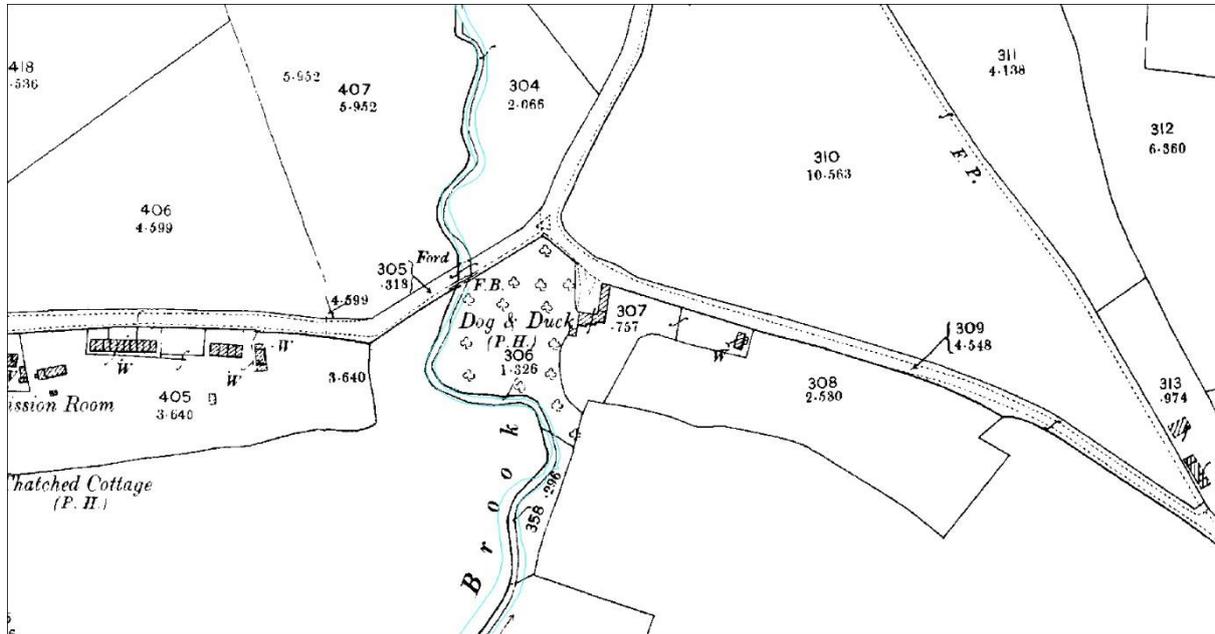


## Emmbrook Pubs

Over the years there have been quite a few pubs that have been situated close to the Emm Brook. As far as I am aware only 3 of them are still trading as pubs these are:

### Dog and Duck



(Extract from 1899 OS Map)

The Dog and Duck at Emmbrook started life as a beer house. Absolom Deane received the first license in 1851 when he was 80 years old (and described in the census as a gardener A **beerhouse** was a type of public house created in the United Kingdom by the 1830 Beerhouse Act, legally defined as a place "where beer is sold to be consumed *on* the premises". Existing public houses were issued with licenses by local magistrates under the terms of the Retail Brewers Act 1828, and were subject to police inspections at any time of the day or night Proprietors of the new beerhouses, on the other hand, simply had to buy a license from the government costing two guineas per annum, equivalent to about £150 . Until the Wine and Beerhouse Act 1869 gave local magistrates the authority to renew beerhouse licenses, the two classes of establishment were in direct competition. The Brakspears Brewery bought it in 1857.

It has had many Landlords since that time. In 1861 the census shows Mary Deane as Landlord. Stevens Directory of 1871 has Daniel Cullimore in charge. Kelly's Directory has Charles Talbot as Landlord from 1884 to at least 1895. In Kelly's Directory of 1899 Frederick Langman is Landlord. The 1901 census has William Knapp as landlord, whilst by 1903 John Cullimore is landlord until at least 1911 when it appears it's taken over by William Thomas Cullimore until at least 1924. In 1928 William George Aldridge is landlord and he is replaced in 1931 by Mrs Florence Aldridge till at least 1939. In 1956 till at least 1957-58 it's in the ownership of E H Foreman according to the Times

Directory and by 1962 the landlord is T Mann.



