

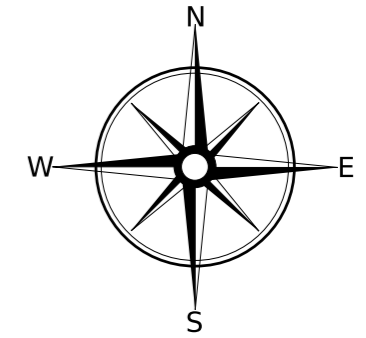
The **Basingstoke Canal** was built to link the River Wey to Basingstoke. Construction began in 1788 and was completed in 1794. William Jessop was the Surveyor and Consultant Engineer. John Pinkerton was awarded the contract to build the canal. The main cargo carried was timber.



Odiham Castle

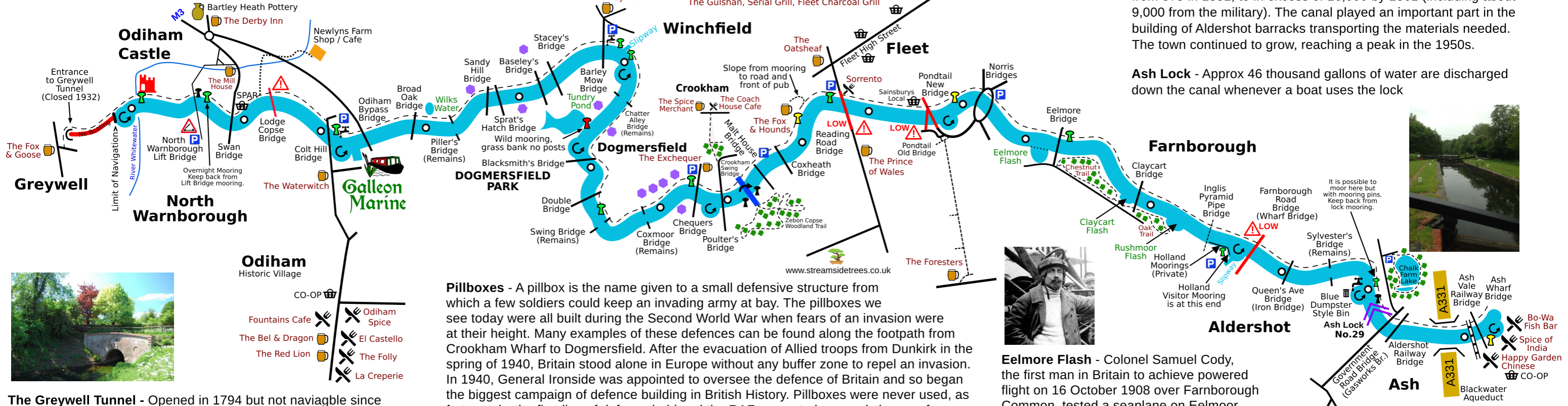
Known locally as 'King John's Castle' is a ruined castle situated near Odiham. It is one of only three fortresses built by King John during his reign. The castle, which took seven years to complete, had a two-storey stone 'keep' and a square moat. There were also raised banking and palisades. The stronghold also had a 'domus regis' or 'king's house'. Scrolls held by the Public Record Office show that total expenditure between 1207 and 1214, when work ceased, amounted to £1,000 (around £12m today).

The earliest mention of **Dogmersfield** is in 1086 when it is recorded as a manor in the Domesday Book. In the early 12th Century it was granted to the Bishop of Bath and Wells and held by him until the 16th Century, during which period the Bishop was granted a license to impark Dogmersfield for deer. Henry VI often stayed there, and it was where Catherine of Aragon met Henry VII and her future husband Prince Arthur. Within the deer park was sited the now lost village of Dogmersfield. There are also early 13th Century records of fishponds of which Tundry Pond may be a much altered remnant. The lack of evidence of earlier buildings suggests the current house sits directly on the site of the original bishops palace. Now a luxury hotel providing recreational activities such as horse riding and shooting, showing a continuity of use with the medieval house and park.



In 1854, at the time of the Crimean War, **Aldershot Garrison** was established as the first permanent training camp for the British Army. This led to a rapid expansion of Aldershot's population which went from 875 in 1851, to in excess of 16,000 by 1861 (including about 9,000 from the military). The canal played an important part in the building of Aldershot barracks transporting the materials needed. The town continued to grow, reaching a peak in the 1950s.

Ash Lock - Approx 46 thousand gallons of water are discharged down the canal whenever a boat uses the lock



The Greywell Tunnel - Opened in 1794 but not navigable since 1932 when part of the roof collapsed. Now it is the largest bat roost in the UK and is a World Wildlife Heritage Site, home to over 12,500 bats from 5 species.

