



Beating the Bounds Walk



A fun quiz for all the family

(to be used in conjunction with the guided walk and map)

[WARNING: for those who need to know, there are steps crossing the railway bridge to enter Old Schools Lane at point 6 on the guide and also at West Ewell station to enter Gibraltar Recreation Ground at point 8. WATCH OUT for the low pipe in the tunnel at point 4 and again at point 31!]

In former times when maps were rare (or they certainly didn't look like the ones we have today) it was not unusual for the vicar or churchwardens to do a walk around the parish to check its boundary each year.

Knowledge of the limits of each parish needed to be handed down so that such matters as liability to contribute to the repair of the church, and the right to be buried within the churchyard were not disputed. The priest of the parish with the churchwardens and the parochial officials frequently headed a crowd of boys who, armed with green boughs, usually birch or willow, beat the parish boundary markers with them. Sometimes the boys were themselves whipped or even violently bumped on the boundary-stones to make them remember!! And this is how the tradition became known as 'beating the bounds'. The object of taking boys along was supposed to ensure that, in the absence of reliable maps, witnesses to the boundaries should survive as long as possible.

During these walks, prayers were also frequently said asking God to bless the forthcoming harvest which was important for the whole community.



1. From the first railway bridge, can you spot the windmill on the weather station?.....
2. At Priory Court, can you find the fire hydrant with the big letter H on it? What are the 3 numbers?.....

3. When you get to the bridge at West Ewell station, can you see what number is on the sign on the platform?.....

Why not take a moment to say a thank you prayer to God for your lunch.

4. How many bridges can you see?.....

Gibraltar Recreation Ground – a good place for a picnic!

5. As you approach Kiln Lane Sainsbury's, can spot Postman Pat's van? I wonder how many you can count today?.....
(there are toilets in Sainsbury's)

6. When you are on the track between the playing fields, look to your left. How many different animals can you see?.....

Why not take a moment to thank God for animals.



7. At the end of the track, look to your right. What languages can you see written on the side of the building? What languages are they?.....

Just down the road you will pass The Toby Carvery where there is food and drink for those needing refreshment - (and toilets!)

8. Just before you get to The Toby Carvery you will pass under a bridge. What number is on the bridge?.....

Why not take a moment to thank God for so many different peoples and languages.

9. What are on top of the pillars at the corner of Castlemaine Avenue?.....

10. As you begin your walk through Warren Farm (The Woodland Trust), can you find the inscription 'Rest awhile and enjoy nature's beauty' written on a wooden bench? Why not do just that!



11. When you are on the concrete path, can you find the London Loop sign post and 'Friends of Nonsuch Park' notice board?

(this is where you turn down the path to to get to the tree lined path 'The Avenue' so it will help you not to get lost!)

12. As you turn right at the end of the tree lined avenue, can you find the large stone marking the site of Nonsuch Palace?

13. What animals are on the number plate at 16 Glenwood Road?.....



14. In the garden of which house in Park Avenue West is there a waterfall?.....

When you get there, Ewell Court tea rooms offer another opportunity for tea and delicious homemade cakes! (and toilets!)

15. How many different birds can you see at the lake? I wonder if you will be lucky enough to see the heron. Can you spot the Canada Geese? They have long a black neck and head.

15. As you walk back along the Hogsmill, can you discover who loved this space?.....*(clue: look on a wooden bench for the answer!)*

*As you retrace your steps through the tunnel at the end of the walk, don't forget to **duck your head** as the pipe across the path is quite low!*

[DID YOU KNOW that the Hogsmill river probably takes its name from Mr. John Hog, who was an important citizen of Kingston in the 12th century!]

As you return along Mill Lane, notice the houses, some of which are very old. Behind the front of No. 5 is hidden an earlier timber framed house which was built in the early 16th century!]



We hope you enjoyed 'beating the bounds' of the parish of St. Mary's Ewell. Come and join us some time at one of our many services. There is something for everyone!

We would love to see you.

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