



Find out about Shute Gatehouse's past...

Hello, welcome to Shute Gatehouse! My name is John. I lived at Shute when I was 10 years old in 1590 – that's over 400 years ago!

I worked as a spit boy in the kitchen at Shute House when a very grand gentleman named Sir William Pole lived here – no, that didn't mean I spat at everyone! It was my job to turn the handle of the spit which roasted the meat. It was really hard work. I'd have to stand there for hours in the blazing heat turning that handle – I thought my arms might fall off, they got so tired!

The big house and the gatehouse look a lot different now to when I lived here. The house was much bigger for a start – John William Pole knocked down half the house (including where I used to sleep!) in 1787 because it got in the way of the road leading up to his new house on the hill. Charming!

Although it was tiring work I did enjoy working here – my best friend Joe, who worked in the stables, and I used to sneak out and watch the hunt in the deer park from the **crenellations** (say *cren-el-ay-shuns*) on the gatehouse walls.

Lots and lots of important men came and they rode out on horseback armed with bows and arrows with hunting dogs running alongside. It was so exciting to watch! After the hunt all the animals they caught were given to the kitchen to be cooked for a big feast in the evening. They didn't share the feast with us workers and I did think about stealing a bite whilst it was cooking but I think I'd have had my hands chopped off if I did! Still, at least we got the scraps.



Facts:

Crenellations are regular gaps in the top of a wall. On a castle, these gaps would have been used to fire arrows or guns through. At Shute Gatehouse they have just been used as decoration.



Lady Jane Grey – she was only 16 years old when they chopped off her head!

People first built gatehouses to defend houses and priories from attack but this one was built by Sir William Pole as a way to show off how much money he had.

What's your favourite way to show off? I like telling naughty jokes!

The lodges to the side of the gatehouse were useful though. Families of estate workers moved in – my best friend Joe lived in one as his dad was a **farrier** here.

It was a bit of a squeeze for Joe and his family – the lodges were only small and he, his mum and dad and his sister all had to share a bedroom!

The fireplace at Shute House is one of the largest in the UK and is big enough to roast two oxons - the cook told me they did just that for a feast when Lady Jane Grey came to visit!

Jane was part of the Grey family who owned Shute years before I came here. The Greys had to give the Shute estate to the crown when they were tried for treason for trying to put Lady Jane on the throne – she was Queen of England for nine days til Mary, Edward VI's half sister and rightful heir to the throne, took over. Jane, her husband and her father were sentenced to death by beheading! How grisly! Poor Jane was only 16.

The estate was passed on to William Pole. It was his son, Sir William Pole, who I worked for who built the gatehouse which you are staying in

Fact:

A **farrier** is a person who fits shoes onto horses and other similar animals to protect their hooves.

Before there were cars, this was a very important job!



The great fireplace at Shute House



The pictures below show how the Shute Estate has changed over the years. Can you circle and note down the differences?



Have any features stayed the same?

This painting shows the lodges which were later taken down and replaced with today's pavilions.



There have been lots of changes at Shute and this is the gatehouse as it stands today. Which version do you like best and why?

Unruly Rulers

Who were the Tudor and Stuart kings and queens?

This lot were a blood thirsty bunch, always chopping off heads. **Tudor** and **Stuart** are the family names of the kings and queens. The first Tudor was Henry VII in 1485 and they lasted till Elizabeth I. Then the Tudors' cousins, the Stuarts, ruled from James I to Anne.



King Edward VI

Henry VIII's only son, he had some big shoes (and clothes) to fill! King at nine and dead at 16. Poor Eddie.

1509

King Henry VIII

6 wives, only 1 son. Angry at the Pope horrible Henry made himself Head of the Church destroying all the Catholics churches.



1547

Lady Jane Grey

Only 16 when she became Queen for just 9 days before Mary Tudor took the throne. Off with her head!



1553

Queen Mary I

Back to Catholics again. Bloody Mary was her name, burning Protestants was her game.

1553

Queen Elizabeth I

Good Queen Bess knew leaving religion alone was best. (Unless the Catholics attacked!) Had lots of boyfriends but married none.



1558

King James I

What a silly king, he kept thinking witches were trying to kill him! He even wrote a book on witches.

1603

King Charles I

Bad King Charlie wanted to rule without Parliament. That started a civil war which he lost. Onto the block went Charlie's head. One chop and he was dead.



