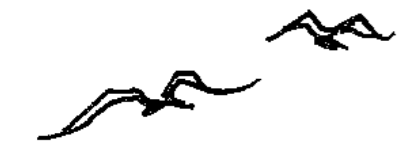
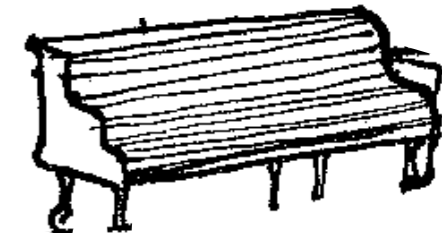
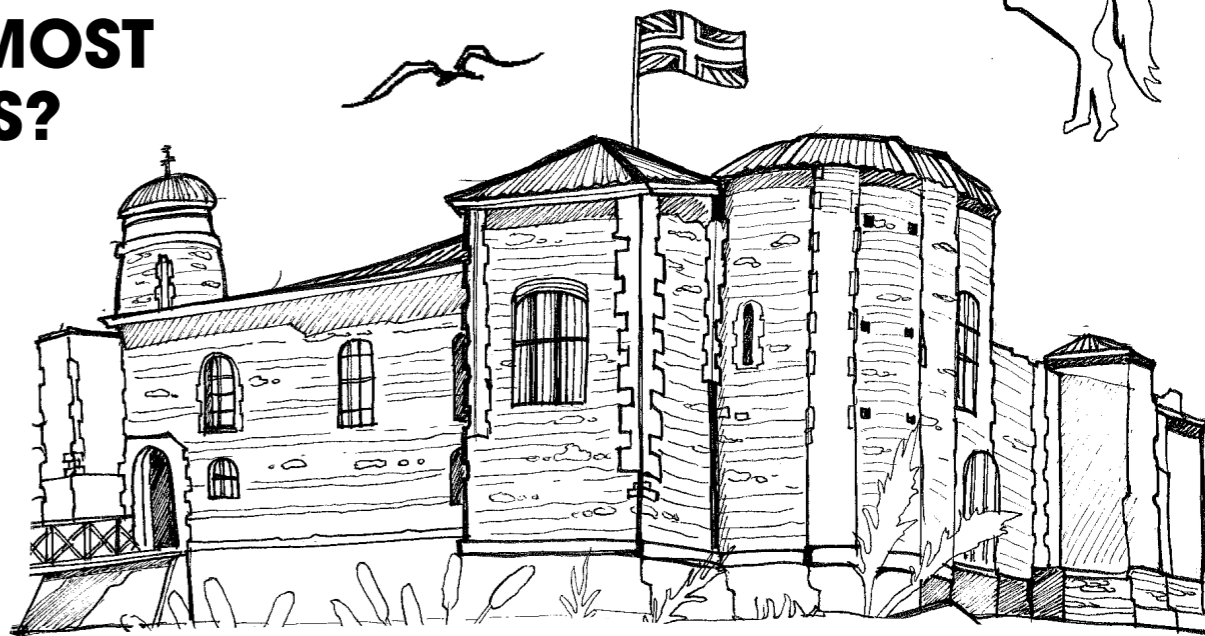
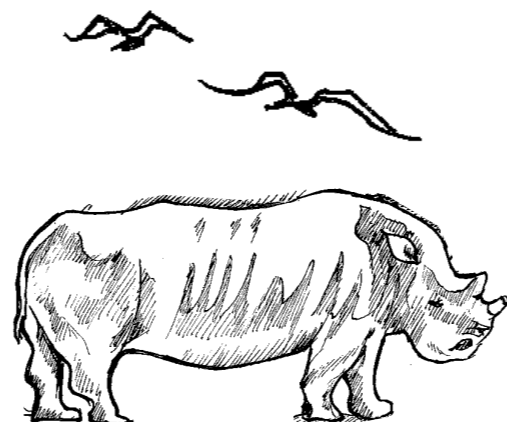


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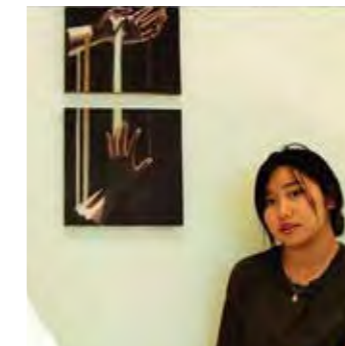
Veronica de Vera is a young, multi-talented, and experienced artist who offers a wide range of services primarily focused on oil and watercolour painting commissions.

