

HUNTING HISTORY IN LYMM

Be safe: Go with a grown-up and be careful crossing the road and near the canal.



Start: Can you find the Heritage Centre?

Near it, stand outside the Youth Club's entrance. Right before you there are "cobbles". Can you tell us what a cobble is?

1. Ans: _____

Look closer, you'll see other stones as well, two tidy lines of them, right down the middle of the roadway? Think about a horse and cart. The horse is plodding up the hill between the lines. So can you work out what the flatter stones are for?

2Ans: _____

Look around and you will see a pub that used to be a business to do with horses. What did they make ?

3. Ans _____

FASCINATING FACT Later on this building became a bicycle shop— A sign of the changing times !

Follow the track uphill, turn left and walk, the water on your right hand side, until you find a sign that says you mustn't park on Thursdays. Why? And from what time?

4Ans: _____ 5Ans: _____

Now cross this open space and find a metal gate, then walk around it

Walk straight, then left and down, until you stand before a towering rock face.

This is sandstone.

What are “strata”, can you tell us?

6. Ans: _____

FASCINATING FACT Sandstone is so soft that it is easily eroded (washed away) by water. Can you see where water has rushed down the hill and cut into the rock?

[Keep an eye out for another big lump later!]

If you now turn right and up, across the way you’ll find a church named:

7. Ans: _____

There are actually two buildings here, not one. And two dates too! The later one has ordinary numbers, telling us the year they built it, when the first one got too small. That date is:

8 Ans: _____

But the early building, that has Roman numerals instead. Please copy these?

9 Ans: _____

Can you read Roman?

If so, write the date they stand for too, in normal numbers?

10 Ans: _____

[If you can’t, then never fear, Lymm Heritage can show you later.]

Down the hill again, and past the rock face – staying on the pavement though please – you will find a house with lots of steps.

It used to be a bakery, long years ago.

What’s there in modern times that you might eat, two things, one sweet, one healthy?

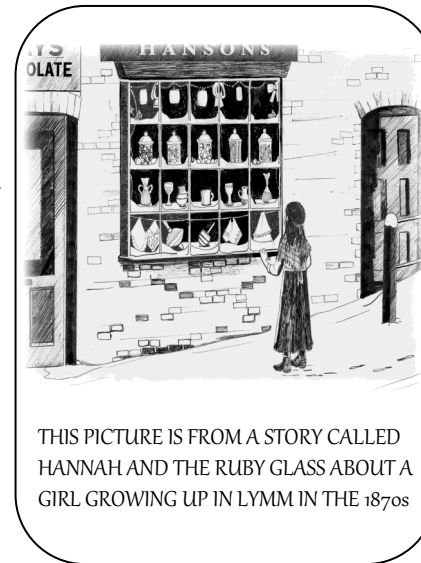
11. Ans: _____



Of course to go with food we'd like a drink.
What drinking place is right behind you?

12 Ans: _____

FASCINATING FACT Over one hundred years ago there were many more shops in Lymm. Just on this hill from the village called Eagle Brow there was A bookshop, a baker, a newsagent, a fishmonger, a joiner, a tax collector, a clock-maker, a grocer, a telephone office. There were at least 70 shops in Lymm.



What does a grocer sell ? What does a joiner join ?

13 Ans _____ 14 Ans _____

OK, heading down again, look for a bird of prey. We think the name might date from when the Romans were here.—(Long before the building !) So, which bird is that then?

Ans: _____

Once upon a time this self-same building was a courthouse. And the village jail!

If it's open why not take a stroll into its cavern of a courtyard for a moment.

Picture people put in rock-hewn cells, awaiting judgement?

While you're here, to show us you're awake, how many wheels have you spotted?

CHECK THIS OUT

Ans: _____



IF YOU STAND OUTSIDE BANNERS THE ESTATE AGENTS AND LOOK OUT YOU WILL SEE HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED IN 100 YEARS. NO CARS. THE HORSE AND CART ARE AT THE CORN MILL.

WHAT IS THERE NOW ? Ans _____

THE PUB WAS CALLED THE MILLSTONE. YOU CAN JUST MAKE OUT TWO POST BOYS WITH THEIR BIKES .. THE COTTAGES AT THE BACK ARE STILL THERE THEY HAVE A BETTER VIEW NOW !

Out again, to walk on, past the pillars and the tiny windows on the left , to the water.

Linger for a moment, watch the ducks, and see the water fall and flow beneath the roadway. Somewhere near, beside the water, there's a story set in stone. Take time to read it.

It says Lymm once had a different name. What was it?

Ans: _____

[Ah, so can you guess what all that local rock is?]

It says Lymm had something else we eat, and cook with too, a hundred years ago.

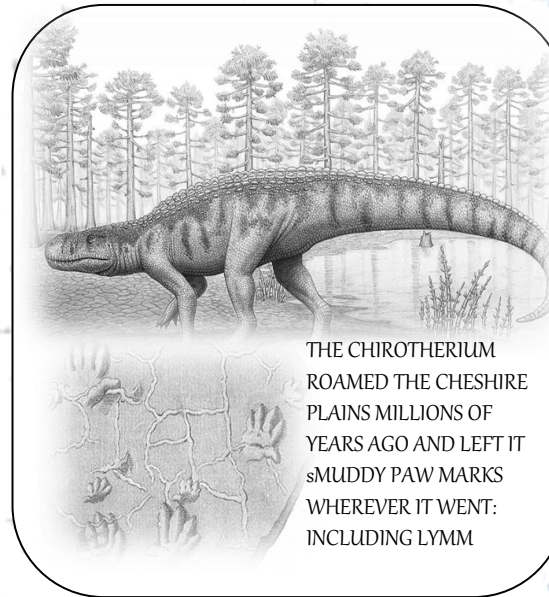
What was that?

