

So You Think You Know Bridport 2021

1. During the reign of which King did Bridport become one of the four most important settlements in Dorset?

Answer - King Alfred. The other three settlements were Dorchester, Shaftsbury Wareham - with the construction of fortifications and establishment of a mint.

2. At the end of the Civil War on September 23rd 1651 Charles II briefly stayed in the Bridport as he sought to escape Parliamentary forces after his defeat at the Battle of Worcester. Where is he reputed to have stayed?

Answer - Charles was disguised as a servant when he travelled through Bridport in 1651. He stayed briefly at the 'George Inn' in East Street for a meal. Today it is the the Cancer Research shop in East Street.

3. What shop now occupies the site shown in the picture?

Answer - Smith and Smith



4. In what century was St Mary's Parish Church, South Street founded?

Answer - The thirteenth century - though much of it dates from the 15th century and it was substantially restored and altered in the 19th century.

5. This much loved celebration has been taking place every September since 2005? What is it and whose idea was it?

Answer - Bridport Hat Festival Roger Snook

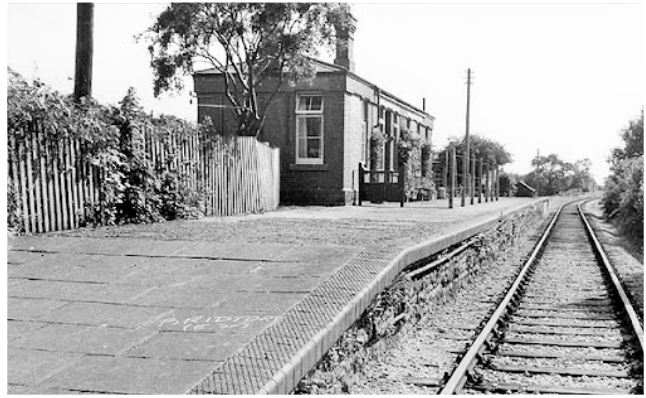
6. The Bridport Railway which joined the town to the existing national rail network at Maiden newton was opened in 1857. In 1884 the line was extended from Bridport's station to a new terminus on the coast at Bridport Harbour, which was renamed West Bay as part of attempts to promote it as a resort.

In what year was the West Bay extension closed to passenger traffic?

Answer - 1930. The West Bay extension closed to passengers in 1930 and all traffic in 1962. The entire Bridport line closed in 1975

7. Where on the Bridport Railway line between Maiden Newton and West Bay was the station pictured located?

Answer - East Street



8. By what name is Bridport known in the novel The Mayor of Casterbridge by Thomas Hardy, where the characters Lucetta and Farfrae are secretly married?

Answer - Port Bredy

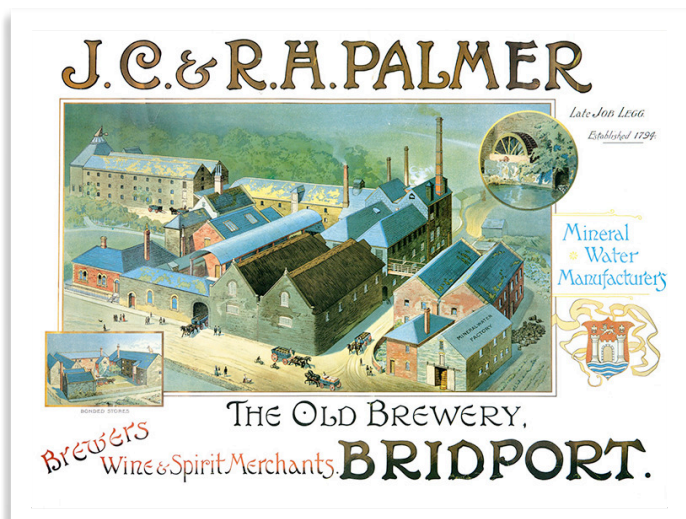
9. The town's football club is Bridport F.C., known as "The Bees". They currently play in the Western Football League Premier Division and the home ground is St. Mary's Field. In what year was the club founded?

Answer - 1885

10. In the late 19th century, two Palmers brothers – John Cleeves and Robert Henry – bought a brewery and gave it their names: JC & RH Palmer. Today, their great grandsons, John and Cleeves Palmer, work in the company.

But what was the name of the family that in 1794 established and built The Old Brewery on the banks of the River Brit in Bridport?

Answer - Gundry



11. What do the following structures have in common?

Bridport Museum, The Chantry and Daniel Taylor's almshouses (and wall of the Friend's burial place) in South Street; No.34 and Granville House in West Street; the Literary and Scientific Institute (the old library), 5. Granby House Masonic Hall, No.9 and the walls to the garden behind No.74 in East Street; Nos.133-139 (one structure) and the Church of St Swithun in North Allington; Nos.27 and 29 (one structure) in West Allington; Downe Hall in Rawles Way; the unitarian chapel in Rax Lane; Berry Farmhouse on Lower Walditch Lane; Messrs Norman goods warehouse in West Bay; and the new Holy Trinity Church in Bothenhampton.

Answer - They are the 17 Grade 2 listed buildings in Bridport. In addition there are 3 Grade 1 listed buildings and a further 494 Grade 2 listed buildings across the town.*

12. By what name is the Round Table's Boxing Day swim better known?

Answer - The West Bay Wallow

13. This Grade II listed building in the heart of Bridport was erected in 1838, designed by James Wilson of Bath, Somerset and built by Charles and Joseph Galpin of Bridport. Which building is it?

Answer - Bridport Arts Centre - originally built as a Wesleyan Chapel.

14. Constructed in 1700s the King of Prussia was one of as many as 80 licensed public houses over the years in Bridport, of which only about 20 remain today.

But where is it, and what is it today?

Answer - 52 East Street and today it is the Lord Nelson licensed public house.



King of Prussia Hotel, Bridport.

15. What business currently occupies the site once the location of the Louis Trevett Hairdressing Salon?

Answer - 46 East Street - Footprints



16. In 1849 the Methodist Church on East Beach, known as “The Chapel on the Beach”, opened. It closed in 2007 due to a dwindling congregation. What would you find there today?

Answer - West Bay Discovery Centre

17. In 1914 a 15-acre plot of land on West Cliff was sold, the West Cliff Estate was formed and bungalows started to be built on the land. By the 50s the private estate had gained a nickname - what was it?

Answer - Nobs Hill

18. In 1918 James Henry ? second generation, pictured right moved the business ? Engineering to Folly Mill in Folly Mill Lane.

The company's products had evolved to serve local netting industries in refurbishing looms and then during the 1940s & 50s converting hand operated netting looms to semi automatic motorised looms (one of the original converted looms can be seen in the Bridport museum).

What was the family name of the business?

Answer - Ackerman



19. Keith Floyd was an English broadcaster, restaurateur and food writer. He was brought up in Somerset, where his mother taught him to cook.^[1] He was educated at Wellington, a local public school, although he left at the age of sixteen. After a spell in the army he opened the first of several restaurants in Bristol and later one in the South of France all of which collapsed. In 1981 he opened another restaurant in Bristol and in 1983 one of his customers—David Pritchard, a television producer—suggested to Floyd that he front a television series, which resulted in *Floyd on Fish*, broadcast on BBC 2 in late 1985. Much of the series was filmed in and around Bridport and West Bay.

In which Bridport pub were many of the kitchen scenes filmed?

Answer - The George in South Street.

20. Which Duchess of Brittany arrived in West Bay in 1403 from France to marry King Henry IV?

Answer - Joan of Navarre

