

LCQL. Monday 23rd of February 2026. Quiz set by Halton Social Club. Usual Rules Apply.

Round 1. Detectives and Spies

1a What was the title of the first story to feature Sherlock Holmes? Ans: **A Study in Scarlet**

1b Name Agatha Christie's first Hercule Poirot novel? Ans: **The Mysterious Affair at Styles**

2a The first modern detective story is often attributed to Edgar Allen Poe and was the first to feature his Detective Dupin. What was its title? Ans. **The Murders in the Rue Morgue.**

2b Which author created the detective, Adam Dalgleish? Ans: **P.D. James** (Not Peter James)

3a What was the first novel to feature James Bond? Ans: **Casino Royale**

3b What was Robert Ludlum's first Treadstone novel? Ans: **The Bourne Identity**

4a. Which author created the spy, Harry Palmer? Ans: Len **Deighton**

4b Which author created the teenage spy, Alex Rider? Ans: Anthony **Horowitz**

Spares: Who created Detective Inspector Rex Wexford? Ans: Ruth **Rendell**

What was the first full length novel to feature Miss Marple? Ans: **Murder at the Vicarage**

Round 2. The Journey Down Under.

1a. The A.C.T. Brumbies are an Australian professional rugby league team, but what is a Brumby? Ans. A feral **Horse**

1b. What is the informal title of the Australia men's rugby union team? Ans. The **Wallabies**

2a. Served around the world but originating in Southeast Asia, what is the main flavouring and thickening ingredient in a Satay sauce? Ans. **Peanuts**

2b. Which small country is the home of Tiger beer? Ans. **Singapore**

3a. In which Australian city is The Gabba cricket ground? Ans. **Brisbane**

3b. In which city is the Harley Oval cricket ground? Ans. **Christchurch**

4a. Which comedian/actor made TV adverts for Fosters Lager in the 1980s? Ans. Paul **Hogan**

4b. Which rock band was formed in 1973 by the Young brothers & Bon Scott. Ans. **AC/DC**

Spares: Which popular folk song was replaced as Australian national anthem by Advance Australia Fair? Ans. **Waltzing Matilda**

What do Australian test cricketers refer to as 'The Baggy Green'? Ans. A debut **Cap**

Round 3. A Picture Round. Identify the flower.

1a **Fuschia** 1b **Rhododendron** 2a **Gerbera** 2b **Dahlia** 3a **Carnation**

3b **Begonia** 4a **Clematis** 4b **Lily of the Valley** Spare **Marigold.**

Round 4. All answers begin with; Pan, Pen, Pin, Pon or Pun. (Collins Dictionary.)

1a The collective term for first five books of the old testament. Ans. **Pentateuch**

1b A term of French origin meaning slender dagger Ans. **Poniard**

- 2a An enclosure to contain otherwise stray cattle. Ans. **Pinfold.**
- 2b A burlesque title for an imaginary potentate. A pompous person. Ans. **Panjandrum**
- 3a An elderly or ridiculous character from archaic Italian comedy. **Pantaloon**
- 3b A large cask containing between 72 and 120 gallons Ans. **Puncheon**
- 4a A low, flat-bottomed boat, to support a building or temporary bridge. Ans. **Pontoon**
- 4b A Hindu scholar, or anyone who claims to be an authority on a subject. Ans. **Pundit**
- Spare. Large Indian fan, used to cool a room. Ans. **Punkah**

Round 5 A year in the life. Give any year these celebrities of the past were alive.

- | | | |
|---------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1a | Storyteller, Geoffrey Chaucer | Ans. 1348 to 1400 |
| 1b | Cleric & Philosopher, Thomas Aquinas | Ans. 1225 to 1274 |
| 2a | Poet & Novelist, Edgar Allan Poe | Ans. 1809 to 1849 |
| 2b | Robert the Bruce, King of Scotland | Ans. 1274 to 1329 |
| 3a | Emperor Charlemagne | Ans. 748 to 814 |
| 3b | Patron Saint of France, Joan of Arc | Ans. 1412 to 1431 |
| 4a | Edward, The Black Prince | Ans. 1330 to 1376 |
| 4b | Playwright, Christopher Marlowe | Ans. 1564 to 1593 |
| Spares. | Catherine of Braganza | Ans. 1638 to 1705 |
| | King Stephen | Ans. 1092 to 1154 |

Round 6 Space, The final frontier...

- 1a. Which planet in our solar system has the longest day? Ans. **Venus** (243 Earth days, or 5,832 hours.)
- 1b. Which planet in our solar system has the shortest day? Ans. **Jupiter** (9 hrs 55 mins)
- 2a. Which Cambridge University astronomer first coined the phrase, 'Big Bang' in 1949? Ans. Sir Fred **Hoyle**
- 2b. Who was the second Astronomer Royal? Ans. Edmund **Halley**
- 3a. What name is used for a clockwork model of the solar system, showing the positions and motions of the planets and moons? Ans. An **Orrery**
- 3b. What name is given to the unit of measurement that describes the expansion of the universe? Ans. The **Hubble Constant**
- 4a. Who in 1984, was the first woman to walk in space? Ans. Svetlana **Savitskaya**
- 4b. Who was the first American Astronaut to orbit the Earth? