

Ickleton Pubs, Landlords and Residents

Now Ickleton has just one pub but within living memory there were six in the village – The White Horse, Jolly Butchers and the Red Lion (now the Ickleton Lion) on Abbey Street, the Duke of Wellington (previously the Chequer) on the Green, the Beehive on Frogge Street and the New Inn on Brookhampton Street. There was also the Greyhound at the turn into London Road, Great Chesterford. This area was part of Ickleton parish until the 1960s when it ‘moved’ into Great Chesterford. Going further back, in 1592 there was a pub called the Bell, and in the same century there was an inn that may have been called the Rose. The Three Horse Shoes and the Horse Shoes may have been one and the same and become the White Horse. The White Lion had been on the site of the Duke of Wellington but burnt down.

The 7 pubs for which we have information are detailed on the following pages and show the owners and or landlords and occupants where known.

Sources: Census, Trade Directories, Records of Licensed Victuallers, 1814 Enclosure map, 1910 Land Valuation.

Entries are in the format: Year/Publican or other Resident/Relationship to Head and or Occupation/Age/Where Born/Source where the information is available.

Beer retailers shown in Kelly’s Directory but premises unidentified:

1851 – Samuel Porter (unidentified premises Beehive)

1896 – Absalom Dix, Edward Mortimer (unidentified premises Beehive, Jolly Butchers, New Inn)

1916 – Alfred Britt (unidentified premises Jolly Butchers, New Inn)

Beehive, Frog Street (later Frogge Street), Ickleton



1910s

1885/Mr Apthorpe tenant, beerhouse and bakehouse, adjoining office with room over. £15 pa.
Sold to Mr W Penning/Essex Herald

1888/William Penning/Beer retailer & Boot & Shoe maker/Kelly's Directory

1891/William Penning/Boot Maker & Beerhouse keeper/43/Saffron Walden Essex/Census

1891/Sarah Penning/Wife (Beer)/38/Little Chesterford Essex/Census

1891/Elizabeth Penning/Daughter Scholar/10/Saffron Walden Essex/Census

1891/William Penning/son Scholar/8/Saffron Walden Essex/Census

1891/George Penning/Son Scholar/6/Saffron Walden Essex/Census

1891/John Penning/Son Scholar/3/Ickleton Cambridgeshire/Census

1892/William Penning/Beer retailer, Boot & Shoe maker/Kelly's Directory

1901/Henry C Day/House painter & Beer seller/42/Saffron Walden/Census

1901/Alice R Day/Wife/43/Littlebury/Census

1901/Temperance L Day/Son Scholar/11/Littlebury/Census

1910/J H Chilton/Occupier Beerhouse/Owner Hudson & Co Pampisford/Land Valuation

1911/John Chilton/Beerhouse keeper/51/Southwark/Census

1911/Emily Chilton/Wife/47/East Molesey, Surrey/Census

1911/Marjorie Chilton/Daughter/9/Horseheath/Census

1911/Catherine Turner/Daughter/23/Lambeth/Census

1911/Nathan Turner/Son in Law Farm labourer/23/Ickleton/Census

1911/Dorothy Turner/Grandaughter/0/Ickleton/Census

1916/John Chilton/Kelly's Directory

Subsequently converted to a private house.

Chequers, Church Street, Ickleton (later renamed the Duke of Wellington)



1909

According to the Victoria County History the White Lion was on this site in the 17th century but burnt down some time before 1699. The Chequer was built in the same site and was recorded in 1778. By 1847 it had been renamed the Duke of Wellington. There was a baker's shop in the wooden building on the right at the end of the Duke of Wellington.

