

The Village Series



The Ram, Tivetshall

(Now known as The Old Ram)

The timeline of a pub

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Introduction:

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Grade II

“Late C16/17 timber-frame house altered in C18. Plastered. Steep tiled roof with gabled ends. Brick chimney stack off centre. Two storeys and attic. Two small flat roof dormers. First floor 6 mullion/transom casements. Ground floor sashes with glazing bars, and projecting one storey brick extension with 2 sashes and modern pilastered doorcase. Interior ovolo moulded ceiling beams and C18 features such as corner cupboards and doors.”

From British Listed Buildings: <https://britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/101179739>



The original building dates from c1675 and was listed in the Diss Hundred Register taken 18th September 1794 and also on Bryant’s 1826 map (above).

Having spent many incredibly happy hours sitting in the Old Ram, talking with friends, eating or drinking coffee or something stronger, thoughts have sometimes wandered to ‘I wonder who lived here, what they did and what happened locally’.

Having an interest in family and local history, the following information is the result of the initial internet searches to see what could be found about the Ram Inn, or The Old Ram as it is now known, along with a few items from others.

One thing we were unable to determine was when the ‘Ram Inn’ became the ‘Old Ram’ as there was some overlap of the two names being used. One source gives, “Reopened as the OLD RAM 13th July 1985, following extensive refurbishment”, the actual emphasis on OLD RAM may mean it opened at that time under the new name.

It may come as no surprise the Ram Inn is purported to have its own ghost. The presence of a female ghost called ‘Rose’ has been felt by several people over the years, including Karla,

the longest serving member of staff (34 years' service!). Rose is a spirit who is apparently happy in the company of ladies but is not so keen on gentlemen. It has been suggested that she either had her heart broken or may have been 'ravaged' by a local landowner. There is also a part of the building that always feels a little cooler than anywhere else

This is probably an on-going project and if anyone has any other information and are prepared to share it then we would be pleased to hear from you. Please make contact using the Tharston Past website:

<http://www.tharston-past.info/home.html>

Research information:

Most of the content of this booklet has resulted from searches on the internet. The main sources were Findmypast, Ancestry, Newspapers.com, Norfolk Public Houses and the Norfolk Family History Society.

The documents that have given the majority of information include National Census returns, Parish records, Civil Registrations, Electoral Rolls and newspaper archives.

All the information has been ordered according to date, earliest first, with additional notes following appropriate events.

As necessary, footnotes have been added to indicate where information has come from and also there is a list of websites that may be of use to find additional information or to help with similar projects to this one.



The Ram Inn timeline:

The earlier licensees are difficult to track and research but the Norfolk Public Houses¹ website gives us some help.

1789 - 1794: From the Norfolk Public Houses website: The Old Ram, Tivetshall: licensee given as William Mines.

18th September 1794: The 'Ram Inn' is listed in the Diss Hundred Register.

8th December 1812: Theft from the stables of the Ram Inn.

The Ram Inn was on the side of the London to Norwich route used by Stagecoaches and Post Coaches. This route was run by William Norbrook who also had the London to Great Yarmouth route. The last overnight stop was in Ipswich at The Old White Hart Inn, owned by Norbrook, the Ram Inn being the last rest stop for passengers and for a change of horses before arriving at Norwich. The return journey was made the next day.

STOLEN

On Wednesday morning, December 8th, 1812, from out of a stable, at Tivetshall Ram, Norfolk.

A CHESTNUT HORSE of the kind, aged, about fifteen hands and a half high, his face and lower left jaw are white. The thief who is about five feet four inches high, and had on a light coloured great coat, passed through Scole gate, on the same morning about six o'clock, where he dismounted to wipe the blood from his face, his lip having been much it is supposed the horse had thrown him. He also took a Horse Cloth, marked W. Norbrook Coach Bridle, with red front and rose, and a Whip with a lack handle. Whoever will apprehend the said offender, shall on his conviction receive TEN GUINEAS REWARD, by me, W. NORBROOK.

