1. Newport Pagnal was Britain’s first service station. Which other early, more famous, M1 service station is about to be demolished?
2. Film company Warner Brothers are celebrating their 100th birthday this year. Which other film company is also a 100?
3. How many Spice girls are now over 50?
4. Kale, Cauliflowers, Brussel Sprouts are all what type of vegetable?
5. Which country became the 31st member of NATO?
6. Novelist David Morrell has written 28 books. His first, in 1972, led to a highly successful film with 4 sequels, the latter all named after the troubled lead character known by his last name. What’s that name?
7. How many current men’s soccer Premier division teams are called United
8. What word beginning with K, derivative from a Persian word for palace and Turkish word for pavilion, is commonly used today to describe a much smaller structure?
9. How many bones does an octopus have?
10. In the wacky days when Liz Truss was Prime Minister, who was Home Secretary for just 6 days?
11. In which decade was the 70mph speed limit introduced on motorways? This followed someone being recorded at 185 mph on the M1, which was then legal!
12. On the cover of Sergeant Pepper, which Beatle is holding a trumpet?
13. Which is the only UK city that starts with the letter I?
14. Which famous book opens “Once there were 4 children whose names were Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy.” ?
15. There is a bronze statue in Ulverston, Cumbria, commemorating which famous comedy duo – one of whom was born in the town?
16. Became a sporting legend in 1977, but died aged 30 in 1995. What’s his name?
17. Which is the hottest planet in the solar system?
18. On the same topic, which composer, born in Cheltenham in 1874, is best known for “The Planets”?
19. The Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice also happens to be the MP for Cheltenham, what is his name?
20. Where is the thinnest skin on the human body?
21. Which tax was introduced 50 years ago?
22. Which rock band, that formed in the early 90’s and still performing today, were originally called the “Tragic Love Company” (obviously an all-male group!). Their new name was inspired by a band member looking at his family’s record player?
23. In the USA, how many states surround Iowa?
24. In the TV series and films, what is the surname of the Thunderbird brothers?
25. In which road was Sweeney Todd’s barber shop? ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­
26. Which 97 year old has just had a new waxwork unveiled at Madame Tussauds, 31 years after first appearing there?
27. Which is the heaviest snake species on Earth today?
28. King Charles is celebrating his birthday on Monday. How old will he be?
29. And which of his predecessors on the throne was known as “Old Coppernose”?
30. Beverley Spearman was the subject of a big hit song for Boney M, first released in 1977. What was she better known as?
31. How many herbs and spices do KFC say they use for frying chicken?
32. Which city in South America has the largest population?
33. Which well know internet business was originally trading, for about a year, as “Backrub”?
34. What is the common name, in the UK, for a crane fly?
35. Add up these bingo call signs Key of the door; Two little ducks; Heinz varieties. What number do you get?
36. In September this year, which record did 80 year old Barry Manilow break?
37. In the UK which coin was introduced in 1982?
38. Which former Manchester United footballer last month performed live and released an EP as a singer?
39. Is the earth bigger around the equator or around the poles?
40. What four-letter classical music term is Italian for "high"?
41. The shrine to which saint, who also has a “feast day” on 15th July, is in Winchester cathedral?
42. What organ of the body is affected by Brights disease?
43. In which country would you find the Tivoli Gardens?
44. “His Dark Materials” is a fantasy trilogy by which British author?
45. Utah, Omaha, Gold and Sword – which beach is missing?
46. Which is the main herb in pesto sauce?
47. Ke Huy Quan won Best Supporting Actor Oscar this year. He had given up acting for 20 years, having stared as a child actor in two smash 1980’s films. Name either film?
48. The name of which world famous ship translated means 'short chemise' or 'short undergarment'?
49. In 1965 who were the first Australian group to have a UK No 1 hit?
50. In this year’s Woman’s Soccer World Cup Finals, England scored 13 goals (not including a penalty shootout). How many goals did they concede?