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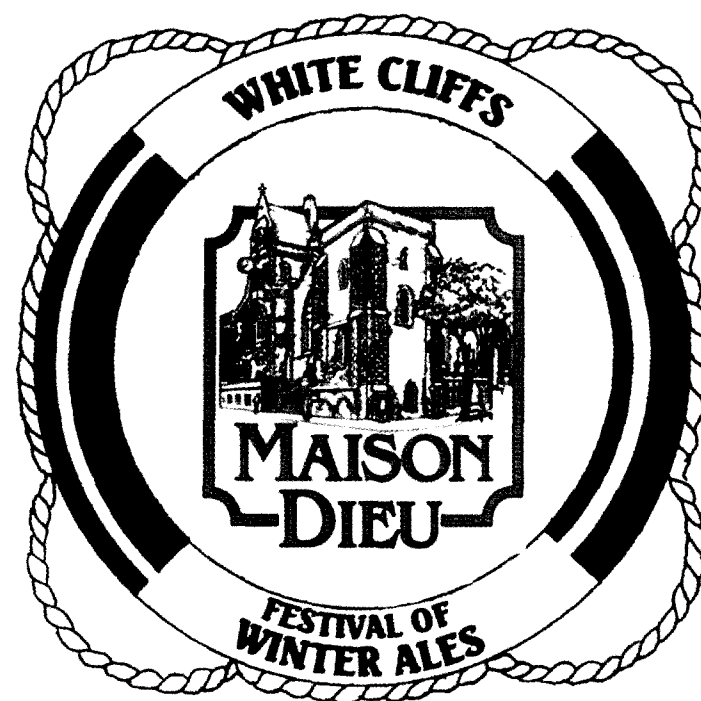
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The 10th White Cliffs Festival of Winter Ales

A Brief Intro by Cllr Kevin Mills

It gives me great pleasure in welcoming you here to the 10th White Cliffs Festival of Winter Ales. Dover's Maison Dieu, which this year is celebrating its 800th anniversary, is probably the most historic venue for such an event in the country.

Almost 11 years ago I remember sitting in the White Lion (a pub that is sadly no more) in Tower Hamlets discussing the possibility of organising a beer festival for Dover in my mayoral year with Steve and Helen Bell. Little did they know what they and their Campaign for Real Ale colleagues would be letting themselves in for. Eleven years on, it is a privilege for me to pen an introduction to the 10th Festival as the Councillor with responsibility for Tourism.

From those early days of 30 Winter ales and opening only on the Saturday the Festival has grown each year. Friday evening opening was introduced as demand increased. For this 10th Festival, there will be 70 different ales, one of the largest selections of traditional Winter Ales available at any beer festival in the country. The Festival attracts visitors to Dover from all over the UK and Europe bringing in valuable business to the town at a normally quiet time of year.

I hope you enjoy yourselves at the Festival, which is organised by the local CAMRA Branch. It is their hard work throughout the year that ensures the continued growth of what is recognised as one of the most successful events in the district. So, to finish, may I ask, that sometime during the event (and I suggest you do it while memory allows) that you raise a glass of ale to those individuals who, over the past 10 years, have given so much time and effort in the organisation and staffing of the White Cliffs Festival of Winter Ales.

Cheers

Cllr Kevin Mills



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Stone Hall

This is the oldest part of the Maison Dieu and was built in 1203. Here you will find the bar, glass & token purchase, soft drinks and food outlet. There is some seating at the back of the Stone Hall.

The festival will be officially opened by the Mayors of Dover Deal & Sandwich at 1700 on Friday in the Stone Hall.

Children are not to enter the Bar Area

There is a payphone at the entrance to the Stone Hall.

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Connaught Hall

This is somewhat newer, but still over 100 years old. It houses the stage and two balconies.

On the Friday evening, local band the "DBs" will play from 1930. On Saturday the stage will host light classical music until 1430.

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FESTIVAL GUIDE

On behalf of the organising committee, we would like to welcome you to our 10th Winter Ales Festival. This year we will also celebrate the 800th anniversary of our historic venue, the Maison Dieu.

As in previous years we would like to advise you of a few small matters to help your enjoyment of the festival.



Firstly, if you are an existing CAMRA member, please have your valid membership card to hand when you arrive at the town hall to qualify for your free entry. Non members pay £2 (refundable to those who join CAMRA at the festival).