Her recent oil painting has been chosen as one of the Young Artist's Selected Shortlist for the Sworder's Art Prize and was shortlisted Top 8 out of the 470 total entries for the annual Holt Festival Art Exhibition 2020.

Veronica has successfully held workshops throughout lockdown, which helped raise donations for the Philippines public transport drivers who lost their jobs as a result of COVID-19. The workshops sparked hope and motivation and allowed people to unleash their creativity during the tough period.

She has established TheArtofVeronica and has created an art page on Instagram in 2020 and since then, has accepted more art commissions.

Her more recent work in 2021 has included an original painting of Senator Bernie Sanders with his internet-sensational mittens during the US Inauguration as well as the Discover Colchester illustrations, which feature in this activity book.



 TheArtofVeronica



Test your knowledge of Colchester's most famous landmarks and send your answers to **discovercolchester@lionwalk.co.uk**

Win a prize!

Print the Discover Colchester activity book out and start answering the questions!

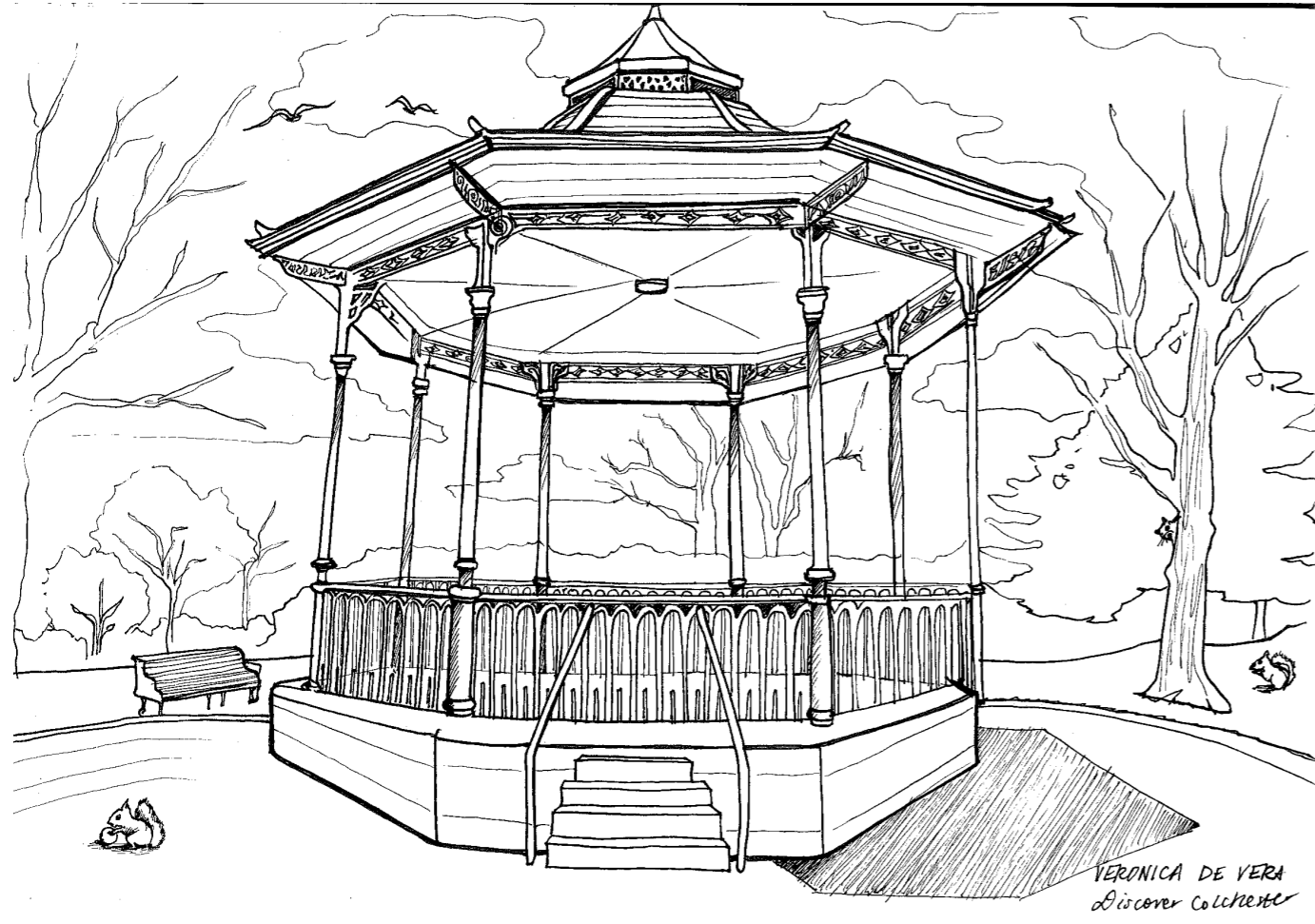
To enter the competition you need to take a photo of your answers and send in to:
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Those with the highest scores will be entered into a prize draw and 3 winners will be selected at random.

