

## Themed Wednesday:

## Quiz 60:

### **Sixty today: what a diamond!**

*Well we've almost made it and disregarding the doom-mongers and potential threats to the 4<sup>th</sup> stage of the road plan, this week's Quiz is the last Themed Quiz.*

*I did briefly toy with the idea of taking one question from each of the previous 59 quizzes to check who was paying attention and also who had remembered some new facts but decided that was too much like holding an exam which means nowadays I'd probably have to grade you all and judge you on your previous work so I gave up on that. Instead the Questions all have a link with "sixty" itself as you shall see below.*

*The Answers, plus two General Knowledge Quizzes, to follow next Wednesday.*

**So to start with, a few questions on events that happened in the year ??60.**

**From the fact or facts below all you have to do is identify/guess the year in question (and most should be easily guessable even if you don't know the fact).**

**So in no particular order what year did the following occur in?**

1. The English Parliament votes to restore Charles II to the throne .....
2. In The War of the Roses King Henry VI is captured at the battle of Northampton, and in August the Scottish King James II is killed when one of his own cannon explodes .....
3. In May Abraham Lincoln is chosen as the Republican candidate for US President.....
4. The Mamluks defeat the Mongol army of Hulagu Khan (grandson of Genghis Khan) at the battle of Ain Jalut, their first decisive defeat .....
5. King Francis II of France dies aged 16, widowing the young Mary Queen of Scots.....
6. Madagascar and Cameroon both gain independence from France .....
7. The Treaty of Bretigny is ratified marking the end of the first phase of The Hundred Years War.....
8. Pompey, Crassus and Julius Caesar form a triumvirate .....
9. Britain captures Montreal from France in the Seven Year War effectively taking control of the whole of Canada .....
10. King Offa defeats the Mercians at the Battle of Hereford and frees himself from the influence of the Ango-Saxons .....

**Moving on to more recent times all the following clues lead to a person who was born in 1960.**

**How many can you identify?**

- 11. 8<sup>th</sup> in line to the throne and apparently likes pizza. No sweat! .....
- 12. US Actor formerly married to Madonna .....
- 13. He played a foxy character in X-files .....
- 14. Best known for Top Gear and now Who Wants To Be A Millionaire .....
- 15. He played Darcy in 1995 and George VI in 2010 .....
- 16. Host of the Chase .....
- 17. Brazilian Racing Driver killed at the San Marino Grand Prix in 1994 .....
- 18. Followed Len to be head Judge .....
- 19. He's a crisp presenter on MOTD .....
- 20. English food writer and TV cook whose father was once Chancellor .....

**And similarly the following people all reach (or would have reached) the age of sixty this year having been born a year later in 1961. This time how many can you identify from their pictures?**

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**And finally to get those brain cells working one last time.....hopefully you all know that a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is called a Diamond Anniversary (although originally it was 75 years and only changed to 60 when Queen Victoria had been on the throne for sixty years) so the final thirty questions (making 60 in all!!) all have words that contain either **DIA** or **MOND** in them.**

**How many can you work out?**

31. Outline drawing showing how something works .....
32. Straight line joining two corners .....
33. Nut used to make marzipan .....
34. Disease in which sugar and starch are not properly absorbed in the body .....
35. US term for a nappy .....
36. Former Scottish First Minister .....
37. Conversation or discussion .....
38. John Bishop or Tommy Cooper for example .....
39. 1966 song by The Mamas and Papas .....
40. 2000 film in which Russell Crowe played Maximus .....
41. British Newspaper founded in Manchester in 1821 .....
42. Jimmy Carter's Vice-President from 1977-81 .....
43. Warm and friendly .....
44. Samuel Pepys for example .....
45. Includes a lion, a fish, and some twins! .....

46. Regional variation in language	.....
47. Straight line that passes through the centre of a circle to both sides	.....
48. Imaginary North-South line on the earth's surface	.....
49. Roman Goddess of the hunt	.....
50. Can include ultra-violet and X-rays	.....
51. Fictional character created by HC McNeile under the pen name "Sapper"	.....
52. Primeval	.....
53. The dispersion of the Jews from their homeland	.....
54. French Daily afternoon Newspaper	.....
55. Recognise an illness through signs and symptoms	.....
56. Igneous rock which is a naturally occurring volcanic glass	.....
57. US cyclist who won the Tour de France in 1986/89/90	.....
58. Act of negotiating or acting as a Peace-maker	.....
59. Reject or disown utterly	.....
60. A device designed to cause a fire	.....

**Enjoy your week: stay safe and healthy.**

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