



Arkell Family Overview

In 1843 John Arkell established a Brewery in Swindon Road, Stratton St Margaret, until 1861 when he built a Steam Brewery at Kingsdown. After his death in 1881 sons Thomas and James took over and Arkell's continued to expand, still focusing on the boom town of Swindon. By 1900, Arkell's owned more than a quarter of the pubs in the Swindon area. Arkell's became a private limited company in 1927. The 1930s saw the closure of the malting and the opening of a high-tech bottling plant which employed up to 25 people, and the building of the chimney. In the 1960's Arkell's bought out local firm Brown and Plummer's wine merchants and went on to purchase 50% of Edmont Joinery who were their pub outfitters.

John Arkell - (Born 1802; Died 21st October 1881) - Born into a farming family in Kempsford, South Gloucestershire he set up the family brewery.

John Weatherstone Arkell (Born 1848; Died 2nd May 1909)

Sir Thomas Noel Arkell (1893-1981) High Sheriff of Wiltshire in 1953

Peter Arkell OBE (1923 - 2010). During World War II, flight lieutenant Peter Arkell flew sorties into occupied France to pick up allied spies and resistance fighters during the night and later was sent to Burma to form "C" Flight, 357 S.D. Squadron. He became a director in 1954 and was Chairman of the family brewery from 1971 until 2008. He was awarded to OBE in 1997.

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