CLOTHIERS' MARKS

In the Journal for 1985 Colleen Haine referred to a clothier's mark on the doorway of the mill-house at Salmon's Springs, just outside the town of Stroud on the road to Painswick. The date is 1607 and the initials E.G. presumably stand for Edmund Fletcher, who with Thomas Fletcher was recorded in 1608 as clothier there. The sketch at the side is taken from a photograph.

Mrs Haine also mentioned another mark at Rock Mill-house, further up the valley. The date there was 1681, and the mark is not easy to reproduce as the initials E.G. overlie a complicated monogram. This doorway is now inside the house, and was seen by kind permission of the owner.

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CONFERENCE ON THE BREWING INDUSTRY at Dartington Hall, 19 October 1985.

I attended this conference, writes Amber Patrick, on behalf of the GSIA. It proved to be a most enjoyable day. The first talk was given by Tom Dawson from BASS on the process of malting and brewing - very detailed and an appropriate introduction. Samples of two of the main ingredients of beer - malt and hops - were available for inspection.

There were lectures on the breweries and malthouses which survive, or survived until recently, in the south-west counties. Most of the examples are not operating. I reported on two Gloucestershire maltings: - Cirencester and Deerhurst. There were two specialist talks: the restoration of the Southwick Brewhouse, Hampshire, to working order, indeed to brewing (Samples were available). The other talk was related to the consumption of the end product - Inn Signs of South Wales.

It was hoped that the talks would be published in due course.

The 1986 Conference was on Foundries: this was notified in the Newsletter.

Amber Patrick.

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