



Brewery Farm

1773

The farm was built at Swindon Road.

1796

The Enclosure Award was made to a James White.

1841

By 1841 Richard White had taken ownership and had started brewing, he also had land at Kingsdown, his son James sold it to the Pound family in 1896.

1845

Occupied by Sarah Kirby 1845 until 1862, in 1845 she was charged by William Fox of failing to pay £1 6s. for work done, paid by her son. **Wilts & Gloucestershire Standard, 6 May 1845**

1858

In 1858 Sarah Kirby distributed beef & potatoes to the local poor.

In 1858, 34 trees on the farm were sold off, 1 walnut, twenty-three elms, seven ash, and 3 maiden oaks by W. Becket Turner. **Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette, 21 January 1858**

1860

Mary Johnson, dairymaid to Mr. Thomas Kirby of Stratton for leaving her service while under contract. Ordered to return and have 8s. 6d. deducted from wages. **Swindon Advertiser, 26 March 1860**

1861

The farm bailiff in 1861 was Stephen Davies.

1866

Executors of estate of James White sell 26 acres 'Peaks Hay', Kingsdown and 2 acres 'Smock Gore', adjoining the canal, Land is Copyhold held under Manor of Corsham, it will be divided into building lots as they are alongside main roads also to sell 24 acres of Wheat, Barley, beans and peas, along with a large heap of manure. **Swindon Advertiser, 09 July 1866**

1896

Now the home of Pound & Co. it was bought by Arkells

1926

Arkells sold it to Edward John Cook.

1901

Farmer Edwin Akerman.

1910

Until 1918 the farmer was Edward Raymond Kembrey. who died in 1938 at Laurel Farm, Hankerton. **North Wilts Herald, 03 June 1938**

1930

Kellys Directory shows Donald Ernest Hoddinott (Penhill farm) as owner.

1940s

The farm was a working Dairy Farm until after World War II.

1973

Some rear buildings were demolished, and the rear extension was added.

1980

In 1980 the Farm House became a Grade II listed building.

2002

Teacher Rex Cook, who taught for almost 20 years at Commonweal School, Swindon, has died aged 67 after a long illness. Mr. Cook taught maths and chemistry, taking a special interest in sixth form pupils and sending many on to university. He was born in Stratton St. Margaret on June 18, 1934, in the Brewery Farm House, where he lived for the last 48 years of his life. He died on April 10 at Princess Margaret Hospital surrounded by his family. After spending a few years as a biochemist, he trained as a teacher and accepted a post at Commonweal. Mr. Cook's funeral took place yesterday at St. Margaret's Church in Lower Stratton. **Wiltshire Gazette & Herald, 19 April 2002.**

2006

The Farm House remained in the Cook Family until December 2006 when it was bought and converted to a bed and breakfast.

2022

The Malt house was used by a metal fabrication firm for a while and is now used by the UNITE union as offices.