

# ARMCHAIR TREASURE HUNT 1993 - 94

## ANSWERS

My aim this year was to produce a quiz that attracted more people into the excitement of the thing and giving more people the chance to actually go and dig up treasure. At the same time, I had to keep the real devotees, whose main idea of fun is to sit inside a library at Xmas researching obscure bits of trivia. I hope that I managed to achieve that this year, since an unprecedented number of people actually found treasure (this slightly ambiguous terminology will be explained later).

It was much more relaxing at Christmas for me this year, since I was not worried about people finding it too quickly (although this year must be the all time record for the first to the treasure). What did surprise me was the number of people moving fairly rapidly to the next part of the solution.

I also tried to mix in a few different types of quiz, namely punning tube station names in the story. The only thing that I really must do better on is to make the stories a bit more meaningful!

Anyway, here are the answers to this year's quiz. Firstly, the general knowledge questions.

10 Who is Arnold Wolfendale? [22]

He is the current Astronomer Royal.

11 Who made a bid of 10M Reichsrnarks for the World Chess Championships? [42]

Mr Noel Aims of Warrington. He put in a spoof bid for the Kasparov - Short match in London. It got them terribly excited, since they thought it was in Deutschmarks - equating to about £4M! In Reichsmarks, it's worth about 2p. Shame.

12 If Eisenhower plays golf and Noel Bruce plays rackets, what does Henry Leaf play? [41]

Real Tennis. These are the names of various trophies that can be won in these sports. The Eisenhower trophy is for the world amateur team championship. In the Noel Bruce cup final in 1991, Eton beat Tonbridge. The Henry Leaf cup is for doubles play.

13 Who was The Public Eye of the 30's and 40's in New York? [42]

Weegee - whose real name Arthur Fellig. I accepted either, but was looking for the former. He was a freelance news photographer in New York who had the reputation of always being first to an accident or murder. The Logica 21st Anniversary poster has one of his pictures on it. "The Public Eye" name refers to the film of that name that was loosely based on Weegee's life. It starred Joe Pesci as Leon'Bernzy'Bemstein (aka The Great Bemzini), but marks were not awarded for this bit of trivia.

14 Wolfgang Amadeus Chrysostum Mozart. [17]

This was the name I was looking for. There may have been others, but not in my dictionary of biography. Hard luck if you thought you were done out of a point here - 'my' answer is the one you should have tried to get.

15 Which state, not a member of the commonwealth, has the union flag as part of its national flag? [7]

**South Africa** was the one I was thinking of, but there were several answers of Fiji (which also meets the criteria of being a state and a nation), which was allowed, and Hawaii, which was not (since it is not a nation).

19 For what is the Dicken medal awarded? [17]

What I was after is **animal bravery**. Several people said that I had spelt it wrong, that it should be Dickin. In my book, this is not so, but you all got the message, so I'm happy!

20 What did Thomcroft sell that had the French foaming at the mouth? [20]

**Elderflower champagne**. There was a court case this year in which the French successfully sued Thomcroft for marketing their (non-alcoholic) beverage under the champagne name.

21 Who, or what, are Incitatus, Rosinante and Marengo? [7]

They are all **horses**. Incitatus was the horse that the Roman emperor Caligula made into a consul. Rosinante was Don Quixote's steed and Marengo was Napoleon's warhorse.

22 Who created Pascal? [11]

The easiest question of the lot for a computer company, I would have thought. **Nikolaus Wirth**. It was named after the mathematician and philosopher Blaise Pascal.

23 What rank did Maigret hold? [35]

He was a **Commissaire** in the Police Judiciaire. This is the French rank, of course, which is what I was looking for. Answers of Chief Inspector from the television version were not accepted. A bonus to Barbara Gedling, who asked me the question "At what stage of his career?".

24 If Roy Chadwick designed the aircraft, and Bames Wallis the bomb, who led the mission? [6]

Wing Commander Guy **Gibson**, of 617 Squadron - the Dambusters. Roy Chadwick designed the Lancaster bomber and the more famous Bames Wallis designed the famous bouncing bomb. Gibson was later killed in action acting as a pathfinder in 617 squadron, which was later taken over by Leonard Cheshire. Roy Chadwick was the chief designer of Avro and Bames Wallis was an inventor.

30 If Sodor & Man and Gibraltar are the odd ones out, what are they? [20]

They are the only two **Bishops** who do not sit in the House of Lords.

31 By what name were Toto Brugnon, Jean Borotra, Henri Cochet and Rend Lacoste collectively known? [10]

They were, collectively, the **Four Musketeers** of tennis. They were the stalwarts of the French Davis Cup team in the 1920's.

32 What connects Choice, Cool and Kiss? [12]

They are all independent local **Radio** stations. Choice (96.9FM) operates from Trinity Gardens, London, Cool FM (97.4) operates in Co. Down and Kiss FM (100.0) operates from Holloway Road, London.

33 In which of Shakespeare's plays is a statue magically brought to life? [17]

This happens in "A **Winter's Tale**". This play also includes the fascinating stage direction *exit pursued by bear*. Hermione reveals herself to Leontes, who had thought that she had died many years previously.

34 By what name is Slippery Jim DiGriz better known? [29]

This is a reference to the eponymous hero of Harry Harrison's spoof science **fiction** hero, **The Stainless Steel Rat**. Sleepy (as he is known by some fiendish aliens) is an intergalactic thief turned good guy.