Ans: _____

While you're at this spot, search out another 'table' story. Hint: it might be hiding in a corner. What on Earth's inside it?

Ans: _____

CLUE That's a hard one. If you walk through sand what do you leave behind?



THE CHIROTHERIUM
ROAMED THE CHESHIRE
PLAINS MILLIONS OF
YEARS AGO AND LEFT IT
sMUDDY PAW MARKS
WHEREVER IT WENT:
INCLUDING LYMM

If you turn your back on that – it's safe to nowadays – there's something very red before you, and it has initials on it.

Can you write them down?

Ans: _____

What do they stand for?

Ans: _____

Ok, carry on in this direction [up the hill., keeping on the pavement] past the guide dog coloured...?

Ans: _____ [though he might be inside on Sundays.]

Till you reach a bigger patch of cobbles. Stop, before you tread on them.

Above your head you'll find a sign says "Polish". [What name and date is on it?

Ans: _____

Venturing onto those cobblestones, but mind your step, you'll see the bit of Lymm most often painted. You can find it as a picture, or a table mat, a calendar. Why you can even get a jigsaw! It's Lymm Cross of course There it is for real, rising from the ancient bedrock.

Looking at it carefully you'll find three squares with bits protruding [that's a fancy word for sticking out].

So, can you tell us what these are, and what they do?

Ans: _____

And copy what is written on them?

Ans: _____

Ans: _____

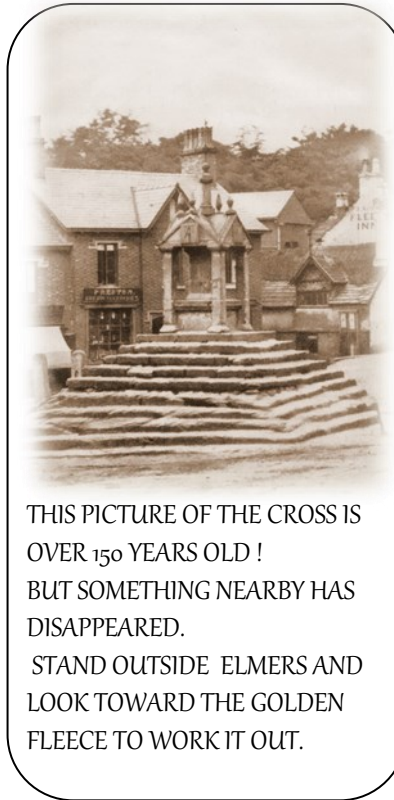
Ans:

Check the numbers on them too, they're very odd. Why is that, do you think?

Ans: _____

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But if you're stuck, Lymm Heritage can tell you later, either in the centre or by checking with the website? www.lymmhic.co.uk



THIS PICTURE OF THE CROSS IS OVER 150 YEARS OLD !

BUT SOMETHING NEARBY HAS DISAPPEARED.

STAND OUTSIDE ELMERS AND LOOK TOWARD THE GOLDEN FLEECE TO WORK IT OUT.

FASCINATING FACT Every Christmas Eve thousands of people gather round the cross to sing Carols. It's a "tradition". Lymm has lots of traditions—like May Queen, Dickensian, The Duck Race, Foodfest, Rushbearing, Transport Day. Tell us which ones you've been to .

Ans _____

Look across the roads and you will see more cobbles, only these are square instead of round so they're called "setts".

Look past them till you find some steps. Cross over to them, carefully. These take you to another carpark. This area was once the village school. The top part of the car park was the playground.

The old school building, is now, of course, the Village Hall. You'll find a foreign name's been added.

Where and what is that?

Ans _____

All right, go down the steps you entered by. Turn right, then right again, uphill.

Then stop, beside three steps?

Look right, left, right then cross to where it looks as if a sheep has been before you? Ans _____

Then head down, into another car park. Down there, find more steps as well, but these are metal.

Don't climb up them yet though. First, look closer at the blocks of stone beneath them.

Some have weird marks on them. So draw a couple for us.

FASCINATING FACT These are mason's name-marks. Here, a mason cut the local rock into blocks for building the canal, then put his 'name' on it to show it was his work then said, 'Now pay me!' That was back in 1770, yet they're still here, hiding in a car park corner.

Right then, up those steps now. [Careful cos they're steep and can get slippery.]

What canal have you arrived at?

Ans: _____

DRAW

HERE

Left please now, along the “path”. On the other side you will see the towpath.

Any idea why we say that? Ans: _____

[This side is really called the “boat stage”. All the actual towing went along the other bank.] This is where they used to unload coal.

There are almost always boats to see here, mostly long and thin. That’s a clue to their name. They’re called...

Ans: n _____

How long can they [stay here?]

Ans: _____

Pretty soon your pathway widens out again and wow, you’re right back where you started!



WELL DONE. !! YOU’VE MADE IT.

If you find Lymm Heritage Centre open you can take your answers in and check them, and discover more about the village..



What did you like best ?

And if this history hunt was fun, then why not try another? Or find out a little more about the village from the Centre.

If you would like to know what it was like to grow up in Lymm 150 years ago ask about

“Hannah and the Ruby Glass “