**The A quiz**

All answers begin with the letter A.  In the case of names, it is the surname that begins with that letter.

1. What is the trophy that English and Australian cricket teams compete for?
2. What is the first animal to appear alphabetically in an English dictionary?
3. What is said to make the heart grow fonder?
4. Which Irish comedian had TV shows where he sat on a bar stool, drinking, while telling jokes, often satirising the Catholic church?
5. What is the scientific name of the snapdragon?
6. What 4-letter acronym is used to designate an absence without permission?
7. Who played Dana Scully in the X files?
8. What term is used to refer to (a battle that will see) the end of the world?
9. Where in Scotland is known as The Granite City?
10. Which trail, the longest continuously-marked footpath in the world, runs for  miles from Georgia to Maine in the USA?
11. What do we call a drug, or substance, that counteracts the effects of another drug or poison?
12. What is the white of an egg called?
13. What is the word a stage magician uses when (s)he performs a trick?
14. What do we call the study of human history and prehistory through the excavation of sites and the analysis of artefacts and other physical remains?
15. Which jazz trumpeter, born in New Orleans and niocknamed "Satchmo", formed bands called the Hot Five and Hot Seven in the 1920s?
16. Who played Hawkeye Pierce in the TV series M\*A\*S\*H?
17. Which English composer wrote the music for *Rule Britannia* in 1740?
18. Who was the whistleblower, co-founder of WikiLeaks, who took refuge in an embassy London in 2012?
19. What word can be both a long-eared member of the horse genus and a fool?
20. What is the slender throwing spear of South African tribes called?

**Tie Breaker Question:** In which year was the first Christmas card sent in the UK?

And finally, a smile for this week:

**Elvis my pet mouse has died.  He was caught in a trap.**

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