

*FOR THE ADULT (S) RUNNING THE QUIZ. This Quiz is just for the fun and the exercise and isn't a competition, though if you have more than one child with you, it could well turn into one! This is the answer sheet for you. The children will be given the Question Sheet only of course. But don't forget to take both sheets with you. There are some 'Did you know' comments mixed in to the questions. Feel free to point out your own 'things of Oxton interest' while you walk. Do be careful crossing the roads and beware of slippery roads, especially as there are leaves on them now.*

*By the way an Oxton History Book and Booklets are available for purchase on the Oxton Society Website. The History Walks are suspended at the moment but look out for their return, as they are interesting, entertaining and informative as well as a good walk! Information will be on the website and on the notice board.....*

*When you're ready.....*

*Start in the centre of Oxton Village in front of The Willows and the Oxton Society Notice board. The post box is in front of you.*

1. What time is the post collected on Saturday in Oxton Village?

**One collection at 12 noon. 100 years ago there were 8 collections every day of the week. You could send a letter in the morning and it would be delivered in the afternoon.**

*Look to your left above Sterling Wines*

2. When were the buildings at the end of Claughton Firs built?

**1856, that's nearly 170 years ago**

*As you walk towards Palm Hill in the shop window to your left.*

3. What does this symbol mean?

**Dog Friendly. You can take your dog and go for a drink here**

*Turn the corner just a few yards down Palm Hill*

4. Find the Blue Plaque by the red door at the top of Palm Hill. Why was Edith Smith famous?

**She was Britain's first Police Woman. She was a hero**

*Careful crossing the road and go just down Christchurch Road...*

5. How many flower tiles are there on the wall above the Elements Shop?

21. Don't forget the ones right at the top including the one in the middle

6. On the same building, but lower down, find little brass door knocker. What is it?

It's a Pixie or if it came from Cornwall, there it would be called a Pisky

*Walk a bit further down Christchurch Road*

7. What is the name of the house that looks like a castle?

Normanston. It's over the doorway carved in stone.  
I'd like to live there, wouldn't you?

*Cross the road and head towards Christ Church, see the notice board*

8. Who is the vicar of Christchurch?

Gerri Tetzla. Her name comes from Poland, and she told me her father-in-law lived until he was 101 years old

9. What is the date on the gate down the side of the church?

2005 What a funny thing to have on a gate

*Walk up Christchurch on the left side of the road*

10. What are most of the walls made from in Oxton?

Sandstone. Which proves once Oxton was under the sea, as sandstone is compressed sand.

*Stop outside the two terraced houses before the shops*

11. What was this little metal object outside number 41 used for?

Scraping mud off your shoes and boots.

12. When were Number 41 and 43 built?

You can just about see it. 1857



Did you know that both of these two houses had two front doors each. That's because one of the doors went into a shop downstairs and the other into house upstairs.

One was a tailor's shop. Look at the steps they are worn away by the customers.

*Walk up to the top of the road and turn down Claughton Firs to Prices Lane*

13. Prices Lane was named after Thomas Price who built the stone cottages. You will see a plaque on the wall. What are the initials? What do you think they stand for?

This is easy! Thomas Price of course.

14. Look next door. What's the number of the house where the fairies live? 14

*Walk to the end of Claughton Firs*



Did you know that Shrewsbury Arms was a farmhouse, surrounded by fields when it was built. And you could see all the way down to Borough Road, which was called Happy Valley.

15. Do you know what animal the people in Oxton call this pub by?

A SHREW, which is a little furry creature like a mouse.

*At the bottom of Victoria Mount there's a sign on the lamp post*

16. Which animal is the symbol for Oxton?

Of course, it's not a rabbit, it's an ox, which is a bit like a bull or a cow.

*Walk up Victoria Mount*

17. See if you can find more castle towers on Victoria Mount. How many did you find?

4 altogether. Nobody knows why they were built. Just for fun probably

18. Victoria Mount..... Who do you think it was named after?

Queen Victoria

19. Even the walls in Victoria Mount look like castles. How many of these can you count? 37

*Towards the top end of Victoria Mount there are a number of chimneys like this*

20. Look up at the roofs. The chimneys in the old days were named after chess pieces. Which chess piece do you think this is named after? A bishop or a knight or a king?

A king. They look like crowns don't they

21. Look up Victoria Lane. Many of the roads in Oxton were made this way. The horses must have made a great noise on this surface. What is the name for the stones that the road is made of?

They're called cobbles

*Walk down Rose Mount towards the centre of the Village.  
See the garage sign on the left*

22. If you wanted to get your catalyst tested, whatever that is, where would you go in Oxton village?

To Cooke's Garage! Ask your parents what a catalyst is (I don't know)

*Stop, so that you can see Green's shop*

23. A hundred years ago there were 30 people working from what is now Greens shop. What sort of a hat do you think most of them would wear? A flat cap, a top hat or a bowler hat?



The answer is ALL of them. Here is a photo of workers outside Greens 125 years ago to show the children. Most of them were wearing bowler hats that day. I think they were going to a funeral, so they had to look good.

*You might see the carving of a tree made into an ox across the car park, or you might have to walk over there.*

24. Look across the car park and find the Ox! The last thing you need to do is to think of a name for him...