1764-1783/Charles Amey/Licensed Victualler

1785-1799/Joseph Clark/Licensed Victualler

1814/Owner Atkinson Francis Gibson/Enclosure map

Duke of Wellington, Church Street, Ickleton

1815-1822/John Clark(e?)/Licensed Victualler

1823-1828/Thomasin Clark/Licensed Victualler

1851/Ann Philpot/Gardener's Directory

1851/Ann Philpot/Victualler/67/Gt Chesterford/Census

1851/Fletcher Philpot/Son Baker/32/Sturry Kent/Census

1851/Martha Philpot/Daughter in Law/30/Gt Chesterford/Census

1851/Mary Philpot/Grandaughter/3/Ickleton/Census

1851/Jane Philpot/Grandaughter/2/Ickleton/Census

1851/Martha Philpot/Grandaughter/1/Ickleton/Census

1861/Ann Philpot/Inn Keeper/77/Gt Chesterford/Census

1861/Fletcher Philpot/Son, Miller/40/Sturry, Kent/Census

1861/Martha Philpot/Daughter in Law/40/Chesterford/Census

1861/Jane Philpot/Grandaughter Scholar/13/Ickleton/Census

1861/Martha Philpot/Grandaughter Scholar/12/Ickleton/Census

1861/Fanny Philpot/Grandaughter Scholar/11/Ickleton/Census

1861/Frederick Philpot/Son/2/Ickleton/Census

1861/Kate Philpot/Daughter/0/Ickleton/Census

1861/Joseph Douglas/Lodger, Miller/37/Chesterford/Census

1869/Fletcher Philpot/Post Office Directory

1879/Jas Flack/Kelly's Directory

1883, 1888/James Flack/Kelly's Directory

1891/James Flack/Innkeeper and Baker/63/Elmdon Essex/Census

1891/Mary A Flack/Wife assists husband in Business/59/Elmdon Essex/Census

1891/Samuel Flack/Son Thatcher/35/Elmdon Essex/Census

1892/James Flack/Kelly's Directory
1896/Mrs Mary Ann Flack/Kelly's Directory
1901/Mary Flack/Publican & Baker/69/Elmdon/Census
 1901/Samuel Flack/Son Baker/45/Elmdon/Census
 1901/Naomi Barker/Daughter/47/Elmdon/Census
1904/Mrs Mary Ann Flack/Kelly's Directory
1910/Samuel Flack/Publican/Owner Watney & Co Saffron Walden/ Land Valuation
1911/Samuel Flack/Publican & Baker/55/Elmdon/Census
 1911/Mary Ann Flack/Wife/50/London/Census
1916/Samuel Flack/Kelly's Directory
1936/Mr Breadmen/Ickleton Society Archive
1939/George F Payne/Licensee, retired Police Sgt/55/1939 Register
 1939/Evelyn E Payne/Wife/54/1939 Register

Closed 1957 and converted to a private house.

Greyhound, Newmarket Road, Great Chesterford (in Ickleton parish at that time)



1907

The Greyhound was on the corner of London and Newmarket Roads in Great Chesterford with outbuildings stretching back along Ickleton Road. This part of Great Chesterford was in Ickleton Parish until the 1960s.

1851/James Russell/Gardener's Directory

1861/John Rudland/Publican/61/Norfolk/Census

1861/Mary Rudland/60/Deptford, Kent/Census

1861/Maria Rudland/Daughter, Barmaid/25/Chesterford/Census

1869/John Rudland/Post Office Directory

1871/George Bendall/Farmer & Publican/38/Balsham/Census

1871/Charlotte/Wife/39/Broughton/Census

1871/William French/Farm servant/16/Chesterford/Census

1871/Maria French/General servant/14/Chesterford/Census

1879/Prior Payne/Kelly's Directory

1881/Charles Fordham/Farmer & Innkeeper/64/Hadstock/Census

1881/Dudley Fordham/Wife/62/Little Walden

1883, 1888/Charles Fordham/Kelly's Directory

1891/Arthur F Smith/Innkeeper/25/Saffron Walden Essex/Census

1891/Nellie Smith/Wife Assists husband/23/Saffron Walden Essex/Census

1891/Isabella Marsh/General Servant/14/ Littlebury Essex/Census

1892/Alfred Smith/Kelly's Directory

1896/Joseph Charles Porter/Kelly's Directory

1901/William Flanagan/Publican & Army pensioner/49/Limerick/Census

1901/Christina Flanagan/Wife/49/West Indies/Census

1901/Christina Flanagan/Daughter/21/Limerick/Census

1901/Florence Flanagan/Daughter/18/Colchester/Census

1901/Hilda Flanagan/Daughter/15/Gibraltar/Census

1901/William Flanagan/Son/5/Little Shelford/Census

1904/William Flanagan/Kelly's Directory

1910/E E Searle/Publican/Owner J & J E Phillips Royston/Land Valuation

1911/Ernest Egg Searle/Publican/32/Gt Chesterford/Census

1911/Florence Anne Searle/28/Gt Chesterford/Census

1911/Ernest William Searle/Son/5/Gt Chesterford/Census

1911/Ena/Daughter/3/Ickleton/Census

1911/Myrtle Eileen/Daughter/1/Ickleton/Census
1911/Christina Flanagan/Mother in Law/59/Bermuda/Census
1911/Hilda Flanagan/Sister in Law/25/Gibraltar/Census
1916/Ernest Egg Searle/Kelly's Directory
1939/Ernest E Searle/Public House Keeper/61/1939 Register
1939/Florence A Searle/Wife/57/1939 Register
1939/Ena S T Searle/Elementary School teacher/32/1939 Register
1939/3 unnamed, presumably children/1939 Register
1939/Myrtle E Lawrence/Shorthand Typist/30/1939 Register
1939/Albert W McKenzie/Electrician/27/1939 Register

The Greyhound closed and was demolished some time after 1972. Plextek move onto the site and started in business in 1989.

