

# WINCHESTER

## the 18<sup>th</sup> century onwards

The city's population grew and some citizens prospered. Winchester started to spread out. Shopkeepers had lots of trade, and the alehouses and inns were always busy. Doctors, lawyers, teachers and soldiers all came to live and work in the city.

**FACT:** The first hospital outside London was built in Winchester

**CLUE:** WHAT'S YOUR POISON??!

the stag's feet declar

Who am I??

The porker's snout

SAY CHEESE!

Photography became fashionable. William Savage was the celebrity snapper of the day.

Souvenirs became popular with early tourists, what where these items made of??

Q Which famous resident died here aged only 41??

Q what year was King Alfred unveiled?

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### THE EARLY IRON AGE

400BC Hill Fort occupation at St Catherine's Hill

100BC MIDDLE IRON AGE

Enclosure in use at Oram's Arbour

50BC

THE ROMAN CONQUEST AD 43

Vespasian campaign and invasion by armies of Emperor Claudius

AD70

Roman town VENTA BELGARUM founded in WINCHESTER

2ND AND 3RD CENTURY

Venta was defended against attack. Venta now 5th largest town in Britain.

4TH CENTURY town falling into decay

5TH CENTURY End of Roman rule, urban life in WINCHESTER comes to an end.

5TH-7TH CENTURY PAGAN EARLY ANGLO-SAXON

LATE ANGLO-SAXON

7TH-9TH CENTURY

643 First Minster built at WINCHESTER

860 Vikings stormed town and destroyed churches

871-899 KING ALFRED ruled Wessex, his court was based in WINCHESTER

10TH CENTURY Peace and prosperity. WINCHESTER now the centre of Christian life. A golden age of Anglo-Saxon art 'THE WINCHESTER ART STYLE' emerges.

11TH CENTURY A renewed series of VIKING RAIDS. KING CNUT takes the throne of England. WINCHESTER is his principal residence. The king is Scandinavian Viking but the city remains ANGLO-SAXON.

NORMAN WINCHESTER

1066 THE NORMAN CONQUEST William the Conqueror took Winchester

1079 Work begins on the new CATHEDRAL

1086 THE DOMESDAY BOOK is written and compiled in Winchester

1096 CHARTER for St Gile's Hill Fair granted - the greatest market in Europe

12TH CENTURY

1110 HYDE ABBEY founded but WINCHESTER starts to decline

16TH CENTURY (CHECK OUT THE WESTGATE MUSEUM)

After 1538 THE DISSOLUTION saw the sweeping away of HYDE ABBEY, St Mary's Abbey & Cathedral Priory.

MEDIEVAL WINCHESTER 13th - 14th CENTURY

1348-50 The Black Death Strikes

17TH CENTURY

The Castle does not survive the English Civil War

1682 CHARLES II chooses the site for a 'noble Palace' but dies in 1685 so the project is abandoned.

19TH CENTURY

The coming of the railways and tourists ...

18TH CENTURY

A prosperous and vital link between the Medieval city and WINCHESTER of today.

Welcome to our City Museum!

I'm Gunni your tour guide, ready to take you on a very special journey ...



FACT: I lived 1,000 years ago as a Saxon nobleman, and my grave on the 2nd floor

Your own, personal guided tour of the museum, exploring the history of Winchester ... there's a lot to cover so

Let the journey begin ... and don't forget ... if we didn't want you to touch, we would hide it away!!

### WINCHESTER NATIONAL PAGEANT

Winchester from the Romans to CHARLES II



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### TOP FLOOR

We did have settlers in Winchester around 400BC BUT ... In AD70 (that's around 2,000 years ago) Vespasian led his Roman legion into town and the Romans were established in Winchester. They called it ...



AD70 Roman's came to England

### VENTA BELGARUM



... They weren't a very friendly bunch ...



FACT: The Romans used patterns to represent earth, fire and water ... look for the mosaics

### MIDDLE FLOOR

## Wintanceaster

After the Romans, Winchester fell into decay ... The Anglo-Saxons arrived from Germany, Holland and Denmark, and settled around the now ruined City of Winchester from the 5th-7th Century ...

### Early Saxons worshipped Pagan Gods

Their bodies would have been buried or cremated and surrounded by grave goods for use in the afterlife. Can you find some of these objects?



By this time Winchester was the Royal Capital of England and King Alfred reigned from the City. People were converting to Christianity, and Winchester was a prosperous town.



FACT: 643 AD. FIRST CHURCH BUILT AT WINCHESTER



### The Black Death!

The Plague or 'Black Death' struck in 1348-50 and again in the 1360's and 1370's. Fleas carried by the black rat spread the disease and people died in agony. As many as one third of Winchester's inhabitants died.

From the end of the 12th century the City of Winchester began to decline.

CITY MUSEUM WORDSEARCH  
How many words can you find??

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H	N	A	E	I	E	R	L	E
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P	O	T	S	D	C	A	P	S
C	S	V	E	I	E	N	T	B
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I	X	S	D	E	R	F	L	A
N	O	L	D	S	H	O	P	C
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ANGLO SAXON GUNNI VENTA BLACK DEATH SKULL KING ALFRED MINT OLD SHOP MOSAIC COIN POTTS AIRT ROMAN RATS SHOE

### Middle Ages

The Medieval Mayor of Winchester had a latrine pit! Look out for his ...

