

# *East Anglian Trophy 2012*

## *Water, Water everywhere!!!*

Many years before water was delivered via the mains water network, communities in villages relied upon the village water pump for their only supply of water. Often located in the centre of villages and commonly on the village green, it was a chance for villagers to receive clean water for cooking and washing.

Also to be found in towns were water pumping station as well as drinking fountains and horse troughs to quench the thirst of locals and horses alike.

Fortunately many village pumps, drinking fountains and horse troughs have been preserved and have now become historic focal points. Some pumps stand on their own, some within shelters and other being turned into floral centre pieces in villages and towns.



On the following pages you will find a series of 20 pairs of photographs. Locate the sign pictured on the left, the corresponding pump, trough or drinking fountain in the right-hand photo will be nearby.

Take a photograph at each location to prove you have visited the town or village concerned. Credit will be given where your bike is included in the view. Extra points will also be given for presentation when judging the winners entry.

Entries to be submitted to Andy Raggett, 18 Leslie Road, London E11 4HG (e-mail [andy@andyraggett.plus.com](mailto:andy@andyraggett.plus.com)) by the end of October 2012.

## Clue Sheet 1

- 1.** Set in a quite village not far from the busy and noisy A12. This village pump is normally found in pristine condition under a pretty arbour. However shortly before my visit a car had run into the Arbour that surrounds the pump and caused quite a bit of damage. I am assured that by the time you pay a visit it will be restored to its previous condition.
- 2.** This village, now quiet, saw a lot of action during World War 2 with the nearby RAF station occupied firstly by the RAF during the Battle of Britain and latterly by the USAAF. Nowadays it belongs to the Royal Engineers, who renamed the former RAF station Carver Barracks. Find the pump in the village next to the Indo-Nepalese restaurant.
- 3.** As towns became larger the need for mains water across the town grew. This Victorian, square brick built water tower dates from 1889 and has been built to an Italian gothic style. The water tower sits above a borehole that was originally sunk in 1881. The tower has now been awarded grade II listed status. You will also find the 21<sup>st</sup> century equivalent next to it.
- 4.** Found on a junction not far from a favourite East Anglian section “watering hole”. The pump was given to the village in 1853 by Mrs Gee of Colne House. "In thankful commemoration of the absence of cholera" Unfortunately the water from the pump proved to be undrinkable.
- 5.** This beautifully restored and maintained painted timber and tile roofed “pump house” which includes a clock tower at the top was erected in 1879 by Richard Henry and Harriett Vade Walpole, who both appear to have been prominent village residents, as they also built the nearby almshouses. Find the pump house next to Pump Cottage.
- 6.** This unusual rotary hand pump can be found close to the Chequers public house in this sleepy village. The pump is in fact at the head of a well that was dug in the hot summer of 1921. The well is 70 feet deep with a further 100 feet of artisan bore making a total of 170 feet in all.
- 7.** This handsome Victorian Drinking Fountain built by the Courtauld family and presented to the town in 1887 commemorates Queen Victoria's Jubilee.
- 8.** You'll find this handsome village pump in the centre of the village close to the village store and pub, as part of a floral display.
- 9.** This solid looking cast iron pump was made by John Warner & Sons, Hydraulic Engineers of Cripplegate in London. It can be found on “The Green” however it looks more like the village square these days. Still at least there is the Three Horse Shoes across the road to temper your thirst and provide you with lunch if you need it.
- 10.** This magnificent drinking fountain and water trough was erected in 1910 in memory of Sir Daniel Copper of Warren Flower by his widow. The water trough on one side is these days a beautiful flower bowl. The former drinking fountain can be found on the opposite side.
- 11.** This nicely kept village pump can be found on a very small green in Pump Street, surrounded by period cottages, some of which are now Penny's Café and the General Stores. An excellent opportunity to pull up, take a photo or two and enjoy the tea, sandwiches and cakes provided. Whilst in the town, why not take a stroll around the historic centre.

## Clue Sheet 2

**12.** Made by Ramsome's of Ipswich, this nicely preserved example of a village pump found on the village green was erected through voluntary contributions. Watch out though, these days it is almost hidden by the bus stop shelter.

**13.** This remarkably pretty wood clad pump with thatched shelter, topped by a weather vane dates back to 1888, when it was dedicated to the memory of Hastings Parker by his wife Elizabeth Hastings Parker who gave £300 to the parish to maintain the pump. It was later rededicated to his widowed wife in 1907 who was the Lady of the Manor. Within the shelter you will find that the floor is tiled and if you look up you will see a carved inscription around the horizontal oak beams. Nearby you will find a bench on the green to take a rest and enjoy the peace that surrounds you.

**14.** This very nicely restored pump, located within sight of the fox & Hounds public house, dates back to around 1894 and was in use until the 1930's. Enjoy the country lanes to find it and why not enjoy some time relaxing on the green or on a bench outside the pub.

**15.** This now peaceful hamlet was home during WW2 to the USAAF 100<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group at the nearby airfield. Very little of the airfield remains, however you will find a memorial museum to the "Bloody Hundredth" which includes the airfield control tower. The pump was gifted to the parish by Edward E Kay Esq. in 1867. The pump was restored in 1927 at the expense of Dr F N Kay Menzies and the canopy in 1979 by people of the parish. Looking rather rusty these days the pump and canopy were still decorated for the recent Royal Wedding celebrations. Still, it is pleasant to rest with perhaps a flask of tea and a picnic on the benches on the green.

**16.** This large reservoir is probably one of the largest and most unusual sources of water to be installed in a village. Behind the front façade you will discover a circular pool that is some 4 metres wide that feeds the trough at the front. Dated 1814 it apparently was built at the expense of Henry Upcher Esq. JP DL of Sheringham Hall and affords a copious supply of pure spring water, it is now Grade II listed.

**17.** This very old and worn wooden clad pump, complete with interesting inscription next to it can be found outside the village church. However mind the double yellow lines. Perhaps parking across the road at the corner of the Duncombe Arms car park would be a safe bet; you can also quench your thirst there too.

**18.** Located in a beautiful "chocolate Box" village, this pump has written around the head of the wooden casing "Traverse the deserts and then you can tell what treasure exists in the cool deep well". Whilst in the village, next to the green you'll find a pleasant tea room to temper your thirst.

**19.** This once magnificent memorial water fountain and drinking trough was erected in the memory of George Duppa and Mary Anne Collins for many years resident in this town, by their loving daughters. A resident in the house behind the structure used to plant flowers in the troughs, until the council told him he had to wear a hard hat and safety boots. Health and Safety gone mad me thinks!

**20.** At the time of my visit the paving surrounding this impressive pump and canopy were being renewed, but were due to be finished shortly after. The wood clad pump, built to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond jubilee can be found in the middle of this delightful village. On one side you will find The Sun Inn, on the other a tea shop and fish & chip shop, something to keep everybody happy.



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