Each winner will receive a **£50 Love2Shop voucher**, kindly sponsored by Lion Walk.



Castle Park



Question 1.

Who donated Castle Park to the people of Colchester?

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Question 2.

When did Castle Park first open as a public park?

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Question 3.

What river runs through Castle Park?

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Question 4.

A bowls green located within Castle Park was recently converted into what?

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Question 5.

What birds can you peddle on in the lower Castle Park boating lake?

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St Johns Abbey Gate



Question 1.

St Johns Abbey Gate was the gate house built for an Abbey, in 1104AD who was the Abbot of the Abbey?

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Question 2.

King Henry VIII's wife stayed at St John's Abbey in 1515, which wife?

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Question 3.

What year did St John's Abbey suffer from an attack by an angry mob?

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Question 4.

What sea shells were used in the construction of the Abbey and the Abbey gate?

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Question 5.

Occupying the site today is a members club featuring tennis courts, a bar and function rooms, what is it called?

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Tymperley's



Question 1.

Which Colchester scientist once lived here?

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Question 2.

Before Tymperley's was a restaurant and tearoom what was its main purpose?

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Question 3.

Who donated Tymperley's to the people of Colchester?

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Question 4.

Close to the entrance of Tymperley's is a historic church, from what era does this church come from?

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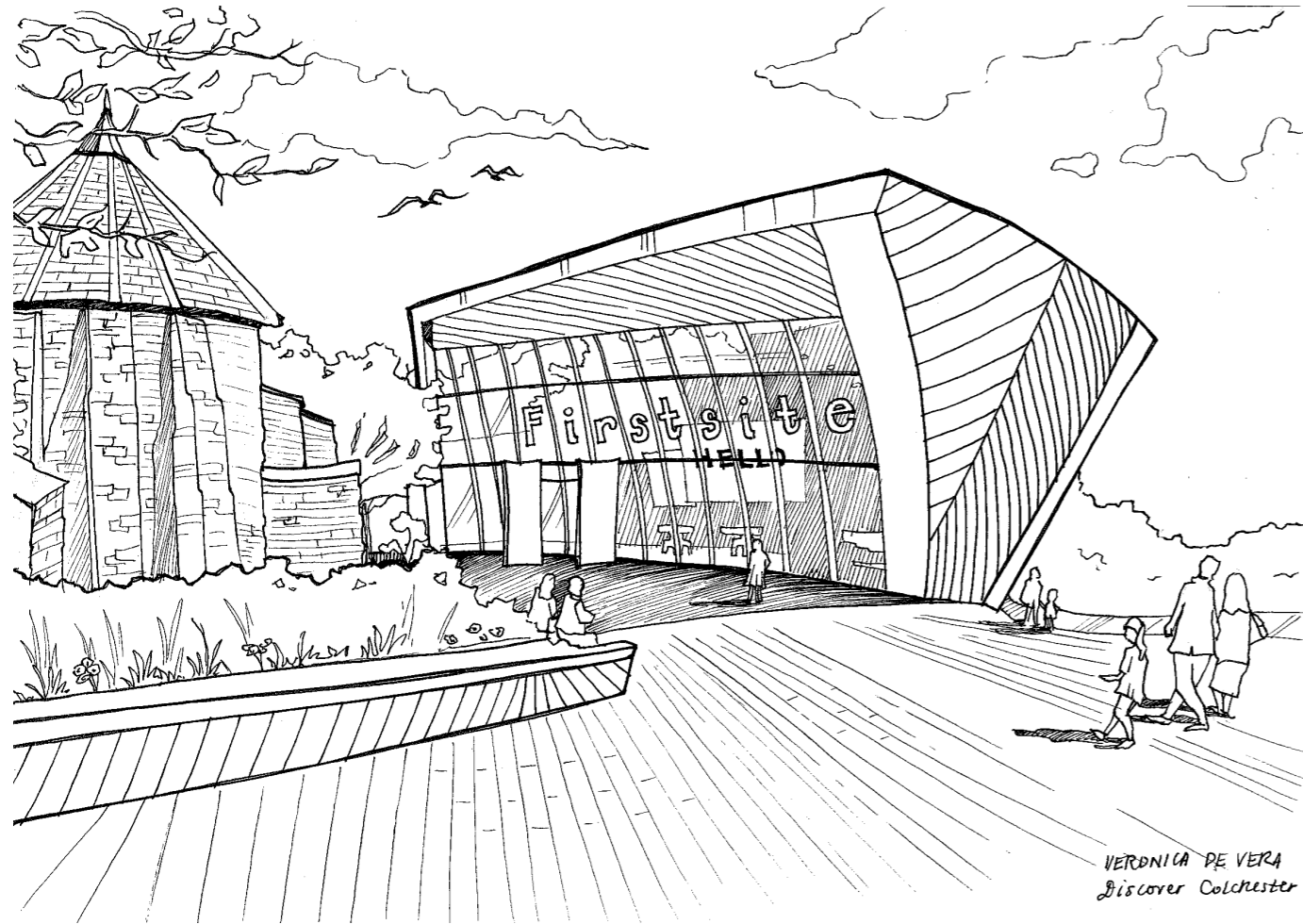
Question 5.

When Tymperley's was a home in the 17th century there was an infamous local witchfinder at work, who was he?

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Firstsite



Question 1.
In which year did Firstsite open?

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Question 2.
What is the name of the mosaic found in Firstsite?

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Question 3.
Which architect designed Firstsite?

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Question 4.
Who is the current Director of Firstsite?

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Question 5.
How many seats are there in the Firstsite auditorium?

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Jumbo



Question 1.

How many bricks were used to make Jumbo?

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Question 2.

The original name for Jumbo was the Balkerne Water Tower, who named it Jumbo?

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Question 3.

How many pints of milk (to the nearest Million) could you fit in the water tank?

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Question 4.

What major natural disaster could have had catastrophic consequences for Jumbo in 1884?

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Question 5.

How tall in metres is Jumbo?

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Colchester Castle



Question 1.

Which King ordered the construction of Colchester Castle?

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Question 2.

There was previously a Temple on the site, who destroyed it?

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Question 3.

What was the main purpose of the Castle during the medieval times?

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Question 4.

What Roman treasure was first, and continues to be on display in the Castle Museum since, 2016?