35 Which is the only Inner London borough without a tube station? [15]

According to my sources, **Hackney**. But then again, who would want to go to Hackney in the first place? (I am risking a lot by saying that, as I am sure that *somebody* lives there ...). Manor House station has an entrance right on the boundary, but not inside. There was a lot of support for Greenwich. This does have a station inside its boundaries, but this is the

start of a foot tunnel **to** the end of the DLR at Island Gardens. Since you can argue that this is not a proper station, I allowed the answer.

40 What is the family name of the Queen's champion? [26]

**Dymoke.** Originally the Champion of England, he rode up Westminster Hall on Coronation day and challenged to combat anyone who disputed the right to succession of the monarch. Nowadays, the champion bears the standard of the sovereign at the Coronation.

41 Which country was shaken by the Greencore scandal? [35]

I found this question out whilst on holiday there a couple of years ago. Greencore is the state sugar company of **Eire**. There was a large political scandal involving ownership and share dealing, where directors were accused of making fortunes from shares after a Government sell-off.

42 What connects Moreton Frewen, Lord Randolph Churchill and Sir Jack Leslie? [40]

They all have the same father-in-law, Leonard Jerome. Clara married Morton, Jennie married Lord Randolph Churchill (and begat Winston) and Leonie, the youngest, married Sir Jack.

43 Whose last words were "On the whole, I'd rather be in Philadelphia."? [11]

Another simple question, I thought. The answer is WC **Fields**. This was actually his own suggested epitaph, but is pretty famous.

44 What sets Northern and Central Line trains apart? [26]

... ie what makes them different. Well, there could be a lot of answers, but the one that I was looking for is that these are the only lines to run with **guards** on board at all times. All other lines have one man operation.

45 What connects Alan Rickman, Viv Stanshall and John Gordon Sinclair? [43]

This is a musical question, to do with Mike Oldfield. In the 1970's he produced a huge selling album that set Virgin records and Richard Branson on the path to millions. This was called **Tubular Bells**. At the end of side one, Viv Stanshall acts as the Master of Ceremonies, announcing instruments as Mike plays them. Alan Rickman did the same thing on Tubular Bells 11. John Gordon Sinclair did the same job at the first live performance of TBII at Edinburgh Castle in 1992.

53 Which town has its own telephone company? [7]

Due to some quirk of history, this is **Hull**. Answers of Kingston-upon-Hull were also accepted, of course, but did not fit the acrostic. They have pretty white telephone boxes.

54 Bilbo, Falchion, Spadroon and Schiavona. What are they? [15]

Several answers of hobbits here, but the answer I am looking for is that they are all types of **sword**. A bilbo is a type of rapier, named after Bilbao in Spain, once famous for its blades. A Falchion is a broad curved sword. A Spadroon was used by British Infantry officers in the 1700s and a Schianova is a Venetian broadsword.

55 Who said "Are you sitting comfortably? Then I'll begin."? [21]

These were the famous words that every child looked forward to. **Julia Lang** said them at the start of "Listen with Mother" on the radio every weekday lunchtime. The other presenter of the programme was Daphne Oxenford. This was also accepted, but did not fit the acrostic.

56 Which Hitchcock film was released in both silent and talkie versions? [19]

The answer here is **Blackmail**. Hitchcock originally filmed it as a silent movie, but it was at about the time of The Jazz Singer, and he wanted to get on the talkies bandwagon. So he reshot it as a talkie. However, not all cinemas in Britain could handle this new fangled sound thing, so he released the silent version to show in those houses.

57 Milton wrote "Samson Agonistes". Who wrote "Gazza Agonistes"? [28]

The answer is a chap called **Ian Hamilton**. It was released just before Christmas this year, as an epic poem inspired by Milton's effort. I somehow don't think that it will achieve quite the same amount of fame....

58 Where is the People's Palace? [32]

Quite a few people gave the answer of China. There may well be one there, for all I know, but that is not the one that I was after. In **Glasgow**, there is a museum called the People's Palace which gives a social history of the ordinary people of Glasgow. Another answer was in the Mile End Road, but I believe that this has been demolished, so I did not allow this one.

61 Who was the only cadet to successfully pass the Kobayashi-Maru test, albeit by bending the rules? [14]

**Captain James T Kirk** of the Starship Enterprise. In Star Trek 2, the film opens with yet another cadet failing this training simulation, which was designed to have no solution. Kirk reprogrammed the computer so that he could win.

62 Who celebrated a 150th birthday with a beer and beef stew at their wasegoose? [40]

**The News of the World** newspaper was founded in 1843. A wasegoose is a literary party / glorified booze up (annual picnic). The NOTW did things in Victorian style with a beer and beef stew, as well as an awful lot of champagne. Here's to the next 150 years of accurate and topical reporting (!).

63 What connects John Foster Dulles, John Fitzgerald Kennedy and Charles de Gaulle? [4]

They are all international **Airports**. Dulles airport is in Washington DC, JFK is New York and Charles de Gaulle is near Paris.

64 What was known as FAB 208? [12]

The first and most famous offshore radio station, **Radio Luxembourg**. It started up the whole era of modem radio, and even made the BBC start Radio 1. Well, haven't we got a lot to be thankful for...

65 What did The Specialist specialise in? [20]

In the 1950's, a slim humorous booklet was written by an American called Lem Putt. Called The Specialist, it was all about a man whose passion was **privy building**. One holers, two holers, even a six holer did he make, out in people's back yards.

66 What was the original name of the last Lutzow? [37]

This was a world war 2 German pocket battleship. It was the original of the class which included the more famous Graf Spee. Originally called the **Deutschland**, Hitler decided to rename it the Lutzow, because of the potential propaganda value to the Allies if she was sunk. She was eventually sunk late in the war by aircraft.

