

Hello folks,

Derek Callam here! Many of you will have enjoyed the quiz evenings that I have run with my wife, Sharman.

I thought you might be interested in a little game to keep those brain cells active and enjoy some healthy, fun competition with your Gosport & Fareham MS friends from the comfort of your own home!!

(NOTE: This game will be played every week via **EMAIL**. I won't be using WhatsApp for reasons which will become obvious!)

The game is called "SHEEP". Why "sheep"? Because you are trying to guess the MOST POPULAR answer given by the majority of players (the exact opposite of the "Pointless" TV programme). So, you are sticking together like a flock of sheep!

For example:

Let's suppose 20 players take part.

A question asks: "Name a member of The Beatles".

- 9 players say "Paul McCartney"... so they EACH score 9 points.
- 5 players say "John Lennon"... so they each score 5 points.
- 3 players say "Ringo Starr"... so they each score 3 points.
- 2 players say "George Harrison"... so they each score 2 points.
- 1 player says "Mick Jagger"... so, although incorrect, they still score 1 point.

The aim is to SCORE AS MANY POINTS AS POSSIBLE... so you need to try and predict what answers other players might give!

The good things about this game are:

- There is no such thing as a "wrong" answer! Even an "incorrect" answer will still score a point (as in the example above).
- There is no such thing as "cheating"! If you can't think of an answer, just use Google... it doesn't matter! It may give you ideas for "suitable" answers, but it can't predict what the other players might answer!
- Amazingly, it also means that Sharman and I can take part in the game! (We will submit our answers before I send out the questions to the rest of the players, so we won't know in advance what the most popular answers are!)

How will it work?

I would send out an email with 10 questions, probably on each Sunday, and you would need to reply to me (so that nobody else sees them!) with your guesses by Wednesday evening to give me time to crunch the numbers! The questions will cover a variety of subjects: history, geography, sport, music, TV, nature, science, etc.

I think we need at least 20 people to take part to make it worthwhile. If we get 40+ people, that would be great and we could have two Leagues with the added excitement of Promotion and Relegation!

How can you get involved?

- All you need to do is send an email to derekcallam@aol.com with “MS Sheep” in the Subject line and give me your First Name and Surname.
- Your husband/wife/partner is welcome to take part as well (find out who is the best sheep in your house!). They just need to send me an email from their email address with their name.
- If two of you share the same email address and you both want to take part that’s OK too. (When you answer the questions just send one email with two separate lists of answers, each clearly showing the player’s name).

When will this start?

Assuming there is sufficient interest, I hope to start about mid-February and keep it going until the weather warms up!

I hope to hear from you soon!

Baaaaa!
Derek