

# KNOCKOUT MATCHES THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2024

## QUESTIONS BY SWAN & RAILWAY and THE ARMOURY

### First Verbal Round

- Delivered by the only actor to appear in all 295 episodes "*Did I lock the door?*" was the final line, in the final episode, of which BBC comedy series, broadcast in 2010?  
***Last of the Summer Wine*** (the actor was Peter Sallis, who played Clegg)
- Les Gray was the lead singer with which 1970s pop group?  
**Mud**
- Which luxury car marque announced the *Chiron* in 2016 as the successor to the *Veyron*?  
**Bugatti**
- Which future US army general came fifth in the Modern Pentathlon in the 1912 Olympics?  
**George Patton**
- Which short ballet piece was choreographed by Mikhail Fokine, to music by Camille Saint-Saëns, for Anna Pavlova, who performed it about 4000 times?  
***The Dying Swan***
- Who created the sinister character Svengali in his 1894 novel *Trilby*?  
**George du Maurier**
- Apart from Austro-Hungary, name one of Germany's other two principal allies at the start of World War I.  
**The Ottoman Empire** (accept 'Turkey') or **Bulgaria**
- Which organisation was formed in 1863 at the Freemasons' Tavern in London's West End?  
**The Football Association**
- Which capital city lies on the shore of the Caspian Sea?  
**Baku**
- Which chemical compound is the main constituent of natural gas?  
**Methane**
- Giving its name to a railway station and a public house, what is the final turn on Epsom racecourse?  
**Tattenham Corner**
- Which German author wrote *The Tin Drum*, *Cat and Mouse*, and *Dog Years* – collectively referred to as *The Danzig Trilogy*?  
**Günter Grass**
- Which wading bird has a characteristically erratic flight pattern, which gave rise to a term used to denote a sharpshooter?  
**Snipe**
- Which Cornish village is associated with the Furry Dance?  
**Helston**
- Destroyed by Alexander the Great in 330BC, which city was the capital of the Persian Empire?  
**Persepolis**
- Which famous couple got married in Gibraltar on 20 March 1969?  
**John Lennon and Yoko Ono** (accept 'John and Yoko')

17. The music for the 1953 musical *Kismet* was mostly adapted from the work of which composer?  
**Alexander Borodin**
18. Who scored the first hat-trick in the English Premier League, for Leeds United, on 25 August 1992?  
**Eric Cantona**
19. In which Irish county are the Cliffs of Moher and the spa town of Lisdoonvarna?  
**Clare**
20. Who established the record label *Fish People* in 2011?  
**Kate Bush**
21. What power of ten is represented by the metric prefix 'pico'?  
**Minus 12**
22. Who was the first prime minister to use Chequers as a country residence?  
**David Lloyd George**
23. Which 2007 film had the tagline '*The last man on earth is not alone*'?  
***I Am Legend***
24. Which country house in Northumberland was built by industrialist William Armstrong, and became the first house in the world to be lit by hydroelectric power?  
**Cragside**
25. Who was the first Governor of the Bank of England, depicted on the £50 note issued between 1994 and 2011?  
**John Houblon**
26. The three Apollo 11 astronauts (Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins) were all born in the same year – which year?  
**1930** (accept one year either way)
27. Who played *Gregory's Girl* in the film of that name?  
**Dee Hepburn**
28. Which project won this year's RIBA Stirling Prize?  
**The Elizabeth Line**
29. In 1901, Albert Einstein adopted citizenship of which country?  
**Switzerland**
30. In *The Bible* who was the wife of Uriah the Hittite, who later married King David?  
**Bathsheba**

### First Written Round

**There is a theme which includes some soundalikes. First names are not required for the points, but may be relevant to the theme.**

31. Born 1856, which American artist is described on *Wikipedia* as '*the leading portrait painter of his generation*'?  
**John Singer Sargent**
32. Two cars have been voted *European Car of the Year* twice. One is the *Volkswagen Golf*, what is the make and model of the other?  
**Renault Clio**
33. Named after an American scientist, what is the SI unit of induction?  
**Henry**

34. Which 1983 TV drama written by Alan Bennett is based on the true story of a meeting between actress Coral Browne and the spy Guy Burgess?

**An Englishman Abroad**

35. According to a 1975 hit song, who was 'riding out on a horse in a star-spangled rodeo'?

**The Rhinestone Cowboy**

36. Which British band won this year's Mercury music prize for their album *This Could Be Texas*?

**English Teacher**

37. In 2007 which politician married his former teacher, whom he met when he was 15 and she 39?

**Emmanuel Macron**

38. Who wrote the children's novel *The Sheep-Pig*, on which the film *Babe* was based?

**Dick King-Smith** (real name Ronald, which obviously does not fit the theme)

39. Filmed in Kettlewell in North Yorkshire, the fictional village of Knapely was the setting for which 2003 film?

**Calendar Girls**

40. What is the state capital of Ohio?

**Columbus**

**Theme is Carry On films**

## Second Verbal Round

41. Which actor won two Olivier awards, for *Death of a Salesman* (1979) and *The Price* (2004)?

**Warren Mitchell**

42. In which opera does the title character sing the aria known as the *Habanera*?

**Carmen**

43. French law states that baguettes must be made only with four specific ingredients. Wheat flour is one; what are the other three?

**Water, salt, yeast**

44. What tradition ended on 'black tot day', 31 July 1970?

**The Royal Navy daily rum ration**

45. For which constituency has Kemi Badenoch been the MP since 2017? The constituency name changed for the 2024 election following minor boundary movements, so either name is acceptable.

