

# Wells CARNIVAL



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## Mysterious Murder of Cowpat Stinker

Local Police are mystified by the demise of local builder, Mr Cowpat Stinker. Mr Stinker appears to have responded to reports of a disturbance, late last night, at his yard in Wells-next-the-Sea, where he met his end.

An amiable, popular chap Mr Stinker had a dark side—he was well known in the murky world of pork pie wrestling. This little known event, run by organised crime syndicates, involves ‘wrestling’ wrappers from pies and consuming them at

speed. Participants can become obsessed with pies which, in turn, can be devastating for their family & friends!!

The **Wells Carnival Crew** needs a team of budding detectives to solve the mysterious disappearance of Mr Stinker. You won't need a map, just follow the instructions on the following pages to lead you to the clues. You can always retrace your steps if you miss one.

Please take care as you conduct your enquiries—there are parts of Wells that are narrow, with no footpaths, and watch out for traffic, especially when crossing the road. All clues are readily accessible and will not require you to enter private gardens or

Each clue you answer will be either the name of a suspect OR a number relating to the murder weapon.

These can then be eliminated from your investigation by crossing them off on the checklist on page 2. You should be left with one suspect and one murder weapon at the end of your trail—case solved.

Our preliminary enquiries have led us to **The Harbour Office**, on the Quayside. This is where you will start your investigations.

Turn the page for the clues and directions to help you solve the case - happy sleuthing!



## Suspects



Mr D Walters



Mr H Hammond



Mrs F Regal



Mrs V Tope



Mr I Nethercoat



Mr T Tower



Mrs T Tompot



Mr W Stephens



Mrs P Lime



Mrs A Green



## Possible Murder Weapons



1899



1953



1846



1901



8



1999

### Build your case

Start at the Harbour Office at the Old Lifeboat Station on the Quay. We've identified several potential suspects and possible murder weapons, and need you to examine the evidence to eliminate them one by one.....

### Clue 1

Analyse the details of the lifeboats housed here. Cross the person off the list whose initials match the builders of the Eliza Adams. They were busy building a wall at the time of the murder, so are innocent. (Though the wall might be considered a crime against straight walls!)

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### Directions

You're off to a cracking start! Depart by the back way, turn left on to Beach Road, and follow the wall that encloses the Harbour Office area. Good luck! (NB if you need a pit stop, you can use the loos opposite, but only if you promise to cross the road very carefully!)

### Clue 2

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Check the year that the flood levels reached on 31 January, and match it to one of weapons on the list. Cross this off, as its been proven that it wasn't used in the murder.

### Directions

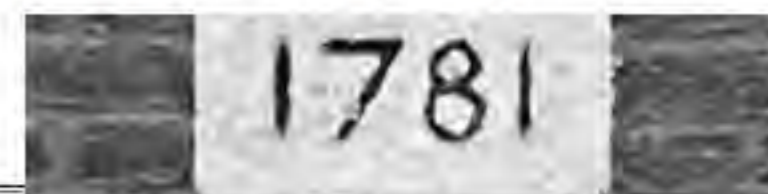
Advance to the T-junction with the mini roundabout - *Pause a while—can you spot the building pictured? It was a pub until it closed in 1967* Turn right and carefully follow Freeman Street



### Clue 3:

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Spot the following sign, and match the initials above the date to one of the possible murderers. You can cross this person off the list too, as they were mixing concrete at the time of the murder.



### Directions

Immediately afterwards, carefully cross the road and turn left up The Glebe.

GLEBE FOUNDRY, WELLS.



At the corner, turn left onto Theatre Road.

ESTABLISHED NEARLY THIRTY YEARS.  
JOHN WOODS & SON,

### Clue 4:

4

With your sleuthing skills, identify the number of Foundry House. Cross this weapon off the list as this clearly wasn't in use at the time.

