

EXPLORE BURGH-BY-SANDS CHURCH

A QUIZ FOR OUR YOUNGER VISITORS

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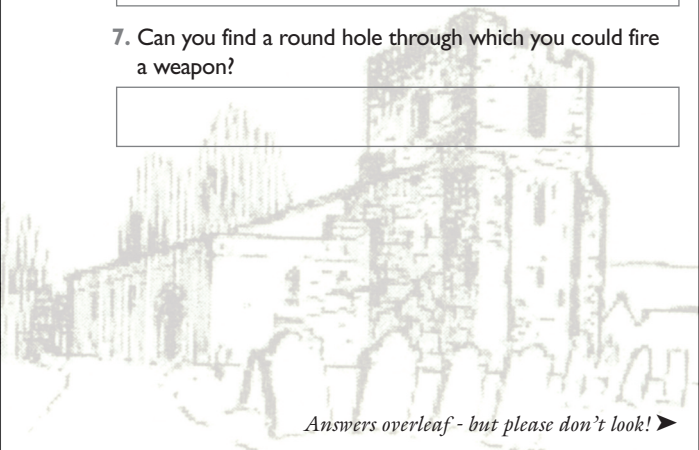
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Answers overleaf - but please don't look! ➤

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THE QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Which King of England do you think of at Burgh-by-Sands?

King Edward I came to Burgh in 1307 on his way to fight the Scots, but he was old and ill and he died here. His body was brought to the church, and the new king (Edward II) came to see him lying here.

2. Can you find a carving of a man with a moustache?

On the wall to the left of the altar there is a stone with a face on it. Its exact age is not known, but it could be over eight hundred years old.

3. Where is there a picture of a loaf of bread, and what sort of loaf is it?

In one of the stained glass windows next to the altar there is a picture of Jesus holding a cottage loaf.

4. The church was built on top of the ruins of what?

A Roman fort. The soldiers who lived in it came from North Africa, from Germany and from the Netherlands.

5. King Edward I had a nickname because of his long legs. What was his nickname?

'Longshanks'. Your 'shanks' are your shins – your legs between the knee and the ankle. At 1.88 metres high, Edward was much taller than other men.

6. What is the iron gate to the tower called?

A 'yett'. This word was brought to Britain by the Vikings. Oak boards were fixed on either side of the iron yett to make a very strong door. The two deep holes in the wall at each side of the yett held a long piece of wood which kept the door firmly closed against any attacker. There are two more pairs of these holes on each side of the west door, beside the font, for the same purpose.

7. Can you find a round hole through which you could fire a weapon?

Over 400 years ago the church was a safe place to hide if the robbers ('reivers') came across from Scotland. With a wheel-lock (an early pistol) poked through this hole you could stop anyone who tried to get through the door into the church. The tower itself is much older and was built rather like a small castle 650 years ago.



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