Public Houses in the Parish of Newbold Verdon

Public/Ale Houses 1753-1840 NEEDS REVISING RE REINDEER

Thanks to the work undertaken by Lawrence Lock at the County Records office, we now have a good understanding of the public houses operating during this time. **The Shoulder of Mutton** is the first to appear on the records (1753 -1771). There are two people, John Bradford (1753-65) and Richard Strickland (1753-65), licensed from 1753 but the records do not state where. Registering soon after them is John Ball (1754-65), which would indicate that there were at least three establishments in the parish at this time: perhaps the third was the **Queen's Head** (1759-1781).

The **George and Dragon** first appears in 1810 but given its proximity to the Foston turnpike road (opened approximately 1788) it may well have been around for some time before this and could have been renamed. **The Star** (1790-1805) and, even earlier, **The Hollybush** (1783-1791) could possibly be linked. **The Star** was first mentioned in 1790, when trustees of the turnpike met at the pub - it would make sense for turnpike trustees to meet at a public house on the turnpike road only 2 years old and next to the Newbold Toll gate. Charles Eames lived at the Star in 1791 when the second meeting was held. He was also recorded as living at **The Holly Bush** in 1783. It is also worth mentioning the George and Dragon was the Newbold pub used by the Enclosure Commissioners in 1810 for their first public meeting, just like the Star twenty years earlier.

The Queens Head (1759-1781) is only mentioned the once and as yet there are no clues to where it was sited, though early maps of this time show the majority of dwellings to be clustered near to the church, striking out east to about as far as Ivy Cottage. The population of the village was 339 in 1801, with between 70 and 90 houses.

The Swan was functioning as early as 1786 when Catherine Flamson had a license which she kept at least until 1790. Her license record did not state that it was the Swan, but the following provides some strong evidence. Later (1816-23) Richard Flamson held the license between 1816 and 1823 and in the Land Tax Evaluation of 1798, a Richard Flamson was a property owner paying a rate of 3s 9½d per year. The two Richards were probably the same person, but this cannot be established beyond all doubt. Catherine may well have been his mother, the records showing Catherine Flamson gave birth to Richard in 1757.

Opposite the Swan stood the **Sun Inn.** The earliest record of its existence was 1796 when Thomas Biggs held the license from that date until 1815, after which, his wife (?) Sarah Biggs became licensee from 1816-1817 before it closed in 1818. There had been an attempt by Mr Biggs to sell the pub in 1812, but this does not look to have happened. Soon after its closure, the pub was converted to a row of three cottages.

Licensees without named pubs/ale houses

During this period, the records show there to be a minimum of six people holding licenses that were not ascribed to any particular pub. It would be unwise to assume that there were six more drinking establishment. The likelihood is that a number of these people holding licenses were running one of the named pubs. For example, below is the license in the name of William Thornloe. The end of his tenure coincides with the **George and Dragon** license for William Wood beginning. As stated earlier, there is a high probability that this was once known as the **Star** and the fact that its last recorded licensee was in 1805 gives some weight to this assumption.
1806-16 [QS36/2/8,9 Alehouse Recognizance Book] licensee – William Thornloe

Public/Ale Houses 1841-1941

The Swan continued right through the 19th and 20th centuries before finally closing its doors in March 2020. **The George and Dragon** also lasted until the 1990's, the original building having been knocked down due to mining subsidence and a new one built in 1970 and closed in the early 1990s. **The Red Lion** was first mentioned as early as 1822 in a newspaper advertisement, and then there was no identifiable record until 1869 when the licensee, Mrs Preston, was prosecuted for allowing someone to drink on the premises. This may explain why it was not mentioned as an alehouse but a retailers. It did eventually get a license for a number of years, but it closed in 1916.

The Bricklayers Arms was probably around before 1849 when Ann Cramp, the later to be identified owner of the pub, was recorded in the Hagars Directory, though the pub was not named. Mrs Cramp retired from the pub and it was put up for sale in 1868. The first time we know it was referred to as **The Engine** was 1868 when there was a sale of wooden pit poles destined for the mines. At this point there is some confusion because a reference was made to The Bricklayers Arms in an 1872 newspaper report of drunken behaviour at the Swan, caused in part because*, '..the accused had been drinking in the Bricklayers Arms earlier*.' The two names are definitely one and the same pub. This has been proven by locating them on the census report.

The position of the **Reindeer** beerhouse is now known, as is the identity of the landlord, John Raven, who served for at least 40 years, though there is some ambiguity because a Thomas Riley was listed as landlord in 1862 in a Leicester Journal advertisement- this is yet to be cleared up. After John Raven died, his wife took on the pub until 1884. It is almost certain that the Reindeer was replaced by the Jubilee. It is possible to confidently state that the **Reindeer** became the **Jubilee** due to an entry in the Reverend Cole's letter book for the 1st. January 1891, where the rector was writing to someone telling them about the results of the petition requesting that a license not be given by the Market Bosworth magistrates for the 'new public house' in Newbold. Unfortunately for the petitioners it was not good news. The rector writes:

'… because the house was passed and built upon the old license premises so that it did not require any renewal. The magistrates were in consequence powerless in the matter.'

