

## Lancaster City Quiz League – 9 December 2024

### Quiz set by Jailers Barrel A

A general quiz with a Christmas theme.

#### Round 1 – The 12 days of Christmas

Each pair of questions relates to one of the twelve days of Christmas.

- 1a The UK is home to 3 types of swan, the Mute Swan and 2 winter migrants. Name the 2 migrants. - **WHOOPER and BEWICK**
- 1b Who wrote the book “Wild Swans” - **JUNG CHANG**
- 2a Widely considered rock’s first superstar drummer, who was the drummer with Cream (1966-68) and Blind Faith (1968-69)? Full name required - **GINGER BAKER**
- 2b Who is the drummer and last remaining original member of Deep Purple? He has been a member of the band since its formation in 1968. Full name required. - **IAN PAICE**
- 3a Latin name Anser Brachyrhynchus, which species of goose is a winter migrant to the UK, arriving from breeding grounds in Greenland, Iceland and Svalbard? - **PINK-FOOTED Goose**
- 3b Latin name Branta Bernicla, name the UK’s smallest over-wintering goose? - **BRENT Goose**
- 4a The golden Buddha, the world’s largest solid gold statue, is located in which city? - **BANGKOK**
- 4b The Golden Girls is an american TV series about 4 older women, who share friendship and a home in which US state? - **FLORIDA**
- Spare Which band was co-founded in 1979 by Andy Partridge. Their hits included “Making plans for Nigel” 1979 and “senses working overtime” 1982 - **XTC**
- Spare Best known for playing Christian Clark in Eastenders, name the actor who also won Celebrity Masterchef in 2018? Full name required. - **JOHN PARTRIDGE**

## Round 2 – Christmas Films

Given the year of release and a brief synopsis, name the film.

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| 1a    | 1946<br>An angel is sent from heaven to help a desperately frustrated businessman by showing him what life would have been like if he had never existed.   | - <b>ITS A WONDERFUL LIFE</b>           |
| 1b    | 1964<br>A young reindeer lives at the North Pole. His father is one of Santa's reindeer and it is expected that he will eventually be one too. However, he has a feature which is a setback and causes him to be ostracized.                         | - <b>RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER</b> |
| 2a    | 2003<br>Buddy travels from the North Pole to New York City to meet his biological father, Walter Hobbs, who doesn't know he exists and is in desperate need of some Christmas spirit.  | - <b>ELF</b>                            |
| 2b    | 1947<br>After a divorced New York mother hires a nice old man to play Santa Claus at Macy's, she is startled by his claim to be the genuine article. When his sanity is questioned, a lawyer defends him in court by arguing that he's not mistaken. | - <b>MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET</b>         |
| 3a    | 2003<br>Follows the lives of eight very different couples in dealing with their love lives in various loosely interrelated tales all set during a frantic month before Christmas in London, England.   | - <b>LOVE ACTUALLY</b>                  |
| 3b    | 2006<br>Two neighbours have it out after one of them decorates his house for the holidays so brightly that it can be seen from space.  | - <b>DECK THE HALLS</b>                 |
| 4a    | 1954<br>A successful song-and-dance team become romantically involved with a sister act and team up to save the failing Vermont inn of their former commanding general.  | - <b>WHITE CHRISTMAS</b>                |
| 4b    | 1993<br>Jack Skellington, King of Halloween Town, discovers Christmas Town, but his attempts to bring Christmas to his home causes confusion.  | - <b>THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS</b> |
| Spare | 2004<br>On Christmas Eve, a young boy embarks on a magical adventure to the North Pole, while learning about friendship, bravery, and the spirit of Christmas.   | - <b>POLAR EXPRESS</b>                  |
| Spare | 1988<br>A New York City police officer tries to save his estranged wife and several others taken hostage by terrorists during a Christmas party in Los Angeles.  | - <b>DIE HARD</b>                       |

### Round 3 – Nativity

Given a clue and the year of birth, name the person born on 25<sup>th</sup> December.

