

House history: The Old King's Head



The plaque on the front of the Kings Head indicates the pub was built by T and M Cooper in 1773.

There are signs that the building originally had a steeper roof, perhaps thatched. In the later part of the 1800s there was a major refurbishment. The front wall was raised by eight rows of bricks and a shallower slate roof was built on to the house. The rear wall was rebuilt about one metre back and ceilings on both floors were raised.

The pub comprised of a public room and a 'ladies' room to the front, with a bar store, private room and hallway to the rear.

In the late 1800s the large building to the rear was built on to the pub and comprised a scullery near the house, with a stable behind on the ground floor, and a 'club' room on all the first floor. We have been told that the garage adjoining the drive was used as a butcher's shop with many hooks on the beams still present.

At some stage ownership of the pub transferred to the Haveringland Estate. The pub was sold to the Brewery in the auction in 1946 when the Haveringland Estate was sold.

The pub closed in the early 1950s and was sold to Mr and Mrs W Cooper in 1956 and they removed the front entrance porch and door. They owned the property until 1986 when we bought it and moved in with our four children.

Since then the house has been renovated (mostly in the first two years). The 'club room' mostly remains as it was and the stable underneath is run as an office for the family business.

The picture on the left is the Old King's Head as it is today.



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