

Avening Pubs and Inns Walk

This walk takes you round the pubs and inns, past and present, of the old Avening parish. It provides a short history of each pub, its residents and some features to look out for. Street names, order of recording and spellings vary significantly in census records from 1841-1911 and it's sometimes impossible to place a listing accurately.

Please remember that some of these buildings are now private houses and respect the peace and privacy of residents as you walk round.

Please start from opposite the Village Hall at the bottom of the High Street. You are standing outside :



The Bell Inn

In 1909 this was owned by Stroud Brewery Co Ltd and stood in 1 rood and 2 perches of land. It was occupied by Mr W Cooke. Note the West Country Ales "Best In The West" plaque by the door (Stroud Brewery Co Ltd merged with Cheltenham Brewery in 1858 to form West Country Breweries). In recent years this was a restaurant for a time.

1841 Richard & Mary Essex, aged 60 & 42, Publican, listed in Bell St.

1851 Richard & Mary Essex, aged 72 & 51, Inn Keeper listed in "Jackalls", the same location.

1881 George & Elizabeth White, aged 73 & 56, Publican.

1891 Ralph & Sophia Jones, aged 30 & 26, Plumber & Glazier with 3 children. [Beer Retailer & Painter, Kelly's Directory 1897]

1901 Ralph & Sophia Jones, aged 39 & 38, Publican/Painter with 6 children.

1911 William Henry & Sophia Cooke, aged 33 & 36, Publican with 3 children. [Beer Retailer, Kelly's Directory 1914]]

Now turn right up New Inn Lane. Half way up, on the right Hand side and set back slightly, is "Glebe House" which was:

The New Inn

The building dates to the 17th Century (see the date on the gable end). A Friendly Society met here in 1828. In 1909 it was owned by Cheltenham Original Brewery Co Ltd and stood in 2 roods and 16 perches of land. It was occupied by Mr Ernest Harman. It was still a pub in 1956.

1851 John Harding Hopkins, a veterinary surgeon was living here. It may not have been an inn at this point. [Kelly's Directory 1856].

1861 William & Ann Drew, both aged 47, Inn Keeper, New Inn, New Inn Lane. [Butcher, Kelly's Directory 1863].

1871 Daniel & Jane White, aged 42 & 43, Baker & Inn Keeper, New Inn, New Inn Lane (in 1861 he was a Baker in Church St). They appear to have had no children.

1881 William & Fanny Essex, aged 31 & 33, Licensed Victualler/Miller with 2 children.

1891 John & Ann Fletcher, both aged 55, Baker & Publican with 1 child.

1897 John Harman [Kelly's Directory 1897]

1901 Ernest & Ellen Florence Harman, aged 31 & 29, Licensed Victualler with 1 child.

1911 Ernest & Ellen Florence Harman, aged 42 & 40, Licensed Victualler with 2 children. [Kelly's Directory 1914]]

**At the top of New Inn Lane, turn left along Point Road.
As the High Street returns into view you will see the
Butchers Arms set back on your right hand side.**



The Butchers Arms

Note the painted sign on the front of the house and the plaque to a WW1 soldier, Rowland Fowles, born here in 1889, who died in June 1918 whilst serving as a private soldier in the Royal Army Medical Corps. If you want to find out more about him and his family go to 29 on the Avening Parish Council History pages of WWI Heroes.

1881 Rowland & Maria Fowles, both aged 30, Mason & Publican with 3 children.

1891 Rowland & Maria Fowles, both aged 40, Butcher with 2 children. [Kelly's Directory 1897]

1901 Maria Fowles, aged 50 with 3 children.

1911 Edward James & Mary Bailey, aged 49 & 43, Inn Keeper with 2 children.

1914 Charles E Hill [Kelly's Directory 1914]

Continue to the end of Point Road. Turn right up the High Street to the sharp bend. Here stood:

The Lamb Inn

This stood next to 1 High St. It was pulled down in the 1860s.

