

Burnham-on-Sea Past & Present PUBS & HOTELS TRAIL 2021



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1. The Rosewood Inn. Opened in 1988 on the site of Rosewood farm house. The farmhouse appeared on the 1840's tithe map but had been rebuilt or modernised over the years before conversion to an inn. Extensively rebuilt and refurbished after a fire in June 2019.



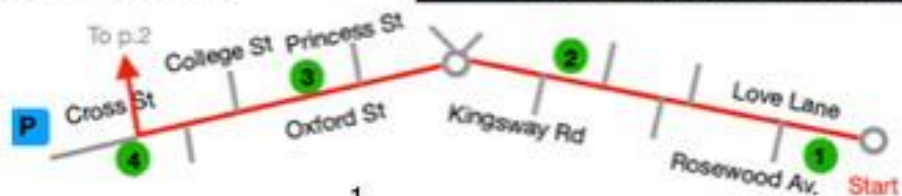
2. The Dunstan House Hotel. A building is shown on this site on the 1844 tithe map and may still be the foundation of the current structure. The inn is named after St Dunstan (909 - 988), Bishop of Glastonbury. Old sign inset.



3. The Crown Hotel, demolished 2007. This old building, originally thatched, had previously been known as The Market House Inn (1870's), probably due to its proximity to the Market in Princess St. It is now the site of Crown Gardens flats.



4. The Ring o' Bells. Another old inn, cob walled, demolished following flooding in 1981. Previously called 'The Gardeners' Arms' and 'The Chimes', and known locally as the 'two steps down' due to its entrance being below street level.





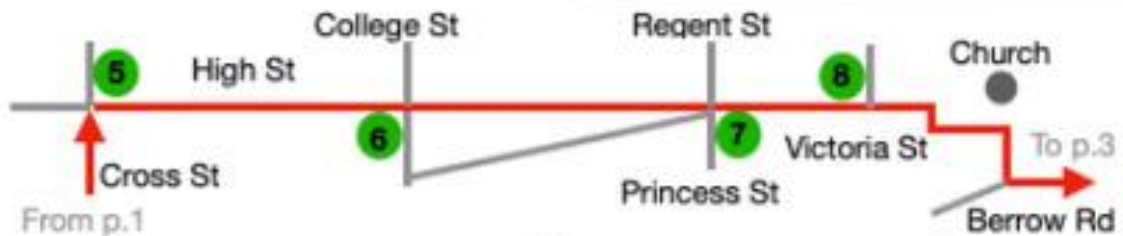
5. The Commercial Hotel (1853, originally 'Lott's'). One of the early buildings in the High St (then Alfred St) development. Probably so named due to its being built at a time when the town was undergoing its first major period of development and overnight accommodation for commercial travellers was in demand. It survived as an inn into the 1960s and has since that time been occupied mainly by Estate Agencies.

6. The Railway Hotel. Another of the early buildings in the town development. Originally 'Hallett's Railway Hotel' (1861), later 'Liley's Railway Hotel'. Probably built shortly after the opening of the Burnham railway station (1858) and may pre-date the closer Somerset and Dorset Hotel.



7. The Victoria Hotel. An old inn probably built and named in the mid 19th century, not too long after the accession of Queen Victoria (1837), when this oldest part of Burnham was redeveloped and re-named as Victoria St.

8. The Ritz Social Club. The club is situated in the lower floor of the cinema, which was opened in 1936 as a replacement for the Majestic in the High St. The photo at right probably dates from the 1960s or slightly later.





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9. The Richmond Hotel. An advert in a Burnham-on-Sea holiday guide of the 1940s shows this to have been an RAC approved 'private hotel' conveniently situated for the beach, town, tennis & golf clubs and riding stables. It was open all year round "with reduced rates for winter residents."

10. The Puzzle Gardens. Lucerne Cottage, built in 1843 by George Reed, was originally developed as a Tea Garden with a maze. Hence it became known as the 'Puzzle Gardens'. By the 1930s an alcohol license had been granted and the establishment had become 'The Puzzle Gardens Inn'. The inn closed in 1959. The cottage remains but the gardens have been built over.



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11. Steart House Hotel. Once a central part of the Burnham Spa Baths development of the mid 19th century, Steart House had a later life as a hotel in its own right before becoming private residences. The front has no entrance as it originally faced directly onto the dunes. It is a grade II listed building.

12. The Royal Clarence Hotel. Built as a coaching inn around 1792, this is the oldest licensed premises remaining in Burnham. The main entrance was originally in Regent St, under an archway into the coach yard, as the front faced onto the dunes. |



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13. The Queens Hotel. Built in 1858 as 'The Reed's Arms' by George Reed, to cater for rail and steamer passengers. It had adopted the new name by the turn of the 20th century, but returned to its original name under Weatherspoon's in the 21st.



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14. The Old Pier Tavern. Originally 'The Pier Hotel' and built as the 'tap room' and servants' accommodation for the Reed's Arms. The entrance to the carriage yard was between the two buildings.



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15. TA8's Bistro Bar. Originally the lifeboat house (1874), then the Burnham Boy Scouts' headquarters (from 1930) and later a play centre.

16. The Somerset & Dorset Hotel. Opened opposite the old railway line (laid in 1858). May date from around 1862 when the Somerset & Dorset Railway Co. took over the line.



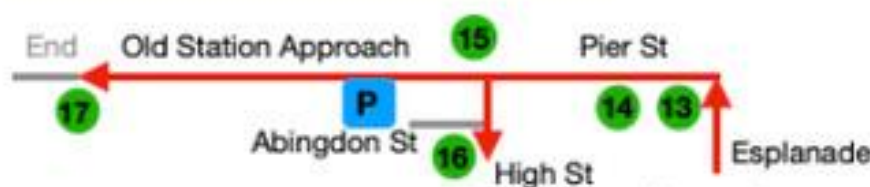
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17. The Lighthouse Tavern. Built on the site of the Holt Brothers (later Whitbread's) Brewery, which was demolished in the 1960's. Named after the Holt's lighthouse emblem (inset).

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