

Hull History Centre: Records relating to the Dart Hotel and the Old English Gentleman Public House in Hull run by Ronald Townend

**C DBTP                      Records relating to the Dart Hotel and the                      1917-1974**  
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**run by Ronald Townend**

**Accession number:** 13/65

**Historical Background:** The Hull Brewery Company was founded in 1888, although it's origins go back further, and it ran many pubs and hotels in the city. In 1972 the brewery was taken over by Northern Dairies and renamed North Country Breweries. Ronald Townend ran 2 of these pubs, initially the Old English Gentleman and later the Dart Hotel. The Old English Gentleman, on Mason Street, became a licensed premises in the 1840s, although the building itself goes back to around 1805. Built behind what would later become the Hull New Theatre, the Old English Gentleman would develop into the city's theatre pub, where many artists would visit and relax after performances. The Dart, on Hull's Longhill Estate, opened in 1959, and was one of the first pubs to be built after war time restrictions had been lifted. It was also the first pub on the estate. Townend became it's first landlord and remained there until he retired in 1974.

**Custodial history:** Passed to the History Centre by John Townend, son of Ronald

**Description:** Statement of accounts; scrap books containing bills, receipts, orders, photographs and letters; stock books; price lists and material produced for licensees

**Arrangement:**

C DBTP/1	Administrative records of licensed premises by Ronald Townend	1953-1974
C DBTP/2	Financial records of the Dart Hotel, Hull	1959-1974
C DBTP/3	Publications produced by Hull Brewery used in the course of business at pubs run by Ronald Townend as licensee	1917-1974
C DBTP/4	Records relating licensing trade in general	1936-c.1954

**Extent:** 3 boxes

**Related Materials:** There are a limited number of administrative records for North Country Breweries at C DBNC. Records relating to the licensing functions within the city can be found at C DPM. Plans for the public houses are located within the records of the council's building control section, reference C TAB. There is a photograph of the Old English Gentleman from the 1950s at C TPP.5.237 and a history in 'The Dalesman' January 2011 (Reference L9.4). The Old English Gentleman is also featured Paul Gibson's book, 'Hull: The and Now' at L.9.7 with the Dart featured in his 'Hull Pubs and Breweries' at reference L728.5.

**Access conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader

<b>C DBTP/1</b>	<b>Administrative records of licensed premises in Hull run by Ronald Townend</b> 2 volumes	<b>1953-1974</b>
C DBTP/1/1	Scrapbook of licences for the Old English Gentleman and the Dart Hotel, Hull	8 Feb 1954- 18 Sep 1973

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Includes licences issued under various Licensing, Gaming and Excise Acts as well as those issued by the P.R.S. (Performing Rights Society) 1 volume

C DBTP/1/2	Scrapbook relating to the Old English Gentleman, Worship Street, Hull Includes licences, letters, bills, an autograph book and autographed photographs of performers who stayed at the pub 1 volume	23 May 1953- 27 Feb 1962
C DBTP/2	<b>Financial records of the Dart Hotel, Hebden Avenue, Longhill Estate, Hull</b> 3 volumes 15 items	<b>1959-1974</b>
C DBTP/2/1	Financial accounts of the Dart Hotel, Hull For the year ending 15 items	1960-1974
C DBTP/2/1/1	Dart Hotel, Hull financial accounts 1 item	16 Oct 1960
C DBTP/2/1/2	Dart Hotel, Hull financial accounts 1 item	13 Oct 1961
C DBTP/2/1/3	Dart Hotel, Hull financial accounts 1 item	15 Oct 1962
C DBTP/2/1/4	Dart Hotel, Hull financial accounts 1 item	15 Oct 1963
C DBTP/2/1/5	Dart Hotel, Hull financial accounts 1 item	14 Oct 1964
C DBTP/2/1/6	Dart Hotel, Hull financial accounts 1 item	14 Oct 1965
C DBTP/2/1/7	Dart Hotel, Hull financial accounts 1 item	15 Oct 1966
C DBTP/2/1/8	Dart Hotel, Hull financial accounts 1 item	14 Oct 1967
C DBTP/2/1/9	Dart Hotel, Hull financial accounts 1 item	12 Oct 1968
C DBTP/2/1/10	Dart Hotel, Hull financial accounts 1 item	18 Oct 1969
C DBTP/2/1/11	Dart Hotel, Hull financial accounts 1 item	17 Oct 1970

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C DBTP/2/1/12	Dart Hotel, Hull financial accounts 1 item	17 Oct 1971
C DBTP/2/1/13	Dart Hotel, Hull financial accounts 1 item	15 Oct 1972
C DBTP/2/1/14	Dart Hotel, Hull financial accounts 1 item	14 Oct 1973
C DBTP/2/1/15	Dart Hotel, Hull financial accounts 1 item	15 Oct 1973- 1 Dec 1974
C DBTP/2/2	Records relating to stock and orders for the Dart Hotel, Hebden Avenue, Longhill Estate, Hull 3 volumes	1959-1974
C DBTP/2/2/1	Volume of invoices, credit and price lists issued by the Hull Brewery for the Dart Hotel, Hull 1 volume	Jul 1961- 1 Oct 1974
C DBTP/2/2/2	Volume of invoices, credit and delivery notes for the Dart Hotel, Hull 1 volume	19 Dec 1959- 6 Nov 1974
C DBTP/2/2/3	Stock Order book of the Dart Hotel, Hull Primarily covers the Christmas period, with the 2 months beforehand in earlier years 1 volume	14 Oct 1959- Dec 1974
<b>C DBTP/3</b>	<b>Publications produced by Hull Brewery Used in the course of business at the Old English Gentleman and the Dart Hotel by Ronald Townend as licensee</b> 3 volumes	<b>1917-1974</b>
C DBTP/3/1	Hull Brewery prices lists, memos, Includes a list of pubs and an invoice in the name of William Townend, of the Cambridge, Cambridge Street dated 1917 1 volume	31 Oct 1917- 26 Jul 1974
C DBTP/3/2	Hull Brewery prices lists and catalogues Includes the first price list issued after the war 1 volume	Nov 1949- 26 Mar 1974
C DBTP/3/3	Hull Brewery prices lists and memos Includes a list of licensed premises in Hull in 1892 1 volume	Apr 1959- 4 Nov 1974

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C DBTP/3/4	Hull Brewery booklet entitled Licensed House Management 1 item	Aug 1958
C DBTP/3/5	Hull Brewery booklet entitled Licensed House Management Also known as 'The Blue Book' 1 item	Apr 1966
<b>C DBTP/4</b>	<b>Records relating licensing trade in general</b> 2 item	<b>1937-c.1954</b>
C DBTP/4/1	The License-Holders Handy Guide 27th edition 1 item	1937
C DBTP/4/2	An ABC of the Licensing Laws 44th edition	c.1954