

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)?
2. Who celebrates Christmas Day on or near 7 January?
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?
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?
5. 25th January 1759 saw the birth of this famous Scottish poet and his birthday is still celebrated 260 years later. Who is he?
6. What is the origin of the word January?
7. The Mandarin Chinese word for January is Yi Yue, 一月 What is the literal translation?
8. Except for leap years, what does the 1st of January and the 1st of October have in common?
9. Which newspaper began publication in January 1788?
10. Which common medicine was first made available in tablet form in January 1915?
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?
12. Who did Henry VIII marry on 6 January 1540?
13. What fictitious detective was reputedly born on 6 January 1854?
14. What IT product was unveiled by Steve Jobs on 9 January 2007?
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.
16. What exploded 73 seconds after take-off on 28 January 1986 killing all six people on board?
17. Who was assassinated on 30 January 1948 by Nathurem Godse?
18. What potentially giant killing event do most football supporters look forward to on the first weekend in January every year?
19. What was patented on 29 January 1886 by Karl Benz?
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?