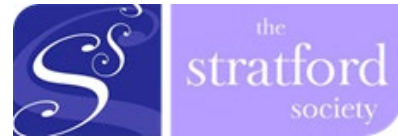


STRATFORD SOCIETY



Christmas Quiz 2021

Devised and hosted by Margaret Cund

1. Clopton Bridge is named after a native of Stratford and major benefactor to the town who became Lord Mayor of London. What was his Christian name?
2. In which county does the Warwickshire Avon rise?
3. Which two buildings mark the beginning and end points of the Historic Spine through Stratford?
4. John Harvard's collection of books led to the foundation of Harvard University. His maternal grandfather, Thomas Rogers, ran a business from premises in Stratford's High Street, now known as Harvard House. What sort of business was it?
5. Which British novelist lived at Mason Croft, now the Shakespeare Institute?
6. Who or what does The Obelisk erected on the Welcombe Hills in 1876 commemorate?
7. When the 18th century actor, David Garrick, staged his Shakespeare Jubilee in Stratford, it rained. In which year was that?
8. And, in which West Midlands city was David Garrick born?
9. Following a devastating fire which destroyed much of the original theatre on the site, the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre was opened 1932. Who was the architect?
10. Each week, the 'Stratford Herald' declares that it is "The Heart of the Community since" Which year?
11. Which Victorian novelist was instrumental in preserving Shakespeare's Birthplace as a national monument, leading to the setting-up of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust?
12. In the mid-17th century, part of what we now know as Shakespeare's Birthplace became an inn? What was it called?
13. For a time in the 1960's, Clopton House was the home of the ex-wife of which famous British conductor?
14. The Stratford and Moreton Tramway was a horse-drawn wagon-way from the canal basin in Stratford. Today, one of its wagons is preserved near the Tramway Bridge. But what was the name of the railway pioneer who built the Tramway?

15. The same man was responsible for building the Stratford-upon-Avon Canal to Birmingham. There are 54 locks along its 25-mile length. What is the unique feature of the lockkeepers' cottages?
16. Having fallen into disrepair, the Canal was restored in the 1960's. Which member of the Royal Family re-opened it in 1964?
17. In the bishop's register of which Cathedral are held the records of the marriage of William Shakespeare and Anne Hathaway in November 1582?
18. In the Bancroft Gardens stands a statue of Shakespeare, together with four characters from his plays. The designer gives his name to the Monument. What was he called?
19. The building at the top of Bridge Street in Stratford is now a bank. But what was its original function?
20. The Guild Chapel has a magnificent set of late 15th century wall paintings which have recently been conserved. What name is given to a painting depicting the Last Judgement, such as that over the Chancel arch?

And now a few questions about this season of the year:

21. At Christmas time, many churches hold a service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Which carol traditionally opens these services?
22. Which town on the Worcestershire/Shropshire border hosts a now-famous Holly and Mistletoe Auction each November?
23. What ingredient, that we no longer include, was in the original mince pies?
24. What do we call spiced wine served warm at this time of year?
25. And, finally, looking to the New Year, what name is given to the ancient custom of visiting orchards on Twelfth Night to bless the trees, in the hope of ensuring a good harvest next season?

ANSWERS

1. Hugh - Hugh Clopton. He is often called Sir Hugh Clopton, but there is no evidence that he was ever knighted.
2. Northamptonshire - near Naseby
3. Shakespeare's Birthplace and Holy Trinity Church - cradle to grave
4. Butcher
5. Marie Corelli
6. Mark Philips - until his death three years earlier, he owned the Welcombe Estate.
7. 1769
8. Hereford - his father, Capt. Peter Garrick, was stationed there at the time, but the family's home was in Lichfield, where he was educated at the grammar school.
9. Elisabeth Scott - she came from a family of architects, being the great-niece of George Gilbert Scott and the second cousin of his son, Giles Gilbert Scott. The Theatre was the first important building in Britain to be designed by a woman.
10. 1860
11. Charles Dickens - along with many others, he scratched his name on a glass window pane, now preserved in an upstairs room in the Birthplace.
12. The Swan and Maidenhead Inn - later becoming the home of a great-grandson of Shakespeare's sister, Joan Hart.
13. Sir Thomas Beecham - "Beecham (1879-1961) did not die a rich man. By the time his estate had been sorted out, there was little left. The probate value was put at £3,498 (£57,000). Utica [his American first wife], now seventy-nine and still living at Clopton House, where she showed visitors round at 2s 6d (£2) a head, demanded to see the will, but her name was not mentioned in it. Beecham had left everything to Shirley [aged 29], his wife of nineteen months. Until she died sixteen years later [in 1977], Utica proclaimed to anyone who listened that she was still the only true wife of Sir Thomas Beecham. He was, she said, a great man. Nobody could dispute that."
14. William James - as well as being a railway pioneer, he was a lawyer, surveyor and land agent. He lived at The Yew Trees in the High Street, Henley-in-Arden, where there is a plaque to his memory.
15. Barrel-roofed - the best preserved one is the Lengthman's Cottage at Lawsonford, now owned by the Landmark Trust and available to rent. In 2015, the Trust commissioned

the sculptor, Antony Gormley, to create five life-sized sculptures to mark its 50th anniversary. One of these was placed in front of the Cottage – the only one of the five at an inland site. It was entirely appropriate for its industrial heritage setting.

16. The Queen Mother

17. Worcester Cathedral - at the time, Stratford was in the Diocese of Worcester. Although a number of local churches make the claim, it is not known where the couple was married.

18. The Gower Memorial - named after Lord Ronald Sutherland Gower

19. A market hall

20. A Doom painting

21. 'Once in Royal David's City'

22. Tenbury Wells

23. Minced meat - most often mutton. King Henry V served a mincemeat pie at his coronation in 1413.

24. Mulled wine

25. Wassailing