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# FIVE RISE LOCKS

**INSTRUCTIONS—**  
Use this sheet to create  
your own poster!  
Showing / telling visitors  
all about Five Rise Locks.

## ACTIVITY SHEET

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A large dashed rectangular box intended for creating a poster.

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**FIVE RISE LOCKS**

**ONE OF THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WATERWAYS**

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# BINGLEY MARKET HALL

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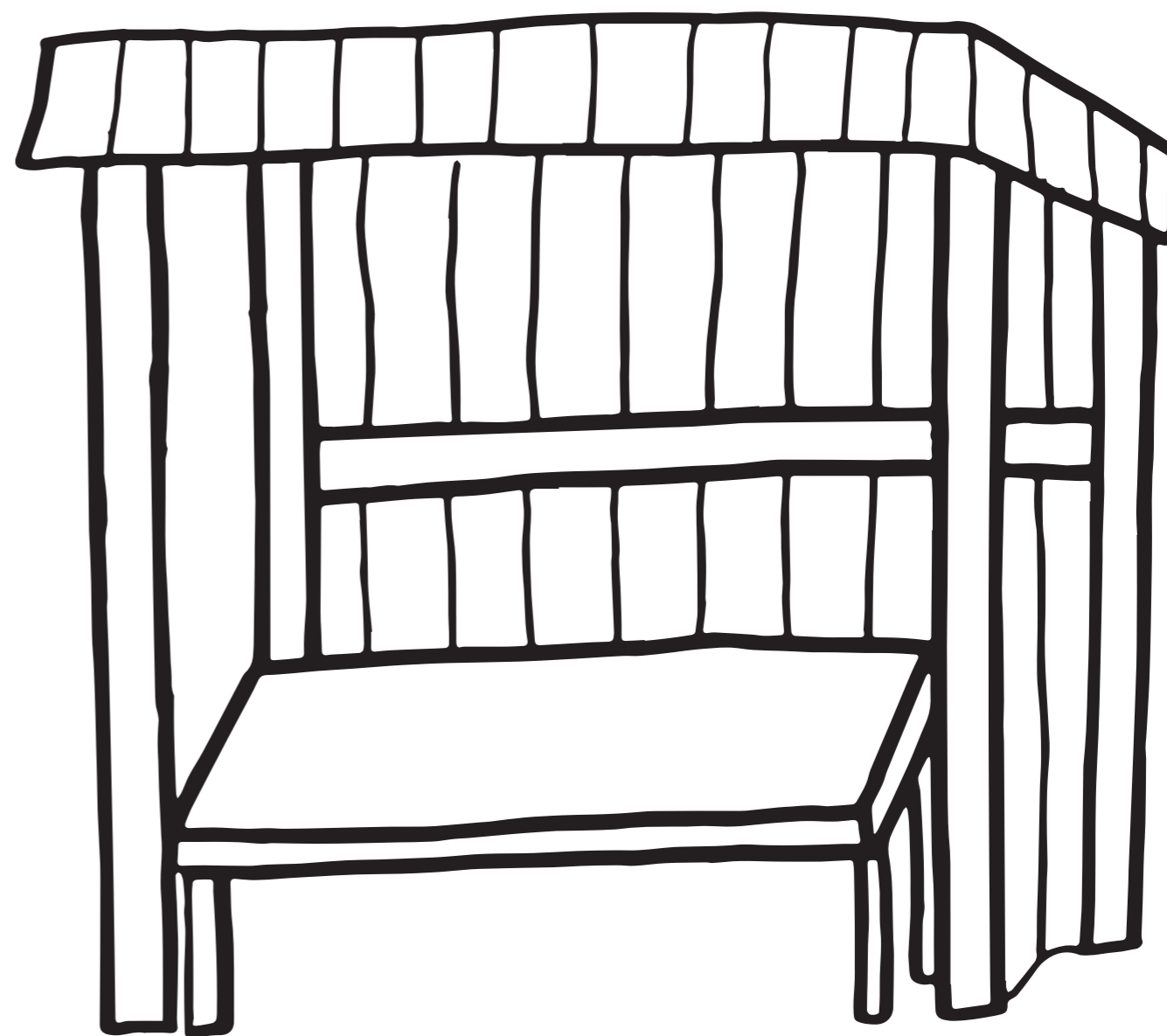
On the left, draw a market stall from the early days of Bingley Market.  
On the right, draw a market stall that you might see there today.

