



THE BCQ QUESTIONS BOOK

402 questions, six in each of 67 counties / regions / islands in Great Britain make up the British Cycle Quest. Each question, together with its location, may be found in this book.

This book contains all the information you would have found on the 67 'first generation' County Cards.

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New editions and updates of this book, showing changes to questions, are produced on a regular basis. Before going in search of answers, please check the latest edition and any update on the BCQ website.

Editions are identified by the date in the footer, eg Jan 2020, and includes all updates since the April 2019 edition and the latest BCQ Updates document (to Jan 2020), documented in a list of changes since the last edition.

How to take part in BCQ



Find full details on the BCQ page of the Cycling UK website, but briefly, to prove you've visited a checkpoint, all you need to do is answer a question about it. All the questions are in this booklet.

To progress in the competition, you need to put your answers in an email to our validator at bcq@cyclingsuk.org. Please include county number, checkpoint number, answer, date of visit and a comment on the checkpoint. eg checkpoint condition, ease of finding. Alternatively, you can also order answer cards by downloading and filling in the order form on our website. Once your answer card is full, send completed (or part completed) cards away for validation (address details on the BCQ web page).

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Important Information

With 402 questions to be answered in the competition, it's inevitable that from time to time answers will be obscured or the subject of the question might disappear entirely. With the generous assistance of volunteers we're usually able to find a new question quite quickly. If you have already visited the site for which there is now a new question, you don't have to worry about the change, your answer to the question 'of the time' will be accepted.

Should you visit a BCQ site only to find the answer to the question has disappeared / been damaged / rendered illegible, we will happily accept alternative proof of your visit. The best way to do this is by submitting an appropriate photograph, preferably containing you, your bike and a sign depicting the name of the location (or local village).

We would be extremely grateful if you would forward any information about missing, damaged or obscured questions to British Cycle Quest, Cycling UK, Parklands, Railton Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 9JX, or email bcq@cyclingsuk.org

Grid references for all question locations may be found, with each question. GPX and KML files will be made available on the BCQ Web Page, see above, during the later part of 2020: Please note that the grid references and hence related Latitude and longitude data are in many cases an approximate location within about 0.5km of the actual checkpoint.

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Update checked against Oct 2010 and Apr 2019 editions. Changes marked Apr 2019, were changed between Oct 2010 and Apr 2019, but the change is not noted below.



County #	Quest' #	Date	Summary of Change
03	3	Jan 2020	Location name changed and corrected within question
03	4	Jan 2020	New Question, same location
04	1	Oct 2019	Note added re property being sold and potential status of checkpoint
06	6	Oct 2019	New question, different location
08	5	Jul 2019	New question, same location
09	4	Jul 2019	New Question at the same site:
11	5	Jul 2019	Spelling of Salomonds corrected
13	4	Jul 2019	The checkpoint has been restored. Note deleted
18	1	Jan 2020	Revised question, Same Location
18	4	Jan 2020	New question, same location
19	2	Oct 2019	Note on grid reference needs checking
19	4	Oct 2019	Location name corrected
21	3	Jul 2019	New Question in nearby location of Wherry INN
24	6	Oct 2019	New Question
29	6	Jul 2019	Additional location detail added
32	1	Oct 2019	SITE CLOSED FOR RESTORATION WORK, Temporary new question:
35	2	Jan 2020	Grid reference revised
35	4	Jan 2020	Minor change to question
38	1	Oct 2019	Revised Question
41	3	Jul 2019	Location name within question changed, now Auckland Park, not Bishop Park
44	1	Jul 2019	Note added re property being sold and potential status of checkpoint
47	1	Oct 2019	Correction: Amend 'Sarah' to 'Mary.'
50	6	Jan 2020	Location name changed to reflect actual location
51	3	Jan 2020	Revised question
54	5	Jan 2020	Revised question and grid ref due to another nearby statue
57	2	Oct 2019	New question, same location
57	6	Jul 2019	Note deleted
59	4	Oct 2019	Revised question: "East" changed to "WEST"
61	5	Jan 2020	Revised question
63	5	Jan 2020	New Question
67	2	Oct 2019	Question reworded to clarify which statue.

01 CORNWALL



The most south-westerly county in England, and the starting point for many End to End cycle rides, Cornwall is perhaps best known for its dramatic and rugged coastline. Numerous small fishing villages nestle into coves and inlets, while others enjoy wider, sheltered bays. Reminders of Bronze and Iron Age history abound in stone circles, barrows, cairns, etc., and legends of King Arthur live on at Tintagel. The area's Celtic past is still evident in the names of many isolated farms and small hamlets, the prefix 'Tre' meaning 'homestead'. Abandoned tin and copper mines and a coastline littered with shipwrecks convey the difficulties of ordinary life here in years gone by. Fortified castles testify to the struggles and extent of the Civil War. Today, protection takes the form of sanctuaries and zoos for rare birds, seals and monkeys. Cycling here can certainly be hilly but the views are rewarding.

1 Boscastle

GR OS 190 SX 097 914, Oct 2010

To whom did this bridge belong in 1887? (Following the 2004 floods, a stone tablet is now built into the perimeter wall of the Harbour Lights café.)

2 St. Mawes

GR OS 204 SW 841 327, Apr 2019

On the wall of the pier are two commemorative stones. In which year was the pier rebuilt?

3 Zennor

GR OS 203 SW 454 384, Apr 2019

There is a plaque on the wall of a private house next door to Zennor Chapel, café and B&B: what is Frederick Christian Hart commemorated for?

4 Poldhu Point

GR OS 203 SW 663 194, Oct 2010

What does the Monument at this position commemorate?

5 East Looe

GR OS 201 SX 255 531, Oct 2010

By whom was the sundial on the Looe Town Beach sea front presented?

6 Callington

GR OS 201 SX 358 696, Apr 2019

The fountain in front of St Mary's church: who presented it, and when?

02 DEVON



The contrast between land and sea depicts Devon. The wild, heather covered expanse of Dartmoor, home to a unique breed of ponies and many grazing animals, is the largest and highest tract of open land in Southern England. Elsewhere, more gentle terrain provides fertile growing conditions that feed the cows that produce cream for the famed Devon cream teas. Rivers and streams have carved deep 'combes' into the land, dry ones now evident in sunken lanes. The county's two coastlines are both dramatic, with sandy beaches and stark cliffs rising from the sea. Plymouth's sea-faring history is told through exhibits of the many ships that sailed from her docks to settle the 'New World' or to fight off the invading Spanish. Derelict mines and numerous ruins from prehistoric times are scattered about the countryside, and the principle city of Exeter, with its famed cathedral, offers considerable architectural and historical interest.

1 Hartland

GR OS 190 SS 235247, Apr 2019

About two miles west of Hartland Village, on the road to Hartland Quay (Stoke), is St Nectans Parish Church. At the entrance to the church is a stone memorial seat. Who was killed in action in 1942?

2 Lynmouth

GR OS 180 SS 722 497, Oct 2010

The stone tower at the entrance to the harbour was destroyed by the flood of 1952. When was it rebuilt?

3 Malborough

GR OS 202 SX 707 398, Oct 2010

How many saint/apostle-like figures appear on the sundial on the south facing wall of All Saints Church? (Note: figures are hard to see; take photo of sundial instead if necessary.)

4 Lydford

GR OS 191 SX 509 848, Oct 2010

To the right hand side of the entrance of St. Petroc's church is the Watchmaker's Tomb, what was his name and the years he was born and died?

5 Ottery St. Mary

GR OS 192 SY 099 956, Oct 2010

In the entrance to St. Mary's Church what is the date of the Will of Thomas Axe?

6 Manaton

GR OS 191 SX 750 813, Oct 2010

What occasion from 1897 is commemorated in the inscription on the metal seats on the village green?

03 SOMERSET



The variety of terrain that Somerset has to offer makes it particularly suitable for all levels of cycling. To the west are Exmoor, once a Royal Forest, and the Quantock Hills, both known for their populations of red deer and past literary figures. Within their hills are remote lanes and small, attractive villages. The northern coastline, with picturesque tidal harbours at Watchet, Minehead and Porlock, can be rugged but also rewarding. From the seaside resort of Weston-Super-Mare, a toll road leads up to Worlebury Hill, site of an Iron Age camp, offering views across the Bristol Channel to Wales. More centrally, the 'levels' are drained fenland, now agricultural expanses, with the attractions of Glastonbury Abbey, Wells Cathedral and the caves at Cheddar and Wookey Hole. The bustling city of Bristol and the architectural legacy of 18th century Bath, on the northern edge of the county, offer a further contrast.

1 Ebbor Gorge

GR OS 141 ST 519 485, Apr 2019

How many pillars support the shelter roof over the information point near the entrance?

2 Ham Hill Country Park

GR OS 193 ST 478 168, Oct 2010

At the top of the hill at the road junction is a disused drinking fountain. What event does it commemorate?

3 Ashcott

GR OS 141 ST 448 396, Jan 2020

To the north east of the village of Ashcott is a National Trust car park at Ashcott Corner. Adjacent is a topograph of the surrounding area. In whose memory was it provided?

4 Penselwood

GR OS 183 ST 756 314, Jan 2020

In the end wall of the village hall, near the church gate, is a carved stone feature midway between the roof apex and window. Briefly describe it?

5 Dunster

GR OS 181 SS 991 438, Oct 2010

How many horizontal (spoked) rafters are there to the Yarn Market?

6 Exford

GR OS 181 SS 853 383, Oct 2010

How many arches has Exford Bridge?

04 DORSET



Spared the intrusion of major road building, Dorset retains a peaceful character. Even its seaside towns, with the exception of Bournemouth, have a traditional feel. The chalk Purbeck Hills, on the eastern side of the county, blend into the South Dorset Downs near scenic Lulworth Cove. Near Weymouth, Portland Bill rises out of the sea, and from there a long Shingle beach stretches westwards. Dairy farms thrive in fertile Blackmore Vale, and the wild heath land of Thomas Hardy's novels covers much of the central area. Many places mentioned in Hardy's books can be found, and his Dorchester home can be visited, as can that of T. E. Lawrence ('of Arabia' fame) near Moreton. A particularly good tithe barn exists at Abbotsbury, and the Cerne Abbas Giant is one of the best chalk figures in the country. Miles of remote lanes lead through quiet villages enhanced by thatched cottages and houses made from local golden stone.

1 Sturminster Newton

GR OS 194 ST 785 140, Oct 2010

On the White Hart Inn by the Market Place there is a CTC "Winged Wheel" plaque. What word is inscribed on the top of the plaque? Note: The Property has been sold and is being re-developed (?A Burger Restaurant?). Please advise if the Checkpoint is removed.

2 Hardy Monument

GR OS 194 SY 613 875, Oct 2010

Inscription on the stone seat a few yards to the south-east of the Monument to Sir Thomas Masterman Hardy. In whose memory was this stone seat given?

3 Milton Abbas

GR OS 194 ST 798 023, Oct 2010

The Abbey is on private land. Approach via the public right of way on the east side of the lake from the village. What are the two groups of three letters either side of the Abbey porch doorway?

4 Durlston Head

GR OS 195 SZ 034 773, Oct 2010

According to the stone plaque behind the Globe at what rate does the common black swift fly?

5 Cerne Abbas

GR OS 194 ST 665 013, Oct 2010

Stand in front of the main door of the church, in Abbey Street. What object do you see to its left, and who does the object to its right commemorate?

6 Beaminster

GR OS 193 ST 480 014, Oct 2010

By whom was the memorial to Elizabeth Julia Robinson of Parnham in the Market Cross in The Square erected?

05 WILTSHIRE



The rolling, wooded hills of the Marlborough Downs, the peaceful expanse of the Vale of Pewsey, the great chalk Salisbury Plain and the pretty Wylde and Nadder Valleys running westwards from Salisbury offer a tremendous variety of cycling in Wiltshire. In these valleys lie prosperous market towns, charming villages and country houses. Particularly worth visiting are the tithe barn at Tisbury, one of the longest in the country, the preserved 18th century village of Lacock with its abbey, the oft-photographed village of Castle Combe, the stately homes of Longleat and Wilton House and the magnificent cathedral in Salisbury with the tallest spire in England. Stone villages and walls are typical of the area. The Kennet and Avon Canal, with its 29 locks, crosses the county, and the 160-mile Wiltshire Cycleway encircles it. Some of the nation's most important prehistoric sites - Stonehenge, Woodhenge, and Avebury - are found here.

1 Ramsbury

GR OS 174 SU 274 715, Oct 2010

What do the plaques on the Village Hall wall opposite Kennet House commemorate?

2 Malmesbury

GR OS 173 ST 933 872, Oct 2010

How many pillars support the Market Cross?

3 Lacock

GR OS 173 ST 916 684, Oct 2010

What is the Village Hall licensed for?

4 Hanging Langford

GR OS 184 SU 033 370, Oct 2010

On the corner of 'The Upper' is a letterbox. What is the letter box built into and what is the roof covering made of?

5 Broad Chalke

GR OS 184 SU 041 253, Oct 2010

What is the phrase over the Church gate?

6 Alton Priors

GR OS 173 SU 109 621, Oct 2010

By what is the Church maintained?

06 HAMPSHIRE



Mention Hampshire and one immediately thinks of the New Forest with its ancient oak and beech trees, unfenced heath land covered in gorse and heather and freely wandering ponies and cattle. Whilst the area is worth a visit, there are four lovely river valleys also waiting to be discovered: the Meon, in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; the Itchen, passing through Winchester, an important Roman city and Saxon and Norman capital; the Test, famed for trout fishing, with reeds and water meadows lining its banks; and the meandering Avon. Throughout the county are attractive villages, hangers, sunken lanes and hills rising above 500ft giving distant views. Alongside commercial ports, the south coast offers yachting harbours, the former shipbuilding centre of Buckler's Hard and Portsmouth's naval base. Not far inland lie small villages with Saxon churches and flint-and-brick farmhouses that seem to have changed little in the past century or two.

1 Danebury Hill

GR OS 185 SU 327 377, Oct 2010

Danebury Hill is an Iron Age Fort. What is the number on the plate in the base of the "Triangulation Pillar"?

2 New Forest Rufus Stone

GR OS 195 SU 270 125, Oct 2010

Best approached from the North, approaching from the south necessitates a ride along the A31 (motorway access road). Who, according to the iron monument standing beneath an oak tree, shot the arrow which killed King William the second, surnamed Rufus, and on what day?

3 Winchester

GR OS 185 SU 485 293, Oct 2010

King Alfred's Statue near the River Itchen - Give the sculptor's name and date erected.

4 Hambledon

GR OS 185 SU 677 167, Oct 2010

Bat & Ball Public House just north of Broadhalfpenny Down - What are the dates on the Cricket Memorial opposite the Pub?

5 Selborne

GR OS 186 SU 741 338, Oct 2010

On the wall to the left of main entrance to the church is a plaque commemorating the Selborne Yew and when it fell on the church. What was the date?

6 Alresford

GR OS 185 SU 588 325, Jan 2020

In Station Road, New Arlesford, adjacent to Alresford Surgery is a 'Public Convenience.' On the external wall is a plaque, to whom does this refer, and to what group did they belong?

07 ISLE OF WIGHT



Adopted during the Victorian era as a holiday island, the Isle of Wight has retained this character, particularly through its many picturesque villages and harbours. Only 23 by 13 miles at its widest point, an enjoyable exploration of the Island can be done in a relatively short amount of time. The coastal road that goes all the way around the Island carries most of the traffic, but other than in the height of summer, it is suitable for cycling. Several minor roads criss-crossing the interior lead to pretty villages and items of historical interest including an ancient long barrow near Mottistone, water mills at Calbourne and Carisbrooke, the ruins of Appuldurcombe House and a 15th century church at Shorewell. At the western tip of the island is Alum Bay, famous for cliffs made up of many colours of sandstone, and the tall chalk stacks known as the Needles.

1 Freshwater Bay

GR OS 196 SZ 342 861, Oct 2010

What type of roof does St. Agnes church have?

2 Godshill

GR OS 196 SZ 529 817, Oct 2010

What is the date on the Wesleyan Chapel?

3 Culver Down

GR OS 196 SZ 633 856, Oct 2010

On Culver Down there is an unusual obelisk. To whom was this erected?

4 Cowes

GR OS 196 SZ 496 964, Oct 2010

On the sea wall of Egypt Esplanade (also known as the Victoria Esplanade) is a plaque. What are the names of the Engineer and the Clerk?

