



Armistice Day Parade York Street mid 1930's



Wallfield Bridge

The old brick built Wallfield bridge before it was replaced in 1938 by the present concrete structure. The high sides of the bridge had a "peep hole" let into them to allow a view of the lock and basins.



The old workshops of the canal company. Later used by the boat building and hire firm **Canal Pleasurecraft Ltd** owned by Holt Abbott, a champion for the preservation of the canals. The bridge was used by canal company workers to reach the building on the opposite side of the canal. These buildings have now been converted into dwellings.



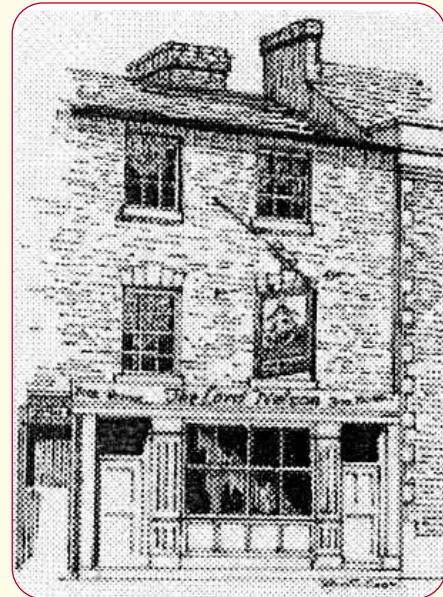
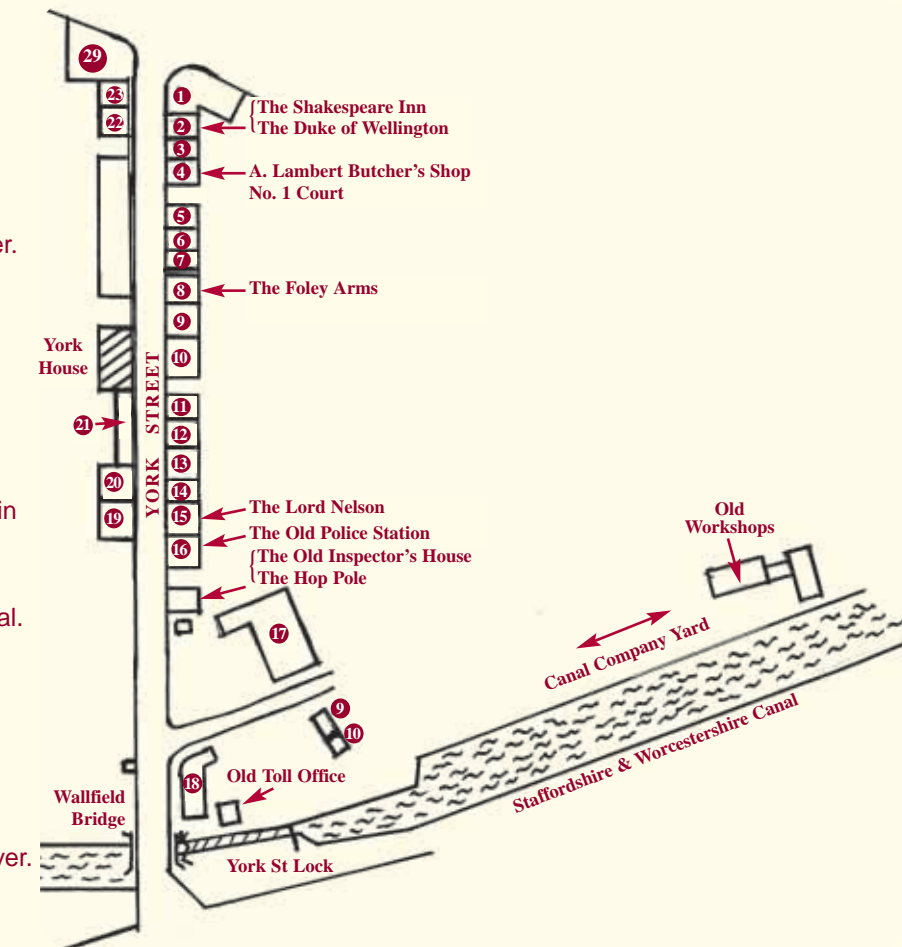
No.4 The exterior of this butcher's shop is probably little changed from the time it was first built. It has served as a butcher's shop over many years. One of the early indications of its use as such is the 1891 census when John Redding Cook, master butcher, owned the property. He is still registered as the owner ten years later in the 1901 census returns. The alley way at the side of the building once led to No1 Court where a small cottage stood. Its occupants are recorded in the census returns of 1891 and 1901.

1891 census.
Eliza Price aged 61 Widow.
1901 census.
Sarah Ballard aged 77 Charwomen
James Ballard son aged 50 Ag. Lab.

Some York Street Residents and their Occupations

- 1820 James Cresswell, Commercial School.
Joseph Shaw, Hatter.
- 1840 Matthew Heath, Water Carrier.
Elizabeth Cresswell, Ladies Boarding school.
Thomas Millner, Beerseller.
- 1873 Thomas Tyler, Family & Dispensing Chemist, Manufacturers of Worcester Relish.
Agent for Hornimans tea.
Benjamin Danks, J.P., Captain of the 8th Worcs Rifle Corps.
William Nisbett, Cashier and Wharfinger for Staffs and Worcester canal.
- 1881 G. Masterman, General Practitioner.
G.Martin, Hinge finisher at foundry.
- 1891 Edward Baldwin, Iron Foundry Manager.
Benjamin Bains, Carpet weaver.
- 1901 Fred Simmonds, Cyanide shiftsman.

A view of the York Street lock with the Old Toll Office and Lock Keeper's Cottage on the right. The lock drops the canal 12ft to the level of the basins. When operated it displaces 36,000 gallons of water from the canal into the basin below. The lock was often referred to as "Cottons lock" after one of the early lock keepers.



No.15 The York Pharmacy as it would have appeared when it was a pub, "**The Lord Nelson**", from a drawing by John Cook.

Early proprietors were:
1820 John Lane.
1854 William Goodman.
1868 Henry Daws.
1877 Edward Cox.
1901 John Wade.

The pub was also referred to as "**The Barrel**"

Pubs and Publicans

The Shakespeare Inn.
1780 Aaron York.

The Duke of Wellington.
1820 Jessie Smith.
1829 Samual Perkins.
1840 William Potter.
1854 Sarah Baker.
1863 Richard Jones.
1871 William Tilley.
(an Ex Actor known as "Sir Peter")
1887 Joseph Harrison.
1902 Mary Goodman.

The pub was once owned by John Redding Cook owner of the butchers at No.4

The Foley Arms.
1842 Thomas Miller.
1850 Richard Roden.
1861 Elizabeth Roden.

The Hop Pole.
1774 John Hooke.
1791 Benjamin Hooke.
1820 Thomas Saddler.

A picture of the doorway as it appeared when the building was occupied by the police. Note the unusual globe shaped **Blue Lamp**.

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Supervising Officers of York Street Police Station

- 1873 H. Raby, Superintendent of police.
- 1881 T. Oliver, Divisional sergeant.
- 1891 J.Bell, Police sergeant.
- 1901 T.Long, Police superintendent.



York Street Basins taken late 1950's



An early picture of the corner of York Street and the High Street from the T.Baylis Photograph Collection, Stourport Library.

No.16 Mercian House

formally the old police station now occupied by a dental practice.

