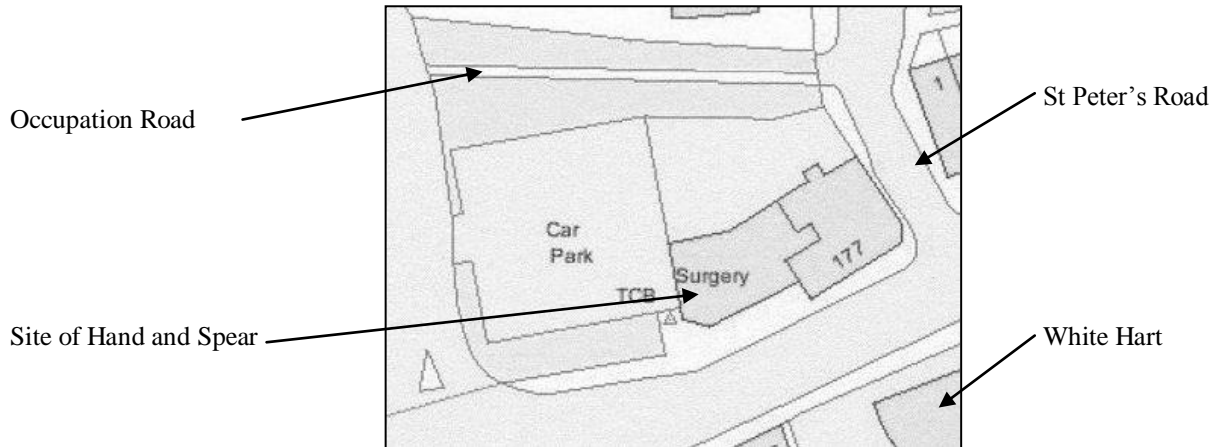


Hand and Spear



Today the Hand and Spear is no more. The site of the old beer house (Surgery on map) was opposite the White Hart at the entrance to St Peter's Road. Occupation Road still exists at the rear of the present Surgery and Car Park. St Peter's Road follows very roughly the original footpath shown on the 1870, 1896 and 1914 OS maps. The building had disappeared by the time of the 1934 map. The original barn and stables on the same site would have been on the east side of the map.

The history of the site during the 19th century can be traced from the Woking Tithe Map of 1841, the Census Returns 1841-1901 and the records of the Manor of Woking Rectory, all to be found at the Surrey History Centre.

The Tithe Map shows the Hand and Spear site as *No.280 house, yard and garden* owned by Ellen Harris and occupied by Thomas Jaques. The next door site *No.279 house and garden* is owned by Thomas ...man, probably *Thomas Newman who owned the brewery opposite*, the occupier being John Hooper. This site is almost certainly the White Horse.

In 1841 Henry Bullen, probably a future landlord of the Hand and Spear, and his family were living in Shackleford.

1841	Shackleford	Henry Bullen	35	Y
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		Maria Bullen	35	Y
		Alfred Bullen	4	Y
		Henry Bullen	2	Y
		Ellen Bullen	1m	Y

Apart from Martha Jones at the White Hart, John Hooper was the only other publican shown as living in Town Street in the census. As the Hand and Spear was not in existence then, it is reasonable to conclude that John Hooper was the landlord of the White Horse.

1841	John Hooper	45	publican	N
	Elizabeth Hooper	40		Y
	John Hooper	20		Y
	Elizabeth Hooper	20		Y
	William Hooper	15	tailor	Y
	Jane Hooper	10		Y
	Alicia Hooper	7		Y
	Anthony Notley	20	printer	N
	Henry Tilly	60	agricultural labourer	Y

John Hooper died in 1844 and his wife Elizabeth remarried in 1850, her new husband being William Pendill Rason a tailor of Woking. Her son John was a witness and the entry shows her father to have been James Fenn, labourer.

The Hand and Spear site was occupied by Thomas Jaques in 1841. Earlier his children had been baptised at St Peter's and he was described as a shopkeeper and once as a baker. His surname more often was spelt Jacques. The premises were not used as a beer house then.

1841	Thomas Jaques	45	grocer	Y
	Mary Jaques	40		Y
	Elizabeth Jaques	15		Y

	Mary Ann Jaques	12		Y
	Tryphena Jaques	10		Y
	Thomas Jaques	9		Y
	Caroline Jaques	7		Y
	Henry Turnell	25	baker	Y
	Harriott Slut	15	female servant	Y

Thomas then aged 64 was buried at St Peter's on 13th September 1855.

In the 1851 census apart from Philip Penfold at the White Hart and Richard Stilwell at the White Horse, there are no other publicans shown who might have been at the Hand and Spear.

