

# The Quiz League of London

# Team Times

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## Summer Quizfest

Welcome to the Summer Quizfest, kindly hosted this year by the Pineapple and home venue of the new QLL team of the same name. We hope you have an enjoyable afternoon of quiz!



## Team Times

This is the first edition of Team Times under a new editor. Issues haven't normally been produced for the Summer Quizfest, but I thought that it would be a good idea to do a trial run. Sincere thanks go to the previous editor Phil Evison for his hard work, enthusiasm and many hours of printing.

*Will Jones*

## 2006-2007 Season Review

Broken Hearts claimed their first league championship with a win/loss ratio of 15 to 1, and Kevin Ashman his 10th Brain of London title. Atletico were victorious over Allsorts in the cup. Promoted teams from division two were winners Barb and runners-up Telstars. In division one, Waterloo Sunset and Uncosy were relegated.

## Recruitment

QLL is looking for new teams and players for the season that begins in the autumn. Flyers have been produced and distributed to numerous pubs throughout the capital, but there is always more that can be done. Many thanks to those who have assisted with this drive. If anybody needs to stock or re-stock, please get in touch via the contact details at the foot of the page. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining QLL, there is also a "Joining in" form on the league web site: [www.QLL.org.uk](http://www.QLL.org.uk)



## People's Quiz

The People's Quiz awarded the biggest ever cash prize paid on a BBC game show (£200,700). Olav Bjortomt of Broken Hearts was first through to the grand final, but went out before the final four. Congratulations to Stephanie Bruce eventually won. You can read Olav's thoughts on the show on his weblog at: [thequizblogger.blogspot.com](http://thequizblogger.blogspot.com)



## 2007 AGM

The QLL AGM took place at the Royal Oak on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Robert Willer remains as chair, whilst Gavin Fuller becomes league secretary, replacing Richard Jones who is the new events secretary. Andrew Frazer is the new vice-chair and Richard de Costobadie of Pineapple is also roped in to the general committee. There were many points of discussion, and a new charity will be sought by the sub-committee to replace Combat Stress. There will also be a questions sub-committee to meet on a regular basis to deal with any issues in that area.

## 2007-2008 Season

Subscriptions are now due, payable to QLL and sent or handed to Roger Robinson. New for the 2007-2008, each team will be required to submit a set of league questions for use in friendly matches and tournaments. More information about this will be provided when available.

## Quizzes

A new section will soon be appearing on the QLL web site for the use of teams throughout the country. In similar fashion to how the Southport and Formby quiz league and others publish sets for friendly matches, the QLL site will make available sets written for matches such as those in the National Team Quiz Festival and the matches today (though not the league sets unless a deal can be reached). About a dozen sets have been formatted for inclusion so far. Any sets that people have written are always welcome. We shall then be able to reciprocate the provision.

## Contestant Calls

Many opportunities exist for QLLers to appear on television and radio quiz and game shows. Here are some e-mail and web addresses to obtain application forms.



1 vs 100: [1v100-3@endemoluk.com](mailto:1v100-3@endemoluk.com)  
Identity: [identity@bbc.co.uk](mailto:identity@bbc.co.uk)  
Mastermind: [www.bbc.co.uk/mastermind](http://www.bbc.co.uk/mastermind)  
Weakest Link: [weakestlink@bbc.co.uk](mailto:weakestlink@bbc.co.uk)

Visit [www.ukgameshows.com](http://www.ukgameshows.com) for more calls and info.

## QU12

QU12 will be running quizzes throughout the country from Monday July 9<sup>th</sup>. Normally taking place on a Sunday, they offer a £100 cash prize per show, and £1,000 to the overall winner of the series. If the programme is ever screened on a commercial station, the deal will be £1,000 to the winner of a programme and £10,000 for the series winner. The London leg is due to take place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2007. For more information, visit [www.QU12.com](http://www.QU12.com)

# QU12

## National Team Quiz Festival 2007 Report

The 18th Annual National Quizzing Festival took place at the Counting House in Cornhill on Sunday 10th June. A group of enthusiastic quizzers, several of whom were new to QLL events, assembled for a full day of quizzing.

### Rally Quiz

The day started off with the third running of the individual Rally Quiz, which required competitors to exercise judgement in deciding whether to stop answering questions and try for time bonuses, or to keep answering and take a risk of time penalties.

The winner was Robert Willer on 104 with Gavin Fuller a very close second on 102. Kevin Ashman was not far behind these pace setters on 97.

Special mention should also go to those who scored "solos" and were the only person to answer a particular question correctly (answers at the end of this report). They were:

### Tony Allen (Stage 1, Question 13)

Continually irritated by the antics of Larry the Lamb and Dennis the Dachshund, what was the name of Toytown's "grumpy old man"? Answer: Mr Growser

### Kevin Ashman (Stage 3, Question 4)

Named from a north Italian town, what name is given to the earthenware that has a glaze mainly consisting of compounds of tin?

### Jim Eccleson (Stage 3 – Question 16)

Established in 1742, which restaurant, noted for oysters, fish and game, is at 55 Jermyn Street London SW1?

Interestingly it was the Merseyside man who was the only one to answer correctly the question about a London restaurant!

Only three questions went unanswered by anybody out of 120 reflecting a fine effort from the question setter.

### Don Bissett Memorial Cup

The North v South match was won by Merseyside over the Masterminders. Getting a small lead after the early rounds, they gradually extended it over the course of the match QMed by Robert Willer. Congratulations go to them.

### Team Quiz Competition

The afternoon ended with a round robin of team quizzes with teams drawn at random.

### Thanks!

The League would like to thank everyone who made the day such a success: all the question writers, the staff at the Counting House, Fullers for providing prizes, those who acted as match officials, the organisers and not least all the competitors. Without all of these people the day would not have been possible. Thank you all.

Answers: Mr Growser, Faience, Wilton's

## Quiz in the news

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OFCOM has imposed a record £300,000 fine on Five in respect of a series of incidents during the first three months of this year in which Brainteaser faked the results of on-air competitions. According to the ruling, the incidents "should be seen against a background of serious and longstanding compliance failures" dating back to 2003. Five will also have to broadcast apologies both in the show's old slot and in primetime.



### The Great Pretender

Chris Tarrant is taking on Deal or No Deal host Noel Edmonds by fronting a weekday tea-time quiz. The Who Wants to be a Millionaire? star, 60, has signed up for an ITV show in which players bluff each other to win. This was originally going to be called The Great Pretender, but due to a problem with the Elvis estate, it is likely to change.



### Sir David Hatch

The death has been announced of former BBC Managing Director of Radio, David Hatch. He was co-creator of the long-running comedy panel game I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue and host of Wireless Wise, as well as commissioner of countless other radio shows.



### Grand Slam goes to U.S.

Winners from American shows including Jeopardy! (Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter), Who Wants to be a Millionaire? (Kevin Olmstead and John Carpenter), Wheel of Fortune, Tic Tac Dough, Lingo and The Weakest Link are scheduled to compete for \$100,000 in the U.S. version of the 2003 quiz. The show will be hosted by Dennis Miller with Amanda Byram and broadcast on Game Show Network from 8 Aug.



## Submissions

I hope you found this, first issue compiled by me to be interesting, informative and what you think Team Times should be! By way of a declaration of interests, I should point out that I am involved with the running/editing of UKGameshows.com (used it as a source for news), and I am also due to be assisting with the QU12 matches.

The next Team Times will be produced for the new season social in the autumn. If anybody has any submissions / ideas / quizzes for inclusion, please get in touch! Have a great summer.

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