

The Duke of Normandy

There is a reference in the English Place Name Society volume for Surrey, that the village of Normandy owes its name to the Duke of Normandy Inn. However, the name of Normandy predates an inn on this site and, as yet, no evidence has been found for any previous inn of the same name elsewhere in the village. The main dates in the history of the Duke of Normandy, according to our research so far, are as follows:-

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| 1841 | Not yet built. The Tithe Map shows that the present site was part of a field called Tickners. |
| 1855 | It was leased by Thomas Taunton, the Guildford brewer, for 21 years. |
| 1860s | The landlord was Thomas Wheeler, until he moved to the Royal Oak at Wood Street Village. |
| 1867-71 | Occupied by William Boyer, described in the census as 'licensed victualler'. |
| In 1874 | Taunton's brewery and public houses were taken over by Friary Brewery. |
| 1874 | William Blake was landlord, as listed in Kelly's directory. |
| 1881-91 | George Carpenter was the publican, as shown on census returns and directories. |
| 1899-1933 | Frank Carpenter was landlord, as listed in Kelly's directories and the electoral rolls. |
| In 1910 | The inn was owned by Friary, Holroyd & Healy's Brewery and consisted of a tap room, bar, refreshment room, cellar, kitchen, scullery and five bedrooms. It was in good order, and valued at £ 1,500. |
| In the 1930s | Lucy Carpenter worked with her father in the inn. Friary used to deliver supplies in a steam lorry. |
| 1934-37 | Albert George Binfield was landlord, as listed in the directory, rate book and electoral rolls. |
| 1938-49 | Alfred George Godwin, from Godalming, was the landlord, according to local knowledge and the electoral rolls. He was in Normandy's wartime fire brigade. |
| 1950 | Occupied by Hilda Godwin, according to the electoral rolls. |
| 1951 | Occupied by Ernest and Margaret Walker. |
| 1952-57 | Occupied by Edmund and Elizabeth Purdue. |
| 1956 | J Snow was listed as the occupier in the telephone directory. |
| 1958-60 | Occupied by Cecil and Doris Beal. |
| 1962 | Occupied by Robert, Elizabeth and Maureen Barry. |
| 1963-64 | Occupied by Jack and Iris Hill-Smith. |
| 1971 | Occupied by Arthur and Florence Lucas. |
| 1973 | The licensee was Robert Hiles. |
| 1974-76 | Joint licensees were Vic and Jeannie Grimley, according to an advertisement in the parish magazine and local knowledge. |
| 1976-89 | Jeannie Grimley was the sole licensee. |
| 1989 | In October the new proprietors were Robin and Val Osborn, according to a later press release. |
| In 1991 | Friary Meux sold the inn to Greene King of Bury St Edmonds, Suffolk. |
| 1993 | The pub was refurbished at a cost of £ 65,000 and a new car park was laid out, according to a press release from Greene King. |
| 2001 | Pauline Fox the sole licensee |

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