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Titles of Gun at  
Newton's Pool

Turnpike

1769 - 1795



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Further to recent discussion :

The original building called the Toll House would have been the toll house for the flash lock at Newtons Pool. From some point it appears to have functioned as an inn also, which is not surprising considering the potential custom from 'captive' bargemen waiting for suitable conditions at the flash lock. Although the London trade would have moved from the Old Lea to the Lee Navigation after opening in 1770 local barge traffic continued on the Cornmill Stream for some time going down to the Great Barn of Waltham Grange and the Corn Mill, so the inn would still have had some custom.

The earliest returns of local Licensed Victuallers are 1769, just before the Lee Navigation opened.

The following list of the officially registered name of the inn from 1769 to 1795 shows that one can choose from four names, according to the date. From 1769 to 1779 the Victualler was George Curlewis, then from 1780 to 1789 Sarah Curlewis, then from 1790 to 1795 Valentine Williams, Robert Williams and Robert Valentine.

1769 Turnpike	1783 Chequer
1770 Turnpike	1784 ?
1771 No records	1785 Chequer
1772 Turnpike & Chequer	1786 Chequer
1773 Turnpike	1787 Chequer
1774 Chequer	1788 Chequer
1775 No sign	1789 Chequer
1776 Turnpike & Chequer	1790 Chequer
1777 No sign	1791 Chequer
1778 Chequer	1792 Chequer
1779 Chequer	1793 Chequer
1780 Chequer	1794 Chequer
1781 Chequer	1795 Turnpike House
1782 Chequer	1796 No further entries

So Winters Old Sluice House is still a mystery. Did someone attempt to revive it later on and tried to resurrect the association with the flash lock ?