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Bishop's Waltham is a vibrant and historic market town set in the glorious Hampshire countryside. With a foot in the South Downs National Park and located at the mid point of a long-established route between Winchester and Portsmouth, the town has been appreciated as a place to stop and relax for hundreds of years.

From the impressive ruins of the medieval Bishop's Waltham Palace to the numerous listed buildings of the town centre, history is everywhere. The medieval High Street is remarkably well preserved but don't be deceived – there's a broad range of shops, cafés, restaurants and salons to tempt the 21st century visitor.

Shopping and eating is complemented by miles of walking and cycling trails. Visitors can choose from wandering through nature reserves, meandering along riversides and discovering the former Botley railway line.

The friendliness of Bishop's Waltham combined with its strong sense of community has resulted in a calendar bursting with events. From its vibrant summer carnival to vintage markets, music and arts festivals and the annual Christmas Fayre, there's always a reason to come back to Bishop's Waltham.

There's much to see in Bishop's Waltham and, thanks to the compact nature of the town, you're only ever a short stroll away from the next sight on our must-see list. The rural location ensures that a visit is memorable in any season as the surrounding scenery changes continually. Bishop's Waltham's summer floral displays and its sophisticated Christmas lights reflect the pride that residents and local business people take in their pretty town.

1 The High Street



Independent shops abound, giving you the chance to find something that little bit different. When you've worked up an appetite, try one of the town's restaurants, delicatessens, hostelieries or coffee shops. You'll find personal service and a warm Hampshire welcome at each stop along the way.



Did you know?

Manorial records show that there has been a High Street in Bishop's Waltham since at least 1332.

2 St. George's Square



Today all that survives of the original market place is St George's Square at the south end of the High Street. Its focal point is the Jubilee Clock, funded by donations from the people of Bishop's Waltham. The stone under the clock is the last remaining part of the original market house that once stood in the square, but no market was ever held in the building. In the early 18th century, it was used instead as a lock-up for petty criminals.

3 The Ponds

Cross over Winchester Road to find the lovely southern part of the vast fish pond that was created for the early Bishops of Winchester, resident at the medieval palace. Today the pond is used by the town's fishing club and attracts a variety of wildfowl and wildlife – otter footprints have recently been found. The northern part of the pond floods in winter but dries out in the summer months and there is a boardwalk allowing you to walk right over the top of it.



4 Bishop's Waltham Palace (free entrance)



Bishop's Waltham's most impressive cultural asset is without doubt the grand medieval Bishop's Palace, located near the heart of the town. Explore the extensive remains, including the ruins of the Great Hall, and imagine the powerful visitors who honoured the palace with a visit. They include Henry II, Richard the Lionheart, Henry III, Henry IV, Henry V, Henry VI, Edward IV, Henry VIII, Queen Mary I, and Queen Elizabeth I. In good weather, the grounds are ideal for a family picnic – just buy your lunch in the High Street and cross Winchester Road to relax and eat out in the open air. Open 1 April - 30 September daily, 10.00am to 6.00pm, and 1 October - 31 March at weekends, 10.00am to 4.00pm. For more details see www.english-heritage.org.uk

5 Bishop's Waltham Museum (free entrance)

Delve into the archives of the town's history and uncover local information and artefacts from days gone by at the Bishop's Waltham Museum. Housed in The Farmhouse at Bishop's Waltham Palace, the museum is free of charge (although small voluntary donations welcome) and is open from 2.00pm until 4.00pm at weekends from May to September and by special arrangement outside opening times. For further information see www.bishopswalthammuseum.org.uk bishopswalthammuseum@hotmail.com



6 St. Peter's Church



From the town centre ascend the elegant Georgian St. Peter's Street to discover the church. This site has been a place of worship for over 900 years and the church which stands today features artefacts from various eras. The core structure is of Norman origin, and later additions include the Saxon font (found in a garden in nearby Houchin Street in 1933), a Jacobean pulpit and the 14th century iron clock from the Bishop's Palace – its pendulum, which weighs a third of a ton, is believed to be the third heaviest in the world. Until the end of the 19th century the church was the place where the Vestry, the forerunner to the Parish Council, convened. To arrange a visit call the Parish Office on **01489 892 197**. See www.stpetersbw.org.uk

7 The Chase

This 1,000 acre area, defined in the Domesday Book, was once a deer park linked to the palace. The infamous 'Waltham Blacks', a group of deer poachers who terrorised local people, were notorious not only for deer stealing but also for having necessitated the passing of an Act of Parliament to stop their exploits. It was rumoured the gang was made up of both labourers and gentlemen. The Black Act, passed in 1723, made it a felony to "appear armed, disguised or with a blackened face, being so designed to kill deer, rob a warren or to steal fish."



