

AMPNEY CRUCIS BREWERY AND "THE BUTCHERS ARMS"

Mr Charles Radway was the last owner of what was known as "The Ampney Brewery". He sold it by auction at the "Kings Head Hotel", Cirencester on Monday, 4th September 1899 - and it is rumoured that the sale raised the grand sum of £2,000. The main reason for the sale being the ill health of the said Charles Radway. (See Cutting of the Sale on next page).

The Sale was divided into 3 lots:-

Lot 1 Consisted of the Brewery which included a Three-Quarter brewery plant, Malt and Grinding Houses, Office, Range of 3 beer store cellars, a six quarter Malt house, complete, a good stone building used as beer stores, cart house, trap house with a good granary on top, hay and straw stores, A four-bay cattle stall and yard, pigsties, a newly erected three stall stable, saddle room with room over, small orchard and fowls run. A Stone built dairy with laundry over. (See Particulars of Lots). The Land Tax amounted to two shillings (10 pence in todays money)! The brewery was sited where the Bradleys now reside. When the brewery closed five bottles were cemented into the gable and are still there to be seen today.

Lot 2 A stone built building situated on the opposite side of the road which were formerly cottages but now converted into an eight-quarter malt house, all in working order, together with a piece of good garden ground, in extent about a quarter of an acre, on which is erected a Warner's Double Barrel Pump with Pony Gear, fitted with pole hook, swingle tree, and iron crank which is used for supplying water to the Brewery. This building was later converted back into three cottages. The end house in Dinah Lafford's day was used by the village hall caretaker. But later (when the middle and end cottage nearest the village hall became one dwelling) the other remaining cottage of the three was leased to the village hall for the use of the caretaker. This privilege has now been rescinded.

Lot 3 A free licensed beer house, situated at the top end of the village, consisting of a stone-built house containing Kitchen, Parlour, Back Kitchen, small Tap Room and Cellar, 2 Bedrooms and 2 Attics, a lean-to Cart Horse Stable, Yard, Slaughter House, newly built Skittle Alley, Butcher's Shop, Piece of Garden Ground and Small Orchard, in the occupation of Mr John Legg at the annual rent of £16. Land Tax 2/6d.

The skittle alley was knocked down sometime ago but before that was regularly used for skittle matches - the heating was by a black stove in the middle of the alley heated by solid fuel. The Legg family continued as publicans for some years.

Sadly, "The Butchers Arms" was recently sold and is now converted into a private house. It is a sign of the times that so many of the small village public houses have been sold off - the villages have lost so much of their community spirit by this trend.

AMPNEY CRUCIS

NEAR CIRENCESTER.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale

— OF A SMALL, COMPACT —

FREEHOLD BREWERY

Comfortable Residence & Premises,
Malt Houses, Garden Ground,

—AND—

FREE LICENSED BEER HOUSE

called the "Butchers' Arms" Inn,

SITUATE IN THE VILLAGE OF AMPNEY CRUCIS,

*The Property of Mr. CHARLES RADWAY, who through ill-health is giving up the business,
which will be offered for SALE BY AUCTION, by*

MR. C. F. MOORE

At the King's Head Hotel, Cirencester,

On MONDAY, the 4th day of SEPTEMBER, 1899,

At FIVE o'clock in the Evening, in one or more lots, which
may be determined on at the time of Sale.

To view the Property apply to Mr. CHARLES RADWAY, and for further particulars to
the AUCTIONEER, Corn Hall Buildings, Cirencester, or to

MESSRS. SEWELL & SONS,

Solicitors, CIRENCESTER.

PARTICULARS.

LOT 1.

A small conveniently-arranged Country Brewery.

Fitted with a Three-quarter Brewery Plant, Malt and Grinding Houses, Office, Range of 3 Beer Store Cellars, a Six-quarter Malt House, complete, a good Stone-built Building used as Beer Stores, Cart House, Trap House with good Granary over. Hay and Straw Stores. A Four-Bay Cattle Stall and Yard, Pigsties, a newly-erected Three-Stall Stable, Saddle Room with room over, Small Orchard and Fowls run. A stone-built Dairy with Laundry over.

The Dwelling House which adjoins the Brewery is pleasantly situated, with Lawn and Flower Garden, Kitchen Garden with Lean-to Greenhouse and Heating Apparatus.

The House contains 2 Sitting Rooms, Kitchen, Scullery, Larder, 5 Bedrooms and Attics.

The Brewery Plant, Fixtures and Fittings consist of—

Twelve 108 gallon Beer Butts.	One 400 gallon Beer Vat.
Five Fermenting Vessels.	Three 1000 gallon Vats.

About 190 Trade Casks, viz.—54, 36, 18, 9 and 4½ gallons, Portable Pump, Piping and Copper Coil, Refrigerator, small Copper Furnace, under Back, new Mash Tub and Spouting, 200 gallon Copper Brewing Furnace, new Beer Cooler, Hop Back, Hop Press and Sieves, Buckets, Lades, Horsing, &c.

Two Brewer's Drays, Malt Screen, Rotary Barley Screens, and other effects necessary for carrying on the Business.

The Good-will of the Business will be included in this Lot. Land Tax 2/-

LOT 2.

A Stone-built Building,

Situate on the opposite side of the road, formerly cottages, but now converted into an Eight-quarter Malt House, all in working order, together with a piece of good Garden Ground, in extent about a quarter of an acre, on which is erected a Warner's Double Barrel Pump with Pony gear, fitted with pole hook, swingle tree, and iron crank which is used for supplying water to the Brewery.

LOT 3.

A Free Licensed Beer House,

Called the "BUTCHER'S ARMS" Inn, situate at the top end of the Village, consisting of a stone-built House, containing Kitchen, Parlour, Back Kitchen, small Tap Room and Cellar, 2 Bedrooms and 2 Attics, a lean-to Cart Horse Stable, Yard, Slaughter House, newly built Skittle Alley, Butcher's Shop. Piece of Garden Ground and Small Orchard, in the occupation of Mr. JOHN LEOG, at the Annual Rent of £16. Land Tax 2/6.

The whole Property will be first offered in one Lot, including the Good-will of the Business, and if not sold, then in Lots as above.
