

THE GREATER WIGSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Royal Oak Inn Leicester Road Wigston Magna



The old Royal Oak public house was situated in Leicester Road at Wigston Fields. Built in the mid 1800's it was kept in 1877 by Leonard Sibson, who was also a market gardener. Fred Thorpe was the last licensee in the late 1930's until the premises were demolished for rebuilding. He also had

Ruskington Farm. Nowadays, Ruskington Drive and Thorpe Drive, near Grange Road, reserve the names.



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The rebuilt Royal Oak

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Some info re the Royal Oak - but not much !

Built 1930's to replace an earlier pub - called The Royal oak Inn
and original windows were put in the rear of the building -

Ref - Helen Boynton Leicester and the Suburbs 1920's - 30's

Also -some refs to John Deacon - before Queen days .

See below -

<http://www.queenonline.com/en/the-band/interviews/pre-queen-1/the-opposition/> - link to the
Opposition Group with John Deacon

http://queen.wikia.com/wiki/The_Opposition - John Deacon references to The Opposition
group.

The Oppositions played at The Royal Oak btwn 1967 -8

and at the Wigston Constitutional Hall in 1966

On Genes reunited there are refs to The Royal Oak - the original pub - from the 1870's + as it
being used as a venue for Inquests and Auctions

Refs in the Leicester Chronicle + Leicester Journal

Leonard Sibson was the Licensee in 1875

Ref - Leicester Chronicle 28th Aug 1875

He is also listed as a Market Gardener in 1877 - same address

Also Wigston Foot-ball Club held their annual meetings there in 1878 + 1880

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ROYAL OAK INN



The drawing shows the old Royal Oak Inn in Leicester Road built in the mid 1800's. Fred Thorpe the last licensee also kept Ruskington Farm in the same area. It was completely rebuilt in the late 1930's.

By Jim Colver

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2014 the pub was sold to Sainsbury food stores and the building was converted into a Sainsbury's local store.

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THE ROYAL OAK INN, LEICESTER ROAD, WIGSTON

Buildings current use – public house Architects – unknown Built circa 1900 (believed)

The Royal Oak is a substantial stand alone building. The original (built prior to 1886) Royal Oak or Royal Hotel as it was formerly known was much different in design terms to the current property. It is situated within a prominent location on a relatively large plot fronting Leicester Road. The building has been designed and built with a curved façade, built of brick under a tiled roof. There are four dominant chimney stacks. The building is currently being converted into a supermarket.

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Age Yes. The building was believed to have been built circa 1900. Architectural Yes. The building has a rarely seen curved façade and roof line with large prominent chimney stacks. Group Value No. Historic Yes. The current building replaced a much older inn on the site. Rarity Yes. The design is very individual and rare. Social/Communal Yes. It is still used as a public house and a place for people to gather.

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