The wooden pathway over the North Pond



8 The Moors Nature Reserve

WWW.GOV.UK/AMBIANCE.CO.UK



This is an area of semi-natural woodland, fen and grassland and open water designated as a Site of Scientific Interest and is a wetland of national importance for its wildflowers and unusual habitat. It is the main source of the Hamble River and a place where springs bubble up and streams feed a mill pond. The pond is a good spot to see kingfishers, Little Grebes and Emperor dragonflies.

The meadow to the west of the pond is managed in a traditional way, being cut for hay and grazed by Highland cattle. The main part of the Moors is managed by Hampshire County Council's Countryside Service and is open to the public. For more information about where to park and details of a 2-mile walk see www3.hants.gov.uk/countryside/moors

9 Claylands Local Nature Reserve

Immerse yourself in over eight hectares of the natural world just on the outskirts of Bishop's Waltham. Formerly the site of an old clayworks, today's nature lovers can stroll through the lush, grassy meadows and woodlands and relax by the ponds which are now home to one of the largest populations of great crested newts in the country. Butterflies to be found here include Painted Lady, Clouded Yellow, Ringlets, Marbled White, Small and Essex Skippers and it's always worth checking high in the oaks and ash trees for Purple Hairstreak butterflies dancing around the tree tops. In the summer the hay meadows and banks are a blaze of wildflowers and glow worms can be found after dark. **Tel: 02392 476 411. www.hants.gov.uk/claylands**



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10 Tashinga

High Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AB
Tel: 01489 893 861



If you're looking for a range of gifts that are just that little bit different then visit Tashinga. We actively seek and stock a range of recycled, ethical and sustainable items, supporting cottage industries and local artists. We pride ourselves on fair prices and customer care so call in for a warm and helpful welcome.

www.tashinga.co.uk

11 Best Wishes of Bishop's Waltham

5 Brook Court, Brook Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AX **Tel: 01489 892 090**



Best Wishes of Bishop's Waltham is an independent specialist card shop, located just off of the High Street, stocking a large variety of greeting cards, gift wrap, balloons, party items and gifts for all occasions. Open Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 5.00pm. A warm and friendly welcome guaranteed.

www.bestwishesofbw.co.uk

12 Sweet Corner

1 High Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AB
Tel: 01489 892 506

Take a trip down memory lane in our traditional sweet shop to discover a range of over 250 sweets served from jars, a delicious range of handmade chocolates and fudge. We offer unique gifts to delight any sweet lover. Come and see our speciality - a "sweet cake" made entirely from sweets!

13 Cassis Ladies Fashions

High Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AA
Tel: 01489 891 052

At Cassis you will find a fabulous, fashionable selection of clothing and accessories for every taste, occasion and budget. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff are ready to assist you and help you find the perfect fit. Whether you're looking for a complete makeover or for that elusive piece to complete your outfit, we can help! Open Monday to Saturday 9.30am - 5.00pm.

www.cassisladiesfashions.com

14 Boutique Black

Cross Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1EZ
Tel: 01489 890 714



Boutique Black is a unique, affordable and independent boutique. Our stylish brands are carefully chosen to be wearable, of good quality and good value for money. Friendly and relaxed style advice is also available. If alternative, independent or individual sit well with you... why not pop in for a browse?

www.boutiqueblack.co.uk

15 Luvvit Want It

1 Cross St, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1EZ
Tel: 01489 894 484



Luvvit Want It is the home of must-have handbags, on trend jewellery and ladies' accessories, as well as beautiful gifts and stylish, hand-picked accessories for your home. Whether you're looking for the perfect gift for a girlfriend or family member, or simply a self-indulgent treat, then look no further.

www.luvvitwantit.com

16 Just in Case Wine Merchants

Symes Corner, Bank Street, Bishop's Waltham
SO32 1AN Tel: **01489 892 969** ♿



Just in Case offers a unique atmosphere in which to shop for wines, and a personal, knowledgeable service. With many sought-after wines and spirits, it's worth asking for that rare bottle that you had been hard-pushed to locate. Our wines are carefully chosen to represent the best from all over the world. To the rear of the premises sit the illustrious wine racks and you can make an event of wine browsing with a break for a light snack or even just a coffee in our tearooms.