Jolly Butchers, Abbey Street, Ickleton



c.1935

The Jolly Butchers in Abbey Street (now Headless Duck Cottage) was a beer house which also functioned as a small shop.

1851/John Spicer/Gardener's Directory

1861/John Spicer/Butcher & Publican/49/Duxford/Census

1861/Maryann Spicer/Wife/47/Duxford/Census

1861/Walter Spicer/Son, Agricultural worker/16/Ickleton/Census

1861/Susanne Spicer/Daughter, Scholar/8/Ickleton/Census

1871/John Spicer/Beerhouse Keeper/59/Duxford/Census

1871/Maryann Spicer/Wife/57/Duxford/Census

1871/Louisa Spicer/Daughter/18/Ickleton/Census

1879/John Spicer/Beer retailer & Butcher/Kelly's Directory

1881/John Spicer/Butcher & Beerhouse Keeper/69/Duxford/Census

1881/Maryann Spicer/Wife/67/Duxford/Census

1883/John Spicer/Beer retailer & Butcher/Kelly's Directory

1888/Probably Mrs Georgina Rodman/Beer retailer/Kelly's Directory

1891/Elias L Dunn/Beerhouse Keeper Police Pensioner/48/Bridport Dorset/Census

1891/Caroline J Dunn/Wife Assists in Business/47/Beaminster Dorset/Census

1892/Elias Dunn/Beer retailer/Kelly's Directory

1901/William Brown/Bricklayer & Beer seller/39/Luton/Census

1901/Mahala Brown/Wife/37/Catsfield Sussex/Census

1901/George Brown/Son/14/Bexhill Sussex/Census

1910/Alfred Dixon/Beerhouse/Owner J & J E Phillips Royston/Land Valuation

1911/Alfred Dixon/Innkeeper/56/Swaffham Norfolk/Census

1911/Eliza Dixon/Assisting in Business/60/Ayrsley Bedfordshire/Census

?Mrs Woodley recalled that the Chadwicks ran the White Horse after the Dixons

1920/Frederick Bowtell/Ickleton Society Archive

1939/Herbert Lilley/Chauffeur/38/1939 Register/(not clear if it was still a beerhouse)

1939/Mabel Lilley/Wife/32/1939 Register

1939/Mabel Lilley/Fire Insurance claim/Ickleton Society Archive

New Inn, Hinxton Road (Brookhampton Street), Ickleton



c.1925

The most recent pub to close.

1881/John Drew/Agricultural Labourer/34/Connock Wiltshire/Census
1881/Harriet Drew/Wife Assists In Business/27/Ickleton Cambridgeshire/Census
1881/John Drew/Son Scholar/4/Bethnal Green London/Census
1881/Harry Drew/Son Scholar/2/Bethnal Green London/Census
1883, 1888/John Drew/Beer retailer/Kelly's Directory
1891/John Drew/Bricklayers Lab Beerhouse keeper/44/Connock Wiltshire/Census
1891/Harriet Drew/Wife Assists in Business/37/Ickleton Cambridgeshire/Census
1891/John Drew/Son Scholar/14/Hackney London/Census
1891/Harry Drew/Son Scholar/12/Hackney London/Census
1901/Henry Wiffen/Beerhouse Keeper/49/Hornchurch/Census
1901/Mary Wiffen/Wife/49/Hornchurch/Census
1910/Thomas Hunt/Beerhouse/Owner Hudson & Co Ltd Pampisford/Land Valuation
1911/Thomas H Hunt/Publican/64/Hinxton/Census
1911/Louise J Hunt/Daughter, Assisting in business/34/Hinxton/Census
1925/Ernest Cole Brett/Ickleton Society Archive
1939/Florence L Osborne/Wife, Unpaid domestic duties/49/1939 Register
1939/Hubert E Howard/CC Roadman/38/1939 Register
1939/Thomas E Goodwin/CC Roadman/68/1939 Register
1959-1986/Fred and Rene Toombs/Ickleton Society Archive

Closed 1993 and converted to a private house.

