

**LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 11 JANUARY 2024**  
**QUESTIONS BY MIKE BATH**

**First Verbal Round**

1. On this day (11 January) in 1935 a renowned aviator made the first successful solo flight from Hawaii to California, a distance further than from the US to Europe. Who was that aviator?  
**Amelia Earhart**
2. Which English cathedral is renowned for its octagonal tower topped by a lantern?  
**Ely**
3. Between 1913 and 1919 which future foreign political leader worked as a dishwasher and chef at the Drayton Court Hotel in West Ealing?  
**Ho Chi Minh**
4. At the start of the film *Casablanca* the narrator talks of the flight of refugees from Nazi Europe heading for America who end up in Casablanca. He tells of them fleeing from Paris to Marseille then across the Mediterranean to which Algerian port before heading west to Casablanca?  
**Oran**
5. On the much-loved former BBC programme *The Mrs Merton Show*, who did Caroline Aherne ask "Who do you vote for now Hitler's dead?"?  
**Bernard Manning**
6. What is the capital of Equatorial Guinea?  
**Malabo**
7. Contestants in elections in ancient Rome wore white togas. What English word derives from this practice?  
**Candidate** ('candida' is the Latin word for 'white')
8. In the Scottish county of Moray what is the name of the nearby port traditionally associated with the city of Elgin?  
**Lossiemouth**
9. In the 1968 musical film *Funny Girl* who plays the male lead?  
**Omar Sharif**
10. Which British chemicals company has a short single-word name that means 'dawn of something new and innovative'?  
**INEOS** (ineo + eos)
11. Which Australian cricketer was accused of gamesmanship when he stumped Jonny Bairstow in the 2023 Lords test match after Bairstow had inadvertently wandered from his crease between deliveries?  
**Alex Carey** (the Australian wicketkeeper)
12. On ITV's quiz show, *The Chase*, what is the stage name adopted by the quizzer Mark Labbett?  
**The Beast**
13. Which English monarch was married to Matilda of Scotland and, after her death, Adeliza of Louvain?  
**Henry I**
14. Which rodent has the scientific name *Glis glis*?  
**Dormouse**
15. Who is widely credited with the discovery of electromagnetic waves, including radio waves, in the 1880s?  
**Heinrich Hertz**

16. On this day (11 January) in 1946 the People's Republic of Albania was declared. Who made this declaration?

**Enver Hoxha**

17. Which is the only cathedral situated in the historic Welsh county of Denbighshire?

**St Asaph**

18. Which future world leader was a member of the Oxford University Basketball Club and also the Oxford University's rugby union team during the late 1960s?

**Bill Clinton**

19. At the start of the film *Casablanca* the narrator talks of the flight of refugees from Nazi Europe heading for America who end up in Casablanca en route. Where does he say they wish to go next after Casablanca?

**Lisbon**

20. On the much-loved former BBC programme *The Mrs Merton Show*, some of the audience members were regulars appearing on each show and contributing some questions to the guests. One such was a former Manchester City goalkeeper. Who was he?

**Harry Dowd**

21. The capital of Equatorial Guinea, Malabo, lies on an island in the Gulf of Guinea. This island is now called Bioko but what was its former name when it was under Spanish colonial rule prior to 1968?

**Fernando Po**

22. In ancient Greece voters wrote the names of citizens they wished to be banished on potsherds which they deposited in the forum. What English word derives from this practice?

**Ostracise** ('ostrakon' is the Classical Greek word for a 'potsherd' or 'tile')

23. What was the former name of the Scottish county now known as Angus?

**Forfarshire**

24. The 1968 film *Funny Girl* picked up a load of Oscars. The female lead Barbra Streisand tied for the Best Actress award with which other actress, the star of *The Lion in Winter*?

**Katherine Hepburn**

25. Sir Jim Ratcliffe, the founder and chairman of INEOS, was born and started his schooling in which area of Oldham?

**Failsworth**

26. Which Worcestershire fast medium bowler was playing just his second test for England in the 2023 Lords Ashes test?

**Josh Tongue**

27. On ITV's quiz show *The Chase* what is the real name of the quizzier known as 'The Governess'?

**Anne Hegerty**

28. Which English monarch was married to Eleanor of Castille and then, after her death, to Margaret of France?

**Edward I**

29. Which rodent has the genus name *Cavia*?

**Guinea pig**

30. Which Mancunian physicist and 1906 Nobel laureate was responsible for teaching seven other Nobel laureates during the course of his academic career?

**J. J. Thomson**

## First Written Round

A theme runs through the answers, sometimes making use of soundalikes and/or words that form parts of longer words

31. Which entrepreneur whose headquarters were just outside Bristol marketed the 'Famous Infra-draw method' of gambling back in the 1950s and 1960s?