5 Havenstreet

GR OS 196 SZ 556 898, Oct 2010

What is date on wooden plaque on brick garage wall between car park and entrance to station?

6 Calbourne

GR OS 196 SZ 425 866, Oct 2010

By the gate of the Church is a lamp post. In whose remembrance is it? (while in Calbourne do not forget to visit Winkle Street)

08 WEST SUSSEX



With the South Downs covering a significant part of it, West Sussex has a deserved reputation for being a hilly county. The land has a feeling of closeness that envelops the visitor. The hills can be steep, the valleys narrow and the lanes sunk into the surrounding woods, though in the east the terrain allows for some flatter farmland. Running the width of the county is the South Downs Way. This off-road but well surfaced route follows the edge of a ridge for most of the way, and there are some significant climbs and descents to negotiate. The River Arun, with its namesake castle, park and town, offers a gap in the Downs leading north to the valley of the River Rother. The county is rich in history, with ancient tracks criss-crossing the land. Roman villas have been excavated at Bignor and Fishbourne, and a long section of Roman wall remains at Chichester.

1 Midhurst

GR OS 197 SU 887 216, Oct 2010

At the end of Knockhundred Row, overlooking the corner with Church Hill, is a large building with flights of steps down to the pavement. How many dormer windows are there in the roof?

2 Chichester

GR OS 197 SU 860 048, Oct 2010

Just east of the Cathedral at the junction of East, South, West and North Streets is a clock tower known as the City Cross. How many sides has the City Cross?

3 Arundel

GR OS 197 TQ 019 070, Oct 2010

Give the date in Roman Numerals when Arundel Bridge was rebuilt?

4 Rogate

GR OS 197 SU 808 238, Oct 2010

On main road opposite the church is the White Horse public house. What date is on the blue and white tile plaque on the front wall?

5 Stopham

GR OS 197 TQ 030 183, Jul 2019

Stopham Bridge is an ancient monument. How many pedestrian refuges are on the north and south sides?

6 Cissbury Ring

GR OS 198 TQ 140 082, Oct 2010

At the top of Cissbury Ring, the second largest Iron Age Fort in Britain, is a triangulation pillar. What is the number on the plate in the base? Note: the last stretch of the access path is presently only accessible BY FOOT.

09 EAST SUSSEX



The South Downs enter East Sussex in the west, reaching one of their highest points at Ditchling Beacon then gradually making their way to the sea at Beachy Head. The South Downs Way, a long distance path, follows the ridge line for most of its course. To the north the uplands of the Weald rise to their highest point in the Ashdown Forest, a mix of wild heath and moorland, rocky outcrops and woodland and herds of deer. Between these lies a wide expanse of farming and cattle grazing land, with quiet lanes and meandering streams, extending to the Pevensey Levels. Coastal towns vary in their character, from the lively town of Brighton with its Royal Pavilion to quieter retirement communities such as Bexhill and Eastbourne. The chalk-cut figure of the Long Man near Wilmington, a Norman castle at Hastings, Battle Abbey and villages with entries in the Domesday Book all testify to the rich heritage of the area.

1 Rye

GR OS 189 TQ 922 206, Oct 2010

When was the Landgate built?

2 Battle

GR OS 199 TQ 748 157, Oct 2010

In whose care is the Abbey?

3 Mayfield

GR OS 188/199 TQ 586 270, Oct 2010

St. Dunstons Church - Name on the tomb on the left-hand side of south porch?
(stone is flat on ground) Tre _ _ _ _ _

4 Ashdown Forest

GR OS 188 TQ 473 293, Jul 2019

Along the B 2026 at Camphill Roman Road parking site: Behind the former information pillar and set into the turf is a metal yellow Ground Mark. What is the telephone number of the Survey Centre?

Note: This general area was the inspiration for A.A. Milnes Hundred Acre Wood and the Winnie the Pooh stories. 90 acres were burnt down in spring of 2019.

5 Beachy Head

GR OS 199 TV 588 956, Apr 2019

In the centre of the grassed area on the cliff top is a walled seated enclosure with a plaque. What year was signalling first conducted from this point?

6 Ditchling Beacon

GR OS 198 TQ 333 130, Apr 2019

Just north of the car park is a Trig. point/pillar. According to a plaque affixed to it, What does the monument form part of?

10 KENT



Known as the 'Garden of England' for its many hop fields and fruit orchards, Kent offers a rich variety of terrain. Much of it is uplands: the escarpments of the Greensand Ridge, the white cliffs of Dover, the rolling North Downs and the chalk rim of the Weald. In the South are the flat, sometimes below sea level, Romney Marshes where cattle and sheep graze. In contrast to the bustling towns of Rochester, with its Dickensian connections, Royal Tunbridge Wells, once an elegant spa, and Sevenoaks, there are many peaceful villages. Prestigious houses and castles including Knole, Sissinghurst, Hever and Leeds vie for attention with castles and towers built for coastal defence. The county's long contact with the Continent has shaped its cultural and commercial background, and today, two waymarked routes lead cyclists via quiet lanes from the channel ports to the historic cathedral city of Canterbury.

1 Lullingstone Castle

GR OS 177 TQ 529 644, Oct 2010

Approach along the track from Eynsford and the Roman Villa. (Park path now closed.) Are the two upper portions of the towers at the entrance to the Castle grounds, round or octagonal?

2 Biddenden

GR OS 189 TQ 851 384, Oct 2010

Corner of the High Street and A262 is a tiny green with a sign showing figures known as the Biddenden Maids. Give their names?

3 East Farleigh

GR OS 188 TQ 734 535, Oct 2010

The River Medway is spanned by a medieval stone bridge. How many arches does the bridge have?

4 Lamberhurst

GR OS 188 TQ 676 362, Oct 2010

Standing near the telephone box are some commemorative railings which were cast in Lamberhurst. To which famous cathedral were they supplied?

5 Canterbury

GR OS 179 TR 150 579, Oct 2010

Who sculpted the bronze figure of Christ over the Cathedral Gateway?

6 Hythe

GR OS 179 TR 153 347, Oct 2010

How many railway tracks leave the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway station at Hythe?

11 SURREY



Despite its close proximity to London, Surrey has retained a rural atmosphere, particularly in the southern parts where farmland and parks are still extensive and where sandy soil has led to the preservation of wild heath land and heather-covered hills. In the chalk uplands of the North Downs, the Pilgrims Way traverses the county. From Leith Hill, the highest point in southern England, and Box Hill there are good views extending to the coast. In many areas there is a wealth of sunken lanes and byways hiding in deep beech or pine woodlands leading to picturesque villages and hamlets, many of which, like Shere and Wonersh, display Surrey's architectural speciality - houses with red tile-hung walls. At Cobham one of the 13 semaphore stations used by the Admiralty in the early 19th century still stands. Quiet roads lead to the far south-west of the county and the heath lands round Hindhead.

1 Pirbright

GR OS 186 SU 943 559, Oct 2010

In the church yard a huge block of granite marks the grave of an African explorer. In which year did Dorothy his wife die?

2 Godstone

GR OS 187 TQ 357 515, Oct 2010

In Church Town, east of Godstone, what is the date above the porch of St. Mary's Chapel?

3 Okewood

GR OS 187 TQ 128 381, Oct 2010

In church porch what is the date inscribed above Leviticus XIX 30 ?

4 Shere

GR OS 187 TQ 073 478, Oct 2010

Who was the original user of the public convenience building?

5 Box Hill

GR OS 187 TQ 179 512, Apr 2019

At the viewpoint wall, where did Leopold Salomonds come from?

6 Tilford

GR OS 186 SU 872 435, Apr 2019

Tilford West Bridge is now used as a foot/cycleway. According to the plaque on it, who built it in the eleventh century?

12 GREATER LONDON



Stretching from Hillingdon to Havering, from Enfield to Croydon, and bounded by a 'green belt', Greater London contains many open spaces, such as Osterley Park, Richmond Park and Harefield district in the west, Enfield Chase and the Lee Valley in the north, and Banstead and Biggin Hill in the south. Historic places abound in the outlying areas, such as the tithe barn at Harmondsworth, Greenwich Observatory, Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge in Epping Forest near Chingford, Charles Darwin's house near Downe and nearby Eltham Palace. Several suburbs have retained much of their village character, with open fields, patches of woodland or stretches of riverside separating them from each other. Quiet roads can often be used to link places of interest, and cycle routes are being established to avoid busier roads. Even within Inner London, routes through residential neighbourhoods, alongside canals, through parks and along the River Thames offer enjoyable cycling.

1 Greenwich

GR OS 177 TQ 390 773, Oct 2010

At the Old Observatory beneath the Shepherd Clock and above the Standard Measures is a plaque. What is the height above sea level at Newlyn?

2 Richmond Park GR OS 176 TQ 205 740, Oct 2010

Roehampton and Richmond are two places on the signpost at the crossroads. What are the other places?

3 Epping Forest

GR OS 177 TQ 397 947, Apr 2019

Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge has a single chimney stack, but how many separate chimneys are at the top?

4 Camden Lock

GR OS 176 TQ 289 842, Oct 2010

On the finger posts in the middle of the canal at Hampstead Road Lock, what are the distances to Liverpool and Little Venice?

5 Globe Theatre

GR OS 176/177 TQ 322 805, Oct 2010

By Thames Path near Southwark Bridge. On metal gates at riverside entrance to the Globe Theatre are a number of small iron figures represented in Shakespeare plays. What are the two other figures on the bottom row of the right hand gate?

Bird _____ Deer _____ Cat

Note: If the gates are open, the figures are "behind" the gate.

6 Gunnersbury Park GR OS 176 TQ 191 792, Oct 2010

Behind Gunnersbury House is a pedimented arch with a commemorative plaque. Who is the MP named on it?

Note: Assistance with routes to checkpoints may be available from Cycling UK or visit www.tfl.gov.uk for free cycling maps, (sheets 4,6,7,9 required).

13 BERKSHIRE



The county of Berkshire is long and narrow. In the east its northern border is formed by the River Thames, its lush valley highly populated yet very rural. The river flows from one attractive town to the next, from Sonning and Shiplake to Marlow and Maidenhead, in the shadow of heavily wooded hills. The locks along the river are often of interest, and at Hambleden is an oft-photographed white-boarded mill. The terrain is rolling, with particularly extensive views from Winter Hill near Cookham. Windsor Castle and Great Park lie just within the county, along with Eton College. Further west are the River Lambourn and the Kennet and Avon Canal, and to the north of these are the Lambourn Downs, dotted with ancient burial mounds. Part of the prehistoric Ridgeway Path runs westwards from Streatley. Nearer the southern border are Inkpen Hill and Walbury Hill, the highest chalk hills in England. Combe Gibbet, a hanging place for felons and highwaymen, still stands there.

1 Streatley

GR OS 174 SU 598 808, Apr 2019

150 yards from the river bridge (Goring side) is the village hall, which has two golden weather vanes. One is a Cock, but what is the other?

2 Hungerford Common

GR OS 174 SU 354 679, Oct 2010

There is a plaque at the eastern edge of Hungerford Common north of the road leading to Kintbury: how many copper beech trees have been planted here by the Trustees of the Town and Manor of Hungerford in December 1998 to celebrate the millennium?

3 Fawley

GR OS 174 SU 400 806, Oct 2010

There is a monument 0.5 mile south east of Fawley. How old was Philip Musgrave Need?

4 Walbury Hill

GR OS 174 SU 371 621, Oct 2010

On north side of road near north west Car Park. According to plaque on large stone which Regiment trained on these Downs for an assault?

5 Windsor Great Park

GR OS 175/176 SU 965 728, Oct 2010

Heading east and passing to the north of The Village, there is an inscription on a roadside plaque under the trees about 250m north-west of the statue of George III on Snow Hill. What does it say? (**Note: park closes at dusk**)

6 Cookham Dean

GR OS 175 865-856, Apr 2019

At T-junction at top of hill are two adjacent houses. One is called 'Hills Orchard', but what is the name of the other?

14 OXFORDSHIRE



Steeped in history, Oxfordshire is also endowed with a rich architectural legacy. In Oxford itself, the university colleges are renowned for their exteriors, and tall church spires are a marked feature of the horizon. Away from the city can be found many stately homes from various periods, from Elizabethan Kelmscott Manor and the Jacobean manor house of Grey's Court to the 18th century Blenheim Palace, its garden one of Capability Brown's masterpieces. Along the River Cherwell and elsewhere lie many picture book villages built of the local mellow stone. Dorchester Abbey and the 13th century Great Coxwell Tithe Barn are also fine examples of their kind. Most of the terrain is no more than undulating, but to the northwest begin the Cotswolds, and to the southeast the Chiltern Hills start to rise. The Vale of White Horse, with the oldest hill figure in Britain, is largely flat farmland with pleasant villages.

1 Oxford

GR OS 164 SP 515 069, Oct 2010

A domed building, Rhodes House in South Parks Road, has a carving of a Sailing Ship in stone above the door. What are the words on the carving?

2 Souldern

GR OS 151 SP 523 317, Oct 2010

Set in the side wall of the church *with the tower*, under a small window, is a stone tablet. What date is given in Roman numerals?

3 Kencot

GR OS 163 SP 254 047, Apr 2019

What is the date on the base of the village sign, on the Green?

4 Great Coxwell

GR OS 163/174 SU 269 940, Oct 2010

The wall of the Tithe Barn facing the road has a large door with a gable over it. How many openings (small square putlog holes) are there in this stone gable?

5 Cogges

GR OS 164 SP 361 097, Oct 2010

A plaque in the lychgate of St. Mary's Church commemorates the planting of an oak tree in the field opposite. It was planted to mark the coronation of whom?

6 Watlington

GR OS 175 SU 685 945, Apr 2019

There is a shield at the old Town Hall. What colour is the Ox (cow)?

15 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE



Stretching from the Chiltern Hills in the south to the Aylesbury Plain in the north, Buckinghamshire is a county of two faces. The chalk Chilterns, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, rise sharply near Wendover with steep lanes leading away from the main valleys, but there are miles of quiet valley roads and ridge roads offering distant views. The Icknield Way and Ridgeway Path are popular cycling routes, and the leafy Burnham Beeches, an expansive tract of woods, are another popular cycling area. 18th and 19th century flint and brick houses with thatched roofs are plentiful in villages nestled between wheat fields. The Aylesbury Plain and the rolling land extending north provide good dairy farming and grazing land. It is a quiet region with plenty of minor roads leading to ancient churches, historic pubs, stately homes such as Claydon House and Waddesdon Manor, and interesting windmills at Quainton and Brill.

1 Jordans

GR OS 175/176 SU 973 914, Oct 2010

According to the plaque on right of front of 'Estate Office' on village green, in what year did Fred Hancock retire?

2 Quainton

GR OS 165 SP 746 201, Oct 2010

What is the date on the decorative stone slab set over the door of Cross Farmhouse at the top of the Green?

3 Wing

GR OS 165 SP 880 226, Oct 2010

On the church what is the year, shown in large metal figures, high on the exterior south wall?

4 Nether Winchendon

GR OS 165 SP 733 122, Oct 2010

In whose reign was the stone built letterbox near the church built?

5 Prestwood

GR OS 165 SP 862 019, Oct 2010

Opposite "Honorend Farm", 1.5 miles north west of Prestwood, there is a monument in the memory of whom?

6 Hambleden

GR OS 175 SU 784 865, Oct 2010

Who was the manufacturer of the disused water pump on a small "island", by a chestnut tree, in the village centre?

16 BEDFORDSHIRE



Bedfordshire is well served by a network of quiet country roads linking many small, attractive villages. There are no real hills, but the countryside is by no means flat everywhere. Large expanses of the land are given over to market gardening and rolling grassy pastures. The River Great Ouse meanders through the heart of the county. It was also the home and preaching ground of the author of *The Pilgrim's Progress*, John Bunyan. From the appropriately named town of Sandy, home to a major RSPB nature reserve, a wooded Greensand Ridge stretches west to Woburn, the location of Whipsnade Wild Animal Park. In the southwest lies the high ground of the Dunstable Downs, formed by the easternmost edge of the chalk Chiltern Hills. The climatic conditions there make this a popular area for gliders. Near Bedford town are the 1000-ft long airship hangars of Cardington, now a ballooning centre, and the Old Warden Airfield.

1 Woburn

GR OS 165 SP 949 331, Oct 2010

At the main crossroads, on the opposite corner to the Woburn Hotel, what is the letter below the crown on the gable ends of the old Town Hall (now an Antiques shop)?

