

HODs Quiz of the Year 2019

It's that time of year – get your teams together and test your trivia talents with the HODs quiz! We discover so many fascinating facts through this festival, how many do you already know, and what will be your new favourite?!

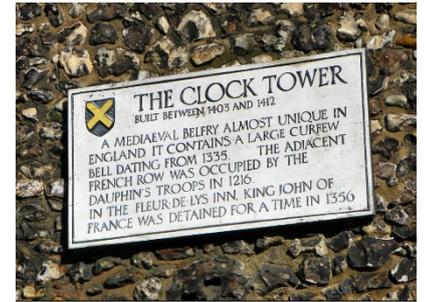
1. Which sparkly children's lullaby was written in Colchester?

The words of *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* were written by Colchester resident, Jane Taylor, and published in a collection of poems by her and her sister Ann titled *Rhymes for the Nursery*, in 1806.

Thank you Hollytrees Museum for this festive factoid!

2. What is the name of the bell in St Alban's medieval clock tower?

- A. Gabriel
- B. Balthazar
- C. Ben
- D. Gloria



3. Which Minster stood in as Westminster for the coronation scene of ITV's popular series 'Victoria'?

Beverley Minster, East Riding of Yorkshire – it also doubled as Westminster for the BBC's 2017 series, 'Gunpowder' starring Kit Harrington. [For more filming locations check out Eleri's blog](#)

4. Who electrified Winchester Cathedral?

- A. Ebenezer Scrooge
- B. Jeanie Dicks
- C. Joe Blogs
- D. Jerry Pacemaker

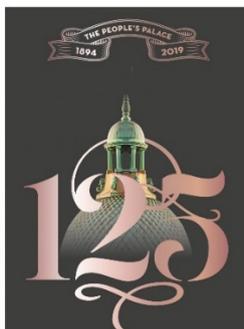
Thank you to the Women's Engineering Society for helping us uncover stories such as Jeanie's – read some more on ['Who's that girl'](#)

5. What historic house, which held Europe's largest strong room when it was built, hosted our anniversary party this year?

Two Temple Place, London – An extraordinary Victorian gem originally built as the estate office for William Waldorf Astor, possibly the world's richest man at the time. As well as the strong room it also had two more large fortified safes!

6. The oldest Working Men's Club still in its original use was honoured with a blue plaque this HODs – where is it?

Holbeck Working Men's Club, Leeds, West Yorkshire, which is now also home to theatre company 'Slung Low'.



1. Blackpool Tower under construction © Heritage Blackpool

2. The Grand Theatre's anniversary poster

3. Inside the Grand Theatre © Michael Beckwith

7. We weren't the only ones celebrating this year – which city is the home to 2 icons with big birthdays?

Blackpool Tower and The Grand Theatre both celebrated their 125th anniversary this year. The Grand was built by acclaimed theatrical architect, Frank Matcham, and is considered one of his masterpieces.

8. Where do Cambridge County Council store significant items from their archaeological collection?

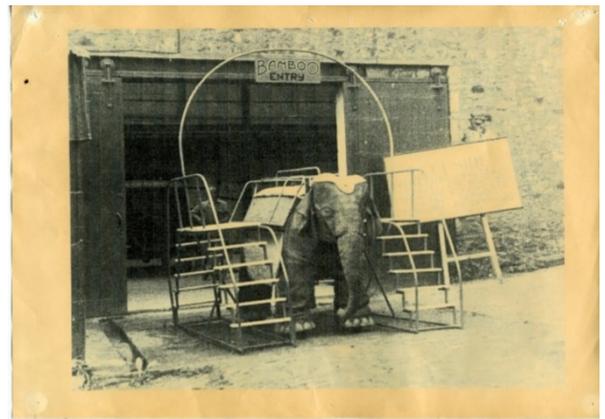
- A. They don't have one
- B. A secret warehouse outside the city
- C. The Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology
- D. A nuclear bunker - beneath the County Council's former office building!**

9. Every age has its fashions and fads, the Victorians had Pteridomania - but what was it a craze for?

Pteridomania (aka Fern-Fever) was a Victorian craze for ferns. Not just for collecting specimens but also in art as a design that featured on everything from christening presents to gravestones and memorials. Many thanks to The Gardens Trust for teaching us this one!

10. Here's a cheerful chap, but what is he and what was his purpose?

A mechanical elephant from Luneside Engineering at Halton Mill in Lancashire. These were made for seaside resorts to provide rides for children. In a curious coincidence, there was more than one mechanical elephant to be found in this year's HODs listings - Harminder, the pedal powered elephant, starred in a special performance by outdoor arts company, Festive Road, in Milton Keynes.



11. What place links dinosaurs, football, and a subway?

Crystal Palace, London – a very popular HODs spot! Although the football team have no HODs connection, yet(!) many thanks to the local Friends Groups who open up the stunning subway and run tours of the fascinating dinosaur islands over HODs each year.



1. Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins's dinosaurs never fail to fascinate @ Friends of Crystal Palace Dinosaurs

2. The vaulted arch of the subway © Chris Redgrave, Historic England

12. When the circus came to a Cornish town, where did the elephants go to drink?

- A. The ornamental fountain in the Parade
- B. A trough outside the pub
- C. Golitha Falls along the River Fowey
- D. The well that never runs dry - 'The Pipewell'**

Thank you HODs visitors for contributing this gem of local knowledge to the organisers of [Liskeard Unlocked](#)



Have a magical holiday season one and all!