

**THE HALBERTON HISTORY GROUP  
GREAT BIG  
PLATINUM JUBILEE QUIZ**

**HOW MUCH DO YOU  
KNOW ABOUT THE  
LAST 70 YEARS?**



*Just for fun we have produced an eclectic mix of 53 questions for you to ponder.*

*The answers will be posted on our website on Monday 6th June.*

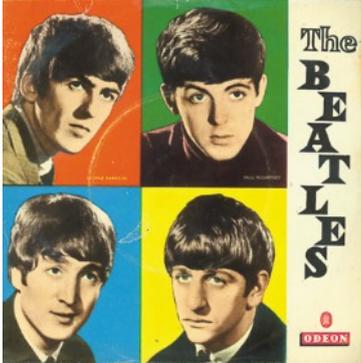
*We hope you enjoy your trip down Memory Lane*

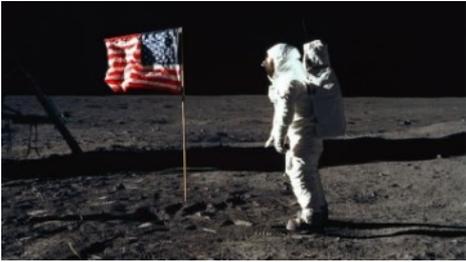
# 1952 to 1960

1		<p>In 2022 the average price of a house in the UK is £245,000.</p> <p>But what was it in 1952?</p> <p>A) £900 B) £1,300 or C) £1,800</p>
2		<p>In 1953 about 25% of British households had a black and white television. By 1964 that had risen to 90%.</p> <p>When was the first <u>official</u> colour programme on <u>BBC1</u> broadcast? (It was a concert from the Royal Albert Hall, London)</p> <p>a) 1967 b) 1968 c) 1969</p>
3		<p>In 1953 Sir Edmund Hilary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay made the first successful ascent of the 29,035 foot Mount Everest.</p> <p>Is the following statement true or false...</p> <p>They reached the summit before 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1953, the date of the Coronation.</p>
4		<p>In 1956 Tesco opened it's first 'self service' supermarket at Maldon in Essex.</p> <p>How many Tesco supermarkets are there in the UK now?</p> <p>a) 2,700 b) 3,700 c) 4,700</p>

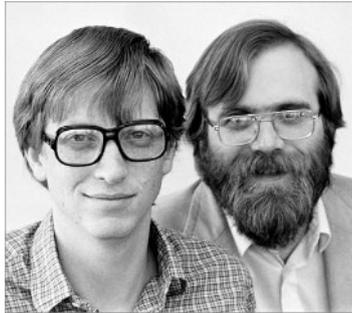
5		<p>This British actor won the Best Actor Oscar in 1958 for his part in <i>The Bridge on the River Kwai</i>. He was knighted in 1959 and in 1977 played Obi-Wan Kenobi in <i>Star Wars</i>.</p> <p>What was his name?</p>
6		<p>When Sir Cliff Richard's debut single reached #2 in the charts in 1958 it could be purchased in both 78rpm and 45 rpm vinyl format.</p> <p>What was the title of the song?</p>
7		<p>In 1959, the year the BMC Mini entered production and the first section of the M1 opened, there were about 4,500,000 cars on our roads. These days there are about 32,700,000 passenger cars on the UK roads.</p> <p>That first section of the M1 to be opened started at Watford. Where did it end?</p>
8		<p>It's the longest running soap in the world and still going of course, but in which year was this programme first aired on television?</p>
9		<p>In 1960 only 5% of British homes had central heating. Now over 85% (almost 20 million dwellings) have gas central heating.</p> <p>The Government plans to ban gas central heating in all new homes... from which year?</p>

## 1961 to 1974

10		<p>In 1957 the Russians launched the first satellite, Sputnik 1. There are now over 4,500 man made satellites orbiting the earth.</p> <p>On 12<sup>th</sup> April 1961 the Russians put the first man in space and on 5<sup>th</sup> May the same year the USA put the first American in space.</p> <p>What were the names of the first Russian and the first American in space?</p>
11		<p>The Beatles released 'Love me do', their first UK single, in October 1962.</p> <p>It reached number one in Australia, America and in which other country?</p>
12		<p>This chap hit the headlines in 1963.</p> <p>a) Who was he and b) how did he change Halberton?</p>
13		<p>This photograph was taken in 1966.</p> <p>What is going on?</p>

