

HERITAGE TRAIL



THE TRAVELLERS REST

The Travellers was demolished in 2002 and rebuilt as a pseudo farm courtyard of houses named Batsons Court. The courtyard was given its name by a pupil from Griffydam Primary School who won a competition to name it after her ancestor, William Batson, the inn keeper in 1901.

Available records date back to 1870 when the inn was listed as a 'wine and beer house'.

In a sale by auction in 1890, it was described as an 'old established beer-house known as the Travellers Rest, situate at Griffydam, with stabling for four horses and a hayloft over, cow houses for four cows, outbuildings and large gardens. The house comprises Tap Room, Back Parlour, Front Sitting Room, Two Kitchens, Six Bedrooms and large Cellar with four room Cottage adjoining. There is a good supply of hard and soft water and a very extensive frontage to the highway leading from Griffydam to Hinckley.'

In the 1980's the pub was taken over by Malcolm Allured of Showaddywaddy fame who later transformed it into the legendary Travellers nightclub.



- Landlords:-
- 1870-5 Joseph Lager & Thomas Upton
 - 1875 Henry Southard & Joseph Lager
 - 1876 Joseph Lager & William Redfern
 - 1878-79 Joseph Larger
 - 1880-81 John Chambers
 - 1882-85 Frederick Ratcliff
 - 1889-90 Robert Ratcliff
 - 1890 Thomas Booth
 - 1890-1 Joseph Bradley
 - 1892 Tom Hardy
 - 1893 Walter John Grey
 - 1894-96 Tom Hardy & Silas Hill

- 1901 William Batson
- 1897-1904 Thomas Booth
- 1905-1908 John Emerson
- 1909-1912 Bartholomew L Wilson
- 1913 Thomas Wilson Coulson
- 1914-1922 John Michael Field
- 1923 George Smith Wheatley
- 1924 John William Chadwick
- 1925-1933 Thomas Johnson
- 1934 Sarah Ann Johnson
- 1936-1952 F S Richards
- 1953-1978 Mabel Abbott



In 1978 the pub was sold by the Brewery.