

WOKINGHAM – 12TH NOVEMBER 2009

Wokingham means 'Wocca's people's home'. Wocca was apparently a Saxon chieftain who also owned lands at Wokefield in Berkshire and Woking in Surrey.

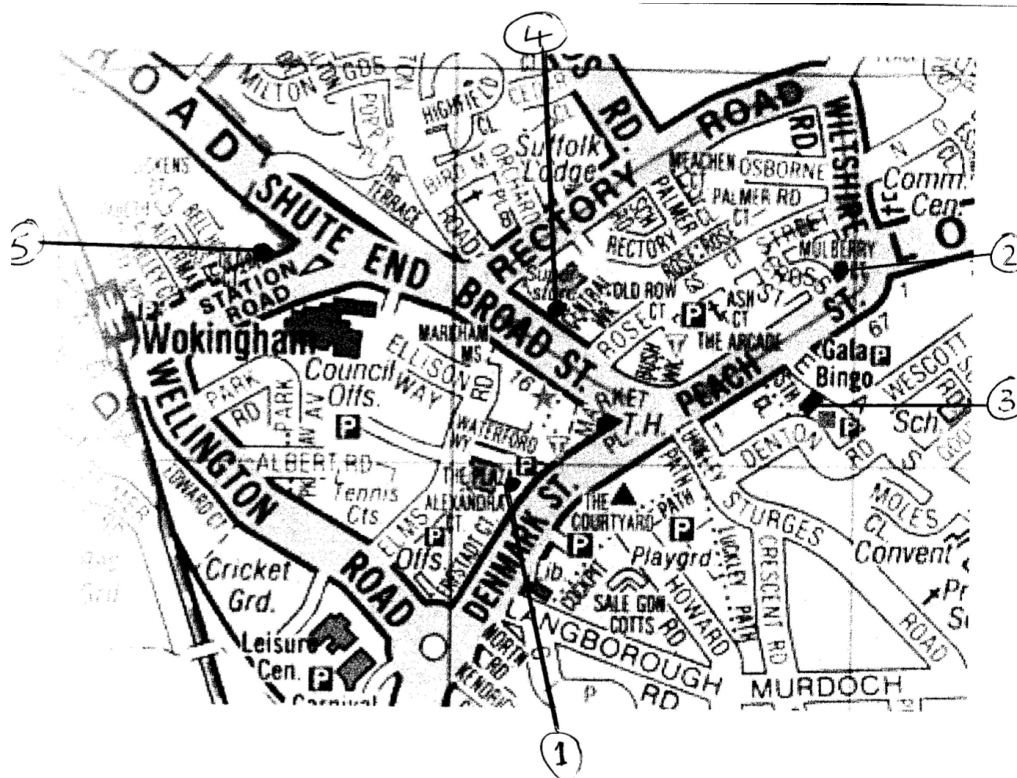
The courts of Windsor Forest were held at Wokingham and the town had the right to hold a market from 1219. It has remained a small market town all its life. Queen Elizabeth granted a town charter in 1583. From the 14th to the 16th centuries, Wokingham was well-known for its bell foundry which supplied many churches across the South of England.

In 1723, the 'Black Act' was passed in Parliament to make it an offence to black one's face to commit criminal acts. It was named after an infamous band of ruffians, known as the 'Wokingham Blacks' who terrorised the local area.

In Victorian times, it was known as Oakingham and the acorn with an oak leaves is the town's symbol.

After leaving the Station on the Upside, turn right, go past the level crossing and proceed along Wellington Road to a roundabout and turn left into Denmark Street. About ¾'s of the way up, there is an alleyway on the left leading to a Wetherspoon's pub (10 mins walk).

- 1) The Gig House – Opens 9am, serving breakfast until 12 noon, with the usual array of real ales. Leave at 11:20 for a 10 mins walk to:-
- 2) The Ship Inn, Peach Street – Opens 11:30am – Food 12 noon onwards (kangaroo burger was on special). Fullers and Gales. Leave at 12:10 for a 3 mins walk to:-
- 3) The Victoria, Easthampstead Road – Food 12 till 2:30 – Timothy Taylor and Guest. Leave at 12:50 for a 5 mins walk to :-
- 4) Broad Street Tavern, Broad Street – Food 12 till 2:30 – 6 Wadworths Ales. Leave at 1:50pm for a 10 mins walk to:-
- 5) The Hope and Anchor, Station Road – The Canadian Landlord has only just taken it on, and is involved with local CAMRA group. Food 12 till 2:30 – Brakspears and Guest. Station is 5 mins walk away.



<u>Waterloo</u>	<u>Wokingham</u>	<u>Wokingham</u>	<u>Waterloo</u>
8-20	9-26	:23 / :53 mins past the hour	
8-37	9-46		
8-50	9-56		
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<u>Reading</u>	<u>Wokingham</u>	<u>Wokingham</u>	<u>Reading</u>
9-25	9-38	14-10	14-19
9-34	9-43	14-27	14-43
9-39	9-52	14-43	14-55
9-53	10-06	14-57	15-13
10-04	10-12	15-10	15-19