A later entry in November 1891 at the opening of the new pub (The Jubilee) the rector wrote that he had to step in and 'stop the dancing'.

Finally, **the Windmill** at Brascote was first mentioned in 1861 and it too continues to this day.

There may have been other ale houses in the village: Thomas Beck, Joseph Gilbert, and Thomas Riley were mentioned as having licenses. Once again, it could also be that they occupied one of the existing public houses.

A Record of the Public Houses in Newbold Verdon

Key

L J	Leicester Journal	BD	Buchans Directory	MBL	Market Bosworth License Book	LC	Leicester Chronicle
ARB	Alehouse Recognizance Book	DD	Drakes Directory	CO	County Offences	HT	Hinckley Times
C	Census (National)	HAD	Harrods Directory	FR	Freehold Record	L&N	Leicester and Nottingham Journal
WD	Whites Directory	KD	Kellys Directory	BM	Beresford Enclosure Minute Book	LS	Land evaluation survey 1811
HD	Hagars Directory	PP	Pappolar.com	LM	Leicester Mercury		

	Pre 1840	1840s	1850s	1860's	1870's	1880's	1890's	1900's	1910+
The Swan **Public House**	1786-90 ARB Katherine Flamson 1791: L.J.Sale of musical inst. 1816-23 -ARB, Thomas Flamson 1824-27- ARB, Thomas Thornloe 1834: LJ, Sale of poles	40: F.R. Nathaniel Blakesley (N.B.) 41 C: N.B. 46: WD, N.B. 49: HD, N.B. James Biddle (Freehold Record)	51 C: N.B. 55 BD, N.B.	61 C. N.B. 61: DD, N.B. 63 WD, Thomas Wilkinson	70 HD, B. Jordan (B.J.) 71 C Old Swan' B.J.Butcher/Inn Keeper 77 WD, B.J.	81 KD B.J. 81 C B.J. Butcher/Inn Keeper 84 WD B.J. 87 PP, Thomas Jordan	91 C. 'Old Swan Inn' Thomas Jordan (T.J.) 96 WD T.J. 1899-1900 MBL John Dronfield	01 C, Joseph Gardener (J.G.) 1900-196 MBL J.G. 08 KD, J.G.	11 C. J.G. 15 CO, Jesse Gardner 16 CO Je G. 16-41 MBL Alfred Smith 22 KD A.S. 41 KD, A.S.

The Windmill **Beer House**				61 C. John Barrs (miller) beer seller 63 WD J.B. Beerhouse	71 C. J.B.miller 75 LC Windmill, massage and beerhouse 77 WD J.B. Beerhouse	81 KD J.B. 81 C. J.B. 84 WD J.B.	91 C. J.B. miller/publican 96 WD J.B. beerhouse 99-03 MBL John Pool beerhouse	91 C. Joseph Poole Innkeeper 03 MBL William Thompson 03-09 MBL Henry Brown 09-12 MBL John Herbert	11 C J.H. 15 CO, William Laweence 24-5 MBL Charles Sparham 25-26 MBL Annie Sparham 26-29 MBL William Henson 29-49 Moses Statham
George and Dragon **Public House**	1810 LJ Enclosure Ad 11 BM 17-27 ARB William Wood	41 C. James Topliss (J.T.) 46 WD J.T. 46 LM J.T. to Richard Herrick 49 HD R.H.	54 PP R.H. 55 BD Robert Freeman	61 C. R.F. Publican and miller 61 DD R.F. 63 WD R.F.	71 C. Thomas Richards 77 WD T.R.	80 PP Thomas Howgill 81 C. T.H. 84 WD T.H.	90 PP T.H. 91 C. Henry Culverwell 92 PP H.C. 95.PP H.C. 96 WD Thomas Hargrave 99 PP T.H. 99-04 MBL Robert Pruden	91 C. R. Pruden 01 C. R.P. 03-34 MBL Charles Starbuck 08 KD C.S.	22 KD, C.S. 34-53 MBL Horace Starbuck 36 – PP Mrs Florence Starbrook 41 KD, F.S.
The Engine **Beer House (also see below)**			**See The Bricklayers Arms**	61 C. James Preston (no ref to pub) 68 LJ Sale ad for poles at The Engine	70 HD J.P. beer seller and threshing machine 71 C. J.P. 77 WD Mary Preston	80 PP John Miles b/rhouse 81. C Engine Inn' William Statham 81 KD W.S. 82 LC W.S. refused wine lic. 84 WD W.S. 87 LC Engine sold	91 C. W.S. 96 WD W.S. 99 MBL W.S.	01 C. W.S. 08 KD W.S.	Leic Ch 10 Application for lic. Renew. Owners Northampton Co. W.Statham Licensee
The Bricklayers Arms		49 HD Frances Ann Cramp (butcher and beer retailer)	51 C. F.A.C. 55 BD F.A.C	61 DD F.A.C. 61 C. F.A.C. 63 WD F.A.C.	72 LC – mentioned in newspaper report				

