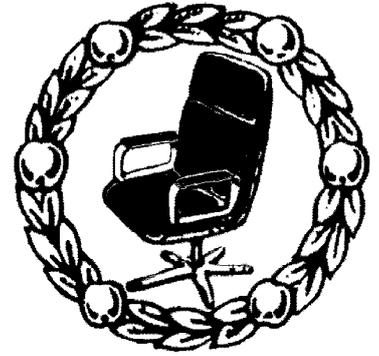
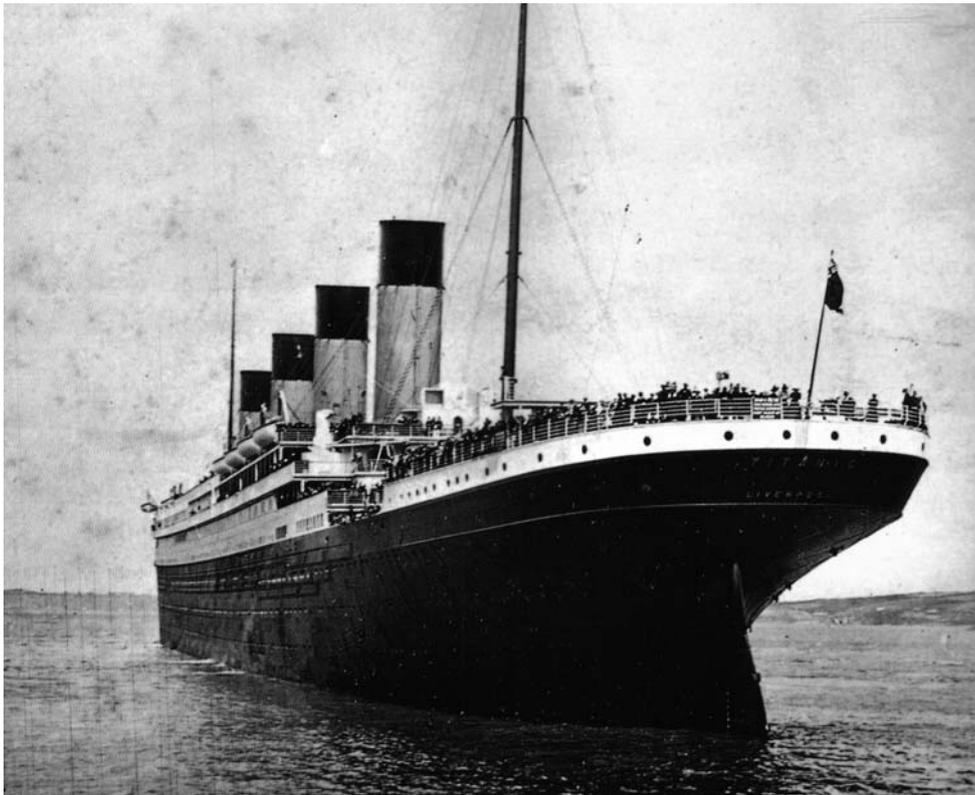


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Guest Editorial

Ken Emond

It is my sad duty to inform members of the Club, that after two years in the role, Ann Kelly has decided to resign as Editor of PASS. Like all of us before who have struggled with the demands of ordinary life in addition to the quarterly burden of editing and putting together the journal, Ann found it increasingly difficult, and she has therefore decided to leave the post and the committee – a decision we have accepted with great regret. We wish Ann well as she continues her second year as Mayor of Flitwick, and hope she will continue to be as regular an attender as before at all of the Club events.

As the most recent former Editor, I have agreed to step in at short notice and produce this issue, 2012:1, but, as those of you who are longer-term members will remember, I have already served 6 years as Editor, and I don't have any burning desire to take it over full-time again. All of us on the Committee feel sure that there is someone among the membership who has a suitable blend of experience and interest and who would be willing to take on the Editorship, with suitable support from the rest of us. If you are interested in the role, and would perhaps value a more informal chat first before considering putting your name forward at the AGM, I would be happy to hear from you by email (at kene@britac.ac.uk) or telephone (020 7252 6312, home). PASS is the lifeblood of the Club and there is a lot of pleasure to be gained from the contact which the Editor enjoys with so many members, both regulars and occasional contributors, who produce such a fascinating range of articles and short pieces. I don't want to minimise the task, of course – from what I have said already you will guess that the regular quarterly deadlines can tend to loom ever closer at some very inopportune moments. And some contributors can be more demanding than others in terms of their editorial needs. But for anyone who has an interest in meeting people (albeit vicariously by email), it can also be immensely rewarding.

