

Malmesbury

TOWN CENTRE TRAIL 2020



Keep to one pavement only. Please be safe and cross the road carefully and remember to sanitise hands regularly while out and about.

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Town Hall

Why has part of one of the windows in the Town Hall been cut out?



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Cross Hayes car park

What year did the Eclipse hot air balloon get launched from the Cross Hayes.
a. 1851 b. 1881 c. 1911



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St Aldhelm's Church

What did Henry VIII do which meant that St Aldhelm's church is the Roman Catholic Church in Malmesbury and not the Abbey?
a. Seized Malmesbury Abbey as part of the Dissolution of Monasteries.
b. Banned the sale of beer. c. Declared himself King of Europe.

Walk down Silver Street and Back Hill, down the steps to St John's Street

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St John's Street

What's the difference in the old street marker signs at each end of St John's Street?

Carefully cross the road to St Aldhelm's Mead and park

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St Aldhelm's Mead

If you were on an 'air skier' what would you be doing?



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Still at St Aldhelm's Mead

There are a group of five oak trees with a plaque - what do they represent? If you can look on Google Maps, what roads are there in Malmesbury associated with Malmesbury's Twin Towns?



Walk back to the main road and walk up the hill to the High Street

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South Gate, Lower High Street

Which famous poet laureate provided the quotes in the pavement that mark the location of the South Gates?

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On the High Street

What do the George Inn (now a vets), the King's Arms Hotel and the Bear Inn (now Strakers) have in common?



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Griffin Alley

Find the entrance to Griffin Alley on the right hand side of the High Street. What landed here in the year 1500 (give or take).
a. The ball on the top of the steeple when it collapsed. b. Eilmer the Flying Monk c. The Eclipse Balloon after its flight from Cross Hayes

Cross the road at the top of the High Street - use the zebra crossing

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Market Cross

Who might have sheltered from the rain here when it was built?
a. Poore Folke b. Monks c. Soldiers

11	What is the nickname of the Market Cross? (Have a look at the names nearby) a.The Jackdaw b. The Crown c. The Birdcage	.....
12	The Tolsey Gate The entrance from the Market Cross to the Abbey is the Tolsey. Who was the Tolsey built to hold?	.....
Go through the Tolsey Gate and through the graveyard to the Abbey		
13	The Abbey grounds Hannah Twynnoy was killed by a fierce tiger in 1703. What is her bed?	.....
14	The Abbey Which Noble King of England has his monument in the Abbey? a. King Arthur b. King Alfred c. King Athelstan	.....
When you come out of the Abbey, leave the grounds and go on the path between the Abbey and the Old Bell Hotel. Walk through the Cloister Gardens and go down the steps and across the bridge. Find the gate to Conygre Mead.		
15	The start of Conygre Mead. See the symbol and start a walk through the Conygre Mead. What does Conygre mean?	.....
16	The sign opposite the railway tunnel entrance What was the nickname of the passenger train that came to Malmesbury? (Note – It is on the sign opposite the tunnel in Conygre Mead.)	.....
17	The Spice Merchant Decorated elephants are well known in India, but where in India does this one come from?	.....
Carefully cross the road at the bridge and walk back up into Town		
18	On the bridge What is the name of this bridge?	.....
19	Shady benches When you find this sheltered and shady place you can look up at the East Gate of the town and part of the Town Walls. When were there walls first built around Malmesbury? Photo of 'place' a. 1600's at the start of the English Civil War b. It 43AD by the Romans. c. In 800BC in the Iron Age.	.....
Walk up the hill and follow the road left, back towards the Town Hall		
20	Tower House A famous King of England had dinner here while visiting Malmesbury. Who was it?	.....

Please hand the trails in at the TIC for the prize draw . Closing date 5th September	
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