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**THE BLUE COAT SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2018**

Report & Answers

Winners

1st: David Goddard - £75

2nd: Ray Hill - £40

3rd: Rhiannon Hales - £25

Runners up

Hilary Wightman - £10

Susan McKenna - £10

Vicky Jeffers - £10

John P R Webb - £10

Anne-Marie Kinder - £10

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Prize winners

We suspected that this year's quiz would prove a bit easier than the last one and this seems to have been the case as there were 148 entries, an increase of 40, and of these fourteen were completely correct, compared with nine last year. After a draw, the prize winners are:

1. (£75) David GODDARD, Failsworth
2. (£40) Ray HILL, Eccles
3. (£25) Rhiannon HALES, Ilfracombe, Devon

Congratulations to all three and especially to Mr Goddard, who becomes the first person to win three times, having previously been successful in 2011 and 2017. He has also come second on two occasions. Mr Hill has successfully completed the quiz three years in a row and he and Ms Hales win prizes for the first time.

The other eleven who scored 100 are almost all regular contenders: Christine BOND (Stretford), the BRIERLEY family (Stalybridge), Connie BROWN (Clayton), Valerie CLEMENTS (Stalybridge), Melanie CROPPER (Oldham), Irene DUTTON, (Droylsden), Alan GILL (Bolton), Rob IRVING (Cardross, Dunbartonshire), Janet McGOVERN, (Audenshaw), John WEBB (Middleton) and Don YOUNG (Shaw). Commiserations to all, but also congratulations to Mr Gill, who becomes the first person to score 100 nine times. Everyone else who scored 50 or more went into a draw for the £10 consolation prizes and the five winners are Vicky JEFFERS, Anne-Marie KINDER, Susan McKENNA, John WEBB and Hilary WIGHTMAN.

Report

We could very easily have had a lot more all-correct entries, as 15 contestants scored 99 and a further 35 scored between 95 and 98. Several of these clearly knew all the answers but made errors of spelling or word/letter omission, whilst others solved all the hard questions but made mistakes on apparently easier ones, probably by assuming they knew the answer and not checking it. We've all been there!

Marking was much easier this year, as very few questions had viable alternative answers which met all the criteria. These are the questions where alternative answers most often appeared:

Q50 We expected STEVE PUNT, a comedian who has worked with Hugh Dennis for many years. Frank Muir was a popular alternative, but his long-term comedy writing partner was Denis Norden. Angel Face, a female character in the *Beano* comic, also cropped up, presumably in relation to Dennis the Menace, but she is his rival rather than his partner.

Q79 should, with hindsight, have been worded differently or even omitted, as Scottish brewing is clearly a very complex business. Traditionally "wee heavy", a very strong drink, was a NINETY SHILLING ALE in terms of excise duty, as the higher alcohol content was taxed at a higher level. There are now, however, many examples of Scotch beers being marketed as both "wee heavy" and "eighty shilling ale", so we accepted the latter term and also the generic terms "Scotch shilling ale" and "higher shilling ale".

Q96 Italian Al was the nickname of a London gangster of Italian heritage who was born in Scotland in 1914. He was usually known during his criminal career as ALBERT DIMES, but his original name was George Arthur Albert Dimeo. As all his forenames very conveniently have six letters and both his surnames contain "dime", several pairings of these were offered and we accepted them all.

Finally, here are some notes on the questions which caused the most problems:

Q5 was not meant to be a trap, but it caught many people out early in the quiz. The first classics of the English flat racing season are the one-mile Guineas races, which are always run at the same Newmarket meeting in late April or early May. The order has varied over the last two centuries, but for many years now the TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS has been run first.

Q95 The English test cricketers Harold Larwood and Frank Tyson emigrated to Australia after they retired, under the Assisted Passage Migration Scheme which cost only £10 per adult. Those who took advantage of this scheme became known as TEN POUND POMS.

Q97 FRANC-TIREUR (literal translation "free shooter") is a French term first used in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71 to describe an irregular soldier and later used for French Resistance fighters during World War II. It has since passed into English and other languages, alongside the Spanish "guerrilla", as a term for any fighter operating outside the conventional rules of warfare.

Q98 Albert assists the amateur detectives TOMMY AND TUPPENCE Beresford in several novels by Agatha Christie. "Twopence" was not accepted, since the spelling of the character's nickname does not vary. Similarly, in Q41 "Tuppence" was not accepted as the book title TWOPENCE TO CROSS THE MERSEY is invariable.

Q99 MOIDORE'S TOKEN finished second in the 1968 Grand National, the third time Ken Oliver had trained the runner-up in this race. A moidore was a gold coin used in Portugal and its colonies.

We are grateful to everyone who bought the quiz and especially to those who sold extra copies to family, friends and colleagues. Thanks to you, the quiz raised approx. £1,760 this year.

