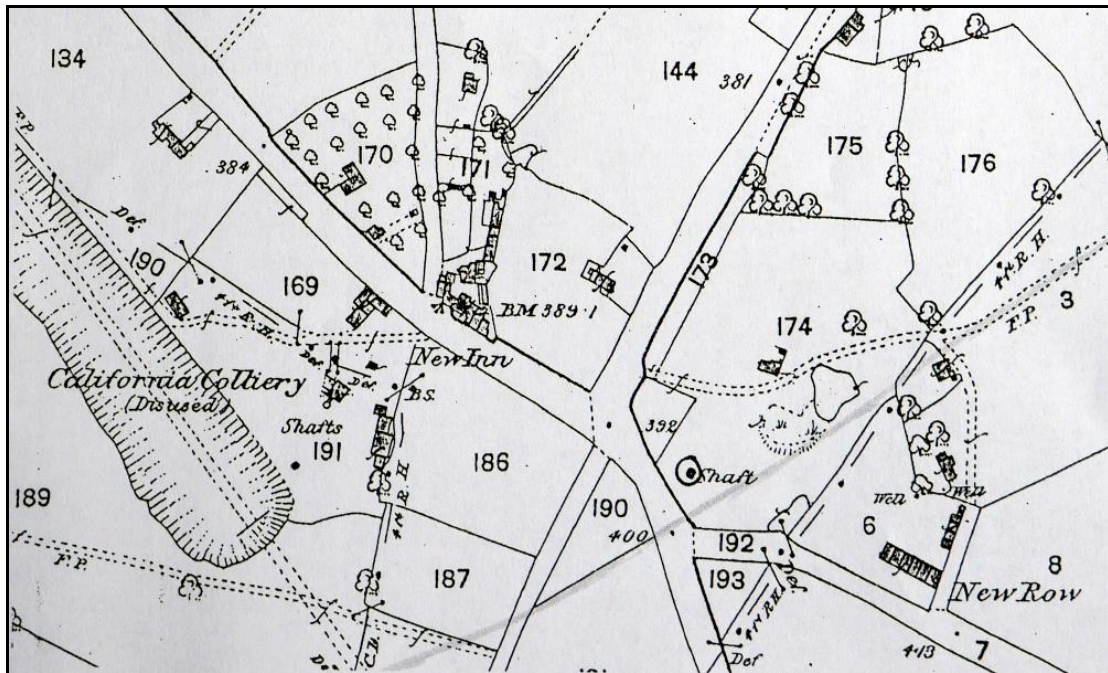


THE "NEW INN" - PEGG'S GREEN



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THE 1881 SURVEYED / 1885 PUBLISHED O/S MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE NEW INN, WHICH AT THAT TIME WAS OPPOSITE THE OLD CALIFORNIA COLLIERY AND BRICKWORKS SITE

COMPLIMENTARY READING ON THE AUTHOR'S WEBSITE

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- [A publication by Samuel T Stewart entitled "Over 70 years of Spar Ornament / Bauble Making in the Local Area" is free to download and read on his website.](#)
- [A History of Pegg's Green Victoria Football Club](#)
- [Joe Bradford](#)

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THE NEW INN

The location of the New Inn, Pegg's Green, adjacent to what is now Clay Lane, can be seen on the preceding 1885 O/S map. In days gone by, Clay Lane was known as Occupation Road, & Cox's Lane, and although it is assumed that Clay Lane took its name from clay being dug out there for the brickworks next to the California colliery, there is no evidence for this. The Clay pit for the brickworks was located across the road from the New Inn. It obviously took one of its former names from when Robert Cox was the licensee of the New Inn.

