



The telling and guessing of riddles was a popular pass-time for the Anglo-Saxons.

The following are examples taken largely from the *Exeter Book of Riddles* compiled in the 11th Century (when Corhampton Church was built) by Leofric, the first bishop of Exeter.

After providing your answers to the 4 riddles you might like to create a modern-day version. There will be a prize for the family that gets the most correct answers with the most original created riddle as a tie-breaker

NOW HAVE A GO AT SOLVING THESE RIDDLES

RIDDLE 1: The wind carries us small creatures over hill-slopes and headlands: dark coated, black-bodied, bursting with song. We chirm and clamour like a troop on wing, winding our way to wooded cliff-walls, sometimes to the halls of men-singing a name-song.

Answer:

RIDDLE 2: Four dilly-dandies. Four stick standies. Two crookers. Two lookers. And a wig wag

Answer:

RIDDLE 3; My home is not quiet but I am not loud. The lord has meant us to journey together. I am faster than he and sometimes stronger. But he keeps on going for longer. Sometimes I rest but he runs on. For as long as I am alive I live in him. If we part from one another it is I who will die.

Answer:

RIDDLE 4: I am all on my own, wounded by iron weapons and scarred by swords. I often see battle. I am tired of fighting. I do not expect to be allowed to retire from warfare before I am completely done for. At the wall of the city, I am knocked about and bitten again and again. Hard edged things made by the blacksmith's hammer attack me. Each time I wait for something worse. I have never been able to find a doctor who could make me better or give me medicine made from herbs. Instead the sword gashes all over me grow bigger day and night.

Answer:

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**NOW CREATE YOUR OWN RIDDLE & ANSWER**

Hand it back with your answers above and you may win a prize.

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