

LGBT History Month Quiz 2013

1. Who was the Rainbow flag designed by in 1978?

Answer: Gilbert Baker

2. In which year did Dr Tom Waddell start the Gay Games?

Answer: 1982

3. Which country became the first in the world to allow gay marriages in 2001?

Answer: Netherlands

4. Which WWII hero did Gordon Brown publically issue an apology to for the way he was treated because he was gay?

Answer: Alan Turing

5. Hephaestion was the male lover of which famous ancient King and conqueror?

Answer: Alexander the Great

6. When did the first civil partnerships in the UK take place?

Answer: December 2005

7. Which openly gay diver won gold at the Beijing Olympics?

Answer: Matthew Mitcham

8. What was the name of the bisexual American biologist famous for his ground-breaking research on human sexuality?

Answer: Alfred Kinsey

9. Which writer won the Pulitzer Prize in 1985 with 'The Colour Purple' – a book which broke down many stereotypes around gender and sexuality?

Answer: Alice Walker

10. Which actor became the first openly gay man to be knighted?

Answer: Sir Ian McKellen

11. Which King of England was alleged to have a love affair in the early 14th Century with Piers Gaveston, the Earl of Cornwall?

Answer: Edward II

12. Which British professional cricketer said in 2011: 'I want to be remembered as a good cricketer not a gay cricketer'?

Answer: Steven Davies

13. Which was the first European country to decriminalize homosexual acts between consenting adults?

Answer: France (1791)

14. What is the name of the first lesbian bar to open in America?

Answer: Mona's 440 Club (in San Francisco, 1936)

15. Which Teletubbie was accused of being gay by Jerry Falwell, founder of the now defunct group 'Moral Majority' in 1999?

Answer: Tinky Winky

16. Which gay English actor and television presenter's father was a physicist and inventor?

Answer: Stephen Fry

17. Which European country has never criminalized homosexuality throughout its history? (apart from when it was occupied by other countries)

Answer: Poland

18. Which bisexual professional dancer opened three schools to teach young women her dance philosophy?

Answer: Isadora Duncan

19. Which English born, Swedish footballer said in 2011: 'Anyone afraid of coming out should give me a call'?

Answer: Anton Hysen

20. Catharina Margaretha Linck lived the life of a man in the 1700s, even serving in the army and getting married. She was 'outed' by a family member, tried in Prussia and executed in 1721. Who outed her?

Answer: Mother-in-law

21. Which rugby player launched the "StandUp" magazine in 2012?

Answer: Ben Cohen

22. What symbol did the Nazis use to label those in the concentration camps imprisoned for being gay?

Answer: A Pink Triangle

23. Who was the first featherweight openly gay boxer, who came out in 2012?

Answer: Orlando Cruz

24. What was the name of the freedman Roman Emperor Nero married, with the emperor taking the role of 'wife'?

Answer: Pythagoras

25. In what year was Section 28 repealed?

Answer: 2003 (Section 28 was the law preventing the 'promotion' of homosexuality by local authorities)

26. Which film about two cowboys struggling to express their sexuality won the Golden Globe for best picture 2006?

Answer: Brokeback Mountain

27. Which member of the United States women's national soccer team came out in 2012?

Answer: Megan Anna Rapinoe

28. Which singer-songwriter said in an open letter in 2012 that his first true love had been a man?

Answer: Frank Ocean

29. Who won the Whitbread Prize for her first novel in 1985?

Answer: Jeanette Winterson (Oranges are not the only fruit)

30. Mickey Rourke is due to play the first openly gay professional rugby union player in a new biopic. Who is that rugby player?

Answer: Gareth Thomas