Red Lion, Abbey Street, Ickleton (renamed the Ickleton Lion in the 1980s)



c.1930

The Victoria County History records that there was a pub in Abbey Street called the Lion by 1728. This may be the same as the Red Lion which was recorded in 1800. In the 1980s the Red Lion was renamed the Ickleton Lion. Molly East unveiled the new sign. The Lion has been at the centre of much social life in the village.

1780-1791/John Brown/Licensed Victualler

1792/John Scott/Licensed Victualler

1793-1816/John Brown/Licensed Victualler

1814/Owner Messrs Hawkes Bird and Woodham/Enclosure map

1817-1824/Elizabeth Brown and Rebecca Brown/Licensed Victuallers

1825-1826/Rebecca Brown/Licensed Victualler

1827-1828/William Ripsher/Licensed Victualler

1851/Joseph Ellis/Gardener's Directory

1851/Joseph Ellis/Victualler/32/Ickleton/Census

1851/Rebecca Ellis/Wife/42/Linton/Census

1851/Charles Davey/Son in Law Miller/20/Hinxton/Census

1851/Elizabeth Davey/Daughter in Law Scholar/13/Hinxton/Census

1851/John Davey/Son in Law Scholar/9/Hinxton/Census

1851/George Ellis/Son Scholar/5/Ickleton/Census

1851/Jonathan Ellis/Brother Yeoman/22/Ickleton/Census

1851/Joseph Rider/Servant/16/Chesterford/Census

1861/Joseph Ellis/Publican/42/Linton/Census

1861/Rebecca Ellis/Wife/50/Ickleton/Census

1861/George Wm Ellis/Son Apprentice & Harness Maker/12/Ickleton/Census

1861/Benjamin Plan/Lodger, Agricultural Worker/49/Ickleton/Census

1869/William Mumford/Post Office Directory

1871/William Mumford/Inn Keeper/40/Ickleton/Census

1871/Harriet Mumford/Wife/37/Chesterford/Census

1871/Sarah Mumford/Daughter Scholar/8/Ickleton/Census

1871/Joseph Mumford/Son Scholar/5/Ickleton/Census

1871/William Mumford/Son/3/Ickleton/Census

1871/Ellen Mumford/Daughter/8mths/Ickleton/Census

1871/Alice Glover/General servant/14/Linton/Census

1871/Albert Baston/Lodger & Coach Pointer/23/Wisbech/Census

1879/Mrs Rebecca Porter/Kelly's Directory
 1881/Edward W Godfrey/Innkeeper & Blacksmith/25/Ickleton/Census
 1881/Esther Godfrey/Wife/35/Old Sampford, Essex/Census
 1881/George Godfrey/Son/2/Finchingfield Essex/Census
 1881/Thomas Godfrey/Son/1mth/Ickleton/Census
 1881/Elizabeth Giblin/Step Daughter Scholar/13/Thaxted/Census
 1881/Charles Giblin/Step Son Scholar/12/Thaxted/Census
 1881/Frederick Giblin/Step son/9/Thaxted/Census
 1883/James Sells/Kelly's Directory
 1886/George Furness. Licence passed to Isaac Jones/Essex Herald
 1888/Isaac Jones/Kelly's Directory
 1891/Albert G Sparkes/Innkeeper/27/Anstey Hertfordshire/Census
 1891/Louisa Sparkes/Wife/37/Albury Hertfordshire/Census
 1891/Alice Holder/Step Daughter/16/Albury Hertfordshire/Census
 1891/Louisa Holder/Step Daughter Scholar/12/Albury Hertfordshire/Census
 1891/Clare Holder/Step Daughter Scholar/10/Albury Hertfordshire/Census
 1891/Lucy Holder/Step Daughter Scholar/9/Albury Hertfordshire/Census
 1891/Florence D Sparkes/Daughter/2/Albury Hertfordshire/Census
 1891/Infant Son (Sparkes)/Son/2Weeks/Ickleton Cambridgeshire/Census
 1891/George Perry/Nephew Gen Lab/23/Albury Hertfordshire/Census
 1892/Henry Martin/Kelly's Directory
 1896/Henry Martin/Kelly's Directory
 1901/John Cumming/Publican/32/Windsor/Census
 1901/Alice Cummings/Wife/42/Weston Super Mare/Census
 1901/Beatrice Hutchings/Daughter in Law/22/Virginia Water/Census
 1901/Alice Hutchings/Daughter in Law/19/Virginia Water/Census
 1901/James Hutchings/Son in Law, Farm labourer/16/Virginia Water/Census
 1910/T E Bonham/Publican/Owner Benskins & Co Bishops Stortford/Land Valuation
 1911/Thomas E Bonham/Innkeeper/46/Clapham/Census
 1911/Eliza Bonham/Wife/47/Brighton/Census
 1911/Winifred Bonham/Daughter Scholar/12/Penge Kent/Census
 1911/Percy Bonham/Son Scholar/10/Penge Kent/Census
 1916/John Perkins/Kelly's Directory
 ?1937-1945/Patrick Guy Baldwin/Licensed Victualler/40/1939 Register & Parish Records
 1939/Audrey Baldwin/Wife/27/1939 Register
 1939/? Baldwin/Child/1939 Register
 1939/Sadie Baldwin/Daughter/2/1939 Register & Parish Baptisms
 1939/Thelma Baldwin/Daughter/1/1939 Register & Parish Baptisms
 c.1953-6/Mr Shirley (Eileen Godfrey's father)/Ickleton Society Archive
 c.1960s/Mr A F Tarry/Ickleton Society Archive
 c.1970s/Mr Shakespeare/Ickleton Society Archive
 1976/Tony & Pam Wheeler
 c.1990/Pam Wheeler
 1991/Micky & Christine Mee
 c.1997/Tony & Mary Metz
 c.2005/Douglas Bollen
 2006/Chris & Mirela Collinson (initially managers, then landlords)
 2017/Tom & Michelle Merritt
 2019/Richard & Sharron Frankau
 2020/Simon Colin Cleary
 2021/Mike & Claire Champion

