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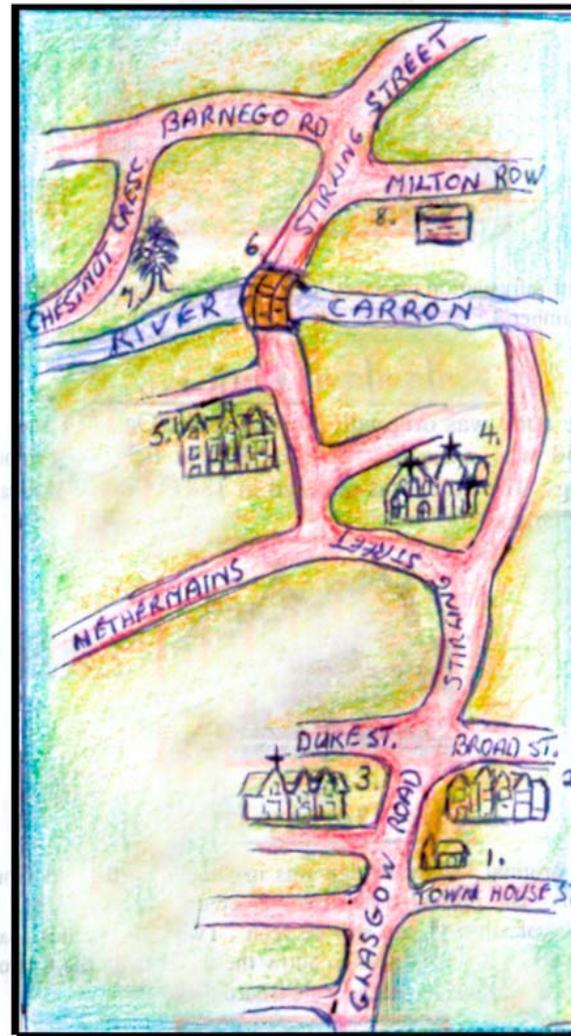
START: At the town house on the Glasgow road. Cars can be parked in Town House Street or in the Denny Centre car park behind **the Town House**.

Go down Glasgow Road in the direction of Denny Cross. After about 50 metres the **Station House** is on your right. Carry on to Denny Cross where the **Parish Church** dominates the scene. On the right is Broad Street. Go straight through the cross into Stirling Street. At the bottom after 150 metres Stirling Street bends to the left where you will find **St. Alexander's Church** on your right. Carry on for another 150 metres to the bottom of the hill and take a sharp right turn for Stirling. **The Royal Oak** is on the left after 50 metres. Only a few metres past the hotel is the **Denny Bridge**. Carry on into Dunipace and take the first on the left into Barnego road. After 200 metres turn left into Chestnut Crescent. Carry on to where it bends to the right and the **Spanish Chestnut Tree** is on the left standing on its own.

Return to the start of Barnego Road and turn right then left into Milton Row. After 50 metres **The Fireplaces** can be seen on the long wall to your right. The best examples are at the far end.

Tip: This trail can be covered in a car with parking at: Town House Street opposite Haugh's petrol station in Glasgow Road or 200 metres further and on the opposite side of the street from St. Alexander's and in Milton Row.

MAP



The society thanks Ann Bourne for her artistic prowess in drawing the map.

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The George Skelton Heritage Trail No.1

Through the Centre of DENNY



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4. St. Alexander's Church
5. The Royal Oak Hotel
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1. Town House

It was built in 1930 by the architects Strang and Wilson, and is in the Baronial style with crow-stepped gables. It is famed for its stained-glass window with a depiction of the Burgh Shield. Inside it can be viewed at the stairs landing, and also can be seen from the outside on the South-facing wall.



2. Station House

The railway to Denny opened in 1859. It was a branch line from the main line at Larbert. Passenger services stopped in 1930 because bus travel was much cheaper.



3. Old Parish Church

The present church on the corner of Glasgow Road and Duke Street is the third on this site. The building of the church was finished in 1814, and was designed by Thomas Aitken. The Chancel was added in 1928. The original church on the site was built in 1601 because of the fear that the parishioners were falling into "athism". The original church bell is on display inside the church and was replaced by the present bell in 1908.

For more information see Trail No. 3.

4. St. Alexander's Church



For information on St. Alexander's see Trail Number 3.

5. The Royal Oak Hotel

The hotel was originally known as the Oak Inn and in 1858 was owned by a fisherman from Largs. The hotel was restored in 1883 and is Jacobean in character.



6. The Denny Bridge

The original Denny Bridge was in line with the old Gote Loan. The present bridge was erected in 1828 and had 4 arches of which 3 can still be seen. Two large arches span the river and the third was to allow water from the Carron to flow into the lade at the Vale board mill.



7. Spanish Chestnut Tree

This famous tree is estimated to be over 300 years old. Its horticultural name is "Sweet Chestnut" with the Latin name of *Castanea sativa*. It used to be called "The Hanging Tree" probably because metal hooks were stuck into the tree. Unfortunately, these had to be removed for reasons of safety. The location of the tree is only a few yards north of the site of Herbertshire Castle, which was destroyed by a fire in 1914 which claimed three lives.

The castle was razed to the ground in 1950 by the Council, as the ruin had become extremely unsafe. As late as the 1940's children used the cellars as play areas. These cellars were locally called "The Dungeons".

The Castle reputedly dates back to the 13th century, and if this is so, it is a possibility that it was built by the DeMoreham family. DeMoreham Drive which is situated at the west end of Denny, near the starting point of this Trail, takes its name from this family.

It is also reputed to have been a royal hunting lodge, which conjures up all sorts of possibilities as to which Royals used it for hunting. If only the history of the Castle had survived.

8. The Fireplaces at Milton Row

These are the remains of the fireplaces of the lean-to houses built for incoming workers in the 1830's. The workers were brought in to work in place of the strikers in the Calico Works which was situated on the other side of the wall. Milton Row was nicknamed "Nob Row" because Nob was the equivalent of "blackleg" in the mining industry

