



The Jacob's Ladder

c.1738, 46 Ermin Street,

Originally called 'Three Cups' mentioned in a 1650's deed, a marriage settlement in 1670's, later owned by R Reed when transferred to T & E Gilbert in 1702, and then to P. Goddard in 1738. Believed name changed when owned by a William Jacob. Was one of only two pubs of this name, other is in Cornwall.

1828 Bought by Reeds Brewery

1832 it was sold to Anchor Brewery of Marlborough.

1833 John Nash was declared bankrupt. (*Perry's Bankruptcy Gazette 23/7/1833*),

1836 James TITCHNER 27 and George NAISH 21, stealing a canvass purse, contents between 4 and 5s, from John BARRATT at the Jacobs Ladder pub, Wilts Assizes seven years transportation. *The Salisbury and Winchester Journal 14-03-1836*

1837 William HYDE manslaughter of John LOVEDAY after quarrel at Jacobs Ladder and fight outside after. 6 months prison. *The Salisbury and Winchester Journal 13-03-1837*,

1845 Swindon Petty Sessions – Richard ILES, of Stratton, labourer, charged by Enos. BARNES, of the same place, tailor, with having assaulted him. The defendant, a powerfully built man, is a labourer in the great Western Railway Works, and an enthusiastic devotee of St Joh Barlecorn, whose acquaintance has such a striking effect on his conduct that he amuses himself with striking all who come his way. The complainant met defendant at the Jacobs Ladder, and although the defendant did not Enos of Jacobs Ladder, yet he pulled his nose and struck him on the breast without any provocation. The defendant did not deny the charge but said he could not Recollect striking the complainant. Fined £1 including expenses, which appeared to have a very striking effect on his countenance. *Wilts & Gloucestershire Standard 02-12-1845*

1855 landlord was ordered by Magistrates to keep a better house. An occasional licence was granted to Mrs. Dix, to sell at the Athletic Sports on Monday next, but the Bench refused to grant it for later than 8:30 p.m., it being a feast day. Frank Hughes, a young labourer, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at the Jacob's Ladder Inn, Stratton St. Margaret, on the night of the 29th December.

1872- John DIX, landlord for having 5 quarts, 12 pint, and one-half pint measures deficient and unjust. Fined 2s for each cup and 7s expenses. *North Wilts Herald 25-11-1872*.

1877- P.C.Carter was called to the house, where he found the defendant drunk and using bad language. He had his face blacked over and would not leave when he was told to go, and this was made the subject of a second charge. - Mrs. Dix, the landlady, gave corroborative evidence, and said defendant was so disorderly that she was compelled to send for the police. - The Bench inflicted fines amounting to £1 8s 6d., and refused to allow Mrs. Dix her cost, she has refused to take these proceedings when requested by the police. In default of paying defendant was committed for 28 days. *Swindon Advertiser 15-01-1877*.

1880- Mrs. Dix was charged with selling intoxicating liquors on Sunday, 22 Feb during prohibited hours. Defendant was ill so case adjourned. *North Wilts Herald 15-03-1880.*

1881- At Police Court, Levi TUCKER, 31, landlord, summoned for keeping open his premises after 11pm. Fined 40s. *Wiltshire Times & Trowbridge Advertiser 01-10-1881.*

-James WILKINS, labourer of Stratton for being drunk & disorderly at Jacobs Ladder. Fined 5s and 13s costs. *Swindon Advertiser 04-10-1880.*

1892- Henry Hill applies for a 2-hour extension on 9th July, for a smoking concert, Granted. *Swindon Advertiser 02-07-1892.* Sep 11th,

1893, Henry dies at age of 57 after a long illness. *Swindon Advertiser 23-09-1893.* In 1894 Frank Hill was fined £1 1s 6d for allowing drunkenness.

1894 – Swindon Brewster’s Sessions. – Good year except Frank Hill at Jacobs Ladder, having been fined £1 14s 6d on 18th Jan for permitting drunkenness. *Swindon Advertiser 25-08-1894.*

-John HILL, labourer, of Stratton for assaulting his cousin, Frank HILL, landlord of Jacob’s Ladder. Fined £1 and costs, in default 14 days hard labour. *The Western Daily Press 19-10-1894.*

1895 saw the sale to G & T Brewery of Bradford-on-Avon.

1908 Spencer & Co. of Bradford-on-Avon were given permission for alterations. *Swindon Advertiser 31-07-1908.*

1914. Bought by Ushers Brewery

1941 Collect 2s 10½d for War Comforts Funs. *North Wilts Herald 24-10-1941.*

1999 (Finally owned by Punch Taverns it closed July 15, 1999)

2005 converted to flats.

Landlords

License Held	Surname	Given Names	Title
1780	Lester	Richard	
1822-1831	Nash	John	
1841-1851	Dunn	Robert & Rachel	
1851-1855	Cox	John	
1858- Mar 1877	Dix	John	
Mar 1877- Aug 1880	Dix	(Widow of John)	
Aug 1880 -	Collier	Enos	
1881-1890	Tucker	Levi	
1890-1901	Hill	Henry/Frank	
1901-1908 Sep	Hill	Ellen (Widow of Henry)	
1908 Sep-1909 Dec	Smith	Charles	
1909 Dec -	Skinner	Albert E W	<i>Swindon Advertiser 17-12-1909</i>
1911	Dennis	Charles	
1914-1930	Gale	William	
1939-1948	Dent	Charles Frederick & Beatrice	
1951	Large	Cecil E C	
1961	Scarratt	Reuben I	
1963-1965	Davies	David H	
1970	McKenzie	Gerald	
1980's	Moss	Pat & Shirley	
	Bond	Dave	

-1992	Knights	Michael	
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