71 If Jon lives in Basildon, Campbell lives in Aberdeen and Dave lives in Bristol, where does Seamus live? [28]

This is the traditional Logica question - taken from Noticeboard this time. The people referred to are the LSSC satellite club reps for the various locations. So Seamus lives in **Cambridge**, or at least is responsible for the LSSC club there.

72 By what name do Eskimos prefer to be known? [2]

As **inuits**, apparently. Eskimo translates into 'eater of raw flesh' or some such, whereas inuit means 'people'. The easiest question this year.

73 What do Harry Sinclair, Percy Wyndham and Clive Staples have in common? [29]

A nasty devious question. They all have the same surname, namely **Lewis**. It's much easier to look them up now, isn't it?

74 Who lost the lead for a handful of silver? [37]

This is again fairly obscure - I was caught out in another quiz by it last year. The answer is **Wordsworth**. In a poem by his contemporary, Robert Browning, *The Lost Leader*, Browning quotes:

"Just for a handful of silver he left us, Just for a riband to stick in his coat."

The poem was reputedly written as a rebuke to him for taking the silver and accepting the post of poet laureate - Browning thought that he had sold out to the establishment.

75 Who cried all the way to the bank? [15]

A much easier question, as the saying is more modern and well used. This was the famous pianist, Liberace.

76 Who used the Central Line between Gants Hill and Wanstead in late WWII? [27]

An interesting snippet, this. The Underground was not in use in those years for trains. In stead The Plessey **Company** set up a factory down there, making aero engine parts. The factory was there, protected from bombs, for 2 years.

78 Who predicted that an earthquake would hit the Mull of Kintyre in 1991? [23]

Going back a little bit, but it was that favourite of the tabloid press, **David Icke**. He was ever so slightly loopy at that point in time, and made all sorts of predictions and trouble. He was an Isle of Wight councillor at that time, along with my mother, who had to put up with his rantings before he finally admitted he was ill and went to Scotland for his health. Did he predict the earthquake before or after this, I wonder?

79 Where did Keith Brown make a grand mistake? [15]

There had to be a Grand National question, didn't there? Keith Brown was the unfortunate (non)starter of that (non)race in 1993. So the place was **Aintree**. Esha Ness almost won it.

80 To what do the terms: the Pass, the Double Lift and the Jog belong? [46]

They are all things to do whilst **conjuring** with a pack of cards. I am not enough of a card sharp to be able to tell you exactly what they are, but here goes...

The Pass is basically an invisible cut (so that they don't see you doing it).

The Double Lift is the act of lifting two cards off the top of the pack as if they were one.

The Jog is a quick back and forth movement so as to cause one card to stick out towards you, so that it is invisible to the audience. This marks the place that you want in the pack.

81 What did Alfred Emmet found in 1930? [44]

There was a deliberate error in the question, to make it easier for you lot. Alfred founded by amateur theatre group, the **Questors**, in 1929. Unfortunately, the Oxford companion to the theatre listed it as 1930. Bonus marks for people telling me it was 1929.

82 By what name are Harmony, Rhapsody, Melody, Symphony and Destiny collectively known? [16]

They are known as the **Angels**. They fly thejet interceptors from Cloudbase (which itself flies at 40,000 feet) to help Captain Scarlet in his fight against the Mysterons.

83 Who bathed in the Lake of Salmacis and came out a changed man? [22]

Mythology this time. **Hermaphroditus**, son of Hermes and Aphrodite. He passed a beautiful lake, which was the desmesne of the nymph Salmacis. She fell in love with him, but he rejected her. When he went for a swim, she embraced him and prayed to the gods for them never to be separated. This the gods did, and joined them into one body, with both male and female characteristics.

91 How can you tell the difference, without looking at the date, between a 1980 2p coin and a 1993 2p coin? [13]

Lots of answers to this one, but the one that I was looking for was **magnetism**. From 1993 on, the Royal Mint used steel in the coins, which is cheaper to produce, but is also magnetic. However, the question was phrased badly - I should have said "How can you

tell, without looking..... so I had to allow many other answers as well. My apologies to all those who worked out the right answer.

92 Who was second when he arrived at the top, breathless, for the fourth time? [47]

**Harry Taylor** was the second Briton to reach the top of Everest without oxygen in May 93. It was his fourth ascent of the mountain, but his first without oxygen. This was not a reference to Rebecca Stephens or to Sherpa Tenzing. The most inventive wrong answer was Alain Prost. This was the hardest question this year, including finding the treasures!

93 Who stands in the ten acre field at Scatterbrook farm? [10]

Far too easy. **Worzel Gummidge**, of course.

94 Who was the first artist to refuse a Grammy? [33]

That Irish girl, **Sinead O'Connor**. In February 1991 she refused to take part in the ceremony or accept any award.

95 Which book contains no letter 'c'? [37]

The one I was thinking of is **Gadsby**, by Ernest Vincent Wright. However, *La Disparition*, by Georges Perec, although in French was also allowed. Such books written without a particular letter in them are called lipograms.

96 From which station can you reach all other stations, except one, on the Underground, changing a maximum of once? [23]

I chickened out on this one. The original question was for any other station, but I thought that Kensington Olympia was a simple shuttle from Earl's Court. Not so, it is a through train from High Street Kensington. Therefore you can reach any other station, provided that you start from **Liverpool Street**. My thanks to Alan Smith for this question. Bonus marks for noting that you can actually reach all stations from there.

The point to realise is that there are shuttle services between Epping and Ongar on the Central Line and Chalfont & Latimer and Chesham on the Met line (although there are peak hours trains to Chesham, I said a maximum of one change). So the station has to be on the Met line and Central line. There are also shuttles to Aldwych and Kensington Olympia. This really narrows it down and Liverpool Street is the only answer when you analyse it.