1625

Oliver Cromwell

Not a king but still a ruler. He didn't like the royals and made himself Lord Protector of England. He didn't last too long.

1649

King Charles II

A merry monarch who brought back fun and games Oliver had banned!



1660

King James II

A bit dim was this king. He tried to make everyone Catholic again, then ran away when they said no.

1685

Queen Mary II & William III

She and her husband took her dad, James II's throne in the Glorious Revolution. Not so glorious for James.



1688

Queen Anne

A sickly queen who loved to eat!

1702-1714





Meet Queen Elizabeth I

– who ruled when Shute Gatehouse was built.



Hi Lizzie!

So when did you become queen?

I became Queen on 17 September 1533 when I was 25.

What are you most famous for?

I defeated the Spanish army who tried to invade England. How dare they?

What is your favourite thing to do?

I loved having a bath and being clean, I have 4 baths every year! I was the cleanest woman in England. And I LOVE sweets.

What is the naughtiest thing you've ever done?

I pretended to be a Catholic when my half-sister bloody Mary was queen; once she was dead I turned England Protestant again!



What does Shute Gatehouse look like?

Can you walk all the way around it?

Can you use any of these words to describe the building? Draw a circle around the ones that do.

Does Shute Gatehouse look like other buildings in the area? What's different about it?

Castle

Pretty

Stone

Symmetrical

Square

Friendly

Tall

Industrial

Brick

Home

Elegant

Low

Shute Gatehouse was built in the late 1500's by Sir William Pole. It was built in front of Old Shute House which had been built in about 1380, but remodelled by Cecily Bonville in 1500.

The gatehouse wasn't built as a way to keep out enemies, but instead to show off to everyone how rich William Pole was. Sir William was an **antiquarian** (say *anti-kware-ian*) and wanted to show off his knowledge of the history of **architecture** (say *ark-ee-tek-ture*) and all things old. He even added the **gargoyles** to the front of the gatehouse – creepy aren't they?

The main, top floor room of the gatehouse would also have been built as a pleasure building; in this case, watching the hunt in the deer park opposite.

Facts:

An **antiquarian** is a person who studies the past and collects antiques.

Elizabethans were people alive during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.

Those are some impressive windows...

Elizabethans loved to create buildings with more glass than wall. We think that Shute Gatehouse once had windows on the top floor all the way along between its turrets. It must have looked very pretty!

Fact:

Gargoyles are water spouts set high on a building to direct rainwater away from a buildings walls. Most gargoyles are carved from a block of solid stone and are made to look like ugly, scowling humans, dragons or demons.

