – CROWN INN

- [1] *Thomas Stanworth* (38), widower, flint glass maker and licensed victualler, born Pains Lane (?), Shropshire;
- [2] *Caroline Stanworth* (13), daughter, scholar, born Wordsley;
- [3] *Thomas H. Stanworth* (12), son, scholar, born Wordsley;
- [4] *Caroline Stanworth* (21), niece, house keeper, born Wordsley;

1901 Census

22, High Street – ROSE AND CROWN INN

- [1] *James J. Ecclestone* (35), brewer, wine and spirit merchant, born Moxley;
- [2] *Emily C. Ecclestone* (34), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Archibald N. P. Ecclestone* (12), son, scholar, born Brockmoor;
- [4] *Edward V. E. Ecclestone* (6), son, scholar, born Amblecote;
- [5] *Elizabeth C. Jones* (21), general servant, born Quarry Bank;

James Job Ecclestone was fined £8, including costs, for permitting drunkenness, on 6th July 1908.

Tipton Herald 13/3/1909

"A case of considerable local interest was commenced at the Birmingham Assizes on Thursday, before Mr. Justice Jelf and a special jury. It was an action in which the plaintiff was Mrs. Alice Wallington, wife of the Master of Stourbridge Workhouse, and the defendant was *James Job Ecclestone*, a licensed victualler, and a member of the Board of Guardians, residing at Wordsley. Mr. Vachell, KC, and Mr. A. Ward instructed by Mr. Clulow, Brierley Hill, were for the plaintiff, and Mr. Hugo Young, KC, and Mr. Graham Millward, instructed by Messrs. Travis and Sheldon, of Stourbridge, were for the defendant.

Plaintiff claimed damages for a slanderous statement uttered by the defendant, and in his defence the defendant stated that he did not speak the words, or, if he did, the words were not defamatory, and that they were spoken upon a privileged occasion, and that they were true.

At the outset Mr. Vachell said from the point of view of the plaintiff the case was a serious one, as the slander alleged was uttered against her as matron of a workhouse, and if it was true the conduct attributed would have invalidated her for service at the Stourbridge, or, indeed, any other workhouse. The defendant, the landlord of the ROSE AND CROWN, Wordsley, situated very near the workhouse, was elected a Guardian of the Stourbridge Union three or four years ago, and since then had been a most active member. Shortly after his appointment, he showed a decided animus against both the master and the matron of the workhouse. He was everlastingly discovering nests, which, on investigation, were proved to be those of mares. Time after time he made complaints against master and matron, which were proved to have absolutely no foundation and were only made in a spirit of hostility to those officers.

In 1908 he evidently made up his mind to get rid of Mr. and Mrs. Wallington, for he stated to one or two of the minor officials that they need not mind the master and matron, because he was going to bring about a clean sweep and have

them all turned out. He was very active in trying to get evidence of maladministration at the workhouse, and obtained depositions of a number of the paupers, charges being contained therein against the plaintiff and her husband of using the moneys of the ratepayers for the purpose of establishing a photographic dark-room, costing, it was suggested, something like £30, charges which reflected on the honesty of the plaintiff as being responsible for certain stores used in the Union were also made. These charges defendant brought to the notice of the Local Government Board in a rather curious and roundabout way. He told the Local Government Board that he had received two anonymous letters, and he sent copies of these letters to the Right Honourable John Burns, and said he had found out the writers, and they were prepared to swear upon oath that the statements were true. The facts were not acted upon by the Board, and they were of the opinion that the straightforward thing would be for the defendant to bring his charges before the Guardians. He went on collecting the depositions in secret, and the ultimate end of that course was that in December, some months after the Local Government Board had first been approached, the whole of the charges, amounting in all to forty two, were inquired into by a committee appointed for that purpose, the hearing lasting something like four days or more.

Every one of these charges were held to be disproved, and it was shown that in acting in this way he did, the defendant had absolutely nothing in substance to go upon, but he had acted simply and solely in malice. These depositions were collected somewhere about June or July, and then on August 7th there was a meeting of the Guardians, and at that meeting the slander complained of was uttered. He made a number of complaints against the Master of the Workhouse, and, amongst other things, he said there was a gate at the back of the nurses' quarters, and suggested that this was allowed by the matron, who was responsible for the female officers, for the express purpose of some improper conduct and some improper usage by the nurses or perhaps that they might sally forth at undesirable hours or receive undesirable visitors, or perhaps a place where they might take away the goods of the Union. This, however, he would not say.

He was asked for what special purpose he thought the gate was put there, and he said he would state that 'later on, when a Local Government Board enquiry was held.' He proceeded from this matter to charge the master and matron practically with falsifying a weight ticket in connection with a supply of meat coming into the workhouse, and in another instance he persuaded one of the paupers to cease work which he had been set to do. The pauper was placed under arrest, and subsequently charged the labour master with assault. The two cases were heard the same day before the Stourbridge magistrates. The pauper was sentenced, and the charge of assault was proved to be entirely without foundation.

In connection with the complaint about the meat ticket, a Guardian named Mr. Briggs moved a resolution that the master be reprimanded for disobeying the orders of the Board in that direction. The defendant seconded, and said, 'The master has openly defied the Board by not carrying out their resolution, and it was quite time that he was relieved of his duties. He was convinced if the business of that institution had been carried out in the Board room instead of so many secret meetings being carried on in the master's and matron's and mistress's room, and if there had been much less hugging and kissing of the matron by a certain member of the Board____.' Then there followed an uproar, and all that Mr. *Eccleston* said in reply to cries of 'Name' was that he would prove what he was saying at a Local Government Board inquiry. There were several lady members on the Board, and since then the defendant had said he meant a lady member and not a gentleman, when he made his statement. But counsel submitted that the very fact that he said he would prove his allegations at a Local Government Board inquiry, proved that he did not refer to a lady member.

It might be pleaded that the meeting was a privileged occasion. His lordship would decide as to that, but even if decided that it was there still remained the question as to whether the defendant was not actuated by what was called express malice.

Mrs. Alice Wallington went into the witness box and denied that she had ever kissed any of the male Guardians or had been kissed by any of them. But she had been kissed by every one of the lady members of the Board. Since the statement had been made she had suffered a great deal of annoyance.

Mr. Hugo Young, addressing the jury, said an action had never been brought with less justification. It had been abundantly cleared up before the action was commenced that no imputation rested upon Mrs. Wallington. The whole basis of the defendant's position was that he had never made an imputation of the kind suggested.

If the accusation which Mr. *Eccleston* brought was that lady members of the Board had kissed the matron there was no slander and nothing for him to apologise for, and that, he thought, was established. Mr. *Eccleston*, it was pointed out, was prompted by a desire to set right many things which were wrong at the workhouse. There were many irregularities, and he was accused of being in the minority in endeavouring to rectify them.

The hearing was resumed on Friday morning, when Mr. Young continued his speech for the defence. He asked, if it was right, if lady guardians were to be introduced into public life, that they should be on any other sort of terms

with the officers and servants than the gentlemen who had to administer affairs. It might very well be that ladies were in the habit of kissing. But, as he had said before, if these ladies were going to enter public life, they must give up that habit of dealing with servants under their control. Men were not on these sort of terms with the master, and again he submitted, if ladies came into public life, they must adopt some of the customs of the gentlemen, and not allow those sort of feelings to enter into the discharge of their duties. Whatever view they might take of it, whether they said it was right or wrong, all he wanted to put forward was that it was quite open to anybody to take a contrary view and take it honestly, it was open to him, without being liable to attack on the ground of uttering slander, to address the Board on an occasion absolutely privileged, and to express an opinion in relation to the conduct referred to.

Mr. Young, proceeding, denied that his client was prompted by feelings of animosity, and held that to say Mr. *Eccleston*'s statement referred to a gentleman member and not a lady was a misapprehension that the plaintiff had been under all the time.

Mr. *Eccleston*, of High Street, Wordsley, then went into the box and admitted that he seconded the motion to report the matron's conduct to the Local Government Board, but he did not think that a single member of the Board inferred from his speech a charge of immorality against the matron. At any rate, there were no words which implied that such an inference had been drawn.

(Proceeding)"

Joseph Cox was married to *Cynthia*.

[2014]



2009



1999

ROSE AND CROWN +

WORDSLEY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Miss Caroline Corbett [1849] – [1850]

ROUND OF BEEF

Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Baggott [1864]

NOTES

Stourbridge Observer 17/12/1864

“John Baggott, landlord of the ROUND OF BEEF public house, Coventry Street, was charged with indecently assaulting Sarah Simmons, on the 11th inst. Mr. Perry defended. Complainant said she was a servant to defendant. On the above date, in the afternoon, she was upstairs, making the beds, when he came up to her, and attempted to take liberties with her, by putting his hands under her clothes. In answer to the Bench, complainant said there was no one in the house at the time, Mrs. Baggott having gone to chapel. Mr. Perry addressed the court for the defendant, contending that the charge was unsupported by any witness, and the Bench said they were of the opinion there was not sufficient evidence to convict, and dismissed the case.”

ROYAL EXCHANGE

75-77, (40), Enville Street, (30, Beauty Bank), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Mrs. Sophia Matthews

Leased to Bathams Brewery (July 1946 - 1960)

Bathams Brewery (acquired in 1960)

LICENSEES

John Tauberville [1855]

Mary Turberville [1871] - **1873**);

Henry Harris (**1873** - []

Charlotte Harris [1881]

Joseph Dockerty [1884] - [1888]

Harry Timmins Skelding [] - **1903**);

Joseph Dockerty (**1903** - **1908**);

Isaac Thomas Digger (**1908** - **1922**);

Francis Ernest 'Frank' Matthews (**1922** - **1948**);

Edward Beach (**1948** - **1957**);

Wilfred Percy Wells (**1957** - **1969**);

Stanley Roy Johnson (**1969** - **1977**);

Jeffrey Rollinson Powell (**1977** - **1981**);

Daniel Bertram Arthur Batham (**1981**);

Geoffrey Leslie Clayton (**1981** - **1983**);

Richard William Clayton (**1983** - **1987**);

Ivan Graham Courtman (**1987** - **1989**);

David Michael Martin (**1989** - **1990**);

Keith John Wales (**1990** - []

Andrew Carnell [1993] - [1994]

Leann M McKinney [2007] - **2008**)



NOTES

30, Beauty Bank [1871]

40, Enville Street [1881], [1884], [1888], [1911]

75, Enville Street [1993]

75 - 77, Enville Street [1994], [2003]

It was originally a butcher's shop.

It had a beerhouse license.

Joseph Dockerty, beer retailer, Enville Street. [1884]

Joseph Dockerty, beer retailer, 40, Enville Street. [1888]

Frank Matthews was also a brewer.

Mary Turberville = Mary Turberfield

1871 Census

30, Beauty Bank – ROYAL EXCHANGE

- [1] Mary Turberville (58), widow, public house keeper, born London;
- [2] Charlotte Turberville (28), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [3] John Turberville (23), son, glass engraver, born Stourbridge;
- [4] Henry Turberville (20), son, merchant's clerk, born Stourbridge:

1881 Census

40, Enville Street – ROYAL EXCHANGE

- [1] Charlotte Harris (38), widow, licensed victualler, born Prestwood;
- [2] Ada Louisa Harris (6), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [3] Edith M. Harris (4), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [4] Harry Harris (3), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [5] Eliza Heathcock (14), domestic servant, born Stourbridge:

1911 Census

40, Enville Strewet – The ROYAL EXCHANGE

- [1] Isaac Thomas Digger (41), brewer, born Worcester;
- [2] Alice Helen Digger (39), wife, married 13 years, born Pensnett;
- [3] Albert Howard Digger (12), son, school, born Pensnett;
- [4] Ethel Pagett (23), general servant, Woleston [Wollaston]:

A full license was confirmed on 26th April 1948.

Leann McKinney died on 4th October 2008.

[2014]



c. 1980s



1986



2014

ROYAL EXCHANGE

109, (104), (110), (Upper) High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Richard Bateman [1870] – [1872] ?
John Page [1871] – **1872**;
Samuel Smith (**1872** – [1873]
Mrs. Ann Jane Allencocker* [1884]
Mrs. Ann Jane Cocker* [1888]
Henry Jackson [1908] – [1912]
John Thomas Roper [1916] – [1921]
John Preece [1920's]
John Pearson [1932]
William Howard Wincot [1940]
Chris Lloyd [early 1970's]
Michael French [2000]
Dean Rock [2010]

NOTES

110, High Street [1870], [1871], [1911], [1916], [1921]
104, High Street [1982]
109, High Street [1997], [2002], [2003]

It had a beerhouse license.

Richard Bateman, beer retailer, 110, High Street. [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

110, High Street – ROYAL EXCHANGE

[1] *John Page* (33), licensed victualler and maltster, born Halesowen;
[2] *Mary Page* (35), wife, born Newton Solney, Derbyshire;
[3] *George H. Thomas* (11), stepson, scholar, born Burton on Trent;
[4] *Elizabeth M. Thomas* (9), stepdaughter, scholar, born Newton Solney, Derbyshire;
[5] *John William Thomas* (8), stepson, scholar, born Stourbridge;
[6] *Charles J. Page* (2), son, born Stourbridge;
[Newton Solney is about 3 miles NE of Burton on Trent.]

John Page, beer retailer, 110, High Street. [1872]

* probably the same person

Mrs. Ann Jane Allencocker, beer retailer, 110, High Street. [1884]

Mrs. Ann Jane Cocker, beer retailer, 110, High Street. [1888]

It was rebuilt c. 1906.

‘Home Brewed Ales’ were advertised. [c. 1908]

The full license from the SAMPLE BAR was transferred here on 25th April 1908.

1911 Census

110, High Street

- [1] *Henry Jackson* (48), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Annie Jackson* (43), wife, married 25 years, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *William Jackson* (16), son, railway porter, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Violet Jackson* (19), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [5] *Wilfred Jackson* (15), son, railway porter, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Gladys Jackson* (13), daughter, school, born Stourbridge;
- [7] *Walter Jackson* (11), son, school, born Stourbridge;
- [8] *Charles Jackson* (7), son, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Frederick Jackson* (5), son, born Stourbridge;

Chris Lloyd was married to Jan.

It was renamed MEETING PLACE. [2000]

[2003]

It was renamed GLASSHOUSE. [2007]

[2010]

Closed [2014]



1997



2014

ROYAL OAK

66, (64), (69,) High Street / Vicarage Road, (Amblecote Lane), Holloway End, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

William Westwood, Oldswinford

George Frederick Fawdry (acquired on 12th May 1892)

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (leased from G. F. Fawdry from 1914)

Harper, Hitchman and Co., Worcester (acquired c. 1921)

Hunt, Edmunds and Co. Ltd.

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired on 2nd January 1939 for £1,800)

LICENSEES

Edward Shearstone [1829] – [1834]

Joseph Hooman [1835]

Edward Shearstone [1836]

Thomas Best [1841]

Mrs. Sarah Taylor [1845]

William Sedgley [1850] – [1851]

John Bristow [1854]

Timothy McCarthy [1861] – [1865]

Mrs. Rachel McCarthy [1868] – [1872]

Timothy McCarthy [1872] – **1877**;

Rachel McCarthy (**1877 – 1880**);

Edmund Lowndes (**1880 – 1881**);

Robert Paine (**1881 – 1882**);

William Preece (**1882**);

Edwin Attwood (**1882 – 1884**);

George Frederick Fawdry (**1884 – 1908**);

Edgar William Lloyd (**1908 – 1909**);

Geoffrey Meredith Dorrell (**1909 – 1910**);

James William Smith (**1910 – 1912**);

John Drake (**1912 – 1913**);

Frederick Chancellor (**1913**);

William Horton (**1913 – 1935**);

Mrs. Elizabeth Horton (**1935 – 1955**);

Ellen Elizabeth Evans (**1955 – 1957**);

Wilfred James Baker (**1957**);

William John Phipps (**1957 – 1958**);

Bertram George Foster (**1958**);

James Disraeli Stafford (**1958 – 1974**);

William James Horton (**1974 – 1979**);

John Edward Phillips (**1979 – 1983**);

Andrew Patrick Waddell (**1983 – 1985**);

Colin Robert Fisher (**1985 – 1986**);

Ian William Jacques (**1986 – 1987**);

Jonathan Michael Morris (**1987 – 1991**);

Nicholas John Walker (**1991 – []**)

Dave Dann (**1995 – 1997**)

Dave Dann (**1999 – []**)



Wayne Etheridge [2006] – **2008**)
Jaclyn Reynolds [2011]

NOTES

Holloway End [1896]
69, High Street [1940]
64, High Street [1990], [1997], [1998]
66, High Street [2001], [2003], [2004]

[1718]

It was originally known as the GREEN DRAGON. [1722]

It had a beerhouse license.

William Sedgley was born c. 1810.
He was also a glass cutter.
He was married to Bridget.

The name was changed to BIRD IN HAND. [1861]

Timothy McCarthy = Timothy M'Carthy

Timothy M'Carthy retailer of beer, Amblecote. [1862]

Timothy McCarthy was born c. 1835 in Ireland.
He was also a glass cutter.
He was married to *Rachel*.

The name was changed to ROYAL OAK. [1864]

Stourbridge Observer 8/4/1865

“At the Public Office [Wordsley], on Monday last, Ann Page charged Mrs. Ruffley with assaulting her on the 27th inst., at a Public house, near Amblecote Church. The complainant in giving her evidence, stated that on the evening in question, she was one of a select and respectable party, assembled at the ROUND (sic) OAK. About 10 o'clock the husband of the defendant handed a little beer to her, whereupon she (defendant) thought proper to exhibit a little jealousy, accordingly she gave the jug a push, hurt her mouth with it, and spilt the beer over the complainant's dress, which she assured the Magistrates was a print dress. Mrs. Ruffley, warming to the occasion, threatened to knock the cup down her throat, and swore that she should not drink with her husband. Miss Page feeling somewhat affronted by this conduct took out a summons, and doubtless expected the Magistrates would inflict a fine; they were, however, ordered to pay the costs, 8s, between them.”

1871 Census

Holloway End – ROYAL OAK
[1] *Rachel McCarthy* (53), widow, innkeeper, born Stafford;
[2] *John Cardo* (23), son, dumb, born Stafford:

Evening Star 12/6/1882

“*William Preece*, landlord of the ROYAL OAK, Amblecote, was fined 10s and costs, for neglecting to place his name on the sign of the house.”

George Frederick Fawdry was born c. 1869 in Birmingham.

He was married to *Rosario*.

He was fined £5 and costs, and his license was endorsed, on 11th August 1890, for permitting gaming.

He died on 2nd February 1946.

William Horton was married to *Elizabeth*.

He died on 19th March 1935.

Elizabeth Horton died in November 1954.

Provisional removal order granted on 6th February 1939.

It was demolished in 1957.

It was rebuilt at a cost of £14,036 13s 4d.

The new building was opened in 1958.

Alterations, costing £51,269, were made in 1983.

Dave Dann was married to *Lynn*.

See also LION, Pensnett.

A community marriage course, run by Amblecote Christian Centre, was held here. [2008]

[2013]

It closed in 2013.



2009

ROYAL OAK

28, Dudley Road / Badger Street, LYE

OWNERS

Peter Walker and Co. Ltd.
Bathams (acquired in 1923)
J. P. Simpkins and Sons Ltd. (acquired on 1st February 1929)
William Butler and Co. Ltd. (acquired in 1933 for £2,000)

LICENSEES

Thomas Rhodes [1836]
Mrs. Hannah Rhodes [1860] – [1873]
John Crudginton [1884] – [1892]
A Timperley [1902]
Mary Kendrick [1908]
Edward Pardoe [1916]
Harry Willetts [1921]
George Heathcock [1929]

NOTES

OLD ROYAL OAK [1873]
ROYAL OAK [1914]

It was known locally as the 'Fat Lady's'.

It had a beerhouse license.

Hannah Rhodes, beer retailer, Lye. [1864], [1865]

1871 Census

Dudley Road
[1] *Hannah Rhodes* (83), widow, victualler, born Lye:

It was sold at auction on 14th October 1929 for £2,000.

It closed on 27th May 1940 on the grounds of redundancy.

ROYAL OAK

Orchard Lane, LYE

OWNERS

Thomas Booth, Corbyns Hall Brewery
Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd. (acquired in 1938)

LICENSEES

William Gardner Snr. [1862] – [1873]
Nimrod Norris [1884] – [1892]
Frederick Pardoe [1916]
Adam Warrell [1921]
Francis George 'Frank' Green **(1935 – 1938)**
Wilfred Bernard Walker [] – **1953**;
Arnold Hodgkiss **(1953 – 1958)**;
Richard Edward Reginald George **(1958 – 1960)**;
Ronald Geoffrey Pratt **(1960 – 1963)**;
Keith Worton **(1963 – [1965]**

NOTES

William Gardner = William Gardener

William Gardner was also a coal dealer. [1873]

1871 Census

Orchard Lane – Public House

- [1] *William Gardner* (64), publican, born Lye;
- [2] *Jane Gardner* (62), wife, born Lye:

Stourbridge Observer 30/11/1872

“*William Gardener* was summoned by Superintendent Freeman for keeping his house open on the 20th November, after the hours allowed under the new Licensing Act. Police-sergeant Jones proved that the defendant kept the ROYAL OAK. He visited the defendant’s house at twelve o’clock and found two men in the house. One had a jug of ale before him, and the other a glass of whisky. Superintendent Freeman said the house was a well-conducted one generally. Fined 5s and costs.”

Francis Charles Green married Charlotte Booth (daughter of Thomas) in April 1935.
He died in 1938.

Richard E. R. George was fined £1, and £1 11s 6d costs, for selling intoxicating liquor to a person under 18, on 30th January 1959.

ROYAL OAK

Upper High Street, LYE

OWNERS

William James Smith
Jasper William Smith
Truman, Hanbury and Co.
Arthur Joseph and Daniel Batham Jnr. (acquired in 1923)
William Butler Ltd. (acquired in 1930)

LICENSEES

John Smith* [1865]
John Smith* [1882] – [1884]
William James Smith [1903] – **1912**);
Emily Jane Robinson (**1912 – 1914**);
William Parish (**1914 – 1916**);
William Davies (**1916 – 1920**);
William Hancock (**1920 – 1921**);
Hannah Smith (**1921 – 1922**);
Thomas Rutter (**1922 – 1923**);
Joseph Delves (**1923 – 1925**);
Edward Henry Preece (**1925 – 1927**);
Joseph Thomas Pargeter (**1927 – 1931**);
Thomas Henry Southall (**1931 – 1933**);
Charles Richard Goring (**1933 – 1957**);
Lily Goring (**1957 – 1958**);

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

* possibly the same person

Stourbridge Observer 6/5/1865

“At the Petty Sessions yesterday, *John Smith*, landlord of the ROYAL OAK, Lye, was charged by Superintendent Freeman, with having his house open for the sale of beer on the night of the 1st inst. at 11 o’clock. A.S. Falkner proved the case. This being his first offence, he was ordered to pay 2s 6d and costs, 12s.”

John Smith was also a grocer. [1882], [1884]

It closed on 11th April 1958, and the license was transferred to the WATERLOO, Oldswinford.
It became Bill’s Bakehouse.

Demolished

ROYAL OAK

Stambermill, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Ruth Smith [1871]

NOTES

1871 Census

Stamber Mill – ROYAL OAK

[1] *Ruth Smith* (39), widow, licensed to sell cider, born Amblecote;

[2] *Annie Lycett* (11), daughter, born Lye;

[3] *James A. Lycett* (6), son, born Lye;

[4] *Alice M. Lycett* (1), daughter, born Lye:

ROYAL OAK +

LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

Stourbridge Observer 23/8/1873

“On Monday last, an inquest was held at the ROYAL OAK before R. Docker, Coroner, touching the death of Maria Farmer, a girl aged five years. From the evidence adduced it appears that the child was picking gleeds on the embankment of Messrs. Rufford and Co.’s Works, Hungary Hill, on the Wednesday previous, when her clothes caught fire from the hot embers. Assistance arrived as soon as possible and the child was conveyed home, and received medical assistance; but her injuries were so great that she died on the following Friday night. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental death.”

ROYAL OAK

WORDSLEY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Hughes [1856]

NOTES

Brierley Hill Advertiser 1/3/1856

“Wordsley. *William Hughes*, landlord of the ROYAL OAK, was fined 5s and costs for having his house open after eleven o’clock on Sunday 17th ult.”

ROYAL TURF

74, (Upper) High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Crudgington [1841] – [1865]
Reuben Roby [1870]
Albert Edward Millward [1873]
Mrs. Constance Wraight [1884]
Arthur Grantham [1911] – [1916]
George Henry Downs [1921]



1983

NOTES

TURF INN [1841], [1850], [1862], [1865], [1867], [1873]
TURK [1845] [a mis-spelling?]
TURF TAVERN
ROYAL TURF [1916], [1921]

Thomas Crudgington = Thomas Crudington = Thomas Crutchington

Stourbridge Observer 12/10/1867

“Davies and King are instructed to Let the Goodwill, Licenses, and Possession of the TURF INN, High Street, Stourbridge, for nearly Thirty Years in the occupation of the late Mr. *Thomas Crudgington*. Sock in Trade, Furniture, &c, to be taken to at a Valuation. The House, which occupies a most central position, enjoys a good and respectable trade, and the present affords an excellent opportunity for anyone wishing to embark in the Public Business. There is also a good Dublin Porter and Burton Ale trade.....”

Mrs. *Constance Wraight*, wine and spirit vaults, 74, High Street. [1884]

1911 Census

High Street – TURF HOTEL

- [1] *Arthur Grantham* (49), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Scambleup, Leicestershire;
- [2] *Mary Alice Clarke Morris* (59), unmarried, housekeeper, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Dora Tredwell* (28), barmaid, born Evesham:

Closed

It became the ROYAL TURF CAFE (Cranages) - fully licensed. [1928]

It closed in February 1982.

SAMPLE BAR

8, Market Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Emma Pitts [] - **1907**);
Charles William Pitts (**1907**);
Charles Harry Pitts (**1907 - 1908**):

NOTES

The license was transferred to the ROYAL EXCHANGE on 15th April 1908.



SAMPSON AND LION

LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Robins [1845]

NOTES

John Robins was also a builder. [1845]

SAMSON AND LION

140, Brierley Hill Road, (Brewery Street), The Leys, Buckpool, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

George Firmstone [early 19th century]
Samuel Hill
Holt Brewery Co. Ltd.
Ansells Ltd.
Cenchex Ltd.
Marstons plc

LICENSEES

John Bacon [1845]
James Smith [1849] – [1871]
Thomas Scriven [1872] – **1879**;
Hannah Gallimore **(1879 – 1880)**;
Samuel Hill **(1880 – 1919)**;
Mary Eliza Steadman **(1919)**;
John Henry Smith **(1919 – 1920)**;
William Reuben Hingley **(1920 – 1929)**;
Florence McGill **(1929 – 1932)**;
Sidney Charles Smith **(1932 – 1933)**;
Maud Ethel Pardoe **(1933 – 1936)**;
John William Haywood **(1936 – 1938)**;
Arthur Henry Cooper **(1938 – 1944)**;
Jim Billingham **(1944 – 1945)**;
James Billingham **(1945 – 1949)**;
Dennis Edwin Hill **(1949 – 1955)**;
James Horace Westwood **(1955 – 1960)**;
Henry Grosvenor **(1960 – 1961)**;
Gladys May Wells **(1961 – 1967)**;
Archer Wells **(1967 – 1977)**;
John Lloyd Jones **(1977 – 1982)**;
Michael John 'Mike' Chater **(1982 – 1991)**;
Albert John Robinson **(1991)**;
Roger John Cartwright **(1991 – 1992)**;
Derek Robert Ford **(1992 – 1993)**;
Paul Henry Harrison **(1993 – [1994])**
Gary Mitchell []
Stephen Allsebrook [2003]
Steve Ford [2005]
George Fox [2010]
Sheila White [2013]



NOTES

SAMPSON AND LION [1865], [1896]

James Smith was also a grocer. [1865]

He was also a canal boat proprietor. [1870]

1851 Census

Bug Pool

- [1] *James Smith* (51), licensed victualler and boatman, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Smith* (45), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Jane Scriven* (19), daughter, employed at home, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Elizabeth Smith* (17), daughter, employed at home, born Sedgley;
- [5] *George Smith* (16), son, employed at home, born Rowley;
- [6] *Selina Smith* (14), daughter, employed at home, born Rowley;
- [7] *John Smith* (12), son, scholar, born Rowley;
- [8] *James Smith* (10), son, scholar, born Rowley;
- [9] *Sarah Ann Smith* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [10] *William Gibbs* (29), house servant, born Kingswinford;
- [11] *Thomas Scriven* (21), son in law, puddler at iron works, born Kingswinford:

1861 Census

Buckpool

- [1] *James Smith* (61), victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Smith* (54), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *George Smith* (27), son, coal dealer, born Rowley;
- [4] *John Smith* (21), son, labourer, born Rowley;
- [5] *James Smith* (20), son, labourer, born Rowley;
- [6] *Sarah Smith* (11), daughter, born Rowley;
- [7] *Sarah Bradford* (18), servant, born Rowley;
- [8] *Isaac Ridler* (25), brewer, born Stroud:

1871 Census

Buck Pool – SAMSON AND LION INN

- [1] *James Smith* (71), widower, licensed victualler and cinder dealer, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Keeling* (65), sister in law, born Tipton;
- [3] *Sarah Ann Smith* (20), help for father, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Thomas Darby* (40), servant (brewer &c), born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Elizabeth Scriven* (18), niece, domestic servant, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Sarah Ann Scriven* (9), niece, scholar, born Kingswinford:

Samuel Hill was also a furniture broker. [1892]

The furniture business was next door to the pub, and is now incorporated in it.

He was married to Dorcas.

He was also the treasurer of the Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1902]

Samuel Hill, SAMPSON AND LION, brewer and house furnisher, licensed valuer and appraiser, bar and smoke room fitter; furniture bought, sold or exchanged. Bar fitter and publican's utensils &c. [1904]

He was vice president of The Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers', Brewers', Wine and Spirit Merchants' and Beer Retailers' Association. [1918]

Mike Chater was born c. 1945.

Gary Mitchell was married to Angela.

Paul Harrison was married to Debbie.

It was damaged by fire on 21st July 2003.

Stephen Allsebrook was married to Rachel.

[2013]



1994



2007

SARACENS HEAD

178, (Lower) High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

J. F. C. Jackson Ltd., Diamond Brewery
Darby's Dunkirk Brewery Ltd. (acquired on 4th May 1937)
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. [1954]

LICENSEES

John Wall [1820] – [1835]
S G Wall [1839]
George Wall [1841] – [1854]
John Scott [1861] – [1865]
Samuel Green [1867] – [1870]
Mrs. Elizabeth Green [1871] – [1872]
Martha P Yardley **(1872 – []**
James Clarke [1873]
Mrs. Martha Priscilla Clarke [1881] – [1884]
David Vaughan [1888] – [1892]
James Clarke [1904]
W Greenfield [1908]
Julian Osborne Barlow [1916] – [1921]
Mrs. Alice Haywood [1928] – [1930]
F C Skinner [1954]

NOTES

OLD SARACENS HEAD [1820], [1845]
SARACENS HEAD [1850], [1867], [1871], [1873]

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

178, High Street

- [1] John Scott (36), victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] Harriet Scott (33), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] Isabella Scott (8), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [4] Charlotte Scott (9), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [5] John A. Scott (6), son, born Stourbridge;
- [6] Arthur D. Scott (4), son, born Stourbridge;
- [7] James E. Scott (3), son, born Stourbridge;
- [8] Elizabeth Shaw (35), cousin, visitor, born Stourbridge:

Stourbridge Observer 10/8/1867

“The anniversary of Court ‘Fountain of Hope’, 2527, of the Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society, Stourbridge and East Worcestershire District, was celebrated at Host *Green’s*, SARACENS HEAD INN, High Street, on Monday the 5th of August, and was attended by a numerous body of members and their friends. The dinner was truly sumptuous, combining the choicest delicacies and the more substantial viands; and the catering of the indefatigable host and hostess was the theme of general admiration. The Courtroom was beautifully and characteristically decorated with mottos, &c, &c. Upon the removal of the cloth Brother G. Wall, Esq, M.R.C.S., was proposed to preside, and the treasurer of the district, Mr. S. Broughton, to the vice chair.....”

1871 Census

178, High Street

- [1] *Elizabeth Green* (26), widow, innkeeper, born Oldswinford;
- [2] *Martha Green* (5), daughter, born Oldswinford;
- [3] *Elizabeth Green* (2), daughter, born Oldswinford;
- [4] *Thomas Corbett* (27), boarder, saddler, born Oldswinford;
- [5] *Elizabeth Gauden* (25), general servant, born Oldswinford:

Mrs. *Elizabeth Green*, beer retailer, 178, High Street. [1872]

Stourbridge Observer 6/7/1872 - Advert

“The SARACENS HEAD INN, Lower High Street, Stourbridge / *Martha P. Yardley* / Begg to return thanks to those Customers who supported her while at the SWAN, Oldswinford, and to inform her friends that she has taken to the above Old-Established Inn, and will be glad to see her old friends, and as many new ones as possible / Don’t Forget The Address.”

1881 Census

178, High Street

- [1] *Martha P. Clarke* (49), widow, licensed victualler, born Oldswinford;
- [2] *Sarah E. Yardley* (21), daughter, born Oldswinford;
- [3] *Martha P. Clarke* (7), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Martha Wall* (82), aunt, born Clent;
- [5] *Robert Richards* (54), brewer, born Elmley Lovatt;
- [6] *Elizabeth Windwood* (19), domestic servant, born Lye:

Midland Advertiser 18/1/1930

“The SARACENS HEAD INN, Lower High Street, Stourbridge, one of the oldest and best known of the local licensed houses, was the scene of a painful occurrence on Monday afternoon. As a result of what took place, Lily May Shepherd (20), whose home is at Commonside, Pensnett, was brought before a special Court at Stourbridge Police Station on Tuesday morning, and remanded until Friday, on a charge of attempted murder.

It appears that Mrs. *Alice Haywood*, a widow, has held the license of the SARACENS HEAD for about two years. Some few months ago, Lily May Shepherd was engaged as a domestic servant by Mrs. *Haywood*, and went to reside at the SARACENS HEAD. So far as can be ascertained everything went along smoothly until Monday afternoon. Shortly after 2pm, when the business had been closed for the afternoon, Mr. Arthur Perry, furniture dealer, whose premises adjoin the SARACENS HEAD, was alarmed by strange noises – moans and groans – coming from the public house. Thinking there was something amiss, Mr. Perry obtained assistance, and at once proceeded to the rear of the SARACENS HEAD, by way of the narrow passage which gives access to the yard and kitchen. Pushing open the kitchen door, they were confronted with a terrifying sight. Mrs. *Haywood* and the girl Shepherd were together on the floor, and both were bespattered with blood. The kitchen itself was in a state of great disorder, and gave the immediate impression of a dire struggle having taken place.

Mr. Perry, who at once separated the women, noticed that Mrs. *Haywood* was in a very bad way. Her head had received severe injuries. A mallet was found near the parties, and on this there were bloodstains. It was as Mr. Perry said, ‘a horrible scene.’

Dr. J. Sinton was immediately summoned and the police informed. On Dr. Sinton’s instructions Mrs. *Haywood* was conveyed to the Corbett Hospital, where it was found that the head injuries were of a very severe nature. She was detained. The girl Shepherd was taken to the Workhouse at Wordsley.

Later in the day the police, after making searching enquiries, decided on the step which gave the affair a sensational colouring. Proceeding to the Workhouse Infirmary, Police Inspector Halford visited the girl Shepherd. After administering the usual warning he charged Shepherd with attempting to murder Mrs. *Alice Haywood*. She made no reply to the charge.

On Tuesday morning, at the Police Station, Shepherd was brought before Alderman W. R. Selleck and Mrs. S. Johnson. The proceedings were of a brief nature.

Inspector Halford stated that on Monday evening he visited the Workhouse, and saw the girl Lily May Shepherd. After warning her, he charged her with attempting to murder Mrs. *Haywood* by striking her on the head with a mallet, and then by putting Mrs. *Haywood's* head in the gas stove and turning on the gas.

Shepherd, who did not appear to realise the nature of the proceedings on Tuesday morning, gazed about her vacantly. She did not seem to understand the question as to whether she had any objection to being remanded to prison, and made no reply.

Upon the question being explained to her by Supt. Milsom she replied, 'I can't understand it.'

As stated above, the magistrates remanded her in custody until Friday.

The affair, as can be imagined, has caused quite a sensation in the borough, and it has been practically the sole topic of conversation in the district. The girl Shepherd lived at Commonsides, Pensnett, for many years. In that locality, where her parents still reside, she was very well known and popular among her acquaintances. It was her custom to visit her parents every week and so far as can be gathered she intended doing so on Monday, when the unfortunate affair took place. She told her brother, who called at the SARACENS HEAD on Monday morning, that after she had been to the pictures she would visit her home. The girl's parents were not aware of what had happened until hours after the occurrence."

It closed on 10th April 1970.

Demolished

The site was occupied by an office block, built in 1986.

THE SARACEN'S HEAD INN,
LOWER HIGH-STREET, STOURBRIDGE.

MARTHA P. YARDLEY

BEGS to return thanks to those Customers who supported her while at the Swan Inn, Old-swinford, and to inform her friends that she has taken to the above Old-Established INN, and will be glad to see her old friends, and as many new ones as possible.

☛ DON'T FORGET THE ADDRESS.

Advert 1872

SERJEANT

High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard Hodgson [1820]

Mary Perks [1822]

Diana Edwards [1829] – [1835]

NOTES

OLD SERGEANT [1820], [1822]

SEVEN STARS

101, Pedmore Road, LYE

OWNERS

Herbert Newnam and Sons Ltd.

