
Somerset Snippets

The Newsletter of the Friends of Somerset Archives

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From the Editor

As we reach the end of another year I feel that every member can look back over three very successful years. We have supported the Record Office in various ways including our Tithe Award project, assisting at the Record Office open day and donating £500 towards the purchase of Stevens-Cox collection. Various talks and activities have been enjoyed by those members that have been able to attend, these have included walks around two villages as well as talks given at the Record Office by various experts in their field. Next year we have a full programme including, by popular demand, another treasure hunt, which this time will be in the Quantock area. The main event of the year, for the "Friends", will be a fund-raising event where the speaker will be Dr. Nick Barrett, from television's "Who Do You Think You Are?" His expertise is not only restricted to Family History but also local and house histories which means that this talk should appeal to everyone. Full details will be available early in the New Year and we would appreciate it if as many members as possible help to promote this event.

When we first started the "Friends of Somerset Archives" we agreed that members should only serve on the committee for three years. Obviously this is not a viable option for this coming year because if we all stepped down it would only leave two members to handle everything. However, we would like new members on the committee over this coming year, so if you would like to volunteer for a three year stint, please let us know. Once again we have to thank both Esther and Jane, our two "liaison" archivists, for all of the help and support that they have given over the last year. Their contribution to the smooth running of the Friends cannot be too highly stressed and we really do appreciate it.

During this year you will have noticed a number of interesting articles in the newsletter by various members of the Friends and this month is no exception with an excellent piece by Brian Austin. The wider the

range of topics and contributors, the better our newsletter can become. There will be only three issues next year as we try to cut down the cost, which is mostly postage. However, we will be able to include two or three extra pages in each issue and so your contributions by way of short articles, become even more important. Please keep them coming in as they are of interest to everyone.

Please also note that there is a chance to win £20 worth of book tokens in this issue by entering our quiz. There are questions on a number of subjects and all answers should be able to be found with a little bit of research. This is a competition for all of the family to get involved with. Thank you to Sue Berry who has organised this quiz. The winner will be announced in the next newsletter and please note that all entries must be received by the 1st February 2008. In the event of a number of people getting all of the answers correct, the winner will be drawn "out of the hat". Finally no members of the committee or any member of Somerset County Council's Heritage staff may enter the competition.

Our AGM will be held on Saturday, 5th January 2008 at Chilliswood at 7.30pm. A number of you were disappointed that we were unable to have our meeting there last year due to Robin and Anne losing part of their roof, but rest assured it has been repaired and we are back to this fine house and our hosts. There will, of course, be our annual AGM quiz, which Jane and Esther will be organising, and despite one person's moaning last year, will not be any easier as I love being in the team that is last (Hint. If you want to do well, make sure that you are a member of Sue Berry's team). Please make every effort to come to the AGM as it is a lot of fun and it is also the chance for you to have your views heard. Most importantly, thank you for being a member of the "Friends"; your support is greatly appreciated and without it we would not exist.

Have a Very Merry Christmas with a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

My Favourite Documents by Esther Ormerod

Richard Allen's last words – nuncupative will, (ref: D\D/pd/21)

Probate records, particularly wills, are wonderful documents. As well as the obvious use for family history, probate records can be used for many other types of research e.g. social history, religious history and house history. The story of Somerset's wills is a sad one. Having been centralised at Exeter, most of the county's original probate records before 1858 were destroyed by German bombing in 1942, as were those for Devon. In spite of the losses, many wills and will copies *have* survived and are available at the Record Office and elsewhere.

Wills were not just the by-product of rich people and their wealth, as is often believed; the poorest person could leave one coin hidden in an old sock under the bed! In fact these wills are often far more touching and real than the reams of paper completed by the very wealthy, in which you may just get lost as the testator ensures that the land goes to his first son, then the heirs legally begotten of his body, and if no such heirs survive or exist then the land goes to the second son, then the heirs legally begotten of his body.... and so on!

