

WHAT IS A FLITCH? THE ANSWER IS A SIDE OF BACON. A TYPE OF ROOM AND PART OF A RAILWAY TRACK ARE BOTH CALLED SWITCH.



YOUNG EXPLORERS ACTIVITY BOOK

Nori the Knight pops up at every station on the Flich Line. Can you spot every one?



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- BARN
- BRAINTREE
- CRESSING
- FLITCH
- FREEPORT
- GARDEN
- KNIGHT
- MUSEUM
- SILK
- SWORD
- TEMPLE
- WEAVER

John Ray was a naturalist from Black Notley. He studied plants and flowers. There are 12 buttercup flowers hidden in these pages. Can you find them all?



DID YOU KNOW?

Silk comes from silkworms. They use it to make cocoons!

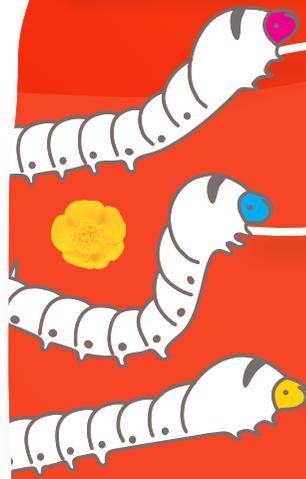
In the 1800s, Braintree was well known for silk weaving. There is a weaving museum inside The Old Mill on Silk Way.

Many of our silk weavers in the 17th and 18th centuries were Dutch and French refugees.

HAVE YOU SPOTTED NORI?

- BRAINTREE
- BRAINTREE FREEPORT
- WHITE NOTLEY
- CRESSING
- WITHAM

Which silkworm gets to the mulberry tree?



The Flitch Way runs the length of an old railway line, but do you know what a flitch was? Was it:



A type of broom?

Part of a railway track?



Crossing Temple Barns were built by the templar knights nearly 800 years ago. It is the oldest timber framed barn in the world! A Tudor garden is also at Crossing Temple Barns, where plants and herbs were grown to be used as medicine.



MAKE YOUR OWN TEMPLAR KNIGHT SWORD

YOU WILL NEED:

- STRONG CARDBOARD
- INSIDE OF A LOO ROLL
- KITCHEN FOIL
- PEN OR PENCIL
- PAINT
- RULER
- TAPE
- SCISSORS
- A HELPFUL ADULT

1 Draw and cut out your sword, remember the circle at one end and the pointy end at the other.

2 Wrap the blade with foil.

3 Cut the loo roll in half and wrap it around the top of your blade.

4 Draw and cut out a hand guard with a hole the same size as your blade.

5 Slide the hand guard up the blade and stick it in place.

6 Paint your handle and decorate the pommel.



Braintree has a funny word that's only used there. 'Gant' means lane or road. It is only used in Braintree - nowhere else in the world. One lane in the town is called 'Pig's Head in the Pottage Pot Gant'. What a funny name! I bet you are glad that's not your street.