The Reindeer (Becomes the new Jubilee Beer House		41 C: John Raven beer retailer 46 WD J.R. 49 HD J.R.	51 C. Elizabeth Raven 55 BD John Raven	61 C – J Raven, Retailer of Beer 61 DD J.R. 63 WD J.R. 1862 LJ Thomas Riley occupied Reindeer Beer House (sale ad)	70HD J.R. 71 C. J.R. 77 WD J.R.	81 C. J.R. 81 KR J.R. 82: LC Sale of the Reindeer run by John Raven for many years. 84 WD Elizabeth Raven			
The Jubilee Inn **Beer House**						87 LC Gaming at Jub. Pub built after 1887? 89 PP Thomas Cope	91 Rector Cole petition to stop 'new' pub being built. Rejected (already a license, pub to be built on land with license) Nov 1891 Rec. stops the dancing at the pub. 91 C. T.C. 96 WD T.C. 99-00 MBL William Emery	00-14 MBL Thomas Smith 01 C. T.S.	11 C. Thomas Smith 14-23 William Monk 22 KD W.M. 23-31 MBL Hedley Thomas Adcock 31-45 Margaret Julia Adcock 41 KD M.J.A. 45-55 MBL Herbert Baker
The Sun Inn **Alehouse**	1796-1815 ARB Thomas Biggs 1811 LS 1811 T.B. owned shop, house and garden 1812 LJ being sold by Mr Biggs 1812 LJ Ad for its sale 1816-17 ARB Sarah Biggs 1818 HT Closed								
The Red Lion Inn **Beer House**	1818-22 ARB William Hill 1822 Leic Chron Ad: Sale of land to be held at the house of William Hill, at the sign of	Unable to identify in census	Unable to	61 C. Ann Geary (carpenter's wife, no mention of pub) 69 LC A.G. keeping house open during time of divine	70 HD Ann Geary 71 C. A.G. (no ref to pub) 75 LC Elijah Geary in court for selling beer on the premises	81 C. A.G. Beer Retailer 84 WD A.G. 84 LC Sale of pub James Ball 86 James Ball lic. To sell on prmises.	91 C. James Ball 92 PP J.B. 96 WD Frank Gilliver 99 LM sold for £1900	01 C. F.G. 09 CO F.G. drunk in own pub 08-10 MBL John William Ladkin	10-11 William Wakefield 11 C. W.W. 11-12 MBL George Jones 12 CO G.J. permitting drunkenness

	the Red Lion			service	-no license for this. 76 LC E.G. caught again selling on the premises. Loses license	88 LC Inquest held on death of Susan Wright (45) 87 PP James Ball (beer house) 89 – 08 MBL			12-16 MBL Joseph Weston 16 MBL License expired
Queens Head	1759-71 ARB Ann Fearn 1772-81 ARB John Parker 1779 L&N Notice inclosure meeting 1780 L&N as above 1781 L&N as above								
Holly Bush	1783 L&N sale of oak trees. Belonged to Charles Eames, tenant Mr Wileman 1783-91 Charles Eames held a license, by 1791 in the Star								
The Star	1790 LJ Meeting of trustees of Turnpike Road (could Star be G&D?) 1791 LJ Turnpike meeting advertised at house of Charles Eames (Holly Bush an earlier name?) 1793 LJ Ad selling ash poles at house of Mr Eames 1794-1805 ARB, Thomas Brooks								
Shoulder of Mutton	1753-62 ARB Jane Carter 1763-70 ARB Joseph Moss 1771- L&N To be sold, a good accustomed public house, occupied Joseph Moss								

UNNAMED PUBLIC HOUSES (or possibly publicans belonging to existing pubs)

HB/21/12: UNNAMED - THOMAS BECKS PUB, Newbold Street
1841 census: Publican – Thomas Beck, 35, & wife

HB/21/15: UNNAMED BEERHOUSE, 119 The Village
Possibly Thomas Beck's pub
1846 Whites Directory (beerhouse, no sign given) – Joseph Gilbert
1851 census: Farmer – Joseph Gilbert, 46, wife, daughter & son-in-law (Elizabeth & John Joyce, retired Innkeeper) & grandson

HB/21/16: UNNAMED BEERHOUSE
1863 Whites Directory (Beerhouse) – Thomas Riley

HB/21/17: UNNAMED – JOHN BALLS INN
1754-65 [QS36/2/1,2 Alehouse Recognizance Book] licensee – John Ball (**Electoral register 1775**)

HB/21/18: UNNAMED – JOHN BRADFORDS INN
1753-58 [QS36/2/1,2 Alehouse Recognizance Book] licensee – John Bradford

HB/21/19: UNNAMED – RICHARD STRICKLANDS INN
1753-65 [QS36/2/1,2 Alehouse Recognizance Book] licensee – Richard Strickland **(Evaluation of Manor 1776)**

HB/21/20: UNNAMED – THOMAS WRASKS INN
1776-84 [QS36/2/4,5,6 Alehouse Recognizance Book] licensee – Thomas Wrask (**Electoral register 1775**) **(Evaluation of Manor 1776)**
1786-90 [QS36/2/6 Alehouse Recognizance Book] licensee – Catherine Flamson (**probably Swan**) (**Electoral register 1775**)

