

## The Queen's Head, Kirkby Malzeard. 1835.

Whilst going through documents at North Yorkshire County Records Office (NYCRO) I came across a poster telling of the  
**Sale of The Queen's Head at Kirkby Malzeard to be held on 9th November 1835.**

Being born at Kirkby, I took a closer look. It was owned by Mr **Gill** at the time, and there were several cottages tenanted out, included in the sale. All very interesting. ....

However, I was folding it up to put away, when I noticed on the back of the poster was a hand-drawn diagram of the properties involved. It shows that there was a passage through between the public house and the two cottages into the yard. These cottages were most likely to have been inhabited by some of the names mentioned on the poster. The Cottage or Tenement in the occupation of William **Cass** must have been the garden, out-offices and house behind the pub which is on Church Street. Not sure about the long strip that widens out down the side into the back yard. An alley way perhaps.

**Recorded on the 1841 census**, there is Henry **Buckle** aged 70, a butcher with Ellen Buckle 30 and Mary 2.

John **Spence** is 35 and a shoemaker with Ann 35, Mary 12, Thomas 10, Elizabeth 8, Alice 6 and William 2  
John **Shepherd** is aged 70 and a Common Cryer.

There is no William **Pratt**, but there are two children named Maria Pratt aged 7 and Abraham Pratt 12.  
(Further research finds there was an Abraham Pratt, Gentleman, in 1848)

William **Cass** was 40 and a sadler, with Elizabeth 35, Isabella 12, John 8, Mary 3 and Charles 1.  
It mentions three John **Gill's**, with their families, aged 39, 40 and 70. They were all stonemasons.

Further research states that in the early 1880's Robert **Ascough** was at the Queen's Head, and in 1851 and 1861 the innkeeper was William **Wood**.

The date on the end of the pub building today, at the top of the steps is 1882, maybe that is when they incorporated the passageway to make one building? Around the same time another public house called The Manor House was knocked down.

It stood on the corner of the cross roads next to Garden House and was run by George **Musgrave**. It is thought that Tomyns **Dickins**, Barrister, living at Mowbray House didn't want a public house on his land!

The Alms Houses were built 1848.

If you have found any of this interesting, or have anything to add, please contact me through the website.

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# Kirkby-Malzeard.

TO BE  
**SOLD BY AUCTION,**  
By **Mr. John Harland,**

UPON THE PREMISES,  
**on Monday, the 9th of November, 1835,**  
AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON,

*Subject to such Conditions as will be then and there produced, and altogether such Lots as shall be agreed upon at the time of sale.*

ALL THAT

**Old-established Inn**

OR

# Public House

KNOWN BY THE SIGN OF THE

## QUEEN'S HEAD,

*situate in Kirkby-Malzeard aforesaid.*  
Together with the Stables, Brewhouse, Yard, Garden, and Perviousness  
behind the same, now in the occupation of **Mr. John Gill, the Owner.**

And also all those several Dwelling

# HOUSES

OR TENEMENTS,

With the Outbuildings thereto belonging, situate near to the said Public House, now in the occupation of  
**Henry Buckle, William Pratt, John Shepherd, and John Spence,** as tenants thereof.

AND ALSO ALL THAT

# Cottage or Tenement

With the Out-Offices, Garth, and Garden adjoining, situate in Kirkby-Malzeard aforesaid, and occupied  
by **William Cass,** as tenant.

