Public Houses of Stratton



1700's - The Wheatsheaf, The Street, Lower Stratton. (158 Ermin Street)

Originally bought as a beer house by Richard White around 1834, it was leased to the Star Brewery for 1/- (5p) a week. Bought by Arkells in 1869, full licence 1961 and modernised in 1970. An Emma Yeates was recorded as having died on the premises in 1937. In 2011 ex. Swindon footballer Paul Hunt took over the pub.

Landlords

License Held	Surname	Given Names	Title
1841	Green	Richard	
1859	Thorn	R.	
1861-1871	Thome	Lovedon	
1874	Stevenson	Ε.	
1874-1894	Ford	Jacob	
1895-1911	Shail	Robert	
1939-1948	Herring	William H	
1951	Cook	Elsie E	
1970	Tull	Walter H	
2004	Paula	Vernon	
2011	Hunt	Paul	
2013	Gillett	Katherine & Shaun	

Three Cups Inn (believed to be for-runner of Jacobs Ladder) 1702 shown in deeds of Goddard estate.

Rising Sun Inn, Swindon Road (a cottage closed in 1872, now Sleemans stores)

Extract from Evening Advertiser Aug 27th 1860 – Richard Keene, of Stratton St Margaret, beer-house keeper, was charged with having his house open during prohibited hours on Sunday, the 5th instant. The evidence on behalf of the charge was given by P.C.Barrett. Defendant in answer to the charge, called two witnesses to prove the only persons in the house were the defendant's own family, his daughter's young man, and two friends, who, that morning, had come down from London to see him. The evidence being very contradictory the Bench dismissed the complaint.

License Held	Surname	Given Names	Title
1841-1847	Walker	W.	
1847-1872	Keene	Richard	
1901	Teale	William	

Beech Tree, Green Road. (Stood next to chapel, now demolished)

Engineers Arms, 20 Bridge End Road (Beer house, closed 31 December 1912) Know locally as 'Hell Fire Corner'

Landlords

License Held	Surname	Given Names	Title
1847	Keene	Richard	
1859-1861	Hinchcliffe	Τ.	
1866-1867	Warmby	J.	
1879 - Nov 1885	Ponting	John	
Nov 1885 -	Enstone	James	
- Oct 1887	Perry	Francis	
Oct 1887 -	Grey	Samuel	
1889-1890	Hillier	Caleb	
1891- Apr 1897	Kembrey	Thomas	
Apr 1897-1911	Gosling	John	



1738 - The Jacobs Ladder, Ermin Street.

Origanally called 'Three Cups' from 1650's, owned by R Reed when transferred to T & E Gilbert and then to P. Goddard in 1738. Bought by Reeds Brewery in 1828. In 1894 Frank Hill was fined £1/14/6d for allowing drunkenness. Bought by Ushers Brewery (closed 2000 and converted to flats in 2005) this was one of only 2 pubs of this name in the country the other is in Falmouth, Cornwall.

License Held	Surname	Given Names	Title
1822-1827	Nash	John	
	Dunn	Robert	
	Dunn	(Widow of Robert)	
1858- Mar 1877	Dix	John	
Mar 1877- Aug 1880	DIx	(Widow of John)	
Aug 1880 -	Collier	Enos	
1881	Tucker	Levi	
1890-1901	Hill	Henry/Frank	
1901	Hill	Ellen (Widow of Henry)	
1911	Dennis	Charles	
1939-1948	Dent	CF	
1951	Large	CEC	
1970	McKenzie	Gerald	



Pre.1767 - The Crown Inn, Ermin Street, Lower Stratton.

An old coaching house originally the '**Sow & Piggs**'. Three cottages sold for £60 in 1767. It became the Crown in 1792. It was rebuilt in 1832. A full licence granted in 1863 and bought by Arkells in 1868 from the Pavy family. Became a Berni Inn for a period in 1970-90's, but is now back in ownership by Arkell's.