Ken

Membership matters

Gavin Fuller

Another two members have joined us from the current series – and we welcome them
1073 Michael O'Callaghan from London.
1074 George Ferzoco from Bristol.

Meanwhile, I am pleased to welcome back to the Club member number 42, Dr David Delvin, a semi-finalist from 1976 currently living in Rottingdean, East Sussex. For more on the first 100 members of the Club, see page 9.

Whilst in the moves section, Stephen Rooney has moved to Banbury.

On a sadder note we have been informed of the death of Ian Barton. Ian was on the 1981 series, taking Roman Emperors of the First and Second Emperors AD at Bangor, where he won his heat, and Greek and Roman Classical Architecture in the semi-final. A polite and scholarly character, he was also one of the first returnees to the programme in 1995 and a former attender of the reunions. Our sympathy and condolences to his family

On another matter, if anybody has acquired or altered an email address and would like our internal records to be updated to take this into account, please contact me at gavin_fuller@hotmail.com and I'll duly update the records. I do assure you that the membership records I hold are entirely for administrative use only and any addresses will not be passed on to third parties.

Treasurer's Business

Susan Leng

Thank you to all who have paid their 2012 Membership subscription already – nearly everyone has now done so. If you are a cheque payer who meant to send a cheque but it has slipped your mind – perhaps you could do it now, please? A £12 cheque will ensure your membership for this year if you send it to me at the address on the inside cover, if you have lost the reminder letter that I sent.

Thank you also for the very nice letters with your good wishes for the new year – and my special thanks to the gentleman who sent his good wishes in Gaelic (with translation luckily).

Annual General Meeting 2012

Notice is hereby given that the thirty-fourth Annual General Meeting of the Mastermind Club will be held at the Dolphin Hotel, Southampton, on Sunday 15 April 2012 at 10.45am.

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of 33rd AGM, Sheffield, 10 April 2011 (published in PASS, 2011:2)
3. Matters arising
4. Membership Report
5. Annual Accounts and Treasurer's Report
6. President's Report
7. Insignia
8. Election of Club Committee for 2012-2014**
9. PASS
10. Annual Functions 2012, 2013 & 2014
11. Magnum Competition
12. Mugnum Competition
13. Any Other Business

***Note to Item 8:** All Committee posts fall due for re-election at this AGM. Committee members are elected to serve for a period of two years. Any Club member in good standing is welcome to nominate himself or herself, and may do so in writing to the Secretary. Proposers and seconders are not required. The last date for receipt of nominations is Monday 26th March 2012.

Gavin Fuller, Secretary
31 January 2012

MASTER QUIZ 2012

Gavin Fuller introduces the Round 2 questions.

It is time for the next 100 questions as emanating from my fevered imagination. As usual with this set there's no overarching theme, although certain anniversaries, location of this year's reunion and a railway-related project I did for the Telegraph recently might have provided inspiration!

Instructions

Round 2, as usual, has two entries.

Head your first paper "U" for UNSEEN, and answer the questions in your own time. When you have finished please sign the entry as being your own work, but of course should you by chance come across any other answers feel free to add them.

Head another sheet "R" for REFERENCE and check, alter or expand your "U" entries should it be necessary, quoting your sources if you wish.

Put your name and membership number at the start of the U entry, and the R if that should be sent separately. 80% of the marks are awarded for the "U" entry and 20% on the "R", with the latter as ever not being obligatory. Please note again that all decisions made by Phillida and myself are final and no correspondence shall be entered into by either of us about the questions and answers.

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Closing date: 3 April 2012

I look forward to your entries, and putting the top 9 to the test again at the Southampton reunion.

- 1) Which song opens "The minute you walked in the joint"?
- 2) Who was the second Plantagenet King of England?
- 3) Which motorway runs between Sunley and the outskirts of Southampton?
- 4) In the works of Jane Austen, what is the surname of sisters Elinor, Marianne and Margaret?
- 5) Becoming fully operation in 2011, what is the UK's newest National Park?
- 6) In the theme tune to a 1960s American television series, which dolphin was "faster than lightning"?
- 7) In Arthurian legend, which knight was the nephew of King Mark of Cornwall and lover of the King's wife?
- 8) In which town is the northernmost railway station in Britain?
- 9) Which Sir John Everett Millais painting featured the future Admiral Sir William James?
- 10) V is the symbol for which chemical element?
- 11) Which DIY chain was formed by Richard Block and David Quayle in Southampton in 1969?
- 12) Who is the captain of England's Test cricket team?
- 13) *Serenade for Strings*, Op. 20 and *Introduction and Allegro for Strings*, Op. 47 are works by which composer?
- 14) In *The Iliad*, and more importantly as seen in the 1965 Doctor Who story *The Myth Makers*, who killed Hector?
- 15) Which ship was infamously torpedoed by U-Boat U20 on 7 May 1915?
- 16) Two aircraft carriers led the Task Force to the Falklands in 1982. One was H.M.S. Invincible – what was the other?
- 17) Jèrriais, Dgèrnésiais, Auregnais and Sercquiais are dialects of which island group?

