



This new story from author Christina Gabbittas, illustrated by Ursula Hurst, takes children on an exciting magical history tour of some of Blackburn Town Centre's historical landmarks. The book will be launched on 22 November 2020.

For your chance to win a signed copy of the book and other prizes, why not try our quiz below which is open to all ages.. The answers can be found on Blackburn with Darwen Libraries' local history website: www.cottontown.org or on the website of the relevant landmark and www.believeinmagicbtc.com

Completed quizzes should be returned by 15th November 2020, either to Blackburn Library or via email: library@blackburn.gov.uk. Please include your name, age and contact telephone number or email address:

Blackburn Cathedral

Q1 In which year was Blackburn Cathedral raised from a parish church to a cathedral church?

Answer:

Q2 The parish church war memorial now stands adjacent to the main cathedral entrance. How many names were inscribed on the three panels at its base?

Answer:

Blackburn Central Library

Q3 When did the library move to its current site, and who performed the opening ceremony at the time?

Answer:

Q4 Mr James Dunn gifted a unique collection of books to Blackburn Library. His obituary mentioned his three hobbies. Name all three.

Answer:

Blackburn College

Q5 Name three of the artists from Blackburn College who are currently exhibiting their work at Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery

Answer:

Blackburn Market

Q6 The old market tower featured a time ball mechanism. Which Royal Naval Commander suggested that the first time ball should be set up on the Thames, to help sailing vessels set their chronometers?

Answer:

Q7 Blackburn Visitor Centre is based in Blackburn Market. Use the 'Visit Blackburn' website to discover who created 'Transitions', the public art work outside the market on Church Street.

Answer:

Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery

Q8 Have a look at the museum's website. Who bequeathed the famous collection of coins and manuscripts?

Answer:

Q9 What is the title of the exhibition taking place from 30th September until 21st November 2020?

Answer:

King George's Hall, Blackburn

Q10 Who laid the foundation stone of King George's Hall?

Answer:

Q11 Look at the King George's Hall website, and find out which Blackburn born comedian is due to appear in November 2021.

Answer:

The Mall

Q12 According to the floor plan on The Mall's website, where is the Customer Service Desk located?

Answer:

Old Central Fire Station, Byrom Street

Q13 How high was the tower on the fire station, completed in 1922?

Answer:

Q14 In the library image gallery on Cotton Town, there is a photograph called 'Fire Engine 007'. What is special about the houses on the left of the picture?

Answer:

Old Police Station and Court House, Northgate

Q15 What do the stained glass windows facing the Bench and the prisoners' dock say?

Answer:

Q16 Who was the Chief Constable between 1915 and 1930?

Answer:

Town Hall

Q17 The first Mayor of Blackburn was Sir William Hornby. Who was the first female Mayor of Blackburn, and in what year did she become Mayor?

Answer:

Q18 When was the cornerstone of the Old Town Hall laid?

Answer:

Christina Gabbitts Author

Q19 On what street in Blackburn was Christina born?

Answer:

Q20 What primary, secondary school and college did Christina attend?

Answer: