

# THE GREATER WIGSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## KING WILLAM THE FOURTH INN



The second of Wigston's long established public houses in Bell Street was kept by various members of the Goodwin family from 1846 until 1861 and for a 29 year period between 1889 and 1928 by the Hursts.

It was demolished after the Second World War and the licence transferred to the new Nautical William in Aylestone Lane when the surrounding estate was built. Also shown in the drawing is part of Garforth's fish and poultry shop which stood on the corner of Bell Street and Long Street. This had been removed some years earlier.

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### *Mike Forryan – extracted from the GWHS Bulletins*

When the King William IV was closed and demolished the liquor licence was transferred to the new Nautical William on Aylestone Lane.

One of the Landlords was John Forryan.

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The first building of note in Bell Street is the public house dedicated, if one may so term it, to the happy memory of **King William** the Fourth, a tall plain red brick building with its façade patterned in white bricks, put up almost certainly in William's reign, sometime in the 1830's.

**end**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 1869**

## **Sad and Fatal Accident**

**An accident of a very distressing character happened on Friday last, whereby the household of Mr Murrell, landlord of the “**King William** the Fourth” was plunged into the deepest affliction. It appears that on the evening of the day mentioned, as Mr Murrell's youngest child, a boy about eighteen months old, was making his first essay in walking, an elder daughter, feeling proud of the success of the little boy, affectionately caught him up in her arms, when the child unfortunately sprung out of her arms, and falling over her shoulder pitched on his head, resulting in concussion of the brain. Dr Hulme was called in but medical skill was of no avail. The innocent little sufferer lingered until Monday evening when he died; the circumstances under which his death was brought about, adding a bitter pang to the overwhelming grief of the family. An inquest was held on Wednesday before J Gregory Esq., coroner, when a verdict of “Accidental Death” was returned, the jury individually expressing their deep sympathy for the parents of the child.**

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## **Extract from Kelly;s Diretry 1916**

Hurst Harry G, **King William** IV PH, 7 Bell Street

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# **Photographs**

