

## LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 3 MARCH 2016

### QUESTIONS BY TRAVELLERS CALL

#### First Verbal Round

1. Which book, first published in 1966, tells the true story of the killing of four members of the Clutter family in Holcomb, Kansas?  
***In Cold Blood*** (by Truman Capote)
2. From 18 September 2015, who *introduces The News Quiz* on Radio 4?  
**Miles Jupp**
3. At which Cambridge college was Isaac Newton an undergraduate?  
**Trinity**
4. The TVA was an integral part of F. D. Roosevelt's *New Deal* in the 1930s. What do the initials TVA stand for?  
**Tennessee Valley Authority**
5. What is the most northerly lake in the Lake District?  
**Bassenthwaite Lake** [see pedantic note 1](#)
6. In which Gilbert & Sullivan operetta is Rose Maybud a leading character?  
**Ruddigore**
7. Which Shropshire town has a church with a twisted spire?  
**Cleobury Mortimer**
8. Which band had a hit in 1980 with *Tom Hark*?  
**The Piranhas**
9. In which English county is the National Trust property Waddesdon Manor situated?  
**Buckinghamshire**
10. Which fellow author, a close childhood friend of Truman Capote's from Monroeville, Alabama, assisted in researching the material for *In Cold Blood*?  
**Harper Lee**
11. Who played Major Gowen in *Fawlty Towers*?  
**Ballard Berkeley**
12. At which Cambridge college was John Maynard Keynes an undergraduate?  
**King's**
13. Which political party was founded by Alan Sked in 1991 as The Anti-Federalist League?  
**UKIP**
14. Who captained the South African cricket team on their 1965 tour of England?  
**Peter van der Merwe**
15. In which Gilbert & Sullivan operetta is Elsie Maynard a leading character?  
***The Yeomen of the Guard***

16. Which city hosts the PSI-20 stock market index?  
**Lisbon**
17. What name is given to the numerous shanty towns for homeless people that sprang up across the USA in the early 1930s?  
**Hoovervilles**
18. In which English county is the National Trust property Belton House situated?  
**Lincolnshire**
19. Who introduces *The Kitchen Cabinet* on Radio 4?  
**Jay Rayner**
20. Which Shropshire town lies at the northern end of the Severn Valley Railway?  
**Bridgnorth**
21. Which American composer wrote the orchestral piece *The Unanswered Question*?  
**Charles Ives**
22. With a cry of "Start, you vicious bastard!" what make of car did Basil Fawlty thrash with the branch of a tree?  
**Austin** (Austin 1300)
23. Who captained the Australian cricket team on their 1956 tour of England?  
**Ian Johnson**
24. Which brewery in Greater Manchester produces the beer *Spotland Gold*?  
**Phoenix**
25. Which comedian played Eric Garside in *Coronation Street* in 2004?  
**Peter Kay**
26. Which journalist and broadcaster, brought up in Reddish in Stockport, wrote the book entitled *The North*?  
**Paul Morley**
27. The phrase 'Jesus wept' is famous as being the shortest verse in the King James Bible. In which book of the Bible can it be found?  
(The Gospel According to St) **John**
28. In 2013 which UKIP MEP said "Britain should not send aid to Bongo Bongo Land"?  
**Godfrey Bloom**
29. Which city hosts the BEL20 stock market index?  
**Brussels**
30. The highest lake in England is situated in Yorkshire. What is its name?  
**Malham Tarn** (377 metres above sea level)

### First Written Round – THERE IS A THEME

31. Which London-born entertainer, popular during World War Two, had the real name Chaim Reuben Weintrop? He was born in 1896 and died in 1958.  
**Bud Flanagan**
32. Alec Rose successfully sailed single-handedly round the globe in 1967–8. What was the name of his boat?  
**Lively Lady**

33. Who wrote the novel *Peveril of the Peak*?

**Walter Scott**

34. Which children's comic was first published in 1954 as a junior version of *The Eagle*? It ceased to be published in 1963 when it merged into *The Eagle*.

**Swift**

35. What is the state capital of South Dakota?

**Pierre**

36. Which Manchester City footballer is being described? He started 565 games for the club between 1967 and 1978, putting him third in the all-time appearances list. He also won five England caps.

**Mike Doyle**

37. In which part of London was Marc Bolan killed?

**Barnes**

38. Which film and music star's dog was called Bullet?

**Roy Rogers**

39. In which part of Manchester could you once have found Charles Barry Crescent, William Kent Crescent, John Nash Crescent and Robert Adam Crescent?

**Hulme**

40. Which actress is married to Marcus Mumford, lead singer with Mumford & Sons?

Carey Mulligan

**Theme is Booker prize-winning authors:**

Richard Flanagan, Penelope Lively, Paul Scott, Graham Swift, DBC Pierre, Roddy Doyle, Julian Barnes, Arundhati Roy, Keri Hulme, Peter Carey.

## Second Verbal Round

41. *The Independent* newspaper recently announced its decision to stop publishing its print version. In which year was the newspaper first published?

