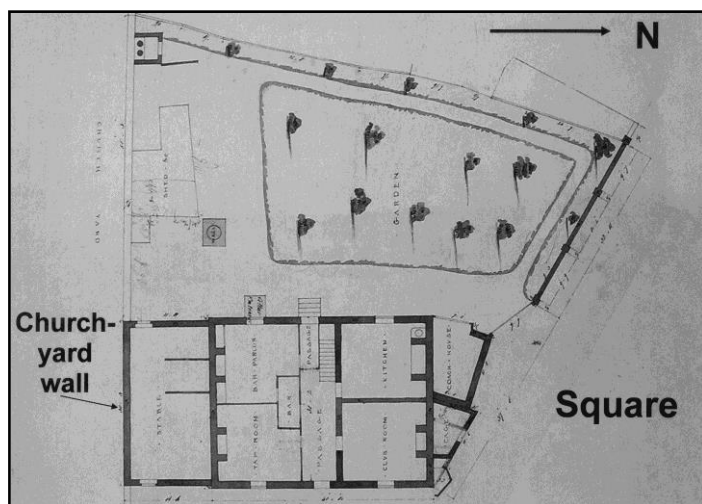


Powell Arms Stable Block & Churchyard Wall

We do not know when the stable block was added to the Powell Arms, but it was clearly visible when the artist sketched this drawing in 1840-50. It also appears to be attached to the churchyard wall, but it could also be said to be simply abutting the wall, not incorporating it.



However, when we look at the plans drawn up by Messrs Cobb and Son, Margate brewers and bankers, in



1852, the position becomes very much clearer. Cobb's holdings were being transferred from one generation to the next, so the plans were a snapshot of that change-over period. They show the way in which the stable

block, which could accommodate only two horses, incorporated the churchyard wall, using the structure as its lower half on its southern side.

When I first saw the inside of this part of the bar area of the Powell Arms in the 1960s, the flints in the old wall had been whitewashed over on the inside of the structure. They were obviously part of a flint wall, while the upper half was made of bricks. The old wall was still visible in 1996, and stood about three feet above floor level. Since then, a covering of wooden panelling has been built over the flints and a narrow shelf has been laid along the top of it.

When you look at the end of this panelling, where the door opens out into the back yard behind the pub, you can see the churchyard wall continuing beyond the stable wall all round the rest of the churchyard. As the photo below shows, when you look at the same section from the outside, it is again quite clear that the churchyard wall is actually part of the pub wall. In this photo, the wall runs directly within and through the building.



Somewhere in this area to the right of the doorway there used to stand a row of Alms Houses, which had also been built using the church-yard wall as the rear of their dwellings. When these were ordered to be pulled down in 1810, the Overseers of the Poor were to find the flints and bricks for the repairs of the churchyard wall and the Church Wardens were to provide the mortar for the work, once the demolition of the alms houses was completed.

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