100 The leaves of which plant are used to symbolically represent the rank of Duke? [21]

The **Strawberry**, for some strange reason.

101 Who got Satchel, Dylan and Moses? [10]

These are the three children in the celebrated Woody Allen custody case. Mia Farrow threw him out, saying that he had had a relationship with one of their daughters. In the case, **Mia Farrow** got custody of the children. Good luck to her. One wrong answer was Woody Allen - right idea, not quite the right verdict.

102 What connects Ladybird, Lion and Octopus, apart from being animals? [10]

They are all book **publishers**, specifically of children's books.

103 Who is the English equivalent of the American George Spelvin? [30]

Even if I tell you the answer, you are unlikely to be any the wiser. The answer is **Waiter Plinge**. Obvious, eh? No? OK, Walter Plinge is the name used on English play programmes to conceal a doubling of parts. George Spelvin was sometimes used for dolls or animals. Occasionally, the name was also used to conceal a well known actor playing incognito, as it were. Mr F Anney was another useful name.

104 Who got his name from his black-and-yellow-striped jersey, and sang Binnie Hale's motto song for Denis Potter? [15]

The ex-bassist of the Police, now gone solo, very successfully, I might add, **Sting** aka Gordon Sumner. Both answers were allowed. "Spread a little happiness as you go by".

105 Where can you find the YMCA lying on a hillside next to the Australian Imperial [34]

Force and the Royal Warwickshire Regiment? (amongst others).

At **Fovant**, near Salisbury, are several cap badges and emblems from various regiments and societies, cut as patterns into the chalk hillside, showing up against the sward. It is quite an impressive view on the main Salisbury - Shaftesbury road, the A30. Contact the Fovant Badges Society for more information. The full list of badges cut into the hillside is as follows:

- Royal Wilts Yeomanry
- YMCA
- 6th City of London
- Australian Imperial Force
- Royal Corps of Signals
- Wilts Regiment
- London Rifle Brigade
- Post Office Rifles
- Devonshire Regiment
- 7th Battalion London Regiment
- Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

109 Where is the only road in Britain on which it is legal to drive on the right? [16]

The approach to the **Savoy hotel** (so that ballgown clad ladies do not have to step into the road). Answers of the Strand were disallowed.

110 What club was represented in 5 of the 8 teams in the 1992 European Cup finals? [21]

**Manchester United.** Don't ask me to name all the players involved, although I understand that there was some dispute about Eric Cantona, who left Leeds at about that same time. Of course it should also have read the European Championship finals, but you got the message.

I believe that the players involved were: Peter Schmeichel, Neil Webb, Gary Pallister, Andrei Kanchelskis, Brian McClair and Eric Cantona.

111 Who was Roger Delgado's enemy. [19]

Hands up those who thought they had found a typo! This was deliberate, and the statement is true. **Dr Who** is The Master's enemy. The Master was played by Roger Delgado. Jon Pertwee was the Doctor involved at that time.

112 What was Millstreet, co. Cork famous for this year? [10]

The **Eurovision Song Contest**, won by the Irish Niamh Kavanagh with "In your eyes". Gee whoppity woo - they lost money on it, but since they won it, they now have to hold it again next year. Serves them right, I say.

113 Where did Bill Sikes meet his death? [18]

Yes, the one from Oliver Twist. **Jacob's Island**, in Bermondsey, is where. The present day Jacob Street marks the site. It stands beside the polluted Neckinger, 'the very capital of cholera'. After being attacked about the fictitious nature of the site, Dickens wrote this defence in the preface to a new edition of the novel:

"In the year 1850, it was publicly declared in London by an amazing alderman that Jacob's Island did not exist and never has existed. Jacob's island continues to exist like an ill-bred place as it is in the year 1867, though much improved and changed."

114 What was clinched in Canterbury Cathedral on 12 February 1986? [23]

The **Channel Tunnel Treaty**. Hasn't taken long to build, has it?

# THE STORY

This was a horrible play on words using tube station names as puns for the answers. The idea was to choose the most appropriate tube station name for each part of the story. Clues could be found in the text, and some were awful puns. The clue to this was in the introduction - "some need tube station names" and "you could start by finding the punned tube station names in the story." I don't think I could have made it too much clearer - but there you go.

The full story is printed below:

"One fine day, Colin Dale went off with his father, his Seven Sisters and his friend Stan More who was nicknamed 'Ollie', for a picnic in the local Green Park. It was called St James Park after the church that had once stood close by the Southgate. An Archway of the church still formed one of the entrances, although a Highgate had recently been added for security reasons. The golden statue of an Angel on the top was a landmark for miles around.

In order to get there they had to walk down the Old Street, of which some buildings dated back to the 12th century. Passing the Playboy club as they emerged into Warren Street, Colin thought he saw his young niece, clutching her favourite teddy bear, Paddington.

"Isn't that Victoria sitting in that Greenford over there?" he asked his father. "Watford?" his father countered. "The one next to the Vauxhall outside the Bank" Colin replied. "I expect her mum's inside getting some money." And so it proved to be.

After another mile or so, arrived at their destination and sat down under two great trees at the edge of the Oakwood. One of the trees was known locally as Burnt Oak after the great storm of 1987, whilst the other was known as Royal Oak, as it was believed that King Charles the First used to picnic under it when he stayed at the Mansion House that had once stood close by.

