The Chequers Inn

In 1630 the messuage situated on the corner of Bennett's Lane (now Friday Lane) and High Street, called the Chequers, including a bake house was sold by William Bennett, tailor, to Mary Gadbarie.

Throughout the 18th century the Harford family owned it, William Harford being entered as licensee in 1779. He was Overseer of the Poor in 1791 and died in 1804 leaving the inn to his wife Martha, who had already become the licensee in 1802. On her death in 1809 it was sold to Mark and James Morrell, brewers.

	Licensees
1799-1803	William Harford
1804-1808	Martha Harford
1809-1822	James Harper
1846-1852	James Davis
1852-1853	William Saul
1861-1869	Edward Woods **(who moved to the White Hart)**
1869	David Ring
1877	Edward Davis
1883-1887	Samuel Williams
1891-1898	Richard Davis **(son of James, above)**
1899	Charles Bizzell

In the 1920s Mrs S. A. Keen (nee Sally Gomm, later Mrs. Watts), sold sweets and groceries here, a business continued under various owners until the 1960s.