- 18) Which Welsh hymn is often given the alternative title *Bread of Heaven*?
- 19) How many stars are there on the flag of the People's Republic of China?
- 20) In the *Hitch-hiker's Guide to the Galaxy* books by Douglas Adams, what is the name of the Paranoid Android?
- 21) Vodka and orange juice are the two constituents of which cocktail?
- 22) In heraldry, what is an animal described as naiant doing?
- 23) Who was assassinated in Parral, Chihuahua at the behest of Congressman Jesus Salas Barrazas?
- 24) How is 24 rendered in binary notation?
- 25) Which King mysteriously died in the New Forest in 1100?
- 26) *Rubber Bullets*, *I'm Not In Love* and *Dreadlock Holiday* were number 1 hits in the 1970s for which band?
- 27) What metal are Timpani usually made from?
- 28) Who was the captain of the Titanic on her fateful voyage?
- 29) What is the aim of silver iodide nucleation of clouds?
- 30) Which river, running South to North, almost bisects of Isle of Wight?
- 31) The composer of *Ruslan y Lyudmila*, who is regarded as the father of Russian opera?
- 32) Released three years later, what was the sequel to the 1932 book *Little House in the Big Woods*?
- 33) Which movement of the Church of England arose from John Keble's Assize Sermon on National Apostasy?
- 34) Which great West Indian fast bowler took 134 first-class wickets for Hampshire in the 1982 season?
- 35) Found in Colombia in 2006, Doris Swanson's poison-dart is a species of which amphibian?
- 36) Which company developed the Spitfire aeroplane?
- 37) What animal's name did designer R J Mitchell want to give to the Spitfire, but was overruled by the Chairman of Vickers-Armstrong, who named it after his nickname for his daughter Anne?
- 38) To whom did Noël Coward once start a letter "Dear 338171 (May I call you 338?)"?
- 39) Marilyns, Deweys, Hewitts and Nuttalls are lists of what?
- 40) In which organ of the body can the Sinoatrial node be found?
- 41) Dinas Oleu, a coastal hillside in Wales, was in 1985 the first acquisition by which organisation?
- 42) *The Courting at Burnt Ranch* is an alternative title for which Aaron Copland ballet of 1942?
- 43) Who created the selfish rogue Stanley Featherstonehaugh Utridge, who appears in a number of short stories by this writer?
- 44) Which singer was arrested for pinching the backside of a woman in the monkey house of the Central Park Zoo, New York, in 1906?
- 45) Of what is Mycolofy the study?
- 46) *Winchester Cathedral* was a number 4 hit in 1966 for which group?
- 47) Who collaborated with A N Whitehead on the *Principia Mathematica* of 1910?
- 48) James Collinson, Thomas Woolner, W. M. Rossetti and F.G. Stephens were among the founder members of which artistic group?
- 49) Played by Dirk Bogarde, Tom Riley shot and killed which policeman in a 1949 film?
- 50) What name is given to a fear of the Dutch?
- 51) At sea, when does the First Watch commence?
- 52) Which composer's infatuation with the actress Harriet Smithson inspired the composition of his *Symphonie Fantastique*?
- 53) What is the name of the title character in Thomas Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge*?
- 54) Which sauce was invented in Louisiana by Edmund McIlhenny in the late 1860s, but shares its name with an area of an adjoining country to the USA?
- 55) Environmentally in Britain, what are APACs?
- 56) Which British runner won Olympic silver behind Michael Johnson in the men's 400 metres at the 1996 Atlanta games?
- 57) Nicknamed "The Cheeky Chappie", Thomas Henry Sargent was the real name of which music hall star?
- 58) The name of which title given to some Islamic rulers in history is derived from the Arabic for "successor"?
- 59) Which cricket commentator wrote the hymn *God, whose farm is all creation*?
- 60) In which city is the royal picture gallery of the Mauritshuis located?
- 61) The Stag and Dolomite were cars of the 1970s from which motor marque?
- 62) In a not unsurprisingly unsuccessful advertising campaign by Great Northern Railways around the turn of the 20th century,

which resort was marketed as “Nottingham-on-Sea”?

63) Which creatures make up the Order Anguilliformes?

64) In M.C. Beaton’s *The Travelling Matchmaker* series Emily goes to Exeter and Belinda goes to Bath. Where does Penelope go to?

