

News and Views: 2017–18 Season – Week 3 – 31 October 2017

A League

Results

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----|------------------------|
| Dolphin | 169 | 145 | Wharfies |
| Stuart Rowbotham | 39 | 42 | Brian Bogie |
| Church House Bollington | 167 | 165 | Weaver |
| Ashton Davies (pb) | 51 | 45 | Graham Bailey (pb) |
| Ox-fford | 155 | 137 | Dolphin Dragons |
| Mark Watson | 45 | 39 | Dave Cooper (pb) |

Tables

| | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Total | Points |
|--------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|--------|
| Ox-fford 'C' | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 351 | 4 |
| Ox-fford | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 320 | 4 |
| Church House Bollington | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 471 | 2 |
| Weaver | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 468 | 2 |
| Wharfies | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 445 | 2 |
| Dolphin Dragons | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 323 | 2 |
| Dolphin | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 169 | 2 |
| British Flag | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 290 | 0 |

Individual Top Ten

| | | Team | Played | Total | Highest | Lowest | Week 3 |
|----|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------|-------|---------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Ashton Davies | Church House Bollington | 3 | 123 | 51 | 30 | 51 |
| 2 | Graham Bailey | Weaver | 3 | 120 | 45 | 33 | 45 |
| 3 | Brian Bogie | Wharfies | 3 | 117 | 45 | 30 | 42 |
| 4 | Ed Baron | Church House Bollington | 3 | 102 | 42 | 27 | 33 |
| 5 | Alice Walker | Ox-fford 'C' | 2 | 96 | 48 | 48 | |
| 6= | Bob Gratton | Church House Bollington | 3 | 93 | 33 | 30 | 33 |
| 6= | Lesley Davies | Weaver | 3 | 93 | 33 | 30 | 30 |
| 8= | Haydn Thompson | Ox-fford 'C' | 2 | 90 | 48 | 42 | |
| 8= | Mark Watson | Ox-fford | 2 | 90 | 45 | 45 | 45 |
| 10 | Art Higham | Wharfies | 2 | 87 | 48 | 39 | |



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B League

Results

| | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| Royal Oak | 165 | 138 | Harrington Academicals |
| Rosalie James | 45 | 42 | Rob Parkin |
| Robin Hood | 126 | 133 | Waters Green Lemmings |
| Jim Kennelly (pb) | 42 | 33 | Wendy Brown |
| Waters Green Rams | 178 | 119 | Nags Head |
| Bob Thompson | 51 | 33 | Andrew Wright |

Tables

| | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Total | Points |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|--------|
| Nags Head | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 446 | 4 |
| Waters Green Rams | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 345 | 4 |
| Waters Green Lemmings | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 279 | 4 |
| Robin Hood | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 422 | 2 |
| Harrington Academicals | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 414 | 2 |
| Royal Oak | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 310 | 2 |
| Harrington 'B' | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 244 | 0 |
| Plough Horntails | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 126 | 0 |

Individual Top Ten

| | | Team | Played | Total | Highest | Lowest | Week 3 |
|----|------------------------|------------------------|--------|-------|---------|--------|--------|
| 1= | Alasdair Reid | Nags Head | 3 | 114 | 54 | 24 | 24 |
| 1= | Dave Partington | Harrington Academicals | 3 | 114 | 48 | 30 | 30 |
| 3 | Jim Kennelly | Robin Hood | 3 | 105 | 42 | 27 | 42 |
| 4 | Andrew Wright | Nags Head | 3 | 96 | 36 | 27 | 33 |
| 5 | Rob Parkin | Harrington Academicals | 2 | 78 | 42 | 36 | 42 |
| 6 | Rosalie James | Royal Oak | 2 | 75 | 45 | 30 | 45 |
| 7= | Alan James | Royal Oak | 2 | 66 | 36 | 30 | 36 |
| 7= | John Green | Harrington 'B' | 2 | 66 | 36 | 30 | |
| 8= | Tim Grimes | Robin Hood | 2 | 63 | 36 | 27 | 36 |
| 8= | Andy Johnson | Nags Head | 2 | 63 | 33 | 30 | 30 |
| 8= | Paul Prior | Nags Head | 3 | 63 | 24 | 18 | 18 |



