

As a reminder of a most enjoyable season, here is a list of 100 of the season's best (omitting the identity of the compilers) - not intended as my 'hot 100', merely a selection of questions in various categories which have appealed to me - there have of course been many others, but I trust those include will prove to be of some interest

I have really enjoyed this season, being part of your wonderful quiz league, indeed helping three of my favourite teams (all of which received at least one prize last night) mostly as QM (though I also enjoyed participating a couple of times), even to the extent of being prepared to miss football matches. - and to reading, copying and using for other friends, your wonderful website. I would like to wish all a wonderful summer break - already looking forward to next season

Terry Pratchett's *Discworld* novel *Wyrd Sisters* makes numerous references to Shakespeare. On the first page, "Well, I can do next Tuesday" is the answer to what question?

"When shall we three meet again?"

Which novel starts with the main protagonist setting sail from Kingston upon Hull in August 1651, and concludes with him and his comrade having fought famished wolves while crossing the Pyrenees?

Robinson Crusoe

He's not one of the most famed of the First World War poets, but words taken from his poem *For The Fallen* are spoken every Remembrance Sunday. Who was he?

Laurence Binyon (the words being: "At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.")

This fortress on a small Mediterranean island 1.5 kilometres offshore in the Bay of Marseilles is a famous fictional setting. Name it.

Chateau d' If (from *The Count of Monte Cristo*)

"A woman, especially, if she have the misfortune of knowing anything, should conceal it as well as she can." Who wrote those words in a novel published posthumously in 1818?

Jane Austen (referring to Catherine Morland, in *Northanger Abbey*)

This island gained independence in 1967. After an almost bloodless coup on May 11th 1971, Maria-Jesu Pica became President-for-life. With its capital city of Bodoni, which nation are we referring to?

San Serriffe (as in the Guardian newspaper April Fool from 1977)

Which much loved book written in 1889 and initially intended to be a serious travel guide opens with the words, "There were four of us".

Three Men in a Boat.

Who is this? She was born in obscurity but came to the notice of King Charles the Second who employed her as a spy in Antwerp. She travelled to Surinam and wrote about it. She also wrote several plays and novels and was the first English woman to write under her own name and make a living from it. She died in 1689 and was buried in Westminster Abbey.

Aphra Behn

The sinister and menacing atmosphere of which 1897 novel was greatly inspired and coloured by the stories the young author had heard from his mother about her experience of having survived a cholera epidemic as a 14 year old in Sligo town?

Dracula

This piece of furniture is on display in the V&A Museum. Covered with intricate carvings of figures and symbols of lust and virility, it was so notorious it was mentioned in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* and Byron's *Don Juan*. What is it called?

The Great Bed of Ware

Which English cathedral described by Ruskin as "the most precious piece of architecture in the British Isles" was, in the 14th and 15th centuries, the tallest building in the world?

Lincoln Cathedral

In a rare example of a statue to a person erected before their death, of whom is the 12ft likeness outside the Stormont parliament buildings? More than 40,000 people, including the man himself, attended the unveiling in 1932.

Edward Carson

Starting in 1927, what was created by Gutzon Borglum? The location was given its present name in 1930 and was known previously by names such as 'The Six Grandfathers' and 'Keystone Cliffs'.

Mount Rushmore Memorial

In which medieval work of art can you find 632 men, 190 horses, 35 dogs and over 506 other animals and birds? Of the 93 penises that pop up at regular intervals, only 5 are human; the rest are equine.

The Bayeux Tapestry

"A chorus of raspberries to the high sentiments demanded by the arbiters of British culture". This was George Orwell's defence of the artistic work of which genteel Londoner known and loved by many as 'The King of the Saucy Postcard'?

Donald McGill

Who won the 'Miss Hungary 1936' title and went on to fame, fortune and nine husbands?

Zsa Zsa Gabor

What name is shared by different film characters played by Donald Sutherland in 1970 and Daniel Day-Lewis in 1992?

Hawkeye (in *MASH* and *Last of the Mohicans*)

As a youngster, he reputedly earned an Eagle Scout badge for beekeeping, and he later kept bees on his Bel Air estate. He appeared in over 90 films, including *The Swarm* in 1978. After portraying a beekeeper in a 1997 film, his son was named 'Beekeeper of the Year' by the Florida State Beekeeping Association. Name the actor father.

Henry Fonda (the son was Peter Fonda in *Ulee's Gold*)

Which BAFTA-winning Hollywood actor won the prestigious Lasker Award for public service in medical science, a year before his passing? He became a major advocate for disability rehabilitation following an accident in 1995

Christopher Reeve

Nancy Barbato was the first in 1939 and Barbara Marx became the fourth and last in 1976. Name either of the other two.