HB/21/21: UNNAMED – THOMAS THORNWELLS INN
This, or William Thorloes Inn, was probably the Star
1806-11 [QS36/2/8,9 Alehouse Recognizance Book] licensee – Thomas Thornwell
1812 [QS36/2/9 Alehouse Recognizance Book] licensee – Sarah Thornwell

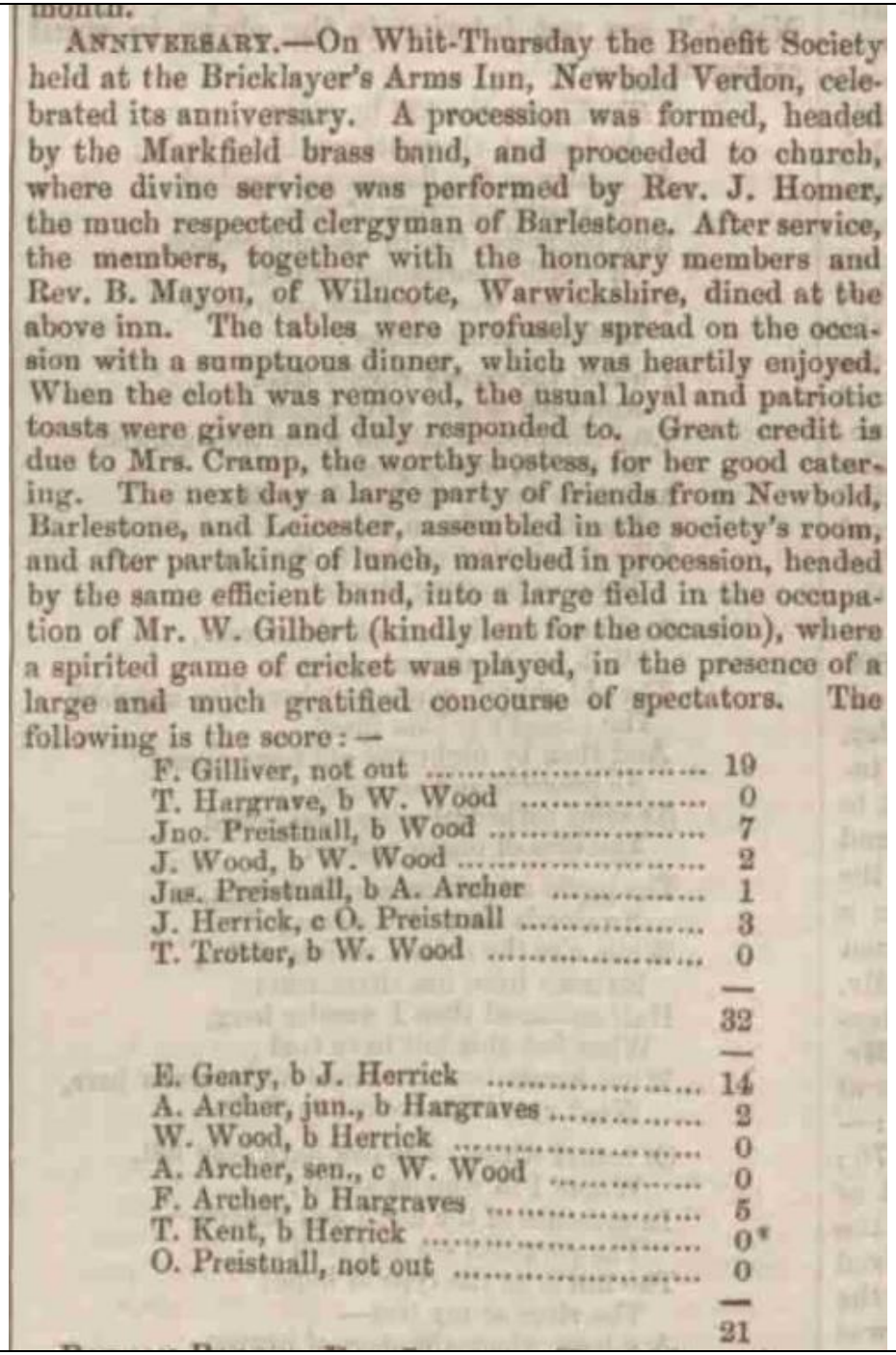
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Individual Public House Timelines

The Bricklayers Arms

Date	Source	Details	Comments
12/5/1843	Leicester Journal	Petty Sessions 8/5/1843 George Barrs of Cadeby, Machine Gate, was charged by Robert Cave of NV with stabbing him in various places in Newbold on Saturday 29th April. It seems that the affair rose out of a drunken quarrel at the **Bricklayers Arms,** in that place, when several of the parties got fighting together. George Barrs was committed to the Assizes on a charge of felony but bailed on Wednesday. (Received 1 month hard labour) Leic Mercury 5/8/43	First mention of the pub
1851	1851 Census	Mr Frances Ann Cramp (36) Beer Retailer, The Bricklayers Arms She was a widow at 38, had a daughter, Sarah, aged 9 and two	Could not identify where this was in the village

