



INSPECTOR GENERALS' MISSIVE WEEK 28



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Welcome to our week 28 missive. There is still a lot of carping in the press about measures the government is imposing around the country but, as usual, few if any of the critics are offering a better solution. The caution over a second spike now seems justified although, touch wood, we southern softies appear to be luckier at the moment. There is little we can do personally to overcome the current emergency, but if we continue to be cautious and follow the rules (assuming we can deduce what they are on any particular day), then we and our families and friends may avoid the worst effects of the crisis.

Watching the news can be rather depressing at times but we do have the comfort of the many friends we have in masonry to help us remain optimistic about the future. Do keep in touch with others through Zoom, Skype, or telephone contact rather than hunkering down and becoming completely isolated - conversation can help both sides of any contact to remain positive in these uncertain times.

Stephen Knight was nearly there again last week but was just pipped by Nick Wilson.

Here are my answers to the week 27 questions last week.

1. 1981 was the last year "NEW PENCE" was supposed to be printed on 2p coins (though there were some dated 1983 which, mistakenly, used the old word).
2. 5p and 10p coins became magnetic in 2011 for issue from January 2012 as they used steel in the core ("copper" coins changed in a similar way in September 1992).
3. Air superiority refers to one's ability to be in control of a particular area of airspace at a particular time, whilst supremacy refers to the enemy air forces' inability to function at all. The latest buzzword is air dominance which means the enemy may try to operate but will lose.
4. The dress belongs to the Queen and was lent (with slight modifications) to Princess Beatrice.
5. Britney Gallivan of Pomona, California folded a piece of tissue paper 12 times in January 2002 (it started off 4000ft long)..
6. The first Ian Fleming Bond story to be adapted for the screen was Casino Royale, adapted for television in 1954. Dr No was the first full film in 1962.
7. FID DEF stands for Fidei Defensatrix – Defender of the Faith. As and when we get a male monarch, Fid Def will revert to Fidei Defensor. (and REG for Regina will become REX, for King).

8. Florence Nightingale spent frequent periods at Claydon House in Bucks as a guest of Sir Harry Verney, whose (2nd) wife Parthenope was Florence's sister.
9. Twenty film people have both an Oscar and a Razzie (<https://ew.com/gallery/oscar-winners-who-have-razzies/>).
10. The correct order in area is Rhodes (541 Sq Miles), Lesbos(630), Majorca (1405), Euboea(1422), Crete (3206), Cyprus (3572), Sardinia (9300).

Now for this week's posers:

1. How far will an average man jumping from a very, very tall building have travelled when he reaches terminal velocity?
2. Who completed the highest ever freefall parachute jump in October 2014?
3. Who was the first woman to be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross?
4. What is an erg?
5. Who changed his name from Schicklgruber?
6. What is the brachyuric link between Khrushchev and Bulganin's visit to the UK in 1956 and Flash Gordon?
7. Where does the term "gringo" come from?
8. Which king was the subject of Shakespeare's first "history" play?
9. What links Bradley Cooper, David Bowie and Mark Hamill?
10. What was the site of the final battle between US forces and native American Indians?

Do Stay Safe Everyone.

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