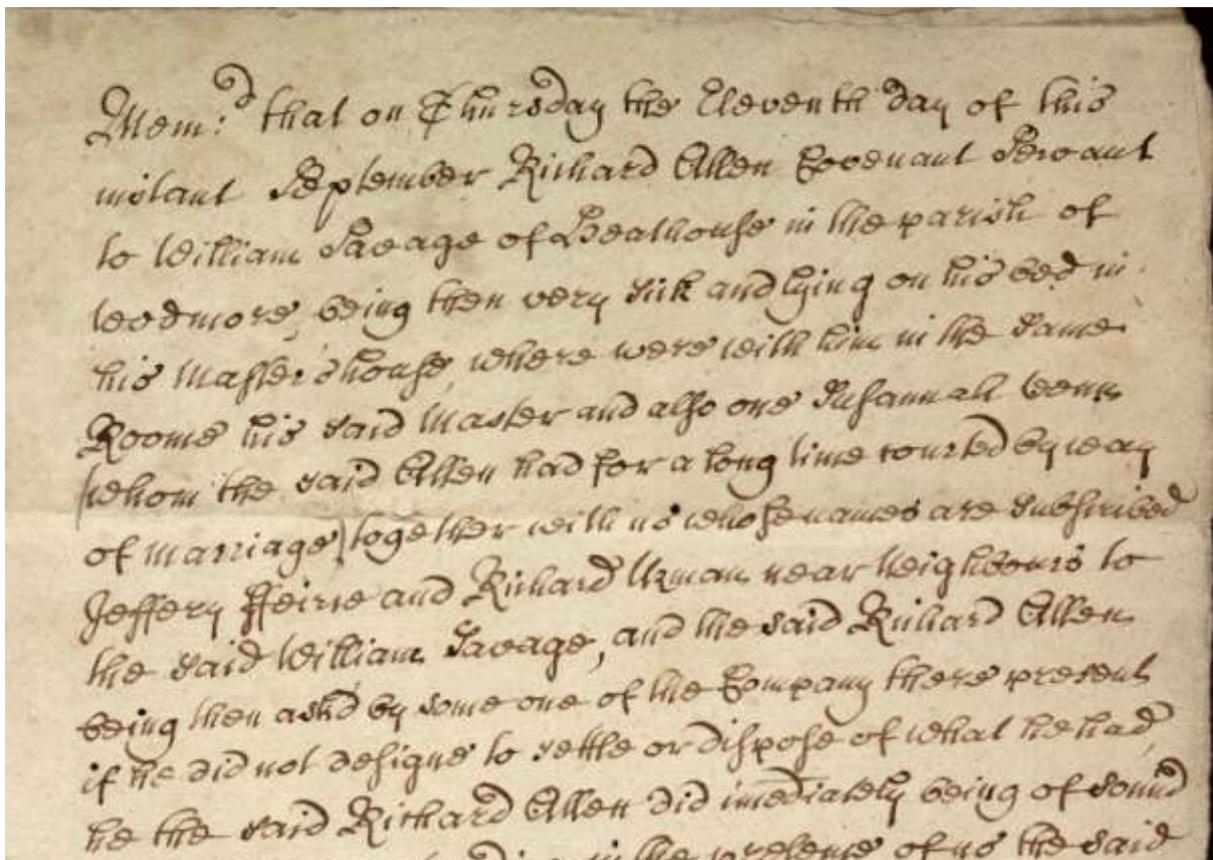
This particular will has become one of my favourites. It is the nuncupative will of Richard Allen, a covenant servant of Heath House in the parish of Wedmore. It is dated 1712. We use this will during the How to Read Old Handwriting day course so any future students can

get in a bit of practice! (For more information on this course please contact us or visit our website). A nuncupative will was not written; it was a verbal will heard by two or more credible witnesses who then had to swear what they heard before a probate court. What makes some of these so memorable is the description of the scene.

Picture this: Richard Allen is not a well man, in fact he is on his deathbed. Around him are a couple of his friends, his master, and one Susannah Venn 'whom the said Allen had for a long time courted by way of marriage'. The people in the room start to prompt him to dispose of his goods, so he finally declares that he wants all his goods to go to Susannah Venn, 'meaning the said Susannah Venn, whom at the same time he held by the hand'. You can't help but be moved by the image painted by the words. The scene comes alive, and makes Richard and Susannah real people.

In an even sadder postscript in a different hand at the foot of the page we discover that Susannah died before she could prove the will. Was it a broken heart?

To discover more about Somerset's wills and finding aids please visit our website (www.somerset.gov.uk/archives) and view the Guide to Researching Your Somerset Family, or alternatively pick up the office leaflet on wills in the search rooms.



