DISCOVER THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF MIXENDEN, FROM THE ROMAN ROAD TO JUMPLES MILL, THEN FAST FORWARD TO THE ANNUAL MIXENDEN GALA. WHAT WILL YOU DISCOVER?

# WORDSEARCH

Eight key words from the History Hike are concealed within this word search. Dive into the past and see if you can uncover them all.

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- ROMAN
- BRONZE
- **BREWERY**
- SLIPPY
- **TREASURE** GALA
- **JUMPLES** FOLD

### WILD TREASURE HUNT

Find your own Mixenden treasure! Take an empty egg box and use the slots to place your treasurel Can you find something soft, fluffy, strange, green, smooth and brown?

# PLAYGROUND GAMES

Hopscotch was invented in Ancient Rome. To play, lay out a grid of numbered squares with chalk or use sticks if you're in the woods. Toss a small stone into a square, then hop on one foot through the grid to pick it up. Have fun and keep hopping!



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## YOU'LL FIND 12 POSTS ALONG THE WAY



#### **SLIPPY LANE**

One of Mixenden's oldest lanes, it was originally cobbled. It has several twists and turns. Part of it has become Mixenden Road and the southeastern part, Roper Green.

#### **JUMPLES MILL**

In 1500 William Lister built a fulling mill - cloth was beaten with wooden hammers to clean it. A mill dam collected water to serve the wheel. Steam engines replaced water power in 1826.

#### **CLOUGH BREWERY**

Clough farm, a brewery since 1797 was taken over by Thomas Ramsden in 1881 who established Ramsden Stone Trough Brewery. Ram's ale, Stone Trough ale, and Double Stout are some of their brews.

#### **BRONZE AGE URN**

In 1877, a large Bronze Age Urn containing cremation remains was found in a stone cist by a grave digger in the grounds of Mount Zion Chapel. Made of sun baked clay, it is ornamented with dots.

#### **MIXENDEN TREASURE**

In 1510 nine men set out from Bingley to Soil Hill to find a hoard of half buried treasure. The cunning men believed they could outwit the demon who protected the treasure, but got lost in the mist.

#### **ROMAN ROAD. AD 70**

In 1963 an archaeology group from Ovenden Secondary School discovered a section of Roman road from Manchester to Ilkley on Ogden Moor crossing the north end of the reservoir.

#### **MIXENDEN RESERVOIR 1867**

In the 1850s Halifax needed a bigger water supply. The engineer J.F. Bateman commenced the construction of Mixenden Reservoir in 1867. It was built to hold 106 million gallons.

#### **THE BOWLING CLUB 1979**

Mixenden Bowling Club was built behind the flats and played a central part in Yorkshire bowling, hosting championships for able bodied and disabled clubs. The club thrived with three teams.

#### **FOLD FARM C.12TH CENTURY**

Mixenden Hall, The Fold or Fold Farm is one of the oldest houses in Ovenden, known from the 12th century. Home of The Illingworth family for nearly 300 years. A farm, a hall and a fulling mill.

#### **SLAUGHTER GAP 1644**

In 1644, after a battle at Heptonstall, Captain Farrar led a small group of Parliamentarians pursuing a group of fleeing Royalists. Cut off from the main force, they were intercepted and captured.

#### **ANNUAL MIXENDEN GALA**

From the 1960s an annual gala took place in Mixenden. It was a grand street carnival bringing the community together, with floats, games, a Gala Queen and a street band competition.

#### **MIXENDEN BOARD SCHOOL 1877**

Mixenden Board School was built in 1877 and transferred from Ovenden School Board to Halifax in 1892. In 2005 it merged with Ash Green School, becoming Ash Green Upper School.



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