

HERITAGE TRAIL

THE GRIFFIN INN



The Inn was built in 1815 from two small dwelling plots and part of Aarons Close which was allotted to Joseph Malsey and John Curzon. After land was allotted in the 1806 enclosure smaller portions of land were resold by the major land holders.

The first landlord was Thomas Haywood in 1851, he and his wife held the licence until 1880. Like most public houses it was not a full time job and Thomas was also a builder, bricklayer and shoemaker.

The photograph is of the pub as it was in 1931, Mrs Tom Williamson the landlady and her son are shown. Until the end of the 20th century Public houses were owned and tied to one Brewery. Bass, famous world-wide for India Pale Ale which had the distinctive red triangle, becoming the UK's first registered trademark. They did not need to have many tied houses so the pub may have been privately owned.

At the outbreak of the 1st World War 1914, licensed premises were restricted to opening for lunch (12:00 to 14:40) and supper (18:30 to 22:30). Hour limits were not scrapped until 2005.

The last landlord was Benjamin Stone 1941 to 1961 when the pub closed and became a private residence.

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