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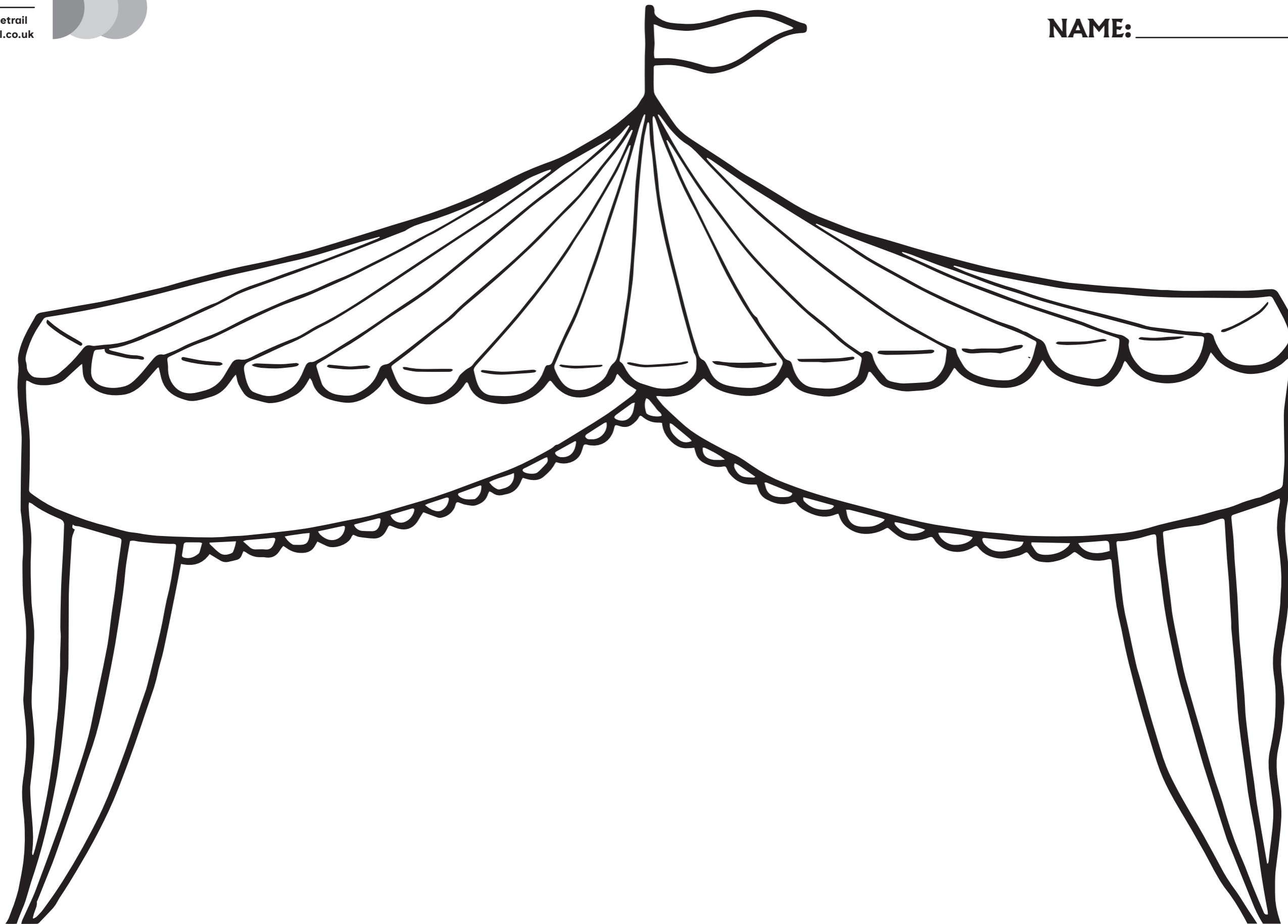


**INSTRUCTIONS—**

Draw inside the tent some of the things  
you might have seen at The Bingley Show!