2 Whipsnade

GR OS 166 TL 009 180, Oct 2010

Whipsnade Tree Cathedral. Who conceived the cathedral and when did tree planting begin?

3 Sharpenhoe

GR OS 166 TL 065 296, Oct 2010

At Sharpenhoe Clappers car park: what is the name of the bridleway which crosses the road and car park and is shown on the green signs?

4 Stevington

GR OS 153 SP 992 529, Oct 2010

How many steps from the ground to the door of the Windmill?

5 Bedford

GR OS 153 TL 057 495, Oct 2010

Plaque on the south side of the suspension bridge. Who opened the suspension bridge on the 11th July 1888?

6 Old Warden

GR OS 153 TL 138 440, Oct 2010

On war memorial what is the surname of Alfred & Herbert H who died in The Great War 1914-1918?

17 HERTFORDSHIRE



Hertfordshire's undulating chalklands contain many pockets of unspoilt countryside. Open fields of wheat and barley give way to stands of beech woods on higher ground, particularly nice around Ashridge Park. In the west, lovely villages are tucked into the deep wooded valleys of the Chiltern Hills, such as Chipperfield, Flaunden, Ashridge and Sarratt. Near Tring large reservoirs, also nature reserves, feed the Grand Union Canal. A monument nearby commemorates the 3rd Earl of Bridgewater, pioneer of Britain's canal system. The ancient city of St. Albans has Verulamium a Roman theatre and a cathedral with the second longest nave in the country. Further east, Hatfield House stands as an excellent example of Jacobean architecture, and much of Georgian Hatfield town remains. The village of Much Hadham is also delightful. Prehistoric Icknield Way and the earthworks of Grim's Dyke complement Roman roads such as Watling Street and Ermine Street. Ivinghoe Beacon, rising to 756 feet, offers extensive views.

1 St. Albans

GR OS 166 TL 146 071, Oct 2010

At the Clock Tower you will find the date of Queen Eleanor's funeral cortege. What is the Date?

2 Aldbury

GR OS 165 SP 965 125, Oct 2010

By The Greyhound Inn public house and opposite Town Farm. What shape is the knocker at No. 25?

3 Ayot St. Lawrence

GR OS 166 TL 194 167, Oct 2010

200m north east of Shaw's Corner is Ayot St. Lawrence Old Church. According to the Heritage Lottery Fund metal plaque by the entrance gate to the church when was the "north Aisle" extended to the Current Width?

4 Ashwell

GR OS 153 TL 267 397, Oct 2010

Name the lane alongside Ashwell Museum? (Name is on side wall of the Museum).

5 Westmill

GR OS 166 TL 368 271, Oct 2010

The village pump bears an inscription. What is the third word?

6 Great Amwell

GR OS 166 TL 373 126, Oct 2010

About 150 yards SE from the bridge alongside the footpath is a New River Information Board. When was the aqueduct constructed and where does it flow to in London?

18 ESSEX



Essex is often misrepresented as a flat county and an extension of London. Whereas it may not offer panoramic views, it has much to please the eye. South of the attractive market towns of Saffron Walden and Great Dunmow, are many pretty villages such as Finchingfield, Thaxted, the Bardfields and the Rodings, characterised by pargeted thatched cottages, village greens and duck ponds. From the River Crouch northwards, the coastal area is a mix of mud-flats, salt marshes, islands, estuaries, fishing villages and popular holiday resorts. Open heaths, farming country and some woodland typify the interior. Much of this was a hunting forest until recent times, though Epping and Hatfield Forests still stand today. Town names such as Tolleshunt D'Arcy and Layer-de-la-Haye serve as reminders of Norman occupation, others like Fingringhoe and Langenhoe were left by the Anglo-Saxons, and it was at Colchester that Boadicea, Queen of the Iceni, sacked the Romans.

1 Maldon

GR OS 168 TL 857 068, Jan 2020

On the Hythe Quay is a large RED Buoy (Not the mine). What is inscribed on its plaque?

2 Greensted (nr Chipping Ongar)

GR OS 167 TL 539 030, Oct 2010

To the right of the entrance to Greensted church. Which century is the Crusader's Grave?

3 Audley End House

GR OS 154 TL 523 380, Oct 2010

Over public entrance (south of house) there is an arch. What date (in Arabic numerals) does the arch bear?

4 Castle Hedingham

GR OS 155 TL 787 356, Jan 2020

On B1058 (Sudbury Road) at junction with Bayley Street, is a village sign. On the brick plinth, what event is recorded on the side that does not face the B1058?

5 Thaxted

GR OS 167 TL 610 307, Apr 2019

Four properties from the Guildhall in Town Street (Square), on the south west side is No 17, The Steps. According to the blue plaque, who lived there and when?

6 Wivenhoe

GR OS 168 TM 038 215, Oct 2010

According to the blue plaque on the building on the north waterfront, to the right (east) of the Rose & Crown public house, which Actor-Manager lived there (and dates)? [Note: the foot ferry runs infrequently.]

19 CAMBRIDGESHIRE



Cambridgeshire is probably best known for its University and its Fens; both certainly need to be seen to be fully appreciated. However, there is a surprising amount of variety in the county. North of the city of Cambridge, the land opens up, at first to the Rivers Great Ouse and Cam then to the ditches of the Fens themselves with their causeways and wind pumps. Dominating the fens is Ely Cathedral, the town of Ely being an island before the great period of draining occurred. Nearby, Wicken Fen has been kept undrained as a nature reserve. Further north near Wisbech are orchards and bulb fields. The market towns of Huntingdon, St. Neots and St. Ives on the northwestern side are particularly worth a visit. The southern part of the county is higher with winding lanes, trees and hedges to break up the expanse of cereal crops, and many attractive villages.

1 Cambridge

GR OS 154 TL 448 584, Oct 2010

What is the shape of the letter box at the gateway to Kings College?

2 Friday Bridge

GR OS 143 TF 466 047, Apr 2019

How many ducks and horses are there on the village pictorial sign?

3 Ely

GR OS 143 TL 540 803, Oct 2010

What stands on the green 80 yards in front of the main entrance of the Cathedral?

4 Great Chishill

GR OS 154 TL 413 388, Oct 2010

What is the number and name of the house next to the Windmill?

5 Hilton

GR OS 153 TL 293 663, Oct 2010

On the stone pillar in the centre of the grass maze is the word HOC on three sides.

What are the letters in front of the word **HOC**?

6 Grafham Water

GR OS 153 TL 167 680, Oct 2010

What are the names of the three car parks?

20 SUFFOLK



Once cloaked in forests, Suffolk is now a much more open county, particularly on the eastern side where there are extensive farms. Southwards the terrain becomes somewhat hillier, rising to over 400 feet.

The churches and houses in several attractive villages, such as Lavenham, Long Melford, Clare and Cavendish, show off the arts of half-timbering, pargeting (often pink), flint work and thatching to a splendid degree. The eastern coastline, typified by flat, sandy heath land, has some charming seaside towns and a wealth of bird life, with Avocet nesting on Minsmere and Havergate Island. Aldeburgh, a flourishing town in its own right, is also the home of a major summer music festival. The lower reaches of the River Stour, as it runs through water meadows lined with willows, is Constable country. Many of the venues for his paintings, such as East Bergholt, Flatford Mill and Dedham Vale, have changed little since his time.

1 Framlingham

GR OS 156 TM 288 636, Oct 2010

To the east of The Castle public house. By whose name is the well called?

2 Bury St. Edmunds

GR OS 155 TL 855 642, Oct 2010

On one of the plaques in the Abbey Gateway. What rebuilt date is recorded?

3 Dunwich

GR OS 156 TM 476 706, Oct 2010

At the Museum the anchor was recovered from the seabed off Dunwich. What year did the Navy survey and find it?

4 Lavenham

GR OS 155 916-493, Oct 2010

Give the name of the man who presented the Guildhall to the National Trust as recorded on wall of the Guildhall?

5 Flatford

GR OS 169 TM 076 332, Oct 2010

What is the name of the house on the opposite side of the lane to Flatford Mill?

6 Woodbridge

GR OS 169 TM 270 492, Oct 2010

Give the date of the Victorian fountain / pump standing on Market Hill beside the Shire Hall.

21 NORFOLK



Norfolk is a hillier county than often envisaged, particularly on the ridge backing the north coast. Sweeping sandy beaches line this coast, with many roads leading to inland villages that had access to the sea in centuries past. Blakeney Point and Scolt Head Island are havens to bird life. Waves have long battered the cliffs south of Cromer, slowly eroding the shores. Nearer Great Yarmouth, ancient peat workings have formed shallow, reed-fringed lakes known as the Broads, an area full of nature reserves and many quiet lanes for cycling. The reeds are used locally for thatching. Nearby, in the seaside resort of Great Yarmouth, is a monument to Lord Nelson, born at Burnham Thorpe. Much of the centre of the county is extensively devoted to agriculture, yet wilder areas and woodland also exist. Norwich is worth a visit, with its cathedral, castle, Georgian square of Tombland and cobbled Elm Hill.

1 Swaffham

GR OS 144 TF 818 090, Oct 2010

In the extreme north west corner of the town square is the town sign depicting the Pedlar of Swaffham. What is he holding in his right hand?

2 Thetford

GR OS 144 TL 869 831, Oct 2010

What does the statue of Thomas Paine hold in his right hand?

3 Geldeston

GR OS 134 TM 389 919 (To be confirmed), Jul 2019

Outside the WHERRY INN is a cast iron Sustrans fingerpost. What are the mile-ages to Loddon, Norwich and Beccles? .

4 Sutton

GR OS 133 TG 387 234, Apr 2019

Sutton Methodist Chapel has two foundation stones. What is the name of the M.P. who laid one of them?

5 Stibbard

GR OS 132 TF 982 283, Oct 2010

What does the memorial depict that commemorates the Golden Jubilee?

6 Swannington

GR OS 133 TG 134 193, Oct 2010

What was placed here in memory of her husband Hastings Parker in 1888?

22 GLOUCESTERSHIRE



The penetration of the River Severn deep into its heart divides much of Gloucestershire into three distinct parts. To the west, the Forest of Dean rises not far from the north bank of the Severn. Covering some 27,000 acres of woodland and winding valleys, its forest tracks contain miles of off-road cycling. The flatter central Severn Vale offers gentle pottering along quiet lanes with views of the Malvern and the Cotswold Hills. Gloucester has its cathedral and docks, Cheltenham its elegant Georgian architecture, and Tewkesbury its half-timbered Tudor buildings and a fine abbey. The eastern side of the county is dominated by the wide, rolling Cotswold Hills, their picturesque villages hewn out of local honey-coloured stone. The medieval wool trade provided for large houses and gardens as well as magnificent churches. Although the Cotswold villages can be busy with tourists in summer, the area remains a popular touring area for cyclists.

1 Newent

GR OS 162 SO 723 258, Apr 2019

Number 1 Market Place, adjacent to the stilted Market Hall on Bury Barr Lane, has a blue plaque commemorating Joe Meek. What are his dates and nick-name?

2 Birdlip

GR OS 163 SO 931 154, Oct 2010

Barrow Wake View Point. What does the Panorama show at 1 mile distance?

3 Stow on the Wold

GR OS 163 SP 191 260, Oct 2010

Just south of the junction of A424 with A429 on north side of Stow there is a drinking fountain on east side of the unclassified road leading to the town centre. Who presented it and when?

4 Sapperton Tunnel

GR OS 163 SO 965 006, Oct 2010

What is name of the public house by the tunnel entrance?

5 Winchcombe

GR OS 163 SP 025 282, Oct 2010

War Memorial to the Great War 1914-18. Whose name follows King, T?

6 Mitcheldean

GR OS 162 SO 664 186, Oct 2010

By the door of the Parish Church on a gravestone Thomas Wintle died 12th June. In which year?

23 HEREFORD & WORCESTER



Though separated by the Malvern Hills, Herefordshire and Worcestershire share a quiet, peaceful atmosphere with lush pastures and broad plains that are more gently picturesque than dramatically beautiful. The River Wye winds through wide, open valleys for much of its journey through Herefordshire, but cuts through deep gorges near Symond's Yat. Along the River Dore lies the scenic Golden Valley, its hills providing views to the Black Mountains and Wales. Daffodils in spring and hops and cider apples in summer are a significant feature of the rolling landscape of the west. Northeast of the Malverns, Worcestershire is generally flatter, the land devoted to orchards and market gardens, particularly in the Vale of Evesham. The River Teme valley and mid-reaches of the River Severn are also worth exploring. Black-and-white half-timbered houses proliferate in both counties, the towns and villages of Ledbury, Evesham, Weobley and Elmley Castle displaying particularly good examples.

1 Hereford

GR OS 149 SO 511 400, Apr 2019

In the city centre is the sole surviving timber framed building. The original plaque has now been replaced on the END of the building. What did this building once form part of?

2 Eardisland

GR OS 149 SO 420 587, Apr 2019

Outside the Cross Inn is an old style AA box. What is its serial number?

3 Tenbury Wells

GR OS 137/8 SO 595 686, Oct 2010

When was the Teme Bridge partly rebuilt and widened?

4 Worcester

GR OS 150 SO 846 547, Oct 2010

Who opened the bridge to traffic on October 28th 1932?

5 Evesham

GR OS 150 SP 036 437, Oct 2010

Junction of Vine Street and Merstow Green opposite Ye Olde Red Horse pub is a milestone. When was it believed to have been erected?

6 Malvern Hills

GR OS 150 SO 763 403, Oct 2010

There is an imposing stone plaque at British Camp just off the road alongside the path. On the plaque who described the view from the beacon as "The goodliest vista in England"?

24 SHROPSHIRE



The wide Severn Valley divides Shropshire into two areas. North of the historic county town of Shrewsbury, a broad plain of rich agricultural land extends to the county's 'Lake District' at Ellesmere where rare birds inhabit the meres. Quiet roads and rivers meander past charming villages liberally sprinkled with black and white timbered houses. To the east, the Severn flows past the conical, 1334-foot high mound of the Wrekin, through the Ironbridge Gorge, a major centre of the Industrial Revolution in England, and thus on to Bridgnorth, a market town built on two levels. In the rolling hills to the south are the lovely towns of Bishops Castle and Church Stretton, and also more serious hills – the Long Mynd, Wenlock Edge and the Clee Hills. Further south is the village of Clun, its history dating back to the Bronze Age, Corve Dale, with attractive 15th and 16th century manor farms, and the lovely Georgian town of Ludlow.

1 Ellesmere

GR OS 126 SJ 399 346, Oct 2010

Painted on the end of the disused wharf store there is a huge advert. Where does the Shropshire Union Railways and Canal Company carry goods to?

2 Shrewsbury

GR OS 126 SJ 488 124, Oct 2010

Opposite St. Chads church adjacent to the war memorial there is a stone balustrade providing the park boundary. Who erected it and when?

3 Much Wenlock

GR OS 127 SJ 624 001, Oct 2010

By Wenlock Priory in the road called the Bullring you will find the Priory Hall, now the village hall. What was it previously and between which dates? The plaque is now located inside the gateway, on the wall of the building.

4 Bishops Castle

GR OS 137 SO 323 889, Apr 2019

On the downhill wall of the old town hall there are two (cell) circular windows. How many horizontal and vertical bars secure them?

5 Ludlow

GR OS 137 SO 509 745, Oct 2010

At the entrance to Ludlow Castle, on the LEFT hand side facing the castle, where and when was the cannon captured?

6 Bridgnorth

GR OS 138 SO 717 929, Oct 2019

In Castle Terrace HIGHTOWN is the upper station of the Castlehill Cliff Railway. From the adjacent information board when was the railway opened and by whom?

25 WARWICKSHIRE & WEST MIDLANDS



Warwickshire is properly in the Midlands, a cross in the town of Meriden marking the geographic centre of England. To the north and west, the industrial conurbation of Birmingham and its suburbs have claimed much of the land, though there are a few attractive market towns linked by country lanes and numerous canals. Near Meriden is the historic city of Coventry, known for bicycle manufacturing and its great cathedral standing next to the ruins of the one bombed in World War II. Southwards the scenery opens up to a varied and beautiful landscape. Gentle green countryside predominates, though the views from Edge Hill, site of the first major Civil War battle, can be dramatic. Warwick, best known for its medieval castle, is a pleasant Georgian and Tudor town, as is nearby Leamington Spa. A bit further south lies Shakespeare country, Stratford-upon-Avon its major tourist attraction, laced by canals and rivers.

1 Warwick

GR OS 151 SP 280 647, Oct 2010

Unusual pillar box by West Gate and Lord Leycester Hospital. According to the nearby plaque when and where was it cast and what is its shape?