The above newspaper article, date and source unknown, shows a theft of a horse belonging to William Norbrook that occurred at the Ram Inn. (Not all the article is easily readable.) There has been no reference found to the apprehension or conviction of the offender.

A few incidents of William Norbrook not keeping to the rules have been found, one being overloading the coach with too many people on the top than he should have carried!

¹ Norfolk Public Houses website : <http://www.norfolkpubs.co.uk/>

5th October 1818 (and the two following days): Sale catalogues available at the Ram Inn for the sale of all the farming and household effects of Robert Self of Pulham Market Hall, who died in 1817 and was buried on 7th August. The Hall was situated not far from the Ram Inn on the opposite side of the A140.

1822: From the Norfolk Public Houses website, The Old Ram, Tivetshall: licensee given as Stephen Hubbard.

1836 - 1844: From the Norfolk Public Houses website, The Old Ram, Tivetshall: licensee given as George Dix.

1841: The 1841 census² shows a 50 year old George Dix (b.1791) as a Tivetshall St. Mary publican, living with his wife Sarah (50) and daughter Jane (20). Although the building is not named, there is only one inn in Tivetshall St. Mary so it would be reasonable to assume that George must have been the publican at The Ram.

Records for George are somewhat confusing as there is another George Dix in Tivetshall of a similar age and some records could relate to either of them.

9th March 1844: The Ipswich Journal, page 3:

MARRIED.

4th inst., at Eye, Mr. John Dix, of Diss, youngest son of Mr. George Dix, landlord of the Ram Inn, Tivetshall, to Miss Mary Brinkley, of the former place.

1844: From the Norfolk Public Houses website, The Old Ram, Tivetshall: 'All the Household Furniture, China, Glass and Effects of Mr. George Dix were to be sold in the second week of October 1844, since he was changing his residence. (His Live and Dead Farming Stock, Brewing and Dairy Utensils and part of the Household Furniture were for sale Monday 4th October 1844)'. Presumably, this is when George left the Ram. It may also indicate that there was land associated with the Ram Inn.

There were a great many sales held at the Ram Inn. Newspaper reports list many sales of houses, land and household effects. This appears to be a common use of licenced premises as many local establishments were used for such events.

1st November 1849: Jane Dix, at the time living in Stratton St. Michael, married³ Robert Thurston, a farmer from Tharston. Jane's father, George, was shown as an innkeeper. By

² 1841 Census – Class: HO107; Piece: 758; Book 16; Folio: 4; Page: 2

³ Stratton St. Michael parish, Register of Marriages – 1849; page 13; No. 26

this time James Burgess had taken over The Ram so where, then, was George Dix an innkeeper?

Robert and Jane lived in Tharston certainly until Robert's death on 6th November 1875. The memorial in Tharston Churchyard reads "In Affectionate Remembrance of / ROBERT THURSTON / THE BELOVED HUSBAND OF / JANE THURSTON / WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE / NOVEMBER 6TH 1875 / AGED 64 YEARS / THE LORD HATH TAKEN HIM WHO WE LOVED SO WELL / LET ALL THE WORLD BE SILENT FOR GOD ALONE IS JUDGE". The Census returns for 1851⁴, 1861⁵ and 1871⁶ shows them in Tharston, Robert a farmer in each one.

1845: From the Norfolk Public Houses website, The Old Ram, Tivetshall: licensee given as William Burgess.

1846 - 1856: From the Norfolk Public Houses website, The Old Ram, Tivetshall: licensee given as James Burgess.

1851: The Census⁷ for Tivetshall shows James Burgess (50, licenced victualler, born in Brockdish), his wife Eliza (41) and their children Harriet (14), Robert (7, scholar) and Charles (5, scholar), at the address listed as Ipswich Road. They probably moved there from Wortwell where Harriet and Robert were born, arriving in Tivetshall around 1845/46 just before Charles was born. Previously James was the licensee of the Wortwell Bell, showing up in the 1841 Census⁸, which he took over after the death of his father, which was later put up for auction sometime in the 1840s.

