

Alice Kyteler

ACCUSED: WITCHCRAFT, HERESY & MURDER!

DAME ALICE KYTELER

The original owner of this Inn was Dame Alice le Kyteler whom was born in Kilkenny. In her time she gained much notoriety not least because she acquired four husbands and a considerable fortune.

Her enemies eventually conspired to accuse her of witchcraft and have her burned at the stake. It is now generally accepted that the charges against Dame Alice and her associates were trumped up but what is on record as being certainly true is that Kyteler's Inn was "a place of merrymaking and good cheer."

WITCH, POISONER OR ENTREPRENEUR?

On a day in 1280, Alice de Kyteler was born in Kyteler's House, Kilkenny to wealthy Norman parents.

Forty four years later, in 1324, she fled to England to escape being burned as a witch and in July of that year, her property, including Kytelers Inn was confiscated.

In the intervening years Dame Alice had married four times, has been Mistress of Kytelers Inn and had become a central figure in a battle between the Church and the Temporal Power in Ireland.

Her first husband was William Outlawe, a local banker and they had a son, also called William, who was



to feature strongly in the saga of her life. Her husband took ill and died suddenly within a few years of marriage and shortly afterwards Alice married her second wealthy husband, Adam de Blund of Cullen who soon also died suddenly and mysteriously. Having inherited two substantial fortunes, the now very wealthy Alice married Richard de Valle and the pattern continued with his early, sudden and mysterious death.

MERRY WIDOW

It was the fourth husband of Kilkenny's 'Merry Widow' however who unwittingly began a chain of events that would lead to Alice being convicted on charges on witchcraft before an ecclesiastical court. Some years after his marriage to Alice, landowner Sir John de Poer showed signs of illness. His hair and nails fell out and he became weak and sickly. Shortly before he succumbed to death, he changed his Will to the benefit of Alice and her son William, an act which resulted in anger and resentment among his other family members. Armed with



rumours (which may have been false and inspired by local jealousy), they brought charges of witchcraft and sorcery against Alice before the English-born Franciscan Bishop of Ossory, Richard de Lederer. They claimed that Alice had 'bewitched' her husband and forced him to change his Will. His Lordship convened a Court of Inquisition which included five Knights and several Noblemen which heard evidence that Alice headed a coven of witches and had sex with a demon called Artissen, who is sometimes depicted as Aethiops, the mythical founder of Ethiopia.

WITCHCRAFT TRIALS

The Kilkenny Witchcraft Trials did however take place. William Outlawe was convicted and ordered by Bishop Lederer to attend three Masses every day and to give alms to the poor. This light sentence was in sharp contrast to the torture meted out to less wealthy friends of Alice, including her maid Petronella who was tortured, whipped and finally burned at the stake.

Alice disappeared from history following her second escape to England, but her memory lives on in folklore. In 2004, Paddy Shaw, an American artist, painted a portrait of Alice de Kyteler, based on his knowledge of her life and his imagination. She is coupled in the painting with a representation of the demon Aethiops. Some years later, in 2005, Kilkenny writer Claire Nolan completed a novel called 'The Stone', which is a fictional account of the life of Dame Alice. The painting lay in Paddy Shaw's studio until one day it turned up in the post at Kytelers Inn with a note from the artist saying 'Alice doesn't like being with me - you have her'. (pic bottom left)

THE WITCHES BREW



AVAILABLE AT
THE BAR



EVENING MENU

STARTERS

Creame of Vegetable Soup 1.7
6.50

Garlic Ciabbatta 1.7
topped with Mozzarella
6.50

Deep Fried Chicken Wings 1.6.10
with cajun or Buffalo Sauce
9.50

**Deep Fried Wedges
of Brie** 3.7.8.10.11
with Raspberry Coulis
9.50



MAINS

**Kytelers Inn chicken &
ham Vol au Vents** 1.3.7.10
with Salad & Fries
16.50

Breaded Fillet of Chicken
served with Mash & Seasonal Veg
16.50

Fish & Chips 1.3.4.7.10
Breaded Plaice served with Fries and
Peas on the side.
16.00 Please let your server know if you
would like tartare sauce.

Lasagne Al Forno 1.3.7.10
Served with Fries and side salad
16.50

Nightly Pizza
Check with specials board for
tonights Pizza
1 topping: 12.50 | 2 toppings: 14.50
3. Toppings: 15.50

**Traditional Bowl of
Lamb Stew** 3.7.8.10.11
17.50



Kytelers Beef Burger
1.3.7.10.11
Rocket Salad, Onion topped with
Bacon, Cheese & Ballymaloe Relish
on a Brioche Bun Served with a little
garnish of mixed leaves
Served with Fries
17

Bangers & Mash 1.3.7.10
Locally sourced pork with Guinness &
leek, served with mash & Onion gravy
17.50

10oz Ribeye steak
3.7.8.10.11GF
onion rings, mushrooms served
with fries
29.50

8oz Sirloin Steak
3.7.8.10.11GF
fried onions, mushroom served
with fries.
26

EXTRA SIDES

Mash 7
4

Chips
4.50

Veg 7
4

Coleslaw 3.10
2.50

Gravy 1.3.4.7.10
0.30

Baby bowl
4.75

KIDS MENU under 12s

**Kids Burger &
chips**
7.50

Nuggets & Chips
7.50

Sausage & chips
7.50

Kids Pasta
7.50

**Kids ½ portion
Dinner**
10.50

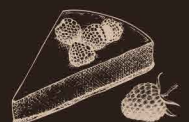
DESSERTS

Selection of Ice-cream 1
Strawberry, Mint & Chocolate
6

**Traditional Slice of
Apple Pie** 1.3.7
7.50

**Warm Lemon
Meringue Pie** 1.3.6.7.8
7.50

**Sticky Toffee
Pudding** 1.3.6.7.8
7.50



**Chocolate Fudge
Cake** 1.3.6.7.8
7.50

**Warm Apple & Berry
Crumble**
7.50

PLEASE NOTE WE DO NOT SPLIT BILLS

Allergens: 1.Cereals 2.Crustaceans 3.Eggs 4.Fish 5.Peanuts 6.Soy 7.Milk 8.Nuts 9.Celery 10.Mustard 11.Sesame 12.Sulphites 13.Lupins 14.Molluses
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