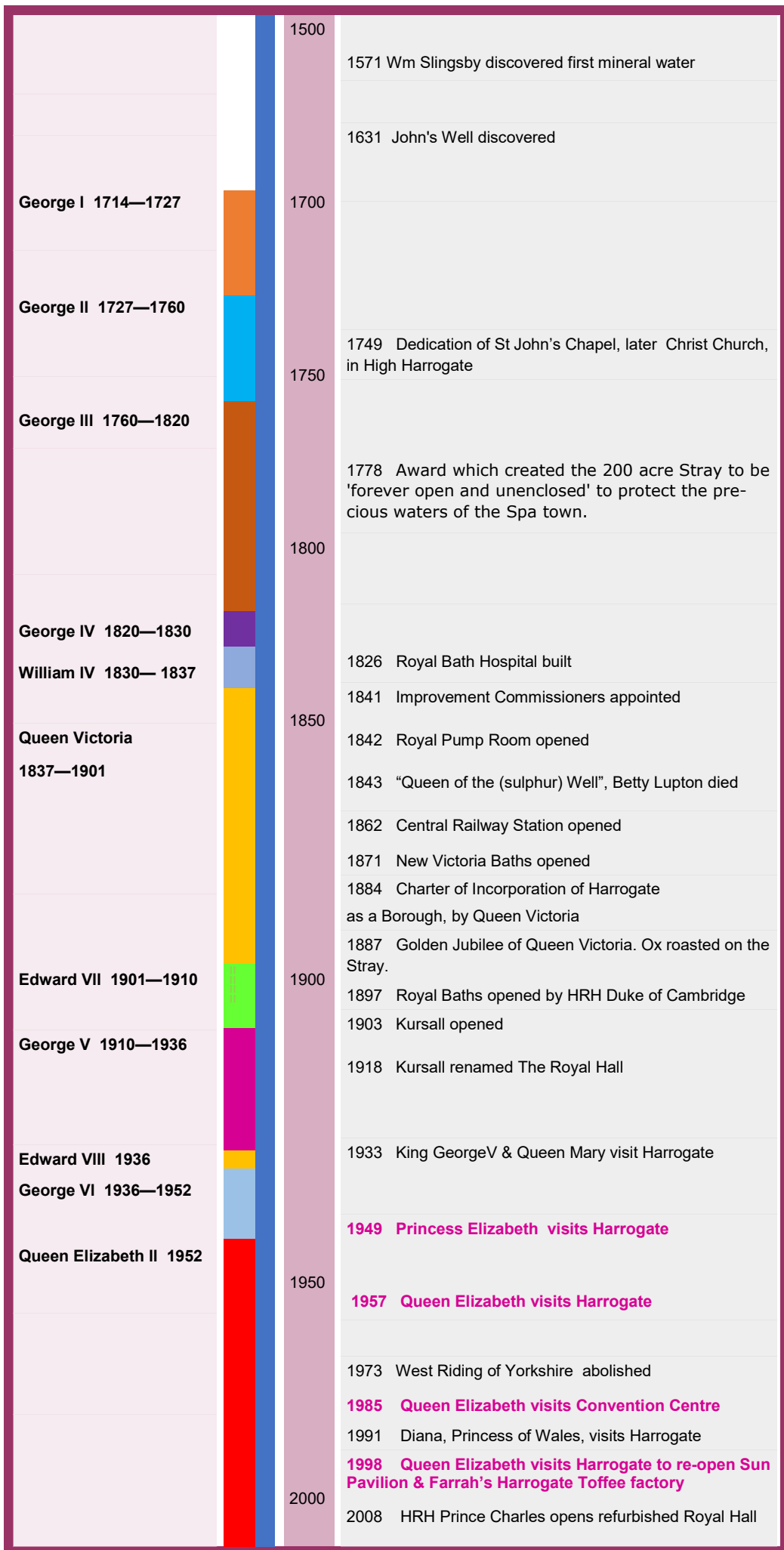


The Harrogate Time Line



To mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, The Harrogate Dramatic Society and Harrogate Civic Society have worked together to produce this Royal Walk. Follow the route from Cathcart House, near West Park URC, through the town and into Valley Gardens, exploring some of the many Royal Connections the town has had over the years.

Appreciate the quality of our buildings, the stunning architecture and imagine the days of quietly strolling around the town, taking the waters, being entertained and exercising as you went.