The Sawyers Arms

This was built on the site of The Lamb Inn. It later became the Church Institute (by 1911) and was demolished in the 1950s for road widening.

1871 Henry & Sarah Bennett, aged 58 & 56, Blacksmith, Grocer, Inn Keeper with 6 children, listed before Tetbury Hill.

1881 Thomas Wm & Fanny Holbrow, aged 26 & 20, Publican. In 1871 Fanny was living with her parents Henry and Elizabeth Bishop at a pub in Barn Row (see Unknown below) and in 1861 at The Horse and Groom.

1891 John & Honor Dee, aged 53 & 55, Carpenter with 2 children.

1901 Honor Dee, aged 65, Inn Keeper with 2 children.

Facing you across the road is:



The Golden Cross/Cross/Queen Matilda

Variouly described as The Golden Cross or Cross Inn, the pub was renamed as The Queen Matilda within the last decade. In 1909 it was owned by the Stroud Brewery Co Ltd and stood in 2 roods and 14 perches of land. It was occupied by Mr F Dee. Note the West Country Ales "Best In The West" plaque by the door (Stroud Brewery Co Ltd merged with Cheltenham Brewery in 1858 to form West Country Breweries).

Note the plaque to a WW1 soldier, Ralph John Dee who died, aged 19 in December 1915 at Bethune, N. France, whilst serving as a sapper in the 70th Field Company Royal Engineers . If you want to find out more about him and his family go to item 11 on the Avening Parish Council History pages of WW1 Heroes.

1841 James & Zilpha Sharp, aged 40 & 35, Inn Keeper with 5 children, listed in Tetbury Hill.

1851 James & Zilpha Sharp, aged 53 & 52, Inn Keeper with 5 children, listed at The Golden Cross Inn.

1861, Thomas & Elizabeth Essex, both aged 32, Stone Mason & Publican with 5 children, listed at The Cross Inn. [Kelly's Directory 1863].

1871 Thomas & Elizabeth Essex, both aged 42, Builder & Inn Keeper with 2 daughters, listed at The Cross Inn.

1881 Thomas & Elizabeth Essex, both aged 53, Innkeeper/Quarryman/Farming 2 acres with 2 children, listed at The Cross Inn.

1891 Thomas & Elizabeth Essex, both aged 62, Innkeeper/Quarryman with 1 daughter, listed at The Golden Cross. [Free stone quarry owner, Kelly's Directory 1897]

1901 Thomas & Elizabeth Fowles Essex, both aged 72, Publican/Quarry Owner with 1 daughter, listed at The Cross Inn.

1911 Frederick & Annie Dee, aged 49 & 37, Carpenter/ Inn Keeper with 3 children [Kelly's Directory 1914]



Cross the road and take the Minchinhampton road, Hampton Hill. As you walk down the side of the Queen Matilda note the old name, The Cross, painted on the side of the building.

Turn left into Old Hill and walk up as far as the junction with Lawrence Road. The building on your left, Rising Sun House, was:



The Rising Sun

In 1909 this was owned by Stroud Brewery Co Ltd and stood in 2 acres and 22 perches of land. The publican was "William Ritchings". Note the plaque to a WW1 soldier, William C Richings, number 3 on the Avening Parish Council History pages of WWI Heroes.

1871 Thomas & Hannah Wilkins, Inn Keeper, aged 60 & 56 (in 1851 they were a Game Keeper and Wool Picker living in Ratcliffe Lane, in 1841 an Agricultural Labourer in Ratley Lane). They appear to have had no children.

1881 Elija & Esther Glastonbury, aged 65 & 63, Labourer.

1891 Elijah & Esther Glastonby, aged 75 & 73, Licensed Victualler with 1 daughter. [Elijah Glastonbury Beer Retailer, Kelly's Directory 1897]

1901 Esther Glastonby, aged 83, Inn Keeper with 1 daughter.

1911 William & Kate Richings, aged 47 & 51, Inn Keeper with 1 son. [Beer Retailer, Kelly's Directory 1914]

Pig's Face Day: It was traditional in Avening, at least from the start of the 20th century, for all the public houses (the Cross, the Bell, the New Inn, the Rising Sun and the Nag's Head) to provide free sandwiches on Pig's Face Day, the Sunday after 14th September. People came from around the area to enjoy free food and the music provided by Avening Silver Band.

