



# **Fleet & Church Crookham Society**



## **Local Listing of “Assets of Value” for Fleet**

**Developed by the Fleet and Church Crookham Society**

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## Introduction

The purpose of this document is to draw together in one comprehensive list many of the 'things' that make Fleet special.

The main focus is on heritage - especially those building in Fleet that have architectural merit, have a local 'history', or those that we have deemed to be of interest in any other way.

But it is more than heritage. We have included valuable assets such as community halls, open spaces and the like. We have called our list "Assets of Value".

Our list was developed from many different sources, but three in particular, are worthy of special mention:

- The 'local listing' originally developed by Fleet UDC and later updated in 2001 by Hart DC. This was very much our starting point;
- By surveying many of the streets in Fleet to identify other buildings and features that were not included in the 'local listing', but that seem to us to be of merit;
- We have received substantial support from the Fleet and Crookham Local History Group (FCLHG). They have provided significant input as well as verifying many of the items we have included. We sincerely thank them for their help.

Many items on our list include the phrase "FCLHG has more". This indicates that further information is available from them on request.

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The Fleet and Church Crookham Society trusts that you find the content interesting and informative.

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## **Albany Road**

### ***Oakley Park***

Occupies land donated to the town by James Oakley who ran Fleet's 1<sup>st</sup> department store – now the Old Emporium.

Woodland, playing field and children's play area.

Managed by 'The Friends of Oakley Park' and Fleet Town Council.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### **24**

Owner Mr Roger Kynaston Cross, said to be part of Crosse & Blackwell, but no evidence found. Converted to flats in 1970s. Some original features remained in 2004.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### **26 (Toad Hall)**

Interesting architecture and age.

## **Albert Street**

### ***Albert Social Club***

Private members club. Built 1922.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### ***Broadway Club***

Private members club.

### **119 (Stanley House)**

Built 1889.

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Aldershot Road**

### **104 / 106**

Out-of-character architecture for the road. Two semi-detached houses – might previously been a single dwelling. Unusual tiling to front and side elevations.

## **Ancells Farm**

### ***Ancells Farm Business Park and housing.***

Built in 1980s on land previously Ansell's Farm (17th Century or earlier), Ansell's Farmhouse (c1912), Polo grounds and pavilions (1920s and 1930s), Fleet Farm and Mill (17th Century or earlier).

*(FCLHG has more)*

### ***Ancells Farm Community Hall***

Modern community hall operated by Fleet Town Council.

### ***Park at Ancells Farm***

Open space / playing fields managed by Fleet Town Council.

### ***Falkners Arms***

Modern public house built as part of the Ancells development. Has a strong community and fund-raising focus.

Registered as an ACV.

## **Avondale Road**

### ***4 (The Grey House)***

Previously Kelvin, built 1910 for Claude W Kinder, engineer-in-chief for China's railways and may have designed some internal features.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### ***16 (Avondale House, later Northmoor)***

Built 1904, occupied by Gordon Wickham (Vicar of Christ Church 1875-1883?)

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Basingstoke Canal**

Built in 1745, this is a major leisure facility running through fleet and along the boundary with Church Crookham.

Completed in 1794, the bridges are separately listed Grade II.

*(FCLHG has more, as do The Basingstoke Canal Society and Surrey and Hants Canal Authority)*

## **Birch Ave**

### ***Yarrells***

Interesting old building tucked away at the end of this cul-de-sac. Long sloping roofs.

## **Branksomewood Road**

### ***Inglewood***

Architecturally interesting

*(FCLHG has more)*

### ***The Vicarage***

The name suggests the building's possible earlier use.

### ***The Bailey***

Imposing property on the corner of Church Grove. Lych gate on Church Grove. Subject of a redevelopment application.

### ***Lefroy House***

Large property with impressive windows towards Branksomewood Road. Impressive brick archway leading to rear courtyard.

Originally the home of the Le Froy family – a prominent Fleet family – it has now been converted for 'retirement living'.

### ***The Manor House***

Previously Branksome Court, built between 1901 and 1910. Used by St Nicholas School until 1994, converted into flats in 1996. Some original features inside seen in 2015.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### ***The Cottage***

Said to be a period former gatehouse.