Pillboxes - A pillbox is the name given to a small defensive structure from which a few soldiers could keep an invading army at bay. The pillboxes we see today were all built during the Second World War when fears of an invasion were at their height. Many examples of these defences can be found along the footpath from Crookham Wharf to Dogmersfield. After the evacuation of Allied troops from Dunkirk in the spring of 1940, Britain stood alone in Europe without any buffer zone to repel an invasion. In 1940, General Ironside was appointed to oversee the defence of Britain and so began the biggest campaign of defence building in British History. Pillboxes were never used, as fortunately, the first line of defence held and the RAF prevented any real chance of a German invasion after being successful in the 'Battle of Britain'. More information can be found in a book by Tim Denton called 'Wartime Defences on the Basingstoke Canal' and www.pillbox-study-group.org.uk



Eelmore Flash - Colonel Samuel Cody, the first man in Britain to achieve powered flight on 16 October 1908 over Farnborough Common, tested a seaplane on Eelmore Flash in 1913 it was also the year of his death in a flying accident on Ball Hill, just southwest of Newbury, on 7th August 1913, he was aged 46.

Odiham is a picturesque market town in North Hampshire, not far from Basingstoke. As a royal manor it was the first entry in the Hampshire Domesday book. Odiham became a market town in the Middle Ages and some medieval timber-framed houses still remain, such as Monk's Cottage, dating from around 1300. Just off the High Street in the Bury, the striking 13th century church of All Saints sits on the site of an earlier Saxon church. Nearby is the fascinating Pest House and the Bridewell which was a former house of correction. The 'Odiham Embroidery' hangs in Odiham Library. The embroidery, designed by Odiham-based artist Mary Turner commemorates the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta. King John is believed to have set out from Odiham Castle to Runnymede to seal the Magna Carta, which is why Odiham plays a key part in this phase of history. Odiham architecture is a mixture of both quaint and grand listed buildings. The historic High Street offers a good selection of shops and a diverse and extensive range of restaurants, coffee shops and public houses.

<p>The Fox & Goose, The St, Greywell RG29 1BY Tel: 01256 702062 Monday CLOSED Other Days 12pm-8pm Sunday 12-8pm www.foxandgoosehampshire.co.uk * No evening food on Sunday</p>	<p>The Derby Inn Bartley Heath, North Warnborough, Hook RG29 1HD Tel: 01256 279022 Other days 12pm-10pm Sunday 12pm-9pm www.thederbyinn.co.uk</p>	<p>Bel & The Dragon at the George Hotel, 100 High St, Odiham, Hook RG29 1LP Tel: 01256 702696 Sunday 12pm-8pm Other days 12pm-3pm & 6pm-9:30pm https://belandthedragon-odiham.co.uk</p>	<p>The Waterwitch, Colt Hill, Odiham, Hook RG29 1AL Tel: 01256 702778 Weekdays 11:30am-9pm Weekends 9:30am-9pm www.chefandbrewer.com/pub</p>	<p>Fox & Hounds, 71 Crookham Rd, Church Crookham GU51 5NP Tel: 01252 663686 Open 12am-11pm www.foxandhoundschurchcrookham.co.uk</p>	<p>The Oat Sheaf, 2 Crookham Rd, Fleet GU51 5DR Tel: 01252 819508 Other days 11am-11pm Sunday 11am-10:30pm www.theoatsheaf.co.uk</p>
<p>The Mill House, Hook Rd, Odiham North Warnborough RG29 1ET Tel: 01256 702953 Other days 11am-11pm Sunday 12-10:30pm www.brunningandprice.co.uk/millhouse</p>	<p>The Prince of Wales, 77 Reading Rd Sth, Fleet, Hants GU52 7SY Tel: 01252 614284 All days 11am-11pm www.greeneking-pubs.co.uk/pubs/hampshire/prince-of-wales</p>	<p>The Red Lion, 102 High St, Odiham, RG29 1LP Tel: 01256 701145 Fri & Sat 12pm-9pm Sunday 12pm-8pm Other days 12-2:30pm & 5:30-9pm www.redlionodiham.co.uk</p>	<p>The Barley Mow, The Hurst, Winchfield, RG27 8DE Tel: 01252 617490 www.barley-mow.com Monday & Tuesday CLOSED Weds - Saturday: 12pm - 2pm and 6pm - 8pm Sunday: 12pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>The Exchequer, Crondall Rd, Crookham Village GU51 5SU Tel: 01252 615336 Saturday 12pm-9pm Sunday 12-8pm Other days 12:00am-2:30pm, 5:30pm-9pm www.exchequercrookham.co.uk</p>	<p>The Foresters, Aldershot Road, Church Crookham, Fleet, GU52 9EP Tel: 01252 616503 Mon - Sat 12pm - 9pm Sundays 12pm - 8pm www.forestersatchurchcrookham.co.uk</p>

Map Symbols / Key

- Lock
- Winding Hole
- Swing Bridge
- Pubs - Restaurants
- Transit Mooring point
- Wheelchair Accessible Mooring point
- Wheelchair Accessible Mooring point with Caution
- Mooring point NOT Wheelchair Accessible
- Water Point
- Low Bridge
- WW2 Pillbox
- 1 Mile Marker (30 min)
- Car Park
- Shops
- Rubbish Disposal
- Lift Bridge
- Towpath / Footpath