

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN (& EVERYONE IN BETWEEN), WELCOME TO ALEXANDRA PARK FOR

THE AMAZING DOLLY SHEPHERD HERITAGE TRAIL

ALONG THE TRAIL YOU'LL MEET THE DAREDEVILS OF YESTERYEAR, HEAR STORIES OF UNBELIEVABLE ANTICS IN THE SKY AND BE GIVEN FUN THINGS TO DO!



Dolly Who?

Beats me...

ALEXANDRA PARK & PALACE

Why not take a trip around the boating lake?
You can pick up stop three on your way back?

DOLLY'S STORY TAKES PLACE AT ALEXANDRA PARK WHERE WE BEGIN ON THE SOUTH TERRACE UNDER THE ROSE WINDOW

- 1 ROSE WINDOW**
- 2 BLANDFORD HALL SITE**
- 3 THE BBC TOWER**
- 4 THE SOUTH SLOPE**
- 5 OLD BALLOON TETHER**

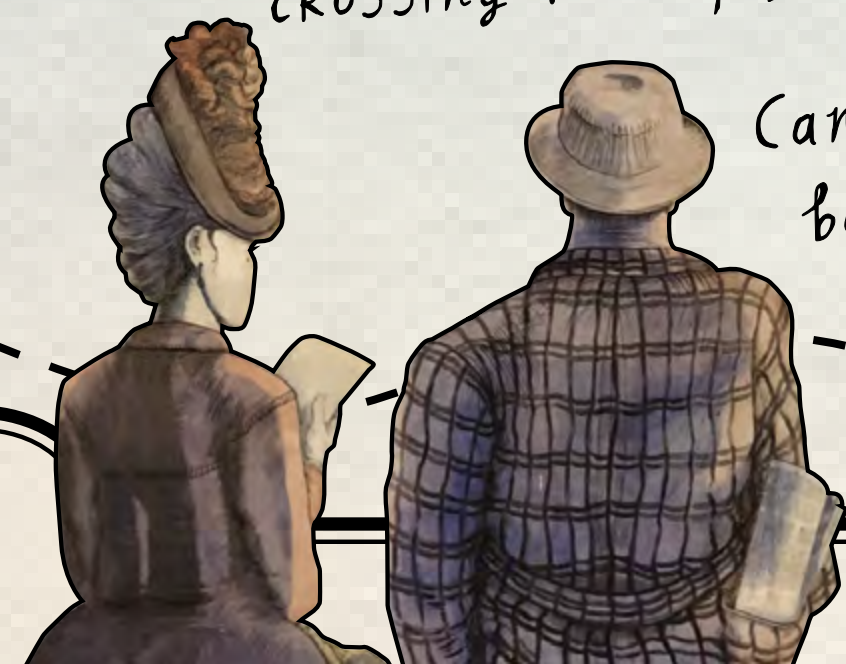
Stay safe, use the crossing to stop four.

Can you find the old balloon tether at stop five?

Stick to the paths!

Let's head to the Rose Window for start of the trail.

LET'S BEGIN



THE ROSE WINDOW

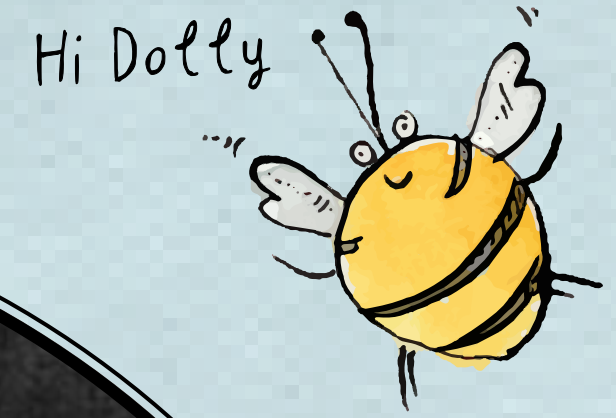
STOP
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TRAILBLAZERS ! DOLLY'S STORY BEGINS HERE IN 1903, WHERE YOU ARE NOW STANDING

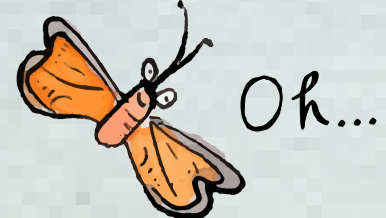
MEET ELIZABETH "DOLLY" SHEPHERD, A '**SIMPLE**' VICTORIAN
WOMAN WHO PULLED HERSELF UP FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS
TO BECOME ONE OF THE MOST FEARLESS, INTREPIDATIOUS
HEROINES OF HER AGE!!!

IN OTHER WORDS, AN AERIAL STUNTSWOMAN,
IN A PERIOD WHEN BALLOONISTS DREW HUGE CROWDS
AT VENUES LIKE ALEXANDRA PALACE.

BACK IN 1903 DOLLY WAS A WAITRESS IN ALEXANDRA PALACE'S
GREAT HALL, JUST BEHIND THIS WINDOW. HER WORK LED HER
TO MEET THE FAMOUS FRENCH BALLOONIST AUGUSTE GAUDRON
WHO WAS LOOKING FOR A FEMALE PARACHUTIST FOR HIS ACT.



Intrepid what?



Oh...

*Follow the trail
and you'll see at stop two.*

*So, she was a balloonist?
What's that?*



ONWARD



OLD BLANDFORD HALL SITE

STOP
2

THIS IS WHERE **PLUCKY DOLLY**, AGED JUST 17, TOOK TO THE SKIES FOR THE FIRST TIME. AFTER ONLY **THIRTY MINUTES** TRAINING, SHE WAS FLOWN UP INTO THE AIR **2000FT** ON A TRAPEZE ATTACHED TO A BALLOON, SHE WAS THEN POINTED TO A SUITABLE LANDING SPOT, AND SOMEONE SHOUTED, "GO!"

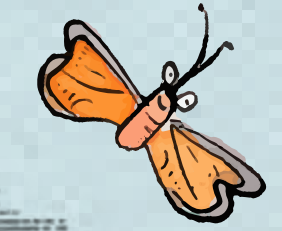
So, that's
Blandford Hall!



LATER DOLLY WOULD DESCRIBE
WHAT CAME NEXT:

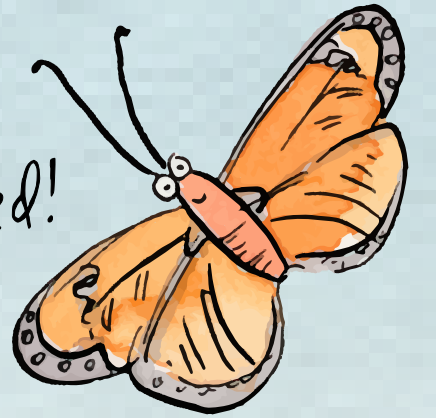
"My heart rose into my mouth as I plummeted for what seemed far too long, dropping like a stone. I could hear the rapid flap flap flap of the silk streaming after me as the canopy broke from the balloon netting and sucked at the rush of air, and then at last there was a great whoooooosh... Suspended there in the clear, warm air, high above the land of mere mortals, I experienced a sense of elation such as I had never known."

- DOLLY SHEPHERD



What
happened?

She
jumped!



What happened to
Blandford Hall?

Well, that's
another a story!



Keep up, follow the trail
to stop three...

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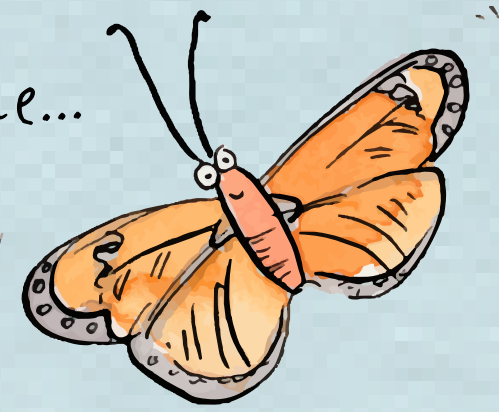


THE BBC TOWER

STOP
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TRAILBLAZERS, TAKE A MOMENT TO
REFLECT ON DOLLY'S DERRING-DO

Just imagine...



AT ONLY 5 FT 8" TALL, DOLLY ASCENDED HIGH ABOVE ALEXANDRA PALACE PARK WITH A PARACHUTE HOLDING ONLY A 20 INCH LONG TRAPEZE BAR ATTACHED TO THE SIDE OF A BALLOON.

SHE ROSE 2000 FT, THAT'S SIX TIMES HIGHER OF THE BBC TOWER (103M) OR TWICE THE HEIGHT OF LONDON'S TALLEST BUILDING THE SHARD AT JUST OVER 1000FT TALL (309.6M).

HER ONLY FLYING TECHNOLOGY WAS A TINY SILVER ALTIMETER STRAPPED TO HER LEFT WRIST WITH WHICH SHE WOULD JUDGE THE RIGHT HEIGHT BEFORE JUMPING AND PULLING HER PARACHUTE OPEN.

ALL DONE IN AN IMPRESSIVE FLYING UNIFORM COMPLETE WITH HIGH LACE-UP BOOTS "DESIGNED TO SHOW OFF HER LEGS."

And she survived!
Whatever next!