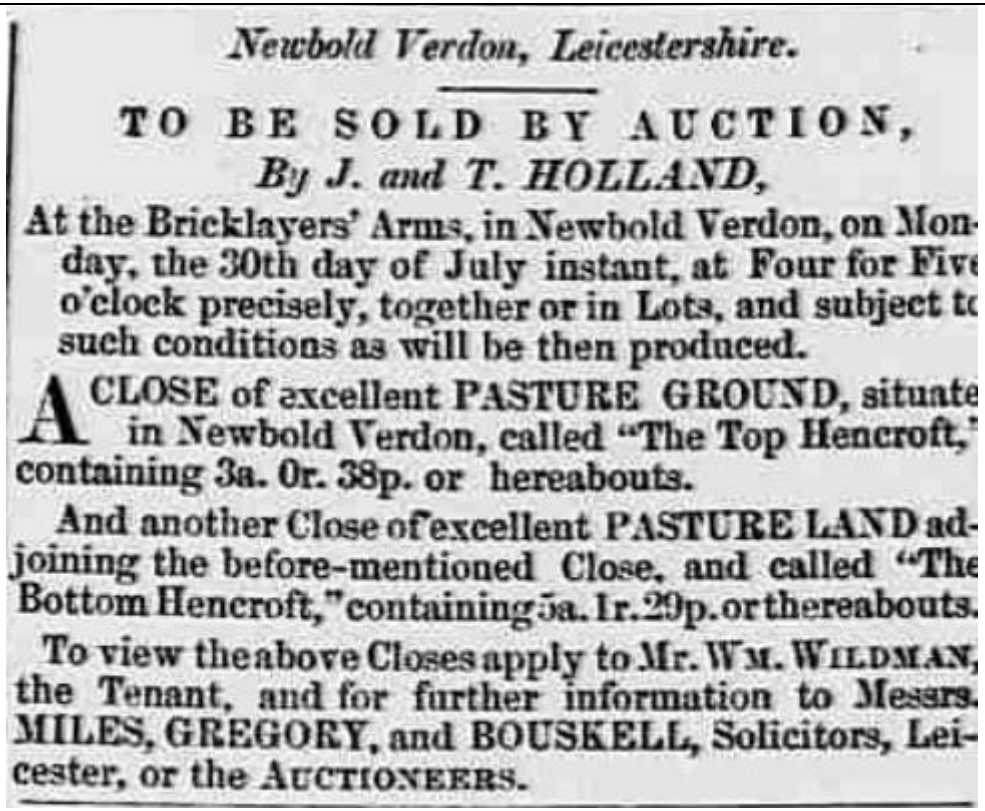
		servants, Joseph Brown (butcher) and Eminder Finch (17) servant	
27/2/1858	Leicester Mercury	the authorized standard, in which cases fines were inflicted, varying from 10s. to 20s., with costs.——*Sarah Helverstone* (15) was charged by Mrs. Frances Cramp with stealing, on the 19th instant, at Newbold Verdon, 22 lbs. of beef, her property. Mrs. Cramp said she had missed meat from her shop at different times for the last four or five weeks, and had set persons to watch. Prisoner came into the shop the back way, and took off the meat under her apron. When apprehended, she said all the meat she had ever had was taken home.—Their worships said they considered the parents (who were not present) most to blame. Twenty-one days' imprisonment.——*Alfred Ragg*	Mrs Cramp, the shopkeeper. The Bricklayers had a butcher's shop attached.
10/03/58	Thomas Hargrave Diary Great, Great Grandfather to Mike Preston	I attended an inquest at Cramps. Hargrave never calls Cramps the Bricklayers or Engine	Probably the inquest for a 2yr old child, Jane Abell, who was strangled by her own bonnet chord.

25/6/1859	Leicester Mercury		The Bricklayers was obviously a sizeable establishment, with a meeting room at the rear.