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Broomrigg Road**

### ***Broomrigg House***

Old, impressive building

## **Calthorpe Park**

Fleet's primary public playing fields. Extensive.

Conveyance 1907 by the Right Honourable Augustus Cholmondeley Baron Calthorpe 'The Settled Estate' gave about 34 acres of land in fee simple for a public park playground or pleasure ground, confirmed by later deeds, with terms of use. Conveyance 1946 from The Honourable Dame Rachel Anstruther-Gough-Calthorpe to Fleet Urban District Council.

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Chestnut Grove**

### **24 (Norton House)**

Built before 1910. Home of secretary of North Hants Golf Club.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### **35 (Grasmere)**

Large property, in the classic fleet 'Arts and Crafts' style.

Conveyance of land 1900, house recorded in 1911.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### **38 (Ultra-modern)**

Love it or loath it, this c.2000 house is highly modernistic.

## **Church Road**

### **36 & 38**

1860. Two cottages used as Fleet's first school. Purchased by Charles Lefroy in 1860. 1 1/2 storeys, plain tile roof.

Originally Fleet School and used as such from 1860 to 1885.  
(Hampshire Treasure)

### ***Fleet Hospital***

1897. Part two storey, part single storey building, red brick walls and rendered walls to extension. Sash windows and casements. Bargeboards, timbering to gables. Slate roof.

Hospital opened 1897 on land gifted by Lord Calthorpe. Extended and altered since. Victorian letter box near entrance.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### ***All Saints Church***

Was fleet's only listed building. Was subject of an arson attack in 2015, and is now in process of redesign and rebuild.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### **35 (Alvecote)**

Impressive private residence. Interesting windows to upper storey. Unusual chimneys. Tiling to front elevation.

Designed by William Bidlake, architect, leading figure of the Arts and Crafts movement in Birmingham. Built for Dr Jamieson Evans who had his surgery there and was previously acquainted with Bidlake. Original features inside and out remained in 2015.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### ***Lismoyne Hotel***

Substantial hotel and grounds. Long established.

Built by 1901. First listed as hotel 1933.

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Clarence Road**

### ***Bowling and Social Club***

Private members club with clubhouse and bowling green. Established 1923.

### ***29 (Old Forge Cottage)***

House name suggest former use.

### ***123-129 (Coronation Cottages)***

Row of early Victorian cottages. Dated 1902.

### ***159***

Old cottage dated 1860.

## **Connaught Road**

### ***47 (Lady Bower)***

Substantial and impressive dwelling dated 1908. Galleried landing. Stained glass. Separate stable block. Most of the grounds have been sold off for modern housing (Abbot's Close).

*(FCLHG has more)*

### ***69-79 (Stocks Cottages)***

Dated 1907. Why called Stocks???

### ***100/102 (Langley Cottages)***

Unusual pair of cottages built back-to-back on the corner of Connaught Road and Upper Street. Dated 1901.

## Crookham Road

### *Oatsheaf*

Mid 19c. Inn. Rough cast render. 2 bay windows under slate roof to ground floor and three gabled entrance porches. Sash windows to bays and 1st floor over. Other windows casements. Decorated bargeboards to gables and octagonal conical roof to Reading Road North frontage. Decorated chimney stacks. Slate roof with red ridge tiles.

It has been said that the Oatsheaf Hotel had been in existence long before the Basingstoke Canal was completed in 1794<sup>i</sup>, however a map of 1826 that shows some pubs does not show the Oat Sheaf.<sup>ii</sup> An alternative suggestion is that it was built in the early 1840s,<sup>iii</sup> but a building on the Oatsheaf site appears on the map published in 1839 when funds were sought for the building of Crookham Church. The Hampshire Record Office holds three leases that help narrow down the date.<sup>iv</sup>

One lease shows a list of documents proving title to the Oat Sheaf. The first on the list is the 1829 Enclosure Act with a lease and release by the Enclosure Commissioners to Edward Hellis the younger, a builder of Odiham. The Enclosure map and award<sup>v</sup> show that the Commissioners sold some of the common land in order to cover the costs of the survey and allotment process. Edward Hellis paid £275 for a plot of over 90 acres on the corner of what is now Crookham Road and Reading Road North. Neither the map nor the record of sale mention an existing building on this plot.