LICENSEES

Elisha Brooks [1845] – [1870]

William Brooks [1871] – [1873]

Mrs. Hannah Brooks [1881] – [1892]

George Edwin Dufield [1914] – [1921]

Billy Taylor [1942]

NOTES

It stood next door to Newnam's Brewery.

Elisha Brooks was also a wheelwright and carpenter. [1860]

1871 Census

Pedmore Road – 7 STARS INN

[1] *William Brooks* (49), licensed victualler, born Lye;

[2] *Hannah Brooks* (49), wife, born Lye;

[3] *Mary Ann Brooks* (21), daughter, born Lye;

[4] *Elisha E. Brooks* (19), son, tailor's apprentice, born Lye;

[5] *Sarah A. Brooks* (17), daughter, dressmaker, born Lye:

1881 Census

Pedmore Road – 7 STARS INN

[1] *Hannah Brooks* (60), widow, licensed victualler, born Lye:

SEVEN STARS

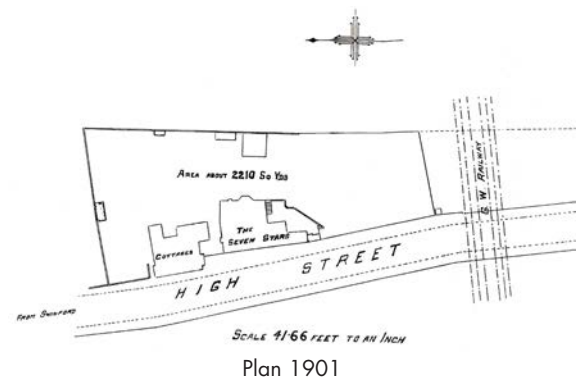
Brook Road, (Junction Street) / Glasshouse Lane, (Chawn Hill), Oldswinford, (Lower Swinford),
STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Thomas Pryce Epps
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
D. S. Langford [1993]
Mike Dickinson [2000]
Adam Johnson [2004]
Helen Little and Stuart 'Sid' Hingley (acquired in 2008)

LICENSEES

Joseph Chance **(1841 - [])**
David Davies [1850] - [1852]
Joseph Hemming [1854]
David Davies [1862] - **1864**;
William Davy **(1864 - 1865)**;
William Joseph Coley **(1865 - [1870])**
George Bennett [1872] - [1873]
Joseph Brittlebank [1881] - [1884]
James Casper [1888] - [1892]
Thomas Epps [1900]
Samuel James Perks [1903] - **1904**;
William Elcock **(1904 - 1908)**;
Joseph John Pool **(1908 - 1910)**;
John Hugh Roberts **(1910 - 1911)**;
Ernest Charles Workman **(1911 - 1912)**;
Arthur Benjamin Knights **(1912 - 1921)**;
Albert John Denny **(1921 - 1923)**;
Douglas George Young **(1923 - 1925)**;
Eric Newman Norton **(1925 - 1926)**;
Percy George Newell **(1926 - 1931)**;
Samuel Alexander Lane **(1931 - 1932)**;
Leslie Arthur Green **(1932 - 1940)**;
Edna May Moore Green **(1940 - 1944)**;
Frederick William Corbett **(1944 - 1956)**;
Frederick Charles Skinner **(1956 - 1960)**;
Desmond Burden **(1960 - 1961)**;
Anthony Thomas Sharp **(1961)**;
George Albert Sutch **(1961 - 1962)**;
Harold Humphries **(1962 - 1964)**;
Patrick Edward Timley **(1964)**;
Arthur Casson **(1964 - 1965)**;
Ronald Thomas Goode **(1965)**;
E Tysall **(1965 - 1966)**;
Albert Haynes **(1966 - 1969)**;
James Robert Robson **(1969)**;
E Tysall **(1969 - 1971)**;
Dennys Derry **(1971 - 1983)**;



Window

Janet Jean (Watts) Tonkins **(1983 – 1985);**
Jayne Helen Taylor **(1985 – 1987);**
Denise Sheila Langford **(1987 – 1994);**
Michael John 'Mike' Dickinson **(1994 – 2000)**
Dominic Gill **(2000 – []**
Jason Wigley [2005] – [2006]
Chere Barnsley **(2008 – []** manager

NOTES

Chawn Hill [1850], [1862]

It had a beerhouse license.

Tokens were issued from here.

It had a sick and dividend society.

It was Grade II listed.

Joseph Chance was also a nailer.

David Davies = David Davis

Brierley Hill Advertiser 19/4/1856

“Our readers will recollect the circumstances attending a Murder which was perpetrated at the SEVEN STARS public house, at Oldswinford, on the 9th of August 1852, when *David Davis*, the landlord of the Inn mentioned, shot at a number of persons assembled round his house, the result of which was the death of a poor woman, named Mary Parlor, and other parties present were more or less wounded. The man *Davis* and his son, a lad aged about 15, who assisted his father in loading, were at the following Lent Assizes, tried for the murder of this woman, but the elder prisoner having shown symptoms of insanity, a jury was empanelled to try whether he was in a sufficiently sound state of mind to take his trial. After hearing the evidence of several medical gentlemen, the jury were of opinion that he was not in a condition to plead to the indictment, and he was ordered to be kept in strict custody until her Majesty’s pleasure respecting him should be known. In August 1853, he was removed to an asylum in London, and from thence to another establishment in Wiltshire, and it now appears that he has recovered from his insanity (if he ever was really insane seems questionable), and an order has been sent to receive him into Worcester County Gaol. What the result of this will be cannot at present be known, but we presume that he will again be arraigned and tried for murder. If so, the trial will no doubt take place at the Summer Assizes, in July next.”

William Davy was a contractor, all kinds of earth work. [1864], [1865]

1881 Census

Lower Swinford

- [1] *Joseph Brittlebank* (54), Chelsea Pensioner and licensed victualler, born Sheffield;
 - [2] *Elizabeth A. Brittlebank* (44), wife, born Stourbridge;
 - [3] *Georgina Brittlebank* (23), daughter, barmaid, born Blackwater, Berkshire;
 - [4] *Blanche Brittlebank* (16), daughter, born Blackwater, Berkshire;
 - [5] *Annie E. Brittlebank* (4), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
 - [6] *Harry H. Brittlebank* (2), son, born Stourbridge:
- [Blackwater is about 1 mile W of Camberley.]

James Casper = James Gasper

Demolished
It was rebuilt c. 1907.

1911 Census

Lower Swinford – SEVEN STARS HOTEL

- [1] *John Hugh Roberts* (37), hotel manager, born Worcester;
- [2] *Hariett Roberts* (34), wife, married 14 years, assisting in business, born Cradley Heath;
- [3] *William Waldron Roberts* (13), son, school, born Erdington, Warwickshire;
- [4] *Lottie May Bessell* (24), sister in law, unmarried, barmaid, born Cradley Heath;
- [5] *Elsie Annie Bessell* (18), sister in law, unmarried, milliner, born Cradley Heath;
- [6] *Gertrude Booth* (16), general servant, born Quarry Bank;
- [7] *Joseph Victor Harold Gurney* (26), visitor, relief clerk, railway company, born Somerton, Oxfordshire;
- [8] *Ethel Gurney* (27), visitor, born Solihull:

June and Mike Dickinson were the parents of *Andrew*. They bought the RETREAT for him.

Closed

It reopened as a restaurant and bar on 8th December 2004.

[2008]

Closed [2010]



2009

SEVEN STARS

9, Market Street, (Ryemarket), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Harris [1820]
Francis Palmer [1822] – [1835]
Joseph Harvey [1841] – [1854]
Frederick Tidmarsh [1862] – [1870]
Henry Rowlands [1872] – [1873]
James Parish [1881]
William Latham [1884]
William Cranwell [1888]

NOTES

Ryemarket [1820], [1922], [1850]

1881 Census

9, Market Street

[1] *James Parish* (29), publican, born Steeple Aston, Oxfordshire;

[2] *Ellen Parish* (23), wife, born Camden Town, London;

[3] *James Parish* (2 weeks), son, born Stourbridge:

[Steeple Aston is about 7 miles WNW of Bicester.]

Check TOWN HALL.

SHAKESPEARE

New Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Thomas [1820] – [1829]

Martha Giles [1835]

Joseph Hyrons [1841] – [1845]

NOTES

SHAKESPEAR [1822]

SHEPHERDS BROOK

Shepherds Brook, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Noah Forrest [1865] – [1873]

NOTES

Noah Forrest = Noah Forest

Noah Forrest, maltster and licensed victualler, SHEPHERDS BROOK, Lye. [1864], [1865]

1871 Census

Shepherds Brook – Public House

[1] *Noah Forrest* (54), publican and maltster, born Cradley;

[2] *Henzey Forrest* (54), wife, born Oldswinford:

Noah Forrest was a maltster of Red Hill, Lower Swinford and shopkeeper and victualler at the SHEPHERDS BROOK. [1873]

See also NOAHS ARK.

SHINGLERS ARMS

Enville Street, (Beauty Bank), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Hughes [1841]
Thomas Hughes [1855]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

SHOVEL

81, Pedmore Road, LYE

OWNERS

George Westwood

Thomas Brooks

William Gardener

Sarah Gardener

Daniel Harris

John Edward Paskin (acquired in April 1896 for £512 10s)

William Osbourn Atkinson and Frederick Arnold Atkinson, Aston Park Brewery (acquired in 1897 for £1,524)

Hereford and Tredegar Brewery (acquired on 22nd July 1919)

Holt Brewery

Ansells Ltd. (acquired in 1934)

Peter and Jean Rawson (acquired in 1984)

Steve Hopkins (acquired in December 2004)

LICENSEES

George Westwood [1835] – [1841]

Thomas Brooks [1861]

William Gardener [1871] – **1875**);

Sarah Gardener (**1875 – 1881**);

Daniel Harris (**1881 – 1896**);

John Edward Paskin (**1896 – 1900**);

Arthur Courtney (**1900 – 1903**);

Lawrence Rowland Hill (**1903 – 1904**);

Emmanuel Dunn (**1904 – 1909**);

Thomas Henry Baker (**1909 – 1913**); [1911]

Daniel Cartwright (**1913 – 1914**);

William Hill (**1914 – 1920**);

Charles Fradgley (**1920 – 1929**);

Rose Ellen Gould (**1929 – 1930**);

Harry Hall (**1930 – 1940**);

Harry Johnson (**1940 – 1941**);

Stanley Bradley (**1941 – 1944**);

Charles Fradgley (**1944 – 1952**);

James Billingham (**1952 – 1954**);

Albert Potter (**1954 – 1956**);

Elsie Aston (**1956 – 1957**);

Kenneth Thomas 'Ken' Randle (**1957 – 1966**);

Arthur Priest (**1966 – 1968**);

May Hipkiss (**1968 – 1969**);

Harry Marriott Powell (**1969 – 1970**);

Anthony Tognill (**1970 – 1972**);

Patrick Wood (**1972 – 1974**);

Garry Millward (**1974 – 1975**);

Atma Singh Matharu (**1975 – 1976**);

David Richard Hall (**1976 – 1978**);

Hugh Nelson (**1978 – 1984**);



Peter Rawson **(1984 – [1985]**
Steve Allen [1993] – [2000]
Kevin Mulrooney [pre 2003]
Alan and Jennie Austin [2004]
Steve Hopkins **(2004 – [2011]**

NOTES

It was originally called MALT SHOVEL.

MALT SHOVEL [1836], [1851], [1871], [1881]
SHOVEL [1873], [1911], [1919], [1980], [2004]

It had a beerhouse license.

George Westwood, retailer of beer, the Lye. [1835]

George Westwood, beer seller, Lye. [1841]

George Westwood was born in 1806 in Lye.

He was described as a spade maker, beer retailer and shopkeeper. [1836]

He was married to Susannah.

1841 Census

Lower Lye

[1] *George Westwood* (30), spade maker, born Worcestershire;

[2] *Susannah Westwood* (30) wife, born Worcestershire;

[3] *Maria Westwood* (4 months), born Worcestershire;

[4] *Elizabeth Tolly* (17), servant, born Worcestershire:

1861 Census

Pedmore Road – MALT SHOVEL INN

[1] *Thomas Brooks* (44), spade maker and beer shop keeper, born Lye;

[2] *Susannah Brooks* (49), wife, born Lye;

[3] *Mary Ann Brooks* (12), daughter, scholar, born Lye:

1871 Census

Pedmore Road – MALT SHOVEL INN

[1] *William Gardener* (30), licensed victualler, born Lye;

[2] *Sarah Gardener* (35), wife, born Lye;

[3] *Mary Ann Gardener* (8), daughter, scholar, born Lye:

William Gardener was also a carter.

He married *Sarah*. She died on 31st May 1881.

1881 Census

Pedmore Road – MALT SHOVEL INN

[1] *Sarah Gardener* (46), widow, publican, born Stourbridge;

[2] *Mary Jane Gardener* (18), daughter, domestic, born Lye:

Daniel Harris was the son in law of *William* and *Sarah Gardener*.

He married *Mary Ann Gardener*.

It was a home brew house until 1897, when *Atkinsons* closed the brewery.

1911 Census

81, Pedmore Road

[1] *Thomas H. Baker* (43), manager beerhouse, born Wollaston;

[2] *Zilpah Baker* (43), wife, married 18 years, assisting in the business, born Lye;

[3] *Thomas Baker* (17), son, engine cleaner, born Cradley Heath;

[4] *John Baker* (16), son, engine cleaner, born Cradley Heath:

Ken Randle played darts.

He was married to *Irene*.

It was refurbished in 1970.

It closed in February 1984.

It reopened as a free house in June 1984.

Peter Rawson was married to *Jean*.

Steve Allen was married to *Hazel*.

Kevin Mulrooney was born c. 1956.

[2014]



1986



2013

SHRUBBERY COTTAGE

28, Heath Lane, Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Sarah Talbot, Kinver [1903]
Adela Rosslin Spears, Cliff Villa, Kinver
Charles Croxton
William Butler and Co. Ltd [1930]
Holdens Brewery (leased from October 1986)

LICENSEES

Thomas Smith [1881]
John Cox [1903] – **1906**);
Mary Ann Cox (**1906 – 1918**);
George Edward Cox (**1918 – 1921**);
Charles Croxton (**1921 – 1928**);
Adam Wassell (**1928 – 1931**);
Jonathan Eccles (**1931 – 1932**);
Lillian Deeley (**1932 – 1942**);
Frank Preece (**1942 – 1959**);
Joseph Ernest Jones (**1959 – 1963**);
Gordon Leonard Charles Barker (**1963 – 1965**);
Leonard Bristow (**1965 – 1978**);
Kenneth Joseph Warner (**1978**);
Brian David Millman (**1978 – 1979**);
John Gilbert Mottram (**1979 – 1983**);
John Raymond Wheatley (**1983 – 1984**);
Patricia Anne Cook (**1984**);
Alan David McAndrew Knight (**1984 – 1986**);
Anne Ellen Sophia Davis (**1986**);
Ann Marie Cook (**1986**);
Barbara Jill Manser (**1986 – 1988**);
Frank Robert Brown (**1988 – []**)
Matthew Ralph [1997] – [2005]
Geoff Cook []

NOTES

It was known locally as the 'Shrub'.

It had a beerhouse license.

Mary Ann Cox was fined 2s 6d and costs, in 1907, for selling liquor in a unstamped measure.

A. Wassell issued tokens from here.

The bowls club played in the Stourbridge League [1957] until 1963, when they moved into the Lye League.

A full license was granted on 5th February 1960.

Closed

It reopened on 29th October 1986.

The bowling green closed in 1987.

Frank Brown was married to *Jill*.

Geoff Cook was married to *Ann*.

See also COTTAGE IN THE BOWER, Quarry Bank, and SWAN, Amblecote.

It underwent a £250,000 refurbishment in 2004.

A nine-hole putting green was installed in 2004.

It had a golf society. [2004]

[2014]



1994



2007



2014

SLATERS ARMS

Enville Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Breen [1850] – [1860]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

SMITHFIELD TAVERN

Market Place, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

SOMERSET HOUSE

121, (62), (63), Enville Street / Summer Street, (Summer Hill), (44, Beauty Bank), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Elwell, Williams
Smith and Williams
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Marstons plc

LICENSEES

Thomas Gardener [1835]
Thomas Bowler [1845] – [1854]
Edwin Troth [1862] – **1865**;
Mrs. Emma Troth **(1865 – [1870])**
Benjamin Bullock [1871] – [1884]
Mrs. Emma Bullock [1888] – [1892]
William Southall [1903] – **1906**;
James Henry Smith **(1906 – 1908)**;
George Fincher **(1908 – 1914)**;
Horace Porter **(1914 – 1921)**;
Simeon Weaver **(1921 – 1924)**;
Henry Hill **(1924 – [])**



1986

NOTES

44, Beauty Bank [1871]
63, Enville Street [1880], [1881]
62, Enville Street [1884], [1888], [1892], [1916]
121, Enville Street [1921], [1990], [1993], [1997], [1998]

SUMMERSET HOUSE [1835]

Thomas Bowler = Thomas Bowles

Stourbridge Observer 10/2/1866

“On Saturday evening last, Mrs. *Troth*, landlady of the SOMERSET HOUSE INN, Beauty Bank, gave her 24th annual supper to her customers and friends. Upwards of 100 sat down to a sumptuous repast provided by the hostess. Afterwards the chair was occupied by Mr. Hennifer, secretary to the lodge held at the above house.....”

1871 Census

44, Beauty Bank
[1] *Benjamin Bullock* (53), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
[2] *Emma Bullock* (43), wife, born Stourbridge;
[2] *Elizabeth Troth* (16), daughter, assistant to parents, born Stourbridge;
[4] *John Troth* (13), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
[5] *Emma Troth* (11), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
[Did Emma Troth marry Benjamin Bullock?]

1881 Census

63, Enville Street – SOMERSET HOUSE

- [1] *Benjamin Bullock* (63), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Emma Bullock* (53), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Emma Troth* (21), stepdaughter, assistant, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Sarah Bullock* (11), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Lucy Bullock* (10), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Sarah Perry* (22), domestic servant, born Stourbridge:

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage or public-house known as SOMERSET HOUSE INN with the brewhouse thereto belonging situate at Beauty Bank Stourbridge aforesaid bounded on the North by Beauty Bank aforesaid on the South by the entry or road hereinafter mentioned on the East by property now or late of Ed. Guest and on the West by Summer Street formerly in the occupation of Matilda Troth and now or late *H. Porter* And Also All Those two messuages or dwelling-house situate at Beauty Bank aforesaid at the rear of the said public-house with the garden and outbuildings Together with the stable adjoining or near thereto with the right of way over the entry or road leading from Summer Street towards the rear of the said premises.....”

[2010]

It closed in October 2013.

It became offices. [2014]



2009

SPIRIT VAULTS

19, Market Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

M Ball* [1864] – [1865]
Mrs. Mary Ball* [1871]
George Collis [] – **1872**;
Mrs. Mary Ball* (**1872** – [1873]
Miss Diana Skidmore [1881] – [1888]

NOTES

WINE VAULTS [1872]

* possibly the same person

M. Ball, wine and spirit vaults, Market Street. [1864], [1865]

1871 Census

19, Market Street

[1] Mary Ball, widow, licensed victualler, born Wednesbury;

[2] Mary Chambers, niece, scholar (visitor), born Birmingham;

[3] Elizabeth Longford, general servant (domestic), born Stourport:

1881 Census

19, Market Street

[1] Diana Skidmore (47), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[2] Isabela Rusbage (18), domestic servant, born Dudley:

Miss Diana Skidmore, wine and spirit vaults, 19, Market Street. [1884], [1888]

SPOTTED COW

54, (13), Union Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

William Thomas Clews, Woodburn Road, Edgbaston
H. and F. Kelley
Home Brewery (Quarry Bank) (acquired on 8th February 1908)
Mary G. Kelly (acquired in 1920)
John Joule and Sons Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Boxley [1850]
Mrs. Mary Boxley [1860] – **1867**;
William Hill (**1867** – [1873])
John Fleetwood [1881]
John Baker [1884] – [1888]
John Henry Hunt [1892]
Frank Kelly [1903] – **1911**;
Mary Gertrude Kelly (**1911** – **1912**);
John Hobson (**1912** – **1913**);
Thomas Whitehouse (**1913** – **1916**);
Frances Susannah Wood (**1916** – **1917**);
Elizabeth Ann Jenkins (**1917** – **1919**);
Mary Gertrude Kelly (**1919** – [1921])

NOTES

13, Union Street [1873]
54, Union Street [1888], [1916]

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

Union Street
[1] Mary Boxley (63), widow, publican, born Worcester;
[2] William Boxley (49), son, born Stourbridge;
[3] Annie Boxley (3), granddaughter;
and a servant:

Mary Boxley retailer of beer, Union Street. [1862]
Mary Boxley, beer retailer, Union Street. [1864], [1865]

William Hill, beer retailer, Union Street [1870], [1872]
William Hill was also a coal dealer and cow keeper. [1873]

1871 Census

Union Street – SPOTTED COW

- [1] *William Hill* (37), brickmaker and publican, born Lye;
- [2] *Elizabeth Hill* (36), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *William Hill* (15), son, brickmaker, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Ann M. Hill* (13), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *James Hill* (11), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Edward B. Hill* (10), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *George A. Hill* (5), son, scholar, born Quarry Bank:

1881 Census

Union Street - SPOTTED COW

- [1] *John Fleetwood* (50), licensed victualler, born Upton Warren, Worcestershire;
 - [2] *Sarah A. Fleetwood* (41), wife, born Stourbridge:
- [Upton Warren is about 3 miles SW of Bromsgrove.]

It closed on 19th August 1973.

SPREAD EAGLE

Dudley Road, LYE

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

William Mobberley [1845] – [1873]

Samuel Mobberley [1881] – [1884]

George Smith [1888]

David Kendrick [1892]

Mrs. Margaret Fletcher [1916]

William Parrish [1921]

NOTES

William Mobberley was also a boot and shoemaker. [1845], [1854]

He was described as a shopkeeper. [1860], [1873]

He was described as a cowkeeper. [1873]

1871 Census

SPREAD EAGLE INN – Dudley Road

[1] *William Mobberley* (76), widower, victualler, born Lye;

[2] *Samuel Mobberley* (53), unmarried, son, cow keeper, born Lye;

[3] *Mary A. Mobberley* (11), granddaughter, scholar, born Lye;

[4] *Agnes J. Mobberley* (10), granddaughter, scholar, born Lye;

[5] *Catherine Jones* (37), domestic servant, born Liverpool:

Stourbridge Observer 12/4/1873

“Mr. W. Fiddian has received instructions to Offer for Sale by Auction, at the SPREAD EAGLE INN, Lye, on Tuesday 22nd day of April Freehold Properties.....”

1881 Census

Dudley Road

[1] *Samuel Mobberley* (63), unmarried, innkeeper, born Lye;

[2] *Mary Ann Mobberley* (21), niece, innkeeper's assistant, born Lye;

[3] *Catherine Jones* (45), domestic servant, born Liverpool:

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“All that messuage or public-house known as The SPREAD EAGLE situate in the Dudley Road Lye in the Parish of Oldswinford in the County of Worcester. Together with the brewhouse stables cow-house cart-sheds tool-house piggeries and other outbuildings and appurtenances thereto belonging.....”

SPRING GROVE

13, Orchard Lane, LYE

OWNERS

Wordsley Brewery Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

STAMFORD ARMS

Coalbournbrook Hill, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Samuel Mobberley [1845]
John Lawrence [1871]

NOTES

John Lawrence was born c. 1848, in Tewkesbury.
He was married to Clara Ellen.

STAR

Coalbournbrook, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Green [1818]

STAR

Talbot Street / Star Street, (Waste), LYE

OWNERS

Thomas Brooks
John Aston
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Thomas Brookes [1835]
Thomas Brooks* [1860]
Thomas Brooks* [] - 1872);
John Brooks (1872 - []
William Brooks [1884]
Mrs. Henrietta Jones [1888]
John Cook [1892]
Isaac Bloomer [1916]
William Alfred Coley [1921]

NOTES

OLD STAR [1872]
STAR [1909], [1911]

* possibly the same person

Stourbridge Observer 24/8/1872

"STAR INN, The Waste, Lye. Monday next, August 26th 1872. Mr. W. Fiddian has received Instructions from the Executors of the late Mr. *T. Brooks*, to Sell by Auction, on the Premises, as above, the whole of the Household Furniture and Effects, comprising Mahogany and Windsor Chairs, Mahogany Dining and Deal Tables, Mahogany Horsehair-seated Beds, capital Eight-day Clock, polished oak case, excellent Mahogany Secretaires, Deal Cupboards, Fenders, Fireplaces &c.; handsome Mahogany 4-post Bedsteads prime Feather beds, Mattresses, Blankets, Counterpanes, Deal Chest, Bedside, Carpeting &c.&c.; Public House Fixtures, Wood Screens, 4-pull Beer Machine, Piping and Taps; Half-hogshead Casks, Pewter Measures, Kitchen and Cooking Utensils &c.&c.; Barrel Churn and Stand, Milk Cans, Butcher's Block and Hoist, quantity of Old Iron, 12 Iron Hurdles, Prime Fat and New Milch Cows, well ended Rick of Hay, quantity of trussed Hay, and numerous other effects....."

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

"All that messuage or dwelling-house with the appurtenances thereto belonging situate at the Lye Waste in the Parish of Oldswinford in the County of Stafford and known as The STAR INN bounded in front by a road or way leading from and out of Stourbridge and Halesowen turnpike road towards Careless Green....."

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Sole commence at Eleven o'clock in the Morning.
The Rick of Hay and Cows will be Sold at Four o'clock in the Afternoon.

Advert 1872

STAR

Wollescote, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Henry Jones [1873]

STAR

163, Enville Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Payton [1881]

NOTES

James Payton issued tokens from here.

1881 Census

163, Enville Street

[1] *James Payton* (30), innkeeper, born Worcester;

[2] *Mary Payton* (28), wife, born Worcester;

[3] *Margaret Payton* (4), daughter, born Stourbridge;

[4] *Ellen Payton* (3), daughter, born Stourbridge;

[5] *James Payton* (1), son, born Stourbridge;

[6] *Mary Payton* (1 month), daughter, born Stourbridge:

STAR

Hagley Road, Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Williams [1829] – [1841]

Mrs. Maria Williams [1845]

Joseph Bate [1850]

Thomas Hatton [1862]

STAR

58, High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Samuel Brookes [1820] – [1829]
James Abbott [1835]
John Bott [1841] – [1845]
Reuben Wassall [1850]
John Hughes [1854] – [1881]
William Hughes [1884] – [1921]
Harold 'Leo' Phillips [1920's]

NOTES

OLD STAR [1820], [1841], [1850], [1862]
STAR HOTEL [1902]

It had a six day license.

Joseph Pemberton, carrier to Birmingham, left from here every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. [1835]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 7/6/1856

"Mary Kingdom, a girl about 19 years of age, described as a house servant, was charged with stealing a coat from the STAR INN. The case was very clear. On Wednesday night she slept at the Inn, in a room adjoining the prosecutor's; when she left in the morning the coat was gone, and shortly afterwards found pledged by the prisoner. She pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment."

John Hughes was licensed to let horses. [1860]

He was president of the Stourbridge Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society from 1866 to [1867].

He was also described as a maltster. [1870], [1872]

He was also described as a maltster of Coventry Street. [1873]

Stourbridge Observer 12/10/1867

".....George Yardley (successor to M. A. Gardner), begs to intimate to the Inhabitants of Stourbridge and the surrounding district, that he has started an Omnibus from Stourbridge, through The Lye, Cradley and Halesowen to Birmingham.

Leaves the STAR, High Street, Stourbridge, every Morning, at Nine o'clock; the Phoenix Inn, Park Street, Birmingham, in the Afternoon, at 3.45; and the Post Office, New Street, at Four o'clock precisely....."

1871 Census

58, High Street

- [1] *John Hughes* (66), licensed victualler, born Bedworth;
- [2] *Elizabeth Hughes* (56), wife, born London;
- [3] *Henry Hughes* (20), son, solicitor's clerk, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *William Hughes* (18), son, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Frances Turberville* (18), barmaid, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Emily Thomas* (14), domestic servant, born Shrewsbury;
- [7] *Thomas _____* (28), brewer, born Bridgnorth;
- [8] *Edward Peace* (50), lodger, French polisher, born Edg_____, Worcestershire;
- [9] *John Bradley* (22), lodger, contractor and _____, born Bridgnorth:

1881 Census

58, High Street

- [1] *John Hughes* (76), widower, licensed victualler, born Bedworth;
- [2] *William Hughes* (28), son, maltster employing 1 man, born Oldswinford;
- [3] *Harriet Foster* (18), barmaid, born Stourbridge:

William Hughes was also a maltster. [1916], [1921]

He was also a trustee of the Stourbridge, Lye and Cradley and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1902]

Black Country Bugle 1/6/2006

'A Slugging Son Of A Circus Strongman'

"Though *Leo Phillips* was, during his professional boxing career, often billed out of Stourbridge, he was a Darlaston lad by birth. His father was *Harold 'Leo' Phillips* – an acrobat, strongman, and physical culture expert whose fame was World-wide. *Harold* starred in an acrobatic / strongman act billed as the 'The Omega Trio' The act was so good that it travelled the world *Leo Snr.* had given up his 'showbiz' career and returned with the rest of his family to his native acres. He kept the STAR in High Street, Stourbridge and his 'gimmick' was to keep a sack with contents weighing 4 cwt by the door and offer 'A substantial cash prize' to anyone who could lift it and carry it to the bar. Needless to say – the prize was never paid out....."

It closed at 10pm on 29th September 1963.

It was converted into shops, including Douglas Watchmakers and Jewellers.

STAR AND ANCHOR

7, Coventry Street, (Star and Anchor Yard), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mary Edwards [1820] – [1822]
George Randle [1829]
William Baker [1835]
George Randle [1835] – [1850]
Mrs. Mary Randle [1854]
D Fulwell []
Abraham P Brown [1860] – **1865**);
Mrs. Ann Brown (**1865 – 1872**);
John George Rowbottom (**1872 – []**)
Thomas Brown [1872]
George Brown [1873]
Mrs. Ann Brown [1881]
John Fleetwood [1884]
Henry Hill [1891] – [1892]

MRS. A. P. BROWN,
STAR AND ANCHOR INN,
COVENTRY-STREET, STOURBRIDGE.

WAGGONETTES, CARS, CABS, GIGS,
SADDLE HORSES, &c.,
FOR HIRE, ON THE SHORTEST NOTICE.
Advert 1866

NOTES

STAR [1820], [1822], [1829], [1835]
STAR AND ANGEL [1862]

Tilsley, carrier to Birmingham, left from here every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. [1835]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 23/5/1857

“Club Feast at the STAR AND ANCHOR, Coventry Street. The members of a woman’s club, held at the above house, met on Monday last, numbering upwards of a hundred, to hold their fourth anniversary dinner, and perhaps a merrier and happier lot scarcely ever met; music and dancing added to the pleasure of the evening, and each seemed to participate warmly in the enjoyments; and cordiality and good feeling reigned throughout the proceedings.”

1861 Census

7, Coventry Street

[1] Abraham Brown (64), licensed victualler, born Warwickshire;
[2] Ann Brown (54), wife, born Pershore;
[3] George Brown (12), son, born Pershore;
[4] Mary Brown (15), daughter, born Pershore;
and a visitor:

Abraham P. Brown was also a maltster, and was licensed to let horses. [1860]
He was described as also being a maltster. [1865]
He died c. 1865.

Stourbridge Observer 17/2/1866 - Advert

“Mrs. A. P. Brown / STAR AND ANCHOR INN / Coventry Street, Stourbridge / Waggonettes, Cars, Cabs, Gigs, Saddle Horses &c / For Hire on the Shortest Notice.”

1871 Census

Coventry Street

- [1] *Ann Brown* (64), widow, licensed victualler, born Feckenham, Worcestershire;
 - [2] *George James Brown* (22), son, nail trade, born Stourbridge;
 - [3] *Martha James* (69), widow, sister, visitor, born Derby;
 - [4] *Sarah Ann Nickolls* (16), granddaughter, born Stourbridge;
 - [5] *Sarah Johnson* (17), general servant, born Stourbridge;
 - [6] *Thomas Wellings* (33), general servant, imbecile, birthplace not known:
- [Feckenham is about 4 miles SW of Redditch.]

Stourbridge Observer 10/5/1873

“John Lee was charged with stealing a knife on the 16th ult., the property of *George Brown*, landlord of the STAR AND ANCHOR. Mary O’Donald said that about six o’clock she went into the prosecutor’s house, saw the prisoner put his hand over and pick up a knife and shut it, and pass it over to a boy. Elizabeth Brown, wife of prosecutor, proved the loss of the knife as she had used it a short time before for cutting lemons. P.C. Bladon proved apprehended the prisoner, who pleaded guilty, and said he was very sorry. He had been drinking or he should not have done it. Sentenced to seven days imprisonment.”

AND

“Charles Ford, a mason, was charged with stealing a bottle of wine on the 6th ult, the property of *George Brown*. Mary O’Donald proved that she saw the prisoner get up to the shelf and take a bottle of wine. Prosecutor proved that he heard a crash, went into the room to see what was the matter and found that a bottle of sherry had been taken off the shelf and broke on the floor. It was worth 8s 6d. Prisoner went out of the house. P.C. Jones proved apprehending the prisoner, who, in defence, said that he was drunk and did not recollect anything about it, he was very sorry for what he had done. Sentenced to 24 hours imprisonment.”

1881 Census

Coventry Street, Star and Garter Yard

- [1] *Ann Brown* (74), widow, licensed victualler, born Feckinham [Feckenham], Worcestershire;
- [2] *Ann Brierley* (18), granddaughter, born Stourbridge:

1891 Census

7, Coventry Street – STAR AND ANCHOR INN

- [1] *Henry Hill* (49), publican, born Oldswinford;
- [2] *Johannah Hill* (47), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Henry Hill* (8), son, born Brettell Lane;
- [4] *Elizabeth Collins* (17), domestic servant, born Lye;
- [5] *Edwin Morgan* (42), boarder, railway clerk, born Worcester:

D. Fulwell issued tokens from here.

STAR AND GARTER

Norton Road (Worcester Street) / Heath Lane, (Heath Road), Heath, (Oldswinford), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

John Mitchell (acquired on 29th September 1891)
John Joseph Ray
Charles William Palmer (acquired on 12th November 1897)
Atkinsons Ltd. (acquired in 1898)
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (acquired in 1929)

LICENSEES

John Griffin [1829] – [1835]
Jane Griffin [1841]
Thomas Benjamin Badger [1845] – [1854]
George Connop [1862]
A B Cochrane [] – **1864**;
Joseph Ray Snr. (**1864** – [1871]
Joseph Ray Jnr. [1873] – [1892]
Harry Albert Canadine [1907]
Mrs. Annie Griffin [1911]
Thomas Griffin [1916] – [1929]
Len Hands []
Jack Taylor [c. 1955]
Eileen Lamb [] – **1983**;
Larry Lamb (**1983** – **1984**)
Brian Smith (**1986** – []

NOTES

Heath Road [1850]

It was originally the home of Dr. Downing (surgeon), in the early 19th century.

A. B. Cochrane died in 1864.

1871 Census

Heath Road – STAR AND GARTER INN

- [1] Joseph Ray (60), publican, born Much Wenlock;
- [2] Harriet Ray (53), wife, born Ombersley;
- [3] Joseph Ray (27), son, remover of goods, born Sedgley;
- [4] Fanny Ray (18), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [5] Mary Ray (16), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [6] Ada Ray (13), daughter, born Stourbridge;

Stourbridge Observer 27/4/1872

“Joseph Ray, landlord of the STAR AND GARTER INN, Heath, was charged with keeping his house open during prohibited hours, on the 21st inst. The case was proved, and defendant fined 5s and costs.”
[Which Joseph Ray?]

Joseph Ray was also a goods remover. [1873]

1911 Census

Norton Road

- [1] *Thomas Griffin* (47), police pensioner, born St. Lukes, Gloucester;
- [2] *Annie Griffin* (45), wife, married 23 years, licensed victualler, born Handsworth;
- [3] *Florence May Griffin* (21), daughter, barmaid, born Kings Norton;
- [4] *Frederick George Griffin* (17), son, fitter in iron foundry, born Kings Norton;
- [5] *Leslie Thomas Griffin* (15), son, plumber's apprentice, born Kings Norton;
- [6] *Linda Louisa Griffin* (13), daughter, school, born Kings Norton;
- [7] *Evelyn Gertrude Griffin* (11), daughter, school, born Faraley (?), Birmingham:

It had two crib, two darts and two bowls teams in the 1950's.

Closed

It reopened on 24th October 1986.

[1990]

Closed

It became a wine bar and later an office.

It was damaged by fire.

It became a convenience store.



