

EASTER WALK

We hope you will enjoy our recommended Easter Walk which comes with a quiz best filled in as you go. Much of the walk is on public and permissive footpaths on the West Horsley Place Estate. Unless there has been a prolonged dry period, it is advisable to wear wellie boots. It is possible to join the walk at any point that is convenient to you. It should take just over an hour. Enjoy!

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Starting at West Horsley Village Hall, with your back to it, go left down Silkmore Lane.

**Q1: As you go down Silkmore Lane how many houses can you count that have a tree as part of their name, including fruit trees e.g., 'apple' but not generic names e.g., 'orchard'?**

Turn right down Tintells Lane going to the 'T' junction at the end.

**Q2: As you walk down the narrow part of the footpath, which bird known for its beautiful song is used as a house name?**

At the 'T' junction turn right into Ricksons Lane and then left onto The Street past two new houses and '*The Barley Mow*' on your left carrying on to the railway bridge. The Village Green with its oak is on your right.

**Q3: What Asian food is available all day at '*The Barley Mow*'?**

Just before the railway bridge cross the road and go up the footpath, also a designated cycle path, which runs parallel to the railway towards East Horsley. After about 150m you will reach a bridge on your left.

**Q4: You don't cross it, but just go a few steps onto it and look to your left for its number. What is the number?**

Go back to the path you were on and in just a few meters there is a metal gate, at the gate turn right onto a bridleway, take this with a field on your left and a strip of woodland on your right, then woods on both sides.

**Q5: What sort of tree has been coppiced in the woods now on your right?**

**Q6: If you are there in Springtime, which flower is covering the woodland floor?**

Very soon there is another field on your left surrounded by hedges and trees, and you will see a path branching off to the right, take it. It is one of the 'Permissive Footpaths' on the West Horsley Place Estate. Go along this path always keeping the wood on your right and, after the bend round to the right a line of newly planted hedge whips on your left. As you come to the end of the wood on the right you can see the first of a chain of medieval fishponds just visible in the wood. When you have fields on both sides you can see a building ahead of you. Carry on towards the building and at the cross path turn right.

**Q7: Do you know what the building is that is now on your left?**

Carry on along this path, go straight over a cross path, and across a big field keeping a small clump of trees on your right.

**Q8: As you start to cross the big field glance to your left. What is the distant building you can just see tucked in the trees?**

At the far side of the field turn right through the belt of trees then immediately right again so the trees are on your right and a field on your left. When you get to a fenced field turn left so the fence is on your right. Go straight on until you get to a track just through another belt of trees, turn right so you pass cottages on your right.

**Q9: What is the name of the last cottage?**

Turn left along a footpath keeping the fence on your left and a field on your right. At the end of the field, you are between fences until you find School Lane ahead of you. Go down School Lane to The Street.

**Q10: What were the buildings opposite before being converted to housing?**

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If you have a picnic with you why not go left on The Street and cross over to The Village Orchard at the junction with Ripley Lane to use the picnic tables. Otherwise turn right along The Street passing, or going into the '*King William IV*', back to the Village Hall where you started.