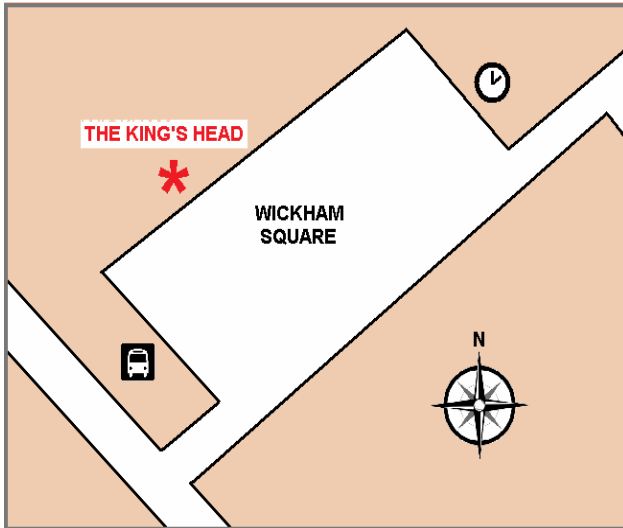


THE KINGS HEAD

The King's Head is named in honour of King Henry III who gave the Lord of the Manor the charter for a market and fair in 1269.

It was an important coaching inn with gates to the side that were large enough to allow a coach and horses to be driven through to the rear of the inn where there were stables.



The original building is of 1767 date and may have been built to replace the earlier Old King's Head, (next door), which was converted to a private house in 1751. Around 1790 one Henry Coles was landlord, as were, in 1792, Henry Mullens and in 1832, William Sandles.



A third storey of the King's Head was damaged by a fire in 1928 and never rebuilt. The archway of Havelock, (next door), may be associated with the earlier Old Kings Head Inn. Note the old Cycling Club sign high on the wall on the left of the frontage.

