

Top 10 Fun Facts about your Town

1. The first ever film studios in the country were in Hepworth Way
2. The first ever recorded game of baseball was played in Ashley Park, Walton
3. Julie Andrews was born and raised here
4. The first ever Aston Martin garage was opened here, and is still open today
5. Edward 'Lumpy' Stevens, a Walton man, changed the rules of cricket to include a third central stump due to his unbelievably accurate bowling
6. We've had 7 bridges over the river, and now have the newest Thames bridge
7. Emperor Caesar was reputed to have crossed the Thames at Cowey Sale, Walton
8. Walton had the New Zealand hospital during World War I. We still celebrate Anzac Day today
9. US President Herbert Hoover once lived here
10. Jerome Kern - who wrote Ol Man River - married the daughter of the Swan Pub landlord in 1920

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Enjoy an historical stroll around Walton-on-Thames and spot highlights such as the holiday home of Tsar & Tsarsina of Russia, the site of the New Zealand hospital during the war, and houses where some very famous people lived, including a former American President!



KEY TO MAP

- 1) Walton Playhouse - site of Hepworth Film Studios, first film studios in Britain
- 2) Home of Cecil Milton Hepworth, a founder of the British film industry
- 3) Aston Martin Garage - site of first Aston Martin Garage in the county
- 4) Riverhouse Barn - manorial barn dated 1721, now an arts centre
- 5) River House - Composer Sir Arthur Sullivan's home and gardens
- 6) Manor House - Grade I listed building & plaque
- 7) Mount Felix World War I New Zealand Hospital, plus commemorative plaque
- 8) St Mary's Church - with an amazing Norman bell tower
- 9) Walton Bridge - 6th bridge on the site, and newest across the Thames
- 10) The Regent - once one of three cinemas in Walton
- 11) Flt Sgt Charles Sydney Memorial Plaque commemorating his Spitfire crash
- 12) Bird's Eye Building - Grade II listed building due to it's classic 60's architecture and filming location for TV series Homeland
- 13) Ireton's House - General Ireton married one of Oliver Cromwell's daughters
- 14) Cowey Sale - reputed site of Caesar's crossing of the Thames in 54BC
- 15) Julie Andrews - born and grew up in Walton-on-Thames
- 16) Thames Cottage - the Grade II listed old ferryman's cottage
- 17) Ashley Park - site of filming the TV series The Adventures of Robin Hood in the 1950's & site of the birthplace of baseball
- 18) Admiral Rodney and the house where he was born in 1718.
- 19) American President Herbert Hoover lived in 'The White House', built in 1768
- 20) Swan Hotel - American composer Jerome Kern (Ole Man River) married the owner's daughter Eva Leale in the 1930's!
- 21) Elm Grove House - holiday home of last Tsar of Russia and his family
- 22) Walton War memorial
- 23) Walton Cricket Club - Where 'Lumpy' Stevens introduced the third middle stump to cricket
- 24) The River Thames - site of the Walton & Weybridge Regatta, held every May since 1862