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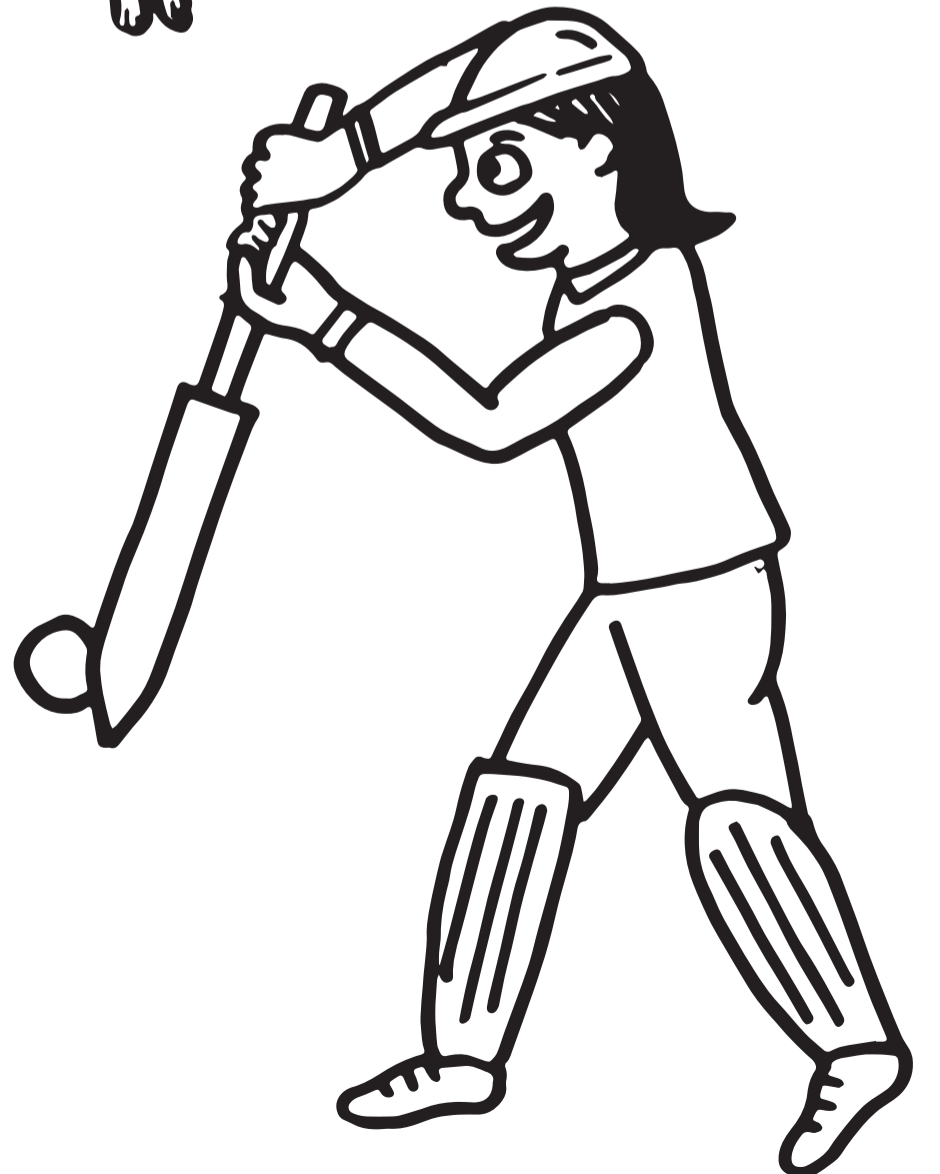
# PRINCE OF WALES PARK

## INSTRUCTIONS—

Colour and cut out these characters then stick each to a lollipop stick. Now, take them along to the Prince of Wales Park Puppet Theatre and create your own play!

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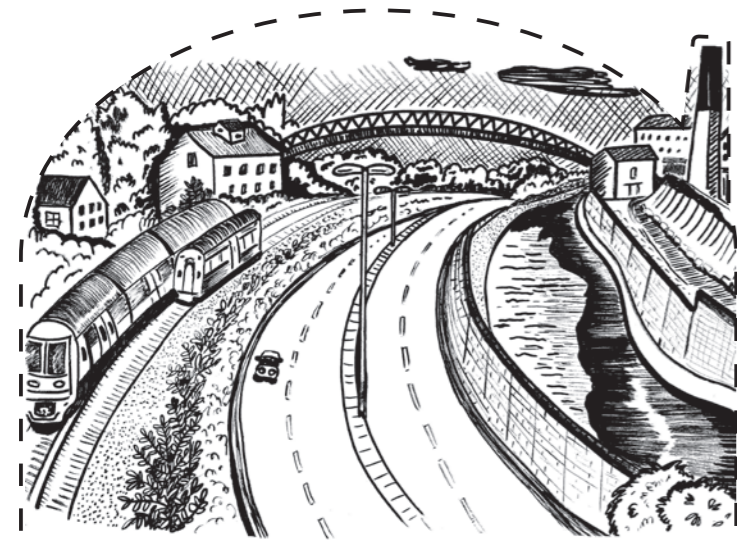
# RAILWAY STATION

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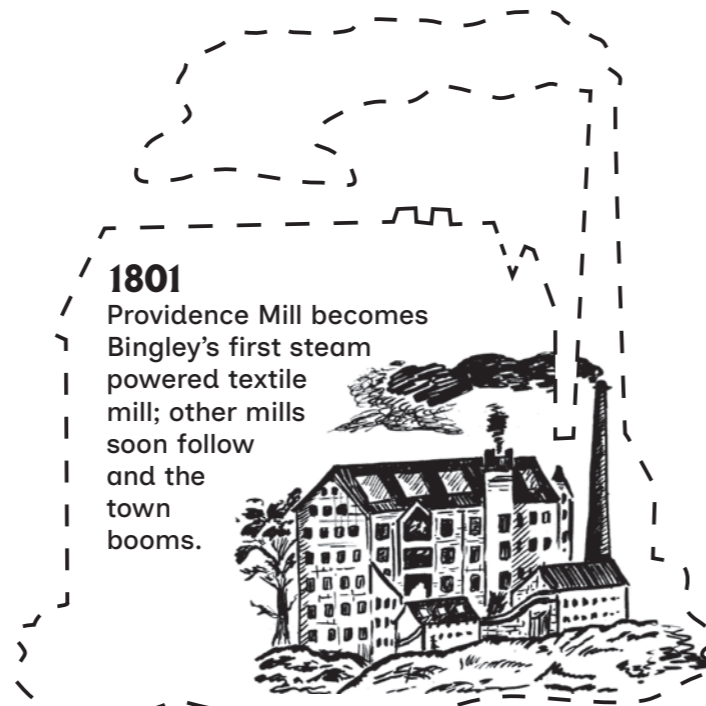
Colour and cut out each of the pictures below. Order them in a time-line, starting with the oldest events and ending on the most recent

