

**LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER 2023**  
**QUESTIONS BY HMRUFC**

**First Verbal Round**

1. As of 3 October 2023, who is Secretary of State for Health and Social Care?  
**Steve Barclay**
2. In mathematics, what are the circle, ellipse, parabola, and hyperbola collectively known as?  
**The Conics (or Conic Sections)**
3. Which controversial England Rugby player's recent autobiography is entitled *Who am I?*  
**Danny Cipriani**
4. Cleeve Hill is the highest point in which range of hills?  
**Cotswolds**
5. Which town is the administrative centre for Wiltshire?  
**Trowbridge**
6. Who created the fictional detective DCI Banks?  
**Peter Robinson**
7. What is the common name for the genus of trees with the Latin name *Fagus*?  
**Beech**
8. As of 3 October 2023, who is the Shadow Secretary of State for Health and Social Care?  
**Wes Streeting**
9. In science, what are Charles Law, Boyle's Law and Avogadro's Law collectively known as?  
**The Ideal Gas Laws** see note 1
10. Which England Rugby World Cup winner from 2014 has a recently published autobiography entitled *Winning the Fight*?  
**Maggie Alphonsi**
11. Dunkery Beacon is the highest point in which English National Park?  
**Exmoor**
12. Which town is the administrative centre for The North Riding of Yorkshire?  
**Northallerton** see note 2
13. Who created the fictional detectives Dalziel and Pascoe?  
**Reginald Hill**
14. What is the common name for the genus of trees with the Latin name *Salix*?  
**Willow**
15. In the *Old Testament*, who was the first King of Israel?  
**Saul**
16. In which county is Corfe Castle?  
**Dorset**

17. In which city were last week's World Gymnastics Championships held?  
**Antwerp**
18. Which recently released film stars Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson?  
***The Great Escaper***
19. Who was the first celebrity to be voted off this season's *Strictly Come Dancing*?  
**Les Dennis**
20. In the *Old Testament*, who led the Israelites into the Promised Land?  
**Joshua**
21. In which county is Hever Castle?  
**Kent**
22. At which course was the recent Ryder Cup held?  
**Marco Simone** (Golf & Country Club)
23. Director Ken Loach has announced that which recently released film will be his last?  
***The Old Oak***
24. Who won the Golden Man Booker Prize?  
**Michael Ondaatje** (in 2018)
25. The film *Lawrence of Arabia* is based on which book?  
***The Seven Pillars of Wisdom***
26. The surrender of the Third Reich in May 1945 was in which French city  
**Reims**
27. Which film Director has made more money from wine than his films  
**Francis Ford Coppola**
28. Death Valley in California is in which Desert  
**The Mojave Desert**
29. Which UK river has the largest catchment area **see note 3**  
**The Humber** (24,472 square km)
30. What is the name of the only US land-based intercontinental ballistic missile?  
**Minuteman**

**First Written Round** **There is a theme**

31. What was Mickey Mouse's original name?  
**Mortimer**
32. What was the site of the landing by British forces in the Falklands 1982 war?  
**San Carlos Bay**
33. Who invented an electrostatic generator in 1929, which is often used in education to illustrate the phenomenon?  
**Robert van der Graaf**
34. Which Cheshire family were the owners of Bramall Hall for over 500 years until the early twentieth century?  
**The Davenport family**

35. Which 2002 romantic film set in Paris in stars Audrey Tatou as a Montmartre waitress?  
**Amélie**
36. Who preceded Mark Carney as Governor of the Bank of England?  
**Mervyn King**
37. Who is the world's most-capped rugby player, who retired from international rugby in 2023 after gaining 158 caps for his country?  
**Alun Wyn-Jones**
38. Jamestown, the first permanent British settlement in North America, is located in which present-day state?  
**Virginia**
39. Who is missing from this list: Leonardo, Michelangelo, Donatello...?  
**Raphael** (Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles)
40. Name Australia's longest river  
**Murray River**

### **Theme is Wimbledon Singles champions**

([Angela Mortimer](#); [Carlos Alcaraz](#); [Steffi Graf](#); [Lindsay Davenport](#); [Amélie Mauresmo](#); [Billie-Jean King](#); [Ann Jones](#); [Virginia Wade](#); [Rafael Nadal](#); [Andy Murray](#))

## **Second Verbal Round**

41. The Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur occurred in which month in 2023?  
**September**
42. Name the principal theatre and performance venue in Bradford **see note 4**  
**St George's Hall**
43. Cinnabar is an ore of which metal?  
**Mercury**
44. In geology what term is the opposite of an anticline?  
**Syncline**
45. What was the name of Jamie Oliver's first book published in 1999  
**The Naked Chef**
46. Pat Moss was a pioneering female competitor in which sport in the 1960s?  
**Rally driving**
47. In Greek Mythology who is the twin sister of Apollo?  
**Artemis**
48. What record-breaking viaduct spans the Tarn valley in France?  
**Millau viaduct**
49. In 2002 what became the first film to be awarded the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature?  
**Shrek**
50. What was the former name for the city of Oslo, prior to 1925?  
**Kristiania**

