

Bulls Head

670 Ripponden Road

Jonathan Buckley	1827~1829	Walter Barker	1933-1938
Joseph Dougill	1835-1836	John W Savory	1938-1949
William Buckley	1837-1867	Eli Taylor	1949~1964
Isaac Hilton	1867-Aug	James H Brook	1964-1965
Priscilla Hallas	1867-1875	John B Clerke	1965~1970
Lees Dyson	1880~1884	Roy E Crossfield	1970-1973
James Wilkes	1890-1894	Vincent Hamer	1973~1978
Mary Wilkes	1894-1895	Derek Fletcher	1978~1980
John W Gartside	1895-1898	Roy Booth	1980~1984
Robert Smethurst	1898-1907	Graham Howarth	1984-1987
Sarah Smethurst	1907-1911	David Stonall	1987-1989
John W Clark	1911-1913	Henry J Pearce	1989~1990
Harriet Farrell	1913-1915	Gerard T Robinson	1990-1991
John Farrell	1915-1922	Anita Mallalieu	1991-
George Armitage	1922-1924		
Joseph A Corsi	1924-1928		
Richard Wolstenholme	1928-30		
George Simpson	1930-1931		
Harold Lomas	1931-1932		
Joseph Jackson	1932-1933		

The Bulls Head can be traced back to 1827, when it was kept by Jonathan Buckley. Two years later a survey revealed that the pub occupied 199 square yards and it was owned by William Buckley. The Bulls Head stayed in the Buckley family until the 1890s, when James Buckley sold out to Wilson's Brewery. Some improvements were being made in 1894, but they obviously hadn't been completed when that year's survey of Oldham's licensed houses was made. The inspector found that the three drinking rooms and three bedrooms were damp and dirty, there was no bathroom and no accommodation for travellers. There was defective drainage inside and out, and the cellar and brewhouse needed re-flagging and proper drains putting in. Three horses could be stabled in the open yard.

The work carried out by the brewery was evidently satisfactory and the next major repairs and alterations didn't take place until 1964. A new ladies' powder room and toilets and a fuel store were provided in an extension to the side of the pub. The old stairs in the lounge were removed and new stairs built in the extension, a covered way was provided from the back door to the gents' toilets in the yard and a long awaited bathroom was fitted for the tenants.

Further alterations were made in 1972, when a new gents' was attached to the side of the pub and the covered way removed. The lounge was enlarged by extending into the fuel store via an archway. In 1960 Wilson's Brewery became part of the Watney Mann brewing group (later Grand Metropolitan) and about 1980 the Bulls Head became a managed house in one of Grand Met's subsidiary companies. Further changes in the running of pub-owning companies resulted in the Bulls Head becoming a leasehold property in 1991.

Inns and Alehouses of Oldham and their licensees 1714 – 1992. Rob Magee, Werneth November 1992