Ex Pub 2009

STARVING RASCAL

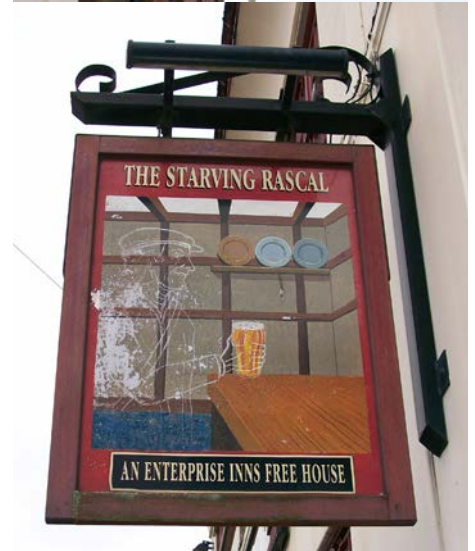
Brettell Lane / Collis Street, Dennis Park, Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Henry Hall, Dennis Park, Amblecote
Truman, Hanbury and Co., Burton upon Trent [1914]
Courage Ltd.
Peter and Denise Lodge [1980's]
Raymond Williams (acquired on 2nd February 1993)
Enterprise Inns (acquired on 19th March 1999)

LICENSEES

John Hampton [1864] – [1872]
Miss Hannah Hampton [1871] – **1873**;
Herbert Humphries (**1873**);
Herbert Wilkins Witherington (**1873 – 1876**);
Jane Davies (**1876**);
James Hutchinson (**1876 – 1877**);
John Brown Bates (**1877 – 1878**);
Mary Ann Pearks (**1878 – 1880**);
John Harriman (**1880 – 1887**);
Mrs. Lucy Harriman (**1887 – 1889**);
Benjamin Levi (**1889 – 1891**);
James Barber (**1891 – 1895**);
Edward James Kirkham (**1895 – 1896**);
Thomas Berridge (**1896 – 1899**);
Walter Hudson (**1899 – 1902**);
Joseph Cole (**1902 – 1903**);
Benjamin Bickley Mallen (**1903 – 1904**);
George Budden (**1904 – 1912**);
William John Skinner (**1912 – 1913**);
George Wainwright (**1913 – 1923**);
William George Hickton Rose (**1923 – 1927**);
Mrs. Emily Rose (**1927 – 1952**);
Ernest Pendlebury (**1952 – 1954**);
Peter Lawson (**1952 – []**)
P A Inglis [1983]
Phil Nicholls []
Brian Temple [1990's]
Lorraine Alberto [2001]
Paula Snape and Stuart Pearsall [2003] – [2004]
Steve Robinson (**2007 – [2013]**)



1996

NOTES

It was originally known as the DUDLEY ARMS.

It was known locally as the 'Starver'.

It was reputedly haunted by a beggar turned away from the pub by a landlord.

John Hampton, beer retailer and foreign wine dealer, Brettell Lane. [1864], [1865]

John Hampton was the son of Isaac and brother of *Hannah*.
He was also a lime merchant.

1871 Census

Brettell Lane – DUDLEY ARMS

- [1] *Hannah Hampton* (25), unmarried, publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *John Hampton* (40), married, brother, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Harry Hampton* (10), scholar, born Oldswinford:

Hannah Hampton was the daughter of Isaac, and sister of *John*.

Stourbridge Observer 13/9/1873

“Joseph Cartwright was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the DUDLEY ARMS INN, Brettell Lane, when requested on the 30th ult. Police-constable Freeman proved the offence, and defendant, who pleaded guilty, was fined 5s and costs.”

Herbert Wilkins Witherington = *Herbert Vickers* Witheringtont

1881 Census

Brettell Lane – DUDLEY ARMS

- [1] *John Harriman* (39), licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Lucy Harriman* (41), wife, born Acleton [Ackleton?], Shropshire;
- [3] *John L. Harriman* (13), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Albert L. Harriman* (11), son, scholar, born Wolverhampton;
- [5] *Florence A. Harriman* (6), daughter, scholar, born Bilston;
- [6] *Lilian M. Harriman* (1), daughter, born Bilston;
- [7] *Clara Jones* (18), general servant, born Amblecote:

James Barber was born c. 1853 in Kidderminster.
He was married to Elizabeth.

Walter Hudson was born c. 1858 in Holt, Norfolk.
He was married to Annie.

Paula Snape was born in Bridgnorth.

It was renamed the STARVING RASCAL in 1974.

The sign was designed by G. E. MacKenney in 1974.

Steve Robinson was born c. 1985 in Stourbridge.

It was Stourbridge and Halesowen CAMRA's Pub of the Year in 2013.

[2014]



2014

STATION INN AND SPIRIT VAULTS

20, Holyhead Road, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Alfred James Cley [1916]
Arthur Wesson [1921]

STATION

Hungary Hill, (Junction Station), Lower Swinford, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

William Butler and Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
J. D. Wetherspoon
Laurel Pub Co. (acquired in 2003)

LICENSEES

John Hambery [1860]
Charles Hambrey [1867] – [1884]
Skidmore Hambrey [1888]
Joseph Joyner [1892]
Walter Matthews [1916] – [1921]
Bill Tomkins [1987]

NOTES

RAILWAY STATION INN [1867]

Charles Hambrey = Charles Hombray = Charles Hanbury = Charles Hambery

Stourbridge Observer 15/6/1867

“The annual feast in connection with the Lodge No.6, of the Stourbridge Order of Odd Fellows, took place at Mr. *Charles Hanbury*’s, the RAILWAY STATION INN, on Monday last. The dinner was a good one, and well served up. Ample justice having been done to it by up[wards] of 50 members, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were drunk, amid great cheering, and a pleasant evening was spent.”

AND

“Miners’ Association. The annual feast in connection with this society was held on Monday last, at Mr. *Charles Hanburys*, RAILWAY STATION INN. Upwards of 70 sat down to a good dinner. After the cloth was drawn the chair was occupied by Mr. Walker, and a pleasant evening was spent.”

1871 Census

Hungary Hill – Public House

- [1] *Charles Hambrey* (44), licensed victualler, born Oldswinford;
- [2] Harriet E. Hambrey (32), wife, born Bridgnorth;
- [3] Henry S. Hambrey (4), son, born Oldswinford;
- [4] Elizabeth Kinsey (?) (52), mother in law, supported by friends, birthplace not known;
- [5] Sarah J. Adley (15), general servant, domestic, born Dudley;

Stourbridge Observer 2/3/1872

“An inquest was held at the house of Mr. *Charles Hanbury*, the STATION INN, on Thursday afternoon, before R. Docker Esq., Coroner, touching the death of William Brooks, aged 24. From the evidence it appears that deceased was at work in a clay pit, on the 27th ult, at Peter Hill, Amblecote, when a fall of clay took place, completely burying the deceased. When released he was quite dead. The body was at once conveyed home to Shepherds Brook. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental death.”



Stourbridge Observer 4/1/1873

“On Friday 27th ult a large number of the railway officials of Stourbridge, sat down to the annual supper at Mr. *Hambrey's*, the STATION INN. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, the chair was taken by Mr. B. Bastock, of the firm of Bastock and Co., Carriers.....”

Stourbridge Observer 13/12/1873

“A shocking accident, by which a stoker on the special goods train for Dudley lost his life, occurred at the Stourbridge Railway Station, on Tuesday last. The name of the unfortunate man is James Edwards of Hereford, and he leaves a wife and two children.

An inquest was held on the body at Mr. *C. Hambrey's* STATION INN, yesterday, before Mr. R. Docker, Coroner. District Inspector Ledbrooke, Inspector Lock, Mr. Phillips, station master, and Mr. Warner, goods agent, attended on behalf of the Great Western Railway Company.

The first witness called was Francis Lyth, who said he resided at Hereford, and was employed at the Gas Works. Deceased was his nephew, and resided at Millbrook Street, Hereford. He was a fireman in the service of the Great Western Railway Company. He was 23 years of age.

Charles Williams said he lived at Hereford, and was a driver in the employ of the Great Western Railway Company. Deceased was his fireman, and came with him to Stourbridge station on Tuesday last. The train was the 2.10 special goods to Dudley and back. On their return journey, witness's train was connected to two others. At Stourbridge station they drew into a siding for a time, and deceased (who was witness's fireman) got out of the tender to detach their train from the leading one. The first train had to shunt out of the siding first. They were drawing through the yard when the accident happened. The train was going at a speed of 9 or 10 miles an hour at the time. Deceased went on to the front of witness's engine to unhook the train. It was customary, whilst doing this, to sit astride the buffer plank. It was the ordinary custome to unhook trains, under similar circumstances, when in motion. The company did not appoint men to uncouple trains. It was done by anyone. At Brettell Lane Station one of the men there hooked witness's train to the others. The unhooking when in motion was done to save time. Whilst the deceased was unhooking the train he must have had his foot on the side of the break van of the preceeding train and when it parted he fell down. The guard in the van of the preceeding train gave witness the signal to stop, and he did so in 40 yards. He was enabled to stop in this short distance, because there was a break van or carriages attached to the engine. Witness jumped down as soon as his train had stopped, and found the deceased at the back of his van, on the lines; but some one who was there before him was supporting the deceased. Deceased had the foot of his right leg cut off, and there was a scalp wound on the head. He was not dead but unconscious; and he expired in about 15 minutes afterwards. A surgeon was immediately sent for.

In answer to the Coroner witness said it was the proper thing to do to uncouple a train when in motion. He had had 20 years' experience on the railway, and had seen it constantly done during that time. He did not say it was in accordance with the rule, but it was the universal practice; and in fact, they could not spare the time to stop for uncoupling every time they stopped.

Mr. Ledbrooke here asked Williams if it was not the rule of the company that trains should be brought to a dead stand, before uncoupling.

Witness admitted that there might be a rule to that effect, but urged that it was impossible to act up to it without going beyond the time prescribed them. He worked 17 hours a day now.

The Coroner here remarked that it was well known there were many of the rules of the Company which were totally impracticable.

Witness said the Inspectors were aware of the fact that the rule was not acted upon. He dare say Mr. Ledbrooke had done the same thing himself (that is uncoupled trains when in motion) before now.

The Inspector here read a section from the book of rules which stated that when a bank engine was shunting it should be brought to a stand before it was uncoupled.

Witness reminded the Inspector that his was not a bank engine.

Mr. Ledbrooke said he knew that, but he believed the same rule would apply.

The Coroner remarked that it was evident there was rule to the effect that they should come to stand when uncoupling, but it was evident that they habitually disobeyed their instructions, and the Company were aware of it.

David Hobson, who was the next witness called, said that he resided in Wolverhampton, and is employed as a breaksman by the Great Western Railway Company. On the above date he was with the train which was coupled to the engine on which deceased was. He saw the deceased come to the end of the engine and unhook it. As the trains were parting, deceased had one of his feet on the engine and the other on the break that witness was in, and he was also holding the break with his hands. He loosed the break to regain the engine, and in doing so he fell. The engine

knocked him down lengthways. Witness did not see the train pass over deceased. As soon as he saw him fall he (witness) gave the signal to stop. The train was brought to a stand – as witness thought – in about 40 yards. It was going very slowly at the time.

On being cross examined by the Coroner, witness said that he frequently uncoupled trains. He usually did so by the direction of the guard whom he was with. He often did this whilst the train was in motion, and considered that it could be done safely. It was the common practice to uncouple trains in motion.

Mr. Robert Lyons Campbell, surgeon, said he saw the deceased on Tuesday last, about three o'clock in the afternoon, at that house, to which place the body had been removed. Deceased was dead when he saw him, and he had been so for nearly an hour. He examined the body, and he found a severe scalp wound proceeding from the occiput to the forehead; and the right ankle was smashed. His right scalp was torn and hanging loose. There was also froth coming from his mouth. The frothy mucus was such a nature as to lead witness to suppose there was some injury to the thorax of the chest from being squeezed. In his opinion death resulted from concussion of the brain. Death must have resulted immediately.

The Coroner then summed up, and said from the evidence, it appeared, the deceased was attached to the goods train in the capacity of fireman, and the man had met his death whilst engaged in a practice that had been adopted on the Great Western by him and many others. He seemed to think it was part of his duty to uncouple the train to which he belonged, from the other train to which had been attached, whilst the train was going at a rate of about nine or ten miles an hour. The witnesses called also seemed to think it quite right for the deceased to do what he did, and it was practicable to do it with comparatively little danger. In doing so, deceased was seen to stand on his own engine, and on the break to which his own train was attached. Before he had recovered himself from doing this, however, the break and the train had separated to too great a distance to allow him to regain his own position. He seemed to have fallen in an upright posture, and whether in falling he was struck by the train which passed over him they, therefore, could not say. He lived only about 15 minutes after the accident, during the whole of which time he was unconscious. The medical witness had told them that the injury to the head would occasion concussion to the brain. The evidence seemed to implicate no one but the deceased himself. Though what had been told them by the Inspector, it appeared that what had been done by deceased was in opposition to the rules of the company, which say that before the engine was uncoupled the train should be brought to rest, it was evident that that practice was generally departed from, and he (the Coroner) thought it was almost impossible that that regulation would be observed through want of time to enable the train to pull up before they were uncoupled. The driver had also said he operation of uncoupling could be done with comparative safety. It appeared, however, to be contrary to the rule; and it was apparent that it was generally understood that the first comer should do it – either the stoker, fireman or whoever could do it most conveniently. If the jury thought there was no one other than the deceased to blame they would return a verdict of accidental death; and if they thought the Company was in fault for not seeing that their rules were more strictly adhered to they could supplement their verdict with a remark to that effect.

The jury after a short deliberation returned a verdict of accidental death.”

Stourbridge Observer 24/1/1874

“A dinner, under the auspices of the Stourbridge Constitutional Association, was given at Mr. *Charles Hambrey's* the RAILWAY INN, on Monday evening last. A good number of the members and friends of the association sat down to an excellent repast, served up in a first class manner by the worthy host.....”

Stourbridge Observer 19/9/1874

“On the 10th inst a meeting of licensed victuallers of the township of Upper Swinford was held at Mr. *Carter's*, the LABOUR IN VAIN INN, for the purpose of appealing against the decision of the Justices of Worcestershire to close their public houses at 10 o'clock. On Tuesday, a large meeting was held at Mr. *Bailey's*, CRAB MILL INN, when nearly the whole of the trade was represented. After some discussion, it was resolved to employ Messrs. Freer and Perry, solicitors, to appeal against the decision of the Justices, on the ground that the township of Upper Swinford contains 612 houses, and upwards of 3,000 inhabitants. A meeting was also held at Mr. *Hambrey's*, the STATION INN, on Wednesday, confirming the resolution, and we understand that an appeal will be made before the licensing Justices, at Worcester, this day, Saturday.”

It reopened as WETHERSPOON'S in 1998

[2004]

It was renamed the STATION. [2007]

[2011]

Closed

It was converted into a shop. [2012]



2007



2010

STATION

Upperswinford, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Wordsley Brewery Co. Ltd. (acquired on 28th April 1905)

LICENSEES

STEPPING STONES

Birmingham Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Enterprise Inns

LICENSEES

John Pardoe []
Margaret Owen [2007]

NOTES

It opened on 4th January 1957.

John Pardoe was married to Sandra.

[2011]

Closed [2013]

It became housing. [2014]



2007

STONE BRIDGE

STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

[c. 1890]

STUMP

Hay Green, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Robert Woodhouse [1872]

NOTES

Robert Woodhouse was also a brewer. [1872]

Possibly the BAY HORSE.

SWAN

10, Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Richard Davies, Dudley
James Round
Thomas Harper, Kates Hill, Dudley
Haskew and Co.
John Joule and Sons Ltd. [c. 1926]
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Geoff Cook (acquired in 1985)

LICENSEES

Samuel Duggins [1841]
Mrs. Mary Duggins [1845]
Thomas Round [1850] – [1854]
James White [1860] – [1862]
John Read [] – **1864**;
Richard Worrall **(1864 – [])**
William Ward [1868] – [1872]
Mrs. Maria Wright [1871] – [1872]
Edward Wellings [] – **1872**;
Harry Wood **(1872 – [])**
George Sylvanus Gwillam [1872] – **1875**;
Benjamin Brown **(1875 – 1880)**;
Mary Evans **(1880 – 1884)**;
Edward Thomas Millward **(1884 – 1888)**;
Benjamin Cope **(1888 – 1891)**;
James Round **(1891 – 1926)**;
William Hawkins **(1926 – 1927)**;
William Alfred Ledbrook **(1927 – 1928)**;
Bernard Kyffin Williams **(1928 – 1930)**;
Thomas Hodson **(1930 – 1934)**;
John Thomson **(1934 – 1939)**;
Thomas Maitland **(1939 – 1940)**;
Gladys May Tyler **(1940 – 1956)**;
Ernest William Durbin **(1956 – 1958)**;
Agnes Mary Durbin **(1958 – 1960)**;
Charles Frank Green **(1960 – 1966)**;
John Shine **(1966 – 1971)**;
Norman Henry McPherson **(1971 – 1981)**;
Kathleen Mary McPherson **(1981 – 1982)**;
James Robert 'Jim' Willetts **(1982 – 1985)**;
Geoffrey 'Geoff' Cook **(1985 – [])**

NOTES

SWAN WITH TWO NECKS [1841], [1845], [1850], [1854], [1856], [1864]
SWAN [1871], [1881], [1896], [1904]
SWAN BREWERY, Brettell Lane. [1921]

Samuel Duggins = Samuel Doggins

Samuel Duggins brewed his own beer at the rear of the pub.

1851 Census

SWAN WITH TWO NECKS INN

- [1] *Thomas Round* (37), innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] *Ketorah Round* (31), wife, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Ann Round* (11), daughter, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Joseph Round* (8), son, born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Phebe Round* (4), daughter, born Staffordshire;
- [6] *John T. Portbest* (18), brewer, born Bewdley;
- [7] *Mary Rider*, house servant:

**TO BE LET, with immediate possession, that
Old Licensed PUBLIC HOUSE, the Swan-with-
two-necks Inn, Brettell Lane; Stock, Fixtures, and Licenses
to be taken at a Valuation.—For particulars apply to H.
Detheridge, public house agent, High Street, Brierley-Hill.**

Advert 1856

Thomas Round was declared bankrupt in 1856.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 26/1/1856

“To be let, with immediate possession, that Old-licensed public house, the SWAN WITH TWO NECKS INN, Brettell Lane; Stock, Fixtures and Licenses to be taken at a Valuation. For particulars apply to H. Detheridge, public house agent, High Street, Brierley Hill.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 9/2/1856

“Unreserved Sale at the SWAN WITH TWO NECKS INN, Brettell Lane. To be sold by auction, by Mr. Detheridge, on Monday next, 11th February 1856, part of the Household Furniture, comprising Chairs, Tables, Beds, Bedsteads, Mattresses, Sofa, 30-hour Clock together with the whole of the Public House Fixtures, Brewing Vessels, Stock of Ale, licenses and other Effects, at the above inn the licenses will be offered at One o’clock. The house to be let.....”

Brierley Hill 7/6/1856

“SWAN INN, Brettell Lane, situated midway between Brierley Hill and Stourbridge. To Be Let, with immediate possession, that Excellent Roadside Public House. The above House is pleasantly situated in a populous and improving neighbourhood. The house contains Tap Room. Bar, two Parlours, Cooking Kitchen, Club Room, three Sleeping Rooms, Brewhouse, Stabling, Gig House, Store Room. Well supplied with Sater, and entire Yard. Coming in about £30. Rent and other payments low. – For further particulars apply to H. Detheridge, Public House Agent, High Street, Brierley Hill.”

James White was born in Hinton, Worcestershire.

He was also a corn miller.

He was married to *Mary*.

1871 Census

Brettell Lane – SWAN INN

- [1] *Maria Wright* (34), married, publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Edward Wright* (10), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *James Wright* (7), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Ann Bishop* (20), general servant, born Wombourne:

1881 Census

SWAN INN

- [1] Mary Evans (64), widow, innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [2] Mary Millward (27), daughter, born Darby End;
- [3] Edward Millward (29), son in law, crate maker, born Amblecote;
- [4] Henry Cope (32), boarder, commercial traveller (ale), born Rowley Regis;
- [5] Elizabeth Dangerfield (18), general servant, born Stourbridge;

Edward Thomas Millward was also a crate manufacturer. [1888]
He was married to Mary (the daughter of *Mary Evans*).

James Round was born c. 1865, Rowley Regis.
He was also a brewer.
He was married to Elizabeth.

1901 Census

10, Brettell Lane – SWAN INN

- [1] *James Round* (36), brewer and licensed victualler, born Rowley Regis;
- [2] Elizabeth Dinah Round (37), wife, born Rowley Regis;
- [3] Lillie Round (13), daughter, born Rowley Regis;
- [4] James Round (12), son, born Rowley Regis;
- [5] Elizabeth Round (10), daughter, born Rowley Regis;
- [6] Percy Round (5), son, born Amblecote;
- [7] Elizabeth Round (77), mother, widow, born Rowley Regis;
- [8] Lilly Gwilliam (18), domestic servant, born Water Orton, Warwickshire;

James Round was a committee member of Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers' Association.
[1902]

Tipton Herald 16/10/1909

“At the Stourbridge County Court on Monday, Ellen Male, spinster, of Dennis Park, Brettell Lane, claimed £5 from the SWAN INN Women's Burial Club, Brettell Lane, in respect of the death of her father, Henry Male. Mr. Waldron stated that the mother of the plaintiff died on January 23rd. Funeral benefit of £5 was then paid, and the plaintiff's brother paid 1s to have the name of his father substituted for that of his mother as a member. The father died on February 11th and Mr. Waldron contended that by the ruins he was able to succeed to the membership of his wife, and that the plaintiff as the eldest of the family was entitled to £5 funeral benefit.

Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Holdnall, stewards, gave evidence that 2s 3d, which was deducted from the £5 paid in respect of the death of plaintiff's mother, was for subscriptions due from her. Mrs. Holdnall, under cross-examination, said that the father's membership was rejected after his death.

Ernest J. Plant, the secretary, stated that though he altered the mother's name to that of the father, he struck it off before the father died.

Mr. Waldron elicited from witness that he drew £5 from the box on the death of the mother, with 1s for the 'refreshment' of himself and stewards.

His Honour (Judge R. W. Ingham): Every time a member dies you have a jollification?

Mr. Waldron (to witness): If you had had the order for the coffin these poor folks would have got the money? – No.

Mr. Waldron: What about this letter, received two hours after the man died, saying that unless you had the funeral business they could not have the money? – Witness: It is a matter of business.

His Honour: It means that unless the family bribed you with the funeral order they would not get the money? – I am sorry I sent the letter.

His Honour: It is a most disgraceful letter.

Mr. J. T. Higgs, for the club and officials, submitted that the membership of the father had never been accepted, as he was more than fifty years of age, that he was not in good health, while funeral benefit could not be claimed in respect of any member of less than three months standing.

His Honour gave judgement for the defendants, and disallowed the secretary's costs.”

1911 Census

Brettell Lane – SWAN INN

- [1] *James Round* (46), widower, licensed victualler, born Rowley Regis;
- [2] *James Round Jnr.* (22), son, carpenter and joiner, born Rowley Regis;
- [3] *Elizabeth Round* (20), daughter, born Rowley Regis;
- [4] *Percy Round* (15), son, builder's clerk, born Amblecote;
- [5] *Sarah Ann Wharton* (59), sister, married, housekeeper, born Rowley Regis;
- [6] *Bertie Cecil Wharton* (21), nephew, chemist's assistant, born Godalming, Surrey;
- [7] *Mary Ann Davies* (16), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

James Round was president of Brierley Hill Licensed Victuallers', Brewers', Wine and Spirit Merchants' and Beer Retailers' Association. [1918]

He was chairman of Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1921]

Bernard Kyffyn Williams – see also LITTLE PIG.

Geoff Cook was born in Birmingham.

He was married to Ann.

See also COTTAGE IN THE BOWER, Quarry Bank, and SHRUBBERY COTTAGE.

[2014]



1996



SWAN

5, (6), Hagley Road, (6, Hagley Street), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

John Rolinson Ltd. [1905]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Brweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Henry Nickless [1850] – **1865**);
Francis Heming (**1865** – [1870]
John Bristow [1871] – [1874]
William Preece [1881]
George Walker [1884] – [1888]
John Walker [1891]
James Henry Wooldridge [1892] – **1905**);
Frederick McInnes (**1905** – **1906**);
George Wainwright (**1906** – **1913**);
Enoch Wharton (**1913** – **1917**);
Joseph Barnes (**1917** – **1928**);
Walter James Brettell (**1928** – **1930**);
Nellie Smith (**1930** – **1931**);
Frederick Thomas Smith (**1931** – **1933**);
Nellie Smith (**1933** – **1938**);
Thomas Cook (**1938** – **1947**);
Gertrude Florence Cook (**1947** – **1950**);
Raymond Thomas Norris (**1950** – **1951**);
James Disraeli Stafford (**1951**);
Benjamin George Stevens (**1951** – **1967**);
Marlene Nanette Bingham (**1967**);
Sheila Diane Wootton (**1967** – **1969**);
Henry William Boswell (**1969** – **1970**);
Nellie Irene Ball (**1970** – **1971**);
Evelyn Irene Wear (**1971** – **1985**);
Paul Raymond Hughes (**1985** – **1987**);
Malcolm Cooper (**1987** – **1990**);
Colin Wynn (**1990** – []
Nicholas L Edwards [2007]

NOTES

6, Hagley Street [1861], [1870], [1871], [1872]
6, Hagley Road [1916]
5, Hagley Road [1983], [1990], [1993], [1998], [2001], [2002], [2003]

It was originally known as the SWAN WITH TWO NECKS. [1850], [1854], [1864], [1865], [1866], [1870], [1872]

SWAN INN [1871], [1873], [1881], [1884], [1888], [1892], [1916]
SWAN HOTEL [2002]

Henry Nickless was also a maltster. [1854], [1860], [1864]

1861 Census

6, Hagley Street

- [1] Henry Nickless (41), unmarried, innkeeper, born Upton;
- [2] Elizabeth Thomas (56), widow, aunt, housekeeper, born Leigh Sinton;
- [3] George Taylor (22), nephew, miner, born Rushall;
- [4] Fanny Taylor (15), niece, born Rushall;
- [5] Edward Elt (14), nephew, born Stourbridge:

Stourbridge Observer 17/2/1866

“At the Petty Sessions, yesterday, Joseph Hill, horsenail maker, residing at the Lye, was brought up on a remand charged with attempting to pass a base half-crown, on the 10th inst., at Mr. *Francis Heming*’s, the SWAN WITH TWO NECKS INN. Mr Burbury defended.

From the evidence it appears that he went into Mr. *Heming*’s house, and called for a pint of ale, and tendered the coin in question in payment. He was then given into custody.

Defendant said that he had business at the County Court, and went into *Heming*’s house and called for a half pint of ale. He tendered a half sovereign in payment, and they gave him the half crown in change.

This however was denied.

Mr. King, the clerk, said that he had communicated with the mint authorities, and they declined to prosecute. Defendant was therefore discharged.”

Stourbridge Observer 17/3/1866

“On the morning of the 9th inst, Mr. Charles Hopkins, a gentleman residing in the Hagley Road, was found dead in his bed. An inquest was held on the body on Monday morning last, before H. Sanders Esq, Deputy Coroner, at the house of Mr. *F. Heming*, the SWAN INN, Hagley Street.

The first witness was Maria Chillingsworth, who deposed that she was a single woman, and servant to the deceased gentleman. I last saw him alive on Thursday night, about ten o’clock. Defendant had been poorly for the last nine days. He complained of a pain in the chest. He was seventy-four years old. I saw him again about half past seven o’clock the next morning. He was dressed, and lay on the floor quite dead. I sent for the doctor. He had had no medical attention for some time.

Richard Leacroft Freer, surgeon, deposed: I was sent for on Friday morning last, between seven and eight o’clock. I found the deceased on his back in his room quite dead. His countenance was livid, and froth was issuing from his mouth. The body was quite warm. He had been dead about an hour or two. Had no doubt that he died from disease of the heart. There were no external marks of violence on the body. This being the whole of the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of Died from Natural causes.”

Stourbridge Observer 4/8/1866

“On Saturday last, Messrs. J. Hall and Co., treated their workmen to a day’s enjoyment, and Clent was the place fixed upon. The workmen were conveyed to their destination in carts and waggons. On returning home, and when at Pedmore, a sad accident occurred to one of the waggoners in Messrs. Halls’ employ, named Thomas Davis. It appeared that he was the worse for drink, and was riding on the shafts, and fell off. An inquest was held on the body, at the house of Mr. *F. Heming*, the SWAN INN, on Tuesday, before H. Sanders, Esq, Deputy Coroner.

Moses Heathcote was the first witness called, and he deposed: I live at Portobello. I know the deceased. I last saw him alive on Saturday night last, about twenty minutes past eight. The accident took place, opposite to Mr. Wooldridge’s at Hagley. Deceased was driving a waggon from Clent to Stourbridge. There were but three persons in the waggon with the deceased. I was with another man named Cook. Deceased tried to pass us several times while coming from Hagley to Pedmore. I told him to keep back. He cried out, ‘Go on; I will keep up with the b---s.’ He then struck the mare on the neck, and tried to jump on the shafts of the waggon, but did not succeed in doing so. He then struck the mare again and went to look at the back of the wheels. I said to deceased, ‘You keep back, or there will be something the matter just now.’ He then tried to get on the waggon again, but his foot slipped, and he went down and the wheels passed over him. That is all I know about it.

The Coroner: Yes; you know a little more. How many persons were in your waggon?

Witness: About thirty persons in my waggon. We were going down the hill on the trot. It was not fast; not more than three miles an hour.

The Coroner: Do you wish the jury to believe that the horses were on the trot, and only going three miles an hour, down a hill?

Witness: Yes.

The Coroner: I think you will have a great difficulty in making them believe that.

Witness: There was a slipper [a device to check a wheel on a down slope] on the waggon, and it was down, but I don't know who put it down.

This witness gave his evidence with such levity that he was cautioned by the coroner.

Witness: Deceased was trying to pass us, and beat his horse. He had no reins to his waggon. All the others had reins. He was offered reins, but refused to have them. The shaft of the waggon struck deceased on the hip. He fell down, and the wheel went over him. The waggon I was in was on the right side of the road, which would be the wrong side in driving, and deceased tried to get inside of the waggon which I was in, which was also his wrong side. At this stage, the witness again gave his evidence as if the fact of deceased being killed was a mere joke, and was told by the coroner that if he did not mind he would find himself in a queer position.

Mr. Hill, a juryman, here asked that Mr. Jackson, manager to Messrs. Hall and Co., should leave the room, and he was requested to leave.

Witness: Four or five persons lifted the deceased up. He was bleeding from the head, but not dead. Deceased was quite sober, and so was Cook, the other waggoner.

The Coroner thought that it would be necessary to call Cook, and requested Sergeant Booth to have him in attendance. His own opinion was that there had been a race between them, and that deceased was trying to pass Cook's waggon. In answer to the jury, witness said that the men were neither sober or drunk, but betwixt and between. He (witness) had had only three half pints of ale during the day, although he had charge of the drink.

Edward Jackson deposed: I live at the Longlands, and am manager at Messrs. Hall and Co's fire-brick works. I know the deceased. He had been waggoner to the firm about three weeks. On the 28th ult he went to Clent with a waggon to fetch some of the workmen home. He left Stourbridge between three and four o'clock to go to Clent. He had two horses in the waggon. There were no reins. The last time I saw deceased was at Clent. He left the tent about half past six o'clock. There was no person in the waggon then, but when he left the Fountain Inn, at Clent, there were two girls and a man in the waggon. I saw him start with his waggon. Deceased was not drunk. I rode in front, and as soon as I heard a man had been hurt I turned back with my trap and the deceased was lifted in, and I drove him to the dispensary. He was not quite dead. Cook's waggon was on the left hand side of the road, and so was the deceased's. Deceased was perfectly sober. There were but two men drunk in the party.

The inquest was then adjourned until Wednesday night for the attendance of Cook.

Charles Cook deposed: I live at the Lye, and am waggoner to Mr. J. Hall and Co, brickmakers. On Saturday last I was engaged to conduct a waggon from Stourbridge to Clent. A number of workmen were in the waggon. I left Clent between seven and eight o'clock. I had two horses to my waggon. There were between thirty and forty persons in the waggon going, and about thirty coming back. I had a slipper to the waggon but did not use it. I know the deceased. He had charge of a waggon. He started from Clent last. He appeared sober. I was sober. When he started there was no one in the waggon. He kept behind me all the time. Sometimes he would be nearly opposite to me. When at Pedmore he tried to pass me. He was on the right side, but did not pass me. I heard someone shout that there was some one under the waggon. I stopped my waggon. Moses Heathcote was sitting on the front of the waggon. He had nothing to do with the conducting of my waggon. I had the management of it myself. When the outcry was made, Heathcote jumped off the waggon to ascertain what was the matter. I had not been racing with the deceased's waggon. I did not get off my waggon. They were all sober in my waggon. I put the passengers down opposite the clock.

By a juryman: I did not perceive anything bump against my waggon. Deceased was sober. I stood still on my waggon. I did not go to see if a man had been killed. I was looking at the horse's head. My slipper was not down.

Thomas Flitch deposed: I am a brick maker, and reside at Amblecote. I was one of the party at Clent on Saturday last, and rode in a waggon driven by William Grice. I saw the deceased there. He was driving a waggon.. I was before him. On coming down Pedmore hill I saw deceased fall off the shaft, and the waggon went over his head. I jumped out, and stopped the waggon. There were about thirty in my waggon. We were trotting at about the rate of four miles an hour. Cook's waggon was behind the one I was in. There were about thirty in the waggon. Cook's horses were trotting, and the deceased's horses were trotting also. I distinctly saw him falling off the shafts as I was looking behind me. He fell on the left hand side. I took charge of the horses when Mr. Jackson picked up deceased and placed him on his trap.

Thomas Woodhouse deposed: I live at Stamber Mill, and am a labourer. On Saturday last I was in a waggon coming from Clent, and drove by the deceased. There were two girls in the waggon. Deceased was quite sober. He jumped on the shafts several times, and off again, flogged the horses. He had no reins. When at Pedmore, and after whipping the horses, he placed one hand on the shaft and tried to jump down, but he slipped down, and both wheels went over him. I don't know who stopped the horses. I got out of the waggon and assisted in raising the deceased, who fell on the left hand side. I was perfectly sober, as also was the deceased. Cook pulled up after the accident.

Mr. Luther Bailey, surgeon, deposed: I was called to attend the deceased about eight o'clock. He was lying in a malthouse at the SWAN INN, quite dead. I made an external examination of the body, I saw blood issuing from the ears, and a small wound on the left temple, the bottom of which was a fracture of the skull sufficient to cause death. There was a fracture of the lower jaw on the right side, and also a fracture of three or four ribs on the same side. I have no doubt that the waggon passing over the body was sufficient to cause death. The deceased had expired a few minutes previous to when I saw it.

The Coroner then summed up the evidence. He said it was quite clear from the evidence of the last two witnesses that it was, beyond all doubt, an accident. The manner in which Heathcote gave his evidence, was not at all satisfactory. He evidently treated the matter as a capital joke, rather than anything else. He did not seem to think that a man had lost his life. From the light way in which he gave evidence, he (the coroner) had no doubt in his own mind that they had had a good drop to drink, and had been racing, but it would be for the jury to give their verdict, and to append thereto anything they thought proper.

After a few minutes' consultation. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental death, and censured the manner in which Heathcote and Cook gave their evidence.

Heathcote and Cook were then called and

The Coroner, in addressing Heathcote said: You have given your evidence in anything but a satisfactory manner I must say for myself, I do not believe one word you have said. You appear to have treated the affair as a joke, and with great levity. I hope it will be a warning and a lesson to you. It has been publicly reported that you were not sober, and I believe you were not; there has been several discrepancies in your evidence and Cook's. However let this be a caution to you. The last two witnesses gave their evidence very clearly, and, I have no doubt, truthfully, and the jury have been able to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion.

The enquiry then terminated."

1871 Census

6, Hagley Street – SWAN INN

[1] *John Bristow* (49), maltster and licensed victualler, born Bradley, Staffordshire; [Possibly Bilston]

[2] *Clara Bristow* (26), wife, born Feckenham, Worcestershire;

[3] *Julia Bristow* (24), daughter, barmaid, born Hanbury, Worcestershire;

[4] *Walter Bristow* (20), son, maltster and brewer, born Bromsgrove;

[5] _____ *E Bristow* (5), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;

[6] *Florence E. Bristow* (3), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;

[7] *Frederick J. Bristow* (1), son, born Stourbridge;

[8] *Laura C. Harrison* (20), visitor, dressmaker, born Feckenham, Worcestershire;

[9] *Alice Hughes* (24), domestic servant, born Lye Waste;

[10] *Sarah A. Allen* (16), domestic servant, born Lye Waste:

[Feckenham is about 4 miles SW of Redditch.]

[Hanbury is about 4 miles E of Droitwich.]

John Bristow was also a maltster [1872], [1873]

Stourbridge Observer 14/3/1874

"Death – On the 10th inst., aged 29, at her sister's, Mrs. Hart, Bilston, Emily, eldest daughter of *John Bristow*, SWAN INN, Stourbridge, deeply lamented by all those who knew her."

1881 Census

Hagley Street – SWAN INN

- [1] *William Preece* (37), publican, born Neen Savage, Herefordshire;
 - [2] *Lavinia Preece* (32), wife, born Walsall;
 - [3] *William P. Preece* (11), son, scholar, born Neen Savage, Herefordshire;
 - [4] *Arthur J. Preece* (6), son, scholar, born Neen Savage, Herefordshire;
 - [5] *Gertrude D. Preece* (2), daughter, born Neen Savage, Herefordshire;
 - [6] *Ethel A. Preece* (1 month), daughter, born Stourbridge;
 - [7] *Matilda Cooper* (19), domestic servant, born Lye;
 - [8] *Martha Forrest* (19), domestic servant, born Lye:
- [Neen Savage is about 11 miles E of Ludlow.]

1891 Census

Hagley Road – SWAN INN

- [1] *John Walker* (30), blacksmith, born Suckley, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Walker* (49), wife, born Wharton, Cheshire;
- [3] *Mary E. Lloyd* (21), daughter, unmarried, born Franche, Radnorshire;
- [4] *Charles Price* (17), relative, apprentice, born Wharton, Cheshire:

It was rebuilt c. 1905.