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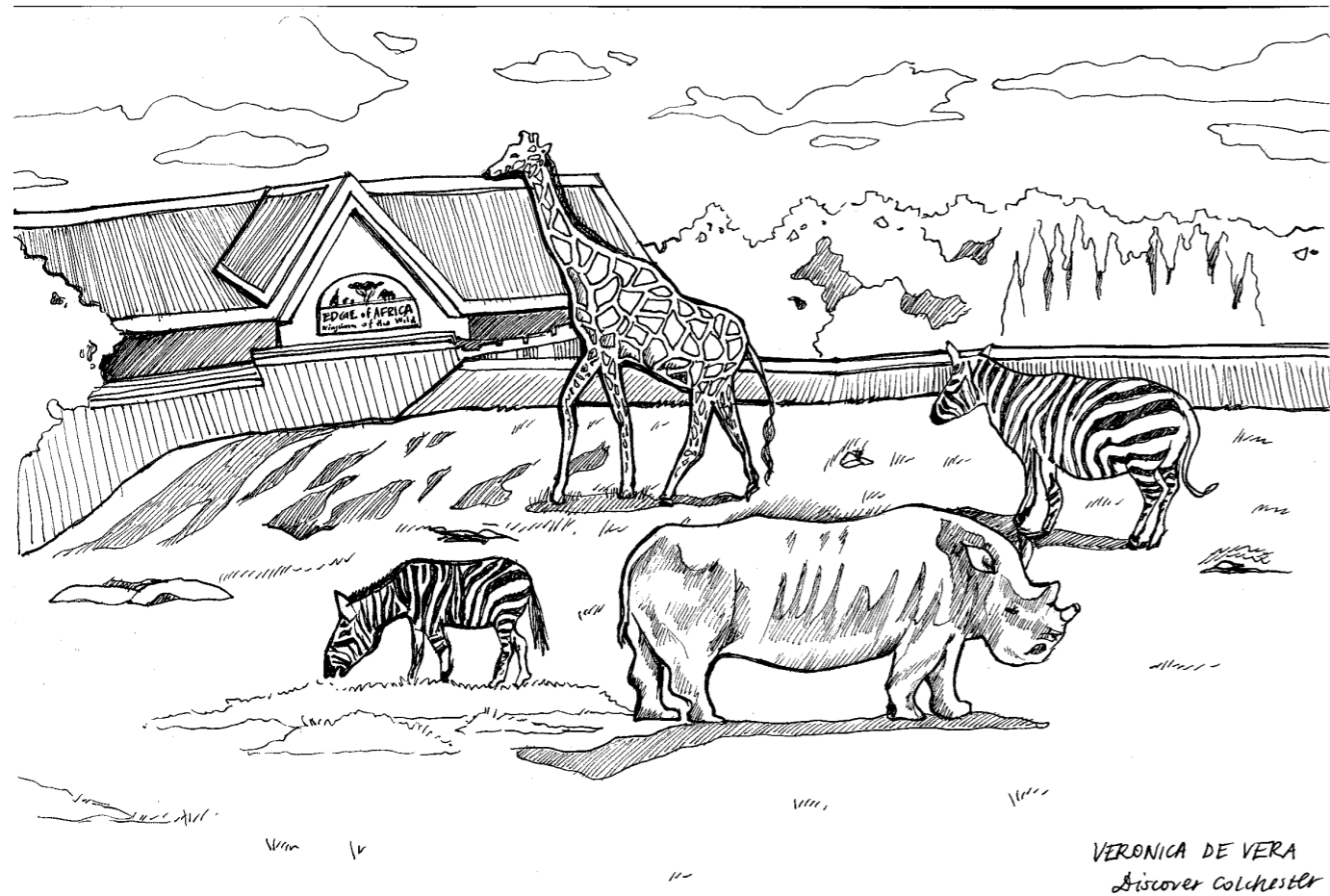
Question 5.

There is a single tree growing on the roof of the Castle, what type of tree is this?

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Colchester Zoo



Question 1.

What decade was the Zoo opened?

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Question 2.

You can buy a Colchester Zoo Top Trumps card game, how many animals feature?

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Question 3.

What are the names of the pair of Armadillos who live at the Zoo?

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Question 4.

Which Mandrill became a 2nd time mum in November 2020?

