

Brewing in Langham for the period 1488 to 1546

Below is a table showing the names of those residents who brewed ale in Langham for sale between 1488 and 1546. Where forenames show those listed to be males, in the majority of cases it will have been their wives who did the brewing, the Manor Court Rolls indicate this clearly, with few exceptions. The columns headed "d" show the amount paid in pence to the lord for a licence to brew, the annual cost being xvjd and the lesser figures for a part year.

Year		d	Name	d	Name	d	Name	d	Name	d	Name	d	Name	d	Name	d	Name	d
1488	Humfrey Cotton	4	William Dikman	4	Robert Corbe	4	Nicholas Gilburn	4	William Sharpe	4								
1490	Thomas Chancelor	16	Thomas Harris	16	William Christpofer	16	William Mabley	12										
1493	Thomas Chancelor	16	Thomas Ball	16	Thomas Trafford	16												
1494	Thomas Chancelor	16	Thomas Ball	16	Thomas Trafford	16												
1496	Thomas Chancelor	16	Richard Sherp	4	Thomas Trafford	8												
1498	Thomas Chancelor	16	Thomas Balle	16	Thomas Trafford	16		John Thorpe	16									
1501	Isabell Chauncelor	16			Thomas Trafford	16		John Thorpe	16									
1502	Isabell Chauncelor	16	Thomas Ball	16	Thomas Trafford	16		John Thorpe	16									
1503	Elizabeth Chauncelor	12	Isabell Ball	6	John Warde	6		Agnes Thorpe	12									
1504	Elizabeth Chauncelor	12	Isabell Ball	6	John Warde	6		Agnes Thorpe	12									
1506	Isabell Chauncelor	16	Agnes Bale	0	Johanna Bury	16		Agnes Thorpe	8									
1507	Thomas Chancelor	16	Thomas Smith	16	Thomas Trafford	16	William Mabley	16	Isabella Taylor	16								
1512	Isabell Chauncelor	8	Agnes Balle	14	Johanna Bury	16	William Cotton	8	Agnes Thorpe	8	Wife Wilsforth	8	William Benson	8				
1513	Isabell Chauncelor	8	Agnes Dobbys	8	Johanna Bury	8	Willian Cotton	8										
1515	Elizabeth Chauncelor	8	Agnes Balle	6	Johanna Bury	8	Willian Cotton	8	William Sharpe	8								
1516	William Smith	12	Agnes Balle	16	Johanna Bury	16	Willian Cotton	8	William Sharpe	8	Thomas Cotton	8						
1518			Agnes Balle	8	Johanna Bury	8	Willian Cotton	8	William Sharpe	8								
1521					Johanna Bury	6			William Sharpe	6								
1522	Richard Andrew	4	John Gibson	4	Robert Bury	4	William Kellis	4	William Sharpe	4	Thomas Willifford	4						
1526	Richard Andrew	3	John Gibson	6	Robert Bury	10	John Hubberd	8	William Sharpe	10	Thomas Willifford	10	John Mitchell	8	William Wells	6		
1543	Richard Fracy	4	William Dikman	4	Robert Corby	4	John Clarke	4	William Sharpe	4	Laurence Bagley	4	Laurence Sharpe	4	Thomas Bagley	4	Thomas Smart	4
1544	Richard Fracy	2	William Dikman	4	Robert Corby	4	Humfrey Cotton	4	William Sharpe	4					Thomas Bagley	4	Thomas Suart	2
1546	Nicolas Gilburn	4	William Dikman	4	Robert Corby	4	Humfrey Cotton	4	William Sharpe	4					Thomas Bagley	4		

The Court not only charged a fee for the right to brew but also listened to cases where an ale brewer did not comply with convention and fines were issued accordingly. The court also decided who would be the Tasters of ale for the year; a post that was not just about tasting and quality, but to ensure that officially stamped measures were used to provide accurate quantities; that ale house signs were displayed and that the ale was kept in sealed storage.

1526: Tasters of ale Robert Ives and Henry Horn who say upon their oath that the wife of John Michell, wife of William Sharpe, wife of John Hubberd, wife of Thomas Willfford and wife of Robert Bury **are common brewers of ale and did not wish to allow the tasters to exercise their duty.**

Also they say that the wife of John Michell **is a common brewer of ale and sells ale by an illegal measure unsealed.**

1543: Tasters of ale John Neyle and William Wyldman who say upon their oath that the wife of William Dikman is a common brewer of ale **and did not wish to affix the mark 'le Ale pole' just as the other brewers do and use.** Therefore she is in the mercy of the lord.