You'll see

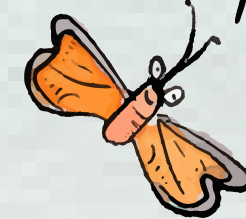
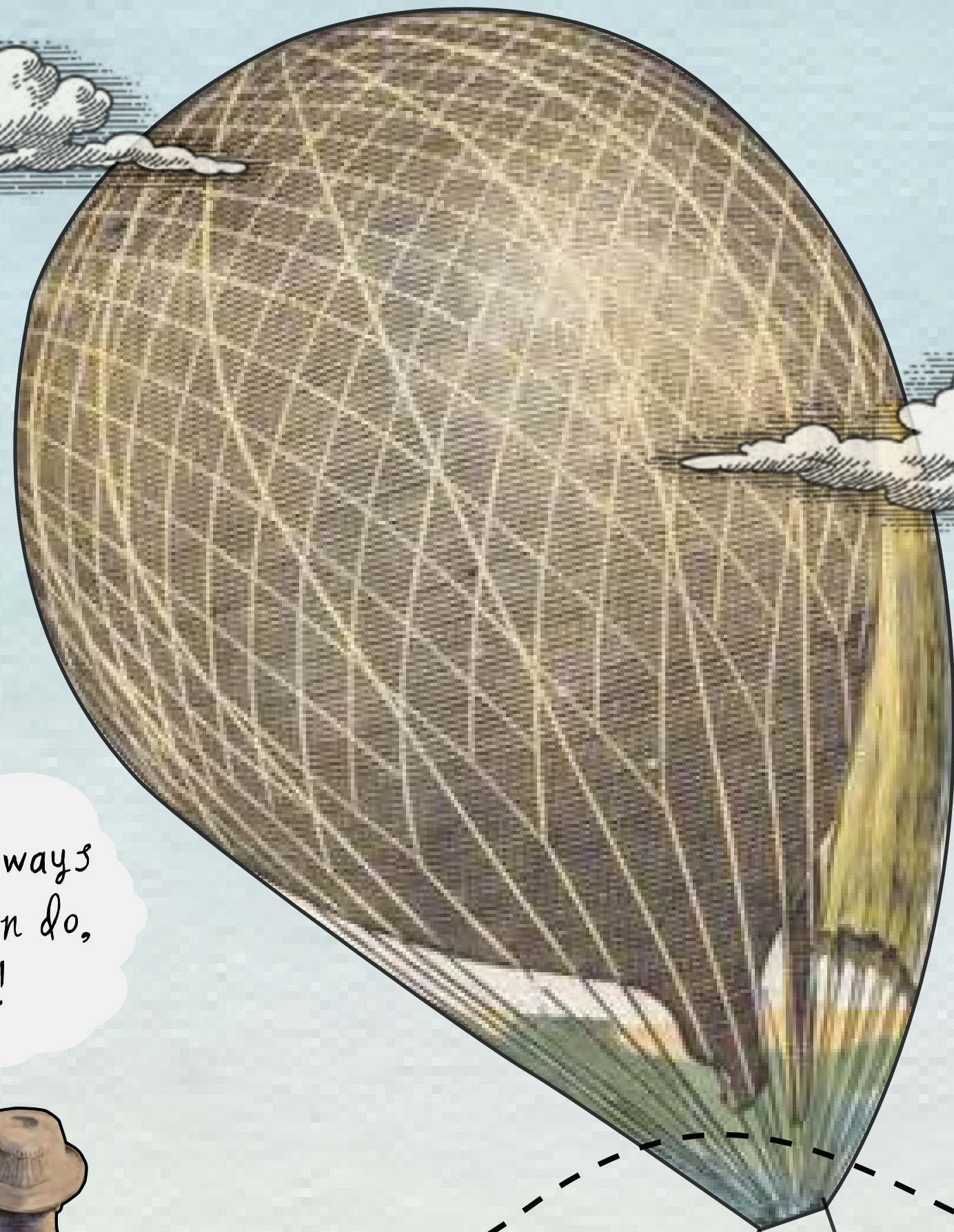
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What's derring doo?



Figures, women always
do everything men do,
but in heels!



THE SOUTH SLOPE

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ON THE SOUTH SLOPES ADORING CROWDS WOULD GATHER TO MEET DOLLY. DOLLY'S PERFORMANCES WERE A MAJOR ATTRACTION AT HER BELOVED ALEXANDRA PALACE. SHE SOON BECAME A STAR, FAMOUS THROUGHOUT BRITAIN.

DOLLY'S AERONAUTICAL ANTICS BECAME AN OVERNIGHT SENSATION EARNING HER FAR MORE THAN HER DAY JOB MAKING HATS IN HER AUNT'S MILLINERY SHOP.



