



Holmfirth History Picture Quiz

ANSWERS

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Just for fun!

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ANSWERS Sheet 1: Victoria Square / Towngate / Station Road



Photo: Bray & Son, Holmfirth

Martin's Bank on Victoria Square is now which lovely Holmfirth café?

It's the Archive Café!

Originally a bank as far back as 1888. After being a branch of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Bank, it became Martins Bank in 1928 and later a branch of Barclays until 2023.



Photo: Bray & Son, Holmfirth

Which other longstanding café-deli is where these old houses were in 1979?

It's Beatties Deli & Coffee Shop!

Not all that long ago, it was somebody's house, then derelict. Now, a fabulous Holmfirth business!

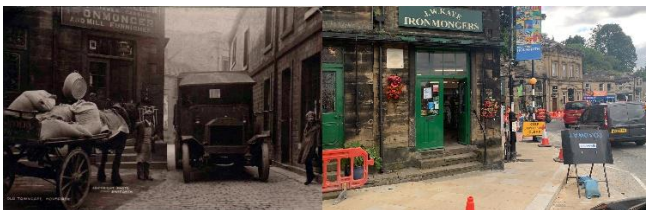


Photo: Bamforth & Co, Holmfirth

What is the name of the shop now where this old ironmongers was?

It's J.W. Kaye!

It's wild to see how narrow the streets were then! Those buildings on the right were demolished in 1919 to make things easier for traffic.



What Station Road shoeshop now occupies this old house on the left?

It's Wagstaff Shoes!

Like with Beatties, another family home that in the 20th century became an essential Holmfirth business!

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ANSWERS Sheet 2: Huddersfield Road



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What cool bar is now where Mettrick's butchers used to be?

**Two cool bars, actually!
O'Briens and Cru!**

Mettrick's also ran The Savoy Café from the building to the left, - now, Holmfirth Spice!



Which fab restaurant was originally the Co-op stables?

Mexicali, of course!

It's a bit wild, don't you think, that the Co-operative Society kept their horses where we now get to eat great Mexican food!



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And which other amazing restaurant is now where the Express Printing Works was?

So Dough, is the answer!

The Express Printing Works published Holmfirth's local newspaper, The Holmfirth Express (launched in 1886 by Eli Collins), and later the Holme Valley Express. The building's hardly changed!



A harder one.... What lovely shop is now where Lodge's store used to be?

It's The Gift Horse!

Batley Lodge's grocery store became The Gift Horse. Batley is buried in Upperthong Churchyard.

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ANSWERS Sheet 3: Victoria Street



Photo: Bamforth & Co, Holmfirth

What renowned Holmfirth shop is now where Dawson Birch & Co bakers used to be?

Of course, it's the Old Bridge Bakery!

Isn't it amazing that it was a bakery back then, and is still a bakery today!



Which hairdresser/beautician occupies J Haigh's shop?

It's Artisan & Co!

The building on the left was The Labour Exchange (a previous version of our Job Centre) and the sign says, "ENTRANCE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS AT THE BACK"!



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A harder one.... Which business is now where Wadsworth Butcher's used to

It's Tivoli Travel!

The "G R" you see on the photo would have been a sign to commemorate the coronation of King George V in 1911.

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ANSWERS Sheet 4: Upperbridge



Haigh's Store on Upperbridge is now which Huddersfield Road shop?

Of course, it's Fair Trader!

From the mid 18th century, this building was a tollhouse collecting money from travellers on the turnpike road between Holmfirth and Woodhead! The main route was then Higgin Brigg, Hollowgate and over Upperbridge.



Photo: Bamforth & Co, Holmfirth

The shop on the left is now part of which Holmfirth millshop?

It's part of Holmfirth Mills!

Not that many years back, the Holmfirth Mills building was a petrol station run by G. W. Castle!



What famous artist's gallery now occupies this butcher's? *(It has got an extra floor!)*

The artist is Ashley Jackson!

When the photo was taken, It was L. Firth's butcher's shop, then, later, Stockwell's and, then, Harold Hall's.

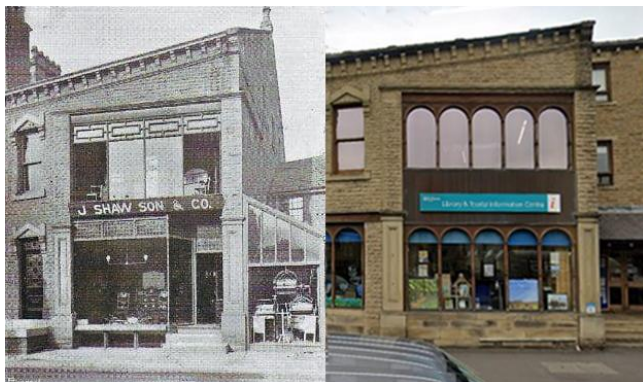


Photo: Bamforth & Co, Holmfirth

What Holmfirth community building now occupies J Shaw & Co's furniture shop?

It's Holmfirth Library!

You'd be forgiven for thinking it's always been a library. But many Holmfirthers furnished their homes at Johnny Shaw's! They built the furniture in a workshop at the back.

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ANSWERS Sheet 5: Higgin Brigg, Dunford Road, Rotcher



What cool bar is where Joe Hinchliffe's shop used to be?

It's Oscar's Café & Wine Bar!

Joe Hinchliffe Ltd was a wallpaper and decorating business on The Rotcher.



Photo: Bray & Son, Holmfirth

What current photographer works from her family's photography studio on Dunford Road?

Helen Bray is the answer!

Helen's dad, Trevor Bray, and her grandad, Harry Bray were also renowned Holmfirth photographers.



Thorp Brook Family Grocer is now occupied by which bar-steakhouse?

It's Ten Fourteen!

In the photo is Sheila Walshaw, nee Brook, outside her family's Dunford Road shop.



What Higgin Brigg business is now where Frank Taylor's cooked meat shop used to be?

Did you get it? It's Holme Scents! What a difference!

Strange to think, but Higgin Brigg was once Holmfirth's main street! It had a couple of pubs, a pie shop, and Frank's place, here, which sold black pudding, tripe and cow-heel!