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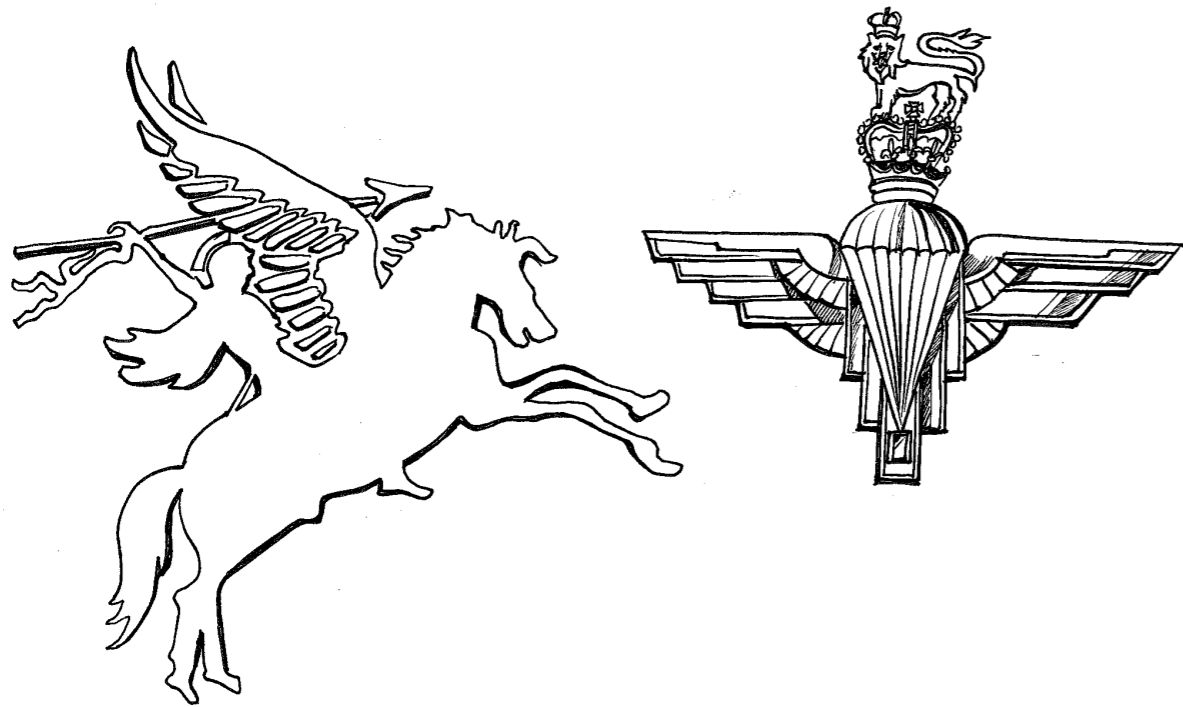
Question 5.

What is the cost of a child's annual gold pass to the Zoo?

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Colchester Garrison



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Discover Colchester

Question 1.

What is the name of Colchester Garrison?

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Question 2.

What rapid response airborne unit are based at Colchester's barracks today?

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Question 3.

What was discovered in the grounds of the Sergeants Mess in 2005?

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Question 4.

What year did the Roman Army arrive in Colchester?