The Burden of Research

by Brian Austin

I am sitting at my desk writing this with a disbelieving grin on my face having just become a pensioner. It means that I have been researching local and family history for fifty years and have been forty years married. Doesn't time fly when you are enjoying yourself!

For all those years I have rushed around this sector rescuing interesting historical documents and passing them to the Records Office, Looking at my latest list of " DD/X/AUS " I worry that I should have donated a shelf.

Now, like many of my colleagues, I have to face the fact that I have here a vast hoard of material, hopefully referred to as "The Austin Collection", but my wife has her own interests and might not be pleased to be lumbered with files, boxes, trunks and stuff that means nothing to her. Behind me as I write sit seventy-seven A4 handwritten files containing over 7000 pages of Weston family history. I predate computers and don't trust them, and there is an equally large amount of local history research as well.

I therefore feel that I have to sort and tidy all of my holding to make sure that files are clearly labelled and

sorted in to groups. I am separating often-used work from finished projects and the latter can be stored in a separate trunk.

I am also making a reference book to note all of the above and show that, for instance, file 045 contains extracts from 200 "rescued" Wills saved from a local solicitor.

My Will is made, leaving the collection to the Records Office along with some money to help facilitate the move and storage. When I pop off it is important that the transfer of materiel is not a burden to my executor.

I have seen some people's work dumped after their death, often because the survivors didn't understand it or couldn't be bothered. I've made it clear that if anything of mine gets dumped I shall come back. Please remember not to leave genuine research to fate. Someone will thank you for it one day and it's nice to be remembered. To finish off, my Grandmother had some nice silver dishes and after she died my mother lifted the lid of the largest and found a note stating "Kathleen – if you ever sell these I shall come back and haunt you". That always struck me as a clever ploy.

Items For Sale

We have a number of books and CDs that Paul Mansfield has kindly donated to the Friends for sale to help raise funds. We have the following titles.

Norris' Taunton Journal 1725 to 1727. Indexed and filmed by Paul Mansfield. A full facsimile of the original with an index on one cd-rom for £4.00 post free to the U.K. and £4.60 overseas.

Books

Bridgwater (St. Mary) Baptisms 1745 to 1799 - £6.00 including UK postage

A Catalogue of Unfortunate Incidents – Inquests and Death by Misadventure in 18th Century Somerset and Surrounds. - £6.00 including UK postage

Please make cheques payable to The Friends of Somerset Archives and send it to The Cottage, Manor Terrace, Paignton, Devon, TQ3 3RQ.

Thank you to Paul for this kind gesture

Getting to Know You - Jane de Gruchey - Archivist

What led you to become interested in archives?

I have always loved history and I read absolutely all the time, and so combining the two by becoming an archivist was the obvious thing to do. I managed to get work experience at the Jersey Archives when I was doing my A-Levels, and found it really interesting; that really confirmed that it was the job for me.

I'm a social historian by training, and I still find it



fascinating that you can read about individuals' lives hundreds of years ago – about their beliefs, their friendships, their families, their working lives and leisure, even down to what they ate and wore.

Tell us about your past history, where you grew up, education, family, career.

I come from a very Jersey family (we've been there since 1089, supposedly), and was brought up there. I came to England in 1999 to do a History degree in York, and ended up staying in the city for 5 years. Not being entirely sure about which way to go in life, I then did an MA in Early Medieval Studies at York, spending the most enjoyable summer of my life studying Viking masculinity. After that, I managed to get a year's post as a trainee archivist at the Borthwick Institute (also in York), leaving – with fantastic timing – a month before they moved into their new building. This gave me the experience that I needed to get on the Archives MA course, which I did at Liverpool University. A year in Liverpool was quite enough, and I got my first "proper" job here at the Somerset Record Office in September 2005.

Who has most inspired you during your life?

Heather Morton, my aunt's housemate, is the local studies librarian in Jersey. She was the person that suggested to me that I would suit a career in local studies or archives, and who made me realise that a job that can sound quite boring on paper is actually really fun and rewarding.

What achievement are you most proud of?

Reading a word in runes on the Franks Casket at the British Museum when I was about 12. (The Franks Casket is an early 8th century whalebone box highly decorated with runes and mysterious Viking and Christian carvings.) I'd just started to read up on Vikings, and I was (probably completely disproportionately) impressed with myself.

