

**Charnwood U3A – January Quiz**  
**Hopefully these are a bit of fun - answers in February**

1. January 1st is now New Year's Day, but until 1752 which day started the new year in Great Britain (excluding Scotland)? [25 March when the Julian calendar was replaced by the Gregorian Calendar](#)
2. Who celebrates Christmas Day on or near 7 January? [Many Orthodox churches](#)
3. Born on 5 January 1978, this aptly named American film and TV star has appeared in X Men: First Class, Love Actually and the US TV series called The Politician. Who is she? [January Jones](#)
4. Born on 6 January 1982 in the borough of Westminster, this British film star is best known for playing Stephen Hawking in the Theory of Everything for which he won an Oscar, a BAFTA and a Golden Globe. Who is he? [Eddie Redmayne](#)
5. 25th January 1759 saw the birth of this famous Scottish poet and his birthday is still celebrated 260 years later. Who is he? [Robert Burns \(or Rabbie Burns\)](#)
6. What is the origin of the word January? [From the Latin \*Januarius\* meaning the month of Janus, the Roman god who presided over doors and beginnings.](#)
7. The Mandarin Chinese word for January is Yi Yue, 一月 What is the literal translation? [One month](#)
8. Except for leap years, what does the 1st of January and the 1st of October have in common? [They are always on the same day of the week. This year it is Tuesday.](#)
9. Which newspaper began publication in January 1788? [The Times.](#)
10. Which common medicine was first made available in tablet form in January 1915? [Aspirin](#)
11. January 1966 saw the publication of warning notices on a product's packaging and 5 years later, January 1971, saw TV ads for this product cease. What is the product? [Cigarettes](#)
12. Who did Henry VIII marry on 6 January 1540? [Anne Boleyn](#)
13. What fictitious detective was reputedly born on 6 January 1854? [Sherlock Holmes](#)
14. What IT product was unveiled by Steve Jobs on 9 January 2007? [The i-Phone](#)
15. Which British piano playing singer songwriter released a song called January Git in 2007 - to help might have been 'Alone Again (Naturally)' when he wrote it. [Gilbert O'Sullivan](#)
16. What exploded 73 seconds after take-off on 28 January 1986 killing all six people on board? [Space Shuttle Challenger](#)
17. Who was assassinated on 30 January 1948 by Nathurem Godse? [Mahatma Gandhi](#)
18. What potentially giant killing event do most football supporters look forward to on the first weekend in January every year? [3<sup>rd</sup> round of the FA cup proper when the Premium teams may face non-league opposition for the first time.](#)
19. What was patented on 29 January 1886 by Karl Benz? [The internal combustion engine.](#)
20. What tune, written by Felix Mendelssohn, was played on 26 January 1858 at the marriage of Queen Victoria's daughter, Victoria to Friedrich of Prussia? [The Wedding March in C major written in 1842](#)