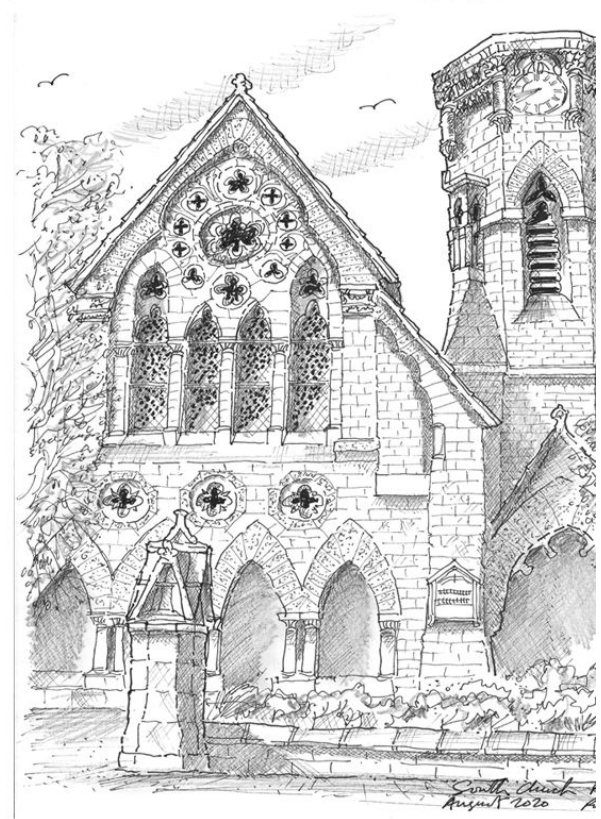
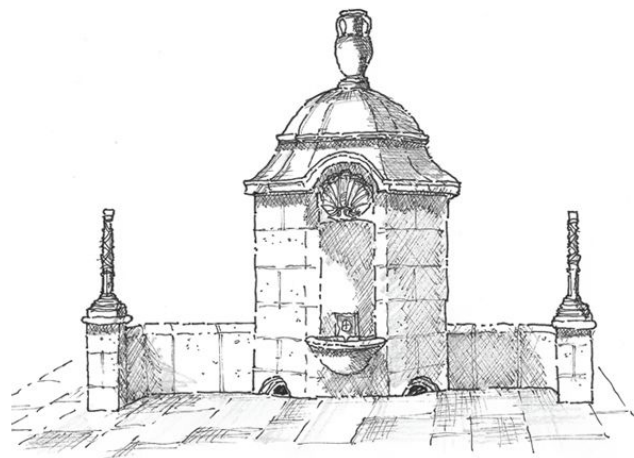
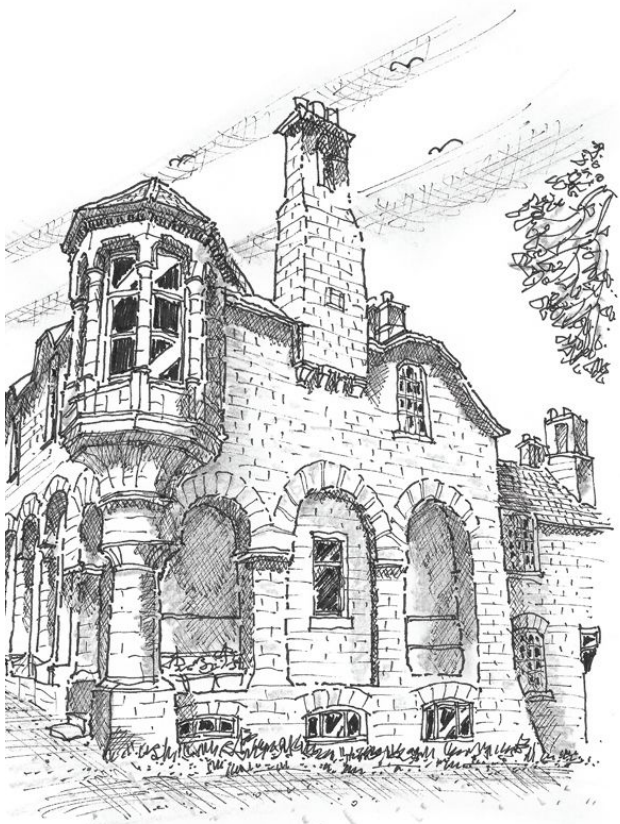


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Today, the summer months often send families to the beach or hotter countries like Spain or Italy.



