

## Wokingham Walkabout 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Wokingham was last visited in 2009 and in today's excursion, two pubs are new. It has quite a place in history from Saxon times, was granted the right to hold a market, got mixed up in the Civil War and its bell foundry was very busy at times.

Communication should not be a problem as it has been stated that the Wokingham accent was "once a blend of London Cockney influenced by aspects of West Country pronunciation". (I did not understand that either!). John Redwood has been the M P since 1987.

NB: The Grade 2 footbridge at the level crossing, made by Wimbledon iron works out of old bullhead rail, survived the station reconstruction.

The tour today goes anti clockwise and starts at the **Station Tap** which opens at 7am for those really keen, right outside the station. Exit on the up side. [The ex Wetherspoon's Gig House is still in the centre there but is not recommended.]

**Station Tap:** Traditional breakfast £3.75 and "Full" £5.25 which doubles up on the sausages, bacon and egg. Both with toast and butter. Other options are shown but did not list Eggs Benedict, sorry Ian. Had Doombar, Windsor & Eaton Firefly and Best of British by bond Brews. [Note 10% Camera discount on pint and halves.] Leave 10 45 taking the southerly route along Wellington Road then left into Elms Road and take footpath to the right past the Gig house out into Denmark Street where **the Crispin** can be seen on the right opposite the **Ragland Pub**.

**Crispin: 45 Denmark Street RG40 2AV** Is being especially opened up for us at 11 am. Should have Hogs back HBB and Marlow Rebellion plus three of Wokingham Bond Brew's beers on tap. Beer Garden. Depart 11 45\*\* for a 10-minute walk up Denmark street and straight into Peach street to **The Ship**:

\*\*Could be later if omitting **The Ship**, see below.

**The Ship: 104 Peach Street RG40 1XH** A Fuller's Pub which had ESB, Oliver's Island, Beachcomber and London Pride when we were there. Beer Garden. Leave 12 30 turning left into Wiltshire Road and very shortly left into Rose Street. There is quite a collection of old properties here and it is said that some of the houses still show the taller first floor windows needed in Tudor times for the silk industry. Walk down to meet Broad Street where you turn right to find the **Broad Street Tavern** a short way along at 12 40

**Broad Street Tavern: 29 Broad Street RG40 1AU** A Wadsworth establishment which had Brains SA, IPA and 6x lower strength plus Bishop's tipple, Swordfish and Horizon at 5%. Beer Garden. Depart 13 30 turning right for 5-minute straight walk past a sandwich shop to the **Queen's Head**. Not exactly pedestrian friendly in crossing the road.

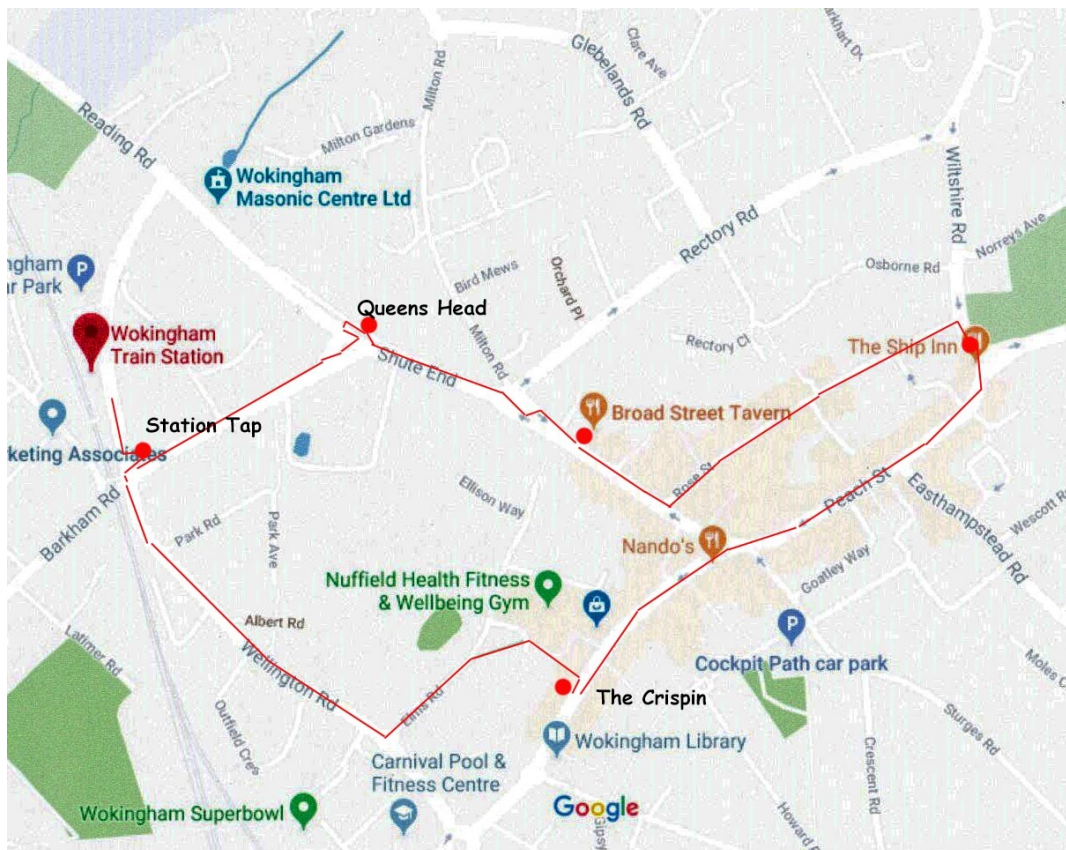
**Queens Head: 22 The terrace RG1BP** A Camera Berkshire SE Branch Real ale pub of the year 2015, 2016 and 2017. Had Hogs Back Tea, Marlow Rebellion Blond, Loddon Hullabaloo, Green King St Edmunds and Abbot plus Queens Head Crafted bitter on when visited. Beer Garden. Remain until end. Ten minutes to the Station if you can work out how to cross the roads!

