



A brief history

The Hawkins' Arms is an old coaching inn in the centre of the village of Probus. This family run pub gives visitors and locals a welcoming, relaxed place to come for a drink or to dine with friends and family. It features a lovely beer garden and good car parking.

Not much is known about the long history of the Hawkins Arms, in its current form since the mid 18th century, apart from its obvious reference to the local Trewithen estate.

While the Hawkins was one of the earliest public houses added to the St Austell Brewery estate by Hester Parnall – a company director before women had even been granted the right to vote – for the princely sum of £773 in 1919, it had previously been leased by Walter Hicks & Co in 1910, when both Walter Hicks Senior and Walter Hicks Junior were active in the running of the company. The deeds kept safe in the Brewery vaults are one of only a very few documents that feature the signatures of both before Walter Junior's tenure was tragically cut short by a fatal motorcycle accident in 1911.

Apart from that, very little is known about the pub which has played such a key role in the local community over the years. One of the earliest references in local business directories shows a Mr Amos Weekes transferring his allegiance as landlord from the long-closed Kings Arms to the Hawkins in around 1830 and, while the archive team has managed to piece together the tenancy history from that date forward, an early map recently unearthed suggests that a building on the current site may be one of the earliest in the village, dating as far back as the 13th century.

The Hawkins Arms currently run by Phil & Michelle Critchley, the new hosts since 1st March 2017. A family friendly pub and restaurant in the centre of Probus, Cornwall. Serving Cask Marque accredited real ales and real home cooked quality food. Live entertainment and events.