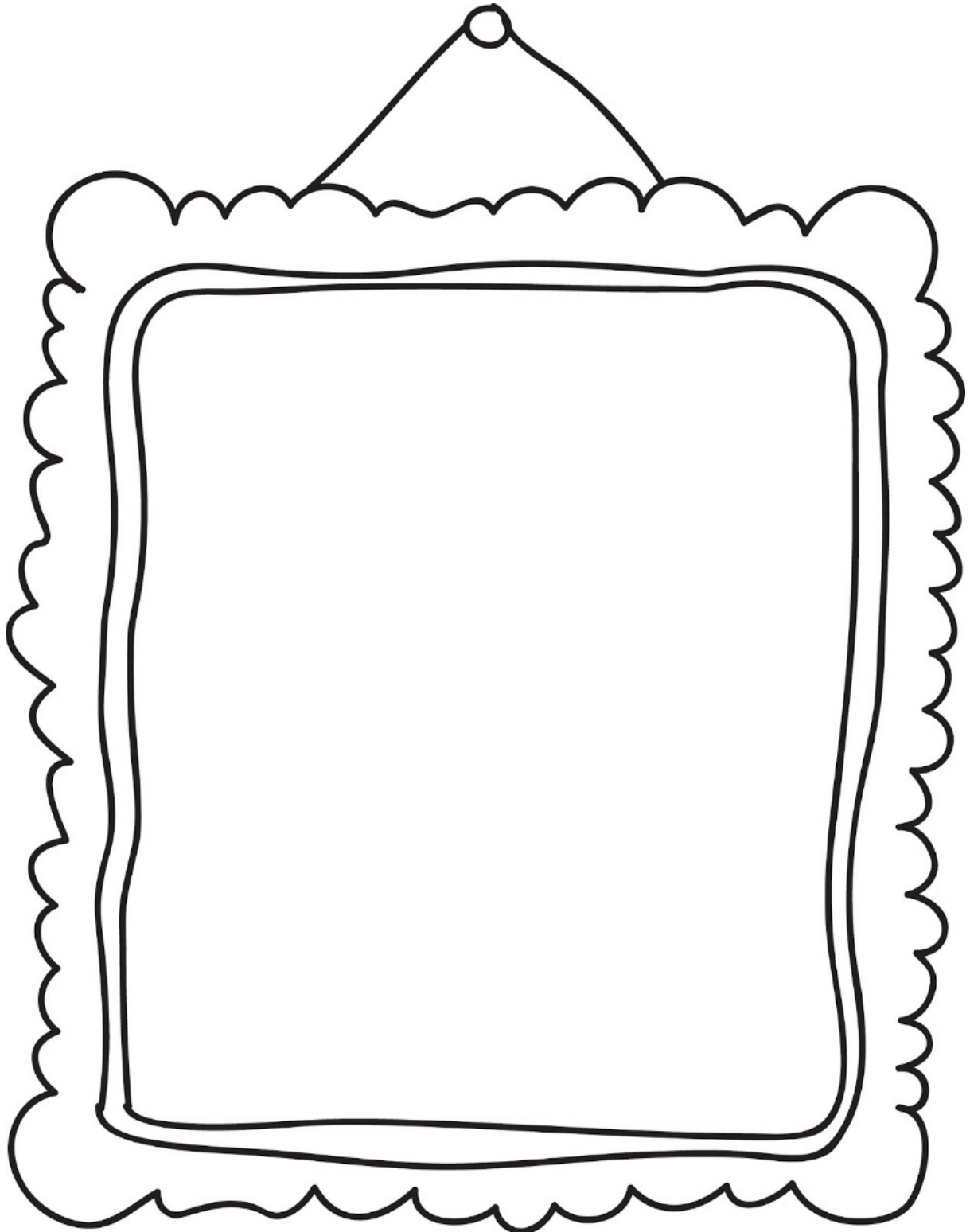




Buildings are quite easy to draw. They are usually made up of lots of geometric shapes, like squares, triangles and circles.

Have a go at drawing the front of Shute Gatehouse.

Please tell an adult where you are going so they don't worry about where you are!





What is Shute Gatehouse built from?

Fact:

Some buildings were built from stone that was dug out of the ground when farmers ploughed the fields, other buildings were made from stone that was quarried and cut into neat shapes and sizes. There are still many stone quarries around the country today, where people get stone out of the ground.

Stone houses were once cheaper to build than brick ones. Once we could transport bricks up and down the country on the canals and railways, brick buildings became cheaper and more popular.

Stone is the solid foundation of the earth. It exists as huge mountains, rocks, stones or small pebbles washed smooth by water. There are lots of different types of stone, with different colours and textures. Some are better to build with than others.



When Shute Gatehouse was built, stone was still taken out of the ground by hand. Shute gatehouse is built from Beer (the place, not the drink!) limestone that was dug from the ground very close by. Today, a quarry is a place where stone is blasted out of the ground with explosives! The one in the picture shows what quarries look like now.



People who work with stone are called stonemasons. They build walls, carve the stone into shapes or add patterns to its surface. They use a mallet and special tools called chisels to shape the stone. The picture on the right shows a stonemason carving the stone.

Mallet

Chisels





Sometimes stone masons carved faces and animals called gargoyles. You often find these in churches, up near the roof. There are some here at Shute, how many can you see?
Here are some more examples. Have a go at designing your own gargoyle in the
box below. Make it as ugly as you like!



Quest



Discover more about Shute Gatehouse

Shute Gatehouse was built in the late 1500s. That's over 400 years ago! In that time, many things have changed both inside and outside the building. Follow this Quest to discover more about it.

Can you find the dragons?

Imagine how hard it was to carve them out of stone! There are similar gargoyles on the stair turret of the main house too. Can you make out any other faces?



Where might you find this coat of arms?

Coats of arms were individual designs painted on a shield or carved into stone. This is the Pole family arms – they would have had to have permission from the Queen to have this.



