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The Railway Inn, Moira

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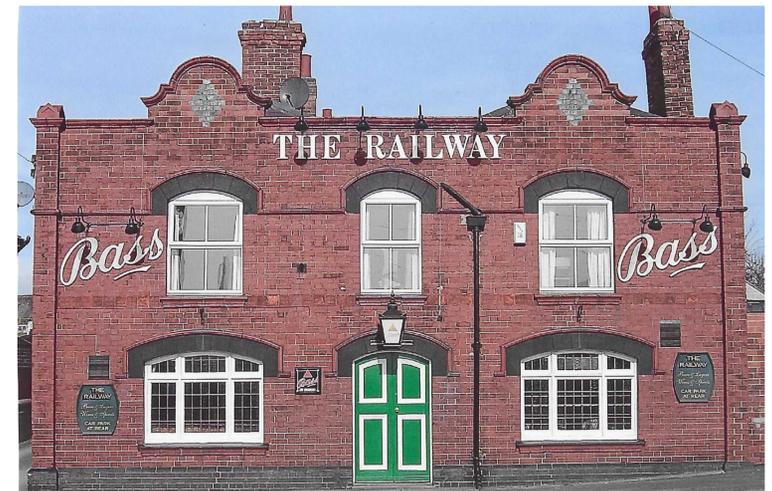


The Railway Inn. Joseph Sharpe Landlord 1889-1930

Records suggest the Railway Inn Building was in existence in the 1820s. Its close proximity to the railway station lent itself to becoming a beer house for a good number of years before the then Landlord, Joseph Carr, applied to become a licenced victualler in the late 1870s.

The Inn was, as is now, very much a community Pub and has served many purposes during its lifetime. Inquests were held there from as early as 1864 up until the 1920s. Auctions were regularly held and many local groups used its meeting room. Groups as diverse as Moira United Football Club, Darts and Dominoes Club, Brethren of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes and the intriguingly named Railway Inn Female Friendly Society.

The Railway Inn still plays an active part in the lives of the Villagers and its various Clubs but also the Workers from the numerous Industries situated around it. In the latter half of the 1900s, before stringent health and safety rules and regulations, the Workers from the Moira Pottery, were regular dinnertime customers. It was often said, in jest, "was that why some pots appeared to be a bit wonky?" In truth those pots were probably 'seconds'.



The Railway Inn. Diane Hart Landlady 1989 to present



The Pig on the wall watching the parade go by. Traditionally, this took place outside the Rawdon Arms but during the years of its closure, the Railway Inn stepped in.



The Pig on the wall watching the parade go by. Aka Landlord Graham Hart in 1991 during the blue ear pig disease ban on movement of real pigs.



Moira Parade and Gala. Annual event dating back to the early 1900's organised by the Hospital and Nursing Parade Association. The route was Ashby road, Moira to Donisthorpe and back to Moira



Burton Brass Band leading the Parade and Gala. These parades have been over a mile long and ended in Moira on the land opposite the Railway.

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