

**LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2022**  
**QUESTIONS BY WANDERING STAR**

**First Verbal Round**

1. What bird is on the county flag of Buckinghamshire?

**Swan**

2. In what year did the following events happen?

Ayatollah Khomeini issued a fatwa against Salman Rushdie; snooker player Judd Trump was born; Lawrence Olivier died; John Major replaced Nigel Lawson as Chancellor of the Exchequer.

**1989**

3. If Burma is now Myanmar, what should we now call Rangoon?

**Yangon**

4. Steve Jobs suffered from *koumpounophobia*, which goes some way towards explaining his clothing choices, and development of touch-screen technology. What is koumpounophobia the fear of?

**Buttons**

5. Who was the author of the 1969 novel *The Poseidon Adventure*?

**Paul Gallico**

6. Who won the 2022 US Open men's tennis final?

**Carlos Alcaraz**

7. In which English cathedral lie the remains of King Canute?

**Winchester**

8. What is the provincial capital of the Italian region of Calabria?

**Catanzaro**

9. Which star of *The Wire* plays Prince Charles in series 5 and 6 of the Netflix drama *The Crown*?

**Dominic West**

10. Which instrument in an orchestra's woodwind section can play the lowest note?

**Contrabassoon** see note 1

11. Queen Margrethe, who is celebrating her Golden Jubilee this year, is monarch of which nation?

**Denmark**

12. In 2005, the Mantoux test replaced the Heaf test as the preferred screening method in the UK for which disease?

**Tuberculosis**

13. Informally said to be 'the father of artificial intelligence', whose former home in Wilmslow received an English Heritage Blue Plaque in 2013?

**Alan Turing**

14. In which city was the Northern Rock Building Society first established?

**Newcastle**

15. In *Star Trek*, what was Lieutenant Uhura's first name?

**Nyota**

16. What bird, extinct in England for nearly 200 years, is on the county flag of Wiltshire?

**Great Bustard**

17. In what year did the following events happen?

Rowan Williams is enthroned as Archbishop of Canterbury; the M6 Toll motorway opens; Mick Jagger is knighted; Roman Abramovich bought Chelsea Football Club.

**2003**

18. Before April 2018 the Kingdom of Eswatini was known by what name?

(The Kingdom of) **Swaziland**

19. Alfred Hitchcock had an irrational fear of which food item?

**Eggs**

20. The recent film *Mrs Harris Goes to Paris*, is taken from a novel by Paul Gallico; what was the novel's title for its UK publication?

**Flowers for Mrs Harris**

21. Who won the 2022 Australian Open women's single final?

**Ashleigh Barty**

22. Where is the burial place of Charles I?

(St George's Chapel in) **Windsor Castle**

23. What is the provincial capital of the Italian region of Basilicata?

**Potenza**

24. Who was the narrator of the children's TV series *Roobarb*?

**Richard Briers**

25. In the percussion section of an orchestra cymbals are made from an alloy of which metal?

**Copper** see note 2

26. Prior to Charles III which monarch was the longest-serving heir to the British throne?

**Edward VII**

27. *Spikevax* is the brand name for the COVID-19 vaccine manufactured by which company?

**Moderna**

28. Which Bredbury-born comic and impressionist published an autobiography in 1974 titled *And This is Me!*?

**Mike Yarwood**

29. In which city are the Rugby team Catalan Dragons based?

**Perpignan**

30. In *Star Trek* what was Mr Chekhov's first name?

**Pavel Andreievich** (accept either or both)

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

31. Which 1960s pop song begins '*All the leaves are brown, and the sky is gray*'?

**California Dreamin'**

32. What is the name of the motorway services on the M6 between Corley and Stafford South?

**Hilton Park**

33. What are the full first and middle names of P. G. Wodehouse's creation Bertie Wooster?

**Bertram Wilberforce**

34. Which Tracy Chapman album, released in 1989, contains the track *Freedom Now*, dedicated to Nelson Mandela?

**Crossroads**

35. Officially renamed in 1994, what was the former name of HMP Manchester?

**Strangeways**

36. *American Girl* and *Free Fallin'* are among the hits of which American rock band? They formed in 1976 and remained active until the death of the founder and lead singer in 2017.

**(Tom Petty and the) Heartbreakers**

37. The Egyptian god Thoth, associated with writing and science, is often depicted with the head of which wading bird?

**Ibis**

38. Concord is the capital of which US state?

**New Hampshire**

39. Name the stage and film actor, knighted in 2003, whose film career included *Georgy Girl*, *The Go-Between*, *Spartacus* and *Gosford Park*.

**Alan Bates** see note 3

40. What is the familiar English name of Vivaldi's *Opus 8, concerti 1-4*?

**The Four Seasons**

**Theme is hotels/motels, real and fictional:**

(California - Eagles song; Hilton - chain; Bertram - Agatha Christie book; Crossroads - TV series; Strangeways - Mike Harding song; Heartbreak - Elvis song; Ibis - chain; New Hampshire - novel and film; Bates – *Psycho*; Four Seasons – chain)

## Second Verbal Round

41. Give a year in the life of the trader and explorer Marco Polo.

**1254 to 1324**

42. Cycling: overcoming the handicap of a fractured elbow, who won the elite women's road race in the UCI World Championships in Australia last month?

**Annamiek van Vleuten**

43. Florin Court in London EC1, is familiar on television as Whitehaven Mansions, the residence of which fictional detective?