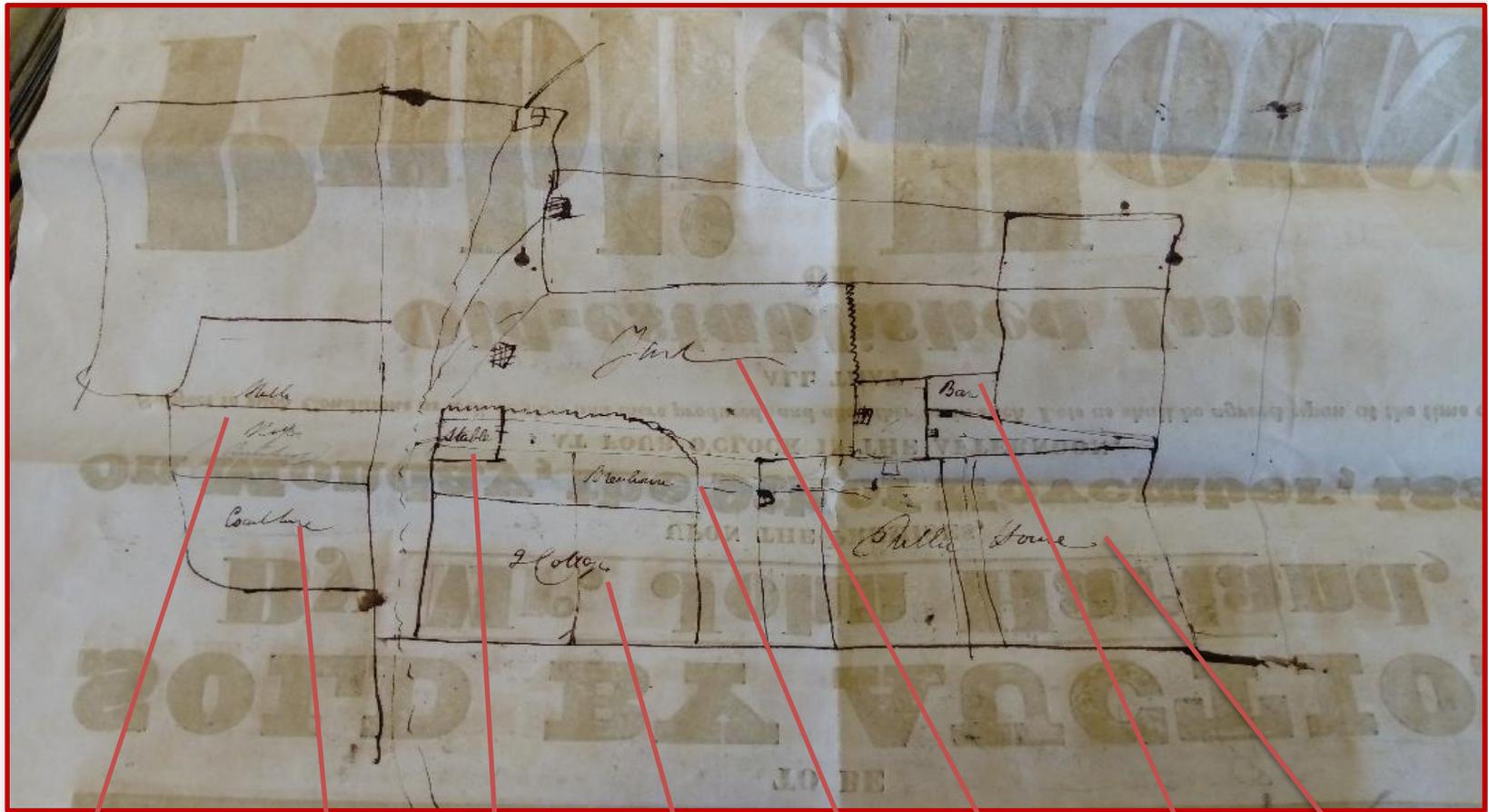
The Property is Freehold of Inheritance, comprises an extent of ground behind the said Public  
House, and is well adapted for any person desirous to carry on the Brewing Trade.

**MR. JOHN GILL,** the Owner, will shew the premises, and further particulars may be had on  
application to

**Mr. John Calvert, Solicitor, Masham.**

*Masham, 20th October, 1835.*

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Stable Block  
(Butcher)

Coach  
House.

Stables

2 Cottages

Brew  
House

Yard

Barn

Public  
House

Hand drawn diagram on the back of the poster

*'In the year 1848, the first idea of a Mechanics Institute sprung up in Kirkby Malzeard. After which a small building, then standing in the garden behind the old wooden stocks on the south side of the Market Cross, was engaged for the purpose, this was soon found to be too small, hence the present building which was completed by voluntary subscription in the year 1852. The chief promoters being, Robert Gatenby, William Bonwell and Thomas Hudson.*

*Tickets for opening of institute 'To be had of Messers Bonwell, [Abrahm]Pratt, [Gentleman]Wood, Gill, Crabtree, Russell, Helliwell, Hudson (Secretary) at the Institution. N B. The number of tickets is limited.'*

*By K Bumstead*