For more information about Franks Casket visit the following webpage

[http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight_objects/pe_mla/t/the_franks_casket.aspx.](http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight_objects/pe_mla/t/the_franks_casket.aspx)

What are your interests?

I'm quite musical, and sing with Somerset Opera. Our next show is Gilbert & Sullivan's *Patience*, and then it's *Cavalleria Rusticana* and *Nabucco* in July. I am also a big fan of cooking, especially cakes, and I do a ridiculous amount of reading.

What has been your most exciting discovery in the archives so far?

I haven't yet found anything really exciting, but there is one document that has really touched me. It's a letter from a married woman from Barbados in the 1760s, whose husband has had to return to England on business. She writes describing how her young son, a toddler, is just starting to walk, and how she is training him to say "Papa" to a portrait of her husband so that he will recognise his father when he returns. I love the detailed domestic picture that the letter paints, as well as the way that it shows so vividly the long periods of separation that couples living overseas had to cope with.

What documentary information would you most like to find?

A previously undiscovered Icelandic saga. As we found an otherwise unknown Anglo-Saxon commentary on the New Testament in the binding of one of our volumes, I don't think that this is completely outside the realms of probability.



Franks Casket

For what – or how would you most like to be remembered?

With my surname pronounced properly.

What document would you like archivists of the future to find when researching your life?

My dad has written to me every Wednesday since I left Jersey. As this is quite unusual these days, I think that

his letters would be quite interesting for future researchers and archivists. I also really like the idea of the memory of him living on through his letters. Unfortunately, my dad and I both have terrible handwriting, and so the said future archivists might just end up cursing us or – more scarily – using our writing as a test on a future palaeography course!

Some of the New Accessions April-October 2007

Parish records and transcripts

Broadway: register of services, 1975-2005
 Corton Denham: parish magazines, 2001-2006
 Cucklington: parish meeting minutes, annals of the Revd. James Phelps, newsletters, 1880-2007
 Enmore: burial register, 1813-2003
 Huish Episcopi: churchwardens' accounts, 1912
 Leigh on Mendip: marriage register, 1988-1997
 Marston Magna registers and other records, 19th-20th centuries
 Nynehead: PCC minutes and faculties, 1980-2005
 Priddy: vestry and PCC minutes, 1874-2004
 Stoke St. Michael: service registers, 1952-2005

West Monkton: marriage registers, 1975-2006
 Wraxall: accounts, Sunday School records, parish magazines and service register, 19th-20th centuries

Parish register transcripts and monumental inscriptions

Batcombe and Upton Noble, burials, [1707-2006]
 Bathampton: monumental inscriptions, [1654-2005]
 Berrow parish registers, [1700-1788]
 Buckland St. Mary: marriages, [1754-1886]
 Dodington and Holford: burial registers and monumental inscriptions, [1813-2005]
 Marston Magna baptisms, [1681-1812]
 South Petherton: transcripts of parish and other records, [17th-19th centuries]

Business, industry and farming records

Binegar: railway station porters' register, 1902
 Brendon Hills Industrial Survey, relating to mines buildings, c.1990-2007
 Wellington: account books of Porter and Fry, jewellers, 1965-1999

Williton: business records of Williton Country Markets (formerly the Williton Women's Institute Market), 1977-2004

Large collection relating to the quarrying industry, including: records of Amey Roadstone Corp., Mount Sorrell Quarry, Batts Combe Quarry and Whatley Quarry; photographs; publications; quarrying ledgers; and research, 19th-20th centuries

Oral history interviews relating to farming, produced for the "From the Soil" initiative, 2000s

Military records

Somerset Light Infantry: photographs and personal papers, 1914-1997

First World War diary of Arthur Haines, including codes, procedures and his day-to-day thoughts, 1914-1918

World War II maps: Home Guard and Luftwaffe, 1940s

Estate records

Additional Trollope-Bellew family papers, 16th-19th centuries

Maps

Plan of the manor of Minehead and Minehead town, c.1800

Definitive map for Westbury sub Mendip, 1949

Other records

The Stevens Cox collection: large deposit of records and printed material collected by the late James Stevens Cox, mainly relating to Ilchester but with documents from all over Somerset, 13th-20th centuries
Oral history recordings relating to Blagdon and the Mendips

Records mainly relating to Langport and the surrounding area, including sales catalogues, legal papers, a farming account book and three boxes of glass plate negatives, [1733]-1957

Diary recording a walk in Somerset and North Devon taken by Miss Margaret Davis of Clevedon and a friend in 1880.

