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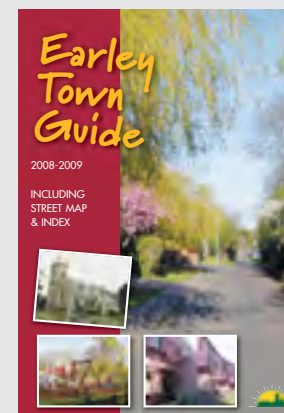
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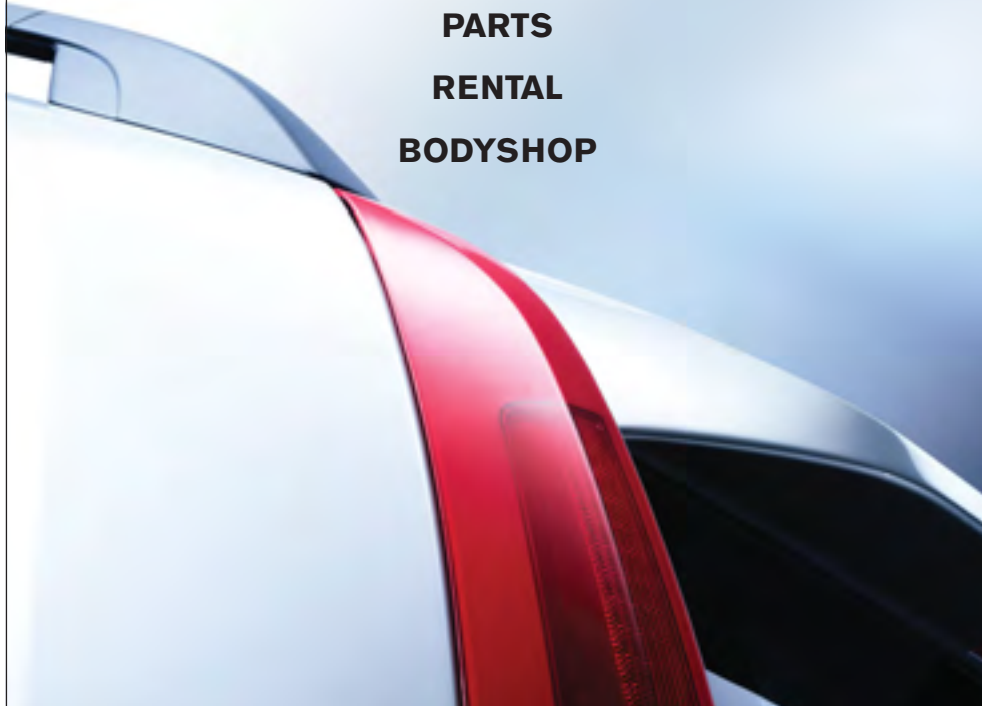
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- Further information can be obtained by e-mailing us at [administration@earley-tc.gov.uk](mailto:administration@earley-tc.gov.uk)
- The Town Council supports the Mobile Information Centre which regularly provides a service from the District Centre near to the Asda Supermarket.

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Wokingham Borough Council is the Unitary Authority for this area, providing the great majority of services including schools, social services, council housing, refuse collection and management of sports centres. The Town has eight schools, one of which, Maiden Erlegh School, is a secondary school. Contact numbers are provided in the general information section.

The Town Council provides a wide variety of local services. Parks are provided at Sol Joel situated in Church Road (which has football and cricket pitches, sports courts, a skate park and children's play equipment), Meadow Park (a more traditional park with open space, play areas, formal flower beds and a wild flower meadow), Marefield Pond and Bulmershe Park which is jointly managed with Woodley Town Council. The Council owns and maintains a Local Nature Reserve at Instow Road. The Reserve is some 12 hectares in extent and within its boundaries is a very attractive lake,

ancient woodlands, wildflower and butterfly areas and the Interpretation Centre.