The work of surveying and allotting the common land was not completed until 1834 and the next document of title is an indenture of feoffment (an old form of transfer of property) in July 1835 of Edward Hellis to Thomas Binns and Henry Vallance. No details of the contents of this document are given so it is uncertain whether the Oat Sheaf had been built.

The first mention of the 'Oat Sheaf Inn' occurs on 29 September 1838 when Thomas Binns, gentleman of Elvetham, leased the Inn, with Booth Farm, for 21 years to William Elphs Holland and Charles Churton. Holland and Churton were common brewers and co-partners in trade and George Smith already occupied the Inn. Clearly the Oat Sheaf was actually operating as an inn at this time. Records show that it was first licenced at the session held on 28 August in 1838, to George Smith.<sup>vi</sup> The 1841 census shows George Smith, a publican, in the right place, although the Inn is not named. Holland and Churton mortgaged the Inn in 1843, then sold it to John Shipley at an auction in June 1844.

This 1838 lease contains a description of the Inn, down to the locks on the doors. There was a walnut gun rack in each of the four downstairs rooms, presumably for farmers and hunters, or even the odd highwayman, as the army was not present then. There was a well of excellent water in the cellar and it was intended to put a new pump in the cellar which suggests that an old one was unsatisfactory and that the building therefore may not have been brand new.

Phyl Ralton

July 2007

Registered as an ACV.

### ***Fleet Town FC***

Football ground and club facilities.

### ***Fleet United Bowling Club***

To the rear of the old police station. Private members club with clubhouse and bowling green.

### ***20 (Stanton Lodge)***

Originally Booth Farm House. Ted Roe in *Mainly about Old Fleet and Crookham* calls it Boone Farm and says that it came into existence once the railway was in operation.

Sir Arthur Sullivan rented it for six weeks.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### ***53 (Hope Cottage)***

Interesting old cottage. Unusual tiling to roof. 19<sup>th</sup> Century?

### ***59/61 (Rose Cottages)***

Pair of old cottages. Built side by side, but in two sections front to back. Central gully to roof running left to right. 19<sup>th</sup> century?

### ***Fox and Hounds***

Situated on the road from Fleet to Crookham Village and backing directly onto the Basingstoke Canal, this public house was said to have been used by the bargees travelling along the canal. A number of photographs were taken of, or near, the Fox and Hounds, but none show the canal side of the building, so it seems that the road entrance was always the main one.

The Fox and Hounds was first licenced in 1861 as shown in the September Quarter Sessions for that year. This was more than 60 years after the canal was built. The bargees had a reputation for hard drinking, but there may not have been enough of them to keep this pub in business. There is no indication that there was an earlier beer house, which would not have had to be licensed, on the site, and the present large building appears to have been purpose built as an inn. [need to see the deeds]

The date of 1861 fits with the arrival of the army in Aldershot in 1854. The licencing records show that, as well as the Fox and Hounds, five new licences were granted for Aldershot at the same sessions [added to the 22 already there] It was well placed for people who walked, rode, cycled or rowed along the canal and wanted refreshment before returning from their day out. It could also have served road travellers, farm workers and hop pickers.

The choice of name may reflect the fact that there were three local packs of hounds, but it is a common name.

The Fox and Hounds was first licensed at the assizes in September 1861, the first licensee being John Allen.

This man can be identified as the John Allen, agricultural labourer, 35, who had a wife, Martha, 35, daughter Jane, 10, son Samuel, 3 and daughter Harriet, 1, in the 1841 census. In 1851 he was a 45 year old dealer, born Dogmersfield, with wife Sophia, 31, children Mary, 18, Samuel, 12, Harriett, 9, Henry, 5, and John, 4. By 1861 he was a 57 year old carrier with Sophia, Henry and John. They lived on the Crookham and Fleet Road and son(?) Samuel lived next door.