justincasebw@yahoo.co.uk

17 Essential Beauty ♿

Salon: Basingwell Street, Bishop's Waltham
SO32 1PA Tel: **01489 895 100**
Text appointments: **07798 922 308**



- ◆ Beauty, nails & tanning
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- ◆ Body & detox therapies
- ◆ Male grooming
- ◆ Pregnancy, mother & baby care
- ◆ Packages, events & special offers
- ◆ Fragrances & scent events
- ◆ Gift vouchers

www.essentialbeauty.me.uk



18 The New Wool and Footwear Shop

High Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AB
Tel: **01489 891 169**



Wool; haberdashery; leather goods – purses, bags; back packs; slippers; children's shoes; wellington boots; canvas shoes; shoe polish, laces, insoles; hankies; socks; tights; gloves, scarfs, hats and much more...
Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 9.30am - 4.30pm.

e.harding44@btinternet.com

19 Peter Atkinson Fishmonger, Deli, Smokehouse & Boat Charter ♿

2 Merlin Mews, Houdin Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AR Tel: **01489 896 111**



Traditional fishmongers. Purveyor of the finest fresh fish and shellfish sustainably sourced from all over the UK and abroad. Naturally smoked fish, game, meat and poultry from our own local smokehouse. Cheeses, olives and many deli items. Boat charter – come and catch your own on guided fishing trips in the Solent and around the Isle of Wight. Smoking service available to fishermen. Restaurant and pub enquiries welcome.

www.anyfish.co.uk

20 Rethink Interiors

Unit 7, Brook Court, Brook Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AX Tel: **01489 891 325**



Turn left at Best Wishes card shop, and you will find us packed with a wealth of beautifully hand painted furniture alongside unexpected vintage finds. We also stock unique handmade cotton and linen cushions, vintage jewellery and stencilled artworks. Commissions are undertaken and all furniture is painted on site so come along and see what we are up to this week. Opening hours are Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am to 5.00pm.

www.rethinkinteriors.co.uk

21 Pat Staples Interiors

The Studio, Unit 3 Claylands Rd, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1BH Tel: **01489 892 626** ♿

Whether you have a chair that needs reupholstering or a whole house to furnish, we can help! Established for over 21 years, we offer friendly, professional interior design advice and can supply all your home furnishings. Contact us for appointments at home or in the studio. Production of this listing receives a 10% discount.

www.patstaplesinteriors.co.uk

22 Simon Lawson Jewellers

High Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AB
Tel: **01489 895 575**

This shop's wood panelled listed interior (Napoleonic era) is the perfect setting to show off its contemporary and traditional silver and gold jewellery. Repairs, commissions, watch repairs and engraving also undertaken. Come to see us for our very original range of jewellery, something different from the usual high street fare.

www.simonlawsonjewellers.co.uk

23 Bishop's Waltham Toy Box

3 Brook Court, Brook Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AX Tel: **01489 809 145**

Family run traditional toy shop. Beautifully crafted toys. Internet price match promise. New selection of party bag/stocking fillers. Micro-scooters and ride-ons. Dolls houses, castles, kitchens, garages, books, baby toys & gifts, arts & crafts, puzzles, games, pocket money toys and so much more.

24 Labels Dress Agency ♿

The Old Forge, Brook Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AX Tel: **01489 896 515**

For your favourite designer brands at affordable prices.

25 Studio Four

High Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AB
Tel: **01489 893 374**

An Aladdin's Cave of a gift and card shop.

There is no shortage of great places to eat in Bishop's Waltham. Cafés and coffee shops serve breakfast, morning coffee (and cake!), lunch and afternoon tea. Why not pick something up to eat elsewhere, like the beautiful grounds of the palace? If you prefer more formal dining, we have a great choice of restaurants and pubs open lunchtime and evening, with menus to suit all budgets. Enjoy some fantastic local, home-cooked food in friendly and welcoming surroundings.

