



The Rose and Crown

Colne Road

The Rose and Crown can still be seen on the corner of Colne Road and East Street and looking better than ever with a new thatched roof and rendering. Built some time in the 16th Century it has been listed as a pub since 1795.



In 1795 John Tibbutt is named in Pigots directory as being the landlord. In the 1830 edition the landlord is listed as Francis Southwell and in the 1839 edition the landlord is named as Thomas Cooper. In the 1841 census Thomas Cooper (40) his wife Jane and their three children are listed. Thomas' occupation appears to be Salesman, so we have to assume that he was selling beer.

In 1848, the pub along with several others, was sold at Auction in St Ives: Cambridge Chronicle, October 1848:

SALE OF PUBLIC-HOUSES, &c.—There was a large sale of public-houses, &c., at the Unicorn inn, St. Ives, on Wednesday last, by Mr. C. M. Didwell, when very satisfactory prices were realized. For the Slaughterhouse-lane brewery, in Cambridge, and Mr. Hopkins' brewery in St. Ives, no offers were made. We give below a list of the public-houses sold, and the prices thereof:—

Grapes, St. Ives	580
Wheatsheaf, ditto	390
Horse and Jockey, ditto	520
Rose and Crown, Bluntisham	430
White Hart, Earith	390
Red Lion, Godmanchester	510
Carpenters' Arms, Great Gransden	460
Ship, Warboys	700
Woolpack, Fenstanton	450
Wheatsheaf, Ellington	430
Mermaid, ditto	460
King William, Pidley	135
Three Tuns, Fendrayton	620
Crown, Willingham	580
Lord Nelson, ditto	340
Chequers, Horningsea	560
Spade and Becket, Chatteris	800
Swan, Doddington	390
Plough, Elsworth	415
Lockspit Hall, Haddenham	725

In 1851, William Beldam (42) and his family are listed at the Rose and Crown. He is described as a Farmer and licensed victualer. His wife Mary (41) and their 7 children and a lodger are all at the premises. He probably took over the pub after the auction in 1848, as he is listed in the Cambridge weekly news in January 1849:

Elizabeth, the wife of Richard Hard, brickmaker, of St. Ives, to the asylum at Bedford.—Mr. William Beldam, of Bluntisham, charged *Eliza Ball* with entering his house and using abusive language to his wife. He admitted the charge, and was ordered to pay a fine and expenses of 20s., and cautioned.—P.C. Simpkin, of Ramsey, charged *Baxter*

By 1861 the Rose and Crown is under new management, with Thomas Shanks (40), his wife Sarah and their 6 children. Thomas is listed as being an Engine driver (threshing machine) and publican. There appears to be some further changes in the 1860's with William Beldam making an appearance in the Bankruptcy court:

Huntingdon.
WILLIAM BELDAM, of Bluntisham, in the County of Huntingdon, Farmer, Cheesemaker, and Publican, having been adjudged Bankrupt on the 1st day of December, 1865, a Public Sitting for the said bankrupt to pass his last examination, and make application for his discharge, will be held at the said Court at the Shire Hall, in Huntingdon, on the 30th day of January, 1866, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon precisely, the day last aforesaid being the day limited for the said bankrupt to surrender.
The Registrar of the Court is the Official Assignee, and Messrs. THORP and WATTS, of Saint Ives, are the Solicitors acting in the Bankruptcy.
CHARLES JACOB, High Bailiff.

However William Beldam is listed as being the landlord in the 1869 Post Office Directory and again in the 1871 census, now aged 61 he is described simply as a publican. He also has a new wife Margaret who is 30. William leaves the pub in 1877:

Following this sale, the 1877 post office directory shows Henry Allpress as being at the Rose and Crown and described as a beer retailer.



In the 1881 census Henry Allpress (59) is still in post. His wife Phoebe (57) and daughter Martha (15) are also listed at the Rose and Crown. Henry and Phoebe remain at the Rose and Crown until the 1901 census, but they are not listed in Kellys Directory of 1903.

In the 1910 Kellys directory Edward Goates is listed as the landlord. He is there in the 1911 census, aged 41, with his wife Louisa and their son Edward. In 1920 the license was transferred from Edward to Harold Gosling.

ST. IVES POLICE COURT.

MONDAY.—Before Messrs. J. R. Lindsell (in the chair), R. M. Osborne, C. G. Tebbutt, J. Stocker and J. Johnson, and Col. Charles Linton.

The following transfers were granted: The Lamb, St. Ives, from Mrs. Elsby to Mr. William T. Varley; the Rose and Crown, Bluntisham, from Edward Goates to Harold Gosling; the Bull, Broughton, from William Coles to John Thomas Mee; the Wheatsheaf, Earith, from Harold Gosling to Richard Nash.

In the 1921 census, Arthur Vinter and his wife Annie are now listed at the Rose and Crown. The license was transferred from Harold Goodwin to Arthur in February 1921 just ahead of the census.

In 1939, John Pitts is now the landlord, living with his wife Sarah and son Kenneth. It would appear that John Pitts, was the landlord before 1939. He is in trouble with the police in 1935, as reported in the Peterborough Standard in May 1935.



INKEEPER CONVICTED.

John Robert Pitts, licensee of the Crown Inn, Bluntisham, was summoned for being drunk whilst in charge of a horse and cart, at St. Ives-road, Bluntisham, on April 1st.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Overton stated that at 6 p.m. he received a report that an accident had occurred on the St. Ives-road, near Mr Rose's farm at Bluntisham, and near Bluntisham Station he met Pitts, who was staggering along, and was being assisted by two men. Defendant had a slight graze on his cheek, and was very drunk. Witness asked defendant how the accident happened, and he replied "Accident? What accident?" Witness told him he understood that his horse ran away and damaged the front of a house in Bluntisham. Witness could not get a satisfactory answer from defendant, and he took him home.

Replying to Insp. Hodson, witness said Dr. Grove was called after the accident, and said that defendant might call his own doctor if it was thought there was any need, as there was slight concussion.

Defendant said he was driving home, and his whip caught in the wheel. He was after the whip, and the pony hit the gutter and pitched him out. "It knocked me right clean out," said defendant. "I did not know whether I went over the side, over the back, or how."

Insp. Hodson: How did your whip manage to get into the wheel?

Defendant: My whip stands by the side, and my whip-holder has no bottom. The leash caught in the wheel, which it has done before. I gripped the handle, and it got wedged."

Insp. Hodson: How long had you been in St. Ives that day?—I got here about quarter to ten.

What time did you go home?—Half-past four.

Did you have any drink at all that day?—About 10 or quarter-past I had a pint, a twist, and a piece of cheese, and at 2-30 two-and-a-half pints of beer.

The Chairman: I am afraid, Mr. Pitts, we shall have to find you guilty, and the fine will be 10s.

When they left it's not known. The pub ceased trading in 1964 when it was purchased by the then landlord Sid Cooper.