



The Three Horseshoes

Wood End

As with other pubs, finding them in the 1841 census is a challenge. However the pub was part of the Pumfret Brewery chain and was put up for sale in 1849.

Once again in the 1851 census, there is no reference to the name of the pub.

The pub does appear in the 1861 census. John Richards (48) and his wife Annie, along with their children are now all living at the premises. John is described as Carpenter and Publican. In 1863 the pub is under the ownership of the Compact Brewery of St Ives and along with 31 other pubs is put up for sale in August 1863.

Huntingdonshire.	
Lot 1.—The "Unicorn Inn" and BREWERY, next the Bullock Market, St. Ives, with Stables, Store Rooms, Granaries, Malting, &c., forming a compact and extensive property.	
Lot 2.—Two HOUSES and SHOPS, in the Bullock Market, St. Ives, one in the occupation of Charles Clark, watchmaker, and the other lately occupied by Mrs. Rowland.	
Lot 3.—The "White Hart Inn," in the Sheep Market, St. Ives, with the Pig Market attached, and extensive premises.	
Lot 4.—A Brick and Tiled HOUSE, and premises adjoining the White Hart, St. Ives, in the occupation of Mr. Thompson, harness maker.	
Lot 5.—A valuable piece of Accommodation Old Pasture LAND, on the Somersham Road, St. Ives, called "Knightley's Close," containing 5a. 1r. 6p. in the occupation of Thomas Cade.	
Lot 6.—Another piece of Old Pasture LAND, in Meadow Lane, St. Ives, called "Great Cock-pit Close," containing 5a. 3r. 24p. in hand.	
Lot 7.—Another piece of Old Pasture LAND, in St. Ives, called "James' Close," containing 4a. 1r. 5p., in hand.	
Lot 8.—The "Robin Hood" Public House and premises, in the Sheep Market, St. Ives; a Shop and Cellar adjoining, occupied by W. Butler; and a Shop, Workshop, and two Chambers, occupied by W. Golding.	
Lot 9.—The "Nelson's Head" Public House and premises, Maryland, St. Ives.	
Lot 10.—The "Elephant and Castle" Beer-house, and premises, in Crown-street, St. Ives.	
Lot 11.—The "Eight Bells" Beer-house, and premises, on the Waits, St. Ives.	
Lot 12.—A Brick and Tiled HOUSE, fronting the river, St. Ives, occupied by Mr. John Chapman.	
Lot 13.—The "Pig and Whip" Beer-house, behind the Church, at St. Ives, and a Tenement adjoining, also a large Room now used as a Granary.	
Lot 14.—The "Black Bull" Public-house or Inn, and premises, in the High-street, at Somersham, with a small Shoemaker's Shop, and a small Fish Shop next the street, underlet.	
Lot 15.—The "Rose and Crown" Commercial Inn, and premises, fronting the High-street, at Somersham.	
Lot 16.—The "White Hart" Public-house, and premises, at Earith.	
Lot 17.—The "George" Public-house, and premises, at Earith.	
Lot 18.—The "White Horse" Public-house, and premises, near the Cross, at Bluntisham.	
Lot 19.—The "Three Horse Shoes" Beer-house and premises, at Bluntisham.	

sale of public-houses, inns, and property connected with Mr. Pumfret's brewery, and which were sold at the Institute on Friday, the 10th instant, by Messrs. Fox and Medland, jointly engaged on the occasion :—
 The Royal Oak, Huntingdon, freehold, land-tax 16s.—sold to tenant for 830l.
 The Duke of Cumberland, Huntingdon, freehold land-tax 8s.—370l.
 The Rose and Crown, Huntingdon, freehold, land-tax redeemed—600l.
 A freehold malting, Princes-street, Huntingdon, land-tax 11s. 4d.—560l.
 The Falcon Inn, Huntingdon, freehold, land-tax redeemed—1,180l.
 Freehold, called Spital Close, containing two acres of freehold land—230l.
 Freehold house, Huntingdon—500l.
 The Horse-Shoe public-house, and two pieces of building ground at Houghton, copyhold, fine certain—560l.
 The George Inn, Ramsey, copyhold, fine certain—930l.
 The Anchor public-house, Ramsey, copyhold, fine certain

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In the 1869 Post Office Directory, Annie Richards is listed as a Beer Retailer and there is no mention of her husband John. In the 1871 census Annie is recorded as still living on the premises with three of her children. Her occupation is listed as Publican. It's not clear when Annie left, she appears in Nottinghamshire in the 1881 census. In Bluntisham there are new people listed at the pub.

The 1881 census has William Laud, (31) his wife Sarah (40) and son John living at the premises. William is listed as Innkeeper and Gardener. However they are not still there in 1891 and the owning brewery Marshalls Brewery have the pub up for rent:

To Let.
OVER, CAMBS.—To LET, upon favourable terms, with immediate possession, the **JOLLY BUTCHERS' PUBLIC-HOUSE**, with Blacksmith's shop, yard, stables, &c.—For particulars apply to **MARSHALL BROS., the Brewery, Huntingdon.**
TO LET, upon favourable terms, with immediate possession, the **THREE HORSESHOES**, Bluntisham, with good stabling, yard, &c., and about one acre of garden ground attached.—For particulars apply to **MARSHALL BROS., the Brewery, Huntingdon.**
FURNISHED APARTMENTS to LET.—Apply Mrs. WRIGHT, Farmadine Grove, Saffron Walden.

Again in 1901 there is no Three Horseshoes listed. The same is the case in 1921, but there is a reference to a closed pub in Ernest S Ward's book - Bluntisham a Village Remembered, where he writes "The Star Brewery at Wood End which was owned by Mr Blunt". In the 1921 census William Blunt is listed in Wood End but his occupation is listed as being Agricultural Engine Driver. There is no mention in any part of the census entry that the pub was still operating. This is confirmed



by the fact that Mr Blunt returned the licence to the Star Brewery in 1923.

A full transfer of the "Three Horseshoes," Bluntisham was granted from William F. Blunt to Oliver Root, of the "Star" Brewery, Cambridge.
Mr. H. Dawson, of the "Bell," St. Ives, applied for permission to add an adjoining cottage to his house by means of making a door in the wall.
The application was granted.
Mr. H. Harrison applied for a full transfer of the "Golden Lion," St. Ives from Mr. Carpenter to Mr. Sadler. Mr. Sadler had previously had a temporary transfer.
Col. Linton : Who is to manage this f

In the 1939 Register Mr Blunt is no longer registered at the same location. Instead there is a Cecil R Tebbutt and his wife living at Heath House. In the Tony Rowell article he mentions Cecil Tebbutt:

"Mr Cecil Tebbutt lives in the big house opposite which at one time was another public house; the cellars still being there"

Again, local resident Nora Crick, can recall Mr Tebbutt living at the house and that he was a great sportsman. Heath House still stands in Wood End.

