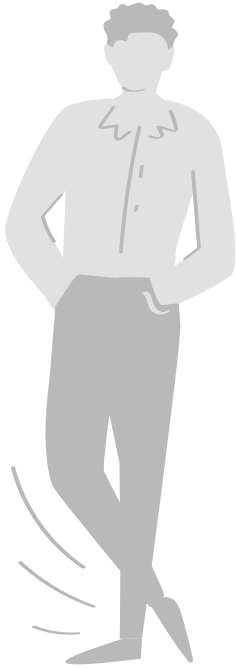


# Hermitage of Braid Murder Mystery

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The trail starts at the entrance to the Hermitage of Braid on Braid Road (Edinburgh EH10 6JF)



“ Hello. I am the ghost of William Brown. I was killed during the construction of Hermitage House in the 1780s. My death was ruled an accident, but in actual fact I was murdered! I need your help to uncover the secret of who killed me and how, so that the truth will finally come to light! Follow the trail I have laid for you around the Hermitage of Braid - solve the clues and you will discover the secret.

Each clue on the trail will either give you a name or a number. For the names, find the suspect with a similar name (this can also include nicknames) and cross them off the list - the last one left is the killer! For the numbers, check the code grid and find the letter each number corresponds to. For example, if the answer is '65' the letter would be 'Q'. At the end of the trail, unscramble all the letters you have collected to reveal how I was killed. ”

## Clue #1

Your very first clue awaits you before you set off. Find the plaque that commemorates a special event. The name of the person being honoured will help you to eliminate one of the suspects.

## Clue #2

Walk straight ahead until you get to the Braid Burn, but don't cross the bridge just yet. Find the information about the history of the Hermitage of Braid. The name of the person who first owned the lands in the twelfth century will help you to eliminate another suspect.

## Clue #3

Cross the bridge over the Braid Burn. You will find your first number where the path splits. Circle the right answer: 4 / 5 / 6

## Clue #4

Take the path that leads up to the fences made of branches. Count the number of posts in the fence on your left as you go. Circle the right answer: 27 / 21 / 32

## Clue #5

Keep following the path until you get to four little wooden bridges set in to the ground. Add up the total number of planks and multiply by the number of bridges. If there are leaves or snow on the ground you may need to clear the path a little first.

number of planks \_\_\_\_ x number of bridges \_\_\_\_ = ?

Circle the right answer: 58 / 68 / 78

*Find the path next to the wooden bridges that leads downhill. Go down the path and turn right at the bottom. Continue along the main road until you get to a place by the water that is popular for paddling.*

## Clue #6

Find somewhere to rest that overlooks the water - the names you find there will help you to eliminate two further suspects.

## Clue #7

Keep following the main road. Look out for somewhere to 'park' a four-legged mode of transport. This will help you to eliminate another suspect, if you think carefully (if you get to Hermitage House, you have gone too far).

*Now continue, and when you reach Hermitage House, take the path that leads to the right. The Braid Burn should end up on your left.*

## Clue #8

Look for the Ice House, there are some steps leading up to it. The name of King Charles II's gardener will help you to eliminate your next suspect.

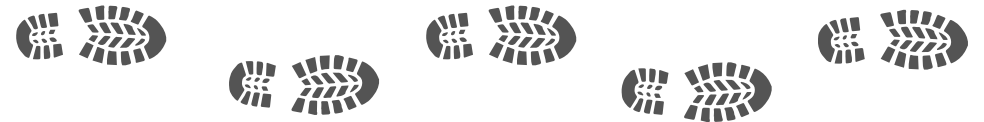
*Carefully retrace your steps back down the steps to the path you came from, and keep going in the direction you were heading in.*

## Clue #9

Careful you don't trip over your next clue - you'll find the name of another suspect to eliminate close to the ground just before the bridge ahead.

## Clue #10

Count the number of bars on your right (both thick & thin) as you walk across the bridge. Circle the right answer: 57 / 69 / 64



## Clue #11

Continue straight ahead until you reach another bridge, but do not cross it! The name of the next suspect to eliminate is hiding among the trees.

## Clue #12

Retrace your steps back to the previous bridge. On your way back keep your eyes open for somewhere to rest that will help you eliminate two further suspects.

*Once you get back to the previous bridge, don't cross it. Instead, take the path to the right of the bridge.*

## Clue #13

At the next bench, take a seat and look around you. Can you spot the giant xylophone? Counting from the left, which note measures the longest? Circle the right answer: 2 / 3 / 5

## Clue #14

Before you continue, your resting place will help you to eliminate another suspect.

## Clue #15

Continue back downhill in the direction you were going, until you reach Hermitage House. What year did Charles Glover Barkla move in? The last two digits of the right year will give you your next answer: 22 / 38 / 44

## Clue #16

Go to the sundial in front of Hermitage House. The figures depicted on it will give you the name of the final suspect to eliminate.

## Clue #17

Head back in the direction of the entrance where you started your trail, but stop at the building with the toilets nearby. How many windows face the front of the building? Remember to look high and low. Circle the right answer: 6 / 7 / 8

*Take the path that leads past the toilets building, on the other side of the Braid Burn, until you get to the steps leading to the Doocot.*

## Clue #18

How many nest boxes are there in the Doocot? Don't worry, you won't have to climb all those stairs, just look around for something else that will help you. It's quite a big number! Add up all the individual digits to get your final answer: 18 / 24 / 21

## Solve the Mystery



“ You should only have one suspect left - this is the murderer! Your final task is to check which letters correspond to your number answers and unscramble them to reveal HOW I was killed. Use the Code Grid to help you. If you get stuck, there's also a clue that will help you, in the same place you found the answer to the nest boxes. ”

# Suspects



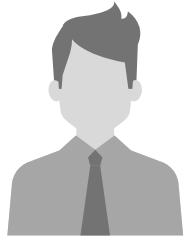
Marjorie Williams



Rose Budd



Tom Rider



Fox Cooper



Anne Layton



Hamish Ford



Janet Berry



Bob Marshall



Henry Brad



Maggie Clark



Danny Smith



Michael Knight



Lizzy Jones

# Code Grid

1	R	11	L	21	O	31	S	41	L	51	W	61	E	71	W	81	A	91	V
2	I	12	C	22	E	32	D	42	J	52	G	62	K	72	L	82	S	92	D
3	W	13	B	23	K	33	A	43	S	53	O	63	H	73	Z	83	R	93	N
4	H	14	U	24	N	34	T	44	O	54	E	64	S	74	D	84	J	94	R
5	D	15	Q	25	J	35	M	45	P	55	L	65	Q	75	Y	85	P	95	Z
6	O	16	T	26	Q	36	T	46	V	56	X	66	T	76	H	86	N	96	B
7	P	17	E	27	N	37	P	47	B	57	I	67	Y	77	U	87	A	97	O
8	M	18	F	28	F	38	R	48	U	58	N	68	O	78	Q	88	M	98	G
9	I	19	Y	29	X	39	Z	49	K	59	Y	69	U	79	O	89	E	99	L
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	Clue #3	Clue #4	Clue #5	Clue #10
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*Congratulations, you have solved the centuries old secret! Oh, you want to know why they killed me? It's so long ago, I can't remember...*