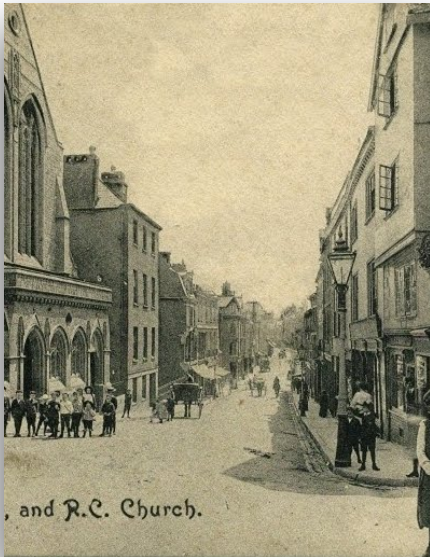


Heritage Quiz

South Street

Enjoy a walk down through South Street and try to imagine the beautiful buildings that used to line each side of the street before the blitz in May 1942.



Looking down from Sun Street

Looking up from Coombe street to the left

Before you walk down South street, take a moment and go into the Cathedral close through what was known as Little Style (although very much altered after the bombings).

Question 1

In what Century were the three gabled houses built? **XVI**

Who occupied these houses? **Craftsmen attached to the Cathedral**

Question 2

What is buried to the west of the Cathedral? **The Roman Basilica an Military Bath House of the 2nd Augustan Legion**

Question 3

What is the name of the church that has also left its remains in the same area? **St Mary Major**

Now let's go back to South Street through Little Style and start making our way down South street. See if you can figure out where Sun Street would have been. You can see it on the right of the left hand picture above. A good clue would be to line it up with the R.C Church on the left of the picture.

Question 4

What are the ruins that we can see on the left as we walk down? **College of Vicars Choral**

What was moved in with the ruins that don't belong? **Doorway of a Saxon Church - moved from opposite side of street**

Question 5

The Bear Inn (below left) was demolished in the 19th Century to make way for the Catholic Church (below right) built around 1883/4.

What is the name of the Church and what did it replace **Sacred Heart - Bear Inn**

Information sheets can be found just inside Church



Question 6

Looking up from Coombe street before 1942, you could have seen one of the entrances to Paragon House (below left). Unfortunately it was destroyed before it could be investigated, which makes it one of the city's most frustrating and tragic architectural losses. Surviving records indicate that it was a complex 17th Century building of medieval origin. It was completely destroyed during the air-raid of 04 May 1942. During the post-war reconstruction the garden was built over and the site of the house now lies beneath the startlingly vast and unpleasant 1960s Building (below right).

What is the name of the 1960's building? **Concord House**



The drawing underneath shows the picturesque north-east corner of South Street and Palace Gate in 1890, looking up towards the gatehouse of the Bishop's Palace in Palace Gate. The timber-framed property on the corner probably dated to the last half of the 17th century and survived the blitz unscathed. It was demolished and replaced with the building in the picture on the right of this page. No question here, just thought it was interesting.



Question 7

Nos. 58 to 68 all survived the bombings and are now grade 11 listed buildings, what are they now?

Fill in who the businesses are and perhaps compare to what was there in the information sheet on pages 7&8

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Question 8

At the site of the South Gate, who entered the city in 1452? *Henry VI*

Question 9

The Southgate was turned into a prison, when was it demolished? **1819**

Question 10

What is the Motto of Exeter? **SEMPER FIDELIS**

Bonus point, what does it mean? **Always Faithful**

It is said that Queen Elizabeth I granted the motto to the city in 1588, as thanks for giving money to help build the fleet that defeated the Spanish Armada.

Question 11

Trinity Church is still standing at the end South Street, near the site of the old Southgate. Which organisation has taken over the building?

White Ensign Association

Question 12

Walking back down South Street we soon come to a Grade 1 listed building. George's Meeting House is a fine example of an 18th Century Unitarian Chapel. Founded in 1760, the coronation year of George III, and consequently, named George's Meeting House, the building has a striking façade on South Street.

What is it now and who runs it?

It's now a pub run by J.D. Wetherspoons

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