In 1825, a new Licensing Act came into force which required a premises acting as an "Ale House" to be given a name with signage displayed outside the premises. Therefore, the records given below from 1825 can be relied upon as being correct as the name is quoted in the licensing records. The New Inn had not been established at the time the Township of Thringstone & Pegg's Green map was drawn in 1807, so whether it was built and operated as an "Ale House" between 1807 and 1825 is not known. However, as we can read in the later featured 1909 newspaper article, it was not originally built for use as a public house

The Inn was located directly at the side of the Hinckley to Melbourne Common turnpike, so would have benefited from passing trade. They would also have provided accommodation and food for travellers' no doubt. The author has not found any evidence of who originally built the New Inn.

LICENSEE SURNAME	LICENSEE FORNAME	YEAR	OWNER / LEASHOLDER
COX	ROBERT	Mid 1825 -1827 (New Inn) No records available between 1827 and 1841 but it is likely that Robert Cox could have been the licensee till John Tugby took over c.1841	THOMAS COX FROM 1872 TO MID 1890 OFFILER'S BREWERY MID 1890 TO 1935
TUGBY	JOHN	c.1841 – MID 1860	
COX	THOMAS	MID 1860 – MID 1886	
JACKSON	HENRY	MID 1886 – MID 1892	
COX	THOMAS	MID 1891 TO MID 1893	
PAGE	FREDERICK	MID 1893 TO MID 1897	
MORLEY	JOSEPH	MID 1897 TO FEB 1926	
MORLEY	WILLIAM	FEB 1926 TO FEB 1935	

Victualler's / Licensee's of the New Inn up to 1935

The author has not found any reliable evidence of who built and owned the New Inn,

but it was therein 1825.

There follows a newspaper report advertising the auction / sale of the New Inn and adjoining cottages in 1841. Presumably, the Inn was not sold, or John Tugby changed his mind, as he is recorded in the licensing records as being the licensee through to 1860 when Thomas Cox took over the license. As John Tugby is not listed on the 1841 census, it is assumed that he moved there after the census was taken, usually in March / April.

Leicester Journal – October 8th 1841

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION BY MR.CHUBB

On the premises, on Tuesday, the 28th day of October, 1841, at five o'clock in the afternoon, subject to Conditions to be then produced, and in one or more Lot or Lots, as may be agreed upon at the time of sale, all that **well-established** PUBLIC HOUSE, called "The New Inn", with good stabling, Workshops, Out buildings, Garden, Orchard, and Appurtenances adjoining the Melbourne Turnpike Road, near to Pegg's Green Colliery, and in the occupation of the Proprietor, **Mr. John Tugby**.

Also two comfortable COTTAGES, adjoining to the said Inn, with gardens thereto, in the occupation of William Barkby and Frances Barkby. And a close of excellent LAND, containing 1a. 1r. 17p. or thereabouts, lying on the opposite side of the road to the said Inn, and in front thereof.

The above premises are situate in the Township of Thringstone, and are in good repair. The Inn is admirably situated for business, owing to its being in the middle of a populous and thriving neighbourhood, and to its contiguity to the colliery, and has a good trade connected with it. **The workshops are now used in the manufacture of Spar Ornaments**, and are adapted for occupation as Workshops, or, at a trifling expense, might be converted into cottages, for which tenants are readily found at good rents.

For further information, application to be made to Mr. Tugby, on the premises or to Messrs. Fisher and Sherwin, Solicitors, Ashby de la Zouch.

John Tugby was recorded as still being the landlord at "The New Inn" in 1846, and his children's baptism records list him as a publican in 1843. Baptism records for St. George's Church, Swannington, also show that in 1832 he was a Hawker, and in 1840 a Spar worker.

John Tugby, born in Coleorton in 1797, was known to have manufactured spa ornaments in his workshop at the New Inn for many years and he had a significant business there. It is recorded in the 1851 census, that John Tugby (54) employed five men as a Spar Manufacturer. John Tugby's son Thomas was living at home (the New Inn) as a "Hawker" so was likely to have been selling his father's wares, around the country.

