



## British Ceramics Lockdown Quiz 2020

If you enjoy collecting British ceramics, researching the history of the pottery industry and visiting ceramics collections, we think that you will enjoy our 2020 lockdown quiz!

60 questions divided across six categories are designed for you to test yourself on how much you know- challenge yourself to see how many you can answer from your own general knowledge. If you need some help (and most of us will) then there are plenty of publications and online resources, but don't trust everything you find on Google!

The questions and answers are designed to be as interesting as they are challenging, so we hope that you will learn something new. There are no prizes or winners, just the pleasure of finding out how much you know or have yet to discover.

The Northern Ceramic Society and the Raven Mason Collection at Keele University bring you this quiz, with the support of the Friends of the Potteries Museums.

The answers will be published on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

This will be on the websites below or sent to you by group email if that is how you received the quiz.

**Good luck everyone!**

Northern Ceramic Society: [www.northernceramicsociety.org/](http://www.northernceramicsociety.org/)

Raven Mason Collection:  
[www.keele.ac.uk/discover/artskeele/whatson/ravenmason/](http://www.keele.ac.uk/discover/artskeele/whatson/ravenmason/)

Friends of the Potteries Museums:  
[www.stokemuseums.org.uk/pmag/support-us/museum-friends/](http://www.stokemuseums.org.uk/pmag/support-us/museum-friends/)

## **A People and personalities round**

- 1 Where did John Clarkson, William Hewson Junior and Senior, George Neunburg, Robert Hillcock and others plan to meet every other Friday in 1785?
- 2 Where did a 'Senior moment' last for some 60 years?
- 3 Who turned from silver to porcelain and lobbied the government of the day to stop importing foreign porcelain to give English makers a chance to step into the market?
- 4 The maker of 'these Sorts of Pots': 'A Decantor, A Carved Teapot, A Flower-Pot, A Mogg, A Carved Jug, A Capuchine' was sued for infringement of whose patent? Who was the maker?
- 5 Joseph Wilson made salt-glazed stonewares and tortoiseshell wares; where did he make these and whom did he succeed there?
- 6 Complete Shaw's group of surnames: Hollins, Keeling, Turner, Warburton, Clowes, \_\_\_\_\_? Who were they?
- 7 Miles' ceramic work featuring young women, cherubs and children is sometimes thought to be in dubious taste. By what name is he better known?
- 8 Where did Quaker grocer John Beakbane get a taste for pottery-making?
- 9 Which pottery trading and manufacturing family did Bibye Lesage marry into- twice?
- 10 Whose chilly expedition featuring ships HMS Hecla and Griper was commemorated on ceramics?

## **B Inventions round**

- 11 Which brothers patented their improvements in 1806 to a machine invented in 1798, revolutionising printed decoration for ceramics?
- 12 Who became a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1783 for his invention that improved the control of kiln firing?
- 13 An 1840 patent by a Birmingham engineer for making buttons changed a whole field of ceramic manufacture: who was he and what was his invention adapted to do?
- 14 Who is said to have installed the first Newcomen steam engine in the Potteries after a trip to Cornwall in 1775?
- 15 When did the sun and planet go to Etruria?
- 16 Which sculptor and potter was awarded a John Scott Medal from the Franklin Institute (also awarded to Thomas Edison, Nikola Tesla, Marie Curie and the Wright brothers, among others), for his invention that changed the skyline of the Potteries in the 20<sup>th</sup> century?

17 Whose patent followed soon after this correspondence? 'I had lately with me the person who hath discovered the China-earth. He had several samples of the China-ware of their making with him; which were, I think, equal to the Asiatic. 'Twas found at the back of Virginia, where he was in quest of mines, and, having read Du Halde, discovered both the Petunse and Kaulin. 'Tis this latter earth, he says, is the essential thing towards the success of the manufacture.'

18 When is rose & crown not a pub sign?

19 Who was the appropriately-named patentee of methods of printing ceramics in the 1830s, including the 'Royal Steam Cylindrical Printing Apparatus'? Who was his partner?

20 Who is credited with the development of platinum lustre in the British ceramics industry?

### C Literature round

21 Whose china is described here in an exchange published in 1860?

'To think of my chany being sold i' that way – and I bought it when I was married, just as you did yours, Jane and Sophy: and I know you didn't like mine because of the sprig, but I was fond of it, and there's never been a bit broke, for I've washed it myself – and there's the tulips on the cups, and the roses.... You wouldn't like your chany to go for an old song and be broke to pieces, though yours has got no colour in it Jane – it's all white and fluted and didn't cost so much as mine.'

