

**LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2018**  
**QUESTIONS BY HMRUFC**

**First Verbal Round**

1. *Blue Peter* recently celebrated its sixtieth birthday. The first two presenters were Leila Williams and who else?  
**Christopher Trace**
2. Stephen Yaxley-Lennon has been in the news lately. By what name is he better known?  
**Tommy Robinson**
3. The Ghan railway train operates in which country?  
**Australia**
4. Which German composer's first symphony is known as the *Spring Symphony*?  
**Robert Schumann**
5. The ancient city of Carthage is situated in which modern-day country?  
**Tunisia**
6. '*Life is a box of chocolates – you never know what you are going to get*' is the tag line from which film of the 1990s?  
**Forest Gump**
7. To which family of birds does the jay belong?  
**Crows** (or *Corvidae*)
8. Garuda is the international airline of which country?  
**Indonesia**
9. Who created the sequence of stories about *The Borrowers*?  
**Mary Norton**
10. Apparently much disliked by many of the early presenters, she was largely responsible for developing the current format of *Blue Peter* and was the Editor between 1965 and 1988? Who was she?  
**Biddy Baxter**
11. There were three American Presidents in 1841. Name any one of the three.  
**Martin van Buren, William Harrison, John Tyler**
12. What is the SI unit of work or energy?  
**Joule**
13. This car manufacturer made cars in Glamorgan, South Wales from 1959 to 1974. Models included the *Genie* and the *Invader*. What was the company's name?  
**Gilbern**
14. Name either of the duo credited with the 1963 UK number seven hit *Swinging on a Star*.  
**Big Dee Irwin or Little Eva**
15. Which Austrian composer wrote a *Symphony Number 0*?  
**Anton Bruckner**
16. In which battle of 1683 was the largest known cavalry charge in history?  
**Battle of Vienna** see pedantic note 1

17. In which book of *The Bible* would you find *The Beatitudes*?  
**Matthew**
18. The ancient city of Troy is situated in which modern-day country?  
**Turkey**
19. '*It all began on a New Year's Day in my 32nd year of being single*' is the opening line of which film?  
**Bridget Jones's Diary**
20. In which book of *The Bible* are the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse described?  
**Book of Revelation** **see note 2**
21. The US government's representative at the United Nations has recently resigned. What is her name?  
**Nikki Haley**
22. The wryneck is a member of which family of birds?  
**Woodpeckers** (or *Picadae*)
23. What is the SI unit of pressure?  
**Pascal**
24. Which Lancashire-based car manufacture has produced models including *Griffith*, *Tuscan* and *Grantura*?  
**TVR**
25. In 1962 and 1963, Little Eva had UK top twenty hits with songs featuring dances. Name either dance.  
**Locomotion** or **Turkey Trot**
26. In which country does the luxury Blue Train operate?  
**South Africa**
27. During the Battle of Waterloo, to what exactly was Napoleon referring to when he said '*Ah ces terribles chevaux gris*'?  
(The charge of the Royal) **Scots Greys** **see pedantic note 3**
28. In which book does the character Simon Legree appear?  
**Uncle Tom's Cabin**
29. TAP is the national airline of which country?  
**Portugal**
30. There were three American Presidents in **1841**. Name any one of the three.  
**Rutherford Hayes, James Garfield, Chester Arthur** **see note 4**

**First Written Round** **THERE IS A THEME**

31. Which actress made her film debut in *A Taste of Honey*?  
**Rita Tushingham**
32. Who wrote the children's books *Room on the Broom* and *The Snail and the Whale*?  
**Julia Donaldson**
33. The late Canadian folk singer/songwriter Kate McGarrigle had two famous singer/songwriter children. What is her daughter's name?  
**Martha Wainwright**
34. A definition of what word is '*the ability to govern and discipline oneself by the use of reason*'?  
**Prudence**