65) Who compiled a noted collection of country dances in the 1651 work *The English Dancing Master*?

66) After the first performance of one of his plays, who remarked “The play was a great success, but the audience was a total failure”?

67) Which work by Johann Strauss the Elder was composed in honour of the Austrian general who put down an uprising in Lombardy and Venetia in 1848-9?

68) The abbreviation for which cloud is the same as the chemical symbol for arsenic?

69) Which sitcom was set in Hatley railway station?

70) What was the surname of the brothers who painted the Ghent Altarpiece?

71) Which region of that country is nicknamed “The Garden of Spain”?

72) Which Neil Richardson composition first made its bow as a theme tune in 1972?

73) Who took the possibly remarkable double of the wedding photographs of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor and the coronation photograph of the present Queen?

74) Which Italian city is served by Capodichino airport?

75) What sort of book was John Ogilby’s *Britannia*, published in 1675?

76) Who scored the winning goal when Southampton tragically won the FA Cup in 1976, later improving his career by moving to Portsmouth?

77) Guernsey Cream is a cheese from which country?

78) In geology, what term is given to a vent in the Earth’s surface from which steam and volcanic gases are emitted?

79) Which historian and curator made television programmes on the history of the home and the Regency period in 2011?

80) Which wine growing area of the Bordeaux region shares its name with an American car manufacturer?

81) Which 18th century Venetian painter decorated the Archbishop’s Palace in Udine, the Prince Archbishop’s Palace in Würzburg and painted the ceiling of the throne room for Charles III of Spain?

82) In a Mark Twain novel, Tom Canty is a double of which historical personage?

83) In printing, what term is used to denote that a page’s width is greater than its height?

84) Stock 84 is the world’s best-selling Italian brand of which spirit?

85) Blue Picardy, Brittany, Écossais and Pont-Audemer are among French breeds of which dog?

86) What is the name of Tannhäuser’s beloved in Wagner’s opera of that name?

87) Which Old Testament hero was the son of Mahoah?

88) For the treatment of which disease died Augier Ferrier of Toulouse in the 16th century give the following advice to his fellow physicians: “get out fast, stay well away, come back late”?

89) Sarah Cracknell, Bob Stanley and Pete Wiggs are the members of which pop band, named after a French football team?

90) In astronomy, what is a WIMP?

91) What sort of mammal is a Red-bellied Titi?

92) San Miguel is the most important rum distillery in which South American country?

93) *Uncle Silas*, *Guy Deverell* and *The Wyvern Mystery* are amongst the works of which Irish writer?

94) Which pub name comes from the heraldic symbol of Richard II?

95) What is the televisual connection between the Hampshire locations of Woolston in 1984, Portchester in 1993 and Winnall in 1995?

96) Best known for a 1624 painting of a man, whose paintings include *Lucas de Clercq*, *Feyntje van Steenkistie* and *Regents of the St Elizabeth Hospital* ?

97) In the Pacific Ocean, what is the name of the cold counterpart to the El Niño phase?

98) What was the name of the liner in Morgan Robertson’s 1898 novel *Futility*, which sinks after hitting an iceberg on her maiden voyage?

99) A bizarre gardening accident, choking on vomit and spontaneous human combustion are amongst the means of death of drummers from which rock band?

100) John Evans, whose tenancy expired on 25th August 1762, was the last man to live on which structure?

Eyes Along The Coast

Constance Moore

The coasts of the UK are dotted with huts, towers and other lookouts which were once Coastguard stations, closed as a cost-cutting exercise some thirty years ago. In 1994, a local fisherman was drowned immediately beneath the abandoned lookout hut at Bass Point on the Lizard peninsula, and the locals decided that something needed to be done. They reopened the station and manned it on a voluntary basis – and the National Coastwatch Institution was born. Others had followed before the year was out, and there are now 46 stations around the coast of England and Wales, mostly on the south coast and in the south-west, all manned and run by volunteers. As the name suggests they watch the coast as well as the sea, keeping an eye on walkers and climbers as well as surfers, leisure yachtsmen and local fishing boats, 365 days a year.

I encountered our local group in April 2011 when they were recruiting at Pendeen Farmers' Market, and thought that it sounded interesting; so a week later I cycled down from St Just to Cape Cornwall and for the first time climbed the 80 or so steps leading up to the tiny wooden hut perched on the seaward side of the cape. At first sight the interior was rather daunting, containing radio and radar sets, computer screen showing the shipping lanes and a large chart-plotting table, besides various other gadgets from loud-hailer to walkie-talkies. However, I soon learned that the most essential piece of equipment was the huge pair of binoculars (once part of a Russian submarine) which have pride of place on a post in the centre of the hut. With these we keep a watch on both land and sea, keeping a log of the little crab boats going in and out of Priest Cove, walkers following the coast path and climbers on Kenidjack Head. In summer there is a constant traffic of boats of all sizes from kayaks to large yachts; in winter you may only have the tankers and container ships out in the shipping lanes to enter on your log; but all year round there is a stream of interested visitors to entertain!