After eating his sandwiches, Colin looked around. In the distance he could see a group of Blackfriars crossing the little Redbridge to the island in the middle of the Oval lake. In the middle of the island was Monument in the form of a Roman Temple. Beyond the lake, All Saints church, a great Whitechapel dedicated to all, sparkled in the sunshine.

On the other side of the lake, he could see some people drinking refreshments at a cafe, a charming little building in the form of a Swiss Cottage.

Next he raised his eyes to see a train trundling along a high Embankment. Beyond it, the fields swept up towards the cliffs. He could just make out farmer Giles working in the fields with his magnificent Shire horses.

"It must be difficult to Harrow on the Hill like that" he mused, "especially as he's getting close to the Edgware those climbers were killed last year." Below the farmer the gaunt shape of a Wapping great quarry stood out as a blot on the landscape, but he chuckled to himself as he remembered how Vicky always called it a Chalk Farm.

They lazed away the afternoon, basking in the sunshine, eating apples and drinking coke and Barbican - "just like Billy Connolly! " But all good things must come to an end.

"Time to go now, Colin" said his dad. "I can hear the dog BarkinL- and you won't want to miss that repeat of Grange Hill on the TV. I want to listen to the Archers and see what Kenton is up to. I wonder if West Ham will beat Arsenal in the away game at Highbury tonight. If they do, they might go up the table, ahead of Liverpool. That'll Tumham Green with envy and probably make Derek Hatton Cross as well!"

They still had plenty of time, and so they decided to go through the West entrance of the park for a change. They passed through the magnificent Marble Arch of the Moorgate (where it was thought that Shakespeare had written Othello) and headed down Baker Street past the house of their cleaner, Mrs Hudson.

Stan decided to stop off at his local, the Elephant and Castle, for a quick pint. Colin ribbed him as usual: "anybody would think that you were Maida Vale!" He replied, "I've got to Stockwell up for the rest of the evening - I've got to babysit." Colin continued home and saw his programme. He finally went to bed, tired but happy. Unfortunately, he had forgotten that he had to prepare an essay on Napoleon for class the next day - but that's another story."

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There were some alternative answers allowed, notably Manor House for Mansion House and Wimbledon for West Ham. Somebody pointed out to me that Barbican was actually advertised by Lawrie McMenemy - Billy Connolly advertised Kaliber - but you got the idea. Bonus marks were awarded for the suggestion of Martha Woodford for the Archers one (instead of Kenton). Very clever, I thought - or perhaps just an Archers addict?

So the list of answers was as follows:

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|----|--------------------|-----|----------------------|
| 1  | Colin Dale         | 77  | Barbican             |
| 2  | Seven Sisters      |     |                      |
| 3  | Stan More,         | 84  | Barking              |
| 4  | Green Park.        | 85  | Grange Hill          |
| 5  | St James Park      | 86  | Kenton               |
| 6  | Southgate.         | 87  | West Ham             |
| 7  | Archway            | 88  | Arsenal              |
| 8  | Highgate           | 89  | Turnham Green        |
| 9  | Angel              | 90  | Hatton Cross         |
|    |                    |     |                      |
| 16 | Old Street,        | 97  | Marble Arch          |
| 17 | Warren Street,     | 98  | Moorgate             |
| 18 | Paddington.        | 99  | Baker Street         |
|    |                    |     |                      |
| 25 | Victoria           | 106 | Elephant and Castle, |
| 26 | Greenford          | 107 | Maida Vale!"         |
| 27 | "Watford?"         | 108 | Stockwell            |
| 28 | Vauxhall           |     |                      |
| 29 | Bank"              |     |                      |
|    |                    |     |                      |
| 36 | Oakwood.           |     |                      |
| 37 | Burnt Oak          |     |                      |
| 38 | Royal Oak,         |     |                      |
| 39 | Mansion House      |     |                      |
|    |                    |     |                      |
| 46 | Blackfriars        |     |                      |
| 47 | Redbridge          |     |                      |
| 48 | Oval               |     |                      |
| 49 | Monument           |     |                      |
| 50 | Temple.            |     |                      |
| 51 | All Saints         |     |                      |
| 52 | Whitechapel        |     |                      |
|    |                    |     |                      |
| 59 | Swiss Cottage.     |     |                      |
| 60 | Embankment.        |     |                      |
|    |                    |     |                      |
| 67 | Harrow on the Hill |     |                      |
| 68 | Edgware            |     |                      |
| 69 | Wapping            |     |                      |
| 70 | Chalk Farm.        |     |                      |

# THE QUOTATIONS

On each page, I put a humorous quotation. These had nothing to do with the quiz in themselves, but their first letters provided another acrostic:

## Two Treasures

The source of each quotation is as follows (all taken from the book of modern humorous quotations by Fred Metcalf):

- Page 1 "Technology has brought meaning to the life of many technicians", Ed Bluestone, 'Maxims', The National Lampoon Encyclopedia of Humour, 1973.
- Page 2 "When you are in a hole, stop digging", Denis Healey, 1983.
- Page 3 "One more drink and I'll be under the host" Dorothy Parker, at a cocktail party (attributed).
- Page 4 "Time wounds all heels", Jane Ace
- Page 5 "Ronald Reagan: a triumph of the embalmer's art", Core Vidal. Other possibilities here included "Ronald Reagan doesn't dye his hair - he's just prematurely orange" (Gerald Ford).
- Page 6 "Every novel should have a beginning, a muddle and an end", Peter de Vries.
- Page 7 "Anyone can get old. All you have to do is live long enough", Groucho Marx.
- Page 8 "Silence is one of the hardest arguments to refute", Josh Billings.
- Page 9 "Under certain circumstances, profanity provides a relief denied even to prayer", Mark Twain.
- Page 10 "Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm a schizophrenic and so am I", Billy Connolly. Alternative could have been "Two in every one people in this country are schizophrenic".
- Page 11 "Egotism - usually just a case of mistaken nonentity", Barbara Stanwyck.
- Page 12 "SKOOL FOOD - or the piece of cod which passeth all understanding", Geoffrey Williams and Ronald Searle, 'Down with Skool!'

