

1. Starting with an easy one....When was the Arno opened?
Was that more or less than 100 years ago?



2. Walk up to the flag pole and across the grass on to the circular path... how many steps do you have to take to get all the way round the circle? Have a guess first of how many steps you would take....more than 200? More than 300? More than 400?....then set out and count them for yourself.



3. This is what the Arno looks like from above, to the birds and people in airplanes. What do you think it looks like?



4. Walk across the grass and up the straight path... Look to your right. What's that nailed to the tree?



5. There's another one, even bigger, that can be found on your left in amongst the trees on the ground. What is it for?

6. Just a few metres from the Bug Hotel you may find other things living in the trees..... that is if you believe in fairies....



At the top of the hill, up the stone steps, turn left and walk towards the upright stone

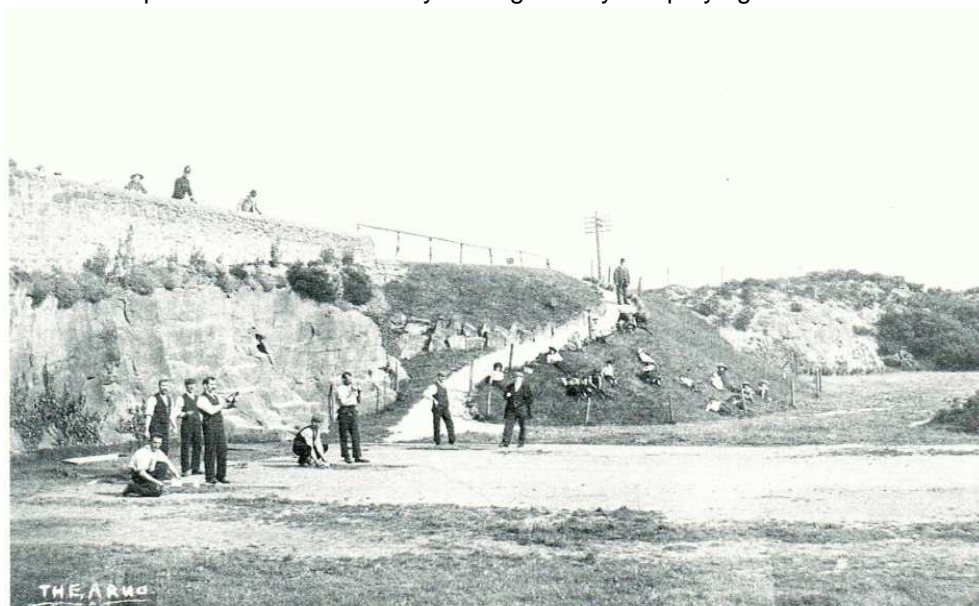


7. This lump of stone is said to be the last piece of rock cut from the ground in the Arno. It is sandstone, which tells us that Oxton was once at the bottom of the deep sea. Stones like these were used to build many of the houses and walls all over Oxton.
8. A little further on you will see a metal plaque in front of a big tree. A person whose name was Mason planted this tree. This is a tough one....A mason is the name of a job people did in the old days and some still do today. Do you know what a mason does? Our surnames often mean things like this, from jobs, places, colours. You could ask your parents, they might know if your surname means something particular.



Now turn round and at the top of the stone steps turn left, away from the entrance you came in by. Where the stone came from is just round the corner.

Here is a picture of this area 100 years ago. They are playing



quoits.

9. Walk to the path to your left and you will walk into a place where they cut the stone out of the ground. Do you know what a place like this is called?
Is it called a Pit? A Mine? or a Quarry?

Time to turn and come out of the Arno at the gate you started from and CAREFULLY walk across the road using the traffic island.

10. In front of you are two old buildings joined together. One used to be a pub, called an ale house, and the other used to be a bakers. Guess which is which.



Walk up the hill and you can see the Maitland Church on your right. The date it was opened is in the wall. What date did it open?



Walk on up the hill.

11. On your right is a pub, which is 150 years old. It's called The Queens Arms. Which Queen do you think it is named after? Elizabeth? Victoria? Cleopatra?



12. Walk by the Queens Arms pub and along Rose Mount. There is a row of cottages immediately on the right up Newburns Lane. They were built for the workers in the quarry. Newburn was the owner of the quarry.



When the road is clear cross over Rose Mount.