22 Who described the city of Stoke-on-Trent as 'mythical'?

23 Whose best-selling Bowls won't be found in the Ceramics section?

24 Who thanked, amongst others, Sir Arthur Church, Mr William Burton, the late Mr. John Baddeley Wood, Mr Josiah Wedgwood, Mr Percy W L Adams and the authorities of the British and Victoria and Albert Museums in 1912 and where?

25 Where can the earliest published account of slip-casting in the British ceramics industry be found?

26 Not mis-spellings of the name of a well-known Hergé character, LIN TIN or ITN TIN is a pattern name used at which Yorkshire pottery?

27 In which public collection can you find a ceramic set with painted illustrations taken from Bewick's *Quadrupeds*, Shaw's *Mammalia* and Buffon's *Histoire Naturelle*?

28 'A paste made of burnt bones will stand a stronger heat than anything else...a paste of burnt bones will not melt.' Where can these portentous words be found?

29 Name the potter and author of *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Girl*

30 Felix Summerly's Art Manufactures included a marble figure followed by parian models based on Miguel de Cervantes, *Don Quixote*, part 1: 'They espied a youth dressed like a peasant stooping to bathe his lovely feet in a rivulet...the lovely maiden looked up...' Who was she?

## **D Pots round**

31 Which famous strigine museum piece was found by the Antiques Roadshow team in a programme first broadcast in March 1990?

32 Described in 1683 as 'A pair of little Jars and covers guilt and Enamel'd with ffestoons and Boyes heads.' Where are they?

33 Contrast between Yorkshire and Lancashire: whose award-winning ceramic productions?

34 The decoration of an imported punchbowl at a Yorkshire priory includes painted flags of Denmark, Spain, France, Sweden, Britain, the Netherlands and America. What is the scene and where is this bowl?

35 A Lady linguist who worked on a translation of the *Mabinogion* is better known to ceramics collectors due to her own collecting activities with her second husband. Who is she and where can her collection now be found?

36 Which came first: the Willow pattern or the romantic story that described it?

37 Whose pottery shape designs included, Curlew, Wren, Jay, Kestrel and Falcon?

38 Gilliflower vases from Syon House went to Liverpool and then back to Middlesex via Worthing. Where were they made?

39 Which immigrant potter turned her hand very much to button-making in 1940s London?

40 What is a 'potter's dozen'?

**E Picture round**

**41** What now occupies the site of this former factory?



**46** Who is this?



**42** Which potbank is in this mug shot?



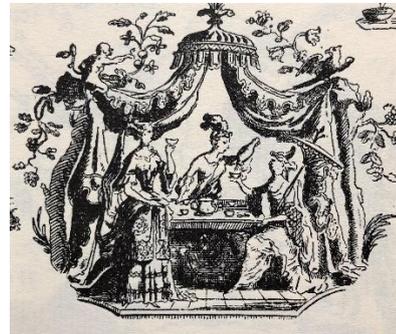
**47** What is this piece of equipment? What is it used for?



**43** Name the port: What principal cargo sustained it?



**48** Ladies in lock-down: Where will you find these ladies illustrated?



**44** Where is this poor lady in coronavirus lock-down?



**49** Gentlemen in lock-down: who is the maker of this convivial ceramic scene?



**45** Who is the architect of these factories? Where are they?



**50** Who designed these patterns? For which factory?



## **F Unfortunate occurrences round**

- 51 Where did an alleged 'Norman Wisdom' moment lead to a Qing Dynasty downfall?
- 52 Immortalised in earthenware, who was savaged by a tiger in 1797?
- 53 Which artist-potter published a novel entitled *It Can Never Happen Again* which, unfortunately, did not also apply to fires in his studio?
- 54 Who failed to murder Peter Wainwright of Liverpool in 1801 despite several attempts?
- 55 Name the notorious faker of 18thC Staffordshire wares whose case went to the High Court in 1993?
- 56 Who wrote to the Chairman of Wedgwood to say that he would 'in future cease to purchase your products, realising that any appreciation you have of beauty in pottery is obviously monetary.?'?
- 57 Who was murdered by the family physician, Dr Milward Oliver?
- 58 Which former porcelain factory was badly flooded in early 2020?
- 59 What is the connection between a maritime disaster of 1912 and the Potteries?
- 60 A grant-aided Cumbrian ceramic acquisition in Wales commemorates a 2011 disaster in Asia, '\_\_\_\_\_ No 8': what, where and whom?

**Don't forget- the answers will be posted on 1 June 2020.**