Hermitage of Braid Murder Mystery Trail (v2) - Answers

1. Queen **Elizabeth** => eliminate **Lizzy** Jones (Lizzy is a nickname for Elizabeth). The clue is on the plaque at the entrance to the Hermitage of Braid

2. **Henri** de **Brad** => eliminate **Henry Brad** (the clue is on the info panel next to the bridge)

3. The speed limit sign says "5".

4. There are 27 posts in the left fence.

5. There are 4 bridges. There are 17 planks in total (4 + 4 + 4 + 5). 4 x 17 = 68

6. Bob **Marshall** & **Marjorie** => eliminate Charles **Marshall** & **Majorie** Williams. The names are on the bench overlooking the paddling spot.

7. The sign says "**Horses**" => eliminate Tom **Rider** (on the back of the sigh it mentions 'Thomas' and horses are something you can ride). The clue is on the sign at the post where you can tie up your horse, just before Hermitage House.

8. "a man called **Rose**" => eliminate **Rose** Budd. The clue is on the info panel about the Ice House.

9. Silent **Knight** => eliminate Michael **Knight.** The clue is on the canal lid in the ground just before the bridge).

10. There are 64 bars.

11. **Danny** => eliminate **Danny** Smith. The name is carved in to one of the trees to the left of the bridge.

12. **Annie** Currie & her dog **Berry** => eliminate **Anne** Layton & Janet **Berry.** The names are on the bench between the two bridges.

13. Sheila **Margaret** Walker => eliminate **Maggie** Clark (Maggie is a nickname for Margaret). The names are on the bench.

14. The answer is 49. The clue A=1, B=2 etc means you need to count the position of letters in the alphabet. The 'warning word' on the bricks is DANGER which is numbers is 4 + 1 + 14 + 7 + 5 + 18, which equals 49.

15. Charles Glover Barkla lived at the house from 1922 to 1938, so **1922** is the correct answer and the last two digits are **22**.

16. **Fox** => eliminate **Fox** Cooper. There is a picture of a fox is on top of the sun dial.

17. There are 7 windows (4 on the front of the building, and 3 in the roof).

18. There are 1,965 nesting boxes => 1 + 9 + 6 + 5 = 21. The clue is on the info panel to the left of the entrance to the community garden.

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Solution:

NAMES: The last remaining suspect is **Hamish Ford**

NUMBERS & LETTERS:

5 = D / 27 = N / 68 = O / 64 = S / 49 = I / 22 = E / 7 = P / 21 = O

The unscrambled letters spell out "POISONED" (there is a clue on the same info board that mentions the nest boxes - it talks about poisonous Holly berries).

Hamish Ford is the murderer. He poisoned William Brown.

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