

# Leatherhead & District Local History Society

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## The Leg of Mutton & Cauliflower, Asstead

*The Leg of Mutton & Cauliflower c: 1950s*



The Leg of Mutton was a combined farm and hostelry from its earliest days. The first innkeeper was Thomas Kitchen in 1707. He was there for fifty years. The inn was used as a meetinghouse and a civic centre. The proprietor of the inn during the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century was

*The Leg of Mutton & Cauliflower, 1881*



Thomas Skilton, who lived there with his wife and twelve children. He greatly improved the premises. In 1879 there were seven bedrooms, three attics, a coffee room, a small sitting room, bar parlour, smoking room, kitchen, scullery, tap room and "good beer and wine cellars". The present red brick frontage dates from the 1890s. There are still remains of the earlier timber framed building at the rear. The brewers Page & Overton owned the Public House from 1906 to 1954. Under the Charrington Brewery it became a 'Toby House'

For a short period it became known by its initials LOMAC. It closed in December 2014 after its operator went into administration. It re-opened following a seven-month closure and a recent review informs us - *'Great pub! Friendly atmosphere, amazing staff. Lovely for both a drink and food. The pub quiz is great on the Wednesday - Lovely beer garden with fantastic furniture.'*

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