1546: Taster of ale Thomas Neyle who says upon his oath that the wife of Humfrey Cotton is a common brewer of ale **and sells ale by an illegal measure unstamped.** Therefore she is in the mercy of the lord.

Election of the Tasters of ale: Edward Freeman and John Smith were elected a new into the office of Tasters of ale in the same place and were sworn.

Brewing, Ale and Ale Houses - Langham 1488 - 1546

Abstracts from the Manor Court Rolls

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1488

Tasters of Ale iis

Edmund Freeman and John Smith say upon their oath that the wife of Humfrey Cotton (iiiiid), wife of William Dikman (iiiiid), wife of Robert Corbe (iiiiid), wife of Nicholas Gilburn (iiiiid), wife of Thomas Bagley (iiiiid) and wife of William Sharpe (iiiiid) are common brewers of ale and give to the lord a fine for the whole year last elapsed from ancient custom for a licence for brewing.

1490

Fines of brewhouses of Langham vs

Revenue and profits from brewhouses and toll booths from the feast of Saint Michael Archangel, to wit for one whole year. Thomas Channcelor (xvid), Thomas Harris (xvid), William Mable (xiid) and William Christpofer (xvid) give the Lord in return for a licence for brewing in this year as above in the heading. Silver Toll from Langham

In this year within the time of the account there was received through the hands of the Bailiff in the same place ix s iid - Total xiii s iid

1493

Fines of brewhouses and silver toll for this year iiiis

Thomas Channcelor (xvid), Thomas Ball (xvid) and Thomas Trafford (xvid) give to the Lord as a fine for a licence for brewing this year as above in their heading

Langham vis viiid - Silver toll in the same place this year within the time of the account received through the hands of the baillif - Total xs viiid

1494

Fines for brewhouses and Tollsylver this year

Fines for brewhouses in the same place iiiis

Thomas Channcelor (xvid), Thomas Ball (xvid) and Thomas Trafford (xvid) All these men give to the lord as a fine for a licence for brewing this year just as above in their headings.

Langham vis xd

Tollsilver in the same place within the time of the account

1496

Fines of brewhouses and tollsylvr this year

Langham iis iiiid

Thomas Chaunceler (xvid), Richard Sherp (iiiiid), Thomas Trafford (viid) . All these men give to the Lord as a fine for brewing this year as above in their headings.

Langham vis xd

Tolsylver in the same place within the time of the

1498

Langham brewhouses in the same place vs iiiid

Thomas Chaunceler (xvid), Thomas Balle (xvid), Thomas Trafford (xvid) and John Thorpe (xvid), all these give to the Lord as a fine for a licence for brewing this year as above in their headings.

Langham viis

Tollsylver in the same place within the time of the account through the hands of the bailiff in the same place this year just as in the heading.

1501

Langham Fines for brewing in the same place iiiis

Isabell Chaunceler (xvid), Thomas Trafford (xvid), John Thorpe (xvid) . All these give to the Lord as a fine for a licence for brewing this year as above in their headings.

Langham viis

Tollsilver in the same place within the time of the account received through the hands of the bailiff this year as is revealed in the heading

1502

Langham brewhouses in the same place vs iiiid

Isabell Chaunceler (xvid), Thomas Trafford (xvid), Thomas Ball (xvid), John Thorpe (xvid) . All these give to the Lord as a fine for a licence for brewing this year as above in their headings.

Langham viis

Tollsylver in the same place within the time of the account

1503

Langham brewhouses iiis

Elizabeth Chaunceler (xiid), Agnes Thorpe (xiid), Isabell Ball (vid), John Warde (vid) . All these give to the Lord as a fine for a licence for brewing this year.

Langham viis

Tollsylver in the same place within the time of the account received through the hands of the bailiff this year as is revealed in the heading.

1504

Langham brewhouses iiis

Elizabeth Chaunceler (xiid), Agnes Thorpe (xiid), Isabell Ball (vid), John Warde (vid) . All these give to the Lord as a fine for a licence for brewing this year.

Langham viis

Tollsilver in the same place within the time of the account received through the hands of the bailiff this year as is clear in the heading.

1506

Langham brewhouses

Johanna Bury (xvid), Agnes Thorpe (viiiid), Isabell Chaunceler (xvid), Agnes Bale (none) . These give to the Lord as a fine as is clear above in their headings.

Tollsilver

Of Langham (vis viiid) as is clear above in their headings.

