

## Bishopwearmouth Pubs Profile (Unlisted but extant) – Establishment

Project Pub REF: 010

Location: [Streeview, 2019](#).

NGR: NZ 39234 56938

**Name of Pub:** Establishment

**Any previous names?:** Baroque

**Any explanation of the pub's name or changes of name?:** It is suggested in the Bishopwearmouth Village Atlas that the previous name Baroque was reflective of a ghoulish theme, reflecting the existence of the crypt beneath it (Bishopwearmouth Village Atlas, 2021).

**Current Photographs:**



© Sam Neal, August 2022. Photograph showing Establishment.

**What did it look like in the past?:** Unfortunately, no historic photographs were uncovered as part of this research.

**Extract from Bishopwearmouth Village Atlas:** The Rain's Eye Plan suggests that in 1785, this was Mr Ayre's premises, with a courtyard to the rear comprising either outbuildings or possibly small houses.

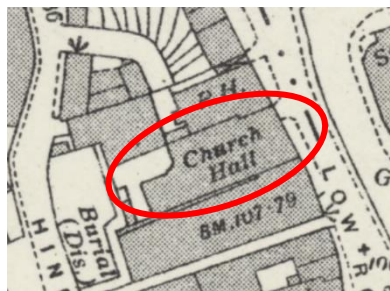
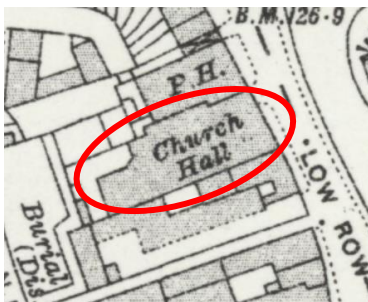
By the early 19<sup>th</sup> century Bishopwearmouth Churchyard was "hopelessly congested" according to Corder. Consequently, land was bought on the west side of Low Row in 1806 for an extension. At the Low Row end of the site, burial vaults were constructed to enable construction of a school. Corder remarked that this was "a nice sanitary arrangement for the scholars. The new churchyard and the vaults cost £439. 2s. 7d not included land (Corder, Low Row HER 163). Those interred in the graveyard included victims of the cholera outbreak of 1830, the Infirmary having been established on the west side of Hind Steret in 1822 (C A Smith, Sunderland Echo 9<sup>th</sup> December, 1971). It ceased to be used for burials in 1851 (Blue plaque attached to the retaining wall of the Minster)

**National School:** The National School of Bishopwearmouth, a charity school, was built by subscription at a cost of £500 and opened in 1808. The number of pupils educated there is not really known for certain, as one source says 150 boys and 100 girls (James Burnett The History of Sunderland 1830). Whilst another said that in 1819 there were upwards of 500 pupils (Corder on Low Row citing Garbutt's history of 1819). The school was operated on the Madra System, whereby more able pupils 'help' the teacher to teach the less able (Surtees Vol 1 page 253). The most distinguished pupil there was Tommy Sanderson, born in an alley off Low Row in 1808.

Following the demolition of the Rectory, a new Church of England National School was opened in 1863 in Paley Street to cater for the ever growing local population. (Tyne and Wear Archives reference: E. SU 53). In 1912 the Low Row School premises were being used as a joiner's shop and the building was demolished the following year to enable construction of a Church Hall over the crypt on the site; this building still survives. After it ceased to be used as the Church Hall, it finally became a public house in around 1988. Initially called Baroque it had a ghoulish theme, reflecting the existence of the crypt beneath it; it is now Establishment (Corder p335 part of HER 163).

**Building Description:** Establishment is a two storey public house of brick construction with a painted and pebble dash rendered first floor. The principal elevation is symmetrical and comprises a central, recessed entrance with painted timber pilasters and moulded timber porch. This is flanked by two 3/3 mullioned and transomed style timber windows, with the upper three having leaded lights. To the first floor, there are 5 timber casement windows with which have painted timber sills and dentils. Above these windows is a large, projecting gable with applied timber paneling in a mock Tudor style.