I spent several months of training learning about the weather and the tides, how to operate the radar and to plot the position and speed of vessels on the chart, listening to conversations between Falmouth Coastguard and the Sennen lifeboat, and becoming acquainted with the various other pieces of equipment. In September I was "passed out" and became a qualified member of NCI.

As well as standing watch, there is also fundraising to be done to keep the station running, and it houses an exhibition telling the stories of some of the many shipwrecks locally. One of the more famous wrecks was that of the "Commercial" in January of 1851, which left the ship's captain and his wife marooned on the Brisons rocks for two days and nights in a huge storm while attempts were made to rescue them (the captain's wife only in her nightdress!) Eventually a line reached them and she jumped into the sea to be pulled to shore, but sadly died in the attempt. Her grave is in Sennen churchyard, and has been adopted by the Coastwatch station.

Other wrecks included one with a cargo of peanuts (happily consumed by the children of St Just) and a warship aground on the Brisons in 1901 which fired its guns to alert local shipping; unfortunately, the tide had caused the ship to swing round and the shells fell on St Just, causing cattle to stampede and the locals to fear an invasion!

Only last July, one of our watchers spotted a capsized dinghy several miles out to sea, and alerted the coastguard. Sennen lifeboat rescued an injured lone sailor, who had been clinging to the upturned hull, probably saving his life.

I have enjoyed beautiful summer days with the Isles of Scilly clear on the horizon, Force 8 gales when you need the handrail to keep yourself on the steps, and days of thick fog when almost nothing can be seen except on radar or the computer screen, which shows the traffic separation lanes east of the Scillies which all ships have to keep to (except the French fishing boats, which go where they like.) There is always wildlife to be seen: flocks of gannets diving for fish or the two resident seals often playing among the rocks below, and if one is very lucky, perhaps a huge basking shark slowly cruising through the water.

So next time you visit the coast, check the NCI website to see if there is a local station: most of them are happy to welcome visitors, and there will always be a collecting tin handy!

The Italian Chapel, Orkney (Part Two)

Susan Leng

In the last edition of PASS, I described my first visit to the Orkney Islands for the Grand Final of Mastermind in 1997, followed by subsequent cruise ships visits on which I give Port Lectures. These visits mean that I have become quite well acquainted with the islands and Orkney is definitely my favourite destination on “Around Britain” cruises. Last time, I described Kirkwall along with other places on the island, but I felt that more space needed to be dedicated to what is probably my favourite – The Italian Chapel [*Ed. please see accompanying photographs overleaf*].

This little church at Lamb Holm, Orkney is the only remaining relic of Camp 60 which housed several hundred Italian prisoners of war from 1941 – 1944/5. They were brought to this bleak cold island from North Africa to build the “Churchill Barriers”. The Barriers were designed very quickly in the winter of 1939, after the tragic sinking of HMS Royal Oak in Scapa Flow, only six weeks after the start of the war. Although the entrances to Scapa Flow had been partially blocked to make it a safe haven for Royal Navy ships, the blocks were overcome by an enemy submarine on 14th October 1939 which sank HMS Royal Oak. 707 men and 126 boy sailors were lost – the largest single loss of boy sailors in the history of the Royal Navy.

Because of this tragedy, Winston Churchill visited Orkney in 1939 and ordered work to begin on four permanent barriers linking together the chain of islands from Mainland to South Ronaldsay. Work quickly got underway with construction work going to Balfour Beatty employing 230 workers. The workers did not like the conditions on Orkney, and being civilians they were free to leave. The manpower problem was solved with the arrival of several hundred Italian POW's. Prisoners of war were prevented by treaty from working on military projects though, so instead of being harbour barriers to keep out the submarines, the work in hand was re-classified as causeways to link the southern islands of Orkney together.

The Italians, glad to be free of the war, worked on the construction of huge concrete blocks during the day, and in the evening were allowed to pass the time in the huts which they had been given for living, eating and recreation. The one thing that Camp 60 lacked, though, was a Chapel. The men were given two Nissen huts – one to be turned into a chapel and one for recreation, but they decided to put them together lengthways, to create a chapel.

The work of turning the Nissen huts into a chapel fell to the Italians in their spare time. They could only use waste materials, but there was plenty of spare concrete available from the work on the Barriers!

