

Chronological History of the High Street 1840 - 2006

Date	Street Number	Type of trade/business and any additional information
1888-1904	Ivy Hall	Corner of Mill Square and High Street George Taylor
1924/25?		Miss Taylor
1840-2005	Wesleyan Chapel [See information under Churches]	Building ceased to be used for worship and closed
2006		Application for conversion into 3 units of living accommodation with vehicle access
1936	8/10	Properties owned by Leonard Souter and would have been occupied by the mill workers. Recorded names of occupiers were Hartnell, Vanner, Donnelly, Barton and Kentfield
1940+		Names to be checked
1861	12/14/16	Plots bought by Joseph Chappell, a Ryde builder. Annual rent £6. Lease stipulated that the houses had to have a value of at least £200 each.
1862+	12	
1862+	14	
1990		Dawnes & Edgerton
1993		J P Edgeton
1862+	16	
		Junction High Street/ New Road upward
1900	18/20	Annual rent was £3 due to odd shape of plot. The cottage was built by John Mew, and was leased to the National Telephone Company. In 1900 telephones were a new invention, few people had access to them, so the provision of a public call box

		was an event. The call box was just inside the front garden “where subscribers may be rung from” in other words a public telephone. Telephone No. 1
1945-61		Post Office Telephone Exchange (Laurence C. Smith) – Kiosk
1961+		The property reverted to private house in 1961, a new exchange built higher up the High Street, [adjacent No. 44A/44B]
1857	22	John Mew, farmer built a detached property
1875-1906		Edmund Mew, Baker, grocer and provisions
1894-1915		Alfred J. Mew also ran a pork butcher, together with the bakery and provisions. It had one of only 6 telephones that existed in Wootton at that time. Telephone No.7
1900-30		For a brief period Alfred’s brother, George, ran the post office. Telephone No.2 available for post office business only.
1931-45		Edgar Thorne ran his bakers business from these premises, bread being baked at the rear. During World War II, the bakery suffered a near miss from enemy aircraft. Listed in I.W. Timetable & Telephones. Telephone No.84
1947-48		Partnership between Dick Gray and Harry Coombes, trading as Coombes and Gray. Bakers, confectioners and Grocers
1961?		Havenstreet Electrical
1982-83		B C Cooper. Newsagent. Telephone No.882130
1990		D Cooper. Newsagents
1990>		Paul Jacobs. Wisteria Gallery – Picture Framing. Tel. No.882980. Note to the rear of Wisteria there was a Classic Furniture Restorer who closed in 2006.
1971-73	22 [a]	Ace Shoe Repairs- Full range of summer footwear stocked [business moved to Newport]
1974-92	[a]	B. C. Cooper. Newsagent

1983>	[b]	Hair Care [ladies & gentlemen's hairdressing]
		High Street/Red Junction upward
	24/26/28	The properties known as 1, 2 and 3 Bay Tree Cottages built with Grey fronted brick
1852-55	24	John Osborne, cabinet maker
?		Peter Fisher
1855-89	26	William Osborne, mariner
1855-?	28	George Bailey Osborne, carpenter
?	30/32/34	Properties built of grey fronted bricks. Ownership unknown
	36/38	Properties known as 1 and 2 Briar Bank. Ownership unknown
1907		Reading Room [original site of conservative hall?]
1914-24	40	Conservative Hall started just before start of First World War I and not completed until 1924. Construction re-commenced with the addition of a large hall 40 feet by 25 feet, capable of seating 200 persons. The cost of the project being £380 all but £80 being subscribed by local Conservatives. The hall opened in August 1924 by Mrs. Morgan Hickman, wife of a former Conservative candidate
1930s		Aside from its political purpose, it was also used for village social functions including dances and many years staged village entertainments including a performance of Cinderella, sung by the Ugly sisters; - We're going to the ball, There's going to be drink and all, The Sloop is providing it mostly I think, There's coffee from Abells for those who don't drink, But when the wine's ready, I'll tip you the wink. These words were kindly supplied by Mr. Ron Cheverton of New Road
1935		Conservative Club – H. Simons. Hon. Secretary
1950s-56		Wootton Creek Sailing Club
1961		The hall closed and for many years was used by a cosmetics manufacturer [based in Binstead]

