
The Inns of Maulden

.....a potted history

The Anchor

- “an old half-timber and thatch inn stands picturesquely on the south of the main road (now George Street) at the west end of the village opposite the road to Haynes, while at the other end... is the White Hart Inn, an old thatched building having the walls covered in plaster”
- The Inn was owned by John Morris of the Morris Brewery in Ampthill.
- The licensing returns of 1876 & 1891 have the inn listed as “unnamed”. It appears as the “Anchor” in 1903
- In the local paper dated Nov 12th 1909 it was noted that “the Anchor Inn in George Street has at last aspired to the dignity of a sign which makes quite a showy addition to the Maulden landmarks”
- **Licencees:**

1876	Charles Bass	Beer Retailer
1891	John Wheeler	Shopkeeper
1903	William Fisher	
1914	Gertrude Fisher	Widow who remarried in....
..... 1919	Herbert Reuben Cotton	Beer Retailer

The Black Horse

- The Inn was first licensed in 1868.
 - One of its licencees was a volunteer in the First World War, Private Edgar Kirby of the Lincolnshire Regiment who died at Kemmel Hill on 16th April 1918
 - 28-07-1905 “*On Friday evening, while delivering grocery goods around Maulden, the driver of the cart belonging to Mrs F. Morels of Ampthill, had an exciting experience. While near the Black Horse, his harness broke and let down the cart with the result that the shafts were broken and the horse bolted. The driver, C.Flowers, was thrown off and the goods strewn about the road until the horse was stopped near the White Hart*”
 - **Licencees:** (nb. This is not a complete list and the dates can only be confirmed through trades directories etc)
 - 1877 Charles Northwood
 - 1903 Charlotte Northwood
 - 1918 Sarah Kirby (took over after the death of husband Edgar)
 - 1928 Arthur White
 - 1936 Jn Northwood
 - 1940 Thomas Kirby
 - 1943 Ivy Burgess
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The Commander – in - Chief

- 1868 saw the owner as James Davies of Bedford, becoming a freehouse by 1891.
- The inn deed of Baldock Brewery 1898 stated “ “brewhouse, premises & gdn in Maulden called Commander-In-Chief. Lease for 7, 14 or 21 years made by Jas. Crant Davies to A.Steed by agreement of 2nd Feb 1885, the rent being £22 p.a”
- By 1903 it had become part of the Charles Wells Brewery Group being rebuilt in 1907.
- **Licensees:** (nb. This is not a complete list and the dates can only be confirmed through trades directories etc)

1871	Robert Logsdon	1946	Frederick Cowell
1886	Elizabeth Logsdon	1950	Thomas Coates
1901	William Appleby	1951	Edgar Valentine
1912	Arthur Gibbs	1952	Thomas Izzard
1915	Charles Dix	1955	Charles Davenport
1925	Arthur Head	1956	Alfred Adamson
1927	Archibald Green	1959	Harry Salisbury
1931	Arthur G Head	1966	Denis Gerrard
1940	Ernest Harris	1978	Alan Wicks
		1984	John Higson

The pub closed in the early 21st century

The Dog and Badger

- 1728 "*mess.(message) or dwelling house with 12a now or late in the tenure of John Godfrey*"
- 1734 "*cottage in Maulden once in occ. Of Thos. Underwood now known as the "Badger"*"
- 1797 William Stone and others sold the inn called the Badger to John Morris of Morris Brewery, Ampthill. 8 acres of land went with it....."*the highway S, Pot Lane E, Dean Close W.*"
- 1845 Joseph Sharpe bought Lot 4, the Dog and Badger from Benjamin Brown, Henry Whitbread, Thomas Hallworth & their wives.
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1822	Philip Hallworth	1946	Edwin Lloyd
1853	Jonathan Hallworth	1954	Thomas Gobby
1862	George Sharpe	1957	Frank Gomm
1903	Jane Sharpe	1967	Ronald Masters
1906	Horace Walpole	1982	Irene & Peter Alkman
1936	Reginald Hall	1986	Pat & Peter Mortimer
1943	John Blagg		

The George

- This was one of the many hostelries in the village, being the scene of many inquests, harvest suppers and the village Feast.
- Mr John King, who died in 1939 aged 82, remembered the excitement which prevailed during the three days of the feast each year when there was dancing in the barn at the George.
- **Licensees:** (nb. This is not a complete list and the dates can only be confirmed through trades directories etc)

1822	John Northwood	Butcher
1824	Thos. Hine	Butcher
1827	Joshua Croxford	Carpenter
1854	Thos. Croxford	
1861	Robert Young	Baker & Grocer
1890	John Marlow	
1894	Edward Atkins	Baker
1903	Edwin Atkins	
1928	Sampson Spooner	
1940	J.H.Webb	

The Harrow & Red Lion

■ Harrow

- 1734 *“cottage in Maulden known as The Harrow, barn tec. Formerly in occ. Of Matt Busby, since of Robert Brittain & now of Rev. Michael Arnaud, leased to John Whalley”*
- 1828 Will of John Morris (of Morris Brewery) states that he purchased from William Stone & others in 1797 *“site or toft of a cottage called The Harrow and barn, purchased from Ric. Ambrose Reddall, a butcher from Ampthill”*

■ Red Lion

- 1805 To clarify succession, Jn. Read is selling his rights to his uncle *“... cottage in Maulden, formerly called the Red Lion 2 closes adj. 4a, abtg. On Bedford – Luton Rd. N.”*

The sites of these public houses are as yet untraced

The Ship Inn

- The Ship Inn was originally a tied house owned by Allfrey & Lovell, a Northampton brewery. It was licensed to sell beer only.
- 1860 The Ship is described in the licensing returns as being “*in poor condition with 2 offences of drunken behaviour for which it was fined 5 shillings*”
- “*The Kirby family, began with William Kirby who for many years combined a baker’s business with that of innkeeper at the Ship & market gardening*”
- “*Son Thomas Kirby sold market garden produce in Northampton, followed by sons Frederick & John. F.E. & Stanley Kirby are both market gardeners*”.
- 2-6-1905 the local paper recorded the death of Thomas Kirby, a “*well known market gardener & councillor who had resided at the Ship for 23 years*”.
- 31-12-1909 “*the Ship Inn which has been a public house for more than 50 years has closed*”.
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1871	John Halsey	beer retailer
1877	Deborah Halsey	Shopkeeper & Beer Retailer
1890	Thomas Kirby	Market gardener & Beer Retailer
1905	Frederick Kirby	

The White Hart

- 1828 The will of John Morris of Morris Brewery, states that he purchased from William Stone & others in 1797 “...mess. Heretofore called the Stand & Pen, now the White Hart bounded by Wlg. Lyon Farm, E by glebe”
- The White Hart was the scene of harvest suppers and the village Feast
- “Feast was observed on Monday, & galloping horses, swings, stalls etc were set up in Mr Brightman’s field nr the White Hart. Weather was unfavourable” (What’s new!)
- The White Hart was the scene of the Enclosure Riots & was used for at least one of the Enclosures meetings.
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1822	Edward Dowdeswell	Miller
1871	Fanny Dowdeswell	
1890	Mary Ann Dowdeswell	
1894	Frederick Brightman	Cattle Dealer
1904	John Wheeler	Died 4-1-1919 aged 72
1919	Fredrick Summerfield	
