

Cheers to Nottinghamshire's Pubs!

Public Houses, taverns and inns have been at the centre of English community life for hundreds of years. Their origin can be traced back to Roman Britain, when places to seek rest and refreshment were established along the network of Roman roads. These spread and grew to become a focal point for socialising, eating and entertainment.

A survey in 1577 of drinking establishments in England and Wales for tax purposes recorded over 16,000 alehouses, inns, and taverns, or roughly one for every 187 people. This seems high, but official public business was often conducted in a town or village's public house. As a well-known landmark, and a place capable of holding large gatherings, the pub would often host coroner's inquests, military recruiting drives and property auctions. The ready availability of refreshments probably didn't hurt, either.

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Postcards of *The Salutation Inn*, *The White Hart* and *The Flying Horse*, early 20th century

Picture postcards were first produced in the 1890s, but these probably date from the very early 20th century. Many pubs and other notable landmarks were photographed and no doubt most landlords were pleased to get the publicity.

Ye Olde Salutation Inn claims that it, not *Ye Olde Trippe* to Jerusalem, is the oldest pub in Nottingham. In the 1990s, the University's Archaeology Department dated timber used in the construction of the pub to about 1360, but there was probably an earlier building on the site. During the Civil War (1642-1646), both Royalists and Parliamentarians used it to recruit soldiers. *The White Hart* in Lenton is not far from Jubilee Campus. The building dates from about 1800 and was a Coffee House and a farmhouse before it became a pub. Inmates from the debtors gaol next door worked there to earn their keep. *The Flying Horse Inn's* name reflects the tradition of inns providing accommodation and stabling for travellers. It was an inn from at least 1400 until 1989, when it became a shopping arcade.

(Ref: Ottewell, David, 'Nottinghamshire inns and pubs on old picture postcards'. EMC Pamphlet Not 1.N74 OTT)

1786	Li	SSD
	P. for 3 Malt shoules & two	} 0 7 6
26 th	Dozen of Beesams	
	P. John Broomhead for 2 L ^d of	} 2 6 0
28	Barley at 1-3 pr. L ^d	
	P. for a Led for Siston	0 1 6
	P. for a Lock for neather Dove	0 3 9
	P. M ^r Bamsley for Brooks for kiln	0 7 6
	P. M ^r Haristuff for 4 L ^d &	} 5 19 3
30	1 St. of Barley at 1-6-6 pr. L ^d	
	P. Ann Walker of Hucknall for 10 L ^d	} 12 10 0
31	of Barley at 1-5 pr. L ^d	
	P. for 15 L ^d of Coaks at 1-2 pr. L ^d	0 17 6
	Expences & Turnpike same time	0 3 2
	P. for 3 lb. & 1/2 of Candles	0 2 4
	P. for 2 hing Locks	0 1 8
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Cash book of Henry Daws of Nottinghamshire (distiller, maltster or brewer), 1786-1816

Nothing is known of Henry Daws whose name appears on the inside cover of the account book, which is dominated by payments for barley and malt. These were the two key grains used in the production of beer and ale, and it seems likely therefore that Daws was a distiller, maltster or brewer. The cash book contains details of Daws' expenditure as well as memoranda recording what he did on particular days, with little attempt to distinguish commercial payments from other expenditure, indicating he probably owned and operated his own business.

(Ref: Fr 59)

of our little system, which if it once fall to pieces or meet with any considerable check, I greatly fear nothing practicable in this Country, considering the poverty to which it is fallen, can restore; and I confess to your Lordship I look with no small Concern on the confusion which must follow on the stopping Payment of the Equivalent Annuity, and some other of the Expenses of the Civil Government, besides the Establishments for the Courts.