1981>		Re-opened as a private village shopping arcade, by the Rector, Revd. George Rayner. He was ably “assisted” by his Old English sheepdog Bumble, by whose name the arcade is now known by. Many small businesses have come and gone over the passage of time. These have included Gents Hairdresser, Ceramics Workshop, Clothing Manufacturer, Photograph Studio, Veterinary Surgeon, the original site of Wisteria Gallery and many others
1855	42/44	William Henry Thearle, a carpenter together with his wife, Anne and family. These properties are also known as No’s 1 and 2 Oak Villas
2006	44A	New Build
2006	44B	New Build
1961		British Telecom Exchange [this is sited next to Elizabeth Ann]
1964-85		H. J. Aedy, Wootton Garage Fiat, Morris and M.G. dealerships Telephone No 711/2.[Note, The garage was originally on Red Road next to the house called Ebenezer.] When the garage closed and was sold, the site became the home to several businesses as listed below.
1985>		Minghella I.W. Ltd. –purpose built factory for the manufacture of “real ice cream”
1990>		Elizabeth Ann Studio – Bedrooms and Kitchens
1990?		One Stop Supermarket
2005>		Tesco Express
1990/98?		Texaco [Harwood Garage]
		Dave Vale. – Wootton Cars – Used Car dealer.The land was sold and planning permission obtained for housing development.Sold to Tesco Express. Planning permission sought for new store, currently held over due to property access rights
		Junction Rectory Drive/High Street upward
		This area was originally Glebe land, sold by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in 9 lots. Each plot of land having a frontage of 50 feet with an average depth of 175 feet
1946	70	

1948-52		Mildred A, Millicent I, Mona P K Wickenden
2007		Road Survey – House name ‘Vippa’
1946	72	
2007		Road Survey – House Name ‘Spinakers’
1946	74	
2007		Road Survey – House Name ‘St Brelanes’
1935-51	76	Lydia, Ladies Hairdresser. [A.F.M.Jeffery]
2007	78	Road Survey – House name ‘Derry Down’
1904	80	Thomas Barton – House name 'Mentone Villa'
1924-25		Arthur J White - House name ‘Mentone’
1951		George Henry William – builder
1987		Vectis Organ Services, Melotone House
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1977	84	R S Williams
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1948	88	E Barton – House name ‘Southover’
1946-52	90	A P Bayzand – House name ‘Ingerthorpe’
1974-79		A G Brieley
2007		Road Survey – House name ‘The Briary’
1981-83	92	J Russell – House name ‘Overbrook’
1973-82	94	D J Fisher

1982>		Dr Beeble
?		Medina Healthcare
1968-82	96	Herbert William Matthews – House name ‘Hillside
1992		M J Ash
	98	
	100	
1980>	102	Peter Mundell
	104	House name, – ‘Cranbrook’
		Plot 30 feet frontage Sold to IW Electric Light & Power Co
1935	116	Drs. Sim & Kennedy. Physcns & surgns. – House name ‘Gilwell’
1935-80		Dr. Frank Robert Bernard Howard Kennedy and Dr. Porteous
<1850		Wootton Lodge [See under Houses & People]
1859-71		Misses White. Francis White Popham – Lord of the Manor. J.P. Capt. William Makant. Col. John Clapham Minto – HM Indian Staff Command. Dwelling house lawn plantation paddock pieces of land stables, coach houses, Cottage laundry buildings being in the Parishes of Whippingham and North Arreton known as “Wootton Lodge” 17½ acres. John Walter Langton.
		Junction of Church Road and High Street, also previously known as Wootton Hill
		Starting from the Millpond and carrying on up the hill on the left hand side. Commencing at the Bridge alongside the Old Mill Pond, this area was part of the Fleming Estate. And prior to the 1907 boundary changes was located in the Parish of North Arreton. Down on the left now a tarmac road was the site of Lakeside Country Park [see separate article under Holiday Venues]

