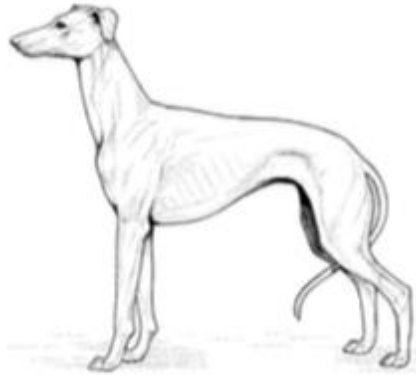


THE GREYHOUND ¹

by Henny Shotter



Ale was served in, what is today, Bunker's Hill Farm on Payden Street between 1859 and 1901. Named after the dog breed, which was used for coursing game, this ale house is included on our list, as it seems to be remembered through generations of local people.

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The ale house officially was in Wychling Parish, just outside of Lenham's parish border. 'The Greyhound' was only $\frac{3}{4}$ miles away from the Harrow Inn in Warren Street. The Landlord of the 'Harrow', Mr. Payne prevented in 1870² that the widow, Mrs. Caroline Wellfear was granted a spirit licence for the 'Greyhound'. He claimed that there were only 3 houses between the Harrow and the Greyhound which did not provide sufficient customers for two ale houses.

However, men working on the fields or on the hunt were people thirsty enough and the 'The Greyhound' stayed in business for more than 40 years.

Licensees were:

HUGHES Thomas Edward 1858-61

WELFEAR Caroline Mrs 1870-71 1871

CHEESEMAN Henry Robert 1881

WARDEN Alfred 1891

SLINGSBY William 1901³

We are very interested to learn where this area got its name 'Bunker's Hill' from. Please get in touch if you know more than we do.

¹ Image courtesy of yuckles.com

² As reported by the 'Maidstone Telegraph, Saturday 10 September 1870'

³ Information provided by <http://www.dover-kent.com/2017-project/Greyhound-Wichling.html>