Had the Diminution of the Excise been owing to the scarcity of a bad crop, which frequently occasions a shortcoming, as it did, for example, in the year from Midsummer 1740 to Midsummer 1741 wherein the net Duty amounted to no more than £18899, 1, 3^d, it would have given me no pain, because a more plentiful Harvest would have repaired the Loss. But the Misfortune is that this Decay has been regular and progressive, growing more sensible from year to year ever since 1738; and must continue longer, how plentiful so ever our crops may be, unless the cause of that Decay is discovered and removed.

It becomes therefore highly important for us who belong to this poor Country to search after the cause of this mischief, and of people to eradicate it. The first point is easily compassed, the second is a work of much more difficulty, but it must necessarily be attempted; for if we do not destroy it, it will most certainly destroy us and that very soon.

The cause of the Mischief we complain of is evidently the excessive Use of Tea, which is now become so common that the meanest families, even of labouring People, particularly in Burroughs, make their Mornings Meal of it; and thereby wholly disuse the Ale which heretofore was their accustomed Drink, and the same Drug supplies all the labouring

Women

Women with their Afternoon's Entertainment to the exclusion of Supper.

The Ostend Company first, and afterwards that settled at Gottenburgh, not only filled the North of Europe with Tea, but by necessary consequence brought down the price of it very low. Several persons belonging to this Country, of low and of desperate fortunes, were concerned in the service of those Companies, particularly that of Gottenburgh. They run their low priced Tea into Scotland and sold it very cheap. A pound went from half a crown to 3 or 4; the Goodwife was fond of it because her Husbands made use of Tea, a pound of it would last her a month which made her Breakfast very cheap, as she made no account of the Sugar which she took up only by ounces; in short the Peck spread, the Refuse of the vilest Teas were run into the Country from Holland, sold and bought at the prices I have mentioned, and at present there are very few others in any of the Burroughs in this Country who do not sit down gravely with their wives and their families to Tea.

It is above seven years, since I first saw, or rather saw this Abuse and warned against, the better sort of the gentry first gave into it, and of course left off their Morning Drink of Ale which impaired considerably the Excise. But when by degrees the commons within Burroughs, almost universally followed their Example, the Use of Ale and Beer for Mornings and Afternoons was almost wholly laid aside, and the Revenue of Excise has sunk in proportion as this villainous practice has grown.

Nor is it that Revenue only which suffers by this unaccountable Abuse. The Duty of Supper on the Port of Bury and Ale, which Edinburgh, Glasgow and almost all the other considerable Burghs in Scotland bigger of the Parliament and depended on as the chief Fund for defraying their common Expenses, is

sunk

Copy letter from Duncan Forbes, Lord Culloden to John Hay, 4th Marquess of Tweeddale; 1 January 1742

This letter from Scottish politician, judge and noted *bon vivant* Duncan Forbes discusses the state of manufacturing and revenues in Britain. He made an unusual complaint: the 'excessive use of tea, which is now become so common that the meanest families, even of labouring people make their morning's meal of it, and thereby wholly disuse the ale'. An influx of cheap tea into Scotland resulted in ale consumption dropping, which had 'gravely affected' excise (i.e. tax revenue). Forbes's plan to prevent the widespread use of tea does not appear to have been a long-term success: the UK is currently the fifth biggest consumer of tea in the world, and drinking ale at breakfast is frowned upon.

(Ref: Ne C 1610)

East Retford 29th Aprilis 1634.

W. G.

For the Churchwardens of the parish of East Retford having presented
 the following persons

James was sent John Parnell Alehouse keeper
 for entertaining company drinking in his house in
 time of divine service upon the Sabbath day

Edm was sent Edward Matlocke of the parish
 and John Sowthworth of Ordsall for being drinking
 upon the same day & time.

