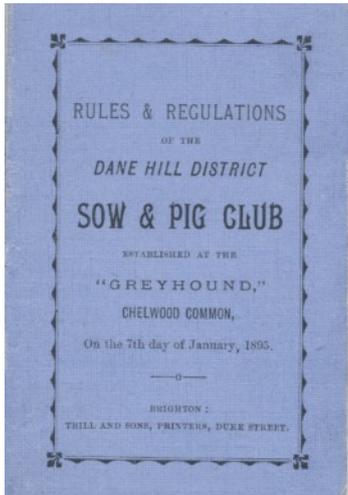


Round and About in the Parish, The Greyhound Pub Chelwood Common

Malcolm and Rosemary Burwood (from Infield, Coach Lane) have very kindly let me see their original Deeds which date back to 1811 and these start with the first owner Rt. Hon. Trevor Hampton, Lord Viscount Hampton Buckinghamshire (Lord Gage). Their property had been a pub called The Greyhound.



On a map dated 1841 reference is made to an estate called Square Hall which lists the various fields and cottages nearby and shows an outline of a pub called The Greyhound. From the 1851 Census a Mr Elias Turner is the beer retailer and grocer and he is in residence certainly until the 1881 Census. By the 1891 Census George Master is the beer retailer and he is also trading there as a grocer and draper. Mr Masters started the Sow and Pig Club at The Greyhound on the 7th January 1895. The Club was a type of insurance, if for example, a sow should prove barren, or die, the insurance would pay out. (photo left). In 1908 The Greyhound ceased to be a pub, and by the time of the 1911 Census, the property is called The Old Greyhound.

The late Margaret Holt, (2nd President of the Danehill Parish Historical Society), visited the house in 1974/75 and noted that the name Infield invariably meant a house built either on common land or waste. She found the house had belonged to Horsted Keynes, Broadhurst Manor, which was strange as she thought it would have been from Sheffield Manor. Margaret believed the house to date from 1708.

There are various other owners but in 1928 Mr and Mrs Hodgkins are running the property as a general shop and it is called either simply The Stores, or Upminster Stores, which sells rat traps, oil lamps, fishing tackle, and even guns etc . They also sell souvenirs which are entitled "a present from Chelwood Common" one was an ornamental plate with painted cherubs in the centre, another one was a small cup and saucer with All Saints Church Danehill painted on one side.

The property is sold by auction in March 1943 and it then takes on its present name of Infield.

About 20 years ago Malcolm was in the garden and saw someone looking in. The man had a strong Australian accent and asked "was this the Greyhound?" On being told it had been the pub, the man



said that his grandma, who was 95 and lived in Sydney, said she was born at the Greyhound. He told Malcolm that his grandma had a pet chicken that used to run down into the cellar and drink the beer out of the cups holding the dregs, it then came back outside and kept falling over in front of the customers as it was drunk - this was about 1902. He subsequently sent Malcolm the photo on the previous page and if you look closely there is a little girl (who was his grandma) and to the left is the pet chicken - it is difficult to see from this sized photo, but it's there. John Morley the publican is on the left and to his left is his daughter (Lucy) who is the grandma born 1898, with her mother (also Lucy); Percy Scutt is the man by the fence. To the left is a large Monkey Puzzle tree and it was said that if strangers were seeking the way to Chelwood Common from Danehill, they were told "can you see the Monkey Puzzle Tree? - head for that".



This photo from Margaret Holt clearly shows the then massive tree - which came down in a storm in 1979 and fell into the field next door flattening some of Bun Baker's prized Leveller gooseberry bushes at Lilac Fruit Farm. (The preceding photo shows the tree considerably smaller).

Margaret said that the pub had a little salt house (they also had pigs) and a malt house for when they brewed their own beer.



This photo shows men drinking at the Greyhound in around 1902.

Jim Morley (landlord) pouring beer, Lucy Morley (right of doorway) Maid to left of door, Henry Scutt, 2nd face left front row, Percy Scutt 1st right front row, Lucy Maud Morley is the child in front of "Bugbeard" Young.

My thanks to Rosemary and Malcolm Burwood, Pete Baker,