

New series of Who Do You Think You Are? starting shortly on BBC TV

For keen family historians, the eagerly awaited new series of Who Do You Think You Are? will be starting in July on BBC One. The series features a range of celebrities from all aspects of film, media and sport.

The personalities announced by Who Do You Think You Are? magazine to look into their family history include ex-footballer and now TV personality , Gary Lineker, looking at his family history in Leicester and his criminal ancestor in Victorian times, actors Minnie Driver, Una Stubbs, Lesley Sharp, Nitin Ganatra and Nigel Havers, comedienne Sarah Millican, Nick Hewer from The Apprentice, songwriter and actress Marianne Faithfull and BBC New Editor John Simpson.

The 10th series promises to be just as enlightening and surprising as previous series with some interesting and emotional discoveries made by the celebrities.

Gary Lineker, renowned goal 'poacher' in his younger playing days discovers in his family tree an ancestor who preferred a different kind of poaching and paid the price for it, Sarah Millican discovers something shocking in her family history journey and John Simpson find a 'wild-west' influence in his ancestral background.

The producers of the programme feel that Series 10 unearths just as many diverse stories that we have become accustomed to over the years. With many twists and turns and characters ranging from Wild West entertainers to deep-sea divers, it promises to be another fascinating family history series.

The running order is provisionally set with Una Stubbs on the first programme, followed by Nigel Havers, Minnie Driver, Lesley Sharp, Gary Lineker, Nick Hewer, Sarah Millican, Nitin Ganatra, Marianne Faithfull with the final episode featuring John Simpson.

Mark Bayley, Head of the Online Division at TheGenealogist remarks: "The new series certainly has a wide range of iconic celebrities and we know from our own research on TheGenealogist how interesting some of the family history stories are. We have recently released a number of early aviator records including those of the flamboyant Samuel Cody, who has a direct connection to John Simpson. It should be a great series and we are really looking forward to it."

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