1855: James Burgess died and was buried on 29 January 1855 in Tivetshall St. Mary⁹, aged 54 years.

1861: It seems that Eliza, James' widow, took over The Ram as the 1861 Census¹⁰ lists her as a widow, 52, a licenced victualler and farmer of 36 acres employing 2 men, at Public House, T? Rd. (Turnpike Road?), Tivetshall St. Mary. Living with her were her widowed father James Matthews (81, a fund holder) and two live-in servants, James Scoulding (38, a carter, a local lad born in the village on 15 November 1815 and baptised on 10 December the same year, perhaps 1 of the 2 men employed on the farm) and Harriett Adcock (15, house servant, from the village).

⁴ 1851 Census - Class: HO107; Piece: 1821; Folio: 664; Page: 20

⁵ 1861 Census - Class: RG09; Piece: 1233; Folio: 168; Page: 3

⁶ 1871 Census - Class: RG10; Piece: 1836; Folio: 156; Page: 8

⁷ 1851 Census - Class: HO107; Piece: 1821; Folio: 461; Page: 3

⁸ 1841 Census - Class: HO107; Piece: 758; Book 31; Folio: 6; Page: 4

⁹ Tivetshall S. Mary parish, Register of Burials 3; Page 30; No. 236

¹⁰ 1861 Census - Class: RG09; Piece: 1232; Folio: 197; Page: 2

The Ram Inn – a timeline

40	Ram Inn	1	Richard Brown	Head	40	36 acres 2 men 1 boy	de	de
			Eliza Burgess	Head	61	36 acres 2 men	de	de
			James Scouling	Servant	38	2 men 1 boy	de	de
			James Scouling	Servant	21	Farm Servant	de	de
			Jane Smith	Servant	21	Domestic servant	de	de

Note: the name Scouling in some documents is recorded as Skouling.

1871: The Census¹¹ has Eliza (61) still at the named Ram Inn, no family with her but having 2 live-in servants, James Scouling (38, a farm servant) and Jane Smith (21, domestic servant). It is interesting to note that she is still listed as a farmer of 36 acres employing 2 men and 1 boy, and also a licenced victualler.

16	Ram Inn	1	Richard Brown	Head	40	36 acres 2 men	de	de
			Eliza Burgess	Head	72	36 acres 2 men	de	de
			Caroline Knights	Widow	62	Housekeeper	de	de
			James Scouling	Servant	57	Farm. Bailiff	de	de
			Mary Ann Rumsby	Servant	13	Domestic servant	de	de

1881: Eliza (72) is listed in the 1881 Census¹² with her sister-in-law Caroline Knights (widow, 62, housekeeper) and 2 servants, James Scouling (57, farm bailiff) and Mary Ann Rumsby (13, domestic servant). The address is Ram Inn, Tivetshall but lists her occupation as farmer of 36 acres employing 2 men with no mention of being a publican.

1882: From the Norfolk Public Houses website: gives Charles Burgess, Eliza's son, as the licensee for a short time.

1887: James Scouling had been with the Burgess family for well over 20 years. After he left Tivetshall he moved to Rushall where, in 1887, he married¹³ Emma Pritty. He died in Dickleburgh in 1915 and was buried¹⁴ on 9 October, aged 92 years.

15th March 1889: Diss Express:

TIVETSHALL. THE HARRIERS.

The Shotesham harriers met at the Ram Inn, Tivetshall, on Monday, the veteran Squires Fellowes and his son being, as usual, at the fore. The weather was fine, and a hare was soon started, and excellent sport followed, but only a small field attended.

The Shotesham Harriers, which hunted this district, were established by Mr Fellowes, who was Master of Fox Hounds for Warwickshire from 1826 to 1830.

