

Tales involving the White Lion at Hankelow related by Ray Smith (Boden)

George Dutton had a wooden leg and in the White Lion they liked to trick strangers by getting him to sing 'the green eye of the little yellow God of Kathmandu' and when the line came up about the knife he would stab himself in his wooden leg much to the visitors' horror.

. The present Hankelow chapel was built on land donated by Chris Williamson and everyone contributed. The bricklayers were father and son known as 'Major' Shenton and 'Jack the lad'. As they spent the lunchtime from 11am to 2pm in the White Lion the chapel became known as the 'Drunken Chapel'.

Joby Buckley was the postman up there and he had a dog he would take into the White Lion. If he clicked his fingers at the dog then anyone that moved he'd have their leg off. Joby did this one day and when Reg Banks entered, the dog snarled at him. Reg went back round to his house (he lived with Ma Cartwright) and came back with his shotgun. He cocked it and wafted it round the room, everyone ducked their heads and Reg said 'Right now click him Joby if you dare'. It was like the wild West.

Joe Clark of Woolfall would collect dead animals in a wheel barrow but would drop in at the pub and leave them outside. Ray remembers as a boy seeing a dead calf with its tongue lolling out. Joe wobbled home with them with a string round his neck to help with the barrow.