51. The Sherman theatre is located in which British city?  
**Cardiff**
52. Coffinite and pitchblende are ores of which chemical element?  
**Uranium**
53. Which Finnish driver won the world rally championship every year from 1996 to 1999?  
**Tommi Makinen**
54. *Cook, Eat, Repeat* is a cookbook by which food writer?  
**Nigella Lawson**
55. In geography, what name is given to an oval hill created by the movement of a glacier which has since retreated?  
**Drumlin**
56. A new version of which well-known children's story won the 2023 Award for Best Animated Feature **see note 5**  
**Pinocchio**
57. Batavia was the former name of which Asian capital  
**Jakarta**
58. Which daughter of King Muttu reputedly founded the ancient city of Carthage?  
**Dido**
59. The Menai Suspension Bridge is one of two bridges which link Anglesey to the mainland. Name the other (three-word answer required)  
**Britannia Tubular Bridge see note 6**
60. Starting the month of Tishri, what two-day observance period begins the Jewish civil year?  
**Rosh Hashanah**
61. Who was the first celebrity to be voted off this season's Strictly Come Dancing? **see note 7**  
**Les Dennis**
62. What does the *Chancellor's Breakfast* signify the start of? **see note 8**  
**The Legal Year**
63. In Roman mythology who was the mother of Cupid?  
**Venus**
64. Which jockey has won the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe the most number of times (six)?  
**Frankie Dettori**
65. In which French city was Joan of Arc burnt at the stake?  
**Rouen**
66. A post-graduate degree is being offered at Exeter University in what subject?  
**Magic and the Occult see note 9**
67. Who last week was sworn in as the first woman to be Lady Chief Justice?  
**Dame Sue Carr**
68. Name either of the players who were named Professional Cricketers of the year for 2023?  
**Harry Brook or Tammy Beaumont**
69. The Tabernas Desert is in which country?  
**Spain**

70. What is the only doubly land-locked country in Europe?

**Liechtenstein**

**Second Written Round** There is a theme; one answer is a homophone

71. What name links a fourteenth century narrative poem and a pop band formed in Northern Ireland in 1989?

**(The) Divine Comedy**

72. Which Lancashire village lies equidistant between Wigan and Manchester?

**Astley**

73. What is the name of the journalist and author who holds the position of Chief Lead writer at *The Observer* newspaper?

**Sonia Sodha**

74. Which English painter became the first president of the Royal Academy of Arts and was knighted by George III in 1769?

**Joshua Reynolds**

75. In which 1985 film did Tina Turner play the character of Aunty Entity?

**Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome**

76. What was the name of the first cat to be a resident pet on *Blue Peter*?

**Jason**

77. *The Goldfinch* and *The Little Friend* are books by which American author?

**Donna Tartt**

78. What fruit is produced by herbaceous flowering plants of the genus *Musa*?

**Banana** see note 10

79. If a Cockney was off work ill, what phrase would he probably use to describe their situation?

(On the) **Pat and Mick**

80. In religious folklore what is the name given to someone who consumes a ritual meal in order to spiritually take on the transgressions of a deceased person?

**Sin Eater**

**Theme is Stock, Aitken & Waterman-produced artists**

(Divine; Rick Astley; Sonia; Reynolds Girls; Brother Beyond; Jason Donovan; Donna Summer; Bananarama; Pat Sharp and Mick Brown; Sinitta)

**Spares**

1. The Cumbrian tourist attractions Castlerigg, and Long Meg and Her Daughters, are examples of what?

**Stone Circles**

2. Which French Resistance fighter was awarded the 1969 Nobel Prize for Literature?

**Samuel Beckett** (Although Irish, he lived most of his life in Paris)

3. Which British dramatist wrote the 1963 film *The VIPs*?

**Terence Rattigan**

4. Which twentieth century novel is set in 'This year of stability AF632'?

## ***Brave New World***

5. On the Grand National course, which is the next fence after Becher's Brook?

### **The Foinavon fence**

## **Notes**

1. The collective name of these laws is simply 'Gas Laws'. The term 'Ideal Gas Law' (aka 'Perfect Gas law' or 'General Gas equation') is a single equation that connects Boyle's law, Charles's law, and Avogadro's law.
2. The administrative county of North Riding of Yorkshire was abolished in 1974. The county is now known as North Yorkshire.
3. The answer is open to interpretation. If the Severn catchment area includes the Warwickshire Avon, Wye and Bristol Avon, it exceeds the Humber catchment.
4. The answer depends on the definition of *premier* venue. According to [www.visitbradford.com](http://www.visitbradford.com), the Alhambra is regarded as the North's premier touring venue; however, St George's Hall has a larger capacity.
5. It must be assumed that this question refers to the **Academy** Award (Oscar). Also, the Oscar presented in 2023 is for films released in 2022, so it is correctly referred to as the 2022 Academy Award.
6. The bridge is commonly known as the Britannia Bridge, not the Britannia Tubular Bridge.
7. This is a repeat of Question 19.
8. It is usually referred to as the **Lord** Chancellor's Breakfast.
9. Exeter University offers numerous postgraduate courses. The question should have mentioned that this is a recently announced course, which will run from September 2024. The course's full name is MA in Magic and Occult Science.
10. The *musa* genus also covers plantains, although obviously that would not fit the theme.