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The famous British and interesting facts about them

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Every country and every nation has its own customs and traditions. You cannot speak about England without speaking about its traditions and customs. Englishmen are proud of their traditions and carefully keep them up. But Great Britain is also very rich in outstanding people who have made a great contribution to the world's science, literature, music and arts. It gave mankind a lot of outstanding scientists, writers and poets, musicians and painters. Agatha Christie, Charlie Chaplin, Audrey Hepburn are only a few names well-known all over the world. But what do we know about them, except that fact that they are great detective writers, actors and public figures?

Few people know that Agatha Christie's books are sold in the third place after Shakespeare and the Bible. In addition, Christie's famous Belgian detective character Hercule Poirot is the only fictional character to receive an obituary in the New York Times. It was strange that being so famous, she avoided publicity and never gave speeches in public. "Very few of us are what we seem", said Christie. Moreover, as it often happens with talented people, Agatha suffered dysgraphia that is inability to write down a text.

Her personal life was also mysterious. Agatha Christie vanished in 1926 when her marriage was failing. She was found ten days later and doctors stated that she had amnesia. Currently, the Christy's disappearance is not completely solved. It should be noted that, Agatha Christie's method of writing was a little strange. She finished the book to the last

chapter, and then chose the most unlikely of suspects and, returning to the beginning, reworked some moments to frame him. Agatha Christie's was not only fond in writing. She was one of the first British people to try surfing and had a lifelong interest in archaeology.

Like the great detective writer Agatha Christie, Charlie Chaplin also had many wonderful talents. Charlie Chaplin is probably the most well-known actor of the early 20th century. He is among those few people from the silent era whom we still recognize without much hassle. He took to the stage as the best opportunity for a career and made his professional debut at the age of eight as a member of a juvenile group called "The Eight Lancashire Lads".

Charlie was so talented, that once incognito he took part in the competitions of his doubles and took one of the first places. Chaplin was also a good composer. He wrote music for many of his films by himself.

Through he was a millionaire, he chose to stay in a small hotel room. He kept his checks inside a trunk. It is remarkable, that Charlie Chaplin had 4 wives and 11 children. The last of them was born when he was 72 years old. It is also amazing, that there is an asteroid named after Charlie Chaplin – the 3626 Chaplin. It is found in the asteroid belt between Venus and Mars. Here are some Chaplin's famous quotations: "Nothing is permanent in this wicked world, not even our troubles", "Life is a tragedy when seen in close-up, but a comedy in long-shot" and "We think too much and feel too little".

There are also other extraordinary personalities among the British. It is not a secret, that Audrey Hepburn is a true icon of the twentieth century, both in Hollywood, as well as in the world of fashion. Below there are some interesting facts about Audrey Hepburn you may not know about.

It should be noted that During World War II, Audrey's town had been taken over by German soldiers. Food was very

scarce, in fact, there was just enough to survive. Audrey and her family would grind tulip bulbs to eat and attempt to bake grass into bread.

Audrey, along with other children gave private concerts, during which money and information were secretly collected to the Resistance groups and to their underground war against Hitler.

It is true that Audrey was training to be a dental assistant when she was found by a talented scout who wanted her on the Broadway play “Gigi” which was her big break. She was also known as an animal lover. She had a lot of pets, but her most unusual pet was a Fawn named Pippin.

Few people know that Audrey Hepburn was multilingual. She could speak five different languages. Audrey was fluent in Dutch, Spanish, English, Italian and French. An important point is that Audrey, being generous, had donated all the salaries she earned for her final movies to UNICEF. She had contributed to UNICEF since 1954.

To draw the conclusion, it is needless to say, that there are still a lot of famous people about whose fates we know almost nothing, even though they hold a lot of interesting and unexpected facts. It is important to know that there are no ordinary people, because everyone has something exiting and interesting. Everybody is different and unique in their own way.