

Philip's quiz annex.....

Question	Our Answer	Philip's Answer
<p>Q.1. Spanning the Victorian, Edwardian and Georgian eras, name the prominent St Ives family who continuously superintended the Free Church Sunday School for 100 years. (Clue? All sported walrus moustaches!)</p>	<p>Not known</p>	<p>The Family ULPH, prominent ironmongers in St. Ives since 1690. (Does anyone remember Ulph & Rustons, Ironmongers, of Crown Street?)</p>
<p>Q. 2. 1979. The original Local Appeal target for your church's reconstruction was set at £10,000. In the event, some £44,000 was raised. The main fund-raisers were two Antiques Auctions, selling a veritable wealth of items generously donated by the membership. Messrs. Ekins professionally ran both events. What were the three prime lots that raised the most money? (A one-word answer will suffice.)</p>	<p>Paintings</p>	<p>Paintings by two prominent local artists</p>
<p>Q.3. V.E. Day 1945. During the town's celebrations for Victory in Europe Day, revellers dressed up Oliver Cromwell's statue. One of them, probably an American serviceman, wrenched off Cromwell's sword scabbard as a souvenir. Who was the metalsmith member of your church, who, voluntarily, made a bronze duplicate and replaced it? Miraculously!</p>	<p>Not known</p>	<p>Herbert Benton. (He had to use a ladder to replace the scabbard, yet this World War 1 wounded veteran, only had one leg!)</p>
<p>Q.4. 1940/50s. Green, Rook, Walkey, Mason, Yeandle, Smith, Shaw and Downing are the surnames of people, very active in your church, who worked as a team. Doing what?</p>	<p>Sunday school teachers Miss Green was in charge when Char was a pupil and her Aunt Mavis Harrison was a downstairs teacher . Mrs Ballard was the boss when Char and her two sisters, Louie and Lillian were all teachers .Char's friend Judith Burling was also teaching.</p>	<p>Agnes Green, Frank Rook, Tony Walkey, Rosemary and Phyllis Mason, Betty Yeandle, John Smith, Dorothy and Kate Shaw, and Clifford Downing were all Sunday School teachers.</p>

<p>Q.5. 1979. Who embellished the lettering of the Ephraim White tombstone, dating from 1697, now displayed in the Porch Chapel?</p>	<p>Denny Gaudin helped paint the grapes at the top of the metal columns in the Centrum and may also have helped embellish the plaque to Ephraim White</p>	<p>Modesty prohibits your quizmaster from answering this question. But his embellishment of the stone incurred the wrath of the incumbent minister, who claimed that he had ruined it. That was 42 years ago!</p>
<p>Q.6. 1979. How are church members and Master Carpenters Frank Enfield and Derek White commemorated in your church?</p>	<p>Their initials are carved into a bell in the newel post at the top of the stairs. David and Josie's children would always want to find Grandpa's initials and give them a rub.</p>	<p>See the motif "F.E. & D.W." on the first floor newel of the staircase that they proudly built. (Craftsmen, from Roman times, always left their mark on a job well done.)</p>
<p>Q.7. 1979. Why would a St Ives Free Church chippy spit on a shilling? Explain.</p>	<p>If a chippy mis-hit a nail, he might leave a shilling sized dent in the wood. He spat on it so the wood would swell back to its original size.</p>	<p>Carpenters, AKA Chippies, weren't always accurate when hammering a nail into wood. If the hammer missed the nail's head, a shilling-shaped indentation would be left on the surface of the wood. A rapid application of saliva would soon restore it to normal. Notta lotta people know that.</p>
<p>Q.8. 1631-36. While the seeds of your church were being sewn in private houses, Oliver Cromwell lived in the town. Where and what would his likely Post Coded address have been today?</p>	<p>Post code would have been PE27 5JD in Cromwell Terrace/Place- Old Slepe Hall</p>	<p>Oliver Cromwell Esq, The Old Slepe Hall, St Ives, Huntindonshire, PE27 5JB.</p>
<p>Q.9. 1970s. Erstwhile stalwart elder, the late Arthur Carrington, had a very hush-hush job with Her Majesty's Government, which earned him a Queen's Birthday Honour. Doing what?</p>	<p>Arthur worked for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries with responsibility for sugar quotas and rationing</p>	<p>Arthur Carrington ISO, worked out of HMG's Cabinet Office as the Principal Statistician to several Prime Ministers and Government Think Tanks.</p>

<p>Q.10.1940s/50s. Name three popular venues for your church's annual Sunday School Outings. Easy-peasy for some, perhaps! But what was visited on a very special outing to Greenwich in 1947?</p>	<p>Wicksteed Park, Hunstanton and Whipsnade Zoo.</p> <p>Possibly also Walton on the Naze and Lowestoft</p> <p>The special trip was to see the missionary boat 'John Williams'. Sunday school children collected ship halfpennies for missionary funds.</p>	<p>Hunstanton, Wicksteed Park and Felixstowe. The Greenwich venue was the London Missionary Society's South Pacific missionary ship John Williams V1. (Supported by thousands of Sunday School children with their ship ha'penny offerings.)</p>
<p>Q.11. 1800s. Before your church was built in 1864, your place of worship was the Church Hall in Free Church Passage – AKA The Independent Chapel, built in 1813. There were no Health & Safety or Fire Regulations in those happy days. So, what was its maximum seating capacity on a good day?</p>	<p>Capacity 600 although it could accommodate 1000</p>	<p>Your church's on-line potted history quotes the figure 600. Originally, it featured three galleries, no less! On a good day, it could seat 750! Notta lotta people know that!</p>
<p>Q.12. For the second time of asking (!), who was Olympiad Sally Gunnel's mother? She was very active in your church in the 1940s/50s.</p>	<p>Rosemary Gunnel (nee Mason). Married by John Ballard in 1955. She was also a Sunday School Teacher. Her sister was Phyllis. Rosemary and Phyllis were very active members in the 40s and 50s</p>	<p>Rosemary Mason. With her sister, Phyllis, was active in the choir, Sunday School and Youth Club.</p>

Thank you again Philip for your generosity.....