26 Barringtons Delicatessen & Coffee Shop

60 High Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AB
Tel: 01489 896 600



Enjoy delicious home-cooked food in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere at Barringtons. Our range of speciality sandwiches and salads, freshly baked quiches, cakes and homemade soups are created to satisfy while our deli counter will inspire you with its selection of local and international fine foods. Opening hours are Monday-Saturday 9.00am to 5.30pm.
www.barringtonsdeli.co.uk

27 Giorgio's

8 High Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AA
Tel: 01489 894 476



A family run business based on Mediterranean cuisine lovingly prepared by George and the team using locally sourced products. The aim of the restaurant is to deliver a menu that reflects the diversity of Mediterranean food. Open Tuesday-Saturday: Lunch 12.00pm-2.30pm; Dinner 6.00pm-10.00pm.

www.giorgiosmedrestaurant.co.uk

10 Visit BISHOP'S WALTHAM

28 The Coffee House

10 High Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AA
Tel: 01489 896 990



Experience the lively atmosphere at The Coffee House where all baking is done on the premises and enjoy breakfast, homemade cakes and cookies, light lunches, coffee, tea, smoothies, frappés, ice cream milk shakes and cold drinks. Eat in or takeaway. A comprehensive gluten-free menu is available.

www.thecoffeehousebw.co.uk

29 Anvil Tea Rooms & Coffee Shop

Symes Corner, Bank Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AN
Tel: 01489 892 969



True home cooking with traditional service in a friendly atmosphere. Open everyday 9.00am to 5.00pm. We have room inside and outside in our Tudor courtyard. Superb food, scrumptious cakes and a wide selection of teas and real coffees.

A comprehensive gluten-free menu is available. Extensive wine list available.

www.anviltearooms.co.uk

30 Piccola Roma

Houchin Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AR
Tel: 01489 892 502



Whether it is a romantic dinner or a friendly get together, you can be sure of a warm welcome in this independently owned Italian restaurant. We serve excellent food using local produce or specialist Italian suppliers. Families welcome. Takeaways, parties and great Italian food. Open Tuesday to Saturday 12.00pm - 2.00pm for lunch and dinner from 5.00pm.

www.piccola-roma.co.uk

31 The Barleycorn Inn

Lower Basingwell Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AJ
Tel: 01489 892 712



A delightfully quirky traditional village pub in the very heart of Bishop's Waltham where nothing matches but everything matters! You will always receive a warm welcome whatever the weather – with our beautiful summer garden or cosy winter fire you also find perfect pints, excellent wines and delicious pub grub that won't break the bank!

www.thebarleycorninn.com



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Bishop's Waltham is compact and convenient with all of the shops, restaurants, and visitor attractions only a short walk from either of the car parks. Buses stop right in St. George's Square, and there are several locations for locking up bikes.



P Parking information

There are two car parks in Bishop's Waltham, please see the map below for their locations. Parking is free for the first hour in both car parks; simply press the green button on the machine and place your ticket on the dashboard. Parking is also free on Sundays and after 6pm Monday – Saturday.



In 904AD...
 Edward the Elder granted Waltham to Bishop Denewulf... 'that part of the lands of the king called by the people Waltham; to have, hold, and possess it with fields, woods, meadows, fisheries, and everything belonging to the same.'
 Excerpt from *A History of the County of Hampshire, Volume 3 (1908)*

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High Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AB
Tel: 01489 897 711



Bishops Independent is a family run business located in the heart of Bishop's Waltham. We are an honest, enthusiastic and professional organisation that covers the sales and lettings market extensively. With over 60 years of local knowledge and experience, contact us immediately to discuss any of your property requirements.

www.bishopsestate.co.uk

33 S C Miller Ltd
Chartered Accountants
& Registered Auditors

High Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AA
Tel: 01489 891 122



Founded by Stephen Miller in March 1999, S C Miller Ltd has a wealth of knowledge in capital gains, inheritance, corporation and personal tax, VAT and accounts preparation. Whatever your accounting needs, from a start-up situation to preparation of annual accounts, we can assist you. We are also registered auditors.

www.scmiller.co.uk

34 Asset Management
Financial Advisers Ltd

Aspen House, 12 Brook Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AX Tel: 01489 895 210

For local, professional and friendly advice on all aspects of your financial planning. Our range of services includes advice on: Retirement planning and pensions • Investments • ISAs • Life and critical illness cover • Care fees planning. Conveniently located in Bishop's Waltham, Southampton and soon Winchester. Come and see us for a free no obligation initial discussion. We are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

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Bishop's Waltham boasts a particularly beautiful rural setting with nearby countryside that is very accessible to visitors. Call Winchester Tourist Information Centre on 01962 840 500 to request your free copy of *Exploring Bishop's Waltham*, a leaflet that describes each of the routes below in detail, with an accompanying map. Alternatively you can pick up a copy from the Bishop's Waltham Post Office and other local shops, or download a copy from www.hants.gov.uk/walking-maps-and-leaflets

Bishop's Waltham Nature Walk – 3 miles; 1½ hours; no stiles

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This popular nature walk traces an undulating route that includes some steep steps. Information boards along the way make this route as interesting as it is enjoyable. Setting out at Basingwell Street Car Park, the walk takes in the sand boils at the source of the Hamble, local nature reserves, plus meadows and woodland.

