

# The History of Salisbury as told by its Plaques

Walk around our beautiful city, and see how many of the plaques you can find, and learn some of the history of Salisbury. Various citizens and bodies of Salisbury have seen fit over the years to record events, people, visits etc. which mattered to them. What constitutes a plaque has been liberally interpreted as a textual memorial. Can you spot the wooden plaque at first floor level on the building here, on the corner of Silver Street and Minster Street?



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Salisbury Civic Society's Plaque website [www.SalisburyPlaques.org](http://www.SalisburyPlaques.org) gives access to additional information on the city's plaques with exact details of where they can be found.

## How to use this leaflet.

This leaflet contains a **plaque map** (page 8) and a **date table**. Plan a route and use the date table to tick off the plaques you discover using the box ☐ at the end of each date line. Note that many plaques have more than one date on them and thus appear multiple times in the date table so check each date on the plaque you find. Maybe you think you know Salisbury's plaques already. Tick off the ones you know and go and find the ones you've never noticed before.

You will have to look carefully to find all the plaques. For example one set of text is on the top (roof?) of the Market Place Guildhall. It can be seen by looking up towards the Guildhall from the market place war memorial. The text has been renewed in gold not many years ago but you will probably still need binoculars or a good camera to be able to read the text clearly. Some plaques are inside buildings. The Market Place Guildhall has some magnificent plaques inside including the one commemorating Princess Diana's visit. The Military Museum in the Cathedral Close has a number of plaques on the wall of its memorial garden grounds. These can usually only be accessed by visiting the Military Museum. The plaque to John Halle is just inside the cinema in New Canal. This can be viewed without payment if the cinema is open. The plaque on the Poultry Cross is to be found well camouflaged on the central support.

### Salisbury History via Plaques in a "Date Table"

DATE		Plaque No	
<b>Start of the 13th century</b>			
1225	Franciscan Friars establish a Religious House in Salisbury	79	<input type="checkbox"/>
1227	The granting of the first charter to the City of New Sarum	78	<input type="checkbox"/>
1268	The founding of the College of St. Edmund in Bourne Hill	78	<input type="checkbox"/>
1280	The Red Lion becomes a hostel for draughtsmen building the Cathedral	80	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Start of the 14th century</b>			
1320	The Red Lion ceases being a hostel for draughtsmen building the Cathedral	80	<input type="checkbox"/>
1331	King Edward III grants use of Old Sarum Stone for Cathedral walls and Tower	85	<input type="checkbox"/>
1335	The Poultry Cross is constructed	14	<input type="checkbox"/>
1378	Castle Street gate erected to form part of City fortifications	55	<input type="checkbox"/>
1378	The first mention of the George inn	11	<input type="checkbox"/>
1393	Richard II and Queen Ann feasted the Franciscan Friars Minor	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Start of the 15th century</b>			
1400	A house in Ivy Street is bequeathed to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral	84	<input type="checkbox"/>
1414	The City Corporation buys The George Inn	11	<input type="checkbox"/>
1470	John Halle, wool merchant and mayor, starts building his house	13	<input type="checkbox"/>
1483	Henry Duke of Buckingham executed	31	<input type="checkbox"/>
1483	Hall of John Halle, wool merchant & mayor, is completed after his death (1479)	13	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Start of the 16th century</b>			
1519	Thomas Brickett founds hospital for 6 poor widows	86	<input type="checkbox"/>
1538	Franciscan Friars are dissolved by Henry VIII	79	<input type="checkbox"/>
1546	The closure of the College of St. Edmund in Bourne Hill	78	<input type="checkbox"/>
1556	Three Protestant martyrs burned at the stake in the Cathedral Close	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
1558	The Queen's Arms Inn is licensed and Queen Elizabeth I is proclaimed queen	84	<input type="checkbox"/>
1569	County Gaol erected next to the river Avon	15	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Start of the 17th century</b>			
1627	The plague causes many to flee the city	77	<input type="checkbox"/>
1638	Philip Crewe leaves a room in the Crispin Inn for the Shoemakers Guild Hall	44	<input type="checkbox"/>
1660	Charles II is restored to the throne	65	<input type="checkbox"/>
1668	Samuel Pepys stayed at The George Inn on the High Street	11	<input type="checkbox"/>
