**Eating:** Only the **Ship** [Expensive] and **Broad Street Tavern** [Cheaper] do food. Below is the menu for the **Broad Street Tavern** and the **Ragland Pub** [No Hand Pumps] back opposite the **Crispin**.

Those wanting to eat and leave earlier could omit **The Ship**. AND GO STRAIGHT TO THE BROAD STREET TAVERN FOR LUNCH OR ALTERNATIVELY the land lady of the **Queen's Head** is quite happy for food to be brought in and will provide a plate etc. [ Note Fish and chip shop opposite the **Tap** and we passed a sandwich shop!]

There is a regular train service from Reading, either SWR TAKING 13 minutes xx12 and xx42 or GWR at 8 minutes xx04 and xx32 generally but check. From Waterloo the service takes 66 minutes departing at xx 20 and xx 50.

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## The Raglan PUB AND KITCHEN

### Pub Classics

- FISH AND CHIPS 8.95**  
Breaded plaice, steakhouse chips, peas and tartar sauce
- FALAFEL BLISS BUDDHA BOWL 7.95**  
Roasted onion, broccoli, red cabbage, falafel, jalapeños, houmous with a balsamic glaze
- CHICKEN OR THE EGG BUDDHA BOWL 8.95**  
Spinach, broccoli, boiled egg, red pepper, red cabbage, roasted chicken, tomato with a balsamic glaze
- STEAK AND ALE PIE 9.45**  
Served with fresh vegetables, creamy mash and a red wine gravy
- CHICKEN, BACON AND MUSHROOM PIE 9.45**  
Served with fresh vegetables, creamy mash and a red wine gravy
- HONEY ROAST HAM 8.45**  
Steakhouse chips, double fried egg and salad garnish
- RAGLAN CAJUN SALAD 8.95**  
Spinach, tomatoes, cucumber, red onion, roasted Cajun chicken, roasted red pepper, balsamic glaze and lime

### Wraps

- CHICKEN BACON CLUB 7.45**  
Chicken, bacon, spinach, tomato and mayo
- CAJUN CHICKEN 7.25**  
Spinach, red onion, Cajun chicken, mayo
- FALAFEL 6.95**  
Red pepper, houmous, falafel, spinach and sriracha sauce
- SWEET CHILLI CHICKEN 7.25**  
Spinach, red pepper, red cabbage, sweet chilli chicken
- BREADED MOZZARELLA 6.95**  
Cranberry sauce, spinach and breaded mozzarella sticks

### Nachos

- CLASSIC NACHOS (V) 6.95**  
Layered tortilla chips with Cheddar, guacamole, jalapeños, salsa and soured cream
- SWEET CHILLI CHICKEN NACHOS 7.95**  
Layered tortilla chips, chicken with sweet chilli sauce, Cheddar, guacamole, jalapeños, salsa and soured cream