2 Meriden

GR OS 139 SP 239 823, Oct 2010

On the green in Meriden near to the Cyclist's Memorial there is an ancient cross which marks the geographical centre of England. How old is it and when was it re-erected?

3 Stratford-Upon-Avon

GR OS 151 SP 184 548, Oct 2010

By the fence outside Ann Hathaway's Cottage there is a SV plate. What are the numbers?

4 Packwood House

GR OS 139 SP 174 722, Oct 2010

What is the inscription at the bottom of the Sundial on the eastern face of the main Building?

5 Chesterton Windmill

GR OS 151 SP 348 594, Oct 2010

A unique stone windmill was built here by Inigo Jones. How many columns does the windmill stand on and what is the diameter of the brake wheel?

6 Rollright Stones

GR OS 151 SP 296 309, Oct 2010

On the opposite side of the road to the Rollright Stone Circle stands a single upright stone (The Kingstone). Describe its shape.

26 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE



Largely an agricultural county, its broad open landscapes broken by the odd farm building or occasional church spire, Northampton has not suffered from industrial sprawl. The River Nene, once a major part of the tanning process, flows through Fotheringhay where Mary Queen of Scots lost her head. Now used for recreational purposes, it is joined on its course by the Grand Union Canal, a mecca for narrow-boaters. 200 years of canal history is displayed at the Stoke Bruerne Waterways Museum. Rockingham Forest was royal hunting land, and some patches of woodland still remain. History manifests itself near Rushton, where the Triangular Lodge, a three-sided building where everything comes in sets of three, was reputedly a meeting place for the Gunpowder Plot conspirators, and at Naseby where the fateful Civil War battle was fought. Two crosses erected to commemorate the passing of Queen Eleanor's funeral cortege still remain at Geddington and Hardingstone.

1 Fotheringhay

GR OS 142 TL 060 932, Oct 2010

Inscription in the porch of the church. Who was the first principal of Balliol College, Oxford? (Note: the church is currently encased in scaffolding but the answer is still accessible via a tunnel. Best visited on a bright day! Please advise if scaffolding gone.)

2 Geddington

GR OS 141 SP 894 830, Oct 2010

There is a plaque fixed to the Queen Eleanor Cross. How many of these Crosses were built between 1291 and 1294?

3 Naseby

GR OS 141 SP 684 800, Oct 2010

The Battle of Naseby (Cromwell) Monument 1 mile north of the village. How many sides or faces does the Monument have?

4 Castle Ashby

GR OS 152 SP 859 593, Oct 2010

In the village, to the west of the castle at a crossroads is a stone column standing adjacent to a signpost to Castle Ashby House. What is the year shown on the column below the crown, the letter 'N' and the words, Castle Ashby?

5 Stoke Bruerne

GR OS 152 SP 743 500, Oct 2010

Do all of the windows at the front of the Canal Museum at Stoke Bruerne have bars?

6 Sulgrave

GR OS 152 SP 561 455, Oct 2010

Who presented the Woolhouse to Sulgrave Manor and when? (on a stone set into the wall)

27 LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND



Leicestershire and Rutland contain a rich heritage of fine buildings and attractive market towns. Mainly agricultural, the landscape is pleasantly varied. In the north, the craggy, granite hills of Charnwood Forest slope eastwards down to rolling wolds where a maze of attractive roads dip and climb. Beyond, peaceful lanes and gently rolling countryside lead to the Vale of Belvoir overlooked by its beautiful castle. Loughborough, with the largest bell foundry in Europe, has a bell tower with 47 bells. There is a five-arched packhorse bridge at Anstey and splendid views from Mountsorrel. In the south, secluded by-ways meander through a landscape of open fields and waterways. At Foxton, two tiers of five locks raise the Grand Union Canal by 75 feet. Tiny Rutland is surprisingly hilly and includes Rutland Water, a vast reservoir created in the 1970s; a 24-mile cycle track follows its shores. The impressive Harringworth Viaduct carries the railway over the River Welland.

1 Bottesford

GR OS 130 SK 807 392, Oct 2010

North of the church, very near the tower, is an old cottage. What date is set in dark bricks on the gable end facing the tower?

2 Rutland Water

GR OS 141 SK 876 075, Apr 2019

Adjacent to Egleton Church is the tiny former Egleton school, erected in 1867. What is the animal in the top carved stone?

3 Foxton Locks

GR OS 141 SP 691 898, Oct 2010

At the canal junction below the bottom lock is Rainbow Bridge (no.62) across the start of the Leicester arm. What date is set in its arch?

4 Bosworth Battlefield

GR OS 140 SK 397 004, Apr 2019

Battlefield preserved railway, at Shenton station, how many free standing lampposts are there on the platform?

5 Bradgate Park

GR OS 140 SK 523 097, Oct 2010

A circular plaque, dated 1970, is mounted on the right-hand pillar of the main entrance gates from the Newton Linford car park. What is its two-word inscription?

6 Breedon-on-the-Hill

GR OS 129 SK 405 233, Oct 2010

In the churchyard is a grave with a large white cross. Where and when did Claude George Taylor die?

28 LINCOLNSHIRE



Perhaps the largest agricultural county in England, Lincolnshire is a quiet, expansive area, sparsely populated with little traffic. The countryside around The Wash is ancient peatland, drained since the Roman times. These Fens provide rich soil for growing a variety of crops, including the vast bulb fields around Spalding. Enormous skies offer spacious views punctuated by windmills and church spires. To the northwest, a thin strip of high land runs north-south through the county, taking in the ancient Roman city of Lincoln, its cathedral dominating the sky for miles around. In the east the Wolds present a greater challenge – 40 miles of rolling hills, deep valleys and hanging beechwoods. Along the coast lie sand dunes and flat marshland with windmills and several nature reserves. Points of interest include Tattershall's medieval fortified manor house, West Deeping's watermill, the largest single-hand clock in the world at Coningsby and many Dutch gabled houses.

1 Lincoln

GR OS 121 SK 979 719, Oct 2010

Whose statue stands in the north east corner of the Cathedral grounds close to the Eastgate?

2 Walesby

GR OS 113 TF 138 924, Oct 2010

All Saints church known as the Ramblers church has a window, one pane of Ramblers, one of Christ. What is depicted on the other pane?

3 Crowland

GR OS 142 TF 239 102, Oct 2010

On a plaque fixed to the three legged Trinity Bridge whose charter first mentioned the bridge and when?

4 Spilsby

GR OS 122 TF 402 661, Oct 2010

There is a statue of a famous Lincolnshire man in Market Square. Who was he, when was he born and what did he discover?

5 Heckington

GR OS 130 TF 145 435, Apr 2019

Outside Heckington Windmill is a red Pillar Box. What is the maker's name along the lower front side?

6 Stamford

GR OS 141 TF 028 071, Oct 2010

What is the name of the Brothers in stone on the building between the Odd Fellows Hall 1876 and the Brewery Museum?

29 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE



Nottinghamshire lies tucked between the Derbyshire hills and the Lincolnshire fens, its countryside comprised of pastures and mixed farming, wooded in the south and more open in the north. The southwest was historically colliery country, many of the spoil heaps having now been planted and grassed, with the remnants of Sherwood Forest extending north from there. Near Worksop are the 'Dukeries', gentle wooded hills where Dukes and Earls built their stately homes. At Clumber Park, though the house has gone, the grounds still contain acres of forest walks and rides. The impressive Norman Minster church at Southwell is worth a visit for its almost rural setting and its stone carvings of foliage, as is Newstead Abbey, former home of Lord Byron. The landscapes of D.H.Lawrence's novels and short stories can still be seen to the east of Eastwood. The city of Nottingham itself has several museums exhibiting the history and industrial heritage of the county.

1 Harworth

GR OS 111 SK 617 917, , Oct 2010

Enter the town cemetery by the West Gate (closes at dusk or 6pm). On the left is a black headstone, which is the grave of Tom Simpson (Racing Cyclist). Complete the text, "His body ached

2 North Leverton

GR OS 120 SK 775 820, Apr 2019

Which two organisations donated the two white gates in front of the mill?

3 Clumber Park

GR OS 120 SK 625 746, Oct 2010

The Stables. How many bells can you see in the octagonal clock tower?

4 Hickling

GR OS 129 SK 691 295, Oct 2010

What unlikely animal is mentioned on the information board at Hickling Canal basin?

5 Eastwood

GR OS 129 SK 466 471, Oct 2010

What is inscribed on the plaque above the door of D.H.Lawrence's birthplace?

6 Nottingham

GR OS 129 SK 570 395, Jul 2019

There is a statue of Robin Hood to the south (left) of the Castle Gatehouse. Who is shown fighting Guy of Gisborne's men on one of the adjacent plaques?

30 DERBYSHIRE



The countryside in south Derbyshire is undulating and pastoral, its rivers meandering past fields of barley and wheat. It boasts large halls at Kedleston and Melbourne, ruins at Duffield Castle and Dale Abbey, a model village at Sudbury and a three-quarter mile long, 10-arched bridge and causeway at Swarkestone. Centrally, high ridges, rolling hills, wooded dales and green river valleys make up the landscape. Bakewell, known for its tarts and warm, brown stone buildings, and the Matlock towns and villages sit in an area rich in history and archaeology. The crowning glory lies north in the Peak District where high, rocky crags rise from rugged, exposed moorland, giving dramatic views. Well-dressing villages such as Eyam, Tideswell and Wormhill, great houses of Chatsworth and Hardwick and the reservoirs of the River Derwent all contribute to the beauty of the area. The Tissington and High Peak trails offer extensive, if easy, off-road riding.

1 Derwent Reservoir

GR OS 110 SK 168 940, Apr 2019

At the end of the metalled road at the top reservoir is a small round-about with a tree. According to the plaque, who planted it and when?

2 Millers Dale

GR OS 119 SK 141 734, Oct 2010

Just to the east of the old railway viaduct, what date is on St. Annes Church clock?

3 High Peak Trail

GR OS 119 SK 275 552, Oct 2010

What is the gradient on the steep hill warning sign on the High Peak Trail opposite the Middleton Top Engine House?

4 Hardwick Hall

GR OS 120 SK 463 637, Oct 2010

In front of the hall by the main gate is a mounting block. How many steps has it?

5 Marston Montgomery

GR OS 128 SK 135 379, Apr 2019

On the shelter 100m to the south of the church are two plaques. What are the names of the two monarchs?

6 Ticknall

GR OS 128 SK 356 240, Oct 2010

What is the height on the sign on the tramway bridge which crosses the A514 by the entrance to Calke Park?

31 STAFFORDSHIRE



Rugged, stone-walled moorlands, where wallabies run wild and crags tower above the roads, typify northern Staffordshire. Further south they give way to lush valleys, dense woodlands and open, undulating dairy farming country. The Rivers Churnet and Manifold flow gently through verdant valleys with pleasant villages. The market town of Cheadle in the North Staffordshire hills, with its 200-foot tall church steeple visible for miles around, and picturesque half-timbered Tudor houses, offers a gateway to the Churnet valley. Placid canals and sparkling reservoirs add to the beauty of the landscape. Even the industrial towns are set in rural countryside. A few of the traditional brick ovens of the Potteries remain, and a museum of pottery exists in the village of Linton. Minor roads penetrate the expansive protected moorland of Cannock Chase with its birch and oak woods and indigenous heather. Further east is the Needwood Forest with its oaks and hollies.

1 Leek

GR OS 118 SJ 985 565, Oct 2010

In the town centre the Public Library and Information Centre in Stockwell Street bears an inscription "Nicholson Institute". What years are above this inscription?

2 Ilam

GR OS 119 SK 135 508, Oct 2010

The monument in the centre of the village is a replica "Eleanor Cross". How many sides has the central column?

3 Slindon

GR OS 127 SJ 826 324, Oct 2010

On the A519, 2.3 miles north of Eccleshall is a disused drinking fountain. Who donated it to the village?

4 Lichfield

GR OS 128 SK 117 095, Oct 2010

In the market place is a statue of Dr. Samuel Johnson. When was it presented, and by whom?

5 Kinver

GR OS 138 SO 845 834, Oct 2010

Plaques on the wall of the Medical Centre in the village indicate the number of awards for "Best Kept Village". How many are there at the time of your visit?

6 Cannock Chase

GR OS 127 SJ 980 165, Oct 2010

The Katyn Memorial. To whom is the memorial dedicated, where were they executed and when?

32 CHESHIRE



A county mostly pastoral in nature, Cheshire's large farms and country estates impart an air of peaceful prosperity. Extending from the west, the vast undulating Cheshire Plain, well watered by rivers and canals, offers miles of mostly gentle cycling amongst dairy farms, villages with attractive churches and the heavily wooded Delamere Forest. South and east, the land becomes hillier, with wooded ridges and ruined castles offering good views of the surrounding countryside. Near Congleton and Macclesfield the terrain turns to wild, craggy moorland with gritstone farmsteads above narrow valleys. At Anderton a canal lift hoists vessels from the River Weaver to the Trent & Mersey Canal, and near Knutsford is the Jodrell Bank radio telescope. Several large houses dot the county, including the intricately half-timbered Little Moreton Hall and Bramall Hall, and the medieval city walls, cathedral and timber-framed Rows (shops along raised covered walkways) of Chester are worth a visit.

1 Audlem

GR OS 118 SJ 660 436, Oct 2019

Near the Church Tower is a memorial honouring the villages dead from many conflicts. Who is the only person to lose their life in the Suez Conflict?

2 Knutsford

GR OS 118 SJ 752 786, Oct 2010

Memorial Tower to Mrs Gaskell in King Street. What does the plaque near the base of the tower commemorate?

3 Chester

GR OS 117 SJ 407 663, Oct 2010

Eastgate where the old City Wall crosses Eastgate Street has an archway surmounted by a clock. According to the inscription on the east face of the arch at whose expense was it erected in AD MDCCLXIX ? NOTE: The inscription is weathering and may not be legible in poor light. Answer is available on a small plaque on the SW side of the gateway.

4 Sandbach

GR OS 118 SJ 759 608, Oct 2010

Who cares for the Saxon Crosses?

5 Stretton Mill

GR OS 117 SJ 454 530, Oct 2010

What is the date in red on one of the Waterwheels?

6 Great Budworth

GR OS 118 SJ 664 776, Oct 2010

In the village centre is a public house, what is it's name?

33 Merseyside & Environs



Merseyside, bisected by the river Mersey, with its 800 year old ferry service, shipping industry, famous waterfront and restored South Docks, is an area of great contrasts. Liverpool boasts two spectacular cathedrals amongst other sights. To the north is a fine coastline featuring sand dunes and pine woods (with red squirrels), leading across fertile flatlands to hills topped by the Lancashire Beacons. The Martin Mere Bird Sanctuary, 15th century Rufford Old Hall and Knowsley Safari Park offer interesting diversions. To the east is the spectacularly half-timbered Speke Hall, the impressive Runcorn/Widnes Bridge and Daresbury, birthplace of Lewis Carroll. Southwest lies the Wirral Peninsula with its pretty countryside and contrasting villages such as Port Sunlight, Parkgate, Thornton Hough and Burton. The sandstone ridges offer magnificent views to the east and west. Wirral Country Park is partly open to cyclists. Eureka, the famous cyclists' cafe, is at Two Mills a short distance over the Cheshire border.

1 Liverpool

GR OS 108 SJ 338 903, Oct 2010

On the Waterfront the main doorway (facing the river) of The Royal Liver Building. Who laid the foundation stone, situated to the right?

2 Grange

GR OS 108 SJ 222 866, Oct 2010

Tall sandstone column with large ball on top (previously a mariner's beacon) on the A540, Column Road. What date was the foundation stone laid?

3 Parkgate

GR OS 117 SJ 278 782, Oct 2010

Halfway along the river front behind The Square (Bus Terminus) is St. Thomas's Church. How many windows are glazed on the south-west elevation, i.e. facing The Square and the River Dee?

4 Port Sunlight

GR OS 108 SJ 337 845, Oct 2010

Very impressive war memorial at the crossing of The Causeway with King George's Drive/Queen Mary's Drive, in the centre of this world famous village. What is the English inscription, facing outwards, on three of the four sections of the surrounding wall?

5 Daresbury

GR OS 108 SJ 580 828, Oct 2010

All Saint's Parish Church with famous stained glass window dedicated to the life of Lewis Carroll, who was born in the village. What year is on the external rainwater pipe hopper heads?