The names of his other three children, still at home, can be seen in the following extract from the 1851 census, plus they have a house servant living with them. All the four children were born in Thringstone (Pegg's Green). John Tugby married Elizabeth Potter from the district of St. Mary's, Nottingham in 1818 and are recorded as having a total of seven children. Elizabeth died on April 26th 1870 and is buried in Griffydham Wesleyan Methodist Graveyard.

Part Parish or Township of		Ecclesiastical District of		City or Borough of		Town of		Village of	
Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf-mute, or Lame	
				Male	Female				
No. 1 Pegg's Green	John Tugby	Head	Mar	54		Spar Manufacturer	Leicestershire (Coleorton)		
	Elizabeth	Wife	M	51			Nottingham St. Mary's		
	Thomas	Son	M	23		Handker	Leicestershire Thringstone		
	Catherine	Son			13		Schooler		
	Arthur	Son			11		Schooler		
	William	Son			9		Schooler		
	Ann Phillips	Son			15		Handker		

EXTRACT FROM 1851 CENSUS

The following transcribed newspaper article confirms a sizeable Spar Manufacturing operation in the workshops adjacent to the New Inn:-

Transcribed from the Leicester Mercury - January 29th 1859 :- Pegg's Green, Coleorton

On Monday evening, January 17th, Mr. Tugby, Spar Manufacturer, gave his usual treat to his workmen of a good supper.

This indicates a sizeable business being run by John Tugby. Presumably the celebrations took place at the New Inn.

John Tugby got remarried to a widow named Mary Ann Hull on the 26th June 1871 in Derby. She was the daughter of John Griffin the miller at Thringstone Smock Mill, now located in Swannington and known as Hough Mill. John Tugby's occupation was given as a farmer at the time so after leaving the New Inn, he obviously invested in some land.

It is likely that Tugby's Lane was named after John Tugby as he could well have moved there from the New Inn after he left in 1861, **as in the 1863 "History, Gazetteer & Directory of Leicestershire & Rutland, he is listed as still being a spar manufacturer,** although it is not unknown for these trade directories to perpetuate old information.

NOTE:-

Apparently, a ditch was dug out on Clay Lane opposite the New Inn where large quantities of alabaster spa off cuts were found, presumably from John Tugby's spa ornament workshops there.

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The following sale by auction confirms that this was the time when Thomas Cox took over as licensee of the New Inn from John Tugby. Thomas held the lease from 1872 to 1890.

Transcribed from the Loughborough Monitor - Thursday 06 June 1861.

**THE NEW INN PEGG'S GREEN
TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION**

**BY MR. G. ORCHARD
ON THE 11TH DAY OF JUNE, 1861, ON THE PREMISES, THE NEW INN.**

THE USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

Comprising Mahogany Sofa, Suit of Mahogany Dining Tables, 8 Day Clock, French and Other Bedsteads, Feather Beds, Chairs, Tables, Dairy Utensils, Implements, GILT and PIGS, and other effects of Mr. Tugby, **who is declining Innkeeping**

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock

Catalogues may be had at the place of the office of the Auctioneers (Ashby-de-la-Zouch) or at the place of sale

**EXAMPLES OF THE TYPES OF SPAR ORNAMENTS
(BAUBLES) WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE BY
JOHN TUGBY AND HIS MEN**



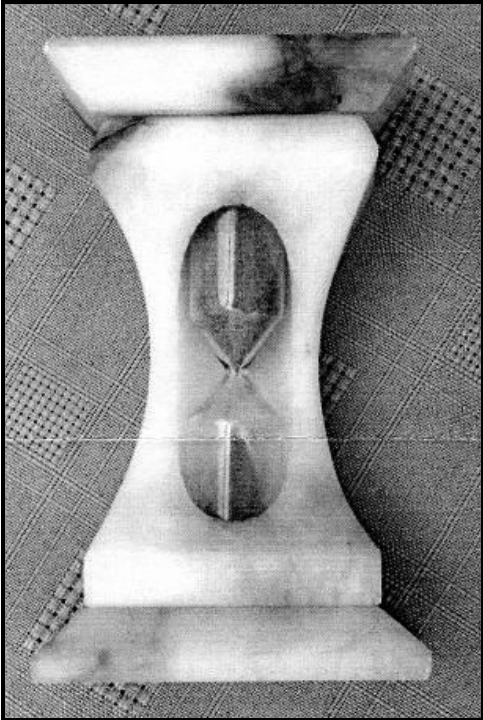
**Castellated Watch Stand kept in Leicester Museum
made at Coleorton**