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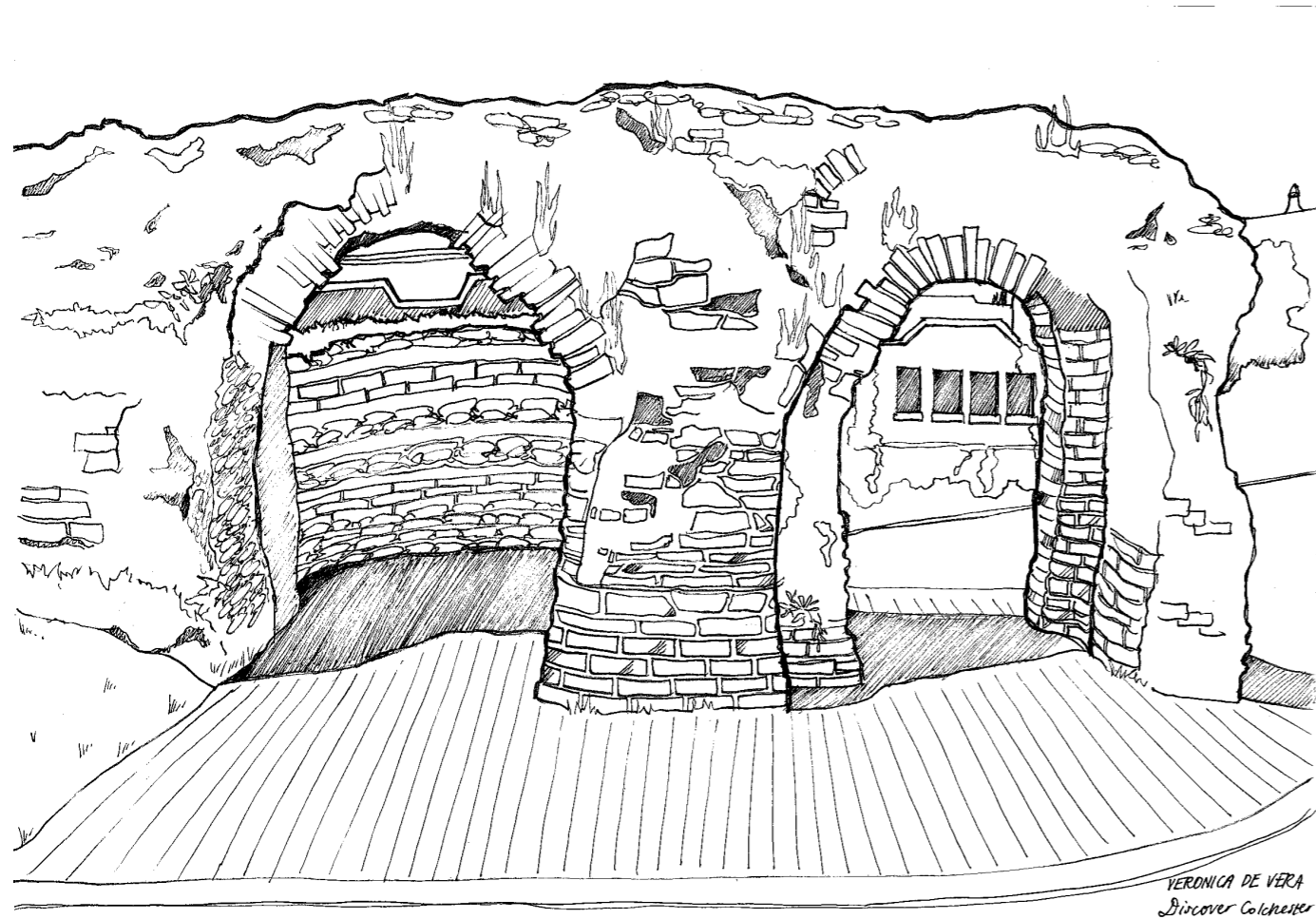
Question 5.

What is the name of the symbol of the Parachute Regiment?

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Roman Wall/Balkerne Gate



Question 1.

To the nearest Kilometre what is the total circumference of the Roman Wall?

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Question 2.

How many football pitches could you fit inside the Roman Walls?

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Question 3.

Where did the name Balkerne Gate come from?

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Question 4.

In what century was the Roman Wall completed?