6 Parbold Hill

GR OS 108 SD 507 107, Oct 2010

Metal plaque set in stone at the viewpoint on the A5209, opposite The Miller and Carter Steakhouse. What year was it erected by West Lancashire District Council?

34 LANCASHIRE & GREATER MANCHESTER



Wedged between the sea and the mountains, Lancashire presents two opposite aspects. Along the coast is the low-lying rolling plain of the Fylde with quiet twisting lanes, scattered farms and villages and coastal salt marshes. Glasson Dock, possibly the oldest existing tidal dock in England, marks one end of the River Lune cycle path. Magnificent views can be had across Morecambe Bay to southern Cumbria, and the limestone headland near Silverdale, with nature reserves nearby, has been designated an AONB. Inland, stretching almost to Yorkshire, the ancient royal hunting territory of the Forest of Bowland rises to over 1700 feet. Whalley, with its railway viaduct and ruined 13th century abbey, and Clitheroe with its 12th century castle keep, are charming market towns. Southern Lancashire and Greater Manchester are centres for the cotton industry, but in wooded valleys above the busy valleys are great Halls, Tudor farmhouses, peaceful reservoirs and old stone churches.

1 Styal

GR OS 109 SJ 840 834, Oct 2010

Off the B5166, near the locked gates to Styal Mill is an unmade track (Holts Lane). How many front doors are there in the row of terraced houses?

2 Hollingsworth Lake Country Park

GR OS 109 SD 939 152, Oct 2010

Plaque in wall on right hand side of the entrance to the Visitor Centre. When did the Park open and what was the Lake's original name?

3 Newchurch

GR OS 103 SD 823 394, Oct 2010

What is the emblem below the clock on the church tower? Is it an eye, a hand or a foot? (A sketch is acceptable.)

4 Slaidburn

GR OS 103 SD 712 525, Oct 2010

War memorial. Name one of the men who gave their life in the 1939/45 War?

5 Leighton Moss R.S.P.B. Sanctuary

GR OS 97 SD 476 750, Oct 2010

At the Visitor Centre/ café what year is engraved high on the right hand gable wall leading to the rear car park and toilets?

6 Inglewhite

GR OS 102 SD 547 399, Apr 2019

Opposite the green is a single story building with a yellow AA sign; how far is it to London?

35 ISLE OF MAN



The Isle of Man, rising from the Irish Sea to over 2000 feet, covers only 227 square miles but is laced with some 500 miles of quiet roads. It is largely blanketed with gorse and heather, though the lanes in the relatively flat plain of the north meander through wooded countryside with many picturesque villages. The hillier south tends to be less sparsely settled but has many sandy beaches and attractive harbours at Peel and Port St. Mary. Douglas, the main town and entry port for the island, is where the famed Manx cats are bred. Loxey is home to the world's largest industrial water wheel, formerly used in the lead mines. From there a mountain railway climbs Snaefell, and a road goes 1300 feet up it. At Castletown, a town of narrow streets and quaint houses, is Castle Rushen, a good example of a medieval fortress, and Cregneish has an open-air folk museum illustrating whitewashed crofts and farming and fishing implements.

1 Castletown

GR OS 95 SC 264 675, Oct 2010

Market Square. Tower to commemorate visit of John Wesley. What is the date?

2 Cronk y Voddy

GR OS 95 SC 295 863, Jan 2020

From the village on the A3, take the lane signposted Peel. In the hedge at the first crossroads is a black and white sign. What is written on it in Manx and English?

3 Lingague

GR OS 95 SC 215 712, Oct 2010

On hillside about 1 km south of Lingague there is a stone bench in memory of John Nicholson, artist. Which item that he designed was painted here?

4 Baldrine

GR OS 95 SC 427 794, Jan 2020

$\frac{3}{4}$ mile due south on the A2, follow the signs to Old Lonan Church. Here in the graveyard is a free standing Celtic cross. What is the number on the small metal disc?

5 Maughold

GR OS 95 SC 493 917, Apr 2019

In the churchyard is an open fronted building to the right side of the gateway. How many ancient Manx crosses are on display, (see panel on the right hand wall)?

6 Andrease

GR OS 95 SC 415 993, Oct 2010

According to the War memorial by the Parish Church who was a Bombardier R.F.A.?

36 WEST YORKSHIRE



Long associated with the wool and cloth trades, West Yorkshire is a county with two faces. In the valleys of the Rivers Colne, Calder and Aire sit the mills, their slender chimneys piercing the sky, and the towns that serve them. Some fine Victorian architecture can be found, the railway station at Huddersfield being one of the best examples of its kind in England. Above all this are the wild moors of the Brontë sisters' novels, separating one town from another. Old clothiers' houses and weavers' cottages remain from the time when the cloth trade was a cottage industry. Greystone farms work the land, their fields separated by miles of stone walls. Two staircases of locks raise the Leeds & Liverpool Canal 100 feet near Bingley, and the best preserved section of Roman Road in Britain runs along Blackstone Edge. It is a landscape that offers exciting and challenging cycling.

1 Halifax

GR OS 104 SE 106 258, Oct 2010

100m NW of Shibden Hall is a craft display. What craft is represented?

2 Haworth

GR OS 104 SE 030 372, Oct 2010

On the wall of the Black Bull pub, facing the street is one of the old CTC Winged Wheel signs in black and gold. The top of the sign is how many courses of stone below the level of the top of the window to the left?

3 Bingley

GR OS 104 SE 107 400, Oct 2010

Five Rise Locks. By the top lock is a plaque on a stone mount. What date commemorates the bi-centenary of the building of the locks?

4 Otley

GR OS 104 SE 202 457, Oct 2010

There is a blue plaque on the end house, adjacent to the Manor House in Manor Square. When and where was Thomas Chippendale born?

5 Yorkshire Sculpture Park

GR OS 110 SE 283 133, Oct 2010

Entering from West Bretton along Park Lane. Pass through stone pillars at entrance then immediately left into Beaumont Drive. At base of second tree on right is a plaque. When did Kathleen Mary Woffinden die? (Use the Park Lane entrance, not the new entrance off the roundabout on the main road.)

6 Holme Moss

GR OS 110 SE 097 039, Apr 2019

At the entrance to the transmitter station, to the RIGHT of the gates is a sign concerning ICE, what colour are the lights surmounting it?

37 EAST RIDING of YORKSHIRE



Bounded on three sides by the River Derwent, the Humber and the North Sea, East Yorkshire has a long maritime history. Hull is the third largest port in England, and Goole, 42 miles from the coast, is the furthest inland seaport. The Georgian market town of Beverley, with its splendid Minster, is the historic capital. Running north-south through the county, and forming its northern border, are the Yorkshire Wolds, rolling hills rising to over 500 feet in places and offering good views either side. To the west lie the ancient market towns of Howden and Pocklington with their equally ancient churches; Pocklington also has the largest pond of water lilies in Europe. On the east side, the undulating Holderness plain, with its 2-mile long Hornsea Mere, leads to the long sandy coastline. Chalk cliffs provide havens for thousands of seabirds near Flamborough Head. Unspoilt villages, ruined abbeys and large country houses abound.

1 Beverley

GR OS 107 TA 030 399, Oct 2010

The North Bar, the only one remaining of 5 guarding main entrances of the town. Who built it, when and how much did it cost?

2 Flamborough

GR OS 101 TA 254 707, Oct 2010

Make a sketch of the Weather Vane on top of the lighthouse.

3 Sledmere

GR OS 101 SE 928 647, Oct 2010

"Waggoners Memorial" near the War Memorial. Who was the sculptor, foreman and mason?

4 Howden

GR OS 106 748-282, Apr 2019

In the road called Market Place is the Shire Hall. From the Blue plaque, name the four previous uses of the building.

5 Patrington

GR OS TA 318 222, Apr 2019

Leaving the village on the Easington Road is a children's play area. What is on top of the LARGE square upright wooden post?

6 Stamford Bridge

GR OS 106 SE 714 556, Oct 2010

On the main road in the village centre is a small memorial garden to the Battle of Stamford Bridge. What (in Norwegian) is in the inscription on the base of the stone pillar?

38 SOUTH YORKSHIRE



A mixture of industrial towns and open countryside, South Yorkshire offers a variety of cycling and places of interest to visit along the way. Sheffield lies on the edge of the Peak District National Park, its moors and reservoirs being within reach of the city to the west. Sheffield Manor was home to Mary Queen of Scots for many years, and its museum tells of her time there. The area between Barnsley and Holmfirth provides challenging and scenic cycling, the terrain levelling off as it nears Doncaster. 12th century Conisbrough Castle is the oldest surviving circular keep in England, and the Castle at Pontefract, a town with many 18th century buildings, has Civil War connections. Other buildings of note include 18th century Wentworth Woodhouse, with the longest frontage in England, the half-timbered 15th century barn at Gunthwaite Hall, and Victorian Broadsworth Hall. Roche and Monk Bretton Abbeys are also of interest.

1 Burbage Rocks

GR OS 110 SK 262 829, Oct 2019

A path from Burbage Bridge between Burbage Rocks and the brook. Inside the gate to the right is a rectangle of massive rocks. How many rocks make up the bottom row?

2 Langsett Reservoir

GR OS 110 SE 213 004, Oct 2010

There is a latin inscription on the tower on the dam. What three towns or cities are mentioned?

3 Campsall

GR OS 111 SE 545 141, Oct 2010

The church has the finest Norman tower in Yorkshire. How many arches are there in the main doorway?

4 Roche Abbey

GR OS 111 SK 544 898, Apr 2019

Enter the ruined stone Gatehouse (just before the entrance to Roche Abbey), look left, what is through the small doorway?

5 Worsbrough

GR OS 110 SE 349 034, Oct 2010

Go to the front of Worsbrough Mill. The top storey has three windows. How does the middle window differ from the other two?

6 Hooton Pagnell

GR OS 111 SE 485 081, Oct 2010

An unspoilt village worthy of exploration. When was the Buttercross erected?

39 NORTH YORKSHIRE



One of the largest counties in England, North Yorkshire brings together vast areas of great contrasts. The Vale of York, a fertile agricultural plain, cuts a broad swath through the centre of the county. Fountains Abbey, Ripon Cathedral and the spa town of Harrogate all lie in this area, as does the city of York with its Minster, 12th century city walls and old narrow streets. The Pennines and the Yorkshire Dales National Park dominate the western half of the county. The dramatic landscape can be steep and rocky or sloping and green. Hardrow Force and Aysgarth waterfalls, Ribbleshead viaduct, Richmond Castle, Bolton Abbey, Malham Cove and the peaks of Ingleborough, Wharfedale and Pen-y-Ghent are just some of the highlights. To the east, the North York Moors rise sharply to a heather covered plateau with steep, secluded valleys sheltering greystone villages, then drop to a coastline of cliffs and fishing villages.

1 Settle

GR OS 98 SD 816 634, Oct 2010

What is the height above sea level on the South Bound platform on Settle Station?

2 Askrigg

GR OS 98 SD 948 910, Oct 2010

In the centre of the village opposite the church. What are the two signs on the wall of Sykes's House?

3 Harrogate

GR OS 104 SE 315 555, Oct 2010

On the Wetherby Road, what is the name of the well at the Pump House?

4 York

GR OS 105 SE 596 527, Oct 2010

In the Clifton area what date was the Burton Stone Inn re-built?

5 Levisham

GR OS 94 SE 833 906, Apr 2019

Several steep hills if you're approaching from the east. How many bells are there in the turret of Levisham church?

6 Egton

GR OS 94 NZ 808 065, Oct 2010

Opposite the garage is Egton Cross. In whose memory is it?

40 CUMBRIA



There is more to Cumbria than its mountainous central area, but the spectacular scenery of the Lake District manifests itself throughout the county, even if only for the wonderful views of it from afar. The granite outcrop of Scafell Pike, at 3209 feet, is the highest point in England, and the highest mountain passes in the country are also to be found here, with six roads rising above 1000 feet. Beneath the craggy peaks are eight major lakes, each reachable by roads running through green valleys, though a few roads can be heavily trafficked in summer. Nestled between the Lakes and the Pennines, the Cumbrian Cycle Way follows the Vale of Eden south on quiet roads through rolling countryside, beyond the attractive market town of Appleby in Westmorland, across to Kirkby Stephen and up the dramatic valley of Mallerstang. Stone circles, ruined abbeys, ancient castles and Hadrian's Wall provide links with the past.

1 Cockermouth

GR OS 89 NY 123 306, Oct 2010

In Main Street there is a Statue of a former MP for Cockermouth and Viceroy of India . What is the name engraved in stone on the plinth?

2 Ravenglass

GR OS 96 SD 085 964, Apr 2019

At the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway Museum there is a mainline railway adjacent. What is the name of the public house almost on its western platform?

3 Ambleside

GR OS 90 NY 378 046, Oct 2010

Bridge House the "Smallest House" in England is found astride the river alongside Rydal Road. How many steps comprise the stone outside spiral staircase?

4 Dent

GR OS 98 SD 705 870, Oct 2010

In the cobbled centre of village is a stone memorial drinking fountain. What is the name and dates of the local geologist commemorated by it?

5 Crosby Ravensworth

GR OS 91 NY 622 148, Apr 2019

What are the inscriptions on either side of the two roses carved on the church porch?

6 Brampton

GR OS 86 NY 530 611, Oct 2010

In the centre of the Market Place is the eight sided Moot Hall. According to the "tablet" at the foot of the steps what is the name and year of birth of the poet?

41 DURHAM



Only somewhat less dramatic than its neighbours, County Durham is largely characterised by medium sized fields, small market towns, unspoilt villages and uncrowded roads. The Pennines on its western border offer rugged moorland scenery leading to high plateaux, with the spectacular waterfalls of Caldron Snout and High Force plunging from the rocks. The open dales are covered with stone-walled fields and derelict miners' cottages, the small mining towns and villages perched precariously on the slopes. At Darlington, Stephenson's early steam engine marks the 'birthplace of the railway', and near Stanley, where the first single-span stone bridge was built to carry coal wagons, the vast Beamish Museum illustrates the county's industrial heritage. The eastern coastline is a mixture of long sandy beaches, low limestone cliffs and colliery villages. The pride of the county is the medieval city of Durham with its 11th century castle and 12th century cathedral.

1 Durham

GR OS 88 NZ 274 426, Oct 2010

There is a statue of Neptune in the Market Place. Which river does this refer to?

2 Stanhope

GR OS 92 NY 996 392, Oct 2010

A fossilised tree stump can be seen in a gap in the churchyard wall: what type of tree is it, and where is it from?

3 Bishop Auckland

GR OS 93 NZ 213 301, Jan 2020

In which monarch's reign was the post box to the right of the clock gateway to Aukland Park installed?

4 Barnard Castle

GR OS 92 NZ 050 163, Apr 2019

At the bottom of Newgate is the octagonal 'Butter Market'. There is a blue plaque on an inner arch near the entrance. What did farmers' wives sell around the verandah?

5 Sedgefield

GR OS 93 NZ 344 287, Oct 2010

Hardwick Hall Country Park. According to the plaque at south end of the Serpentine Bridge it was restored in 1994 to match the original bridge of which year (the bridge is shown on OS map just below the "u" of Temple ruin)?

6 Middleton-in-Teesdale

GR OS 91/92 NY 947 254, Oct 2010

The drinking fountain commemorates a testimonial presented to R.E. Bainbridge. Which company's employees presented this to him?

42 NORTHUMBERLAND / TYNE & WEAR



Separated from Scotland by the Cheviot Hills, Northumberland is one of the largest counties in England but also the least populated. Its turbulent history caused it to develop more recently than other areas, and thus left its countryside largely unspoilt. Much of the land is open with large farms, few natural woods and few towns or substantial villages. However, in recent years the Forestry Commission has planted hundreds of thousands of acres of trees for industry, and with this has come new reservoirs, including Kielder Water, forest tracks, camping sites and shelter for many species of wildlife. In addition to the bulk of Hadrian's Wall, substantial fortified castles, such as those at Bamburgh, Dunstanburgh and Alnwick, lie in varying states of preservation, alongside many stately homes. Berwick-on-Tweed is enclosed by the only complete 16th century fortifications in Britain. The often sandy coastline has many offshore islands with lighthouses and bird colonies.

1 Cambo

GR OS 81 NZ 026 857, Oct 2010

A stone on the side of the Village Hall (which is virtually opposite the drinking fountain) commemorates a famous gardener. Who?

2 Blanchland

GR OS 87 NY 966 503, Oct 2010

After which Lord is the pub named?