## ACTIVITY SHEET

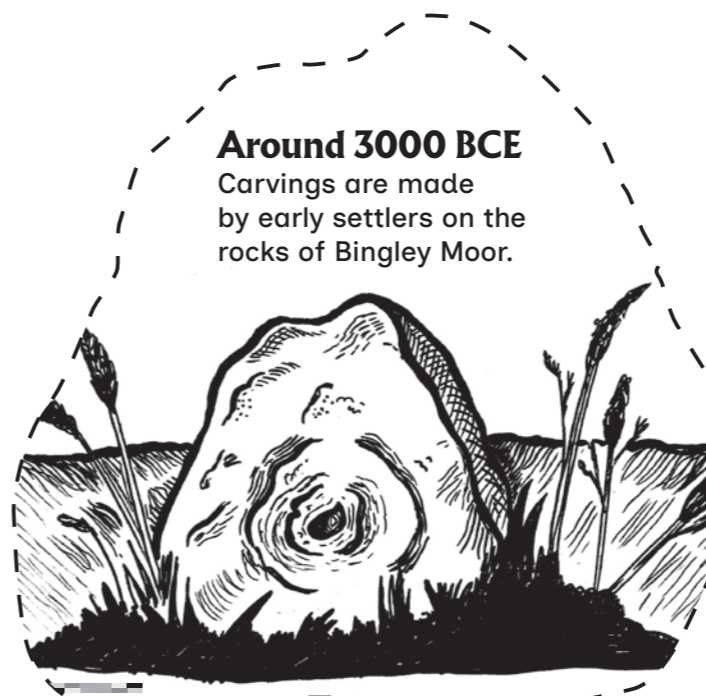
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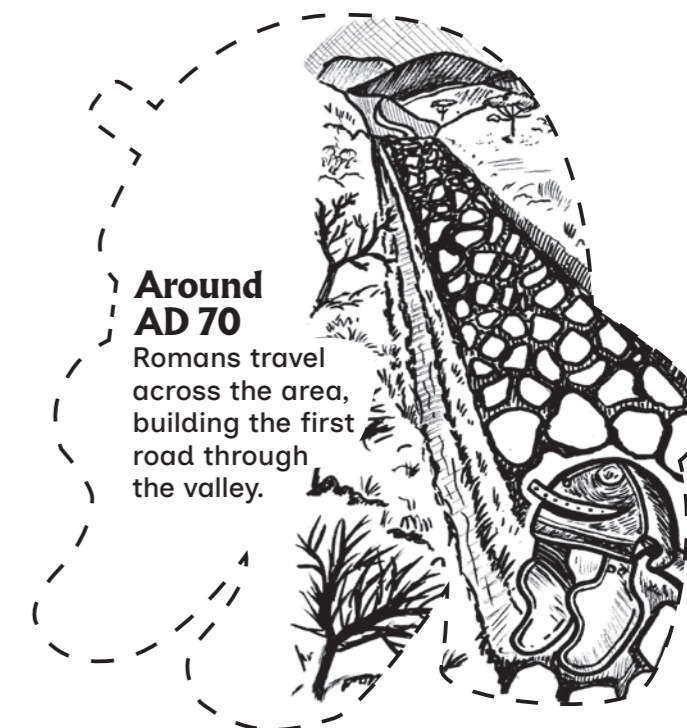
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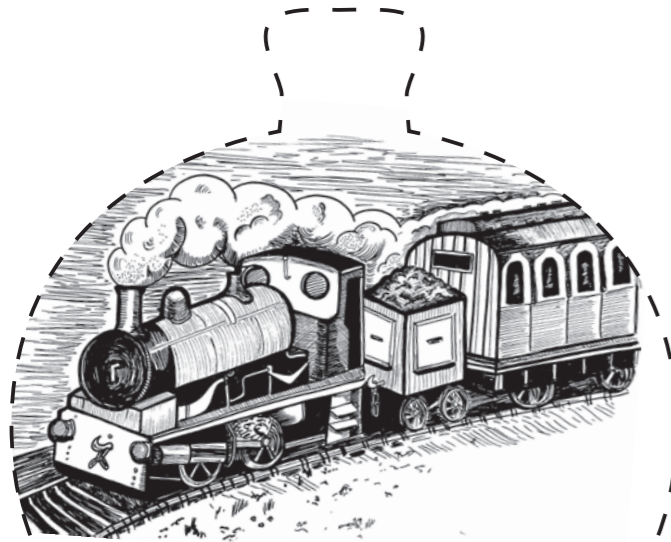
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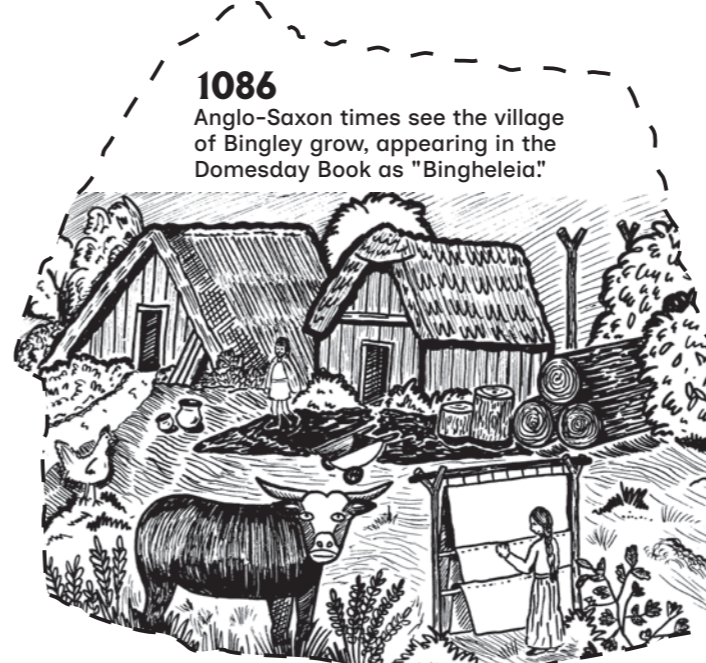
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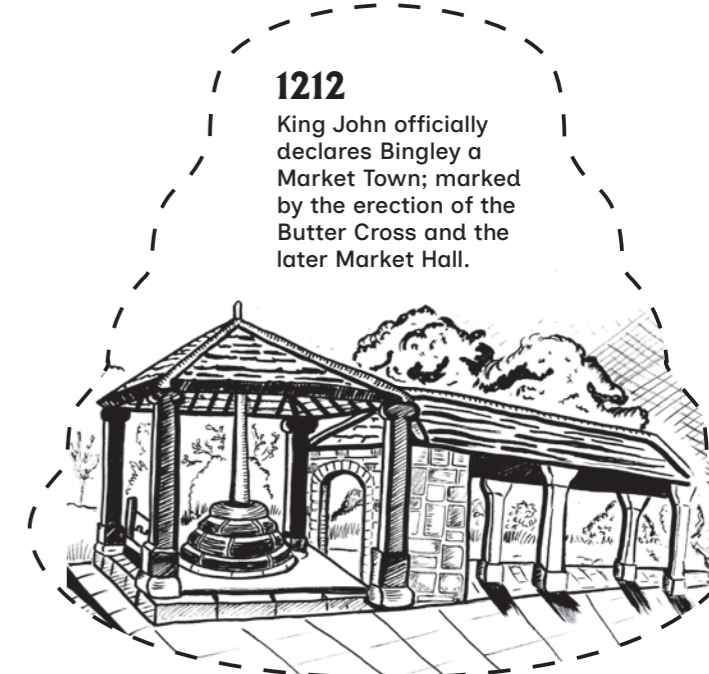
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# FIVE RISE LOCKS

