This week's quiz is set by the Merchants, we do hope that it's enjoyable, balanced and not too specific – and forgive us our trespasses as we occasional forgive others.

Required answers are in BOLD CAPITALS.

ROUND 1 Multi-taskers

A round on famous people who have dabbled in more than one area

1a. Which member of the royal family published the children's book The Old Man of Lochnagar in 1980?

PRINCE CHARLES

1b. Which English musician/songwriter/rock star released a classical piece entitled The Liverpool Oratorio in 1991?

PAUL MCCARTNEY

2a Which English cricketer made 11 appearances for Scunthorpe United football club in 1980?

IAN BOTHAM

2b Mr Stink (2009) and Gangsta Granny (2011) are children's books by which British comedian?

DAVID WALLIAMS

3a. Which British comedian and actor has released two blues albums, Let Them Talk (2011) and Didn't It Rain (2013)?

HUGH LAURIE

3b. Which Hollywood actor, Scientologist and qualified pilot, flew his Boeing 707 on a mercy mission to Haiti after the 2010 earthquake?

JOHN TRAVOLTA

4a. Which 'chick lit' novelist became MP for Corby in 2010?

Accept LOUISE BAGSHAWE or LOUISE MENSCH

4b. Which pop star, whose career peaked in the 1980s, went on to write Gardening for Children (2005) and First-Time Gardener (2006), as well as presenting gardening shows on the BBC?

KIM WILDE

Spare

Which American comedian and actor is an accomplished banjo player and Grammy Award-winning songwriter?

STEVE MARTIN

ROUND 2 The Shipping Forecast - Each answer either is, or contains, a UK shipping forecast area.

1a What surname was often given to the illegitimate offspring of kings of England?

FITZROY

1b. Which bridge was the longest suspension bridge in the world when it was opened in 1981?

The **HUMBER BRIDGE**

2a. Which city is home to the largest naval base in western Europe?

PLYMOUTH

2b What is the most remote inhabited island in the UK?

FAIR ISLE

3a. Which fictional frog has friends called Sir Isaac Newton and Alderman Ptolemy Tortoise?

Jeremy FISHER

3b. What fish is made by combining two shipping forecast areas?

DOVER SOLE

4a. In the House of Commons, it was claimed about which Atlantic rock, that more people had visited the moon than had visited it?

ROCKALL

4b. What common surname is derived from a word for 'steward' or part of a castle?

BAILEY

Spare

What is the northernmost point of the Irish mainland?

MALIN HEAD

What shipping forecast area's name refers to the depth of the sea in fathoms?

FORTIES

ROUND 3 Imaginary places

1a What is the name of the Kansas Town where Superman grows up?

SMALLVILLE

1b. In the Star Wars films, on which planet was Darth Vader born?

TATOOINE

2a. In the 1850s and 1860s, Antony Trollope published a series of six novels set in the cathedral town of a fictitious English county. Name either the town or the county.

BARCHESTER or **BARSETSHIRE**

2b. Which fictional English town provides the title and setting for the George Eliot's novel of 1872 that is subtitled 'A Study of Provincial Life'?

MIDDLEMARCH

3a. Also known as the 'Fortunate Isles' and the 'Isles of the Blessed', what name is given in Greek mythology to the region inhabited after death by Gods and heroes?

accept ELYSIUM or ELYSIAN FIELDS

3b. What is the name of the mystical, harmonious valley in Tibetan mountains in James Hilton's novel Lost Horizon (1933)?

SHANGRI-LA

4a. What is the name of the continent where most of the action of the TV show Game of Thrones is set?

WESTEROS

4b. In the Harry Potter books, what this the name of the only all-wizard village in the UK?

HOGSMEADE

Spare

Which village is the home of Agatha Christie's Miss Marple? ST MARY MEADE

ROUND 4 Waitrose Outlets on the UK motorway network

All the following service stations have a Waitrose outlet

1a. Which is the oldest service station on the M6

CHARNOCK RICHARD

1b. Which is the oldest service station on the M25

SOUTH MIMMS

2a. Where is the place of dreaming spires

OXFORD

2b. Which village on the A74(M) in Dumfries and Galloway is famous for its blacksmith

GRETNA GREEN

3a. On the M6, which service station shares its name with a University in Staffordshire and a small village.

KEELE

3b. Which service station on the M40 shares its name with a University that is closer to Coventry than the town it is named after.

