

Bishopwearmouth Pubs Profile (Listed) - Greens

Project Pub REF: 003
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Location: [Streetview, 2019.](#)
NGR: NZ39225694

Name of Pub: Greens

Any previous names?: Hat and Feather, The Hat and Feather, Vaults.

Any explanation of the pub's name or changes of name?: The name "Green's" possibly arrives from the original owners of the pub, Charles Green and Company.

What did it look like in the past?



Image 1 – The previous building Hat and Feather Hotel before its re-building.

Image 2- The current Hat and Feather/Green's.

Image 3 - The current Hat and Feather/Green's.

What does it look like today:



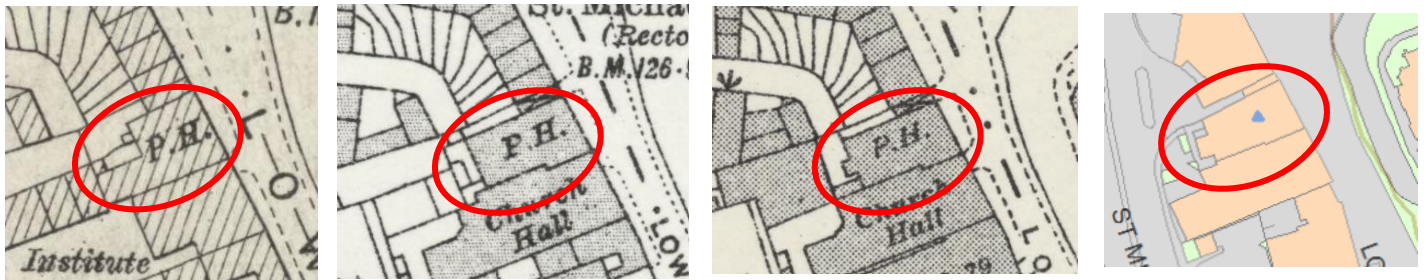
© Sam Neale, August 2022. Photograph showing Greens.

Bishopwearmouth Village Atlas Description (2021): The current building was originally known as The Hat and Feather Vaults, built by Charles Green and Company in 1904 and later renamed Green's. This replaced an earlier Hat and Feather Inn which stood at the front of a long plot reaching back to Hind Street with an un-named court to the rear. This court appeared to contain a number of separate curtilages, possibly 6 or 7 in number. There is no clear indication of their use, however the 1851 census does list three households totalling 16 people at 36 Low Row potentially living in the court. The earlier Hat and Feather is first mentioned in the 1828-9 Pigot's Directory with Hannah Elie listed as the landlady, and various landlords changing through the 19th century before the site was redeveloped following a change in ownership in 1901. An article in the Sunderland Echo in March 1902 announced the reopening of the Hat and Feather by Charles Green and Co and subsequently in 1904 tenders were sought for the pulling down and rebuilding (Sunderland Daily Echo, 12th February 1904). The replacement and current building was designed by WM and T.R Milburn, prominent local architects.

According to an article reflecting a talk by John Robinson, given to the Antiquarian Society in 1904 (reproduced in Antiquities of Sunderland, Vol 5 page 5. Sunderland Antiquarian Society, 1904), during the rebuilding of the Hat and Feather in 1901, a section of old road was found at a depth of about 12 feet in the inn yard adjoining the disused burial ground. It was in good condition and built of cobblestones; it seems there had been similar finds at Seaham.

Historic England Description: Shown on O.S. as The Hat and Feather Vaults. Public house. c1901. Ashlar with grey granite plinth, red granite dressings, roof of plain tiles with terracotta ridge finials and copper domes. Baroque style. One high storey, 5 windows. High pediment over 3 central bays and domes over end entrance bays. Keyed architraves to round-headed central panelled door and flanking windows with Diocletian overlights, tall keystones over outer doors, both now blocked and windows inserted, rising through impost string to segmental pediments above which are recessed lights with glazing bars. Ionic pilasters rise between openings and, with keystones of central arcade, support pilastered entablature with prominent cornice. Above this a steep pediment contains shallow pilasters flanking a small open-pedimented dormer window with block rusticated pilasters. Ramped parapet over outer bays behind which ogee domes have tall spike and ball finials, cross plan roof behind pediment has pedimented lantern over junction of ridges, and mace finials at ends of main ridge.

Map regression



Map 1 - 1897 Ordnance Survey Map (25") [Accessed via National Library of Scotland].

Map 2 - 1919 Ordnance Survey Map (25") [Accessed via National Library of Scotland].

Map 3 - 1946 Ordnance Survey Map (25") [Accessed via National Library of Scotland].