Linda Jenkins, *Wick St. Lawrence: A Journey Through Time*, Volumes 3-10

Five boxes of records relating to Staplegrove, [1235]-2000

Vernacular Architecture reports for Blagdon, Broadway, Buckland St. Mary, Clevedon, Combe St. Nicholas, Crowcombe, Curry Rivel, Dunster, Kingsbury Episcopi, Kingston St., Mary, Long Sutton, Mudford, Rimpton, Stogursey, Taunton and Winsham, 2005-2007

Forthcoming Events

2007

Wed Dec 5th **Exploring Non-Conformist Somerset With Esther Ormerod and Talya Bagwell** at the Somerset Record Office at 7.30pm

2008

Sat Jan 5th **AGM** at Chilliswood, Dipford Road, Trull at 7.30pm

Thurs Feb 21st **Criminal Archives with David Hawkings** at the Somerset Record Office at 7.30pm

Wed Apr 30th To be announced

Sunday 20th Jul **Axbridge with John Page.** Outside day event. Meeting venue and time to be announced

Sat 13th Sept **An Evening With Nick Barratt – Presenter of "Who Do You Think You Are? and Hidden House Histories** – Further details to follow

Sun Oct 5th **Treasure Hunt – The Quantock Area** Meet at Enmore Parish Church at 2pm

Tue Nov 11th **Title to be announced with Dr. Todd Grey** at the Somerset Record Office at 7.30pm

Please book with Bernard Welchman at B@bdwfh.com or 01803 668803

Volunteers Wanted

As you will know, the Somerset Record Office run occasional courses for Family History and House History which are very popular and well attended. With such numbers there are never enough staff to give the help and advice that the Record Office would like. This being the case, the Friends have been asked to get involved by helping in the afternoon sessions of these courses. Whilst the staff will be there to give the same help as always, they just do not have the time to actually sit with someone and guide them through the actual start of their family history research and this is where the Friends would be of assistance in sitting with people and helping them get started.

The House history course is slightly different in that those attending are split into four groups, each working on a project. We always suggest that the group appoints someone to collate info, to sort out who does what bit etc. with the staff being around to advise the groups. The Friends could actually fulfil both these roles, as someone with experience would be infinitely more useful than a member of the group, and would help to gel the groups together.

If you have a good knowledge of Family or House History research and would be willing to help, please let me know either by email b@bdwfh.com or telephone 01803 668803. The dates of these courses during 2008 will be,

3 rd March	Introduction to sources (family history)
19 May	Introduction to sources (house history)
6 October	Introduction to sources (family history)
17 November	Introduction to sources (house history)

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Summary of Accounts for the period December 2006 to September 2007

Income:-

Membership	Bankers' Orders	£352
	Cheques	£672
	Cash (donations)	<u>£ 10</u>
	Total Income	<u>£1034</u>

Expenditure:-

	Web Site	£129-25
	Hire of Wilton Hall	£ 40-00
	AGM Refreshments	£ 88-27
	Newsletter etc. (Bernard W.)	£ 32-10
	Ditto	£ 55-72
	Hire of North Curry Hall	£ 12-00
	Donation to Somerset R.O.	£500-00
(towards Stephens Cox collection)		<u>£857-34</u>

Bank Balance – Lloyds

	Current account	£ 421.47
	Savings Account	<u>£1200.96</u> (includes £24.09 interest)
		<u>£1622.43</u>

Friends of Somerset Archives Quiz

Win a £20 book token

Copies of the quiz can be found in the Friends' October Newsletter, on their website at www.friendsofsomersetarchives.org.uk, at the Somerset Record Office, the Somerset Local Studies Library and other libraries in the county.

All entries must be returned by 1st February 2008. In the event of more than one correct solution being received, the winner will be selected by a draw. The winner will be announced in the following newsletter.

Please return all hard copy entries to Somerset Record Office, Obridge Road, Taunton, TA2 7PU or email entries to berrygreen@tiscali.co.uk.

This quiz is not open to any member of Somerset County Council's Heritage staff or committee members of the Friends of Somerset Archives.