35. Which actress has been married to Gary Kemp of Spandau Ballet and the actor Jude Law?  
**Sadie Frost**
36. What is the name of the character played by Alison Steadman in the sitcom *Gavin and Stacey*? (her first name will suffice)  
**Pam (Shipman)**
37. Which MP is Secretary of State for International Development and Minister for Women and Equalities?  
**Penny Mordaunt**
38. Hailing from an acting family, what is the name of the actress who played Frank Spencer's long-suffering wife in *Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em*?  
**Michele Dotrice**
39. In 1974 several hundred pieces of bone fossils were found in Ethiopia. What was the name given to the partial skeleton they made up  
**Lucy**
40. Who is the longest-serving First Lady of the United States?  
**Eleanor Roosevelt**

**Theme is female names in Beatles songs** [see note 5](#)

## Second Verbal Round

41. In which Oscar-winning film would you find the lines '*This is war. This is not cricket.*'?  
***The Bridge on the River Kwai***
42. Stephen Venables achieved which mountaineering first by a Briton in 1988?  
**Climbing Mount Everest without oxygen**
43. What was the name of the Boeing B-29 Superfortress that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima?  
***Enola Gay***
44. Jurgen Grobler was the national coach for the successful British Olympic Squad in which sport?  
**Rowing**
45. What was tennis player Evonne Goolagong's maiden name? [see note 6](#)  
**Cawley**
46. In the film world, what do the initials IMDb stand for?  
**International Movie Database** [see note 7](#)
47. The Englishman Edmond Hoyle, who lived from 1672 to 1769, is best known for his books on what?  
(Rules and play of) **card games**
48. Which civilisation, believed to be the earliest, is associated with the cities of Ur and Uruk in Iraq?  
**Sumerian**
49. In the TV series *Strike*, based on the books of Robert Galbraith, which Didsbury-born actress plays Robin Ellacott?  
**Holliday/Holly Grainger**
50. The Boeing 787 airliner is known by which other name?  
**Dreamliner**

51. What was the name of the Roman road that linked present day London to Lincoln and York? It followed the line of the current A1.

**Ermine Street**

52. Which British Prime Minister is reputed to have said '*When I want to read a novel, I write one*'?

**Benjamin Disraeli**

53. In the theatre world, how has an abbreviation of Antoinette Perry's name made her famous?

**Tony awards** (for excellence on Broadway)

54. In Greek mythology what is the mythical land at the edge of the world?

**Elysium or Elysian Fields**

55. Who sings/performs the song *The Old Landmark* in the film *The Blues Brothers*?

**James Brown**

56. In which Oscar-nominated film would you find the line '*Terminate with extreme prejudice*'?

**Apocalypse Now**

57. Who was the first Briton to climb Mount Everest in 1975?

**Doug Scott** see note 8

58. Which comedian/presenter's autobiography is called *Spectacles*?

**Sue Perkins**

59. Now a commentator, who was the cox when the Searle brothers won Olympic gold in the coxed pairs at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics?

**Gary Herbert**

60. What was tennis player Billie Jean King's maiden name?

**Moffitt**

61. Which British Prime Minister is reputed to have said '*Die my dear doctor, that's the last thing I shall do*'?

**Palmerston**

62. *Did Mary Ever Visit Brighton Beach* is a mnemonic to help you remember what information?

**Order of (British) nobility** (Duke, Marquess, Earl, Viscount, Baron, Baronet)

63. The city of Axum is thought to be the centre of an early civilisation. In which present-day African country is Axum?

**Ethiopia**

64. What was the name of the Roman road that ran from the Kent coast to North Wales following the line of the A2 and the A5?

**Watling Street**

65. Which comedian/presenter's first book is the autobiographical *Cheer Up Love: Adventures in Depression with the Crab of Hate*?

**Susan Calman**

66. Husband-and-wife Peter and Iona are best known for their books on children's games and rhymes. What was their surname?

