



The Plough

9 Highworth Road. Opened in 1848 originally known as The Speed the Plough and bought by Arkell's 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.

To Let with 9 acres of land by Mr Keen. *Swindon Advertiser 10-03-1905.*

Thomas Jackson of Highworth summoned for stealing 1s from till, as first offence he was bound over. *Swindon Advertiser 14-11-1910.*

Levi WHITING, the former landlord was sued by Messrs. James Arkell & Son, brewers of Kingsdown for £48 2s 11d, for outstanding rent. To be paid at 10s per month. *North Wilts Herald 18-02-1927.*

1928 the occupant was also a coal and coke merchant.

1929 Reuben HARRIS, landlord applied for a protection order. *North Wilts Herald 14-06-1929*

1933 Margaret HARRIS of the Plough 2nd in weekly competition. *North Wilts Herald 24-02-1933.*

1937 Arkell's apply to add two bay windows to front of pub. *North Wilts Herald 07-05-1937.*

1941 Collect 4s 9½d for War Comforts Funs. *North Wilts Herald 24-10-1941.*

2019 Function room added to rear.

Landlords

License Held	Surname	Given Names	Notes
1848-	Stroud	Thomas	
' - Oct 1871	Smith	Jesse	<i>North Wilts Herald 07-10-1871</i>
Oct 1871-1898	Stroud	Mary	
1905	Keen	George	
Apr 1905	Campden	Charles F	<i>Swindon Advertiser 14-04-1905</i>
1906-Nov 1926	Whiting	Levi	<i>1911 Census & 1923 Kelly's Directory</i>
1928-1929	Ponting	E	
1929-Nov 1934	Harris	Reuben	
Nov 1934-1951	Clements	Alfred William.	<i>North Wilts Herald 09-11-1934</i>