Watch Stand



Pair of Candlesticks



Egg Timer

FURTHER RELATED NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Transcribed from the Coalville Times Newspaper - Friday 5th March 1909

Ashby Adjourned Brewster Sessions

Coalville and Whitwick Licensees Objected to

Five Houses Referred for Compensation

The adjourned Brewster Sessions were held at Ashby on Wednesday. The magistrates present were the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr. J. Turner, Mr. J. Hassall, Mr. J. P. Adcock and Mr. Dalglish-Bellasié ?

THE NEW INN, PEGG'S GREEN

This house at Pegg's Green, in the Parish of Thringstone, was last on the list. It is owned by Mr. Thomas Cox of Coalville, for whom Mr. T. E. Jesson appeared; Occupied by Mr. Joseph Morley, who was represented by Mr. J. J. Sharp; and leased to Offiler & Co., for whom Mr. R. S. Clifford appeared.

Supt. Lockton said it was a fully licensed house, and Morley had been there about eleven years. Thringstone had a population of 1,238 and 11 licensed houses, giving 1 to every 112 persons. The New Engine Inn was 238 yards away and the Red Lion 720 yards away. There were only 6 houses nearer to the New Inn than those other licensed houses. It was a working class trade at the New Inn of about 3 barrels per week, 9 1/2 dozen bottled stuff and two gallons of wines and spirits. The gross assessment was £22, net £18 and rent £18. The house was badly constructed and not required. It was tied to Offiler's for beer. It was an old house and not built apparently for a public house. The rooms were low, dark places.

By Mr. Jesson: It was on the main road from Melbourne to Hinckley. Is there another licensed house on that road within a mile? - It depends which way you go.

Mr. Sharp said that no doubt the Bench had made up their mind to close the house, though it was to be regretted.

Mr. Jesson presumed the justices had come there with open minds. He pointed out that the house catered for cyclists and parties. An Oddfellows' club was held there with 130 members; there was also a football club with 80 members and another with 50 members. The owner was willing to carry out any alterations he Bench might suggest. ([The Pegg's Green Victoria football club was based at the New Inn](#)).

The Bench decided to refer all the houses mentioned to the compensation authority, and in the meantime, they agreed to renew the license provisionally.

Transcribed from the Burton Chronicle - Thursday 10th June 1897

THE NEW INN, PEGG'S GREEN

Mr. J. J. Sharp, Coalville, applied on behalf of Fredk. Falkener, for the license of the New Inn, Pegg's Green, to be transferred to him. The only difficulty to contend with was the fact of the outgoing tenant, Fredk. Page, having gone away.- Supt. Holloway said he removed on Sunday. - The Chairman : By Moonlight? - Supt. Holloway : I don't know, but if you grant this application, he could come back and enter the house. - The Bench said they gave Falkener permission to keep open the house until next transfer day. - Mr. Sharp : And if Page doesn't turn up, I will make application for a new license.

TRANSCRIBED NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF THE ODDFELLOW LODGE MEETINGS HELD AT THE NEW INN

It was quite common for Oddfellows lodges to be held in Public houses which was the case here with the Loyal Worswick Lodge, No. 5393, Manchester United of Oddfellows (*now Independent order of Oddfellows Manchester Unity*). The New Inn is opposite the former site of the Coleorton No 1 Colliery (California) owned by Benjamin Walker and William Worswick.

