**G***Q***<b>OUTSIDE** 

Welcome to the GO Outside Prestbury Ghost Trail!

Follow the directions and answer questions.

## Did You Know & Puzzle Sheet

Prestbury is known as the most haunted village in England- try the trial on Christmas Day, Easter or All Soul's Day to have the best chance of spotting some spooks!

Question: The road on your right has an interesting name- workers from what profession used to live on this street?

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Answer: Blacksmiths

Question: How many churches can you see from here?

## Answer: 2

St Mary's Church is the home of the Black Abbot. The Black Abbot is regularly seen in the church and in the churchyard. He is most often seen during Christmas and Easter and treads the same path every time. He materializes just before crossing the churchyard and then disappears through the wall on High Street. He used to walk the aisle in St. Mary's Church but after it was exorcised, he would only appear in the Churchyard. You will be approach there soon so keep an eye out!

Question: Who used to live at the King's Arm's?

Hint: Take a look at the white board on the front of the building

Answer: Fred Archer, also known by the nickname The Tin Man, was an English flat race jockey of the Victorian era, described as "the best all-round jockey that the turf has ever seen". He was Champion Jockey for 13 consecutive years until 1886, riding 2,748 winners from 8,084 starts, in so doing setting records for the number of Champion Jockey titles (13), number of wins in a season (246) and number of race wins (2748) which remained unthreatened until well into the 20th century.

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Question: Which member of the royal family used to visit here every year?

Hint: Her daughter is called Elizabeth

Answer: The Queen mother. She would visit the shop and it's owner, Mr Foggarty every year at Cheltenham Races.

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The road you are approaching, Mill Street, is often visited by the Headless Horseman. He was knocked off his horse on the way to Sudeley Castle by a thin wire stretched across the road and executed by the Roundheads of Prestbury.



The charging horseman is often heard galloping along this stretch of road. He would gallop his way through the Shaw Green Lane and the Burgage. He was rumoured to have been killed by a Lancastrian arrow on May 4, 1471 while on his way to the Edward IV camp during the War of the Roses. It was said that early in the 20th century a skeleton with an arrowhead was found in the area. To this day, people think that it was the horseman.

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Question: Who helped to restore these steps?

Hint: Look closely at them!

Answer: Prestbury Women's Institute



Keep your eyes peeled here for the Black Abbot we mentioned earlier- this is his usual route through the Churchyard



If you want to stop at the Plough for a drink keep your eyes and ears peeled! Horses are often heard in the pub and a ghostly old man in a hat and tweed jacket are often seen sitting in the corner



Did you Know that The Royal Oak has been here since the 16th Century!



The ghost of a young girl has been seen in the garden of the House (it used to be Prestbury House Hotel). Horses hooves are often heard here too.



Sundial Cottage (a white house opposite Prestbury House) is also haunted by a young girl playing music- listen carefully as you go by to see if you can hear her!

Did you know- this cut through has been in place since the 1840's- then instead of buildings either side of you there would have been farmland

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