As ever, you must pay £2 for a festival glass. This is refundable at the end of the session if you do not wish to take your glass with you. For ease we prepare £10 packs (of glass and tokens) in advance.



The tokens are each worth 1/2 pint of ale (for beers less than 9% ABV). This equates to £2/pint. For ales of 9% and over, two tokens are required per 1/2 pint, equal to £4/pint.



The 70 ales are organised in alphabetical order, by brewery. The Kentish ales are located in the centre of the stillage. When ordering beer, please stand near the ale you desire, this avoids the busy staff having to navigate the entire length of the bar for one pint.

Children are welcome in the Connaught Hall until 1900 both days but must not enter the bar area in the Stone Hall. This is a legal requirement.

Lastly, please observe the various signs around the town hall. These are to aid your and others' enjoyment and safety.

Enjoy!

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Many of the beers available at this year's festival are very rare or even making their first public appearance anywhere. This will help explain why you may not be familiar with all of the beer list!

This time round, to mark the 800th anniversary of our venue, five Kentish Brewers have each produced a Maison Dieu Ale specifically for the festival.

Whilst they all bear the same name, and are all at least 5% ABV in strength (in common with all the ales available) that is where the similarity ends!

Whilst on the subject of Kentish ales, most of the county's independent brewers will be represented. See later in this programme for a round-up of each Kent brewery.

Harvey's Extra Double Stout

We are again very fortunate in being able to obtain a supply of the extraordinary Harvey's Extra Double Stout (9% ABV)

This stout, as black as night, rich, highly hopped and using no less than four different types of malt, has a tremendous complexity of character. It is a real 'Christmas Pudding' of a stout; full of top quality ingredients and a creation of which any brewer could be proud.

It is sad to reflect that our palates have been dulled by bland supermarket food and bland beers from the big breweries. Obviously this stout will not meet everyone's ideal, but why not try something different?

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“HISTORIC ASSET TO TREASURE”

Dover's historic Maison Dieu

By Bob Hollingsbee

MANY Dover enthusiasts I am sure would like to know what the future holds for our historic Town Hall building, the major part of which dates back more than seven centuries.

Thousands of pounds were spent on urgent renovation works to the roof in recent years and now the cost question arises once more. Hence some have dared to suggest Dover no longer needs a Town Hall! It's tragic that district councillors, many of them, probably, with little if any 'allegiance' to Dover, should even be thinking of such a thing.

As a Dovorian and local history enthusiast of many years standing I despair, and sincerely hope something comes of moves to put such an important tourism asset, part of our heritage, on a sound footing! The trouble is that some of its main sources of income, vital for maintenance of the very large building, have been taken away with the formation of Dover District Council, and all that this involved, including the resultant switch of council meetings to swish new offices at Whitfield.

Another blow was the end of its long-standing function as Dover's courthouse, after a new purpose-built building was erected in Pencester Road. For a time the Old Town Gaol visitor attraction helped draw tourists and other local history enthusiasts to the building. But now that has closed down. Over decades many important court cases, inquests, planning inquiries and public meetings, have been held in the Town Hall, many of which I attended as a journalist working for the Dover Express, as did my late father, Eddie Hollingsbee.



The impressive building, which boasts a fine collection of stained glass windows and paintings illustrating major events in Dover's historic past, was built in 1203 as a maison dieu or guest house/hospital, to accommodate travellers and pilgrims, often referred to, in the old days, as 'strangers.' There was a flood of these pilgrims to the UK via Dover after the canonisation of the murdered priest Thomas a' Becket in Canterbury Cathedral. The importance of the Maison Dieu was such that Kings of England are said to have stayed there or visited it on a number of occasions.

A large church occupied the area where the Connaught Hall now stands, other buildings stretching as far as the river. By the 1530s it incorporated a brewhouse which was to prove valuable when the building was taken over as a victualling house for the Navy. King Henry III was present at the dedication of the church of the Maison Dieu, way back in 1227.

Among other monarchs to visit, it is recorded, was Richard II, in the 14th Century, when he appointed a Regent there before leaving for France. Suppressed as a hospital and church by King Henry VIII, in 1523, it became an important government victualling centre used by both the army and the navy. The property was bought for the town by Dover Corporation – another name for the local authority – in 1834 and part of it became the town gaol, in place of the one in the Market Square, which had a colourful history, being attacked and damaged by smugglers and their supporters as they freed some of their jailed comrades, who hailed from Folkestone. The old chapel on the north side was adapted for use as a court house and first used in 1836.

