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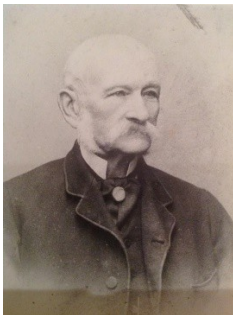
Brewing in Stratton



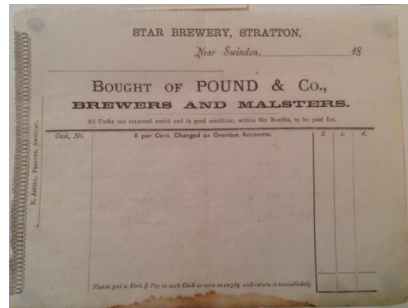
Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle
04 March 1878



Star Brewery, started by Richard White as Malt house in around 1830's. In Swindon Advertiser of Oct 14th, 1861 Richard gives notice of handing over the business to his son in law, James Davis, after 30 years in charge. March 11, 1864 to the wife of Mr James White, Star Brewery a son. *Swindon Advertiser 19-03-1866*. The brewery was purchased by Pound & Goddard until the partnership was dissolved and Goddard left in 1875 (*The Western Daily Press 4-9-1875*), then as H. Pound until 1878, then W. Pound and then Pound & Co, buying the Wanborough Brewery for £4,600, along with 5 pubs and 4 cottages, *Swindon Advertiser 29-11-1879*. which probably helped its demise. The Star Brewery sold to Swindon & North Wilts Breweries Ltd on 7th April 1893 for £131,500 by Messrs Pound & Co. In 1895 it was passed to the Liquidator *Swindon Advertiser 19-10-1895 ending* with its 26 licensed houses, 6 cottages and land were auctioned off at the Goddard Arms on 29 October 1896. The brewery site was bought up by Arkell's, It was rented by Cook family from 1917 as a dairy farm, Mr Cook buying the farm from Arkell's in 1920, eventually sold in 2006 and is now a Bed and breakfast.



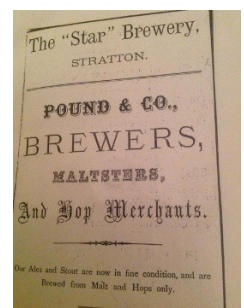
W. Pound



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Bottle



Advert

SHOCKING DEATH IN A BEER BARREL.— On Friday week, Cornelius Loveday, a labourer in the employ of Mr. Richard White, brewer, **Stratton St. Margaret**, was in the act of lowering himself into one of the store casks for the purpose of mopping it round preparatory to its being re-filled, when his foot slipped, and he fell to the bottom. A fellow-workman, who was in the cellar at the time, hearing the fall, instead of rendering immediate assistance, went off for extra aid. This was obtained, but upwards of half an hour was spent in ineffectual efforts to raise the body, and then life was extinct. The cask, which could contain about 1600 gallons, and was about eight or nine feet deep, had been empty for some months, and about two months since Loveday had given it a thorough cleaning out. It is customary before entering a cask to put a candle into it, and if the candle burns, it is considered safe, but if it will not burn means are adopted to drive out the carbonic gas before any one enters. The unfortunate man had adopted this precaution, and it appears that, when he fell, he struck his head either against the side or bottom of the cask and became insensible, and that before he had time to recover from the effects of the blow the carbon proved fatal.

The Bath Chronicle 11-6-1857



In 1843 John Arkell, William Large & Robert Arkell established a Brewery in Swindon Road, Stratton St Margaret, 1846 John Arkell bought out the other two and became sole owner (*London Gazette 06-04-1846*).

1861 a Steam Brewery was built at Kingsdown and the business was moved here, this is now one of the oldest working breweries in the county and is still owned by the Arkell family.

Description of Steam Brewery as Listed:

Arkell's Brewery is a tall, square, 3-storey and basement pavilion with chamfered quoins and slate hipped roof capped by belvedere with weathervane. 20th C brick half bay to south-east. Three bays, round-headed window with intersecting glazing and keystones. Central arched door. Large panel takes place of central first floor window, it reads "Kingsdown Steam Brewery 1861". To rear is a short rubble chimney and a lower modern boiler house with tall, attached chimney shaft, date 1937. Links with fermenting room to south. Rubble base, brick above.

1864, June 1st at Fairford, William Cobbett Arkell, second son of Mr. J Arkell married Sarah Margaret Wakefield daughter of Mr. W. Wakefield of Fairford. *Swindon Advertiser 06-06-1864*.

1869 they open their first pub in Swindon, The Great Western opposite to station.

1881, John Arkell dies on 21st October aged 79. *Swindon Advertiser 24-10-1881*. Buried in family tomb at St. Margaret's on 26th October. *North Wilts Herald 29-10-1881*

1896 and Thomas loans Swindon Football Club £300 to build a Stand.

1908 Ernest John eldest surviving son of Thomas dies after an operation at the Brewery House, Wareham, Dorset on 23rd July, aged 43. *Swindon Advertiser 24-07-1908*.