Map 4 - Modern Ordnance Survey Map (25") [Accessed via Historic England, Search the List].

Historic OS mapping of 1897, shows a Public House with three adjoining buildings to the rear and adjoining a row of terraces to the north and an 'Institute' to the south. By 1919, this had been demolished and replaced with a new Public House with a broadly rectangular plan form. There is little change to the plan form of the pub between 1919 and 1946 other than the construction of a small outshut to the rear, however the plot of land to the rear of the pub had been developed. Modern OS mapping shows the pub has been unaltered since, though the buildings to the rear have subsequently been demolished.

How long has it been a pub?: The current building has been in existence since c.1904. It is unknown how long the previous building on the site was a public house, however a newspaper article from 1904 discusses how it was one of the oldest in Sunderland.

Who worked here?

The following information has been extracted from Ron Lawsons Pubs of Bishopwearmouth (2019).

Owner:

? - J.W.H Swan & Emma S. Hunter

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May 1902: Arthur Green

May 1914: Mary Elizabeth Armstrong Green
June 1916: Lessees – Robert Deuchar
Oct 1928: Mortgagee – Commercial Union Assurance Co. Ltd
Jan 1960: Newcastle Breweries Ltd
Jan 1962: Scottish & Newcastle Breweries Ltd

Trade Directory:

1808: George Watson
1827: T.J Smith
1828 – 31: Hannah Ellis
1834: Jane Donison
1841 – 43: George White
1844 – 48: Elizabeth Hall
1850 – 51: W. Forcer
1851 – 55: Robert Lowther
1855 – 61: John Liddell
1864 – 66: Nathaniel Aaron Newrick
1866 – 67: Benjamin Johnson
1871 – 74: Joseph Bowery
1876 – 77: Joseph Dobson
1879: George Wilson
1881: Thomas Whickens
1881: J. McIntosh
1883 – 87: John William H. Swan

License Holder:

Aug 1887: William Humphrey
Apr 1889: Albert Howard Higginbottom
Oct 1900: Thomas Crawford
Dec 1901: Albert Howard Higginbottom
Apr 1902: Arthur Green
June 1914: Frederick Atkins
Dec 1916: Charles Rivett
Jan 1930: Thomas Clark
Nov 1949: John Hart Simpson
July 1977: Alan Bruce Denny
Nov 1980: Peter Geoffrey Moffat Lynch
Feb 1981: Robert Cowans
Sep 1983: Kenneth Mallet
Jan 1984: Anthony Court – Hampton
Dec 1985: Patricia Edith Swan
May 1987: Angela Kathryn Ward
Sep 1988: Ronnie Stappard
Feb 1990: John David Parker
Feb 1992: Neil Craggs
May 1992: Linda Charlton
May 1994: Mathew Stancliffe
July 1994: David Andrew Race
Jan 1997: Paul Davison
Feb 1999: Claire Marie Davison

Who drank here?

From a search on the British Newspaper Archives, it appears as though the National Independent Order of Oddfellows often held meetings at the Hat and Feather. In addition, the local branch of the United Drillers and Hole-Cutters' Society of Great Britain and Ireland and the West End Harmonic Club also held fortnightly meetings at the pub.

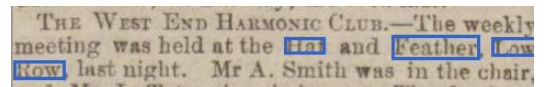
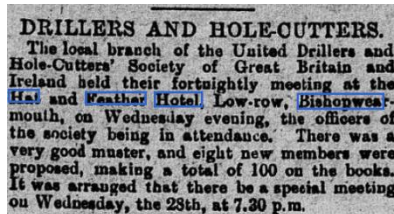
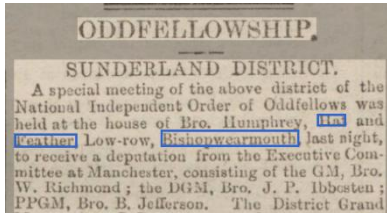


Image 1: Saturday 17th September 1887 – Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette [accessed via British Newspaper Archives].

Image 2: Friday 23rd August 1889 – Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette [accessed via British Newspaper Archives].

Image 3: Friday 19th April 1901 – Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette [accessed via British Newspaper Archives].