1911 Census

Hagley Road – The SWAN INN

- [1] *George Wainwright* (45), licensed victualler, born Coseley;
- [2] *Mary Ann Wainwright* (54), wife, married 9 years, assisting in business, born Badsey, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Alice Totney* (28), general servant, born Netherton:

Colin Wynn was married to *Doreen*.

[2013]



2007



2014

SWAN

157, Hagley Road, Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Davenports Brewery Ltd.
Mike Dickinson

LICENSEES

Joseph Yardley* [1860]
John Woodhouse Yardley* [1861] – [1870]
Martha P Yardley [] – **1872**
George Davis [1872] – [1888]
John H Thomas [1916] – [1921]
Stewart Williams [1963] – **1966**);
Leslie Cyril Booth (**1966**);
William Hutton Wright (**1966 – 1968**);
Leslie Cyril Booth (**1968**);
Roy Baker (**1968 – 1969**);
Gordon George Richards (**1969 – 1981**);
Ian Charles Houlden (**1981**);
Michael Gilbert Healy (**1981 – 1982**);
Michael John McNally (**1982 – 1984**);
Michael Andrew 'Mick' Taylor (**1984 – 1985**);
Stephen Alexander Hopkins (**1985**);
Howard John Ettam (**1985 – 1986**);
Raymond Parkins (**1986**);
Graham Harper (**1986**);
Vincent John Simons (**1986 – 1987**);
Maureen Pegg (**1987 – 1990**);
David Eric Chriss (**1990 – []**)
Samantha Leach (**1999 – [2000]**)
Mike Dickinson [2001]
Andrew 'Andy' Dickinson [2001] – [2003]
Carl Willmott []

NOTES

* probably the same person

Martha P. Yardley – see also SARACENS HEAD.

George Davis = George Davies

Stourbridge Observer 27/6/1874

“A meeting of the nailers was held on Thursday, at the SWAN INN, Oldswinford, Mr. John Price in the chair, at which it appeared that the masters had agreed that in future for every bundle of iron delivered to the men, they will have to weigh in 52lbs of 3 inch fire tray and gate nails, and 53lbs of 3½ inch, 4½ inch &c.

A resolution was passed, thanking the masters for their concession they had made on the 3 inch fire tray and gate nails, and at the same time a resolution was passed not to make any 3½ inch, 4½ inch &c., until the yield was reduced 2lbs a bundle.”

1881 Census

Hagley Road

[1] George Davis (64), innkeeper, born Pincomb;

[2] Sarah Davis (62), wife, born Kingsland; [Herefordshire?]

[3] Sarah Davis (30), daughter, dressmaker, born Knighton;

[4] William Davis (26), son, glass cutter, born Kingswinford:

[Kingsland is about 4 miles WNW of Leominster.]

[1990]

It was renamed RETREAT. [1997], [2012]

Andrew Dickinson was the son of June and Mike (SEVEN STARS, Oldswinford). They bought this pub for him.

Carl Willmott was married to Trish.
See also VINE, Wednesfield.

[2014]



2009



2014

SWAN

4, Mamble Square, (Mamble Road), Envile Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Marston, Thompson and Evershed Ltd.
Grigg and Brettell Ltd.

LICENSEES

Miss Mary Faulkner [1861] – [1872]
Charles Millward [1871] – [1873]
John Yardley [1881]
Thomas Whittaker [1884] – [1888]
Henry Wittaker [1888]
Henry Weaver [1892]
Albert Hipkins [1916] – [1921]
W Stevens [1935]

NOTES

Mamble Square [1871]
4, Mamble Square [1881]
Mamble Road [1911], [1916]

1861 Census

Mamble Square
[1] *Mary Faulkner* (48), unmarried, publican, born Stafford;
[2] *William Faulkner* (41), brother, born Stourbridge;
and a servant:

The Advertiser, January 1871

“To be let, the SWAN INN, Mamble Square, Stourbridge, doing a capital trade, and rent low – Apply at the Stourbridge Brewery.”

1871 Census

Mamble Square – SWAN INN
[1] *Charles Millward* (27), spade finisher, born Stourbridge;
[2] *Annie Millward* (19), wife, born Stourbridge;
[3] *Jane Poole* (57), mother, born Stourbridge:

1881 Census

4, Mamble Square - SWAN INN
[1] *John Yardley* (27), publican, born Tamworth;
[2] *Mary Eleanor Yardley* (30), wife, born Cookley;
[3] *William John Yardley* (2), son, born Cookley;
[4] *Thomas Yardley* (9 months), son, born Cookley:

[*Henry Wittaker* was probably Henry Whittaker.]

W. Stevens was the secretary of Stourbridge, Lye, Cradley and District Licensed Victuallers' Association.
[1935]

It closed on 30th April 1968.

SWAN

Brierley Hill Road, Portway, Buckpool, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Charles Perrins, Stourbridge
Elwell, Williams and Co. (acquired c. 1905)
Smith, Williams and Co. (acquired c. 1916)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)

LICENSEES

Richard Cooper [1835]
Daniel Cooper [1845] – [1849]
Allen Cooper [1850]
Daniel Cooper [1851]
Mrs. Hannah Cooper [1854]
Mrs. Martha Cooper [1854]
William Baker [1862] – [1872]
William Moggeridge [1872] – **1877**;
Mary Moggeridge **(1877 – 1879)**;
William Baker **(1879 – 1891)**;
Mrs. Mary Ann Baker **(1891 – 1898)**;
William Sedgley **(1898 – 1902)**;
Daniel Cartwright **(1902 – 1904)**;
Thomas Moggridge **(1904 – 1906)**;
William Southall **(1906)**;
Joseph Ward **(1906 – 1907)**;
Joseph Hunt **(1907 – 1908)**;
Joseph Arthurs **(1908 – 1911)**;
Arthur Poultney **(1911 – 1912)**;
Annie Bourne **(1912 – 1914)**;
Mrs. Fanny Husselbee **(1914 – 1935)**;
Albert Fletcher **(1935 – [1940])**

NOTES

WHITE SWAN [1862], [1864], [1865]

1851 Census

Bug Pool

- [1] *Daniel Cooper* (40), boatman and licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Martha Cooper* (43), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Richard Cooper* (10), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Sarah Ann Cooper* (8), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Percival Cooper* (5), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Ellen Baggot* (18), house servant, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Agnes Baggot* (16), house servant, born Kingswinford:

Black Country Bugle

'Buckpool Pub Where The Brierley Hill Pioneers Struck Gold In 1854'

".....The SWAN INN at Buckpool, was then a favourite gathering place for local colliers. The licensee *Daniel Cooper*, was not exactly enthusiastic when two of his regulars, Joe Webb and Eli Ganner, began to spread the word concerning the Hudson Bay Company's offer After several discussions and family gatherings at the SWAN INN, 23 local men decided to take the plunge. The Nanaimo contacts offered adventure....."

Hannah and *Martha Cooper* appear at the SWAN in two separate directories.

1871 Census

Buckpool

[1] *William Baker* (47), engine driver and licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Mary Ann Baker* (47), wife, born Wordsley;

[3] *Joseph Baker* (22), son, glass engraver, born Wordsley;

[4] *William Baker* (16), son, born Wordsley;

[5] *Elijah Baker* (9), son, born Wordsley;

and a servant:

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

"All that public house and premises called the SWAN INN situate at Buckpool Wordsley aforesaid now or late occupied by Mrs. *Husselbee* Together with the messuage or dwelling-house adjoining now or late in the occupation of C. *Husselbee*....."

It had a pigeon club. [2001]

It closed in 2006.

Demolished [2008]



1997

SWAN WITH TWO NECKS

42, Dudley Road / Engine Lane, Lye Forge, LYE

OWNERS

Kidderminster Brewery Co. Ltd. [1905]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Heathcock [1860] – **1867**);
Mrs. Margaret Heathcock (**1867** – [1873]
William Heathcock [1878] – [1892]
George Elwell [1903]
Mrs. Harriet (Heathcock) Treviss [1910] – [1921]
Thomas Robins [1928] – **1929**);
Harold Edwin Whitehouse (**1929**);
Elon Turner (**1929** – **1932**);
George Henry Chance (**1932** – **1935**);
John Henry Trevis (**1935** – **1938**);
Polly Parish (**1938** – **1940**);
John Eli Hall (**1940** – **1944**);
Bert Cartwright (**1944** – **1945**);
Frederick Charles Turner (**1945** – **1946**);
Shadrack Loveridge (**1946** – **1960**);
Alfred Loveridge (**1960** – **1963**);
Brynley Davies (**1963**);
Frank Boulton (**1963** – **1966**);
Priscilla Worton (**1966** – **1969**);
Joseph Jesse Parry (**1969** – **1970**);
Ernest James (**1970** – **1976**);
Ida Parker (**1976** – **1983**);
Patrick Edward 'Pat' Flatman (**1983** – []

NOTES

SWAN [1870], [1872]

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

SWAN WITH TWO NECKS

- [1] John Heathcock (47), victualler, born Lye;
- [2] Margaret Heathcock (47), wife, born Lye;
- [3] Caroline Heathcock (17), daughter, housemaid, born Lye;
- [4] William Heathcock (15), son, labourer at clay pit, born Lye;
- [5] Betsey Heathcock (9), daughter, born Lye;
- [6] Harriet Heathcock (4), daughter, born Lye;

John Heathcock = John Heathcote

John Heathcock, beer retailer, Lye. [1864], [1865]

1871 Census

SWAN WITH TWO NECKS

- [1] *Margaret Heathcock* (57), widow, publican, born Lye;
- [2] *Gwendoline Heathcock* (27), daughter, born Lye;
- [3] *William Heathcock* (25), son, born Lye;
- [4] *Gertrude Heathcock* (22), son's wife, born Lye;
- [5] *Sarah Ann Heathcock* (12), granddaughter, born Lye:

Harriet Heathcock married *Treviss* on 13th February 1910.

It was demolished and rebuilt in the 1920's.

Black Country Bugle (August 1983) - Pub of the Month

“.....In the old days, this upstairs room was used as a boxing gymnasium - run by a Mr. Horace Pardoe, who trained and coached local lads with fistic ambitions.....”

[1998]

Closed

It was converted into the Balti Royale restaurant. [2001]



2002

TALBOT

4, Talbot Street, (Lye Waste), Wollescote, LYE

OWNERS

John Brooks

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Thomas Brooks [1845] – [1860]

Nebo Homer [1862] – **1872**;

Thomas Brooks (**1872 – 1874**);

John Brooks (**1874 – [1892]**)

A Guest [1914]

Frederick Guest [1916] – [1921]

NOTES

Thomas Brooks was also a vice, hammer and chain manufacturer. [1860]

He was also described as a nail ironmonger. [1854]

Nebo Homer, beer retailer, Lye Waste. [1865]

Thomas Brooks, beer retailer, Lye. [1870], [1872]

Stourbridge Observer 28/2/1874

“On Tuesday morning Mr. Ralph Docker opened an inquiry at the TALBOT INN, Lye Waste, on the body of Thomas Cartwright (20), who died on Friday last, from injuries received at the Hayes Colliery, on the 11th inst. No evidence beyond the identification of the body was taken, and the Coroner adjourned the inquiry for a week to afford an opportunity of communicating with the Government Inspector upon the subject.”

Stourbridge Observer 14/3/1874

“The adjourned inquest on the body of Thomas Cartwright, aged 20, who died on the 20th ult., from injuries received whilst at work in the pit on the 11th ult, was resumed by Mr. R. Docker, at the TALBOT INN, Lye Waste, on Saturday last.

Mr. Perry appeared to watch the case on behalf of Messrs. Fisher, the proprietor of the Hayes Colliery.

The first witness called was Elijah Pritchard, who said he lived at the Lye, and worked at the Hayes Colliery. He was at work there on the 11th ult. Deceased was at work with him on the above date, helping him to lift a skip on to the rails. Deceased was a loader; witness was a crusher. Deceased was heaving a tub up with him, and he tumbled down. That was about 10 or 11 o'clock in the morning. Deceased was assisting him to heave the skip on to the rails. He tumbled down and said he had hurt himself. He was hurt in the left side. Witness told him he had better knock off, but he said he should be better presently. Witness loaded two or three skips whilst deceased was sitting down. He sat down and got better, and commenced to work again in about half an hour. He worked until night. He was also at work there at seven o'clock on the morning of the next day. Deceased worked until breakfast time, and at eleven o'clock he came up the pit along with witness. Deceased did not complain to witness of being ill, but he told some of the other men that he was very bad. He came up at eleven o'clock. Witness did not know why he knocked off. He saw deceased go up home when he went back with him. Witness saw deceased against the BELL, at one o'clock, with a dirty face. He meant by this, that deceased had not washed himself. Deceased told witness he was

going home to go to bed. He said he was very bad. Witness saw deceased on the following Friday. He told witness to tell the butty that he could not come to work.

By the Foreman of the Jury: I did not see him after that. Deceased requested the others to ask witness to tell the master he could not come to work.

By the Coroner: I did not see him at all after that.

In accordance with a suggestion from Mr. Perry, a Juryman asked why they knocked off on the Thursday.

Witness replied that they did so because the horse was bad.

By the Coroner: Deceased said he should knock off whether the horse was bad or not.

Sarah Cartwright, who was the next witness called, said she was the wife of deceased. She knew about the accident on the Wednesday, when her husband came back from work. When deceased came in he lay down on the sofa, and said he had hurt his side; and directly afterwards he began to vomit blood. That was on the 11th. He said he had hurt himself whilst pushing up a tub. He complained of pains at the bottom of his stomach. He vomited blood at intervals from the Wednesday to the following Sunday evening. He was no better on Thursday morning, but he said he would go to the pit and see what he could do towards working a bit. He stayed at work from half past six until half past eleven o'clock on the Thursday morning. He then went home. That was on 12th ult. Deceased still complained of pain, and continued to vomit blood. His urine also had the appearance of congealed blood. He lay down on the sofa whilst witness made the bed, and he then went to bed. Witness did not send for the doctor, because she had not paid deceased's 'Union money'. She paid the money on Monday, and then went to the pit for a note. That was on the 16th. During the whole of the time deceased continued in the same state, vomiting blood occasionally. The medical man sent for was Dr. Ker, but he did not come until Wednesday. In the meantime, Dr. Ker's assistant attended deceased on the Monday and Tuesday. On the Wednesday, Mr. Ker himself came. Deceased got no better, and died on the Friday morning about a quarter to seven.

Mr. Hugh Richard Ker said he was a surgeon living at Cradley Heath. His impression was that he saw deceased on the Tuesday; but he would not be confident about that. It was either on the Tuesday or the Wednesday that he saw deceased. Witness found him suffering from inflammation of the peritoneum and of the bowels. In consequence of that he was suffering extreme pain in the bowels, and in the left side. Deceased was in a critical position, and appeared to be sinking, and approaching a state of collapse. They told witness that deceased had been vomiting blood; but he saw nothing of the kind. He did not pass water whilst witness was there. He saw deceased again on the following day (Thursday). He was changed for the worse. The pain was more severe, and the inflammation extending, and death approaching. There were no external injuries. Witness did speak to deceased, but the latter was hardly in a fit state to talk about the accident. The mother gave witness all the information respecting it. He could hardly reconcile so extensive an injury being caused by so slight a strain, because the passing of blood must have indicated a rupture of the liver, or injury to the kidneys. It was possible, but not probable. He could understand it if a load of stuff had fallen on him. The immediate cause of death was peritonitis, or inflammation of the bowels, causing death by exhaustion. It was a case of peritonitis.

In answer to the Foreman of the Jury, witness said there was a possibility that deceased might have been hurt by the strain to the extent to cause the injuries from which the deceased died. He could not tell.

A Juryman: The exhaustion was caused by draining.

The Coroner summed up, and in doing so said the deceased was at work in his usual health, and was engaged in lifting a heavy weight, which caused a strain, from which he died. The medical man seemed to think it rather strange that a strain should have caused such extensive internal injuries as those indicated by the vomiting of blood &c. Still he admitted that there was a possibility that the injuries were caused in that way, and in the absence of any evidence to the contrary they could only assume that that was the case in the present instance. If they came to the conclusion that death resulted from the deceased's own act, they would bring in a verdict of Accidental death. If they thought on the contrary that the accident occurred through the fault of anyone else. Without, however, wishing to control their verdict, he must remind them that there was an entire absence of evidence implicating anyone else in the affair.

The Jury, after a short deliberation, returned a verdict of Accidental death."

1881 Census

Talbot Street – TALBOT INN

- [1] *John Brooks* (43), manufacturer, born Wollescote;
- [2] *Ann Brooks* (43), wife, born Cradley;
- [3] *Hannah Brooks* (20), daughter, born Wollescote;
- [4] *Henrietta Brooks* (17), daughter, born Wollescote;
- [5] *Samuel Brooks* (15), son, scholar, born Wollescote;
- [6] *Alice Brooks* (12), daughter, scholar, born Wollescote;
- [7] *Thomas Brooks* (10), son, scholar, born Wollescote;
- [8] *Florance Brooks* (8), daughter, scholar, born Wollescote;
- [9] *Squire J. Brooks* (4), son, scholar, born Wollescote:

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“All that messuage used as an inn and called The TALBOT HOTEL or Inn with the brewhouse and outbuildings and yard thereto belonging situate in the Hamlet of Wollescote.....”

Lily Lodge (No. 4598) of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes met here. [1935]

TALBOT

137, Upper High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Wakefield and Richmond [1841]

Talbot Hotel Co. Ltd. [1873], [1881]

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909) [1964]

LICENSEES

Jonathan Pyrke **(1685 - []**

Daniel Clarke []

Thomas Savage **(1755 - []**

John Wiley [1784]

Robert Loverock [1822] – [1835]

Benjamin Brookes [1845] – [1864]

Benjamin and Arthur T Brookes [1871] – **1872);**

Joshua Bridges **(1872 - [1873]**

Hester A Pearce [1881]

John Douglas Penney [1884] – [1892]

Jessie Louisa Bennett [1901] – [1911]

Karen Beebee and Terence Kelly **(2005 - []**

Alan Whitehead **(2008);**

NOTES

It was once the home of the Foley family.

Commercial inn and posting house. [1828], [1835], [1845], [1862], [1892]

Family and commercial and posting house [1850], [1911]

Commercial hotel. [1854], [1884]

Family and commercial hotel. [1873]

It was Grade II listed.

It was leased as an inn in 1685.

Jonathan Pyrke was also the postmaster. [1693]

In the 17th century it was the collection point for the Royal Mail.

Daniel Clarke died c. 1708.

Thomas Savage was also the postmaster. [1758/1759]

It was also the Excise Office. [1820]



The Royal Bang-up coach to Birmingham, through Halesowen, left from here every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at half past nine. [1820]
The Royal Bang-up coach for Birmingham, through Dudley, left from here every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday. [1820]
The Victory coach for Kidderminster left from here every morning at half past ten [1820]
The Bang-up coach for Kidderminster left from here every evening at half past six. [1820]
The Victory coach for Birmingham, through Dudley, left from here every afternoon at 4 o'clock. [1820], [1822]
Coaches also left from here for Worcester and Wolverhampton. [1820]

The Royal Mail coach to Birmingham left from here every afternoon at 2. [1822]
The Bang-up coach to Birmingham left from here every morning at 9. [1822]
The Everlasting coach to Kidderminster and Worcester left from here every morning at half past 7. [1822]
The Eclipse coach to Kidderminster and Worcester left from here every afternoon at 5. [1822]
The Eclipse coach to Wolverhampton left from here every morning at 8. [1822]
The Everlasting coach to Wolverhampton left from here every evening at 7. [1822]

The Royal Mail coach (from Stourport) to Birmingham, through Dudley, left from here every afternoon at half past four. [1835]
The Invincible coach (from Kidderminster) to Birmingham, through Dudley, left from here every morning at eight. [1835]
The Union coach (from Ludlow) to Birmingham, through Dudley, left from here every afternoon at half past three. [1835]
The Invincible coach (from Birmingham) to Kidderminster left from here every evening at half past seven. [1835]
The Union coach (from Birmingham) to Ludlow, through Kidderminster, Bewdley and Cleobury, left from here every forenoon at half past eleven. [1835]
The Royal Mail coach (from London) to Stourport, through Kidderminster, left from here every morning at a quarter to ten. [1835]
The Everlasting coach (from Worcester) to Wolverhampton, through Dudley and Sedgley, left from here every evening (Sunday excepted) at half past six. [1835]
The Bang Up coach to Wolverhampton, through Dudley and Sedgley, left from here every morning at ten. [1835]
The Everlasting coach (from Wolverhampton) to Worcester, through Kidderminster and Stourport, left from here every morning (Sunday excepted) at eight. [1835]
The Bang Up coach to Worcester, through Kidderminster and Stourport, left from here every evening at half past five. [1835]

Pickford and Co., carriers to Birmingham, left from here every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. [1835]

Benjamin Brookes = Benjamin Brooks

1851 Census

TALBOT HOTEL

[1] *Benjamin Brooks* (30), innkeeper, born Stourbridge;
[2] *Mary Ann Brooks* (30), wife, born Worcester;
[3] *Steven Samuel Brooks* (8), son, born Stourbridge;
[4] *Audrey Brooks* (6), daughter, born Stourbridge;
[5] *Frederick Brooks* (9 months), son, born Stourbridge;
plus a barmaid, parlour maid, nurse, under nurse, kitchen maid, chambermaid, cook, under cook, writing clerk, and 4 travellers:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 5/4/1856

“George Stokes, a post boy at the TALBOT HOTEL, was summoned by the police for furiously driving through he town, on the 31st ult.

The defendant promising it should not occur again was ordered to pay costs.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 11/8/1858

“On Tuesday evening, Mr. W. B. Collis, solicitor of Stourbridge, was entertained at a public dinner, at the TALBOT HOTEL in that town, and presented with a handsome silver epergne and salver of the value of £200, on the occasion of his retirement from the office of clerk of the Poor Law Union.....”

Stourbridge Observer 17/9/1864

“An inquest was held on Tuesday last at *B. Brook's*, the TALBOT, on the body of Arthur Herbert Douglas Bowyer, before R. Docker, Esq., coroner.....

Mr. Brearley was the first witness called, and said that on Saturday last he was invited by Mr. Bowyer to take a ride with him to Enville. They had a horse and gig from Mr. Dutton's. They had some champagne. He was perfectly sober. The deceased was a little elevated. About half past four o'clock they were returning, and when about three quarters of a mile on the road towards Stourbridge, witness said, 'Don't drive so fast.' The gig went over a ruck of stones, and they were both thrown out, and became insensible. On recovering saw a man named Row, and asked him who that man was lying on the ground; witness then got up and found that it as Mr. Bowyer; he then asked Row to go to Mr. Yardley's and fetch a car. The man replied that he dare not leave his horses and cart, witness then went to fetch the car himself, when he returned deceased was being supported by some one, but quite insensible. In answer to the coroner witness said he believed the horse was a steady one, but was trotting very fast. During the time of giving the above evidence, Mr. Brearley was much affected. John Row, labourer, said, on the above day he was in charge of two horses and a cart belonging to Lord Stamford, about half past four o'clock, near Enville Common, he saw two men, one was lying on the ground on his face, and the other on his side, it was the last witness that was on his side, he spoke to him but could not make him understand for some time. When he came to himself he asked who that man was lying down, and afterwards asked him to go to Mr. Yardley for a car; witness told him that he was in charge of two horses belonging to Lord Stamford, and could not leave them, but would hurry on. I dragged the men out of the road, deceased was bleeding from the nose.

Mr. Lucas also gave corroborative evidence, and said he assisted to get Mr. Bowyer into the fly.

Henry Yardley said he lived at Enville, and kept the Stamford Arms Hotel. On Saturday last deceased and Mr. Brearley was at his house and left soon after four o'clock. Mr. Brearley shortly afterwards returned and informed him of the accident. He at once got a fly and proceeded to the spot, which is about three quarters of a mile from Enville. On arriving there he found that deceased was quite insensible, and being supported by Mr. Lucas and Row. He got him into the car and brought him into Stourbridge. He had in the mean time sent for medical assistance. He had examined the road where the accident occurred, and there were some broken stones, they were not in the way. The gig wheel passed over a ruck, he had since measured the distance and found that the body of Mr. Bowyer was ninety feet from where the stones were, and from where Mr. Brearley was found, seventy-five feet, and the hat of Mr. Bowyer was 41 feet from the body, and that of Mr. Brearley 42 feet, which shows that they were driving very fast.

Henry Wilson said he was a surgeon, residing in Stourbridge, on Saturday last was sent for to attend deceased, who was perfectly insensible, which was caused by concussion of the brain. He examined him and found that he had a bruise on the left temple, a contused one on the left eye, left arm, and a slight one on the left shoulder. He attended upon him until his death, which was caused by concussion of the brain. A verdict to that effect was returned.”

Stourbridge Observer 18/11/1865

“Smith v Rufford, - Billingham v Rufford.

On Tuesday and Wednesday a very lengthened enquiry was commenced at the TALBOT HOTEL, before Mr. Dowdeswell. The claim was for alleged damages done to two dwelling houses and premises at the Lye, by the fire clay workings of the well known firm of Mr. F. T. Rufford. A portion of the clay workings were admitted to have been worked to within eleven yards of plaintiff's house, which latter had been built twenty-nine years ago upon old thick coal and fire clay bottoms made forty years ago. The house was stated to lean towards the defendant's workings seven and a half inches out of perpendicular, and the other houses adjoining leaned more or less in the same direction. The defence was that the recent fire-clay workings had not caused or contributed to the injuries, but that they were entirely caused by drawing the water out of the old thick coal hollows underneath the houses, and

from some alleged old workings from Hatton's old pits, worked seventeen years ago. The damages had arisen during the last four or five years.

For the plaintiffs there were called the plaintiff, Messrs. Henry Johnson (mining engineer), Richard Growcott, Jeremiah Skidmore jun., Joseph Westwood, Zachariah Robinson, Elijah Robinson, Richard Hatton, and Elisha Brooks, mine agents and other mining witnesses.

For the defendant, Mr. Richard Ganden and Mr. John Yardley, mine agents and other mining witnesses.

At four o'clock the enquiry was adjourned to a day to be fixed by the Arbitrator. Mr. Motteram, of the Oxford Circuit, appeared for the plaintiffs, instructed by Mr. G. W. Prescott; and Mr. Huddleston QC, appeared for the defendants, instructed by Messrs. Harward and Shepherd."

Benjamin Brookes was the treasurer of the Stourbridge Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society from 1866 to [1867].

Stourbridge Observer 10/8/1867

"Some nine months since the licensed victuallers in this town met at Mr. Compson's [possibly the PACK HORSE] for the purpose of forming themselves into a society for their mutual protection, similar to those established in other towns. Mr. Hughes was elected president, Mr. Dutton, vice-president, and Mr. B. Brooks, treasurer. The society has rapidly progressed, and there are at the present time some seventy members connected with it; and it is still increasing in numbers, and no doubt before long every licensed victualler in the district will become a member, as they must clearly see that it will be to their own interest to do so.

The society determined on celebrating their first anniversary, and a dinner was held for this purpose at Mr. *B. Brookes's*, the TALBOT HOTEL, on Tuesday last. Upwards of sixty sat down to an excellent dinner provided by the worthy host of the hotel, Mr. *B. Brooks*, who occupied the chair; Mr. J. Hughes occupying the vice-chair. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided...."

Benjamin Brookes, TALBOT family commercial hotel and railway posting house and agent. [1870]

1871 Census

137, High Street – TALBOT HOTEL

[1] Mary A. Lightwood (70), widow, mother in law, independent, born Stourbridge;

[2] *Benjamin Brooks* (22), son, hotel keeper, born Stourbridge;

[3] *Arthur T. Brooks* (18), son, hotel keeper, born Stourbridge;

[4] Henrietta Harrison (34), general servant, born Upton on Severn;

[5] Arthur Pellai (36), traveller, merchant, born Italy;

[6] Mary A. Powell (25), general servant, born Bretton Flint, Yorkshire;

[7] Sarah Trickey (?) (20), general servant, born Kinver;

[8] Eliza Palmer, general servant, born Kinver:

Henry Rowcliffe (39), was listed, in the 1871 Census, at 96, High Street [CHEQUERS] as clerk to the TALBOT HOTEL.

Stourbridge Observer 14/1/1872

"A few friends met at the TALBOT HOTEL, on Thursday evening, to present Mr. [James Hume] Phillips, station master, with a testimonial.. Mr. William Edwards, on behalf of the subscribers, made the presentation, which consisted of a purse containing upwards of £74, as a token of respect and esteem to him for his courteous attention to the public in general. Mr. Phillips made a suitable reply...."

Stourbridge Observer 24/2/1872

"The Rifle Volunteers of this town were entertained to dinner by Captain Walker, and the officers of the company, at the TALBOT HOTEL...."

Stourbridge Observer 20/4/1872

"Worcestershire Agricultural Society. The adjourned meeting of this committee was held yesterday at the TALBOT HOTEL, Mr. H. Billingham in the chair...."

Joshua Bridges = Joshua Brydges

Stourbridge Observer 23/11/1872

“On Wednesday evening the annual dinner, in connection with the Licensed Victuallers’ Protection Society, was held at the TALBOT HOTEL. Upwards of one hundred sat down to dinner. Mr. *B. Brooks* occupied the chair, and the vice chair was occupied by Mr. C. W. Collis.....”

Stourbridge Observer 14/12/1872

“Mr. *Brydges*, of the TALBOT HOTEL, made an application before the Magistrates yesterday, for a extension of the time to keep open the hotel until four o’clock in the morning of a certain day in the ensuing month, for a private ball. **The application was granted.”**

Stourbridge Observer 15/2/1873

“Before Messrs. R. L. Freer, J. C. A. Scott, W. C. Firmstone and Col. Barrows, *Joshua Brydges*, of the TALBOT HOTEL, was ordered to pay the costs, 6s 6d, for allowing his chimney to be on fire. P.C. Bladon proved the case.”

Stourbridge Observer 5/4/1873

“Stourbridge Cricket Club. The annual meeting of the above club was held at the TALBOT HOTEL, on Thursday evening, for the purpose of appointing officers for the coming season, and passing the accounts.....”

3rd May 1873 – An auction of Oil Paintings was held in the Assembly Room.

8th May 1873 – An auction of Jewellery was held in the Assembly Room.

14th May 1873 – An auction of “Genteel Household Furniture” was held in the Assembly Room.

Stourbridge Observer 5/7/1873

“Masters and Servants Act. Thomas Frost, in the employ of the TALBOT HOTEL Company Limited, was summoned by *Joshua Bridges*, manager, for neglecting his work on Saturday last. Mr. Prescott defended. From the evidence of complainant it appeared that a Mr. Baker called at the hotel for a cab to be supplied on the Saturday, to go to Brierley Hill. The defendant was engaged as the postboy, but refused to take him unless he gave him 1s for himself. In defence, it was urged that it was after 11 o’clock and an unreasonable hour, and the case was dismissed.”

Stourbridge Observer 2/5/1874

“On Monday evening last, a banquet was held at the TALBOT HOTEL, in this town (under the auspices of the Constitutional Association), to celebrate the return of Messrs. Allsopp and Walker, the two Conservative candidates who successfully contested the representation of the Eastern Division of the County, during the late elections.....”

1881 Census

137, High Street – TALBOT HOTEL

[1] *Hester A. Pearce* (31), manageress (Talbot Hotel Co.), born Stonehouse, Gloucestershire;

[2] *Annie Jasper* (23), barmaid, born Enville;

[3] *Sarah Fielding* (23), barmaid, born Walsall;

[4] *Mary Joiner* (18), pantry maid, born Birmingham;

[5] *William H. Hall* (18), under boots, born Kinver;

[6] *Kate Jordan* (20), kitchen maid, born Stourbridge;

[7] *Sarah Edwards* (38), waitress, born Staffordshire;

[8] *Eliza E. Smith* (38), cook, born Bath;

[9] *Harriet Fox* (26), waitress, born Birmingham;

[10] *Mary A. Sparrey* (20), chambermaid, born Birmingham;

[11] *Sydney H. Steelenhouse* (33), visitor, artist, born Dudley;

[12] *Theresa M. Herbert* (10), visitor, born Dudley;

1901 Census

137, High Street

- [1] *Jessie Louisa Bennett* (50), widow, manageress of hotel, born Knightsford Bridge, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Jessie Mary Bennett* (30), daughter, lady help in hotel, born Worcestershire;
- [3] *Annie Louisa Bennett* (28), daughter, lady help in hotel, born Worcestershire;
- [4] *Kate Bennett* (26), daughter, lady help in hotel, born Worcestershire;
- [5] *Sarah Fawke* (40), cook, born Cradley, Herefordshire;
- [6] *Annie Hope* (26), lady help in hotel, born Wolverhampton;
- [7] *Ellen Young* (29), waitress, born Brailles, Worcestershire;
- [8] *Lillian Rushton* (27), housemaid, born Brierley Hill;
- [9] *Mary Gulliver* (19), pantry maid, born Stourport;
- [10] *Susan Higgs* (24), kitchen maid, born Stourport;
- [11] *Annie Gulliver* (16), chambermaid, born Kidderminster;
- [12] *William Hill* (19), billiard marker, born Kidderminster;
- [13] *Walter Hall* (13), page boy, born Crockston, Staffordshire;
- [14] *Harry H. Guest* (365), boarder, glass works manager, born Kingswinford;

Tipton Herald 17/10/1903

“Old Edwardian Club. The sixth annual dinner of this club was held on Founder’s Day (Monday) at the TALBOT HOTEL. Among a large number of Old Edwardians and friends were Mr. Henry King (president), Mr. H. Watson Smith (past president).....”

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“First all that messuage or dwelling-house situate in High Street Stourbridge aforesaid known as The TALBOT HOTEL. Together with the assembly room brewhouse coach-house stables and other buildings walled garden yard and appurtenances thereto belonging.

And Secondly all that coach-house or shed which was purchased by one Samuel Brooks from the Trustees of the late _____ Perry with other property.....

And Thirdly all that bar parlour kitchen and other offices erected on the site of the premises formerly used as a malthouse cellaring stables and outbuildings at the rear of the shop and house No. 138 High Street Stourbridge aforesaid and forming part of The TALBOT HOTEL.....”

1911 Census

High Street – TALBOT HOTEL

- [1] *Jessie Louisa Bennett* (65), widow, hotel manageress, born Worcester;
- [2] *Jessie Mary Bennett* (43), daughter, housekeeper, born Worcester;
- [3] *Sarah Fawke* (53), cook, born Cradley, Herefordshire;
- [4] *Emily Maud Gould* (41), book keeper, born Birmingham;
- [5] *Annie Hickman* (23), waitress, born Pensnett;
- [6] *George John Creed* (37), visitor, solicitor, born Epping, Essex;
- [7] *Iryphena Thomas Creed* (47), visitor, housekeeper, born Exeter;
- [8] *Frances Louisa Shelbey* (36), waitress, born Wolverton, Buckinghamshire;
- [9] *Lillie Marie Baker* (25), waitress, born Lye;
- [10] *Elsie Gladys Dudley* (18), servant, born Lye;
- [11] *Minnie Louisa Page* (21), servant, born Worcester;
- [12] *Nellie Cole* (20), servant, born Bierley Hill;
- [13] *Archibald Neville Dunn* (17), servant, born Worcester;
- [14] *William George Woodman* (30), servant, born Higham, Somerset;

It was the headquarters of Stourbridge Rotary Club from 1922 to 2007.

Oldswinford Cricket Club held its annual dinner and dance, here, in April 1964.

Closed

It reopened on 21st October 2005, after a £500,000 refurbishment.

It closed in December 2008.

Reopened

[2013]

It was closed on health and safety grounds in January 2014.



2014

TALBOT

WORDSLEY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Webb [1849] – [1851]

NOTES

Joseph Webb was also a butcher. [1849], [1850]

TEN ARCHES

Snowdon Road, Penfield Estate, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Ansells Ltd.
Pubmaster

LICENSEES

Frederick Brown **(1970 - []**
R F Sinclair [1983]

NOTES

It opened on 21st August 1970.

Frederick Brown was married to Ingeborg.

See also WALL HEATH TAVERN, Wall Heath, and WHEATSHEAF, Rowley Regis.

[2014]



2014

THREE CROWNS

51, Stourbridge Road, (Halesowen Road), Hay Green, LYE

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Stanley [1829]
Ann Stanley [1835]
Thomas Skidmore [1841]
John Hill [1845]
William Catchfield [1854] – [1860]
A Hill [1864] ?
Jeremiah Hill [1862] – [1865]
Henry Eveson [1870] – [1873]
John Eveson [1873]
John Taylor [1881] – [1884]
Charles Roberts [1888]
Samuel Downing [1892]
William Bridgwater [1914] – [1918]
John H Bridgwater [1921]

NOTES

Thomas Skidmore was also a butcher. [1841]

Stourbridge Observer 31/12/1864

“Inquest at the THREE CROWNS INN. On Tuesday afternoon, an inquest was held at the house of Mr. *A. Hill*, before R. Docker Esq, District Coroner, on the body of Joseph Allcock, who met with his death as the result of an injury he met with under circumstances duly reported in the Observer of the 17th inst.

William Hide deposed: I am a waggoner under Wood Brothers, and live at the Lye. I knew Allcock. He was nineteen years of age. He lived at Hay Green, and worked at Wood Brothers, as carter. On the 12th instant being a wet day, we were unable to go out with our horses. About ten o’clock in the morning he proceeded to cut chaff. He was in the act of attaching the band to the pulley, the engine being started, when the band caught on the shroudings of the pulley wheel, caught Allcock’s leg and entangled it. It lifted him up to the shaft and drew him round with the wheel. I cried out for help and to the engineman who was below to stop. He stopped the engine immediately. The band was cut and the deceased extricated. The thigh bone of his right leg was pulled right out of the knee socket. He was quite sensible. We removed him to his home. Dr. Campbell was sent for and came in about half an hour. He attended deceased until his death. He died on Sunday morning last about ten o’clock.