Bishop's Waltham Country Walk – 5 miles; 2 hours; no stiles

A rolling countryside trail which allows you to explore the north east of Bishop's Waltham. From Basingwell Street Car Park, head north up St. Peter's Street and through the churchyard. The walk follows clear tracks for most of the way and takes you across Dunderidge Meadow (pictured), through woodland and fields.



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The Bishop's Waltham Heritage Walk – 4 miles; 2 hours; 13 stiles

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This circular walk takes in the history around Newtown to the west of Bishop's Waltham. It is relatively level but can be muddy in winter. Beginning at Station Roundabout and following the railway path through the level crossing gates, the walk proceeds to follow in the footsteps of the pilgrims who

travelled along the medieval route from Winchester to worship St. Michael in Normandy. Other highlights along the way include Tangier Lane, named after the port of Tangier, part of the dowry of Catherine of Braganza who passed this way from Portugal to marry King Charles II in 1662; Park Lug, a boundary of the medieval deer park; the short section of Roman Road that ran from Winchester to Portchester; and Claylands Local Nature Reserve with clay pits dating from Roman times and its brickworks that was established in 1802.

Stay up-to-date and informed!

For the latest information on events and promotions in Bishop's Waltham, see our Facebook page www.facebook.com/BishopsWalthamTraders



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More information on Bishop's Waltham can be found on the website at www.lovebishopswaltham.com

Give yourself a bit more time to explore and stay the night in Bishop's Waltham. Try the quirky safari style lodge hotel just down the road at Marwell or the historical Crown Inn in St. George's Square.

35 The Crown Inn

The Square, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AF
Tel: 01962 893 350



We are proud to present eight sumptuously appointed rooms all refurbished to a very high standard. Without doubt some of the finest accommodation near Winchester, our stylish rooms – each named after French ships or French Admirals in a gentle nod to our rich history – have been refurbished to standards seldom associated with traditional inns.

www.crowninnbishopsaltham.co.uk

36 Marwell Hotel



Thompsons Lane, Colden Common,
Winchester, SO21 1JY Tel: 01962 777 681



Marwell Hotel is nestled in Hampshire woodland, situated next to the popular Marwell Zoo. The unique design of the hotel appeals to a wide range of guests and welcomes all. A popular wedding, conferencing and party venue, also featuring a leisure club and 68 bedrooms offering a tranquil night's sleep. Welcomes non-residents, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

www.marwellhotel.co.uk

For more information on accommodation in the area, please see www.visitwinchester.co.uk or call Winchester Tourist Information Centre on 01962 840 500.

The earliest record of a settlement within the Bishop's Waltham area was of a church built in around 640 AD. The name of the town is also Saxon, being derived from two words – 'wald' (forest) and 'ham' (settlement). It earned the name 'Bishop's Waltham' when, in 904 AD, King Alfred's son, King Edward the Elder, granted the land to Denewulf, Bishop of Winchester, in exchange for land in Portchester.



The ruins of Bishop's Waltham Palace today

Despite being destroyed by the Danes in 1001 AD, the settlement grew steadily to become one of Hampshire's largest villages. It had an approximate population of 450 according to the Domesday Book of 1086, four times the size of most villages at the time. The same survey also notes that 'the bishop himself holds Waltham in demesne; it has always belonged to the Bishopric.' In 1136, Bishop Henri de Blois, William the Conqueror's grandson and the younger brother of King Stephen, founded a new palace in 'Waldham' which quickly became a key residence for the powerful Winchester bishops. Much of what became a grand palace was the work of William of Wykeham, the founder of Winchester College, who was made bishop in 1367 and died here in 1404.