Other facilities include the secluded Lawn Cemetery at Mays Lane which is some 12 acres in extent and is a very peaceful haven in the middle of local residential development, and enhanced with the provision of the Garden of Remembrance. There is a large and well maintained allotment site at Culver Lane that backs on to Milton Road, which benefits from a resident Horticultural Society. Any residents interested in a plot should contact the Council Offices. Last but not least, there are two large Community Centres both available for private hire. One is at Radstock Lane and the other at Maiden Place. Both have resident Social Clubs with their own comfortable bar/lounge areas.

Town Council responsibilities also include street furniture, the construction of linking footpaths, the provision and maintenance of some of Earley's street lighting and consultation on highways and all local planning applications.

Although the Town Council is an entirely separate entity, the "local councils working in partnership" initiative means that there are direct links to most of the services provided by the Unitary Authority. There are currently 25 Town Councillors representing eight Wards.

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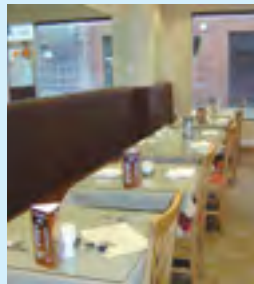


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# About Earley



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The private housing project has provided in excess of six thousand dwellings together with leisure, recreational and shopping facilities. There have been challenges in integrating the new development with the older, more established parts of the Town, but there are encouraging signs that a community spirit is being forged. The population of the Town is currently estimated to be in excess of 33,000.

Geographically Earley is almost divided into three parts. It is also quite interesting to note the variations of the name of Earley present in the area, Erleigh, Erlegh and Earley. In the north, from the River Thames to the railway line we have North Earley and part of Central Earley and Maiden Erlegh (so called because it

is built on the site of a large estate of that name). Stretching southwards to the M4 motorway is South Earley where the green fields area has now almost entirely given way to the new roads and houses constructed as part of the Lower Earley development.

The main shopping area, which includes an Asda Superstore, can be found at the District Centre by Chalfont Way. There are also smaller shopping parades at Silverdale Road, Maiden Place and in Wokingham Road near to the Three Tuns crossroads.

Earley's long history dates back to Roman times. In the 11th Century, the area was known as Herlei when the population was thought to be in the region of some 100 residents. There was a gradual increase over the centuries, but the first large increase occurred during the housing boom of the 1930s and 1940s by which time the population had grown to in excess of 5,000.

The origin of the name of the Town is open to interpretation. There are many place names which have either ley or leigh within them. This is an Anglo Saxon word for a wood or clearing. This could apply to any of the several spellings of the name Earley which include Erlegh, Erleigh and Earley. Er or Ear could refer to either eagles or gravel pits. Both are possible, but birds of prey were a common sight.

Earley Town Council was the successor to the previous Parish Council and came into being in 1974. The logo was conceived and drawn originally by Paul Devonald (one of Earley's Town Councillors in the 1980s). It is a representative depiction of the sun rising over the Earley skyline. The tower of the Earley St Peter's Church is prominent.



ABOVE: ASDA  
TOP: Earley St Peter's Church

# Out and About in Earley



obtained from the Senior Park Ranger, Grahame Hawker. Fishing permits can be obtained from the Council Offices.

The Interpretation Centre at Instow Road provides a base for managing the Reserve and a well appointed field study centre for local students and school children. It was erected as a Millennium project.

## Meadow Park

The Park is some four acres plus in extent and situated between Roman Way and Meadow Road, with pathways leading in from both roads. There are extensive cultivated beds, mainly with shrubs, a wildflower meadow section, a central grassed area, an aromatic garden and two areas of children's play equipment. The Park was acquired from Woodley Town Council, and has been extensively upgraded in an attempt to try to meet local needs.

## Bulmershe Park

The Park is situated off Woodlands Avenue on the boundary between Woodley and Earley



## Maiden Erlegh Park

The Park is some twelve hectares in extent, and has been classified as a Local Nature Reserve. It is managed on the Town Council's behalf by its Park Ranger Service with the help of the Head Water Bailiff and up to ten seasonally appointed Water Bailiffs.

