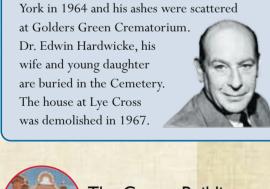
his clockwise circular trail begins at the Car Park at the rear of Christ Church on the right as you travel along Lye By-pass, A458 Orchard Lane (one-way system). Proceed on foot along the alleyway at the side of the Church turning left into High Street. Allow 45 minutes.

Look out for the answers to the Lye-Spy quiz as you walk the trail!



Birthplace of Sir Cedric Hardwicke

Dr. Edwin Webster Hardwicke and his wife Jessie, who lived at Lye Cross House, were the parents of Cedric Hardwicke born in 1893. Cedric made his stage debut in 1912 and became famous as a great character actor when he went to Hollywood in the 1930s. He was knighted in 1934 by King George V at a time when very few actors received this accolade. Among his many notable films are 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame (1939)' and 'The Ten Commandments (1956)'. Sir Cedric Hardwicke died in New York in 1964 and his ashes were scattered at Golders Green Crematorium. Dr. Edwin Hardwicke, his wife and young daughter



The Centre Building

Elisha Cartwright's clothing emporium with the date of 1901, another Owen Freeman design, was the first building in Lye to have an electrically illuminated sign. The building retains many of its original features including the

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Broadfields House

STOURBRIDGE ROAD

Dr. Henry Christopher Darby of Broadfields House was an ardent supporter of the local St. John's Ambulance Brigade. He was a pioneer of the treatment for haemorrhage and donated the 'Christopher' Challenge Shield, competed for every two years amongst ambulance and nursing divisions in Worcester, for the arrest of haemorrhage. Dr. Darby died in 1937 and was buried in the Lye & Wollescote Cemetery.

LEFT: The Centre Building.

Elisha also named his son

'Centre', born in 1905

Broadfields House

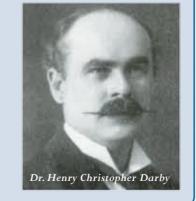
Built in 1901 this was the surgery and home

of Dr. Henry Christopher Darby, a popular

local doctor and the reputed owner of the

first motorised vehicle in Lye – a French

DeDion Bouton made in around 1898.



What is the shape above

the upstairs window?

Salem Chapel

How old was Sir Cedric when he died?

LEFT: Sir Cedric

LEFT: Broadfields

Hardwicke's

Sir Cedric Hardwicke's birthplace

of J.R.R. Tolkien, takes the shape of a reel of film

highlighting some of Sir Cedric's best known roles.

he unique memorial on the site of Lye Cross House, designed by the sculptor Tim Tolkien, great-nephew

> you see and when were they laid? ilt in 1893 and designed in an attractive Italianate style by Owen Freeman, all 30,000 bricks used in its construction were donated by local brickworks. Note the foundation stones, one of which bears the name of Mrs E. Fletcher, 'Lady of the Manor' at Wollescote Hall

Round's Factory Workshop

Originally established in 1849 as a nail making business, the workshop is a rare reminder of Lye's early industry. In 1875 Philip Round and his brother James moved into the hollowware trade becoming one of the foremost manufacturers in the district.

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ABOVE: J & P Round at

Stockport Show, 1928

HOLLOWARE MANUFACTURERS.



TRAIL

START

RIGHT: The plaque commemorating the opening of Lye Public Library by

Sir Cedric Hardwicke

Christ Church

Sir Cedric Hardwicke

Actor of stage and screen Theatre Director

Congregational Chapel (Mount Sion)

Built in 1827, it was also known as 'Woods' Chapel

identical memorials at the front of the building.

BELOW: One of the foundation stones, Salem Chapel

ESTERONWICH

(now the Ghausia Welfare Association)

after two of its benefactors, George and Thomas Wood,

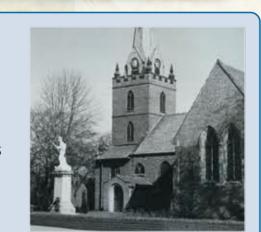
shovel and chain manufacturers. Note the two almost

Built in 1813 as a Chapel of Ease to Oldswinford Parish by local benefactor, Thomas Hill of Dennis Hall, Amblecote, it was consecrated in 1839 and became the parish church. Note the grave of the Rev. James Bromley, minister from 1845-1865, in front on the right hand side.



