

rainfords  
FARM

*Who is  
Mavis  
Davis?*

A 'WHODUNNIT' TRAIL



 TRAIL GUIDE



## WHERE DOES OUR STORY BEGIN?

In the Autumn of 1958 farmer John Jack Rainford was killed. You found out 'whodunnit'.

It's now 1969, the farm has laid abandoned, that is... until a secret will and fortune was uncovered!

The farm and fortune has been left to none other than:

***Mavis Davis***

One of our 9 scarecrows really knows her  
- can you work out who it is?

## POLITE NOTICE

Please don't touch or disturb the scarecrows. If anything is moved or removed, it ruins the 'Whodunnit' Trail for families on the route behind you.



## WHO IS MAVIS DAVIS?

Those who knew her said Mavis was kind, beautiful, very popular and always a free spirit.

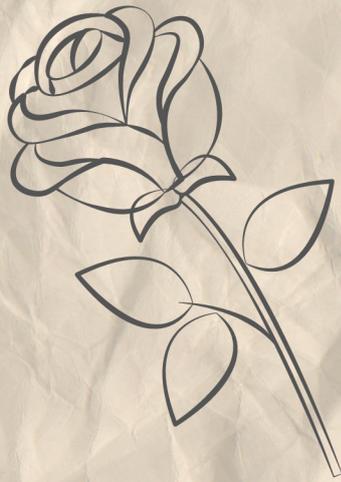
Local farm boy **John Jack Rainford** fell hopelessly in love with Mavis when he saw her at the Rose Queen Festival.



She was crowned Rose Queen 5 times - in 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939 and in 1940. The rose flower crowns were her pride!

CHRIS

:: ECCLESTON



ROSE

QUEEN

FESTIVAL

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1936  
on the

CHURCH FIELD

(Entrance at Church Hall, Chapel Lane)

Programme of Admission

Sixpence

No. 951

Hon. Secretaries:  
Mr. R. Crosby  
Mr. S. Bell

Marshalls:  
Mr. H. Bradbury  
Mr. A. Rigby  
Mr. J. Swain



SO NOW IT'S UP TO YOU TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY...

## LAST SIGHTING

Local walking group, the Rainford Ramblers, were the last to see her years before hitchhiking on the corner of Catchdale Moss Lane and the A580. She hasn't been seen since!

She had her suitcase and her prized flower crown. She was a hippie full of adventure!



## START

If you're at the start sign you're ready to head into the trail. Start along the path, sweep right around through the trees.

## DIRECTIONS

Stick to the wood chip path and you won't get lost! We call the lanes between the trees the avenues. Head out onto the first avenue, can you spy anything through the trees?



## MAVIS NO. 1

### 'Mr. Davis'

Not all as he seems. He claims to be a successful businessman, and the husband of Mavis. But, if you did our trail last year, you will be familiar with Prescott's resident con artist, Bob Morris!

### CLUE

Besides the dodgy disguise, 'Davis' was Mavis' maiden name, not her married name.

He wouldn't be 'Mr. Davis' at all if they were really married.

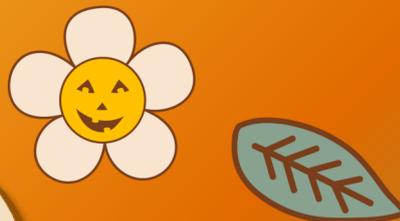
### DIRECTIONS

Back to the path.

When you turn left you should see the yellow ski lift.

### FRASER PATH

We call this main avenue the Fraser Path, it leads you from the gate through the trees.



## MAVIS NO. 2

### Hollie Salopettes

Hollie is a ski bunny! She claims to have met Mavis at a festival in the early '60s after they both hitch-hiked their way. She said after a great summer of music, they flew to a ski resort in the Alps and worked for 3 seasons together.

She has a letter that says Mavis is stuck in the Alps teaching ski lessons, so to give Hollie the fortune to take back.

#### CLUE

Mavis is afraid of flying,  
and doesn't have a  
passport either for that  
matter!



#### DIRECTIONS

Back to the path, follow  
the bend around the trees,  
they start to get a little  
taller now.



## MAVIS NO. 3

### Albie Pippin

Albie dreams of growing huge delicious apples but his apples are as teeny tiny as his little farm. If he can convince people that his wife is Mavis, he can get the farm and the fortune.

She doesn't mind, or care for money, she is at her happiest growing roses in the orchard garden.

He's convinced himself the lie isn't completely bad... After all, the night they met, an apple dropped on her head and she lost her memory before she could tell him her name!



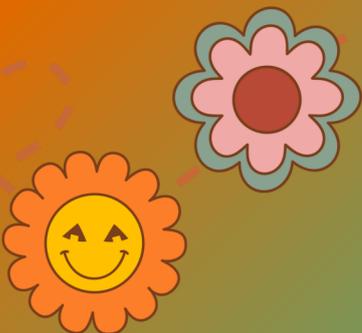
#### CLUE

Mrs Pippin's has a prized flower crown - and her favourite rose to grown is called the Apple 'Jack'.