You have now seen the Avening pubs and inns whose location is known. There are also some references to other pubs in census returns. They are possibly other names for the pubs you have seen... or may be extra!

The Horse and Groom

1856 Edwin Niblet, also a Builder. [Kelly's Directory 1856].

1861 Henry & Elizabeth Bishop, aged 33 & 25, Publican with 2 children, listed as on Hampton Hill. By

1871 they had moved their business to Barn Row. Their daughter Fanny later ran the Sawyers Arms.

The Carpenters Arms

1851 Elizabeth Rowland, aged 59, a widow, Inn Keeper, listed on Tetbury Hill with her son John, a Carpenter. In 1841 she was living with her husband John, a Carpenter, in Ratley Lane.

1856 John Rowland, Beer Retailer, Carpenter & Farmer. [Kelly's Directory 1856].

The Farriers Arms

1856 Samuel Essex also a Boot and Shoe Maker. [Kelly's Directory 1856].

1863 John Drew, also a Butcher. [Kelly's Directory 1863].

Unknown Pubs

1851 William & Ann Drew, aged 37 & 38, Inn Keeper, Bell Street. [Beer Retailer & Butcher, Kelly's Directory 1856]. He later lived at the New Inn.

1871 Pricilla Crudge, aged 27, Inn Keeper listed in High Street.

1871 Henry & Elizabeth Bishop, aged 43 & 35, Inn Keeper with 4 children, listed in Barn Row. Possibly The Butchers Arms? Note that in 1861 they were at the Horse and Groom on Hampton Hill. Their daughter Fanny later ran the Sawyers Arms.

If you want to extend your walk to view inns in the wider parish, there were also pubs at Nags Head, Iron Mills and Star Lane:

The Nags Head Inn, Nags Head

At the corner on the crossroads, this is known to have been a pub by 1824 and remained so until at least the 1950s. In October 1913 it was sold to the Stroud Brewery Co by Mr N Cook & Mr W Cook, being occupied by Mr Albert Boulton. The building is Grade II Listed, late 17th/early 18th Century - note the elaborate stone carvings on the exterior.

1856 Harriett Waite. [Kelly's Directory 1856].

1871 William & Elizabeth Wicks, aged 57 & 50, Licensed Victualler, Nags Head Public House

1881 Jesse & Mary Kebblewhite, aged 38 & 33, Licensed Victualler with 1 child.

1897 Joseph Sparrow [Kelly's Directory 1897]

1901 Herbert C & Mary E Taylor, aged 33 & 30, Publican/Painter with 2 children.

1911 Albert & Elizabeth Jane Boulton, aged 43 & 36, Inn Keeper with 3 children. [Kelly's Directory 1914]

The Star and Garter, Star Lane

At the far end of Star Lane, Star Farm was once The Star and Garter Inn. By 1856 it is listed as only a farm, held rather appropriately by a Thomas Hen [Kelly's Directory 1856]

The Weighbridge, Iron Mills

On the Nailsworth Road and in the old Avening parish which once included Forest Green and Windsor Edge, now part of Nailsworth.

1851 George & Sarah Browne, aged 60 & 56, Publican with 6 children, listed at Iron Mills. [Haulier, Kelly's Directory 1856].

1861 Sarah Brown, aged 66, Inn Keeper is a widow with 2 daughters, listed as Weigh Bridge at Iron Mills. [Kelly's Directory 1863].

1871 Sarah Browne, aged 77, Inn Keeper with one daughter, at Weighbridge Inn at Iron Mills

1881 Jane Brown, aged 51, Licensed Victualler. Unmarried daughter of Sarah.

1891 Edward & Charlotte Gage, aged 57 & 56, Publican with 4 children.

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