Landlords

License Held	Surname	Given Names	Title
1822-1827	Burchell	John	
1832	Pavy		
1841	Walker	William	
1848-1850	Goodman	E.	
1850-1855	Calcot	J.	
1859- Apr 1881	DeBanks	James M.	
1881-1882	Debank	Mary	
1883-May 1891	Hughes	James	
May 1891-1893	Russell	Charles	Mr & Mrs.
1894-Oct 1896	Ponting	Alfred	
Oct 1896-1901	Linsell	James	
1911	Turner	Samuel	
1939-1948	Elliot	Edwin	
1951	Plyer	F	
1970	Williams	Robert	
1984	Pujoi		
2010-	Morgan	Ross & Dawn	



The Wheatsheaf, 33 Dores Road (no.30 in 1970)

The earliest deed is J Bailey selling to Eowden's Brewery of Highworth in 1840. Sold in 1871 for £71. It was demolished and rebuilt in 1872 and again in 1961 by Ushers, around 1997 owned by Wadworths. Empty and up for sale in 2013, started trading again Jan 2014.

Landlords

License Held	Surname	Given Names	Title
1841-1848	Bailey	J.	
1851-1871	Russell	Τ.	
1875-1879	Cole	C.	
1879-1901	Ingram	William	
1901	Wheeler	James	
1911	Ingram	William	
1928	Ingram	Р	
1939-1951	Ingram	Florence F	
1970	Gough	John	
2014			
1841-1848	Bailey	J.	
1851-1871	Russell	Τ.	
1875-1879	Cole	C.	

The Kingsdown Inn

The original building dates from 1840 and is now part of brewery, the replacement was built in 1867 across the road)

Landlords

License Held	Surname	Given Names	Title
1834-1847	White	Richard	
1847-1855	Arkell	J.	
1855-1867	Miles	John	



1841 - The White Hart, Stratton Crossroads, Lower Stratton.

Originally a home-brew pub with the brew house was across the road, it owed its early existence to the Wilts and Berks Canal which ran nearby. It was in the Seymour family for many years, they sold it to Arkells in 1878 for £925, rebuilt 1938 to present site, it was modernised and extended in 1982. Johnnie Stiles the local band leader ran the pub for a while. In 2016 an Accommodation Block was added.

License Held	Surname	Given Names	Title
1841-1848	Seymour	W.	
1851-1869	Seymour	Elizabeth	

1871-1874	Ford	Jacob	
1874-Oct 1899	Warman	Joseph H.	
Oct 1899-1901	Pearce	Thomas	
1911	Pearce	Frederick G.	
1939-1958	Butler	Arthur David	
1958-1970	Stiles	Walter R J (Jonnie)	
1990's	Guyatt	Geoff	
1990's	Miles	David	
2013	Raymond	Adrian	



1844 - The New Inn, 58 Swindon Road

Bought by Arkells 22/12/1884 (originally belonged to Richard White of Star Brewery). Closed for a while 31/12/2014 after licensee fined for showing Sky Sports without a contract. 2015 re-opened by landlord of Crown.

Landlords

License Held	Surname	Given Names	Title
1841	Kemble	J.	
1847	White	J.	
1848-1876	Stroud	George	
1876-1878	Pope	Sarah	
1878-1887	Day	Charles	
1887-1888	Day	Widow of Charles Day	
1888-1894	Wilson	Hugh	
1895-1901	Bye	W.	
1911	Harris	Isaac	
1928	Pagington	WG	
1939-1951	Hayward	Percy J.	
1970	Rose	Owen A	
1980		lvor	
	Rossiter	Alan	
2013-2014	Hyde	John	

Turnpike, Stratton Road

License Held	Surname	Given Names	Title
1846-1851	Cross	W.	
1855-1856	Tucker	Τ.	
1861-1871	Cross	W.	