#### DIRECTIONS

Stick to the path, straight, and then it bends. Follow it until you come back out on an avenue.

You know youre in the right place when the spruces have turned blue!



## MAVIS NO. 4

### Spruce Lee

A Martial Arts Master - he claims to have trained Mavis in the deadly art of the Night Ninjas. To fight off any enemy. So secret are the Night Ninjas, (it says that on the leaflet) that with Mavis and her new skills, that you'll never find her again.

She's gone, like the wind.

Problem with his claim then is it doesn't look like anyone will be able to track her down!

### CLUE

Mavis was a hippie who believed in peace and love. She was a pacifist - (that means she doesn't like fighting of any kind.)

### DIRECTIONS

Swoop around out of the spruces and back into the fir trees.

It starts to get tight and twisty, stick to the path, it gets little tricky to see.

You'll need to squeeze through.



## MAVIS NO. 5

### Suzie Sinkhole

Suzie claims to be Mavis' old best friend from their school days. But really, Suzie was always jealous! 5 times Mavis was crowned the Rose Queen, and Mavis would have done anything to have won just once!!

Mavis always seemed to get what Suzie wanted - but not this time! She claims to be Mavis' next of kin, she has proof, she has been trusted to look after her prized possession, one of her flower crowns. If anything ever happened, she could have all the rest of Mavis' things, including the fortune!



### CLUE

Suzie does have a flower crown but it's not a rose one. Is it proof enough?

### DIRECTIONS

Back on the path, squeeze through and head straight down.

When you're on the path, watch out for our growing baby trees - each year we plant a tree for everyone that is cut down.

## MAVIS NO. 6

### River Breeze

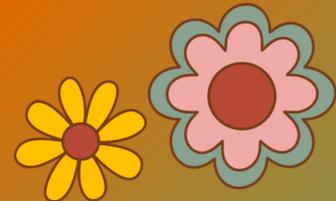
River Breeze and Flower Moon, with those names they are definitely the children of the a hippie mother but is Mavis that mum?

12 year old River claims Mavis was his mum and she left both of them to go to America and follow the Rolling Stones on tour!

### CLUE

It's 1969 and Mavis was last seen childless in the early 1960s.

12 year old River seems a little too old.



### DIRECTIONS

The path widens before another avenue. You're back behind the ski lift.

Take a left onto the main Fraser Path, the path shoots off back into the trees.

Over the bump, or maybe its a horse jump?



## MAVIS NO. 7

### Lady Shirley Von Shergar

She's been lost for years! Living in Europe, competing in International Dressage competitions. She has a fabulously lavish lifestyle and is very, very posh!

She claims that once she left home, she realised being called plain old Mavis Davis was not giving her the life she wanted. She decided to reinvent herself as the glamorous Lady Shirley - and it worked!

### CLUE

Mavis did always hate her name. People used to laugh because it rhymed and sounded so silly.

But Lady Shirley got Mavis' birthday wrong when asked.

### DIRECTIONS

Up and around back onto the Fraser path - you're not heading back, take a left.

Into a mix of fir and spruce trees.

Down the baby spruce lined path.



## MAVIS NO. 8

### Tabitha Straybottom

A crazy cat lady who thinks that Mavis has been reincarnated as one of it cats.

She does like to name her cats after old ladies, she currently has Beryl, Phyllis, Judith, Joan, Margaret, Winnie and Mavis. But she is convinces that when Mavis crawls up on her should and meows, "psss-psss" she's actually saying, "MA-VIS."

Could she be telling the truth??

### CLUE

Tabitha thinks EVERYONE comes back as a cat!! And there's nothing to say Mavis has been unalived!



### DIRECTIONS

Back around the path. There's only one more to find.

Cross the avenue and the path will lead you there.



## MAVIS NO. 9

### Isadora Open

A Psychic Medium who claims to have a message from Mavis, from the other side! Mavis has apparently sent a message to her crystal ball.

The message reads: "Had a great life. Having a great death. Give Isadora all my money. Mavis Out."

Is she a genuine Psychic or is she a fake?

#### CLUE

Isadora has a copy of 'Psychics for Dummies - how to fake it til you make it' in her handbag.



#### DIRECTIONS

You've made it to baby tree lined path so you're reaching the finish.

When you reach the end of the wood chip trail, head down, back towards the barn and back in the side gate onto the field.



# Who is Mavis Davis?



## WHODUNNIT?

Have you picked one of our scarecrows that you think could do telling the truth?

It could be a few of them? It's hard to choose.  
Let's give you **one last clue...**

Mavis was always the **APPLE** of John Jack's eye.



## MEDAL

Head back to the hut  
(through the field side gate)  
to claim your medal!