Loughborough Monitor – February 16th 1865

NEW INN – PEGGS GREEN

OPENING OF A NEW LODGE OF ODDFELLOWS, M.U. (No. 5393)

A lodge of this Order was opened on the 4th instant, at the home of Mr. Thomas Cox, The New Inn, to be called the Loyal Worswick Lodge, in honour of William Worswick, Esq., of Birstall Hall, nr. Leicestershire, proprietor of the Swannington and Hoo-Ash collieries, and part proprietor with Mr. W. Walker, of the new Coleorton collieries. A splendid spread of "fatted calf" and other good things in the greatest profusion was provided by the worthy host, which, having been duly discussed and prepared for inward digestion, P.P.G.M. James Peters was called to the chair, who, after a short introductory speech gave her Most Gracious majesty the Queen and all the Royal Family: this being honoured in a bumper, the chairman gave a most elaborate statement of the principles of Oddfellowship, and their true practice, also instances where it had been found useful, and urged on all who had not already done so, to unite with this flourishing order, where its members were equally at home whether in the bosom of old England, or in the far off New Zealand or Australia, or in Turkey or at the Cape of Good Hope, and the benefits felt by all in its brotherhood. The Grand Master of the Order and Board of Directors was given and lustily responded to, after which Mr. John Grice sang a most appropriate song- "Help One Another". The next toast was the officers of the Whitwick district; responded to by Mr. T. Allgood, C.S., of the district; the next toast of the evening was the health of William Worswick, Esq., which was vigorously responded to. Other toasts and sentiments were given, also better health to Geo. Lewis, Esq., the manager of the colliery, who was prevented being present by disposition. The head bailiff, Mr. W. Pickering, was also toasted, and, after the health of Henry Toone, Esq., surgeon to the Lodge, the host and others, had been given, the happy brothers and friends sang God Save the Queen and dispersed.

Leicester Journal – September 4th 1874

The anniversary of the Loyal Worswick Lodge, No. 5393, Manchester United of Oddfellows (*now Independent order of Oddfellows Manchester Unity*), was held at host Thomas Cox's, the New Inn, Pegg's Green, Thringstone, on Monday last, August 31st. After partaking of a most excellent spread, W. H. Johnson, Esq., was called to the chair, and J. B. Johnson, Esq., surgeon, to the vice-chair. – The Chairman, in a few appropriate remarks, proposed the health of "The Queen". Song, - "Good Old Jeff" by P. G. Wm. Room. The next toast was "The Prince and Princess of Wales". Song "The Prairie Flower", by brother F. Hallam, who accompanied himself on the harmonium. – The Chairman, in an amusing speech, proposed the health of "The surgeons of the Lodge". Song, - "Just before the battle, Mother", by P. G. Wm. Cox. – Dr. Johnson, one of the surgeons, responded to the toast. – The next toast was "The Members of the House of Lords and Commons". Song, - "The Ploughboy", by Bro. Shorthouse. Toast, "Success to the Loyal Worswick Lodge". – P. G. William Room, in the absence of the secretary stated that the lodge was in a flourishing condition, they had saved over £40 during the last 12 months. Brother John knight also responded. Toast – "The Visiting Brothers", coupled with the name of Brother S. W. Hallam, jun", Charnwood Forest Lodge, Whitwick. Song – "I never saw before". – Brother Elveston. Brother S. W. Hallam responded, and concluded by proposing "The health of the past and present officers of the Lodge, coupled with the name of P. G. E. Ayre". Song, - "The Stolen Child", by Brother G. Walker. Toast – "The Chairman", who responded with usual ability. Toast – "The Host an Hostess". Song, - "The Wonderful Ducks", W. H. Johnson, Esq. he host responded on behalf of himself and his wife. With other songs, toasts and sentiment, brought a pleasant days enjoyment to a close.

