

What was it like on Nantwich High Street in the past?

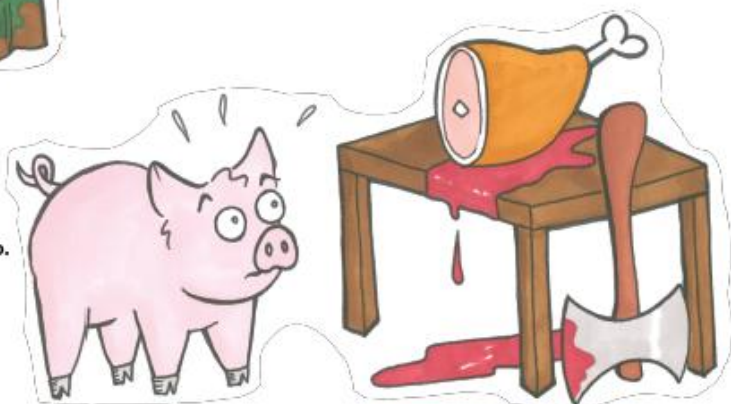


It would be very smelly! There would be lots of horses and other animals on the street, which means there would be piles of poo.

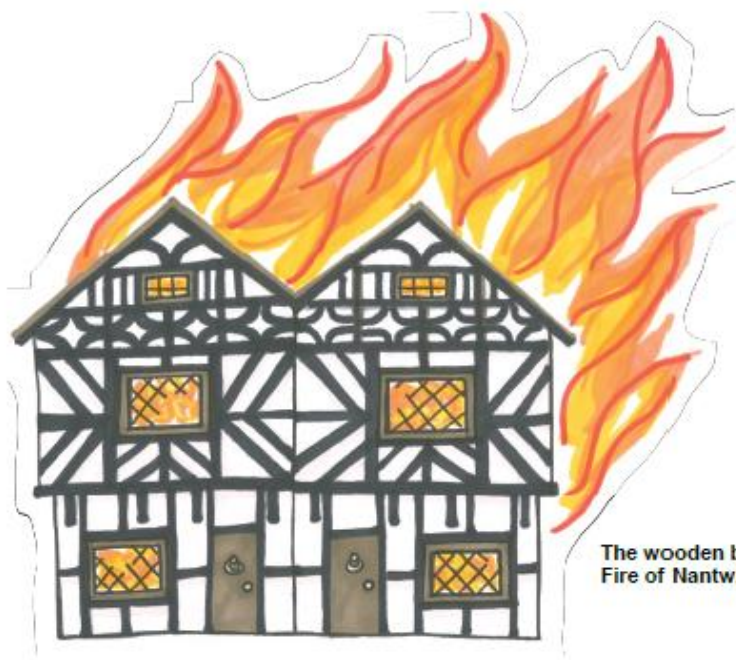


The houses were probably quite smelly too. Can you imagine what the toilets would be like?

Farm animals would be brought to the butchers, on the High Street. So that would mean a lot of poo, and blood too.

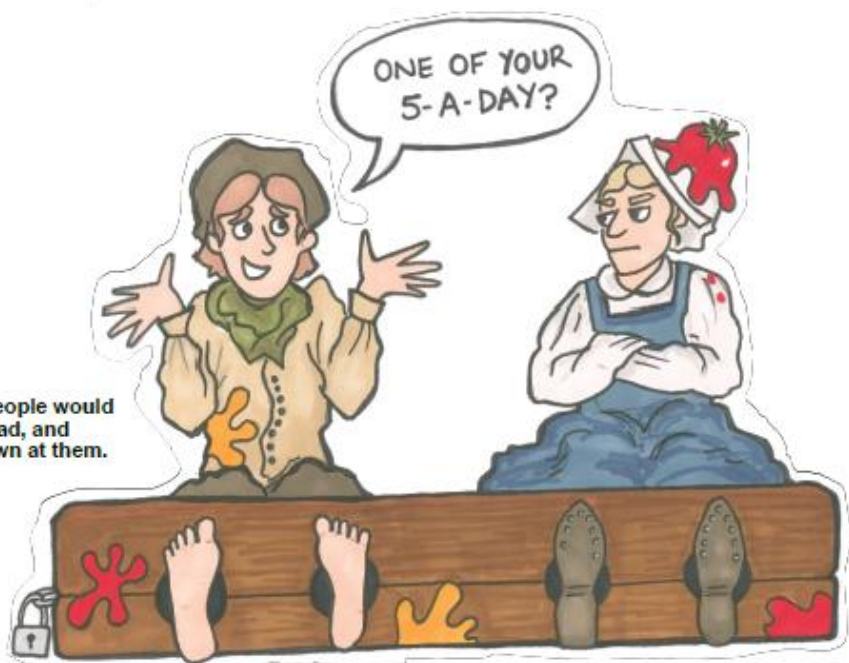


Bears were kept on the High Street, and people would come to watch them dance, or fight, usually with dogs, not people.



The wooden buildings could catch fire easily. In the Great Fire of Nantwich, the whole High Street burned down.

There were stocks, where people would be locked when they were bad, and might have rotten food thrown at them.



And death was very close! The churchyard, where people were buried, was right next to the market, and it was also used as a playground.

**How would you have liked to live on that High Street?
Do you think it's nicer now?**



Battle of the Bridge



Artwork by Lizzie Short

The Town Bridge, at the end of the High Street, was a regular flashpoint, where the 'youth' of the High Street and Welsh Row sides of the town would stand off against each other - the first party to back down were the losers!