

**Guildford PC User Group — Christmas Quiz 2008**

**Answer Paper**

Questions		Answers	
1.	Bing Crosby first sung the song "White Christmas" in which film? <b>Holiday Inn.</b> <b>Holiday Inn was released in 1942, The Bells of St. Mary's in 1945, White Christmas in 1954 and High Society in 1956. White Christmas and Holiday Inn are the only two films to feature the song.</b>	White Christmas <b>Holiday Inn</b> The Bells of St. Mary's High Society	1 <b>2</b> 3 4
2.	The galaxy we live in is called the Milky Way. It is shaped approximately like? <b>A flat spiral</b>	A round ball A doughnut A pretzel <b>A flat spiral</b>	1 2 3 <b>4</b>
3.	Who had "the face that launched a thousand ships"? <b>Helen of Troy.</b> <b>The famous "thousand ships" line is from Christopher Marlowe's play Faustus:</b> <i>"Was this the face that launched a thousand ships? And burnt the topless towers of Ilium?"</i>	Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt <b>Helen of Troy</b> Joan of Arc Queen Elizabeth I	1 <b>2</b> 3 4
4.	Which great jazz musician had the nickname "Satchmo"?	Art Tatum Django Reinhardt <b>Louis Armstrong</b> Miles Davis	1 2 <b>3</b> 4
5.	In many households, part of the fun of eating Christmas pudding is finding a trinket that predicts your fortune for the coming year. For instance, finding a coin means you will become wealthy. What will you be if you find a button?	Poor Famous <b>A bachelor</b> Called away on a trip	1 2 <b>3</b> 4
6.	Mozart composed the opera "Così fan Tutte" in 1790. What does "Così fan Tutte" mean? <b>"Woman are like that"</b>	"Dress me in Tulle" "The lost fan" "Hold me close" <b>"Woman are like that"</b>	1 2 3 <b>4</b>
7.	If your trade in medieval times was as a "Gongfermor". What would you be doing? <b>Gongfermors or gong-scourers were men who went round emptying medieval privies and cesspits. Human excrement was normally thrown into a convenient moat or stream and where none was available people dug a pit, or used a removable barrel. In due course the sewage had to be removed. Gongfermors were only allowed to work at night from 9pm-5am and the waste they collected, known as night soil had to be taken outside the city or town boundaries. Gongfermors could earn a good wage; piece work was the norm and at 3/4d to 2d per cesspit emptied provided a well above average income. A skilled gongfermor could empty three or four cesspits per night and the more enterprising would sell the collected sewage to peasant farmers for use as manure.</b>	A 'finisher' of new gongs in a metal foundry Stationed on the ramparts of a castle to bang a gong on the arrival of visitors Official gong beater in a funeral procession <b>Cesspit emptier</b>	1 2 3 <b>4</b>