But since lockdown began in March 2020, the lack of international travel has meant holidaying at home has once again become the norm.



Enjoying the summer might even look like the 19th century when families travelled from across Scotland to holiday in Penicuik!!



Penicuik was popular with folks from the major cities many whom viewed the town as an health resort - a place for rest and relaxation.



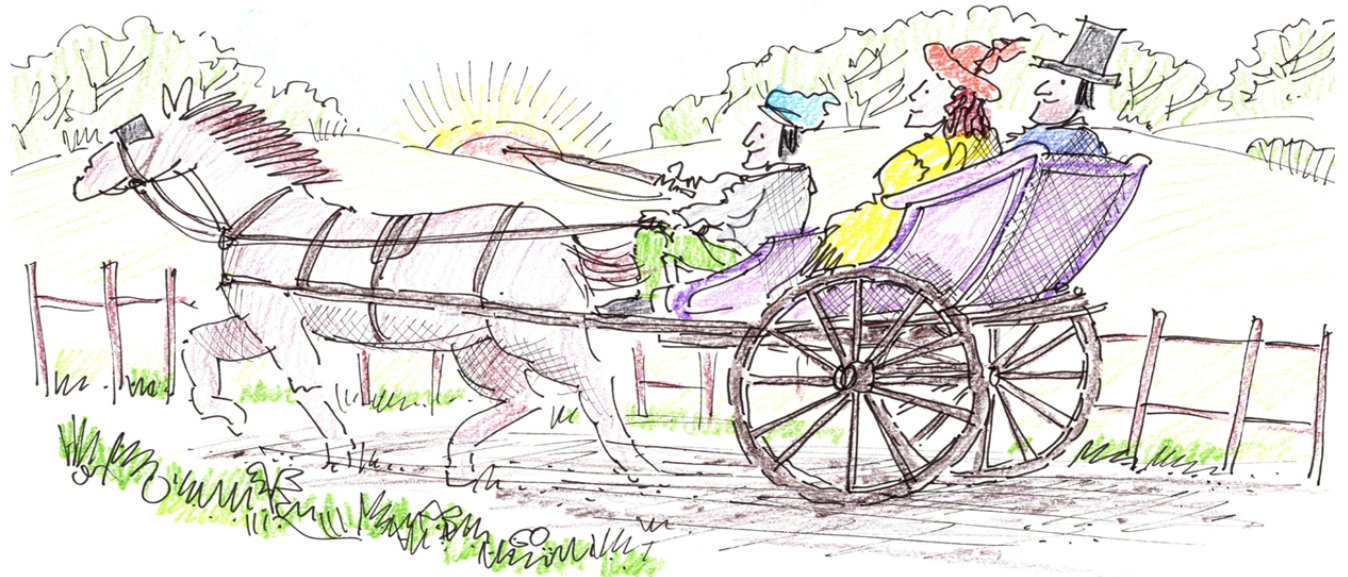
One of the major attractions to Penicuik was its cleaner air (compared to the smog of the city) and its green space for leisurely strolls.



Once a walk became boring, sport was a popular activity in the sun. But unlike football, tennis or rugby, sports like croquet were still very popular with wealthier tourists.

Once the sun set and the holiday was over it was back to the city and the surrounding area for most.

