Memories of Church Street

From the meeting on 10th June 2014

(more contributions would be gratefully received)

Number 1 was a chemist, an electrical shop and a confectioners (More details are in the article on the website about this house)

Number 3 was a cobbler’s shop – Henry Openshaw, who is buried in the churchyard, almost opposite his shop

There was then a hardware shop, the post office, a florists and the co-op occupying the houses at the end of the terrace

On the corner of Victoria Street was a general store. It is also believed to have been a pub – the Jolly Carters

The shop at the corner of Camden close was at times a Chinese chippy and a chippy with a café in the back. In the 1880’s/90’s it is shown as a grocer’s – Sharrocks (overseer of the poor),

Next door was a doctor’s surgery and Nora Greenhalgh had a shop at the end of the terrace, next to the Delph (someone present, who was part of a large family, remembers going there and being given bacon ribs for free)

On the opposite side, John Kirkman had a newsagents on the corner of Bradley Fold Road and Church Street

Next door was Doctor Mon’s surgery and Ted Loom (from “The Army Game”) lodged at the house there.

There was then a greengrocers (Jack Barlow’s father)

At Number 24/24a was a public house (the Crown?)

In the village was Mr Lomax, an undertaker and joiner who built the Lytch Gate

The general store at the East end of the village was a transport café