Round 1 - Quizmaster's choice - The Edwardian Era

As the title suggests, this round gives me the chance to put some unusual questions to you. This month I've chosen as the theme 'The Edwardian Era' which was a period in the early 20th century that spanned the reign of King Edward VII, so let's see how good your recollection of history is?

Enjoy the challenge.....

- In which year did King Edward VII accede to the throne following the death of Queen Victoria?

 1901
- 2 By what other name (almost a nickname) was King Edward VII known, particularly by his close friends?
 BERTIE
- In 1909, who made the first cross-Channel flight in a heavier-than-air machine? (first name and surname required)

 LOUIS BLERIOT
- In 1908, what major sporting event was held in London?

 THE OLYMPICS
- In 1902, which famous animal story by a famous authoress was first published?

THE TALE OF PETER RABBIT by Beatrix Potter

- Who, with her daughters, founded the Women's Social and Political Union? (first name and surname required)

 EMMELINE (Emily) PANKHURST
- 7 What was the 3-word motto of the Women's Social and Political Union? 'DEEDS, NOT WORDS'
- In 1906, the firepower of the first *what* was greater than the whole British fleet 100 years earlier?

DREADNOUGHT BATTLESHIP

Round 2 - SUM TOTAL = 178

8 questions where each of your answers will either be a number or contain some reference to a number. The sum total of your 8 answers should be 178

- How many principal ghosts are there in A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
 4 (Christmas past, Christmas present, Christmas yet to come and Jacob Marley)
- What is the highest number on a standard European roulette wheel **36**
- On which number motorway can Michael Wood, Strensham and Cullompton services all be found

 M5
- In rugby league how many points are awarded when a try is scored?

 4 points
- Staying with rugby, how many points are awarded when a try is scored in rugby union?5 points
- 6 How many pounds are there in a hundredweight? 112 lbs
- 7 How many different characters did Alec Guinness play in the film *Kind Hearts & Coronets*?
- 8 How many players make up a curling team?

Round 3 - Letter link

8 general knowledge questions where the final letter of the answer to question 1 will be the same as the first letter of the answer to question 2 and so on through to question 8 where the final letter of that answer will be the same as the initial letter of the answer to question number 1, to complete the link

- What is made using the Bessemar process?
 STEEL
- Which famous journey in the UK would begin at postcode TR19 7AA and finish near postcode KW1 4YR?
 LAND'S END to JOHN O'GROATS
- Which European country is divided into 26 Cantons? **SWITZERLAND**
- What animal would be the father of a mule? **DONKEY (mother is a horse)**
- What type of singing is particularly associated with Alpine areas of Austria and Switzerland?

 YODELLING
- Who wrote the books *The Road to Wigan Pier* and *Homage to Catalonia*? **GEORGE ORWELL**
- Which actor, who achieved worldwide fame in an American based television series of the late 1970s/early 1980s, was the son of the actress Mary Martin? (first name & surname required)
 - **LARRY HAGMAN**
- In Greek mythology who, after rejecting the love of the nymph Echo was condemned to falling in love with his own reflection in a pool?

 NARCISSUS

Round 4 - Connection (slightly different this month .. read on)

This round consists of 7 general knowledge questions where the answers can all be preceded by the same word. For question 8 you simply have to work out which word can precede all these answers to form well-known expressions.

- 1 Which band had a hit in the early 1970s with *My Brother Jake*? **FREE**
- What name is given to the unit of measurement for print type which is 0.351mm, which is approximately 1/72nd of an inch? **POINT**
- Which word can precede jack, down and top to make three other recognized expressions?

SCREW

Amongst the flags of Europe, which common factor links the flags of both Switzerland and the Vatican City?

SQUARE

- What is the correct name for a hunt that is undertaken by dogs who follow their prey by sight rather than by scent, for example the pursuit of hares? **COURSE**
- Topgallant, spanker and jigger are all types of what?
- Which word can come after collector's, artillery or playing to make three other recognized expressions?
 PIECE
- Which single word can precede the previous seven answers to form well known and recognized expressions?

SET

(set free from jail; set point in tennis; set screw in engineering; set square as in geometric drawing; set course as in navigation; set sail is obvious and set piece as in football)