So, there is an old balloon tether in the park?

Yes, i hear it's quite tricky to find!

"Stuff hats Auntie, sky's the limit for me"



NOW TRAILBLAZERS, ONWARDS TO STOP 5 – YOU MUST FIND THE REMAINS OF A BALLOON TETHERING DEVICE, PROBABLY FROM THE GREAT EXHIBITIONS OF YESTERYEAR.

Great, "let's go"



ONWARD



FIND THE BALLOON TETHER

STOP
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CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU ARE AT THE FINAL STOP.



Dolly Shepherd
rules!



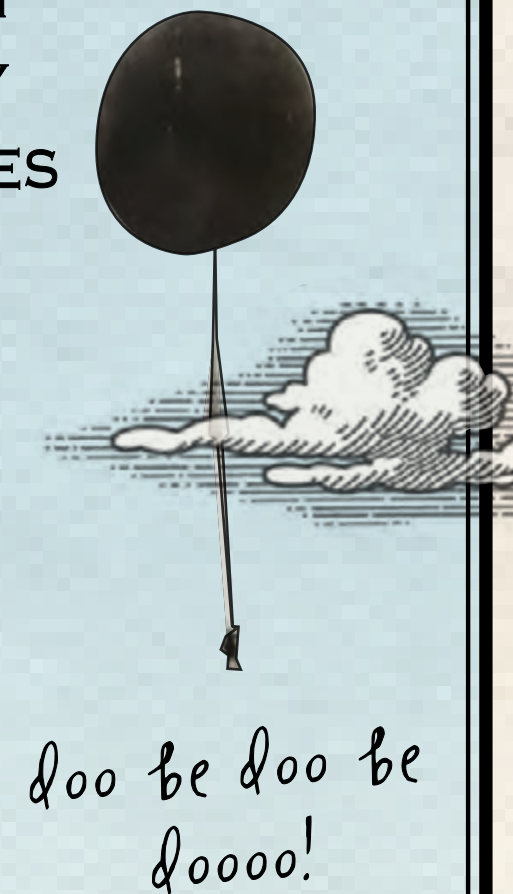
Go Dolly Go!
Whoop Whoop!



YOU HAVE SEEN, DEAR TRAILERS, THAT SKYDIVING IS **NOT** FOR THE FAINT-HEARTED. THERE WERE NO MODERN-DAY SAFETY HARNESS'S TO SAVE DOLLY AND EARLY PARACHUTES WERE RUDIMENTARY. MANY DIED AND EVEN MORE SUSTAINED LIFE-CHANGING INJURIES.

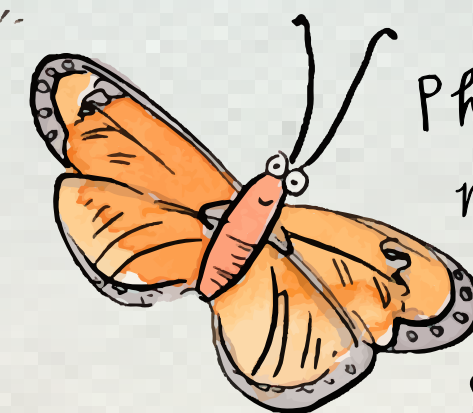
OUR HEROINE DOLLY NEVER PANICKED. USING HER QUICK WITS TO GET HERSELF OUT OF ANY JAM SHE REPORTEDLY SANG DURING FLIGHTS TO STEADY THE NERVES!

DOLLY'S LAST JUMP WAS IN 1912, WHEN SHE DECIDED SHE HAD PUSHED HER LUCK FAR ENOUGH. DURING THIS MOMENTOUS FINAL JUMP, DOLLY THOUGHT SHE HEARD A STRANGE VOICE WARNING HER FROM THE CLOUDS: **DON'T COME UP AGAIN, DOLLY, OR IT'LL BE CURTAINS FOR YOU.** DOLLY MAY HAVE BEEN FEARLESS, BUT SHE WAS NOBODY'S FOOL. SHE DIDN'T APPEAR IN ANOTHER STUNT SHOW FOR YEARS BUT WAS A DARING DAREDEVIL TO THE LAST....

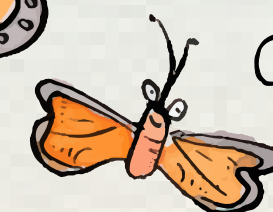


doo be doo be dooooo!

DID YOU FIND THE BALLOON TETHER?
TAG YOUR BALLOON
TETHER SELFIES?
#YOURALLYPALLY



Phew, she
made it!



Great, let's tag
our selfies!

SHE WAS STILL FLYING
WITH THE RED DEVILS AT 96!



Bravo!



Bravo!



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See you next time!

