



## ST. MARY'S HOUSE & GARDENS, BRAMBER

*A Young Person's Guide*

### Quiz on the History of St. Mary's House

1. Find **the picture** of the original Inn.  
How is it different from the house today?
2. Find the crest of the **Knights Templar** on the tapestry by the fireplace
3. Why are **the walls inside the house** lined with wood?
4. How are the **fireplaces** in the rooms different from the ones in houses today?
5. Why do the **carved lions** at the foot of the stairs have flat heads?
6. How was the leather painted in **the hall**?
7. Who is sitting in a small chair beside the fireplace in **the Drawing Room**?  
Who does it belong to?
8. Which **Queen** may have visited the house in the 1500s?

9. Find the painting over the fireplace in the **'Painted Room'**.  
What can you say about the painting?
10. What is unusual about the **paintings around the walls** in the Painted Room?
11. Which **King** may have escaped from the house to avoid Roundhead soldiers in 1651?
12. Find the doors that **Algernon Bourke** brought from County Mayo.  
What is special about them?
13. Find the **grandfather clock** that belonged to **Farmer Hudson**.  
What is the story of the clock?
14. Find signs of damage done by **the soldiers** during the war.
15. Who designed and decorated the **Octagonal Room**?
16. In **the library** you will find information about a famous poet.  
Who is he?  
Find the funny poem about 'a pig in a wig'.
17. Who composes **music, writes poetry** and sometimes plays the piano in the tearoom for visitors?
18. What is **topiary**? Can you find some examples in the garden?
19. Can you find the **ancient tree** in the garden?  
What is its name?
20. Who are the people who help at **St Mary's House**?

**Talk to one of them to find out more about the house and garden**