



## CYMDEITHAS GYMREIG WOKING WOKING WELSH SOCIETY

# History

1. This English king was held captive in Austria until a ransom was paid. Who was he? **Ans: Richard the Lionheart**
2. Princess Charlotte of Wales (1796 – 1817) was the only daughter of which English king? **Ans: George IV**
3. The Three Wise Men were called Melchior, Balthazar and . . .? **Ans: Caspar**
4. Who became the first female Speaker of the House of Parliament in 1992? **Ans: Betty Boothroyd**
5. Which Roman emperor married his sister and made his horse a senator? **Ans: Caligula**
6. What took place in Griffin Wharf in America in 1773? **Ans: The Boston Tea Party**
7. Which former British Prime Minister later became the Earl of Stockton? **Ans: Harold McMillan**
8. Which country gained its independence from Denmark in 1944? **Ans: Iceland**
9. Richard III's bones were found under a car park in Leicester. The bones of which king are reputed to be under a car park near Reading Abbey? **Ans: Henry I – he died in Normandy in 1135. His body was returned to Reading for burial.**
10. In 1933 Hitler took over as Chancellor of Germany from whom? **Ans: Hindenburg**
11. Which of Henry VIII's wives had been married twice before she married Henry? **Ans: Katherine Parr – she married for a fourth time after Henry died**
12. What nationality was Karl Marx? **Ans: German**
13. In 1986 the Prime Minister of which country was assassinated on the way home from the cinema with his wife? **Ans: Sweden – Olaf Palma**
14. Who was the last British Monarch from the House of Hanover? **Ans: Queen Victoria**
15. The battles of Edgehill and Worcester were the first and last respectively of which conflict? **Ans: The English Civil War**
16. Fulgencio Batista was overthrown as the leader of which country on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1959? **Ans: Cuba**



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17. What was founded in Britain by the “Gang of Four” in 1981?  
**Ans: The Social Democratic Party (SDP)**
18. In which ship did Captain Cook sail on his first voyage of exploration between 1768 and 1781? **Ans: HMS Endeavour**
19. Who was the youngest British Prime Minister when only 24?  
**Ans: William Pitt the Younger**
20. In which battle did the “Charge of the Light Brigade” take place?  
**Ans: The Battle of Balaclava – the Crimean War**
21. Which French monarch was known as the “Sun King”? **Ans: Louis XIV**
22. Which Scottish clan was massacred in Glencoe in 1692? **Ans: The McDonald**
23. Where in England did the Peterloo Massacre take place in 1819?  
**Ans: Manchester**
24. Which famous explorer was beheaded in London in 1618? **Ans: Sir Walter Raleigh**
25. Which German leader united Germany in 1871? **Ans: Bismark**
26. The invention of what made Alfred Nobel famous in 1867? **Ans: Dynamite**
27. What memorial in London commemorates the Great Fire in 1666? **Ans: Monument**
28. What were the riots by Welsh farmers between 1839 and 1844 against high taxes and toll gate charges better known? **Ans: The Rebecca Riots**
29. What historic event does the nursery rhyme “Ring a-ring of roses” commemorate?  
**Ans: The Great Plague**
30. This cleric was a friend of the Russian Royal Family and was assassinated in 1916?  
**Ans: Rasputin**