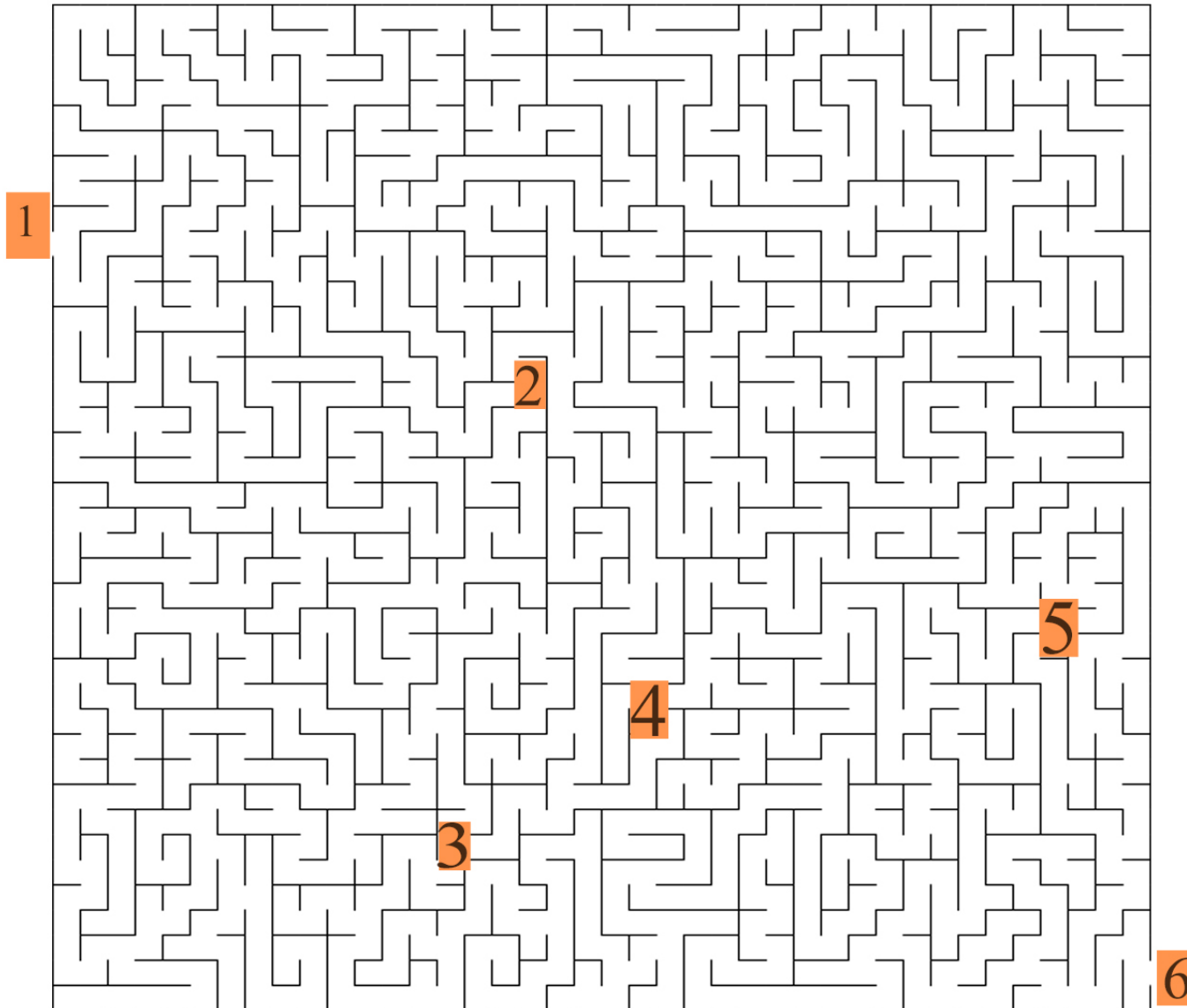
If you had a few extra pounds and shillings left over from your trip, a horse drawn cart might even carry you to the train station.



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Penicuik's Victorian Holiday Maze

Holidaying in Penicuik was seen as a luxury to many in the 19th century. This maze follows our Victorian family's day enjoying the many activities that could be enjoyed. Can you complete their daily journey through the town, stopping off at some sites you recognise today?



1. A morning walk through Penicuik's countryside to start a summer's morning.
2. Stopping off at Penicuik Town Hall to enjoy the former library and baths.
3. A wander around Penicuik High Street, visiting local shops.
4. Continuing to Penicuik House, using the grounds for some croquet and swimming.
5. Visiting friends and famous faces such as local scientist James Ewart at the Navaar.
6. Finishing the day in time to make the last train home to the city.