

**LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2022**  
**QUESTIONS BY THE ALEXANDRA**

**First Verbal Round**

1. Which modern-day European capital city is the setting for the Shakespeare comedy *Measure for Measure*?  
**Vienna**
2. Which eight-letter word beginning with 'L' describes animals that live on the seashore?  
**Littoral**
3. Who has played Phil Mitchell in BBC TV's *EastEnders* since 1990?  
**Steve McFadden**
4. Which animal that you might see in the English countryside has the scientific name *Oryctolagus cuniculus*?  
**Rabbit**
5. Which composer, whose works include the *Karelia Suite* and *Finlandia*, was born on this day in 1865?  
**Jean Sibelius**
6. *In the City* (1977) and *The Gift* (1982) were the first and last studio albums by which UK band?  
**The Jam**
7. Of which Gulf state has the Al Khalifa family been the ruling dynasty since 1783?  
**Bahrain**
8. 1836 saw the inaugural running of the Grand Liverpool Steeplechase, which three years later became The Grand National. Which jockey rode The Duke to victory?  
**Martin Becher** (as in Becher's Brook)
9. Which Derbyshire town, approximately seven miles south-east of Stockport, lies at the confluence of the Rivers Sett and Goyt?  
**New Mills**
10. Which American singer-songwriter has performed much of his work since 1968 on a Les Paul electric guitar nicknamed *Old Black*?  
**Neil Young** see note 1
11. Ricky Wilson has been lead singer of which British band since 2000?  
**Kaiser Chiefs**
12. Which actor succeeded Judi Dench as 'M' in the James Bond film *Skyfall* and has subsequently reprised the role in *Spectre* and *No Time to Die*?  
**Ralph Fiennes**
13. Name this country. It has a population of less than 3 million, is ruled by President Ali Bongo Ondimba, has French as its official language and shares borders with Equatorial Guinea, Cameroon and the Republic of the Congo.  
**Gabon**
14. Who was on the throne of England from 1154 to 1189?  
**Henry II**
15. Which British driver won his only Formula One World Championship in 1996?  
**Damon Hill**

16. Which British driver won his only Formula One World Championship in 2009?

**Jenson Button**

17. Who was on the throne of England from 1272 to 1307?

**Edward I**

18. Name this country. It has a population of approximately 20 million, is ruled by President Lazarus Chakwera, has English as one of its two official languages and shares borders with Tanzania, Zambia and Mozambique.

**Malawi**

19. Which actor provided the voice of Paddington Bear in two films and has also played 'Q' in the James Bond films *Skyfall*, *Spectre* and *No Time to Die*?

**Ben Whishaw**

20. Alex Kapranos has been lead singer of which British band since 2001?

**Franz Ferdinand**

21. Which British rock musician usually plays a self-designed guitar known as *The Red Special*?

**Brian May**

22. Which Cheshire town, approximately eighteen miles south-west of Stockport, lies at the confluence of the Rivers Dane and Weaver?

**Northwich**

23. To date, who is the only reigning British monarch to have owned the winner of the Epsom Derby?

**Edward VII** (Minoru in 1909)

24. Which Arab state has been ruled since 1744 by the House of Busaid, also known as the Al Said dynasty?

**Oman**

25. *Rattus Norvegicus* (1977) and *Dark Matters* (2021) are the first and latest studio albums by which British band?

**The Stranglers**

26. Which American writer and humourist, whose works include *The Male Animal* and *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*, was born on this day in 1894?

**James Thurber**

27. Which brightly-coloured, non-native bird species with the scientific name *Psittacula krameri* is becoming increasingly common in the UK? You might even see them—or more likely hear them—in some parts of Stockport. A one-word answer will suffice.

(Rose-ringed or ring-necked) **Parakeet**

28. Which veteran British actor has played Rodney Blackstock in ITV's *Emmerdale* since 2000?

**Patrick Mower**

29. Which eleven-letter word beginning with 'C' describes animals that are most active at dawn and/or dusk?

**Crepuscular**

30. Which Shakespeare comedy is the only one of the author's plays to be set in Spain?

**Love's Labour's Lost**

## First Written Round

**THERE IS A THEME** (note: the pronunciation of one answer will need to be 'anglicised' to fit the theme)

31. Name this football club. They were one of the ten founding members of La Liga, but currently languish in Spain's third tier. They are based in the region of Cantabria, play home games at the El Sardinero stadium and beat Manchester City 3-1 in a UEFA Cup group game in December 2008.