(one of) **Ava Gardner** or **Mia Farrow** (wives of Frank Sinatra)

In the 1964 film *Zulu*, what song do the British soldiers defending Rorke's Drift sing in response to the Zulu war chants? It is the slow march of the Welsh Guards, and sung before every Cardiff City home game.

Men of Harlech

In which school could you at one time have found both Jesus and Gandhi in the same form?

Manchester Grammar School (Robert Powell, who played Jesus of Nazareth, and Ben Kingsley, who played Gandhi, were in the same form)

Which phrase, used to describe a dramatic production designed to shock, is derived from the name of a theatre in the Pigalle district of Paris?

Grand Guignol

What interesting offer was made to Sir William Catesby in the final act of this Shakespeare play by the title character?

Richard III offered him his kingdom in exchange for a horse

Carole Hersee made her television debut as an eight year old in 1967 with her cloth doll Bubbles and last appeared in a broadcast in 1999. What role did she make famous?

She was the girl on the Test Card (Test Card F)

Dr Teeth and The Electric Mayhem is the virtual house band on which show?

The Muppet Show

Broadcast in 1983 and 1984, *It Sticks Out Half a Mile* was a UK radio sitcom about the renovation of a seaside pier. To which popular television comedy of the 1960s and '70s was it a sequel?

Dad's Army

John Mayall, George Melly, The Rolling Stones and the Who (amongst others) all played there. Trevor Bayliss and Nigel Planer (amongst others) lived there and it was once home to the UK's largest hippie commune. Where is it?

Eel Pie Island

Who became the first group to have a UK number one single, when they topped the charts with *Broken Wings* in April 1953?

The Stargazers

Whose Piano Concerto No 4 in B flat major for the left hand was commissioned by the one-armed pianist Paul Wittgenstein in 1931? Wittgenstein never performed the work because he "did not yet appreciate its inner logic". The piece was only premiered after the composer's death.

Sergei Prokofiev

Born in Paris in 1928 this British blues musician and radio broadcaster is sometimes described as "a founding father of British blues". He formed Blues Incorporated with Cyril Davies in 1961 and worked on the ITV children's programme *Five O'clock Club*. He died of lung cancer on the 1st January 1984. Who is he?

Alexis Korner

Which Cole Porter song describes the fate of a woman who shoots her treacherous lover but is then lynched by a vengeful mob?

Miss Otis Regrets

In which country is the world's largest sports stadium judged by crowd capacity?

North Korea (Rungrado in Pyongyang – capacity 150,000)

Which ex-footballer's itinerant career of over 500 games and 220 goals between 1979 and 1995, saw service at Wigan Athletic, Stockport County, Oldham Athletic, Portsmouth, Newcastle United and Coventry City? He is now a racehorse trainer and radio broadcaster.

Micky Quinn

Which footballer, this year, became the fifth person to score in both men's World Cup and European Cup/Champions League? This player is also one of only three footballers to have scored in European Cup/Champions League finals for two different teams, doing so for Bayern Munich and Juventus.

(Mario) **Mandzukic**

Which current League Division One club holds the record for having spent the most seasons in the third and fourth tier of English football without ever being promoted to the second tier or relegated to the National League?

Rochdale (91 seasons)

Since the European Cup became the Champions League in 1992, only one teenager has started a Champions League final in defence. Which English footballer was it?

Trent Alexander-Arnold

In 1923 who became the first footballer to score at the newly-opened Wembley Stadium? His move from Bolton to Arsenal in 1928 was the first in British football history to involve a transfer fee of £10,000 or more?

David Jack

Only three managers have ever led Manchester United to the First Division/Premier League title. Sir Matt Busby and Sir Alex Ferguson were two; who was the third? He is the only man to have managed both Manchester City and Manchester United.

Ernest Mangnall

As another mournful season draws to a close for semi-professional Glenavon FC (it had started promisingly last July when their ecstatic fans at Mourneview Park, Lurgan, saw them come from behind to win the first leg of their Europa League qualifier), meanwhile the defeated team's manager back then has since received a pay rise. Who is he?

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer (whose Molde team from Norway went on to win the tie 6-3)

In 1988, who became the first goalkeeper to save a penalty in an FA Cup Final and the first goalkeeper to lift the cup as captain of the winning team? In 2015, he became the oldest person to be selected in the squad for a match in Football League history while representing Stevenage as a substitute in the League Two Play-Off semi-final second leg, at the age of 56.