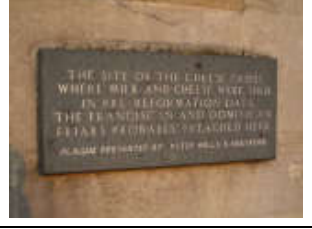
1682	The College of Matrons formed	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
1698	Thomas Taylor endows some alms houses in Bedwin Street	89	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Start of the 18th century</b>			
17--	A fast stage coach leaves the Black Horse Inn twice a week for London	69	<input type="checkbox"/>
1727	Benjamin Banks, violin maker, is born	76	<input type="checkbox"/>
1748	Weaver's Guildhall provided by Joseph Everett opens	42	<input type="checkbox"/>
1749	The sundial made which tells the month and day as well as the time	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
1750	Mr Edward Frowd builds and endows some alms houses	47	<input type="checkbox"/>
1751	William Hussey elected as a Member of Parliament for Salisbury	73	<input type="checkbox"/>
1752	The reformation of the calendar takes place	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
1756	The Milford Street Inn was called The Red Lion and Cross Keys	80	<input type="checkbox"/>
1758	William Hussey's last year as a Member of Parliament for Salisbury	73	<input type="checkbox"/>
1759	Revd John Wesley MA erects the first preaching house	91	<input type="checkbox"/>
1780	The Tudor House in the market place is damaged by fire	19	<input type="checkbox"/>
1780	Thomas Brickett's hospital for 6 widows, rebuilt via voluntary contributions	86	<input type="checkbox"/>
1788	Castle Street Gate and West Buttress removed	55	<input type="checkbox"/>
1794	Salisbury Guildhall erected by Jacob Earl of Radnor, the Recorder	22	<input type="checkbox"/>
1794	Hussey's Almshouses founded	57	<input type="checkbox"/>
1795	The 2nd Earl of Radnor presents the market place Guildhall to the City	19	<input type="checkbox"/>
1795	Benjamin Banks, violin maker, dies	76	<input type="checkbox"/>
1797	Mrs Sarah Hayter endows alms houses in Fisherton Street	36	<input type="checkbox"/>
1797	Edward Baker leaves a legacy to the Trinity Hospital Trustees to pay to its poor	64	<input type="checkbox"/>
1799	Mr William Moulton leaves £500 towards the support of Trinity Hospital	64	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Start of the 19th century</b>			
1802	Salisbury Assembly Rooms open at 7 High Street	83	<input type="checkbox"/>
1806	Isambard Kingdom Brunel, a great engineer, is born	45	<input type="checkbox"/>
1811	Premises provided for St Martin's Church of England School	87	<input type="checkbox"/>
1812	A.W.N. Pugin, a Gothic Revivalist, is born	74	<input type="checkbox"/>
1823	The County Gaol next to the river Avon is demolished	15	<input type="checkbox"/>
1824	Henry Hatcher starts his school in Endless Street	51	<input type="checkbox"/>
1833	Henry Fawcett born	26	<input type="checkbox"/>
1834	John Halle's house restored by A.W.Pugin	13	<input type="checkbox"/>
1835	A.W.N. Pugin converts to Roman Catholicism	74	<input type="checkbox"/>
1835	The River Avon is no longer the City boundary	15	<input type="checkbox"/>
1838	First National Bandmaster for The Salvation Army, Charles William Fry, born	43	<input type="checkbox"/>
1841	The college of Sarum St Michael was founded	67	<input type="checkbox"/>
1846	The sudden death of Henry Hatcher aged 70 and closure of his school	51	<input type="checkbox"/>
1847	A.W.N. Pugin designs St Osmund's Church	74	<input type="checkbox"/>
1852	A.W.N. Pugin, a Gothic Revivalist, dies	74	<input type="checkbox"/>
1853	The low wall enclosing the Poultry cross, is removed	14	<input type="checkbox"/>
1856	Isambard Kingdom Brunel designs Salisbury's Great Western Railway station	45	<input type="checkbox"/>
1857	Scamell's railway bridge made by Joseph Butler & Co. of Stanningley, Leeds	60	<input type="checkbox"/>
1859	Isambard Kingdom Brunel, a great engineer, dies	45	<input type="checkbox"/>
1859	Salisbury old prison constructed	59	<input type="checkbox"/>
1863	City Corporation's George Inn's ownership and license lapses	11	<input type="checkbox"/>
1870	Foundation stones of the Old George Brewery in Rolleston Street are laid	35	<input type="checkbox"/>
1873	St Edmund's House erected on the site of "The Vine Inn"	49	<input type="checkbox"/>
1875	Hussey's Almshouses rebuilt	54	<input type="checkbox"/>
1878	Fisherton Street Congregational Church memorial stone laid	20	<input type="checkbox"/>