*For over 30 years in the late 1800s & early 1900's John Woods & Son ran a foundry situated in The Glebe.*

### Clue 5:

5

At the war memorial, identify the person who has the same name as one of the suspects. This person was busy tiling a roof, so not involved.

*The memorial commemorates the residents of Wells who were killed or missing in World War I (75 names) and World War II (33 names).*

### Directions

Turn right up Clubbs Lane, past Bishop Ingle House— *formerly The Lawn & purchased in 1961 for use as a holiday home for the clergy. One of the trustees was Rev. George Ernest Ingle, Lord Bishop of Willesden. Bishop Ingle died in 1966. The House was renamed in his memory. The property is now privately owned.*

### Clue 6:

6

Find number 6, and match it to one of the potential suspects. Cross them off the list as they were putting up a fence at the time of the murder.

### Directions

At the top of Clubbs Lane (where there are additional public toilets), carefully slip across the road, straight onto Buttlands.

*The Buttlands is surrounded by lime trees and an excellent place for a picnic.*

### Clue 7:

7

Find the house to the left of Aingale - then spot the person with a last name that matches the house name. They were in the library at the time, swotting up on building techniques.

### Clue 8:

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Proceed directly along here, keeping the green to your left. Above Rope Walk Cottage is another name. Find the person with a last name that matches. They were putting up scaffolding at the time of the murder so definitely not involved.

### Clue 9:

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Keep following the road round the Buttlands. When you get to the house with a dragon, find the suspect with the same name. Evidence shows they were asleep when the crime was committed—so cross them off.

**Clue 10:**

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Next find the weapon that matches the date on the house a few doors away from Clue 9. Cross this off the list too as it was being used on another site at the time.

**Directions**

When you get to the Edinburgh Inn, turn right onto Station Road.—*In 1752 Edinburgh Inn, known as The Fighting Cocks began trading, changing hands three times before being renamed The Leicester Arms. Renamed by Alexander Davidson in 1887 The Edinburgh Inn as he came from that city.*

**Clue 11:**

11

Continue along Station Road and match the date on the Lifeboat Inn with one of the potential murder weapons. Time to cross this one off the list.

*The Lifeboat Inn has previously been called the Tinkers and also the Railway Hotel*

**Directions**

When you get to the T-junction, turn left. Proceed – when it's safe to do so - across the zebra crossing that is almost immediately in front of you. Continue North in the direction of the sea.

**Clue 12:**

12

Find the house that's next to the Old Well House. You can cross this person off the list as they were laying floorboards at the time of the murder.

**Directions**

At the junction with East Quay. Turn right and travel along East Quay past Tugboat Yard

*In days gone by the Wells lifeboat was an open boat propelled by oars & sail, and based at the old lifeboat house on the quay. Because of the strong tides in the channel it was common for the lifeboat to use the services of a steam tug to be towed to sea.*

**Clue 13:**

When you see the arch (pictured), look at the commemorative benches. There is one year that matches a weapon. Cross this off the list—the evidence shows this was not used in the crime.



**Directions**

Retrace your steps, and proceed directly along the quay.

*The distinctive granary with its overhanging loading gantry was built around 1905. Used to store grain and other cereals, from ships from all over the world. The last ship to unload was the MV Palbro Pride in 1990 which had 250 tones of soya from Rotterdam.*

**Clue 14:**

14

You'll see a map. Study it closely, and you'll find a name on there, which is the same name as one of the suspects. Cross them off the list as they were getting building supplies at the time of the murder so clearly not involved.

**Deconstructing the case!**

You should now have successfully eliminated all the innocent suspects and found the murder weapon. Thank you for solving the mysterious murder of Mr Cowpat Stinker—we are now safe in the knowledge that the culprit has been apprehended—

*Wells Carnival Crew*

We hope you have enjoyed solving our Murder Mystery—if you would like to check your answers please visit our website: [www.wellscarnival@live.co.uk](mailto:www.wellscarnival@live.co.uk) after August 15th 2020

