



# MERSEYSIDE QUIZ LEAGUES

2014-2015

Questions set by Ormskirk 7

Correct as at September 2014



## Round 1

1a	Who painted <i>Girl with a Pearl Earring</i> in 1665?	<b>JOHANNES VERMEER</b>
1b	Which footballer has played for Arsenal, Bolton Wanderers, Chelsea, Liverpool, Manchester City, West Brom, Real Madrid, Paris St Germain, Fenerbahçe and Juventus?	<b>NICOLAS ANELKA</b>
2a	Who appeared on the £10 note between February 1975 and May 1994?	<b>FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE</b>
2b	In which English County would you find the following district councils – Amber Valley and Erewash?	<b>DERBYSHIRE</b>
3a	What was the name of the Gulf of Mexico oil rig which exploded and sank in April 2010 causing an environmental disaster?	<b>DEEPWATER HORIZON</b>
3b	Which mythical creature had a woman's head and the body of a bird?	<b>HARPY</b>
4a	The name of pop group MKS is made up of the initial letters of the first names of the 3 members, these 3 were the original members of which other successful group?	<b>SUGARBABES</b>
4b	Who plays the part of Nessa in the sitcom <i>Gavin and Stacey</i> ?	<b>RUTH JONES</b>

## Round 2

1a	What relation was Queen Victoria to her predecessor William IV?	<b>NIECE</b>
1b	Which company makes the Air Multiplier bladeless fan?	<b>DYSON</b>
2a	Give a year in the life of the landscape gardener – Lancelot "Capability" Brown.	<b>1716-1783</b>
2b	Which comic actress, who lived from 1942 to 1999, starred in many comedy films by Mel Brooks including <i>Blazing Saddles</i> ?	<b>MADELINE KAHN</b>
3a	Name the Trinidad-born rapper who released the album <i>Pink Friday</i> in 2010.	<b>NICKI MINAJ</b>
3b	In which TV comedy series of the 1970s were the criminal Piranha Brothers relentlessly pursued by a giant hedgehog called Norman?	<b>MONTY PYTHON'S FLYING CIRCUS (accept MONTY PYTHON)</b>
4a	In what year was the Battle of the Nile, fought between the British and French fleets?	<b>1798</b>
4b	The name of which Indian subcontinent meal is derived from the Persian for "hot oil"?	<b>ROGAN JOSH</b>

## Round 3

1a	What is the name give to thin wispy cloud above 18 000 feet?	<b>CIRRUS</b>
1b	In which county would you find the National Trust properties Wallington and Cragside?	<b>NORTHUMBERLAND</b>
2a	Who became the new Children's Laureate in June 2013?	<b>MALORIE BLACKMAN</b>
2b	Which city hosted the Olympic Games in 1912?	<b>STOCKHOLM</b>
3a	Crime writer Philip Kerr sets his novels predominantly in which country?	<b>GERMANY</b>
3b	What misfortune befell champion jockey Frankie Dettori at Longchamp in December 2012?	<b>HE TESTED POSITIVE (FOR COCAINE)</b>

4a	Tricia Marwick is the current holder of which post in the Scottish Parliament, equivalent to Speaker in the House of Commons?	<b><u>PRESIDING OFFICER</u></b>
4b	Which Irish city lies on the River Foyle?	<b>LONDONDERRY (accept DERRY)</b>

#### Round 4

1a	In 1990 which American musician was invited by Vaclav Havel to become the Cultural Ambassador of Czechoslovakia, but was stopped after pressure from the US government?	<b>FRANK ZAPPA</b>
1b	Who directed the 2006 film <i>This is England</i> ?	<b>SHANE MEADOWS</b>
2a	Who was the youngest US president to hold office, sworn in at the age of 42 in 1901?	<b><u>THEODORE ROOSEVELT</u></b>
2b	Which biomolecule allows plants to absorb energy from light?	<b>CHLOROPHYLL</b>
3a	In computing, what does the second T in HTTP stand for?	<b>TRANSFER (HYPERTEXT TRANSFER PROTOCOL)</b>
3b	Bujumbura is the capital of which African country?	<b>BURUNDI</b>
4a	Madresfield Court, a moated house near to the Malvern Hills in Worcestershire, was the real-life inspiration for the setting of which novel first published in 1945?	<b>BRIDESHEAD REVISITED</b>
4b	How many dominoes are there in a "double six" set?	<b>28</b>