- 1a 1918 - **ANWAR SADAT**  
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt from 1970 to 1981 who led his country in a war against Israel in 1973, which is known as the Yom Kippur War. Four years later he became the first Arab leader to visit Israel and acknowledge it's right to exist.
- 1b 1971 - **JUSTIN TRUDEAU**  
Canadian politician who became Prime Minister of Canada in 2015. He previously served as a member of parliament for Papineau, becoming the leader of the country's Liberal Party in 2013.
- 2a 1957 - **CHRIS KAMARA**  
Former English defender who had a 20-year professional career, followed by a brief stint as manager of Bradford City. He became a broadcaster for Sky Sports in 1999.
- 2b 1944 - **JAIRZINHO**  
Brazilian legend who led the iconic Brazilian national team to victory at the 1970 World Cup and is credited for discovering another Brazilian legend: Ronaldo.
- 3a 1919 - **NOELE GORDON**  
She is known for being the first woman to be seen on colour TV sets, taking part in BBC's early tests in colour broadcasting during the 1940's and best remembered for her role in "Crossroads"
- 3b 1949 - **SISSY SPACEK**  
Won an Academy Award for her starring role in the 1980 film Coal Miner's Daughter. She initially gained fame for her breakthrough performance in the 1976 horror film "Carrie". She also earned Academy Award nominations for her roles in Missing, The River, Crimes of the Heart, and In the Bedroom.
- 4a 1971 - **DIDO**  
English singer-songwriter whose debut album No Angel won multiple awards, including the MTV Europe Music Award for Best New Act. Her song "If I Rise" was nominated for an Academy Award.
- 4b 1954 - **ANNIE LENNOX**  
Singer-songwriter of "Sweet Dreams" as a band member and "Walking On Broken Glass" in her solo career. She has sold over 80 million albums worldwide
- Spare 1642 - **ISAAC NEWTON**  
A famous English Polymath and Physicist and law maker, born in Woodsthorpe, Lincolnshire.

#### Round 4 – Most wanted Christmas toys over the decades

- 1a Since the 1940s, which Danish construction toy is still popular? - **LEGO**
- 1b The toy that Frank Hornby invented, “Mechanics Made Easy”, was based on the principles of mechanical engineering. What was it marketed as? - **MECCANO**
- 2a Which animal is involved in the frantic marble eating board game? - **HIPPO**  
Hungry Hippos
- 2b Highly sought after from 1960 onwards, the original called “Magic Screen” was better known as what? - **ETCH A SKETCH**
- 3a An American electronic robotic toy by Tiger Electronics. Originally released in 1998, it resembles a hamster or owl-like creature. What is this curious little creature, an incredibly interactive toy friend, called? - **FURBY**
- 3b Christmas in the 1970s saw high demand for the spin off from which film franchise series? - **STAR WARS**
- 4a Barbie was the star of Christmas 1960, which company made her? - **MATTEL**
- 4b Action Man was launched by Palitoy in the UK in 1966, copying upon the success of which similar american toy? - **G I JOE**
- Spare In what year was the first Beano Annual released? - **1940**

#### Round 5 – Kings and Leaders

- 1a Which King of England was crowned on Christmas day? - **WILLIAM I**  
(accept William the conqueror)
- 1b Prince Albert is usually credited with introducing the Christmas tree to Britain. However, the first known Christmas tree was set up at Queens Lodge, Windsor in 1800 by “Good Queen Charlotte”, the wife of which monarch? - **GEORGE III**
- 2a Which former European dictator and tyrant was tried and executed on 25 December 1989? - Nicolae  
**CEAUSESCU**
- 2b The festival of Christ’s birth was not invented until 312 AD, not by a faithful disciple, but by a military leader, the Roman emperor. Which Roman emperor? - **CONSTANTINE**
- 3a Which governing body banned Christmas as a religious festival in 1647? - **The LONG PARLIAMENT**  
(accept Puritans)

- 3b Who was crowned “Emperor of the Romans” on 25<sup>th</sup> December 800AD? - **CHARLEMAGNE**  
(accept Charles the Great)
- 4a The resignation on 25 December 1991 of which President of the USSR, - Mikhail  
resulted in the official dissolving of the Soviet Union the next day? **GORBACHEV**
- 4b Which future US President led his 2400 strong army across the - George  
Delaware river on Christmas day 1776 and turned the tide of the **WASHINGTON**  
Revolutionary War in the colonist’s favour?
- Spare Sweyn Forkbeard took control of which northern part of England on - The **DANELAW**  
Christmas Day, 1013 AD?