13. What a strange picture on the wall. How many legs has the dog? And how many heads?



Carry on along Rose Mount

14. There is a Blue Plaque on the gates of a big white house. Why do you think a plaque has been put on the gatepost? Your parents may be able to tell you something of the story of Brigadier Toosey because they made a film about him. He was a very brave man,



Walk down Fairclough Lane down the left fork. On the right you can see Speedwell Motors. Look up above the main entrance. Two little figures...Can you think of a name for each of them!

15. Across the road is Cartwheel Cottage.
There is a picture on the garage.
It is said to represent the Universe and it is made mostly of stones.
(You could do something like this at home)



Turn to your right down Willan Street.

16. There are high walls on both sides of the road. What are they made of?



Turn right up Rose Mount and cross to the left hand side of the road.
After the 2 white houses. There is a house name on the wall.

17. Do you notice anything unusual about it?



Walk a bit further up and turn left into Roslin Road.

18. There is a tree on the right near the entrance of the block of flats. In the old days people thought that monkeys lived in them. And that the monkeys might be puzzled by them. Can you guess what people used to call them!



19. There is a lane on the right. It's called Well Cottages.
Why do you think it got that name? Because people came here after being ill? or because there was a water hole there?



20. Walk up Well Cottages and it takes you up to a little lane at the top....Spring Villas

Some say it is the narrowest road in Britain. Do you want to try to touch both walls at the sides at the same time.



By the way the word Spring tells us that there was a well or water hole here too.

21. At the end of Spring Villas turn left round and up Rose Mount. Nearer the top there is a big house. Usually these days we put house names and numbers on the gate of the front door. Can you see where the builder put the name of this house?

What was it called and when was it built?



22. At the top of the hill, in the road to the left Mount Pleasant, there is a post box. Take a look, can you see that it has two initials on it. This is another Queen question. Which Queen?



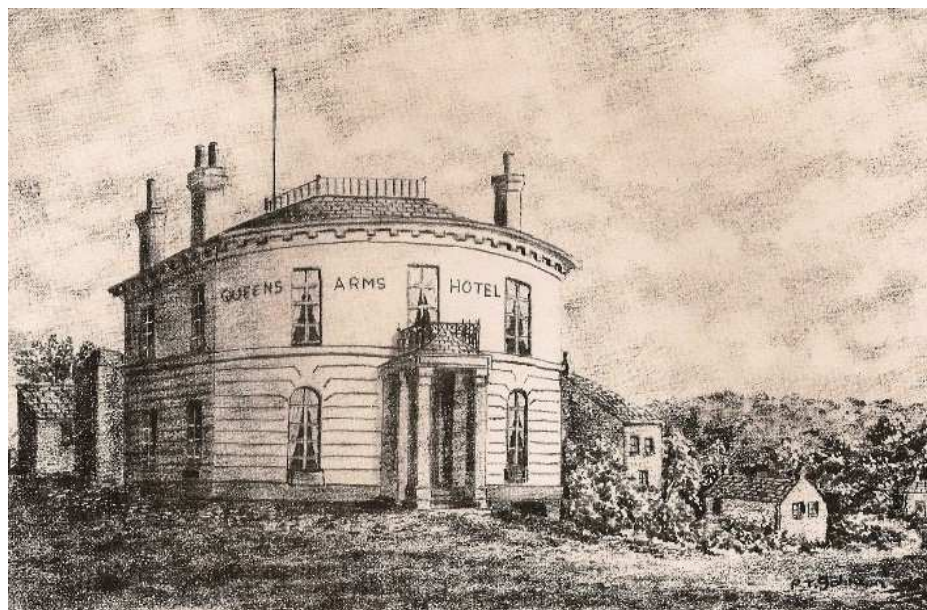
Back along Rose Mount and down the Storeton Road hill. Stop for a moment when you see Hughes Lane on the left. 150 years ago Thomas Hughes was the landlord of the Queens Arms, He was so popular they named the road after him.



23. Walk up the lane and on the left there is an even narrower lane. This used to be called Shippon Lane. A shippon is a place where cows lived. In those days most of Oxton was in the fields with lots of cows. Cows would walk up here for milking.



Here is what this part of Oxton looked like 150 years ago....



You can now make your way back to the finish (which is where you started) because this is the end of the Quiz Walk. Hope you enjoyed it.