Dr. Campbell deposed: I am a surgeon, living at Stourbridge. I saw Joseph Allcock about eleven, on the day of his injury. He was depressed but not much shocked. There was a compound dislocation of the right knee joint. The lower part of the bone of the thigh was projecting about five inches. The muscles and flesh were all torn. I amputated it about the upper third of the thigh. He suffered from a cough which he had had some time. After the accident he spit blood. The limb progressed favourably; still he gradually sunk. The immediate cause of death was the injury by the accident. Had he not had the lung disease most probably he would have survived. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental death.”

Henry Eveson was also a chain and spade maker. [1870]

1871 Census

Halesowen Road

- [1] Henry Eveson (55), publican, born Lye;
- [2] Sarah Eveson (53), wife, born Lye;
- [3] John Eveson (23), son, clerk, born Lye;
- [4] Charles Eveson (20), son, gentleman, born Lye;
- [5] William Eveson (18), son, tailor, born Lye;
- [6] Henry Eveson (12), son, born Lye;
- [7] Sarah Eveson (17), daughter, born Lye;
- [8] Mary Eveson (15), daughter, born Lye:

Stourbridge Observer 1/11/1873

“An inquest was held on Saturday last at Mr. *John Eveson*’s, the THREE CROWNS INN, before R. Docker Esq., Coroner, touching the death of Solomon Hopcroft, who was killed whilst at work in a pit, belonging to Messrs. Perrens and Harrison. After hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of Accidental death.”

1881 Census

Halesowen Road

- [1] John Taylor (47), innkeeper and tailor employing 3 men, born Lye;
- [2] Maria Taylor (49), wife, born Lye;
- [3] Joseph Taylor (23), son, tailor, born Lye;
- [4] John Henry Taylor (21), son, sheet iron worker, born Lye;
- [5] George Taylor (16), son, sheet iron worker, born Lye;
- [6] Arthur Taylor (14), son, musician, born Lye;
- [7] Maggie Taylor (11), daughter, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [8] Pamela Taylor (7), daughter, scholar, born Lye;
- [9] Rose Hannah Ward (15), domestic servant, born Lye:

It was the headquarters of Stourbridge and District Aquarium Society. [1957]

THREE CROWNS

Upper High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Jones [1820] – [1829]
Thomas Prescott [1835] – [1841]
Mrs. Elizabeth Prescott [1845]
Thomas Pearson [1850]
Elias Barlow [1854]

NOTES

The Stourbridge to Birmingham mail coach left here at 9am.

THREE STARS

Oldswinford, (Lowerswinford), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Butler [1835] – [1841]
David Davies [1851]

NOTES

1851 Census

Lower Swinford – THREE STARS

- [1] *David Davies* (35), victualler, born Belbroughton, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Mary Davies* (52), wife, born Wolverley, Worcestershire;
- [3] *David Davies* (13), son, schoolboy, born Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire:

THREE TUNS

High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Thatcher [1820]

Joseph Thatcher [1822]

Sarah Thatcher [1829]

Richard Wyre [1835] – [1841]

NOTES

Richard Wyre = Richard Wyr

THULL GHAUT

Lawnswood Road, (Wordsley Green), WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Richard Poole, West Bromwich
Joseph Hill
Julia Hanson and Sons (acquired c, 1901)

LICENSEES

Richard Poole [1870] – 1872);
Arthur Rowley (1872 – 1874);
Edwin Moody (1874 – 1875);
Benjamin Minett (1875 – 1878);
Sarah Minett (1878 – 1879);
Thomas Roberts (1879 – 1883);
George Morris (1883 – 1884);
Thomas Dennison (1884 – 1885);
William Clarke (1885 – 1902);
Albert Constance (1902 – 1903);
Albert Henry Norton (1903 – 1904);
George Edward Niblett (1904 – 1905);
Henry Clarke (1905);
Clare Pearson (1905 – 1906);
Samuel Thomas Pitt (1906 – 1908);
Catherine Conlan (1908 – 1910);
William Henry Morgan (1910 – 1917);
Mrs. Eliza Webb (1917 – 1922);

NOTES

Richard Poole = Richard Pool

Arthur Rowley was also a joiner, builder and cabinet maker. [1873]

Stourbridge Observer 11/10/1873

“Freehold Old-Licensed Public House Mr. Samuel Insull will Sell by Auction, on Tuesday, the 21st October, 1873, at the house of Mr. *Arthur Rowley*, the THULL GHAUT INN, Wordsley Green, Wordsley.....

Lot 1. – All that substantially erected and well-known Freehold Public House and Premises, “The THULL GHAUT INN” situate at Wordsley Green, Wordsley, and now in the occupation of *Arthur Rowley*, comprising large Tap Room, Front Parlour, Bar, Parlour and Kitchen, Three Chambers, large Club Room, and extensive Cellaring. The outbuildings consist of a large Brewhouse, Coalhouse, and Stabling, with large Room over, now used as a Carpenter’s Shop, and Piggeries &c.&c. There is also a large Bowling Green and Kitchen Garden. The whole is walled-in, with side entrance, and is well supplied with hard and soft water.....”

1881 Census

Lawnswood Road

- [1] *Thomas Roberts* (30), licensed victualler, THULL GHOUT INN, and coal miner, born Wordsley;
- [2] *Caroline Roberts* (28), wife, born Wordsley;
- [3] *George Roberts* (6), son, scholar, born Wordsley;
- [4] *Harry Roberts* (3), son, born Wordsley;
- [5] *John Roberts* (5 months), son, born Wordsley;
- [6] *George Roberts* (14), brother, labourer, born Wordsley;
- [7] *Joseph Partridge* (42), lodger, cow keeper, born Wordsley;
- [8] *Mary A. Partridge* (62), wife, general servant, born Wordsley;
- [9] *John T. Brierley* (16), visitor, flint glass maker:

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on the grounds of redundancy, on 6th March 1922.

Renewal refused on 20th July 1922.

The license was extinguished on 30th December 1922.

TOWN HALL BAR

9, Market Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John William Henry Scofield [1892]

NOTES

Check SEVEN STARS

TRIANGLE

High Street, (Wollaston Road), Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Ann (Howells) Brazier [] - **1864**);
Benjamin Brazier (**1864** - [1865]
Mrs. Sabreany Rodgers [1871]
William Rodgers [1873]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Benjamin Brazier, beer retailer, Wollaston. [1864], [1865]
He was fined during the year ending August 1865.

William Rodgers = William Rogers

1871 Census

High Street – TRIANGLE INN

- [1] *William Rodgers* (33), spade maker &c., born Lye;
- [2] *Sabreany Rodgers* (31), wife, innkeeper, born Lye;
- [3] *Mary Rodgers* (10), daughter, scholar, born Lye;
- [4] *Rosehanna Rodgers* (3), daughter, scholar, born Lye:

William Rodgers was also a shopkeeper. [1873]

Stourbridge Observer 25/1/1873

“*William Rogers*, landlord of the TRIANGLE INN, Wollaston, was charged with permitting drunkenness, in his house, on the night of the 14th. Mr. Perry defended. Police-sergeant Jones said that he visited defendant’s house at a quarter past eight o’clock. He saw one man whose dress was in a disordered state, and six or seven other men were drunk, and their faces blackened, the landlord being amongst the number. One man had to be led out of the house. Police-constables Tomlinson and Smith gave corroborative evidence.

Mr. Perry for the defence, admitted that there was one man drunk, and he could not resist the law; but, as to the other men, they were not drunk. Two witnesses were called, and the Bench fined defendant 20s and costs, and endorsed his license.”

TURKS HEAD

Audnam Bank, (Coalbournbrook, Amblecote), WORDSLEY

OWNERS

William Penn, Baldwins Green, Lye [1800]
W. Hughes, Stourbridge
J. A. and A. Thompson Ltd., maltsters, Oldbury (acquired c. 1927)
William Butler and Co. Ltd. [1945]

LICENSEES

Margaret Pagett [1818]
Hannah Pagett [1822]
Margaret Homer [1829]
Samuel Hammond [1834] – [1862]
Joshua Bridgens [1870] – **1881**;
Mrs. Emma Bridgens **(1881)**;
Thomas Thompsonson **(1881 – 1883)**;
Walter William Walton **(1883 – 1898)**;
Joseph Walter Hobson **(1898 – 1906)**;
William Abraham Thompson **(1906 – 1921)**;
Isaac Fletcher **(1921 – 1928)**;
William Henry Lilley **(1928 – 1929)**;
Jane Elizabeth Sheldon **(1929 – 1931)**;
George Bingham **(1931 – 1932)**;
Isaac Fletcher **(1932 – [1940]**

NOTES

Coalbournbrook, Amblecote [1818]

[1800]

Samuel Hammond was also a blacksmith and wheelwright. [1845], [1849], [1850], [1854]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 6/6/1857

“The TURKS HEAD Ball, Audnam. The ball as announced took place on Wednesday. It was not so numerously attended as anticipated, but the company very respectable. The Stourbridge Quadrille Band discoursed sweet music, and the enjoyment was kept up till a late hour, and all separated much pleased.”

A dance was held here during Brierley Hill Wake, in September 1857.

1871 Census

Audnam – TURKS HEAD INN

- [1] *Joshua Bridgens* (42), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Emma Bridgens* (41), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *William T. Bridgens* (15), son, iron worker, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Emily Bridgens* (13), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Joshua Bridgens* (10), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Selinia Bridgens* (8), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Amelia Bridgens* (6), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Walter Bridgens* (4), son, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Ada Bridgens* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [10] *Mary Bullock* (17), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 3/2/1872

“Oates, Perrens and Wooldridge are favoured with Instructions to sell by auction, at the TURKS HEAD INN, Audnam, on Wednesday the 14th day of February.....

Lot 2. – That well frequented, long-established, Freehold Public House, the TURKS HEAD INN, Audnam, having excellent Cellaring, large Club Room, Stables, Coachhouse, and every appliance for carrying out a good business; together with the Outbuildings, Yard, Garden and Appurtenances, occupied by Mr. *Joshua Bridgens*.....”

1881 Census

Audnam – TURKS HEAD

- [1] *Emma Bridgens* (49), widow, licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
 - [2] *Joshua Bridgens* (20), son, brewer, born Stourbridge;
 - [3] *Selina Bridgens* (18), daughter, milliner, born Kingswinford;
 - [4] *Amelia Bridgens* (15), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
 - [5] *Walter Bridgens* (12), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
 - [6] *Ada Bridgens* (11), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
 - [7] *Mary Ann Bill* (79), mother, annuitant, born Milson, Worcestershire:
- [Milson is about 10 miles W of Stourport on Severn. It is now in Herefordshire.]

Walter William Walton was married to Sarah.

Joseph Walter Hobson – see also LITTLE PIG.

1911 Census

Audnam – TURKS HEAD

- [1] *William A. Thompson* (42), licensed victualler, born Manchester;
- [2] *Emily M. Thompson* (47), wife, married 23 years, assisting in the business, born Swindon, Staffordshire;
- [3] *May M. Thompson* (7), niece, born Liverpool;
- [4] *Mary A. Davis* (19), general servant, born Harts Hill:

Midland Advertiser 8/2/1930

“Plans were submitted and application for alterations to the licensed premises of the TURKS HEAD INN, Audnam, Wordsley.”

It closed on 30th June 1956.

Demolished

UNICORN

56, (57), Brettell Lane / Vale Street, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Samuel Icke, Stourbridge
Mrs. Davies and Mr. Richards, 76, Holyhead Road, Handsworth
Benjamin Wellings
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1895)
leased by Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (from 1914)
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (acquired c. 1923)

LICENSEES

William Oakes [1845] – [1846]
Joseph Evans [1850] – [1860]
James Evans [1862]
Joseph Evans [1870]
John Oliver [1871]
Mrs. Eliza Sutton [] – **1872**);
Henry Bowater (**1872 – 1880**);
Arthur Guest (**1880 – 1898**);
Richard Cox (**1898 – 1914**);
Louis Hercy (**1914 – 1924**); manager
George Harry Smith (**1924 – 1938**);
Albert Edward Handy (**1938 – 1952**);
Jack Williams (**1952 – 1973**);

NOTES

Check Brierley Hill.

57, Brettell Lane [1901], [1904], [1912], [1916], [1921]
56, Brettell Lane [1916], [1924], [1932], [1940]

1851 Census

UNICORN INN

[1] *Joseph Evans* (40), licensed victualler, born Wordsley;
[2] *Elizabeth Evans* (36), wife, born Wombourn;
[3] *Sarah Evans* (18), daughter, born Cradley:

Dudley Herald 13/3/1869

“Brettell Lane. To be let and may be entered upon immediately. The UNICORN INN, in consequence of the death of the proprietor. Incoming low. Rent and payments moderate.”

John Oliver was born c. 1836 in Elmbridge, Worcestershire.
[Elmbridge is about 3 miles N of Droitwich.]
He was married to Hannah.
He was also a glass cutter.

Stourbridge Observer 2/11/1872

"On Monday evening last a shocking accident occurred at Brettell Lane Railway Station. At about 9.50pm, the Crewe goods' train was standing in the station, over a level crossing, and a woman named Ann Turley, between 60 and 70 years of age, who resided at Brettell Lane, was in company with her two daughters, and came up to the crossing with the intention of going over. The one daughter went under the trucks with safety. The engine was unhooked, and went into a siding to fetch some more trucks to attach to the train. As they were coming back, Mrs Turley got under the trucks, and her head was caught between the buffers and smashed. Her brains were scattered and death was instantaneous. Mr. Penson, the station master, at once hastened to the spot, and sent for Mr. Chapman, surgeon, of Brierley Hill, who arrived in a short time, but the old lady was past help. The body was taken to her home.

The Inquest

An inquest was held on the body on Thursday, at the UNICORN INN, before Mr. W. H. Phillips, Deputy Coroner. Mr. Addison attended to watch the case for the friends of deceased, and Mr. Inspector Leadbrook, Mr. Inspector Lock, and Mr. Penson, station master, on behalf of the Company.

The first witness called was Mary Ann Turley, who deposed: I am the eldest daughter of the deceased, and lived with her at home. She was 89 years old. On Monday night I left home with my mother to go and see a sister across the bridge. She had just returned from London. We went about eight o'clock, and returned just before ten o'clock. As we came up Meeting Lane we went to cross the line just below Brettell Lane station. There is a cart road. As we came up to the railway there was no light, nor anyone about. Some trucks were across the line. My sister, who was with me, passed between the trucks. She did not appear to have any difficulty. My mother then tried to pass through, when the trucks moved, and caught her. My sister screeched and I thought there was something the matter. Some men came to carry me away. I afterwards saw my mother who was killed by being crushed. The station master came, and my sister asked for a light, when the station master said, 'Let her lie', and refused to bring a light, and said it was nothing to do with us. He afterwards brought a light, and was taking it away, when my sister ran after him, and took the light off him. He did not render any assistance.

Cross examined by Mr. Addison: I did go by the watch-box. There was no light there, or any one about.

Harriet Turley deposed: I am a single woman, and lived with my mother and sister. On Monday night I went with my mother, and sister to go and see another sister. We went along the canal side, and on returning my mother said she thought the best road to go back would be across the railway, as the canal side was an ugly road at night. Have crossed the railway road before, and considered it a public road. On crossing the line I saw no light; it was all quiet. There were trucks on the line, and room to pass through. I passed through. Did not have to stoop. There was just room for me to pass. After I had passed through I heard the trucks bump. As my mother was trying to pass through after me, she was caught between the two trucks I had passed through., and crushed. I said to her, 'Mother', she said, 'My wench', and she did not speak after. I fell down insensible. I afterwards recollect a Company's servant coming with a light. He was a tall man. He said, as my mother lay down, 'Let her lie,' and took the light away. I ran after him and took it off him.

By Mr. Addison: I did not look into the watchman's box. Did not see any light, or any one about.

By Inspector Leadbrook: Did not see any light under the trucks. My mother was crushed by the trucks.

Inspector Lock deposed: I am inspector, and know the station in question. There is a crossing on the South side of the station, a cart and foot road. There are four sets of rails. The up and down line, and two sidings. There is a gate on each side of the approach, and a turnstile on each side. There is a crossing-keeper kept there day and night. On Monday night Walter Perkins was on duty. His duty is also to shunt goods after nine o'clock at night. There is a light at the end of the goods shed to show a light over the crossing, and it is his duty to see that the light is burning. The turnstile is left open so that persons could pass through. The place where the accident occurred has been pointed out to me, which is the down line. Deceased would have to pass under the buffers. She must have passed under one pair, and in getting up and trying to pass under some others they must have caught her head. The trains were coupled together beyond doubt. The man does some time assist in shunting. At that time no reasonable person would attempt to pass, as the train would be standing. It is the same plan adopted at other small stations.

Richard Penson deposed: I am station master at Brettell Lane Station, and have been so for four years. All the shunting in the traffic department is under my management. I have 11 men under me, day and night. There is a man kept regularly at the crossing, and in the day time he attends to one pair of points, and at night attends to the shunting. Walter Perkins was on duty that night. I was at the station. He was on the crossing until the goods came to a stand. It was the down train 9.47. He would then have to leave the crossing and attend to the shunting. The gate would be locked at night, and there is a turn-stile. The goods train was on the line, and that would be sufficient for any common sense person not to attempt to cross. The first thing I heard was a scream. I was there first, because the

man was attending to his duties. I found deceased was lying near to the down main line by the shed. None of the trucks standing on the main line had been uncoupled. There were some trucks added to the train from the shed. The woman who said she had gone through the trucks, must have stooped down and got under. I suppose the deceased's death was caused by stooping under the coupling chain, and upon getting up must have been caught by the head between the buffers and killed.

Cross examined by Mr. Addison: To the best of my belief no person took a lamp out of my hands. Will not swear my lamp was not taken from me. Cannot say that the light at the corner of the shed was obstructed by the goods carriages.

A Juryman: I should think there must be a light for the woman to pass through.

Cross examined by Mr. Leadbrook: The crossing keeper must have signalled to the signalman, and got a signal back for him, before any train is allowed to come into the station.

The Coroner summed up the evidence, and said there was no doubt the woman lost her life in attempting to cross over the down line. He could not see that the jury could bring any criminal negligence against the man at the points, but thought that when the man went to attend to the points the company should have some one there to prevent persons crossing.

The jury, after a short consultation, said they found the deceased was accidentally killed in attempting to cross the line, and they considered that the wicket gate should have been locked as well as the other gate, and recommend that steps be taken by the Great Western Railway Company to protect persons passing over the crossing where deceased was killed, and that the watchman be not allowed to move from his post continually as he had done."

Henry Bowater was fined £5 and costs, on 29th January 1877, for being open during prohibited hours.

1881 Census

UNICORN INN

[1] *Arthur Guest* (28), glass cutter and publican, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Eliza Guest* (24), wife, born Kingswinford;

and a servant:

Arthur Guest was also a glass etcher and shoe maker.

He was also a coal merchant. [1892], [1896]

1901 Census

57, Brettell Lane – UNICORN INN

[1] *Richard Cox* (38), innkeeper, born Pensnett;

[2] *Menorah Bourne Cox* (37), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *James William Cox* (6), son, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Ida Nora Cox* (4), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *Mary Emery* (16), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

It closed on 20th February 1973.

Demolished

UNICORN

Cross Walks Road, Lye Waste, Wollescote, LYE

OWNERS

Samuel Newman Rhodes
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Mrs. Esther Bashford [1862] – **1864**);
William Priest (**1864** – []
Mrs. Esther Bashford [1870]
William Priest [1881]
Mrs. Esther Bashford [1884]
Samuel Taylor [1891] – [1892]
James Penn [1895]

NOTES

Wollescote [1873]

UNICORN AND CROWN [1862]

1881 Census

Cross Walks – UNICORN INN

- [1] *William Priest* (55), anvil grinder, born Cradley;
- [2] *Susannah Priest* (50), wife, born Wollescote;
- [3] *Susannah Priest* (18), daughter, barmaid, born Wollescote;
- [4] *William H. Taylor* (3), grandson, born Wollescote:

1891 Census

Cross Walks Road – UNICORN INN

- [1] *Samuel Taylor* (50), coal miner, born Lye;
- [2] *Mercy C. Taylor* (49), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *Mercy Taylor* (25), daughter, born Lye;
- [4] *Samuel Taylor* (23), son, iron plate worker, born Lye;
- [5] *John H. Taylor* (18), son, iron plate worker, born Lye;
- [6] *Benjamin Taylor* (10), son, scholar, born Lye:

Dudley Herald 6/4/1895

“Sale old established full licensed public house UNICORN INN.....”

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“All that piece or parcel of land with the messuage or dwelling-house erected thereon known as The UNICORN INN Lye Waste having a frontage to the road leading from Cross Walk to Borders Green and containing in the whole 200 square yards.....”

[1911]

UNICORN

145, (72), Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Joseph Lakin
Richard Cook (acquired in 1903 for £650)
Mary Kelley
James Billingham (acquired in 1912 for £800)
Horace James Billingham (acquired in 1929)
Eric Billingham
Daniel Batham and Son Ltd. (acquired on 14th August 1992)



LICENSEES

Joseph Lakin [1850's]
Harriet Lakin [1864] – [1865]
John Lawley [1877]
James Lewis [1901] – **1904**;
Richard Cook **(1904 – 1909)**;
Leila Whitehouse **(1909 – 1912)**;
James Billingham **(1912 – 1929)**;
Horace James Billingham **(1929 – 1970)**;
Eric Stanley Billingham **(1970 – 1992)**;
Mrs. Heather Billingham **(1992)**;
Matthew Batham **(1992 – 1994)**;
David Michael Martin **(1994 – [])**
Charles John Freeman [2003] – [2008]



NOTES

72, Bridgnorth Road [1891]
145, Bridgnorth Road

It had a beerhouse license.

It was originally a home brew house.

Tokens were issued from here.

Joseph Lakin was a foundry mould maker and a bare knuckle fighter.

Harriet Lakin, beer retailer, Wollaston. [1864], [1865]

1901 Census

72, Bridgnorth Road

- [1] *James Lewis* (49), glass packer and publican, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Mary Lewis* (59), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *William J. Lewis* (24), son, painter, born Wollaston;
- [4] *Flora A. Lewis* (20), daughter, born Wollaston;
- [5] *Alice M. Lewis* (16), daughter, born Wollaston:

The Advertiser 13/6/1903

“The UNICORN INN, Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston. Offering a fine opportunity of acquiring a well situated Free Home-Brewing Inn, which can be worked at a small expense.

Herbert Humphries will Sell by Auction, at the BELL HOTEL, Stourbridge, on Tuesday the 23rd of June 1903, at Seven o'clock prompt

All that Splendidly situated Free Freehold Licensed Inn and Premises, situate in the best part of Wollaston, where an immense traffic is almost unceasingly passing, and a large residential working population surrounds it. The Lot has an Important frontage of 46ft 9ins to Bridgnorth Road, with Gateway entrance. A portion of the Front Land could be made for and used as a Waiting Stand and Draw-in, which would attract a larger business to the house. There is also a pleasant well laid out Bowling Green, and the usual Outbuildings, with plenty of accommodation for developing a capital trade. This Lot will be rendered more valuable in the near future by dwelling houses which must be erected on land opposite.....”

‘Billingham’s Ales All Brewed On The Premises.’ Was painted on one of the walls. [c. 1914]

Horace Billingham died in August 1985 aged 80.

He brewed his own beer on the premises until 1963.

He was the son of *James*.

Eric Billingham was the grandson of *James*.

He was married to *Heather*.

He died on 19th May 1992, aged 63.

Express and Star 30/7/1992

“A Stourbridge pub owned by the same family for over 80 years has been sold to Brierley Hill real ale brewery Bathams.

The sale of the UNICORN in Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, comes two months after the death of licensee Mr. *Eric Billingham*, although it was on the market before he died.

Contracts for the sale were signed yesterday but neither Bathams nor Mr. *Billingham*’s widow, Heather, wished to reveal the price.....”

Charles John Freeman was known as John.

[2014]



c. 1980s



c. 1990s

UNION

15, Chapel Street, Wollescote, LYE

OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd.

Thomas Plant and Co. Ltd. (acquired in 1920)

Ansells Ltd.

LICENSEES

Felix Taylor []

Edwin Marsden [1891] – [1892]

Mrs. Florence Mary Cogzell [1916]

John Bedford [1921]

NOTES

Black Country Bugle (January 1974)

Letter from Mrs. Cartwright

“.....He [*Felix Taylor*] did keep the UNION INN in Chapel Street in fruit and vegetables His brother Joe kept the BEEFEATERS in Union Street.....”

1891 Census

Chapel Street

[1] *Edwin Marsden* (31), publican, born Lye;

[2] *Mary J. Marsden* (28), wife, born Lye;

[3] *Srah Marsden* (7), daughter, scholar, born Lye;

[4] *Eva Marsden* (2), daughter, scholar, born Lye;

[5] *Elizabeth Deeley* (16), domestic servant, born Lye:

It closed on 30th October 1939.

UNION

Dark Lane, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Benjamin Williams [1862] – [1873]
David Hatton [1884] – [1888]

NOTES

UNICORN [1862], [1865]

1871 Census

Dark Lane

- [1] *Benjamin Williams* (61), licensed victualler, born Branly, Herefordshire;
- [2] *Maria Williams* (64), wife, born Cradley;
- [3] *Sarah Bloomer* (24), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank:

UNION

Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Edwards [1820]

VAULTS

2, Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Robert Richards [1864] – [1865]

Joseph Henry Parkes* [1873]

Joseph Parkes* [1884]

George Allcott [1916] – [1921]

NOTES

SPIRIT VAULTS [1862], [1864], [1865]

* possibly the same person

Robert Richards was also a maltster. [1864], [1865]

VAULTS

134, High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Montague Taylor []
Mrs. Montague Taylor* [1866]
Mrs. Eliza Jane Taylor* [1873]

NOTES

* probably the same person

Stourbridge Observer 24/1/1866 - Advert

“Wine and Spirit Vaults, 134, High Street, Stourbridge / Mrs. *Montague Taylor* / Begg respectfully to announce to the inhabitants of Stourbridge and neighbourhood, that in consequence of the death of her husband, the duty of conducting the above Business has devolved upon her. / Mrs. *Taylor* desires to thank her friends, and the public generally for past favours, and trusts that by a careful selection of good articles at moderate prices, together with strict attention to business, she may be thought worthy of a continuance of their Patronage. / February 1866.”

Eliza Jane Taylor was also a wine and spirit merchant. [1873]

It closed on 11th June 1928.

VILLAGE TAVERN

Heath Lane, Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

William Hughes, Star Inn, Stourbridge
Dares Brewery Ltd., Birmingham

LICENSEES

James Barlow [1903] – **1904**);
Arthur Barlow (**1904 – 1913**);
Florence Rose Barlow (**1913 – 1916**);
John George Oxford (**1916 – 1939**);
George Payne (**1939 – 1940**);

NOTES

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority.
The house closed on 30th December 1940.

VINE

150, (Upper) High Street, (Halesowen Road), (Lye Waste), LYE

OWNERS

John Rolinson and Son Ltd. [1909]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Joseph Perry [1861]
John Taylor [1871] – [1873]
Thomas Edwards [1884]
John Brooks [1888]
Joseph Taylor [1892]
Emmanuel Dunn [1916]
John Dudley [1921]
John Bedford [1924]
Phelix Taylor [] [last licensee]

NOTES

Halesowen Road [1861]
Lye Waste [1873]
High Street [1884]

1861 Census

Halesowen Road – The VINE INN

- [1] *William Perry* (57), nail manufacturer, born Lye Waste;
- [2] *Mary Perry* (59), wife, born Lye Waste;
- [3] *Henry Perry* (24), son, nail manufacturer, born Lye Waste;
- [4] *Joseph Perry* (22), son, nail manufacturer, born Lye Waste;
- [5] *Mary Perry* (20), daughter, born Lye Waste;
- [6] *Ann M. Perry* (20), niece, house servant, born Caledonia:

1871 Census

High Street – VINE INN

- [1] *John Taylor* (38), publican, born Lye;
- [2] *Maria Taylor* (39), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *Reuben Taylor* (15), son, engineer, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Joseph Taylor* (14), son, bucket maker, born Lye;
- [5] *John H. Taylor* (11), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [6] *George Taylor* (9), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [7] *Arthur Taylor* (6), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [8] *Margaret Taylor* (1), daughter, born Lye;
- [9] *Mary Granger* (19), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank:

Stourbridge Observer 11/5/1872

“On Saturday last a numerously and well-attended meeting of engineers was held at the VINE INN, for the purpose of forming a branch society of the Amalgamated Engineers. All those present enrolled themselves, after which the meeting adjourned until this (Saturday) evening, when it is hoped that all the engineers of the district will avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded them of becoming members.”

John Dudley was the father of Horace Dudley (boxer) who sparred in the pub's clubroom.

It closed on 22nd April 1938.

Phelix Taylor was nicknamed “Fake”.
He was married to Fanny.

Closed

It became a newsagents shop.

VINE

Pedmore Road, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Brooks [1871] – [1881]
White [1914]

NOTES

1871 Census

Pedmore Road – VINE INN

- [1] *Thomas Brooks* (58), manager of chain works and innkeeper, born Lye;
- [2] *Sushannah Brooks* (59), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *Sarah Brooks* (25), daughter, dress maker, born Lye;
- [4] *Priscilla Brooks* (22), daughter, dress maker, born Lye;
- [5] *Maria Brooks* (19), daughter, dress maker, born Lye;
- [6] *Thomas H. Brooks* (18), son, spade maker, born Lye;
- [7] *Noah Brooks* (16), son, spade maker, born Lye:

1881 Census

Pedmore Road – VINE INN

- [1] *Thomas Brooks* (68), widower, licensed victualler and works manager, born Lye;
- [2] *Thomas H. Brooks* (25), son, spade maker, born Lye;
- [3] *Noah Brooks* (22), son, spade maker, born Lye;
- [4] *Meria Brooks* (21), daughter, domestic, born Lye:

VINE

Stourbridge Road, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

[1911]

VINE

19, Union Street, (Beefeaters), Wollescote, LYE

OWNERS

Julia Hanson and Son Ltd.

LICENSEES

David Hatton [1862] – [1873]

Henry Hatton [1884]

Thomas William Hatton [1888] – [1892]

Benjamin Charles Hatton [1916]

George Henry Newnham [1921]

John Bedford [1924]

NOTES

David Hatton was listed in the 1881 Census, at Beefeaters Field, a retired publican, aged 73, and born in Lye.

He was married to Mary Ann.

VINE

Hay Green, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Brace Rhodes [1888]

NOTES

Check Stourbridge Road.

VINE +

LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Perry [1862] – **1865**;
Joseph Perry (**1865** – []

NOTES

William Perry died in 1865.

VINE

27, (Lower) High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Joseph Hazeldine [1873]

LICENSEES

Henry Richards [1820]
Francis Richards [1822] – [1828]
Francis Richards [1835] which one?
Francis Richards Jnr. [1841] – [1845]
William Ford [1850] – [1851]
Benjamin Richards [1854] – [1870]
Joseph Hazeldine [1873] – [1881]
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hazeldine [1884]
George Cox Nogington [1888]
Charles Mason [1892]
Thomas Pagett [1916] – [1921]

NOTES

VINE INN [1841]
VINE HOTEL [1856], [1858], [1870], [1874], [1875], [1884], [1916]
NINE HOTEL and cigar stores [1888] [probably a typo]

Commercial Inn [1835], [1845]
Commercial inn and posting house [1854]
Commercial hotel [1874]

A coach left from here for Birmingham, through Dudley, every morning at 7.30am. [1822]

Francis Richards Jnr. was also a maltster. [1845]

1851 Census

Lower High Street

- [1] *William Ford* (41), veterinary surgeon and innkeeper, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Hannah Ford* (31), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Martha Ford* (15), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Thomas H. Ford* (14), son, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *William C. Ford* (7), son, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Elizabeth Bache* (27), barmaid, born Woolstane, Shropshire;
- [7] *Catherine Reiby* (22), cook, born Nottinghamshire;
- [8] *Sarah Thomas* (25), chambermaid, born Leominster;
- [9] *Mary Jones* (20), kitchen maid, born North Wales;
- [10] *John Harris* (21), boots, born Kidderminster;
- [11] *Samuel Dakin* (25), brewer, born Wollaston;

Brierley Hill Advertiser 14/10/1856

The Cricket Club. The members of this club concluded their cricketing season by playing a match amongst themselves in their ground at Stourbridge, on Tuesday last. A well played game ensued, contested between the elite First Eleven of the club, and Twenty-two of the other members. After some excellent play the Twenty-two scored 108 runs in their two innings. The Eleven scored 90 runs in their first innings, and owing to the crack playing shown at all points, easily wiped off the remainder of the score in the second innings without a wicket taken. Field operations were succeeded by a general bowling down to the dinner table at the VINE HOTEL, where about thirty gentlemen sat down to an inviting and excellent repast, catered in the usual good taste and style by the host and hostesses Mister and Misses *Richards*."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 6/6/1857

"The members of the Queen Victoria Lodge, No. 1485, Manchester Unity, held their annual meeting at Host *Richards*'s, the VINE HOTEL, on Monday. The account of the financial and other affairs of the society was very favourable. About a hundred of the members and their friends partook of a capital dinner, served up in mine host's most liberal and handsome style, and a most agreeable evening was spent."

Midland Counties Evening Express 23/2/1858

"An interesting ceremony [of Foresters] took place last night at the VINE HOTEL. It was the presentation of a magnificent Chief Ranger's chair to Court 'Foley' (which holds its meetings at the above hotel) by its honorary members....."

Benjamin Richards was also a saddler. [1864], [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 16/8/1873

"To the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Stourbridge, and to the Superintendent of Police, of the district of Stourbridge in the county of Worcester, and to all whom it may concern.

I, *Joseph Hazeldine*, Horse Dealer and Butcher, now residing at Lower High Street, in the township of Stourbridge, in the county of Worcester, and for six months last past having resided in Lower High Street do hereby give notice that it is my intention to Apply at the next General Annual Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Public Office on the 29th day of August for a License to sell Exciseable Liquors by Retail, to be drunk or consumed in the house or premises thereunto belonging, situate at Lower High Street my own property, and now in my occupation, and which said house and premises have been heretofore kept as an Inn, Alehouse or Victualling house, and called The VINE INN."

- This was ajourned.

Stourbridge Observer 4/10/1873

".....The next application was that of Mr. *Joseph Hazeldine*, who was supported by Mr. Stokes, and opposed by Mr. Collis, on behalf of the TALBOT HOTEL Company Limited; and Mr Perry on behalf of Mr. *Allen*, of the MITRE, and Mr. *Clark*, of the SARACENS HEAD.

Mr. Stokes, in opening the case, said that formerly Mr. *Hazeldine* kept the MITRE INN, but while there he bought the VINE HOTEL; but previous to leaving the MITRE, had entered into a mutual contract, that the incoming tenant should not keep a butcher's shop and Mr. *Hazeldine* not to open the VINE for a period of five years. Mr. *Hazeldine* went to the VINE and for some time kept up the license, until he was told that the license could not be obtained unless it was opened for a public house. Mr. *Hazeldine* had kept his part of the contract like a honourable man.

The VINE is well known in history and can be found in Scott's history of Stourbridge, so that it was one of the first hotels in Stourbridge, and has been for more than a hundred years. He should put in Court a memorial signed by some of the leading tradesmen and farmers in the district and for miles around. It is also signed by magistrates, a mayor, and a number of shareholders of the TALBOT HOTEL Company. He should prove that Mr. *Hazeldine* had kept the MITRE INN for twelve years and his father before him.

Mr. Perry was appearing for Mr. *Allen*, and he could not help saying that it appeared to him to be very ungrateful.

Mr. *Hazeldine* was then swore, and corroborated what Mr. Stokes had said.

Mr. Collis, addressed the Bench in opposition to the application, and said that the TALBOT Company had laid out £1,500 to make more accommodation for the public, and if the license was granted it would be an injustice to them, and that the house was not wanted. Mr. Bridges was called, and said that he had stable room at the TALBOT to bait 100 horses; there was 21 stall stable and 9 loose boxes. Could make up 15 bed rooms and 3 double ones.

Mr. Perry also addressed the Bench against the application.

The Bench retired to consider their verdict. On coming into Court, Major Fletcher said the Bench had decided to grant the application.”

Closed

It reopened in 1874.

Stourbridge Observer 11/4/1874 - Advert

“The VINE Commercial Hotel, Stourbridge / *Joseph Hazeldine*, Proprietor / *J. H.* begs to inform the Nobility, Gentry, and Inhabitants of Stourbridge and District, that he has Re-opened the above old-established hotel / which is replete with Every Accommodation, and will be glad to see all those Friends who may favour him with a call / Ales, Wines, and Spirits, of the Finest Quality / Cigars of the Choicest Brands / First class Stabling / Don’t Forget the Address – The VINE Commercial Hotel, Stourbridge.”

Stourbridge Observer 2/5/1874

“Forestry in Stourbridge. A general meeting of the officers of Court Foley, No. 2408, (holding its meetings at the VINE HOTEL) was convened on Monday last, for the purpose of initiating Thomas Eades Walker, Esq., M.P., and H. G. Goldington, Esq., Mayor of Worcester, as honorary members of the Order.....”