1507

Fines for brewhouses of Langham

Thomas Smith (xvid), Isabella Taylor (xvid), Thomas Trafford (xvid), Thomas Chanceler (xvid), William Mabley (xvid) give to the Lord as a fine for a licence for brewing this year as above in their headings

Tollsilver of Langham

This year within the time of the account received through the hands of the bailiff in the same place xs iid
End of the courts in the time of King Henry the seventh

1512

Langham Fines iis viiid

Johanna Bury (viiiid), Agnes Thorpe (viiiid), Isabell Chaunceler (viiiid), Agnes Ball (viiiid) give to the Lord as a fine for brewing this year as is clear in their headings above.

Tollsylver of Langham

For this year within the time of the accounts received through the hands of the bailiff in the same place vis.

Langham Amercements iiis iid

Johanna Bury (viiiid), wife Cotton (viiiid), wife Wilsforth (viiiid), wife Benson (viiiid), Agnes Balle (vid), give to the Lord for a licence for brewing this year as is clear in their headings etc.

Tollsylver of Langham

This year within the time of the account received through the hands of the bailiff in the same place - vis

1513

Langham Fines iis viiid

Johanna Bury (viiiid), Isabell Chaunceler (viiiid), Agnes Dobbys (viiiid) and wife Cotton give to the lord for a licence for brewing this year as is clear in their headings etc.

1515

Langham fine iiis iid

Johanna Bury (viiiid), Elizabeth Chanceler (viiiid), Agnes Balle (vid), Wife Cotton (viiiid), Wife Sharpe (viiiid) . These give to the lord for a licence for brewing this year as is clear in their headings above etc.

Tollsylver of Langham vis viiid

This year within the time of the account received through the hands of the bailiff in the same place - vis viiid

1516

Langham fines iiis

Wife Bury (viiiid), Wife of Thomas Balle (viiiid), Wife of William Coton (viiiid), Wife of William Sharpe (viiiid) and Wife Smith (iiiid) give to the lord for a licence for brewing this year as is clear in their headings above etc.

Tollsylver of Langham

This year within the time of the Account received through the hands of the bailiff in the same place - vis iid

Langham Fines iis viiid

Johanna Bury (viiid), Wife of Thomas Balle (viiid), Wife of Thomas Cotton (viiid) and Wife of William Smith (viiid) - all these give to the lord as a fine for a licence for brewing this year as is clear above in their headings etc.

Tollsylver of Langham

This year - vis iid

1518

Langham Fines iis viiid

Johanna Bury (viiid), Wife of Thomas Balle (viiid), Wife of William Coton (viiid), Wife of William Sharpe (viiid). All these give to the lord for a licence for brewing this year as is clear in the their headings etc.

Tollsilver of Langham

This year within the time of the account received through the hands of the bailiff in the same place - vis iid

1521

Langham Fines xiid

Wife Bury (vid), and Wife William Sharpe (vid). These give to the lord as a fine for a licence for brewing this year as is clear above in their headings etc.

Tollsilver of Langham

This year ---- iis viiid

1522

And further the jurors aforesaid say that the wife of John Gibson (iiiid), wife of Thomas Willifford (iiiid), wife of William Kellis (iiiid), wife of William Sharpe (iiiid), wife of Richard Andrew (iiiid), wife of Robert Bury (iiiid) and wife of Henry Longfoote (iiiid) are common brewers of ale and give to the lord a fine for a licence for brewing this year just as is clear above in the headings above etc

1526

Also they say that the wife of Thomas Willefford (vid), wife of William Wells (vid), wife of Robert Bury (vid), wife of John Michell (iiiid), wife of William Sharpe (vid), wife of John Hubberd (iiiid), wife of Richard Andrew (iiiid) and wife of John Gibson (vid) are common brewers of ale and give to the lord a fine for a licence for brewing this year as is clear etc.

Ale Tasters Amercements xiid

To wit Robert Ives and Henry Horn - Sworn who say upon their oath that the wife of John Michell (iid), wife of William Sharpe (iid), wife of John Hubberd (iid) wife of Thomas Wilfford (iid) and wife of Robert Bury (iid) are common brewers of ale and did not wish to allow the tasters to exercise their duty. Therefore they and each of them are in the mercy of the lord just as is clear above in their headings above etc.

Also they say that the wife of John Michell (iid) is a common brewer of ale and sells ale by an illegal measure unsealed. Therefore she is in the mercy of the lord just as is clear etc.