The Park is in several "parcels" which are described on the Interpretation Boards around the site. The Lake area, between Instow Road and Lakeside is managed under the Reservoirs Act and is inspected by a Consultant Engineer each year. Records have to be kept on water levels, and the condition of the Weir, etc., aspects which are inspected by the Engineer.

The Lake is bounded by ancient woodland and again the Council has had a hard balancing act to reconcile the needs of the population living all around the Park, many of whom use the main pathway as a thoroughfare, and the need to conserve a valuable habitat.

There have been many improvements undertaken in recent years including desilting, bankworks, pathworks and water/fish quality controls. These initiatives are ongoing, and anyone interested in becoming involved in the conservation work would be welcome to join one of the local volunteer groups. Details of aspects of the park management can be



and is jointly managed by the two Town Councils. Entrance is usually gained from Pitts Lane. More of its area is within Woodley and, historically, Woodley Town Council has undertaken routine grass cutting and other maintenance, with our Council meeting a proportion of the costs each year. We now have a greater degree of responsibility since the development of our Park Ranger Service, but largely the old arrangement remains in place and works well.

## Marefield Pond

The Pond is one of the few surviving examples of the farm ponds of which there were once quite a few in Earley. Earley Town Council acquired it under licence from the then Wokingham Borough Council with the intention to save and preserve the facility some years ago. It is situated at the end of the little lane to the left of the end of Beech Lane as you approach the junction with Rushey Way and was previously known as Rushey Way Pond. It is managed by the Park Ranger Service, with help from local conservation groups, as a conservation and educational feature and is an interesting wildlife habitat, supporting creatures such as dragonflies, newts and frogs.

## Sol Joel Park

The 18 acre Sol Joel Park is entirely within the Earley Town Council area, but for historical reasons, it was conveyed to Reading Borough

Council by Sol Joel. The Town Council leased the Park with the intention of improving the facilities. It has four football pitches, mini soccer pitches, a cricket square and a pavilion. The first of the many proposed improvements was the provision of a Sports and Skate Park. It includes two sports courts. One is available for both netball and skater hockey, and it can also be used for five-a-side football. The other court is specifically for five-a-side football and/or basketball.

In addition, several skate ramps have been provided which are suitable for rollerblading, skateboarding and BMX bikes. The equipment is in the process of being upgraded and it is hoped the project will be completed by the time this Guide is published. The next phase of improvements includes providing more play equipment for children and a major project to rebuild the pavilion to modern standards.





*Radstock Lane Community Centre*

### **Radstock Lane Community Centre**

The Centre is provided on a site adjacent to Radstock Primary School and immediately opposite the Town Council Offices. It comprises a main hall and a meeting room. There is a thriving Club, the Earley Radstock Social Club, which manages the bar/lounge. On weekdays the popular Wendyhouse Pre School Group operates from the Centre.

The main hall is particularly well appointed and has a friendly atmosphere, which has made it an extremely popular venue for functions such as weddings, birthday and anniversary parties. It is also a favourite meeting point for several local organisations. Information about bookings can be obtained from the Town Council Offices.

### **Maiden Place Community Centre**

In 1989 the Town Council rebuilt and extended the Centre, and provided a bar/lounge which is the home of Maiden Place Social Club. Like its sister hall, the Community Centre is a very popular venue for parties and meetings and again benefits from the presence of a nursery group, Kilnsea Pre School which provides places for the under fives. In addition to the main hall and meeting room, the Centre also has a second medium size hall, the Function Room which is extremely popular with hirers. Again, bookings can be made at the Council Offices. The Centre has been much improved recently with the installation of an air conditioning system.

### **CResCent Community Resource Centre**

The Community Resource Centre is now 5-years old. The building was designed to allow for flexible use to respond to the requirements of the community and to support its development. The success of the centre has grown through many partnerships and now provides a focal point for the community.

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*Maiden Place Community Centre*



*CResCent Community Resource Centre*

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### **Public Houses**

Earley has a number of very popular public houses. The Earley Retreat and the Toby Carvery are in the District Centre area. The Maiden Over in Silverdale Road, not far from The Parade, is well established and in one of the older parts of the Town. There are two Public Houses, well frequented and very popular at lunchtimes, both on the eastern side of Town at The George in Loddon Bridge Road and The Poachers at Sindlesham Mill. A more recent facility is the Seven Red Roses at the Maiden Place Shopping Centre.

