

Alsager U3A Quiz 6 – Fun multiple-choice

Solutions

1 In 1896 the first person fined for speeding, Walter Arnold of East Peckham, was travelling at what speed?

8 mph; the culprit was apprehended after being chased by a policeman on a bicycle

2 In the 1940s, what caused a 5 minute delay to Big Ben?

Flock of birds landing on minute hand, slowing down the mechanism

3 What was the highest temperature ever recorded in the UK and where?

38.7 °C Cambridge, in July 2019

4 Approximately, how many cups of tea are drunk daily in the UK?

165 million

5 No point in the UK is actually more than 70 miles away from the sea

True; the point furthest from any coastline is at Coton in the Elms, in South Derbyshire

6 The Anglo-Zanzibar war is known as the shortest war in history. How long did it take for the Zanzibar Sultanate to surrender?

38 minutes

7 According to legend, what is illegal to eat on Christmas Day?

Mince pie

8 Journeys on the 451 escalators in the London underground system cover a distance every week which is equivalent to several trips around the globe.

True

9 The average male life expectancy at birth in the UK was around 47 in 1900. What is it now?

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