

HERITAGE TRAIL



THE RED LION

The Red Lion public house appears in the earliest county register of 1842. Due to its size it is thought that it may have also provided accommodation. The property is located on Nottingham Road just beyond the boundary of Griffydham and Peggs Green and is now a private residence.

The photograph of the Red Lion opposite was probably taken about 1900 and is quite historically important. On the left hand side of the photograph can be seen 'Westbrook House' and next door is 'Westward Cottage' where Josiah Weston lived. These properties date back probably to the last quarter of the 19th century. Josiah Weston's father purchased the buildings and attached land in 1923 and their family lived there afterwards. Josiah was born in 'Westbrook House' and the family used to rent out the cottage for extra income. Josiah's father had a barber's shop in Coalville, and also ran a local barber's shop in the pantry of their house. The large pantry was two steps down from the kitchen and was also used for hanging meats and bacon. Around the turn of the century, Josiah's grandparents (shown in the photograph) ran the Red Lion, which was later taken over by his mother. His father could not apply for a license as he already ran another business.



c. 1900

Elizabeth Hoult was listed in the 1861 Peggs Green census as being both a Victualler and a Grocer at the Red Lion, so it presumably incorporated a shop at that time.

Landlords:-

1841	Wm. Haywood	1887/88	Mrs Sarah Reave
1846	Wm. Haywood	1891	William Reeves
1861	Thomas Hoult/Eliz Hoult	1892	Mrs Sarah Reave
1871	Mary Hoult	1896	Frederick Tivey
1880	Benjamin Percival	c.1900	Westons
1881	Charles Brown	1901	James Leeson
		1941	John (Jack) Stevenson

In a newspaper article dated 3 July 1968 the Red Lion was the subject of a meeting of the county compensation authority. Sadly, because of a lack of use, the county authority did not wish to have the licence renewed which meant compensation would apply. The meeting decided that the licence be referred for compensation and in the meantime provisionally renewed.



Peggs Green Home Guard Outside The Red Lion In 1944

If we compare the exterior of the Red Lion in 1900 photograph with how it is in the Home Guard photograph, we can see the changes made to the windows and front of the property.