3 Whittingham

GR OS 81 NU 070 119, Oct 2010

In the village there is a monument of a man with a dog. Who does this commemorate?

4 Bamburgh

GR OS 75 NU 178 349, Apr 2019

At the tower end of the churchyard is an elaborate Victorian family tomb to the heroine Grace Darling. From the plaque, what is her MIDDLE name, and dates of birth and death?

5 Haydon Bridge

GR OS 86/87 NY 845 633, Oct 2010

About 1 mile south of Haydon Bridge on the A686 main road is a memorial. This is a cross by the roadside and tells the story of some noblemen. Where were they beheaded?

6 Near Horncliffe

GR OS 67/74/75 NT 934 510, Oct 2010

The Union Suspension Bridge over the River Tweed. Plaque at south-east approach. When was the bridge strengthened?

43 SOUTH WALES



Though historically associated with industry and mining, the counties of South Wales have green rolling hills and unspoilt coastline to offer the cyclist willing to meet the challenges of 'lumpy' terrain. Monmouthshire, east of Abergavenny, is flatter and more pastoral. The wooded Wye Valley, an AONB and forming the border between England and Wales, shelters the graceful Tintern Abbey. Further west is the picturesque valley of the River Usk, its namesake town the site of a Norman Castle and 13th century gatehouse. Numerous ruined castles are dotted about the whole area, many built to guard the border against frequent raids. The leafy Vale of Glamorgan, west of Cardiff, offers pleasant unspoilt scenery and sea views, and the Gower Peninsula, the first AONB, has superb beaches, coves and fishing villages. Inland are many mountain-biking opportunities such as at Afan Argoed Country Park, north of Port Talbot, and The Gap ride in the Brecon Beacons.

1 Port Eynon

GR OS 159 SS 468 854, Oct 2010

In the churchyard is a distinct white memorial (the Lifeboat's Crew Memorial). What was the name of the Lifeboat?

2 Afon Forest Park

GR OS 170 SS 821 951, Oct 2010

On the brick plinth below the wagon at the entrance to the Visitor Centre. When was the Swansea Bay and Rhondda Tunnel opened?

3 Merthyr Tydfil

GR OS 160 SO 059 097, Oct 2010

Near the Taff Trail and opposite the entrance to Brecon Mountain Railway at Pant Station is a stone cairn to the Morlais Heritage Trail. Which High School developed the Trail and how long is it?

4 Llantwit Major

GR OS 170 SS 967 688, Oct 2010

Who presented the Town Hall Clock?

5 Tintern Abbey

GR OS 162 SO 532 000, Oct 2010

On entrance road to Abbey about 100 yards from the A466. According to the plaque on the boundary wall to the Abbey in which year was Brass first made by alloying copper with zinc near this place?

6 Llanthony

GR OS 161 SO 288 278, Oct 2010

Opposite the entrance to Llanthony Priory is St. David's church. How many bells are there in the belltower on the roof?

44 CARMARTHENSHIRE



Carmarthenshire presents a more serene, less dramatic face than its northern neighbours. The terrain is made up of gentle hills rather than severe mountains, making farming viable, though east-west roads can rise sharply from the river valleys. Wide beaches of firm sand, including the 5-mile length of Pendine Sands, stretch along the south coast, their headlands rising quickly from them. Near the point where the Rivers Taf and Tywi come together at a wide tidal estuary is Laugharne and the simple boathouse where the poet Dylan Thomas lived. Coracle fishing, involving small round boats covered with tarred canvas, has continued on the Tywi and Teifi since pre-Roman times. Dating from even earlier, Carn Goch, measuring half a mile across, is the largest Iron Age hill fort in Wales. Ruined castles and Arthurian legends abound; even the town of Carmarthen has magical roots, its Welsh name, Caerfyrddin, meaning Merlin's Town.

1 Pendine

GR OS 158 SN 234 079, Jul 2019

On the Sands between 1924 & 1927 the Worlds Land Speed Record was broken five times. According to the plaque on the wall of Beach Hotel who set the record in 1924 and what was the speed? The Beach Hotel has been sold and being extensively renovated as a public house. Presently the former plaques are located INSIDE.

2 Llandoverly

GR OS 146 SN 767 344, Apr 2019

The porticoe'd (pillared) Market Hall – how many iron supporting columns support the upper floor?

3 Dryslwyn

GR OS 159 SN 554 198, Apr 2019

Stand on the old railway crossing and look north towards the village. How many windows in the old right hand castle tower?

4 Cenarth

GR OS 145 SN 269 416, Oct 2010

What type of 17th century Mill is on the Carmarthen side of the bridge on the north side of the road?

5 Burry Port

GR OS 159 SN 445 005, Apr 2019

There is a wooden buoy near the lifeboat station. What was moored there on 18/6/28?

6 Talley Abbey

GR OS 146 SN 632 328, Oct 2010

Who were the occupants of Talley House, buried adjacent to the Abbey, by Chapel footpath?

45 PEMBROKESHIRE



Pembrokeshire is best known for its wild and weather-beaten rocky coastline. Cliffs drop sharply to the sea below, and sheltered coves, stack rocks, sandy bays and stone chapels create a spectacular scene, worth a detour on dead- end roads. The coastal islands of Skomer, Caldey and Ramsey teem with bird life and grey seals. Caldey also has an ancient priory church and a modern monastery. Standing stones, earthworks and the like are dotted around the countryside. Much of the interior is rolling hills that rise only occasionally above 100 feet, though the Mynydd Preseli in the north of the county, source of the stone for Stonehenge, is an exception, with many peaks over 1000 feet. Milford Haven provides one of the largest natural harbours in Britain, while St. David's holds the claim as being Britain's smallest cathedral city. A point above Whitesand Bay offers, on a clear day, views across to Ireland.

1 Haverfordwest

GR OS 157 SM 952 155, Oct 2010

Near St. Mary's church in the High Street at the junction with Dark Street is a five foot high marble pillar to William Nichol. When was he burnt at the stake?

2 Neyland

GR OS 157 SM 967 048, Apr 2019

On Brunel Quay is a statue on a plinth. According to the plaque, on what date did the Prince of Wales unveil the statue?

3 St. David's

GR OS 157 SM 751 254, Oct 2010

How many clock faces are there on the cathedral tower?

4 Carew

GR OS 157 SN 046 036, Oct 2010

Near the entrance to Carew Castle is a 13ft. high Celtic Cross. Who according to the inscription near the Cross was the son of Etguin?

5 Pentre Ifan

GR OS 145 SN 100 370, Oct 2010

From the Tourist Information board what is the approximate weight of the Capstone?

6 Mynachlog Ddu

GR OS 145 SN 137 304, Oct 2010

There is a Pillar of Blue Stone on the north of the road from Mynachlog Ddu to Rosebush. According to the plaque on the Pillar when was it brought down by Helicopter?

46 CEREDIGION



A quiet part of Wales, with much bird life, Ceredigion has much of local interest to offer. Forty miles of sandy beaches, cliffs, coves and small harbours stretch from Cardigan to just beyond Aberystwyth. Traditional fishing ports are now used for recreational boating. The River Teifi, forming the border with Carmarthenshire, has a long association with coracle fishing. Upstream of Cilgerran castle lies the attractive village of Cenarth, a designated conservation area housing the National Coracle Centre and a fishing museum. Nearby other museums illustrate Welsh industries and crafts. A narrow gauge railway follows the Rheidol Valley from Aberystwyth to Devil's Bridge, near where the River Mynach plunges 300 feet through a deep gorge. In the east, agricultural land gives way to the Cambrian Mountains, the location of three of the most remote youth hostels in Wales, the Llyn Brianne reservoir and a remote mountain road from Tregaron to Abergwesyn.

1 Devil's Bridge, Pontarfynach

GR OS 135/147 SN 764 756, Oct 2010

2 miles south east of Devil's Bridge on the B4574 at the top of a hill is a stone arch adjacent to the road. According to the plaque on the arch which monarch's jubilee was the arch erected to commemorate and in which year?

2 Strata Florida Ystrad Fflur

GR OS 135/147 SN 746 657, Oct 2010

Lych-Gate to graveyard by the entrance to Strata Florida Abbey. Who presented the Lych-Gate of Tintern Oak and when?

3 Trefenter

GR OS 135 SN 608 678, Oct 2010

There is a monument on the hill to the south east above Trefenter. This monument was erected in memory of four people, what were their names?

4 Lampeter

GR OS 146 SN 578 481, Oct 2010

Who presented the fountain to this town and when?

5 Llyn Brianne

GR OS 146/147 SN 792 485, Oct 2010

On the Dam to the Reservoir (through the gate and over the bridge) are stone plaques. What according to the plaques is the maximum water depth and the reservoir capacity?

6 Newquay, Cei Newydd

GR OS 145 SN 389 598, Oct 2010

Outside the Black Lion Hotel (where incidentally, Dylan Thomas used to write (and drink)), there is a metal triangle set into the wall. Which Cycling Association put it there?

47 POWYS



Although Powys is the largest county in Wales by area, it is the least densely populated. Most of the towns lie along the eastern side in the broad valleys of the River Severn, Wye and Usk. Numerous ruined castles testify to less settled times. Many roads follow the contours, leading into the more rural west, but as they approach the Cambrian Mountains, the terrain becomes more mountainous. Welsh is also more often heard. Accessible from Rhayader are the large man-made reservoirs of the Elan Valley, set against a backdrop of 2000-ft peaks, serving the water needs of Birmingham. Lake Vyrnwy and Llyn Clywedog further north do the same for Liverpool. The 'land of water' theme is continued in many towns with 'Wells' as part of their name, though they no longer function as spas. In the south, the Brecon Beacons rise even higher, with rocky gorges, limestone caverns and gushing waterfalls.

1 Montgomery

GR OS 137 SO 223 966, Apr 2019

To the left of the church door, under a yew tree is the grave of Thomas Weaver. What was the age of 'Mary' at her death?

2 Llanidloes

GR OS 136 SN 954 844, Oct 2010

On the ground at one end of the Old Market Hall is a stone on which John Wesley is reputed to have preached during his visits. In which years did these visits take place?

3 Dylife

GR OS 136 SN 836 959, Oct 2010

On the mountain road between Machynlleth and Dyliffe (3 km north west of Dylife and on Machynlleth side of summit) is a slate circular viewpoint. This is a memorial to which broadcaster, author and traveller?

4 Tretower

GR OS 161 SO 186 212, Oct 2010

By Tretower Court and Castle is St. John the Evangelist's church. How many bells are there in the belltower on the roof?

5 Old Radnor

GR OS 148 SO 250 591, Oct 2010

What is the name in inverted commas on the grave of William Walter Morgan which lies to the left of the path to the church from the lych gate?

6 Elan Valley

GR OS 147 SN 869 636, Oct 2010

On the plaque on the south west pillar of Claerwen Dam, who was the Chairman of the Water Committee at the inauguration of the reservoir on 23.10.52

48 GWYNEDD & ANGLESEY



Most of Gwynedd is dominated by Snowdon, at 3559 feet the highest peak south of Scotland, and Snowdonia National Park. It is a dramatic area of wild mountains, high passes, steep slopes, craggy peaks and huge rock slabs. In contrast to this harshness are richly wooded forests, cascading waterfalls and mirror-like lakes. Cycling here is challenging, but the rewards of achievement and awesome views from some of the passes can make it worth the effort. Nearer the coastline and southwards, the land opens up to hill farms and glens. Three narrow gauge railways operate in the area. Most of the Llyn Peninsula is a mixture of pastures and woods set in undulating, sometimes hilly countryside, though the southern coast has many busy resorts, and the Yr Eifl massif rises nearly 2000 feet in the north. Anglesey, abundant with ancient ruins, consists mostly of farmland and stone villages, away from its rugged coastline.

1 Port (Porth) Amlwch, Isle of Anglesey

GR OS 114 SH 451 936, Oct 2010

At Port (Porth) Amlwch, on the east bank of the river. What is the date over the door at the east end of the harbour building?

2 Pont Aberglaslyn

GR OS 115 SH 594 462, Apr 2019

Set into the parapet of the bridge, at ankle height, are three old milestones. How far is it to Beddgelert, Porthmadog and Penrhyndeudraeth?

3 Pistyll Hospice

GR OS 123 SH 328 423, Oct 2010

About $\frac{3}{4}$ mile NE of the village along the main road, take a lane towards the sea at a 'Natural Breaks' redevelopment sign. What was the name of the rector whose grave is to the right of the path just inside the gateway to the church?

4 Llanystumdwy

GR OS 123 SH 476 386, Oct 2010

Describe the animals which surmount the rear gates to the museum opposite the Lloyd George Memorial.

5 Llanuwchllyn, Bala Lake

GR OS 125 SH 880 300, Oct 2010

What animal is depicted in the coat of arms above the front door of the last house on the left immediately before the station?

6 Abergynolwyn

GR OS 124 SH 690 078, Apr 2019

A $\frac{1}{4}$ mile due east of Abergynolwyn is a bridge (Pont Iago). What builders' tools are engraved on one or both of the plaques on the bridge?

49 CONWY



With a main road dominating its coastline, and tall mountains and narrow valleys inland, Conwy may not be an easy county to cycle in, but it has many interesting towns and villages, historic places and natural beauties that should appeal to a visiting cyclist. Its sandy beaches and mild climate have encouraged lively summer resorts along its northern coast, though the roads around and up to Great Ormes Head offer good views of Snowdonia and Anglesey. The historic walled town of Conwy, with its medieval Aberconwy House and museums, sits next to its massive castle and comparatively delicate iron bridge. The River Conwy rises 15 miles up its narrow valley, past the market town of Llanrwyst, to the wooded village of Betws-y-Coed. From there one road leads to Dolwyddelan Castle and another to the delightful Conwy Falls, Machno Falls and Fairy Glen. To the east, roads climb over the wooded Cambrian Mountains.

1 Pentre Foelas

GR OS 116 SH 873 515, Oct 2010

At the northern end of the bridge in the village there is a monument to Lt. Col. C.A.Wynne-Finch. What are the dates on the monument?

2 Gwytherin

GR OS 116 SH 876 615, Oct 2010

What is the first name on the War Memorial just outside the church gate?

3 Llyn Crafnant

GR OS 115 SH 753 616, Oct 2010

The monument at the north east end of the lake records the gift of the lake and land to the people of Llanwrwst. By whom?

4 Betws-yn-Rhos

GR OS 116 SH 906 733, Oct 2010

What is the first name on the War Memorial to the west of the church gate? (visible from the road)

5 Ty Mawr - Wybrnant

GR OS 115 SH 770 525, Apr 2019

At a small common on a bend in the lane is a National Trust property. How many upright poles are there in the small wicket gate to access this significant property? (Note: Easiest approach is from the SE, but is accessible by foot or cycle from the NE despite 'Road Closed' signs.)

6 Caerhun

GR OS 115 SH 776 704, Apr 2019

To one side of the church lychgate is a stile of three steps over the wall. What were they installed for? (See adjacent information board.)

50 DENBIGHSHIRE / FLINTSHIRE / WREXHAM



With the exception of flat plains between Wrexham town and the Cheshire border, the three counties in the northeast corner of Wales are generally a sparsely populated area of mountains and moorlands with spectacular scenery. As the River Dee passes into the Llangollen Valley, so does the Llangollen Canal, the two following a parallel course through the narrow valley until the canal crosses the river on Telford's 19-arched Pontcysyllte aqueduct, near the ancient Roman Bont Bridge. Also near Llangollen, in the picturesque hamlet of Llantysilio, is the impressive Cistercian abbey, Valle Crucis. The Pistyll Rhaeadr waterfall, the highest in Wales, descends from the east flank of the Berwyns. From Rhyl on the north coast, the River Clwyd cuts a broad valley between the mountains on its path south to Ruthin, an old market town with Civil War and Arthurian associations. Three impressive castles remain at Chirk, Ruthin and Denbigh.

1 Cyffylliog

GR OS 116 059-577, Apr 2019

The signpost at the road junction: how far is it to Nantglyn?

2 Carrog

GR OS 125 SJ 115 437, Oct 2010

What is the name of the inn close by the northern end of the bridge over the River Dee?

3 Rhuddlan

GR OS 116 SJ 024 779, Oct 2010

There are three stone cottages opposite the Castle entrance. What is the name of the middle one?

4 Maen Achwyfaen

GR OS 116 SJ 129 787, Oct 2010

At the three lane junction is a pictorial sign; and in the adjacent field is a magnificently preserved Celtic Cross with ornamentation. When was it erected?