Bakers Arms, 121 Beechcroft Road

Erected c1847 by a butcher, William Slade of The Red Lion, Moredon. Pub consisted of tap room, bar, cellar, kitchen, 5 bedrooms, together with stabling, coach house, bake house with loft, wash house coal shed and yard when it was bought by Arkells in 1896 with rental value of £40, full licence 1947, renovated 1956, extended 1984. In 1866 Mr Perrin was fined for selling beer to men cooking their Sunday lunch in his ovens. Extended in 2014.

Landlords

License Held	Surname	Given Names	Title
1851-1865	Stroud	William	
1866-1867	Perrin	William	
1871-1879	Cole	Charles	
1891-1899	Wheeler	James	
1901	Ingram	William	
1911	Cousens	William	
1928-1939	Barnes	Albert Edward	
1948	Plyer	F	
1951	Canning	EJ	
1970	Willoughby	Florence	
	Clark	Frank	
2013	Kelly	Catherine	
	Bristow	John	



The Plough, Highworth Road.

Opened in 1848 originally known as The Speed the Plough and bought by Arkells in 1899, became The Rat Trap in 1974 after a refurbishment and extension. The name the 'Rat Trap' comes from the practice of one landlady who took to locking the door until bills were settled.

Landlords

License Held	Surname	Given Names	Title
1848-1871	Stroud	Thomas	
1871-1898	Stroud	Mary	
1911	Whiting	Levi	
1939-1951	Clements	Alfred William.	
1970	Barras	Jack	
2012-	Richardson	P.M.	

Woodbine – 75 Stratton Road.

From 1840's to around 1890's and owned by Wootton Bassett Steam Brewery, now a private house.



1867 - The Kingsdown Inn

Built as the replacement when Brewery took over original Kingsdown.

Landlords

License Held	Surname	Given Names	Title
1867-187?	Miles	John	
187?-1876	Pope	Sarah	
1876-1891	Jarvis	F.	
1891-1903	Jarvis	Henry	
1903-1911	Clack	Charles A.	
1928	Pearce	FG	
1939	Canning	Ernest Jas.	
1948-1951	Akester	W	
1970	Vann	Arthur	
1979-1983		Zena	
1985-	McGregor	John & Liz	

1840's City of London

Thatched beer house opposite Wheatsheaf in Dores Road. William Bown.



The Crossways Club, Upper Stratton

Once Wiltshire's largest pub was built by Arkell's in 1931 as a club as they were not allowed to build anymore pubs at the time by the council, became The Moonrakers in 1953.

Landlords

License Held	Surname	Given Names	Title
1953	Davis	Ken	
1970	Conway	John P	
	Neal	Peter	



April 1960 - The Lady Margaret, 114 Oxford Road

On 'Baileys' farmhouse site. It was Clinch's last pub before they were taken over by Courage. The pub was renamed as The Sandgate. From 2005-2011 it was a Thai restaurant and from 19th August 2013 it was converted to 'The Trees' a day care nursery for 0-5-year olds.

Landlords

License Held	Surname	Given Names	Title
1970	Lord	George A P	
2008	Rumble	Tracy	

1960's - The Worthington, Nythe

Redeveloped for housing in 2011.

Queensfield built by Courage in 1967.

Landlords

License Held	Surname	Given Names	Title
1970	Rogers	David E	
2009-2011	Doyle	John	



The Pressed Steel Social Club,

Using the old Dockle farmhouse the club was set up in the 1975. The club got into difficulties as the numbers employed in the factory dipped and it was eventually sold to a private owner who renamed it The Greenbridge . They used the land at the back of the farm for building and sold the Clubhouse onto J T Weatherspoons who refurbished the Club for £1.7M and re-opened it on 24th April 2005 as 'The Dockle Farmhouse'. It became the first family friendly no smoking pub in Swindon area.

Other

In addition, there were also some 'Outside' Beer house licensed around Stratton, in Swindon Advertiser of 31st March 1877 Joseph Selwood of Stratton Green transferred his licence to James Carter.