

# Final pints for Fox and Crane

**A PUB is set to call time and close its doors for the final time after more than 60 years serving customers in Nuneaton.**

The last pint is to be pulled at the Fox and Crane in Weddington tonight as it shuts once and for all as brewery Mitchells and Butlers have sold the site.

Rumours were rife just before Christmas that the Weddington Road-based public house was set to close and it was confirmed during the festive period.

It is thought that the pub has been sold to developers, but it is not known what is going to happen to the building.

A spokesperson for Mitchells and Butlers

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would not comment on who has purchased the site and told the Evening News that it was not company policy to provide details of purchasers.

The site first became licensed premises back in 1934 when it was known as the Weddington Grove and was part of the Weddington estate.

Initially the Fox and Crane was set to close on Thursday of this week, but the date was brought forward by two days to today.

Once the decision was made to close the pub and sell the land off staff were fully briefed on what was going to happen.

They have all been offered other

employment opportunities in other Mitchells and Butlers businesses throughout the area.

A spokesperson for the brewery said: "We review our pub estate on a regular basis and have taken the decision to sell the Fox and Crane."

"All our staff have been fully briefed and we will look to offer them redeployment opportunities in our other local businesses where possible."

The closure of the pub, which is steeped in history, has brought much sadness to people in the area and its regulars.

For a full history of the Fox and Crane and the site see over the page of how it started out with photos.

