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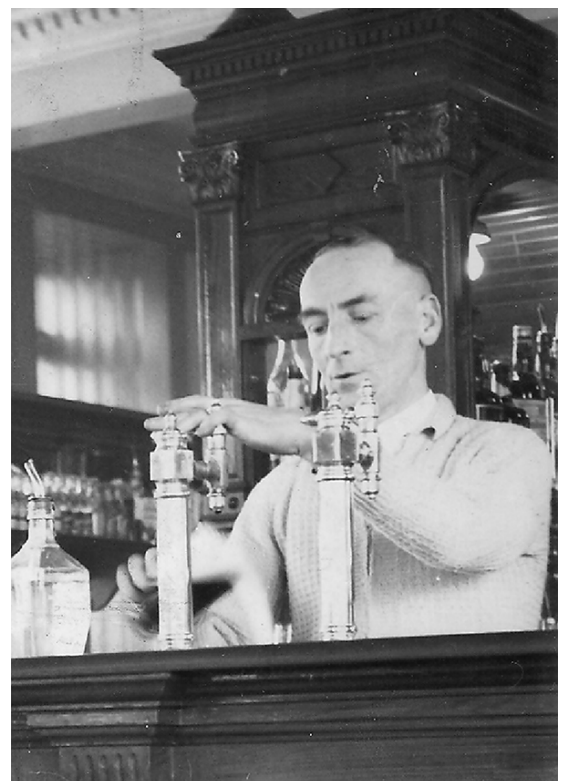


The Halfway House, between Waverly Station and the Royal Mile, in Fleshmarket Close.

Nearby is The Jinglin Geordie pub. George Heriot had been a jeweller in the 16th century and was known by the nickname ‘Jinglin’ Geordie’ because of the noise made by the coins and jewels rattling in his pockets as he walked through the streets. Heriot’s school building was paid for with money from his estate.



In the photo below Hugh Walker is behind the bar of the The Athletic Arms or the Diggers as it is commonly known. Photo from 1955.



A font for McEwans light beer which was dark in colour but light in specific gravity. The font was a light green colour.



Bar staff having a drink in The Lochrin Arms, Tollcross.

Brewing started in Edinburgh with the monks of Holyrood Abbey as early as the 12th century. By the latter part of the 19th century Edinburgh could boast some 40 breweries, including big names, such as, Drybroughs, Campbells, Youngers and McEwans.

In the photo on the right four bar staff of the Horseshoe Bar in Coburn Street. 1955.

Give my people plenty of beer, good beer, and cheap beer, and you will have no revolution among them.
Queen Victoria.



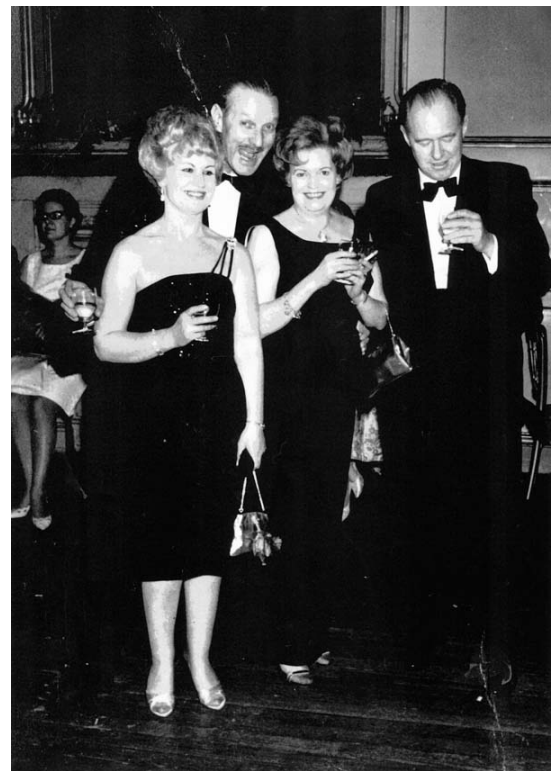
Kirknewton bar in 1956 with the landlord and landlady behind the bar.

The pub is regarded as a peculiarly British phenomenon. Its roots go back to the Middle Ages. The pub evolved out of the older inns and alehouses, which generally provided for the traveller, by way of the taverns of the 17th century which were places where locals could meet and socialise. The pub's name comes from the fact that purveyors of alcohol opened up rooms in their residence to the public.

Friday night at The Haymarket Bar in 1960. The four women are having a drink on a Friday night before going to the Palais de Danse in Fountainbridge.



The man in the checked jacket is Jackie McFarlane, a local jazz singer. Photo taken in 1955.



Elizabeth McGuinness (first left). Elizabeth was the landlady of Dizzy Lizzie's in Buchanan Street, Leith. She was the Daily Record Barmaid of the Year in 1970.



A cheery barmaid working behind the bar of the White Horse, in the Canongate, 1977.



Deacon Brodie's Tavern on the Lawnmarket. Robert Louis Stevenson based Jekyll and Hyde on Deacon Brodie, who was an upstanding citizen during the day but at night ran a gang that burgled houses.



Henry Robb shipyard electricians social club, 1952.

With special thanks to The Beer Drinker's Companion by John Dallas and Charles McMaster.



The Cafe Royal in West Register Street has beautiful tiled walls. It is famous as an Oyster bar and for serving Younger's No3 beer - a unique dark strong traditional ale.



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