

# LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2023

## QUESTIONS BY THE FINGERPOST

### First Verbal Round

1. The 1946 novel and later film *Zorba the Greek* is mainly set on which Greek island?  
**Crete**
2. In which month of the year is United Nations Day celebrated?  
**October**
3. The song *99 Red Balloons* was a UK number one hit single in 1984 for which artist?  
**Nena**
4. Give the common name of the plant *Myosotis*?  
**Forget-me-not**
5. In which year did the Boson Tea Party take place?  
**1773** (accept 1772 to 1774) **see note 1**
6. In *Last of the Summer Wine*, what was the name of Pearl's husband?  
**Howard Sibshaw** **see note 2**
7. In *The Bible* what was the name of Ruth's mother-in-law?  
**Naomi**
8. Whose autobiography is called *Take It Like a Man*?  
**Boy George**
9. In Swiss legend what is the name of William Tell's son?  
**Walter**
10. Roseau is the capital of which Caribbean island nation?  
**Dominica** (do not accept 'Dominican Republic', which is a different country)
11. Which chemical compound is produced by the Haber-Bosch process?  
**Ammonia**
12. In the films *Paddington* and *Paddington 2*, who voiced Paddington?  
**Ben Wishaw**
13. In 1939 the locomotive *Duchess of Hamilton* visited the USA disguised as which other locomotive?  
**Coronation**
14. In which century did the cartographer Gerardus Mercator live?  
**Sixteenth**
15. In heraldry the term *sable* refers to which colour?  
**Black**
16. *Rigel* is the brightest star in which constellation?  
**Orion** (The Hunter)

17. The country Eswatini was formerly known by what name?  
**Swaziland**
18. Burghley House is the family seat of the Marquis of where?  
**Exeter**
19. The small tree *Crataegus monogyna* is better known by what name?  
**Hawthorn**
20. Mary of Modena was queen consort of which British monarch?  
**James II**
21. The Yorkshire city of Ripon stands on which river?  
**Ure**
22. Which German author wrote *Death in Venice* and *The Magic Mountain*?  
**Thomas Mann**
23. In which country is Puccini's opera *Turandot* set?  
**China**
24. Who was the first US driver to win the Formula One Championship?  
**Phil Hill** (1961)
25. Which company built the World War 2 long-range *Blenheim* fighter aircraft?  
**Bristol** (Aeroplane Company)
26. Cotchford Farm in East Essex was the home of which children's author?  
**A. A. Milne** **see note 3**
27. In the UK the sweets known as *Starburst* were formerly known by what name?  
**Opal Fruits**
28. Which British national daily newspaper ceased to exist in 1995?  
**Today**
29. *The First State* is the official nickname of which US state?  
**Delaware**
30. What is the SI unit of electric charge?  
**Coulomb**

### First Written Round

**There is a theme; one answer is phonetic**

31. Which English city was known to the Romans as *Luguvalium*?  
**Carlisle**

32. Where did John Bunyan write most of *Pilgrim's Progress*?  
**Reading Bedford Bridge County Gaol** [see note 4](#)
33. Who played Tom's wife in *The Good Life*?  
**Felicity Kendall**
34. Stockport County's nickname is *The Hatters*; which other football club shares this nickname?  
**Luton Town**
35. In which northern city would you find the Ashton Memorial?  
**Lancaster**
36. Which Derbyshire mill is recognised as the world's first successful water-powered cotton spinning mill?  
**Cromford Mill**
37. Which railway station was used as the setting for *Brief Encounter*?  
**Carnforth**
38. From where did Bonnie Prince Charlie decide to retreat back to Scotland?  
**Derby**
39. Which cake is made using currants sandwiched between two layers of unsweetened short crust pastry?  
**Chorley Cake**
40. Whom did Frank Muir refer to as "*the thinking man's crumpet*"?  
**Joan Bakewell**

[Theme is locations on the A6](#)

## Second Verbal Round

41. Castries is the capital of which Caribbean island nation?  
**St Lucia**
42. Which chemical is produced using the Solvay process?  
**Sodium carbonate**
43. In *Last of the Summer Wine*, what was the name of Nora Batty's husband?  
**Wally** [see note 2](#)
44. In which country is Verdi's opera *Aida* set?  
**Egypt**
45. Give the common name of the plant *Aquilegia*?  
**Columbine** [see note 5](#)
46. In Arthurian legend who was the son of Sir Lancelot?  
**Sir Galahad**
47. In which century did the printer William Caxton live?  
**Fifteenth**
48. Who had a number seven UK hit single with *The Red Balloon*?  
**The Dave Clark 5**

