

# Richmond Park History Buff quiz

This week's challenge is the last in our series of Lockdown Quizzes; we hope you've enjoyed them. See if you are a Park aficionado! **Answers in Red**

*Queen's Ride is named after which queen? What is a ladderstile?  
What was the 300 metre wide symbol? - all found in Richmond Park!*

1. Martin's Oak near Ham Cross is possibly the oldest tree in the Park. Roughly how old is it (to the nearest 100 years)? 1 point. **A. 700-750 years; The Royal Oak, above Pen Ponds, is thought to be of a similar age.**



2. The main theatre at the Royal Ballet School in White Lodge is named after which famous dancer? Her equally famous dancing partner lived in Sheen on the edge of the Park for 13 years. What were their names (both pictured here)? 1 point each, max 2 points

**A. Dame Margot Fonteyn; Rudolf Nureyev.**

3. This picture below shows part of a line of veteran oaks immediately to the west of Holly Lodge that existed

before the 1637 enclosure. Was it a) the field boundary of a farm b) a footpath through the Park or c) a sheep drovers' road? 1 point. **A. a) the boundary of a farm.**

4. There is a strip of land 16½ft wide that runs around the Park just outside the wall and is part of the Park land;



Sir David Attenborough is pictured here in the strip by Bog Gate. It has two



names: one is the official name and one is often used by estate agents. Name either for 1 point. **A. it is properly called the 'freebord'; it's**

**sometimes referred to as the 'deer leap'.**

5. King Charles I was executed in 1649. For the next 11 years until the restoration of the monarchy the Park was clearly no longer in royal ownership. Who did own the Park then? a) Parliament b) the Corporation (City) of London or c) the parish of Mortlake? 1 point. **A. b) The Corporation of London.**
6. Ladderstile Gate is one of the pedestrian gates into the Park. What is a ladderstile? 1 point. **A. It is a large stile comprising a ladder either side of a wall or fence to enable people to climb over. One existed at Ladderstile Gate until the 1880s.**
7. 'Queen's Ride', the broad avenue from Sawyer's Hill to White Lodge, is named after which queen? a) Queen Anne (r. 1702-1714) b) Queen Caroline (consort of King George II, 1727-1737) or c) Queen Victoria (r. 1837-1901) 1 point. **A. b) Queen Caroline.**

8. The Hearsum Collection has some examples of objects like the one shown here. What were they? a) part of the uniform of Park staff b) entry tokens needed to gain admittance to the Park c) police identification badges /point. **A. Entry tokens which, at a time when access to the Park was restricted, enabled the bearer to enter at one of the gates.**



9. True or False – Pembroke Lodge (right) is named after Henry, 10th Earl of Pembroke, who lived at the Lodge from 1780. /point. **A. False; it was his wife, Elizabeth, Countess of Pembroke & Montgomery, who took the Lodge in 1780 to escape from her husband's philandering and died there in 1831. Her husband never visited the place.**



10. The structure pictured below, which is just below King Henry's Mound, is sometimes referred to as the 'ice house', but it has nothing to do with ice. What is it? /point. **A. An artesian well house which collected and channelled water to a lodge down the hill.**



11. The picture below shows the design for a Lodge and very large formal grounds to be built in the Park, with its entrance in the bottom right.

Where was it?

(Clue – note (i) the gate at the bottom right of the picture and (ii) the circular



feature in the top left.) /point. **A. Between Petersham Gate and King Henry's Mound.**

12. Sawyer's Hill, Thomson's Pond in Isabella Plantation and Bishop's Gate are all named after people who had what job in common? /point. **A. All were keepers of the Park; three generations of Sawyer were Head Keepers; George Thomson was the Park Superintendent; and two generations of Bishop were assistant keeper.**

13. In June 1854, the government minister Lord John Russell hosted a meeting of the cabinet at his home, Pembroke Lodge. The cabinet agreed that British forces would invade which area? (Clue: it remains a disputed region) /point. **A. The Crimean Peninsula.**

14. A school, which had been named after Countess Russell (wife of Lord John Russell), used to be just inside the Park near Petersham Gate. What happened to it? /point. **A. It was destroyed by a German bomb in 1943.**

15. Following the birth of Prince George in July 2013 a photograph was published of four generations of the Royal family (the Queen, Prince Charles, Prince William and the baby George). That reminded people of the earlier one shown right, taken in White Lodge in 1894. Who are the people pictured? /point for 2 people, 2 points for all 4. **A. Queen Victoria, the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII), the Duke of York (later King George V) and the baby Edward (later King Edward VIII).**



16. Which was the last of Richmond Park's gates to be created? /point. Why was it built? 2<sup>nd</sup> point; max 2 points **A. Cambrian Gate; to give access to the South African military hospital in WWI.**





17. Pictured left, she lived in White Lodge for 30 years in the nineteenth century, was called the 'People's Princess' (a name later given to Princess Diana), her daughter married a future king, she is commemorated with a plantation in the Park near Sheen Gate and with a memorial outside Richmond Gate. Who was she? 1 point **A. Mary, Duchess of Teck; her daughter Mary married the future George V.**

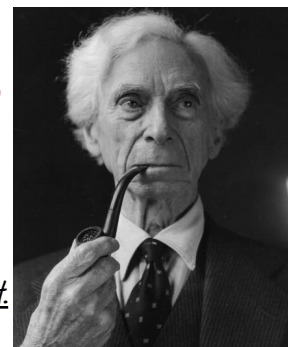
18. In 1919 in Richmond Park, 17-year old Sylvia Boyden became the first female in England to do what from a great height? (Clue: The Friends autumn 2017

newsletter had a full-page article about her). 1 point **A. Parachute (she did it three times that day from a balloon).**

19. On maps of the Park from the 1930s and early 1950s there were 36 areas that were shown as having been marked out for what purpose? They largely disappeared in the 1960s. 1 point **A. Football pitches.**

20. A public golf course, between Beverley Brook and the A3, was opened by a popular prince who later became King. In what year (3 years either way)? 1 point And who was the prince? 1 point **A. Prince Edward, Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII) 1923. (A second course was opened by his brother, the Duke of York (later King George VI) in 1925.**

21. Which philosopher, mathematician and Nobel Prize winner (right) was brought up by his grandparents at Pembroke Lodge? 1 point **A. Bertrand Russell; he lived at the Lodge from 1875 until 1890 with Lord John and Lady Russell**



22. For centuries, under the Royal Venison Warrant, Richmond and other Royal Parks each year supplied a haunch of venison to a long list of notables. When was it stopped – a)

1930? b) 1952 c) 1997? 1 point **A. 1997, it had 80 names on the list by then.**



23. The building in the photo (left) is at Ham Gate. What was it? 1 point **A. A police box.**

24. The picture (below) shows Susan Kramer, a patron of the Friends, speaking at the unveiling of a plaque at Sheen Gate

on the 250th anniversary of a famous victory by a local brewer. Who was he (1 point) and what did he achieve (1 point)? (Clue - you'll have seen this in a previous quiz!) **A. John Lewis. In 1758 he legally established that the public had rights of way on foot over certain footpaths across the Park.**



25. What massive symbol – 300 x 135 metres – was mown into the grass in Richmond Park in 2012? (1 point). For a 2<sup>nd</sup> point, what means of power was used for the mowing? (Clue, it didn't involve engines!). **A. The Olympic Games; the mowers were 'powered' by Shire horses. Picture added for answers only.**

*A maximum of 29 points can be scored: how many can you get?*

Good luck, we hope you enjoyed it!

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