Have you seen the amazing plaster ceiling in the sitting room?

This was not here in the 1590's. It came from a house in Barnstaple which was built around 1620. North Devon Council gave it to Landmark when that building was knocked down in the 1930's – it was exactly the right size for the gatehouse!



Lie on the floor and look up – what objects can you see? Write them here!

Have you found anything else interesting on your quest?

What about the big key for the turret bedroom?

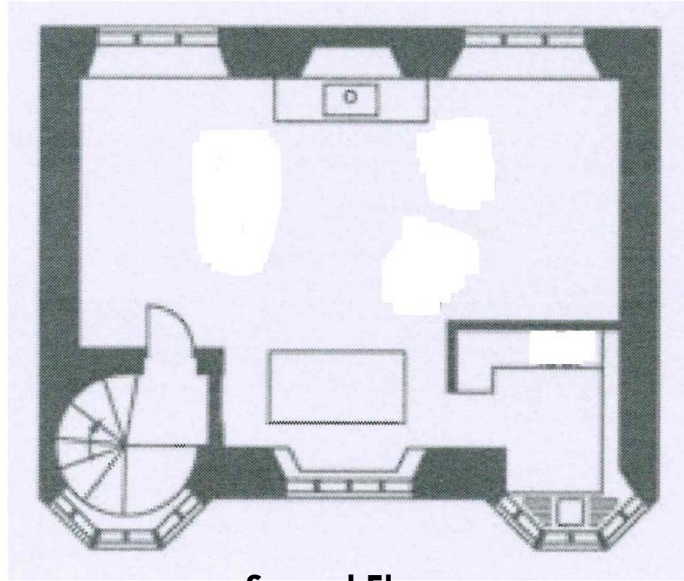
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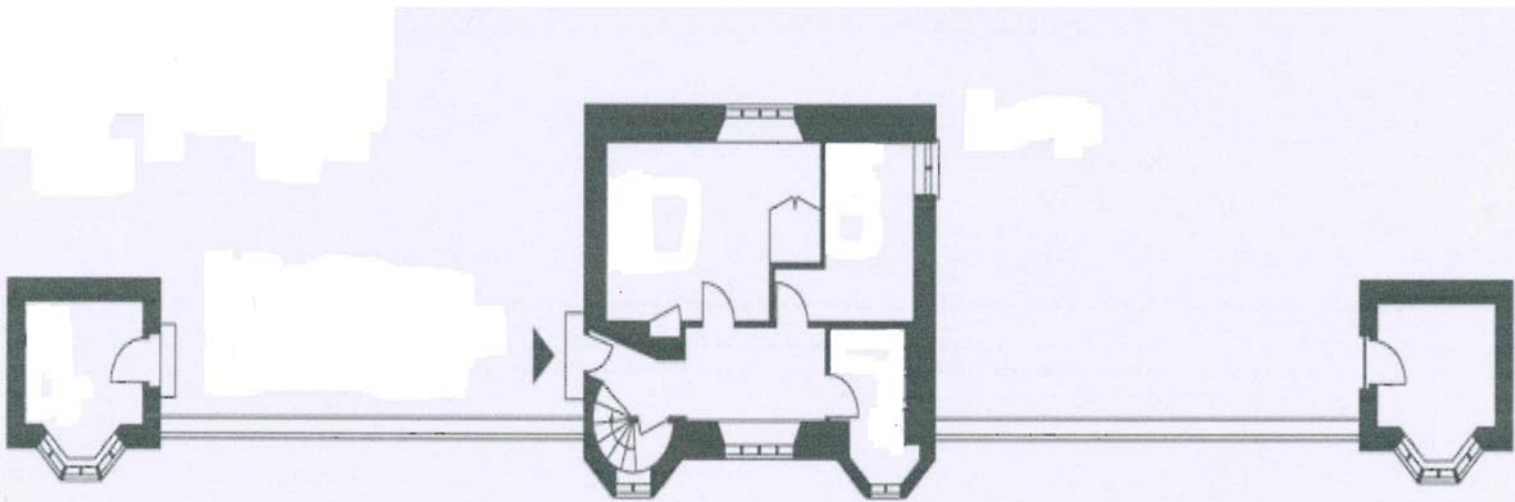
Living in Shute Gatehouse

The floorplan of a building is a map of the rooms. Shute Gatehouse has two floors. The plans below show you the shape of each room. Take a walk around and write on the plan what each room is used for. Mark your bed with a star! ★

First Floor



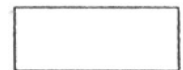
Second Floor



We use these symbols to show where beds, tables and bathrooms are. Draw the symbols on to the floorplans to show where the furniture is.



