

Dartmoor Irrelevant Facts Quiz – Moorland Ramblers Social 2013

A fun quiz – meaning the questions have some vague relevance (or not) to *Moorland Group* – about some of the places we've been. You're not likely to die if you don't know the answer, but I can't speak for anybody who passes on a wrong answer. Map-type questions mean the 1:25,000 OS *Dartmoor Sheet*; the one with the Orange cover (the earth's moved since the yellow covered ones were published).

In no particular order – not actually true as you well know:

- 1) How far apart – to the nearest kilometre – do the *West and East Dart Rivers* rise?
- 2) In which direction – North, South, East or West – does the *River Walkham* initially flow at its source?
- 3) What is the most northerly object described in '*Dartmoor 365*' book?
- 4) Which English King ordered the first *Perambulation of Dartmoor Forest*?
- 5) That was a bit unfair on those not born in England. So one for those. Is Postbridge on nearly the same *longitude as Valencia, Madrid or Seville*?
- 6) How many spans does the *Postbridge clapper bridge* have?
- 7) We often pass '*Jay's Grave*' near Hound Tor. What was her first name?
- 8) We've all been to the highest point on the moor High Willhays at 621m but which river is by the *lowest point in the park*?
- 9) We all know the Devonport Leat is the longest on the moor that's still in use. What's the *second longest*?
- 10) The film the '*War Horse*' was made in Devon and foreign parts. Where did the real '*War Horse*' and its owner live?
- 11) Where are we last year?
- 12) Where are we last year?



Answers

- 1) *How far apart – to the nearest kilometre – do the West and East Dart Rivers rise?*
[4 kilometres]
- 2) *In which direction – North, South, East or West – does the River Walkham initially flow at its source?*
[**North** (it turns West in 300m or so, then South in the next 600m or so)]
- 3) *What is the most northerly object described in ‘Dartmoor 365’ book?*
[Okehampton’s **Museum of Dartmoor Life**]
- 4) *Which English King ordered the first Perambulation of Dartmoor Forest?*
[**Henry III** (in 1240 by the “Sheriff of Devon and twelve lawful knights of the County”)]
- 5) *That was a bit unfair on those not born in England. So one for those. Is Postbridge on nearly the same longitude as Valencia, Madrid or Seville?*
[**Madrid** – almost the same at 4° West (Valencia is 1°W, and Seville is 6°W)]
- 6) *How many spans does the clapper bridge at Postbridge have?*
[**Three spans** (each slab, two per span, weighs about 8 tons)]
- 7) *We often pass ‘Jay’s Grave’ near Hound Tor. What was her first name?*
[**Kitty**]
- 8) *We’ve all been to the highest point on the moor High Willhays at 621m but which river is by the lowest point in the park?*
[**River Teign** (27-30m at Doghole Bridge above Newton Abbot)]
Can anyone name the stream or brook under that flows Doghole Bridge into the Teign?
[**Beadon Brook**] sad isn’t it – so no extra points.
- 9) *We all know the Devonport Leat is the longest on the moor that’s still in use. What’s the second longest?*
[**Grimstone and Sortridge Leat** (flowing some 9km from its intake above Merrivale)]
Wheal Emma Least was longer at 15km but is no longer in use over most of its length.
Others are: Devonport leat [15km], Holne Town Gutter [7km], Wheal Jewell leat [5km],
Hamlyn's leat [4.5m], Wheal Friendship leat [4km], Gidleigh Leat [3km].
- 10) *The film the ‘War Horse’ was made in Devon and foreign parts. Where did the real ‘War Horse’ and its owner live?*
[**Isle of Wight** (Mottistone Manor – we walked past it on the way from The Needles to Carisbrooke.
The horse – ‘Warrior’ died of old age in 1941 and had an obituary in The Times)]
- 11) *Where are we this year?*
[**Burgh Island**] Feli’s gentle stroll along the coastal path from the Erme to the Avon. 6 May 2012
- 12) *Where are we this year?*
[**West Dart**] Everybody’s favourite crossing near Sherberton. Debbie’s 4 Stepping Stones 22 July 2012.