#### Round 5

1a	Which American actor was made a United Nations Messenger of Peace in 2008 for his political activism, particularly relating to Darfur?	<b>GEORGE CLOONEY</b>
1b	Who directed the 1994 film <i>Four Weddings and a Funeral</i> ?	<b>MIKE NEWELL</b>
2a	Who preceded John F Kennedy as President of the USA?	<b>DWIGHT D EISENHOWER</b>
2b	In which substance in the human body can you find amylase, an enzyme which breaks down starch into sugars?	<b>SALIVA</b>
3a	What was the title of Eminem's single in 1999 which featured the voice of British singer Dido?	<b>STAN</b>
3b	In a Monty Python sketch featuring a football match between Greeks and Germans, what was the occupation of all the players?	<b>PHILOSOPHERS</b>
4a	Who commanded the British forces at the 1898 Battle of Omdurman?	<b>HORATIO HERBERT KITCHENER</b>
4b	What does the Indonesian meal "Nasi Goreng" literally mean?	<b>FRIED RICE</b>

#### Round 6

1a	Which English monarch reigned for 56 years in the 13th century (with a brief interruption by Simon de Montfort's parliament?)	<b>HENRY III</b>
1b	Which company makes the Galaxy range of mobile phones?	<b>SAMSUNG</b>
2a	Give a year in the life of the painter George Stubbs.	<b>1724-1806</b>
2b	Which actress, with first name Madeleine, played opposite Bruce Willis in the 1995 film <i>12 Monkeys</i> ?	<b>MADELEINE STOWE</b>
3a	The artist Sir Sidney Nolan produced a series of paintings, including <i>The First-Class Marksman</i> and <i>The Trial</i> centring on which historical figure?	<b>NED KELLY</b>
3b	Floyd Landis won which major sporting event in July 2006, only to be stripped of his title after a positive drugs test?	<b>TOUR DE FRANCE</b>
4a	What title is given to the Leader of the Welsh Government?	<b><u>FIRST MINISTER (OF WALES)</u></b>
4b	Which Irish city lies on the River Corrib?	<b>GALWAY</b>

**Round 7**

1a	What is the name given to dense towering vertical clouds associated with thunderstorms?	<b>CUMULONIMBUS</b>
1b	In which county would you find the English Heritage properties of Castle Acre Priory and Castle Rising?	<b>NORFOLK</b>
2a	Which Scot is Professor of Contemporary Poetry & Creative Director of the Manchester Writing School at Manchester Metropolitan University?	<b>CAROL ANN DUFFY</b>
2b	Which city hosted the summer Olympics in 1928?	<b>AMSTERDAM</b>
3a	In computing, what does the M in XML stand for?	<b>MARKUP ( EXTENSIBLE MARKUP LANGUAGE)</b>
3b	Porto-Novo is the capital of which African country?	<b>BENIN</b>
4a	Top Withens, a ruined farmhouse in West Yorkshire is reputed to be the inspiration for which 19th century novel?	<b>WUTHERING HEIGHTS</b>
4b	In a knockout tournament with 32 teams involved, how many matches are there?	<b>31</b>

**Round 8**

1a	Who painted a series of five paintings <i>The Card Players</i> in the 1890s?	<b>PAUL CEZANNE</b>
1b	Which footballer has played for Blackburn Rovers, Chelsea, Everton, Manchester United, Southampton, Barcelona and Bayern Munich?	<b>MARK HUGHES</b>
2a	Who appeared on the £20 note between June 1991 and February 2001?	<b>MICHAEL FARADAY</b>
2b	In which English County would you find the following district councils – Broxbourne and Dacorum?	<b>HERTFORDSHIRE</b>
3a	What is the name of the Japanese Nuclear Power Plant damaged by tsunami in March 2011?	<b>FUKUSHIMA</b>
3b	Who, in legend was the friend and adviser to Odysseus?	<b>MENTOR</b>
4a	Which singer-songwriter won the 2013 Mercury Music Prize for his album <i>Overgrown</i> ?	<b>JAMES BLAKE</b>
4b	Which sitcom about a family includes a mother and son played by Claire Skinner and Tyger Drew-Honey?	<b>OUTNUMBERED</b>

**Spare Questions**

1	In what US state is Princeton University?	<b>NEW JERSEY</b>
2	In Milton's epic <i>Paradise Lost</i> what is the capital of Hell?	<b>PANDEMONIUM</b>
3	Which famous author, who played for MCC, took only one first class wicket, that of W G Grace ?	<b>ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE</b>