

# GOING FOR A GILL

## TIP IT!

was once a popular game in Chipping pubs, but it has gradually decreased since the end of the Second World War. The players are divided into two teams usually from 2 to 6 people each side. Each team appoints a captain. The game is played with a "piece", which can be anything- a small coin or even a piece of matchstick. The aim of the game is to win the piece. One team holds the piece, and the opposing team challenges to find it. Usually the players decide at the outset how many games to play --eg. the overall winners to be the team who are the first to win 10 games. All members of the team holding the piece put their hands under the table or behind their backs, and pass the piece around in a bid to deceive the opposing team. When the piece is in the decided hand, their captain says, "Up and close 'em". Then they all put their clenched fists on the table.

The opposing captain then chooses each member of his team in turn to find the piece by tapping each closed fist with a challenge of "Take it off", or "Tip it!". All challenged hands must be shown palm uppermost. "Take it off" is the challenge (hopefully) to try to eliminate empty hands. But if the piece is in a hand challenged by "Take it off", the challenging team has lost that game. "Tip it!" is the challenge used only when a player suspects he knows which hand has the piece. However once "Tip it!" has been called, the game must end, the challenging team winning if the piece is there, losing if it is not.

The game is more of a pastime than a gamble, but it is occasionally played for a round of beer.



### CHIPPING PUB LANDLORDS

SUN INN  
or TOP HOUSE

THE BUCK or  
TILLOTSON'S ARMS

TALBOT INN  
or HOTEL

1825 Directory	Thomas Hothersall		William Sawyer
1834 Directory	Richard Bibby		James Lund
1840 Tithe Survey	Richard Bibby owner occupier.	William Sawyer occupier. William Wilkinson owner.	James Lund occupier. Richard Robinson owner.
1841 Census	Richard Bibby	William Sawyer	James Lund
1851 Directory	Major Howson	Richard Hanson	James Lund
1851 Census	James Mercer	Richard Hanson (also blacksmith)	James Lund
1861 Census	James Mercer	Thomas Walbank	Isabella Robinson
1865 Directory	William Wilkinson	George Walmsley (also blacksmith)	William Pattchet (also surgeon)
1871 Census	William Wilkinson	Ann Rogerson widow	Arthur Handley
1871 Rate List	William Wilkinson occupier. Reps. of Richard Bibby owner.	Ann Rogerson occupier. Richard Illingworth owner.	Arthur Handley occupier. Exors. of J. Robinson owner.
1881 Census	Sarah Barton widow	John Wallbank	James Sutton
1895 Directory	John Berry (& chairmaker	Mrs Ann Musgrave	Richard Jackson
1898 Directory	John Berry (& chairmaker Kirk Mill)	John Harrison	Henry Rogerson
1901 Directory	Henry James Berry (& chairmaker Kirk Mill)	John Harrison	Henry Rogerson
1904 Directory	Thomas Hoyle	John Harrison	Richard Dewhurst
1907 Directory	Thomas Hoyle	Jeremiah Joy	Richard Dewhurst
1910 Directory	Thomas Hoyle	Jeremiah Joy	Joseph Whalley
1913 Directory	Thomas Hoyle	Jeremiah Joy	Joseph Whalley
1922 Directory	Thomas Hoyle	John H. Watson	Joseph Whalley
1926-7 Directory	Thomas Hoyle	Emmanuel Wareing	Henry Mercer
1932 Directory	Richard Procter		Henry Mercer
1936 Directory	Richard Procter		Henry Mercer
1940 Directory	Richard Procter	Hy C. Whittaker	Thomas Chadwick
1948 Directory	Richard Procter	Harry Whittaker	Archibald Patten

Directories used: Baines 1825, Pigot & Co's 1834, Slater's, Mannex, Barrett's and Bulmer's.

NB. THIS LIST IS NOT COMPLETE.