

LANCASTER CITY QUIZ LEAGUE
Dennis Wigham Final (27 April 2026)

Surnames will invariably suffice **unless** otherwise indicated by the QM. Also, if an **INCORRECT** forename is also given (whether required or not), the answer will be treated as wrong. Finally, since this is a general knowledge quiz, the Rounds are not titled.

Round 1

1a	This Hitchcock film of 1958, one of the greatest ever made, and starring James Stewart and Kim Novak, ended in tragedy when Novak's character fell to her death from a bell-tower. <i>What is its name?</i>	VERTIGO
1b	What is the name of the mainly US mountain range which extends from southern British Columbia through Washington and Oregon to northern California?	CASCADES/CASCADE RANGE
2a	In which year did Orson Welles broadcast a radio adaptation of H G Wells' novel <i>The War of the Worlds</i> ? In so doing he caused a considerable amount of confusion and fear.	1938
2b	In which year did Radio 1 start broadcasting?	1967
3a	Who currently presents <i>Antiques Roadshow</i> on BBC 1? Surname only required.	(Fiona) BRUCE
3b	Which 1972 Hitchcock film – his penultimate creation and thought by some to be his last great achievement – was set in the UK and centres on a serial killer?	FRENZY
4a	Erupting in February 2000, what is the name of one of Iceland's best known and most active volcanoes?	HEKLA
4b	What was the surname of the character played by Martin Clunes in a long-running medical TV series from 2004 until 2022?	(Martin) ELLINGHAM
Sp.	Which motorway links Preston to Burnley and Colne?	M65

Round 2

1a	Which car won UK Car of the Year in 2026? Both make and model are required.	RENAULT 5
1b	In May of which year were 16 people killed when visiting Abbeystead? This tragedy occurred when the valve-house they were visiting exploded.	1984
2a	Name the three Olympic Games venues in the years 2024, 2028, 2032. One point for each. If passed for one point, all three must be correct.	PARIS/LOS ANGELES/BRISBANE
2b	In computing, what term is used to describe 10^{12} ?	TERABYTE
3a	The computer mouse was created in 1963-64 by an American IT inventor. What was his name?	(Douglas) ENGELBART
3b	In which German city are the headquarters and manufacturing centre of VW cars?	WOLFSBURG
4a	In February of which year did 22 Chinese cockle pickers drown in Morecambe Bay?	2004
4b	Name the three Olympic Games venues in the years 1912, 1920, 1924. One point for each. If passed for one point, all three must be correct.	STOCKHOLM/ANTWERP/PARIS
Sp.	Which book of the Old Testament shares its name with the forename of the villain in the Sharpe novels by Bernard Cornwell?	OBADIAH

Round 3

1a	Which animal is a universal symbol for wildlife conservation, as well as for the World Wildlife Fund, since 1961?	(Giant) PANDA
1b	Born in 1978 and a world-renowned virtuoso on the trumpet, what is the name of the woman who retired from her calling at the Last Night of the Proms in 2025?	(Alison) BALSOM
2a	Pre-decimalisation, how many old pennies were there in a guinea?	252
2b	What is the smallest land mammal in the UK?	PYGMY SHREW
3a	The National Gallery houses a painting called A Young Woman Standing at a Virginal, dating from 1670-72. Who was the artist?	(Johannes) VERMEER
3b	The National Gallery also houses a painting called Bathers at Asnières, which dates from 1884. Who was the artist?	(Georges) SEURAT
4a	This woman was born in 1982 and is a highly regarded English folk singer and musician. Recently she has achieved even greater fame for her rendition of 'Dark-Eyed Sailor' in Emerald Fennell's film of <i>Wuthering Heights</i> .	(Olivia) CHENEY
4b	Pre-decimalisation, how many sides were there on a threepenny piece?	12
Sp.	How many coloured squares are there on the outside of a Rubik's cube?	54

Round 4

1a	Which Cornish astronomer discovered the planet Neptune in 1846, albeit among considerable controversy?	(John Couch) ADAMS
1b	Name the English scientist of the late C18 and early C19, who discovered no fewer than seven elements of the periodic Table?	(Sir Humphrey) DAVY
2a	Which cathedral in the UK was, according to many authorities, the tallest building in the world until its spire collapsed in 1549, never to be replaced?	LINCOLN
2b	Currently, which is the smallest cathedral in the UK?	ST ASAPH
3a	In the 2021 Eurovision Song contest, the UK representative embarrassingly failed to score a single point. What was his name?	(James) NEWMAN
3b	In an early Eurovision Song contest, there was a four-way tie for first place among the singers, of whom one was the UK representative. What was the name of this singer? There are two possible answers.	LULU (accept Marie MCLAUGHLIN)
4a	In which comic was Dan Dare a leading character?	(The) EAGLE
4b	In which comic did Alf Tupper, 'the Tough of the Track', appear from 1949 until 1992. In fact, there are two comics in which he appeared: either will suffice.	Either (The) ROVER or (The) VICTOR
Sp.	The main concert venue in Bristol is now called the Bristol Beacon. Amid great and lingering controversy dating from 2020 and still a hot potato, what was its original name?	COLSTON HALL

