

The last will and testament of yeoman Henry Perrins, dated 28.01.1835, refers to the Robin Hood Inn, two cottages, and threes acres of land bequeathed to his widow Hannah.

Joseph Billingsley 26, from Chaddesley Corbett is the first recorded landlord in 1825, his wife Hannah was 37. They held the license for at least 29 years.

Named after the legendary outlaw of medieval England, the sign spread in the nineteenth century as the Ancient Order of Foresters (founded 1834) opened new courts or lodges.

John Lythall Taylor 57, from Rushock, became tenant of the Robin Hood in 1859; assisted by wife Hannah 45, from Emly Lovett; they had a family of four - Ann 10, Charles 8, Mary 6, and Ellen 4.

As an Inn, the Robin Hood was permitted to remain open as long as a bed was empty, offering basic accommodation, food, homebrewed ales, and stabling to the lawful traveller.

The popular local drink was mild; heavy, sweet and strong - but lighter in colour than the traditional Black Country beers. Variable in quality, high gravity; the average in rural Worcestershire was 1060, the second strongest in England.

License hours were long; 18 hours a day, 4am to 10pm, seven days a week, closed only during Devine service, Christmas day and Good Friday.

Innkeeper George Chellingworth arrived at the Robin Hood Inn in 1864, he was 50, Ann 60; daughter Sarah 17, and son George 15. George 'the younger' succeeded his father as tenant in 1878, buying the Robin Hood from the Perrins Stone family 31.12.1891, paying £600.0.0

George Chellingworth retired in 1913 aged 64 selling the Robin Hood Inn, cottages and land to farmer Alfred Pardoe of Dorhall, for £925.0.0. The Chellingworths had been licencees for 49 years.

Alfred Pardoe died 23.11.1919, and his trustees sold to Isaac Tromans for £1,710.0. Flowers & Sons, Ltd, The Brewery, Stratford-on-Avon, bought the Robin Hood in August, 1933, the price now "£2,250.0.0.

Holts of Birmingham acquired the Robin Hood Inn 12 months later, 1934 - the year they were taken over by Anells Brewery ltd, Park Road, Aston, Birmingham.

The Old Robin Hood Inn has seen several changes over the past 167+ years, but remains, as originally intended by Joseph Billingsley, a social and convivial centre of a community.

The Robin Hood Inn

DRAYTON, WORCESTERSHIRE



Licensee Homebrew/Alehouse

c1825	Joseph Billingsley	1854
1854	Charles Phillips	1859
1859	John Lythall Taylor	1864
1864	George Chellingworth the elder	1878
1878	George Chellingworth the younger	1913
1913	William George Pardoe	1927
1927	Isaac Tromans	1933
1933	George Collins	1934
1934	Wallis Henry J.H.Cave	1935
1935	Marmaduke E. Barbourne	1941
1941	Frederick Edward Spiers	1951
1951	Albert Vincent Trevis	1959
1959	Samuel Swinglehurst	1960
1960	Frederick Wm. Corbett	1975
1975	Kathleen Corbett	1978
1978	Thomas Ernest Sylvester	1985
1985	Barry Richard Lovell	2000 approx
2000	'Various'	2009
2009	David Dharna	

