

In Search of the King's Gold



Can you follow the trail and help to solve the mystery of
Welwyn's long-lost treasure?

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Centuries ago, according to legend, local man Ivor Steed worked as the King's stableman. He was responsible for the upkeep of the King's horses as they rested on journeys from London to the north of England.

As a reward for his dedication, Ivor was presented with a huge bag of gold coins by the King himself.

Ivor was known to visit many places in Welwyn and when he sadly died after contracting equine flu, the whereabouts of the gold coins was unknown.

There were many rumours amongst the locals, but all we know is that the treasure is hidden in one of the places Ivor visited in the village.

All those years ago an investigation was started, and some notes have recently been discovered in an old book. But although we have some clues, we need your help to solve the puzzle and locate the place where the gold is hidden.

One of the suspects on your list is hiding the gold. By following the trail and eliminating suspects and addresses on the last page, you will end up with just one remaining name and address.

The trail starts at Lockleys Drive Car Park (Postcode AL6 9NT). The What3Words address is <https://what3words.com/healers.paths.brains>

During the hunt for answers, please be very careful when crossing any roads.

Over to you my super sleuths!

Let the hunt begin – Good Luck!

Clue 1

As you walk out of the car park towards the road, find the Welwyn Parish Offices on the left. How many hours is the office open each week? Look for that number in the list of suspects and addresses. You can eliminate this one.

Clue 2

Walk to the left after exiting the car park, to the end of the road, and try to spot two men playing a game.

The number of black squares is in the address of another one to cross off the suspects list.

Clue 3

With your back to the game-players, walk to your right and stay alert. You need to find the picture in the next square...

Below this there is some important information. What was Vincent Van Gogh's job? This word can be found on list. Cross this suspect off.

Picture for Clue 3



Clue 4

What two letters are below the picture to the right?

These are the initials of another innocent suspect. You can cross this one off too.

Picture for Clue 4



Clue 5

Find the object to the right...
Look for a sign on this building.

What is the release fee?

This number appears in an address that can be eliminated.

Picture for Clue 5



Clue 6

Stand with your back towards the sign and facing the road. Count the number of vowels in the sign over the door of the building opposite. The address containing this number is another location to remove from the suspect list.

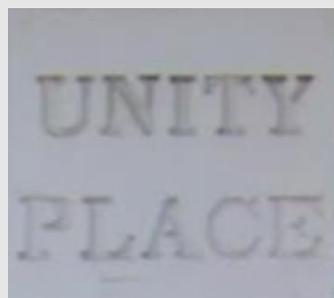
Interesting Fact

Church Street used to be called North Road. There were three pubs in this road, The Vine and The Old Chequers are both now closed, but the Rose and Crown is going strong! Why not stop for refreshments, if you have the time?

Clue 7

Do not cross the road, continue walking down the pavement, keeping the road to your left. Look for the picture in the next square... What is the school-related profession on the sign below? This person is not a suspect, so cross them off the list.

Picture for Clue 7



Clue 8

Look for the picture on the right... The words on a sign nearby are an anagram of a name on the suspects list. Cross this one off.

Picture for Clue 8



Clue 9

Continue down the road until you meet an army of brave men and women.

Look for a non-military profession and note the person's name.

Cross off the address that contains this name. Another innocent party.

Picture from the 1940s



Clue 10

Continue to the end of the road and carefully cross over to the Wellington Pub.

What was the profession of David Garrick?

Look for this word in another suspect's address line to scratch out.

Clue 11

You are doing well. Hold your head up high and look for a clock nearby. How many X's and V's can you see in total?

This number is in an address that can be eliminated from your enquiry.

Clue 12

Can you smell bread?

This might be a rubbish clue, but look for two numbers, one over the other.

Add them up and look for an address containing that number. Cross it off the list.

Clue 13

Walking away from the church along the High Street, lookout for Wyn and Flo.

When you find them, note down the number of the building.

Cross out the corresponding address on the suspect's list.

Interesting Fact

Welwyn's High Street once carried the heavy traffic of horse-drawn coaches heading along the route between London and the North.

At its peak the White Hart had capacity to change over 80 teams of horses daily.

Clue 14

Head towards the bridge, let's bust this case.

How old was Vincent Van Gogh when he died?

Cross out the address containing this number.

Clue 15

Carefully cross the main road and continue to the corner of the next turning on the left.

What year did Charles Wells start business?

Add the numbers up and eliminate the address with this number.

Clue 16

Continue on the pavement on the left-hand side and keep the pub to your left.

Is it time for a holiday?

What is the date of the Right of Way Act?

The two middle numbers will lead you to another address to cross off.

Clue 17

Continue, keeping left into Prospect Place.

Now let's step this up!

How many hours is the library open at weekends?

The address containing this number can be crossed off.

Clue 18

Continue along Prospect Place and turn left into Mill Lane.

Find the picture below...

Locate a number nearby and eliminate this address from your enquiries.

Picture for Clue 18



Clue 19

Continue along Mill Lane and look out for the picture in the next square...

Look for three white circles above this and remove the address containing this number from your list of suspects.

Picture for Clue 19



Interesting Fact

Can you hear the River Mimram? It is one of Hertfordshire's best chalk streams and supports many different species. Chalk streams are a very rare habitat globally – there are only 180 in the entire world of which southern England has 90% of them.

Clue 20

Continue along the lane and look for the next picture on the right.

On the road below is a name found in one of the addresses. Please wipe this one off the list.

Picture for Clue 20



Clue 21

As you wander down the lane, don't be fooled by finger pointers.

In fact, cross off the address with the number they point to!

You have done so well, and I'm certain you can close this long-unsolved case.

The list of suspects only has two names and addresses left, but only one person is innocent.

The other one is hiding the missing gold – Let's close this case!

Clue 22

Find the fish on the right...

Follow the direction he is swimming two houses to the right.

Look for a sign in Latin.

Looking at just the top two lines, decipher the secret code...

Picture for Clue 22



This may help...

Using this example:

1-3 = T

1-4 = H

2-5 = E

What is:

1-6 =

1-5 =

1-2 =

2-4 =

2-2 =

2-1 =

2-3 =

Cross off the last innocent suspect!

You should have **one** remaining name and address on the list.

If so, well done!

Now enter your answer and contact details at the bottom of this page, tear off the section and post at the **Parish Council Offices, Lockleys Drive, Welwyn, AL6 9NT**. This is adjacent to the car park where you started.

Good Luck!



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King's Gold Welwyn Quiz Entry

Name:

Address:

Contact Number:

Answer:

Comments:

List of Suspects

Mr & Mrs Thorn, 29 Petal Avenue
Frank Boardman, 32 Chequers Square
Rosa Corona, 100 Vineyard Street
Abel Easel, 1 Brusherboy Walk
Billy Stout, 22 Alehouse Yard
Arthur Read, 4 Page Street
Laura Doh, 7 Bun Court
Howard Bow, 99 Fiddler's Row
Ed Stone, 16 Graveley Corner
Sylvia Sling, 45 Roskell Way
Terry Graff, 110 Poleview Road
Barbie Cook, 47 Gasworks Street
Ruby Rivers, 46 Babbling Way
Andy Digit, 21 Rookery Walk
William Clark, 20 Parish Road
George Raine, 17 Stamp Avenue
Lee Gold, 49 Money Street
Ivor Finn, 13 Minnow Mews
H. Shouldercouch, 2 Cemetery View
Sammy Sunflower, 37 Landscape Street
Sandra Beecham, 93 Paradise Parade

Mrs Rula Lott (Headmistress), 19 St. Mary's Court
Strika Pose, c/o The Boot Factory, 66 Thespian Street