



Crown Inn

Pre.1767, 87 The Street in 1923-1930, 203 Ermin Street in 1939,

An old coaching house originally the 'Sow & Piggs'. Three cottages sold for £60 in 1767. It became the Crown in 1792. It was sold in 1831 with land and surrounding cottages, (see below), and rebuilt in 1832 by the Pavy family, with the typical features of a Georgian coaching station. A full licence granted in 1863 and bought by Arkell's in 1868 from the Pavy family.

Curates Aid Society, lecture in the meeting room by the Rev. W. Abbot, of Bethnal Green, on 'A night in the East End of London'. Eight die and 13 are born every hour. Now over 50% no longer attend church. *North Wilts Herald 15-02-1868.*

Miss Maria De 'Banks his daughter marries Mr. James Hughes, *Swindon Advertiser 21-12-1868.*

Wanted – to take in on Tack, about 100 heads of cattle; young stock preferred – apply Mr. James DeBank. *North Wilts Herald 15-04-1871.*

On Saturday, a Parish Vestry Meeting was held to request the formation of a Sanitary Committee for Gorse Hill. The resolution was passed, and it was noted the Parish officers were not present. *Swindon Advertiser 28-05-1877.*

Addresses upon 'The Speedy Second Coming of the Lord and the special preparations to enable Christians to meet him,' are being held in the Club Room, by Mr. Oliver Browne. *Swindon Advertiser 08-11-1879.*

Elizabeth FREEMAN, 15, was charged with stealing various sums of money from her master, the landlord, and passing same to George PULLEN, ostler. Pullen given 3 months hard labour; she was remanded for the attendance of her parents. *Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette 27-12-1883.*

On Tuesday evening there was a meeting of the North Wilts Conservative Registration Association. *Wilts Times & Trowbridge Advertiser 24-05-1884.*

James SIMPSON, 19, labourer of Stratton, charged with being quarrelsome and refusing to quit the pub, on 13th March. As already bound over given 5s fine or 7 days. *Swindon Advertiser 27-03-1886.*

North Wilts Liberal & Radical Associated, held a meeting at the Crown, with the purpose of forming a local branch. The also received a lecture on Irish Home Rule. *Wiltshire Times & Trowbridge Advertiser 26-03-1887.*

Benjamin BARTHELOMEW, and aged labourer, of Mill Street, Swindon, charged with stealing a half-sovereign, a sixpence and 11d in coppers from the till. Fined £1, £1 6s costs or 28 days, removed in custody. *Swindon Advertiser 05-09-1891.*

Charles Russell died 10th January 1892 *Swindon Advertiser 16-01-1892.*

Thomas HYDE, a labourer of Stratton, for refusing to quit pub and assaulting the landlord Mr Russell. *Wilts Times & Trowbridge Advertiser 23-01-1892.*

The half-yearly meeting of the Swindon Oddfellows was held at the Crown last Saturday. *Swindon Advertiser 11-07-1896.*

At beginning of 20th century there was a Quoits team here.

Mr Linsell granted an hours extension for Wednesday next. *Swindon Advertiser 15-03-1901.*

In 1902 James Lindsell won second at VWH Show with his dog 'Barrister'. *Swindon Advertiser 08-08-1902.*

Swindon Petty Sessions – Samuel Cook, late of The Crown Inn, Stratton, for permitting drunken-ness on the premises on Feb 9th, one man, Stephen MASSEY, was drunk and taken into custody with two bottles of liquor in his pocket he had just purchased. He has since given up the house. Fined 20s and £2 13s. *Citizen 4-3-1904.*

Charles Hudson, of Crown Inn charged with keeping a dog without a licence. *Citizen 24-11-1905.*

Charles Hudson, died 5th May 1907 aged 53, notice in *Swindon Advertiser 10-05-1907.*

Members of Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes 'Eric Vivian Rees Lodge', supper & concert at clubroom at Crown. 50 members attended with GPP Mr C W Nash presiding. *North Wilts Herald 04-12-1931.*

Members of Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes 'Eric Vivian Rees Lodge', met at Crown to raise Brother Alfred Thomas Hathaway to third Degree. A musical evening followed. *North Wilts Herald 03-06-1932.*

British Legion hold their annual dinner at The Crown. *North Wilts Herald 01-02-1935.*

Mrs Elizabeth Turner, wife of ex landlord Samuel Turner died last week. Her son Samuel G is current landlord. *North Wilts Herald 17-06-1938.* Samuel himself dies in January 1941, aged 88, before becoming landlord he was foreman of Birmingham Gasworks. *North Wilts Herald 31-01-1941.*

It became a Berni Inn for a period in 1970-90's but is now back in ownership by Arkell's.

To Publicans, Brewers, and others.

FREEHOLD LANDS, TITHE FREE and public house, and several cottages, to be sold by auction by Mr. W. DORE. In lots on the premises, on Friday, Sept 16, 1831, at two o'clock, subject to such conditions as shall be then produced.

A Very advantageous opportunity for Investment of capital and trade, that old-established and wee-accustomed house, THE CROWN INN, situated at Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts, on the cross-roads from Oxford to Bath, Gloucester and Newbury, 2½ miles from Swindon, 3½ from Highworth, six from Cricklade, nine from Aldbourne, and one from Berks and Wilts canal, making it desirable for dealer in corn; land adjoining makes it a good situation for a dealer in cattle. The house, brew-house, malt-granary, coach house, three stables and piggeries, have been newly built on improved principles. Adjoining is the original house converted into three cottages, a good inclosed yard, garden, and orchard well stocked with choice fruit trees, eight acres of very rich land, seven other cottages in good repair, about 10 tons of excellent hay, and four fields of capital aftermath. The furniture, stock, and fixtures, to be taken to at a valuation. Immediate possession may be had, as the present proprietor intends declining business. For view of the property apply Mr R, Burchell, on the premises, and for further particulars to <Messrs. Crowdy, Solicitors, Swindon. All letters to be post-paid. *The Reading Mercury and Oxford Gazette 22-08-1831.*

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