

Royal Standard of England PH

The Royal Standard of England Public House dates back to the 11th Century and boasts very interesting tales of historical events. Early in the 11th Century, the site was used as an alehouse by the Saxons, but was then named 'The Ship'.

Later, during the English Civil War, the pub was used as a meeting place for the Cavaliers, Royalists of King Charles I, who were fighting with the parliamentarians, also known as The Roundheads. It is said that the pub was one of the places that King Charles I was associated with and it is said that his son, Charles II, hid in a priest hole on his way back to France after being defeated at the battle of Worcester in 1651. The priest hole is still in place to this day. After King Charles II restoration to the throne in 1660, he rewarded the pub for its loyalty by re naming it The Royal Standard of England. It is the only pub in England honoured with the full title.

There are said to be many spirits that haunt the pub. One of which is a young drummer boy who was executed by the Roundheads along with Cavaliers at the pub in 1643. It is said that his drumming can still be heard to this day. Some other theories of the hauntings in the pub are that of the executed Cavaliers and one of a man crushed to death by a speeding coach outside the pub. Dark shadowy figures and invisible hands tugging at your sleeves are not uncommon experiences had from visitors to the pub.

Manila and Tim who work at the pub have had many a strange experience themselves including dark shadows, with no visible or logical source of cause and the sound of children laughing late at night when there were no children present in the pub.

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