

**LEAGUE MATCHES  
THURSDAY 20 MARCH 2014  
QUESTIONS BY THE FINGERPOST**

**First Verbal Round**

1. Which two English cathedrals each have three spires?  
**Lichfield and Truro**
2. Who defeated whom at the Battle of Bannockburn?  
**Robert the Bruce defeated Edward II**
3. Give another name for the bird, the corncrake?  
**Landrail**
4. In which year did Andy Capp first appear in the *Daily Mirror*?  
**1957** (accept 1956 – 1958)
5. Who composed the opera *Tristan and Isolde*?  
**Richard Wagner**
6. What was the former name of Malawi?  
**Nyasaland**
7. Who painted *Fishermen at Sea*?  
**J. M. W. Turner**
8. In which Dickens novel are Gabriel Varden and Dolly Varden characters?  
**Barnaby Rudge**
9. If the Bees were playing the Hornets, which two football clubs would be in opposition?  
**Brentford and Watford**
10. Who said "*Everything you can imagine is real*"?  
**Pablo Picasso**
11. What were the forenames of A. E. Housman?  
**Alfred Edward**
12. Whose dying words are reputed to be "*Wait till I have finished my problem*"?  
**Archimedes**
13. Whose mistress was Carlotta Monti?  
**W. C. Fields**
14. The preserved Severn Valley Railway runs between which two towns?  
**Bridgnorth and Kidderminster**
15. Which chemist first synthesised nitrous oxide in 1772?  
**Joseph Priestley**
16. Which company produced the Sunderland flying boat that entered service with the RAF in 1938 and played an important part in the Battle of the Atlantic?  
**Short Brothers** (or 'Shorts')

17. Which group had a UK top twenty hit single in 1976 with *Haitian Divorce*?  
**Steely Dan**
18. Hallam University is located in which English city?  
**Sheffield**
19. Who played Winston Churchill in the 1972 film *Young Winston*?  
**Simon Ward**
20. Porbela Airport serves which European city?  
**Lisbon** [see note 1](#)
21. Which is the largest moon of the planet Uranus?  
**Titania**
22. Former Beatle George released his first solo album in 1968. What was its title?  
**Wonderwall** [see note 2](#)
23. What title did Jimmy Engoulvent take from the Tour de France 2012?  
**Lanterne Rouge** (he was last)
24. Who was the mother of the Biblical character Samuel?  
**Hannah**
25. Which Metro stop is between Withington and West Didsbury?  
**Burton Road**
26. In Greek mythology who was the goddess of night?  
**Nyx**
27. In symbolism the herb rosemary is associated with which attribute?  
**Remembrance**
28. Which two towns/cities have D\* as their current vehicle registration letters?  
**Chester and Shrewsbury**
29. What is the depth of a water polo pool?  
**1.8 metres or 6ft** [see note 3](#)
30. Give a year in the reign of English monarch Richard III?  
**1483–1485.**

### First Written Round – THERE IS A THEME

31. Who was British Prime Minister during the American War of Independence?  
**Lord North** [see note 4](#)
32. Lemon, camomile, herb and mint are types of what?  
**Tea**
33. Who assassinated Lee Harvey Oswald?  
**Jack Ruby**
34. What is the common name for the plant *Bellis perrenis*?  
**Daisy**

35. Apart from Stilton cheese, for which other foodstuff is Melton Mowbray famous?

**Pork Pies**

36. In the Disney film what is the name of the song in which Jimmy Cricket gives Pinocchio advice on what to do when faced with temptation?

***Give a Little Whistle***

37. Which Scottish naval base was closed in 1956?

**Scapa Flow**

38. Which fruits belong to the species *Malus domestica*?

**Apples**

39. Which Stephen King story was made into a film in 1994 starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman?

***The Shawshank Redemption*** [see note 5](#)

40. Which Stephen Sondheim musical is based on the Victorian penny dreadful story about a Fleet Street barber?

***Sweeney Todd*** (*: the Demon Barber of Fleet Street*)

**Theme is cockney rhyming slang:**

***North (and south)* = mouth; *tea (leaf)* = thief; *Ruby (Murray)* = curry; *daisy (roots)* = boots; *pork pies* = lies; *whistle (and flute)* = suit; *Scapa Flow* = go; *apples (and pears)* = stairs; *Shawshank Redemption* = pension**