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C League

Results

| | | | |
|---|----------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| Sutton Mutton | 117 | 108 | Park Taverners |
| Wynne Keith-Davies | 30 | 27 27 | Graham Wallace Shauna Barstow |
| Pack Horse Bowling Club | 108 | 126 | Prince of Wales |
| Tim Bloor Andrew Vickerstaff Mike Vickerstaff | 21 21 21 | 30 | Andy Ridgway |
| Cock Inn | 121 | 121 | Sutton Club |
| Peter Wilcox | 33 | 30 | Chris Butler |

Tables

| | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Total | Points |
|--------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|--------|
| Sutton Club | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 384 | 5 |
| Prince of Wales | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 367 | 4 |
| Sutton Mutton | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 266 | 4 |
| Pack Horse Bowling Club | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 369 | 2 |
| Park Timers | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 146 | 2 |
| Cock Inn | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 221 | 1 |
| Chester Road Tavern | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 241 | 0 |
| Park Taverners | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 216 | 0 |

Individual Top Ten

| | | Team | Played | Total | Highest | Lowest | Week 3 |
|----|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------|-------|---------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Andy Ridgway | Prince of Wales | 3 | 90 | 39 | 21 | 30 |
| 2 | Chris Butler | Sutton Club | 3 | 81 | 30 | 21 | 30 |
| 3= | Wynne Keith-Davies | Sutton Mutton | 2 | 69 | 39 | 30 | 30 |
| 3= | Tim Bloor | Pack Horse Bowling Club | 3 | 69 | 27 | 21 | 21 |
| 5 | Andrew Vickerstaff | Pack Horse Bowling Club | 3 | 63 | 24 | 18 | 21 |
| 6= | Peter Wilcox | Cock Inn | 2 | 54 | 33 | 21 | 33 |
| 6= | Jackie Hulme | Cock Inn | 2 | 54 | 30 | 24 | 30 |
| 6= | Tim Hayes | Prince of Wales | 3 | 54 | 24 | 15 | 15 |
| 6= | Trisha Ashton | Prince of Wales | 3 | 54 | 21 | 15 | 21 |
| 9= | Paul Heaven | Sutton Club | 2 | 48 | 33 | 15 | |
| 9= | Mike Proctor | Sutton Mutton | 2 | 48 | 30 | 18 | 18 |
| 9= | Mitch Moores | Chester Road Tavern | 2 | 48 | 27 | 21 | |
| 9= | Emma Griggs | Sutton Club | 3 | 48 | 21 | 12 | 12 |



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Week 3

We apologise for the delay in posting these results. Mark Watson is still without an internet connection at home following a house move. This issue will hopefully be resolved in time for the next set of results to be posted promptly.

Of the nine games this week, five were won by teams going "first first" and three by the teams going the other way. We also had our first draw of the season!

The teams that won by going "first first" were the **Dolphin**, **Church House Bollington**, **Waters Green Lemmings**, **Waters Green Rams** and **Park Taverners**.

The draw was in the C League between the **Cock Inn** and **Sutton Club**, who also scored exactly the same scores in each of the Specialist and GK Rounds!

There were some other very close games, notably the one between the **Church House Bollington** and the **Weaver**, which the **CHB** won by two points. This was achieved by **Ashton Davies** getting a 3 for the very last question of the night - GK 96, the one about the "Merry Monarch".

Ashton had a fantastic score of **51** on the night, as did **Bob Thompson** for the Waters Green Rams.

Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

| | Wk | | Team | Difficulty | Balance | Ent'mnt | Total | Last Year |
|---|----|------|---------------|------------|---------|---------|-------|-----------|
| 1 | 1 | Spec | Ox-fford | 10.00 | 6.69 | 7.22 | 23.91 | 24.69 |
| 2 | 3 | Spec | British Flag | 8.48 | 8.07 | 7.11 | 23.66 | 22.17 |
| 3 | 2 | GK | Royal Oak | 5.35 | 8.23 | 5.72 | 19.30 | 8.20 |
| 4 | 1 | GK | Ox-fford | 8.30 | 4.38 | 6.50 | 19.18 | 17.22 |
| 5 | 3 | GK | British Flag | 3.66 | 8.66 | 5.67 | 18.00 | |
| 6 | 2 | Spec | Sutton Mutton | 5.20 | 8.81 | 3.44 | 17.45 | (11.50) |

The British Flag's questions scored well all round. The Specialist set were a lot easier than average and very well balanced (with a slight bias towards the team that went second); the General Knowledge were slightly harder than average but also well balanced. The bias in the General Knowledge was in favour of the team that went second (first in the Specialists) and so the overall balance was almost perfect.

The relative difficulty of the General Knowledge questions was reflected in their Entertainment score, which was still very respectable. The Entertainment score for the Specialist questions would have been the highest in the League last season.

All of this season's questions so far have scored well; as mentioned last week, the Sutton Mutton's total score of 17.45 would have won them a comfortable mid-table slot last season.

To see the complete spreadsheet for this season so far, please click [here](#).



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Cup: Round 1 Results

The first round of this season's Cup competition was played on Tuesday 24 November (the week before the third round of League games). The results were as follows:

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|----|----|-------------------------|
| Sutton Mutton | 77 | 89 | Royal Oak |
| Prince of Wales | 78 | 80 | Weaver |
| Harrington 'B' | 73 | 74 | Park Taverners |
| Robin Hood | 78 | 90 | Dolphin Dragons |
| Wharfies | 91 | 83 | Plough Horntails |
| Dolphin | 98 | 71 | Pack Horse Bowling Club |
| Waters Green Rams | 70 | 73 | Cock Inn |
| Church House Bollington | 86 | 70 | Sutton Club |

The eight losing teams from the above games will go into the Plate, whilst the eight winning teams are joined by the eight teams who had "byes", or set and asked questions, in Round 1, to make up the last 16 for the Cup.

The eight teams in the Plate have all played and lost one game, and two of those teams have been drawn to set questions for the next round, along with a further four teams to act as Question Masters for all the games.

All eight teams in the Plate will go forward to the Quarter Finals, which will be played early next year.

After Round 2 of the Cup, we will be left with eight teams in the Cup and eight in the Plate.

Top scorers in Round 1 were the Dolphin with 98.

I suspect most teams will have found the second half of the [questions](#) (nos. 61 to 120) a lot harder than the first. As the person who had the greatest hand in setting those questions, I feel I should explain that it was largely deliberate; in our house, we feel that the questions in the Cup need to be harder than we're used to in the League as they are all conferred. Some games seem to hang on just a handful of questions, which can make it seem like a bit of a lottery.

In the game that I asked the questions in (**Robin Hood v. Dolphin Dragons**), the scores were tied on 51 each at the half-way stage; in the second half, the Dragons scored 39 while the Robin Hood managed only 27. In the first half only five questions went unanswered by either team, but in the second half there were 22.

Maybe we overdid it and the questions were a little too tough. What do you think? [Let me know](#), and I'll publish your replies (or a representative summary) in a future *News & Views*.



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Cup: Round 2 Draw

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Waters Green Lemmings | Ox-fford 'C' |
| Chester Road Tavern | Cock Inn |
| British Flag | Park Timers |
| Park Taverners | Church House Bollington |
| Nags Head | Dolphin |
| Ox-fford | Harrington Academicals |
| Weaver | Royal Oak |
| Dolphin Dragons | Wharfies |

These games will be played on **21 November 2017**. The questions will be set by the **Plough Horntails** and the **Harrington 'B'**, who will provide two question masters each.

The **Prince of Wales**, **Waters Green Rams**, **Sutton Mutton** and **Sutton Club** will provide one question master each.

Please decide beforehand who is going to turn out, so we don't have to call anyone on the night.

Questions for the Quarter Finals of the Cup and Plate will be set by two of the losing teams from the above games. A draw will be made after the above games have been played.