

ANSWERS TO THE DISPLAY BOARD QUIZ

WHAT LINKS....?

BURKES ROAD with REYNOLDS ROAD and ROLFE CLOSE?

The famous painter **Sir Joshua Reynolds** was a close friend of **Edmund Burke** and often visited Beaconsfield. In 1788 he was commissioned to paint '*The Infant Hercules strangling two serpents*' for Catherine II of Russia, which now hangs in the Hermitage Museum.

While staying at Seeleys Farm, he chose young **William Rolfe**, the six-month-old son of Burke's bailiff, as his infant model. William died in 1866. The Rolfes were an important local family and in the 19th century owned Wattleton Farm.

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SHRIMPTON ROAD and DUVAL PATH (and HOLTSPUR SCHOOL)?

The roads commemorate two notorious highwaymen who plagued travellers in the 17th and 18th centuries.

Frenchman **Claude Duval** (1643–1670) was renowned for his gallantry to women. He is said to have robbed a farmer of £100 at the Crown Inn (now 20–22 London End) when visiting Beaconsfield on a Fair Day. He was hanged at Tyburn in 1670.

Jack Shrimpton was a native of Penn and one of the most successful highwaymen along the busy London-Oxford routes. He was eventually hanged in 1713.

Holtspur School adopted its galloping highwayman logo as a reminder of the area's colourful past. Holtspur lies at the top of a very steep hill and was a perfect place to catch coaches pulled by exhausted horses. Nearby 'Cut Throat Wood', now part of Holtspur Bank Nature Reserve, is another reminder.

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WILTON PARK with CALEDON ROAD and BARING ROAD?

Both roads are named after members of the Du Pre family, who owned the Wilton Park estate for 160 years.

Caledon George Du Pre was MP for Bucks 1839–1874. In 1872 he was the sixth largest landowner in the country. He died in 1886.

Wilton Park passed to **William Baring Du Pre**, Caledon's great nephew. A military man who travelled widely, William was MP for Wycombe 1914–23. Baring and Reynolds Roads were built on estate land he sold for development in the early 1900s.

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BURNHAM AVENUE AND GARVIN MEWS?

These road names commemorate two important newspaper men who made their homes in Beaconsfield. (NB: Garvin Mews is just off Garvin Avenue.)

Edward Levy-Lawson, 1st Lord Burnham, bought the Hall Barn estate in 1881. He was editor and then proprietor of the *Telegraph* newspaper, which his father had bought in 1855. He expanded both house and estate, buying up much property in the Old Town.

James Louis Garvin worked for a time under Lawson, and became editor of the *Observer* newspaper from 1908 to 1942. From 1921 he lived at Gregories (once the estate farmhouse) on Gregories Farm Lane.

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