**Real Racing Club de Santander** (accept 'Racing Santander' or just 'Racing')

32. London has many subterranean rivers. Which one flows for approximately four miles from Hampstead Heath to join the Thames near Blackfriars Bridge? It gives its name to a major London thoroughfare.

**River Fleet**

33. What name connects the following?

- a 1990s Best Actor Oscar winner
- a rock band formed in Toronto in 1968
- the stage name of Heidi Stern, who sang the UK's biggest-selling single of 1985
- a legendary goal scorer of the 1980s and 1990s

**Rush** [Geoffrey Rush (*Shine*); Rush; Jennifer Rush (*The Power of Love*); Ian Rush]

34. Which song, the band's debut UK single in 1994, includes the lyrics 'I know a girl called Elsa, she's into Alka Seltzer'?

**Supersonic** (by Oasis)

35. Who is the proprietor of the Boar's Head tavern in several of Shakespeare's plays?

**Mistress (Nell) Quickly**

36. Which summer visitor to Britain has the scientific name *Apus apus*?

**Common swift** (accept just 'Swift')

37. Arsenal owner Stan Kroenke has several other sporting franchises in his portfolio, such as current Super Bowl champions the Los Angeles Rams and basketball's Denver Nuggets. What is the two-word name of the Major League Soccer team that he owns?.

**Colorado Rapids**

38. Built in 1897, which aid to maritime safety would you find at the most southerly point in Ireland?

**Fastnet lighthouse**

39. What nickname is shared by the Lockheed Martin F-35B multirole fighter in service with the RAF and the Lancashire men's one-day cricket team?

**Lightning**

40. Who is 'the fastest mouse in all of Mexico'?

**Speedy Gonzales**

**Theme is speed**

## Second Verbal Round

41. Born on this day in 1966, which footballer scored the 10,000th goal in English Premier League history in a 4-0 Spurs win against Fulham in December 2001?

**Les Ferdinand**

42. Journalist Kate Brannigan is a recurring character in books by which Scottish crime novelist? **see note 2**

**Val McDermid**

43. In their 1950s films which duo met, amongst others, Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, the Invisible Man, Captain Kidd, and the Mummy?

**Abbott and Costello**

44. Which town in Greater Manchester was known to the Romans as *Coccium*?

**Wigan**

45. Which bird has species called Little, Caspian and Fairy?

**Tern**

46. Which battle was fought on 16 April 1746?

**Culloden**

47. The 1980 Robert De Niro film *Raging Bull* is based on the life of which American world middleweight champion?

**Jake La Motta**

48. Which English cricket commentator has the nickname *Bumble*?

**David Lloyd**

49. What is the English name of the Welsh city Abertawe?

**Swansea**

50. Which British Prime Minister, in office from 1830 to 1834, shares his name with a drink?

**Earl Grey**

51. In chemistry which metal is always present in an alloy referred to as an *amalgam*?

**Mercury**

52. Which river flows from Lake Ladoga to the Gulf of Finland, passing through the Russian city of St. Petersburg?

**River Neva**

53. Which West Indian fast bowler of the 1970s and 1980s was nicknamed *Whispering Death*?

**Michael Holding**

54. The Golden Boot award was introduced in the 1992-93 season for the leading goal scorer in the English Premier League. Which Tottenham player, with 22 goals, was the first winner?

**Teddy Sheringham**

55. What is the most common surname in German-speaking countries?

**Müller**

56. What is the most common surname in French-speaking countries?

**Martin**

57. Name **either** of the first **non-English** footballers to win the English Premier League Golden Boot. With 18 goals during the 1998-99 season, they shared the award with Michael Owen.

**Dwight Yorke** (Man Utd) or **Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink** (Leeds Utd)

58. Taken from his nickname, *Supercat* was the title of the 2007 authorised biography of which cricketer that played for the West Indies from 1966 to 1985?