### **Laurel Park**

Adjacent to the Local Nature Reserve is Laurel Park, which is owned and managed by Wokingham Borough Council. Access is gained from Rushey Way via Marefield. The entrance road leads to a pavilion with several football pitches beyond. The Park also has a well



*Maiden Place*

designed and maintained children's play area and a large general recreational area.

### **Chalfont Park**

The second of the two Unitary Authority owned parks within the Earley area is opposite the District Centre at Chalfont Way. The neat and well appointed park has a modern pavilion, floodlit sports courts, football pitches and a variety of play equipment.

### **Waterside Centre**

Many visitors to the Town do not realise that part of Earley fronts the Thames. Beyond the A3290, is Thames Valley Park, and an excellent water facility has been provided by Wokingham Borough Council overlooking the Thames primarily for rowing and canoeing. It is already well used both for local and national events. Below is a cavernous area for the storage of boats and upstairs are meeting rooms,



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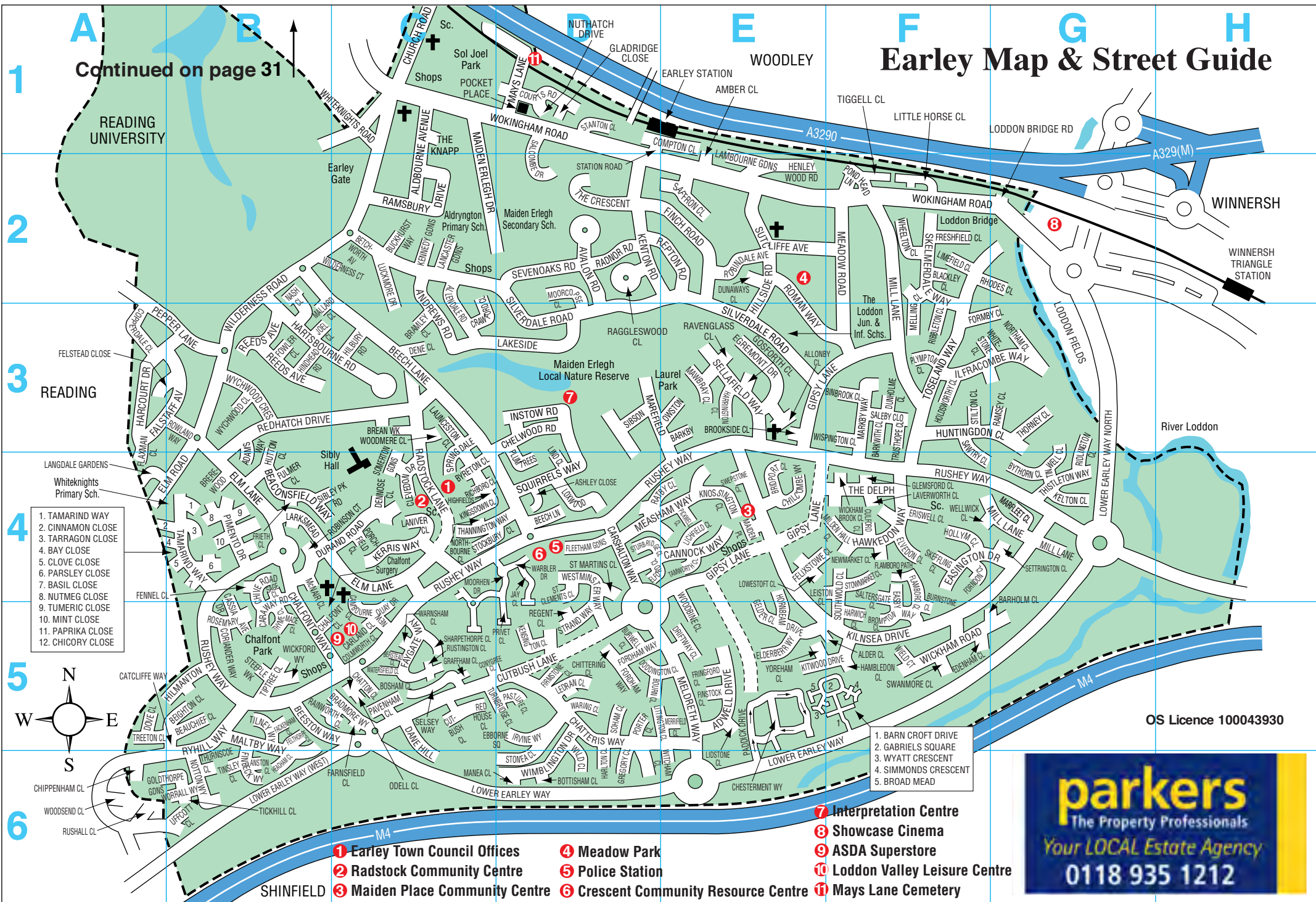
