

Wolverhampton Christian Aid Committee

# Big Midlands Quiz

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## The Big Midlands Quiz

**HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE MIDLANDS? HERE ARE 100 QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU FIND OUT.**

***Underline the answer you think is correct***

### **TOWNS AND CITIES**

- 1 Where are High and Low Towns connected by a cliff railway? (a) Alcester (b) Bridgnorth  
(c) Matlock (d) Bewdley
2. Buxton, Droitwich, Leamington and Cheltenham are all: (a) in Derbyshire  
(b) industrial (c) spas (d) Royal Boroughs
- 3 .How many towns are there in the Five Towns? (a) Three (b) Four  
(c) Five (d) Six
- 4.The Three Choirs Cities are Gloucester, Worcester and:  
(a) Hereford (b) Stafford (c) Lichfield (d) Birmingham
5. What's special about *Berrow's Worcester Journal* is that it is (a) making a profit (b) run by  
volunteers (c) the UK's oldest provincial paper (d) printed on parchment
6. In which town would you find streets named Mardol, Dogpole and Wyle Cop?  
(a) Kidderminster (b) Tamworth (c) Burton-upon-Trent (d) Shrewsbury
- 7 .Where is the Chapel of St Mary's on the Bridge? (a) Derby (b) Walsall (c) Lye (d) Binley.
8. There is monument on the spot where Dr Samuel Johnson once stood in penance at: (a) Lichfield  
(b) Uttoxeter (c) Hanley (d) Cheadle
9. Bass, Worthington and Inde Coope were companies based in: (a) Leicester (b) Handsworth  
(c) Droitwich (d) Burton upon Trent.
10. The fame of Rugeley's Dr William Palmer lay in his skill as a: (a) surgeon (b) chess-player  
(c) medical researcher (d) poisoner



### **VILLAGES AND HAMLETS**

11. Which Shropshire village takes its name from the River Worfe?  
(a) Worleston (b) Worle (c) Worfield (d) Staunton on Arrow
12. Which village is famous for its Horn Dance? (a) Abbots Bromley  
(b) Hornchurch (c) Hornby (d) Camberwick Green
13. Where is the so-called 'Plague Village'? (a) Great Bolas (b) Ashford  
Carbonell (c) Eyam (d) Sheen
14. Which fictional Dicken's character is supposed to be buried at Tong  
church? (a) Little Dorrit (b) Little Nell (c) Little Em'ly (d) Tiny Tim



15. Who bought Halfhead Farm, Shallowford in May 1653?  
 (a) John Milton (b) Oliver Cromwell's son-in-law (c) Izaak Walton (d) Henry Purcell
16. With which hymn-writer is the village of Sharesill, near Wolverhampton, associated?  
 (a) Frances Ridley Havergal (b) Henry Smart (c) Walter Greatorex (d) Percy Dearmer
17. P.G.Wodehouse spent his teenage years at a village near Bridgnorth. Which one?  
 (a) Stableford (b) Danesford (c) Morville (d) Ambridge
18. The house of Shakespeare's mother, Mary Arden, is in the village of  
 (a) Hampton Lucy (b) Wilmcote (a) Shottery (d) Ardens Grafton
19. When the vicar of Great Wyrley's son was jailed for killing horses and livestock, who helped prove his innocence?  
 (a) Rudyard Kipling (b) H.G.Wells (c) Arthur Conan Doyle (d) Enid Blyton
20. What movement began in 1807 near Mow Cop? (a) Girl Guides (b) British Union of Fascists  
 (c) YWCA (d) Primitive Methodism

### **SPORTING SCENE**

21. Which legendary footballer was born in Ironbridge? (a) Steve Bull (b) Billy Wright (c) Stanley Matthews (d) Tom Finney
22. Prize fighter William Perry died in Bilston in 1881. How was he better known? (a) The Dudley Dasher (b) The Bilston Basher (c) The Sedgley Smasher (d) The Tipton Slasher



23. Which football team plays at The Hawthorns? (a) West Bromwich Albion  
 (b) Derby County (c) Birmingham City (d) Nottingham Forest