**North West Essex** (also accept the previous name, Saffron Walden)

46. Although no longer used legally since the 1960s, what unit of measurement is still used for the size of allotments in the UK?

**Rod** (also accept 'pole' or 'perch')

47. Give a year in the life of the civil engineer Thomas Telford.

**1757 to 1834**

48. Which English brewery produces beers named *White Star* and *Steerage*?

**Titanic** (the brewery is located in Captain Smith's home town, Burslem)

49. The Enhanced Fujita scale is used to assess the intensity of which meteorological events?

**Tornadoes**

50. The National Trust property Erddig Hall, former home of the Yorke family, lies close to which Welsh town?  
**Wrexham** **see note 1**
51. Now 65 years old, how is Barbara Millicent Roberts better known?  
**Barbie (doll)**
52. Which king of England was born in Oxford in 1157, and buried in Fontevraud Abbey, Anjou, in 1199?  
**Richard I**
53. KPMG is one of the 'Big Four' accounting firms. What do the letters 'PM' stand for?  
**Peat Marwick** (Klynfeld Peat Marwick Goerdeler)
54. The city of Dresden lies on which river?  
**The River Elbe**
55. What was the name of the Hamas leader who was killed on 16 October 2024?  
**Yahya Sinwar**
56. A major ingredient of hummus, what is *tahini* made of?  
(Ground) **sesame seeds**
57. What is the number of the short motorway that links Bradford to the M62?  
**M606**
58. Which sweets, now rebranded, were '*made to make your mouth water*'?  
**Opal Fruits**
59. Which grape variety is predominant in wines of the Cahors region? It is used to a lesser extent in Bordeaux wines and is popular in Argentina.  
**Malbec**
60. Your National Insurance number has both letters and numbers. What exactly is the format?  
**Two letters, then six numbers, and a final letter**
61. "*Was this the face that launched a thousand ships, and burnt the topless towers of Ilium?*" is a quotation from which play?  
**Dr Faustus** (by Christopher Marlowe)
62. Who is the current host of *Countdown*?  
**Colin Murray**
63. Announced in the recent Budget, by what percentage will duty on draught beer be reduced, next February?  
**1.7%**
64. Who had the shortest tenure as UK Prime Minister in the twentieth century?  
**Andrew Bonar Law** (Oct 1923 to May 1924, 221 days)
65. Which company, founded in Cuba, is the world's largest family-owned spirits company?  
**Bacardi**
66. Which element, atomic number 3, is the lightest of all the metals?  
**Lithium**
67. Which British cyclist holds the record for the greatest number of Tour de France stage wins?  
**Mark Cavendish**
68. In which European city's museum will you find the iconic bust of Nefertiti, discovered in Egypt in 1912?  
**Berlin**

69. What was the surname of the father and daughter poisoned with Novichok in Salisbury in 2018?  
**Skripal**
70. Coming from the north-east, which meteor shower is expected to peak on the night of 14 December this year?  
**The Geminids**

**Second Written Round** There is a theme. Spelling may differ.

71. What is the name of the short children's TV programme set in a general store, that ran from 1984 to 1988?  
***Tickle on the Tum***
72. Which recent film starring Himesh Patel and Lily James is about a group of islanders who find a million dollars?  
***Greedy People***
73. A pop music one-hit wonder, which acapella song by musician Bobby McFerrin reached number two in the UK chart in 1988?  
***Don't Worry, Be Happy***
74. Fiona Leitch writes murder mystery novels set in Cornwall. What name is given to the series?  
**The Nosey Parker Cozy Mysteries**
75. What is the common name of *Achillea ptarmica*, a perennial herbaceous flowering plant, part of the daisy family?  
**Sneezewort** [see note 2](#)
76. In December 1974 the group Kenny reached number three in the UK charts with which dance song?  
***The Bump***
77. Which British historian has presented the BBC programmes *Battlefield Britain* and *Filthy Cities*, among others?  
**Dan Snow**
78. Which footballer, a Ballon d'Or winner who now plays for Inter Miami, owns the MIM Hotel chain?  
**Lionel Messi**
79. Which Mike Leigh film of 2000 starred Jim Broadbent and Alan Cordaner as Gilbert & Sullivan?  
***Topsy-Turvy***
80. In cricket terminology, what term is used to indicate a fielding position very close to the batter?  
**Silly**

**Theme is the first *Mr Men* books, by Roger Hargreaves**

(Tickle, Greedy, Happy, Nosey, Sneeze, Bump, Snow, Messy, Topsy-Turvey, Silly)

**Spares**

1. Who won an Oscar for her performance as Velma Kelly in the 2002 film musical *Chicago*?  
**Catherine Zeta-Jones**
2. What name was given to the first permanent British settlement in the American colony of Virginia?  
**Jamestown**
3. In music, what does MJQ stand for?  
**Modern Jazz Quartet**

4. Today, 14 November, is Charles III's birthday. How old is he?

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5. A current exhibition at the National Gallery in London has the tagline *Poets and Lovers*. The exhibition features 61 paintings and drawings by which artist?

**Vincent van Gogh**

6. What is the literal meaning of the name of the Indonesian dish *nasi goreng*?

**Fried rice**

## Notes

1. Wrexham is a city, not a town.

2. There are several other, equally acceptable, common names for the plant that don't include the word 'sneeze'.