

Tradition UK



Pearly King &

Pearl buttons

 musical background : «Maybe It's Because I'm A Londoner» - hymn Pearly Kings

This unusual English tradition started in London in the 19th century and it tells about one amazing man who was born poor and became a king. His name was Henry Croft.

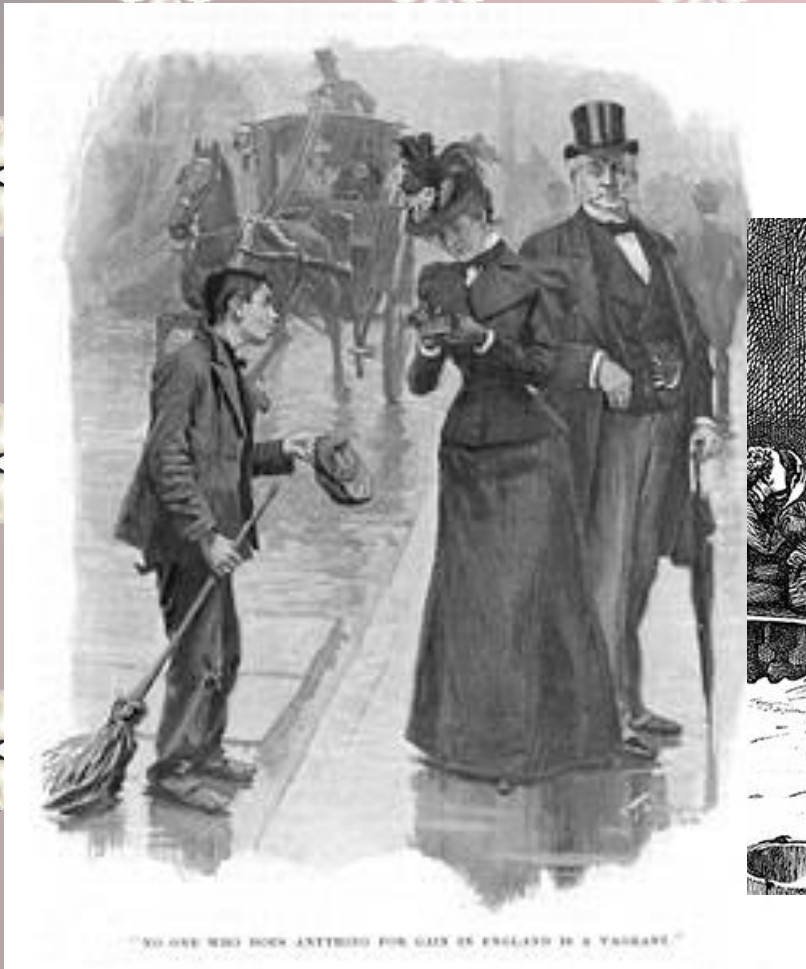




When the boy turned 13, he began to earn a living by sweeping the streets.



Soon he found lots of new friends.



**Henry realized that he wanted to help
the poor children.**



**Henry decided to sewed thousands of buttons to his suit
and everyone thought that he was a king.**



**In 1907 pearly king met the king and queen
of Great Britain.**




After that in different areas of London their own pearly kings and queens appeared.



For 140 years the Pearl is a symbol of the monarchy of charity in England. Their slogan is
«One never knows»

My questions

- 1. When this unusual tradition started?**
- 2. What was his name who became a pearly king?**
- 3. Did he want to help his friends?**

- 4. What did Henry decide to do?**
- 5. When did Henry meet the king and queen of Great Britain?**
- 6. What is the main idea of the Pearl monarchy?**

