

KEY TO GRAVE AUDIO TOUR

- 1 Dr Peter Hennis** – Hero of the Exeter Chlora outbreak and last person to die in a gun duel in Devon
- 2 John Rippon** – Local tailor and Freemason
- 3 Lady Mary Langton** - Countess Dowager of Rothes
- 4 Thomas Stokes** – Sidwell Street baker
- 5 John Christophers** – Devon based merchant
- 6 Kitty Lawless** and family - wife of local coach maker, J.J. Lawless.
- 7 The bell of St Sidwell's**
 - † **Thomasine Shorte** – One of the so-called 'Witches of St Sidwells'
 - † **St Sidwella** – Patron saint of Exeter
 - † Grave location unknown

These are just some of the many people that have been buried at St Sidwell's in its 1000 year history. Many records have of course been lost through time but here are some of the famous and infamous characters that we do know a little about.

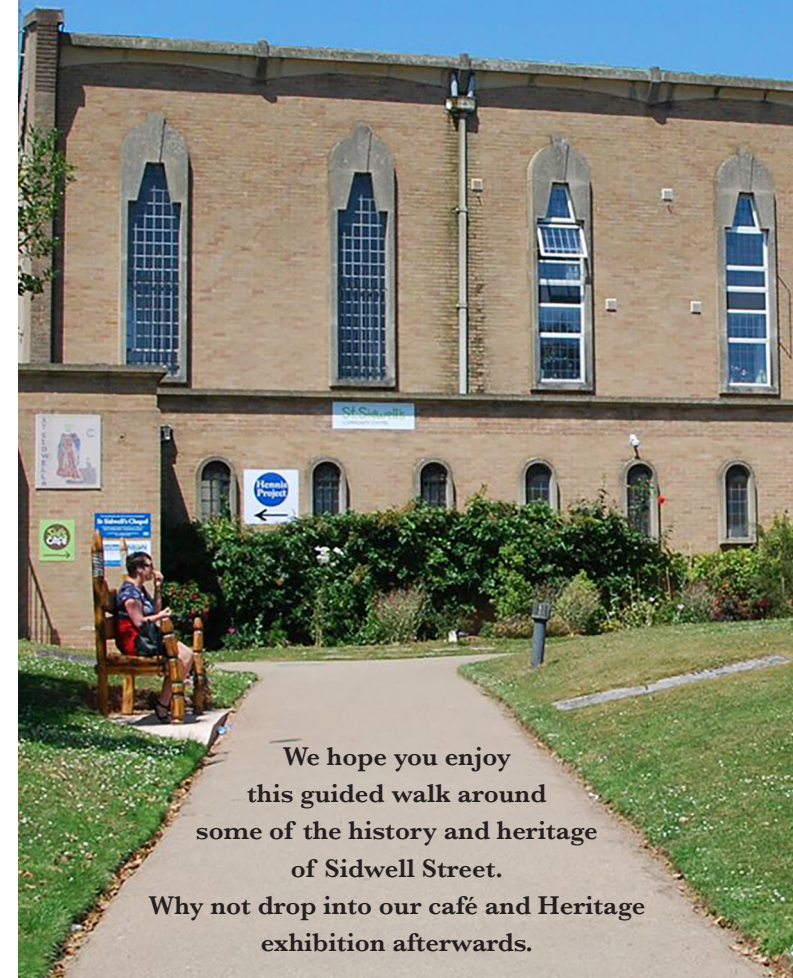
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ST SIDWELL'S HERITAGE WALK & AUDIO TOUR



We hope you enjoy
this guided walk around
some of the history and heritage
of Sidwell Street.

Why not drop into our café and Heritage
exhibition afterwards.

St. Sidwell's
COMMUNITY CENTRE

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devised by Marie Leverett, Kevin Winsor and Nigel Lowe.*

Walking Tour of St Sidwell's

After leaving St Sidwell's Community Centre you enter an area which was heavily bombed during the Exeter Blitz in 1942, so it isn't until you reach upper Sidwell Street that there is much of historical or cultural significance to see.

- 1** The **Methodist Church** is a striking building with an impressive octagonal domed roof. It was built at the turn of the C19th after the congregation outgrew the adjacent hall. It opened for worship on May 3rd 1905.
- 2** Opposite the church is a row of **red brick shops** built in 1896. If you look above the modern shop fronts they give a sense of what Sidwell Street might have looked like before the Blitz.
- 3** Towards the eastern end of Sidwell Street is **The Odeon**, the oldest cinema in Exeter, opening in 1937. It escaped the Blitz, although a direct hit on a nearby shelter in the middle of Sidwell Street caused some blast and shrapnel damage to the cinema. If you look closely the steps still display bomb damage.
- 4** At the top of Sidwell Street, beyond the roundabout and at the beginning of Blackboy Road, is the C19th **Arthur Kempe Memorial** shell fountain, the work of renowned local sculptor Harry Hems. It was designed to be used as a drinking fountain for both people and animals and originally stood in the centre of the street.
- 5** Next to the fountain is **St Anne's Chapel**, a small single cell chapel built of Heavitree stone in 1418. Its situation, at the intersection of Blackboy Road and Old Tiverton Road, would have made it an important stopping point for pilgrims and travellers into the city.
- 6** A short stroll on from St Anne's Chapel is **Exeter City Football Club**. The building now housing the Football Club was originally built in 1907 as part of The National School.
- 7** Just around the corner is tranquil **Oxford Road**, an attractive terrace of early C19th houses with some pleasant decorative features.
- 8** Inside the café at **No 3 Well Street** are the remains of a well, uncovered during recent building works. Part of the structure dates back to medieval times and the well is associated with the legend of St Sidwella, Exeter's Patron Saint.
- 9** It's worth stopping to admire the **Exeter Mosque and Cultural Centre**. The mosque includes an elaborate dome, traditional Islamic minaret (the first to be built in Devon) and a hall for daily prayers and Friday sermons. It was formally opened in October 2011.
- 10** A unique brick building awaits you on Longbrook Street. **Harry's Restaurant** was originally the workshop, shop and office built for esteemed local sculptor Harry Hems in 1881. Hems called it *Ye Luckie Horseshoe Studio* and his lucky horseshoe can still be seen hanging over the entrance.
- 11** Next door at **82 Longbrook Street** was the home of the Hems family. The prominent corner tower is a unique feature and probably offered a way for Harry to keep an eye on his workers even when off-duty!

End your walk at **St Sidwell's Community Centre** to enjoy our heritage displays and café.