## COMPREHENSION SHEET

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Listen to The Lock Keeper...

### HISTORY HUNTERS

FACTS FOR YOUNGER FOLKS!

You are stood next to 'Five Rise Locks', found here in Bingley, on the Leeds to Liverpool Canal. Many people call these locks 'One of the seven wonders of the waterways'!



Opened in 1774, the locks took around four years to build.

'Locks' like these are used to help canal boats get safely up and down hills.

Without them it would be impossible for boats to make their journey.

Five Rise Locks are what we call 'staircase locks', a bit like the stairs you might have at home, you travel up and down them, one step at a time. These locks are the widest, deepest and steepest of all the staircase locks in Britain.

The top lock is **18 metres** higher than the lowest lock, that is about the same height as three houses stacked on top of one another!

The heavy machines used to do jobs like this today had not yet been invented when these locks were built, so the work was done by lots of people with only shovels and pickaxes.

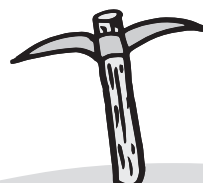


It takes boats around 45 minutes to go up the locks and around 30 minutes to come down. It is a tricky job and must be done very carefully.

The locks have helped carry all kinds of goods up and down the canal. From coal to nuts, wheat to wool and even cocoa, used to make chocolate. Before people had toilets in their homes, boats even carried away 'night soil' to nearby farms. 'Night soil' was the polite name given to what we now flush down our toilets!