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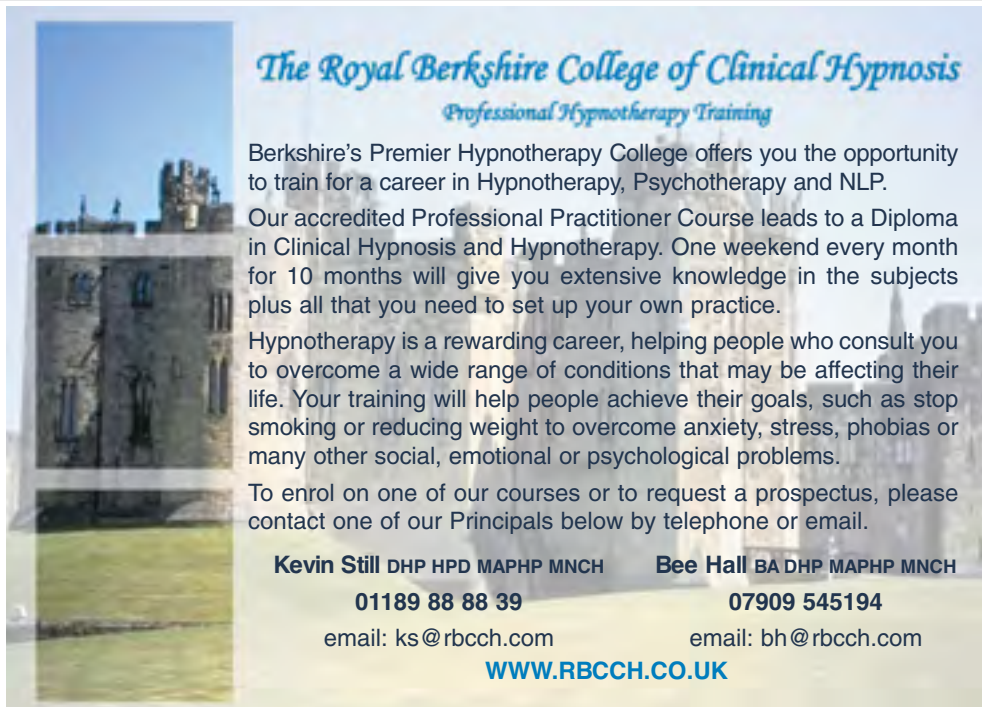
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# A brief history of Earley



## Prehistoric Earley

It is very likely that humans from the Palaeolithic period – the Old Stone Age – up to 400,000 years BC were foraging in Earley for edible vegetation and grubs and hunting wild cattle, deer and elephant. Traces of flimsy shelters made from brushwood have been found in North Earley on the site of the old Power Station at the Thames Valley Business Park. Tools from this era have been found within the Town. These early residents would have depended on the surrounding woodland for hunting and gathering of edible plants such as nuts, berries and roots. It is thought that the clearing of woodland for agriculture and the keeping of domesticated animals started in around 4000 BC, the Neolithic or New Stone Age, with the arrival of people from the Continent. Small areas of wildwood would have been cleared using stone tools. There is archaeological evidence for continued human presence during the Bronze Age and Iron Age on the site of the Thames Valley Business Park in North Earley.

