

QUESTION	OUR ANSWER	PHILIP'S ANSWER
<p>Q.1 It's 1890 and you are one of forty guests invited to a banquet in Buckingham Palace hosted by Queen Victoria. Why wouldn't the majority of the diners enjoy the sumptuous regal repast? Explain</p>	<p>Queen Victoria ate quickly and all the plates were cleared immediately she finished, so guests didn't have time to eat much. Some didn't even get served.</p> <p>CORRECT</p>	<p>Queen Victoria had a gargantuan appetite. Royal protocol demanded that each course was cleared when HM had gannet/gobbled down hers. Slow diners starved!</p>
<p>Q.2 What connection did Olympic 400 metre, gold medal hurdler, Sally Gunnell, have with your church?</p>	<p>Sally Gunnell had relations in St Ives who attended the Free Church.</p> <p>CORRECT</p>	<p>More information in a future Keeping in Touch.</p>
<p>Q.3 World War 1. 1915. Name the prominent member of the British Government who was demoted for two failed military campaigns – yet was never credited for boosting the coffers of HM's Treasury by millions for decades to come? Never! Explain.</p>	<p>Winston Churchill – failure of Gallipoli & Dardanelles</p> <p>In WW2 he arranged for shipment of British wealth to Canada for safety. He also bought 51% of the shares in Anglo Persian Oil (later BP)</p> <p>CORRECT</p>	<p>As First Sea Lord, Winston Churchill was demoted for the failed 1915 World War 1 Campaigns at Gallipoli and Dardanelles. But two years earlier he was the first to realise that oil would supersede coal to power his ships. He persuaded the government of the day to buy a controlling interest in the infant Anglo-Persian Oil Company. This evolved into British Petroleum and HMG owned 51% of it. For decades! Winston was never given the credit!</p>
<p>Q.4 Stanley Holloway, 1890-1982, famous stage/film/ monologist star, was quite generous to your church's reconstruction appeal in 1979. Why?</p>	<p>Betty Yeandle gave excellent renditions of Holloway's monologues and performing rights fees were waived for a fund raising concert.</p> <p>INCORRECT</p>	<p>In 1979 Stanley Holloway donated money to the church's reconstruction Local Appeal in memory of his father who, he claimed, had been your church organist, briefly, between the wars.</p>
<p>Q.5 Name the Hollywood beauty of the 1940s and 50s who designed and patented a torpedo guidance system that is still used by nuclear submarines today?</p>	<p>Hedy Lamarr</p> <p>CORRECT</p>	<p>Hedy Lamarr was a Hollywood beauty with brains!</p>
<p>Q.6 Name the composer-pianist who could only perform in the dark. Name the composer-pianist who couldn't write a note without first dunking his head in a bucket of cold water. Name a composer-pianist whose fingers could easily span 13 notes (five more than an octave.) There were two of them.</p>	<p>Frederec Chopin played in the dark Beethoven dunked head in cold water, Rachmaninov & Liszt both had big hands and could span 13 notes</p> <p>CORRECT</p>	<p>In the dark performer : Frederic Chopin. Head-dunking composer: Ludwig Van Beethoven. Big-handed performers : Sergie Rachmaninov and Franz Liszt.</p>

