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Heading: Wokingham's Very Own Old Market Ale

When: Heritage Day - 14th September 2019

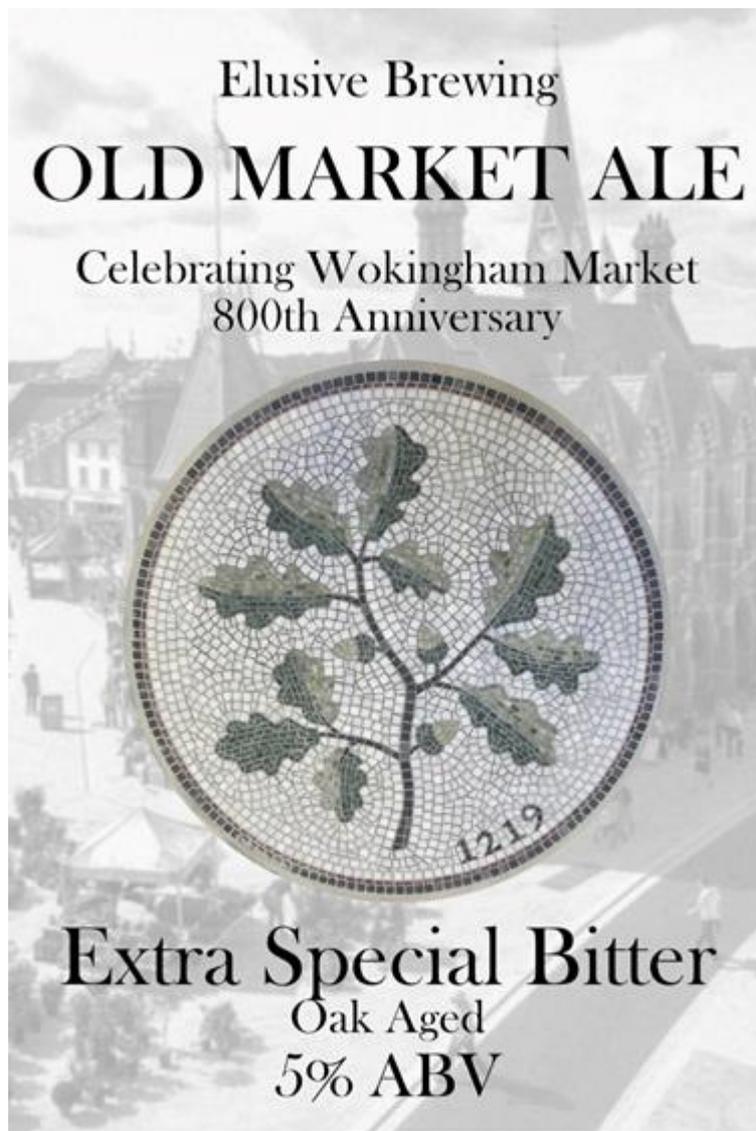
Where: Wokingham Town Hall, Market Place and Howard Palmer Gardens

What:

For those of you who relish a good pint there is a wonderful opportunity for you to taste something rather special this autumn when an exclusive 'Old Market Ale' is released to celebrate 800 years of Wokingham's Market Charter.

To support the celebrations we are working with Andy Parker, owner of Elusive Brewing in Finchampstead, to create a special beer to be available for Heritage Day. There will be cask and bottled versions available in the market, and at one or more Wokingham pubs and bars.

Look out for this label at the handpump and on the bottles.



The centre piece of the brand is an image of the mosaic celebrating the anniversary, which is embedded in the paving outside the Town Hall. This mosaic is part of a series that you can see around the town centre marking significant historical events or places within the town.

This new local limited edition beer will be brewed using some heritage malts that have been in existence for hundreds of years and the beer will be oak aged acknowledging our "Oakingham" heritage.

Join us at the Medieval Market on 14th September, make sure you taste our very own ale, either bottled on the market or draught at The Crispin, the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) Berkshire South East Branch Pub of the Year 2019. Be sure to pick up some bottles for family and friends.

Quotes:

Angie Evans landlady at The Crispin said "Having been born and bred in Wokingham, and my husband Aid moving here when he was eight, we are absolutely delighted to be involved in the celebrations".

Kevin Lenton, chairman of the local CAMRA branch commented "I am looking forward to an Extra Special Bitter for an extra special place, Wokingham".

About WTC

Vision: To encourage the life and vibrancy of Wokingham Town for its existing and future residents and businesses.

Wokingham Town Council comprises twenty-five councillors who represent the four wards of the town: Emmbrook, Evendons, Norreys and Wescott.

The Town Councillors are elected every four years. Each year the Council elects one of their members to be the Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council.

The Council delegates much of its business to the following committees:

- **Amenities:** Responsible for the Council's facilities such as parks, allotments, buildings, markets, and playgrounds
- **Arts & Culture:** Encourages, supports and, in conjunction with other organisations, delivers artistic and cultural events to users of the town centre.
- **Civic Advisory:** Makes decisions on matters relating to the Mayor's Civic involvement with the Town Council. These include Civic Events such as Civic Awards, Mayoral Town Twinning visits and the honorary staff members.

- Finance & Personnel: Controls the finances and general administration of the Council. This committee also administers the allocation of grants to local charities and community projects.
- Planning & Transportation: This committee acts as a consultative body on Planning Applications, Development Proposals and Transport issues.

The Full Council meets at least five times a year. Council meetings are open to the public. The agendas and minutes can be found on the Town Council's web site at www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk.

For general information please telephone the Town Council on 0118 978 3185.

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