Our Queen first visited Harrogate in 1949 as Princess Elizabeth and has been a frequent visitor since, not only in the town but also at the Yorkshire Show ground.

Please allow up to one and a half hours for the walk and take time to read some of the many brown plaques you will see. For more information on brown plaques, visit www.harrogateplaques.org

Harrogate Dramatic Society and Harrogate Civic Society “ ROYAL WALK ” Guide

A ROYAL WALK

Explore Harrogate and its Royal Connections
following this ROYAL WALK



A joint venture between The Harrogate Dramatic Society and
Harrogate Civic Society with support from Harrogate Borough Council.

1 Cathcart House

Built in 1860, this building was a leading boarding house and visited by Royalty from home and abroad until the start of the first world war.

2 Carnegie Library

Opened in 1907 thanks to a generous grant from Andrew Carnegie

7 Royal Parade

This area was, as the name suggests, the place for people who wished to be noticed to go and parade in their finery. 9A Royal parade was the home of Pickersgill Palliser who founded the local newspaper and published a weekly list of visitors in the town.

8 J R R Tolkien

JRR Tolkien, author of "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings", stayed here in the spring of 1917 while recovering from the Trench Fever he caught during the Great War.

9 Thomas Rutling

Born into slavery but freed, Rutling sang to Queen Victoria when he was just 19. He moved to Harrogate where he taught music and became known as the "African Tenor". He died in 1915

10 Edward VII Gates to Valley Gardens

Once positioned on King's Road, to give access to the Royal Hall Gardens, these gates lay as little more than scrap for several decades until salvaged, restored and hung by Friends of Valley Gardens in 2018

3 Victoria Statue & Monument

Having walked along Victoria Avenue, enter Library Gardens which was the site of a proposed Municipal Palace, cross Albert Street & you reach the statue of Queen Victoria, built in 1887 to mark her Golden Jubilee. Gifted and built by Richard Ellis who lived at the top of Victoria Avenue.

4 Ogden of Harrogate

Situated on James Street, Ogden of Harrogate is a renowned jeweller. Started in 1893, the business moved here in 1910. Their history is fascinating, listing many of the special pieces of jewellery made for royal visitors to the town when the Royal Baths were popular.

5 Old Tom's Cabin

Thomas "Old Tom" Rochford introduced the Coventry Cycling Chair to Harrogate. A delightfully fun and efficient way to wizz around Edwardian Harrogate. Described by Winston Churchill as the "Harrogate Bath Chair Artillery" Old Tom and his helpers whisked his guests around our beautiful town and as far away as Aysgarth Waterfalls 31 miles away!

6 Farrah's of Harrogate

Farrah's Toffee was created in 1840 and designed to clear the palate after taking the sulphur waters at the Royal Pump Room. Originally sold from a kiosk, this popular shop opened in 2004, moving from Royal Parade across the road. HM Queen Elizabeth II visited the factory in 1997 to watch production.

14 Mercer Gallery

First constructed in 1805, this building has been an Assembly Room, a Theatre, Town Hall and now an Art Gallery.