## Second Verbal Round

41. What was the former name of Namibia?

**South West Africa**

42. What was the nationality of the composer Erik Satie?

**French**

43. In which Dickens novel are Sampson Brass and Sally Brass characters?

***The Old Curiosity Shop***

44. Which is the largest moon of the planet Neptune?

**Triton**

45. The preserved East Lancashire Railway runs between which two towns?

**Heywood and Rawtenstall**

46. Which group had a top twenty UK single in 1980 with *Cuba*?

**Gibson Brothers**

47. Malpensa Airport serves which European city?

**Milan** [see note 1](#)

48. Give another name for the bird, the white-throated dipper?

**Water ouzel**

49. Former Beatle Ringo Starr released his first solo album in 1970; what was it called?

***Sentimental Journey***

50. Who painted *The Three Graces*?  
**Sir Joshua Reynolds** [see note 6](#)
51. Whose dying words are reputed to be “*So little done so much to do*”?  
**Cecil Rhodes**
52. Which team won the Team Prize in the Tour de France 2012?  
**Radioshack-Nissan**
53. Brunel University is located in which West London town?  
**Uxbridge**
54. If the Seagulls were playing the Bluebirds, which two football clubs would be in opposition?  
**Brighton & Hove Albion and Cardiff City**
55. Which two towns/cities have P\* as their current vehicle registration letters?  
**Preston and Carlisle**
56. Which two English cathedrals have detached bell towers?  
**Chichester and Chester**
57. In Greek mythology who was the goddess of daylight?  
**Hemera**
58. Whose mistress was Clara Petacci?  
**Benito Mussolini**
59. In which year did the character of Dennis the Menace first appear in *The Beano*?  
**1951** (accept 1950–1952)
60. Which Metro stop is between Derker and Newhey?  
**Shaw and Crompton**
61. Who said “*I could prove God statistically*”?  
**George Gallup**
62. How far was the Olympic target from the archer?  
**70 metres** [see note 7](#)
63. Of which Biblical character was Bochebed the mother?  
**Moses** [see note 8](#)
64. What were the forenames of R. D. Blackmore?  
**Richard Doddridge**
65. Who defeated whom at Culloden?  
**The Duke of Cumberland defeated ‘Bonnie Prince Charlie’ (or Charles Edward Stuart)**
66. In symbolism the herb sage is associated with which attribute?  
**Wisdom**
67. Which company produced the Princess flying boat for BOAC at a cost of £10M, only for the project to be cancelled before it entered service?  
**Saunders Roe** (accept ‘SARO’)

68. Which chemist first isolated ammonia gas in 1774?  
**Joseph Priestley.**
69. Give a year in the reign of British monarch James II?  
**1685–1688**
70. Who played Winston Churchill in the 1981 TV mini-series *Winston Churchill: The Wilderness Years*?  
**Robert Hardy**

### Second Written Round

71. Which Gestapo chief was known as 'the Butcher of Lyon'?  
**Klaus Barbie**
72. In which year did England lose eleven days due to calendar adjustments?  
**1752**
73. Who is the mother of actress Carrie Fisher?  
**Debbie Reynolds**
74. In Greek mythology which nymph was turned into a Laurel tree?  
**Daphne**
75. Which actor played the private eye in the 1971 film *Klute*?  
**Donald Sutherland**
76. What is the motto of the Salvation Army?  
**Blood and Fire**
77. Who was British Prime Minister during the general strike of 1926?  
**Stanley Baldwin**
78. Which country withdrew from the Commonwealth on 3 October 2013, citing neo-colonialism as its reason?  
**The Gambia**
79. Alex Turner is lead singer of which British rock group?  
**The Arctic Monkeys** [see note 9](#)
80. Tashkent is the capital of which former Soviet republic?  
**Uzbekistan**

### Spares

1. *Omnia omnibus ubique* is the motto of which shop?  
**Harrods**
2. Ian Anderson fronts which rock group?  
**Jethro Tull**
3. Winnipeg is the capital of which Canadian province?  
**Manitoba**

## Notes and corrections

1. The correct names of the airports are Portela and Malpensa.
2. The full title is *Wonderwall Music*.
3. A water polo pool does not have a fixed depth: 1.8 metres is the **minimum** depth.
4. The American War of Independence is generally regarded to have taken place between the Battles of Lexington and Concord in April 1775 and the signing of the Treaty of Paris in September 1783. Lord North was Prime Minister for the vast majority of this time, but three other Prime Ministers also had short terms in office: The Marquess of Rockingham, The Earl of Shelburne and the Duke of Portland.
5. The full title of the Stephen King novella is *Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption*.
6. The Reynolds painting commonly referred to as *The Three Graces* is actually called *Three Ladies Adorning a Term of Hymen*. Several other artists have painted works called *The Three Graces*, including Raphael, Rubens and Lucas Cranach the Elder.
7. In other words: in Olympic archery competitors shoot at a target which is 70 metres away.
8. The mother of Moses was Jochebed.
9. 'The Last Shadow Puppets' is an equally acceptable answer.

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