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Get to know the town...

Higher Buxton History Trail Family Quiz 2020

Learn some interesting facts about some of the buildings and use your observational skills to answer the quiz questions.

Starting point: Buxton Town Hall

1. Buxton Town Hall

Did you know, the shape of the roof was based on a French chateau?

Q. What measuring instrument can you see in the panel to the left of the door?

Now, look behind you, to find the remains of the Market Cross.

2. The Market Cross

Did you know, this 15th century cross was originally sited near the Palace Hotel? It was moved to the *centre* of the Market Place in 1813.

Q. Why do you think it was moved again, more recently, to where it is now?

Now, with your back to the Town Hall, walk along Eagle Parade (on the right hand side of the market place towards Sainsbury's. When in line with Sainsbury's cash machine, take care crossing into the car park in the central area and look for the old fountain.

3. Market Place Fountain

Did you know, it was built in 1840 to provide the first clean drinking water for the people of Buxton? It was connected to a cistern (underground tank), filled by water from Cold Springs Well on Manchester Road. Originally, it was topped with a stone urn. Look for the 2 holes in the side facing Sainsbury's.

Q. What do you think the holes were for? -----

Now, continue walking away from the Town Hall, along the High Street, After approx. 300 metres you will see The Swan Inn at the top of Bath Road. Immediately to the right of the Swan, but set back, you will see St Anne's Church Cross and behind it, the church. Walk into the church yard.

4. St Anne's Church

Did you know, this is the oldest building in Buxton, built in 1625? Explore the graveyard round the back of the church. Look for the grave of John Kane, who died of eating hemlock instead of horseradish!

Q. What was his profession when he died? -----

Now, retrace your steps to Bath Road, turn right, back onto the High Street, and continue walking till you come to Scriveners.

5. Scrivener's Books

Did you know, it has 40,000 books for sale?

Q. How many floors of books are there? _____

Now, look opposite across the main road to see the Cheshire Cheese. Take care crossing the busy main road. There is a pedestrian crossing at Five Ways road junction, 100m to your right.

6. Cheshire Cheese

Did you know, this was owned in the 19th century by local farmer and landowner, Solomon Mycock?

Q. Can you think of a local landmark that is named after him?

Now, with the pub behind you walk to the right, back up High Street for a very short distance to reach the Sun Inn.

7. The Sun Inn

Did you know, this was a seventeenth century coaching inn and is the second oldest building in Buxton?

Q. Why would this be a good place to come by horse?

Now, carry on walking back up High Street. Turn right South Street, follow it past Newton's Forge (a blacksmith dating from coaching times) At the T junction with Market Street you will find Printexpress.

8. Printexpress

Did you know, this building used to have a very different purpose?

Q. Look carefully, to find what this was _____

Now, follow Market Street to the end where it joins Terrace Road. Turn right to find the New Inn.

9. The New Inn

Did you know, it was originally known as 'The New Sun Hotel'?

Q. How old is The New Inn? _____ years

Now, keep walking downhill on Terrace Road till you reach the Museum.

10. Buxton Museum

Did you know, this building was originally the Peak Hydro Hotel and was used as a hospital for Canadian soldiers during the First World War?

Go inside and look back at the beautiful doors.

Q. What birds are shown in the stained glass? _____

Now, email your answers to communications@buxtoncivicasociation.org.uk and we will email you the answer sheet back.