1910 and 3B's is brewed for first time. John Arkell became first chairman of Wiltshire Brewer's Association, he died 2/11/1920 (*The Western Daily Press 04-11-1920*), leaving £397,045.

A new horizontal single cylinder steam engine was added 1920 by Marshall of Gainsborough as No. 72719. The cylinder is 9.5" x 20" and fitted with a governor-controlled expansion slide valve. The flywheel is 7' diameter. The engine is rated at about 20 horsepower on steam at 60 psi.

1931 Son of J Graham Arkell is born 12th May. *North Wilts Herald 15-05-1931*.

1937 Noel receives knighthood.

1960 and Metal casks introduced.

1969 Cup Final Strong Ale produced to celebrate Swindon Town's League Cup triumph, tr-introduced in 1976 as Kingsdown Ale.

1972 they buy Brown & Plumber, wine merchants.

1981 Noel Arkell died and Peter Arkell took over as chairman.

Extract from Devizes and Wilts Gazette February 1848.

KINGSDOWN, near SWINDON, WILTS.

TO BREWERS, INNKEEPERS, AND OTHERS.

To be SOLD by AUCTION, by Messrs. DORE and FIDEL, at the Goddard Arms Inn, Swindon, on Thursday the 2nd day of March, 1848 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon precisely; subject to conditions, the following

DESIRABLE FREEHOLD

INN, BREWERY, COTTAGES & LAND,

Situate at Kingsdown, in the parish of Stratton Saint Margaret's, and adjoining the cross roads there, distance about three miles from the market towns of Swindon and Highworth, and 6 from Cricklade, in the undermentioned Lots, Viz:-

LOT 1. A newly erected and commodious Inn known as "Kingsdown Inn" with brewery, store rooms and cellarage, counting house, cart and cattle sheds, blacksmiths shop, barn, stables, and other convenient offices, all well supplied with excellent water: together with a large Garden, and two closes of Pasture Land, containing altogether about 5 Acres, in the occupation of Mr. John Arkell, the proprietor.

LOT 2. A newly built Dwelling-house. with bakehouse, back kitchen, stable, and cart house, &c., and about 2 roods of Garden Land behind the same, in the occupation of William Willis, at the yearly rent of £12; and also, a newly erected Cottage adjoining, with about 2 roods of Garden Land, in the occupation of Thomas Crane, at the yearly rent of £8.

LOT 3. A newly built Cottage, with washhouse and, and about 2 rods of Garden Land behind the same.

LOT 4. A capital piece of Arable Land, called "Blunsden Water Field", containing 3A 1R 3-4P., with frontage to the road leading from Swindon to Cricklade.

The two last Lots are in the occupation of Mr. Thomas Harris, and are held by him on lease, for the lives of himself and Elizabeth his wife, aged respectively 70 and 58, at a reserved yearly rent of one shilling.

LOT 5. A newly built Cottage, with washhouse, and about 2 roods of Garden Land behind, in the occupation of William Sainsbury, at the yearly rent of £5.

LOT 6. A small Cottage, with nearly 1 acre of Garden Land attached, with sufficient frontage to the road for building two other Cottages, in the occupation of William Bush, at the yearly rent of £5.

LOT 7. A piece of Building Land, forming the angle of the cross roads, and lying opposite to the brewery, containing about 3 quarters of an acre, in the occupation of Mr. John Arkell.

For a view of the several Lots apply to Mr. Arkell, at Kingsdown; and for further particulars to the Auctioneer, Swindon; or Messrs. Mullings, solicitors, Cirencester.

Extract from Salisbury and Winchester Journal May 1856. - Mr. John Arkell, of Kingsdown Brewery, lately invited his friends to dine with him, in a large barrel which he has recently purchased, estimated to hold 3,000 gallons. The novel dining room was the occasion of much mirth and gaiety.

Advert from Swindon Advertiser & North Wilts Chronicle 25-07-1859

Kingsdown Ales & Porter.

To Supply in casks of 4½, 9, 18 & 36 gallons to private families.

XXXX 1s 6d to 2s 6d

XXX 1s 4d to 1s 6d.

XX 1s 0d to 1s 2d

X 8d to 10d

Table 6d.

All orders will receive prompt attention.

Extract from Devizes and Wilts Gazette September 1869.

1869 Fire near Miss for Kingsdown Brewery.

The fire at Mr. Ing's Swindon soda water factory, had hardly been subdued when there was an alarm of fire at Stratton St Margaret, where it appeared that a hay rick had caught fire, from the spark of a chimney, on the premises of Messrs. John Arkell and Son, at the Kingsdown Brewery. The Great Western Railway steam fire engine, with the Swindon town engine, at once proceeded thither, but several hay ricks were destroyed or damaged by the fire and water. The Brewery had a narrow escape. The steam fire engine was built by Hand and Mason and is well worth the attention of local authorities. Where water can be abundantly obtained the effect produced by the engine is very marked.