14		<p>England won the World Cup final at Wembley in 1966 under the captaincy of Bobby Moore of whom it was once said; “He could hardly run, couldn’t turn, couldn’t head a ball, and had no left foot. But he was the world’s greatest defender”.</p> <p>Which was the only football league club Bobby Moore played for until he transferred to Fulham in 1974?</p>
15		<p>In 1967 the BBC aired a TV series each Sunday at 7.30pm that caused the nation to shut down. Pubs closed early and the Church even rescheduled its evening worship services.</p> <p>What was the title of that series?</p>
16		<p>The first men to set foot on the moon reached their destination on July 21<sup>st</sup> 1969.</p> <p>What was the name of the Apollo 11 mission moon lander that put them there?</p>
17		<p>In 1974, due to industrial action by coal miners and railway workers, the Government introduced the three day working week to conserve electricity</p> <p>Who was the British Prime Minister at that time?</p>
18		<p>McDonald’s open their first UK restaurant in Woolwich, London in 1974</p> <p>How many McDonald’s restaurants are there in the UK today?</p> <p>a) 1,300 b) 2,300 or c) 3,300</p>

# 1975 to 1985

19		<p>Bill Gates and Paul Allen founded Microsoft on April 4<sup>th</sup> 1975.</p> <p>How many main versions of Microsoft Windows have been released since November 1985?</p> <p>a) 11 b) 13 c) 15</p>
20		<p>In 1975 the UK recorded it's highest ever rate of inflation during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. How much did prices go up by in 1975?</p> <p>a) 22% b) 24% c) 26%</p>
21		<p>In what year was the 163 mile (262 km) M5 motorway officially opened?</p> <p>a) 1975 b) 1976 c) 1977</p>
22		<p>Margaret Hilda Thatcher became the first female Prime Minister of the UK on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1979 and she held office until 28<sup>th</sup> November 1990.</p> <p>How many Prime Ministers of the UK have held office during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II?</p>

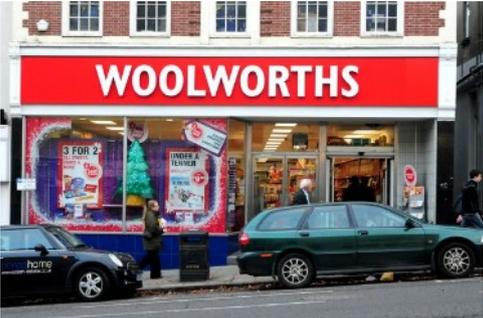
23		<p>The first episode of 'Only fools and horses' was shown in September 1981. The 1996 episode "Time on Our Hands" holds the record for the highest UK audience for a sitcom episode, attracting 24.3 million viewers</p> <p>Who wrote and sang "Hooky Street", the theme tune to the show?</p>
24		<p>Invented in 1979, music CD's first went on public sale in late 1982. The music on a CD is imprinted on a spiral track an amazing 3.5 miles (5.7 kilometres) long.</p> <p>The first ever CD was a 1982 album called The Visitors. Which pop group made that CD?</p>
25		<p>The British motor manufacturer Morris opened a factory at Cowley in 1913. The last Morris-badged passenger car rolled off the production line in the summer of 1984.</p> <p>What was that model called? (pictured left)</p>
26		<p>Band Aid were a charity supergroup founded in 1984 to raise money for anti-famine efforts in Ethiopia by releasing the song "Do They Know It's Christmas?"</p> <p>Name one of the two founders of Band Aid</p>
27		<p>The first mobile phone calls in the UK were made in 1985 via the Vodafone network.</p> <p>To the nearest million, how many smartphones are in use in the UK today?</p> <p>a) 34 million b) 44 million c) 54 million</p>

# 1986 to 2000

28		<p>Is the following statement true or false...</p> <p>In 1986 Devon General was the first bus subsidiary of the National Bus Company to be privatised when it was sold to Stagecoach</p>
29		<p>West and East Germany were reunified in 1990 following the fall of the Berlin Wall on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 1989.</p> <p>It which year was the Berlin Wall built?</p> <p>a) 1960 b) 1961 c) 1962</p>
30		<p>In 1969 computers were first enabled to talk to each other via what we now know as the Internet. It was a computer scientist named Tim Berners-Lee who actually invented the world wide web in 1990 and thus changed the use of the @ symbol for ever...</p> <p>What nationality was he?</p>
31		<p>Who is this lady and what did she do in 1991 that made her so famous?</p>