The palace hosted many royal visitors, Henry II met his barons here, Richard the Lionheart stayed here in 1194 after he had been ransomed, following the third Crusade. It was at the Palace that Henry V finalised his preparations to invade France, before Agincourt, and Henry VIII stayed before the spectacular meeting with the King of France at the Field of the Cloth of Gold. In 1554, Queen Mary waited a number of days for King Philip of Spain to arrive for their wedding in Winchester Cathedral. During the English Civil War, 200 royalist cavaliers were besieged there for three days and were forced to surrender, one captive informing the King, 'Waltham house in ashes'. In 1645, Oliver Cromwell ordered the slighting of the palace, resulting in today's picturesque ruins (above).

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Bishop's Waltham Palace as it may have looked in the mid-15th century

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Beyond the palace grounds the town's trading roots were continually developing. By the late 13th century a weekly market was held, selling bread made from the flour produced by its two mills. And by the 15th century the town boasted a small wool industry. A fulling mill was in operation, cleaning the wool using water-powered hammers and the town was occasionally referred to as 'Waltham Woolpit'. Queen Elizabeth I granted the right to hold two annual fairs in Bishop's Waltham in 1602. By 1800 a further two occurred annually, drawing traders from all over the county. In the 18th century a tanning industry also thrived in the town.



Vernon Hill House

In the second half of the 19th century Victorian prosperity spread to Bishop's Waltham. Sir Arthur Helps, Clerk to the Privy Council and Private Secretary to Queen Victoria, bought Vernon Hill House near Bishop's Waltham and discovered he owned land with good clay in it, so he founded the Bishop's Waltham Clay Company to make fine terracotta tableware. He built houses for his workers in Newtown and was

influential in a number of projects which benefited the town; the introduction of the railway, the opening of the gas works and the provision of gas street-lighting at an early date. But his business failed and it was his successor Henry Blanchard who created a brickworks that provided fine quality bricks for Blackfriars Bridge and many more famous buildings, like the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Assembly Rooms in Edinburgh. Many of the houses in the town today were built with Blanchard's bricks.

Bishop's Waltham's naval connections are mostly due to its close proximity to the port of Portsmouth. Here we take a look at three particularly fascinating character's connections with the town.

Admiral Edward Vernon 'Old Grog' (1684-1757)



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Admiral Vernon's best-known naval victory came during the War of Jenkins' Ear, a conflict between Great Britain and Spain that lasted from 1739 to 1742. He captured Porto Bello, a key port in the silver trade situated on the coast of Panama (after which it is thought he built Vernon Hill House in Bishop's Waltham). This considerably damaged Spain's finances and weakened its naval capabilities. In the British Navy he is perhaps better known for the introduction of 'grog'. Concerned with the amount of drunkenness, he ordered the customary rum ration to be diluted with water (½ pint rum to ¼ quart water). The drink's name came from the program cloak that the admiral used to wear.

Admiral Villeneuve (1763-1806)

During the Napoleonic Wars, Bishop's Waltham served as a 'parole town' for up to 200 captured French and Spanish sailors. The best known was Admiral Pierre-Charles Villeneuve, commander of the combined French and Spanish fleet defeated at the Battle of Trafalgar. He was first accommodated in The Crown Inn, but was then moved to Vernon Hill House. He was later exchanged for four British captains and returned to France. While staying in Rennes, he was discovered murdered with five stab wounds in his chest. The authorities declared his death a suicide but it is probable that he was assassinated on the orders of Napoleon due to the defeat at Trafalgar.



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Admiral Lord Andrew Cunningham (1883-1963)



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Before the Second World War, Admiral Andrew Cunningham purchased Palace House, 'a little house in the country'. Between late 1942 and early 1943, he went on to serve as Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force, commanding the fleet that covered the North African landings. In 1943 he became First Sea Lord of the Admiralty and chief of the Naval Staff responsible for the overall strategic direction of the navy for the remainder of the war. After the war he retired to Palace House and was buried at sea off Portsmouth in 1963.

The Battle of Trafalgar fought in 1805.



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Marwell Zoo



Owslebury SO21 1JH **Tel: 01962 777 407**
From meerkats to snow leopards, world-famous Marwell Wildlife is home to over 200 species of animals and birds. The new Café Graze overlooks the stunning African Valley, home to giraffe, ostrich, zebra and waterbuck. Look out for events throughout the year on the website at www.marwell.org.uk

Marwell Activity Centre

Hurst Lane, Owslebury SO21 1EZ
Tel: 01962 777 547

One of the South's leading outdoor and indoor activity centres with 25 years' experience in outdoor pursuits. Offering a wide range of year round activities for children and adults, such as archery, clay pigeon shooting, quad bikes and a ropes course. Our experienced, qualified team deliver activities of your choice in a challenging but safe environment.