Dave Beasant

Lieutenant Colonel Netanyahu died, along with all the militants in this operation from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine together with soldiers from another country. In which city did this take place?

Entebbe

Deceased on this day in 1995, this British mountaineer was Sir John Hunt's deputy leader in the successful expedition to be the first to climb Mount Everest in 1953. Two years later he led another successful expedition to be the first to climb the world's third highest mountain, Kanchenjunga. Name him.

(Sir Robert) **Charles Evans**

The Battle of Attu Island was fought between the USA and Japan in May 1943. In the context of the Second World War, how was it unique?

It was the only fighting on American soil (US forces expelled Japanese invaders from one of Alaska's Aleutian Island)

What four word phrase, reported to have first been said after the battle of Rossbach, a disastrous defeat for the French, was adopted as the motto of the RAF 617 squadron after their successful raids on German dams in the Ruhr region?

'Après nous, le deluge'

Where in 1790 did the fledgling USA open its first consulate?

Liverpool

Which Viking warrior and settler took control of a large area of Northern France in the 10th century AD? His offspring and descendants became known as the Normans.

Rollo

Laid out in the 1780s, which Manchester city centre street was named in honour of the family who in 1596 bought the rights to the manor of Manchester for £3,500. The family had recently built and resided in Hough End Hall which was the manor house of Withington.

Mosley Street (the Mosley family eventually sold their manorial rights to Manchester City Council for £200,000 in 1846)

Which organisation previously very important in national life but now rather diminished, with membership dropping from 170,000 in 1981 to an active membership of c100 in 2015, has as its motto "The past we inherit, the future we build"?

National Union of Mineworkers

Who was the Transport Minister and MP for Wallasey, who oversaw the introduction of parking meters and the provisional driving licence in 1958, and panda crossings in 1962? He fled to Monaco in 1975 to avoid a substantial tax bill. He is buried in Southern Cemetery, Manchester.

(Ernest Lord) **Marples**

Who was the first US president to appear on the front cover of TIME magazine? He did so a week after the magazine was first published, just five months before his death in office.

Warren G Harding (died 1923)

Elected on a populist and black nationalist platform in 1957, he was President of his country until he died in 1971. His rule, based on a purged military, a rural militia, and his cult of personality, resulted in the death of 30,000 to 60,000 of his countrymen, with many more exiled. Who was he?

François Duvalier (or 'Papa Doc' Duvalier)

María Eugenia Ignacia Augustina de Palafox y KirkPatrick was born in Spain in 1826. In France, she was known as Eugénie de Montijo. In 1837, this red-head attended a boarding school in Clifton to learn English. Here she was known as 'Carrots'. Who did 'Carrots' marry in 1853 to become the last Empress Consort of the French? Name and regnal number required.

Napoleon III (Carrots died in Madrid in 1920, but was buried in Farnborough)

During the span of its usage until its retirement in 1977, which implement has gone by many names, including 'The Regretful Climb', 'The Silence Mill', 'Capet's Necktie', 'The Patriotic Shortener' and 'The Half Moon'?

The guillotine

Deceased on this day in 1969, Princess Alice of Battenberg was commemorated after her death as one of the few gentiles recognised as 'Righteous Among the Nations' by Israel's Holocaust Memorial Institution, Yad Vashem, for her role in hiding a Jewish family from the Nazis during the Second World War. Who is her more famous son?

Prince Philip (or The Duke of Edinburgh)

Which was the first country in the world to abolish its military?

Costa Rica (on Dec 1st 1948 by President Jose Figueres Ferrer after victory in the civil war)

How many stars are there on the EU Flag?

12 (In 1955, the Council of Europe described the flag as follows: "Against the blue sky of the Western world, the stars represent the peoples of Europe in a circle, a symbol of unity. Their number shall be invariably set at twelve, the symbol of completeness and perfection.")

What is the name of a series of routes in the Longstone Edge in the Peak District National Park suitable for horse-riding and mountain-biking? It takes its name from an 18th century highwayman who was hanged on the Gallows Tree at Wardlow Mires.

Black Harry (Trails)

With 250 inhabitants what is the main settlement of the British dependency of Tristan Da Cunha? The first word of its name was taken from the title held by Prince Alfred, Queen Victoria's second son.

Edinburgh of the Seven Seas

Arrochar Alps in Scotland? They were placed there by soldiers who built the original military road in 1753 and have been used ever since as the name of the mountain pass.