Christ Church, High Street

It is generally believed that the bricks used for building the church were made on site using clay taken from the grounds. A brick spire was added in 1885 designed by Owen Freeman, local architect and manager of George King Harrison Brickworks. The spire was removed in 1985 during building work. Three stained glass windows by Pearce & Cutler were installed in 1921 to commemorate the men of Lye & Wollescote who lost their lives in the



War Memorial

Great War.

of Kidderminster to commemorate the

What dates are shown



Lye Public Library

Designed by Frederick Woodward, Stourbridge Borough Surveyor, it was opened in 1935 by Sir Cedric Hardwicke. A blue plaque on the High Street side of the building commemorates this the Stourbridge Borough Coat of Arms above.

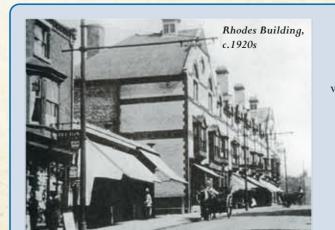


event. Note the impressive pillared doorway with

be seen on the coat of arms?

Rhodes Building

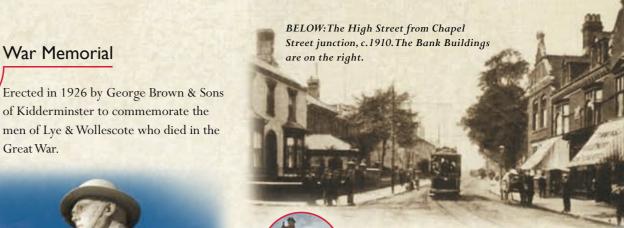
Dating from 1881-82, and almost certainly designed by Owen Freeman, it was built of striking yellow bricks with decorated red terracotta bands and stone shields on the gabled ends inscribed 'Be Not Slothful' and 'Diligent in Business'.



What animal and fruit can

Rhodes Building, High Street

Thomas Rhodes was a pioneer who brought the vitreous enamelled trade into the town and provided work for the people of Lye. In 1856 he founded the Providential Works which covered seven acres and employed over 150 people, producing baths, bowls, basins, beer and milk cans and buckets. He gave his name to 'Rhodes Buildings' in the High Street, and devoted his spare time to the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He died in 1906 and was buried in the Cemetery.



Bank Buildings

Originally the Midland Bank, the building is dated 1901 and was designed by Thomas Robinson in the Jacobean style with interesting Dutch gables. Lye & Wollescote Urban District Council, formed in 1897, held its meetings in rooms above the bank.

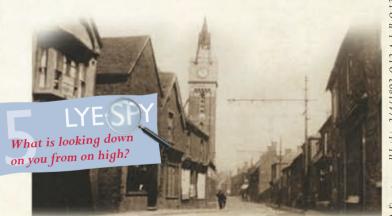
RIGHT: Clifton Cinema. 'The Patsy' was the last film screened prior to closure



Built in 1936-37 and designed by Roland Satchwell, the cinema was the height of luxury with seating for over 1,000 people. Declining audiences saw its closure in the 1960s after which it became a toy store and is now a market. The upper part of the frontage still retains its Art Deco design.

Unitarian Church (former)

Rev. James Scott of Netherend opened the first chapel on Lye Waste in 1806, an additional church, designed by Francis Smalman Smith, was built in 1857 in red brick with blue and yellow banding. Its tall, Italianate tower has, sadly, lost its spire.



ABOVE: The Unitarian Church, with spire intact

Denziel House, 174 High Street

Built in 1905-1906 to another Thomas Robinson design with a Dutch gable, the building retains its original shop front. In 1911 it was a Bakers and Confectionery business run by the Foxall family.

BELOW: Lye High Street, early 1960s. Clifton Cinema is now Woodworths Toy Store. You can make