5 Llangollen

GR OS 117 SJ 204 442, Oct 2010

At Valle Crucis Abbey about 120 yards north from the telephone box is Eliseg's Pillar, an ancient monument. Who was Eliseg?

6 Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog

GR OS 125 SJ 159 329, Jan 2020

On the B4500 north of the river bridge, where the road bears right is an old milestone (metal plaque). How far to the town, and who's name appears twice?

51 DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY



From the hills and moors of Glentroot Forest to the Solway Firth, this region of the Scottish Lowlands offers much beauty. The valleys of Nithsdale, Annandale and Eskdale flow through grassy green hills where sheep graze in summer to the broadening agricultural coastal plain. Black, hornless Galloway cattle, red deer and wild goats can be found in the moorland. The Rhinns, a hammer-shaped peninsula in the extreme southwest, is the most southerly point in Scotland. Robert Burns was buried in Dumfries where his house is now a museum. Five bridges, including one from the 15th century, span the River Nith. In the market town of Kirkcudbright, its harbour dominated by castle ruins, a 17th century cross stands in front of the old courthouse. Ruined castles recall early battles for Scottish independence. The 18-foot high Runic Ruthwell Cross and fragments of St. Ninian's monastery at Whithorn are evidence of early Christianity in the area.

1 Langholm

GR OS 79 NY 363 847, Oct 2010

What date is shown on lamp posts on road bridge crossing the river?

2 Glentroot

GR OS 77 NX 416 803, Oct 2010

The Bruce Stone. On the REVERSE side of the stone is an engraved date. What is it?

3 Creetown

GR OS 83 NX 475 587, Jan 2020

Adjacent to the clocktower in Creetown is a carved sphere. According to the plaque alongside, who carved it, and what are his dates?

4 New Abbey

GR OS 84 NX 963 662, Oct 2010

Carvings on house wall next to front door of No. 14 Main Street. What do they represent?

5 Keir

GR OS 78 NX 856 935, Oct 2010

At Courthill Smithy the first bicycle was built by the inventor Kirkpatrick McMillan. According to the plaque on the wall about which year was this?

6 Kirkmadrine

GR OS 82 NX 080 484, Oct 2010

What is the family name on the large cross outside the church?

52 BORDERS



From the Cheviot Hills and the Southern Uplands, several rivers flow into the rich farmland of the broad Tweed Valley. Much of the region is rural in character, with sheep farms set between steep hills in the higher ground west of Hawick, rolling grass moorlands enclosing farmland in deep valleys near Roxburgh, and a rich agricultural plain south of the Lammermuir Hills. The countryside around Abbotsford, former home of Sir Walter Scott, was a source of inspiration for his historical novels. Centuries of warfare between the Scots and the English took their toll on border towns, though Hawick's 12th century Baron's Tower remains as does 13th century Hermitage Castle south of there. The abbeys at Jedburgh, Kelso, Melrose and Dryburgh also owe their ruin to constant plunder. Numerous ancient hill forts can be found near Roxburgh along with Roman camps, forts, signal stations and Dere Street. Traquair House is one of the oldest inhabited houses in Scotland.

1 Coldstream

GR OS 74 NT 843 397, Oct 2010

A plaque over the entrance to the museum records the Headquarters of the Coldstream Guards. What is the earliest date on the plaque?

2 Traquair

GR OS 73 NT 326 352, Apr 2019

At the public entrance to Traquair House on the B7062 are blocks of cottages. How many chimney stacks are on the RIGHT hand block?

3 Selkirk

GR OS 73 NT 468 284, Oct 2010

Near top of climb on Main road from bridge over Ettrick Water a tablet on a wall just below West Port marks the site of? (with connections to a famous poet)

4 Broughton

GR OS 72 NT 113 361, Oct 2010

War memorial in village has only one woman's name. What is it?

5 Hawick

GR OS 79 NT 505 148, Oct 2010

The Horse monument at the north end of the High Street. What does it commemorate?

6 St. Abbs

GR OS 67 NT 920 673, Oct 2010

Who was the Harbour Master, St. Abbs 1966 - 1986 commemorated on the small plaque on right, just before arriving at the harbour?

53 THE LoTHIANS



Bordered on the south by the Lammermuir, Moorfoot and Pentland Hills, the Lothian regions offer a mix of farmland, rocky coastline, prosperous villages and gently rolling uplands where sheep farming prevails. Numerous castles are scattered across the region, including Linlithgow Palace, a favourite royal residence during the Middle Ages, the precipitously perched Tantallon Castle and the ship-shaped Blackness Castle. There are many buildings of historic interest, including St. Michael's Church and the splendid mansion of Hopetoun House in Linlithgow, the Romanesque parish church at Dalmeny and the Town House in the market town of Haddington. Pit graves and burial mounds give evidence of prehistoric settlement in West Lothian. The capital city of Edinburgh, steeped in history and graced with fine buildings, has much to offer the visitor.

1 Gifford

GR OS 66 NT 535 681, Oct 2010

Two plaques on the wall opposite Yester Parish Church. Whose names are on them?

2 Dirleton

GR OS 66 NT 512 842, Oct 2010

This checkpoint's at head height, and can be obscured by roses. Reported that it's not always accessible, please advise if this the case on your visit. At Dirleton Kirk on the stone tablet on the wall to the right of church door. Who "here lyes interred"?

3 Penicuik

GR OS 66 NT 237 599, Oct 2010

St. Mungo's Church. Plaque on wall of ruin in Churchyard "To Howgate Carrier". Which animal's head is at top of plaque?

4 Ratho

GR OS 65 NT 139 710, Apr 2019

Alongside the northern towpath on the east side of the canal bridge is a large zinc coloured sculpture. What does it depict?

5 Blackness

GR OS 65 NT 056 803, Oct 2010

To right of entrance to Blackness Castle is a building with the ticket office and shop. According to the plaque on the wall when was this barrack block built?

6 West Calder

GR OS 65 NT 017 632, Oct 2010

What is the motto above the clock on the memorial on the south side of the High Street?

54 SOUTH LANARKSHIRE



Named after its market town in the fertile Clyde valley, South Lanarkshire is largely given over to the cultivation of fruit and vegetables (often under glass) and fields for cattle, sheep and pigs. It is also known for the heavy draft horse breed that originated there. Craginethan Castle enjoys a picturesque setting on the River Nethan, and Bothwell Castle at Uddingston is the largest and finest 13th century stone castle in Scotland. Relics of the area's industrial past can be seen at Biggar and New Lanark. Near the latter is the 90- ft waterfall of Cora Linn, the most spectacular of the Clyde Falls. Hamilton is an attractive town set in pleasant surroundings settled since prehistoric times. Nearby High Parks contain the ruins of Cadzow Castle and rare wild cattle. South in the Lowther Hills, Leadhills, rising to 1350 feet, is one of the highest villages in Scotland and the birthplace of poet Allan Ramsay, instigator of Britain's first lending library.

1 Forth

GR OS 72 NS 942 538, Oct 2010

According to the plaque on the front of the tower of St. Paul's church in Main Road in whose memory was "the clock in this tower" erected (note the winged wheels on shop just north of the church)?

2 Thankerton

GR OS 72 NS 978 388, Apr 2019

On the west side of the road near Covington is a monument to the Rev. Donald Cargill. What is the date carved boldly into the top?

3 Lanark

GR OS 71/72 NS 884 407, Oct 2010

Easiest access is from the Clyde walkway from Lanark. Alternative access is from the north east road GR NS 883-395 along the lane marked as 'dead end'. Access from the west of the river is often barred by locked gate. South of Lanark on the Falls of Clyde at Bonnington what is the date and place on the counterweight of the dam?

4 Strathaven

GR OS 71 NS 698 449, Apr 2019

There is a Victorian bandstand in Strathaven Park. How many steps are there to access it?

5 Douglas

GR OS 71 NS 835 310, Jan 2020

In Douglas Township and west of the A70, very near to Parklands and Douglas Water is the large statue to the Earl of Angus. What is the name of the sculptor? (N.B. There is a very similar one at GR. 836 318 nearby!)

6 Hamilton

GR OS 64 NS 723 556, Apr 2019

There is a plaque on the right hand side of the main gateway. Who designed the present building?

55 AYRSHIRE & ISLE OF ARRAN



From its concave coastline, Ayrshire rises some 2000 feet to its eastern boundary. The coast has lush pastures for dairy farming. Further inland lies windswept moorland, grazing land for cattle and sheep and a Roman fort at Loudoun Hill. A museum stands next to the cottage in Alloway where Robert Burns was born, and Brig o' Doon, of Burns's poem *Tam o' Shanter*, is nearby. Many other towns and villages have further associations with the poet. Noted castles and abbeys include Culzean, Killochan, Dundonald and Crossraguel. The Isle of Arran is noted for its varied scenery, most dramatic in the north where it is dominated by Goat Fell (2,868 ft). The surrounding glens abound in grouse and red deer. The southern landscape is gentler and more pastoral with ancient standing stones. The Caves of Haakon IV sheltered Robert the Bruce. South of Brodick in Lamlash Bay lies Holy Island containing St. Molais' Cave.

1 Loch Doon

GR OS 77 NX 484 951, Oct 2010

Late 13th century Loch Doon Castle, was taken down and re-erected at its present location, due to the loch being raised by the Hydro Electric Scheme. How many sides does the castle have?

2 Girvan

GR OS 76 NX 191 985, Oct 2010

Leave Girvan on the A77. Just past the railway bridge is a memorial to Alexander Ross who was shot in July 1831. What was his occupation?

3 Electric Brae, nr. Ayr

GR OS 70 NS 254 132, Oct 2010

The Electric Brae, known locally as Croy Brae, is an optical illusion. Written on the cairn in the layby, what is the gradient or slope from the bend to the glen?

4 Largs

GR OS 63 NS 207 576, Oct 2010

What does "The Pencil" commemorate and what date?

5 Rowantree Toll

GR OS 77 NX 353 907, Oct 2010

The Davie Bell Memorial "The Highwayman", what is sculpted in bronze on top of the memorial?

6 Pirnmill, Isle of Arran

GR OS 69 NR 873 445, Oct 2010

When was Pirnmill Primary School built?

56 STRATHCLYDE



Eight Regions lie within the narrow strip of Scotland that separates the Firth of Clyde from the Firth of Forth. The Roman Antonine Wall stretched for 37 miles across this strip; its preserved fort of Rough Castle and other remains can be seen near Bonnybridge. More recently, the Forth Canal provided a link between the two Firths. The Kilpatrick Hills and Campsie Fells rise North of Glasgow, then fall to Loch Lomond. Balloch Castle and Ross Priory lie along edge of the loch. The town of Dumbarton, where the Cutty Sark was built, is dominated by a volcanic rock (240 feet), a defensive stronghold for centuries. Further east the land is more gentle and agricultural, with lochs and reservoirs in the rolling hills. At Port Glasgow, south of the Clyde, the elegant 15th century Newark Castle remains virtually intact. The City of Glasgow is largely new, apart from the cathedral and Provand's Lordship.

1 Lochwinnoch

GR OS 63 NS 374 613, Oct 2010

Clockoderick Stone (an example of a glacial erratic) is thought to be the burial site of which monarch of the ancient Kingdom of Strathclyde? (see information plaque)

2 Lochgoin

GR OS 71 NS 528 469, Apr 2018

South East of the B764 between Fenwick and Eaglesham, at Soame Bridge, is a metaled lane to the old Lochgoin settlement. On the Monument base there are listed several names. Who is the only person listed with both a forename and a surname?

3 Clachan of Campsie

GR OS 64 NS 610 797, Oct 2010

In the churchyard is the Kincaid-Lennox two storey domed 18th century burial vault. According to the date over the opening what year was the entrance closed off?

4 Airth

GR OS 65 NS 893 894, Oct 2010

About 2 kms north of Airth at Dunmore is a well. According to the plaque on the memorial over the well who built "the school and village of Dunmore together with this well" and when were they completed?

5 Balloch

GR OS 56 NS 390 830, Apr 2019

There is a blue clock face on the castle turret, what's the year recorded in the corners?

6 Chryston

GR OS 64 NS 691 710, Oct 2010

Next to the Miners Club there is a memorial (with a half colliery wheel) to the Auchengeich Colliery Disaster. How many men died in the disaster? (this is on the Glasgow to Cumbernauld cycle route).

57 ARGYLL & ISLE OF BUTE



The scenic richness of Argyll and Bute extends from the wild remote moors of the northern mountains to its jagged coastline and on to the islands of the Inner Hebrides. Roads are few and tend to follow the coast or run alongside a loch. Inveraray, with its castle and lovely wood, is the ancestral seat of the Campbells. Kilmory's churchyard displays Celtic crosses and tombstones, and nearby are several ancient burial mounds. Oban serves as the gateway to the islands, the largest and most northerly of which is Mull. Beyond its fishing village of Tobermory, settlements are few and small, but there are several ancient castles, including Moy and Duart. The 12th century cathedral on Iona commemorates St. Columba's establishing the Celtic church there. Jura, with mountains running down its length and a loch nearly bisecting it, is sparsely inhabited. Staffa is the site of Fingal's Cave, and Islay, noted for its fine beaches, contains several Celtic crosses.

1 Tobermory, Isle of Mull

GR OS 47 NM 505 554, Oct 2010

The Clock Tower on the stone pier (opposite Co-Op shop). In whose memory was the tower erected and when did she die?

2 Gruline, Isle of Mull

GR OS 47/48 NM 549 398, Oct 2019

"There is a Mausoleum to the "Father of Australia." The FARTHEST End is sealed with a large white marble slab. What is the scripture verse carved on it?

3 Campbeltown

GR OS 68 NR 718 204, Oct 2010

The Town Hall/ Council Chambers in the Main Street is a cream building with octagonal clock tower. What is the Latin inscription in the panel over the main door?

4 Strachur

GR OS 56 NN 082 008, Oct 2010

On south west approach to Strachur according to the memorial where and when was Donald MacLachan injured?

5 Rothesay, Isle of Bute

GR OS 63 NS 085 648, Oct 2010

There is a large statue at the west end of the formal gardens on the promenade. Who is the statue of?

6 Helensburgh

GR OS 56 NS 292 824, Jul 2019

On the seafront to the west of the pier is an obelisk commemorating Henry Bell. In which years was he born, and did he die?

58 STIRLING & CLACKMANNANSHIRE



Straddling the Lowlands and the Highlands, Stirling and Clackmannanshire present the two faces of Scotland. In the south and east, the river valleys offer rich agricultural land and wild peat bogs. Below the Ochil and Gargunnoch Hills, Doune Castle, Inchmahome Priory, Menstrie Castle and Castle Campbell lie in varying states of preservation. The region played an important part in Scotland's struggle for independence in the great battles of Stirling Bridge and Bannockburn. The castle at Stirling was built on a precipitous 250-foot-high volcanic plug. Of the old town, many fine examples of 16th and 17th century buildings, parts of the town wall and the 'auld brig' over the Forth still remain. Callander, lying in the shadow of Ben Ledi in the Trossachs, rugged country extending west to Loch Katrine, marks the entry point into the Highlands to the north with their picturesque lochs, fertile valleys and many historic ruins.

1 Stirling

GR OS 57 NS 790 941, Oct 2010

What is the date on the statue of King Robert Bruce standing outside the castle gates?

2 Callander

GR OS 57 NN 627 078, Oct 2010

When was the bridge over the River Teith erected and by whom (answer on a plaque)?

3 Killin

GR OS 51 NN 574 332, Oct 2010

Monument outside Killin Hotel, who was the first person to translate the New Testament into Scottish Gaelic?

4 Balquhiddier

GR OS 51/57 NN 536 209, Oct 2010

Rob Roy's grave. Who were his sons and when did they die?

5 Dollar

GR OS 58 NS 963 979, Oct 2010

In whose memory was the clock tower by the bridge erected?

6 Loch Katrine

GR OS 57 NN 495 072, Oct 2010

Who unveiled the Centenary water fountain in the car park? Cycle access is available from Stronachlachar along the north shore of Loch Katrine.