At some point some property was sold to Walter John Complin who leased it (and presumably two other pieces of land) to John Allen on 15 September 1862. Walter John Complin had established a brewery in Holybourne in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. He opened Cobden Bridge Brewery, Bitterne, Hants, and died in 1890. Within a few years, the public houses were leased to the Farnham United Breweries Ltd and, later still, the Holybourne Brewery amalgamated with the Farnham group. (Holybourne Village article) The tied houses were sold to Courage & Co Ltd in 1920. (Google books, web search). It seems clear that Complin was the first brewer and owner of the Fox and Hounds.

On 12 September 1863, John Allen, licenced victualler of Crookham, made a settlement of leasehold premises at Crookham, situated either side of the Fox and Hounds. He assigned two pieces of land with several messuages and a lately erected messuage to his four children, Jane, Mary, Samuel and Harriett. (Probably those of his first marriage, whose interests he wanted to protect separately from those of his second marriage).

John Allen's name was deleted from the alehouse records, as was Samuel Allen (probably John's son of that name) when, in 1864, Arthur Wright was granted the Fox and Hounds license. John may have died (check BMD)

The building had 9 rooms and a kitchen (1911 census) so was large enough to let rooms, and references to it being an inn include William Rowbotham, innkeeper in 1881 census, and Ernest Hardwick, innkeeper in the 1911 census.

Percy Vickery in Fleet the Photographic Collection, has a photo of the Fox and Hounds, brewery Courage, Alton, Hants, 1947 (p 127) and a photo of the Harding family 1916 (p 146). The Hardings (Hardwick?) were landlords and also ran a small fleet of boats for hire by the hour.

Phyl Ralton 4 January 2014  
Registered as an ACV

## **Dinorben Avenue**

### **1**

Victorian gate house to Dinorben Court. Red brick ground floor with sash windows and white painted timber porch. First floor timber frame with white painted herringbone brick noggin and tile hanging. Tile hanging to chimney includes dovecote. Casement windows to 1st floor. Roof plain clay tiles with crested ridge. Chimneys decorated.

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Dinorben Close**

### ***39 (The Butler's House)***

One of the few buildings remaining of the old Dinorben House.

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Dunmow Hill**

### **10**

Formerly 2 Dorling House, and Kimberley built 1901. Partridge family.

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Edenbrook**

### ***Edenbrook nature reserve***

Open space within this new housing development

## **Elvetham Road**

### ***31 (Stockton Lodge)***

Would seem to have once formed part of the Stockton house estate.

Built by 1859 when occupied by William Stockton Cox.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### ***Haglehurst***

Situated on the corner of Avenue Road. Original features inside, probably altered since planning application for extension and 2 new houses given 2016.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### **84**

Originally utility building, restored and currently (2017) used by Classic Super Bikes. FCLHG has more.

## **Fleet Pond**

Hampshire's largest fresh water lake and a primary area of greenspace. Nature reserve.

First references in 14<sup>th</sup> century.

*(FCLHG and Fleet Pond Society have more)*

## **Fleet Road**

### ***Old Emporium (271 to 275)***

Late Victorian large shop of two storeys with tall clock tower on corner of Fleet Road and Upper Street featuring copper clad cupola roof. The top of the clock tower is octagonal with the sides hung with bands of scalloped and plain clay tiles. The single large circular clock face on the north side has Roman numerals set in a raised ring standing clear of the white background. Adjoining two storey gabled house with front ground floor as further continuation of the shop frontage. A series of brick pilasters with fluted capitals divide the original shop window areas now fitted with timber sashes above high timber stall risers in place of the original floor to ceiling plate glass shop windows. Now converted to a large public house with corner entrance formed through matching brick arched window openings with brick keystone features. Brick parapet to flat roof over 2 storey shop section with stone balustrade below the clock tower. Included for architectural, townscape and local historic value.

The Old Emporium used to be Oakley's Store. James Oakley started the business about 1884, the date of the first buildings. Registered as an ACV.

### ***51 - 57 (The Terrace)***

This terrace of four houses adjoins Ravenscroft Motors. The terrace is not in a great state of repair but is remarkable for the curved woodwork to the ground-floor windows. Built 1903.

### ***Brake's Estate office***

20c. 2 storey building. Brickwork to ground floor with pink stone entrance porch. Semi circular arch headed window one side, two storey circular bay on other. First floor rendered with arts and crafts style timber framing to front elevation. Casement windows. Plain tile roof. Included for association with 'Brake Estates' who purchased the original land on which Fleet town centre was built.

