Gilbert de Clare - Answer Sheet

1. Gilbert de Clare, greatest of the Marcher Lords, was born on 2nd September.

2. Gilbert de Clare married Alice de Lusignan in 1253, when Gilbert was 10 years old.

3. Gilbert and Alice’s first daughter, Isabelle, was born in March, nine years after they were married.

4. Gilbert inherited his father’s estates when his father died in July 1262.

5. Gilbert & Alice’s second daughter, Joan, was born when Gilbert was 21.

6. In October 1265, as a reward for supporting Prince Edward, Gilbert was given the castle & title of Abergavenny and the honour and title of Brecknock.

7. At the age of 25, Gilbert started to build Caerphilly Castle, on 11th April.

8. Llewellyn ap Gryffudd attacked and burnt the castle in October 1270.

9. Gilbert de Clare began to build Caerphilly castle again in June 1271.

10. Gilbert de Clare married Joan of Acre in late April or early May 1290. Joan was 18 years old, born in April 1272, and the daughter of King Edward 1st.
Gilbert & Joan’s son was born in May, when Gilbert was 48. He was also called Gilbert.

Eleanor de Clare, Gilbert & Joan’s first daughter, was born 2 years after they were married, in October.

Margaret de Clare, Gilbert & Joan’s second daughter, was born in 1293.

Elizabeth de Clare, Gilbert & Joan’s third daughter, was born on September 16th 1295.

Gilbert de Clare died on 7th December 1295 at the age of 52.