**Clive Lloyd**

59. Which European capital lies on the largely subterranean River Senne?

**Brussels**

60. In what must a substance be dissolved to produce a *tincture*?

**Ethanol** (also accept 'alcohol' or 'ethyl alcohol')

61. Which British monarch of the sixteenth century shares her nickname with a drink?

**Mary I** (also accept 'Mary Tudor' or 'Bloody Mary')

62. What is the English name of the Welsh city Tyddewi?

**St Davids**

63. The BBC's cricket correspondent Jonathan Agnew played for which English county from 1979 to 1992?

**Leicestershire**

64. The 1956 Paul Newman film *Somebody Up There Likes Me* is based on the life of which American middleweight boxing legend?

**Rocky Graziano**

65. Which battle was fought on 25 October 1415?

**Agincourt**

66. Which bird has species called Little, Common and Glaucous?

**Gull**

67. Which town in Cheshire was known to the Romans as *Condate*?

**Northwich**

68. Released 30 years after their screen debut, the 1951 film *Atoll K* was the final film appearance of which legendary duo? The film was also known by other titles, such as *Escapade*, *Robinson Crusoe* and *Utopia*.

**Laurel and Hardy**

69. Played by Scott Glenn in the television adaptation, Alan Pangborn is the Sheriff of Castle Rock in books by which best-selling American novelist?

**Stephen King**

70. Born on this day in 1966, singer-songwriter Shuhada Sadaqat took her current name upon conversion to Islam in October 2018. By what name is she much better known?

**Sinead O'Connor**

## Second Written Round

**THERE IS A THEME** (note: the theme word may be a soundalike or part of a longer word)

71. Which composer's film and television work includes *Out of Africa*, *The Persuaders*, *The Ipcress File*, *Zulu*, *Born Free*, *Juke Box Jury*, *The Lion in Winter* and *Dances with Wolves*, as well as his best-known work for a certain film franchise?

**John Barry**

72. Who is the only British Prime Minister to have played first class cricket? Before entering Parliament he appeared for both Middlesex and the MCC during the 1920s.

**Alec Douglas-Home**

73. Which US city is the state capital of Pennsylvania?

**Harrisburg**

74. Which Scottish-born Australian singer was the frontman for AC/DC until his untimely death in 1980?

**Bon Scott**

75. Which London-based confectionery company was the first to manufacture Wine Gums, launching the product in 1909? The product still bears the company's name today, although in conjunction with Bassetts following a merger in 1990.

**Maynard's**

76. What surname is shared by the authors of *The History of Tom Jones, a Foundling* and *Bridget Jones's Diary*?

**Fielding** (Henry and Helen)

77. "*I'm rather worried about Jim*" was a catchphrase from which radio drama series? It was broadcast on weekday afternoons from 1948 to 1969, originally on the Light Programme and later Radio 2. In 1963 Ellis Powell was controversially replaced by Jessie Matthews in the lead role.

**Mrs Dale's Diary** (also accept '*The Dales*', the show's new name from 1962)

78. Which boxer failed a drugs test in October this year, resulting in the cancellation of his planned fight against Chris Eubank Junior? Full name required.

**Conor Benn**

79. The county of Berkshire is home to three racecourses. Newbury is one, name the other two.

**Ascot and Windsor**

80. Famous during the 'Madchester' era for their flower-themed merchandise, which band has had UK hits with the songs *Sound*, *She's A Star*, *Laid* and *Sit Down*?

**James**

**Theme: each answer contains the surname of a star of the *Carry On* film series**

(Amanda Barrie, Jack Douglas, Anita Harris, Terry Scott, Bill Maynard, Fenella Fielding, Jim Dale, Kenneth Connor, Barbara Windsor, Sid James)

## Spares

1. During the Aintree Grand National how is fence number 16 better known?  
**Water Jump**
2. Which fish is traditionally used in the Scottish soup *cullen skink* and also in the Asian dish *kedgeree*?  
**Haddock**
3. What is the most common surname in Spanish-speaking countries?  
**Garcia**
4. A variation on the well-known term *NIMBY*, for what does the acronym *BANANA* stand?  
**Build absolutely nothing anywhere near anything**
5. Which is the only major river to arise in Yorkshire and flow westward?  
**The Ribble**
6. Alexander De Croo is currently Prime Minister of which European country?  
**Belgium**
7. Not including Britain, which modern-day country is the most frequent setting for Shakespeare's plays?  
**Italy**

## Notes

1. Neil Young was born in Canada. Although he now has dual Canadian and American citizenship many people would probably still regard him as Canadian rather than American.
2. Kate Brannigan is a private investigator. The journalist character is Lindsay Gordon.