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Quiz # 03

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Answers

1. 1967
2. Nicola Sturgeon
3. Stormont
4. David Lloyd George
5. Harold Macmillan
6. William Whitelaw
7. Margaret Thatcher
8. The Monarch
9. Shirley Williams
10. Hansard
11. By drawing lots (e.g. coin toss)
12. Plaid Cymru

One for the Bar!

1. 📅 Jeremy Thorpe was one of the youngest party leaders in modern UK politics when he took charge.
2. 🇪🇺 Nicola Sturgeon became Scotland’s first female First Minister — and one of its longest-serving.
3. 🏛️ Stormont sits in extensive grounds — and the building has 365 feet across its front, one for every day of the year.
4. 🗣️ David Lloyd George is the only UK Prime Minister to have spoken Welsh as a first language.
5. 📰 Harold Macmillan was dubbed “Supermac” by a cartoon meant to mock him — but it actually boosted his popularity.
6. 🏆 William Whitelaw was nicknamed “Every Prime Minister needs a Willie” due to his loyalty to Thatcher.
7. 🎉 Margaret Thatcher narrowly survived the 1984 Brighton bombing — she famously carried on with the conference the next day.
8. 👑 The Monarch’s powers are largely ceremonial today — but still form a key part of the UK’s constitutional framework.
9. 🗣️ Shirley Williams was one of the “Gang of Four” who founded the SDP in 1981.
10. 📖 Hansard has been recording parliamentary debates since the early 19th century — a goldmine for political historians.
11. 🎲 In tied elections, a literal coin toss or drawing lots has decided winners — politics can come down to pure luck!
12. 🇬🇺 Plaid Cymru translates directly as “Party of Wales” — and campaigns for Welsh independence.