# THE PUZZLES

For a bit more interest, I added a few other questions, which had nothing to do with the quiz (red herrings) but were a bit of fun to solve. These were as follows:

Page 1 That bus!

[8]

It travels normally towards B. Why? Because it is a bus, designed to carry people. But how do they get on and off? Through the door which you cannot see, because it is on the other side of the bus. Since it is a London bus, with the door next to the kerb, the bus would normally travel towards B.

Page 2 Abracadabra.

[8]

This is a simple puzzle, really. From any point in the triangle, you can only go down, with but a choice of two positions. The answer is therefore the power of two to the depth of the triangle, namely  $2^0 = 1024$ .

Page 3 Date dice.

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Both dice need to be used, otherwise where would you keep the first for the first part of each month? On this basis, two digits are needed for each date, even if one of them is a '0'. So, on the first dice, the extra faces should be: 0, 1 and 2.

On the second dice, the faces should be 0, 6, 7 and 8.

The lateral thinking bit is that on the second dice, the 6 can be used as a 9 if turned upside down.

Page 3 Sun Symbol

This had nothing to do with the Quiz, but is painted on the wall in Drummond Street opposite The Mystic Maze. Some of you interpreted it as the starting point "to my son for the starting point", which is a good bit of logical thinking that I hadn't done!

Page 4 Anagram

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The anagram that you want is sleeplessness. I hope that this didn't give you any.

Page 6 Five letters.

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This was terribly annoying, but if you take out F I V E L E T T E R S from the string, you are left with the letters:

**A P O L O G I E S.**

... and you can have mine with pleasure.

Page 8 I'm an evil tory bigot.

[11]

This is a perfect anagram. Perhaps unhealthily, it gives Virginia Bottomley. My thanks to Alexei Sayle on The News Quiz for that one.

Page 10 Escher.

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There are in fact two errors on the picture, at co-ordinates D2 and D5. A vertical line is missing at D2 (my drawing error) and the escheristic bit at D5, where the gap at the bottom is bigger than that at the top. Marks for either were given. Another drawing error occurred at B3. A simple QA audit would have shown up these errors.

Page 11 Greater than average.

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This could be anything - I was looking for legs, but arms, limbs, etc. would have done. Think about amputations.... I did not allow teeth (as the distribution is much more normal) or birthdays (since everybody has only one).

Page 12 The squares.

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I can count 23 squares. I got this question from a Mensa book (which some of you spotted). This book gives the answer as 22, but I have found 23, including the bounding box, so that is my answer. There are 18 on the level and 5 canted at 45 degrees.

## THE CODES

There were several different codes in the quiz, none of which was "difficult" or obscure.

The first code was in the introduction - A Merry Christmas to you and one less than tvaanpcxcowafeizgtqy. This should be taken literally - convert each letter to a number in the alphabet, then add one less than that value to the letters of "A Merry Christmas to you" and finally decode the resultant number back into a letter, base 26. The message then reads:

***"There are two treasures".***

This begins to tell you the awful truth.

The next code is in the underground symbols on each page. Again, each refers to an offset in the alphabet from the first letter of the tube station name. For example, on page 1, the Circle line - C plus 4 equals G. Carrying on this principle gives you:

***"go to chalfont"***.

... which is the location of the tube station that you should go to for the treasures.

The next is the square and dot code on page 5. This is the Rosicrucian code, which is tabular. You simply put in dots for the location of the letter and use the grid lines.

ABC	DEF	GHI
JKL	MNO	PQR
STU	VWX	YZ

This then translates to the stunning message:

***"from dacron to youtwo"***.

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Which gives you the tube stations for the start and end of the journey if you examine the pictures and the bogus station names - Euston Square and Chalfont and Latimer.

The next is the Logica logo and underground symbol - incredibly simple, it is International Morse code, with the Logica logo for dot and the underground symbol for dash. Decoding gives you:

***"from Anthony Perkins to Bono"***

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... which is another reference to the start and end tube stations for the journey (I was covering my back to make sure that you all found the stations!). Anthony Perkins gives Psycho and Bono is the lead singer of the band U2.

## THE LOCATION OF THE TREASURES

Well, as you know by now there were in fact two treasures. One was meant to be very simple to find, and the other was meant to be much harder. Both were within ten minutes walk of a tube station - in fact the same tube station, Chalfont and Latimer.

Basically, the first treasure was found by following the pictures. Starting at Stephenson House (spot the pun - my son?), walking down Drummond Street past The Mystic Maze (a strange establishment into Tarot readings and palmistry, etc.) and then getting to the nearest tube station from there - Euston Square. Down onto the westbound platform and taking the first train to "The Edge". As we all know, The Edge is the enigmatic name of the lead guitarist of the group U2. This is shown at the location of Chalfont and Latimer on the tube line maps. There were several other instructions to go to this station.

You get there by travelling on a Met line train. Leaving by the North entrance, you cross the road and go down Oakington Avenue past a school. At the end of this road, you turn right and go under the Met line again to Little Chalfont Golf Club (where I am a member, incidentally). Opposite there is a gate into the woods, and you follow the pictures with the Logica logo on page 11 and the Underground symbol on page 12. The first treasure, in the normal black and white Logica box, was hidden under some leaves under the fallen trees.