The following extracts from the Census returns 1861-1901 show the occupants of the Hand and Spear then. These are shown in bold and in addition, the Heads of the households, appearing in the return immediately before and after the Hand and Spear entry, are shown in italics. When two households appear next to each other in the returns, this does not mean the two households are neighbours.

As Alfred Bullen seems to have succeeded his father Henry as publican, the entry for the father is given in full. Although the son appears as a separate household in 1861, it is possible that the whole family were living in the same premises or were neighbours.

1861	<i>High Street</i>	<i>Henry Bullen</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>Retired Publican</i>	<i>Surrey Woking</i>
		<i>Maria Bullen</i>	<i>w</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>56</i>		<i>Surrey Ash</i>
		<i>Henry Bullen</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>labourer</i>	<i>Surrey Send</i>
		<i>Emma Bullen</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>general servant</i>	<i>Surrey Woking</i>
		<i>Lucy Bullen</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>barmaid</i>	<i>Surrey Woking</i>
	High Street	Alfred Bullen	Head	u	24	Beer House Keeper	Surrey Send
		<i>John Butcher</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>Baker</i>	<i>Surrey Alfold</i>
1871	<i>5 High Street</i>	<i>Priscilla Rathbone</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>General Draper</i>	<i>Tobago WI</i>
	8 High Street	Alfred Bullen	Head	m	34	Beer House keeper	Send Surrey
		Martha Bullen	w	m	29	wife A Bullen	Binstead Surrey
		Ellen Bullen	d	u	2		Woking Surrey
	<i>9 High Street</i>	<i>Edmund Knight</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>Baker & Grocer</i>	<i>Vernham Hants</i>

Alfred Bullen was buried at St Peter's on 23 December 1874 aged 38 years so his widow Martha must have remarried some time after then given that she had a son, John Gunton and was a widow once more according to the 1881 census returns below.

1881		<i>Sarah Westbrook</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>w</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>widow of Groom</i>	<i>Surrey Haslemere</i>
	Hand & Spear	Martha Gunton	Head	w	39	Beer House keeper	Hants Binstead
		Ellen Bullen	d	u	12	scholar	Surrey Woking
		Lucy M Bullen	d	u	8	scholar	Surrey Woking
		Alfred Bullen	s	u	6	scholar	Surrey Woking
		John Gunton	s	u	3	scholar	Surrey Woking
		Charles Brown	bdr	u	41	sadler/harness mkr	Surrey Woking
		William Clark	bdr	u	63	ag lab	Wilts Cadford
		<i>William Chambers</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>cordwainer</i>	<i>Noton Raund</i>
1891		<i>Joseph Stone</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>carpenter</i>	<i>Sussex Pulborough</i>
	Hand & Spear	George Kirk	Head	m	40	Beer House keeper	Brickhill
		Ellen Kirk	w	m	32		Somersetshire
		Selina Lomer	s	u	30		Somersetshire
		<i>Catherine Morey</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>w</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>Dressmaker</i>	<i>Graffham Sussex</i>
1901		<i>George Webber</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>sub post master & stationer</i>	<i>Surrey Woking</i>
		<i>Elizabeth J Webber</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>housekeeper</i>	<i>Surrey Woking</i>
	High Street	Arthur J Corbett	Head	m	24	Licensed Victualler	Surrey Surbiton
		Fanny Corbett	w	m	24		London Islington
		Harry Badland	binl	m	29	gardener	Bucks Great Kimble
		Elizabeth Badland	s	m	20		Surrey Surbiton
		Jane Corbett	s	u	20		Surrey Surbiton
		Dora Child	serv	u	19	Barmaid	London Islington
		John Dean	serv	u	24	Potman	Surrey Surbiton
		Minnie Hawkins	serv	w	23	Servant	Italy British subject
		Marion Armstrong	s		36	Monthly Nurse	India British subject
		<i>John G. Jones</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>Grain Merchant</i>	<i>Suffolk Chedington</i>

George Webber having bought the barn, stable and other land adjacent to the Hand and Spear in 1892, it would appear that in 1901 he and the Corbett family were, in fact, neighbours. George and his family appear at the Old House when it was called *Coziers*. The 1881-1891 census returns show him and his sister living in High Street when they left that house. George is a blacksmith in 1881 and this is not altogether surprising since this was his father's occupation when the family were living at *Coziers*.

1881	High Street	George Webber	Head	u	28	blacksmith	Surrey Woking
1891		George Webber	Head	u	38	stationer and sub-postmaster	Surrey Woking
		Elizabeth J. Webber	s	s	29	post office assistant and newsagent	Surrey Woking



Site of hand and Spear today



Entrance to St Peter's Road



Occupation Road