1880	Henry Fawcett appointed Postmaster General	26	....
1882	First National Bandmaster for The Salvation Army, Charles William Fry, died	43	....
1883	Henry Fawcett introduces the Parcel Post in the UK	26	....
1884	Henry Fawcett dies	26	....
1886	Municipal Charities trustees under W M Fawcett rebuilds alms houses	48	....
1892	Dr Roberts builds a clock tower on top of the old city gaol	90	....
1893	Bishop Wordsworth lays chapel foundation stone to honour C. Pleydell-Bouverie	88	....
1896	Miss Lonsdale lays one of the foundation stones of The Chapel, Milford Street	81	....
1896	Mrs J Warren lays one of the foundation stones of The Chapel, Milford Street	82	....
1898	Former railway bridge put over the river Avon as road bridge by T. Scamell	61	....
<b>Start of the 20th century</b>			
1904	Charles John Woodrow lays the foundation of the former Public Library....	39	....
1906	Castle Street Gate East Buttress removed	55	....
1908	Ancient stonework from Castle Street Gate is re-erected	55	....
1913	The Young Gallery was built and presented by Edwin Young	38	....
1914	Start of The Great War deaths	25	....
1919	End of The Great War deaths	25	....
1927	Joseph Powney bequeaths a grand building to ????	18	....
1927	W.H.Yeatman-Biggs Esq. J.P. lays a new St Edmund's House foundation stone	50	....
1927	The Corporation of the City of New Sarum buys a house off Bourne Hill	78	....
1927	The 700th anniversary of granting the 1st charter to the City of New Sarum	78	....
1929	Fisherton Working Men's Club and Institute's new building opens	53	....
1930	St Martin's School rebuilt through munificence of the Rev: Canon Myers. M.A.	87	....
1935	Councillor Mrs. Beryl Mary Jay was born	52	....
1935	Salisbury old fire station is opened in Salt Lane	41	....
1945	William Golding, novelist, starts teaching at Bishop Wordsworth's School	2	....
1953	Salisbury and Wilton Rural District Council start meeting at 26 Endless Street	46	....
1953	Former Arts Theatre and Playhouse opens in Fisherton Street	33	....
1960	Salisbury Assembly Rooms closes at 7 High Street	83	....
1961	Fisherton Bridge was reconstructed by Reed & Mallik	17	....
1962	William Golding, novelist, finishes teaching at Bishop Wordsworth's School	2	....
1967	The George Inn is converted to form the entrance to The George Mall precinct	11	....
1968	Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich first release "The Legend of Xanadu"	75	....
1973	The commencement of the construction of the new Salisbury public library	29	....
1974	Last meeting of Salisbury & Wilton Rural District Council at 26 Endless Street	46	....
1975	Right honourable Lord Margadale of Islay T.D. opens the new Public Library	30	....
1976	Former Arts Theatre and Playhouse in Fisherton Street, is demolished	33	....
1977	The Salisbury Library clock is presented by the Salisbury Rotary club	28	....
1978	The college of Sarum St Michael was closed	67	....
1978	Fisherton Street Church re-opens after internal reconstruction	21	....
1981	An extension to the College of Matrons is opened	6	....
1982	Tercentenary of the opening of the College of Matrons	6	....
1989	Restoration and extension of the former library by Brewer, Smith & Brewer	40	....
1991	Princess Diana visits Salisbury Guildhall	23	....
1991	Completion of restoration work on the Old George Brewery, Rollestone Street	34	....
<b>Start of the 21st century</b>			
2000	Burial of Salisbury's time capsule	24	....
2000	Michael Fish, BBC weatherman, plants an oak tree in the Council Grounds	56	....
2002	Councillor Mrs. Beryl Mary Jay dies	52	....



## Plaque miniatures

A miniature photograph of each of the 80 plaques referenced in this leaflet can be found on this and the next few pages. There are 119 dates on these plaques and thus 119 boxes to tick in the Date Table. Eleven plaque numbers are not used here; namely 09,10,12,32,58,63,66,68,70,71 and 72.