June 1937	Lakeside	“Splendid New Café” and associated car park [See article under Holiday Venues]
1938		facilities boasted largest swimming pool with Tahiti bar and dance floor
1945	Island Estates Ltd – Lakeside Café	[William Sidney Coghlan] Telephone No. 3
1952		Purchased by William Sydney Coghlan Telephone No. 130
1957		Joseph Morland - licensee
1961		Fredrick Riles - licensee
1965		William & Penelope Fulljames – Lakeside Inn
1971		G J & John S Fulljames (Directors) - Lakeside Inn Telephone No.530. The island’s beauty spot, safe boating on our mile long natural lake. The Island’s largest swimming pool, hard tennis courts, modern camping site and luxury self-contained chalets. Fully licensed with dancing nightly in the Tahiti ballroom
1988		Purchase by Lakeside Investment Company Ltd
1991		Wembley PLC – Restaurant renamed ‘Boathouse’
2000		Godshill Park Development
2008		New Build – Hotel & Conference centre
2009		Lakeside Park Hotel & Spa
		High Street
1794		A weather-board Methodist Chapel was built
1971	5A	W J Waight
?	7A	House
	3	3 cottages at right angles (now listed buildings)

1989>	5	David Moore & family
1860	7	
1887		Jubilee Fountain (now removed to gardens of 80 High Street)
1960	9	Randells - Ironmongers
		Randells – Fruit & Vegetables
1967-71		H. & B. Gawn – Butcher Telephone No.430. First quality meat, real beef and pork sausages, personal attention
1980s>		Hamilton Fine Foods. Butchers and greengrocers Telephone 882430
1982	9a	Wootton Washeteria
1990s		Wootton Laundrette. Mrs E Draper-Oatley
		<p>Opposite New Road and up to what is now Brannon Way, in 1832 the land was part of the Fleming Estates, and it consisted of Haydens Farm containing Old Paddock, Wheat Earth Mead, Lower Mead, Hill Ground, a wood, barn, yard, pond, wash-house, garden & tenement.</p> <p>This area has now become the main shopping area for the village with many small thriving businesses, however over the years a number have ceased trading due to the impact of large supermarkets. Around 1984, houses were demolished to make way for Brannon Way and the associate housing development</p>
1860		Site of 4 thatched cottages demolished to make way for the following
1971	25	National Westminster Bank [sited at the lower end of the building]
1990		Schmidt
	25A	Flat
1955-90	27	Wray & Sons Ltd. – The Island grocers and bakers Telephone No.261. Licensed for the sale of wines and sprits, beer and tobacco.[A branch of the shop at the top of Newport High Street]
1990		Michael Royston studio [Kitchen equipment & design]

?		Mr. Stretch Veterinary Surgeon
<2005		Medina Veterinary Group (Neil Grant) Telephone 883955
	27A	Flat
1951-68	29	John Pocock
2000		Balti King – Indian Take Away. Telephone 883872
1908	31	George Mew – Sub-postmaster Post Office / Call office Telephone No. 2. Stationery, Cards etc., Confectionery, cigarettes, tobacco, soft drinks
1929-38		Edmund George Gosden – Sub-postmaster
1938-47		Mrs Mary E. Gosden – Postmistress
1951		F. M. Hale—Postmistress
1965-70		Ronald & Marjorie Fisher
1965-2005		Mrs G Read—Postmistress
2006		MIGA – Chinese Take Away
1832	Hayden's Farm (33)	John Cooper Ann Cooper – farmer
1875-94		George Moody – farmer & woodman
1898		Thomas Scott
1900		Leased around 1900 to Thomas Thorn and Charles Salter, Snr.
1904		Charles Souter - farmer
1915-21		House and 16 acres of pasture sold to Mrs Ellen Lintern for use as a Dairy [Mrs M. Sargent] nee Sarah Lintern

