

F&DHS Heritage Shop Project 2017



• **105 Main Street** •

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At one time there was a beerhouse here set back from the road. It was known as The Stag but later became The White Hart. William Holland was both the landlord and a potato dealer in the 1861 census.

The Victorian Commercial Hotel building in 2008

The hotel was probably built in the 1860s as by 1871 William Holland was described as the licensee of the Commercial Hotel.

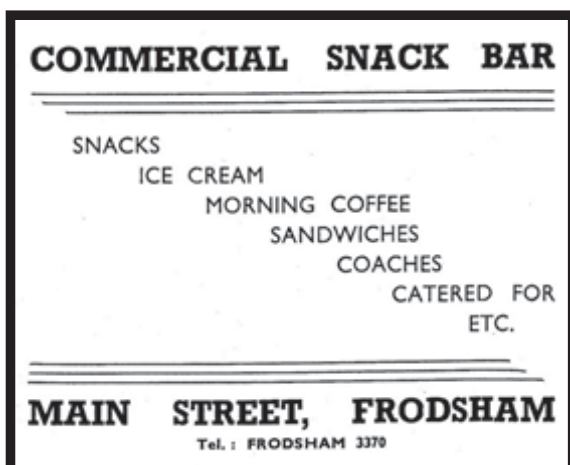
The hotel occupied the left hand side of this imposing building as far as the drainpipe. There was a snug, lounge and kitchen on the ground floor with a club room above.



'Britannia' outside Commercial Hotel probably during a 1920s Carnival

The kitchen was used by "females for drinking purposes" in the early 20th century, which was frowned on by the licencing authorities. The club room was frequently used by local Masonic Lodges and the Cholmondeley Lodge was consecrated there in 1881.

Ad 1960



The Commercial had many landlords over the years. William Henshaw, an enterprising landlord in the late 19th century, used to organise picnic parties arranging everything including the transport. When the Commercial was forced to close in 1939, the landlord was Mr H. J. Wilson. Mrs Wilson ran it as a bed and breakfast until 1946 when she opened the Commercial Snack Bar.

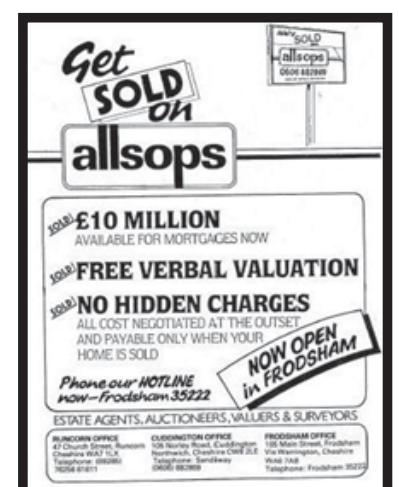
In 1952 Mrs Wilson bought the premises from Greenall's, who had owned it since 1872. When the café closed in 1965, Mrs Wilson divided the property into two.

The left hand side became a branch of Barclay's Bank. When they moved into newer and larger premises next to the Bear's Paw, Oxton's, an electrical shop moved in. Oxton's closed in 2010 and B.Unique, ladies hairstylists, opened in 2014.

The right hand side was Anne Hargreaves' dress shop before Allsops Estate Agents opened their Frodsham branch here in 1985. Hunter's Estate Agents opened their business here in 2014.



Ad 1995



Ad 1985