Stourbridge Observer 17/10/1874

“The annual general meeting of the Stourbridge Quoit and Bowling Club was held at the VINE HOTEL, on Tuesday evening last. Mr. F. Otter presided. The secretary, treasurer, and committee were elected for the ensuing year. The club appears to be in a very prosperous condition, both numerically and financially, several fresh members having very recently joined, and there is every prospect of the next season being a very busy one, both with regard to cricket and bowling.”

1881 Census

Lower High Street – VINE HOTEL

- [1] *Joseph Hazeldine* (45), hotel keeper, born Wollescote;
 - [2] *Mary Elizabeth Hazeldine* (44), wife, born Wollescote;
 - [3] *William Hazeldine* (22), son, hotel keeper, born Stourbridge;
 - [4] *Joseph Hazeldine* (21), son, born Stourbridge;
 - [5] *Emily Hazeldine* (16), daughter, born Stourbridge;
 - [6] *Ada Hazeldine* (14), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- plus a barmaid, cook, general servant and boots:

It closed on 7th November 1925.

THE VINE COMMERCIAL HOTEL,
STOURBRIDGE.
JOSEPH HAZLEDINE,
PROPRIETOR,
J. H. begs to inform the Nobility, Gentry, and Inhabitants of Stour-
bridge and District, that he has
RE - OPENED
THE ABOVE OLDESTABLISHED HOTEL
Which is replete with EVERY ACCOMMODATION, and will be glad to see all those
Friends who may favour him with a call.
ALES, WINES, AND SPIRITS,
OF THE FINEST QUALITY.
CIGARS OF THE CHOICEST BRANDS.
FIRST-CLASS STABLING.
DON'T FORGET THE ADDRESS—
THE VINE COMMERCIAL HOTEL, STOURBRIDGE.
Advert 1874

VINE

46, Camphill Street, (46, High Street) / Vine Street, (Barn Row), (Audnam), WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Worcestershire Brewing and Malting Co. Ltd. (acquired c. 1897)
Kidderminster Brewery Ltd. (acquired c. 1914)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Peter Towler (leased) [2008]

LICENSEES

John Mullet [1822]
John Edwards [1829]
Richard Mills [1838] – [1858]
Elizabeth Mills [1862]
Joseph Webb [1864] – **1867**;
Joseph Moore (**1867** – [1870]
Mrs. Elizabeth Moore [1871] – **1890**);
Benjamin Fenn (**1890** – **1896**);
Ellen Fenn (**1896** – **1898**);
Walter Watts (**1898** – **1907**);
Ernest Houghton (**1907** – **1910**);
Thomas Alfred Talbot (**1910** – **1912**);
Frank Tom Wartnaby (**1912** – **1918**);
Eva Wartnaby (**1918** – **1919**);
Frank Tom Wartnaby (**1919** – **1944**);
John Henry Hawthorne (**1944** – **1950**);
George Henry Jones (**1950** – **1955**);
Charles Clifford Short (**1955** – **1956**);
Henry Thomas Shorthouse (**1956** – **1957**);
William John Cartwright (**1957** – [1958]
Charles Spittle [] – **1967**);
Joseph Bayton (**1967** – **1969**);
Donald Bowen (**1969** – **1973**);
Roy Anthony Deacon (**1973** – **1974**);
Robert Collins Hopeton (**1974** – **1975**);
Ronald James Thomas (**1975** – **1976**);
Colin Stewart Riley (**1976** – **1978**);
John Ernest Wood (**1978** – **1982**);
Albert Victor David 'Vic' Norton (**1982** – **1985**);
Anthony Newton (**1985** – **1986**);
Arthur Raymond Griffiths (**1986**);
Barry Malcolm Lea (**1986** – **1990**);
Graham John Cattermole (**1990**);
Michael Johnson (**1990** – []
John Anthony Jones (**2000** – [2001]
Kate Stotts (**2009** – [] general manager
Liam O'Connor (**2010**) manager

NOTES

High Street [1865], [1871]
Camp Hill [1881]
46, Camp Hill [1911], [1940]

It was originally OLD JACOB'S WELL.

It was renamed the DUKE OF WELLINGTON [1822], [1829]

It was renamed the SPOTTED LEOPARD [1832]

It was renamed the VINE. [1864]
VINE HOTEL [1865]

Black Country Bugle 15/3/2001

Letter from Mr. G. P. Kernan

"The VINE at Wordsley was kept by my wife's great great grandfather, *Richard Mills* 1812 to 1860. (?) He was a successful local businessman, registrar for Kingswinford and assistant clerk to the Court. He founded the partnership of Mills, Webb and Stuart in 1853 at the Albert Glassworks behind the Red House, opposite the pub, principally as a vehicle for the talents of Francis Stuart He was also the grandfather of Gerald Rusgrove Mills, the founder of Mills and Boon publishers."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 9/2/1856

"To be sold by auction by Mr. Hawkins, on Tuesday, the 12th February 1856, at the house of Mr. *Richard Mills*, the VINE INN, Wordsley, at six o'clock in the evening All those two Messuages situated at Brettell Lane....."

Joseph Webb was also a commission agent. [1864], [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 17/2/1866

"At the Public Office, at Wordsley, on Monday last, before Captain Fletcher and B. St. John Matthews, Esq., Emma Collins, Eliza Roberts and Richard Patrick were charged with feloniously stealing a bottle of champagne and two bottles of porter, on the ___ inst, the property of *Joseph Webb*, the VINE INN, Wordsley. Mr. Maltby appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Burbury for the defence.

Mr. Maltby, in his opening remarks, said that there was no evidence against Patrick, and he should ask that he be discharged. He was accordingly discharged.

Ann Stringer deposed: I am servant to Mr. *Joseph Webb*, of the VINE INN, Wordsley. I was there last Friday and Saturday. Last Saturday morning I heard a quarrel between the prisoners, in the brewhouse. Roberts asked me if the mistress was talking about her, and I replied, 'No.' With reference to the other girl, Roberts said that if she did not shut her b___y mouth, she would loose the cat out of the bag. I said, 'Well, Mary, if I were you I would.' There were only us three servants. She said, 'Yes, about stealing the three bottles of champagne that she drank.' I then told my mistress who then called Mary. Mary said, 'come along with me, and I will tell you.' They went into the back kitchen to the other girl. I did not go.

Cross-examined: I came from just down below. Have been employed by Mrs. Webb before. I left of my own accord. Never saw any champagne. She said she had it out of the cellar. I forgot to mention the cellar. I talked the matter over with Mr. and Mrs. *Webb* on Friday morning; not since. On Saturday she said she would like to know how the girls were getting on. Did not mention them yesterday.

Martha Webb deposed: I am the wife of *Joseph Webb*. On Friday last the two prisoners were my servants. From something I heard I went into the back kitchen, and there saw Roberts. She went by the name of Mary. I called her, saying, 'come here; I want you.' I then asked her if it was true that Elizabeth had taken three bottles of champagne. Collins was present, and heard it. Collins said she had taken one bottle but not three. Roberts then said that Elizabeth took the bottles outside and broke off the necks, brought them into the house, and put the wine into a jug. Roberts said she drank some of it. Elizabeth said that Mary had taken a bottle of porter to her sweetheart. The porter is kept in the cellar. The master keeps the key, but sometimes it is left unlocked. Both prisoners used to go into the cellar for things that were wanted. The champagne is kept in the wine cellar. I have missed things out of

the cellar, including champagne, porter and soda water. After the conversation I went for the police, and Police-sergeant Hudson locked them up.

Cross-examined: I don't know that Mr. *Webb* was present. I told Police-sergeant Hudson the same tale they told me. I don't think I told Hudson they had been quarrelling about some ribbon. I had heard Elizabeth ask Mary for some bonnet strings some days before. I don't remember calling Mary any names. Did not turn her out of the house. Never saw any champagne bottles in the kitchen, but those that had been used. I allowed them to have whatever ale or beer they wanted for their meals. Collins has had too much to drink. She has been with me for five weeks, and I have missed champagne since she came. I can't say how many bottles. The first time I suspected her was three weeks since. Don't know that I mentioned it to Mr. *Webb*. I suspected the prisoners before, but never told them so. Roberts had been with me a month. I received a character with her of Mrs. Hamlet Bayley, who said she suspected her of taking a pair of boots. I told Roberts of it and she denied it. I took Collins from what Mrs. Wright said.

Re-examined: If one of them had not mentioned taking the wine, I should not have had them taken up.

Joseph Webb deposed: I am the landlord of the VINE INN. Prisoners were my servants. I saw them in the kitchen with my wife on Friday. They were talking about the champagne. I said to Mary, 'Is there any one else who knows anything about it.' She said, 'Yes.' Roberts then said that Collins fetched the bottle of champagne up, broke the neck off and then brought it into the kitchen and drank it. Both the prisoners, and a man named Stringer, and my wife were present at the time. I was brewing, and then went away. I saw Hudson and Taylor afterwards in the bar with the prisoners and Mrs. *Webb*. I heard something about a bottle of stout that was taken up stairs and drank. They repeated in the bar what they had said in the kitchen. I did not direct any one to take them.

Police-constable Taylor proved locking them up at the request of Mrs. *Webb*, for stealing a bottle of champagne and a bottle of stout.

This being the whole of the evidence, the magistrates retired for a short time. On their return Mr. Burbury was about to address them on behalf of the prisoners, when they remarked that it would be only taking up the time of the court, as they were of opinion that there was not sufficient evidence to commit, and the prisoners were accordingly discharged."

1871 Census

High Street – VINE INN

- [1] *Elizabeth Moore* (46), widow, licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Ann Moore* (22), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Moses Moore* (20), son, glass engraver, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Louisa Moore* (16), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Mary E. Moore* (14), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Emma Worrall* (33), general servant, domestic, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *John Price* (21), inn servant, born Kidderminster;

1881 Census

Camp Hill – VINE INN

- [1] *Elizabeth Moore* (56), widow, licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Ann Moore* (33), daughter, barmaid, born Wordsley;
- [3] *Louisa Moore* (26), daughter, barmaid, born Wordsley;
- [4] *Harry C. Moore* (3), grandson, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Emma Worrall* (44), general servant, born Brockmoor;
- [6] *John Price* (29), general servant, born Wolverley;

1911 Census

46, Camp Hill

- [1] *Thomas Alfred Talbot* (55), licensed victualler, born Netherton;
- [2] *Elizabeth Talbot* (60), wife, married 33 years, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Albert Harry Talbot* (28), son, assistant in business, born Smethwick;
- [4] *Edith Elizabeth Bruce* (22), daughter, married, visitor, home work, born Smethwick;

Sale by auction 24th September 1915 – it had a small brewery, recently dismantled, a “15 quarter malthouse” and “stabling for six horses” It had a bar, tap room, billiard room, smoke room and private room.

- It was withdrawn at £1,350

Vic Norton died in October 1997.

Michael Johnson was married to *Audrey*.

It closed in 2008.

It reopened on 12th August 2008 as MAD O’ROURKE’S PIE AND GRILL FACTORY, after a £500,000 refit.

It was renamed VINE in July 2010, after the Mad O’Rourke’s chain had financial problems.

It closed on 25th August 2010.

It was converted into a fish and chip restaurant, which opened in July 2012.



1994



2010



2008



Ex Pub 2013

WAGGON AND HORSES

31, (29), (14), Worcester Street / Chapel Street, (Heath Road), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Henry Albert Canadine (acquired in 1900)
Smith and Williams (acquired in 1921)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired in 1934)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Avebury Taverns [1997]

LICENSEES

Thomas Scott [1835]
Joseph Bird [1870]
John Gardner [1871] – **1873**);
Henry Gould (**1873** – []
George Gould [1881]
Joseph Duggan [1884]
Charles Scott [1845] – [1860]
Henry Rowcliffe [1860] – [1867]
Thomas Timmins [1886] – [1888]
John Baker [1891] – **1900**);
Henry Albert Canadine (**1900** – **1910**);
Herbert Lewis (**1910** – **1915**);
Charles Croxton (**1915** – **1921**);
James Pearsall (**1921** – **1927**);
Charles Hayward (**1927** – **1939**);
Cora Elsie Bowen (**1939** – **1943**);
Emily Nichols (m. Baker) (**1943** – **1950**);
Stanley Taylor (**1950** – **1956**);
Henry 'Harry' Johnson (**1956** – **1970**);
James Henry Beamer (**1970** – **1974**);
Christine May Beamer (**1974** – **1975**);
Desmond John Beamer (**1975** – **1981**);
Douglas A Matthews (**1981** – **1984**);
Terence A Shepherd (**1984** – **1985**);
Jennifer Blanche Timmis (**1985** – **1988**);
Michael Ian Dyson (**1988**);
Kenneth Alfred Smith (**1988** – **1990**);
Frank Robert Downes (**1990** – **1991**);
Karen Walsh (**1991** – **1992**);
Gordon McCallin (**1992** – **1993**);
Peter Holden (**1993** – **1994**);
David Pascal Read (**1994** – **1995**);
Nigel Brian Salisbury (**1995** – **1998**);
Ann Carolyn O'Neil (**1998**);
Belinda Teratsia (**1998** – **1999**);
Trevor Alan Bozward (**1999** – [2004]
Carlos Mendes Maura and Paula Maura [2008]
Petrina Keane and Eddy Morton [2011]



NOTES

Heath Road [1850], [1860]

14, Worcester Street [1870], [1871], [1873], [1891], [1892], [1910]

29, Worcester Street [1916], [1921]

31, Worcester Street [1983], [1990], [1993], [1997], [2002], [2003], [2008]

It stood on the opposite corner to the ROCK TAVERN.

It had a beerhouse license.

Thomas Scott, retailer of beer, Heath. [1835]

Thomas Scott was also a painter and decorator.

Charles Scott was also a plumber, painter and glazier. [1845], [1854]

He was born c. 1819.

He was married to Margaret. She was born c. 1822 in Boston, Lincolnshire.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 21/3/1857

“On Wednesday last an inquest was held before W. Hayes, Esq, deputy coroner, at the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Worcester Street, Stourbridge, on the body of a girl named Packwood. The deceased was about nine years of age, and on the evening of Saturday, the 7th inst, during the absence of her parents, she placed a potatoe (sic) on the fire to roast, and it fell, and rolled away. She lit a candle and placed it on the floor in order to light the room, so that she could find the potatoe. In so doing her dress caught the flame and ignited. She was dreadfully burnt, and lingered until Tuesday last, when death put an end to her sufferings.

Verdict Accidental Death.”

1861 Census

Worcester Street

[1] *Henry Rowcliffe* (28), publican, born Pershore;

[2] *Florence Rowcliffe* (40), wife, keeper of huxter's shop, born Kidderminster;

[3] *Fanny Lashford* (8), niece, scholar, born Pershore;

[4] *Rebecca Duffy* (20), house servant, born Stourbridge:

Stourbridge Observer 12/11/1864

“An inquest was held on Wednesday last, at the house of Mr. *Rowcliffe*, The COACH AND HORSES INN (sic), before R. Docker Esq., on the body of a male child, eleven weeks old. Mary Ann Jarratt, said she lived at the Heath. Her husband was a moulder, and the deceased, Charles Jarratt, was her child. It had been sickly from birth. On Saturday night last she went to bed as usual; at about half past six o'clock, on Sunday morning, she awoke and gave the child the breast, it appearing as well as usual. She then went to sleep and about half past nine she awoke again, and was going to give the child the breast but found it quite dead. She sent her daughter to inform her husband of the fact, who sent for Dr. Harding; he came at about eleven o'clock.

T. M. Harding said he was called in to see the child, which was quite dead, apparently from suffocation. Had examined the child, and from its appearance should say it was done accidentally. A verdict to that effect was returned by the jury.”

Henry Rowcliffe was also a grocer. [1864], [1865]

See also CHEQUERS.

Stourbridge Observer 7/12/1867

"An inquest was held on Monday evening last, at Mr. *Rowcliffe's*, the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, before R. Docker, Esq, Coroner, touching the death of John Harper, who died from injuries received, as reported in our last. Fanny Harper was the first witness called, and said that deceased was her father, and resided at the Heath. Deceased, who was 62 years of age, was a labourer, and on Tuesday week last, he was brought home from injuries received at Mr. Foster's works. He was taken to bed, and Mr. Alfred Freer, surgeon, was sent for. Deceased lingered until Sunday night, and died at half past seven o'clock.

William Bowen said he resided at Beauty Bank, and was a mill furnaceman. He knew the deceased, and worked near him. Witness smelt something burning, like cloth. He went to see what it was, and found deceased lying down in an ash pit, on his back, with his head and shoulders under the fire grate. Deceased's clothes were on fire. Witness at once pulled him out. Deceased was not sensible. His neck was much burnt. Witness called for help, and several persons came. He was at once taken home in a cart. Witness thought that deceased had had a fit, as he saw him in one once before.

Alfred Freer, surgeon, said that he saw the deceased on the morning of the accident, about twelve o'clock. He found him conscious, but cold and shivering, and crying out with pain. Deceased was severely burnt all over the head, scalp, arms, hands, neck and back. Witness continued to treat him until his death. Deceased died from bronchitis and congestion of the lungs.

A verdict of Accidental death was returned."

Joseph Bird was also a shopkeeper. [1870]

John Gardner = John Gardener

1871 Census

14, Worcester Street – WAGGON AND HORSES INN

[1] *John Gardner* (44), widower, licensed victualler, born Halesowen;

[2] *Thomas Gardner* (76), father, born Northfield;

[3] *Mary Jones* (25), house keeper, born Oldbury:

A full license was granted in 1873.

Stourbridge Observer 9/8/1873

"At the Petty Sessions, held yesterday, before R. Littlewood, R. L. Freer, C. Cochrane, and the Hon. C. G. Lyttleton, *James* (sic) *Gardner*, landlord of the WAGON AND HORSES, was charged with assaulting Charles Scott, on the 5th inst. Mr. Prescott defended. The complaint was that defendant struck complainant. A witness was called named William Evers to swear that the defendant did not strike complainant, and the case was dismissed."

John Gardener – see also CAR AND HORSES.

It was rebuilt and a full license was granted in 1873.

1881 Census

Worcester Street - WAGGON AND HORSES

[1] *George Gould* (45), joiner and publican, born Himley;

[2] *Frances Gould* (48), wife, born Warwickshire;

[3] *George E. Gould* (13), son, scholar, born Birmingham:

1891 Census

14, Worcester Street – WAGON + HORSES

[1] *John Baker* (53), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;

[2] *Anna M. Baker* (45), wife, born Kidderminster;

[3] *John B. Baker* (23), son, manufacturer's clerk, born Stourbridge;

[4] *Sarah A. C. Baker* (20), daughter, barmaid, born Stourbridge;

[5] *Susan F. Baker* (11), daughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;

[6] *Elizabeth Rubery* (21), general servant, born Stourbridge:

Henry A. Canadine was president of the Stourbridge, Lye, Cradley and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1902]

He was born in Stourbridge.

He was married to Ellen. She was born in Herefordshire.

It was demolished circa 1910, and rebuilt.

It had a bowling green. [1921]

Popular Lodge (No. 5969) of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes met here. [1935]

Trevor Bozward was born in Worcester.

It became the tap house for Enville Ales in 2009.

Carlos Mendes Maura was born in 1962 in Madeira.

He was married to Paula.

He died in 2009.

It closed in 2010.

It reopened on 22nd August 2011 as the DAVID MURPHY.

It was named after *Trina Keane's* father.

See also KATIE FITZGERALD's.

It closed in October 2013.



2007



2009

WAGGON AND HORSES

Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Beddoes [1860]

NOTES

James Beddoes was a beer retailer. [1860]

WATERFALL

Amblecote Lane, (Amblecote Bank), AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Woodhall [1861] – **1883**;
Mrs. Elizabeth Woodhall **(1883 – 1897)**;
John Robinson Woodhall **(1897 – 1906)**;
Mrs. Mary Woodhall **(1906 – 1919)**;

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

John Woodhall, beer retailer, Amblecote. [1870]

John Woodhall was also a miner.

1881 Census

WATERFALL

- [1] *John Woodhall* (62), licensed victualler, born Stamber Mill;
- [2] *Elizabeth Woodhall* (62), wife, born Amblecote;
- [3] *Margaret Woodhall* (19), daughter, nep (?) maker, born Amblecote;
- [4] *John Woodhall* (18), son, unemployed coal miner, born Amblecote;
- [5] *Alfred J. Jarrett* (9), grandson, scholar, born Amblecote;
- [6] *John W. Hill* (11 months), grandson, born Bob (?) Lane, Worcestershire:

John R. Woodhall was a committee member of Stourbridge, Lye, Cradley and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1902]

License renewal referred to Compensation Authority on 3rd March 1919.

License renewal refused on 24th July 1919.

License extinguished on 27th December 1919.

WATERLOO

130, Bridgnorth Road, (Withy Bank), Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Peter Walker and Co. Ltd.
William Oliver and Sons Ltd.
J. P. Simpkins and Sons Ltd, (acquired on 3rd February 1923)
Greenall Whitley (acquired in 1985) [1992]
Pubmaster

LICENSEES

Henry Cox [1862] – [1873]
John Steadman [1881] – [1892]
Ernest Michael Bowker [1903] – **1911**;
Alfred Frederick William Taylor **(1911 – 1912)**;
Albert Jeffs **(1912 – 1915)**;
Thomas Kenny **(1915 – 1921)**;
Sarah Anne Kenny **(1921 – 1928)**;
James Floyd **(1928 – 1931)**;
Ernest Walter Clark **(1931 – 1941)**;
John Lawrence Beecroft **(1941 – 1944)**;
Cyril Samuel Whitmore **(1944 – 1949)**;
Graham Harvey Danks **(1949 – 1951)**;
William Eric Jones **(1951 – 1955)**;
Kenneth Benjamin 'Ken' Davies **(1955 – 1957)**;
Sidney Cant **(1957 – 1958)**;
Francis Edward Price **(1958 – 1959)**;
Sidney William Lucan **(1959 – 1960)**;
Thomas William Sanders **(1960 – 1968)**;
Percy Leslie Skitt **(1968 – 1971)**;
Gordon Cadman **(1971 – 1985)**;
Les P Skitt [1976] – [1982] ?
Victoria Bernadette Horton **(1985 – 1987)**;
John Michael Horton **(1987 – []**
Martin Hartill [2000] manager
Wendy Quarry **(2002 – 2003)**



1997



2007

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It had a window at the rear of the pub with a Welsh motto meaning 'Wales forever / the mountains are mine (or I am of the mountains)' and 'Bowling Green' (in English) at the bottom.

It was the headquarters of 'Welcome Lodge' of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes.

Henry Cox, retailer of beer, Wollaston. [1862]

Stourbridge Observer 31/8/1867

“An inquest was held at the WATERLOO INN, Wollaston, on Monday, before Mr. R. Docker, on the body of Ann Ashton, the wife of Edward Ashton, glassmaker, who committed suicide by cutting her throat, as reported in our last. The following is the evidence adduced:-

Frances Chamberlain said she had been living with the deceased, who was her aunt. Deceased was fifty-eight years of age. Deceased and herself went to bed together about a quarter to nine on Friday. They lay awake for some time talking, and her aunt was quite lively and appeared in good spirits. Witness went to sleep, and on awaking missed her aunt from bed. Witness went to her uncle's room, and her aunt was not there. She then heard a noise downstairs. On hastening down into the back kitchen, she found her aunt with blood flowing from her throat. She could not sleep, but was standing leaning against the wall. Witness ran up to her uncle, and told him of the occurrence. Deceased lived till about half past eleven. Dr. Campbell came a little after deceased's death. A small table knife lay on the floor in the blood, near where deceased stood. The knife was in a cupboard when they went to bed. Deceased had been very lively all the week. She was a little 'moythering' at times, through illness. Dr. Campbell had attended deceased since April.

By a Juryman: Deceased had never said in her presence, that she should destroy herself. They were told, some weeks ago, that she made an attempt to strangle herself, but witness had never seen her attempt anything of the kind herself. They had another girl in the house to attend to her after they heard this.

Mr. Stubbs, surgeon, said he saw the deceased about ten days before her death. She complained of pains, and had a great craving for food. The disease which she complained of he believed partly arose from the state of her mind. He had no doubt her mind was affected. She told him, when he saw her, that she was afraid she should do something she ought not. Witness saw the deceased after death. The jugular vein was severed. The wound in the throat extended to the root of the tongue. Dr. Campbell had attended her for four or five years.

The Jury returned a verdict that the deceased committed suicide while of unsound mind.”

1871 Census

Bridgnorth Road

- [1] Henry Cox (57), innkeeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Mary Cox (50), wife, born Enville;
- [3] William Cox (28), son, labourer, born Wollaston:

1881 Census

High Street – WATERLOO INN

- [1] John Steadman (58), publican, born Aston Arb____, Shropshire;
- [2] Ann Steadman (49), wife, born Handsworth;
- [3] Thomas Steadman (18), son, carter, born Wollaston;
- [4] Ann Steadman (17), daughter, born Wollaston:

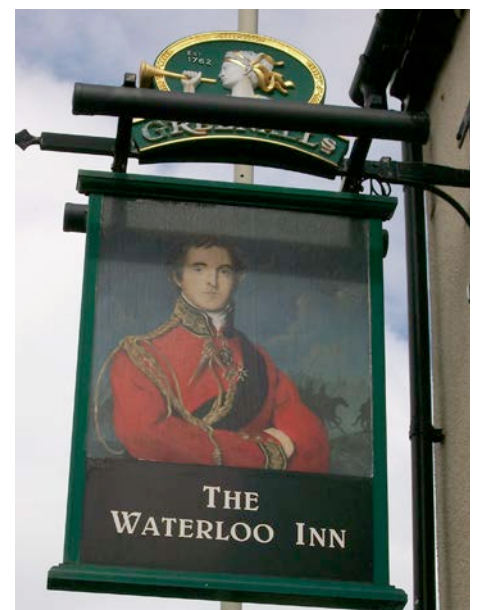
Ken Davies founded the Wollaston Angling Society in 1955.
It had its headquarters here during its early years.

A new sign was painted in 2000 by Liz Moretti.

[2007]

Closed [2008], [2009]

It was converted into an Indian restaurant.



WATERLOO

119, Hagley Road, Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Edward Pardoe [1829]
William Wyatt [1841] – [1850]
George Dark [1854] – [1870]
John Cooling [1872] – [1873]
George Dark [1881]
James Chance [1884]
John Tombs [1888] – [1892]
David Evans [1916] – [1921]
G Plevy []

NOTES

It had a bowling club.

William Wyatt, beer seller and pump maker, Stourbridge. [1841]

William Wyatt was also a pump maker. [1845]

Stourbridge Observer 15/6/1867

“Licensed Victuallers’ Meeting. The usual meeting of this society was held on Thursday night last, at Mr. *Dark*’s, WATERLOO INN, Oldswinford. There was a numerous attendance of members. Mr. Hughes (President) occupied the chair....”

Stourbridge Observer 27/1/1872

“At the Public Office, on Monday, before C. B. Cochrane Esq., James Layton and Janet Layton, husband and wife, were charged with stealing a purse, a florin, 1s 6d in silver, 8d in copper, and a pocket knife, on the 20th instant, the property of William Walker.

Prosecutor deposed: I am a painter, and live at the Gig Mill. On Friday night last I was at the WATERLOO INN, Oldswinford. Went there about nine o’clock, and stayed until twelve. Saw the two prisoners there. They were in the house at nine o’clock when I went in. They sat in the bar. I went into the bar about ten o’clock. Had several jokes with the prisoners. The landlady was present during the whole time. At twelve o’clock I left the house by myself. Was going down the Heath Lane. Had gone about 200 yards when I heard footsteps behind. I had gone a further distance of 70 yards, when the male prisoner came up and said, ‘Where is that money you have got?’ I said, ‘In my pocket.’ He then said, ‘Give it to me.’ I gave him a silver sixpence and some pence. The prisoner said, ‘This is not all you have got.’ I told him it was all I could spare, as I was a poor man. Prisoner then said he would have the ‘b_____ lot’. I had previously taken out my purse at the public house. Prisoner then struck me a violent blow on the mouth, and knocked me over the hedge. Prisoner followed, and began to kick me about the head and face. The marks on my face and lip were caused by the prisoner. I got up and tried to make my escape, when the prisoner and another man followed me. One caught hold of me, while the prisoner took my purse and knife. They then struck me and knocked me down, and kicked me again. I begged of them not to beat me, and shouted out. I then went to a house kept by a man named Skelding, and complained to him that I had been robbed. When I was first struck the female prisoner was close by. She did not do anything at me. She came up after with the other two men.

Margaret Cooling deposed: I am the wife of *John Cooling*, who keeps the WATERLOO INN, Oldswinford. About half past nine o’clock William Walker came into my house. He went into the kitchen. At this time the male prisoner

was in the bar. He went into the kitchen to hear a song, and after came into the bar. Walker also came into the bar. Some unpleasant words passed between the prisoner and the prosecutor. Walker very much insulted the female prisoner. Prosecutor was fresh; as also was the male prisoner. The female prisoner was sober. My husband put Walker out of the house.

William Partridge, of Oldswinford, deposed: I live at Thomas Smith's, Heath Lane. Between one and two o'clock on Saturday morning I heard a noise on the road. I heard a man say, 'You, b____, if you say any more I will strangle you.' I looked through the window into the field, and ordered them out. Saw a man and woman. Can't say who they were. They were dressed in dark clothes. The man got over the hedge first, and the woman followed them. I saw them go out of the field. After they had got over the hedge I heard the woman say, 'I had a good mind to come and kick you myself.' The man and the woman went in the direction of Oldswinford.

Joseph Skelding deposed: I live in Heath Lane, Oldswinford. A little before two o'clock I heard some one rapping at my door. I got up, and let in the prosecutor. His face was bleeding, and he made a complaint of being kicked and robbed.

Police-constable Bailey proved apprehending on Saturday about three o'clock, at their residence Love Lane, and charged them with robbing and assaulting William Walker. The male prisoner said, 'I know nothing about it. I have not seen the man since he left the house.' He said to his wife, 'This is your drinking. If you had come home when I wanted you this would not have happened.' When the prosecutor saw the prisoners he said, 'That's the man, and that is the woman that assaulted and robbed me.'

Fanny Lampett, wife of Police-constable Lampett, said: I am female searcher at the prison. On Saturday I searched the female prisoner. Found a purse containing 10s 6d in silver, 5½ d in copper, and three pawn tickets.

Police-sergeant Jones said: I went to the place where the scuffle took place, and compared the marks of the female prisoner's shoes, which exactly corresponded.

Prosecutor (recalled) said his right and left eye was injured, his lip cut, and severe injuries had been inflicted on his leg.

The female prisoner, in defence, said she had not worn the boots produced for a week before until the day she was apprehended.

Both prisoners were committed to take their trial at the next Worcester Assizes."

1881 Census

Hagley Road

- [1] George Dark (40), publican, born Dudley;
- [2] Elizabeth Dark (35), wife, born Oldswinford;
- [3] George Dark (13), son, scholar, born Oldswinford;
- [4] Edwin Dark (8), son, scholar, born Oldswinford;
- [5] Ann Dark (5), daughter, scholar, born Oldswinford:

John Tombs = John Toms

It had a three-ended bowling green. [1940's]

WATERLOO HOUSE

STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Jones [1820]

NOTES

William Jones, victualler, maltster and brick maker. [1820]

WEBB'S WINE AND SPIRIT ROOMS

158, High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

Tokens were issued from here. – 'Vaults and Bagatelle'

WELL

The Cliff, Buckpool, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Elizabeth Hammond [1871] – **1892**;
Emma Mullett (**1892 – 1895**);
Mary Ann Mullett (m. Milnes) (**1895 – 1911**):

NOTES

It was known as the BUGPOOL until c. 1878.

WELL [1881]

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

The WELL INN

- [1] *Elizabeth Hammond* (50), widow, beerseller, born Wordsley;
- [2] *Emma Mullett* (40), sister in law, widow, house proprietor, born Wordsley;
- [3] *Mary Ann Mullett* (16), niece, born Wordsley;
- [4] *Emma E. Mullett* (12), niece, born Wordsley;
- [5] *Malvina Mullett* (9), niece, born Wordsley:

Mrs. Elizabeth Hammond, beer retailer, Wordsley. [1872]

1881 Census

Buckpool – The WELL

- [1] *Elizabeth Hammond* (69), widow, publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Emma Mullett* (55), widow, sister in law, domestic, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Mary Ann Mullett* (26), niece, domestic, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Emma Elizabeth Mullett* (22), niece, domestic, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Malvina Hammond Mullett* (19), niece, domestic, born Kingswinford:

It was known as the BOARD beerhouse until c. 1904.

Mary Ann Mullett married *Henry Milnes* c. 1900.

Mrs. Mary Milnes, beer retailer, Wordsley. [1904]

The license renewal was refused on 28th February 1910.

The license was extinguished on 28th January 1911.

WELLINGTON ARMS

Coalbournbrook, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Mullett [1818]

WHEATSHEAF

119, High Street, (Stream Road) / Chapel Street, WORDSLEY

OWNERS

Jane Hancox
Edward Geary, Pittsburg, USA [c. 1891]
Atkinsons Ltd. (acquired c. 1897)
William Butler and Co. Ltd.

LICENSEES

Mary Hancox [1818]
John Darby [1829] – [1835]
Mrs. Mary Darby [1845]
Nicholas Hancox [1849] – [1870]
Mrs. Jane Hancox [1872] – **1878**;
Edward Oakes **(1878)**;
Edward Geary **(1878 – 1888)**;
Granville Corfield **(1888 – 1889)**;
William Henry Worrall **(1889 – 1892)**;
Hannah Quarry **(1892)**;
John Hall **(1892 – 1893)**;
John Cartwright **(1893)**;
Annie Cope **(1893 – 1894)**;
Harry Yoxhall **(1894 – 1897)**;
George Grimley **(1897 – 1899)**;
Samuel Jones **(1899 – 1924)**;
Robert Albert Parratt **(1924 – [1940]**
Ernest Turley **(1968 – []**

WORDSLEY FREEHOLD LAND SOCIETY.
ALL Parties having entered their names for Shares in the above Society are requested to attend a General Meeting, to be held at the Wheat Sheaf Inn, Wordsley, on Tuesday the 19th instant, at Seven o'clock, when it will be necessary for each Member to pay his Subscriptions to entitle him to an Allotment of the LAND that is now about to be set out. All the Officers of the Society for the ensuing year will be appointed at the same Meeting.
PHILIP PARGETER, Sec. pro tem.

Advert 1857

NOTES

OLD WHEATSHEAF [1845], [1849], [1850], [1854], [1870], [1872], [1873], [1892]
WHEATSHEAF [1940]

Tokens were issued from here.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/1/1845

“Notice to Debtors and Creditors. All persons claims estate of *John Darby*, late of Wordsley, innkeeper, butcher and maltster, deceased

Nicholas Hancox was also a butcher. [1849], [1850]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 16/5/1857

“Wordsley Freehold Land Society. All Persons having entered their names for Shares in the above Society are requested to attend a General Meeting to be held at the WHEAT SHEAF INN, Wordsley, on Tuesday the 19th instant, at Seven o'clock, when it will be necessary for each Member to pay his Subscriptions to entitle him to an allotment of the Land that is now about to be set out.

All the Officers of the Society for the ensuing year will be appointed at the same Meeting.

Philip Pargeter. Sec. pro tem.”

1861 Census

Wordsley

- [1] *Nicholas Hancox* (49), victualler, born Wordsley;
- [2] *Jane Hancox* (48), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *John Hancox* (15), son, born Wordsley;
- [4] *Maria Hancox* (12), daughter, born Wordsley:

1881 Census

High Street – public house

- [1] *Edward Geary* (38), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *Sarah Ann Geary* (35), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Mary Elizabeth Geary* (14), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Edward Geary* (12), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *William Geary* (10), son, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Sarah Geary* (7), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Ernest Geary* (5), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Henry Geary* (3), son, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Oliver Geary* (1), son, born Kingswinford:

William Henry Worrall married *Mary Elizabeth Geary*. She was the daughter of *Edward Geary*. They emigrated to the United States in 1895.

1911 Census

119, High Street

- [1] *Samuel Jones* (41), licensed victualler, born Cradley, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Gertrude K. Jones* (41), wife, married 19 years, born Cradley, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Harry B. Jones* (18), son, printer, born Cradley, Staffordshire;
- [4] *Gladys M. Jones* (16), daughter, born Cradley, Staffordshire;
- [5] *Norah I. Jones* (13), daughter, school, born Cradley, Staffordshire:

Samuel Jones was vice chairman of Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1921]

It had a bowling club. [1928]

Closed

Now [2001] Wide Range Tiles shop.



Ex Pub 2009

WHITE HORSE

16, Cross Walks Way (Road), Wollescote, (Baldwin's Green), (Waste Bank), LYE

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Punch Taverns

LICENSEES

William Smith [1864] – [1888]
Joseph Smith [1892]
George Henry Underwood [1916] – [1921]
Tracey Brown [2000]
Andrew and Leah Buckingham [2005] – **2006**



2007

NOTES

Baldwin's Green [1864]

Stourbridge Observer 9/7/1864

“William Smith keeper of the WHITE HORSE, Old Swinford, was charged with allowing drinking in his house early on Sunday morning last. P.C. Faulkner proved the case.
The defendant had kept the house several years, and the police gave him a good character as to the conducting of the house, generally.
Fined 2s 6d and costs.”

1871 Census

Cross Walk

- [1] William Smith (50), licensed victualler, born Lye;
- [2] Lucy Smith (50), wife, born Lye;
- [3] Joseph Smith (15), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [4] Mary Smith (11), daughter, scholar, born Lye;
- [5] Arthur Smith (3), grandson, scholar, born Lye:

1881 Census

Baldwins Green – WHITE HORSE INN

- [1] William Smith (60), widower, publican, born Thorns, Staffordshire;
- [2] Joseph Smith (25), son, butcher, born Lye;
- [3] Mary Smith (20), daughter, born Lye:

Andrew and Leah Buckingham were fined £1,000 each, plus £1,198 costs, for allowing entertainment to take place without a license, in 2005.

