

Round 1 – Quizmaster’s Choice – ‘St David & St Patrick’

As the title suggests, this round gives me the chance to put some unusual questions to you. This month, in honour of St David’s Day on the 1st March and St Patrick’s Day on the 17th March, I’ve chosen 4 questions relating to Ireland and a further 4 relating to Wales

- 1 The largest loch in the British Isles is situated in Northern Ireland, what is its name?
- 2 The water from which river is traditionally used in the brewing of Guinness?
- 3 Which Irish actor has played the role of Albus Dumbledore since taking the part over in the third of the *Harry Potter* films? (first name and surname required)
- 4 Traditionally, in which city does the largest St Patrick’s Day parade in the world take place?
- 5 The railway station with the longest name in the world is located on Anglesey in northwest Wales. I won’t ask you to spell it but do you know how many letters it contains, is it 38, 48 or 58 letters?
- 6 What is the main ingredient of Welsh laverbread (known as bara lafwr or bara lawr in Welsh)?
- 7 What was the anglicised first name and surname of the Welsh leader who instigated a fierce and long-running war of independence with the aim of ending English rule in Wales during the Late Middle Ages. He was the last native Welshman to hold the title Prince of Wales?
- 8 Which Welsh rugby union player became the most capped player of all time when he led his team out against New Zealand in October 2021? (all three names required – so there’s a clue!)

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.

- 1 Who was the Greek goddess of victory whose name is also a well-known brand of modern day sportswear?
- 2 What was the surname of the famous 1960s singing duo whose Christian names were Phil & Don?
- 3 What is the name of the dead Court Jester in Hamlet whose skull is exhumed by the gravedigger?
- 4 Who had a hit with *Kids in America*? (first name & surname required for the letter link)
- 5 What name is given to the smallest part of an atom?
- 6 What is the chemical symbol for sodium?
- 7 Which place in Scotland is known as 'the granite city'?
- 8 What name is used to describe a person aged between ninety and ninety-nine?

Round 3 – Sum total

In this round all the answers are numbers and the 'sum total' of your 8 answers should be 1,758

- 1 How many stars are there on the Australian flag?
- 2 Which year appears on bottles of the French lager Kronenbourg?
- 3 Which group, who took their title from a Government form, made the hit albums *Signing Off* and *Labour of Love*?
- 4 How many US Presidents were assassinated during the reign of Queen Victoria?
- 5 Which number King Edward was the first Yorkist King of England?
- 6 How old was Mrs Beeton of cookery book fame when she died, was she 28, 48 or 68 years old?
- 7 Which British banknote has a depiction of Jane Austen on its reverse side?
- 8 During how many decades did cricketer Brian Close play for England?

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 is the surname of the former England football captain nicknamed 'Crazy Horse'?
- 2 What was the surname of Clyde, of Bonnie & Clyde fame?
- 3 What was the surname of the author of *The Darling Buds of May*?
- 4 What is the surname of the famous entrepreneur, born in 1950, who started his first business at the age of 16 with a magazine called *Student* before setting up an audio-record mail order business in 1972?
- 5 Which city is the state capital of Nevada?
- 6 Which team, who play in the English Football League division two, have the nickname The Reds or The Red Devils?
- 7 Which castle in Berkshire is the home of the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon?
- 8 What is the connection between the previous seven answers?