Photo from possibly 1901

### **Rifle Volunteer**

The Rifle Volunteer is the final incarnation of a pub that has been in the area for a long time, it has formally been:

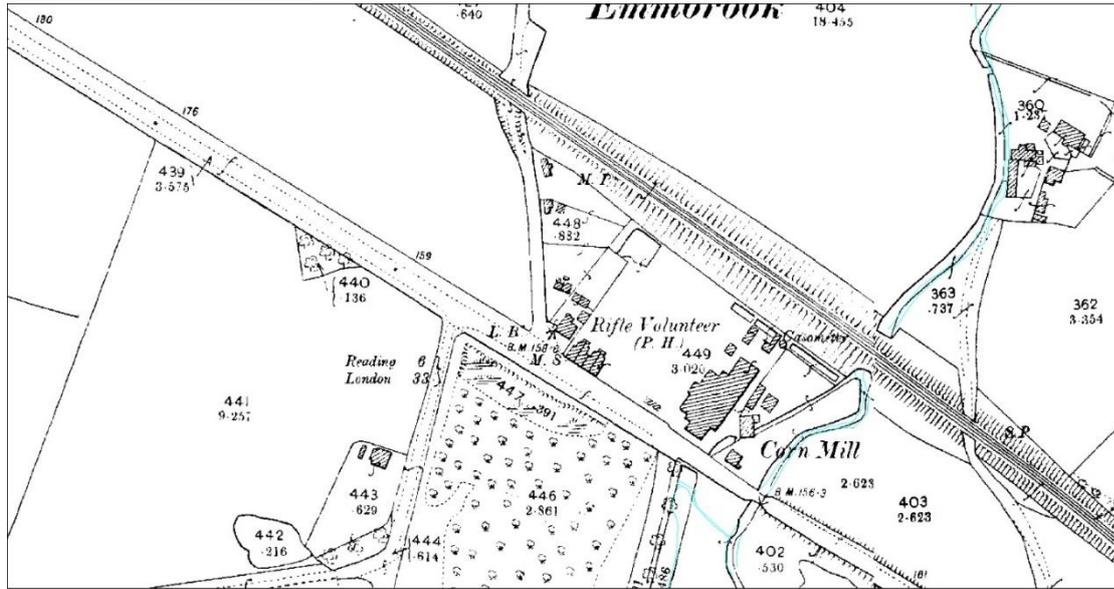
### **Little Mill**

It appears that the building was both a mill and a public house occupied by William Watmore and his wife in 1841. In 1851 William is still living at the same place but he is described as a Publican – of the Horse and Groom. The Mill was situated adjacent to the Emm Brook at the current site of Pearl's car lot on Reading Road near Woosehill roundabout.

### **Horse and Groom**

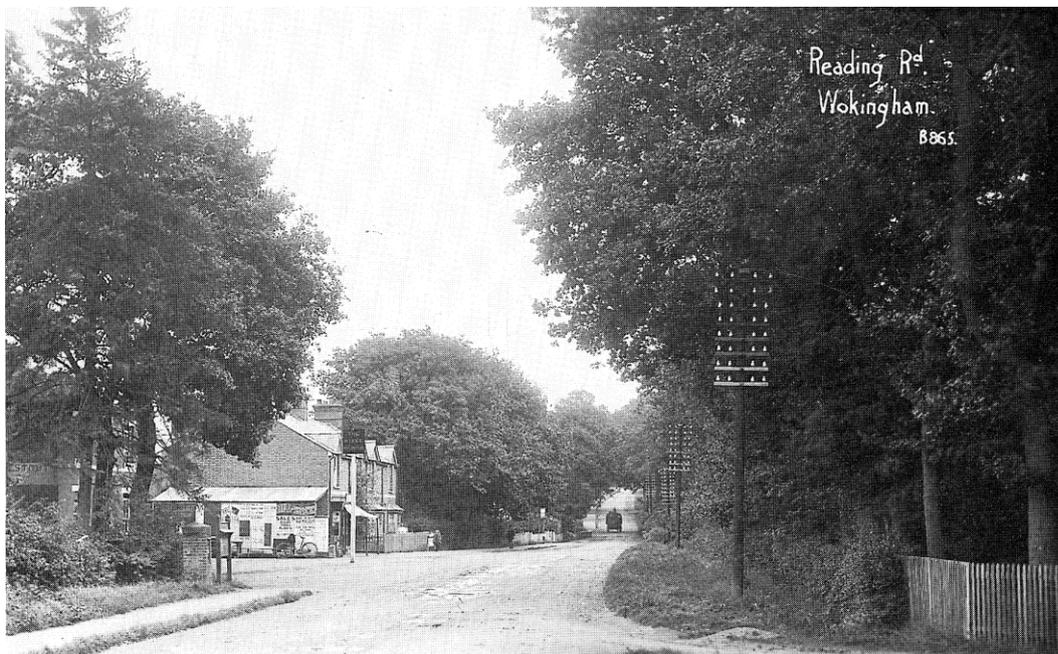
This appears to be the fore runner for the Rifle Volunteer and probably evolved as a result of Little Mill. From 1840-1854 the Horse and Groom was run by William Watmore and his wife Ann. Listings can be found in Robsons, Slaters, Billings and the Post Office Directories of this time. They also appear on the 1851 census as Publican and wife.