15 New Baths & Council Offices

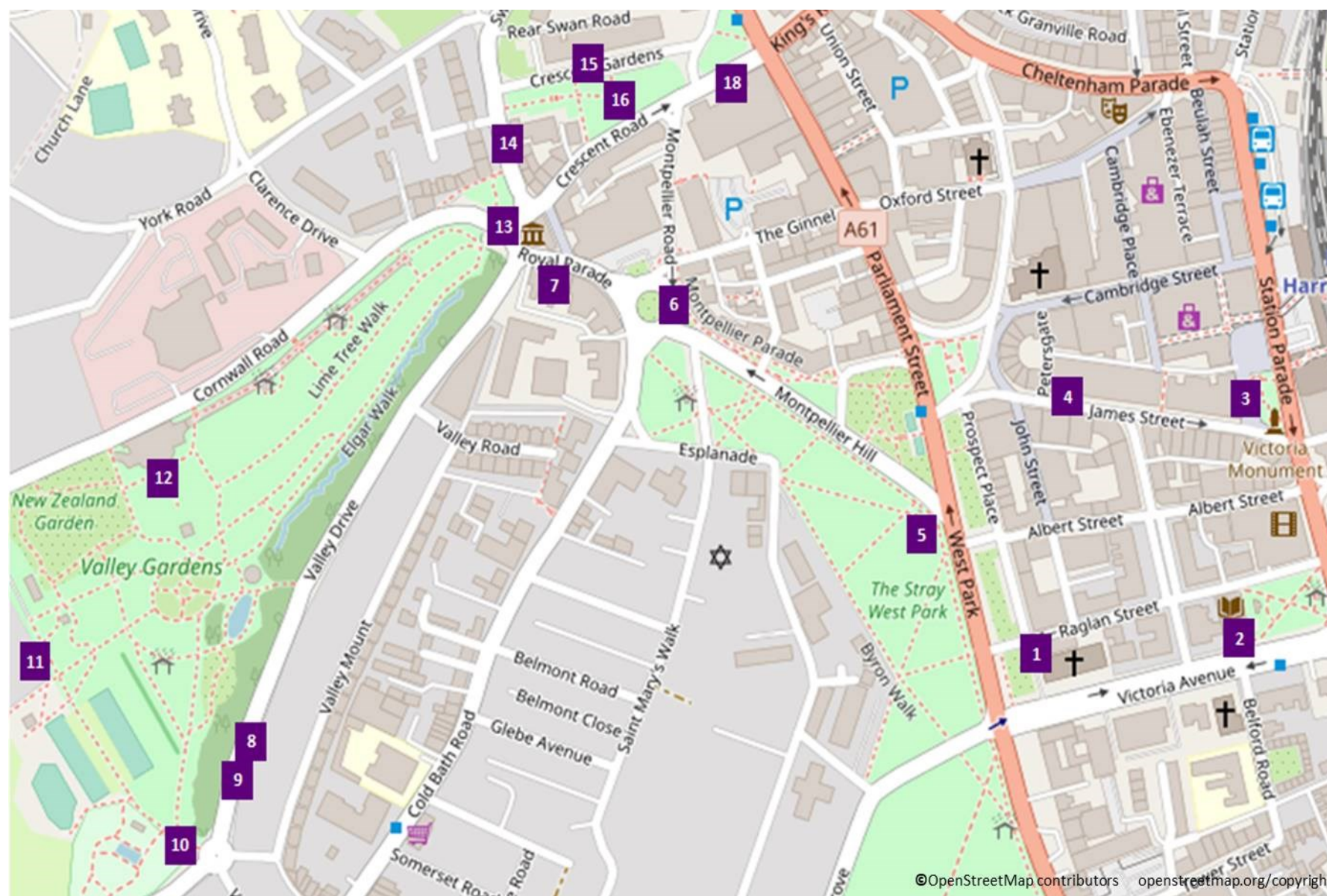
The New Victoria Baths opened here in 1871 but were replaced by the Royal Baths opposite. The building was used as Council Offices from 1930 - 2017

16 Crescent Gardens

Constructed on the site of the old Crescent Inn, the glazed centrepiece was displayed at the Gateshead Garden Festival in 1990. Look out for the Queen's Mother's Rose Garden or sit awhile in the listed pavilion built in 1910

17 The Kursall / Royal Hall

Built as a "Cure Hall" to provide entertainment for the rapidly increasing number of visitors to the town, the Kursall was opened in 1903 but renamed the Royal Hall in 1918. Look up and see both names at roof level. Look inside and you will find more gold leaf than in Buckingham Palace



11 Royal Bath Hospital

King George IV headed an appeal for funds for the first hospital built in 1826. Re-built in 1872 with a donation from Queen Victoria. It served the visitors to the town seeking healing and took its waters from the adjacent Bogs Field. It served as a military hospital in WWI. Finally closing in 1994 when it was converted into housing.

12 Sun Pavilion & Colonnade

The Sun Pavilion fell into disrepair and was due to be demolished to make way for a car park! A local campaign saw it brought back to life and opened by HM Queen Elizabeth II in 1998. Walk from here along the colonnade to the Royal Pump Room.

13 Royal Pump Room

The symbol of Harrogate, home of the sulphur well & built by the Improvement Commissioners in 1842 under an act of parliament to better protect the wells in the town. So popular, in 1913 it was extended in iron and glass with a copper roof. The building is now a museum.

18 Royal Baths

Opened in 1897 by HRH the Duke of Cambridge, these baths were the premier centre for treatment in the town. The baths closed in 1969 but the Turkish Baths remain popular. The Grand Pump Room is now a Restaurant and worth a visit to enjoy the architecture.