

Title - A Dogerel Poem by W.H.M., St Georges Canterbury.

Index to references used in footnotes. Sources used to find locations.

1826 – Pigot’s Directory of Kent 1826/7

KG – Kentish Gazette

1847 – Bagshaw 1847 History, Gazetteer and Directory of the County of Kent

Inns – Inns of Canterbury. Edward Wilmot 1988

Lost – Eighty ‘Lost’ Inns of Canterbury. Edward Wilmot 1992

All hail, mighty Bacchus! thou God of the *Vine*<sup>1</sup>,  
To sanction my Muse, may your Worship incline;  
Let the tide of your favour with spirit flow on,  
From jolly ‘St Dunstan’ to famous ‘Dane John’.

May the streams of the *Fountain*<sup>2</sup> for ever run clear,  
And the *Rose*<sup>3</sup> fresh and blooming as summer appear,  
May the old British *Lions*<sup>4</sup> ne’er cease their proud roar,  
And the *Fleur-de-Lis*<sup>5</sup> flourish till time is no more.

Around the *King’s Head*<sup>6</sup> may the laurel entwine,  
And the *Saracen’s Head*<sup>7</sup>, of brave Saladin’s line;  
When in the ‘Guildhall<sup>8</sup>’ may we justice still meet,  
And the Tavern ‘Still’ give – an ‘Imperial’ treat.

May the *Star*<sup>9</sup> rise resplendent as Liberty’s *Sun*<sup>10</sup>,  
When our fam’d *Prince of Orange*<sup>11</sup> the battlefield won;  
Let the *Eight Bells*<sup>12</sup> in harmony ever unite,  
And in ‘Triple-bob-Majors’ long give us delight.

May our *Castle*<sup>13</sup> in strength ‘a siege laugh to scorn’,  
And ‘C Sharp’ its warder, wind shrilly his horn;  
May the *City Arms*<sup>14</sup> flourish like our fam’d *Royal Oak*<sup>15</sup>,

<sup>1</sup> The Vine, 29 St Margaret’s Street. ‘Lost’ p.78

<sup>2</sup> Fountain (Royal), St Margaret’s Street. ‘1847’ and as Fountain Inn in ‘KG’ 19 April 1811

<sup>3</sup> Rose Inn, Parade. ‘1847’

<sup>4</sup> Lion Inn, High Street ‘KG’ 26 January 1836. Lion Hotel ‘KG’ 25 April 1843. Lion ‘Lost’ p.43

<sup>5</sup> High Street. ‘1847’

<sup>6</sup> Either Wincheap Street or Northgate Street. ‘1826’

<sup>7</sup> Burgate. ‘1847’

<sup>8</sup> The word is not in italics in the Kentish Gazette so this may be a reference to The Guildhall where the Council meetings were held. However there was a Guildhall Tavern at the corner of Guildhall Street and High Street ‘KG’ 14 June 1836. Also ‘1847’

<sup>9</sup> Star Inn, near the Cattle Market ‘KG’ 6 March 1804. Star Inn, St George’s Street ‘KG’ 24 February 1809. St George’s Place ‘1847’. ‘Lost’ p69 states that the Star/Starr ceased to be an inn in St Dunstan’s Street by 1843. Information under 9 is the same as 45.

<sup>10</sup> Sun Street. ‘1826’

<sup>11</sup> Orange Street. ‘1826’. ‘KG’ 6 May 1834. ‘Lost’ p.60

<sup>12</sup> Either St Dunstons or King Street. ‘1826’. Not the Eight Bells, London Road in ‘Inns’ p.33

<sup>13</sup> Castle Street. ‘1826’. ‘1847’. ‘Lost’ p.13

And *St George* give the *Dragon*<sup>16</sup> another sly poke!  
May the *Ship*<sup>17</sup> in adversity's sea never founder,  
Or *Sir John*<sup>18</sup>, 'the fat Knight' get as flat as a flounder;  
Let the *Mermaid*<sup>19</sup> (sweet Syren) be brought safe to land,  
May the *Flying Horse*<sup>20</sup> never be brought to a stand!