Rest and Be Thankful

In which country is Gangkhar Puensam, widely accepted to be the highest unclimbed mountain in the world? Although attempts have been made, since 1994 all climbs of mountains over 6000m in this country have been prohibited out of respect for local spiritual beliefs.

Bhutan

Travelling along the St. Lawrence Seaway between Lake Huron and Lake Erie near to Detroit you come across a smaller lake, but still sizeable at 1,100 square kilometres, considerably larger than any British lake. It is known for its extremely shallow nature with an average depth of just 11 feet. Can you name it?

Lake Saint Clair

With an area of 8.5 square miles, this Pacific island is the smallest island nation in the world. It has a population of 11,200. The only nation with fewer people is Vatican City. Formerly known as Pleasant Island, what is this island now called?

Nauru

Including all overseas territories, the UK has 6,289 islands. With an estimated 221,800 islands, the majority of which are uninhabited, which country has more islands than anywhere else in the world? Even its capital is an archipelago of 14 islands

Sweden

Complete this group of seven: Egypt 2, Turkey 2, Iraq 1, and mainland Greece 1. Where else?

Rhodes 1 (The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World)

In 1717, the territory of modern-day Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, and Venezuela was separated from the Viceroyalty of Peru to create a new Viceroyalty of the Spanish Empire; what was its name? (*at least two words required*)

(Viceroyalty of) **New Granada**

Known locally as 'kwaJimu' ('Jim's Land'), by what name is this mission station and trading post on the Buffalo River better known? In January 1879, it was the scene of a famous battle.

Rorke's Drift (named after Jim Rorke, an Irish merchant)

Before becoming Emperor of France Napoleon III lived in exile here for two years. Consequently its main thoroughfare, Lord Street, is said to have inspired the design of the Boulevards of Paris.

Southport

The county town of which English county was known in Old English as Eoforwic (EY-oh-vor-wich), in Welsh as Efrog (EV-rog), and in Irish as Eabhrac (E-oo-rak)? All these names come ultimately from its ancient British Celtic name, via its more famous Latin variant.

Yorkshire

Which street in South Manchester was originally called Dog Kennel Lane. The local temperance movement was based here in the late 19th century and petitioned for the street to be given a more inspiring name. The new name was chosen in honour of the American state that had placed a prohibition on the sale of alcohol in 1851.

Maine Road

During WW2, the Queen Victoria Hospital in East Grinstead became world-famous for pioneering treatment of badly burned or crushed RAF and allied aircrew, who required reconstructive plastic surgery. Who established the Centre for Plastic and Jaw Surgery, and instigated the Guinea Pig Club, which was formed in 1941 as a support network for the aircrew and their family members?

Sir Archibald McIndoe

When the Prodigals' own David Rainford was on the show (Millionaire), he took the money when confronted with this question, which you now have to answer: "As what was the eighteenth-century-born explorer Mungo Park qualified?"

Surgeon (accept doctor/physician)

Which substance, manufactured by Chevron, has been linked to the development of Parkinson's disease in farm workers and has been banned in the EU since 2007? It is widely used as a suicide agent in third-world countries because it is generally available at low cost.

Paraquat

What don't/didn't William Wordsworth, Michael Hutchence, Stevie Wonder and Bill Pullman have? Harry Redknapp used to have one, but lost it following a car crash.

A sense of smell

Can you give the name of the dish that consists of bull's testicles that have been peeled, coated in flour, seasoned and then deep-fried?

Rocky Mountain Oysters

After working at Crystal Palace Zoo, 'Monkey Jack' Webb became a pub landlord in WithQuiz land before WW1. He brought with him a monkey, who reputedly pulled pints for him. He may also have been responsible for the stuffed duck-billed platypus, which adorned the back room of this pub, until a fire in the 1990s. Name the pub.

The Royal Oak (in Didsbury)

What is the tiny songbird that used to be considered a delicacy in France when drowned in Armagnac, then cooked and eaten whole? (*this practice is now illegal*)

Ortolan

When the SS Politician struck rocks off the coast of Eriskay and foundered in the shallows in 1941 how many bottles of whisky was she carrying as cargo bound for New York?

245,000 (of which approx 25,000 were spirited away by the locals)

The world's hottest chilli pepper (2.2 million Scoville heat units) is named after the state in which it was bred. The state in question contains the site of the first action of the American Civil War. Which state?

South Carolina (it's the Carolina Reaper and the first action of the Civil War was the Confederate shelling of the Union Fort Sumter in Charleston harbour)

There was considerable relief on February 2nd 1852 when the world's first public convenience for men was opened on which very famous street in Central London?

