NEW CUMNOCK

A rich heritage waiting to be discovered and enjoyed...

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### Five things Mason and Abigail discovered are:
1. He was married to Elizabeth Hunter and they had 15 children together.
2. He was the fourth minister of New Cumnock from 1726-1755.
3. Robert Burns wrote a poem called “The Kirk’s Alarm” and he was called ‘Jamie Goose’ in it.
4. He wrote the First Statistical Account of New Cumnock in 1750, when 1200 people lived there.
5. His headquarters is in a special position against the wall of the Auld Kirk.

### Five things Scott, Callum and Greg discovered are:
1. John and William McKnight who were brothers were born in the Old Mill which was built to serve the barons of Cumnock.
2. Robert Burns stayed at McKnight’s Mill on 10th January 1789.
3. William married Agnes Crichton and they had 12 children together.
4. William died after 27 years working at the Castle Inn.
5. In 1833 the current parish church was built. The McKnight family built the Crown Inn next to the new church and in 1837 his widow Agnes was the innkeeper with her daughter Catherine as her assistant.

### Five things Claire and Nicola discovered are:
1. William married Elizabeth Houston and they stayed at Wellhill Farm.
2. William and Elizabeth had no children.
3. William Arthur set up the Old Folks Party and was the chairman.
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5. William had a church named after him called the Arthur Memorial Church, near the Auld Kirk which was built in 1939.

### Five things Gary, Liam, Ross and Luke discovered are:
1. James Black was married to Agnes Gilmour and they had 11 children.
2. Their first son called James was born at Mains in 1742, when he was very young.
3. Twins James and Agnes were born in Dalgliesh in 1756.
4. Three generations of the family were blacksmiths and lived at Mains, Dalgliesh, Connelburn and Afton Bridgend.
5. John Black and his wife Elspeth Templeton lived at 72 Mossmark Cottages.
Five things Mason and Abigail discovered are:
1. He was married to Elizabeth Hunter and they had 13 children together.
2. He was the fourth minister of New Cumnock from 1778-1795. Robert Burns wrote a poem called “The Kirk’s Alarm” and he was called ‘Jamie Goose’ in it.
3. He wrote the First Statistical Account of New Cumnock in 1790.
4. When he died he had over £10,000 and he left £1000 to the poor money for a new church.
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Five things Nicole and Nicola discovered are:
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Your answer:
Sir Tom Hunter’s middle name?
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Five things Andrew and Janette discovered are:
1. Andrew was a head teacher and in 1846 he was the first teacher of the Free Church School on the Castlehill at New Cumnock.
2. Andrew loved to teach outdoors. He liked to get his pupils to grow flowers and go swimming in the Nith.
3. His wife was Margaret Rowan and they had four sons. They all lived in the school house.
4. Andrew was much loved by his pupils.
5. After he died people wanted to put up a statue to remember him.
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A - Andrew Stirling
B - Thomas Kirkland’s shop
C - Hunter’s Shop
D - Mr Campbell (II) of Dalgety
E - Old Mill Farm
F - James and Agnes
G - William Arthur
H - Burns Plaque
I - Mansfield House
J - John Hyslop and William Hyslop

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