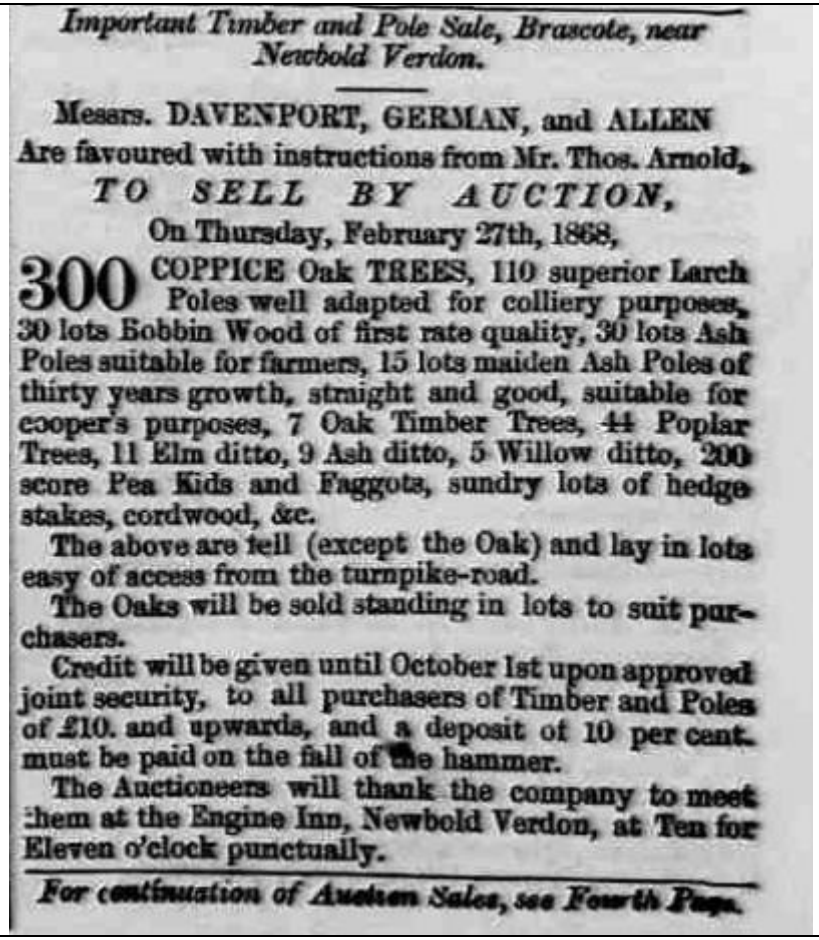
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ANNIVERSARY.—On Whit-Thursday the Benefit Society held at the Bricklayer's Arms Inn, Newbold Verdon, celebrated its anniversary. A procession was formed, headed by the Markfield brass band, and proceeded to church, where divine service was performed by Rev. J. Homer, the much respected clergyman of Barlestone. After service, the members, together with the honorary members and Rev. B. Mayou, of Wilncote, Warwickshire, dined at the above inn. The tables were profusely spread on the occasion with a sumptuous dinner, which was heartily enjoyed. When the cloth was removed, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and duly responded to. Great credit is due to Mrs. Cramp, the worthy hostess, for her good catering. The next day a large party of friends from Newbold, Barlestone, and Leicester, assembled in the society's room, and after partaking of lunch, marched in procession, headed by the same efficient band, into a large field in the occupation of Mr. W. Gilbert (kindly lent for the occasion), where a spirited game of cricket was played, in the presence of a large and much gratified concourse of spectators. The following is the score:—

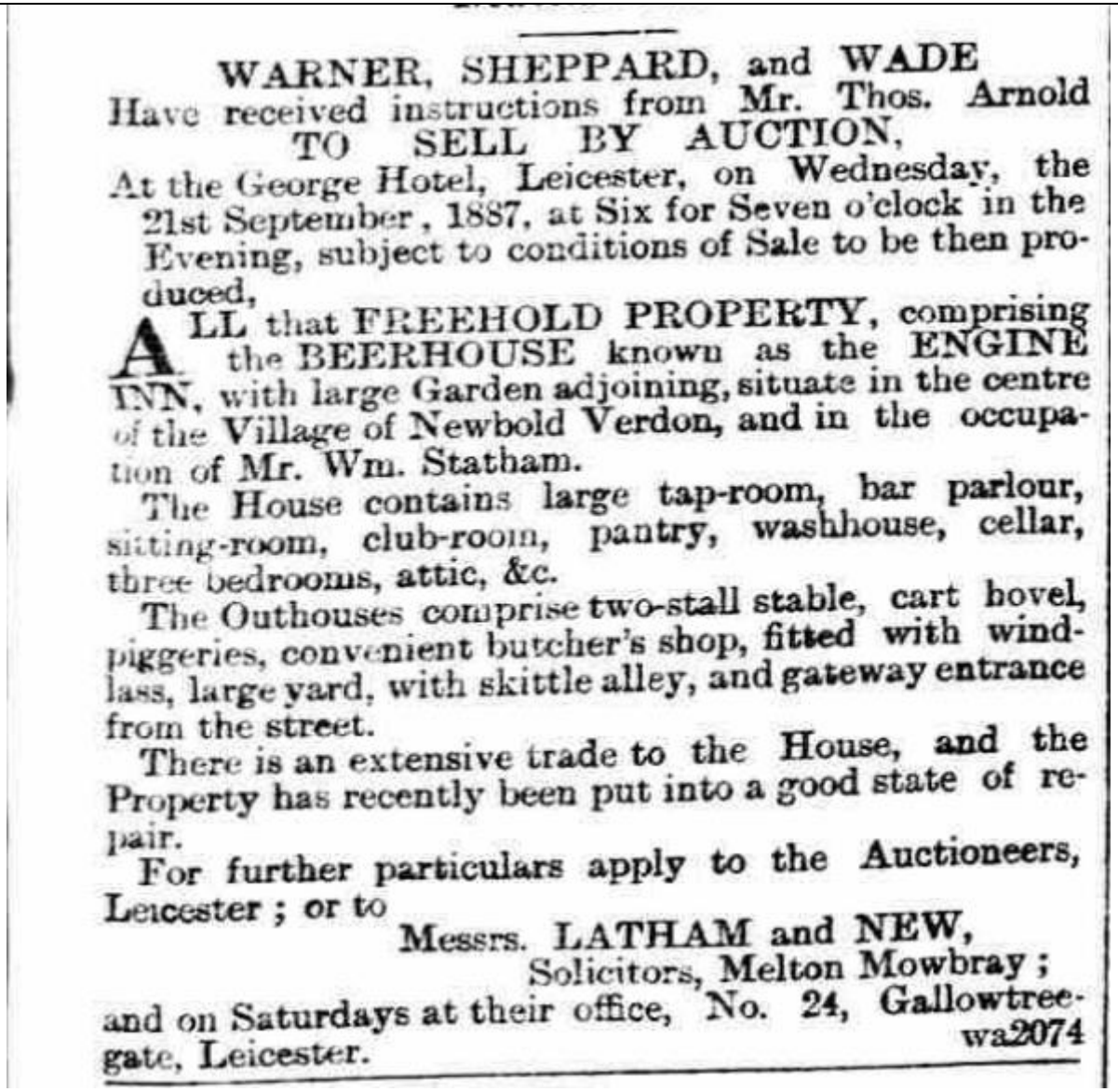
F. Gilliver, not out	19
T. Hargrave, b W. Wood	0
Jno. Preistnall, b Wood	7
J. Wood, b W. Wood	2
Jas. Preistnall, b A. Archer	1
J. Herrick, c O. Preistnall	3
T. Trotter, b W. Wood	0
	32
E. Geary, b J. Herrick	14
A. Archer, jun., b Hargraves	2
W. Wood, b Herrick	0
A. Archer, sen., c W. Wood	0
F. Archer, b Hargraves	5
T. Kent, b Herrick	0
O. Preistnall, not out	0
	21