32		<p>In 1993 Parliament approved the privatisation of British Rail and in 1996 the first two private train operating companies began operation.</p> <p>Is the following statement true or false...</p> <p>One of those first two companies was South West Trains, operated by Stagecoach</p>
33		<p>On July 16, 1995 this guy started a company called Amazon, selling books online from the garage of his rented home.</p> <p>What is his name?</p>
34		<p>In 1996 Alan Shearer transferred from Blackburn to Newcastle for £15 million.</p> <p>Is the following statement true or false...</p> <p>That transfer fee made him the world's most expensive footballer of that time</p>
35		<p>In 1997 Sharp and Sony introduced the first large flat screen TV. About how much did it cost to buy?</p> <p>a) £5,000 b) £7,000 c) £10,000</p>
36		<p>To date, the year 2000 was the wettest year on record in the UK.</p> <p>Is the following statement true or false...</p> <p>The ten hottest years on record in the UK have all occurred since 2002.</p>

## 2001 to 2010

37		<p>The Anglo-French Concorde made its last commercial flight in 2003. Her fastest flight time between London and New York (3,450 miles) was 2 hours 53 minutes.</p> <p>In total, how many of these iconic aircraft were built? a) 14 b) 17 c) 20</p>
38		<p>In 2004 Mark Zuckerberg launched Facebook. The number of Facebook users in the world is now 2,912,000,000, about 37% of the global population.</p> <p>What did Zuckerberg call his website before he named it Facebook?</p>
39		<p>In 2005 MG Rover went into receivership with the loss of over 6,000 jobs.</p> <p>MG cars are still being produced in the UK, but from which country is the company that now owns the MG Marque?</p>
40		<p>In 2008 Woolworths announced all its stores would be closed by 2009.</p> <p>Is the following statement true or false...</p> <p>Woolworths was originally known as "Woolworth's Great Five Cent Store".</p>

41		<p>In December 2021 about 2% of the cars on UK roads were electric or hybrids.</p> <p>In 2008 which company produced the first electric car able to travel 200 miles without recharging?</p>
42		<p>First worked in 1805, The Tower Colliery, the oldest deep coal mine in the UK, closed in 2008.</p> <p>Where was the colliery?</p> <p>a) Scotland b) England c) Wales</p>
43		<p>In 2009 ITV Westcountry began broadcasting after taking over from Westcountry TV... which itself had taken over from TV South West in 1982...</p> <p>But what was the name of the very first ITV company to broadcast in the south west, starting out in 1961?</p>
44		<p>In 2009 America elected it's first ever African-American President.</p> <p>Here's an easy question... spell his first name.</p>
45		<p>In 2009 in the UK more than 50,000,000 people, 80% of the population, had Internet access.</p> <p>But what does the H stand for in HTTPS?</p>

## 2011 to 2022

46		<p>According to the 2011 census the least devout place in England and Wales is Brighton, where 40% of people hold no religious beliefs.</p> <p>But which place did the census reveal as the <u>most</u> devout in England and Wales?</p> <p>a) York b) Blackburn c) Aberystwyth</p>
47		<p>Virginia Wade won the Wimbledon Women's Singles title in 1977 (the silver anniversary of the Queen's accession). Andy Murray won the men's singles in 2013 (the diamond anniversary of the coronation) and again in 2016.</p> <p>Can you name the TWO other British winners of a Wimbledon singles title since 1953?</p>
48		<p>In the 2016 referendum 51.89% of the votes cast were in favour of the UK leaving the European Union.</p> <p>In what year had the UK first joined the European Economic Community?</p> <p>a) 1973 b) 1974 c) 1975</p>
49		<p>In 2005 the world's first YouTube video (Me at the Zoo) was uploaded by co-founder Jawed Karim.</p> <p>Which British singer has the fourth highest number of You Tube views of a single video in the world, first released in 2017?</p>

50		<p>During the period 2018 to 2020 which of the following High Street retailers did NOT go into administration?</p> <p>Maplin; HMV; Thomas Cook; L K Bennett; Debenhams; Laura Ashley; Jamie Oliver’s restaurants; Mothercare; Jessops; Oasis; Peacocks; Warehouse; Bonmarche; M and Co; Antler luggage; Top Shop; Burtons; Dorothy Perkins, Victoria’s Secret.</p>
51		<p>On January 29th 2020 the UK's first two patients tested positive for Coronavirus after two Chinese nationals from the same family staying at a hotel in York fell ill.</p> <p>What is the name of the first person in the world to be vaccinated against Covid outside of a clinical trial? (pictured left)</p>
52		<p>He first appeared as Captain James Tiberius Kirk in 1966.</p> <p>What is the name of the actor who in 2021, at the age of 90, was launched into space aboard “Blue Origin”?</p>
53		<p>In 1953 Halberton’s parish population was about 1,280 people. In the whole of the UK it was about 50,700,000.</p> <p>The UK population has grown by 34% since then, to about 68,200,000 people.</p> <p>To the nearest 100, what is the population of Halberton parish today?</p> <p>a) 1,500 b) 1,700 c) 1,900</p>