Round 5

1a	Of Beethoven's nine symphonies, three have names. What are they? One point for each correct answer; all three for a pass.	EROICA/PASTORAL/CHORAL
1b	Who was US Vice-President to President Joe Biden?	(Kamala) HARRIS
2a	Which US President was assassinated in 1901?	(William) McKINLEY
2b	According to Alfred Wainwright's own seven volume compendium, how many Lake District fells are there?	214
3a	Which is the only Lake District body of water actually to be named as a Lake?	(Lake) BASSENTHWAITE
3b	Who is the current Master of the King's Music?	(Errolyn) WALLEN
4a	The English civil war Battle of Stratton was fought in May 1643. In which English county?	CORNWALL
4b	Only a small number of current European countries have never been invaded by a British army. Name three . One point for each correct answer; all three for a pass.	ANDORRA/BELARUS/LIECHTENSTEIN/LUXEMBOURG/MONACO/SWEDEN/VATICAN CITY
Sp.	In 2023, the iconic, 120 years-old tree on Hadrian's Wall was illegally felled by two drunken vandals, who are now serving four years in gaol for their trouble. Which species of tree was the victim?	SYCAMORE

Round 6

1a	Commonly known as 'mad cow' disease in farming circles, what is the full name of the incurable disease abbreviated to BSE? Three words required.	BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY
1b	Which novelist wrote the 2010 Booker-prize winning <i>The Finkler Question</i> ?	(Howard) JACOBSON
2a	Which poet wrote the 1818 sonnet <i>Ozymandias</i> ?	(Percy Bysshe) SHELLEY
2b	What is the name of the prehistoric stone circle which is a mile and a half east of Keswick	CASTLERIGG
3a	Which railway company currently runs high speed expresses on the West Coast mainline ?	AVANTI
3b	Which heritage railway has its headquarters in Bury Bolton Street Station?	EAST LANCASHIRE (Railway)
4a	In the county of Wiltshire there is a huge Neolithic henge monument containing three stone circles and is, as well, a World Heritage Site. What is the name of this prehistoric phenomenon?	AVEBURY
4b	What is the name of Jeremy Clarkson's Cotswold farm?	DIDDLY SQUAT
Sp.	Name the principal engineer who built the Lancaster Canal from the end of the C18 and into the early years of the C19.	(John) RENNIE

Round 7

1a	What is the name of the European architectural period which covered 1516-1580?	PALLADIAN
1b	Which British Prime Minister, who served from 1721 to 1742, is by far the longest serving politician in this office?	(Sir Robert) WALPOLE
2a	This soft sulphate mineral is used as a fertilizer and some of its forms are called alabaster. It comes in at No. 2 on the Mohs scale.	GYPSUM
2b	What is the name of the architectural period which covered 1600-1800?	BAROQUE
3a	Which Prime Minister died in office in 1827, having achieved just 119 days? Only Liz Truss managed to serve for fewer days	(George) CANNING
3b	Which rock-forming mineral comes in at No.9 on the Mohs scale?	CORUNDUM
4a	Which is the sixth prime number?	13
4b	Which is the twenty-fifth prime number?	97
Sp	Who is the current manager of Lancaster City FC?	(Jimmy) MARSHALL

Round 8

1a	What is the name and number of the Orion spacecraft which recently splashed down in the Pacific after a spectacularly successful visit to the moon?	ARTEMIS 2
1b	Which is the only English county to have two separate coastlines?	DEVON
2a	Name the leading track on a Rolling Stones singles release in January 1967. Melanie Safka also produced a version of this song on her 1970 LP <i>Candles in the Rain</i>	RUBY TUESDAY
2b	Which was the first crewed spacecraft to leave Earth's gravitational pull, in 1968? Name and number required.	APOLLO 8
3a	Who is the all-time most prolific try-scorer (60) for Wales in international RU? Forename and surname required.	SHANE WILLIAMS
3b	What is the name of the Rolling Stones' most recent album, which was released on October 20 2023?	HACKNEY DIAMONDS
4a	Which is the largest land-locked county in England?	SHROPSHIRE
4b	Who is the current England RU head coach? Forename and surname required.	STEVE BORTHWICK
Sp.	Who is the most recent Mastermind winner? Both names required!	DIANE HOWE