

The Market Place through the years



The Market Place in the early 1880s, before Wadworth's brewery was built

The Market Place in early photographs looks wide and spacious, without cars, kerbstones and signs. It is an interesting fact that the fountain in most old photographs is shown not working so it may be that it has had long standing problems. It has seen numerous repairs over the years. In 1962, it was decided to demolish it rather than justify the cost of repairs. Luckily, an anonymous benefactor came along just in time with a donation of £2,000 and the fountain lived to see another day.



A quiet morning in the Market Place in the 1880s

The driver of this GWK motorcar found parking in the Market Place a simple matter in the early 1920s



A startling new use for the fountain! Elephants from a visiting circus stop for a drink in the 1880s



Eagles feature on the Sotheron Estcourt's family crest, hence their appearance on the fountain

