

*A very brief history of Essex Lodge*  
*Farm Lane, All Stretton*  
**1664-1970**



The story begins with John Clee who in **1664** took ownership of the land and house, which much later became known as Essex Lodge. John and his wife Elizabeth lived in the house for 12 years but sadly died within **7 days** of each other in October **1676**. It is not known what they died of but smallpox, blackdeath, TB are all possibilities.

In his will John bequeathed to his wife Elizabeth;  
1 bed frame, 1 feather mattress, 1 bed bolster, 1 chest with linens, 1  
brass pot and 1 little kettle. “That she brought with her when I married  
her” A most generous husband....although he did throw in 6 sheep at a  
value of 18 shillings !



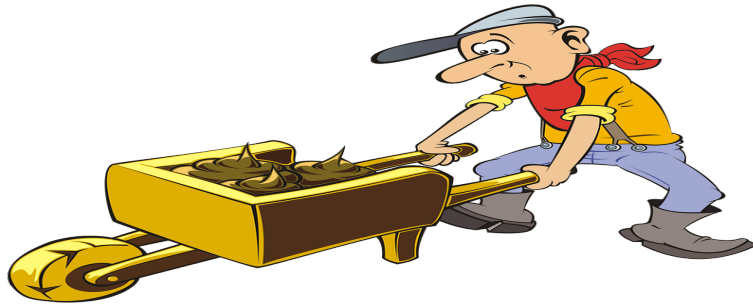
In **1788** Essex Lodge and Old Hall Farm was sold to Isacc Jones of Frodesley. Both properties were then tenanted by Thomas Starr, hence the naming of Starr lane.



**1809** saw a change of ownership to John Broome of Church Stretton who was an Innkeeper; this is the first reference to the premises being used as a public house.



**1841** saw Richard Edwards and his wife Helen move in and run the pub and farm the land for around 40 years. They had 11 children and some of these ran other services from the premises. These included;



A delivery service,



a wheelwright,



and a dressmaker.

Following Richard's death around **1880** Helen and May (daughter) ran the New Inn for 4-5 years before Charles Hince from Muslow took over in **1890**. Charles describes himself as a farmer and corn miller and in **1891** the name of the house changed on records ( census) to **Essex Lodge**.



The Hince family lived in Essex Lodge for 24 years and several generations. In **1911** Humphrey Butters, stepson, and, the younger boy in the picture, is recorded as a 13 year old schoolboy in the census.



**1915** saw Dr John McClintock purchase the house. Dr McClintock was the proprietor of the Grove lunatic asylum on the opposite side of Shrewsbury Road and, from census records, he did not live in the house.

During the **1920's** and **30's** the house was occupied by a range of different people including; Edith Powell (nurse) and Ida Taylor (serving maid) who perhaps rented rooms.



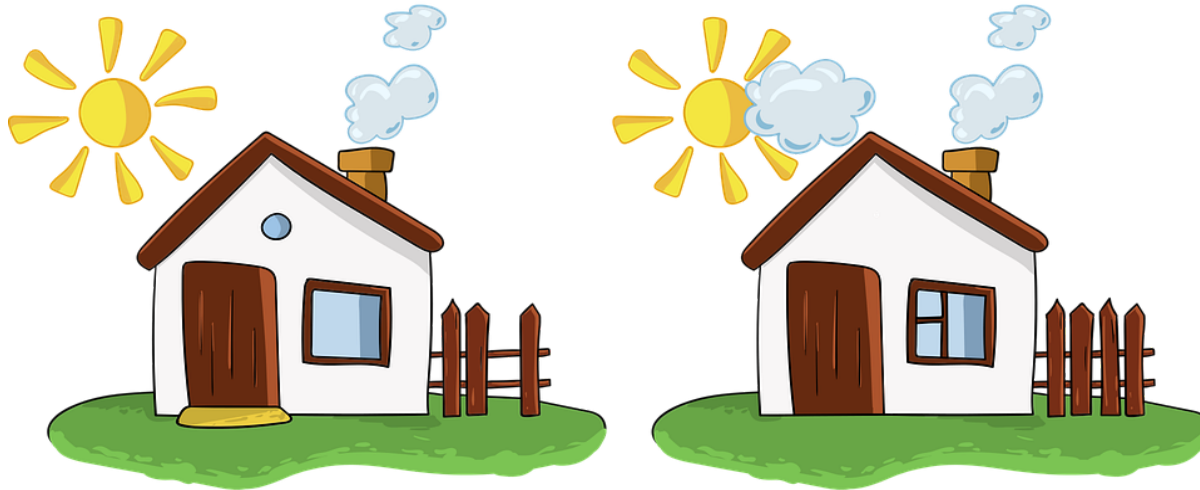
**1939 -1945** saw the Lodge used as a NAAFI. (Navy, Army, & Air Force) by troops living in All Stretton, including the Royal Artillery.



The huts on the lawns were used for whist drives.



**1952** saw the property divided into two separate dwellings;



Essex Lodge & Essex cottage, as they are today. They were occupied by the Mahon family through the 1950's.

In 1970 the McClintock family trustees sold the properties.

The current occupants of Essex Lodge are the Crump family and long may they reign.