59 PERTH & KINROSS



Lying on the Highland Boundary Fault, Perth has low-lying growing land and fruit farms in the southeast, the Grampians and sheep farming in the northwest. Highland Perth rises to nearly 4000 feet at Ben Lawers and includes the lochs of Rannoch, Tummel, Tay and Earn. Part of Rannoch Moor, a bleak, windswept 20 square miles of heather and peat, is a nature reserve. Glen Garry, site of Blair Castle, and Glen Shee stretch into the Forest of Atholl north of Pitlochry. In the south are the Ochil and Sidlaw Hills; in the latter are the ruins of an ancient fort, traditionally identified with the castle of Shakespeare's Macbeth. Narrow Glen Eagles, famous for its golf course and 14th century Castle, passes through the Ochils, along with the track of a Roman road and an old drover road that linked the north with the Falkirk cattle fairs. The local agricultural centre of Kinross lies along Loch Leven, site of Lochleven Castle.

1 Kinross

GR OS 58 NO 120 022, Oct 2010

The bold inscription on the stone lintel over the window at the Salutation Hotel. When did WW marry ED?

2 Blairgowrie

GR OS 53 NO 180 453, Oct 2010

The War Memorial in the Wellmeadow. What are the three names of members of the Royal Corps of Signals on the memorial?

3 Dunkeld

GR OS 52/53 NO 026 427, Apr 2019

In Dunkeld, off Bridge Street (A822) in High Street is a very large and ornate fountain. In whose memory was it erected in 1866?

4 Garry Bridge

GR OS 43 NN 913 610, Apr 2019

At the west end of the bridge is an engraved panel relating to the 'Road to the Isles'. What is the last line engraved?

5 Comrie

GR OS 52 NN 773 220, Oct 2010

In what year was the Royal Hotel established?

6 Kinloch Rannoch

GR OS 42/51 NN 662 588, Oct 2010

The pink granite obelisk in the village square; to whose memory was it erected?

60 FIFE



Stretching out towards the sea between the Firths of Tay and Forth, Fife's countryside is gently undulating. The broad valley of the River Eden, known as the Howe (hollow) of Fife and providing fertile farmland extends westwards to the Lomond Hills. Falkland has retained many of its picturesque old houses and cobbled streets, as has Culross, its red-roofed houses and medieval character preserved by the National Trust of Scotland. A 17th century weigh station in Ceres houses a folk museum. On the east coast, St. Andrews, once the ecclesiastical capital of Scotland and the site of Scotland's first university, has an impressive ruined cathedral. The remains of its castle stand on a rock overlooking the coast. North lie sandy beaches and Tentsmuir Forest; to the south are the East Neuk fishing villages. The region has numerous castles, historic houses and churches as well as the remains of several monasteries including the Abbey of Dunfermline.

1 Culross

GR OS 65 NS 987 859, Oct 2020

Plaque on the Townhouse (with two staircases; in town square). How long did the Provost serve?

2 Dunfermline

GR OS 65 NT 087 875, Oct 2010

The monument to Andrew Carnegie in Pittencrieff Park. To what did he devote his fortune?

3 Falkland

GR OS 59 NO 252 075, Oct 2010

The prominent statue in the grounds of Falkland Parish Church. In what year did Onesiphorus Tyndall-Bruce die?

4 Ceres

GR OS 59 NO 399 115, Oct 2010

The monument by the village green commemorates a famous victory - When was the stone inaugurated?

5 Crail

GR OS 59 NO 613 077, Oct 2010

The drinking fountain in the Marketgait. Who presented it to his native town?

6 Grange of Lindores

GR OS 59 NO 256 166, Oct 2010

How many arches has the bell tower?

61 ANGUS



The wide swath of Strathmore, stretching across the region, divides Angus into two upland areas with beautiful scenery and challenging cycling. Between them lies fertile farming land with a wealth of quiet roads. North of the Vale, the Grampians rise dramatically, glens cutting deep into the mountains. On the coastal side, the Sidlaw Hills, largely moorland with remote sheep farms, rise above Dundee, becoming more gently undulating southeast of Forfar. At Arbroath, home of the 'smokie', the abbey has connections with Scottish independence. Sandy beaches, harbours and rocky sea cliffs lead north to Montrose, winter home of pink-footed geese. There is another bird reserve at Kinnordy and a Nature Reserve above Glen Doll. Places to visit include Kirriemuir, birthplace of Sir James Barrie, and the baronial Glamis Castle, childhood home of the Queen Mother. There are remains of Pictish hill forts near Forfar and traces of Roman camps and roads.

1 Glamis

GR OS 54 NO 382 467, Oct 2010

At the main entrance to the castle are a pair of new gates. What are the dates on either side?

2 Arbroath Abbey

GR OS 54 NO 644 413, Apr 2019

There are two massive wooden doors under the deeply splayed stone archway into the Abbey. How many horizontal ROWS of nails are there across them?

3 Edzell

GR OS 45 NO 603 684, Oct 2010

On the Arch gateway what date did the Countess Dalhousie die (obit)? What date did the Earl Dalhousie die?

4 Bridge of Dun

GR OS 54 NO 663 584, Oct 2010

On the main arch of the bridge over the River South Esk there are four pedestrian refuges. How many steps are there to each refuge?

5 Glen Prosen

GR OS 44 NO 372 606, Jan 2020

At the track junction near Glackburn House, is a recently replaced monument to "Scott of the Antarctic". What is the last line on the adjacent blue granite stone, headed "Scotts View?"

6 Bridgend of Lintrathen

GR OS 53 NO 283 545, Oct 2010

Stone plaque set in boundary wall to reservoir. Which year was it constructed for 1st instalment of Water Supply?

62 ABERDEENSHIRE



A windswept coastal plain with sand dunes and outcrops of higher ground depicts northern Aberdeenshire. Fishing towns line the coast, Crovie and Gardenstown being particularly attractively set in the cliffs. South of Petershead, Bullers of Buchan is a dramatic rock amphitheatre favoured by seabirds. Along the coastline south of Stonehaven, sandy and pebble beaches alternate with precipitous cliffs and salt-flats. Aberdeen is the centre of the Scottish fishing and the North Sea oil industries. Some medieval streets survive near the Castlegate with its old Market Cross, as do two bridges and the ancient houses of Provost Skene and Provost Ross. Inland, rivers that have turbulent beginnings in the glens of the Cairngorm Mountains flow through rolling farmland and woodland. The area has numerous castles, including Balmoral, and is rich with prehistoric stone circles, cairns, earth houses and massive stone hill forts. Roman marching camps and Celtic monasteries can also be found.

1 Banchory

GR OS 38 NO 696 957, Apr 2019

There is a memorial tablet at the junction of High Street and Dee Street to a famous Scottish musician. What is his name?

2 Braemar

GR OS 43 NO 153 913, Oct 2010

Plaque on the wall of house no.3 on the road south to Glen Shee. Who lived there and what did he write?

3 Cock Bridge

GR OS 36 NJ 235 152, Oct 2010

About 4 miles to the north, on the roadside on a bend in the main road, is the 'Well of Lecht'. A stone records the building of the road by soldiers in 1754. What is the name of the Colonel?

4 Chapel of Garioch

GR OS 38 NJ 703 247, Oct 2010

¾ mile north west of the cross roads is the Maiden Stone, which is covered in Pictish symbols. At the bottom of one side are two very ordinary domestic articles. What are they?

5 Udney Green

GR OS 38 NJ 881 265, Oct 2010

On the impressive war memorial, the right hand side is dedicated to the Gordon Highlanders. What is the rank of their officer?

6 Inverbervie GR OS 45 NO 832 728, Oct 2010

As you leave Inverbervie heading north there is a ship's figurehead. To whom is the memorial dedicated and for what was he famous?

63 MORAY



Between the Moray Firth, with its sandy beaches and red-sandstone cliffs, and the Cairngorm Mountains, deer and grouse inhabiting the moors and sheep grazing on the hills, Moray's countryside is gently undulating. The River Spey flows through the region, providing good water for whisky distilling in its wide valley of Strathspey, and good pastureland for cattle and farmland for crops. A shifting shingle spit at the mouth of the River Spey separates the fishing centres of Buckie and Lossiemouth. The lowlands are criss-crossed by minor roads, and forest tracks offer off-road riding opportunities. Elgin's High Street is lined with 18th century stone houses, but its once-splendid cathedral is now a ruin. Forres Castle was a royal hunting seat frequented by Scottish kings. Sueno's Stone, at the east end of the town, is an impressive sculptured monolith. Also nearby are the Witches' Stone, the scene of early witch burnings, and a preserved Victorian distillery.

1 Brodie

GR OS 27 NH 985 576, Apr 2019

According to the Information Board, how long ago was this Pictish Stone carved?

2 Lossiemouth

GR OS 28 NJ 236 704, Apr 2019

In Prospect Place, off the A941, is a memorial to a former statesman, whose birthplace can be found nearby. What is his name?

3 Findochty

GR OS 28 NJ 461 679, Oct 2010

By the harbour stands a white statue of a fisherman looking out to sea. What is the Psalm number that the words below the statue come from?

4 Newmill

GR OS 28 NJ 435 526, Oct 2010

This unusual War Memorial has a clock. When was the memorial unveiled?

5 Tomintoul

GR OS 36 NJ 168 188, Jan 2020

There are Cycle Club Crests (badges) on the Glen Avon and Richmond Hotels. Which club is shown on both?

6 Charlestown of Aberlour

GR OS 28 NJ 262 428, Oct 2010

In Charlestown of Aberlour 4 kilometres north east of Carron is a suspension bridge over the River Spey. Who are the Engineers & Builders from Aberdeen according to the plaques at each end of the bridge?

64 HIGHLANDS



Divided by the Great Glen, its lochs linked by the Caledonian Canal, the Highlands is a mountainous region sprinkled with lochs and inlets. Roads are limited, though most are lightly trafficked, and all offer magnificent wild and rough scenery. Scattered through the wilderness are ancient castles and remote villages. Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Britain, rises to 4,406 feet at the southern end of the Great Glen, with the Grampian Mountains further east. Crofting, cattle and sheep raising and fishing continue in the northwest, while coastal areas and valleys support farming. A monument to the Highland Clearances exists at Strathnaver, and Glenfinnan Monument marks the spot where Bonnie Prince Charlie raised his standard. On Skye, the Cuillin Hills and the pinnacles at Storr dominate the largely moorish landscape. The island of Rum is a Nature Conservancy Research Centre. Dunnet Head marks the northernmost part of the British mainland. Gaelic customs and language are still used.

1 Inverewe Gardens

GR OS 19 NG 862 819, Oct 2010

There are wrought iron gates at the side of the entrance lodge. What are the dates on the gates?

2 Dornoch

GR OS 21 NH 799 897, Oct 2010

What according to the notice board by the path through the Cathedral graveyard is the measurement of cloth?

3 Culloden Battlefield

GR OS 27 NH 740 447, Apr 2019

According to the plaque on the memorial cairn, on what date did the battle take place?

4 Falls of Rogie

GR OS 26 NH 442 586, Apr 2019

According to the information displayed at the car park near the falls, how long is the YELLOW walk (salmon trail)?

5 Strathspey

GR OS 35/36 NH 891 097, Oct 2010

On the B970 one mile south west of Rothiemurchus visitor centre who restored the monument to James Martiniau and when?

6 Balmacara

GR OS 33 NG 787 271, Oct 2010

Donald Murchison's Monument. When was the monument erected?

65 WESTERN ISLES



Many of the Western Isles are uninhabited, with most of the population living on Lewis and Harris. The vegetation is largely grass and tundra-like herbage, with peat bogs in the poorly drained lowlands. The barren and rock-strewn eastern coasts contrast sharply with the white sand beaches and grassy plains found along the western coasts. Trees are few and the scenery mostly open and bleak, limiting pastureland, though crofting is still widely practiced. It is one of the few areas in Scotland where Gaelic is still the everyday language. Roads may be limited, but wildlife is abundant, with large seabird populations including gannets, fulmars and puffins on St. Kilda and the more isolated islands. Red deer is found on the northern islands, a primitive wild sheep is native to Soay Island, and the Atlantic grey seal inhabits many coastal areas. Prehistoric remains are numerous, including the Megalithic stone circle at Callanish on Lewis.

1 South Uist

GR OS 22 NF 741 269, Oct 2010

What year is mentioned on the plaque on the cairn at Flora McDonald's birthplace?

2 Benbecula

GR OS 22 NF 802 519, Oct 2010

Who is the Merchant Navy captain mentioned on the war memorial (1939-'45)

3 North Uist

GR OS 18 NF 811 638, Oct 2010

What year is inscribed on the plaque high on the front wall (above the porch) of the Church of Scotland, Clachan?

4 South Harris

GR OS 18 NG 048 832, Oct 2010

St. Clements Church, Rodel, was restored in 1873. By whom?

5 Lewis

GR OS 13 NB 261 195, Oct 2010

Memorial cairn to the Park Deer Raiders, the heroes of Lochs, has how many doorways?

6 Lewis

GR OS 8 NB 425 300, Oct 2010

Head south from Stornoway on the A859. After a bridge in Marybank take the first road on the left. In about two miles, on the hilltop on the right is a memorial to "Bonnie Prince Charlie". What three words follow "HRH Prince Charles Edward"?

66 SHETLAND ISLANDS



Some 100 islands (most of them uninhabited) make up the Shetlands. The scenery is wild and beautiful, having deeply indented, fjord like coasts enclosed by steep hills. Trees are sparse, due to the exposed nature of the islands, but the land is fertile. Traditional crofting and fishing and many Norse customs survive. The Shetland sheep produce fine wool that is spun and knitted by the islanders in distinctive patterns, and the fishing port of Lerwick has unusual loading piers built out over the harbour. However, the discovery of North Sea oil has introduced modern technology and ways of life. North of the island of Unst is Muckle Flugga lighthouse, the most northerly point of Britain. Fair Isle, belonging to the National Trust for Scotland, has an important ornithological observatory. Numerous seabirds including a large colony of great skuas inhabit Foula's rocky and exposed cliffs. 3000 years of settlement is exhibited at Jarlshof near Sumburgh Head.

1 Sumburgh

GR OS 4 HU 409 083, Oct 2010

Alongside the path from the car park to the lighthouse is part of a skull. From which type of whale does it come?

2 St. Ninian's Isle

GR OS 4 HU 374 208, Oct 2010

What according to the notice board at the Bigton end is the geological term for the stretch of sand connecting the island with the mainland?

3 Garths Voe

GR OS 2/3 HU 398 728, Apr 2019

On the north side of the B9076, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile east of the airport, is an interpretation board of Sullom Voe at a viewpoint. How many barrels of oil were brought ashore by 23rd December 1993?

4 Brettabister

GR OS 3 HU 481 575, Oct 2010

What surmounts the Memorial beside the B9075?

5 Lerwick

GR OS 4 HU 477 413, Oct 2010

Victoria Pier. What was the name of the Whaling Ship whose return is commemorated by the Drinking Fountain?

6 Haggersta

GR OS 3 HU 389 485, Oct 2010

The War Memorial lies on the A971 to the north of Whiteness. Who was the contractor? (name in the top left hand corner of the southern face of the base)

67 ORKNEY ISLANDS



More than 70 mostly uninhabited islands make up the Orkneys, comparatively low, undulating country, extensively covered by grass with a general scarcity of trees. The land is used for small livestock farms, but much peat and moor remain. The largest island is Mainland, its two halves connected by a narrow strip of land. Kirkwall and Stromness are picturesque towns with narrow main streets. In addition to the 12th century red sandstone St. Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall has several fine old houses, the ruins of the Bishop's Palace and the Earl's Palace. Burray and South Ronaldsay are joined to it by causeways constructed during World War II. The extensive sheltered waters of Scapa Flow were used as a wartime base for the British fleet; some scuttled German ships can still be seen. Much evidence remains of prehistoric occupation including the underground village of Skara Brae, the Neolithic Standing Stones of Stenness, the Ring of Brodgar and Maeshowe barrow.

1 South Ronaldsay

GR OS 7 ND 446 878, Oct 2010

Plaque at view point on Olad Summit on A961. What is the distance to New York?

2 Lamb Holm

GR OS 6/7 HY 488 006, Oct 2019

What is the inscription on the statue of St. George and the Dragon, at the Italian Chapel?

3 Kirkwall

GR OS 6 HY 450 113, Oct 2010

Plaque on the wall of pier next to Lifeboat house. What happens when the wind is in the South?

4 Maes Howe

GR OS 6 HY 307 125, Oct 2010

Near Maes Howe are the Stones of Stenness. According to the information board when were they built?

5 Birsay

GR OS 6 HY 248 277, Oct 2010

When was the Earl's Palace founded?

6 Water of Hoy

GR OS 7 ND 281 998, Apr 2019

Just south of the lake, alongside the road, is an interpretation board to the nearby grave of Betty Corrigan. What material is the gravestone made of (see below the newspaper)?



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