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ANSWERS

1	IT LEAVES FROM ST PANCRAS (8)	Eurostar
2	NURSERY RHYME (4,1,4,2,8)	Sing A Song Of Sixpence
3	STEVE AUSTIN (3,3,7,6,3)	The Six Million Dollar Man
4	ST MARTIN'S MUSICAL DEMAND (3,3,2,4,9)	You Owe Me Five Farthings
5	FIRST TURF CLASSIC (3,8,7)	Two Thousand Guineas
6	ARCHER'S LITERARY DEBUT (3,1,5,4,3,1,5,4)	Not A Penny More, Not A Penny Less
7	JOIN UP (4,3,5,8)	Take The King's Shilling
8	CURTIS JACKSON (5,4)	Fifty Cent
9	AMERICAN BARGAIN STORE (4,3,4)	Five And Dime
10	STRICTLY WINNER (4,9)	Jill Halfpenny
11	VEEP (4,5)	Mike Pence
12	IT'S DRAWN ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY (12)	EuroMillions
13	HE PLAYS POLDARK'S RIVAL (4,8)	Jack Farthing
14	WEST AFRICAN COUNTRY (6-6)	Guinea-Bissau
15	SECOND STAMP (3,5,4)	Two Penny/Pence Blue
16	WHERE ELOPERS KEPT HONEY AND MONEY (7,2,2,1,4-5,4)	Wrapped Up In A Five-Pound Note
17	THE OTHER SIDE OF STRAWBERRY FIELDS (5,4)	Penny Lane
18	McQUEEN IN 1968, BROSNAN IN 1999 (6,5)	Thomas Crown
19	VIDEO GAME POPULAR SINCE 1997 (5,5,4)	Grand Theft Auto
20	KIPPS ON STAGE (4,1,8)	Half A Sixpence

21	THE PRICE OF BIRD FOOD IN EDWARDIAN LONDON (8,1,3)	Tuppence A Bag
22	CARL, EL VIS, JERRY AND JOHNNY (7,6,7)	Million Dollar Quartet
23	THE END (OR START) OF A LONG WALK (4,1,6)	John O' Groats
24	CHRISTMAS AND MICHAELMAS PLUS TWO (7,4)	Quarter Days
25	FRIENDSHIP IS MAGIC ON TV (2,6,4)	My Little Pony
26	GERMAN PLAY WITH MUSIC (3,10,5)	The Threepenny Opera
27	SWEDISH EMBLEM (5,6)	Three Crowns
28	EASTERN HALF OF A BIG ISLAND (5,3,6)	Papua New Guinea
29	CHINON'S MAIN INGREDIENT (8,5)	Cabernet Franc
30	CHEAP VICTORIAN FICTION (5,8)	Penny Dreadful
31	FIRST APPEARANCE OF A NAMELESS MAN (1,7,2,7)	A Fistful Of Dollars
32	THIRTEEN TIMES EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS (4,6)	Real Madrid
33	LEFT BANK DISTRICT (5,7)	Latin Quarter
34	WELSH FULLBACK (5,9)	Leigh Halfpenny
35	THERE ARE SIX INCLUDING RADON (5,5)	Noble Gases
36	CHILE PINE (6,6)	Monkey Puzzle
37	PAPAL TAX ABOLISHED BY HENRY VIII (6,5)	Peter's Pence
38	LUXURY JAGUAR, 1966-83 (7,9)	Daimler Sovereign
39	WHAT SPANIARDS CALL COLUMBUS (9,5)	Cristobal Colon
40	FIRST OF AN INDIAN QUARTET (3,5,2,3,5)	The Jewel In The Crown
41	... AND OF A LIVERPOOL ONE (8,2,5,3,6)	Twopence To Cross The Mersey
42	FLAMBOYANT ASCOT RACEGOER (8,8)	Gertrude Shilling
43	TAMESIDE FOLK QUINTET (3,9,5)	The Fivepenny Piece
44	PLAYED SEVEN TIMES (SO FAR) BY SLY(5,6)	Rocky Balboa
45	BLUEGRASS TRIO (6,5)	Nickel Creek
46	HE NEVER FINISHED HIS CANTOS (4,5)	Ezra Pound
47	VINCE'S GOOD FRIEND (5,9)	Penny Warrender
48	McINDOE'S PATIENTS (6,3,4)	Guinea Pig Club
49	SOVIET GOALKEEPER (3,6)	Lev Yashin
50	DENNIS'S PARTNER (5,4)	Steve Punt
51	THE RETURN OF PAGE AND PLANT (2,7)	No Quarter
52	IT OVERLOOKS THE A1 (5,2,3,5)	Angel Of The North
53	EL LIBERTADOR (5,7)	Simon Bolivar
54	WALTON'S CORONATION MARCH (5,8)	Crown Imperial
55	VICAR OF ST ALDHELM'S (7,8)	Timothy Farthing
56	WORLD'S LARGEST CRUISE SHIP 1988-95 (9,2,3,4)	Sovereign Of The Seas
57	CROYDON LANDMARK (10,3,8)	Threepenny Bit Building
58	MING'S PREDECESSOR (4,7)	Yuan Dynasty
59	CENTRAL LONDON RAILWAY (8,4)	Twopenny Tube
60	HE HIT THE NORTH WITH LARD (4,9)	Mark Radcliffe