### ***Old Pinewood Hall (now a car dealer)***

Built in 1903 as a furniture depository and auction house. In 1908, it became the Pinewood Hall, and a stage was constructed. The building subsequently returned to its former use. It is now an independent car dealership.

### ***Pearson's Offices***

Built 1903.

**140 - 148 (Shoe Care; Fleet Sweets; Frankies; Mobile Campus; Tillymint)**

Edwardian 2 storey, red brick building with stone string courses and details. Modern shop windows to ground floor. First floor casement and pediment entrance doorway. Shallow bay to No. 140 Dentil course under lead box gutter with semi-circular and triangular pediments/gables at 1st floor. Chimneys with decorated brickwork under haunching. Slate roof with red ridge tiles.

**150 (The old PO - now Zappas)**

1906, red brick and stone building, 2 storeys. Large arch headed windows to ground floor with stone keystones. Stone string course at first floor and capitols either side of shop front. Alternate brick and stone 'pilasters' either side of shop windows and stone pediment over doorway. Dentil course under boxed fascia with slate roof and red crested ridge tiles.

**152 - 158 (Santander; Sugarplum; Hart Travel; Millets)**

Edwardian building. 3 no. 2 storey and attic, 1 no. single storey building. Shop fronts with banded columns of brick and stone balcony with pillars and balls. Flat roof balcony to 1st floor with bay windows under lean to roof. Dormers to attic with arch headed flat roof over. Plain clay tile roof with crested ridge.

**174 (Lloyds Bank)**

1889. Bank building, originally built for Capital and Counties Bank. Red brick building, 2 storeys with attic, with stone front. Ground floor mutilated by modern granite cladding. Stone panelling and parapet balustrading. Plain tile roofs with tall chimneys with stone string courses. Sash windows and casements. Included for townscape value.

A bank was established on the other side of the road near Oakleys Store, first as an agency in 1889. The present building was built for Capital and Counties Bank about 1903. Lloyds Bank took over in 1918.

*(FCLHG has more as does Lloyds Bank archive)*

**182 - 184 (Café Amici; Marie Curie)**

Late Victorian residential buildings later inverted to shops on ground floor. No. 184 retains much of original shop front. No. 182 also retains much of original shop front but now mutilated by modern signage. Red brick with sash windows and arts and crafts style timber framing and render to gables. 2 storeys with attic with fine dormer roof light. Plain clay tile roof with exposed rafter feet. Included for townscape value.

**234 (was 238 - Bakers)**

Early 20c. 2 storey domestic scaled building with shop on ground floor. Some of original shop front exists behind modern cladding. Red brick with white render panelling to front. 'Sun ray' brick pattern with red terracotta ridge. 2 chimneys. Included for townscape value.

**War Memorial Gurkha Square**

WW1 and WW2. Has been moved several times.

(FCLHG has more)

**240 (The Prince Arthur)**

Building has datestone 1910 but was occupied by International Stores as in the 1950 Directory and a 1950s postcard. Was occupied by Lunns in early 1990s. Wetherspoons lease since 1997, opened as pub 1998.

Early 20c. 2 storey domestic scaled building with shop on ground floor. Modern cladding over removed shop front. Red brick with casement windows. First floor rendered to front with feature gable and oriel window in 'arts and crafts' style. Dated pillars on corners of roof with fine terracotta work. Tall finials with characteristic square tops. Included for architectural and townscape value.

**277 - 279 (Living Stones; Phyllis Tuckwell)**

Late Victorian/Edwardian building. 2 storeys with attic. Red brick with shop fronts at front to ground floor, casements elsewhere. Arts and crafts style timber framing to gable. Tall chimneys. Plain clay tile roof with crested ridge. Included for townscape value.

**295 - 297 (Serendipity; Oasis)**

Pair of Victorian/Edwardian domestic scale buildings. 2 storeys, red brick with stone lintels and cills. Archway to balcony at rear. Decorated barge boards and slate roof. (Charged on bakery to concrete tiles). Original shop front surround on 'Oasis'. Original surround to 'Wrights' bakers believed to exist under new shop front. Included for townscape value.

