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LATE VICTORIAN WOKINGHAM

The Wokingham Society is proud to announce the publication of the book *Late Victorian Wokingham*, written by a group of local researchers under the editorship of Paul King. The book builds on a previous publication, *Early Victorian Wokingham*, produced by a class of local history students 30 years ago and which was based on information yielded by the 1851 national census.

Late Victorian Wokingham

written and compiled by a
a local research group
edited by Paul King



This latest book uses data from the 1901 census as its starting point and, by also using newspapers, directories and other records of the time, the group has been able to highlight the changes over the intervening fifty years. For example, what had been the impact of the growth of the railways; what occupations had declined or disappeared and what new ones had come on the scene; how were the demographics of life expectancy and movement of populations reflected in the local community?

It is also fascinating to see what of Wokingham in 1901 is recognisable today, and discover in what ways we can identify with our local predecessors in how they lived and what they did for work and pleasure.

Peter Must, Chairman of the Society, said: 'We are delighted to have been asked to publish this very important contribution to Wokingham's social history, and we congratulate the group on the thoroughness and enthusiasm that is reflected in its pages'.

Paul King, who edited the book, said: 'During this project we have learnt an enormous amount about life in 1901 Wokingham and how it had changed over the previous fifty years. We hope our readers will have as much enjoyment in perusing the book as we have had in researching the various topics'.

Copies of the book are on sale for £9.50 at the following locations:

- The Town Hall Information Centre, Market Place, every morning, Monday to Saturday
- Wokingham Library, Denmark Street

Or it can be ordered by post from WS Books, 4 The Bowers, Wokingham, RG40 3JX (cheque for £9.50, made payable to 'The Wokingham Society', to accompany order; post free within the UK).