

Pewter and Postcards

I cannot resist a secondhand bookshop; amongst the treasures to be found can be boxes of old postcards; and so there I was in the secondhand bookshop in Lincoln, on the aptly-named Steep Street.

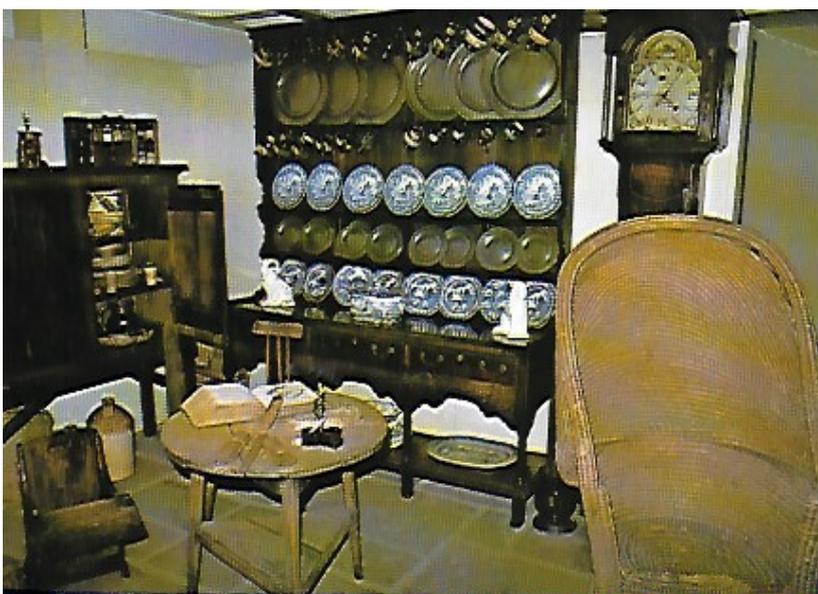


Aberconwy (AD 1300) - The Dining Hall

On this occasion, I found no irresistible books, but there was a mass of old postcards, amongst which I found three interesting photographs of pewter.

The first one shows the Dining Hall at 'Aberconwy' (I presume 'Hall'). I of course undertook an internet search, but all I could find was a modern-looking B&B, and a student hall of accommodation. So perhaps 'my' Hall has been pulled down and the pewter dispersed. If any reader knows better, do let me know.

chargers, again on an equally magnificent welsh dresser; the description is of the Welsh Kitchen at Brecknock Museum, Brecon. My internet search brought up lots of results for kitchen showrooms and kitchen designers but, perhaps not surprisingly, no pewtered kitchen! There is a 'Brecon House', in Brecon, Powys. There is also The Castle Of Brecon Hotel in, not surprisingly, Castle



The Welsh Kitchen, Brecknock Museum

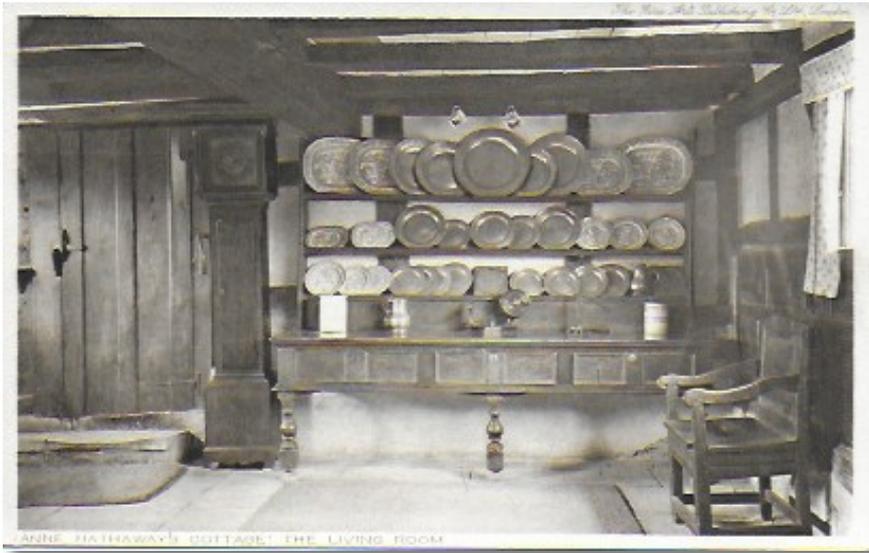
Square in Brecon. My search also produced the information that the Museum moved from its previous home in a nearby former chapel to its current location in 1974 - and that it is currently closed for refurbishment!

The third postcard contains no description of the place, but there is copyright notice in the name of 'Shakespeare's Birthplace Trust' which might place the photograph at Harvard House in Stratford-upon-Avon, or perhaps in Ann Hathaway's Cottage itself.

And then I noticed a very faint caption on this card: it was indeed '*Anne Hathaway's Cottage: The Living Room*'.

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Another visit to the internet produced lots images of the Cottage as it is today, but mostly external. The few internal views were of upstairs rooms, or the Tea Room.



Postcard view: The Living Room, Anne Hathaway's Cottage

I shall be doing further research, with the local tourist offices, and perhaps with the locals themselves. If anyone out there knows more, please tell me!

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