Bed



Rectangular (or a round) table



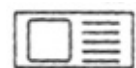
Bathroom



Cooker



Sofa



Kitchen sink



Can you find an example of each of these things inside Shute Gatehouse. Describe, or draw the object when you find it.

Your favourite piece of furniture

The fireplace (is it an open fire or does it have a stove?)

Draw the pattern of a rug on the floor

In the box below, draw the view from the living room. What can you see in the distance? Are there any animals in the fields or any trees that look very old and interesting?

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing a view from the living room.



Shute Gatehouse Word Search

Now have a go at the word search. Think about different parts of the building and what might have been here when John lived here. The words to find are at the bottom of the page.

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ELIZABETHAN
TURRET
GARGOYLE
TUDOR
STONE

GATEHOUSE
SHUTE
TREES
DEER
ORIEL

SPIRAL
FARM
COUNTRYSIDE
HUNTING

BEER
CRENELLATIONS
PARKLAND
HORSES

How many of these words did you find? Put your score in the box.

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18



Can you answer these questions correctly?

You'll need to read all the sections first!

1. What was Queen Elizabeth I's nickname?

(Psst... check unruly rulers)

Good Queen Bess

Lillibet

Queenie

Liz

2. What drink shares the same name as the limestone used to build Shute Gatehouse?

Lemonade

Beer

Coke

Wine

3. What is an antiquarian?

A collector of
antiques

A fish tank

An old man

A card game