Today, most of the boats using these locks are no longer carrying goods, instead they take people on exciting journeys along the canal, for day trips or perhaps even boating holidays. Five Rise Locks though, are still as useful and impressive as ever!





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# FIVE RISE LOCKS

## COMPREHENSION SHEET

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**On which canal will you find Five Rise Locks?**

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**When did the locks first open?**

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**Why are locks like these needed?**

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**Why are locks like Five Rise sometimes called 'staircase locks'?**

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**Can you name three types of goods that have been carried along the canal?**

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**What are most canal boats used for today?**

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# BINGLEY MARKET HALL

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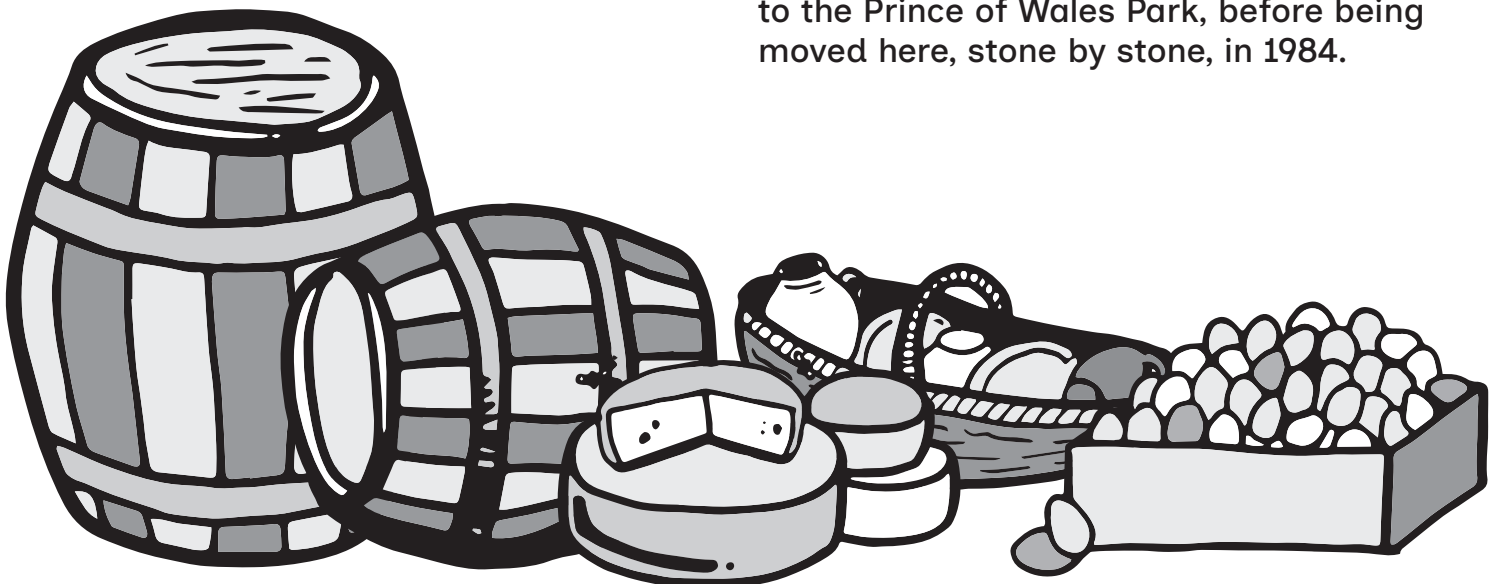
**HISTORY  
HUNTERS**  
FACTS FOR YOUNGER FOLKS!



Bingley has been a market town since 1212, when King John gave his permission for weekly markets to be held. Markets were very important for a town before shops and supermarkets came along. The Butter Cross was built to celebrate the new market and to provide a space for things to be sold. The market began as a place for farmers to sell animals, as well as the crops grown on their farms.

Later, the market became a place for people to sell wool and other materials used by weavers and merchants. Along with these they would sell vegetables, bread, meat and things for the home. In 1693, the larger Market Hall that you can see here was built.

However, the Butter Cross and Market Hall haven't always been in this spot! They started their life closer to All Saints Church, in the middle of what is now Main Street. From there they travelled to the Prince of Wales Park, before being moved here, stone by stone, in 1984.





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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**When did Bingley become a market town?**

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**Who had to give their permission for markets to be held?**

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**Why were markets so important to the town?**

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**Which two buildings were built to provide homes for the market?**

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**What happened to the Market Hall and Butter Cross in 1984?**

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**Can you name three things that have been sold  
at the market over the years?**

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_



Myrtle Park has been the home of many important events since it's opening, but it is perhaps best known as the home of 'The Bingley Show'.

Beginning in 1862 as the Airedale Agricultural Show, this yearly celebration became an important and much loved event for the people of Bingley. Farmers from across the area would bring their very best cows, sheep, goats and chickens to Myrtle Park, where judges would carefully choose their favourites and award prizes.

