

Themed Wednesday Quiz 58: Great Britons

Well in my seemingly never ending quest to both entertain and educate you (as well as it must be said myself) I have chosen as the theme for this week's Quiz "Great Britons". This is based on the list drawn up by BBC2 in 2002 when the public voted for the Greatest Britons ever: I wonder if anyone from today (especially those who helped develop the vaccines) may feature on the list if the poll was re-run? For those of you who feel "history is not their forte" don't worry, I'm sure you will have heard of most of them anyway.

I'll send the answers out next Wednesday so plenty of time to get your thinking caps on!

1. Prime Minister for most of World War 2
2. Lord Protector during the Commonwealth period
3. The Bard of Stratford-upon-Avon
4. Scotsman who invented the telephone
5. Author of "Lord of the Rings" trilogy
6. He wrote about a Pilgrimage to Canterbury in the 14th century
7. Explorer who spent a lot of time in Africa...presumably
8. Can you Imagine the Fab Four without him? O No!
9. She founded the first Birth Control Clinic in Britain
10. In 1966 he put his hands on the Jules Rimet Trophy
11. He tried to colonize Virginia and popularised smoking
12. He invented the Analytical Engine, a mechanical computer
13. Whereas he invented the gogglebox!
14. He invented the timepiece that was used to establish Longitude
15. He produced the first English translation of the bible
16. This rower won Gold five Olympics in a row
17. Led the second Expedition to reach the South Pole
18. Queen of the Iceni who resisted the Romans
19. English King who conquered Wales and was known as "Longshanks"
20. He discovered penicillin
21. He founded the NHS
22. RAF pilot who shot down 22 planes despite being legless!
23. Founder of the Methodist church
24. Footballer who married a Spice girl

25. The inventor of the World Wide Web
26. King who led the Scottish drive for Independence in the 1300's helped by a different type of web
27. Longest reigning monarch in British history
28. And she was the second longest
29. Suffragette who founded the WSPU
30. Driving force behind Britain abolishing slavery and the Slave Trade
31. His 1968 "Rivers of Blood" speech opposed mass immigration
32. Hunchbacked monarch recently found under a Leicester carpark
33. He invented the Bouncing Bomb as used by The Dambusters
34. There were Great Expectations whenever he wrote a new novel!
35. Luton Town supporter who had a wise comedy partner
36. Scientist behind the successes at Bletchley Park who was persecuted for being gay.....
37. In 1964 he broke the land speed and water speed world records
38. He was the main reason Napoleon met his Waterloo
39. Theoretical scientist who suffered from a wasting disease
40. Englishman who wrote "The Rights of Man"
41. He created the vaccine for Smallpox
42. De-facto leader of the Easter Uprising executed by firing squad
43. Founder of the Salvation Army
44. Inventor of the Jet Engine
45. Hailing from Whitby he reached both Hawaii and Australia
46. Commander of the Allied Forces during the Battle of Normandy in 1944.....
47. He expected every sailor to do his duty
48. He formulated the idea of Survival of the Fittest and wrote "the Origin of Species".....
49. RAF Group Captain who won a Victoria Cross in 1944
50. And finally this silent actor was a bit of a Tramp

Have fun: stay safe and stay sane!

(Quiz for Basildon & Billericay U3A: 05.05.21.)