Somerset People

1. Which Somerset landowner is supposed to have been the model for Mary Shelley's Frankenstein?
2. Which Somerset painter was born without arms or legs at East Quantoxhead in 1784?
3. James Crofts, John Henry Brodribb and Solange Luyon are better known as ...
4. Which Bishop of Bath and Wells helped Richard III become King by claiming that his brother Edward's marriage to Elizabeth Woodville was bigamous?
5. Who, born in Milverton in 1773, had partially deciphered Egyptian hieroglyphs by 1814, 10 years before Champollion's publication on the subject?
6. A well known author and a well known comedian both lived in Weston super Mare as children. Who are they?
7. Which Chief Justice was born at Huntworth, tried Sir Walter Raleigh and Guy Fawkes and is said to be buried at Wellington?
8. Which Bridgwater man, better known as a seaman, was a Colonel in the Parliamentary Army and defended Taunton against the Royalists in 1645?
9. Which King is said to have burnt the cakes at Athelney?
10. Who lives in Somerset and holds the world hot air balloon altitude record?

Somerset places

1. In which church was the Danish King Guthram baptized after his defeat at the Battle of Edington? a. Aller b. Cheddar c. Martock
2. Which parish has what is said to be the oldest licensed house in England? a. Glastonbury b. Norton St Phillip c. Norton sub Hamdon
3. What are these places called now? Aqua Sulis, Ceoddor, Portloca and Sealwudu?
4. Where was St Dunstan born? a. Baltonsborough b. Ditchat c. Montacute
5. Which Somerset town has the oldest surviving Staff of Office in England? a. Bridgwater b. Ilchester c. Langport
6. A 17th century buccaneer was born and a 20th century poet was buried here. a. East Coker b. East Harptree c. East Quantoxhead
7. There is a carving of St Brigit milking a cow on this tower, which is all that remains of a church dedicated to St Michael. Where is the tower? a. Burrow Mump b. Glastonbury Tor c. Ham Hill

8. Where did Thomas Charnock set up his laboratory in the late 16th century to search for the Philosopher's stone? a. Combach b. Stogursey c. Yeovil
9. Where was there a battle in 878 between the Vikings under Ubbe Ragnarsson and the Saxons under Ealdorman Odda? a. Cannington b. Frome c. Watchet
10. In which 18th century Somerset garden would you have found a stepped pyramid, Robin Hood's House and a Temple of Harmony? a. Halswell b. Hestercombe c. Prior Park

Somerset place names cryptic clues

1. The monastery's money.
2. How to cross the river.
3. Knocks.
4. Auction offering is a fake
5. Deva with a sword.
6. Bovines fall over on this grassy area.
7. Spicy dish can really hit you.
8. Difficult to pass this lorry on a winding road.
9. Fortified place with tooth decay.
10. Searches for one's medicine.

Archives

1. Which type of pre-reformation document usually begins "In nomine dei Amen"?
2. A lease for three lives or ... how many years?
3. Why would a letter dated 8th September 1752 be a forgery?
4. What pre-1733 legal document begins "Hec est finalis concordia facta...?"
5. Looking through some parish records you find a brief. What is it?
6. Which is the finer quality, parchment or vellum?
7. In what type of document would you most likely find the phrases "uxorem duxit" and "patre incognito"?
8. What is the English translation of the Latin names Egidius, Jacobus and Guilelmus?
9. Which year was MDCCLXIX and which Roman numeral is missing from it?
10. In what type of document would you find the phrase "appraised by us whose names are hereunto subscribed"?

General History

1. What was the last battle fought in England?
2. Whom did the Varangian Guard guard?
3. Of which Admiral was it said by Voltaire that he was executed "*pour encourager les autres*"?
4. Which of these Roman politicians was not a member of the First Triumvirate: a. Julius Caesar, b. Licinius Crassus, c. Mark Antony, d. Pompey the Great?
5. Which British archaeologist became Director General of Archaeology for India in 1944?
6. In which year was slavery abolished in the British colonies?
7. Which Spartan King died at Thermopylae?
8. An early 13th century Crusade was fought in France against which religious sect?
9. Who was the first President of the Republic of Turkey?
10. Who is known as the Father of English History?

Geography

Where would you find...