1861	Census and	Frances Cramp, Retailer of beer	Presumably the Bricklayers, though not named in either.
1861	Trade Directory	In Directory it was Ann Cramp	Final Mention of the Cramps
27/10/1866	Leicester Journal	 *Newbold Verdon, Leicestershire.* TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, *By J. and T. HOLLAND,* At the Bricklayers' Arms, in Newbold Verdon, on Monday, the 30th day of July instant, at Four for Five o'clock precisely, together or in Lots, and subject to such conditions as will be then produced. A CLOSE of excellent PASTURE GROUND, situate in Newbold Verdon, called "The Top Hencroft," containing 3a. 0r. 38p. or hereabouts. And another Close of excellent PASTURE LAND adjoining the before-mentioned Close, and called "The Bottom Hencroft," containing 3a. 1r. 29p. or thereabouts. To view the above Closes apply to Mr. WM. WILDMAN, the Tenant, and for further information to Messrs. MILES, GREGORY, and BOUSKELL, Solicitors, Leicester, or the AUCTIONEERS.	Presumably in the meeting room at the rear? At this point the tenant of the pub (not the owner) was Mr. William Wildman
28/9/1872	Leicester Chronicle and Journal	Report of a fight at the **Swan Inn** leading to five men appearing at the Petty Sessions in Market Bosworth, accused of drunken and riotous behaviour. In the court report the men admitted to having first drunk at the Bricklayer's Arms	