¹¹ 1871 Census - Class: RG10; Piece: 1835; Folio: 96; Page: 8

¹² 1881 Census - Class: RG11; Piece: 1967; Folio: 95; Page: 4

¹³ Rushall parish, Register of Marriages; Page 50; No. 100

¹⁴ Dickleburgh parish, Register of Burials; Page 87; No. 691

14th January 1890: The Bury and Norwich Post, Page 8:

THE PRISONER BEFORE THE MAGISTRATES.

On Thursday the prisoner, Elijah Snelling, was brought up in custody charged with the murder. The Magistrates present were : Mr. J. S. Holmes (chairman). Rev. J. W. S. Donnison, Dr. Bateman, and Mr. A Taylor. For some time prior to 12 o'clock, the time fixed for hearing of the case, a large number of people assembled near the Police-station and the Court-house, eager to catch a glimpse of the prisoner, and to hear the particulars of the charge against him. Shortly after 12 o'clock the prisoner, guarded by policemen, was taken to the Court-house, which was filled to excess. Throughout the proceedings prisoner was very quiet. Mr. S. Linay appeared for the defence. Mr. Richard Brown, engine proprietor, Tivetshall, and Laura Hardy proved the discovery of the body in the ditch, as above described; and Rosetta Muttocks saw prisoner go across her orchard, where he had no business, about 2 o'clock on Wednesday. Euphemia Hardy, mother of Laura Hardy, saw prisoner on Wednesday between 12 and 1 o'clock in a little field adjoining her garden. He stopped there some time. She saw him there again just before one, when he was throwing stones into the ditch; and again at half-past two in the meadow, when she said to him, "For God's sake, Snelling, your poor mother-in-law is dead in that hole up yonder." He replied. "I hope she is at by now." She said, " For God's sake come and help us to get her out. Me said, I'm old is nothing to me, and I shall not trouble myself about her." While this conversation took place we were walking together towards the high road. When we got to the road I turned towards the Ram Inn, and Snelling went the other way to the left, in the direction of Rushall. Cross-examined : When he was throwing stones into the ditch I did not see any object at which he was throwing; his mouth kept going while he was throwing. I got up from my dinner to see what he was doing. Henry Shibley, of the Ram Inn. Tivetshall, said he saw prisoner about noon within 100 yards of where the body was found. A few minutes after he lost sight of him he heard sounds of "Oh '. Oh ! " and the prisoner's voice at the same time. Five minutes afterwards witness saw him walking away from the spot where the body was found. When he heard Snelling's voice he appeared to be shouting. When he heard the words, ' Oh ! Oh ! " he thought they were uttered by a female. Cross-examined: The prisoner was at his house on Wednesday. He had had some beer, and asked for more, but witness refused to supply it owing to his strange manner. Witness had known prisoner twenty years, and had often talked with him and had found him a little strange, but not so strange as he was on Wednesday morning.

This article related to the murder of a Maria Brown who lived at Pulham. The connection to the Ram Inn was that Elijah Snelling sometimes drank there, the landlord gave evidence at

the inquest and trial and The Ram was used to hold the body prior to the autopsy. Snelling was found guilty and was sentenced to death.

7th March 1890: Diss Express:

The authorities have fixed eight o'clock in the morning of Tuesday, the 25th inst., as the time at which the sentence of the law will be carried out on Elijah Snelling. This has been notified to the prisoner.

1891: The Census¹⁵ shows the new publican, Henry Shibley (37, farmer and innkeeper) living at The Ram Inn, Turnpike Road with his wife Hannah (38) and their 4 children, Emma (11, scholar) Ellen (10, scholar) Walter (7, scholar) Jane (6, scholar), along with a farm servant Elijah Brown (17).

Henry Shibley was born circa 1853¹⁶ in Rushall, the son of Robert and Emma Shibley, and was baptised¹⁷ on 13 August 1854. In 1861¹⁸ and 1871¹⁹ he was living with his parents and his sister Ellen in Rushall.