Fleet Street

In January 1958 Godtfred Kirk Christiansen filed a patent for which iconic item? Over 400 billion items have been produced since then.

The Lego brick

What links Chelsea FC, BHS, Homebase, Reader's Digest, City Link, and Barings Bank, but not a 1987 property sale by Westminster City Council?

All have been sold for £1 (In 1987, Westminster City Council, under Dame Shirley Porter, sold three cemeteries, three lodges, one flat, a crematorium, and 12 acres of prime development land, but not for £1 - instead they were sold for 85p)

January 27th - aged 91 This businessman founded a multinational retail company, selling furniture such as the Poäng armchair, the Billy bookcase, and the Klippan sofa. Every store has a restaurant with traditional Swedish food, including potatoes with Swedish meatballs.

Ingvar Kamprad (IKEA is from his initials; Elmtaryd, the farm where he grew up; and Agunnaryd, his hometown)

Food production was never a serious problem for Germany until the very end of World War One. Despite this, a ban was placed on the production of sausages at various times throughout the war. These bans were imposed because all available animal intestines were needed for the manufacture of what product, considered vital to the war effort.

Zeppelins (as many as 250,000 pig or cow intestines were needed to make the gas holding cells for a single Zeppelin)

A full-scale replica of which brig has been constructed at the Nao Victoria Museum in Punta Arenas, Chile? The original was built in Woolwich Dockyard and entered service in 1820.

(HMS) **Beagle**

Which ship was originally the collier Bethia, built in 1784? It was purchased by the Royal Navy for a single mission to acquire breadfruit plants and to transport them to the West Indies in the hope that they would grow well there and become a cheap source of food for slaves? Its remains were rediscovered in 1957.

HMS Bounty

Which city whose population is around 10 million is home to the longest continually run institution of higher learning in the Americas?

Lima (Lima lima: Spiny fileclam)

On Sept 8th 1879 eight carbon arc lamps were unveiled as 'Artificial Sunshine' thus beginning which long standing event?

Blackpool Lights

What was bought for 30 pieces of silver?

The Potter's Field (Judas tried to return his bribe and the Elders of the Temple used the money to make the purchase)

The martyrdom of St Denis of Paris involved the severing of what body part? After it was cut off, Denis reportedly picked it up and walked several miles, preaching a sermon as he went.

Head

In the Old testament who went to the tent of the Assyrian general Holofernes and 'delighted him'? When she had finished 'delighting' him she hacked off his head and gave it to her maidservant to carry home.

Judith

According to the Natural History Museum website, which aquatic creature has blue blood, three hearts, the largest brain to body ratio of any invertebrate and the ability to use tools?

Octopus

Meaning a time of freedom from care, for example the 1970s, what term is derived from the belief that during the nesting period of kingfishers around the winter solstice, the sea always remained calm?

Halcyon (days)

In 1737, Benjamin Franklin published a dictionary of more than 200 phrases to describe what human condition, examples of which are: 'burdock'd'; 'he's kiss'd black Betty'; 'has dipp'd his bill'; 'his flag is out'; 'got the glanders'; 'got on his little hat'; 'nimptopical'; 'been too free with Sir John Strawberry'; 'wasted his paunch'?

Being inebriated (or drunk)

Which portmanteau word did Peter Wilding, founder of the British Influence think tank, coin in May 2012?

What famous stage direction from Act III, Scene 3 of *A Winter's Tale*, leads up to the offstage death of Antigonus?

Brexit, Pursued by a Bear

What is the title of the fourth book in the Hitch-Hiker 'trilogy' by Douglas Adams? This dish first appeared in the 1860s, and combined an element brought to England by Western Sephardic Jews, with an element imported from Belgium or France. What is this early example of fusion cuisine called?

So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish and Chips

Which 1973 novel, narrated by Isadora Zelda White Stollerman Wing, was famously controversial for its portrayal of female sexuality? Designated LNER Class A3 4472, what is the name of the Pacific type steam locomotive, built in 1923?

Fear of Flying Scotsman

Nottingham-born singer who provided the theme song to the BBC One drama *Happy Valley* and whose hit *Lightning Bolt* is currently being used to advertise the Mini Countryman; Expletive phrase attributed to George the Fifth after a period of seaside convalescence

Jake Bugg "Bugger Bognor!"

At Durham Chorister's School in 1966, two boys separated by two years. The elder sadly didn't make it as a rock star with his university band Ugly Rumours and the younger fortunately gave up electrical engineering for performing, including the role of Zazu the red-billed hornbill in *The Lion King*.

Tony Blair and Rowan Atkinson