



# The Church INN

## ❖ Pub Walk ❖

### *A little bit of history*

*Prior to the Romans invading Britain, Mobberley was part of a huge forest which stretched from Delamere to Macclesfield. During the Roman invasion, a large section of forest was cut down and Mobberley was first created.*

*The first records of Mobberley Parish appeared in the Domesday Book in 1086 as Motburlege, an Anglo-Saxon spelling with a hidden meaning. 'Mot' means a meeting, 'burgh' a town or village and 'lege' an open tract of country. Since then the village was known as Moberlehe until 1170 and later as Malberley in 1550.*

*The main landowners in the 1600s were the families Leigh, Leycester and Egerton, but for many years the Mallory family were the Lords of the Manor.*

*Records suggest that during the seventeenth and eighteenth century the Church Inn was known as The Bull's Head and The Wright Arms respectively. It is thought that there was a tavern on the site of the Church Inn prior to the present building.*

*In 1753 the Inn had been rebuilt and was known as the Bull's Head. During 1803 John and Hannah Wright came to live here. At this time there were two Bull's Heads in Mobberley, consequently in 1813 it was decided that this site should be renamed The Church House. In 1815 The Church House became The Wright Arms, named after this local predominate family in the village. Hannah Wright died in this building on 28th June 1825 and her 'presence' can be felt today within the old walls of the pub!*

### *How to get there*

**Address for SatNavs:** The Church Inn, Church Lane, Mobberley, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 7RD  
**Tel.** 01565 873178

**Local Directions:** Mobberley straddles the B5085 between Knutsford and Wilmslow. The road dips through a hollow on the Wilmslow side of the village you turn at the well positioned Brown signs marked Church Inn. Drive 800 meters up Church Lane and we are opposite St. Wilfred's Church. Be aware of the bend in the road as it can be dangerous when you pull in to the car park.

**Parking:** The Church Inn has a large car park.

**Length of our Pub Walk:** Approximately 4 miles.



Circa 1715

## The walk

- 1.** Enter the Church Inn's car park and on the left you'll see a metal kissing gate, leading into a field. Enter the field and cross diagonally right towards the two kissing gates you can see in the distance. Take the gate on the right (the one straight ahead of you) and head straight through the following field, keeping the hedges to your left.
- 2.** Go through another kissing gate until you emerge on a grassy path with farm buildings ahead of you. Carry on along this track until it reaches a road – this is Newton Hall Lane. Carefully cross and turn left. Walk along the pavement until you see a sign on your right for the Friends of Nature Burial Ground. Turn right here.
- 3.** Walk until you reach a finger post sign on your left with a sign on it saying 'Private Land – parking for visitors to graves only' and a sign ahead of you saying 'footpath to Moss Lane avoiding cattle'. Keep going straight (you're heading to Moss Lane, avoiding the cattle!)
- 4.** You pass some houses and the path narrows. It emerges on a country road – this is Moss Lane. Turn right here. Walk to the end of the lane until you reach a main road. Turn right here and keep walking until you reach the main road – this is Knutsford Road.
- 5.** Turn left and walk carefully down the road (cars come fast on here) until you have Sunny Bank Farm on your right and an ivy-clad building next to it. Go through the doorway on the building and continue straight. Cross the stile and keep walking until you reach two stiles together. Go over both of these and cross the field diagonally. Upon reaching another stile, cross this and cross Swim Brook, then go over the next stile.
- 6.** Pass a pond on your left hand side, keep the stables to your right and walk towards the main road. Cross the road, go over the bridge and veer to the right, taking the gravel track on your right. Look for the metal kissing gate on your right (if you reach the farm buildings you've gone too far!), go through this and enter the field. Continue over the stile ahead of you and follow the path until you reach another stile. Cross this and turn right.
- 7.** Keep the fence to your right and walk towards the houses you can see in the distance. Go through the kissing gate and take the path through the housing complex. Turn right immediately after the row of houses and enter the car park. Go through a metal kissing gate to your left.



- 8.** Keep the hedge to your right and walk through the field until you reach a wooden bridge and some stepping stones – cross these. Once over the stile ahead of you, head diagonally to your right, heading towards the gate and a gravel track. Follow this track to the end where you will find yourselves at our Bull's Head and Roebuck Inn – get yourself a well-deserved drink and have a rest!
- 9.** Walk down Mill Lane with the Bull's Head to your left. At the end of the lane, carefully cross the road and go over the stile ahead of you. Walk straight ahead to a gate immediately in front of you and go through this, then head diagonally across the field to another stile – cross this.
- 10.** Walk along the edge of the field, keeping the fence to your right, until you reach a wooden bridge – cross this. It can get a little muddy here when there's been rain, so be careful!
- 11.** Climb the hill opposite you and, keeping the fence on your right, skirt round the edge of Moberley Cricket Field until you reach the kissing gate by St. Wilfrid's Church. Go through this then immediately take a left and walk along the grassy path leading to the wooden gate in the graveyard. Walk through the graveyard, taking a left when you reach the church entrance and exit through the lynch gate on the other side of the church. Carefully cross the road and you're back at the Church Inn for another drink!



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