We look forward to welcoming you. www.marwellactivitycentre.co.uk

Old Winchester Hill



OS grid reference: SU 643 205
2 miles from village of West Meon on A32
Reached via stunning walks with views across the Hampshire countryside, Old Winchester Hill has an Iron Age hill fort enclosing a Bronze Age cemetery at its summit. The fort is believed to have Celtic origins. In World War II the hillside was used as a testing range, meaning some

areas remain out of bounds to walkers (free ranging sheep are testament to the fact that the risk of finding an unexploded bomb is reassuringly low). The hill plays host to a wide range of butterfly and bird species.

Forest of Bere

OS grid Reference: SU 597 122

Escape from any trace of modern life with a trip to this ancient woodland. At 350 hectares, West Walk is the largest remaining fragment of the former forest – ideal for a complete day out with plenty of walking and cycling trails, adventurous playgrounds for children and several quiet picnic areas. Pictured is Upperford Copse.



Wickham



Located just 4 miles south of Bishop's Waltham is the equally beautiful market town of Wickham. With its handsome square, beautiful historical architecture and quirky shops and eateries, you can easily while away an afternoon here. Water meadows, antique shops and shopping lanes all add to the charm, while Wickham's restaurants will leave you spoilt for choice. Accessible by bus from Bishop's Waltham.

South Downs National Park

Bishop's Waltham is located just on the edge of the South Downs National Park (SDNP) and is therefore an ideal base from which to explore its beautiful landscapes and wildlife. This is the countryside which inspired novelist Jane Austen and naturalist Gilbert White, and the National Park is Britain's newest. The wooded hills and hidden valleys are perfect for walking, cycling and horse riding, and it's easier than you might think to get around by public transport so get yourself out there and explore. Cyclists can pick up a copy of *Cycle ride around Bishop's Waltham* (above right) in outlets around town or download it from the SDNP website. For more information and ideas of where to visit see www.southdowns.gov.uk



Bishop's Waltham's events calendar is simply bursting with markets, festivals, sports meets, cultural celebrations, shopping events and children's activities. For a more comprehensive list of more than 35 events taking place in the town, pick up a copy of the *Diary of Events*, available in shops and cafés around Bishop's Waltham or visit www.lovebishopsaltham.com



The friendliness of Bishop's Waltham's traders is evident through their involvement in children's activities during the year. **Egg hunts** at Easter, **treasure hunts** in the summer, **Halloween activities** in October and of course the **Christmas Fayre**; all of these events encourage children and their families to really enjoy the town centre.

On certain Sundays throughout the year, the High Street is closed to traffic and the hustle and bustle of a **market** comes to town. Pick up something unusual from the **art, design, antiques and vintage** stalls. Gardening is another theme for events in Bishop's Waltham, with the **Open Gardens** event held biannually, an annual floral and hanging basket competition and the **Garden Fair** held just outside Bishop's Waltham in May.



For **local produce**, home baking and crafts, head to the **Country Market** at the Jubilee Hall on any Friday from 9.15-11.00am. For more information see www.bwcountrymarket.co.uk



Bishop's Waltham Festival is a series of cultural events held around town during the year. From concerts to theatre, band competitions to poetry, the festival attracts locals and visitors of all ages.



The **Carnival & Show** in June is a real spectacular, with a procession of floats and entertainers winding their way through the town centre on their way to the show. Sights, sounds, smells and tastes to delight the whole family!

The year's events culminate with the annual **Christmas Fayre** held on the first Thursday in December. The carol singing will surely get you in the mood to grab a glass of mulled wine (while the kids meet Father Christmas) and start your Christmas shopping. Shops are open until 8.00pm and the High Street is full of stalls selling all sorts of gifts and tasty food.



Useful information



Bus information

Buses run between Bishop's Waltham and Southampton (7), Eastleigh (8), Winchester (69) and Fareham (69) Monday to Saturday, and to and from Petersfield (17) Wednesday to Saturday. For timetables see www.myjourneyhampshire.com

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High Street, Bishop's Waltham
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Bishop's Waltham Surgery
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- **Boots**
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- **Ashleigh Sight Care**
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