**Round 6 – Christmas No. 1s**

- 1a Who had the first Christmas no. 1 in 1952, with the song “Here in my Heart”? - **AL MARTINO**
- 1b Elvis had his only UK Christmas no. 1 in 1962, with which song? - **RETURN TO  
SENDER**
- 2a Which band had 3 consecutive Christmas no. 1s, 1996,97,98, with songs - **SPICE GIRLS**  
entitled “2 become 1”, “Too Much”, “Goodbye” ?
- 2b Which band had Christmas no. 1s in 1975 and 1991 with the same song? - **QUEEN**  
(Bohemian  
Rhapsody)
- 3a Who was the 2023 Christmas no.1, with a track first released on 3 December - **WHAM!**  
1984? (Last Christmas)
- 3b In what year did Slade have their famous Christmas no. 1, “Merry Christmas - **1973**  
Everybody”?
- 4a Which capella vocal group had a Christmas no. 1 in 1983 with the song “Only - **The FLYING  
PICKETS**  
You”?
- 4b Mark Ian Hoyle had all the christmas no.1s between 2018 and 2022. He is an - **LADBABY**  
English Youtuber, Musician and Blogger and better known as his on-line  
pseudonym, which is?
- Spare Which band had 3 consecutive Christmas no. 1s in 1963, 64, 65? - **The BEATLES**
- Spare In 1971, Benny Hill had a Christmas no 1., with which song? - **“ERNIE-(THE  
FASTEST  
MILKMAN IN  
THE WEST)”**

## Round 7 –

Each question or answer has reference to food or food providers associated with Christmas.

- 1a Which famous fair, originally known as ST Mathews Fair, has been held annually since 1284, with the exceptions of a bubonic plague outbreak, WW1 and in 2020 due to coronavirus? - **NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR**
- 1b Why is there a sixpence in a Christmas pudding? - To bring the finder **WEALTH** and **GOOD LUCK** in the year to come
- 2a Which high street store has become a British festive institution due to its Christmas adverts, first released in 2007? - **JOHN LEWIS**
- 2b Who is the star of ALDI's recent Christmas adverts? - **KEVIN the CARROT**
- 3a What traditional Christmas food was originally made with 13 ingredients, representing Jesus and the 12 disciples, and topped with a sprig of holly, representing the crown of thorns? - **FIGGY PUDDING**
- 3b What is the common name for the American "Popover" in the UK? - **YORKSHIRE PUDDING**
- 4a The ingredients : milk, cream, cinnamon, vanilla, nutmeg, eggs sugar and rum, make up which festive cocktail? - **EGGNOG**
- 4b In the popular guidebook, "The Book of Household Management (1859)", who wrote "A Christmas dinner with the middle classes of this empire would scarcely be Christmas dinner without its Turkey"? - **MRS Isabella BEETON**
- Spare On what day of the year is the eating of mince pies illegal? A law created by Oliver Cromwell and never repealed. - **CHRISTMAS DAY**

## Round 8 – Generally Christmas

- 1a Which Christmas item was first commissioned by Sir Henry Cole and designed by John Callcott Horsley in London in 1843? - **The CHRISTMAS CARD**
- 1b The Christmas Factor affects which part of the human body? - **BLOOD**  
(It is a protein that helps form clots and stop bleeding)
- 2a *Erithacus rubecula* is the scientific name for which bird? - **ROBIN**
- 2b Which bird was traditionally hunted on Boxing day, by young men and boys? Especially in Ireland and the Isle of Man? - **WREN**

- 3a St Stephen was a deacon in the early church in Jerusalem, who angered members of various synagogues by his teachings. How was he killed? - **STONED TO DEATH**
- 3b The Romans used to celebrate which festival between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> December? - **SATURNALIA**
- 4a The practice of people going door-to-door, singing and offering drinks from a bowl in exchange for gifts is known as what? - **WASSAILING**
- 4b The plant Helleborus Niger or Black Hellebore is better known as what? - **CHRISTMAS ROSE**
- Spare The X in Xmas represents which greek letter? - **CHI**
- Spare At Victorian christmas, what was a Robin? - **POSTMAN**  
due to their red jackets  
and delivering  
christmas cards