The 1881²⁰ Census has Henry (27, agricultural labourer) still in Rushall but now married and living with wife Hannah (28, from Isleham in Suffolk) and two children Emma (1) and Ellen (under 1 month old). Henry and Hannah Barber, daughter of George Barber, had marriage banns²¹ read 14, 21 and 28 October 1877, and married²² on 2 November 1877 in Rushall.

Electoral Rolls show Henry as being registered to vote in Rushall in 1888²³ (near Fur Green) and Tivetshall in 1889²⁴ (Furze Green Rushall and Ram Inn) so giving an approximate date when he moved to and became the licensee of The Ram.

1901: Publican Albert Boyce is listed on the 1901 Census²⁵ as a single, 22 year old publican. The address is given as Norwich Road which is not an unreasonable assumption for the address. He is living there with a housekeeper Ann Elizabeth Laws (widow, 41), man servant George Cobb (widower, 75) and 2 boarders, George Gowing (47, tailor) and Henry Gowing (16). The Ram Inn was providing accommodation even then!

¹⁵ 1891 Census - Class: RG12; Piece: 1544; Folio: 185; Page: 9

¹⁶ 1853 Civil Registration – 1853 Q4 Depwade Norfolk Vol 4B Page 177

¹⁷ 1854 Rushall parish baptism – Page 43 No. 344

¹⁸ 1861 Census – Class: RG09; Piece: 1231; Folio: 139; Page: 8

¹⁹ 1871 Census – Class: RG10; Piece: 1833; Folio: 147; Page: 5

²⁰ 1881 Census – Class: RG11; Piece: 1965; Folio: 154; Page: 9

²¹ 1877 Rushall parish marriage banns – No. 189

²² 1877 Rushall parish marriages – Page 40, No. 79

²³ 1888 Electoral Roll, Southern Division of Norfolk, Rushall, Occupational Voter; Page: E4; No. E733

²⁴ 1889 Electoral Roll, Southern Division of Norfolk, Tivetshall St. Mary, Occupational Voter; Page: K24; No. K795

²⁵ 1901 Census - Class: RG13; Piece: 1862; Folio: 107; Page: 7

15th March 1901: From the Norfolk Public Houses website: 'It was reported 15th March 1901 that Albert Boyce had been accused of assaulting Robert Gooderham, platelayer, on 18th February 1901. A fight between the two had led to Boyce producing a gun and pulling the trigger. The wounded Gooderham was ejected from the house and found by a policeman. Having two prior convictions for assaults, Gooderham was ordered to pay the costs of £2 2s and Boyce was fined 10s and 10s costs - Paid.'

17th April 1901: East Anglian Daily Times:

TO BE LET,
With Early Possession,
THE RAM INN, TIVETSHALL.
Fully-licensed Roadside House. With about 4 acres meadow Land.
Apply, E. Lacon and Co., Ltd, Brewery Stores, Diss.

2nd May 1902: Diss Express:

SITUATIONS VACANT.
WANTED a middle-aged Woman of good character to assist in housework. Good home for trustworthy person. - Mrs. Symes, Ram Inn, Tivetshall."

Would current employment law allow this advertisement? Croner-i²⁶ states, "The Equality Act 2010 makes it unlawful for employers to take age into account when recruiting, unless they can show objective justification for their actions". I would have thought 'middle-aged' might be considered ageist.

19th May 1902: The Diss Express and Norfolk and Suffolk Journal:

DRAWING MATCH
Will be held at the
RAM INN, TIVETSHALL,
ON
Whit Monday, May 19th, 1902.
OPEN. Good Prizes to be given.
PRIZE LIST.— 1st copper kettle, 2nd copper kettle, 3rd cooking boiler, 4th five stones flour, 5th spade and shovel, 6th shovel and fork, 7th set of hoes, 8th set of hoes, 9th four-tined fork, 10th shovel.