61	THEY DEMANDED A KISS IN 1998 (8,4,3,6)	Sixpence None The Richer
62	THE BENEFIT OF NATIONAL INSURANCE ACCORDING TO DLG (9,3,9)	Ninepence For Fourpence
63	AIRPLANE'S FOURTH (5,2,8)	Crown Of Creation
64	FLAT SEA URCHIN (4,6)	Sand Dollar
65	YIP'S DEPRESSION CLASSIC (7,3,3,5,1,4)	Brother, Can You Spare A Dime?
66	SEEKER OF A JUMBLY GIRL (3,4,4,1,8,4)	The Dong With A Luminous Nose
67	MAYOR'S DERISORY OFFER TO PIPER (1,8,8,4,4,5)	A Thousand Guilders! Come, Take Fifty!
68	FOLLOW-UP TO FOXTROT (7,7,2,3,5)	Selling England By The Pound
69	KENYAN DOUBLE OLYMPIC CHAMPION (3,5)	Kip Keino
70	CHINESE FOUNDING FATHER (3,3-3)	Sun Yat-Sen
71	THEY ESCAPED FROM DANGER IN 1979 (3,7,2,8,4)	The Animals Of Farthing Wood
72	COCKNEY'S NOUS (9,3,5)	Shillings And Pence
73	IT STARTED DOWN SUNNYSIDE LANE (7,4,6)	Pennies From Heaven
74	ANECDOTAL MUDDLED MESSAGE (4,5,3,9,4,5,2,1,5)	Send Three And Fourpence, We're Going To A Dance
75	SIPPED BY MARIE-CLAIRE IN ST MORITZ (8,6)	Napoleon Brandy
76	3,704 WINNERS (5,5)	Julie Krone
77	SPACE TRAVELLER ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS ANTHONY (4,6)	Buck Rogers / Tony Nelson
78	JUMPER WHO MARRIED A DECATHLETE (4,4)	Mary Rand
79	WEE HEAVY (6,8,3)	Ninety Shilling Ale*
80	UNFORGETTABLE RADIOHEAD TRACK? (7,3,5)	Dollars And Cents
81	TENNIS STAR WHO APPEARED IN A DIFFERENT KIND OF COURT (6,6)	Roscoe Tanner
82	TOP COP WHO FLOGGED TYRES (3,6,4)	Sir Robert Mark
83	RAILWAY SUICIDE VICTIM (4,8)	Anna Karenina
84	STATE-OWNED INVESTMENTS (9,6,4)	Sovereign Wealth Fund
85	VIRGINIA'S RESPONSE TO A GENTLEMAN'S LETTER (5,7)	Three Guineas
86	SHE EMIGRATED TO PORTUGAL IN 1984 (5,6)	Elsie Tanner
87	VITAMIN ABSORPTION CHECK (9,4)	Schilling Test
88	WATSON'S LOST MANUSCRIPT (3,5-3-4,8)	The Seven-Per-Cent Solution
89	SHYLOCK'S LAMENT (1,2,6,1,2,8)	O My Ducats! O My Daughter!
90	PLANTED ANNUALLY IN THE ESK (5,5)	Penny Hedge
91	HOW TO GET MUSIC X 3 (3,7,6,2)	Put Another Nickel In
92	THEIR LEADER IS COOLER (5,7)	Pound Puppies

93	NOVEL INSPIRED BY A POST-IMPRESSIONIST (3,4,3,8)	The Moon And Sixpence
94	BILLY'S ENGLISH TEACHER (2,8)	Mr Farthing
95	LARWOOD AND TYSON WERE AMONGST THEM (3,5,4)	Ten Pound Poms
96	ITALIAN AL, BORN IN SCOTLAND (6,5)	George /Albert/Arthur Dimes/Dimeo
97	GUERRILLA FIGHTER (5-6)	Franc-tireur
98	ALBERT IS THEIR LOYAL ASSISTANT (5,3,8)	Tommy And Tuppence
99	THIRD TIME UNLUCKY FOR OLIVER IN 1968 (8,5)	Moidore's Token
100	THIS SHOULD BE THE HARDEST ONE - TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT! (3,5-4,8,6,8)	The Sixty-Four Thousand Dollar Question

***Several alternatives accepted for Q79 - see report.**

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