**1986**

42. Which comedian played elderly fitness fanatic Eric Crabbe in *Coronation Street* in 2009?

**Norman Wisdom** [see pedantic note 2](#)

43. Who was the only bachelor President of the United States?

**James Buchanan**

44. What was the name of Lester Piggott's first Derby winner?

**Never Say Die**

45. Who recently broke the record for the highest number of appearances as a panellist on the Radio 4 programme *Just a Minute*?

**Paul Merton** [see note 3](#)

46. The phrase 'Jesus wept' describes Jesus's sorrow at the death of which biblical character?

**Lazarus**

47. Which musical contains the song (Hey) *Big Spender*?

**Sweet Charity**

48. What was the real first name of baseball star Babe Ruth?  
**George**
49. What is the name of Oliver Goldsmith's *Deserted Village* in his poem of the same name?  
**Auburn**
50. As of 23 February 2016, who is Shadow Secretary of State for Health?  
**Heidi Alexander**
51. Which brewery in Greater Manchester produces the beer *Moonraker*?  
**J. W. Lees**
52. Which US President was known as *The Little Magician*?  
**Martin Van Buren**
53. British tourists in which Greek island complained to the *Daily Mail* that the sight of Syrian refugees was "spoiling their holiday"?  
**Kos**
54. Which short-lived Sunday broadsheet newspaper lasted only from September 1989 until November 1990?  
***Sunday Correspondent***
55. Which writer and journalist from Cale Green in Stockport wrote the books *Chavs* and *The Establishment*?  
**Owen Jones**
56. Which American composer named his second symphony *The Age of Anxiety*?  
**Leonard Bernstein**
57. What was the real first name of baseball star 'Yogi' Berra, who died in September 2015?  
**Lawrence**
58. What did disgraced American dentist Walter Palmer use to shoot Cecil the Lion?  
**Bow and arrow**
59. An *asylum* is the collective noun for which type of bird?  
**Cuckoos** see note 4
60. Who chairs the Radio 4 programme *The Moral Maze*?  
**Michael Buerk**
61. As of 23 February 2016, who is the Shadow Secretary of State for Defence?  
**Emily Thornberry**
62. Sainsbury's 'Little Twists' recipe suggestions recommend you add a dollop of what to your sausage stew?  
**Green Pesto**
63. The Flying Lizards had a hit with which song, described as 'a prescient critique of Thatcherism' in 1979?  
***Money***
64. Three of T. S. Eliot's *Four Quartets* are *Burnt Norton*, *The Dry Salvages* and *Little Gidding*. Which 'Quartet' completes the set?  
***East Coker***
65. What was the name of Lester Piggott's last Derby winner?  
**Teenoso**

66. Which musical contains the song *Tom, Dick or Harry*?  
**Kiss Me, Kate**
67. Why was the TV producer Oisin Tymon in the news in 2015?  
**He was punched by Jeremy Clarkson** (eventually leading to Clarkson's departure from the BBC)
68. What was the name of the three-year-old boy, the discovery of whose body washed up on a beach changed the government's attitude to Syrian refugees?  
**Alan Kurdi**
69. Sainsbury's 'Little Twists' recipe suggestions recommend that you add which unexpected ingredient to your fish pie?  
**Curry powder**
70. A *runcible* is the collective noun for which type of bird?  
**Spoonbills**

### Second Written Round

71. Which British war artist was in a plane which went missing near Iceland in 1942?  
**Eric Ravilious**
72. Which Beat Poet wrote the iconic poem *Howl*?  
**Allen Ginsberg**
73. The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum can be found in which US city?  
**Boston**
74. How many times did Winston Churchill stand unsuccessfully for Parliament?  
**Five** (Oldham, Manchester, Dundee, Leicester, Westminster)
75. In the 1950s sitcom *The Phil Silvers Show* what was the name of the commander at the military base?  
**Colonel Hall**
76. Who directed the film *Erin Brockovich*?  
**Steven Soderbergh**
77. In September 1955, when TV was launched, what product was the subject of the first commercial to be televised?  
**Gibbs SR Toothpaste**
78. Who had a UK number one hit single with *Michelle*?  
**The Overlanders**
79. What kind of creature is a *dickcisse*?  
**A bird**
80. What is Jeremy Corbyn's middle name?  
**Bernard**

### Spares

1. Who was Emperor of France at the end of the Franco-Prussian War in 1870?  
**Napoleon III** **see note 5**

2. What is the wheel configuration of a Pacific steam locomotive?

**4-6-2**

3. Which river runs through the city of Lancaster?

**The Lune**

4. What is the title of the Icelandic detective thriller currently riveting BBC4 viewers to their screens?

***Trapped***

5. What is the capital of Burkina Faso?

**Ouagadougou**

## Notes

1. More accurately, Bassenthwaite is the most northerly of the **major** lakes in the Lake District. There are other, less well-known lakes that are further north, e.g. Over Water.
2. Norman Wisdom appeared in 2004, not 2009.
3. In February 2016 Paul Merton made his 347th appearance, which put him one show ahead of Kenneth Williams in the all-time list, but still almost 200 behind Sir Clement Freud.
4. 'Loons' is an equally acceptable answer.
5. Following Napoleon's capture at the Battle of Sedan in September 1870 the monarchy was abolished and the Second Empire was superseded by the Third Republic, so when the war finished (in May 1871) France didn't have an Emperor.

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