4. Which of these animals might have the Elizabethans have killed on a hunt?

Dolphins

Deer

Leopards

Polar bears

5. What kind of animal is on the sitting room ceiling?

Giraffe

Monkey

Dog

Fish

6. Which of these activities was NOT around in Tudor times?

Tennis

Jousting

BMX-ing

Cards

7. Why was Shute Gatehouse built?

To show off

To keep out enemies

To live in

To hold prisoners

8. For how many days was Lady Jane Grey the Queen?

168

9

1,250

12

9. Who knocked down part of the main house in 1787?

George Washington

John William Pole

George III

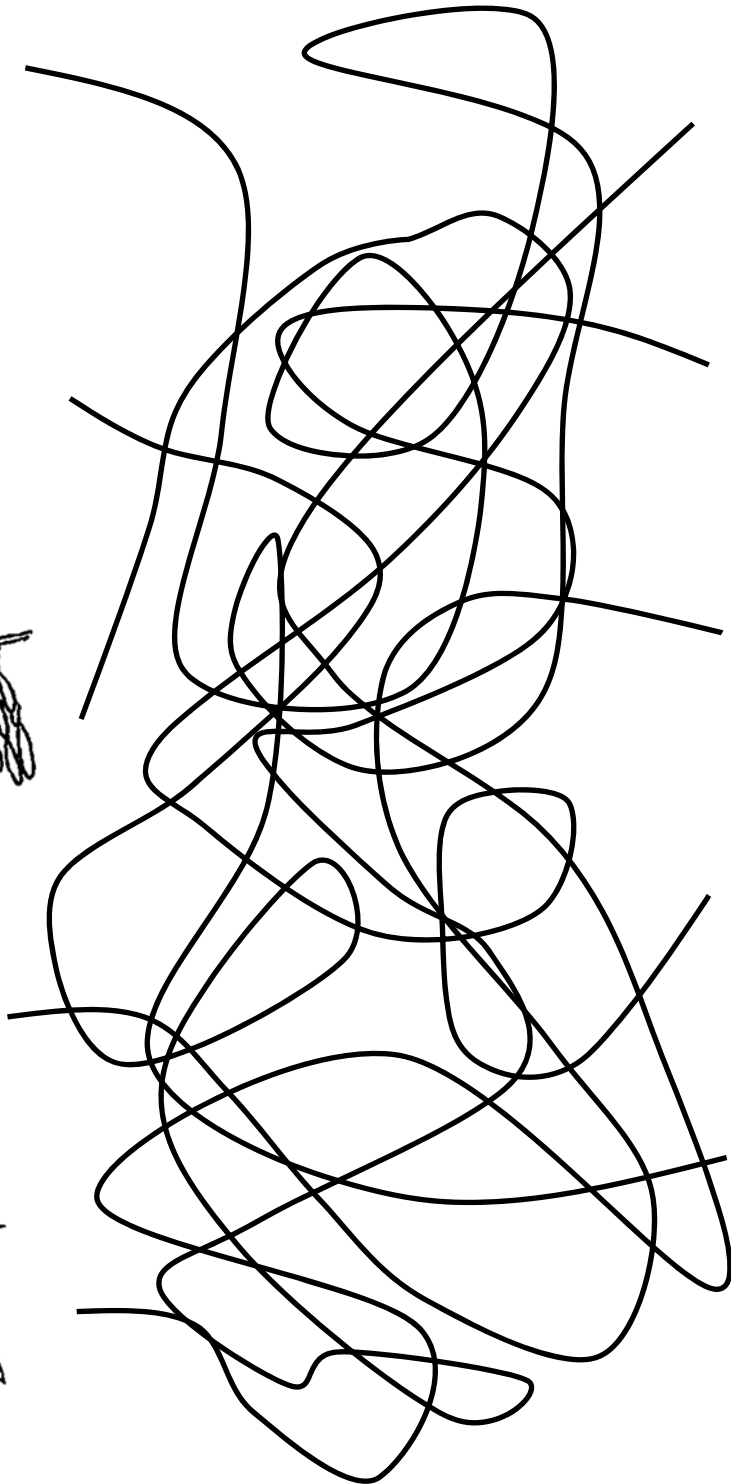
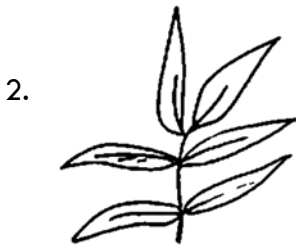
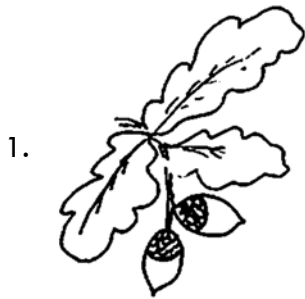
Thomas Pole

To find the answers skip a page...



Which leaf belongs to which tree?

Match the leaf to the correct tree.



Horse Chestnut

Willow

Pine

Ash

Oak

Did you match them correctly? Put your score in the box.

Look out for these when you go for a walk!

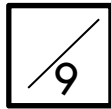


Answer sheet:

Question & Answer:

1. Good Queen Bess
2. Beer
3. A collector of antiques
4. Deer
5. Fish
6. BMX-ing
7. To show off
8. 9
9. John William Pole

How many did you get right?



Fact:

Did you know that it wasn't just prisoners like Lady Jane who were kept at The Tower of London?

Lions, tigers and even a polar bear were housed there too! These animals were gifts given to the royal family and added to the tower zoo.



Imagine you lived here 550 years ago. Which year would that be? 15__ __. Write an acrostic poem describing life at Shute. Each line has to begin with the letter shown, so that the lines spell 'Shute'!