Edm was sent Daniel Nicholson for that he was
 entertaining company drinking in his house upon the Sabbath day
 in time of divine service

Edm was sent Richard Whitfeilde of Clarbrough
 and John Edmundson of this parish for being drinking
 upon the same day & time

Edm was sent William Mason Taylor for profaning
 the Sabbath day by boiling his leade full of liquor

Edm was sent George Swynson for not receiving
 the Communion at Easter last.

sent in 20 May

John Bellamy } Churchwardens
 Alexander Gould }

Churchwarden Presentment for East Retford, 29 April 1634

Alcohol-related offences are nothing new, despite what the media implies! In 1634 John Parnell, alehouse keeper, was summoned to the Church Courts for entertaining company drinking in his house in time of divine service on the Sabbath day; Edward Matlocke of East Retford and John Sowthworth of Ordsall for drinking there the same day and time; Daniel Nicholson for having company drinking in his house on the Sabbath day in time of divine service; Richard Whitfeilde of Clarbrough and John Edmundson of this parish for drinking there the same day and time; William Mason, tailor, for profaning the Sabbath day by 'boiling his leade full of liquor'. The only non-alcohol related offender was George Swynson, who had not received communion at Easter.

(Ref: AN/PB 340/8/36)

PROVISION DEALERS—continued.
 Clarke G. Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield
 Clarke Wm. Low st. Sutton-in-Ashfield
 Conway William, 12 Albert st. Mansfield
 Cooper Wm. Corn Exchange, Mansfield
 Curtis William, 25 Castle gate, Newark
 Darker Geo. 24 Broad marsh, Nottingham
 Daybell John Thomas, Upper Eldon street, Sneinton, Nottingham
 Doar John Frederick, High st. Beeston
 Doughty John, Farnsfield, Southwell
 Dutton & Son, Pleasley hill, Mansfield
 Farrands F. 18 Fisher gate, Nottingham
 Fletcher Wm. Allen, West gate, Southwell
 Flint Thomas, 2 Sneinton st. Nottingham
 Gilliat John, Nottingham house, High street, Beeston
 Godfrey John, Arnold, Nottingham
 Haslam Joseph, High street, Hucknall Torkard, Nottingham
 Haywood J. 186 Kirke White st. Nottingham
 Hemstock John, 91 Leeming st. Mansfield
 Hill Edwin, 34 Carter gate, Nottingham
 Holmes Miss Hannah, Red hill, Arnold, Nottingham
 Holmes Hy. 18 Colwick st. Nottingham
 Jones Edmund, Bingham
 Jones Thomas, Arnold, Nottingham
 Kendle John Thomas, 130 Alfred street central, Nottingham
 Kettle John, 30 London rd. Nottingham
 Kiddier E. 129 Kirke White st. Nottingham
 Kind M. 51 Barker gate, Nottingham
 King William & George, 14 Wheeler gate & 17 Lister gate, Nottingham
 Lowe John, 1 Stockwell gate & Commercial street, Mansfield
 Mallison John, 9A, Stockwell gt. Mansfield
 Marrian T. E. 26 Goose gate, Nottingham
 Marshall John, 3 Sneinton st. Nottingham
 Marston Rd. Westland, Ollerton, Newark
 Mellors Henry, Mount street, Stapleford, Nottingham
 Moore George, 1 Coalpit lane, Nottingham

Morley M. 136 Woodboro' rd. Nottingham
 Mounteney George Henry, 227 Alfreton road, Nottingham
 Murfin T. 36 Goldsmith st. Nottingham
 Neale John, 18 Leeming st. Mansfield
 Nicholson Robt. 48 Milton st. Nottingham
 Oscroft Jas. High st. Arnold, Nottingham
 Parkin John, 25 Hockley, Nottingham
 Pratt Charles, 3 Sussex st. Nottingham
 Pickering Thos. 18 Bridge gt. Ea. Retford
 Prince Mrs. Ruth, Cross st. New Basford
 Pritchard Wm. 25 Derby road, Nottingham
 Rea Jhn. Glebe st. London rd. Nottingham
 Riley Edwin, 112 Manvers st. Nottingham
 Riley Joseph, 49 Barker gate, Nottingham
 Robinson S. 59 St. Ann's Well rd. Nottingham
 Robinson T. 346 St. Ann's Well road, Nottingham
 Sansom Thos. 15 Stockwell gate, Mansfield
 Schofield John, 38 St. James' st. Nottingham
 Shipley Mrs. Mary, Lincoln st. Basford
 Snodin Mrs. Ann, Radcliffe, Nottingham
 Stanhope Francis, 51 & 53 Broad marsh & 2 Middle marsh, Nottingham
 Stocks William, 2 Portland st. Mansfield
 Vessey Miss Mary Ann, 39 Carrington street, Nottingham
 Wadsworth Isaac, High street, Beeston
 Walker C. 107 Arkwright st. Nottingham
 Watkinson Mrs. S. Ollerton, Newark
 Welch William, 11 Middle gate, Newark
 Wells S. J. 9A, Parliament row, Nottingham
 West John, Mount st. Sutton-in-Ashfield
 Whiting F. R. 6 North gate, Newark
 Wright Robert, Hucknall-under-Huthwaite, Mansfield

