

## MURDER MYSTERY QUEST - THE GHOST OF RAVELSTON WOODS

It has long been claimed that the ghostly vision of a 19th century highwayman can be seen roaming Ravelston Woods when there is a full moon shining down upon the residents of Blackhall. Some claim it is a myth with no foundation, others that the vision is just a fabrication perpetuated by locals with a wicked sense of devilment about them and yet others believe it is the ghost of Samuel Geldes, a local highwayman who was double-crossed during a falling out amongst thieves. What is without doubt is that some 20 years ago male remains dating back to the early 1800s were discovered in the woods by a couple of dog walkers whose canine companions dug up more than they bargained for. A post-mortem examination revealed that the deceased had been murdered. Investigations were undertaken but the murder remains unsolved.

Your mission, should you accept it, is to pick up the trail where it went cold. Can you uncover the identity of the murderer and reveal which grizzly weapon was used?

(This murder mystery hunt is entirely fictional. The use of names of real people, living or dead, as characters in the hunt, is meant for fun.)

### WEAPONS ORIGINALLY FOUND AT THE CRIME SCENE

1993



1906



1370



4349



2325



### THE SUSPECTS



**Murderer.....**

**Weapon.....**

**Detective.....**

(Please insert your name and 'phone number here in case you qualify for the reward attached to the solving of this heinous crime).

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# START

Start the Murder Mystery Quest at Blackhall St. Columba's Parish Church on Queensferry Road.

## Clue One

Look at the blue noticeboard to discover the name of the minister  
Eliminate the suspect who has the same initials as the Reverend.

do you know

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The church which was first established on this site was originally known as St. Columba's Church before adopting its current name when it became a parish church in 1920.

## STEP ONE

Head along Queensferry Road towards the city. Pass the Post Office on your right.

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## Clue Two

The suspect who shares the same initials as the garage across the road is no longer a person of interest. Score them off your list!

## STEP TWO

Continue straight on and climb the stairs on to Blinkbonny Crescent.

## Clue Three

The number of steps will provide a literary clue to the next person you can eliminate from your enquiries.

## STEP THREE

Proceed along Blinkbonny Crescent to its junction with Craigleith Crescent. Cross the road and turn left towards Queensferry Road. Just before the main road turn right down the steps on to the cycle path.

## Clue Four

When you come across the National Cycle Network sign Craigleith Quarry sign, read carefully to discover when the Retail Park was opened.

This date will allow you to eliminate a potential murder weapon.

At the

bottom of

the steps

4 turn left and pass under the bridge.

## Did you know

It was the German inventor, Karl von Drais, who is credited with developing the first bicycle in 1817.

His "swift walker" had no pedals and its frame was a wooden beam.

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## STEP FOUR

Look carefully at this junction and follow the BLACKHALL PATH. Follow the path under the Telford Road bridge and continue straight on until the sign for DRYLAW/FERRY ROAD/BLACKHALL.



WHICH WAY?

left

Leave the path and turn over the bridge. Continue straight on and join House O'Hill Avenue.

Clue Five

As you pass number 22, you'll find a clue beneath your feet. Score off another suspect.

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## Clue Six

At the Mosque, you will see four words together.  
Count the letters in each word to discover  
the digits of a four-digit number.  
Remove another possible weapon from the list

At the end of the road, turn left  
up to Hillhouse Road and proceed  
straight on as far as the Mosque.

## STEP FIVE

## STEP SIX

Carefully cross over the road at the crossing and pass a repair premises on your left.

## Clue Seven

You can eliminate another suspect who shares a surname  
with this company of mechanics.

## Clue Eight

As you continue straight on, you will pass a fast food take away whose name will help you score off another possible murderer.

## Did you know

Debate rages over who first had the idea of bringing fish and chips together in the UK. However, the Italians certainly spotted the business opportunities to be had north of the border by selling "pesce e patate" and have dominated the trade since 1914 with most Scottish towns still having an Italian "chippy".

## STEP SEVEN

Continue onwards until "The Cove" and then cross Hillhouse Road at the crossing. Turn right and continue straight on until the junction with Strachan Road.

## CLUE NINE

You may wonder **INITIALLY** about the hairdresser but he will help you eliminate another suspect.

## STEP EIGHT

Proceed along Strachan Road towards its junction with Craigcrook Road.

## Clue Ten

A physiotherapist near the crossroads will allow you to score off another suspect.

## STEP NINE

Turn right into Craigcrook Road and walk a short distance before crossing the road at the care home.

## Clue Eleven

This facility for the elderly will enable another suspect to be eliminated from the investigation.

## Did you know

Nearby stands Craigcrook Castle which has passed through many hands down the centuries. Eventually, it was taken over by the charitable Craigcrook Mortification after the death of its owner, John Strachan in 1719. In 1707, Strachan's servant, Helen Bell, was murdered beneath Castle Rock and the murderers used her key to break into Strachan's townhouse and steal £1000 in gold and silver coins. The castle was later occupied by the lawyer and literary critic, Francis Lord Jeffrey, whose ghost is said to haunt the castle.



## STEP TEN

Head along Craigbrook Road to the primary school

## STEP ELEVEN

Continue along Craigbrook Road to the crossroads.

## Clue Thirteen



## Clue Twelve

The holiday activity board will provide another suspect who can be scored off the list.



At this sign, you will find a shop. Its name mirrors the same alliteration that one of our suspects' names has. Score off this suspect.



## STEP TWELVE

Cross Ravelston Dykes Road at the zebra crossing.

Clue Fourteen

Find this "pheasant" weather-vane and nearby you will see an address which will help you eliminate another murder weapon.



## STEP THIRTEEN

Continue along and enter Ravelston Park. Walk along the path parallel to the stone wall. Follow the path to the right and pass the nursery.

## Clue Fifteen

Watch where you are going or you might miss the next clue!  
The name of the next suspect to be eliminated is permanently embedded here.

## Clue Sixteen

A little further on you will find a silver coloured plaque. Read it carefully and you can score off another suspect.



## STEP FOURTEEN



Enter Ravelston Woods - the scene of the murder - and climb upwards along the path, always keeping left in the direction of Queensferry Road and passing the tennis courts on the left.

Exit from the woods and turn left. Cross Queensferry Road across from the Post Office by the designated crossing.

## Clue Seventeen



Near to this pictorial clue, you will find a house name which will help you to eliminate another suspect.

## STEP FIFTEEN

Cross back over the road and proceed to the Cafe Litron corner at Craigcrook Place.

## Clue Eighteen

You will pass a tall red pillar.  
Examine it for initials.  
Eliminate a suspect who shares them.

## STEP SIXTEEN

Cross Craigcrook Place, pass the tea shop. Perhaps, stop for some well-deserved refreshments!

### Clue Nineteen

Perhaps, you can spot someone close by who likes to change appearance often. Eliminate another suspect.

Cake Tea  
Coffee

## STEP SEVENTEEN

Continue along Queensferry Road.  
Can you spot a SILVER FOX as you go?

## STEP EIGHTEEN

### Clue Twenty

Close by you will see a winged insect. The number carved into stone gives you another weapon to eliminate.

Return to Blackhall St. Columba's Parish Church.

### Final Clue

Look closely at the War Memorial. One of the names of the heroic men named there is an anagram of A SAME LUNCH BRANCH.

Eliminate your last suspect.

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