The altar and its fittings were made from concrete, flanked by two windows made from painted glass. One of the Italians, an artist, Domenico Chiocchetti set to work on the painting of the interior of the sanctuary. The end result is a magnificent work of art, which must have been very moving for those Italians, so far from home. Another Italian, who had been an iron worker before the war, spent four months constructing the wrought iron rood screen, which still complements the rest of the interior today.

It was not quite finished when most of the Italians left the island early in 1945, but Chiocchetti stayed behind to complete the font. Before the Italians departed the Lord Lieutenant of Orkney promised that the Orcadians would look after the chapel, and they and the next generation continue to keep it immaculate. The chapel was only in use by the Italians for a short period of time, but soon became a visitor attraction, and in 1958 a preservation committee was set up. To this day, the descendants of those Italians who built the chapel continue to visit and marvel at their ancestors work. Domenico Chiocchetti returned to Orkney in 1964 with his wife, and gave the 14 wooden stations of the cross to the chapel.

The only other remaining part of Camp 60 is a statue of St George which was constructed from barbed wire coated in concrete. The Italian Chapel at Lamb Holm is a true masterpiece, and it remains a lasting monument to the prisoners and to the Orcadians who befriended them.



The Italian Chapel



The Statue of St George



The interior and screen; and the altar

Errors and Omissions

Ed: In the last issue, the obituary of Fred Dyson was written by, and should have been credited to, Marga Scott-Johnson

More on the first 100 members of the Mastermind Club

Tony Dart

The Editor regrets that a production problem caused the table on the facing page to be omitted from the article *Who was J M Ferris?* in the last issue of PASS. Any contributions shedding light on J M Ferris would be very gratefully received...

More on the first 100 members of the Mastermind Club

Tony Dart

MASTERMIND CLUB: THE FIRST HUNDRED MEMBERS					
(Current members shown in <i>italics</i> ; Presidents in bold ; Champions MM)					
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<i>(b) "I've Started So I'll Finish", Magnus Magnusson; Little, Brown & Co, 1997</i>					

Walking Past the Palace

Tony Bell

I have been a runner since 1983, and in 1997 my semi-final specialist subject was "The Marathon Footrace Since 1896". Running is the most visible part of track and field athletics, how often do you **not** see someone running down the street or through the park?

However, in 2003, I also took up that very strange form of track and field called race walking. In this silly sport you must always have at least one foot in contact with the ground and your leg must be straight on contact. If you fail to do this you are deemed to be running and should three different judges think that you are failing to do this in a race you get disqualified.

Back in the early 1960s British race walkers were amongst the best in the world – Olympic Gold medals were won in 1960 and 1964. But since those heady days standards and interest in British race walking have declined. There are a lot of old race walkers these days remembering the good old days and comparatively few youngsters. Race walkers tend to compete away from the public eye around parks or on quiet country lanes.

Later this year, as I'm sure nearly everybody knows, the Olympic Games will take place in London. On Monday 30th May a test event took place on the proposed Olympic race walk course; this event incorporated the UK athletics 20 km race walk championships. No park or quiet country lanes this time, the course was by Buckingham Palace, right in the centre of London!

Even though I now live and work in Germany I couldn't turn down the chance to walk on the Olympic course. There was a slight problem in that the race was advertised with a time limit of 2 hours, central London roads couldn't be kept closed indefinitely, and my 20km personal best was 2h03.49. However, I sent off my entry and it was accepted!

So off we went to London, it was a glorious sunny Spring Bank Holiday when we arrived on the Mall. My wife went for a run in St. James Park whilst I had my lunch and watched the tourists go by. Then off I went to the race venue – as it was a practice for the Olympics I had to be there at least 90 minutes before the race start at 4.00pm. There was a lot of hanging around and waiting, but it was good to meet up with some old race walk friends.

Eventually it was time to warm up, 20km is a long way to race so I just did an easy 1km up and down the Mall. I had been here before but that was for the finish of the London marathon. That was just for a couple of minutes after over 3 hours of running with thousands of other runners. I felt somewhat out of place here in a field about 80; the best British walkers were here as well as some very fast looking overseas visitors. There was a very impressive looking team from China. I wonder what they thought of our quaint little course after last time in Beijing? We were called forward to the start line and told any walkers slower than 1h50 at 18km would be asked to stop. It would take some fast walking for me finish the race. Some of our fast overseas visitors and the top British walkers were introduced to the crowd and then off we went.