PROVISION MERCHANTS.

Alcock James Whittle, 1 Smithy row, Market place, Nottingham
 Bexon Isaiah, Eland house, New Basford. See advert
 Bowbank George, 27 Upper Parliament street, Nottingham

PUBLIC HOUSES.*Including Hotels, Inns & Taverns.*

Admiral Dundas, John Macdonald, 48 St. Ann's Well road, Nottingham
Admiral Napier, R. Nutt, 161 Nth. Sherwood st. Nottingham
Admiral Rodney, Mrs. Elizh. Dixon, King st. Southwell
Admiral Rodney, Fredk. Taylor, Wollaton, Nottingham
Admiral Rodney, Samuel Turton, Culverton, Nottingham
Albion, Thomas Crowe, 14 Gamble street, Nottingham
Albion, William Faulkes, 1 Carlton road, Nottingham
Albion, Wm. Langley, Sherwin rd. New Lenton, Nottingham
Alderman Wood, Mrs. L. Guyler, 20 Charlotte st. Nottingham
Alfred the Great, R. Pykett, 15 Alfred st. sth. Nottingham
Alma, Thomas Huntington, Aspley terrace, Nottingham
Anchor, Joseph Bollard, Sutton Bonnington, Loughboro'
Anchor, John Thomas Brown, Carol gate, East Retford
Anchor, Edward Hall, East gate, Worksop
Anchor, Luke Pettinger, Hayton, Retford
Anchor, Samuel Rawson, Gunthorpe, Nottingham
Anchor, Richard Ward, Skegby, Mansfield
Ancient Druid, Arthur Mann, 30 Newcastle st. Nottingham
Angel, James Forshaw, Blyth, Worksop
Angel, Mrs. Jane Gibbison, The Square, East Retford
Angel, Thomas Holdgate, Misson, Bawtry
Angel, Mrs. Mary Sampson, Kneesall, Newark
Angel, Mrs. Ann Sheppard, Middle gate, Newark
Angel, Mrs. H. Wadsworth, Mansfield Woodho. Mansfield
Anvil, Joseph Wright, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield
Apollo, George Clarke, Eastfield side, Sutton-in-Ashfield
Barleycorn, Alfred Lees, 47 Raleigh street, Nottingham
Barley Mow, F. Gillborn, Clarence st. Carlton rd. Nottingham
Barley Mow, John Jepson, Weekday cross, Nottingham
Barley Mow, George Laister, Mattersey, Bawtry
Barley Mow, George Leivers, High street, Basford
Bath, William Harvey, Robin Hood street, Nottingham
Bee Hive, Mrs. Elizh. Berrisford, 27 Beck st. Nottingham
Bee Hive, F. Mackintosh, Henry st. Sneinton, Nottingham
Bee Hive, William Nicholson, East gate, Worksop
Bell, Joseph Atherton, 50 Upper Parliament st. Nottingham
Bell, George Crowder, Gringley-on-the-Hill, Bawtry
Bell, William Green, Bingham
Bell, Robt. Lacy, 18 Angel row, Market place, Nottingham
Bell, Hy. Rogers, Pennell's yd. Long row east, Nottingham
Bell, Edward Smith, Carlton-on-Trent, Newark
Bell, William Walker, Lound, Sutton, Retford