**Horace Batchelor**

32. In 1820 a plot was hatched to murder the Prime Minister, Lord Liverpool, and his cabinet. It was foiled through a police informer. What was the plot known as?

**The Cato Street Conspiracy**

33. Of whom was former United manager Louis van Gaal speaking when he called this player "an acquisition for United's future rather than for immediate use", and the transfer fee "ridiculous"?

**Anthony Martial**

34. Elyesa Bazna was one of the most important spies for Nazi Germany during World War 2. He worked as valet to the British ambassador in Ankara, Turkey. What code name was he given?

**Cicero**

35. What is the name of the lead character, a Philadelphia detective, played by Sidney Poitier in the 1967 film *In the Heat of the Night*? Full name required.

**Virgil Tibbs**

36. On the evening of 7 November 1974, Sandra Rivett, a nanny, was bludgeoned to death in London. Who was believed to be her murderer?

**Lord Lucan**

37. Which food stuff is extracted from the inner bark of the Sri Lankan lauraceous tree?

**Cinnamon**

38. What is the capital and most populous city in the US state of Rhode Island?

**Providence**

39. Who wrote the play *Ross* about the life of T. E. Lawrence?

**Terence Rattigan**

40. "The evil that men do lives after them; The good is oft interred with their bones" are lines taken from which of Shakespeare's plays?

**Julius Caesar**

**Theme: each answer contains the name of a well-known Latin author**

(Horace, Cato, Martial, Cicero, Virgil, Lucan, Cinna, Ovid, Terence and Caesar)

## Second Verbal Round

41. For 36 days in 2015 a pop-up theme park called Dismaland was open at a disused lido in Weston-super-Mare. It featured the works of many famous contemporary artists. Who organised this event?

**Banksy**

42. Which post-war English northern new town was built in response to the local district council surveyor's report entitled *Farewell Squalor* and was named after a local trade unionist, councillor and preacher?

**Peterlee**

43. With Arthur Kennelly, which English physicist lends his name to the layer of the ionosphere about 90-150 km above the ground that reflects medium length radio waves back to earth?

**Oliver Heaviside**

44. Which actor and actress starred in the TV series *Fat Friends* between 2000 and 2005, before even greater success from 2007 in a BBC sitcom they also co-wrote?

**James Corden and Ruth Jones** (creators of *Gavin & Stacey*)

45. Which composer, born in Tbilisi in 1903, is best known for the *Sabre Dance* from the ballet *Gayane* and the *Adagio* from *Spartacus*?

**Aram Khachaturian**

46. In physics which letter is usually used to represent electric charge?

**Q**

47. Lord Summerisle and Willow MacGregor are characters from which 1973 British film directed by Robin Hardy?

***The Wicker Man***

48. Perhaps unsurprisingly the grandest memorial in Southern cemetery belongs to Manchester's first multi-millionaire, industrialist and philanthropist. He is more usefully commemorated by a sumptuous neo-Gothic structure built and donated to Manchester by his widow. What is this building called?

**The John Rylands Library**

49. The assassination of President John F Kennedy on 22 November 1963 obscured the fact that two famous British literary figures also departed this life on that day. Name either of them.

**Aldous Huxley or C. S. Lewis**

50. Which TV comedy written by John Morton starred Hugh Bonneville, as well as Sarah Parish playing the character Anna Rampton as 'Head of Better'?

**W1A**

51. What was Siddhartha Gautama's claim to fame?

**He became Buddha**

52. A yellow pig's tusk appears on the flag of which pacific island country? It was formerly the Anglo-French condominium of the New Hebrides.

**Vanuatu**

53. Born in 1887 Heitor Villa-Lobos is probably the best-known composer from which country?

**Brazil**

54. Which upmarket department store in Great Marlborough Street, London is famous for its floral and graphic prints? In the 1890s it encouraged designers of the Arts and Crafts movement.

**Liberty**

55. What is the name of the low mountain range located in western Germany and eastern Belgium that has almost exactly the same name as a well-known French landmark?

**The Eifel range**

56. At Weston-super-Mare's Dismaland theme park one of the daily features was the burning in a fire pit of the books of which local author?

**Jeffrey Archer** (Baron Archer of Weston-super-Mare)

57. Which post-war Scottish new town was developed in the heart of Fife and named after the local Earl and landowner?

**Glenrothes**

58. Which German born physicist proposed the 'Uncertainty Principle' concerning the relationship between the position and velocity of quantum particles?

**Werner Heisenberg**

59. With whom did James Corden pair up, under an ensemble name Shout for England, for the release in 2010 of the single *Shout*? It was the unofficial anthem of the England football team in that year's World Cup and reached number one in the UK charts.

