

# HISTORIC PUBS

## HEADINGLEY



The New Inn, 1988 © Leeds Library & Information Service

### THE NEW INN

Following the enclosure of Headingley Moor in 1829, and the sale of plots for development, the hamlet of Headingley Moor Side expanded rapidly. Within a decade, in the growing hamlet, there were two schools, two large villas, Mr Askey's inn and several houses. John Askey built his Three Horse Shoes Inn in 1832. But not much later it seems, a 'New' Inn was open for business at the corner of the Cottage Road. According to the 1841 census, the New Inn, Moor End (Headingley Moor), was run by Joseph Coates, aged forty, farmer and publican.

The directories indicate that beer was being brewed on the premises from the 1870s. William Scaife is listed as a beerseller during the 1870s and 80s, and the property is simply referred to as a 'beerhouse' in White's directory of 1875.

The Three Horse Shoes appears in local directories as an "Inn" from the 1830s, whereas the New Inn and The Woodman (Hotel) are not named, merely referred to by address and occupier – "beer" or "beer and spirit" retailer. A true inn provided lodgings for travellers and stabling, and was quite different from its near public house neighbours, The Woodman and New Inn.

In 1972, 93-year-old George Merry remembered the local inns in the 1880s: "There was The Woodman, The New Inn and The Three Horse Shoes. They all used to brew their own beer. I think most of the pubs in Leeds did that. Well on brewing days, believe me, the smell of hops round Headingley was lovely ..."

As a privately owned wines, spirits and beer house, the New Inn was acquired from Messrs Wardle, Kerr and Glover by Bentley Yorkshire Breweries on 30<sup>th</sup> December 1893. The deed of conveyance at the time refers to 'all that messuage or dwelling on the said land and called the New Inn with the brewhouse, stablings, outbuildings and yard, and also that messuage or dwelling house and shop erected thereon'. In more recent years the shop and cottage at the back of the inn have been demolished and the site laid out for parking.

Mary Coggill remembered the shop in wartime Far Headingley: “There was another sweet shop in Cottage Road, attached to the back of the New Inn. It’s been pulled down now ...”

The New Inn became a Whitbread house when that company acquired Bentley Yorkshire Breweries in 1968. It had a brief spell as O’Hagan’s New Inn in the 1990s and was themed as an Irish bar, but returned to its original name, The New Inn, in 1999. It’s now a Greene King pub (along with its near neighbour, Woodies Craft Ale House).

Above the entrance to the New Inn a clockface bears the legend ‘no tick’, a neat way of reminding even the best customers that there’s no drinking on the landlord’s credit.

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