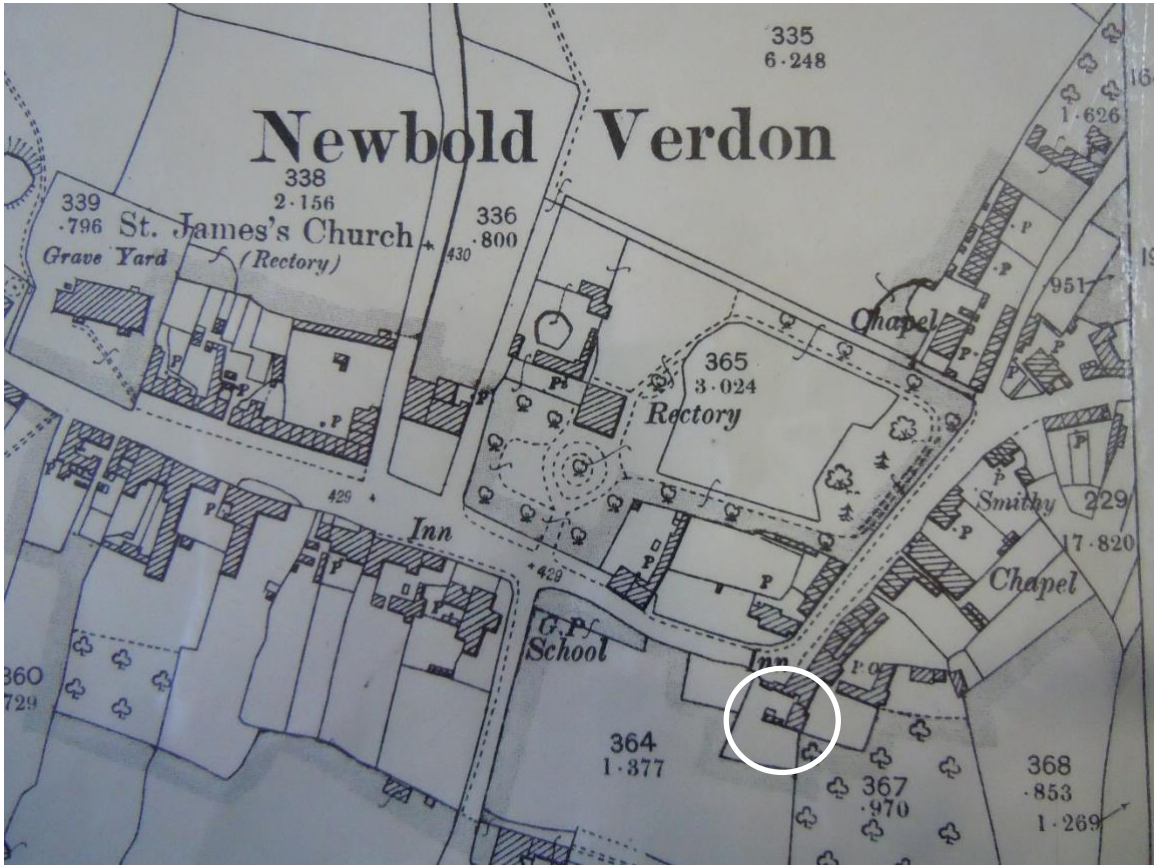
The Engine Inn

Date	Source	Details	Comments
14th Feb 1868	Leicester Journal	 *Important Timber and Pole Sale, Brascote, near Newbold Verdon.* Messrs. DAVENPORT, GERMAN, and ALLEN Are favoured with instructions from Mr. Thos. Arnold, *TO SELL BY AUCTION,* On Thursday, February 27th, 1868, 300 COPPICE Oak TREES, 110 superior Larch Poles well adapted for colliery purposes, 30 lots Bobbin Wood of first rate quality, 30 lots Ash Poles suitable for farmers, 15 lots maiden Ash Poles of thirty years growth, straight and good, suitable for cooper's purposes, 7 Oak Timber Trees, 44 Poplar Trees, 11 Elm ditto, 9 Ash ditto, 5 Willow ditto, 200 score Pea Kids and Faggots, sundry lots of hedge stakes, cordwood, &c. The above are fell (except the Oak) and lay in lots easy of access from the turnpike-road. The Oaks will be sold standing in lots to suit purchasers. Credit will be given until October 1st upon approved joint security, to all purchasers of Timber and Poles of £10. and upwards, and a deposit of 10 per cent. must be paid on the fall of the hammer. The Auctioneers will thank the company to meet them at the Engine Inn, Newbold Verdon, at Ten for Eleven o'clock punctually. *For continuation of Auction Sales, see Fourth Page.*	A substantive number of timbers. Many destined for the local pits no doubt
1871	Census	John Preston named as landlord (no name of pub, and he may well have started off as the landlord of the Bricklayers Arms	Men recorded as proprietor in census
1876	Post Office Trade Directory	Mary Preston named as licensee of The Engine	First reference to The Engine Inn

1877	Newspaper Cutting	*MARKET BOSWORTH.* PETTY SESSIONS, Wednesday.—Before A. Cox, Esq., and the Rev. B. Astley.—*Mary Preston* was charged by Superintendent Chapman with opening her premises for the sale of beer during prohibited hours, at Newbold Verdon, on the 1st inst.—P.C. Carpendale saw a woman named Emma Reynolds enter the house, go along the passage, and ask for half-a-gallon of ale. She said "We	Not the first time Mary Preston was convicted for selling out of hours. Fined £5 or 1 month's imprisonment.
1881	Kelly's Trade Directory	William Statham, landlord	
1881	Census	William Statham, Inn Keeper	
30/09 1882	Leicester Chronicle	William Statham applied to magistrates for a wine license. Refused	Would indicate this was not a fully licensed inn.
1891	Census	William Statham, Inn Keeper	
1892	Wrights Dir	William Statham, The Engine	
1899	Kellys Dir	William Statham, The Engine	
1901	Census	William Statham, Inn Keeper	
2/07/1910	Leicester Chronicle	Application of the renewal of The Engine beer house license. Owners Northampton Co Ltd Licensee William Statham	

10/09/1887	Leicester Chronicle	 WARNER, SHEPPARD, and WADE Have received instructions from Mr. Thos. Arnold TO SELL BY AUCTION, At the George Hotel, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 21st September, 1887, at Six for Seven o'clock in the Evening, subject to conditions of Sale to be then produced, ALL that FREEHOLD PROPERTY, comprising the BEERHOUSE known as the ENGINE INN, with large Garden adjoining, situate in the centre of the Village of Newbold Verdon, and in the occupation of Mr. Wm. Statham. The House contains large tap-room, bar parlour, sitting-room, club-room, pantry, washhouse, cellar, three bedrooms, attic, &c. The Outhouses comprise two-stall stable, cart hovel, piggeries, convenient butcher's shop, fitted with windlass, large yard, with skittle alley, and gateway entrance from the street. There is an extensive trade to the House, and the Property has recently been put into a good state of repair. For further particulars apply to the Auctioneers, Leicester; or to Messrs. LATHAM and NEW, Solicitors, Melton Mowbray; and on Saturdays at their office, No. 24, Gallowtree-gate, Leicester. wa2074	A substantive property.
1891	Census	William Statham, proprietor	
1892	Wright's Trade Dir	William Statham, proprietor	

1899	Kelly's Trade Dir	William Statham, proprietor	
1901	Census	William Statham, proprietor	
2/07/1910	Leicester Chronicle	Application for the renewal of The Engine beerhouse license. The owners were Northampton Co. Ltd.	



Mapping The Bricklayer's Arms/The Engine