49. In which month of the year is Commonwealth Day celebrated?  
**March**
50. Which company built the World War 2 versatile *Mosquito* aircraft?  
**De Haviland**
51. In the films *Peter Rabbit* and *Peter Rabbit 2*, who voiced Peter Rabbit?  
**James Corden**
52. In which year was the Battle of the Little Big Horn?  
**1876** (accept 1875 to 1877) **see note 1**
53. Badminton House is the family seat of the Duke of where?  
**Beaufort**
54. The chocolate known as *Snickers* was formerly known in the UK by which name?  
**Marathon**
55. Whose autobiography is entitled *Past Imperfect*?  
**Joan Collins**
56. The Republic of Botswana was formerly known by what name?  
**Bechuanaland**
57. What was the name of the Cumbrian cottage in which Beatrix Potter lived from 1913?  
**Castle Cottage** **see note 6**
58. In 1933 the locomotive *The King's Dragoon Guardsman* visited the USA disguised as which other locomotive?  
**Royal Scot**
59. Who was the first New Zealand driver to win the Formula One Championship?  
**Denny Hulme** (1967)
60. In heraldry the term *gules* refers to which colour?  
**Red**
61. Which British national daily newspaper ceased to exist in 1971?  
**Daily Sketch**
62. The 1994 novel and later film *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* is mainly set on which Greek island?  
**Cephalonia**
63. What is the SI unit of electric capacitance?  
**Farad**
64. According to *The Bible* who was the grandfather of Noah?  
**Methuselah**
65. Which German author wrote *Steppenwolf* and *The Glass Bead Game*?  
**Herman Hesse**
66. The Yorkshire city of Wakefield stands on which river?  
**Calder**
67. *Arcturus* is the brightest star in which constellation?  
**Bootes** (The Herdsman)

68. *The Constitution State* is the official nickname of which US state?

**Connecticut**

69. Catherine of Valois was the Queen Consort of which English monarch?

**Henry V**

70. The tree *Prunus spinosa* is better known by what name?

**Blackthorn** [see note 7](#)

## Second Written Round **No theme**

71. The name of which volcanic archipelago translates as 'tortoises'?

**Galapagos**

72. As in a ferry described as RORO, what does RORO stand for?

**Roll on, roll off**

73. *A Handbook for Instruction in Good Citizenship* is the subtitle of which 1908 book.

**Scouting for Boys**

74. In imperial measurement how many fluid ounces are there in a gill?

**Five** [see note 8](#)

75. What was the name of Andy Warhol's studio in New York City?

**The Factory**

76. Which fortified wine takes its name from a port in the westernmost end of Sicily?

**Marsala**

77. *The Merry Widow* was an operetta composed by which Austro-Hungarian?

**Franz Lehár**

78. Watford Gap is in which English county?

**Northamptonshire**

79. The pigment ultramarine was originally sourced from which metamorphic rock?

**Lapis lazuli**

80. Which Swedish singer had a UK number one hit single in 1988 with *Buffalo Stance*?

**Neneh Cherry**

## Spares

1. On a standard London Underground map what colour is the Jubilee Line?

**Grey** [see note 9](#)

2. The Rumanian-born actor Emanuel Goldenberg found fame in Hollywood under what name?

**Edward G. Robinson**

3. Who was the last man to walk on the moon?

**Eugene Cernan**

4. There are two African countries which only share a land border with one other country. The Gambia is one, what is the other?

**Lesotho**

5. A *bullace* is a variety of which fruit?

**Plum**

6. Which chemical element is named after the EU's most populous member state?

**Germanium**

## Notes

1. If any leeway is allowed it is better to say so in the question, so that teams can apply it to their deliberations.
2. This question requires a full name to be given, but the pair (Q43) requires a first name only. It would have been fairer to put Pearl's surname in the question.
3. Cotchford Farm is in East **Sussex**.
4. This answer seems to have got a bit garbled. The correct answer is Bedford County Gaol.
5. 'Granny's bonnet' is an equally acceptable answer.
6. Beatrix Potter owned several properties/tracts of land in Cumbria. By far the best known of these is Hill Top in Near Sawrey, so it might have been better to mention in the question that this was **not** the answer being sought.
7. 'Sloe' is an equally acceptable answer.
8. In some parts of the UK a gill is half a pint, so 'ten' is also an acceptable answer.
9. The Jubilee Line is coloured silver, to commemorate the silver jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.