Then came a poor investment – a larger prison was built on the Ladywell side of the Town Hall, in 1867, but a drop in crime led to it being little used. It eventually closed and became a police station. Happily, the prison made way for the attractively-designed Connaught Hall, with a fine dance floor and ceiling, stage and organ – and more stained glass windows at public gallery level, the galleries being supported by rows of pillars. Many lavish functions have been held in the hall, including some first class operatic and dramatic productions, staged by local amateur operatic and dramatic societies, and concerts of classical music, with both professional and amateur musicians.

© **Bob Hollingsbee**, and first used in the Dover Express on November 7, 2002, at a time when Dover District Council was looking at ways to make savings in its budget of several million pounds. Currently it is hoped that some means will be found to keep it functional, albeit, probably, with fewer staff and opening to the public far less often.

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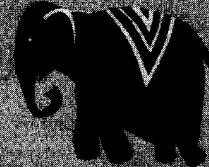
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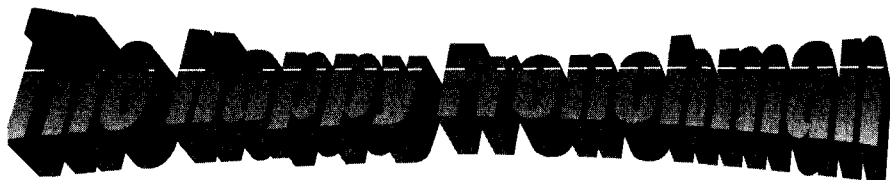
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Ten Years On As it was in the beginning

It all started with me bemoaning the loss of the winter beer festival that used to held at Canterbury at the old Wemyss Barracks. "Why don't we hold our own?" replied my venerable brother, Dave.

At the next CAMRA branch meeting, which was at the much-lamented White Lion in Tower Hamlets, Dover, we floated the idea before the members. Much to my surprise, they took the matter seriously. Before then, we had never organised anything more complicated than the odd carnival float or two and if our assets ever exceeded £100 we thought that we were rich!

A few ground rules were laid down. The name was to be the White Cliffs Winter Ale Festival (in later years amended to the White Cliffs Festival of Winter Ales). We should try to hold it at the beginning of February when the year is at its gloomiest and we all need cheering up, and we made our own definition of a Winter Ale as 'Nothing under 5% ABV'. These criteria still hold today. The only problem was, where to hold it? A church hall perhaps, or if we could get a sponsor, we might stretch to the Biggin Hall.

Imagine our surprise, then, when at the following meeting Helen announced that she had spoken to a colleague, Kevin Mills, who just happened to be Mayor at the time, and he had suggested that we might be able to have the Maison Dieu. To say that we were gobsmacked is putting it mildly!

Despite the enormity of the task, everyone buckled down to it, and our first beer festival, a one day affair, opened to the public at the Town Hall on Saturday the 1st February 1993 with (I think) not much more than 30 different Real Ales. Fortunately the weather was kind to us and it was a roaring success. As they say, the rest is history.

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Contact: Tonie Prins

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The following pubs will usually have Hopdaemon ales available:

The Eagle Inn, Dover
Coastguard, St. Margarets Bay

Yew Tree, Barfrestone
Rose & Crown, Elham

The Ramsgate Brewery 07967 660060 - Ramsgate

Contact: Eddie Gadd

The beers are now being dry hopped and the clean tasting Gadd's No.3 and No.7 are probably some of the hoppiest that are produced in Kent. Another beer that has recently resurfaced is Dogbolter, previously brewed for and by the Firkin chain of pubs but not seen for several years.

Beers can be found at:

The Yew Tree, Barfrestone
Coastguard, St Margarets Bay

**Swale & North Weald Brewery
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Contact: John Davidson

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Contact: Jeff Tucker

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Outlets include:

The Yew Tree, Barfrestone
Coastguard, St Margarets Bay
Louis Armstrong, Dover

**Old Kent Brewery 01732 882111 -
Borough Green**

Contact Sara-Jane Anderson

The winter brew is the previously
brewed Full Pitch at 5% and has a
Chocolate character.

