Round 1 – Quizmaster's Choice – 'Mozart & Co'

As the title suggests, this round gives me the chance to put some unusual questions to you. This month I've chosen as the theme 'Mozart & Co', so a chance to show off your knowledge of classical music......

- Which national hero was the subject of a Rossini opera?
 WILLIAM TELL
- Who wrote *The Young Persons Guide to the Orchestra?* **BENJAMIN BRITTEN**
- Who composed *Twinkle, twinkle Little star* at the tender age of five? **MOZART**
- Which operatic heroine commits suicide on her father's sword?

 MADAME BUTTERFLY
- Which 1967 mega hit song by Procol Harum was based on the Bach cantata Sleepers Awake?

 WHITER SHADE OF PALE
- Which of Verdi's operas is based on the story of *The Lady of the Camellias?* **LA TRAVIATA**
- 7 Whose only opera was *Fidelio*? **BEETHOVEN**
- 8 What nationality was the composer Borodin?
 RUSSIAN

Round 2 - Letter Link

This round consists of 8 general knowledge questions where the last letter of the answer to question 1 will be the same as the first letter of the answer to question 2, and the final letter of the answer to question 2 will be the same as the first letter of the answer to question 3 and so on so forth down the 8 questions. When you get to question 8, the final letter of that answer will be the same as the first letter to the answer to question 1, thus completing the link.

- What name is given to the pictorial form of writing used by the ancient Egyptians?
 - **HIEROGLYPHICS**
- What are collected by a philatelist?
 STAMPS
- What is the more common name for a human's scapula (singular)? **SHOULDER BLADE**
- 4 Arthur's Seat, an extinct volcano, overlooks which city? **EDINBURGH**
- Which of the American states is the most southerly?

 HAWAII
- In 1983, The Weather Girls had a hit with which song?

 IT'S RAINING MEN
- Where did Charles Blondin famously perform a tightrope walk on June 30th 1859?
 - **NIAGARA FALLS**
- Which town in Kent hosts The British Open golf championship approximately every 10 years?
 SANDWICH

Round 3 - Sum total

In this round all the answers are numbers and the 'sum total' of your 8 answers should be 142

1 Which group had hits with *Homely Girl* and *Kingston Town*?

UB40

2 In the human body, how many teeth make up a full adult set?

32

How many colours appear on the national flag of the Russian Federation; one, two or three?

3 (Red, white and blue)

4 Which New York rapper's debut album was entitled *Power of the Dollar*?

50 CENT

- Which radio station did the old Light programme become in 1967?

 BBC RADIO 2
- Humans have seven bones in their necks. How many bones are there in the neck of a giraffe, is it 7, 11 or 14?

 SEVEN
- If you spell out the names of all the numbers from one up to 100 in alphabetical order, which number would you write last in your alphabetical list?

TWO

8 How many of the 13 stripes on the US flag are white?

Round 4 - Connection

This round consists of 7 general knowledge questions where the answers all have a common connection. For question 8 you simply have to work out what the connection is between the previous 7 answers. All your answers should obviously fit the connection; if you find yourself looking at an answer that doesn't obviously fit the connection then it's either very obscure or, more likely, you've got the wrong answer and you'll need a bit of a re-think!

- 1 What basic colour is a bay horse? **BROWN**
- For ½ point each, which two shades of a certain colour do you associate with the University Boat race?

LIGHT BLUE & DARK BLUE

- What colour ribbon does a Victoria Cross have? CRIMSON
- What colour is an aircraft's Black box normally?
 ORANGE
- Assuming that red is the first in the sequence, which colour or colours are the fifth in the sequence of a set of traffic lights in this Country?

 RED
- In the context of this connection, which word can go before river, sea and pages? **YELLOW**
- 7 What colour is the liqueur absinthe? **GREEN**
- What is the connection between the previous seven answers?

 COLOURS OF THE SQUARES ON A MONOPOLY BOARD