May the *Stags*<sup>21</sup> or the *Roe Buck*<sup>22</sup> be never run down;  
Loyal subjects, stand firm by the *Sceptre and Crown*<sup>23</sup>!  
May the *Gun*<sup>24</sup> ne'er miss-fire, the *Black Dog*<sup>25</sup> be at fault,  
Or the *Malt Shovel*<sup>26</sup> ever miscarry in Malt!

May the *Sentinels Three*<sup>27</sup> ne'er desert from their post,  
Nor the old *Jolly Sailor*<sup>28</sup>, of Briton's the boast;  
May the *Wheatsheaf*<sup>29</sup> ne'er fail to find them in bread,  
The *Windmill*<sup>30</sup> turn round with the wind right a-head.

Let the *Bee Hive*<sup>31</sup> by industry ever swarm on,  
The *Hop Poles*<sup>32</sup> stand firm, with the bine growing strong;  
The *Cherry Tree*<sup>33</sup> fruitful, its cheer rich and bright,  
A boon to the palate, a feast to the sight.

May the smiles of Dame Fortune the *Old Palace*<sup>34</sup> cheer,  
'That's own'd by 'mine host' who's cognomen is 'Beer'<sup>35</sup>!  
May St Peter's fam'd Gardens to flourish be seen,  
With the lads and the lasses that sport on its green.

May the *Globe*<sup>36</sup> long revolve round prosperity's sun,

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<sup>14</sup> Northgate Street. '1826'. '1847'. Not the City Arms, Butchery Lane in 'Inns' p.26.

<sup>15</sup> Longport. '1826'. '1847'

<sup>16</sup> George and Dragon in High Street (This is the site of the present day Beaney Library) and Westgate Street '1826', '1847' 'Inns' p.39, 'Lost' p.32

<sup>17</sup> St Martins Hill. '1826', '1847', 'Lost' p.67

<sup>18</sup> Sir John Falstaff (Falstaff), Westgate Street 'KG' 14 August 1810. '1847', 'Inns' p.34

<sup>19</sup> St Margarets Street. 'KG' 7 July 1835

<sup>20</sup> Dover Street. '1826', '1847', 'Inns' p.36

<sup>21</sup> The Three Stags, corner of Monastery Street (a licence received) 'KG' 20 September 1836, 'Lost' p.74

<sup>22</sup> Church Street, Northgate. 'KG' 6 September 1842. 'Lost' calls it The Borough p.66

<sup>23</sup> Crown and Sceptre. '1826'. '1847', 'Lost' p.19

<sup>24</sup> Westgate Without. '1826', '1847', St Dunstans Street 'KG' 20 September 1836 (a licence received), 'Lost' p.38

<sup>25</sup> Castle Street. '1826', '1847', 'Inn' p.16

<sup>26</sup> Broad Street. 'KG' 20 September 1836 (a licence received), 'Lost' p.46

<sup>27</sup> Unable to locate

<sup>28</sup> Northgate Street. '1826', '1847', 'Inns' p.42

<sup>29</sup> Castle Street. '1826'. Wincheap Street 'KG' 14 April 1807. Wincheap Green '1847'

<sup>30</sup> Unable to locate

<sup>31</sup> Dover Street. 'KG' 20 September 1836 (a licence received), '1847'

<sup>32</sup> Wincheap Street. 'KG' 3 May 1842, 'Inns' p.40

<sup>33</sup> Broad Street. 'KG' 28 November 1837

<sup>34</sup> St Augustines. '1826', 'KG' 3 October 1837

<sup>35</sup> William Beer of St Augustine's Brewery. 'KG' 9 July 1836

<sup>36</sup> Castle Street. 'KG' 20 September 1836. Globe Tavern St Georges, Burgate end of Butcher's Market. (licence suspended due to 'the part which projects into the street had not been removed'. Also 'Lost' p.36 in Castle Street

Ere Old Time whets his scythe, or his hour-glass is run;  
Le the *Cross Keys*<sup>37</sup> be turn'd on all rogues in the night,  
That in plunder or mischief are seeking delight.

