

Owston Ferry History Trail

Here are some questions about Owston Ferry history. Follow our trail and see if you can answer them all!

We will start our trail at the White Hart on the corner of North Street and the High Street.



- 1 The White Hart was the stopping point of steam packets at Owston Ferry. They travelled along the River Trent from Gainsborough to Hull and Grimsby. They carried cargo and passengers between the villages and cities. The White Hart was also the point for the crossing ferry which took residents directly across the River Trent. If you crossed the river at this point what village would you come to?

- 2 This clock was donated by Francis Sanders. It was originally a gas lamp but was converted to a clock in 2000. Francis Sanders also provided the almshouses on Bagsby Lane for the benefit of six poor women. What year was this clock donated to the people of Owston Ferry?



- 3 Along the High Street you will come across the old Owston Church School. In 1885 John Frewin was the headmaster here and Mrs Ellen Stamp was a sewing mistress. This building is now a house. Where the house number is was originally the girl's entrance to the school. What is written above the other door?



- 4 Next to the playing field on the High Street you will find the Village war memorial. It is dedicated to all those soldiers who lost their lives during the First and Second World War. Carved in stone, it is in the shape of a Celtic cross. Looking at the inscription on the memorial, during what years did the Second World War take place?

- 5 The Old Smithy is a blacksmiths that was built in 1859. Five generations of the Laming family owned and worked there. It contained two forges which demonstrates how busy it was. George Laming retired and closed the building in 1975. He left all the tools and equipment in place and it has since become a museum. What object made by blacksmiths is hung over the door?



- 6 The archway up to St. Martins Church was built in 1859. It was paid for with money from Archdeacon Stonehouse and his sister-in-law Francis Sanders. The central archway is designed for carriages to pass through with the archways either side for pedestrians. What else did Francis Sanders gift to the residents of Owston Ferry?

- 7 As you walk up to the church you come to the lychgate. It has been dedicated to Harry Emmet Clark who was curate and vicar in the village. Between what dates was he the vicar at St. Martins Church?

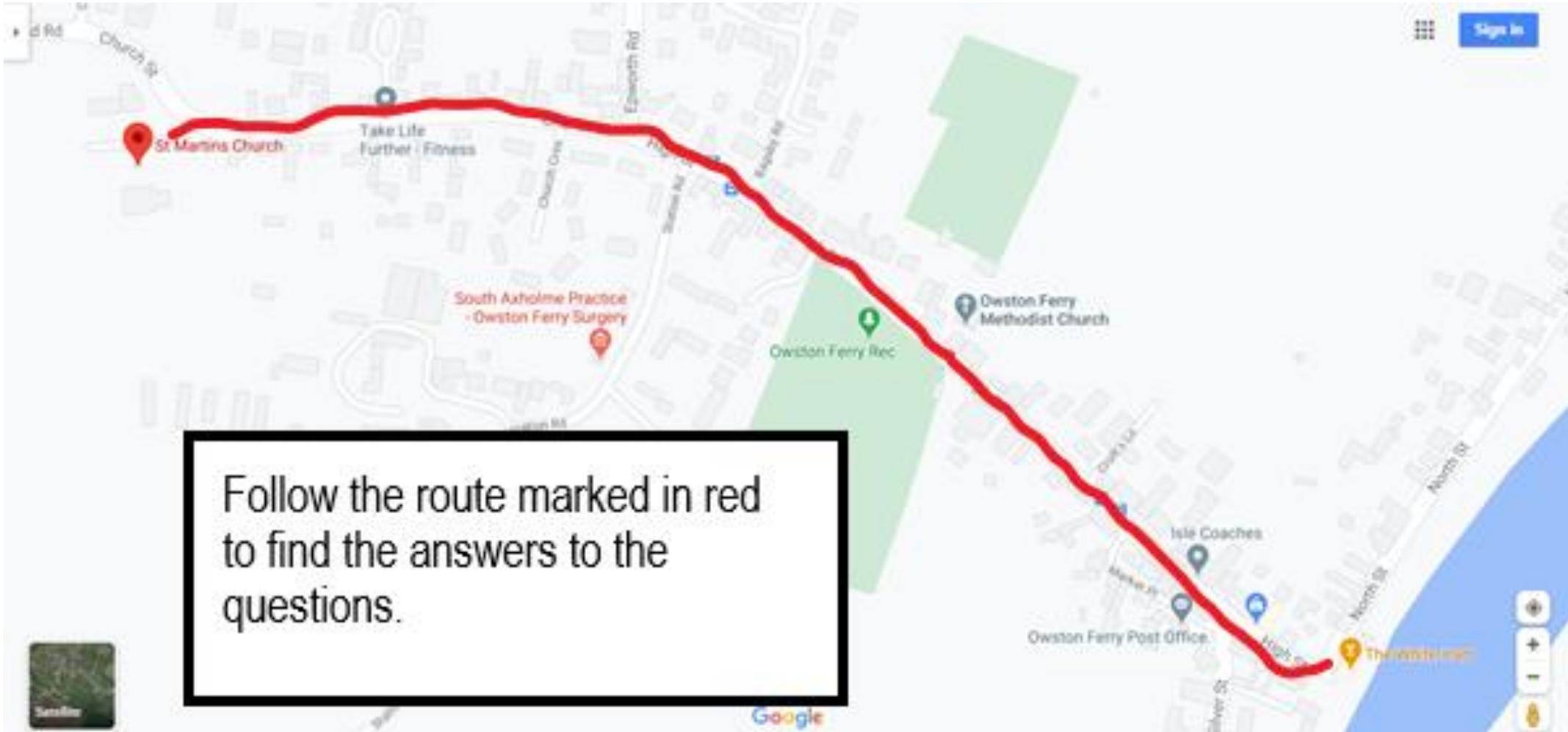


- 8 St. Martins Church dates from the 12th Century with later additions. It is believed to stand on the location of an older church. What has been carved either side of the windows and doors on the outside of the building?



- 9 To the South of St. Martins Church originally laid Kinaird Castle. This was a motte and bailey castle believed to have been built around the time of 1080. It was built to control a crossing point across the River Trent. What is a motte and bailey castle?





Follow the route marked in red
to find the answers to the
questions.