As The Bingley Show grew, many thousands of visitors would come along to see not only farm animals but also horse riding displays, brass bands and running races. Inside the huge tents, competitions for the biggest vegetables,

tastiest jams and prettiest paintings could be found. Anyone keen to stroke fluffy friends could visit 'Pets Corner', home to cats, mice, rabbits and ferrets. Outside, sports cars and vintage tractors filled the fields, while vintage aeroplanes flew overhead.

The Bingley Show also had many famous visitors throughout the years, from Wallace and Gromit, to Dora the Explorer, Shaun the Sheep and Titan the giant robot!

2019 saw the 138th Bingley Show happen right here in Myrtle Park. Although not planned as the final show, no further events have happened since. We wonder, what would have been your favourite part of The Bingley Show?



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## COMPREHENSION SHEET

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**Which big, yearly celebration used to happen in Myrtle Park?**

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**What did farmers used to bring to the show to be judged?**

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**What might you have seen inside the huge tents?**

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**Can you name three animals you might have seen at The Bingley Show?**

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**Which famous visitors came to The Bingley Show?**

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**What do you think would have been your favourite part of The Bingley Show and why?**

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# PRINCE OF WALES PARK

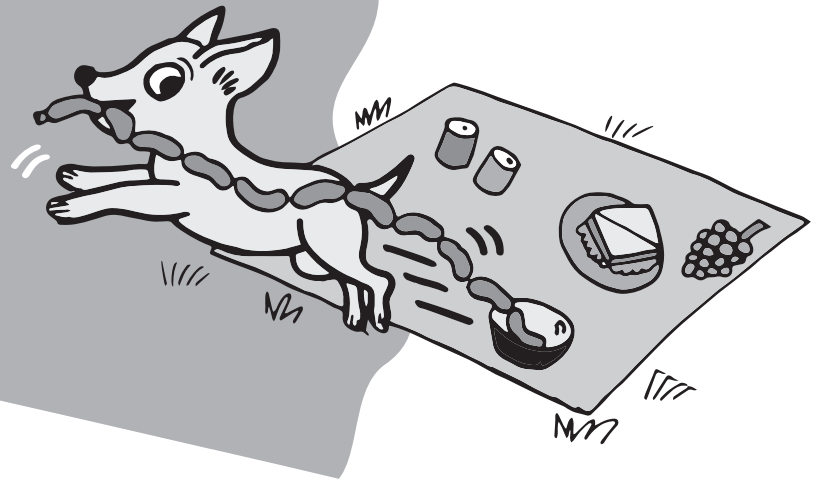
## COMPREHENSION SHEET

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### HISTORY HUNTERS

FACTS FOR YOUNGER FOLKS!



### You are standing in one of the oldest parks in Bradford!

Originally set to be named 'The People's Park', work began on the park in 1863, on the same day that the Prince of Wales was married in London. So, to mark that special event, the name 'Prince of Wales Park' was chosen instead. The Prince later sent a number of trees from Sandringham to be planted in the park, can you spot any trees that might be over 150 years old?

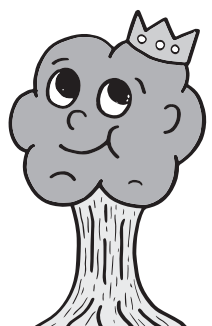
The park was paid for and created by the people of Bingley, many of them workers in the local quarries and mills. The workers and their families wanted a green space to walk, picnic and play.

The steep hills and many streams made creating the park a difficult job but the people of Bingley worked together to make a wonderful place for everyone to enjoy.

The park remains a popular place for people to come together to rest and play. Cricket, bicycle racing, picnics, puppet shows, dog walking and many other activities have all happened within the park over the years and some still do today.

The park is still very much 'the people's park', looked after today by the hard working 'Friend's of Prince of Wales Park', who give their time as volunteers to keep it a special place for all to visit.

**What will you do in  
'the people's park'  
today?**





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**PRINCE  
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**COMPREHENSION SHEET**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What was The Prince of Wales Park originally going to be called?**

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**When did construction of the park begin?**

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**Who carried out the construction of the park?**

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**Why did the workers of Bingley want a park?**

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**Can you name three activities that have happened, or perhaps still happen, in The Prince of Wales Park?**

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**Who looks after the park today?**

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**Around 3000 BCE**

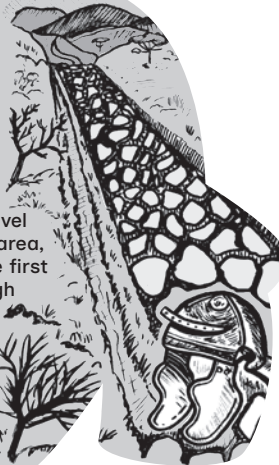
Carvings are made by early settlers on the rocks of Bingley Moor.



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**Around AD 70**

Romans travel across the area, building the first road through the valley.