24. Where in Derbyshire are football matches traditionally played through the streets on Shrove Tuesday? (a) Buxton (b) Matlock (c) Ashbourne  
*William Perry* (d) Duffield

25. Who was the first man to swim the English Channel? (a) Sergeant Thomas of Bewdley (b) Captain Webb of Dawley (c) Major Hammond of Bromsgrove (a) Colonel Mustard of Chester

26. What does H stand for in MRHA? M stands for Midlands (a) heavyweight (b) hockey  
 (c) hunt (d) horse
27. Where is the home of Warwickshire County Cricket Club? (a) Coventry (b) Warwick  
 (c) Stratford-on-Avon (d) Edgbaston
28. Which famous snooker player was born in Wordsley, West Midlands? (a) Alex Higgins  
 (b) Ronnie O'Sullivan (c) Steve Davis (d) Ray Reardon
29. With which sport are Uttoxeter, Worcester and Ludlow all associated: (a) baseball (b) speedway  
 racing (c) horse racing (d) skiing
30. Which same word is missing from the following: Aldridge ....Club, The Midland.....Club, The Chase...Club: (a) Boxing (b) Hunt (c) Flying (d) Sailing

### **A spot of history**

31. In which county is Bosworth Battlefield? (a) Leicestershire (b) Staffordshire  
 (c) Nottinghamshire (d) Northamptonshire
32. Which English king is buried in Worcester Cathedral? (a) John (b) Henry 11 (c) Stephen  
 (d) Richard 111

33. In which Abbey did Cardinal Wolsey die? (a) Buildwas (b) Leicester (c) Tewkesbury (d) Malvern
34. In which Midlands castle did the Princes in the Tower lodge?  
(a) Kenilworth (b) Dudley (c) Stafford (d) Ludlow
35. Which town now occupies the Roman site of Aquae Arnemetia?  
(a) Buxton (b) Leicester (c) Gloucester (d) Droitwich
36. Who lived at Wem, Shropshire? (a) Piers Gaveston (b) Judge Jeffreys  
(c) Lambert Simnel (d) Sir Robert Peel
37. In which Shropshire village is Clive of India buried? (a) Ash Magna  
(b) Hyssington (c) Shrawardine (d) Moreton Say
38. Which industrial pioneer lived at Turnhurst Hall, Staffordshire? (a) Thomas Telford  
(b) James Brindley (c) James Hargreaves (d) James Watt
39. Which Queen took refuge in Eccleshall Castle? (a) Eleanor of Aquitaine (b) Mary, Queen of Scots  
(c) Margaret of Anjou (d) Adeliza of Louvain
40. Where did Sir Richard Walsh, High Sheriff of Worcestershire, make some arrests on 8 November 1605? (a) Eastnor Castle (b) Holbeche House (c) Hanbury Hall (d) Bretforton Manor



### **The Midlands at Work**

41. Where is the world's first iron bridge? (a) Ironbridge (b) Woodbridge (c) Stourbridge (d) Bridgnorth
42. Which manufacturer of steam engines lived at Soho House, Birmingham: (a) John Roebuck (b) Matthew Boulton (c) James Watt  
(d) John Fothergill
43. An international centre for fish-hooks and needles used to be:  
(a) Coventry (b) Halesowen (c) Bromsgrove (d) Redditch
44. James Starley, father of the bicycle industry, produced penny-farthings in: (a) Coventry (b) Halesowen (c) Bromsgrove (d) Redditch
45. In 1860 Wednesfield had sixteen manufacturers of: (a) steam engines (b) metal toys (c) traps  
(d) carriages.
46. Glass-making in Stourbridge was started in the 17<sup>th</sup> century by glass-makers from: (a) France  
(b) Italy (c) Switzerland (d) Iceland
47. Josiah Wedgwood named a pottery factory after the Italian district of: (a) Taizzano (b) Umbria  
(c) Etruria (d) La Fontana
48. For many years Worcester was the British centre for the manufacture of: (a) hats (b) gloves  
(c) waistcoats (d) lingerie
49. A shop at 93 Bull Street, Birmingham was the birthplace of: (a) Colgate Toothpaste  
(b) Earl Grey Tea (c) Cadbury's Chocolates (d) Cherry Blossom shoe polish
50. In a single year during World War 1, a Walsall saddlery supplied the British Army with: (a) 5,000  
saddles (b) almost 1 million saddles (c) 30,000 saddles (d) 100,000 saddles