It closed in 2006.

WHITE HORSE

4, (3 and 4), Angel Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Robert Hannam [1855]
John Morton [1871] – [1873]
Louisa Roper [1903] – **1923**;
John Thomas Roper (**1923** – [1926])

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

3 and 4, Angel Street

- [1] *John Morton* (52), publican, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Harriet Morton* (50), wife, born Hereford;
- [3] *Charles Morton* (19), nephew, carter, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Elizabeth Morton* (80), mother, invalid:

WHITE HORSE

Platt's Place, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Corless [1850]
William Leigh [1862]

WHITE HORSE

Studley Gate, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Parkes [1822]

WHITE LION

8, Market Street, (Ryemarket), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

John Joseph Ray

LICENSEES

John Lee [1820] – [1822]
Edward Lee [1829]
John Lee [1835]
John Richards [1841]
Joseph Watkins [1845]
Thomas Bowkett [1850]
Christopher Ray [1860] – [1870]
Alfred Davies [1872] – [1873]
Miss Jane Young [1884] – [1888]
Mrs. Sarah Ann Linden [1888]
Mrs. Mary Dovey [1892]
Charles W Pitts [1901]

NOTES

Ryemarket [1820], [1822], [1850]

Joseph Watkins was also a cabinet maker. [1845]

Stourbridge Observer 28/10/1865

“On Tuesday evening the annual dinner of the Tailors’ Friendly Society was held at the WHITE LION INN, Market Street. The dinner was served in the usual good style of the worthy host. After dinner Mr. Hughes took [the] Chair.....”

1901 Census

8, Market Street

[1] *Charles W. Pitts* (61), public house manager, born Sweden (British citizen);

[2] *Emma Pitts* (49), wife, born Falling Sands, Worcestershire:

WHITE LION

Mill Street, (Mill Lane), STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Elizabeth Hall* [1820] – [1822]
Elizabeth Hall* [1829] – [1841]
Richard Peplow [1862]
William Aston [1864] – **1865**;
William Lakin (**1865** – []
T Bryan [1864] – [1865]
William Latham [1870] – [1884]
John Robinson [1892]

NOTES

Mill Lane [1822], [1865], [1870], [1872]
Mill Street [1881]

OLD WHITE LION [1862], [1864], [1865], [1870], [1872], [1873]

* probably the same person

Stourbridge Observer 25/2/1865

“OLD WHITE LION, Mill Lane, Stourbridge. To be let, with immediate possession, that Old-Licensed, Public house, called the OLD WHITE LION, situate as above, and late in the occupation of Mr. *William Aston*; also the house adjoining.....”

1881 Census

Mill Street – public house

- [1] *William Latham* (56), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Emma Latham* (55), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *William Latham* (30), son, glass worker, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *George Latham* (27), son, baker, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Sarah A. Latham* (22), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *Mary A. Latham* (20), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [7] *Walter Latham* (18), son, cabinet maker, born Stourbridge;
- [8] *Alfred Latham* (14), son, born Stourbridge;

William Latham, beer retailer, Mill Lane. [1884]

WHY NOT

Stamber Mill, LYE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Reuben Hatton [1857]

NOTES

Brierley Hill Advertiser 14/3/1857 - Advert

"To Be Let, with immediate possession, that New Public House, known by the sign of the WHY NOT, situate at Stamber Mill, near Stourbridge within a short distance of the Stourbridge Railway Station. The Stock of Ale, Brewing Utensils, &c, may be taken at a fair valuation. The Rent is very moderate, and the House is now doing a good trade.

For further particulars apply to Mr. Reuben Hatton, at the above inn."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 23/5/1857 - Advert

"To be Sold, a Soda Water or Ginger Beer Machine, nearly new, and in good Condition; also a Small Stock of Bottles, if the purchaser thinks proper.

Apply to Mr. Reuben Hatton, Stambermill, near Stourbridge."

TO BE LET, with immediate possession, that New Licensed Public House, known by the sign of the "WHY NOT," situate at Stamber Mill, near Stourbridge within a short distance of the Stourbridge Railway Station. The Stock of Ale, Brewing Utensils, &c., can be taken at a fair valuation. The Rent is very moderate, and the House is now doing a good trade.
For further particulars apply to Mr. Reuben Hatton, at the above Inn.

Advert 1857

TO BE SOLD, a SODA WATER or GINGER BEER MACHINE, nearly new, and in good Condition; also, a SMALL STOCK OF BOTTLES, if the purchaser thinks proper.—Apply to Mr. Reuben Hatton, Stamber Mill, near Stourbridge.

Advert 1857

WINDMILL

90, Dudley Road, LYE

OWNERS

Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd.

LICENSEES

Jesse Brooks [1860] – [1865]
George Cook [1871] – [1873]
Joseph Billingham [1884] – [1901]
Mrs. Maria Billingham [1911]
Mrs. Sarah Thomas [1916] – [1921]
Paul Turton [1983]
Alan Nash [1985]
Mrs. Elizabeth Nash [1986]
Les James []

NOTES

Stourbridge Observer 22/4/1865

“At the [Stourbridge] Petty Sessions yesterday, *Jesse Brooks*, landlord of the WINDMILL INN, Lye, was charged by Superintendent Freeman, with keeping his house open for the sale of beer, on the afternoon of Good Friday, adjourned for a week.”

1871 Census

Dudley Road – Public House

- [1] George Cook (40), miner and publican, born Lye;
- [2] Elizabeth Cook (38), wife, born Lye;
- [3] Margaret Cook (14), daughter, dressmaker, born Lye;
- [4] George Cook (11), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [5] Esther Cook (8), daughter, scholar, born Lye;
- [6] Elizabeth Cook (5), daughter, scholar, born Lye;
- [7] Isabella Cook (2), daughter, born Lye;
- [8] Margaret Hall (24), domestic servant, born Lye:

George Cook was also a shopkeeper. [1873]

1891 Census

Dudley Road

- [1] *Joseph Billingham* (50), licensed victualler, born Lye;
- [2] *Maria Billingham* (47), wife, born Lye;
- [3] Emily Billingham (20), daughter, school teacher, born Lye;
- [4] Percy Billingham (7), son, scholar, born Lye;
- [5] Alice Billingham (5), daughter, scholar, born Lye;
- [6] Flora Hickman (24), visitor, dress maker, born Cradley Heath:

1901 Census

Dudley Road

- [1] *Joseph Billingham* (59), licensed victualler, born Lye;
- [2] *Maria Billingham* (57), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *Emily Billingham* (25), daughter, assistant school mistress, born Lye;
- [4] *Percival Billingham* (17), son, carpenter, born Lye;
- [5] *Alice Billingham* (15), daughter, born Lye;
- [6] *Eliza Parkes* (19), domestic servant, born Lye:

[Emily Billingham married Walter Salt, the son of brewer Samuel.]

1911 Census

Dudley Road

- [1] *Maria Billingham* (67), widow, public house keeper, born Lye;
- [2] *Gertrude Allport* (24), servant, assisting in business, born Quarry Bank:

Les James was married to Doreen.

He died on 22nd March 2001.

See also the ROUND OAK, Brierley Hill.

[2008]

Closed [2010], [2014]



2002



2007

WINDSOR CASTLE

7, Stourbridge Road, Lye Cross, LYE

OWNERS

Windsor Castle Brewery

LICENSEES

John A Sadler [2007]

Emily Sadler [2008] manager

NOTES

It opened in 2006.

The pub featured in a BBC2 television programme 'Oz and James Drink to Britain' in 2009.

[2014]



2007



2014

WOODMAN

King William Street / Hill Street, Dennis Park, AMBLECOTE

OWNERS

Samuel Clempson, brewer, Netherton [1871]
Mrs. Clempson (acquired on 3rd January 1887)
Jesse Billingham, brewer, Quarry Bank
Atkinsons Ltd., Park Brewery, Aston (acquired c. 1901)

LICENSEES

John Hill [1861] – [1870]
Mrs. Lucy Hill [1871] – [1872]
George Maund [1872] – **1873**;
Richard Lloyd Clempson (**1873 – 1876**);
Thomas Adey (**1876 – 1878**);
Edwin Attwood (**1878**);
William Bridgens (**1878 – 1883**);
James Henry Stafford (**1883 – 1885**);
Richard Lloyd Clempson (**1885 – 1887**);
James Gorman (**1887 – 1890**);
Mrs. Martha Gorman (**1890 – 1892**);
John William Gorman (**1892 – 1893**);
Thomas James Woolvis (**1893 – 1896**);
John Hill (**1896 – 1899**);
Joseph Chance (**1899 – 1900**);
Jacob Watts (**1900**);
Alfred George (**1900 – 1902**);
Samuel Nightingale (**1902**);
George Guy Jnr. (**1902 – 1904**);
William Alfred Smith (**1904 – 1907**);

NOTES

John Hill was born c. 1803 in Redditch.
He was also a crate manufacturer.
He was married to *Lucy*.

1871 Census

King William Street – Public House

- [1] *Lucy Hill* (68), widow, licensed victualler, born Lye;
- [2] Mary Ann Stott (22), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

King William Street

- [1] *Martha Gorman* (44), widow, brewer and licensed victualler, born Manchester;
- [2] *John W. Gorman* (23), son, licensed victualler's assistant, born Manchester;
- [3] Katherine E. Gorman (21), daughter, born Manchester;
- [4] Martha A. Gorman (19), daughter, born Shelton, Staffordshire:

Thomas James Woolvis = Thomas James Woolvin

An application for the transfer of this license to COTTAGE SPRING, Brierley Hill was made on 5th March 1906.

This was refused at Stafford on 31st March 1906.

The license was removed to COTTAGE SPRING, Brierley Hill on 23rd March 1907.

WOODMAN

Heath Road, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Gibson [1850] – [1854]

WOODMAN

24, New Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Dares Brewery Ltd.
Davenports Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Saunders [1841] – [1854]
Thomas Saunders [1860]
Edwin Parsons [1862] – **1873**;
Edward Gorton (**1873** – []
Mrs. Emma Gorton [1873] – [1881]
George Dark [1884]
Mrs. Sarah Ann Malpass [1888]
Obadiah Morgan [1892]
Joseph Brookes [1916] – [1921]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

John Saunders, beer seller, New Street. [1841]

John Saunders was also a tinman and brazier. [1854]

Emma Gorton = Emma Gordon

1881 Census

New Street - WOODMAN'S ARMS

- [1] *Emma Gordon* (64), widow, publican, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *William Gordon* (40), son, carpenter, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Cornelius Drewery* (39), son in law, stone mason, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Ann Drewery* (34), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *William Drewery* (12), grandson, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [6] *George Drewery* (11), grandson, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [7] *Emma Drewery* (9), granddaughter, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [8] *Cornelius Drewery* (7), grandson, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [9] *Ann Drewery* (3), granddaughter, born Stourbridge;
- [10] *John Richard Drewery* (2), grandson, born Stourbridge;
- [11] *Thomas Edwin Drewery* (6 months), grandson, born Stourbridge;
- [12] *Mary Jones* (38), domestic servant, born Stourbridge;
- [13] *Edwin Jones* (61), brother, gardener, born Stourbridge;

It closed on 22nd May 1978.

WOOLPACK

5, (6), Lower High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

Julia Hanson and Son Ltd.

LICENSEES

Phoebe Bate [1820] – [1822]
Samuel Bate [1829]
Richard Matty [1835] – [1850]
John Dalloway [1854] – [1872]
Mrs. Susannah Dalloway [1881]
Daniel Dalloway [1884] – [1892]
Edward Bennett [1916]
Mrs. Susan J Shuker [1921]
M Williams [1976]
Christopher Bustin [1988]

NOTES

5, High Street [1870]
6, High Street [1872], [1911], [1916], [1921]
5, Lower High Street [1993]

Richard Matty = Richard Matthey

John Dalloway was also a tripe dresser. [1854]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 6/6/1857

“The members of the Honest Intention Lodge of the original Wolverhampton loyal order of Odd Fellows, held their anniversary at the WOOL PACK INN, on Monday last, when an excellent dinner was provided and served up by the host and hostess to their usual good style. The chair was taken by PG Thomas Hall, and a very pleasant and convivial evening was spent.”

1871 Census

High Street

- [1] *John Dalloway* (59), licensed victualler, born Rock, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Susan Dalloway* (57), wife, born Stoke, Herefordshire;
- [3] *Daniel Dalloway* (24), son, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Ellen Dalloway* (22), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Elizabeth Dalloway* (20), daughter, born Stourbridge:

1881 Census

High Street – publick house

- [1] *Susannah Dalloway* (68), widow, licensed victualler, born Stoke, Herefordshire;
- [2] *Daniel Dalloway* (34), son, manager, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Elizabeth Dalloway* (34), daughter in law, born Wordsley;
- [4] *John Dalloway* (27), son, born Stourbridge;
- [5] *Frank Dalloway* (1), grandson, born Stourbridge:

Christopher Bustin was fined £170 with £25 costs on 7th September 1988 for allowing betting and allowing children in the bar.

Closed
It became HEROES nightclub.



2009

WOOLSTAPLERS ARMS

High Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Orchard [1835] – **1837**)

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

John Orchard, retailer of beer, High Street.

Black Country Bugle 14/3/2002

Extract from a book by T. C, Turberville, published in 1852

“1838. At the Summer Assizes this year, a very painful and remarkable case of circumstantial evidence took place, being no other than the trial of a wife and daughter, for the murder of one who had stood to them in the relation of husband and father. On the evening of the 3rd of August, 1837, Mr. *John Orchard*, the landlord of the WOOLSTAPLERS ARMS INN, in Stourbridge, a man in the prime of life and in good health, was seen to go up the yard attached to his house, and his wife and eldest daughter, with a man named Smith, were seen to follow him. He never returned alive grave suspicion could not but attach to the mother and daughter, especially as there had been repeated quarrels between them and the deceased, and the wife was also suspected to have been improperly familiar with the man Smith. The coroner’s jury, however, returned a verdict of ‘wilful murder against some parties unknown’ and months passed without any further discovery. At last a woman, who had assisted in laying out the corpse, told some party, that the man was murdered with a skewer, which was afterwards thrown into the Stour. The woman, when interrogated by the police, denied having said anything of the sort; but a skewer – just such an instrument as would have produced the wound – was found in the Stour, nevertheless. The wife and daughter were then apprehended and put on trial. Mr. Whateley conducted the prosecution, and Mr. Godson the defence. The judge, Lord Abinger, told the jury that they must not convict the prisoners on suspicion, and they were both acquitted.”

WORCESTERSHIRE ALE MY BOYS

Church Street, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Cogzill [1850] – [1855]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Beerhouse – Unnamed

Ridge Top, STOURBRIDGE

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Alfred Weaver [1867]

NOTES

Stourbridge Observer 6/7/1867

“At the Petty Sessions, yesterday, *Alfred Weaver*, beerhouse keeper, at the Ridge Top, was charged by Superintendent Freeman with keeping his house open for the sale of beer after eleven o’clock on the night of the 30th ult. Police-constable Dugard proved that he visited the defendant’s house at a quarter to twelve on the night of the above date, and found two men in the house drinking. There was a cup and jug on the table containing ale. This being his first offence, he was discharged on paying the costs.

LIST OF STOURBRIDGE PUBS

ACORN 108, (109), Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE
ALBION Bridgnorth Road, Withy Bank, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE
ALHAMBRA STORES AMBLECOTE
ANCHOR Green Lane, (Pedmore Road), Waste Bank, (Waste Land), LYE
ANCHOR Wollescote, LYE
ANCHOR Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE
ANGEL 40, (37), Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE
ANVIL 26, Talbot Street, (Talbot Square), (Attwood Street), Cross Walks, LYE
ASHWOOD 76, Bells Lane, WORDSLEY
BALDS LANE TAVERN 35, Balds Lane, The Hayes, Wollescote, LYE
BARLEY MOW Hagley Road, STOURBRIDGE
BARLEY MOW 131, (129), High Street (Wollaston Road) / Vicarage Road, (41, Pountney Terrace), Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE
BAY HORSE Halesowen Road, Hay Green, LYE
BEAR High Street, STOURBRIDGE
BEEFEATERS ARMS 18, Union Street, (Beefeaters Street), Wollescote, (Lye Waste), (Beefeaters Fields), LYE
BEEHIVE Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE
BELL 22, Belmont Road / Cemetery Road, (Bell Mount), Wollescote, (Waste Bank), LYE
BELL + LYE
BELL 20, (42), (43), Market Street / Bell Street, (Ryemarket), STOURBRIDGE
BELL Bell End, STOURBRIDGE
BIRCH TREE Vicarage Road, (Amblecote Lane), Amblecote Bank, AMBLECOTE
BIRD IN HAND 209, (159), Stourbridge Road, Stambermill, (Hay Green), LYE
BIRD IN HAND 147, (149), Hagley Road, (High Street), Oldswinford, (Upper Swinford), STOURBRIDGE
BIRD IN HAND 57, John Street / Bridge Street, WORDSLEY
BLACK BOY High Street, STOURBRIDGE
BLACK HORSE Market Street, (Ryemarket), STOURBRIDGE
BLACK HORSE New Road, Buckpool, WORDSLEY
BLUE BOY Hagley Street, (Hagley Road), STOURBRIDGE
BOARD 122, High Street, (Platts Place), (Coalbournbrook), (Brettell Lane), AMBLECOTE
BOARD Lower High Street / Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE
BOWLING GREEN WORDSLEY
BRICKLAYERS ARMS Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE
BRICKMAKERS ARMS 58, Dudley Road, (Lye Forge), LYE
BRIDGE (Lower) High Street, Holloway End, AMBLECOTE
BRIDGE Audnam, AMBLECOTE
BRIDGE Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE
BRIDGE 1, Mamble Square / Enville Street, Beauty Bank, STOURBRIDGE
BRITANNIA 35, (38), Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE
BRITANNIA 75, (28), High Street, (Wollaston Road), Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE
BROADWAY 89, The Broadway / Windsor Road, Norton, STOURBRIDGE
BUILDERS ARMS 116, (115), Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE
BULLS HEAD 67, Pedmore Road, (Lower Lye), (Lye Waste), LYE
BULLS HEAD Bull Street, STOURBRIDGE
BULLS HEAD 62, (58), High Street, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE
BULLS HEAD WORDSLEY
BUSH Waste, LYE
CAR AND HORSES 38, (37), Market Street, STOURBRIDGE
CARPENTERS ARMS Hospital Road, STOURBRIDGE
CASTLE 2, Balds Lane, Hayes, Wollescote, LYE
CHEQUERS 96, (Upper) High Street, STOURBRIDGE
CHERRY TREE Barnett Lane / Lawnswood Road, (Brewery Street), WORDSLEY
CHICAGO 1+3, Ryemarket, STOURBRIDGE
CINDER MILL Hagley Road, Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE
COACH AND HORSES 61, Bromley Street, LYE
COACH AND HORSES 63, (Upper) High Street / Barlows Yard, STOURBRIDGE
COCK High Street, Lye Waste, LYE
COMMERCIAL LYE
COTTAGE Brook Road, Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE
COTTAGE 49, (27), Enville Street, (18, Beauty Bank), STOURBRIDGE
COTTAGE OF CONTENT Amblecote Bank, AMBLECOTE
COTTAGE OF CONTENT High Street, WORDSLEY
COTTAGE SPRING 73, (36), Bridgnorth Road, Withy Bank, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE
CRABMILL 197, Hagley Road, Oldswinford, (Upper Swinford), STOURBRIDGE
CRICKETERS ARMS 88, (96), (Upper) High Street, (Church Street), (Windmill Street), STOURBRIDGE
CRITERION 65, Lichfield Street, STOURBRIDGE

CROSS 217, High Street, (Pedmore Road), Lye Cross, LYE
CROSS Hagley Road, (Glasshouse Hill), (Red Hill), Oldswinford Cross, Oldswinford, (Upper Swinford), STOURBRIDGE
CROSS KEYS 189, Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE
CROSS KEYS 8, (10), (10-11), New Street, STOURBRIDGE
CROSS WALKS INN Cross Walks, LYE
CROWN Attwood Street, LYE
CROWN Dudley Road, LYE
CROWN Halesowen Road, LYE
CROWN 111, Stourbridge Road, Stambermill, (Hay Green), LYE
CROWN + LYE
CROWN 1, Enville Street, STOURBRIDGE
CROWN 206, (195), Hagley Road, Oldswinford, (Upper Swinford), (Pedmore), STOURBRIDGE
CROWN High Street, STOURBRIDGE
CROWN + STOURBRIDGE
CROWN Audnam, WORDSLEY
DOG AND DUCK High Street, AMBLECOTE
DOG AND PARTRIDGE 77, (78), Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE
DOG AND PARTRIDGE Horus Road, Thorns, LYE
DUDLEY ARMS Waste, LYE
DUKE OF YORK 159, Stourbridge Road, Hay Green, LYE
DUKE WILLIAM Pedmore Road, Waste, LYE
DUKE WILLIAM 25, (13), Coventry Street / Duke Street, STOURBRIDGE
EAGLE 7, Vicarage Road, (Amblecote Lane), AMBLECOTE
EAGLE TAVERN (Lower) King Street, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE
EAGLE VAULTS 60, High Street, STOURBRIDGE
EAGLE AND SERPENT Hagley Road, STOURBRIDGE
EDWARD RUTLAND High Street, STOURBRIDGE
ELEPHANT AND CASTLE STOURBRIDGE
EXCHANGE 5, Market Street, STOURBRIDGE
EXCHANGE Green, WORDSLEY
FALCON 81, (Upper) High Street, (Halesowen Road), (Lye Waste), LYE
FALCON Market Street, (Ryemarket), STOURBRIDGE
FIR TREE 1, Careless Green, LYE
FISH 1, Wollaston Road / High Street, Coalbournbrook, AMBLECOTE
FOLEY ARMS 33, (19), Enville Street / Short Street, (Beauty Bank), STOURBRIDGE
FOLEY ARMS Hagley Road, Pedmore, STOURBRIDGE
FOLEY ARMS Upper High Street, STOURBRIDGE
FORESTERS ARMS Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE
FORGE HAMMER Stamber Mill, LYE
FOSTERS ARMS Lower High Street / Canal Street, Holloway End, (Bridge Row), AMBLECOTE
FOUNTAIN 30, Hagley Street, (42, Hagley Road), STOURBRIDGE
FOUNTAIN Lower Swinford, STOURBRIDGE
FOUNTAIN Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE
FOX 8, Green Lane, LYE
FOX Hagley Road, STOURBRIDGE
FOX High Street, STOURBRIDGE
FOX Ryemarket, STOURBRIDGE
FOXCOTE ARMS Wynnall Lane South, Wollescote, LYE
FREEMASONS ARMS 112, Birmingham Street, STOURBRIDGE
GARIBALDI 19, (2), Cross Street, (Easy Row), Longlands, STOURBRIDGE
GATE HANGS WELL 1, High Park Avenue / Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE
GEORGE 39, (37), Stourbridge Road, (Halesowen Road), Hay Green, LYE
GEORGE High Street / Foster Street, STOURBRIDGE
GEORGE III WORDSLEY
GEORGE AND DRAGON Ryder Street, / Haden Close, The Green, (Bell Street), (Bellvue), WORDSLEY
GIGMILL South Road / The Broadway, STOURBRIDGE
GLADSTONE ARMS 49, Audnam, (High Street), WORDSLEY
GLASSCUTTERS ARMS 9, Barnett Street, WORDSLEY
GLASSMAKERS ARMS 33, High Street (Stourbridge Road) / Collis Street, (Coalbournbrook), AMBLECOTE
GLASSMAKERS ARMS STOURBRIDGE
GLASSWORKS Camp Hill, Audnam, AMBLECOTE
GRAPES Stourbridge Road, Hay Green, LYE
GREYHOUND 97, (92), King William Street, AMBLECOTE
GREYHOUND 168, Norton Road / Greyhound Lane, The Heath, STOURBRIDGE
HADCROFT New Farm Road / Grange Lane, (Pedmore Road), LYE
HARE AND HOUNDS Wynnall Lane, Careless Green, Wollescote, LYE
HARMONIC TAVERN 13, High Street, WORDSLEY

HARVEST HOME 18, Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE
HEART IN HAND Stourbridge Road, Stambermill, LYE
HEARTY GOOD FELLOW Hay Green, LYE
HEARTY GOOD FELLOW Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE
HIT OR MISS, LUCK'S ALL Mount Street, STOURBRIDGE
HOGSHEAD Foster Street, STOURBRIDGE
HOLE IN THE WALL High Street, STOURBRIDGE
HOLLY BUSH 88, (16), Cemetery Road, (Porridge Hall), (Waste), (Lower Lye), LYE
HOLLY BUSH Cross Walks, LYE
HOLLY BUSH Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE
HOLLY BUSH + STOURBRIDGE
HOP AND BARLEYCORN Mount Pleasant, WORDSLEY
HOPE AND ANCHOR 44, (40), King William Street, Dennis Park, AMBLECOTE
HORSE AND GROOM 83, (84), (Upper) High Street, STOURBRIDGE
HORSE NAIL FORGERS ARMS High Street, LYE
HUNDRED HOUSE 7, Skeldings Lane, (Brown's Lane), Waste, LYE
INN ON THE GREEN Bells Lane, (Bellevue), (Bell Street), The Green, WORDSLEY
JAGUAR High Street, (Coalbournbrook) / Stamford Street, Hollway End, AMBLECOTE
JOLLY SOLDIER 50, Birmingham Street, (Coventry Street), STOURBRIDGE
JUNCTION WORDSLEY
KATIE FITZGERALD'S 187, (97), Enville Street / Mamble Road, (Beauty Bank), STOURBRIDGE
KINGS HEAD High Street / Victoria Passage, STOURBRIDGE
KINGS HEAD + High Street, STOURBRIDGE
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KINGS HEAD + High Street, STOURBRIDGE
KINGS HEAD + High Street, STOURBRIDGE
KINGS HEAD High Street, Audnam, WORDSLEY
KING WILLIAM Audnam, AMBLECOTE
LABOUR IN VAIN 59, Redhill (Road) / Church Street, (Lower Swinford), Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE
LAMB High Street, (Stourbridge Road), Hay Green, LYE
LAMP 14, Birmingham Street, STOURBRIDGE
LAWNSWOOD Lawnswood Road, Fair Oaks, STOURBRIDGE
LEAMINGTON BREWERY STORES King William Street, AMBLECOTE
LEOPARD WORDSLEY
LION 14, Brewery Street, WORDSLEY
LION AND UNICORN Lye Waste, LYE
LITTLE PIG 120, High Street, Coalbournbrook, AMBLECOTE
LITTLE PIG 5, Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE
LONGLANDS TAVERN 24, Western Road, (13, Lower Hill Street), (Prescott Street), Longlands, STOURBRIDGE
LORD DUDLEY'S ARMS 65, (Upper) High Street, (Halesowen Road), (Lye Waste), LYE
MALT SHOVEL 54, Enville Street, Beauty Bank, STOURBRIDGE
MALT SHOVEL Oldswinford, (Lower Swinford), STOURBRIDGE
MALT SHOVEL The Heath, Norton, STOURBRIDGE
MARKET HALL VAULTS Market Street / Smithfield, STOURBRIDGE
MARQUIS OF GRANBY High Street, Audnam, (Audnam Bank), (Brettell Lane), WORDSLEY
MAVERICK 1, High Street / Brettell Lane, Coalbournbrook, AMBLECOTE
MINERS ARMS 4, (19), Yardley Street, (off Bagley Street), Stambermill, LYE
MITRE 209, High Street / Mitre Road, (Chance's Lane), LYE
MITRE 152, (153), Lower High Street / Crown Lane, (Enville Street), STOURBRIDGE
MOLOKO VODKA BAR Lower High Street, STOURBRIDGE
MOORINGS TAVERN 78+80, (80), (78+79), Lower High Street / Canal Street, Holloway End, (Bridge Row), AMBLECOTE
MOUNT STREET TAVERN 31, (11), Mount Street, STOURBRIDGE
NAGS HEAD 1, New Street, STOURBRIDGE
NAGS HEAD Swan Lane, WORDSLEY
NAVIGATION Bridge Row, (The Bridge), (High Street), (The Wharf), Holloway End, AMBLECOTE
NAVIGATION WORDSLEY
NEW INN 151, (Upper) High Street, Lye Waste, LYE
NEW INN Cherry Street / 30, Glebe Street, (Heath), Norton, STOURBRIDGE
NEW INN Dunsley Road, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE
NEW INN 19, (10), (8), Enville Street, (Crown Lane), STOURBRIDGE
NEW INN Middle Street, STOURBRIDGE
NEW INN 117, High Street, Wordsley Green, WORDSLEY
NOAHS ARK Priest Lane, LYE
NOAHS ARK Lower Lye, LYE
NOAHS ARK 135, (82), Enville Street, Beauty Bank, STOURBRIDGE
NOAHS ARK Shepherds Brook, Oldswinford, (Upper Swinford), STOURBRIDGE

OAKFIELD TAVERN Oak Park Road, WORDSLEY
ODDFELLOWS ARMS Upper High Street, LYE
OLD BAR High Street, STOURBRIDGE
OLD BARLEY MOW Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE
OLD BEAR 4, Brewery Street, (4, Brierley Hill Road), (Buckpool Road), WORDSLEY
OLD BELL Chapel Street, (169, (Upper) High Street), LYE
OLD BOAT Brierley Hill Road, Buckpool, (Bug Hole), (Bug Pool), WORDSLEY
OLD CAT 110, High Street / Lawnswood Road, (Town End, Brierley Hill), WORDSLEY
OLD CRISPIN 5, (3), Church Street, STOURBRIDGE
OLD CRISPIN Windmill Street, (High Street), STOURBRIDGE
OLD DIAL 17, Audnam, (High Street), (Coalbournbrook), (Holloway End), AMBLECOTE
OLD HANDS TO THE PUMP, YE 94, Birmingham Street, (Bedcot Meadow), STOURBRIDGE
OLD HORSE SHOE High Street, STOURBRIDGE
OLD JACOB'S WELL High Street, WORDSLEY
OLD KINGS HEAD 133, High Street, STOURBRIDGE
OLD PEAR TREE The Hayes, LYE
OLD PHEASANT Upper High Street, LYE
OLD PIPE 172, (Lower) High Street, STOURBRIDGE
OLD ROSE AND CROWN LYE
OLD ROYAL OAK LYE
OLDE SALT BROOKE, YE 39, Hayes Lane, (Hell Hole), (Hill Hole, Lye Waste), (Cradley Forge), LYE
OLD SPIRIT VAULTS High Street, AMBLECOTE
OLD STAR 47, (50), Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE
OLD SWAN (Upper) High Street, (Halesowen Road), Waste, LYE
OLD TAVERN Stambermill Road, Hay Green, LYE
OLD WHEATSHEAF 12, Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE
OLD WHITE HART Brierley Hill Road, (48, Brewery Street), WORDSLEY
OLD WHITE HORSE South Road, (Worcester Street), (Heath Road), (Kinver Road) Norton, (Upper Swinford), STOURBRIDGE
PACK HORSE 29, Coventry Street, (Birmingham Street), STOURBRIDGE
PAGE ARMS 92, Market Street, STOURBRIDGE
PARK TAVERN 26, Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE
PARK STREET TAVERN 14, New Road, (14, Kidderminster Street) / Park Street, STOURBRIDGE
PEACOCK Hay Green, LYE
PEACOCK Kinver Street, (Kinfare Street), (Kimber Street), WORDSLEY
PEAR TREE Stamford Road, (Amblecote Lane), Amblecote Bank, (Lower Amblecote), AMBLECOTE
PEAR TREE LYE
PEDMORE HOUSE Ham Lane, Pedmore, STOURBRIDGE
PHEASANT 77, Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE
PINS, PINTS AND PLATTER Mill Race Lane, (Block L, Unit 1, Stourbridge Industrial Estate), STOURBRIDGE
PLOUGH Coalbournbrook, AMBLECOTE
PLOUGH 154, (127), Bridgnorth Road, (10, Ridge Top), (The Ridge), Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE
PLOUGH Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE
PLOUGH AND HARROW 107, Worcester Street, (Heath Road), Heath STOURBRIDGE
PRINCESS 115 – 117, (115), (117), Bridgnorth Road / Cobden Street, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE
QUEENS HEAD Tobacco Box Hill, Coalbournbrook, AMBLECOTE
QUEENS HEAD Cross Walks Road / Union Street, LYE
QUEENS HEAD 111, (57), Enville Street, (East Wollaston Street), (39, Beauty Bank), STOURBRIDGE
QUEENS HEAD Queen Street, STOURBRIDGE
QUEENS HEAD 129, (127), High Street, WORDSLEY
QUEENSWAY Gauden Road, Pedmore Fields Estate, Wollescote, LYE
RAILWAY 1, (8), Pedmore Road, LYE
RAILWAY TAVERN Portobello, LYE
RAILWAY TAVERN 59, (113), Birmingham Street, STOURBRIDGE
RAILWAY 49, (47), Church Street, STOURBRIDGE
RAVEN 64, Woods Lane, AMBLECOTE
RED LION 147, Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE
RED LION 4, Careless Green, Wollescote, LYE
RED LION 37, Birmingham Street, STOURBRIDGE
RED LION 2, (24), Lion Street / Green Street, (New Street), STOURBRIDGE
RED LION + STOURBRIDGE
RED LION 23, Lawnswood Road, The Green, WORDSLEY
REEF CAFÉ BAR Lower High Street, STOURBRIDGE
RIFLEMANS ARMS 9, (5), (28), Wood Street, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE
RISING SUN 64, High Street, Holloway End, AMBLECOTE
RISING SUN 46, Pedmore Road, Lower Lye, LYE
RISING SUN Church Street, STOURBRIDGE
ROBIN HOOD 196, (196-200), (15), Collis Street, Dennis Park, AMBLECOTE

ROCK STATION 2, Vauxhall Road / Parkfield Terrace, (Foster Street), STOURBRIDGE
ROCK TAVERN 17, Worcester Street, (Heath Road), Heath, STOURBRIDGE
ROCK TAVERN High Street, WORDSLEY
ROEBUCK 105, Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE
ROEBUCK Park Street, STOURBRIDGE
ROSE AND CROWN 1, High Street / Dudley Street, LYE
ROSE AND CROWN Stambermill Road, LYE
ROSE AND CROWN 52, Stourbridge Street, Hay Green, LYE
ROSE AND CROWN 20, Coventry Street, (Birmingham Street), STOURBRIDGE
ROSE AND CROWN 49, (48), Market Street, STOURBRIDGE
ROSE AND CROWN Gossy Bank, STOURBRIDGE
ROSE AND CROWN Camp Hill, WORDSLEY
ROSE AND CROWN High Street, Audnam Bank, Audnam, WORDSLEY
ROSE AND CROWN 22, (23), High Street, Audnam, WORDSLEY
ROSE AND CROWN + WORDSLEY
ROUND OF BEEF Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE
ROYAL EXCHANGE 75-77, (40), Enville Street, (30, Beauty Bank), STOURBRIDGE
ROYAL EXCHANGE 109, (104), (110), (Upper) High Street, STOURBRIDGE
ROYAL OAK 66, (64), (69,) High Street / Vicarage Road, (Amblecote Lane), Holloway End, AMBLECOTE
ROYAL OAK 28, Dudley Road / Badger Street, LYE
ROYAL OAK Orchard Lane, LYE
ROYAL OAK Upper High Street, LYE
ROYAL OAK Stambermill, LYE
ROYAL OAK + LYE
ROYAL OAK WORDSLEY
ROYAL TURF 74, (Upper) High Street, STOURBRIDGE
SAMPLE BAR 8, Market Street, STOURBRIDGE
SAMPSON AND LION LYE
SAMSON AND LION 140, Brierley Hill Road, (Brewery Street), The Leys, Buckpool, WORDSLEY
SARACENS HEAD 178, (Lower) High Street, STOURBRIDGE
SERJEANT High Street, STOURBRIDGE
SEVEN STARS 101, Pedmore Road, LYE
SEVEN STARS Brook Road, (Junction Street) / Glasshouse Lane, (Chawn Hill), Oldswinford, (Lower Swinford), STOURBRIDGE
SEVEN STARS 9, Market Street, (Ryemarket), STOURBRIDGE
SHAKESPEARE New Street, STOURBRIDGE
SHEPHERDS BROOK Shepherds Brook, LYE
SHINGLERS ARMS Enville Street, (Beauty Bank), STOURBRIDGE
SHOVEL 81, Pedmore Road, LYE
SHRUBBERY COTTAGE 28, Heath Lane, Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE
SLATERS ARMS Enville Street, STOURBRIDGE
SMITHFIELD TAVERN Market Place, STOURBRIDGE
SOMERSET HOUSE 121, (62), (63), Enville Street / Summer Street, (Summer Hill), (44, Beauty Bank), STOURBRIDGE
SPIRIT VAULTS 19, Market Street, STOURBRIDGE
SPOTTED COW 54, (13), Union Street, STOURBRIDGE
SPREAD EAGLE Dudley Road, LYE
SPRING GROVE 13, Orchard Lane, LYE
STAMFORD ARMS Coalbournbrook Hill, AMBLECOTE
STAR Coalbournbrook, AMBLECOTE
STAR Talbot Street / Star Street, (Waste), LYE
STAR Wollescote, LYE
STAR 163, Enville Street, STOURBRIDGE
STAR Hagley Road, Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE
STAR 58, High Street, STOURBRIDGE
STAR AND ANCHOR 7, Coventry Street, (Star and Anchor Yard), STOURBRIDGE
STAR AND GARTER Norton Road (Worcester Street) / Heath Lane, (Heath Road), Heath, (Oldswinford), STOURBRIDGE
STARVING RASCAL Brettell Lane / Collis Street, Dennis Park, Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE
STATION INN AND SPIRIT VAULTS 20, Holyhead Road, STOURBRIDGE
STATION Hungary Hill, (Junction Station), Lower Swinford, STOURBRIDGE
STATION Upperswinford, STOURBRIDGE
STEPPING STONES Birmingham Street, STOURBRIDGE
STONE BRIDGE STOURBRIDGE
STUMP Hay Green, LYE
SWAN 10, Brettell Lane, AMBLECOTE
SWAN 5, (6), Hagley Road, (6, Hagley Street), STOURBRIDGE
SWAN 157, Hagley Road, Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE
SWAN 4, Mamble Square, (Mamble Road), Enville Street, STOURBRIDGE
SWAN Brierley Hill Road, Portway, Buckpool, WORDSLEY

SWAN WITH TWO NECKS 42, Dudley Road / Engine Lane, Lye Forge, LYE
TALBOT 4, Talbot Street, (Lye Waste), Wollescote, LYE
TALBOT 137, Upper High Street, STOURBRIDGE
TALBOT WORDSLEY
TEN ARCHES Snowdon Road, Penfield Estate, STOURBRIDGE
THREE CROWNS 51, Stourbridge Road, (Halesowen Road), Hay Green, LYE
THREE CROWNS Upper High Street, STOURBRIDGE
THREE STARS Oldswinford, (Lowerswinford), STOURBRIDGE
THREE TUNS High Street, STOURBRIDGE
THULL GHAUT Lawnswood Road, (Wordsley Green), WORDSLEY
TOWN HALL BAR 9, Market Street, STOURBRIDGE
TRIANGLE High Street, (Wollaston Road), Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE
TURKS HEAD Audnam Bank, (Coalbournbrook, Amblecote), WORDSLEY
UNICORN 56, (57), Brettell Lane / Vale Street, AMBLECOTE
UNICORN Cross Walks Road, Lye Waste, Wollescote, LYE
UNICORN 145, (72), Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE
UNION 15, Chapel Street, Wollescote, LYE
UNION Dark Lane, LYE
UNION Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE
VAULTS 2, Coventry Street, STOURBRIDGE
VAULTS 134, High Street, STOURBRIDGE
VILLAGE TAVERN Heath Lane, Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE
VINE 150, (Upper) High Street, (Halesowen Road), (Lye Waste), LYE
VINE Pedmore Road, LYE
VINE Stourbridge Road, LYE
VINE 19, Union Street, (Beefeaters), Wollescote, LYE
VINE Hay Green, LYE
VINE + LYE
VINE 27, (Lower) High Street, STOURBRIDGE
VINE 46, Camphill Street, (46, High Street) / Vine Street, (Barn Row), (Audnam), WORDSLEY
WAGGON AND HORSES 31, (29), (14), Worcester Street / Chapel Street, (Heath Road), STOURBRIDGE
WAGGON AND HORSES Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE
WATERFALL Amblecote Lane, (Amblecote Bank), AMBLECOTE
WATERLOO 130, Bridgnorth Road, (Withy Bank), Wollaston, STOURBRIDGE
WATERLOO 119, Hagley Road, Oldswinford, STOURBRIDGE
WATERLOO HOUSE STOURBRIDGE
WEBB'S WINE AND SPIRIT ROOMS 158, High Street, STOURBRIDGE
WELL The Cliff, Buckpool, WORDSLEY
WELLINGTON ARMS Coalbournbrook, AMBLECOTE
WHEATSHEAF 119, High Street, (Stream Road) / Chapel Street, WORDSLEY
WHITE HORSE 16, Cross Walks Way (Road), Wollescote, (Baldwin's Green), (Waste Bank), LYE
WHITE HORSE 4, (3 and 4), Angel Street, STOURBRIDGE
WHITE HORSE Platt's Place, STOURBRIDGE
WHITE HORSE Studley Gate, STOURBRIDGE
WHITE LION 8, Market Street, (Ryemarket), STOURBRIDGE
WHITE LION Mill Street, (Mill Lane), STOURBRIDGE
WHY NOT Stamber Mill, LYE
WINDMILL 90, Dudley Road, LYE
WINDSOR CASTLE 7, Stourbridge Road, Lye Cross, LYE
WOODMAN King William Street / Hill Street, Dennis Park, AMBLECOTE
WOODMAN Heath Road, STOURBRIDGE
WOODMAN 24, New Street, STOURBRIDGE
WOOLPACK 5, (6), Lower High Street, STOURBRIDGE
WOOLSTAPLERS ARMS High Street, STOURBRIDGE
WORCESTERSHIRE ALE MY BOYS Church Street, STOURBRIDGE

Beerhouse – Unnamed

Ridge Top, STOURBRIDGE

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

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.

draper A dealer in cloth, cloth goods, and sewing needs.

dray A low strong cart for heavy goods.

dropsy A morbid accumulation of watery fluid on any part of the body.

edge tool maker A person who made knives and agricultural tools such as scythes.

f. founded

factor's clerk A clerk to a manufacturer.

farrier A horse doctor, or blacksmith who shoes horses.

filling A Victorian term meaning to serve beer / alcohol.

firkin A barrel containing 9 gallons.

florin A coin of the value 2s (10p).

footpad A highwayman on foot.

freehold Legal ownership and control of a building or a piece of land for an unlimited time.