## The Romans and Beyond

The Romans invading England in AD 43, came to a land with fully developed agriculture and Roman artefacts have been found at a number of sites in Earley. A Saxon settlement has been discovered in Reading at the confluence of the Kennet and the Thames dating from about 600 AD.

During the Reign of Edward the Confessor the Manors at Earley were held by the Crown.

The Great Survey of AD 1086 reveals that only about 20 per cent of Berkshire was wooded, and by 1200 much of the modern landscape was already recognisable. The Norman Conquest had the positive effect of increasing woodland cover to provide hunting forests with Windsor Forest extending to the Loddon.

## The Middle Ages

Domesday records two manors, Erleigh St Bartholomew and Erleigh St Nicholas. The de Erleigh family held the manors c.1160 – 1362. John de Erleigh, 1292, was known as the White Knight – thus the manor of St Nicholas was renamed. The other Manor also had a name change to Erleigh Court. Margaret Gelling records that the Manor of Maiden Erleigh, Erley Maydens, is attested from 1502 and that it was formed out of Earley Whiteknights in the 14th Century.

The estate passed through several owners over the Centuries eventually being acquired by Viscount Sidmouth who died in 1844. The Manor remained in the Sidmouth family until the 1930's after which the estate was sold for building development.

Erleigh St Nicholas, Whiteknights, was bought by Henry de Aldryngton in around 1361. After his death it passed down the family line to the Beke family until the death of Henry Beke in 1580. By marriage to Beke's

Maiden Erleigh Park



daughter Hugh Speke gained the estate. In 1606 the Spekes sold the manor of Erleigh Whiteknights for £7,500 to Francis Englefield. His nephew, also known by the same name became the owner in the beginning of the 17th Century. The Englefields were devout Roman Catholics and thus faced persecution and heavy taxes. The estate remained in the family until the late 1700's, when they were forced to sell due to the ongoing prejudice of their neighbours.

The Marquis of Blandford, who became the Duke of Marlborough, had the parkland extensively landscaped during his ownership between 1798 and 1819. However, he ran up massive debts and his possessions were seized and sold including many of the landscape features. The impressive Manor House was demolished in 1840-41. The Whiteknights Estate of today is the home of the University of Reading which took over the site in 1947.

Much of the material contained in this brief history derives from, and is contained within the local history book "Earley Days" which was produced by the local History Group with help from the Town Council. This first book is available on loan from local libraries. Two further books have been published, namely

'Earley Memories' and 'Suttons Seeds', available to purchase from the Town Council Offices, local bookshops and the Lower Earley library.

## About Solly Joel

Solomon Barnato Joel purchased the Maiden Erleigh Estate in 1903. His generosity and lavish lifestyle has been written into the folklore of Earley. Even the current spelling of Maiden Erleigh is attributed to him. He is also believed by some to have had the Lake created, although, again, maps of the 1700's show it to be already in existence. However, the large island within the Lake can probably be attributed to him. He invested heavily in the Estate commissioning a wonderful marble swimming pool complete with fresco. The grounds were well laid out, complete with a magnificent rose garden and terracing. The Estate boasted an aviary, polo ground, cricket field and tennis courts. He also established a famous race horse stud at New Farm, which was re-named Home Stud Farm, and was situated near what is now Marefield, off Rushey Way.

A map held by the Town Council clearly shows that the Mansion stood between

**Wokingham Road**



Silverdale Road and Crawford Close. To get to the Mansion you would have travelled from Wokingham Road along Maiden Erlegh Drive, most of which still exists today, complete with sections of Victorian fencing and the Lodge.

When millionaire Solomon Joel died on 22nd May 1931, the final chapter in the large estate of Maiden Erlegh was near to completion. His death and the subsequent dividing up of the 750-acre estate marked the start of the building of the town we know today. However, it was not until the Manor was demolished in 1960 that the real growth of the parish started; the area, including around Silverdale Road to Lakeside, being of this era.