This was all too easy - it was designed to get more people to actually go out and find treasure. A small prize was awarded to the first people to find it - which was done pretty quickly, I may add (a small matter of 4 hours!)

The second treasure was designed to be much more difficult to find. Detailed instructions were given in the acrostic linking the questions and story answers.

Again, an offset was used to generate the letters. Take the answers in the order of the first number. Then add (or subtract as appropriate) the offset to give you a new letter. This translates into:

**"from one go fifty at eighty line up tree in front hollow with right tree in back use one six zero line to short stump second under y shaped log".**

Fairly obvious instructions, using a map, a compass and paces. 50 paces at 80 degrees, then walk at 160 degrees and find a y-shaped log by a short stump in the back hollow. The instructions could be sorted out, with a bit of judicious hunting from partial clues; in other words, you didn't need to sort out all the answers in order to get the idea.

The second treasure was thus less than 100 yards from the first. So near, yet so far away.

This was hidden in a red and yellow box, thus completing the instructions at the start of the quiz.

## THE TUBE STATION NAMES

Each of the pictures had some tube stations marked on them, but with confusing titles. The titles had nothing whatsoever to do with the quiz, apart from being referenced for the start and end tube station names in the codes. A typical red herring, I am afraid! The names were actually from a song by Billy Joel. Don't ask me to explain them all; it should be interesting for you to work it out - as many of you did.

The song lyrics in full are as follows:

### **We Didn't Start the Fire**

1. Harry Truman, Doris Day, Red China, Johnnie Ray  
South Pacific, Walter Winchell, Joe DiMaggio
2. Joe McCarthy, Richard Nixon, Studebaker, Television  
North Korea, South Korea, Marilyn Monroe
3. Rosenbergs, H-Bomb, Sugar Ray, Panmunjom  
Brando, The King And I and The Catcher In The Rye
4. Eisenhower, Vaccine, England's got a new queen  
Marciano, Liberace, Santanyana goodbye

*Chorus:*

We didn't start the fire  
It was always burning  
Since the world's been turning  
We didn't start the fire  
No, we didn't light it  
But we tried to fight it.

5. Joseph Stalin, Malenkov, Nasser and Prokofiev  
Rockefeller, Campanella, Communist Bloc
6. Roy Cohn, Juan Peron, Toscanini, Dacron  
Dien Bien Phu Falls, Rock Around The Clock
7. Einstein, James Dean, Brooklyn's got a winning team  
Davy Crockett, Peter Pan, Elvis Presly, Disneyland
8. Bardot, Budapest, Alabama, Krushchev  
Princess Grace, Peyton Place, Trouble in the Suez

*Chorus:*

9. Little Rock, Pastemak, Mickey Mantle, Kerouac  
Sputnik, Chou En-Lai, Bridge on the River Kwai
10. Lebanon, Charles de Gaulle, California Baseball  
Starkweather, Homicide, Children of Thalidomide
11. Buddy Holly, Ben Hur, Space Monkey, Mafia  
Hula Hoops, Castro, Edsel is a no-go
12. U-2, Syngman Rhee, payola and Kennedy  
Chubby Checker, Psycho, Belgians in the Congo

*Chorus:*

13. Hemingway, Eichmann, Stranger in a Strange Land  
Dylan, Berlin, Bay of Pigs Invasion
14. Lawrence of Arabia, British Beatiemania  
Ole Miss, John Glenn, Liston beats Patterson
15. Pope Paul, Malcolm X, British Politician Sex  
JFK blown away, what else do I have to say

*Chorus:*

16. Birth Control, Ho Chi Minh, Richard Nixon back again  
Moonshot, Woodstock, Watergate, Punk Rock  
Begin, Reagan, Palestine, Terror on the airline  
Ayatollah's in Iran, Russians in Afghanistan
17. Wheel of Fortune, Sally Ride, Heavy Metal Suicide  
Foreign Debts, Homeless vets, AIDS, Crack, Bemie Goetz  
Hypodermics on the shores, China's under Martial Law  
Rock and Roller Cola Wars, I can't take it any more

*Chorus:*

We didn't start the fire  
it was always burning  
since the world's been turning on us  
We didn't start the fire  
But when we are gone  
Will it still burn on, and on, and on...

So, what didn't we do? **We didn't start the fire!** This was the answer to the bonus prize question at the start. Anybody who answered it got a box of safety matches. Well done!

There were points awarded for this, but not for just identifying the song.

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## SCORING

As usual, I have awarded a number of points for each question equal to the number of *wrong* (or omitted) answers to that question. 51 people / teams entered the hunt, so a question answered by only one person scores 52 and a question answered by everybody scores 1. The number of points awarded for each question is shown in square brackets by each of the answers. The maximum possible score was 2390.

Each treasure box contained a set of raffle tickets, finders being asked to tear off the next one and attach it to their entry. Unfortunately, some people tore the tickets off from the wrong side, so I had to make some adjustments. Next time, I will make sure that this cannot happen! Anyone doing so was

awarded a number of bonus points, being (the number of people who entered minus the number of their ticket) for the first treasure and twice this for the second treasure.

There were a number of contentious answers which were fully discussed by myself, Pat and Frank. We have erred on the generous side, but were more critical of entries in contention for prizes. If we have marked the answer you worked hard on as wrong, please accept my apologies.

## THE RESULTS

First to the first black and white treasure box was Nick Rule and Mark Norman of the Bermuda team, who were incredibly quick off the mark. Second was Martin Milnes, just 12 hours later.

