

The Nightingale, Normandy

The Nightingale used to be a stopping point on the main coach route to Alton. The present beer store used to be a stable and the beer garden used to be a cottage, according to a former landlord. The road beside the pub is the parish boundary.

- 1841 It was apparently a smallholding called 'Little Elm' on the Tithe map.
- 1851 Little Elm was occupied by Robert Waters age 42, shopkeeper, in the Census.
- 1861 Occupied by James Callingham age 42, copse dealer in the Census.
- 1867 Occupied by Robert Waters, beer retailer. (Ref. PW93, The breweries and public houses of Guildford, part two, by Mark Sturley, 1995.)
- 1871-81 Occupied by Luke Kersley age 25-35, beerhousekeeper, in the Census.
- 1881 It was sold to Burrell, Burrell & Wormold, Alton brewers, for £785. (PW93)
- 1882 Occupied by Luke Kersley, beer retailer, according to the directory.
- 1884-92 It was a beerhouse occupied by Charles Gunner, owned by Crowley & Co. according to the rate book.
- 1890 Owned by Simon Mills Duckham, according to the electoral roll.
- 1891 Occupied by Charles Gunner age 66, beer house keeper in the census.
- 1893-94 A beerhouse occupied by Bick, owned by Crowley & Co., in the rate book.
- 1901 Burrell's sold it to Crowley's Alton brewery. (PW93)
- 1904 Occupied by Frederick Hill. It had an on/off licence. Bread, cheese and minerals were supplied. There was no accommodation. Customers were "of the labouring class". (PW93)
- 1904-14 A Public House occupied by Frank S Hill, owned by Crowley & Co. in the rate book.
- 1907-15 Frederick S. Hill, beer retailer, Guildford Road, Wyke. (Directory)
- 1910 Occupied by Frederick Sheldon Hill. (Electoral roll)
- 1910 Owned by Crowley & Co brewery of Alton. It had a taproom, two parlours, a clubroom, two cellars, etc. in very fair order. (Valuation Act field books held at the Public Record Office, Kew)
- 1915 Public House occupied by Mrs J Hill, owned by Crowley & Co. (Rate boo)
- 1916-34 Not marked as a P.H. on O.S. map.
- 1916-25 Public House occupied by SR or SB Hill, owned by Crowley & Co. (Rate book)
- 1918 Sidney & Elizabeth Hill, Nightingale PH, Guildford Road. (Electoral roll)

- 1919-24 Sidney B. Hill, beer retailer. (Directory)
It used to be a beer and coffee house - cider was classed as coffee!
(According to a former landlord)
- 1927-28 Owned by Crowley & Co, occupied by Alfred William Bird. (Rate book)
- 1928-30 Beerhouse and premises occupied by Alfred William Bird (Rate book & Electoral roll)
- 1930-31 Beerhouse and premises occupied by Roy PM Hill (Rate book)
- 1932-34 Beerhouse and premises occupied by Thomas Charles Grindley. (Rate book)
- 1935-50 Public House, occupied by Albert Rees. (Rate book)
- 1938 Albert Rees, the Nightingale Inn, Guildford Road. (Directory)
- 1947 Crowley's were taken over by Watney Combe & Reid. (PW93)
- 1953 Occupied by WL Sharpe. (Rate book)
- 1955-61 Occupied by Stanley W Johnson. (Rate book)
- 1964 Occupied by William and Elsie Cusden. (Electoral roll)
- 1971 Occupied by Walter and Florence Doswell. (Electoral roll)
- 1975 Occupied by James and Valerie Reid. (Electoral roll)
- 1970s/80s The landlord was George Grogan, then Gill Blyth, according to a letter from the brewery, 1988.
- 1989 Leased for 20 years to Ralph & Tracey Davis. (PW93)
- 1992 Grand Met's Watney's pubs were transferred to Inntrepreneur. (PW93)
- 2006 Open as "The Indian Summer"

Summary of Landlords:

- 1851-67 Robert Waters
1871-82 Luke Kersley
1884-92 Charles Gunner
1893-94 Bick
1904-24 Frederick S. Hill then Sidney B. Hill
1928-34 3 different occupiers
1935-50 Albert Rees
1953-89 8 different occupiers.

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