**Opie**

67. In Norse mythology where are the souls of fallen warriors taken?

**Valhalla**

68. In the TV series *Unforgotten* who plays DCI Cassie Stuart?  
**Nicola Walker**
69. *Can Queen Victorian Eat Cold Apple Pie* is a mnemonic to help you remember what information?  
**The Seven Hills of Rome** (Capitoline, Quirinal, Viminal, Esquiline, Caelian, Aventine, Palatine)
70. Who sings/performs the song *Shake a Tailfeather* in the film *The Blues Brothers*?  
**Ray Charles**

## Second Written Round

71. Born in Manchester, this 18th/19th century essayist later became Editor of the *Westmorland Gazette* and lived for 10 years in Wordsworth's old home, Dove Cottage, Grasmere. What was his name?  
**Thomas de Quincey**
72. What is the colour of a Shelduck's beak?  
**Red** **see note 9**
73. Which creatures of children's books and TV were created by the Finnish author and illustrator Tove Jansson?  
**The Moomins**
74. In 8-ball pool, what colour are the solid number 1 ball and the striped number 9 ball? (Both are the same colour)?  
**Yellow** **see pedantic note 10**
75. Long Meg and her Daughters is a stone circle in which English county?  
**Cumbria**
76. Which martial art roughly translates as *way of the foot and fist*?  
**Taekwondo**
77. If you were suffering from *xerostomia* what would you have?  
**A dry mouth**
78. In the TV soap *Coronation Street* which group appeared as themselves to play at Les Battersby's wedding in 2005?  
**Status Quo**
79. Tusker beer was originally brewed in which country?  
**Kenya**
80. In the late Middle Ages what was the name given to the part of Ireland, around Dublin, that was directly under the control of the English government? The name gave rise to a saying still in common use today.  
**The Pale** (as in 'Beyond the Pale')

## Spares

1. The Hawaiian word *wiki* means what?  
**Fast** **see note 11**
2. The *dilator naris* muscle aids in opening which part of the body?  
**The nostrils**
3. Isabella of France, known as *The She Wolf of France*, was married to which English king?  
**Edward II**

4. Boo, Randall Boggs and Celia Mae are characters in which animated film?

**Monsters Inc**

5. What was the real first name of jazz musician 'Bix' Beiderbecke?

**Leon**

## Notes

1. If the question had included the word 'European' then the answer is probably 100% correct, but in **world** history it's probably not, [as explained here](#).
2. *The Apocalypse (of John)* is an equally-acceptable answer.
3. The formal title of the army unit to which the question refers was the 2nd (Royal North British) Dragoons; 'Scots Greys' was only a nickname. Only in 1877 was the name of the regiment changed to 2nd Dragoons (Royal Scots Greys). In 1921 they became the Royal Scots Greys (2nd Dragoons).
4. The year referred to is 1881, not 1841  
(presumably this was an unchecked/uncorrected cut-and-paste from Q11).
5. When using a theme/connection question-setters should bear in mind that teams may answer by giving the surname only, so it's **not** a good idea to put most/all of the links in the forenames.
6. Goolagong **is** her maiden name; Cawley is her married name.
7. The correct name is **Internet** Movie Database.
8. Dougal Haston is also an acceptable answer – the pair climbed Everest together
9. The common and crested shelducks have red beaks. The ruddy, South African, Australian and paradise shelducks have black beaks and the Radjah shelduck has a white beak. Therefore 'black' and 'white' are also acceptable answers.
10. Yellow is the **predominant** colour of both balls, but they also contain white (e.g. the 'spot' on the 1 ball) and the numbers are printed in black.
11. 'Wiki' is defined in the on-line Hawaiian Dictionary as 'to hurry, hasten; quick, fast, swift' so any synonym of fast in the sense of motion would appear to be an acceptable answer.

The word 'fast' has many other meanings, e.g. 'to starve' or 'fixed', so an indication in the answer as to which use of fast was required may have assisted the QM".

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