			
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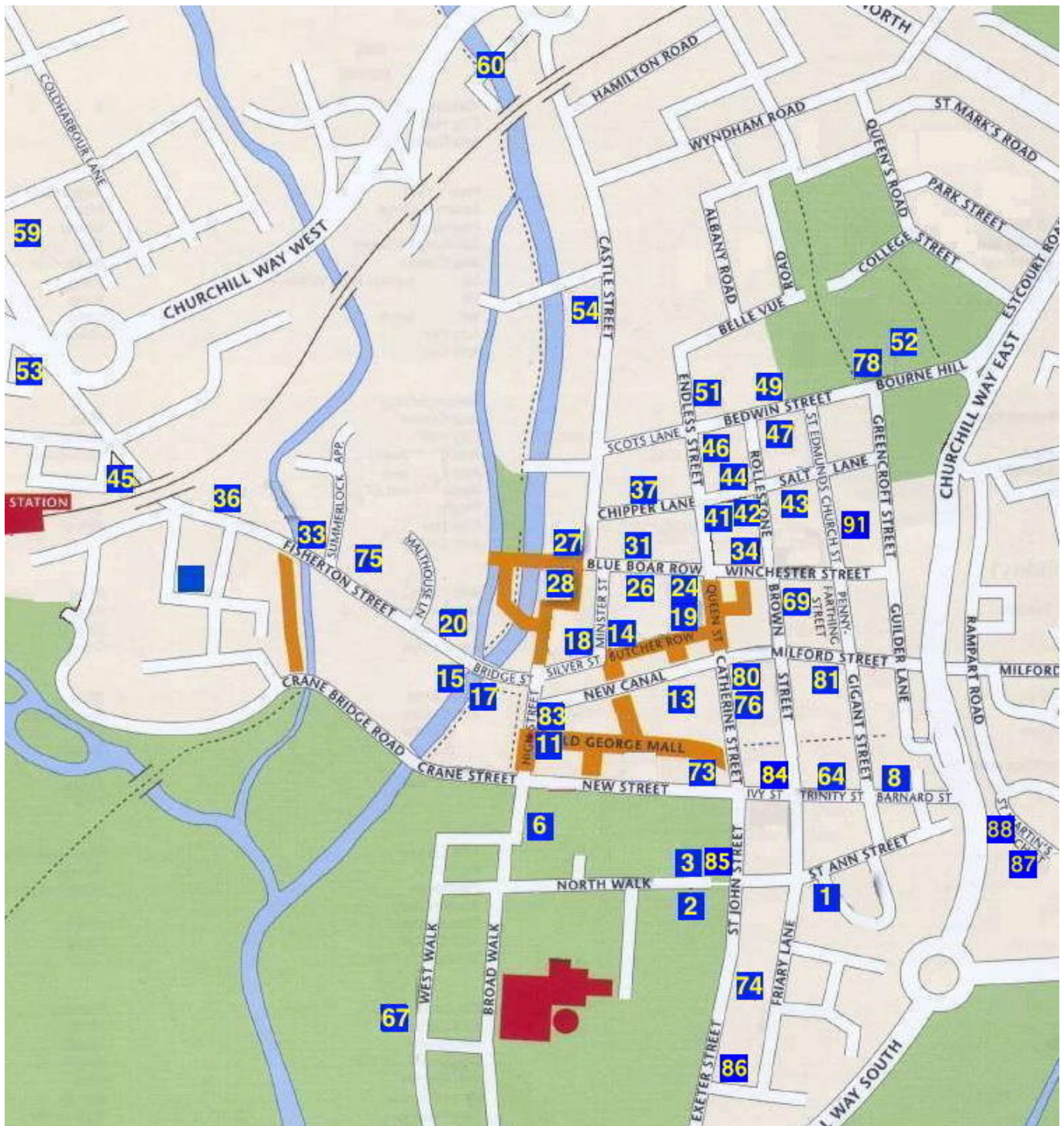
			
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## Plaque map



There are blue squares on this map showing the plaque number in yellow that can be found at this location. However there are a number of locations where there are a number of plaques close together but only one blue square with one plaque number on this map. The other plaque numbers that can be found at this site are given below.

1,79	3,4,5	6,7	15,16,90	19,22,23,77	20,21	24,25	27,29,30	34,35
37,38,39,40	47,48,89	49,50	52,56	54,55,57	60,61,62	64,65	81,82	

For example; plaque 79 can be found near plaque 1.

plaques 4 and 5 can be found near plaque 3.

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