July 1921		Frederick Cole. Conveyance – “ The Purchaser for himself his heirs and assigns hereby conveyed with the Vendor that he will not at any time suffer the premises hereby conveyed or any building to be erected thereon to be used as a place of religious worship of any description or as a hotel, inn, beershop, victualling house, eating house or as a slaughter house, foundry, limekiln, brickkiln, bone grinding mill or carry on the business of a butcher, grocer, draper, confectioner, shoemaker or hairdresser nor do or suffer any act which shall be a nuisance or annoyance to the tenants or occupiers of the adjoining lands”
1951	33	Lloyds Bank. There is an extensive report on this property.
1965		Barry & Maureen Rawlance
1988		Proprietor: J T M Scott Patterson. Creature Comforts-Pet Food
1903-15	35	John Jones – Butcher
1924-39		Loader Brother – Butchers. [Bob Mundell – manager]. Telephone No.30
		F. P. Lester – Butcher J F L Dove
1965		Cecil, Mabel, Michael Jolliffe
1968-82		The Fishing Smack– Local & Fresh Wet fish, etc., - Mr. Smith
1990		Tony’s Fish & Chip shop
?>		Terry’s Fish & Chip Take Away
1910-35	37	Mrs. Amelia Warder family – Drapery
1930s		Mrs. Tribbick
1964-67		Elise. Telephone No.360. General Drapery, ladies, men’s children’s & babies wear. Wootton C.P. School uniforms, knitting wools, toys, costume jewellery, seasonal gifts.
		Kenneth, Shelia Lamb Harry, Betty Gawn
1968		Michael, Rosemary Blackman

1983		Ladies & Children's Clothes, wool, haberdashery, "Leisurewear"
1990		Londis (double fronted) – Foodmarket
1997>		Sightguard Security. Telephone 884000
1910	39	William Benson – Grocers
1915-48		William John Abell – Grocer [1924-25 William jnr] Telephone No.54
1962-64		D & A Colley
1965-90		John H. Sweet – Supermarket. Telephone No.454. Permanent price reductions and special offers, prompt delivery for goods bought and left at the cash desk
1990-97		Londis – Foodmarket (Closed 1997)
1997>		Sightguard Security
1915	41	James Johnson – Shoe Repairs
1924-35		Alice Johnson – Confectionery
1931-35		Mrs. Alice Johnson – Lending Library
1935		Arthur & Elizabeth Hill
1939		Mrs. Marjory Kate Bennett - Shopkeeper
1947-48		R.A. & M.K. Bennett – Confectionery. Telephone No. 223. Also stockists of hardware, stationery, tobacco, toys and ice creams, Lending Library
1964-67		Raymond, Patricia Jones – DIY. Telephone No.203
1971		Fred, Maud Bates - Handyman supplies, prompt service, friendly advice, daily deliveries
1982		Wootton Homecare – DIY Centre
1990-97		Sightguard

1997-2005		M G Heating (IW) Ltd
2005		A1 Garage Doors Specialists. Telephone: 884600
2006		½ share Wootton Estates – Estate Agents. Telephone 883333
2008>		Wootton Estate Agents
1924-27	43	Norman Adam – tea room, shopkeeper
1938-48		Cyril Archer Brading. Dispensing Chemist. Telephone No. 73
1970s		Prop:- M. J. W. Haynes. M.P.S. Agents for Dorothy Gray, Yardley, Max Factor & Morny, films developed & printed.
1998>		Siddy’s Dispensing Chemist (Jim Siddy). Telephone 882473
1951	45	Frank Stears – Schoolteacher
		Malcolm Henderson, Florence Sejourney, Ida Byrce
1981		M Vening
?		Norma Baggett - Tearoom
1990		Soft Furnishings / Hairs Anna – Unisex hairdressers
2004		Anna Haywood – Hairdresser. Telephone 883675
2006		Daydreams – Unisex hairdressers (Lisa Day)
1951	47	Herbert Wheldon
		Robert, Florence, Cora, Donald Glassey
1979-84		D W Baggett
		Roger Williams – ‘Squirrel Haven’
1965-70	49	Lydia Smith

