

The Bridge Hotel

In February 1926, an application for a liquor licence by Mr Arthur Foster, the proprietor# was supported by Mr Galpin. The hotel was one of the recommended houses of the RAC and the Cyclists' Union. The bedrooms in the hotel and in the bungalows accommodated 28 persons. The nearest licence was at The Plough which did not possess the facilities or accommodation. The absence of a licence was extremely inconvenient. It was not intended to erect a bar in the hotel nor to serve drinks in the bungalows

Representations against the application by the Princes Risborough Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society, stated that 50% of the sleeping accommodation consisted of converted railway coaches – there were only five bedrooms in the house. Previously the place had been a tea garden for some 15 years and, had only been a hotel for the last four years, and the recommendations had only been in place for the last three years.

The applicant, who had been at the hotel for four years, had great difficulty in getting the drinks that were required – he had to send out to The Plough, but was very restricted as to what was available. There were several licensed houses with a mile and a half but “they were not of the same class” as The Bridge.

Two residents one of whom, Major Starling, had been at the hotel for two years, gave evidence in support as did Andrew Graham Bell of Rectory Farm. The RAC also supported the application stating that The Bridge was “very well conducted”.

The application was refused. The Bridge filed for bankruptcy at the end of 1926.