

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!

*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 reckoned to be the oldest tree in the Park. Roughly how old is it (to the nearest 100 years)? 1 point.



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

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.

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.

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.

6. Ladderstile Gate is one of the pedestrian gates into the Park. What is a ladderstile? 1 point.

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.

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 1 point.



9. True or False – Pembroke Lodge (right) is named after Henry, 10th Earl of Pembroke, who lived at the Lodge from 1780. 1 point

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? 1 point



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.) 1 point

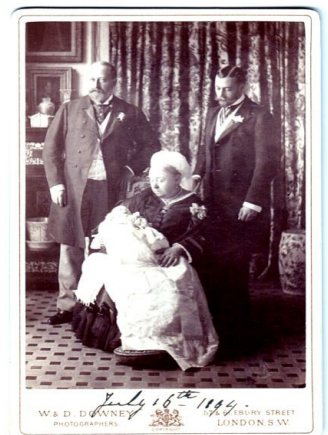
12. Sawyer's Hill, Thomson's Pond in Isabella Plantation and Bishop's Gate are all named after people who had what job in common? 1 point

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) 1 point

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? 1 point

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? 1 point for 2 people, 2 points for all 4

16. Which was the last of Richmond Park's gates to be created? 1 point. Why was it built? 1 point; max 2 points

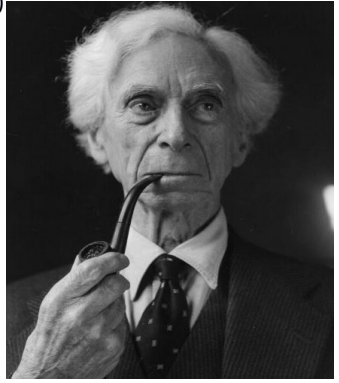


17. Pictured left, she lived in White Lodge for 30 years in the nineteenth century, was called the 'People's Princess' (a name later given to Princess Diana), her daughter married a future king, she is commemorated with a plantation in the Park near Sheen Gate and with a memorial outside Richmond Gate.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

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

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

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
21. Which philosopher, mathematician and Nobel Prize winner (right) was brought up by his grandparents at Pembroke Lodge? 1 point
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



23. The building in the photo is at Ham Gate. What was it? 1 point

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!)

25. What massive symbol – 300 x 135 metres – was mown into the grass in Richmond Park in 2012? (1 point). For a 2nd point, what means of power was used for the mowing? (Clue, it didn't involve engines!)



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

Good luck, we hope you enjoyed it!

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