Regular outlets for OKB beers are:

The Eagle, Dover
Coastguard St. Margarets Bay
Louis Armstrong, Dover

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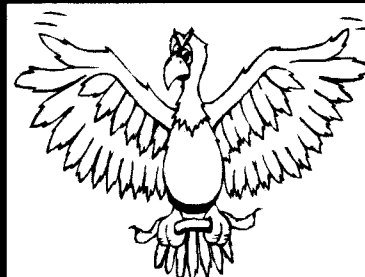
Contact Phil Goacher

Phil is expected to make a delivery to The Mogul shortly before the Festival. Goachers
Mild & Light are to be anticipated.

All of the breweries that are featured in this article
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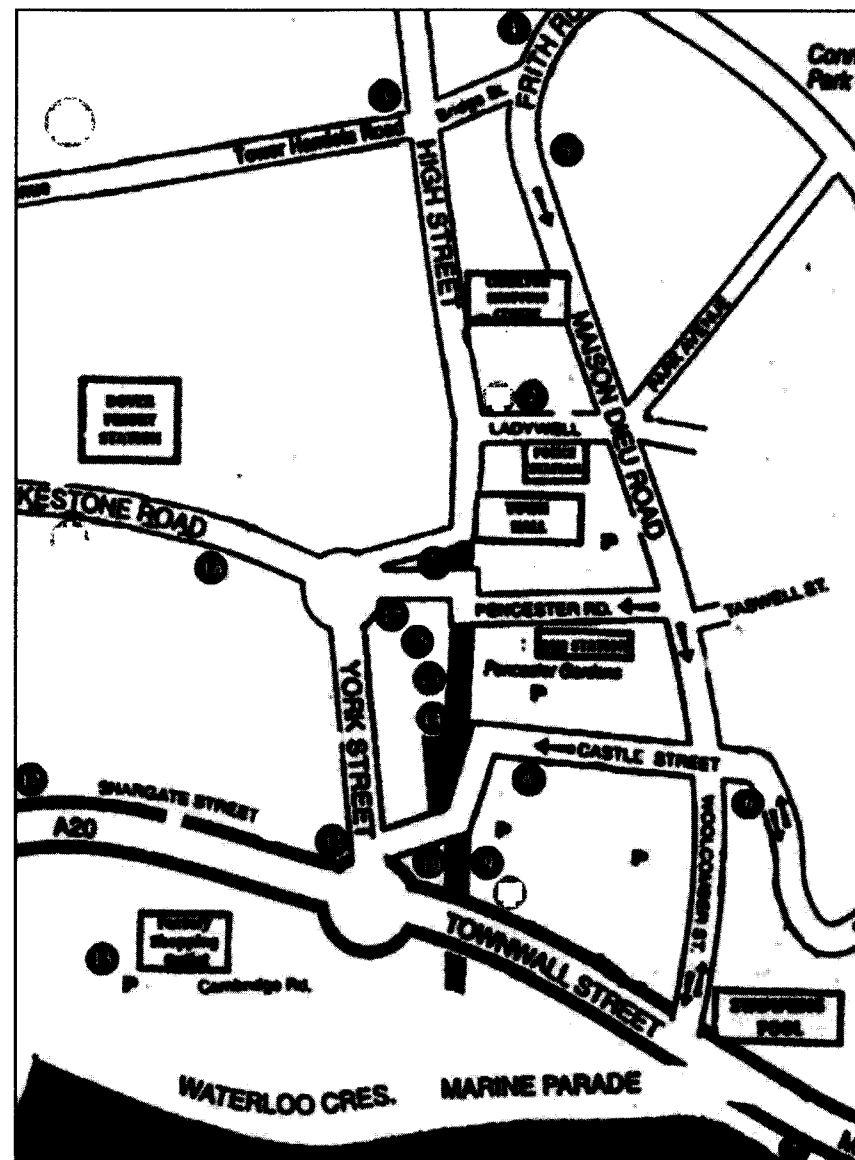
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Dover Town's Real Ale Pubs

The numbers refer to real ale pubs featured in the
town tour that starts on the next page.



A Whistle Stop Guide to Dover Town Pubs

Those of you who are planning an extended stay or are returning to Dover at a later date might want to try out a selection of our town pubs and we include a handy map to help you find them. Since last year's festival some outlets have abandoned Real Ale, but these are offset by others, including two pubs which have reopened under new management.

Not only are there plenty to choose from but almost all of those in (or close to) the main shopping streets are open all day and overall choice has improved markedly in recent years. Our tour starts from the Town Hall and works "up town" then down towards the waterfront before heading towards Dover Priory rail station, listing all known outlets but omitting those where the handpumps stand idle on the bar.