French polisher Someone who polished quality furniture using French polish, wax or lacquer.

gaming The playing of games of chance for winnings.

gawn A small round tub with a handle, used for carrying the wort.

General Annual Licensing Meeting This was the principal licensing meeting, and was sometimes called the **Brewster Sessions**. They were usually held during the first fortnight of February every year.

grains of paradise Aframomum melegueta. A form of ginger native to the swamps of West Africa. The seeds (grains) were used in brewing to give the impression of strength. Its use became illegal in Britain in 1816.

guinea An amount of £1 1s 0d.

haberdasher A dealer in small wares, as ribbons, tapes etc.

half crown A coin of the value 2s 6d.

hame One of the two curved bars of a draught horse's collar.

harbouring the police Allowing police officers to be on the licensed premises when they should be on duty. The exceptions being when they have permission of a senior officer, or are engaged in preventing / detecting a breach of the licensing laws, or keeping order.

higgler or **higler** pedlar, usually with a horse and cart

hogshead A barrel containing 52½ gallons.

hoof prints / marks During the winter of 1855 there was a spate of people reporting these marks being visible in the snow on their roofs.

hostler see ostler

inst. / instant (during) the current month

intoxicating liquor spirits, beer, cider, wine and British wine

japanner A person who made 'japanned' object using the Japanese lacquer techniques.

journeyman Fully qualified tradesman who had served an apprenticeship.

kilderkin A barrel holding 18 gallons.

liquor water (brewing)

L.M.S. London, Midland and Scottish (railway)

L.N.E.R. London and North Eastern Railway

long pull This was a practice in which more beer was served than the quantity ordered. It was originally encouraged by brewers to improve trade, but around 1900 they began to object to it, to improve takings!
It is no longer illegal.

m. married

M. U. Manchester Unity (of Oddfellows)

milliner A dealer in Milan goods, or more commonly a maker / seller of women's hats, trimmings etc.

Minorca a breed of laying poultry

oliverman An operator of a forge hammer worked by foot

on tramp travelling

Order of Discharge An order by a court of law saying that a person or company that is bankrupt is no longer responsible for paying back its debts.

ordinary A meal provided at a fixed cost.

Ordinary Removal A method of attaching a license of any description to premises previously unlicensed by the removal of a license of the same description from other premises.

ostler Someone who attends to horses at an inn.

paviour One who does paving work.

Penny dreadful A cheap sensational serial or tale.

perch A measure of area equal to 30¼ square yards (25.3 square metres).

platelayer One who laid and maintained railway tracks.

posting house (post house) A place where horses were kept as replacements to pull stage coaches, which arrived there. (A staging post is an alternative name.)

potboy / potman Someone who worked in public houses, collecting and washing dirty pots or glasses.

provisional renewal When the Justices refer a license to the Compensation Authority this is granted. It enables the pub to continue until a decision is made. If the license is extinguished this renewal expires 7 days after compensation is paid, if not then it becomes unconditional.

publican's license This license authorizes the sale of any intoxicating liquor for consumption on or off the premises.

puddler (pudler) Wrought iron worker, he would stir molten pig iron to form wrought iron.

puncheon An Imperial measure of 72 gallons.

quart An Imperial measure of liquid equal to two pints.

quarter A measure of eight bushels; equivalent to 8 barrels of beer.

quartern A quarter of a pint.

R. A. O. B. Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes.

rat killing ledger A blood sport in which dogs kill as many rats, in a given time; the one killing most being the winner. Gambling took place – hence the ledger (book in which bets were recorded).

rim lock A locking device that attaches to the surface of a door or window.

rood A measure of area of about a quarter of an acre.

s shillings

sennight A week (ago)

shingler Manipulator of puddled balls of iron to remove impurities.

Sick and Dividend Society A society in which annual / monthly / weekly contributions were made by its members in order to provide "insurance" payouts when work preventing sickness, or death, occurred to its members. A dividend was paid (usually in December) from the remaining investment.

sinker Well or shaft digger.

6 day license Pubs with this type of license were not allowed to open on Sundays.

smoking concert A concert where those attending were allowed (or even encouraged!) to smoke.

sovereign A coin of the value of £1.

spragging Mining term for propping.

stallman Keeper of stable underground (mining).

temperance hotel (house) A building run along the same lines as pubs / hotels, but without alcohol.

ult / ultimo (during) the previous month

union fermentation system A system of fermentation, developed in the 19th century, in which fermenting beer is kept in rows of large barrels (unions) interconnected by pipes and troughs, which allows the yeast to continually circulate through the beer. It is often referred to as the Burton Union system.

W. B. A. West Bromwich Albion

whitesmith A metal worker in tin, or light metals.

WM masonic term for Worshipful Master.

wood turner Someone who turns wood on a lathe.

wort The malt solution that results from the main brewing operation.

£ pound

THE ACTS

Below is a list of some of the Acts of Parliament relating to licensing, and some of their effects. By no means is all legislation here.

Alehouse Act, 1828

Laid down, for the first time, a uniform code of procedure for annual licensing and transfer sessions. Premises licensed under this Act were enabled to sell not only 'Ale' but other intoxicating drinks.

Beerhouse Act, 1830

A reforming Act intended to discourage the consumption of spirits (especially gin). Excise licenses could be taken out without having to go through the justices, and this resulted in the growth of beerhouses nationwide.

Refreshment Houses Act, 1860

Effectively put the sale of wine on an even footing with beer, as it enabled a refreshment house keeper to sell wine without obtaining a justice's license.

Wine and Beerhouse Act, 1869

Gave the licensing justices control over all premises where intoxicating liquor was sold for consumption on the premises. No new licenses could be obtained without applying to them, but existing beer and wine licenses were protected (see ante 1869, above).

This inhibited the continuing growth of beerhouses resulting from the 1830 Act.

Licensing Act, 1872

This established a procedure whereby a new license was only valid after a second, Confirmation procedure had taken place.

Licensing Act, 1902

This granted justices the same rights over off licenses as they had over on licenses, since 1869.

Licensing Act, 1904

This set up the compensation procedure for the extinguishing of unnecessary licenses, or those of unsound premises, but did not affect ante 1869 beerhouses.

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.

ABBOTS BROMLEY, Staffordshire - 7 miles S of Uttoxeter

ABERCARN, Monmouthshire - 10 miles NW of Newport

ACTON TRUSSELL, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Stafford

ADMASTON, Shropshire is part of Telford

ALBRIGHTON, Shropshire - 7 miles NW of Wolverhampton

ALDRIDGE, Staffordshire - 4 miles ENE of Walsall

ALREWAS, Staffordshire - 7 miles SW of Burton upon Trent

ALTON, Hampshire - 9 miles SE of Basingstoke

ALVECHURCH, Warwickshire - 4 miles NW of Redditch

AMESBURY, Gloucestershire - 7 miles N of Salisbury

ANSTEY, Leicestershire - 4 miles NW of Leicester

ARLEY KINGS - 10 miles N of Worcester

ARMITAGE, Staffordshire - 4 miles NNW of Lichfield

ASHOVER, Derbyshire - 4 miles NE of Matlock

ASTLEY, Lancashire - a suburb of Chorley

ASTLEY ABBOTTS, Shropshire - 2 miles N of Bridgnorth

ASTON, Warwickshire is probably the part of Birmingham

ASTON CANTLOW, Warwickshire - 5 miles NW of Stratford

ATTLEBOROUGH, Norfolk - 14 miles NE of Thetford

AUDLEY, Staffordshire - 4 miles NW of Newcastle under Lyne

AUSTREY, Warwickshire - 5 miles ENE of Tamworth

BALSALL HEATH, Worcestershire is part of Birmingham

BALSCOTT, Oxfordshire - 4 miles W of Banbury

BARNBY DUN, Yorkshire is part of Doncaster

BARROW UPON SOAR, Leicestershire - 2 miles SE of Loughborough

BARTON, Oxfordshire is a suburb of Oxford

BARTON, Yorkshire - 6 miles SW of Darlington

BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD, Staffordshire - 4 miles SW of Burton upon Trent

BASCHURCH, Shropshire - 7 miles NW of Shrewsbury

BAVERSTOCK, Wiltshire - 7 miles W of Salisbury

BEDDINGTON, Surrey is part of the London Borough of Sutton

BEDWORTH, Warwickshire - 3 miles S of Nuneaton

BELTON, Rutlandshire - 6 miles SW of Oakham

BENTLEY, Warwickshire - 6 miles NW of Nuneaton

BEOLEY, Worcestershire - 2 miles N of Redditch

BERKELEY, Gloucestershire - 11 miles SSW of Stroud

BERRINGTON, Shropshire - 4 miles SSE of Shrewsbury

BICKENHILL, Warwickshire - 3 miles NE of Solihull

BINFIELD, Berkshire - 8 miles SE of Reading

BISHOP WILTON, Yorkshire - 12 miles ENE of York

BLABY, Leicestershire - 5 miles S of Leicester

BLACKLEY, Lancashire is part of Manchester

BLOCKLEY, Worcestershire - 10 miles SE of Evesham

BLYMILL, Staffordshire - 10 miles SW of Stafford

BONEHILL, Staffordshire is part of Tamworth

BOURTON ON THE WATER, Gloucestershire - 4 miles SSW of Stow on the Wold

BRACKENFIELD, Derbyshire - 4 miles ESE of Matlock

BRADFORD ON AVON, Wiltshire - 8 miles SE of Bath

BRAMPTON, Derbyshire is part of Chesterfield

BRAMPTON, Huntingdonshire - 2 miles SW of Huntingdon

BRAUNSTON, Northamptonshire - 3 miles NNE of Daventry

BRERETON, Staffordshire - 1 mile S of Rugeley

BREWOOD, Staffordshire - 6 miles W of Cannock

BRICKLEHAMPTON, Worcestershire - 3 miles SE of Pershore

BRIDSTOW, Herefordshire - 1 mile W of Ross on Wye

BRINDLE, Lancashire - 5 miles SE of Preston

BROCTON, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Stafford

BROOME, Worcestershire - 5 miles ENE of Kidderminster

BROSELEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

BURGHILL, Herefordshire - 3 miles NNW of Hereford

BURNHILL GREEN, Shropshire - 6 miles NE of Bridgnorth

BURNTWOOD, Staffordshire - 4 miles W of Lichfield

BURTON IN LONSDALE, Lancashire / Yorkshire - 9 miles E of Carnforth

BURWARTON, Shropshire - 10 miles NE of Ludlow

CARLTON, Leicestershire - 12 miles W of Leicester

CARSINGTON, Derbyshire - 2 miles WSW of Wirksworth

CASTLE DONINGTON, Leicestershire - 12 miles SW of Nottingham

CASTLE FROME, Herefordshire - 10 miles ENE of Hereford

CASTLE MORTON, Worcestershire - 5 miles E of Ledbury

CASTOR, Northamptonshire - 4 miles W of Peterborough

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, Worcestershire - 4 miles ESE of Kidderminster

CHEADLE, Staffordshire - 7 miles NW of Uttoxeter

CHELMARSH, Shropshire - 4 miles S of Bridgnorth

CHESLYN HAY, Staffordshire - 2 miles S of Cannock

CHESWARDINE, Shropshire - 4 miles SE of Market Drayton

CHETTON, Shropshire - 4 miles WSW of Bridgnorth

CHILLINGTON, Staffordshire - 4 miles NW of Wolverhampton

CHIRBURY, Shropshire - 3 miles E of Montgomery

CHORLEY, Staffordshire - 3 miles WSW of Lichfield

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire - 6 miles WSW of Congleton

CLAINES, Worcestershire - 2 miles N of Worcester

CLAYHANGER, Staffordshire is just W of Brownhills

CLEETON, Shropshire - 3 miles NE of Ludlow

CLIFTON, Derbyshire - 1 mile SW of Ashbourne

CLIFTON UPON DUNSMORE, Warwickshire - 2 miles E of Rugby

CLIFTON CAMPVILLE, Staffordshire - 10 miles E of Lichfield

CLIFTON ON TEME, Worcestershire - 10 miles NW of Worcester

CLUN, Shropshire - 5 miles N of Knighton

COALBROOKDALE, Shropshire is part of Telford

COALPORT, Shropshire is part of Telford

CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire - 3 miles E of Newark

COGGESHALL, Essex - 6 miles E of Braintree

COLLINGTON, Herefordshire - 4 miles N of Bromyard

COLTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles N of Rugeley

COLWICH, Staffordshire - 3 miles NW of Rugeley

CONDOVER, Shropshire - 5 miles S of Shrewsbury

CONGRESBURY, Somerset - 7 miles E of Weston-super-Mare

CORBIT, Worcestershire is possibly another name for Chaddesley Corbett

CORELEY, Shropshire - 5 miles NE of Tenbury Wells

COUNTRESTHORPE, Leicestershire - 6 miles S of Leicester

COVEN, Staffordshire - 5 miles N of Wolverhampton

CRADLEY, Herefordshire - 3 miles W of Great Malvern

CUBBINGTON, Warwickshire is on the NE outskirts of Leamington Spa

DALLINGTON, Northamptonshire - 2 miles NW of Northampton

DAVENHAM, Cheshire - 2 miles S of Northwich

DAWLEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

DILWYN, Herefordshire - 6 miles SW of Leominster

DRAYCOTT IN THE CLAY, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Uttoxeter

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire - 6 miles SW of Leeds

DUKENFIELD, Cheshire is part of Greater Manchester

DYMCHURCH, Kent - 10 miles SE of Ashford

EARL SHILTON, Leicestershire - 10 miles SW of Leicester

EAST HARLING, Norfolk - 8 miles E of Thetford

EASTLEIGH, Hampshire - 5 miles NE of Southampton

EASTNOR, Herefordshire - 3 miles E of Ledbury

EAST STOKE, Dorsetshire - 3 miles W of Wareham

ECCLESHALL, Staffordshire - 6 miles W of Stone

EDWINSTOWE, Nottinghamshire - 6 miles ENE of Mansfield

EDGERTON, Shropshire - near Ludlow (OS SO605812), now abandoned

EPSTONE, Staffordshire is probably a former spelling of Ipstones

ERDINGTON, Warwickshire is part of Birmingham

ESSINGTON, Staffordshire - 4 miles NE of Wolverhampton

FEATHERSTONE, Staffordshire - 5 miles NNE of Wolverhampton

FENNY STRATFORD, Buckinghamshire is part of Milton Keynes

FENTON, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

FILLONGLEY, Warwickshire - 7 miles NW of Coventry

FLOCKTON, Yorkshire - 7 miles E of Huddersfield

FOLESHILL, Warwickshire is part of Coventry

FRADLEY, Staffordshire - 5 miles NE of Lichfield

FRESHFORD, Somersetshire - 6 miles SE of Bath

FULLBROOK, Oxfordshire - 6 miles WNW of Witney

GAILEY, Staffordshire - 4 miles W of Cannock

GNOSSALL, Staffordshire - 6 miles W of Stafford

GOSCOTE is part of Walsall

GREAT ALNE, Warwickshire - 6 miles SE of Redditch

GREAT BARR, Staffordshire is part of Birmingham

GREAT HAYWOOD, Staffordshire - 4 miles NE of Rugeley

GREAT MARLOW, Buckinghamshire - 4 miles SSW of High Wycombe

GRENDON, Warwickshire - 5 miles SE of Tamworth

GRESSINGHAM, Lancashire - 5 miles E of Carnforth

GUILSFIELD, Montgomeryshire - 3 miles N of Welshpool

HADLEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

HAGBOURNE, Berkshire - 1 mile S of Didcot

HAGLEY, Worcestershire - 2 miles S of Stourbridge

HAMSTALL RIDWARE, Staffordshire - 4 miles ENE of Rugeley

HANDSACRE, Staffordshire - 5 miles N of Lichfield; 3 miles S of Rugeley

HANDSWORTH, Staffordshire is part of Birmingham

HANLEY, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

HANLEY CASTLE, Worcestershire - 8 miles S of Worcester

HARBURY, Warwickshire - 6 miles SE of Warwick

HARLEY, Warwickshire - 10 miles SE of Shrewsbury

HARPOLE, Northamptonshire - 4 miles W of Northampton

HARTINGTON, Derbyshire - 9 miles NNW of Ashbourne

HARTLEBURY, Worcestershire - 4 miles S of Kidderminster

HARWELL, Berkshire / Oxfordshire - 2 miles W of Didcot

HATHERTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles W of Cannock

HAWARDEN, Flintshire - 6 miles W of Chester

HAYFIELD, Derbyshire - 10 miles N of Buxton

HAZLETON, Gloucestershire - 10 miles E of Cheltenham

HEDNESFORD, Staffordshire - 2 miles NE of Cannock

HIGHAM, Derbyshire - 8 miles S of Chesterfield

HIGHBRIDGE, Somerset - 7 miles N of Bridgwater

HIGHLEY, Shropshire - 7 miles S of Bridgnorth

HINTS, Staffordshire - 3 miles W of Tamworth

HIXON, Staffordshire - 5 miles ENE of Stafford

HOLLINGTON, Derbyshire - 5 miles ESE of Ashbourne

HORSEHAY, Shropshire is part of Telford

HUGGLESCOTE, Leicestershire - 1 mile S of Coalville

HYDE, Cheshire is part of Greater Manchester

ILMINGTON, Warwickshire - 8 miles S of Stratford

INGESTRE, Staffordshire - 3 miles ENE of Stafford

IPSTONES, Staffordshire - 5 miles SE of Leek

IRONBRIDGE, Shropshire is part of Telford

IRONVILLE, Derbyshire - 3 miles N of Heanor

KEMPSEY, Worcestershire - 4 miles S of Worcester

KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire is part of Newcastle under Lyne

KILSBY, Northamptonshire - 5 miles SE of Rugby

KINGS ARLEY, Worcestershire - see Arley Kings

KINGS BROMLEY, Staffordshire - 4 miles N of Lichfield

KINLET, Shropshire - 8 miles S of Bridgnorth

KINVER, Staffordshire - 4 miles W of Stourbridge

KIRKTON, Dumfriesshire - 4 miles N of Dumfries

KNUTSFORD, Cheshire - 11 miles NW of Macclesfield

LAMPORT, Northamptonshire - 8 miles WSW of Kettering

LAPLEY, Staffordshire - 7 miles WNW of Cannock

LEEK WOOTTON, Warwickshire - 3 miles N of Warwick

LEIGH SINTON, Worcestershire - 5 miles SW of Worcester

LENTON, Nottinghamshire is part of Nottingham

LINDRIDGE, Worcestershire - 8 miles W of Stourport

LISKEARD, Cornwall - 12 miles E of Bodmin

LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire - 5 miles E of Walsall

LITTLE BRICKHILL, Berkshire - 5 miles N of Leighton Buzzard

LITTLE BUDWORTH, Cheshire - 4 miles W of Winsford

LITTLE COMPTON, Gloucestershire - 4 miles NW of Chipping Norton

LITTLE HORWOOD, Buckinghamshire - 4 miles ESE of Buckingham

LITTLE HAYWOOD, Staffordshire - 5 miles E of Stafford

LOCKINGTON, Leicestershire - 7 miles NW of Loughborough

LONG BENNINGTON, Lincolnshire - 7 miles N of Grantham

LONG BUCKBY, Northamptonshire - 5 miles NE of Daventry

LONG COMPTON, Warwickshire - 12 miles SW of Banbury

LONG ITCHINGTON, Warwickshire - 6 miles E of Leamington Spa

LONGDON, Staffordshire - 2 miles NNW of Lichfield

LONG LAWFORD, Warwickshire - 2 miles NW of Rugby

LONG MELFORD - 14 miles S of Bury St. Edmunds

LONG SUTTON, Lincolnshire - 13 miles E of Spalding

LONGTON, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

LOYSWEEDON, Northamptonshire - see Weedon Lois

LULLINGTON, Derbyshire - 6 miles S of Burton on Trent

MADLEY, Herefordshire - 6 miles W of Hereford

MADELEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

MANTON, Wiltshire - 1 mile WSW of Marlborough

MARCHINGTON, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Uttoxeter

MARGAM, Glamorganshire - 3 miles SE of Port Talbot

MARTON, Shropshire - 6 miles SE of Welshpool

MEASHAM, Derbyshire - 4 miles SSW of Ashby de la Zouch

MEOLE BRACE, Shropshire - 2 miles S of Shrewsbury

MELFORD, Suffolk (see Long Melford)

MERTON, Surrey became a London borough

The MIDDLE, Shropshire - 8 miles NW of Shrewsbury

MIDDLETON, Warwickshire - 3 miles ENE of Sutton Coldfield

MILFORD, Staffordshire - 3 miles ESE of Stafford

MINETY, Wiltshire - 8 miles WNW of Swindon

MOIRA, Leicestershire - 3 miles WSW of Ashby de la Zouch

MONK BRETTON, Yorkshire - 2 miles NE of Barnsley

MONMORE GREEN is between Wolverhampton and Bilston

MOULTON, Cheshire - 3 miles S of Northwich

MURSTON, Leicestershire - 5 miles W of Grantham

NAILSEA, Somerset - 10 miles WSW of Bristol

NAPTON ON THE HILL, Warwickshire - 10 miles ESE of Warwick

NEWDALÉ, Shropshire is part of Telford

NEWHALL, Derbyshire - 3 miles SE of Burton upon Trent

NEW INVENTION is part of Willenhall

NEW MILLS, Derbyshire - 8 miles SE of Stockport

NEWPORT, Shropshire - 15 miles ENE of Shrewsbury

NEWSTEAD, Nottinghamshire - 9 miles WNW of Nottingham

NORMANTON, Derbyshire is part of Derby

NORTHENDEN, Cheshire - 5 miles S of Manchester city centre

NORTHFIELD, Worcestershire is a part of Birmingham

NORTHWICH, Cheshire - 18 miles E of Chester

NORTON CANES, Staffordshire - 2 miles ESE of Cannock

OAKAMOOD, Staffordshire - 10 miles E of Stoke on Trent

OAKENGATES, Shropshire is part of Telford

OCKER HILL is part of Tipton

OPENSHAW, Lancashire - 2 miles E of Manchester city centre

ORTON ON THE HILL, Leicestershire - 6 miles E of Tamworth

OSGATHORPE, Leicestershire - 7 miles W of Loughborough

OVERTON, Hampshire - 8 miles WSW of Basingstoke

PARKGATE, Yorkshire is part of Rawmarsh, 2 miles N of Rotherham

PATTINGHAM, Staffordshire - 7 miles W of Wolverhampton

PAXFORD, Worcestershire - 11 miles ESE of Evesham

PEMBERTON, Lancashire is a district of Wigan

PEMBRIDGE, Herefordshire - 7 miles W of Leominster

PENDLEBURY, Lancashire - 4 miles NW of Manchester city centre

PENDLETON, Lancashire - 7 miles NW of Burnley

PENKRIDGE, Staffordshire - 6 miles S of Stafford

PENSAX, Worcestershire - 6 miles WSW of Stourport

PERSHORE, Worcestershire - 8 miles SE of Worcester

POLESWORTH, Warwickshire - 4 miles E of Tamworth

PONTESBURY, Shropshire - 8 miles SW of Shrewsbury

PORTLAND TOWN, Middlesex was part of Marylebone, London

PORTOBELLO is part of Willenhall

QUATFORD, Shropshire - 2 miles SE of Bridgnorth

RADBOURNE, Derbyshire - 4 miles W of Derby

RADFORD SEMELE, Warwickshire - 2 miles ESE of Leamington Spa

RADCLIFF ON TRENT, Nottinghamshire - 5 miles E of Nottingham

RAMSEY, Huntingdonshire - 10 miles SE of Peterborough

RAVENSTONE, Leicestershire is to the W of Coalville

REPTON, Derbyshire - 5 miles NE of Burton upon Trent

RODINGTON, Shropshire - 6 miles E of Shrewsbury

ROTHWELL, Northamptonshire - 4 miles WNW of Kettering

ROWINGTON, Warwickshire - 5 miles NW of Warwick

RUARDEAN, Monmouthshire - 3 miles NW of Cinderford

RUGELEY, Staffordshire - 6 miles NWN of Lichfield

RUSHOCK, Worcestershire - 4 miles N of Droitwich

SALTCOATS, Ayrshire - 12 miles WNW of Kilmarnock

SAMBROOK, Shropshire - 6 miles SSE of Market Drayton

SANDON, Staffordshire - 5 miles NE of Stafford

SAWLEY, Yorkshire - 4 miles W of Ripon

SAWTREY, Huntingdonshire - 10 miles S of Peterborough

SCALEBY, Cumberland - 6 miles NNE of Carlisle

SECKINGTON, Warwickshire - 4 miles NE of Tamworth

SEISDON, Staffordshire - 6 miles W of Wolverhampton

SHARESHILL, Staffordshire - 3 miles SW of Cannock

SHEEN, Staffordshire - 8 miles SSE of Buxton

SHELSLEY WALSH, Worcestershire - 9 miles NW of Worcester

SHENSTONE, Staffordshire - 4 miles E of Brownhills

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire - 4 miles W of Loughborough

SHIFNAL, Shropshire - 10 miles NNE of Bridgnorth

SHILTON, Leicestershire – check Earl Shilton

SHORT HEATH, Staffordshire is between Bloxwich and Willenhall

SHUSTOKE, Warwickshire - 10 miles ENE of Birmingham

SIBSON, Leicestershire - 9 miles ESE of Tamworth

SILSOE, Bedfordshire - 9 miles S of Bedford

SILVERDALE, Staffordshire is part of Newcastle under Lyme

SILVERSTONE, Northamptonshire - 4 miles SSW of Towcester

SNARESTONE, Leicestershire - 9 miles ENE of Tamworth

SNOWSHILL, Gloucestershire - 6 miles SSE of Evesham

SOUTHAM, Warwickshire - 7 miles E of Leamington

SOUTH LITTLETON, Worcestershire - 2 miles NE of Evesham

SOUTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire - 2 miles N of Newark on Trent

STANTON, Derbyshire - 3 miles SE of Burton upon Trent

STANTON, Staffordshire - 18 miles E of Stoke on Trent

STATHERN, Leicestershire - 10 miles N of Melton Mowbray

STIRCHLEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

STOCKINGFORD, Warwickshire - 2 miles W of Nuneaton

STOCKLAND, Dorsetshire / Devonshire - 6 miles NE of Honiton

STOCKTON, Herefordshire - 2 miles NE of Leominster

STOCKTON, Shropshire - 4 miles N of Bridgnorth

STON EASTON, Somersetshire - 14 miles SW of Bath

STONNALL, Staffordshire - 2 miles E of Brownhills

STUDLEY, Warwickshire - 4 miles SE of Redditch

SUCKLEY, Herefordshire - 8 miles WSW of Worcester

SUTTON, Shropshire - 2 miles SE of Shrewsbury

SWINBROOK, Oxfordshire - 4 miles ENE of Witney

SWINDON, Staffordshire - 5 miles W of Dudley

TANWORTH IN ARDEN, Warwickshire - 4 miles NE of Redditch

TETBURY, Gloucestershire - 10 miles SW of Cirencester

THAME, Oxfordshire - 13 miles E of Oxford

THORNBURY, Herefordshire - 6 miles N of Bromyard

THORNHILL, Derbyshire - 8 miles ENE of Chapel en le Frith

THORPE, Derbyshire - 4 miles NW of Ashbourne

TICKHILL, Yorkshire - 8 miles S of Doncaster

TICKNALL, Derbyshire - 8 miles S of Derby

TIDESWELL, Derbyshire - 6 miles E of Buxton

TILSTOCK, Shropshire - 2 miles S of Whitchurch

TINGEWICK, Buckinghamshire - 3 miles W of Buckingham

TODMORDEN, Lancashire / Yorkshire - 8 miles SE of Burnley

TONG, Shropshire - 9 miles NW of Wolverhampton

TREFEGLWYS, Montgomeryshire - 10 miles W of Newtown

TRENTHAM, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

TRYSULL, Staffordshire - 6 miles WNW of Dudley

TUNSTALL, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

TUTBURY, Staffordshire - 4 miles NNW of Burton on Trent

TYBURN, Worcestershire is part of Birmingham

ULEY, Gloucestershire - 6 miles SW of Stroud

UPPER ARLEY, Worcestershire - 5 miles NW of Kidderminster

UPPER TEAN, Staffordshire - 9 miles SE of Stoke on Trent

UPTON ON SEVERN, Worcestershire - 9 miles S of Worcester

UPTON GREY, Hampshire - 5 miles ESE of Basingstoke

UPWELL, Norfolk - 6 miles W of Downham Market

WAGBEACH, Shropshire - 10 miles SW of Shrewsbury

WAINFLEET, Lincolnshire - 5 miles SW of Skegness

WALCOT, Shropshire - 6 miles E of Shrewsbury

WALL, Staffordshire - 2 miles WSW of Lichfield

WALTON, Derbyshire is a suburb of Chesterfield

WALTON, Staffordshire - 1 mile SW of Stone

WALTON UPON TRENT, Derbyshire - 4 miles SSW of Burton upon Trent

WAPLEY, Gloucestershire - 6 miles NE of Bristol

WARMINGTON, Northamptonshire - 8 miles SW of Peterborough

WATER ORTON, Warwickshire - 6 miles NNE of Birmingham

WEEDON LOIS, Northamptonshire - 10 miles S of Daventry

WEEFORD, Staffordshire - 5 miles W of Tamworth

WELFORD ON AVON, Warwickshire - 4 miles WSW of Stratford upon Avon

WELLESBOURNE, Warwickshire - 7 miles S of Warwick

WELLINGTON, Shropshire is part of Telford

WELSHAMPTON, Shropshire - 8 miles ESE of Whitchurch

WELTON, Northamptonshire - 3 miles N of Daventry

WENTNOR, Shropshire - 5 miles NE of Bishops Castle

WESTBURY, Shropshire - 8 miles W of Shrewsbury

WEST DERBY, Lancashire is part of Liverpool

WESTLEY WATERLESS, Cambridgeshire - 5 miles SW of Newmarket

WESTON LONGVILLE, Norfolk - 8 miles NW of Norwich

WESTON ON TRENT, Staffordshire - 6 miles SSE of Derby

WHEATON ASTON, Staffordshire - 7 miles W of Cannock

WHISTON, Staffordshire - 7 miles SE of Leek

WHITTINGTON, Staffordshire - 3 miles SE of Lichfield

WHITTINGTON, Shropshire - 3 miles NE of Oswestry

WHITWICK, Leicestershire - 2 miles NW of Coalville

WICK, Worcestershire - 9 miles SE of Worcester

WIGGINTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles N of Tamworth

WILLEY, Shropshire - 5 miles NW of Bridgnorth

WILNECOTE, Staffordshire - 2 miles SE of Tamworth

WIMBLEBURY, Staffordshire - 2 miles E of Cannock

WINCHCOMBE, Gloucestershire - 6 miles NE of Cheltenham

WINSHILL, Derbyshire - 2 miles E of Burton on Trent

WISTANSTOW, Shropshire - 9 miles NW of Ludlow

WITBOURNE, Worcestershire - 8 miles W of Worcester

WITHINGTON, Herefordshire - 5 miles NE of Hereford

WITHINGTON, Staffordshire - 3 miles W of Uttoxeter

WOLVERLEY, Worcestershire - 2 Miles N of Kidderminster

WOMBOURNE, Staffordshire - 5 miles WNW of Dudley

WOOD END, (Staffordshire) is part of Wednesfield

WOODVILLE, Leicestershire - 3 miles WNW of Ashby de la Zouch

WORTHEN, Shropshire - 12 miles WSW of Shrewsbury

WRIBBENHALL, Worcestershire - 3 miles WSW of Kidderminster

WROCKWARDINE, Shropshire is part of Telford

WROXETER, Shropshire - 5 miles SE of Shrewsbury

WYRLEY, Staffordshire could be Little Wyrley or Great Wyrley, between Cannock and Brownhills

YATTON, Somerset - 11 miles SW of Bristol

YORTON, Shropshire - 7 miles N of Shrewsbury

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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
Darlaston
Dudley
Kingswinford
Oldbury
Smethwick
Stourbridge
Tipton
Walsall and Bloxwich
Wednesbury
West Bromwich

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Beerwolf, the newsletter published by Wolverhampton Branch CAMRA

Bilston and Willenhall Times

Black Country Bugle, published by the Black Country Bugle, 41 High Street, Cradley Heath. B64 5HL
e-mail editor@blackcountrybugle.co.uk

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e-mail editor@blackcountryman.co.uk

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Oldbury Weekly News

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