

# Leatherhead in Georgian Days



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What was Georgian Leatherhead like? The Georgian period extends from the accession of George I in 1714 to the death of George IV in 1834 which is a very long time – 120 years. It was a village rather than a town, but with a number of substantial buildings, some of which still exist. The population in 1781 was under 1,000 and by 1831 it had only risen to 1,724. As can be seen on the map made by George Gwilt in 1783, some of the street names were different: the High Street is named as Great Queen Street and Church Street as Little Queen Street, probably after Queen Elizabeth I who visited Edmund Tylney, Master of the Revels at The Mansion in 1591.

The pictures all belong to the Leatherhead & District Local History Society. Obviously, there are no Georgian photographs, but I have included some later photographs if the view was not likely to have altered since the Georgian period.

The arrangement of this booklet is designed as a stroll round the village, entering it from the bridge, then walking up Bridge Street and the High Street; turning right to the parish church and back along the Dorking Road and Church Street to the crossroads at the centre of the town with the Stocks House. We shall finish our tour via North Street, Randalls Lane and Kingston Road. *Linda Heath.*

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