

THE BRICKLAYERS ARMS, 1280 HIGH ROAD, N20

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Note: In the following: admitted = registered owner of,
mess = messuage (dwelling house),
surr = sold

Bell House, Priest's House, Bricklayers Arms. Tithe plot 70

1573 (17 Elizabeth)

Friern Barnet Court Rolls

William Page of Finchley is to remove his planks from the Priests House.

1574 (18 Elizabeth)

A proclamation was made in Whetstone on behalf of the Queen. If anyone has an interest in a messuage called the Priest's House, alias the Bell House with appurtenances in Whetstone Street, let him come forward. Robert Foxe came forward.

1585

In 1585 the proclamation was renewed, but there was no claimant. The Homage of the manorial court reported "It is found that Sir Thomas, formerly Rector of Friern, held a grove called the Priest's Grove, after whose death Sir Anthony succeeded the said Sir Thomas and during his life held the Grove, and that Ralph North occupied the same, but by what title he came of them or held it is not known.

1662

It was presented by the Homage that the little tenement in the lane of Whetstone called the Bell House on a piece of land 24 feet long and 22 feet wide across and part of the house was formerly blown down by the great gale.

1664

Robert Holmes was admitted to land where a messuage called the Bell House formerly stood and that he should hang a bell and keep it in repair and ring it on festivals and holy days and at other times before divine service so that the inhabitants may hear it and go to church.

1664

Robert Holmes surr the Bell House to Robert Holmes his son & heir.

1720

Robert Holmes, deceased, surr the Bell House & two acres of land to William Holmes. Robert Holmes surr a tenement to Thomas Holmes.

1729

William Holmes surr the Bell House to Thomas Jackson.

Thomas Holmes surr the Green Dragon to Kathleen Holmes.

1737

William Holmes surr the Bell House to John Underwood (quoting 1732 & 1752).

1763

John Norcutt surr all that mess called the Bell House to which he was admitted in 1752 to Jenkin Jones.

1772

Jenkin Jones obit, surr the Bell to Clutterbuck.

1795

Thomas Clutterbuck, brewer (adm 12 June 1772) was dead, by his will to his S & H Thomas Clutterbuck, the Bell, formerly the Kings Head, late in +the occupation of Hannah Earp.

1838

"All that messuage with stables, outhouses and garden, formerly called the Bell House and since then the Kings Head and the Bricklayers Arms, formerly the property of - Pratt and afterwards John Norcutt, since of John Russell, late of Joseph Ange and now of William Woodward and purchased by Thomas Clutterbuck in 1806 on a mortgage of £29."

Licensed victualler's returns

1723 Mary Newman

1731 William Bolton

1751 Elizabeth Bolton

1779 Joseph Tower

1827 Joseph Hainge