WARWICK

4a. Which service station is on the M4 and is named after the city in which Doctor Who production is based

CARDIFF gate

4b. Which service station on the M54 is named after a new town in Shropshire

TELFORD

SPARE

Which service station is on the M3 in Hampshire and until 2001 was the only one on the M3

FLEET

Round 5: Famous actresses and singers

1a. Name the American/Israeli actress who starred in Star Wars, Leon and Black Swan

NATALIE PORTMAN

1b. Name the British Actress and was recently made UN Women Goodwill Ambassador and helped launch the HeForShe camapaign

EMMA WATSON

2a. Who sang on Je t'aime with Serge Gainsbourg

Jane **BIRKIN**

2b. Name the actress who was made a good will ambassador for the UN and starred in Roman Holiday

AUDREY HEPBURN

3a. Name the actress who plays Andie in Pretty in Pink

Molly **RINGWALD**

3b. Name the Anglophile American who played Lady Deadlock and Miss Havisham on TV, but is best known for her role as a special agent.

Gillian ANDERSON

4a. Name the lead singer of the band that recorded albums Plastic Letters and Parallel Lines

DEBBIE HARRY

4b. Name the singer and actress who sang The Locomotion and Can't Get You Out of My Head

KYLIE MINOGUE

SPARE

Name the actress from Blackpool who plays Doctor Who's current assistant.

Gemma Louise COLEMAN

Round 6 Literature

1a. Which famous literary character was re-imagined and re-launched in Jeffrey Deaver's *Carte Blanche* (2011)?

JAMES BOND.

1b. What is the name of Sherlock Holmes' older brother?

MYCROFT

2a. In John Updike's *Rabbit* novels, at which sport was Harry 'Rabbit' Angstrom a high-school star?

BASKETBALL

2b. Which sport connects The Natural, The Art of Fielding and A Prayer for Owen Meany?

BASEBALL

3a. Who wrote a sequence of novels called His Dark Materials?

Philip **PULLMAN**

3b. Who wrote *The Hunger Games* trilogy?

Suzanne COLLINS

4a. Which of Dickens' novels features characters named Squeers, Smike and Crummles?

NICHOLAS NICKLEBY

4b. Which Henry James story features an unnamed governess and a man named Quint?

THE TURN OF THE SCREW

Spare

Who became poet laureate after the death of Ted Hughes?

ANDREW MOTION.

ROUND 7 Fashion

1a. Which high street clothing chain does Kate Moss design a range for?

TOP SHOP

1b. Which high street clothes shop was once known as Hennes?

H&M

2a. For whom did Marjan Pejoski design an unusual swan dress for the 2001 Oscars?

BJORK

2b. Which TV series features Minnie's Boutique in Brentwood, UK?

TOWIE (THE ONLY WAY IS ESSEX)

3a. Which British designer was sacked by Dior after an anti-Semitic rant in a restaurant?

John GALLIANO

3b. A pair of famous designers were recently convicted of tax evasion. Name them.

Domenico DOLCE and Stefano GABBANA

4a. Which celebrated British designer killed himself in 2010?

Alexander MCQUEEN

4b. Which designer was murdered outside his Miami beach home in 1997

Gianni VERSACE

Spare

Which internet store selling designer clothes was founded by Natalie Massenet?

NET-A-PORTER

Round 8 A general round about my family

All questions have some connection with my family

1a. Which French city is famous for its porcelain and is the administrative capital of the Limousin?

LIMOGES

1b. The Byker Wall is in which city?

NEWCASTLE

2a. Which is the second most populous country in the World?

INDIA

2b. Who famously lived at 23 Railway Cuttings, East Cheam

Tony **HANCOCK**

3a. Who was the author of the Quiet American and the Third Man and went to Berkhamsted School (where his father was the head master)

Graham **GREENE**

3b. The Bromley Contingent was a group of early punks which included Billy Idol and which female singer who's band's first single was Hong Kong Garden

SIOUXIE Sioux

4a. Which city was a significant slave port is built upon the river Avon

BRISTOL

4b. Chesham is on which London Underground line that passes through Harrow on the Hill, Baker Street and Aldgate

METROPOLITAN

SPARE

The Peel Monument is situated in which Lancashire town

RAMSBOTTOM (accept BURY as it's in the Borough of Bury)