#### Map regression



**Map 1** - 1919 Ordnance Survey Map (25") [Accessed via National Library of Scotland].

**Map 2** - 1946 Ordnance Survey Map (25") [Accessed via National Library of Scotland].

**Map 3** - Modern Ordnance Survey Map (25") [Accessed via Historic England, Search the List].

The first reference to the current building is on the 1919 OS map, where it is noted as a Church Hall, more than likely used to serve St Michael's Church directly adjacent. This replaced an earlier 'Institute' building on the same site. There is very little change that has occurred by 1946, however the adjoining building to the south had either been demolished or incorporated into a new, rectangular building. There is little mapping evidence for the period between 1946 and modern OS mapping, however in the intervening years has undergone no notable change.

#### How long has it been a pub?

The building was originally constructed as a Church Hall in approx. 1912, to serve the St Michael's Church directly adjacent. There are conflicting sources on when the building started being used as a public house, with the Bishopwearmouth Village Atlas suggesting that it became a public house in approximately 1988, (Bishopwearmouth Village Atlas) and Ron Lawson suggesting 1998 (Ron Lawson).

#### Who worked here?

The following information has been extracted from Ron Lawsons A Historic Look At The Pubs of Bishopwearmouth.

**Owner :** Sir John Fitzgerald

#### License Holder:

14<sup>th</sup> Oct 1997 – Mathew Aldis and Michael Garrett

11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2001 – Timothy J. Knight & Carl Adam Hornsby

10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2002 – Timothy J. Knight & David Michael Rawlinson

11 Jan 2005 – David Rawlinson & Jill Sedgwick.

Present: Camerons Brewery

**Who drank here?** Unfortunately, there is limited evidence to suggest who might drink at Establishment, however, Camerons Brewery do note that it is in a key student area (<https://cameronsbrewery.com/property/establishment-sunderland/>)

#### Brewery link

Establishment is currently owned by Camerons Brewery. Camerons Brewery was established by John William Cameron in 1865 and it is now the largest independent brewer in the North East of England (<https://cameronsbrewery.com/>).

#### Story timeline:

All images accessed via British Newspaper Archives unless otherwise specified.

**M**—A handsome new church hall of the Bishopwearmouth Parish was opened in Low Row

**February 1914 – Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette:** 'Handsome' new church hall is opened.

#### A BABY'S DEATH.

Coroner Burnicle last night held an inquest at the Church Hall, Bishopwearmouth, on a newly-born child, the son of Nicholas Boyes, labourer, living at 49, South Durham Street, which occurred yesterday. Mrs Healey, certified midwife,

April 1914 – *Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette*: Inquest into a baby's death is held at the Church Hall.

1874 — 55th ANNIVERSARY BAZAAR — 1929  
OF THE SOCIETY OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY,  
(in aid of its Social and Preventive work in this country).  
HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL, LOW BOW, BISHOPWEARMOUTH  
ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13th and 14th.  
Wednesday November 13th, 2.30. Mrs Dawson-Walker, the College Durham Prob. Wynne Wilson, R.D. will preside. Thursday, November 14th, 2.30: Bazaar to be opened by Mrs P. W. Hilton, Rev. A. Mackay presiding. Competitions, Adults and Children, Stalls, Side-Shows, etc. Sketch. Programmes at the above hall.

November 1929 – *Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette*: Church of England Temperance Society holds its 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bazaar at the Church Hall. Ironic given the later use of the building.



November 1936 – *Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette*: Form Films hold a viewing at the Church Hall.

Formation of a Christian Council for Sunderland, which would be able to voice the opinion of all the churches of the town—Anglican and Non-conformist—on all public questions and issues, was advocated by the Rural Dean (Canon Edgar Jackson), speaking from the chair at a joint meeting of Wearmouth Ruri-decanal Conference and representatives of the Free Churches held last night in the Church Hall, Bishopwearmouth.

March 1942 – *Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette*: New Christian Council hold meeting at the Church Hall.

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