A map on page 19 will help you locate the pubs mentioned. The numbers after the pub names relate to the map.

Almost opposite the Town Hall stands the **Prince Albert (1)** (pictured). This is a lively drinkers' bar with a beer selection which has seen some changes during the past year, although Adnams Bitter and Tetley Cask are still regulars here. So too is "EKB" which is not a local brew as it appears to be, being imported from Ridley's of Chelmsford, Essex. The cask cider has gone but there is compensation in the form of Ringwood Best Bitter from the New Forest.

Just around the corner in Ladywell, the **Park Inn (2)** is a smart bar/diner (plus B&B) with up to six ales. The selection varies a bit but Marstons Pedigree, Old Speckled Hen and Young's Special are always on and there



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is a guest ale too – in recent times this has come from the likes of Caledonian, Bateman or (now-closed) Brakspear.

Back to the Town Hall and right to the end of the High Street stands the imposing **Eagle Inn (3)** (pictured) with its distinctive rooftop golden eagle motif, reopened just after last year's festival. Renovated by a local builder, it runs as a free house with two or three ales on at a time. Worthington 1744 has ousted Bass but the alternative is a genuine local brew. Hopdaemon (Canterbury) supplies its Golden

Braid on a regular basis, sometimes accompanied by a second ale, which could be Incubus or Skrimshander. Other ales appear as guests, including some other Kent breweries.

Taking a diversion further up London Road there is Greene King IPA at the **Cherry Tree** whilst Shepherd Neame's **Old Endeavour** has Master Brew and an interesting riverside veranda. At the far end of the one-way system, the low-beamed **Bull** has Greene King IPA.

Back into the town, near the **Eagle**, cross the river at Bridge Street for the **Red Lion (4)** which is on Charlton Green by the traffic lights. There are still two bars, with Flowers OB and London Pride. Past the Royal Mail depot to the **Louis Armstrong (5)**, where Sunday Night is Jazz Night, with rock bands on Saturday night. Draught Bass is the house ale, but there is usually a second which will be a genuine guest beer. Sometimes a local brew from Old Kent or Flagship, but "beer of the month" Burton Bridge and Cottage brews feature regularly here.

From here it is a bit of a hike towards the next pub (follow docks traffic) which is the **White Horse (6)** (pictured). Recently



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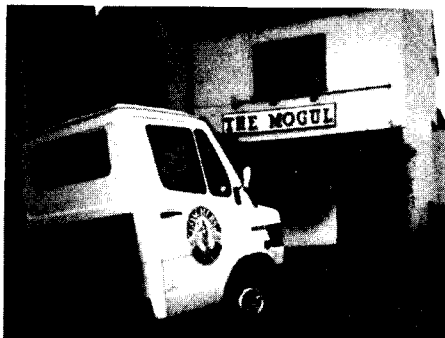
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renovated and restyled this has London Pride and Greene King Abbot with guest ales.

The Premier Lodge on the seafront has a bar-diner branded as **Millers (7)** which offers Courage Best and Directors. **Blake's (8)** (pictured) is back in John & Theresa's hands with London Pride and maybe a guest ale in the cellar bar.

The **Lord Nelson (9)** is Shepherd Neame's only town centre house and does Spitfire as well as Master Brew. Through an alleyway into Bench Street and the **Flotilla & Firkin (10)** which still retains its "Firkin" décor more than two years into Punch Tavern ownership and offers Tetley Cask, Marstons Pedigree and Draught Bass. .

Take care when leaving into the narrow but busy Queen Street. Across at the lights then left, round the Unitarian church, and up to the **Mogul (11)** (pictured) which is the current local CAMRA branch Pub of the Year. Privately owned and family run, there are three contrasting bars. The two handpumps see occasional use, but the real joy for the ale drinker is behind the bar where the high-tech gravity-dispense system keeps the beers at the right angle and temperature. No big brand names here but mainly micro-brews, plus a few regionals from all over the country. Expect three on at a time, usually in contrasting styles or strengths, with others standing by ready to go on. Goachers are expected to deliver for the Festival weekend.



A detour down the A20 (Snargate St) takes you to the **Flagship (12)** (closed late afternoon). No relation to the Chatham brewery of the same name, but a Pubmaster outlet which has the hard-to-get Imperial from Tetley. Across the marina you can see **Cullin's Yard (13)** which is part of the 1990s redevelopment of the Cambridge Road area. Once a marine workshop, it is now a bistro but is licensed as a pub and offers Southwold and Broadside from Adnams.