8.	You go out for a meal with friends and the bill comes to £80. There are five of you and you decided you'd split the bill five ways. How much would your share of the bill come to?	£12.50 £14.00 <b>£16.00</b> £17.50	1 2 <b>3</b> 4
9.	Mussolini's Italian supporters gave him the title of "Il Duce". What does this mean?	"The Duke" "The Commander" <b>"The Leader"</b> "The Unbeatable"	1 2 <b>3</b> 4
10	One of these words is spelt wrongly. Which one? <b>Hypothenus. Hypotenus is the correct spelling</b>	Hyssop Hypochondria Hypothalamus <b>Hypothenus</b>	1 2 3 <b>4</b>
11	How many of King Henry VIII's wives were beheaded? <b>Two: Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard</b>	One <b>Two</b> Three Four	1 <b>2</b> 3 4
12	The Welsh mezzo-soprano Katherine Jenkins released a new CD album in October 2008. What is its title? <b>"Sacred Arias"</b> <b>We played a track from this album (Pie Jesu) when we demonstrated the qualities of the Logitech Z5 speakers at our November 2008 meeting.</b>	Serenade Viva la Diva <b>Sacred Arias</b> Rejoice!	1 2 <b>3</b> 4
13	The mnemonic: "Willie, Willie, Henry, Steve" refers to which group of people? <b>Kings of England after the Norman Conquest: William I, William II, Henry I, King Stephen.</b>	Members of Mrs Thatcher's first government Archbishops of Canterbury <b>Kings of England</b> England team who won the World Cup in 1966	1 2 <b>3</b> 4
14	One of the following is NOT a vegetable. Which one? <b>Borage is a herb</b>	Celery Leek Carrot <b>Borage</b>	1 2 3 <b>4</b>
15	In a year with 365 days. What number is Christmas Day?	357 358 <b>359</b> 360	1 2 <b>3</b> 4
16	Florence Nightingale the "Lady with the Lamp" tended troops at the Barrack Hospital in Scutari during the Crimean War. Where is Scutari? <b>Scutari is in Turkey on the Asiatic side of the Bosphorus Strait opposite central Istanbul. Scutari was the Greek name for the district of Istanbul now known as Üsküdar</b>	Crimea Macedonia Greece <b>Turkey</b>	1 2 3 <b>4</b>

17	<p>Mozart embarked on a major concert tour of Europe when he was only six, performing with his older sister Nannerl in aristocratic courts as well as concert halls. In keeping with the fashion styles of the time, which fashion accessory did the brilliant little boy wear while performing?</p> <p><b>A sword</b></p> <p><b>The German literary genius Goethe, himself only fourteen, saw the seven-year-old Mozart perform in Cologne. "I see it, as if I were still there", he wrote many years later, "the little man with his child's sword and his curly hair... A rare phenomenon like that of Mozart remains a truly inexplicable thing." Mozart's performances at that age consisted not just of playing and improvising on both the harpsichord and the violin, but also included a number of remarkable stunts, such as correctly identifying, by ear, any note or group of notes played upon any instrument.</b></p>	<p>A kilt  <b>A sword</b>                  A wig                  High-heeled shoes</p>	<p>1  <b>2</b>                  3                  4</p>
18	<p>The average <b>annual</b> wage for a semi-skilled labourer in medieval times (the early 1300's) was how much?</p> <p><b>£1. 4s 0d (£1.20 in today's money — for a whole years work!)</b></p> <p><b>Labourers were paid less than a one penny (1d) for a days work and they worked six days a week Monday to Saturday. They were not allowed to work on Sundays or any of the other 50 or so religious holidays during the year.</b></p> <p><b>The average take home pay was 5d per week, 2s 3d per month or just £1. 4s 0d per annum.</b></p>	<p><b>£1. 4s 0d</b>                  £3. 7s 6d                  £13. 10s 0d                  £29. 3s 6d</p>	<p><b>1</b>                  2                  3                  4</p>
19	<p>"Sumptuary laws" were introduced from 1336 onwards during the reign of Edward III to do what?</p>	<p>Control the movements of beggars and vagrants                  Impose a "Hearth Tax" on households  <b>Dictated what colour and type of clothing, furs, fabrics, and trims were allowed to persons of various ranks or incomes</b>                  To banish the Jews from England</p>	<p>1                  2  <b>3</b>                  4</p>
20	<p>The second largest religious group in the United Kingdom is?</p> <p><b>Muslims at 2.7%</b></p> <p><b>The religious breakdown of the UK population according to the 2001 census is:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Christian (Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist) 71.6%</b></li> <li><b>2. Muslim 2.7%</b></li> <li><b>3. Buddhist 1.2%</b></li> <li><b>4. Hindu 1%</b></li> <li><b>5. Other (including Sikhs and Jews) 1.6%</b></li> <li><b>6. Unspecified or none 21.9%</b></li> </ol>	<p>Jews                  Sikhs                  Buddhists  <b>Muslims</b></p>	<p>1                  2                  3  <b>4</b></p>