After his death in 1931, the luxurious contents of the Mansion were sold at auction. The Mansion itself became Maiden Erlegh School for Boys which flourished until 1942. In 1945 the building was sold on to the Church Army, which used it as a Training College until 1952. ICI then bought the Manor and used it as a Conference Centre and offices until 1954, when Cooper Estates Limited purchased the site. Hungarian refugees were housed there, following the Soviet invasion of their country in 1956. They were its last residents – the bulldozers starting their destruction in March 1960.

### **Maiden Erlegh Estate and Manor**

Maiden Erlegh was formed out of the Manor of Erlegh St Nicholas, as a gift of land by John de Erlegh to Robert de Erlegh in 1362. Later it was transferred to a Charles Hide of

**Earley Station**



Abingdon. In 1673 the estate was sold to Valentine Crome, and it then passed through several hands and at the end of the 18th Century it belonged to William Matthew Birt who was Governor General of the Leeward Islands.

In 1818 the property passed to the Rt. Hon Edward Golding, MP for Downton, Wiltshire. The Manor was purchased by John Hargreaves in 1878, Master of the South Berks Hunt, who founded a course where hunt and yeomanry races, similar to the modern hunter chases were run. The course extended over an area now covered by Hillside Road, Sutcliffe Avenue and Mill Lane. The grandstand stood on an area which is to the back of the houses in Hillside Road, opposite Loddon Junior School. Solly Joel continued to allow racing until the First World War, when the Maiden Erlegh Racecourse was demolished, the grandstand being re-erected at Newbury racecourse.

### **Maiden Erlegh Park**

In response to the demands of local residents, Cooper Estates agreed to sell Maiden Erlegh Lake and the surrounding woodland to Earley Parish Council in return for being allowed to build on another greenfield site. As it was realised the purchase would lead to an increase in the rates, the Council held a public meeting and a referendum. With the backing of the people of Earley, the Council purchased the site for £8,500 in 1965. More recently Old Lane Wood, at the rear of Sellafeld Way, was acquired from the then Wokingham District Council, giving the Park a total area of some

24 acres. The woodlands within the Park are of great historical and ecological importance, with Oak wood dating from at least the 16th Century and containing some 18 indicator species associated with old woodlands. Charcoal and pollen deposits from sediment indicate that the Lake area was once wet woodland, almost certainly created by building a dam, flooding the valley bottom. This practice was commonplace from the Middle Ages to the 18th Century to create fish ponds, to provide ice and a landscape feature.

### **From Hamlet to Town**

The population of Earley stands today at just over 33,000 in contrast to the Herlei of 1086 where the Great Survey records a population of 21 people, although it is thought likely a truer figure would be around 100. The population remained fairly constant during this period up until the time of the Black Death in 1348, which it is estimated would have reduced the population by more than half. The tax records for the 17th Century reveal only some 17 persons paying tax and thus the population seems to have remained low. In 1841 the population stood at 471 and this had grown by 1931 to 847 and to over 5,000 by 1948, because of a housing boom prior to the Second World War. The increased size of population in the 19th Century led to the Church of England making Earley a Parish in its own right, rather than being part of the old Parish of Sonning. Earley St Peter's Church was consecrated in 1844. The boundaries of Earley have changed considerably over the years as the population has increased. In the 1890's the Corporation of Reading expanded its boundary to include the area between Cemetery Junction and Church Road, whilst in the 1920's the boundaries were adjusted between Shinfield and Woodley.

The railway came to the Parish in 1863 when the London and South Western Railway opened Earley Station. The Great Western Railway had passed to the north of the village near Shepherds Hill, part of the infamous Sonning Cutting which claimed many workers' lives.

### **Local Government in Earley**

Although Earley has been a civil parish since the middle of the last century, perhaps the really significant date in local government terms has been quite recent, when in 1974, there was extensive reorganisation of local government in Britain. Primarily, principal authorities were affected and the previous Wokingham Rural District Council became Wokingham District Council. At the same time, the Town Council as we know it today was formed. Little is known of the early years of the predecessor Parish Council. Parish Clerks worked from their homes and although records were kept in the parish chest, its continual movement from home to home led to its eventual loss. In those early years the Town Council was organised on a much smaller scale than the present day. There was no Council Office as such and indeed the Council's records, such as they were, were kept at an address in All Hallows Road, Caversham.