### Burgers

All burgers are served in a gourmet bun with steakhouse chips and house garnish

- CLASSIC BEEF BURGER 8.45**  
Prime 6oz beef burger in a gourmet bun with chips and house garnish
- CLASSIC CHICKEN BREAST BURGER 8.45**  
Chicken breast burger in a gourmet bun with chips and house garnish
- SLOPPY BURGER 9.95**  
Prime 6oz beef burger, melted Cheddar and fried egg
- BBQ BURGER 9.95**  
Chicken breast or prime 6oz burger with cheese, bacon, BBQ sauce and onion rings
- CHORIZO BURGER 10.25**  
Chicken breast burger with chorizo and halloumi
- BREAKFAST BURGER 10.25**  
6oz beef burger with hash brown, bacon, egg and grilled tomato
- EURO BURGER 10.25**  
6oz beef burger with two slices of honey roast ham topped with Cheddar and mustard mayo
- SWEET CHILLI CHICKEN BURGER 9.95**  
Chicken breast burger cooked in sweet chilli sauce
- CAJUN BURGER 9.95**  
Chicken breast cooked in Cajun spices with bacon and a chilli mayo
- THE BIG ONE 10.95**  
6oz beef burger or chicken with melted Cheddar, bacon, egg, onion rings, hash brown and jalapeños

### Sides

- CHIPS 3.45**
- CHEESY CHIPS 3.95**
- ONION RINGS 3.25**
- POTATO WEDGES AND SALSA 3.45**
- BREADED MOZZARELLA STICKS AND CRANBERRY SAUCE 3.95**



## nibbles

- TEMPURA BATTERED VEGETABLES AND SWEET CHILLI SAUCE - V 4.25**  
**ANTOJITOS CHEESE, CHILLI, ONION AND PEPPER TORTILLA BITES WITH PESTO - V 4.25**  
**BEER BATTERED ONION RINGS - 3.00**  
**BEER MEATBALLS IN A TOMATO SAUCE - 4.25**  
**CHICKEN SATAY SKEWERS - 4.25**  
**SPICY HOT CHILLI CHICKEN WINGS WITH SRIRACHA SAUCE - 4.25**

## sharers

- BAKED CAMEMBERT - V 11.95**  
 Rosemary, garlic and honey baked Camembert served with garlic flatbread

## CHILLI NACHOS - 11.95

With sour cream, salsa, guacamole, jalapeños, cheese and chilli con carne

## GREEK BOARD - V 12.95

With toasted pitta, houmous, sun-blushed tomatoes, feta cheese, tzatziki, stuffed vine leaves and marinated olives

## salads

- CHICKEN AND CHORIZO - 11.50**  
 Chicken and chorizo salad with creamy goat's cheese and honey mustard dressing

## FLAT IRON STEAK - 12.50

Butcher's marinated rare steak with chilli, soy and honey on crunchy Thai salad

## hot dogs

All hot dogs are served with fries and smoky beans

## CLASSIC DOG - 7.95

Smoked British sausage in a brioche roll with crispy onions, mustard and ketchup

## CHEESE DOG - 8.50

Smoked British sausage in a brioche roll loaded with Cheddar, mozzarella and crispy onions

## CHILLI DOG - 8.95

Smoked British sausage in a brioche roll loaded with beef chilli and jalapeños, topped with cheese

## mains

- HAM, EGG AND CHIPS - 11.50**  
 Home cooked honey glazed ham with a free-range eggs, chips and slow roasted tomatoes
- SAUSAGE AND MASH - 10.95**  
 Butcher's sausage on spring onion mashed potato with seasonal greens and gravy - *Quorn sausages also available - v*
- FISH OF THE DAY - 11.95**  
 Fish of the day coated in a Wadsworth beer batter with chips, mushy peas, lemon and tartare sauce

## PIE OF THE DAY - 12.95

Pie of the day served with seasonal vegetables, creamy mashed potato and gravy

## CHILLI CON CARNE - 10.95

Slow cooked chilli con carne served with rice, nachos, sour cream and cheese

## BRITISH RUMP STEAK - 19.50

10oz British rump steak served with onion rings, grilled tomato, mushrooms, dressed leaves and chips

Add Diane, peppercorn or Béarnaise sauce for 2.00

## burgers

- BACON AND CHEESE BURGER - 11.95**  
 Bacon and cheese beef burger on a toasted brioche bun with onion relish, baby gem, tomato, onion rings and chips
- CHICKEN BURGER - 12.95**  
 Butterflied chicken breast with cheese, bacon and BBQ sauce on a toasted brioche bun with onion rings

## FALAFEL AND SPINACH BURGER - V 10.95

Falafel and spinach burger on a toasted brioche bun with tomato, baby gem, sweet chilli, onion rings and chips

## GRILLED HALLOUMI AND ROASTED PEPPER BURGER - V 11.50

Grilled halloumi and roasted pepper on a toasted brioche bun with tomato, baby gem, pesto, onion rings and chips