1990-2000		Fox & Sons – Estate Agents
2002>		Caring Cancer Care
		Houses demolished to make way for Joannes Walk, Brannon Way with access to Mary Rose Avenue housing estate
		Joannes Walk, Brannon Way
1990	1	Creature Comforts – Pet foods (J. Gisson). Telephone: 884270
	2	The Lawns Veterinary Group
2006		Natural Beauty (Charlotte Cohen). Telephone 884036
1990	3	Deacons – Estate Agents
		Vectis Trophyman (R. Butt). Telephone 884388
	4/5	Associate Finance
2000	4	Wootton Bridge Help & Information Centre
2000	5	Wootton Bridge Parish Office. Telephone 884555
2000		Community Centre – Brannon Way opp. Car Park
		High Street continued
1915-28	59	Thomas Scott – House name ‘Hayden Lodge’
		H T Scott
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1914-49	63	John Harbour- House name ‘Roslyn Cottage’
	65	House name ‘Highbury’
	67	Dr. J. Mackett

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<1908	73	House name 'Jesemond Dene'
2006		Road survey house name 'Rose Cottage'
<1908	75	House name 'Fernleigh Villa'
2006		Road survey 'Bumble Cottage'
1924-25	77	Mrs. Barton- House name 'Killarney Villa' James Blackmore Harbour
1915-35	79	Frank Greenham Warne – baker & confectioner. House name 'Clovelly'
1924-35		Charles Salter – Carrier. Telephone No. 22
1938		Mrs. F & Harry Warne – baker House name change 'Clovelly Villa'
		George Canning – baker 'Model Bakery'
2006		Road survey – House name 'Clovelly Villa'
<1902	81	House name 'Bellevue Villa'
<1902	83	House name 'Glenfield'
<1902	85	House name 'Rosedale'
1924-25		Samuel Coffin – House name 'Rosendale'
	87	House name 'Brooklands'
<1902	89	
1922-48		H B Cullen – Sanitary Inspector
*#60;1902	91	House name 'Bowers'
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1924-25	97	Rev. Thomas Atherton Causton – curate in charge – House name ‘Meadow View’
1939		Mrs. Ethel Cockcroft – SRN, midwife
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	105	House name ‘Lancaster’
1935	107	Arthur George Shepherd – Insurance Agent – house name ‘Sunnylaw’
1992>		Ken R Morris
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1844	115	Jonathan Gain, James & Thomas Hollis
		John Cooper Thomas Nicholson, Thomas Cooper Nicholson Ann Cooper Diana Nicholson William Jefferies & Agnes Mary Ford Beckingsale
1874		William Cook of Brooke, Alfred Moody of Newport
		Alfred Hardy Ann Moody
1937		Leonard Whitbread – By Will – House name ‘De-Aar’
1939		Herbert Edward & Kathleen Johncox
1947-52		Leonard Whitbread [by Assent]

		Muriel Glassey – School of Dancing
		Peter & Doreen Margaret Heggs
		Harold Terence Parsons
1976-93		Robert Edwin Eason
		Nigel Michael Davey
		Possible site of Woodbine Cottage
<1823		Woodbine Cottage – James Russell – mason
1841		John Lambert
1840s		James, Ann Gawn – waterman
1840s-47		William Gawn passed away aged 76
1849		Charles, Mary Pitt - sawyer
1851		Charles Flux - sawyer
1861		Stephen Thompson – brickmaker, Maria – school-mistress
1875		Ann Attrill, George Bright
1881		James Whittington - mason
		George, Maetha, Elizabeth Dunning
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		Pathway to Downsview Gardens
		Kennedy Close
1927-55	129	J. Hendy & Son – Newsagents. Telephone No.209

1965-71		Conway's Spar Self-Service Store. Telephone No.565. Newspapers and magazines
1990		Fryer's – Spar grocers
		Spar Convenience Store
		Junction of Station Road and High Street
		The Cedars – Public House on corner
1951		Linden Nurseries, Ronald Cheverton – nurseryman