



PUBLIC HOUSES

THE BLACK LION

The Black Lion pub was located on Sunderland Street between property number 17 Sunderland Street (to its right) and the Stocksfield Place opening (to the left). The building was covered in a white render and was clad with dark timber beams, synonymous with the mock Tudor style. The front entrance was via a small set of steps.

The pub ceased trading on January 26th 1969 and was demolished along with large parts of Sunderland Street to make way for the A690 dual-carriageway redevelopments in 1970.



THE BLACK LION PUB, SUNDERLAND STREET, IN 1968



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Noteworthy landlords/proprietors and occurrences for the Black Lion pub include:

1824, 1827 & 1829 - George Dodgshon.

1834 – Alex Newley.

1847-1848 – Chris Harrison.

1851-1856 – Jacob Gibson.

1858 - Thomas Hopper.

1861 - Mathew Hurrion, mason & victualler

1864-1865 – Elizabeth Nowley.

1871-1872 – C. Binks.

1873 – Mrs Jane Binks.

1876-1877 – James Hope (September 15th 1876).

1881 & 1890 - George Bradbrook, a member of Paul Lanagan's family tree. In 1871 he was landlord of the Beehive Pub, Sedgeleth, along with his brother, James Bradbrook. By 1881 he was recorded as being innkeeper of the Black Lion pub, Sunderland Street East. He was still there in 1890. He died in 1898 and was buried at Houghton Hillside Cemetery on May 11th 1898, abode at time of death being: Houghton Poor House.

1893-1894 - William Wilson.

1905 – Mrs Elizabeth Wilson (August 20th 1905).

1911 – Elizabeth Wilson, aged 62 years, innkeeper of the Black Lion.

1913 – London Gazette notice – March - The Friendly Society of Women, which held meetings at the Black Lion Inn, Sunderland Street, ceased to exist.

1923 – John Wilson (May 3rd 1923).

1930 – Ellison Spark (January 2nd 1930).

1934 – James Allin (April 19th 1934).

1937 & 1938 - Jason Farrell.

1966 – Described in a County Council development plan (for the A690 dual-carriageway) as: "The Black Lion, flat, yard, garage and outbuildings".

Late 1960s – Managed by Robert Hardie for Vaux.

1969 – The Black Lion pub ceased trading on January 26th 1969.



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THE NORTH END OF THE OLD BUFFS BUILDING, NOW THE WILD BOAR, MARKS THE SITE OF THE BLACK LION

The north corner of the present day Wetherspoon's pub, The Wild Boar (which was built as the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes Club), corresponds with the exact location of where the Black Lion once stood.

Paul Lanagan

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