1. The fountain of the Big Onofrio a. Dubrovnik b. Pisa c. Split
2. A cage of chickens in a cathedral a. Santiago de Compostella b. Santo Domingo de la Calzada c. Sagrada Familia
3. A "Monastery" and a "Treasury" carved in the rock a. Crac des Chevaliers b. Persepolis c. Petra
4. The Flavian Ampitheatre a. Nimes b. Rome c. Verona
5. A monument to the British sportsman Tom Simpson a. Mont Blanc b. Mont Ventoux c. Mont-Disse
6. Wencelas Square a. Prague b. Vienna c. Warsaw
7. A cathedral in the middle of a mosque a. Cordoba b. Istanbul c. Jerusalem
8. The Castle of Gravensteen a. Budapest b. Ghent c. Nuremburg
9. The birthplace of Septimus Severus a. Jerash b. Leptis Magna c. Emesa
10. The tomb of Dante a. Avignon b. Florence c. Ravenna

The Arts

1. Where in Somerset were the authors of *An Essay on Human Understanding*, *Tom Jones* and *Coryats Crudities* born?
2. Which famous composer gave a piano recital at Taunton in 1840? a. Chopin b. Liszt c. Schumann
3. Where would you find Heather Burnley's statue of Sigerac, a 10th century Glastonbury monk and later Archbishop of Canterbury? a. Canterbury Cathedral b. Glastonbury Abbey c. Wells Cathedral
4. Who is generally regarded as the leader of the Surrealist Movement? a. Dali b. Gaudi c. Picasso
5. Haydn's *Missa In Angustiis* written in 1798 is better known by another name. What is it? a. The Emperor Mass b. The Napoleon Mass c. The Nelson Mass
6. Who were the Muses of Tragedy, Comedy and Dance?
7. Tarr, Dilruba and Sarangi are all – what? a. types of pottery b. Iranian vegetables c. stringed instruments
8. Which Somerset artist died in Taunton Workhouse in 1921?
9. What four rivers are depicted on Bernini's fountain in the Piazza Navona, Rome?
10. Which Romantic poet lived at Alfoxden in 1797? a. William Blake b. Lord Byron c. William Wordsworth

Quotations

Who said or wrote

1. Let not poor Nelly starve.
2. What an artist dies with me.
3. The great grey-green greasy Limpopo River, all set about with fever-trees.
4. Down these mean streets a man must go who is not himself mean: who is neither tarnished nor afraid.
5. Public schools are the nurseries of all vice and immorality.
6. That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.
7. When that Aprill with his shoures soote
The droghte of March hath perced to the roote...
8. Give me chastity and continence – but not yet.
9. Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes.
10. Very flat, Norfolk.

Saints and Sinners

1. To which Saint is the smallest church in England dedicated? a. St Aldhelm b. St Augustine c. St Culbone
2. What was Judge Jefferys first name? a. Charles b. George c. John
3. Apart from Edward the Confessor, who is the only English king to have been canonised? a. Alfred of Wessex b. Edmund of East Anglia c. Henry VI
4. Whom did Walter Tyrell kill? a. Thomas Becket b. King William Rufus c. The Princes in the Tower
5. Who said "Not Angles but Angels"? a. St Augustine of Canterbury b. Pope Gregory the Great c. Pope Honorius I
6. What was Sweeney Todd's profession? a. barber b. journalist c. plumber
7. Who is usually regarded as the founder of the Cistercian Order? a. St Bernard of Clairvaux b. St Francis of Assisi c. St Benedict of Nursia
8. Which English king was excommunicated by Pope Innocent III? a. King Henry II b. King John c. King Henry IV
9. Who wrote The Saint novels? a. Leslie Charteris b. John Creasey c. Ian Fleming
10. In late 15th century Italy, who was the Duke of Valentinois and Romagna better known as? a. Cesare Borgia b. Lorenzo Medici c. Ludovico Sforza

Miscellaneous

1. Who or what is Great A'Tuin?
2. What would you do with whipit, frumenty, a manchet and a Clifton puff?
3. In which parts of Somerset would you find, or have found, lead pigs and mud horses?
4. What are the modern English names for Lutetia, Byzantium, Al-Fustat and Mediolanum?
5. In which century was *The Pillow Book of Sei Shonagon* written?
6. How many Assize towns were there in England and Wales in 1971?
7. What Egyptian gods or goddesses are usually depicted with the head of a hawk, ibis, cow and lioness?
8. What are "sword lilies" better known as?
9. What is another name for a haman?
10. Who was the diver responsible for saving Winchester cathedral from collapsing in the early 20th century?

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