Burton Joseph, 8 Smithy row, Market place, Nottingham
 Cooper Wm. 66 Arkwright st. Nottingham
 Crosland Jabez, 9 Clumber street & 37 Pelham street, Nottingham
 Dent John, 74 & 5 North gate, Newark
 Derry George, 27 Market place, Newark
 Goodliffe Thomas & Pickering, 40 Bridle-smith gate, Nottingham
 Hill Thos. Walkeringham, Gainsboro'
 Howe Brothers, 3 & 6 Middle gate, Newark
 King William & George, 14 Wheeler gate & 17 Lister gate, Nottingham
 Menzies & Godbehere, 40 Stodman street, Newark
 Oldham Thomas, 28 Market pl. Newark
 Smith J. W. & Son, 2 Appleton gte. Newark
 Smith Walter, Market place, Newark
 Swann Edward & Co. 1 St. Peter's square & 29 Wheeler gate, Nottingham
 Swann E. 85 Arkwright st. Nottingham
 Turpin John, 19 Carlton st. Nottingham
 Wilkinson & Son, 3 Church st. Newark
 Willey & Brown, 8 Beast Market hill, Market place, Nottingham
 Wright John Henry, 21 Chapel bar, Market place, Nottingham

PUBLISHERS.*See Booksellers.***PUBLIC COMPANIES.**

Diamond Boring Co. (John Thomas Boot, F.G.S., M.I.N.S.T.M. & C.E. mining engineer), North Collingham, Newark
 Gunthorpe Bridge Co. (Geo. Beaumont, esq. sec.), East Bridgeford, Nottingham
 Hucknall Torkard Public Hall Co. Limited (W. F. Winfield, secretary), Watnall road, Hucknall Torkard, Nottingham
 Mansfield Town Hall Co. (William Maltby, sec.), Market pl. Mansfield

Bellevue, James Clay, Woodborough road, Nottingham
Belvoir Castle, J. Ginever, Beaumont st. Sneinton, Nottingham
Black Boy commercial hotel, Thomas Turner, Black Boy yard, Long row east, Nottingham
Black Boy, John Wilks, Moor gate, Retford
Black Bull, Mrs. Martha Bradley, King street, Southwell
Black Bull, W. G. Cheatle, 4 Chapel bar, Market pl. Nottingham
Black Bull, Charles Clark, Blidworth, Mansfield
Black Bull, L. Jackson, Newthorpe, Greasley, Nottingham
Black Bull, Job Shelton, King street, Sutton-in-Ashfield
Black Bull, George Watkin, 18 Carter gate, Newark
Black Head, James Sharples, Chapel gate, East Retford
Black Horse, Samuel Birkett, Norwell, Newark
Black Horse, Wm. Hopewell, 15 Stoney st. Nottingham
Black Horse, Henry Kitchen, Wellow, Newark
Black Horse, Wm. Sollory, Queen street & Stockwell gate; stores, Town Hall vaults; offices, Corn Exchange, Mansfield
Black Horse, Frederick Swinscoe, Claythorpe, Nottingham
Black Lion, Thomas Kell, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham
Black Lion, Robert Lund, 11 Castle gate, Nottingham
Black Swan, Edwd. Thos. Bousfield, St. Mark's la. Newark
Black Swan, J. Cumberland, 30 & 32 Goose gt. Nottingham
Black Swan, William Hallam, Edwinstowe, Newark
Black Swan, George Hare, 21 Albert street, Mansfield
Black Swan, John Porter, Sherwood, Nottingham
Black Swan, John Porter, Woodthorpe, Arnold, Nottingham
Black Woman, George Foster, Clarbrough, Retford
Black's Head, William Baker, Carlton, Nottingham
Black's Head, Edmund Beresford, Park street, New Lenton, Nottingham
Black's Head, Wm. J. Martin, Broad marsh, Nottingham
Black's Head, John Robinson, Carrington, Nottingham
Black's Head, John Wheat, 15 High street, Nottingham
Blacksmiths' Arms, Robert Empson, Everton, Bawtry
Blacksmiths' Arms, John Frow, Mattersey, Bawtry
Blacksmiths' Arms, J. Hubbard, Sturton-le-Steeple, Lincoln
Blacksmiths' Arms, Thos. Parkinson, Clayworth, Bawtry
Blue Ball, William Clifford, 7 Peck lane, Nottingham
Blue Bell, John Black, Coddington, Newark
Blue Bell, Henry Chambers, Weston, Newark
Blue Bell, Wm. Foggatt, 91 Alfred st. south, Nottingham
Blue Bell, William Edward Harvey, Market pl. Newark
Blue Bell, George Newbert, East Drayton, Lincoln