Leicester Chronicle – September 4th 1875

PEGG'S GREEN

The Loyal Worswick Lodge, No. 5293, M.U., recently held their anniversary at host Cox's, the New Inn, Pegg's Green. Dr. Partrick, assistant to Dr. Johnson, Whitwick, was called to the chair, and Brother S. William Hallam, Charnwood Forest Lodge, Whitwick, to the vice-chair. After dinner, song and sentiment brought a pleasant day's enjoyment to a close, all being well satisfied with the holiday.

Leicester Chronicle – May 22nd 1880

ODDFELLOW'S DINNER. – On Monday the members of the Loyal Worswick Oddfellows Lodge assembled at their club house, Mr. Cox's, the "New Inn", and proceeded thence to St. George's Church, headed by the beautiful silk banner of the district order. The fine band of the Snibston Colliery, under the leadership of Mr. George Locker, was in attendance, and played to the church in a style that was highly gratifying to the lover's of good music. The vicar, the Rev. F. T. Pearson, preached a most practical sermon from the words "Go to the ant thou sluggard". At the conclusion of design service, the lodge, to the stirring strains of the Snibston band, marched to the parsonage of St. George. Here the band played an excellent selection, which the ladies of the parsonage seemed fully to enjoy. After enlivening Thringstone and Griffydham, the lodge returned to the "New Inn", where Mrs. Cox had a splendid dinner awaiting them and for which the forest air had amply prepared them. Amongst those present were the vicar, the Rev. F. T. Pearson, D. Hatchett (Ravenstone), Mr. Pickering (Heather), J. Johnson esq, &c. After the withdrawal of the cloth, the usual toasts were given, the band supplying appropriate music. During the evening there was some capital singing ; the health of Drs. Donovan and Hatchett, being most heartily drunk with musical honours, as well as the toast of the host and hostess. Mr. George Locker and his band deserve a deed of commendation for their performance throughout the day.

Coalville Times - Friday 17 May 1901

PEGG'S GREEN

LOYAL WORSWICK LODGE - The balance sheet for the year 1900 of the Loyal Worswick Lodge, No. 5293, Whitwick district, I.O.O.M.U. held at the New Inn, Pegg's Green, shows that the worth of the Lodge at the end of the year was £122 13s. 01/2d. and there were 45 members. The average age of the members was 45 years, and the amount of funds per member was £2 14s. 6d. The payments in the sick and funeral fund during the year amounted to £68 14s. 101/2d. The accounts were audited by Messrs. F. Hallam and J. Wilton. Mr. William Elverston is the lodge secretary, and Mr. William Pickering, Treasurer.

PEGG'S GREEN VICTORIA FOOTBALL CLUBS

The preceding newspaper article on page 8, mention two football clubs being based at the New Inn. These were the first and second teams of Pegg's Green Victoria which were founded there in 1885 as confirmed below in the Coalville Times.

Transcribed from the Coalville Times - Friday 23 August 1895

PEGG'S GREEN

THRINGSTONE

A Football Club

Is about to be formed at the NEW INN, PEGG'S GREEN

**Applicants for Membership should be made to
Mr. F. Page at the above address**

**A SPLENDID GROUND has been already
arranged for ([This was on the land opposite the New Inn](#))**

[For further information on the football club please refer to the publication on the author's website entitled "Pegg's Green Victoria Football Club 1885 - c.1930" under Griffydam & Peggs Green](#)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Functions of various kinds, too numerous to record here, were held at, or in conjunction with, the New Inn.

A more melancholy side though was the inquests held at the New Inn on the deaths of local adults and children and those killed in the local coal mines etc. A number of these have been recorded on the author's website under other subject matter.

In latter years, well attended outings were organised by the New Inn and a Holiday Club was formed there for this purpose. Below is an example of how well attended these events were in a photograph taken at a Holiday Club event, thought to be at Blackpool or Yarmouth.



CAN you help us to date this photograph? We don't know when this photo was taken or the names of

any of the men involved. All we know is that the photograph is of the 'New Inn' Peggs

Green "holiday club" at Blackpool or Yarmouth. If you have any information as to

when this photo was taken or if you recognise any of the faces please contact the Times in the usual way.