Tasters of Ale Amercements iis viiid

Henry Horn and Robert Ives Sworn

Who say upon their oath that the wife of William Sharpe (iid), wife of John Michell (iid) and wife of John Hubberd (iid) are common brewers of ale and sell ale by an illegal measure unsealed. Therefore they and each of them are in the mercy of the lord just as is clear above in their headings above etc. And that the wife of John Michell (iiiid), wife of Thomas Wyllefford, wife of John Hubberd (iiiid), wife of William Sharpe (iiiid) and wife of Robert Bury (iiiid) are common brewers of ale and give to the lord a fine for brewing for this last year passed just as is clear above etc. And also they say that the wife of John Michell (iid), wife of Thomas Willefford and wife of Robert Bury (iid) are common brewers of ale and did not wish to allow the tasters of ale to practice their duty. Therefore they and each of them are in the mercy of the lord just as is clear etc.

1543

Tasters of ale

John Neyle, William Wyldman Sworn

Who say upon their oath that the wife of Richard Fracy (iiiid), the wife of William Dikman (iiiid), the wife of Laurence Bagley (iiiid), the wife of John Clerke (iiiid), the wife of Robert Corby (iiiid), the wife of Laurence Sharpe (iiiid), the wife of Thomas Bagley (iiiid), the wife of William Sharpe (iiiid) and the wife of Thomas Smart (iiiid) are common brewers of ale and give a fine to the lord for a licence to be held for brewing this year to be paid at the feast of St. Michael the Archangel next coming: each just as is clear above etc. And that the wife of William Dikman (iid) is a common brewer of ale and did not wish to affix the mark 'le Ale pole' just as the other brewers do and use. Therefore she is in the mercy of the lord just as is clear above etc.

1544

Tasters of ale Amercements iiiid

William Wyldman Sworn. Who says upon his oath that the wife of Richard Fracy (iid) and wife of Thomas Suart (iid)[sic] are common brewers of ale and have broken the assize. Therefore they are in the mercy of the lord just as is clear above etc.

Amercement iid

And the wife of Nicholas Gibbon (iid) is a common baker of human bread and has broken the assize. Therefore she is in the mercy of the lord just as is clear above etc.

Tastors of ale xxiid

William Wyldman, John Neyle: sworn. Who say upon their oath that the wife of Humfrey Cotton (iiiid), wife of William Dikman (iiiid), wife of Robert Corby (iiiid), wife of Thomas Bagley (iiiid) and wife of William Sharpe (iiiid) are common brewers of ale and each of them gives to the lord a fine for a licence to be held for brewing within this demesne for the whole year just as is clear above etc. And that the wife of William Dikman (iid) is a common brewer of ale and has broken the assize. Therefore she is in the mercy of the lord just as is clear above etc.

1546

Tastors of ale xxiid

William Wyldman, John Neyle: sworn. Who say upon their oath that the wife of Humfrey Cotton (iiiid), wife of William Dikman (iiiid), wife of Robert Corby (iiiid), wife of Thomas Bagley (iiiid) and wife of William Sharpe (iiiid) are common brewers of ale and each of them gives to the lord a fine for a licence to be held for brewing within this demesne for the whole year just as is clear above etc. And that the wife of William Dikman (iid) is a common brewer of ale and has broken the assize. Therefore she is in the mercy of the lord just as is clear above etc.

Tasters of ale in the same place iis iiiid

Thomas Neyle and William Ball: Sworn

Who say upon their oath that the wife of William Sharpe, wife of Thomas Busshe, wife of Robert Corby, wife of Nicholas Gilborn, wife of Humfrey Cotton, wife of William Dikman and wife of William Sharpe Smith are common brewers of ale and each of them give to the lord a fine for a licence for brewing within this manor for this year passed now discharged as is clear above in their headings etc.

Tasters of ale Amercements iiiid

Thomas Neyle: sworn. Who says upon his oath that the wife of Humfrey Cotton (iiiid) is a common brewer of ale and sells ale by an illegal measure unstamped. Therefore she is in the mercy of the lord just as is clear above etc.

Election of the Tasters of ale

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Tasters of Ale iis

Edmund Freeman and John Smith: Sworn

Who say upon their oath that the wife of Humfrey Cotton (iiiid), wife of William Dikman (iiiid), wife of Robert Corbe (iiiid), wife of Nicholas Gilburn (iiiid), wife of Thomas Bagley (iiiid) and wife of William Sharpe (iiiid) because they are common brewers of ale and give to the lord a fine for the whole year last elapsed from ancient custom for a licence for brewing, each just as is clear above in their headings above etc.