LINLITHGOW TREASURE TRAIL

A CIRCUIT STARTING AND ENDING AT THE CROSS

1. When first we beheld the Cross Well

The weather it was pissing

Built by a man with a plan

But what did he have missing?

1. Around the Well there are six carved figures

One seems to be a Flasher

Look closer and tell me what you see

Which one could be a Hasher?

1. There’s a modern building here

Masquerading as an old one

For what date is it trying

Although it’s obviously lying?

1. Head up the hill to a secret garden

A green man you will see

Created by a sculptor

Pray tell me who was he?

1. To the top of the hill

Up to the gate house

How many fierce beasts here

Are waiting to pounce?

1. Back down to the High Street

And turning to the left

Across the street you can just see the sun

On what number does it shine the best?

1. Continue on the High Street

Cross over when it is allowed

You will find another well

With which Saint standing proud?

1. Further along before The Start and Garter

A pub with a railway connection

What is – and was -prohibited here

For your own protection?

Up the hill from this pub on the corner

Through a tunnel not for trains

To follow this road

Takes not much brains.

At a junction turn left and right

Up to a bridge with a view

Look all around you

And see what to doo

1. This is the Burgh’s second palace

It boast 370 rooms.

Who owned the lands on which it stands

It protected their pristine plumes?

1. Now follow the tow path

To the west it will go

The symbols of which countries

In stone here are on show?

1. Only down can you step

Leave behind the painted ferries

Down to the summer fruit bank

To pick which kind of berries?

This is the old town wall

Keep it on your right

As you enter Royal Terrace

Don’t put up a fight.

Look at the fine houses here

On the left side of the road

One has an Ox-eye window

What a fine abode.

1. Take the footbridge over the rails

Then to the left do wynd

Hurry along the narrow street

Which other Saint to find?

1. Go straight on to Preston Road

Then right to West Port

Look around to see Kate Wearie

What is her little escort?

1. From West Port into High Street

What well without a spout

Maybe named after the Wynd

Or the other way about?

1. Further along the High Street

A church in style Byzantine

How many have we seen now

Those saints upon a sign?

1. You’re nearly there now

You’re doing your best

Where around here

Would you find room to rest?

1. The well’s long gone from Dog Well Wynd

Listen to what I’m saying

A sportsman’s just around the corner

What game should he be playing?

1. Assassinated here in 1570

The first head of state to be

Killed by a gun, unlucky man

Who and what was he?

Sent to you with apologies to any poets (living or dead). We hope you choose to do the trail. We will leave it with you for 2-3 weeks then offer answers on the next available Zoom meeting.

On on

Postie and Mr Uxorious.