**Dizzee Rascal**

60. Which composer, born in St Petersburg in 1833, is best known for the symphonic poem *In the Steppes of Central Asia* and *The Polovtsian Dances* from his opera *Prince Igor*?
- Borodin**
61. In physics which letter is used to represent Planck's constant?
- h**
62. Charlie Croker and Mr Bridger are characters from which 1969 British film directed by Peter Collinson?
- The Italian Job***
63. Whose memorial in Southern Cemetery is registered as a Grade 2 listed structure? It was erected in 1920, a few months after his untimely death. Built in white marble it consists of a richly carved Celtic cross within an enclosure containing a marble rock and a carved propeller. The house where he lived in Ladybarn is marked by a blue plaque.
- Sir John Alcock** (the pioneering pilot)
64. Two American presidents, both signers of the Declaration of Independence, passed away on 4 July 1826, the 50th anniversary of its signing. Name either of them.
- John Adams** or **Thomas Jefferson** (the second and third US presidents)
65. Which TV comedy featured the characters Fairfax and Carstairs? They were unfailingly polite but often had difficulty communicating with the locals.
- 'Allo 'Allo**
66. How is Tenzin Gyatso better known?
- The Dalai Lama**
67. The flags of Australia, New Zealand and Brazil all depict the Southern Cross. Name one of the two other national flags on which the Southern Cross appears.
- Papua New Guinea** or **Samoa**
68. In 1996 the 20th-century composer Arthur Honegger appeared on a twenty-franc banknote of which country?
- Switzerland**
69. Trench coats worn by British soldiers of all ranks in both World Wars were made and supplied by which company founded by John Emary in 1851 at 46 Regent Street, London? The company's name is the Latin for 'watershield'.
- Aquascutum**
70. The French Senate meets in which historic building which derives its name from that of another EU country?
- The Palace of Luxembourg**

**Second Written Round 'Welcome to 2024' - each question references the number four**

71. Franklin D Roosevelt made a famous speech proclaiming the Four Freedoms in 1941. The four were Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship and which other two?
- Freedom from Want** and **Freedom from Fear**
72. In the film *Four Weddings and a Funeral* who played Father Gerald?
- Rowan Atkinson**
73. Who released their fourth album *Four* in 2014?
- One Direction**
74. Named after a country which rare transition metal belonging to the platinum group has the chemical number 44?
- Ruthenium** (named after *Ruthenia*, the Latin name for Russia)
75. The French retailer Carrefour is the seventh largest retailer in the world by revenue. The first Carrefour store opened in 1960 in Annecy in south-eastern France near to which local feature?
- A crossroads** (*carrefour* is the French word for crossroads) **see note 1**

76. The music group The Four Tops consisted of Abdul 'Duke' Fakir, Renaldo 'Obie' Benson, Lawrence Payton and which other singer?  
**Levi Stubbs**
77. Which former English league football ground was famous for being the only league ground with a pub at each of the four corners of the stadium? The club that used to play at this ground still features the logo of Fullers brewery on its club badge.  
**Griffin Park** (former home of Brentford FC)
78. What was the name of the athletics track in Oxford where Roger Bannister ran the first sub-four-minute mile?  
**Iffley Road**
79. Who played the fourteenth Doctor in the *Doctor Who* series?  
**David Tennant** (who also played the tenth Doctor; Ncuti Gatwa will play the fifteenth Doctor)
80. Since the 2019 general election there have been six UK Secretaries of State for Education. Who was the fourth of these?  
**James Cleverley**

## Spares

1. By what name is the fictional character Jimmy Gatz better known?  
**Jay Gatsby** (accept 'The Great Gatsby')
2. How is the fictional character Bertha Mason more commonly known?  
**Mrs Rochester** (in *Jane Eyre*)
3. Which Commonwealth country derives its name from the Spanish names given to its two main islands? In English the names mean 'ancient' and 'bearded'.  
**Antigua and Barbuda**
4. Which Country and Western music singer performed guest vocals on the KLF's 1991 hit *Justified and Ancient*?  
**Tammy Wynette**
5. Which group of people spent their first night huddled together on the floor of a tiny church hall in Chester-Le - Street and their last night in the more hospitable surroundings of the Edgware Rotary Club. They reached their destination the following afternoon after 26 days on the road.  
**The Jarrow Marchers**
6. In which Bedfordshire town on the river Lea did the Jarrow Marchers spend the night two nights before reaching Edgware? They received their warmest welcome here. The locals were proud of their Socialist history and for the part they had played in the memorable headline of 1919 "Town Hall Burnt Down During Peace Day Celebrations". This happened when a group of disabled ex-servicemen chanting "Don't pity us, give us work" were so infuriated by a patronising speech by the Lord Mayor that they barricaded him into the Town Hall and set fire to it whilst singing *We'll Keep the Home Fires Burning*.  
**Luton**

## Notes

1. In comparison to, say, Lake Annecy or the Château d'Annecy a crossroads is not a particularly notable local feature, so it might have been better just to ask what 'carrefour' means.