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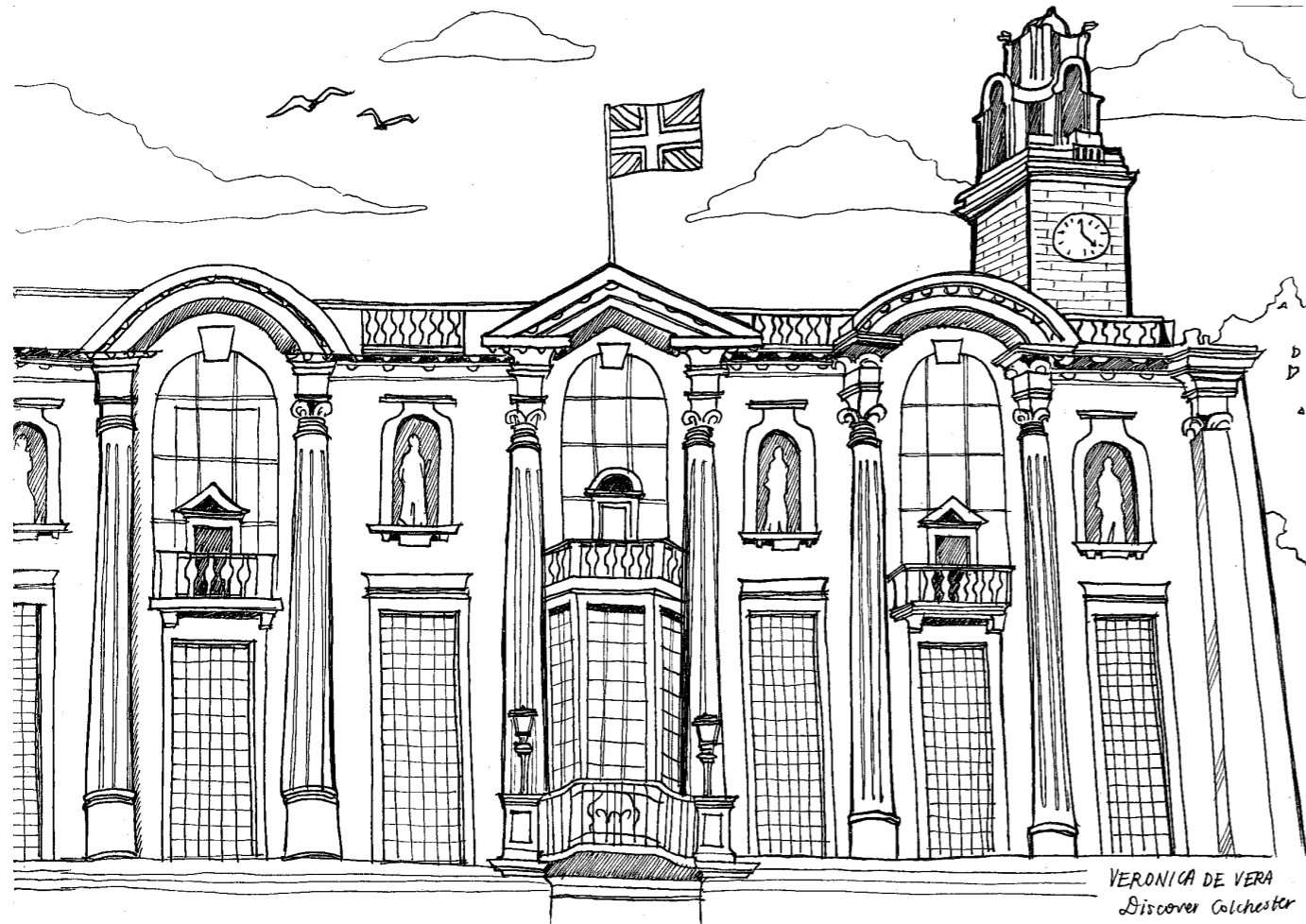
Question 5.

Who recently purchased a small section of the Roman Wall along Middleborough?

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Town Hall



Question 1.

How many Town Halls are there known to have been on this site?

Question 2.

What bird can you find adorning the town hall?

Question 3.

What Saint can you see on the town hall spire?

Question 4.

According to a tablet inside the town hall Colchester was once known as Coolchester True or False?

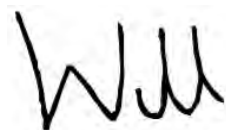
Question 5.

Colchester's first public library was based within the town hall True or False?

A message from your MP

“ I am so proud to be Colchester’s Member of Parliament, it is the most amazing town with a fascinating history. I put together the Discover Colchester project to celebrate our town’s unique heritage and set some questions which I hope will inspire a new generation to find out more about their home town.

Whether it is colouring in the ten wonderful illustrations by local artist **Veronica de Vera** or researching the history of these famous Colchester landmarks, I hope that these activities will give all young Colcestrians a thought provoking lock-down project and parents a little time off! My sincere thanks go to Lion Walk Shopping Centre for kindly sponsoring the project. I hope you have fun with it and good luck!”



Will Quince MP
Member of Parliament for Colchester



A message from Lion Walk Centre Manager

“ I hope you all enjoy completing the Discover Colchester activity books as much as we have had helping create them. A huge thanks to Will Quince MP and Veronica de Vera for enabling us to be part of this incredible community project.

We live in a beautiful town, steeped in history, with an amazing community spirit. Lockdown has presented a challenge for us all, and it has been a pleasure to use this time to support the young people of Colchester – embracing and engaging with our incredible history and culture.

I hope you have fun drawing and learning. I cant wait to see them!”



Martin Leatherdale
Lion Walk Centre Manager





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