**1086**

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# RAILWAY STATION



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**What did early settlers leave behind on Bingley Moor?**

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**Who built the first road through the valley in which Bingley now sits?**

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**By what name was Bingley known during Anglo-Saxon times?**

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**How was Providence Mill powered and what did it produce?**

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**When did trains begin to arrive at the first Bingley Railway Station?**

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**Why do you think the Bingley Relief Road was built?**

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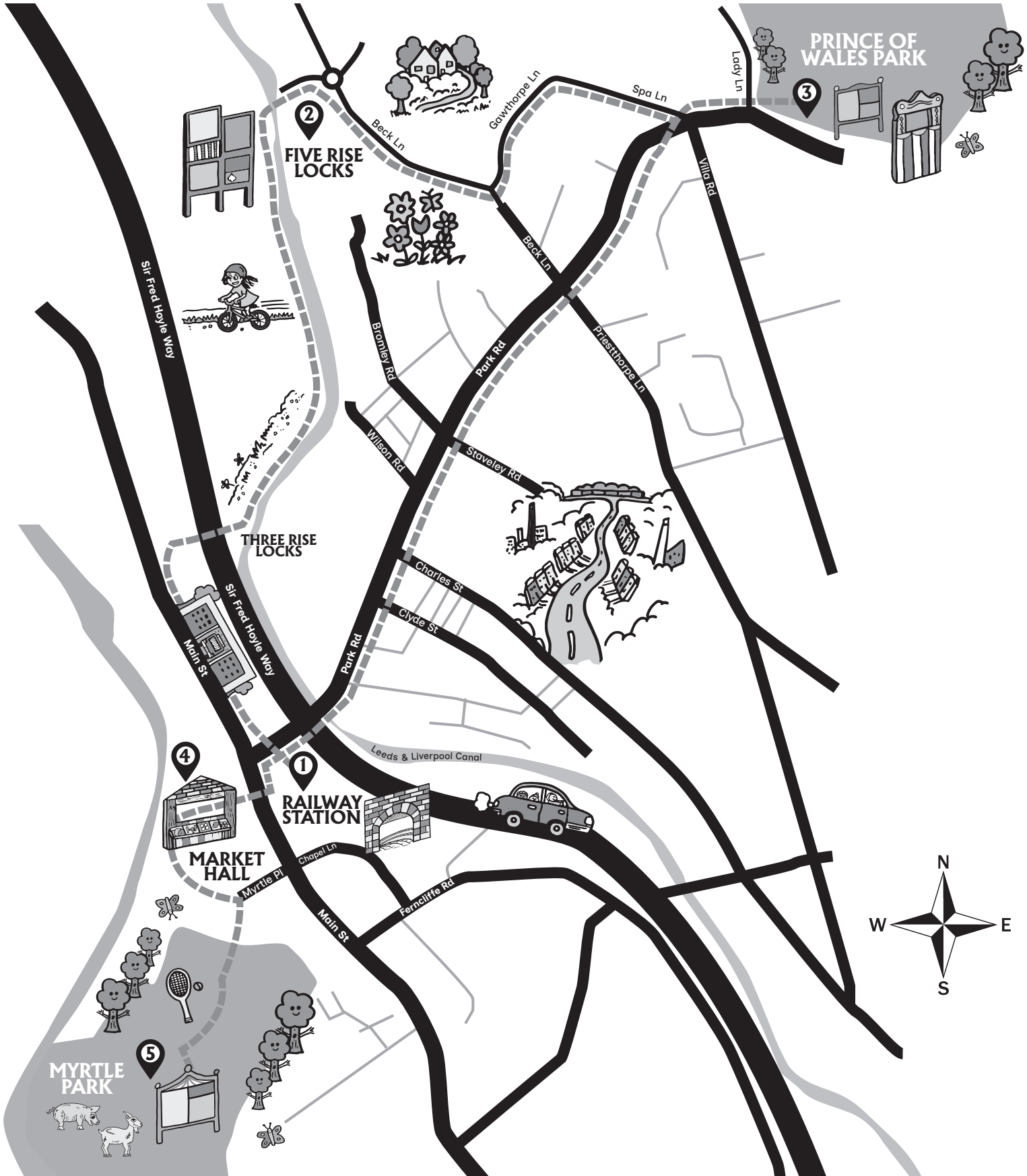
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**TRAIL MAP ACTIVITY SHEET**

Can you use the map below to find your way around The Bingley Heritage Trail?

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# QUIZ

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Who were the first people to build a road through the valley in which Bingley now sits?

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What first arrived in Bingley in 1847?

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How long does it take a canal boat to travel up Five Rise Locks?

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Can you name three things that used to be transported along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal?

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What was the Prince of Wales Park originally going to be called?

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Who paid for and carried out the building of the Prince of Wales Park?

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What was built to celebrate Bingley's new market?

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Can you name three things that have been sold at Bingley Market over the years?

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In which year did the 138th Bingley Show take place?

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Can you draw some of the animals you might have seen at The Bingley Show?