This appears to be another link between the Ram Inn and agricultural activities. Certainly in my memory there was a 'Tivetshall Old Ram Tractor Club'²⁷ which met there. I've seen

²⁶ Croner-i website: <https://app.croneri.co.uk/topics/>

²⁷ Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/tivetshalloldramtractorclub/>

many events where a group of enthusiasts and their tractors had gathered on the carpark (often on a Sunday?).

1902 to 1905: A Henry George Symes is listed on the Tivetshall St. Mary Electoral Rolls as being at the Old Ram, possibly as the landlord. Henry was born²⁸ circa 1845 and baptised²⁹ 21 January 1846 in Broadclyst, Devon. In the 1901 Census³⁰ he was in Roydon (51, domestic gardener) living with his wife Matilda (50). He died³¹ in 1905, aged 55, but age given does not match date of birth and baptism.

31st May 1902: Norfolk News:

**BEFORE THE MAGISTRATES
DISS - Wednesday.**

(Before Messrs. John Tudor Frere (chairman),
Francis Taylor, T. Keppel, and Steward.)

Robert Gooderham, who did not appear, was summoned for being disorderly and refusing to quit the Ram Inn, Tivetshall, on May 21st. The case was proved by Henry George Symes, the landlord, who stated that defendant was very violent and smashed several mugs. Defendant was fined £2 and 4s, costs, or one month.

24th March 1905: Diss Express:

DISS PETTY SESSIONS. – WEDNESDAY

Before Mr. John Tudor Frere (chairman), Mr. F. Taylor,
Mr. T. Keppel, and Mr. H. T. Chinnery.

LICENSING

The License of the Ram Inn, Tivetshall, was endorsed from the late H. G. Symes to Eustace Goddard (formerly of Palgrave) until the Transfer Day.

1907 - 1909: Electoral Rolls give a Eustace Goddard entitled to vote (occupational voter) in Tivetshall, the qualifying property is Ram Inn. No other reference in these Rolls is made of the Ram Inn so Eustace was probably the landlord. The 1910 Roll³² shows Eustace as being in Burston at the Crown Inn. The 1911 Census³³ confirms this with Eustace listed as an innkeeper at the Crown Inn, Burston, living with wife and daughter. Was Eustace a 'professional' innkeeper?

²⁸ 1845 Civil Registration – 1845 Q4 St. Thomas Devon Vol 10 Page 215

²⁹ 1846 Broadclyst Devon parish baptisms – Page: 65; No.: 516

³⁰ 1901 Census - Class: RG13; Piece: 1865; Folio: 99; Page: 21

³¹ 1905 Civil Registration, death – 1905 Q4 Depwade Vol 4B Page 160

³² 1910 Electoral Roll, Southern Division of Norfolk, Burston, Occupational Voter; Page: H3; No. H42

³³ 1911 Census – Burston - RG14 PN11448 RD230 SD2 ED6 SN87

1911: The 1911 Census³⁴ shows Walter Aldous (30) is the innkeeper at The Ram, Tivetshall St. Mary, living with wife Lucy (32) and their 3 children, Walter (6), Winifred (6) and Doris (4). He was born circa 1881 in Stuston, Suffolk, son of Walter and Susannah.

13th April 1917: Diss Express:

**DISS PETTY SESSIONS.
WEDNESDAY.**

Before Mr. R.A. Bryant (chairman) and Mr. M. C. Humphrey.

LICENSING.

The License of the Greyhound Inn, Diss, was transferred from Walter Garnham to Robert Agus, and that of the Ram Inn, Tivetshall, from Walter Edward Aldous, who has joined the forces, to his wife, Lucy Mary Aldous.

Walter enlisted on 24 June 1916, called up for service 13 March 1917 and joined the Royal Garrison Artillery at Rugeley Barracks on 9 May 1917, gunner, service no. 159992. He was demobbed on 2 March 1919.