Bring our *Shakespeare*<sup>38</sup> the sweet *Swan*<sup>39</sup> of Avon to view,  
Whose Works so sublime! yet to Nature is true.  
Foul fall the fell tongue of that Critical Sprite,  
That would sully his fame, or his laurels would blight.

May the *Black Boy*<sup>40</sup>, that neat bit of ebony-ware,  
And his owner, the sweets of this life have a share;  
Guard the *Eagle of Prussia*<sup>41</sup>! the land of the brave,  
Not that Eagle which cowers o'er the *Serf and the Slave*<sup>42</sup>.

May the *Butcher's Arms*<sup>43</sup> flourish, the *Carpenter's*<sup>44</sup> too,  
While they work by the square – give to Caesar his due.  
May the *Stars*<sup>45</sup> shine auspicious, ne'er looking 'a mort',  
On the anxious wayfarer that's 'making for Port!

All hail, to the sign of *Victoria*<sup>46</sup> our Queen,  
The *Hope*<sup>47</sup> of True Britons, *The Anchor*<sup>48</sup> be seen!  
Oh! may she our hearts ever firmly unite,  
By sending our enemies – all to the 'right'.

'Tho' last not the least', our brave *Wellington*<sup>49</sup> view!  
May his laurels ne'er fade, or his heart prove untrue.  
Should base foemen assail us he'll pour forth his might,  
Tho' in peace he's a Lamb, but a Lion<sup>50</sup> in fight!

Addenda.

May God speed the Plough<sup>51</sup>, and make fruitful the soil

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<sup>37</sup> Oaten Hill. '1826', Old Dover Road '1847', 'Inns' p.29

<sup>38</sup> Butchery Lane. '1826', '1847', 'KG' 6 May 1834, 'Inns' p.71

<sup>39</sup> Northgate Street. '1826'

<sup>40</sup> Buttermarket. '1826', '1847', 'Lost' p.10

<sup>41</sup> There is a star against this name and at the foot of the document it says 'The Spread Eagle'. '1826' '1847' show Northgate Street. 'Inns' p.76 under Two Brothers states this was renamed from Spread Eagle in 1872

<sup>42</sup> Star against this name states 'Russia and the Slave States of America'

<sup>43</sup> Butchery Lane. '1826', '1847', 'Lost' p.12

<sup>44</sup> Carpenter's Arms Military Road. 'KG' 3 October 1837. Black Griffin Lane '1847', 'KG' 20 September 1836 (a licence received). See also under Three Compasses 'Inns' p.75 an eighteenth century Carpenter's Arms

<sup>45</sup> St Georges Street. 'KG' 24 February 1809. Near Cattle Market 'KG' 6 March 1804. St George's Place '1847'. 'Lost' p.69 states that the Star/Starr ceased to be an inn in St Dunstan's Street by 1843. Information under 45 is the same as 9.

<sup>46</sup> St George's Street. '1847'. However 'Inns' p.81 says Northgate and 'KG' 6 September 1842 shows St Paul's Street

<sup>47</sup> Hope Tavern St George's Street. 'KG' 29 November 1842. '1847'

<sup>48</sup> Anchor Dover Lane '1847'. Blue Anchor in Dover Lane 'KG' 11 December 1838. Crown and Anchor King Street 'KG' 15 October 1833

<sup>49</sup> Duke of Wellington Broad Street. '1826', '1847', 'Lost' p.23

<sup>50</sup> City Arms Northgate Street, formerly the Lion & Lamb 'Lost' p.17

Of our brave Kentish Yeomen, who live by their toil.  
May the rich in their splendour ne'er fail to do right,  
'Their yokes to make easy, their burdens make light.'

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<sup>51</sup> St Peter's Lane 'KG' 6 September 1842 (refused licence). Pound Lane adjoining St Peter's Lane  
'Lost' p.58