First to the second treasure was Garry Smith. Congratulations to him and his wife for cracking a tough quiz. They write:

*It appeared obvious that the pictures represent a journey from Stephenson House, via Euston Square station, to the treasure location. But where?*

*I had immediately seen the U2 song titles when I first saw the Treasure Hunt. I decoded the two "from ... to..." messages fairly quickly. However, it was late on Saturday 11th December when the penny dropped, and I remembered that U2 was one of the stations on one of the maps. It represents Chalfont and Latimer. Euston Square is represented by "Psycho" (Anthony Perkins) on the Metropolitan Line map, and by "Dacron" on the Hammersmith and City line map. So the journey was from Euston Square to Chalfont and Latimer! It seemed to be all too easy. I'd go and look : I live in St Albans, so it's just a few minutes drive.*

*At 0930 on Sunday 12th December, my wife Nancy and I unearthed the box at the location illustrated to find*

- a) that we were number 7*
- b) that the box was black and white not red and yellow*
- c) that your note said "Doesn't it ail seem too easy?". This was exactly what I had been feeling.*

*We drove away with your "Have another look" bothering me. I couldn't help feeling we were driving away from something important and that we'd been very close.*

*On the Monday, we found quite a few more of the answers and in the evening we were able to start putting the detailed instructions together. With some guesswork to fill in the gaps, we were able to work out the start of the sentence - 'from one go fifty at eighty line up tree in front ho with right tree in back'. We also worked out that the last part probably involved a short stump and that the second was under a something-shaped log.*

*At first I thought that "from one" referred to question 1 (Colindale) and that Chalfont was a false trail, but then I realised that "go fifty at eighty" was an orienteering-type instruction. Next I realised that what I thought was the Logica logo on the second to last illustration could equally well be a figure "1" (it wasn't! - Steve). Now it was getting very exciting! A little more thought and the six letter word starting "ho..... could very well be hollow, not houses as I originally thought.*

*So the sun came up on Tuesday 14 December, I was back at Little Chalfont Golf Club, with my rain suit on over my business suit (I had to go to work after all). Change the shoes, out with the compass, and off I went to the first box.*

*Fifty yards from there on heading 80 took me to a big depression - the hollow I'd been looking for! I knew I had to line up the tree in the front (which was obvious) with one at the back. But which one? I had not worked out the middle section of the instructions. I knew it would take me off somewhere else, but where? To come so far, to know that I was on the right track and then to have given up : that would have been devastating.*

*You've led me to the edge of a big hollow. Where would you have me go next? The obvious thing was into the hollow and have a wander around. There appeared to be another compass bearing - at the time we thought (wrongly) that it could have been one one six, but that would have taken me off to the right of the heading I'd been on.*

*Whilst scrabbling around, I came across a small Y shaped branch on the ground - not my idea of a log, but I thought I'd look anyway. Moved it a little - yuk, the underside's covered in slime and muck - this can't be it. Hang on, have another look - move the other end. And there it was the red and yellow box. Opened it up and was amazed to find that I was first!*

For interest, not all of the tickets taken for treasure 1 were returned! This quite surprised me, but the box was disturbed during the hunt. Also someone took tickets from the wrong part of the book - hence the order to the treasure may not line up with the ticket number that you had. I think that I got it right in the end, but some marks were knocked off the offending team. This did not affect the prizes.

All prizewinners should find their Harrods tokens enclosed with these answers. You are encouraged to buy shares, stocks, alcohol (preferably a pint for me!) or whatever you fancy.

The roll of honour is on the next page. I must emphasise that these placings are merely for interest; doing well is more a matter of time spent than true general knowledge.

**Steve**

<b>RANKING</b>	<b>Marks</b>	<b>Treasure 1</b>	<b>Prize</b>	<b>Treasure 2</b>	<b>Ranking</b>
David Kee	2254	8	£50	6	1
The Four Quizeteers	2158	6	£30	4	2
Garry Smith	2113	7	£50	1	3
The Wild Boys	2085	17	£10	3	4
Roz Skelcher	2053	21		9	5
Brian Mills	1955	20		7	6
CW	1822	10		10	7
Chris Harries	1760	29		8	8
Nick & Wendy Petty	1751	5		12	9
Mark Amey	1751				10
Echo Team	1737	3		2	11
Roger Molesworth	1718	26		11	12
Rosalind Barden	1633				13
Jon Wallis	1497	28			14
Andy Healey	1452	13			15
Bermuda	1432	1	£30		16
Richard Porter et al	1424	12			17
Stephen Tavener	1413	31			18
Meats++ Team	1389				19
Paul Tribick	1368	27			20
Nick Hassell	1328	11			21
Peter Smith + LCP	1303	34			22
Mike de Jong	1269	16			23
David Isaacson	1262				24
Martin Milnes	1262	2		5	25
John Kendrick	1211	4			26
John England	1176	35			27
Mrs KC Tilly	1138				28
Ian Canning	1128				29
Clef	1080	19			30
Rod Fine	1068				31
Chris Jones	1050	30			32
Greg Roach	963	24			33
International Revellers	946				34
Andrew Bott	897				35
Ged Langosz	854	25			36
James Daniel	804	33			37
Barbara Gedling	799				38
David Baldock	768	14			39
Tony Ashton	762				40
Ken Shilson	756				41
I've Been Marauding	612	22			42
Peter Milne	527				43
Hatton Cross Team	502				44
Michael Milford	481				45
Lesley Clarke	456				46
Tony Weeks	341	32			47
Phil Gray	310	23			48
Iain Sillars	195				49
Martin Hartfield	119		£10		50
John Stewart	8				51