25th January 1922, Wednesday: From the Norfolk Public Houses website: "The licensee of the Old Ram was one of twelve in the area charged with allowing gambling games on licensed premises at Christmas. The Bench accepted that the breaking of the law was in ignorance and all were bound over at £5 each for one year and to pay costs of either 16/- or 10/- costs each, depending if two or only one witness had been required to attend."

12th February 1932: Diss Express:

**HARLESTON PETTY SESSIONS.
No Driving Licence.**

Doris Aldous, a single woman of the Ram Inn, Tivetshall St. Mary, was summoned for driving a motor cycle without a driving licence and also with riding a motor cycle when not covered by insurance at Pulham St. Mary on January 17th The Magistrates decided to impose a fine of 6/6 including costs in each case.

12th January 1934: Diss Express:

**TIVETSHALL
OLD RESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY.**

We have received the following item of news from Calgary Alberta, Canada:

³⁴ 1911 Census – Tivetshall St. Mary - RG14 PN11440 RD230 SD1 ED15 SN37

'A pleasant surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mayhew in honour of Mrs Mayhew's father Mr. H. Shibley's 80th birthday. The evening was spent at whist the honours going to Mrs. O. Goode and Mr. Bernard Webster: consolation to Mrs Kitson and Mr. Beckett.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. O. Goode, Miss Chrissie Goode, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. J Longdon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hambling, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harrison, Mrs. L. Whiteley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Whiteley, Mr. and Mrs. W. Mayhew, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Mayhew, Mrs. E. Kitson and Miss Newell.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Eagland, Mr. and Mrs. B. Webster, Miss Mary Webster, Mr. and Mrs. A. Painting, Miss Violet Painting, Mrs. B. Moore, Mr. and Mrs Beckett, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mayhew, Mr. W. Bamford, Mr. and Mrs. D. Vance and Master Fred Mayhew.'

Mr. Shibley was born at Rushall and for many years was the licensee of the Ram Inn at Tivetshall.'

1939: The 1939 National Register³⁵ for Tivetshall shows Walter Aldous, born 13 October 1880, widowed, at The Ram Inn. His occupation is given as 'publican (smallholder)'.

1954 - 1985: The premises were a private house - occupants unknown.

July 1985: The Old Ram became a public house again and was run by Laurie & Geoff Wise.

Spring 1987: Taken over by John Trafford. It was run as a pub/restaurant and began offering accommodation.

16th May 2016: Grahame & Victoria MacDonald took over the business and are there to this day (2021), offering food, beverages and accommodation.



³⁵ 1939 National Registration – Tivetshall St. Mary - RG101/6542A/011/38 Letter Code: TREH

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Useful sources of information:

- Ancestry : <https://www.ancestry.co.uk/> (subscription site)
- British Genealogy : <https://www.british-genealogy.com/>
- Clergy of the Church of England : <https://theclergydatabase.org.uk/>
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission : <https://www.cwgc.org/>
- Family Search : <https://www.familysearch.org/en/>
- Findmypast : <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/> (subscription site)
- Forces War Records : <https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/> (subscription site)
- FreeBMD : <https://www.freebmd.org.uk/>
- FreeCEN : <https://www.freecen.org.uk/>
- FreeReg : <https://www.freereg.org.uk/>
- Lost Cousins : <https://www.lostcousins.com/>
- Naval & Military Archive : <http://www.nmarchive.com/>
- Norfolk Baptism Project : <http://tinstaafl.co.uk/nbp/index.htm>
- Norfolk Family History Society : <https://www.norfolkfhs.org.uk/> (subscription site)
- Norfolk Mills : <http://www.norfolk Mills.co.uk/>
- Norfolk Records Office : <https://www.archives.norfolk.gov.uk/>
- Roll of Honour : <http://www.roll-of-honour.com/>
- Scotlands People : <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/> (subscription site)
- World Burial Index : <http://www.worldburialindex.com/>

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