



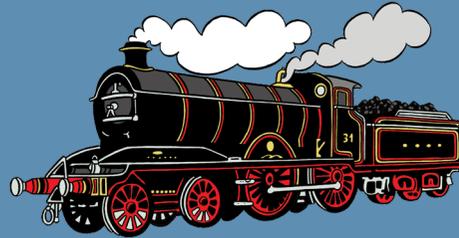
# ELDON STREET

## Quiz through time

How much do you know about Eldon Street? Test your local history knowledge with this fun family quiz. Send us your answers to take part in the free Prize Draw.

### 1 Victorian roads and rails

Eldon Street was laid out in 1840 by Victorian architect and surveyor John Whitworth, who helped Barnsley town centre grow beyond its medieval core. It became a gateway to the town and its famous markets when a new railway station (now Barnsley Interchange) opened nearby.



What year did the station open?

- 1850
- 1880
- 1920

### 2 Grand circus

Over the years, Eldon Street has hosted many shows and performances. In 1874, Charles Adams built a huge wooden circus on Eldon Street. There were dressing rooms for the performers, stables for up to 30 horses and a magnificent show ring lit by gaslight. Which one of these dazzling acts was not performed at the circus?



- jugglers on horseback
- acrobatic displays
- comical clowns
- performing elephants
- acrobats on horseback
- floral ballet on horseback

### 3 Landmark building

The Barnsley Mechanics Institute and Public Hall (now The Civic) was built in 1877 by Henry Harvey. The town has used this building for many purposes over the years – can you pick out the correct ones in the list opposite?



- school of art
- town hall
- museum
- public library
- concert hall
- magistrates court
- reading rooms
- cinema
- shops
- bank

### Did you know?

In 1890, the penalty for destroying a public library book was a prison sentence of six months, with or without hard labour!

### 4 Famous ring shop



Generations of Barnsley couples came to Benjamin Harral's to buy their engagement and wedding rings. This successful jeweller and clockmaker opened his Eldon Street shop in 1898. What gift was given to every couple buying wedding rings?

- engraved bread knife
- silver picture frame

### 5 Peace Day celebrations

On Saturday 19 July 1919, around 3,000 local First World War soldiers paraded through Barnsley to celebrate Peace Day. The parade passed along Eldon Street, decorated with colourful banners and flags and the Public Hall was lit up with lights. What also joined the parade?

- fighter plane
- cannons
- military tank



## 6 Art deco glamour

Photographer and businessman, Warner Gothard junior, built this block of art deco shops and offices on Eldon Street in 1927. What type of photography was Gothard famous for?



- wild animal photos
- landscapes
- postcards and portraits



## 7 Cinema fire

The popular Gaumont Cinema on Eldon Street was destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt and later became the Odeon. It is now the Parkway Cinema. What year did it reopen?

- 1948
- 1956
- 1963

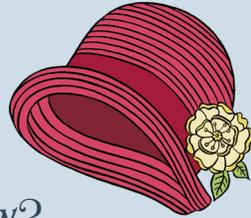
### Did you know?

Today's cinema stands on the site of the Empire Palace, built in 1908. This popular variety theatre could seat over 2,000 people and had a sliding electric roof!

## 8 Department store

The A. Porter and Sons department store (now Lesley Francis) traded on Eldon Street from the 1890s until the late 1930s. The store's slogan was "Everything a lady wears". What was A. Porter's first name?

- Andrew
- Ann
- Albert



### Did you know?

The local Woolworths store had a sloping wooden floor. Customers entering on Queens Street had to walk uphill through the shop to exit onto Eldon Street.

## 9 Music venue

Dolly's on Eldon Street was a popular alternative music venue throughout the 1980s and 90s. Which of these famous DJs once played at Dolly's?

- Mary Anne Hobbs
- Stephanie Hirst
- Lauren Laverne



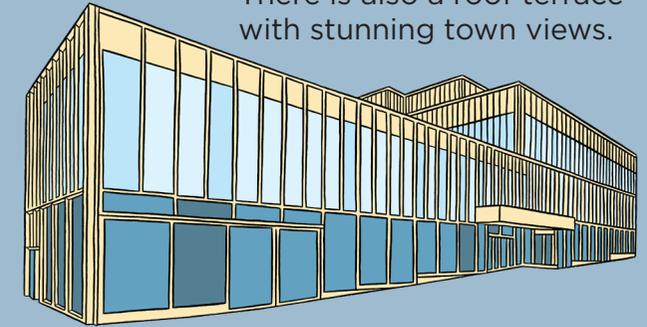
## 10 21st-century design

The Lightbox is Barnsley's new central library built on the corner of Eldon and Kendray Street. It forms part of the new town centre Glassworks development. What year did the library open?

- 2018
- 2019
- 2020

### Did you know?

The top floor of the library has a large events space with a sprung dance floor! There is also a roof terrace with stunning town views.



Fill in your contact details and send us your answers by March 31st 2021 to enter the Prize Draw. For more information please visit our website: [www.barnsley.gov.uk/HAZ](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/HAZ)

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