**Hercule Poirot**

44. Bishop Grosseteste University—originally founded as a teacher training college—is one of the two universities in which English cathedral city?

**Lincoln**

45. Which of the four Beatles is the only one not to have achieved a solo number one single on both the UK singles chart and the US Billboard Hot 100?

**Ringo Starr**

46. Two of the British Virgin Islands are owned by Richard Branson; name either.

**Necker Island or Moskito Island**

47. Which nineteenth century composer wrote a piano sonata and a symphony inspired by Dante's *Divine Comedy*?

**Franz Liszt**

48. The construction of Chester city walls, the full circuit as they are today, was completed in which century?

**Twelfth**

49. As of the 1 October 2022, who is the Secretary of State for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy?

**Jacob Rees-Mogg**

50. At which national newspaper did Ted Verity succeed Geordie Grieg as editor a year ago?

**Daily Mail**

51. The Bird of Paradise plant, *Strelitzia*, is native to which country?

**South Africa**

52. In which constellation do we see Polaris, the Pole Star?

**Ursa Minor** see note 4

53. In which country is the Olduvai Gorge, an important archaeological site of ancient human history?

**Tanzania**

54. Hilary Mantel wrote three books centred on Thomas Cromwell. Two of them won the Booker Prize, what was the title of the one that didn't?

**The Mirror and the Light**

55. Which British territory uses the New Zealand dollar as its currency?

**Pitcairn Islands**

56. Give a year in the life of the Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan.

**1480 to 1521**

57. In 2021 Lizzie Deignan won the inaugural women's edition of which classic one-day cycle race?

**Paris-Roubaix**

58. Villa Villekulla is the fictional house of which fictional character, who originated in the books of author Astrid Lindgren?

**Pippi Longstocking**

59. In June 2022 *Granada Reports* presenter Lucy Meacock became the Chancellor of which university?

**Salford**

60. Take That's 1996 number one single *Never Forget* is the only one of their chart-toppers to feature which member on lead vocals?

**Howard Donald**

61. Who is the owner of Lamb Island in the Firth of Forth? He believes it has a mystical connection with the Egyptian pyramids and in August he proclaimed it as the world's newest micro nation.

**Uri Geller**

62. Which Puccini opera was completed by Franco Alfano after the composer died?

**Turandot**

63. Thought to have been built to defend against Viking raiders from the south and east, what 10 km mediaeval ditch was dug between Stretford and Ashton-under-Lyne?

**The Nico Ditch** (also accept 'Mickle Ditch')

64. As of 1 October 2022 who is the Home Secretary?

**Suella Braverman**

65. At which national newspaper has Tony Gallagher succeeded John Witherow as editor?  
***The Times***
66. The bottle-brush plant *Callistemon* is native to which country?  
**Australia**
67. Which constellation's brightest stars—to the human eye—are Rigel and Betelgeuse?  
**Orion**
68. Mount Kilimanjaro is located in Tanzania, close to its border with which country?  
**Kenya**
69. The Booker Prize shortlist this year includes local author Alan Garner; what is the title of his book?  
***Treacle Walker***
70. The *dobra* is the currency of which small island nation, off the western coast of central Africa?  
**São Tomé and Príncipe**

### Second Written Round

71. This year's Cheltenham Gold Cup was the first to be won by a woman jockey; name the jockey and the horse.  
**Rachael Blackmore and A Plus Tard**
72. In which decade of the nineteenth century was the Oxford Union debating society founded?  
**1820s (1824)**
73. In which city are the Rugby team Catalan Dragons based?  
**Perpignan** **see note 5**
74. The boat lift known as the Falkirk Wheel re-established a connection between two canals. Name either canal.  
**Forth & Clyde canal** or **Union canal** (also known as the Edinburgh & Glasgow Union canal)
75. Name the three joint winners of this year's Nobel Peace Prize.  
**Ales Bialtiaski, Memorial, Centre for Civil Liberties**
76. Who is the new Leader of the Hallé Orchestra, whose appointment was announced at the end of September?  
**Roberto Ruisi**
77. Middlemarch, in George Eliot's novel, is thought to be based on which English city, a recent City of Culture?  
**Coventry**
78. The Hindi word *jeera* refers to which spice?  
**Cumin**
79. What does the Spanish word *semáforo* mean?  
**Traffic light**
80. How many hectares are there in a square kilometre?  
**100**

## Spares

1. *The Princess Royal* pub in Burnley was renamed in 2018, to what?  
**The Royal Dyche**
2. The Indus and Brahmaputra rivers both rise in which region/country?  
**Tibet** (if the answer given is China, ask them to be more precise)
3. Which Australian state is known colloquially as the Banana State?  
**Queensland**
4. What position does Rachel Reeves hold in Labour's shadow cabinet?  
**Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer**
5. Which horse won the Grand National in 2022?  
**Noble Yeats**
6. In which art gallery will you find Picasso's *Guernica*?  
**Museo Reina Sofia, Madrid**

## Notes

1. 'Double Bassoon' and 'Contrafagotto' are also acceptable answers.
2. Cymbals are traditionally made from bronze, which is an alloy of copper **and** tin. So if only one metal is required as an answer 'tin' is also acceptable.
3. It might have been helpful to clarify that *Spartacus* refers to a 2004 television miniseries, rather than the more famous 1960 cinema release or the longer-running (2010-2103) TV version.
4. 'Little Bear' and 'Little Dipper' are equally acceptable answers.
5. This question is a repeat of Question 29.

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