



# Did you Know – June 2012

## HOW GOOD IS YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE RIVER THAMES?

### 1. Which year was the Thames Barrier opened?

- a. 1979
- b. 1984
- c. 1974
- d. 1982

### 2. The Thames is the longest river in England, which is the longest river in Britain?

- a. River Mersey
- b. River Severn
- c. River Trent
- d. River Ouse

### 3. How many bridges are there along the length of the Thames?

- a. 24
- b. 54
- c. 94
- d. 134

### 4. Which 18th century actor founded the Thames' river race which still takes place every year on the 1st August and is claimed to be the oldest continuously contested sporting event in the world?

- a. David Garrick
- b. Thomas Doggett
- c. Tom King
- d. Colley Cibber

### 5. London Bridge was the first bridge across the Thames in London which was the second London Bridge?

- a. Blackfriars Bridge
- b. Tower Bridge
- c. Putney Bridge
- d. Westminster Bridge

### 6. How many county borders does the Thames run along?

- a. 11
- b. 8
- c. 7
- d. 9

### 7. Where does the Fleet join the Thames?

- a. Southwark Bridge
- b. Cannon Street Railway Bridge
- c. London Bridge
- d. Blackfriars Bridge

### 8. Which poet described it as "the great street paved with water"?

- a. John Masefield
- b. Rudyard Kipling
- c. William Wordsworth
- d. William Blake