## The Volunteer/ Rifleman



(Extract from OS Map 1899)

Known as the Rifleman or the Volunteer before 1883. It is believed that the Rifleman was built in 1860. In 1861 it was run by Eli Fischer and was then taken over by William Waite from 1863 to 1877. The next recorded landlord/Owner is David Exell an Engine Driver at the Paper Mill between 1881 - 1884. In 1887 -91, Kellys Directory shows George Rabourn as owner with him being on the 1891 census at the Rifleman Inn. In 1901 the Rifle Volunteer belonged to Nicholsons Brewery of Maidenhead.

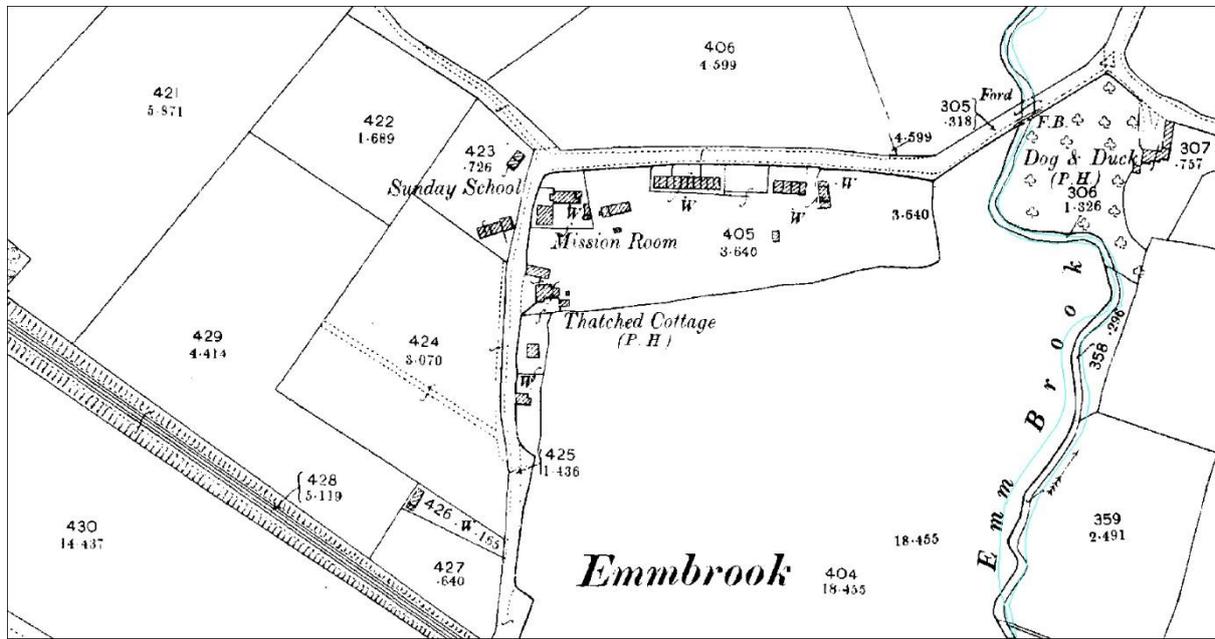


(Photo showing Rifle Volunteer date unknown)

## Emmbrook Inn

The Emmbrook Inn is the current manifestation of the Thatched Cottage

## Thatched Cottage



(Extract from OS Map 1899)

The original public house was a thatched cottage, hence the name which was probably built in the early 19th century. It was bought by Simonds, the Reading Brewer, in 1866 and rebuilt just before 1901. By 2011, the Thatched Cottage still exists as a pub, but now officially under the name of the 'Emmbrook Inn'. Publicans have been in 1881 -1884 William Mason, taken over by David Mason in 1887 as per Kelly's Directory. From 1891- 1911 the landlord was William Knapp. It was then taken over by Arthur Cinn in 1915, W.H.Weaver in 1920, Fred Flaxman in 1924, Sidney Albert Saunders in 1928 and William H Daniels in 1931. Alfred Gibbs took over in 1935 and from 1956 it was Miss E V Gibbs who was in charge.

The following pubs have all been confined to history:

### The Beehive

This pub is in Emmbrook somewhere and is last mentioned in 1900.

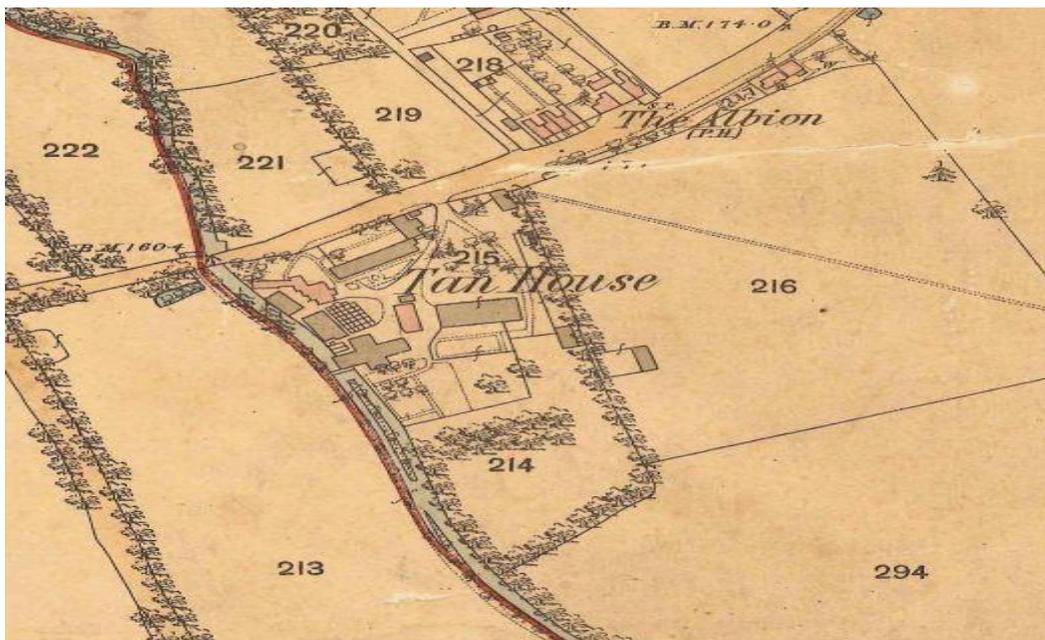
### Pin and Bowl





### The Albion

The Albion was on Barkham Road, roughly near where Alma court is at present. In the 1861 census it is shown that Thomas Angell is a Tailor and Inn Keeper with his wife Elizabeth. In 1863 Thomas Miles is owner as per the Duttons Directory. James Miles would appear to be the owner between 1864-1866 as information from the Kelly's and Casseys Directories. It appears to disappear in 1880.



(Extract from 1871 map )

**The Alma**

This pub was on Barkham Road until at least 1850 and may well have been on the site above prior to The Albion.

**The Spotted Cow**

Another pub in Emmbrook, location unknown last mentioned in 1885.