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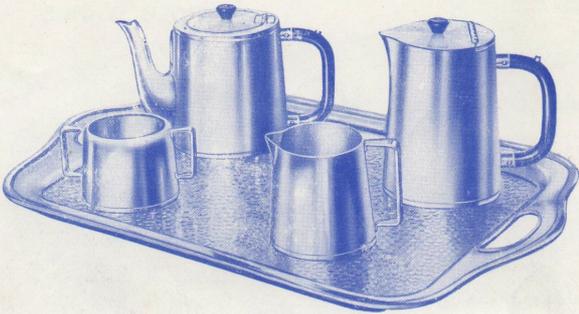
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THE FIRST OLDE HALL TEA SETS

Thanks to our friend **Barry Holmes** of the Wrekin Physiotherapy Clinic, I have recently acquired an extremely early Olde Hall four piece tea set, this being a 1.3/4 pint hammered finish "**Ye Olde Hall**" design from 1934.

The very first tea set had been brought out a year earlier in 1933, the only difference between the two being that the 1933 one had a "seat" welded to the top of the body for the lid to rest on whereas the 1934 version had been developed such that the top of the body was turned in. The 1933 one had the very first Olde Hall backstamp from 1932, this being **Trade "Olde Hall" Mark**, which was replaced in 1934 by **Ye "Olde Hall" Quality**. Both the 1933 and 1934 tea sets were fitted with black erinoid handles and knobs which were replaced in 1935 by Staycool stainless steel ones, this resulting in the name being changed to "**Warwick**". The set just acquired from Barry can therefore be definitely dated to 1934. It's really lovely and is the earliest tea set I've got with all four items! Note the patent number 389945 on the 1934 backstamp (this being for the fact that the teapot body and spout were made out of one piece of steel) which had been granted in March 1933 but obviously not quite in time for the first backstamp which just says Provisional Patent.

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Ye "Olde Hall" Quality Staybrite Table Services
Registered Trade Mark.



YE "OLDE HALL" TEA SERVICE
(Pat. No. 389945)

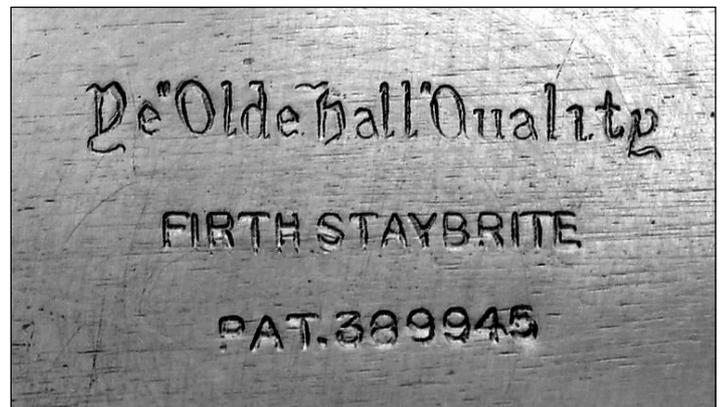
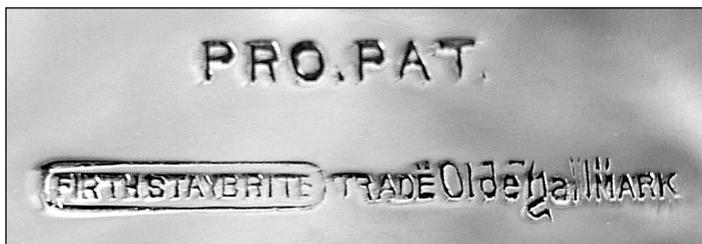
SOLID STAYBRITE—and no soldering

Plain Models—	3/4	1 1/4	2	3 pint
Four-Piece Tea Set ...	45/6	56/-	66/-	79/-
Teapot S601	21/-	25/-	30/-	40/-
Hot Water Jug S602	12/6	15/-	18/-	21/-
Sugar Basin to match ... S603	5/-	7/6	8/6	8/6
Cream Jug to match ... S604	7/-	8/6	9/6	9/6
Hammered Models—				
Four-Piece Tea Set ...	52/-	64/6	76/6	92/6
Teapot S606	23/-	27/6	33/-	45/-
Hot Water Jug S607	14/6	17/6	21/-	25/-
Sugar Basin to match ... S608	6/-	9/-	10/6	10/6
Cream Jug to match ... S609	8/6	10/6	12/-	12/-



Above: Barry's 1934 tea set

Left: extract from the July 1933 catalogue



Barry keeps Dianne's aches and pains under control and he has become very interested in Old Hall (I wonder why!). He keeps a lookout for goodies for me, often with great success, and this set came as the result of a chance visit to an antiques and collectables shop in Much Wenlock. Many thanks, Barry, keep it up!