Public Houses listed in Kelly's Directory, 1876

Trade directories were issued from the mid-18th century until the 1940s. Businesses, tradesmen, public authorities, charities, and (depending on the type of directory) the wealthier private residents could have their names and addresses printed, for a fee, and therefore be more easily found by the public and potential customers. The list of public houses in Nottingham and their licensees takes up several pages.

(Ref: Post Office directory of Nottinghamshire [Kelly's Directory], 1876. East Midlands Collection Not 1.B15.E76)

1876.] COUNTY ADVERTISEMENTS. 39

CORBAR HILL HOUSE,

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

Resident Proprietor . Mr. THOMAS DICKSON.
Physician . . . Dr. F. KENNEDY DICKSON.

An Establishment for the reception of a select number of persons suffering from the effects of ALCOHOLIC ABUSE, and from other MALADIES OF A LIKE NATURE requiring MEDICAL OR HYGIENIC TREATMENT.

CORBAR HILL HOUSE stands on the southern slope of Corbar Hill, one of the most beautiful eminences in the neighbourhood of Buxton, and from its elevated position, its invigorating mountain air, and the dryness and porous nature of its soil, combines every natural essential for the maintenance of health and its recovery when impaired.

It is a private mansion, with large and elegantly-furnished rooms, heated throughout with hot water, and containing every modern improvement for comfort and health. The situation is peculiarly favourable, being completely sheltered from the north and east winds. The grounds are extensive, richly wooded, and laid out in a series of walks commanding splendid views over many miles of picturesque scenery.

Every provision is made for the comfort and amusement of the inmates. A spacious and well-appointed billiard room; ample means for the pursuit of musical and other artistic tastes; extensive lawns for croquet, archery, and other out-door games; large fruit and flower gardens, affording every facility to those interested in horticulture to follow their favorite tastes; as well as an extensive range of conservatories, connected by a verandah, the whole forming a covered promenade of nearly 200 feet, with a southern aspect, for exercise in wet weather. Carriage exercise is provided for those who may require it, and there is ample stabling and coach-house accommodation for those who may prefer using their own horses and conveyances.

From the large amount of success which has heretofore been met with in the treatment of the particular classes of cases for the reception of which Corbar Hill House is specially designed, the Proprietor feels every confidence in now offering to the afflicted the comforts and advantages of a well-regulated, completely equipped, and first-class House, in conjunction with the most recent and improved modes of Medical and Hygienic Treatment.

For terms and other particulars address the Proprietor.

Advert for Corbar Hill House Retreat for Intemperates, 1876

Trade directories also made money from selling advertising space. In the same directory as the list of public houses was this advert for a rural hospital in Derbyshire, where those suffering from 'alcoholic abuse' could seek treatment. As well as a resident doctor, inmates benefited from fresh air, ample opportunities for exercise and recreation, and elegantly-furnished rooms. Addiction issues were poorly understood and treatment was very much based on providing a safe, tranquil retreat where mind and body could be restored to health.

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