*Soho House*

## **Buildings**

51. To which saint is Birmingham's Roman Catholic Cathedral dedicated? (a) St Philip (b) St Chad (c) St Martin (d) St Ursula
52. What is the popular name for the Glynne Arms, Himley? (a) The Dud Dudley (b) The Cider House (c) The Crooked House (d) Smoky Joe's
53. Fr John Huddleston gave Charles 11 the last rites as the king lay dying. They first met at: (a) Boscobel House (b) St James's Palace (c) Pendrell Hall (d) Moseley Old Hall



54. St Michael's Cathedral, Coventry, was designed by the architect: (a) Basil Richardson (b) Basil Spence (c) Basil Al Bayati (d) Basil Fawltly

55. Chatsworth House is popularly known as (a) The Derbyshire Diamond (b) The Palace of the Peaks (c) Devonshire Palace (d) The Palace of the Dales

56. Who or what are 'The Ladies of the Vale'? (a) nuns (b) bridges (c) spires (d) toilets

57. The Black Country Museum's pub is called the: (a) Goat & Compasses (c) George & Dragon (c) Gun & Magpie (d) Bottle & Glass

58. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl Talbot of Alton Towers owned 543 (a) farm cottages (b) pigs (c) slaves (d) wigs

59. Croft Castle, Herefordshire, has seven: (a) ghosts (b) kitchens (c) wells (d) hundred years of history behind it

60. Whose ex-mistress currently lives at Chyknell Hall, Shropshire? (a) a member of the Rolling Stones (b) Lucian Freud (c) a former Australian Prime Minister (d) a former King of Spain.

## **Legends and folklore**

61. Who was the only person who watched Lady Godiva ride naked through the streets of Coventry? (a) Perkin Warbeck (b) Peeping Tom (c) Perry Mason (d) Pervy Percy

62. At Chillington Hall in the reign of Henry V111, Sir John Giffard saved the lives of woman and child by shooting a: (a) panther (b) wolf (c) mad dog (d) highwayman

63. For centuries it was the custom in Wychnor, Staffs, for married couples who had not argued for a year to be awarded a: (a) brace of pheasants (b) flitch of bacon (c) pound of sausage (d) saddle of venison

64. A wicked knight named Tarquin was killed by Sir Lancelot at (a) Stafford Castle (b) Mow Cop (c) the Long Mynd (d) Tamworth Castle

65. At Stafford in 1800 a man named Cupid Hodson made 5s 6d (28p) from selling: (a) his waist-length red hair (b) timber from Noah's ark (c) his wife (d) his teeth

66. The reputed grave of which member of Robin Hood's band can be seen at St Michael's Church, Hathersage in Derbyshire? (a) Little John (b) Maid Marian (c) Will Scarlet (d) Friar Tuck

67. The river nymph Sabrina is associated with the: (a) Severn (b) Trent (c) Stour (d) Avon

68. Wistanstow (Shropshire) takes its name from St Wystan, who was of royal blood and who, at a Council of Peace there, in AD 849 was (a) crowned King of Mercia (b) married to a miller's daughter (c) murdered by a jealous relative (d) kidnapped by outlaws



69. According to a local legend, the Wrekin was created by: (a) Ysbaddaden, Celtic Chief of Giants (b) Gwendol Wrekin ap Shenkin (c) Gogmagog (d) Zeus

70. Once upon a time, in the Dane Hills near Leicester, there lived in a cave-dwelling bloodsucking, child-eating woman named: (a) Black Beauty (b) Black Annis (c) Red Ruth (d) Grey Greta

*The Wrekin*

### **The Arts**

71. In which Birmingham square is the Repertory Theatre, library and symphony hall? (a) Chamberlain Square (b) Oozells Square (c) Centenary Square (d) Victoria Square.

72. In the novels of Ellis Peters, where did Brother Cadfael live? (a) Hereford (b) Shrewsbury (c) Warwick (d) Wootton Wawen.