Three Horse Shoes/Horse Shoes, Ickleton (does this become the White Horse?)

1764-1775, George Chapman/Licensed Victualler

1776, Mary Chapman/Licensed Victualler

1777-1778/Robert Mean/Licensed Victualler

1782-1783/Elizabeth Griggs/Licensed Victualler

1799-1780/Philip Furbank/Licensed Victualler

1814/Owner Ann Creed/Enclosure map

1821/Thomas Edwards/Licensed Victualler

White Horse, Abbey Street, Ickleton



c.1900

1851/Probably Cornelius Duce/Gardener's Directory

1861/William Huff/Publican/35/Ingham, Suffolk/Census

1861/Frances Huff/Wife/Dressmaker/33/Ickleton/Census

1861/Annie Amelia Huff/Daughter/Scholar/6/Sawston

1871/Edward Mean/Publican & Shoemaker/50/Ickleton/Census

1871/Emma Mean/Wife/52/Stapleford/Census

1871/Jesse Mean/Son, Agricultural labourer/16/Ickleton/Census

1879/William Clark/Beer retailer/Kelly's Directory

1881/William Clarke/Beerhouse Keeper/36/Ickleton/Census

1881/Lucy Clarke/Wife/34/Gt Chesterford/Census

1883, 1888/William Clark/Beer retailer/Kelly's Directory

1891/Joseph Kettle/Tailor Beerhouse Keeper/46/Horseheath/Census

1891/Jane Kettle/Wife Assists in Business/44/Norton Suffolk/Census

1891/Nellie J Kettle/Daughter Scholar/6/Chelsea Middlesex/Census

1891/Rose M Kettle/Daughter/3/Pimlico Middlesex/Census

1891/Joseph C Kettle/Son/10m/Pimlico Middlesex/Census

1892/John William Linsdell/Beer retailer/Kelly's Directpry

1896/John William Linsdell/Beer retailer/Kelly's Directory

1901/John Linsdell/Coal Merchant & Beer Seller/54/West Wratting/Census

1901/Susan Linsdell/Wife/64/Burwell/Census

1901/Arthur Linsdell/Son Farm labourer/24/Burwell/Census

1910/W J Linsdell/Beerhouse/Mrs Marshall Cambridge

1911/Walter John Linsdell/Coal Merchant/39/Babraham/Census

1911/Emily Kate Linsdell/40/Ickleton/Census

1916/Walter John Linsdell/Kelly's Directory

1939/Harriet Linsdell/Innkeeper/62/1939 Register

1939/Harry Bridgeman/Horseman/32/1939 Register

1939/Ida Bridgeman/Wife/27/1939 Register

Closed 1962 and converted to a private house.