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Round the back (New Street) is the **Prince of Orange (16)**, newly refurbished and back to Real Ale with Courage Directors. Then turn right to the Priory roundabout and the **Golden Lion (17)** where the décor in and out fits the name. There are three handpumps here, two of which will normally dispense Adnams Southwold and Marston's Pedigree with the third beer changing regularly.

Negotiate the traffic and go on to the **Renaissance (18)** (may close in the afternoons) which, after years of dereliction, reopened a few months ago. A tall, narrow building houses a stone-floored bar where the handpumps offer your last Real Ale on the way to the station. The beers offered may change, but recent selections have included Worthington 1744, Bass, Robinson's Best or Ridleys EKB.

Unless otherwise stated, all of the above selection are usually open all day, every day. For regular updates on local pub information, and other CAMRA activities, please visit our branch web-site (www.topsy.demon.co.uk/ddc_camra) or pick up future issues of Channel Draught, stocked by many of the pubs mentioned in this tour.

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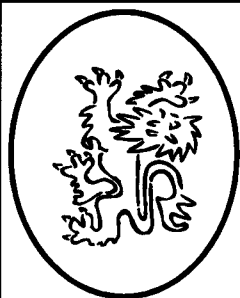
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A BIT OF PUB HISTORY

by Phil Wyborn - Brown.

It was the Saxon King Edgar who introduced the first drinking laws into England during his reign of 959 - 975 when he decreed that drinking horns should be marked with pegs to denote the amount drunk, a practice not dissimilar to that found in certain cheap Paris hotels where a decanter of wine is served and, at the end of the session a wooden 'ruler', marked in half glass's is placed against the decanter (assuming there is still some wine in it!) the measure drunk is thus determined and the charge is made accordingly. In Edgars' day the positioning of pegs no doubt made for' precision ' drinking contests, the aim being to drink at one go from one peg to another. The custom was back in favour during the Georgian Regency when 'young bucks' would indulge in 'pin drinking', perhaps this practice gave rise to the saying 'to bring someone down a peg or two!'

English pubs (as we enjoy them now) trace their origins back to around 1066 and the arrival of the Normans. Apart from building great cathedrals and towering castles they also built Church House Inns, god bless 'em! These were houses built along side churches, to feed, water and shelter the builders, they were often reduced once the church was complete, yet many remain - witness the White Horse, next to the old Church of St James Without, (Without = outside the town walls).

When Henry 8th fell out with the church these houses passed from church control to private hands. Many such houses were on the lands held by the gentry of the day, and were run on their behalf, by the estate steward, or land steward, hence the title of Land lord today. The introduction of the mail coach onto the muddy roads of England in 1784 gave us the Post House, many of which survive. If you are ever in Wiltshire then go to the many Post Houses in Salisbury!

An interesting old custom came to light while writing this, the past art of 'Tuppenny Nutting .' This was a practice offered by the local 'working girls' to 'Gentleman', who, rather than pay the whole fee for the whole job would pay 2d for what I had better call light relief! This practice was often offered at the local pub, which had by now passed out of fashion, losing ground to the new tea and coffee shops, (er?) Indeed the local was now seen as a den of sin, filled with wastrels, vagabonds, and women of ill repute, oh happy days!

Tuppenny nutting gave us the phrase 'I don't give a tuppenny toss!'

Phil



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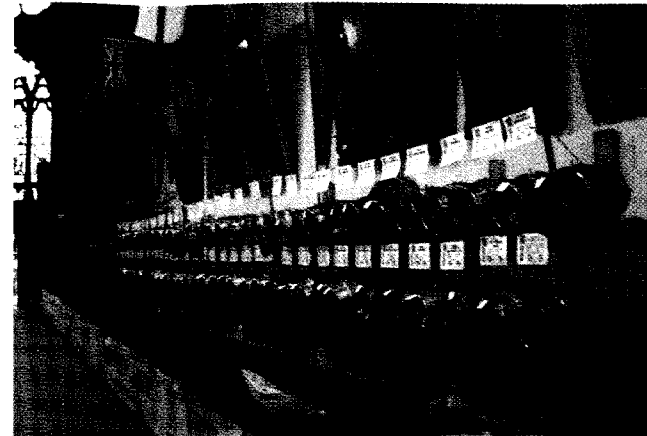
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