One particularly interesting feature of the first Council meeting in 1976 was that the newly elected Councillor, Adrian Paddick, attending his first meeting and in the absence of anyone else willing to accept the post, was thrust into the role of Chairman of Council. He was to continue in this role for some years, and by the time of his death in 1997, had become the elder statesman of the Town Council, highly respected by his colleagues and by the local

**Erleigh Court**





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Mays Lane, early 20thC

residents for his wisdom and calming effect on proceedings.

At the time of its formation the Town Council looked after an area with some 12,000 inhabitants. At this stage, the development of Lower Earley had yet to commence. Early meetings of the newly formed Earley Town Council were held in St Peter's Church Hall on Church Road. In 1978, the Town Council struck a deal with Maiden Erlegh School, and began to hold meetings in the staff dining room and set up an office in a converted storeroom. The Council took on its first full time Town Clerk in January 1979 when Mr Leslie Norton became Clerk to the Council.

Despite its comparatively small size, the Town Council responded positively to the challenges with which it was being faced with the impending Lower Earley development. The Radstock Lane Community Centre was opened in 1983 and included a small suite of offices which became the Council's administrative home until its final move to Radstock House, on the opposite side of the road, in 1987. 1986 saw the building of the Maiden Place Community Centre by Pye Development. Initially it included a small room plus in 1987 it was decided to add a main hall, bar and upstairs room. The improvements were completed around 1989.

The two Community Centres proved to be much needed facilities. With over 6,000 houses being built on the Lower Earley development and a population expansion from c.11,000 in 1974 to some 28,500 in 1990 and an estimate in excess of 32,500 in 2002, the new facilities were essential additions to the Town's infra-

structure. There was also significant activity by the Town Council during this period to try to improve facilities at Maiden Erlegh Reserve.

At the same time, the structure of the Council was gradually changing to meet the new demands. In the days of the Parish Council and immediately after 1974, the Town Council had members who were not politically labelled. Gradually their numbers had dwindled and by the mid-1980s, all elected representatives were members of one of the three main political parties.

The 1998 Local Government re-organisation significantly affected Earley in that the first tier authority, Berkshire County Council, became defunct as a new system of Unitary Authorities, based on the areas of the old district councils, was put into place. The changes themselves had little impact on the Town Council's work, but local government in this area has only two tiers instead of three as previously.

As the responsibilities of the Town Council increased, so the respective roles of councillors and their staff similarly changed. Mr Leslie Norton had steered the Town Council through the difficult period during the development of Lower Earley. By the time of his retirement in 1991, the Town Council recognised the need for improved administrative systems to consolidate its earlier achievements.

Leslie Norton was succeeded as Town Clerk by Mr Richard Raymond who moved here from his previous post with a large Borough Council in Essex. He retired in 2003, to be replaced by Mr Philip Truppin, who had served as Clerk to two Local Councils in Hertfordshire previously.

The Town Council is re-elected every four years and has an efficient administrative structure in place with the capability to deal with all additional facilities now provided by the Council and to meet the increasing demands of Central Government. For many functions, Town Councils of the size of Earley, Woodley and Wokingham are now regarded as principal authorities, and have to bear the cost and responsibility of the greater Central Government scrutiny now required. It has been during this period that the role of the Town Council as it is today has evolved.

That the various improvements mentioned in this Guide have been attained and also that many other innovations achieved gives some indication as to the extent of the efforts of both councillors and staff in the relatively short life of Earley Town Council since 1974, all of which was achieved without leaving any current debt.

In 2006 the Council resolved that, henceforth, its Chairman would have the title of Town Mayor, adding status to its civic presence and representative profile in the community.

## A list of Chairmen and Mayors of Earley Town Council to date is set out below:

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### MAYORS

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