Q.7 World War I. British Army icon, Col.T.E. Lawrence (AKA Laurence of Arabia), later served in the Royal Air Force as Aircraftsman Ross and Aircraftsman Shaw from 1923 to 1935. In that time what did he help innovate?	Air sea rescue launch CORRECT	High-speed Air-Sea-Rescue launches and seaplane tenders.
Q.8 Why were the expeditions of HMS Bounty and HMS Providence (1789/91), both led by Lt. William Bligh, to ship breadfruit plants from Tahiti to feed the slaves working on the West Indies plantations, an UTTER waste of time? Explain.	In 1789, the Mutiny on the Bounty happened. The mutineers threw the breadfruit into the sea. In 1791, the breadfruit did get to the West Indies but the slaves refused to eat, they didn't like it, and fed it to the pigs! CORRECT	The slaves refused to eat the breadfruit!
Q.9 Take the stem of the Asian Dwarf Palm tree, smooth it with glass slithers, straighten it with fire, polish it with bees wax and top and tail it. What do you get?	A poison blowpipe INCORRECT	An upmarket walking stick called a Penang Lawyer.
Q.10 Name the singer with a reputed five-octave range who was a soprano, mezzo soprano, contralto, tenor, baritone and bass?	Prince, Mariah Carey and Axl Rose could all sing a five octave range. CORRECT	Two fit the bill. The original was Brazilian beauty Yma Sumac 1922-2008 and today we have American Mariah Carey, b 1969.
Q.11. Who were Cunningham, Tovey, Tedder, Eisenhower, Tipperary, Snowball, Noah and McCreary?	Horses that pulled the coronation coach in June 1953 CORRECT	1953. These were the Windsor Grey geldings who conveyed Princess Elizabeth to her Coronation in the Gold State Coach.
Q.12. World War II.1944. Who was, reputedly, the richest soldier in the American Army and the Allies most victorious General and why didn't he harbour pleasant memories of St Ives, Huntingdonshire? Explain.	General George Patton He was made to accompany Eisenhower (with whom he did not get on) on trips to USAF bases in East Anglia INCORRECT	More information about the connection to St Ives in a future edition of Keeping in Touch
Q.13. Mix oils of oranges, roses, jasmine, civet, cinnamon, musk and ambergris. What do you get?	Coronation oil used for anointing the monarch at coronation. CORRECT	This is the oil used to anoint our monarchs for 700 years.
Q.14. It's 1944. How did a 13-year-old Shirley Williams (destined to become a prominent UK politician) ALMOST upstage a 12-year-old	Shirley Williams almost got lead in the film National Velvet	Shirley Williams was a front-runner auditioning for the part of Velvet Brown in the MGM Hollywood block-buster, 1944 film " National Velvet."

Elizabeth Taylor (destined to become a Hollywood superstar) ?	CORRECT	Elizabeth Taylor was considered too physically immature for the part, but she convinced MGM that, by the time they started shooting, she would “develop”. She did! And the rest is history.
Q.15. 1980. Who was the Battle of Britain Spitfire pilot who endowed a Room in your church and what was his forte in the sports world?	Humphrey Warren was a rower in the 1936 Olympics (Single Sculls) CORRECT	Humphrey Warren was a prominent local businessman and church member. He was also a doyen of St Ives Rowing Club. In his youth, he was an Olympic class single sculler and participated in the 1936 Berlin Olympics.
Q.16. Name the one-time London pauper who went to America in 1913 and by 1915, when the average American labourer was earning \$1 a day, was earning \$10,000 a week?	Charlie Chaplin CORRECT	Charlie Chaplin.
Q.17. Bucephalus, Copenhagen, Marengo, Winston, Nelson and Trigger. Historic horses all. But who rode them?	Respectively ridden by: Alexander the Great, Duke of Wellington, Napoleon Bonaparte, George VI and Queen Elizabeth II (both rode Winston), George Washington, Roy Rogers. CORRECT	Bucephalus - Alexander the Great; Copenhagen - Duke of Wellington; Marengo -Napoleon Bonaparte; Winston - King George IV & Queen Elizabeth II; Nelson - George Washington; Trigger - the singing cowboy, Roy Rogers.
Q.18. What famous connection does All Saints Parish Church, St.Ives, have with the Oxford & Cambridge Boat Race?	John Goldie (after whom Cambridge reserve boat is named) was son of a St Ives vicar Charles Goldie. CORRECT	The Rev. Charles Goldie was Vicar of St.Ives from 1866 until his death in 1886. His son, John Goldie (1849-1886) was a prominent Cambridge rower. He stroked his Boat Race crew four times. Cambridge’s second boat, “ Goldie”, is named after him. See it on any Boat Race day.
Q.19. What sequence does this represent : Canada, Norway, Indonesia. Greenland, Russia	Decreasing length of coastline CORRECT	These are countries with the longest coastline. (Would you believe that your country is 12th?!)
Q.20 World War 1. 1917. Name the international film star who was billeted on Green Street, St. Ives, and thereafter at the Golden Lion Hotel, while a member of the Huntingdonshire Cyclist Battalion?	Charles Laughton CORRECT	Charles Laughton. 1899- 1962. He served as a private for two years until gassed at the Battle of Amiens (1918) during the closing stages of the war. Thereafter he became Hollywood’s PRIME character actor – as in Quasimodo, Lt. William “ Bounty” Bligh, Henry VIII, and many other classic roles.