It was a fast start, even for us slowpokes at the back. We started our 2km loop on the Mall by St. James Palace, past the Victoria memorial and onto Constitution Hill. Turn around after a km, past Buckingham Palace and the other side of the Victoria memorial and into the Mall. 10 laps for the 20km race, the youngsters had 5 laps for their junior race. As this was an Olympic test event the course was very impressive even if you discounted the location. There was an electronic scoreboard at the start/finish line. There were two drinks stations per lap, one with personal drinks and one with water and sponges. There was also a mist station with showers spraying water onto the course. This soon became redundant as it started to rain on lap 1; it was a Bank Holiday Monday after all!

After a fast first 5km my pace slowed a little but still moving reasonably well, I was continuously being lapped by the faster walkers. By 8km the impressive electronic scoreboard told me that two judges thought I wasn't following the rules of race walking, one more and I would be out. By the halfway point it was really pouring down and I was feeling very tired but I kept going. Just before 14km the race leader from China lapped me for

the 3rd time just before he finished the race. I was absolutely soaked by now; if the judges had decided to disqualify me at this point I wouldn't have complained!

On I went, it gradually got quieter on the course as the faster walkers finished. We were still getting great support from the crowd, it was good to see some more race walking friends spectating in the rain and my wife was there cheering me on. The novelty of my location had long since disappeared; it was just a wet road that happened to go past where the Queen lived. There was no Royal Standard flying today, Her Majesty wasn't at home, and I don't blame her with all these silly people walking past. As I approached the finish line for the 9th time the clock said 1h50 and I got to 18km in 1h50.42, nobody stopped me and they rang the bell, I was free to go round for the last lap. Everything was hurting by now but not far to go, past that Palace for the last time and onto Mall. As I approached the finish line the race commentator mentioned I had come over especially for the race from Germany and that I might be recognized from my appearances on "Mastermind!"

Over the line in a new personal best time of 2h03.14, two lady walkers finished just behind me, we were the last to be allowed to finish. Three slower walkers were asked to stop before the end. What an experience, I only entered the race to walk on the Olympic Course; to finish the race and get a pb was a very nice bonus. I fully intend to be back next year for the Olympics; but I will be on the other side of the fence as a spectator.



The calm before the (rain)storm, 9 laps to go...

[Tony is walker number 24. Photograph by Peter Duhig, husband of the lady just ahead of him]

Grey Poem

Timothy Robey

In an elegiac churchyard,
Under Buckinghamshire sky,
Gray the stones that half-remember
Where those rude forefathers lie.

At what school did Billy Bunter
Stuff himself with cake and pies?
With which stately home in Scotland
Did the Jungle Man have ties?

In some nineteen-thirties mansion,
Where well-heeled assassins lurk,
Poirot, that pedantic Belgian,
Puts his little cells to work.

Coerced councillors and judges
Offered her the English crown;
Noble rogues and icy parents
Wouldn't let her turn it down.

Dimmed the prospects for the empires,
Grey the international doubt,
When, and maybe for a lifetime,
Europe's lights were going out.

Though he fostered many changes
During eighteen thirty-two,
Bergamot will always flavour
This man's *early* morning brew.

Beryl, Simon , Zane, Cordelia,
Each of different family tree,
Partly shown, of course, by spelling:
Some have A, and some have E.

A Film A-Z Quiz

Ken Emond

As longer-standing members of the Club may recall, I have from time to time offered up a not-too-troublesome film quiz, and I thought it was about time for another one.

Listed below are 26 clues to film titles, all of which contain a geographical location in the title (e.g. Funeral in Berlin etc). The clues give the year of release of the film and two or three of its stars. They are not in alphabetical order, but when you have all of the answers, they will contain a location beginning with each letter of the alphabet. Two of the locations are fictitious; the other 24 are real – cities, states, provinces or countries

The winner will be drawn at random from the all-correct entries received by the closing date on 30 April 2012, and a £15 book token is offered as a prize.

Please send entries by email to kene@britac.ac.uk or in hard copy to Ken Emond, 108 Havil Street, Camberwell, London, SE5 7RS. Good luck!