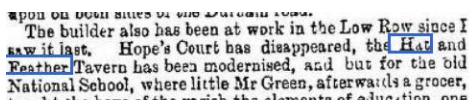
Brewery link: The Hat and Feather was owned by Robert Deuchar. Deuchar, born in 1831, arrived in Newcastle in the 1860's as an innkeeper at the Argyle Hotel (Oxford Dictionary of National Biography). By the late 19th century, Deuchar had rapidly diversified and built up a prosperous trade, benefitting from the brewery boom that was occurring, eventually resulting in purchasing the Monkwearmouth brewery and maltings in Sunderland (ibid). Following this, in 1897, Deuchar registered his own company Robert Deuchar Ltd, building up substantial trade in Tyne and Wearside, including the Dun Cow (ibid). By the time of his death, Deuchar had built up a portfolio of over 150 public houses and hotels, all supplied by his own brewery. His business, Robert Deuchar Ltd, ran from 1897-1959 by which point it was subsumed into Newcastle Breweries (Co-Curate Newcastle). Other pubs in Bishopwearmouth include the Royal Tent and the Dun Cow.

Story timeline

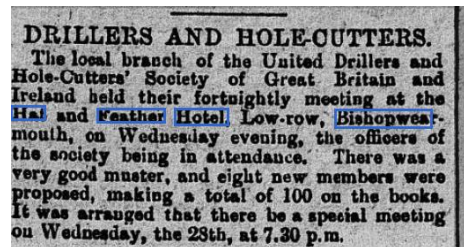
1828-29 – First time the original Hat and Feather is noted in Pigots Directory with Hannah Ellis listed as being the landlady (Bishopwearmouth Village Atlas, 2021).



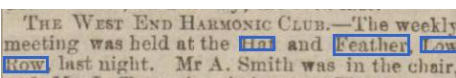
Monday 14th September 1891 – Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette: Job advert for a 'young man' to help in the Hat and Feather.



Friday 16th December 1887 – Newcastle Courant: In an article discussing how Bishopwearmouth is 'overbuilt', it is noted how The Hat and Feather had recently been 'modernised'.



Friday 23rd August 1889 – Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette: The local branch of the United Drillers and Hole-Cutters' Society of Great Britain hold their fortnightly meeting at the Hat and Feather.



Friday 19th April 1901 – Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette: The West End Harmonic Club holds their weekly meeting at the Hat and Feather.



Monday 17th February 1902 – Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette: Bar, sitting room and lodge room furniture from the Hat and Feather is put up for sale due to a change of ownership.

CHARLES GREEN AND Co.
 Beg to announce
 THEY HAVE OPENED
 THE HAT AND FEATHER SPIRIT VAULTS,
 NEAR HIGH STREET WEST.

Wednesday 19th March 1902 – Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette: Charles Green and Co open the new Hat and Feather Spirit Vaults.

Messrs Green and Co. have lately become the owners, and have determined to rebuild the whole premises. In removing the old walls and making extended excavations, a glimpse of by-gone Sunderland has been revealed. At

1904 – Article noting that Messer Green and Co have become the owners of the pub and ‘have determined to re-build’.

TO CONTRACTORS.
TENDERS are invited for the pulling down and re-building of the HAT AND FEATHER HOTEL, LOW ROW for Messrs Chas. Green and Company.

Friday 12th February 1904: Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette: Tenders are invited for the demolition of the Hate and Feather.

tured stone was found. The ancient roadway discovered would be the original road from Sunderland and Monkwearmouth to Durham and Chester.

1904 – When re-building the pub, they found an ancient roadway from Sunderland and Monkwearmouth to Durham and Chester, as well as boundary walls to the Rectors Gill.

TENDERS are invited for the purchase by private treaty of the following Valuable Fully-Licensed Properties:—
 THE IMPERIAL VAULTS (also known as "Green's"), Lambton Street.
 THE HAT AND FEATHER LOW ROW

Thursday 11th June 1914: Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette – Tenders invited for the purchase of the ‘Imperial Vaults (also known then as Greens), The Hat and Feather’.

PUBLIC HOUSE ROBBERY.
 A public house robbery was reported at Sunderland yesterday. It appears that when the bar attendants of the Hat and Feather Hotel, Low Row, returned on Thursday to re-open the premises after the afternoon closing, they found that the tills had been broken open and about £13 abstracted. It is supposed that the thieves secreted themselves upon the premises before the public house closed at 2.30. They managed to get clear away with their booty.

Saturday 9th October 1915 – Shields Daily News: The Hat and Feather is robbed with ‘about £13 abstracted’.

per annum.
 LOT 2—The Fully-Licensed Copyhold Public-House and Premises known as the HAT AND FEATHER, situate in LOW ROW SUNDERLAND.

Friday 12th May 1916 – Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette: Hat and Feather is put up for Auction

minutes.
 An application by Messrs R. Deuchar & Sons for permission to carry out alterations at the HAT and FEATHER Hotel, LOW ROW was granted, but

Wednesday 2nd November 1938 – Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette: Deuchar brothers apply for permission to carry out alterations to the pub.

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