**315 - 337 (Best One; Propaganda; Just Ceramics; Cellar Magneval; Gurka Square; Julians; Charcoal Grill; WE;Ask)**

Group of domestic scaled buildings. All two storey and typical of late Victorian early Edwardian architecture.

No. 337 - red brick with ground floor shop extension to front. Arts and crafts style gable and bay window at 1st floor with timber framing. Slate roof with red ridge tiles and finials.

No. 333 - brick ground floor, rendered 1st floor. Slate roof. Sash windows.

Nos. 329-331 - red brick with stone lintels and cills. Arts and crafts style timbered gable end with render panels. Slate roof with crested terracotta ridge and finials. Sash windows.

No. 327 - rendered with Flemish gable.

No. 325 - buff and red brick with stone lintels and arts and crafts timber framed gable end. Slate roof with terracotta ridge. Sash windows.

No. 323 - red brick with original shop surround. Rendered sign panels. Slate roof with crested terracotta ridge.

No. 315-321 - terrace in red and buff bricks with quoin detailing. Stone lintels with heads as keystones. Slate roof with terracotta crested ridge.

***The Station [public house]***

Established shortly after the railway arrived in 1846. It claims to be Fleet's oldest hotel, although it is now a pub and pizza kitchen.

The land near the original Fleet railway station was bought by Thomas Kenward brewer of Hartley Wintney in 1892, and by 1893 The Station Hotel was built and in business. Later re-named The Links and later still re-named The Station Pizza Kitchen.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### ***The Harlington***

Community and entertainment venue managed by Fleet Town Council.

Named after a house that used to be on the site. Inside, the Chernocke Hall, named after another house that used to be on the site, has been renamed.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### **Hagley Road**

#### ***High Bank (Buena Vista)***

High Bank/Buena Vista, Hagley Road, was occupied by Percy, son of George Jennings and is decorated with terracotta plaques from the Jennings sanitary ware business. George invented 'spend a penny' when he installed toilets for ladies at the 1851 Great Exhibition – to the relief of many. Local History group has more information.

*(FCLHG has more)*

#### ***Windmill House***

Complex multifaceted building with unusual windows in places.

House originally named Edgenden, in Mays Directory 1910. Story is that Sir Sydney Crookshank, (there in Kellys Directory 1924), an engineer, built a windmill (generator?) there and that gave the house its name.

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Kings Road**

### ***The Broadway***

Built by Mr Dimes, parade of shops with flats over.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### ***Catholic Church of Our Lady***

Fleet's RC Church and community hall. Built 1908.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### ***United Reformed Church***

Fleet's URC church and hall.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### ***31 - 33 (Escada Casa - 1880)***

Pair of old and interesting cottages

### ***37 (Benson House)***

C.1901, Benson House has an impressive stone entrance. Internally there is fine main stairway and lots of stained glass to the windows.

## **Knoll Close**

### ***4 & 5 (originally Tullamore)***

Large property of interesting design now split into two dwellings. Imposing gable to front.

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Knoll Road**

### ***5 (East / West Dene)***

Large property of interesting design now split into two dwellings.

## **Lyndford Terrace.**

Previously Essex Place. Eight dwellings in four pairs built by 1901, the other four pairs being built later.

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Minley Road**

### ***12 (The Old Station Master's House)***

The title says it all.

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Pondtail Road**

### ***Pondtail Villa***

Built 1895. Split into 8 flats by 2004.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### ***Pondtail Lodge***

Built before 1906. Sir Walter Lawry Buller, lawyer and ornithologist of New Zealand died there.

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Queens Road**

### ***1 (Velmead Cottage)***

19th century, once part of the Velmead House estate.

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Reading Road North**

### ***Fleetwood Lodge (prev. The Briary)***

Three cottages acquired by George Goddard in 1860 and converted to a single dwelling. The Goddard family relocated in 1880, but the family continues to operate Goddard's Funeral Directors in Kent Road. Original dwelling now incorporated into the extended nursing home.

### ***Heather Hill***

Impressive residential property.

### ***Ivy Lodge, Cedar House (formerly Hope House)***

Baptist Minister William Webster founded the local Baptist Church here and ran a school here.