- 1 1955, Shirley Jones, Gordon Macrae
- 2 1935, Anne Grey, Stan Laurel, Oliver Hardy
- 3 1980, Olivia Newton John, Gene Kelly
- 4 2010, Sally Hawkins, Bob Hoskins
- 5 1942, Sonja Henie, John Payne
- 6 1951, Barbara Rush, Patric Knowles
- 7 1956, Maureen O'Hara, Ray Milland
- 8 1975, Karen Black, Keith Carradine
- 9 1971, Silvana Mangano, Dirk Bogarde
- 10 1944, Gypsy Rose Lee, Randolph Scott
- 11 1996, Thora Birch, Vincent Kartheiser
- 12 1953, Vera Ralston, Fred MacMurray
- 13 1969, Suzanne Pleshette, Ian McShane
- 14 1984, Nancy Allen, Michael Paré
- 15 1981, Kristy McNichol, Dennis Quaid
- 16 1939, Jean Arthur, James Stewart
- 17 1969, Susan Hampshire, Tony Curtis
- 18 1972, Hildegard Neil, Peter Finch
- 19 1969, Diane Baker, Maximilian Schell
- 20 1943, Anne Baxter, Franchot Tone
- 21 1965, Ulla Jacobsson, Richard Harris
- 22 2002, Maggie Smith, Chris Cooper
- 23 1942, Joan Crawford, John Wayne
- 24 1990, Lena Olin, Robert Redford
- 25 1933, Ginger Rogers, Fred Astaire
- 26 1962, Madlyn Rhue, Yul Brynner

Maritime Quiz

Gavin Fuller

As we're going to one of the major ports of the UK for our reunion this year, in honour of this here's a quiz with a distinct maritime theme for you. In honour of a certain shipping centenary in April, the initial letters of the answers spell out three ports that were connected with this. Have fun! A book token will be the prize for the first correct solution drawn (or the highest-scoring one) sent to me at 114 Bensham Manor Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, CR7 7AU or by email to gavin_fuller@hotmail.com. The deadline for entries is 30 April 2012.

- 1) Christopher Columbus' flagship on his 1492 voyage to the New World
- 2) RMS....., White Star liner, head of the class to which the Titanic belonged, some of whose fittings are now in the White Swan, Alnwick
- 3) Historically inaccurate 2000 film about a German submarine captured by American sailors
- 4) Ship which carried the British Antarctic Expedition 1910 to the Antarctic
- 5) Commander of the *Discovery* who was cast adrift of the Canadian coast after a mutiny in 1610 when trying to find North West Passage, never to be seen again
- 6) SS....., Italian liner which sank after colliding with the *MS Stockholm* off Nantucket in 1956
- 7) RMS....., Cunard liner named after a historical area of North Africa which held the Blue Riband from 1907 to 1929
- 8) Whaling vessel commanded by Captain Ahab in *Moby Dick*
- 9) Ornamental knot formed using smaller cordage and used as a stopper on the end of a rope
- 10) A reflecting navigational instrument for measuring the altitude of heavenly bodies, having an arc of one-eighth of a circle, replaced by the 19th century by the sextant
- 11) Surname of the first Norwegian Ambassador to the Court of St James, who resigned his post to carry out oceanographic research around Iceland, Spitsbergen and the Kara Sea
- 12) 1801 boat built by William Symington, the world's first practical steamboat
- 13) *Mutiny on the*, subtitle of Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*
- 14) HM Bark....., Whitby collier formerly called *Earl of Pembroke* which carried Captain Cook on his circumnavigation of 1768-71
- 15) Flag worn by all British Merchant vessels and most yachts since 1731, also used by the Royal Navy until 5 August 1864
- 16) RMS....., White Star liner which sank off the Greek island of Kea in 1916 whilst being used as a hospital ship
- 17) Situated at the mouth of the Tiber, the port town of Ancient Rome
- 18) Command on vessels which used both steam and sail power to set the ship up for steaming
- 19) *The.....*, Tennyson poem about an incident in 1591 which begins "At Flores in the Azores Sir Richard Grenville lay,"
- 20) La....., French ship which was the first ironclad naval vessel when launched in 1859
- 21) Originally a Petty Officer appointed to help the Master and Mates in such duties as stowing the hold and coiling cables, now the senior helmsman who takes over when a ship enters or leaves harbour
- 22) An insurer of ships and cargoes from loss and damage, many of whom used to meet at Lloyd's Coffee House
- 23) H.M.S....., Ship which with *H.M.S. Terror* went on Sir John Franklin's doomed expedition to find the North West Passage in 1845
- 24) Oil tanker which ran aground in Prince William Sound, Alaska, on March 24 1989, causing an environmental disaster
- 25) Colloquial name for both a ship's First Lieutenant and, in the plural, a sailor's best uniform, worn on special occasions
- 26) Ship which set out with the Mayflower from Southampton in 1620 to carry the Pilgrim Fathers to America, but was left behind in Plymouth
- 27) Cargo carried by clippers such as *Cutty Sark* and *Thermopylae*
- 28) From a Dutch word meaning "to run over", the lowest deck in a sailing man-of-war
- 29) Decked sailing vessel used for freight transport in the Norfolk Broads, or an open boat used for the carriage of passengers on the River Thames in the 17th and 18th centuries
- 30) The name of both Captain Nemo's submersible and the American submarine which was the first to cross under the North Pole