

EAST ANGLIAN TROPHY 2011

MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS



ON THE FOLLOWING SHEETS YOU WILL FIND A SERIES OF 20 PAIRS OF PICTURES, THE MONUMENT OR MEMORIAL IN THE RIGHT HAND PICTURE IS YOUR OBJECTIVE TO PHOTOGRAPH, WITH THE CLUE OF WHERE TO FIND IT BEING THE PICTURE ON THE LEFT. ALL THE OBJECTIVES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND NONE ARE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. GET YOUR MOTORCYCLE IN THE PHOTO WHERE POSSIBLE OR YOUR HELMET WHERE AT SOME SITES IT IS CLEARLY NOT POSSIBLE TO GET A MOTORCYCLE. THIS ALONG WITH PRESENTATION WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN JUDGING THE WINNER. ENTRIES TO BE SUBMITTED BY END OF OCTOBER 2011 TO KEN MULLETT, 11, GLENFIELD AVENUE, FELIXSTOWE, SUFFOLK, IP11 9JL OR BRING IT ALONG TO THE 2011 EAST ANGLIA SECTION AGM.

SOME OF THE MEMORIALS YOU VISIT ARE TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO DIED FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM, THE TWO MAIN PROTAGONISTS BEING GERMANY & JAPAN. SOME OF YOU WILL HAVE RIDDEN THERE ON A GERMAN MOTORCYCLE AND TAKEN A PHOTOGRAPH WITH A JAPANESE CAMERA! JUST A THOUGHT!

Clue Sheet 1

1. A small part of the remains of a German zeppelin shot down by a British fighter plane on the night of June 16-17 1917. Crashing just outside the village, all but 3 of the crew perished and were buried in the extension to the churchyard where they remained until being exhumed and reburied in a German military cemetery in Britain in 1966. You will find the zeppelin's remains and the account of its final fateful hours in the local church. Although the crew no longer lie in the churchyard a sign marks their burial plot, go and see, opposite the village hall behind the church.
2. The Tythe Memorial commemorates seizure of goods worth £1200 for failure to pay tythe of £385 to the church by farmer Charles Westren in May 1932. Land owners at that time being expected to pay a proportion of their income to the Anglican Church, even if they were not Anglicans. The memorial was erected by Mr Westren before he emigrated in 1943. There are confusing dates on the memorial of 1934 & 1935. One can only assume Mr Westren became confused with the passage of time.
3. The Burston Strike school. The longest strike in British history, 1914 to 1939, 25 years. The school building, now a museum contains, the fascinating story of those years and of Tom & Kitty Higdon the teachers. A notice on the building tells you where to get the key, it costs nothing, is available 7 days a week and is well worth seeing.
4. Probably the tallest war memorial in East Anglia, unusually erected to honour the dead of three villages, Elveden, Eriswell and Icklingham. It is thought by some that you could in the past climb to the top via an internal stairway accessed from the door at the rear of the structure. Sadly this is no longer possible. Possibly another victim of health and safety, you can visualise council officials wringing their hands muttering risk assessment and public liability!
5. Impressive black granite memorial to the 388th Bomber group, American 8th Air force. It stands at what was the entrance to their wartime airbase. From here flying fortress bombers flew 306 missions, at the cost of 306 aircraft and the loss of 1327 aircrew, dead, missing or prisoners of war. Very little now remains but part of the old runways can still be found in the fields behind this memorial.
6. A lovely clock tower erected to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the accession to the throne of King George V and Queen Mary, on the 6th of May 1935.
7. The birthplace of Admiral Lord Nelson. The old rectory where he was born was demolished in 1803 but was only 20 yards from this plaque set into a perimeter wall along this peaceful narrow Norfolk country lane.
8. A clock tower erected to celebrate Queen Victoria's jubilee in 1897. This tower was paid for out of public subscription by the local people, how times have changed. Unfortunately time and the elements had caused this lovely old memorial to fall into disrepair and when I visited it to get a photograph it was surrounded with scaffolding and was being renovated. Hopefully this will be complete before you arrive. It will inevitable look different to the picture supplied but you will have no trouble finding it once you have located the signpost which is your clew, as it can easily be seen from there.
9. Royal Navy submarine memorial. An impressive memorial in a lovely secluded setting looking down towards the river, set in among the graves of naval ratings many from the period of the Great War, 1914 - 1918. A well maintained structure almost hidden away from the general public, only accessed via a small single track road which finally ends up as a gravel track. You won't need a G.S. you can walk the last few yards.

Clue Sheet 2

10. A rather unusual memorial, it honours 121 R.A.F. aircrew who lost their lives during WW2. It stands alongside what was the perimeter road to the airfield from where they served. Little remains today to remind us of what was once an important wartime R.A.F. base from which many different squadrons and types of aircraft flew, although the old control tower now, converted into a house, can still be seen nearby along with a few old remaining out buildings. The memorial itself depicts the famous De Haviland Mosquito, at least 4 different Mosquito squadrons operated from this base during those war years.
11. A very modest and unimaginative memorial to the 59 Canvey Island people, many of them children, who perished in the disastrous East Coast floods of 1953. Almost hidden from the public behind a low hedge, one of the most difficult to locate, you will find it a short walk from the side of a long road on Canvey.
12. A statue to commemorate the life of Oliver Cromwell. A man history cannot ignore, an imposing statue of this man dominates this pleasant town square. So park up your bike, take your photo and enjoy a tea or coffee in one of the nearby cafes.
13. Another lovely Victorian structure to commemorate Queen Victoria's jubilee of 1887. This well maintained clock tower dominates the centre of this small town.
14. A typical small war memorial of the sort erected in thousands of villages throughout Britain after the First World War. Nothing special about this one except it has recently been renovated and no East Anglian trophy would be complete without a ride across the fens. Pick a nice day and enjoy the ride.
15. This rather unusual war memorial honours Colonel Thomas Christian commanding officer of 361st U.S. Eighth air force fighter group. Killed in action flying from the air force base part of which this memorial now stands on. Almost nothing remains of what was here during those years as most has been returned to agriculture or built on.
16. Not sure if this was intended as a shelter or a bandstand but was erected in memory of William Albert Prince from money left in the will of his sister Anne. Unable to find out who he was or what he did it must be assumed he was well known in the village during his lifetime and the family (or at least his sister) had money. A little known memorial outside the local area it is situated on a pleasant village green.
17. The Hovercraft Column, on top of which sits a bronze replica of the original prototype model. Situated in the lovely village generally regarded as the home of the hovercraft. It was here the inventor Sir Christopher Cockerell lived and worked on his invention. Unveiled on 4th June 2010 to celebrate the centenary of the inventor's birth, a fitting memorial to this man and his invention.
18. The Beauchamp Memorial commemorates 9 members of the crew of Caister lifeboat THE BEAUCHAMP who lost their lives when it capsized in the early hours of 13th November 1901, while attempting to assist a stricken vessel, during what came to be known as the great storm, 2 other crewmen survived. Many of those men were buried locally and the memorial erected on their graves in 1903.
19. Arthur Lowe, portrayed as what is probably his best known character, Capt. Mainwaring. A memorial to commemorate both the actor and the fictional character for which he became most famous. Erected close to many of the locations which provided the outdoor scenes for the Dad's Army series. You may not get your bike in the photo, but you can be, sat on the bench with him.
20. Not far from the sign post which is your clue you will find this memorial to those who served at R.A.F. Watton during WW2. It is the remains of a propeller from a Blenheim R3800 bomber from 82nd Squadron, shot down over Aalborg, Denmark in August 1940.



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