



INSPECTOR GENERALS' MISSIVE WEEK 58



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So, we finally hear the statistic I was waiting for. It has now been established that even if a person who has been injected against Covid gets infected (or re-infected), they are unlikely to transmit the virus to anyone else. Coupled with the fact that no-one who has been injected and is subsequently infected is likely to die or even suffer badly from the Covid effects, it seems perfectly reasonable for us to meet in small, careful groups once again. JVT said yesterday that it was “incredibly safe for fully vaccinated people to meet” 2 weeks after their second injections although he did advise us not to “just yet”. As I write this, the 17th May “meet indoors” date is still on the cards and we have received guidance from UGLE and the other Order Heads on how to proceed once we are released to Step 3. It isn't yet the end, but we seem to be getting there.

Recorders should already have the revised procedure for our Rose Croix ceremonies to hand, and their Directors of Ceremonies will have studied the arrangements and be busy fixing rehearsals to get the troops ready for work. Three of our chapters have received dispensations for a third year in the chair for the current Sovereigns and our District Recorder Peter Moody stands ready to answer any questions which may arise or, in the very unlikely event that he is unsure on any matter, he will know where to find out. It will take some time while we

work up to full speed again, but the words haven't changed too much in the revised procedures so hitting the red book is a good move all round. I look forward to the prospect of full meetings again – we must all keep our fingers crossed.

Here are my answers to week 57's questions:

1. “Dúirt mé leat go raibh mé breoite” means “I told you I was ill”. It is on Spike Milligan's headstone in Winchelsea and is in Gaelic because the church authorities deemed the English phrase ‘inappropriate’.
2. Morris Motors built the Morris Minor from 1948 to 1972. They made the one-millionth car in 1959/60 and decided to make 350 “Morris Minor Million” cars which were all produced in 1960 in lilac.
3. It was the custom to bury clergymen with feet to the west so that on Judgement Day when they were resurrected, they would arise to face their risen congregations who had been buried with feet to the East.
4. Peter Shilton gained 125 caps between 1970 and 1990. Billy Wright also had 125 caps but only played at international level for 13 years from 1946 to 1959.
5. There are 5•3995 nautical miles in a myriametre (10,000 metres).
6. Technically, an octopus only has arms. Tentacles are defined as being retractable and only having suckers at the end (like cuttlefish and sea anemones) while octopus' arms have suckers all the way along.
7. Bison, chinchillas, gorillas and lynxes are all tautonym animals with the same common and scientific binomial names – bison bison, chinchilla chinchilla, gorilla gorilla and lynx lynx.
8. Aluminium foil is rolled from molten aluminium and then cold rolled. The cold rolling is done with 2 sheets together and the outside sides become shiny when pressed by the rollers, but the insides stay matte.
9. John Henry Pepper and Henry Dircks developed the illusion called “Pepper's Mirrors” to produce ghost effects on a stage and in other situations. The technique is still used in commercial adventure parks.

10. Sir Hugh Beaver's idea of a fact reference book was developed further by the McWhirter twins (who already ran a fact-finding company) and was published in 1955 as the Guinness Book of Records.

Stephen Knight fell into the tentacles/arms octopus trap and though Nick Wilson didn't make the same error, Stephen still just edged him out overall.

Here are this week's questions for your research:

1. What is the difference between an heir apparent and an heir presumptive?
2. Where was the largest ever catered meal held and why?
3. What is an 'Oxford comma' and why is it so called?
4. What is an "Ig Nobel" prize?
5. Which awards celebrate those who remove themselves from the gene pool?
6. What causes a pink moon?
7. Over what was it first said that "the sun never set."?
8. How many years is it from one Chinese year of the Horse to the next year of the Tiger?
9. When was the longest ever US Open golf championship?
10. In which year did the first manned, heavier-than-air flight take place and who did it?

Let us hope Step Three is implemented on 17th May as currently planned and we can start to wind back up. Maintain the mantra - Hands, Face, Space, Fresh Air – and grab the jab if you haven't already.

Best Wishes to all of you and your families.

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