

## The B quiz

- 1 Which insect makes honey? Bee
- 2 Who were the Liverpool 'Fab Four' who took the pop world by storm in the 1960s? The Beatles
- 3 What is the fruit of the bramble bush called? Blackberry
- 4 Which Cardiff-born singer who recorder the themes to three James Bond films, including *Goldfinger*? Shirley Bassey
- 5 Which English footballer, sometime national captain, married a Spice Girl? David Beckham
- 6 Which Dorset-born poet and C of E priest wrote over 800 poems, including a collection published in 1844 entitled *Poems of Rural Life in the Dorset Dialect*? William Barnes
- 7 Which film actress made 4 films with Humphry Bogart, to whom she was married for the last 12 years of his life? Lauren Bacall
- 8 In four BBC comedy series what was the name of the dim-witted servant to Edmund Blackadder? Baldrick
- 9 Which German composer's 250 birthday is being celebrated this year? Ludvig van Beethoven
- 10 Which west country city, known as *Aquae Sulis* to the Romans, is also famous for its Georgian architecture? Bath
- 11 Who built a number of holiday camps from 1936 and 1966 with 'Redcoats' providing entertainment and organising activities. Billy Butlin
- 12 What 5-letter word can follow off, out, tie, and tea? Break
- 13 What 5-letter word can precede shoe, drum and pedal? Brake
- 14 Which valve-less brass instrument is used by the military for signalling daily routines such as reveille? Bugle
- 15 Which city on the Rhine was the capital of West Germany from 1949 until reunification in 1990? Bonn

16 What is the 'game' in which numbers are drawn randomly by a caller, with the winner being the first person to mark off all the numbers on their card?

Bingo

17 What is the fat layer under the skins of whales called?

Blubber

18 Both Malcolm and Donald Campbell established land and water speed records in cars and boats with what name?

Bluebird

19 Which is the largest of the 16 German states?

Bavaria

20 G.K. Chesterton wrote several stories about a Roman Catholic priest who was also a part-time detective? What was the priest's name? Father Brown

Tie Breaker Question: What is the height in feet of the highest mountain in the UK?

My 1992 reprint of the Scottish Mountaineering Club's listing, *The Monroes*, gives the height of Ben Nevis as 1344 m, which is 4409 ft.

However it was remeasured by the Ordnance Survey in 2016 at a very precise 1344.527 m, or 527 mm higher! So its official height is now 4411 ft. I allowed quite a few mm either side of that in this last tie-breaker question.