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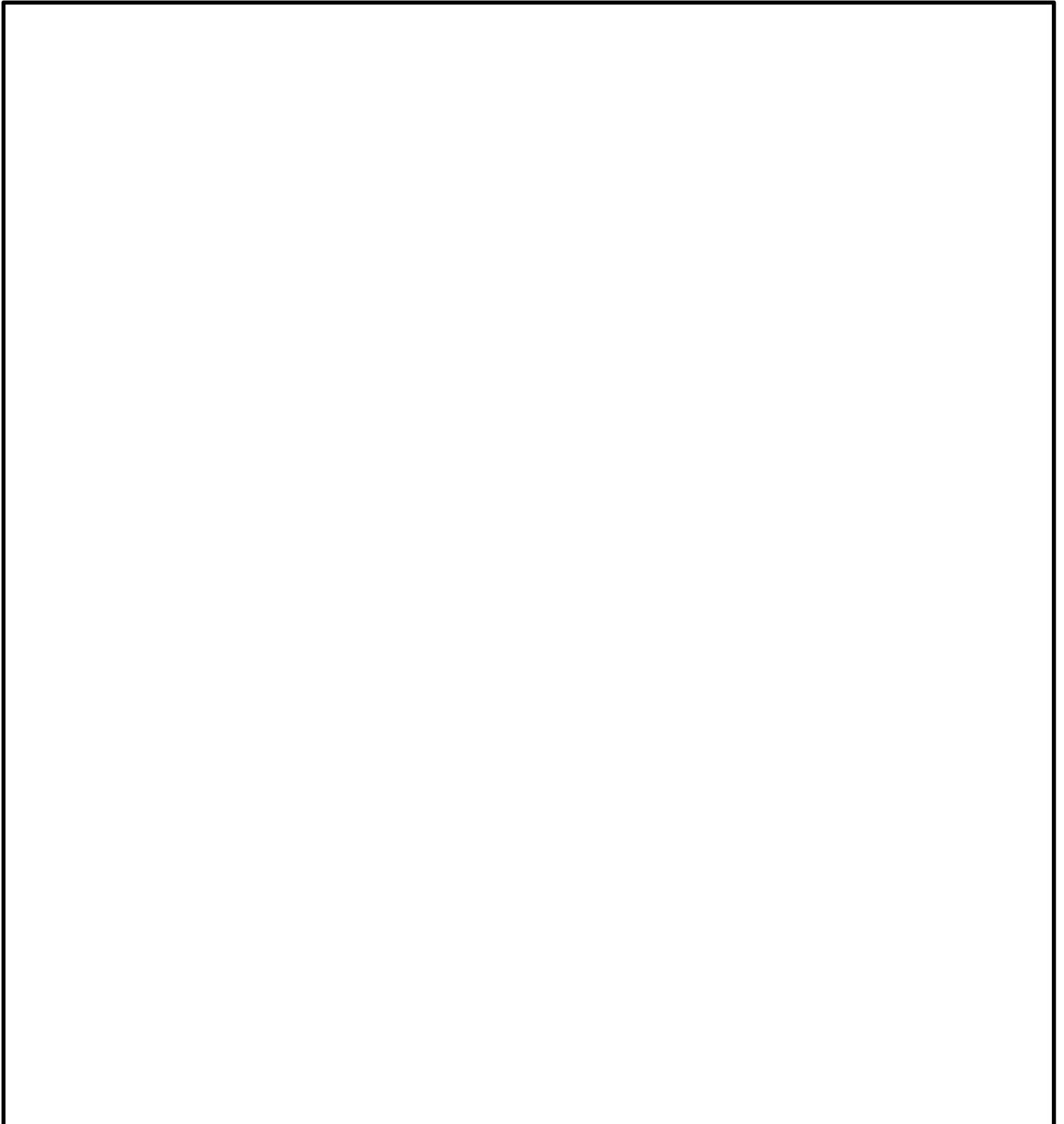
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Design your own gatehouse

Imagine you've just bought a big country house. You want to show off and make it look even more grand so you build a gatehouse. In the box below design your very own gatehouse – it can be as big and fancy as you like!





Bake some scones

If you haven't ever had a scone you are missing out! Devon and Cornwall are famous for their scones. They are plain cakes that you cut in half and spread clotted cream and jam on each side. This is called a cream tea. Mmmm I could eat scones all day!

Here's a simple recipe for you to try. You might need the help of an adult.

75g of butter

1 large egg

225g of self-raising flour

2 tbsp milk

Pinch of salt

Clotted cream

40g caster sugar

Jam

Pre-heat the oven: fan 220 °C : 425 °F : Gas 7

- Grease a baking tray.
- Sift flour and salt into bowl. Rub butter into the mixture until it looks like breadcrumbs. Add the sugar.
- Beat the egg and buttermilk together in a separate bowl.
- Add the egg and milk mixture to the flour mixture. Mix it all together with a spoon and then with your hands. This is called dough (say 'doh').
- Put some flour on the work top and then put the ball of dough onto it.
- Roll the dough into a circle (about 2.5cm thick). Then cut out the scones (if you don't have a cutter use a glass, making sure it too gets flour on the rim).
- Put them onto the baking tray and brush them with milk. Bake on the top shelf for 10-12 minutes.
- Let them cool and then serve with lots of clotted cream and jam! Yum!





Colour in these Tudor outfits.





Have a go at colouring in Queen Elizabeth I.