73. Which other theatre adjoins Stratford-on-Avon's Royal Shakespeare Theatre (a) The Other Place (b) The Swan (c) The Palladium (d) The Playhouse

74. Who was 'The Swan of Lichfield'? (a) David Garrick (b) Dr Johnson (c) Anna Seward (d) Erasmus Darwin

75. Where in Derbyshire is there an opera house? (a) Derby (b) Matlock (c) Buxton (d) Belper

76. Which poet was born in Oswestry? (a) Wilfred Owen (b) Siegfried Sassoon (c) Sir Henry Newbolt (d) Pam Ayres

77. Who wrote the song *He Banged the Leather for Goal* in honour of a Wolves striker? (a) Dave Hill (b) Liam Payne (c) Chas and Dave (d) Sir Edward Elgar

78. Where was Jerome K. Jerome (author of *Three Men in a Boat*) born? (a) Wolverhampton (b) Walsall (c) Wellington (d) Warwick

79. A Birmingham-born pre-Raphaelite artist whose works include stained-glass windows in St Philip's Cathedral was: (a) Burne Jones (b) Rossetti (c) Millais (d) Holman Hunt

80. What is the name of this sculpture in Lichfield Cathedral? (a) The Sleeping Children (b) Ellen-Jane and Marianne (c) The Robinson Children (d) The Chantrey Monument

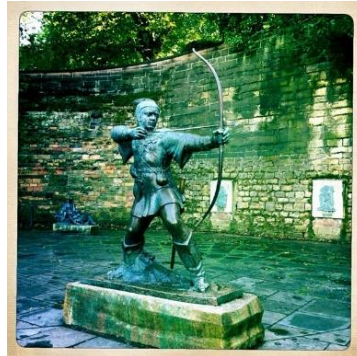


# Statues

Can you name these people?



81. Coventry



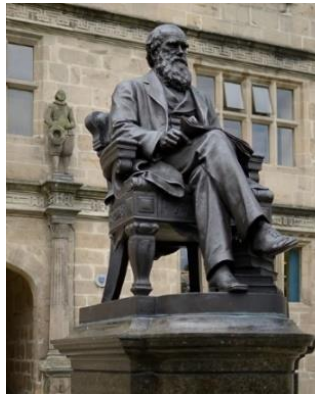
82. Nottingham



83. Leicester



84. Walsall



85. Shrewsbury



86. Lichfield



87. Dudley



88. Lichfield



89. Bewdley



90. Birmingham

## Midlands Miscellany

91. Which sport is thought to have originated at Rugby School in about 1845? (a) Rugby (b) Tennis (c) Cricket (d) Underwater Hockey
92. Which of the following holds an annual Goose Fair? (a) Telford (b) Mansfield (c) Halesowen (d) Nottingham
93. What did the Third Earl of Dudley create in the 1930s? (a) the Dudley Hippodrome (b) the Midland Red Bus Company (c) a zoo (d) a scene in the House of Lords.
94. Which one of these **never** represented Shrewsbury as an MP? (a) Robert Clive (b) Benjamin Disraeli (c) Rowland Hill (d) Robert Peel
95. Who is Shefali Oza? (a) a Coventry sculptress whose work has appeared in Trafalgar Square (b) MP for Perry Barr, Birmingham (c) a Midlands Today weather reporter (d) Derby-born Olympic javelin-thrower
96. Where would you go to see the Mappa Mundi? (a) Birmingham Art Gallery (b) Hereford Cathedral (c) Croome Court (d) Stokesay Castle
97. When did the West Midlands Metro open? (a) 2002 (b) 1999 (c) 1995 (d) 2009
98. Nanette Stocker, who is buried in St Philip's graveyard, Birmingham in 1819, was remarkable for being: (a) married 12 times (b) the world's strongest woman (c) only 33" tall (d) the first British woman MP
99. Which famous 20<sup>th</sup> century novelist was stationed at military camps on Cannock Chase for a time during WW1? (a) E.M.Forster (b) Joseph Conrad (c) Sax Rohmer (d) J.R.R.Tolkien
100. Which Vicar of Dibley star was born in Bilston (a) James Fleet (b) Dawn French (c) Roger Lloyd Pack (d) Emma Chambers