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Reading Road South**

### ***Prince of Wales***

First licensed 1855/6 and has been a pub ever since. Registered as an ACV.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### **2 & 4 (*The Water Sky*)**

Victorian shops. Modern windows to ground floor. Sash windows in red brickwork, part painted white to first floor. Rendered octagonal oriel window with ogee shaped lead roof as corner feature. Plain tile roof. Included for townscape value at important junction.

### **60 (*Durham House - old lodge?*)**

Currently a chiropractic surgery, but rumoured to be linked to the Dinorben estate.

### **45 & 47**

Pair of cottages. Rough case render to ground floor. Tile hung first floor with small gables over windows. Chimney stacks on ridge. Sash windows to ground floor casements elsewhere. Roof plain clay tiles, crested ridge. Decorated bands of tiles to both roof and tile hanging. 2 small open gabled porches on timber posts.

### **126 (*Basingbourne House*)**

A large house, now split into numerous apartments. Built by 1875 on 20 acres. It included Beverley Cottage opposite.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### ***The Moorings***

Later Dingley Dell

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Rochester Grove**

### **12 (*Mildred Cottage*)**

Old cottage dated 1898.

## **Rushmoor Close**

### ***Rushmoor House***

Large and impressive dwelling. Presumably the houses on Rushmoor Close formed part of the grounds.

House and separate laboratory were built on five acres of land between Reading Road South and Queens Road, for Dr Bernhard Fluersheim (see Dictionary of National Biography) by Pool & Sons in 1907. He developed an explosive, (patented in 1910) that was used by the Allies in World War 1.

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Stockton Avenue**

### ***The Coach House***

Originally for Stockton House.

Originally built as a coach house, stable and accommodation for Stockton House before 1868.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### ***Stockton House***

Large impressive residence, now a private school.

First mentioned in 1868, owned by William Stockton Cox as part of the 77 acre Stockton Estate. Altered inside and out, now Stockton House School.

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Velmead Road**

### **143**

Canal-side property near Kings Road. Appears of a good age.

Possibly 1930s, built on land owned by the manager of Velmead Road gasworks.

## **Victoria Road**

### ***16 (Leigh House)***

Dated 1873. Old with interesting architecture.

### ***27-31 (Abingdon Villa)***

Dated 1879. Old with interesting architecture.

### ***37 (Pembroke Cottage)***

Old with interesting architecture.

### ***69 The Garth***

Home of Mrs Constance Faulkner Kayser, secretary of the Fleet Women's Suffrage Society. Used name of Verney, rather than Kayser. Was one of the earliest women doctors. Died at The Garth in 1940.

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Victoria Hill Road**

### ***Baptist Cemetery***

Tucked away just off the road, this is an intriguing little gem.

*(FCLHG has more)*

### ***Beacon House***

Large house and grounds now converted to retirement apartments.

### ***Burbeck House***

Dated 1908. Large house – interesting design.

## **The Views**

Principal area of greenspace close to the town centre. Manged by Fleet Town Council.

Once part of the garden of The Views on Reading Road North. It was the home of Col Thomas Horniblow, first chairman of Fleet Urban District Council. He owned his own footpath from his house to the church, still there in 2017.

*(FCLHG has more)*

## **Waverley Avenue**

### ***Richmond***

Old with interesting architecture.

### ***The Courtyard***

Old with interesting architecture.

Stockton Lodge on Elvetham Road was built before 1859. The house was later divided into two dwellings, the back part was re-named The Courtyard and fronts Waverley Avenue. It was once home to very popular Edwardian actors, Sir Seymour Hicks and his wife Ellaline Terriss.

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### ***Woodcock Spinney***

Old with interesting architecture.

## **Wood Lane**

### ***38 (old farm house?)***

Looks like an old farm house.

## **War defences**

Spigot mortar on bridge near west entrance to Elvetham Heath. For other defence features see Tim Denton's books and website.

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<sup>i</sup> Edwards, Geoffrey, *Fleet the Town of My Youth*

<sup>ii</sup> C & J Greenwood map of Hampshire 1826

<sup>iii</sup> Vickery, Percy, *Britain in Old Photographs - Fleet*

<sup>iv</sup> Hampshire Record Office ref: HRO 50M63/B47/121/1-3

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