## LAMB AND MINT BURGER - 12.95

Lamb and mint burger served on a toasted brioche bun with goat's cheese, red onion relish, baby gem, tomato, chunky chips and onion rings

## WILD BOAR AND CHORIZO BURGER - 12.95

Wild boar and chorizo burger with smoked cheese on a toasted brioche bun with onion relish, chips and onion rings

- Burger toppings:  
**BBQ PULLED PORK - 2.00** (CHEDDAR, BRIE OR STILTON)  
**BEEF CHILLI - 2.00**  
**EXTRA BACON - 1.00**  
**EXTRA CHEESE - 1.00**  
**FRIED EGG - 1.00**

**GLUTEN FREE - SOME DISHES CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE AS GLUTEN FREE ASK US FOR MORE DETAILS AND PLEASE MENTION THIS WHEN ORDERING**  
 (v) = vegetarian option. All weights are approximate before cooking. All food is prepared in our kitchen where nuts, gluten and other allergens are present. Processes and training are in place to ensure that gluten-free meals on our gluten-free menu are gluten-free. Our menu descriptions do not include all ingredients. Full allergen information is available upon request. Please see our website for more information to support local farmers and growers from the

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## fajitas

Cajun spiced and pan-seared onions, peppers, baby corn and mushrooms all served with flour tortillas, guacamole, salsa, grated Cheddar and sour cream. Choose from the following:

## VEGETABLE - V 9.95

## CHICKEN - 12.50

## STEAK - 13.50

## small plates

- HAM, EGG AND CHIPS**  
 Home cooked honey glazed ham with a free-range egg, chips and slow roasted tomatoes

## SAUSAGE AND MASH

Butcher's sausages on spring onion mashed potato with seasonal greens and gravy - *Quorn sausages also available - v*

## FISH OF THE DAY

Fish of the day coated in a Wadsworth beer batter with chips, mushy peas, lemon and tartare sauce

## CHICKEN AND CHORIZO SALAD

Chicken and chorizo salad with creamy goat's cheese and honey mustard dressing

## sandwiches

Please ask for today's bread selection and then choose from the fillings below

## MOZZARELLA WITH SUN-BLUSHED TOMATO, PESTO AND ROCKET - V 6.75

## FISH GOUJONS WITH TOMATO, LETTUCE AND TARTARE SAUCE - 6.95

## WILTSHIRE HAM AND DOUBLE GLOUCESTER CHEESE - 7.25

## BRIE, BACON AND CRANBERRY - 7.25

## BBQ PULLED PORK AND RED ONION - 7.25

## STEAK WITH MELTED STILTON - 8.50

Add a few chips for only 2.00

## sides

- BEER BATTERED ONION RINGS - 3.00**  
**CHEESY CHIPS - V 4.00**  
**CHIPS - V 3.00**  
**SWEET POTATO FRIES - V 3.50**  
**GARLIC AND HERB BREAD WITH CHEESE - V 4.25**  
**GARLIC AND HERB BREAD - V 3.25**  
**HOUSE SALAD - V 3.00**  
**SEASONAL VEGETABLES - V 3.00**

## puddings

- STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING - V**  
 Sticky toffee pudding served with a rich toffee sauce and vanilla ice cream

## APPLE PIE - V

Spiced apple and sultana pie served with custard

## CHOCOLATE BROWNIE SUNDAE - V

Chocolate brownie sundae with cream and ice cream

## ETON MESS - V

Crushed meringue with vanilla cream and mixed berry compote

## DAIRY ICE CREAM & SORBET - V

Choose 3 scoops from our ice cream and sorbet selection, ask us for more details

## CHEESE BOARD - 7.95

A selection of British cheeses served with assorted biscuits, grapes, apple, celery and chutney

## hot drinks

Choose from our range of hot drinks:

## AMERICANO - 2.50

## CAPPUCCINO - 3.00

## DOUBLE ESPRESSO - 2.75

## ESPRESSO - 2.25

## FLAT WHITE - 3.00

## HOT CHOCOLATE - 3.25

## LATTE - 3.00

## POT OF TEA - 2.75

## TWININGS TEA - 2.50

Freshly made daily specials are always available ask us for more details

## Putting on our Sunday Best

We use only the best ingredients for our Sunday roasts - matured Angus and Hereford beef, beautiful Wiltshire pork and succulent chicken all cooked to perfection. Yorkshire puddings and crispy roasted potatoes, along with seasonal vegetables and rich flavour - some gravy complete the perfect Sunday roast. Sit back and let us do all the hard work.

TU, FRI, SAT, SUNDAY

