

Did You Know?

- **Needlers invented boiled sweets in Hull**
- **The George Hotel** in Hull boasts having the smallest window in the world
- **In 1642 at Ye Olde White Harte** in Hull, a decision was made to bar King Charles I from the town, which proved to be an act that triggered the English civil war
- It was in **The Green Dragon** in Welton, East Yorkshire, that Dick Turpin was eventually arrested
- **Amy Johnson** was the first woman to fly solo to Australia in 1930, completing an 11,000-mile journey alone in a two-year-old single engine de Havilland Moth she had named Jason. She was a prolific record breaker, with non-stop flights from England to Japan, Cape Town, the United States and India and was born in 1903 in Hull
- Hull became the first city in Western Europe to fight **Polio** with a vaccination on a lump of sugar
- The famous fictional castaway, **Robinson Crusoe**, set sail from Hull
- **The Bounty**, skippered by the infamous Capt Bligh of 'Mutiny on the Bounty' fame, was built and launched in Hull
- Hull was the birthplace of **William Wilberforce** – acclaimed internationally as spearheading the abolition of the UK slave trade in 1807. Hull celebrated the bi-centenary of the abolition in 2007 and his home is now a museum in Hull's impressive Old Town
- **Hull is home to 3 of the UK's tidal technology companies** - Lunar Energy, Neptune Renewable Energy, Pulse Generation
- **Hull & Humber has the largest ports complex in the UK**, handling 16% of all UK seaborne trade
- **Hull is home to the world's largest Super Ferry** - The Pride of Rotterdam is in the Guinness Book of Records and the P&O fleet carry over 1 million passengers a year to/from Hull to Rotterdam & Zeebrugge
- **The University of Hull** appeared twice in the list of the UK's top 100 world-changing discoveries:
 - The crystals used in the development LCD (liquid crystal display) was developed by Professor George Gray and his colleagues in the Department of Chemistry. From digital watches and calculators to computers and TV screens, liquid crystal display is the basis of the billion dollar industry
 - Development of ultrasound to detect osteoporosis was developed by Chris Langton at the University of Hull. About 12,000 detection machines have been sold worldwide
- Over the years **The University of Hull** has been awarded numerous accolades, including:
 - Consistently in the top 10 for graduate employability
 - Awarded the top University in Yorkshire for student satisfaction by National Student Survey, triumphing for three years in a row
 - The Hull campus appeared in the top 10 most attractive Universities within the Times Higher Education Supplement
- **The University of Hull** is proud to count former staff amongst its alumni, many achieving national and international success in their chosen fields, including:
 - Muhtar Kent (Economics, '75), President of Coca Cola
 - Late Anthony Minghella (Drama, '76), writer, director, producer, musician
 - John McCarthy (1979), television journalist, author, former Beirut hostage 1986-91
 - Philip Larkin, internationally-renowned poet and University's librarian from 1955 to 1985
 - Larry Hirst CBE, (Maths, '73), Chairman of IBM UK

Did You Know...continued?

- **Hull College** is recognised as one of the top 10 Further Education Colleges in the UK
- **The Humber Bridge**, still the world's fifth longest single span suspension bridge with enough wire in the main cable to stretch one and a half times around the world
- **Bouncers**, written by John Godber, artistic director for Hull Truck Theatre, is one of the most frequently performed plays in the English language and was listed by the National Theatre as one of the most significant plays of the century
- **Three of the most performed playwrights** in history graduated from University of Hull – John Godber, Anthony Minghella and Paul Arditts
- Star of stage and screen and writer, **Maureen Lipman** was born on 10th May in 1946 in Hull
- Hull has the world's only submarium, **The Deep** - Sir Terry Farrell's architectural masterpiece is one of the most successful Millennium Projects and is home to over 3,500 fish and 40 sharks!
- **Hull Trains** is the only train company using its home city's name
- Hull's superb **Museum's Quarter** is home to a range of excellent, award winning and free to enter museums, including Streetlife – the transport Museum. The Ferens Art gallery is ranked as being one of the best in the North and is also free to enter
- In 1856, Thomas James Smith opened a chemist shop in Hull and established his business selling cod liver oil to British hospitals. **Smith & Nephew** an FTSE 100 company, was formed when he was joined in 1896 by his nephew Horatio Nelson Smith and is now a successful billion pound global medical devices business
- The Clarence Flour Mill, a large flour milling business in Hull, was originally owned by Joseph Rank Ltd. His son J. Arthur Rank was born in Hull and inherited the family business which became **Rank Hovis McDougall** responsible for some of the best known consumer brands on the supermarket shelf – Hovis, Bisto, Mr Kipling, Paxo and Sharwoods to name but a few
- **The Rank Organisation**, founded by Hull born J. Arthur Rank in 1937, owned five leading film studios, including Pinewood Studios. As well as employing several major British film directors of the day, it launched the careers of many British actors. The company also founded or owned many of the brands that are household names in the entertainment and multimedia industries – Butlins, Haven, Oasis, Rank Xerox, Wharfedale, Tom Cobleigh Inns, Mecca Bingo, Hard Rock Cafes and Hotels
- **Ebenezer Cobb Morley**, the father of modern football and founder of the FA was born in Hull and lived here until he was 22
- The historic market town of **Beverley** has been hailed as the best place to live in the country from The Royal Bank of Scotland's 'Affordable Affluent Index' which surveys the country on the most affluent places to live at the most reasonable prices
- **Liam Mower of Northern Academy of Performing Arts** in Hull plays Billy Elliot in the West End
- Hull is the only city in the UK to have **white telephone boxes**