

**JOHN MAY & COMPANY, LIMITED,
BASINGSTOKE.**

**H. AND G. SIMONDS, LIMITED, ACQUIRE THE
WHOLE OF THE SHARE CAPITAL.**

Towards the end of January, 1947, negotiations were completed for the acquisition of the whole of the Share Capital of John May & Company, Limited, by H. & G. Simonds, Limited, and on the 4th February, 1947, the transaction was carried into effect by a cash settlement at a meeting held at Basingstoke.

The deal is of considerable importance as it adds a further 94 licensed properties to those already controlled by this Company, making a total of 1,295, and the licensed houses of John May & Company, Limited, are situated almost entirely in areas covered by deliveries from the Reading Brewery. The fact that these houses will in future be included under the management of H. & G. Simonds, Limited, will enable immediate economies to be effected and an improved service to be provided.

H. & G. Simonds, Limited, have undertaken to continue brewing operations at the Basingstoke Brewery for a minimum period of three years, so that there will be no dislocation of staff and employees, and the business will continue to be carried on under the name of John May & Company, Limited; indeed, we are glad to be able to announce that it is the intention of the Board of Directors to enlarge the premises at Basingstoke as and when circumstances permit, to provide an extensive bottling plant for the whole of the Hampshire area.

John May & Company, Limited, was first registered as a Public Company on 3rd November, 1892, but the Brewery business of May's was actually founded in the year 1750. The name of May goes right back to the year 1557 in the records of Basingstoke. Much of the history of Basingstoke is centred around the family of May, and the Mayoral Chair has been filled on no less than twenty occasions by a member of this illustrious family, commencing with Charles T. May, who occupied the position of leading citizen in 1711-1712. The last bearer of the name, which will always be held in esteem in the ancient Borough, was Lieut.-Colonel John May, J.P., V.D., who was such a great benefactor to the town and a very publicly-spirited gentleman indeed. Colonel May's mother was a daughter of Mr. John Simonds, Banker, of Reading.

It is also interesting to relate that Major G. S. M. Ashby's mother was a Miss May, one of the nieces of Colonel May.

It will be appreciated, therefore, that, having been friends and neighbours, as also related by blood ties for the best part of a century, this latest acquisition has been the source of the utmost satisfaction to both parties and the harmonious relations already established will be maintained to our mutual advantage.

Mr. Percy Dowsland Jones, who has been the Chairman of the Company since 1941, has retired in accordance with his own special wish.

Mr. F. A. Simonds, our Chairman and Managing Director, has been elected the new Chairman of the Company; Major G. S. M. Ashby and Mr. Louis A. Simonds have also been elected Directors of the newly constituted Board; Major Ashby will shortly be elected Vice-Chairman of the Company.

Mr. Harold Ernest Blatch and Colonel Alfred Lethbridge, C.B.E., D.L., remain on the Board.

also Mr. family

We are happy to announce that the Executive staff of John May & Company, Limited, are all being retained; Mr. W. A. Young is the General Manager, Mr. F. H. Weller, the Head Brewer, Mr. W. P. Connolly the Secretary-Accountant, and Mr. W. S. C. Jones the Collector and Cashier. The latter gentleman has done yeoman service with Mays for over 45 years, and is a very well-known and popular character in this district.

THE HOP LEAF GAZETTE welcomes the entry of this new Subsidiary Company into the ever-widening sphere of the Company's influence in Southern England - a union which forges yet another link in the chain extending from London to Penzance, and we fervently hope that our new colleagues will find great happiness in joining us in the common cause of progress within the family of the great Brewing Trade.

JOHN MAY & CO LTD

LIST OF PUBLIC HOUSES TRANSFERRED TO H & G SIMONDS LTD 1947

NAME	ADDRESS	PLACE
Queens Head	Pilcot	Winchfield
Queens Inn		Burghclere
Railway Arms	Brook Street	Basingstoke
Raven Hotel		Hook
Red Lion Hotel	London Street	Basingstoke
Red Lion Hotel	High Street	Overton
Red Lion Inn		Turgis Green
Red Lion Inn		Water End
Rising Sun	Chapel Street	Basingstoke
Rising Sun	Bridge Street	Winchester
Rose & Crown	Church Street	Basingstoke
Rose & Crown		Sandhurst
Rose Inn	Brook Street	Basingstoke
Rose Inn		Ramsdell
Royal Oak		Greywell
Royal Oak		Hartley Row
Ship Inn		Farnborough
Shoulder of Mutton		Hazeley Heath
Silchester Arms		Stratford Saye Silchester
Six Bells		Bramley
Stag & Hounds	Winchester Road	Basingstoke
Station Hotel	Station Hill	Basingstoke
Swan Hotel	19 Swan Street	Kingsclere
Three Horse Shoes		Brimpton
Tuns	High Street	Odiham
Wellington Arms		Hannington
Wheatsheaf	Market Square	Alton
Wheatsheaf (now The Winton)	Winchester Street	Basingstoke
Wheatsheaf	17 Chapel Street	Thatcham
White Hart	London Road	Basingstoke
White Hart		Blackwater
White Hart		Eversley
White Hart	Worting Road	Worting
White Lion		Yateley
White Swan		Burghfield
White Swan		Sutton Scotney

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Angel Hotel	Wote Street	Basingstoke
Angel Hotel	High Street	Odiham
Barge Inn	Wote Street	Basingstoke
Barley Mow		East Oakley
Bell Inn		Frogmore
Bell Inn	The Bury	Odiham
Bell Inn	Bell Street	Whitchurch
Bishops Blaize Inn	New Street	Andover
Black Boy	Wharf Hill	Winchester
Black Boy Hotel (now Hop Leaf)	23 Church Street	Basingstoke
Black Horse Inn		Thatcham
Brickmakers Arms		Hazeley Bottom
Castle Inn	Reading Road	Basingstoke
Chequers Inn		Crookham
Coach & Horses		Sutton Scotney
Coach & Horses Inn		Rotherwick
Cricketers Inn	Brook Street	Basingstoke
Cricketers Inn	Letchmore Green	Bramley
Crooked Billet		Hook
Crown Inn		Silchester Green
Crown Inn		Hartley Row
Deane Gate Inn	Deane Gate	Oakley
Dorchester Arms		Newnham
Falcon Inn		Kingsclere
Feathers Hotel	Wote Street	Basingstoke
Fighting Cocks		Tadley
First In Last Out	Wales Street	Winchester
Four Horse Shoes		Long Sutton
Fox Inn		Newfound
Goat Inn	Goat Lane	Basingstoke
Golden Lion Hotel	Cliddesden Road	Basingstoke
Greyhound	Winchester Street	Overton
Horse & Jockey	Hackwood Road	Basingstoke
Jolley Farmer Inn		Cliddesden
Junction Hotel	Junction Road	Andover
Kings Arms	Church Street	Whitchurch
Lamb Hotel		Hartley Row
Lefeyre Arms		Sherfield-on-Loddon
New Inn		Monk Sherborne
Old House at Home	Reading Road	Basingstoke
Old House at Home		Woodmancote
Pineapple Inn		Whitchurch
Plough	Mill Lane	Crondall
Plume of Feathers		Up Nateley
Potters Arms		Cove, Farnborough
Prince of Wales Hotel		Cove, Farnborough
Purefoy Arms		Preston Candover
Queen Inn		Dummer
Queens Arms	Bunnian Place	Basingstoke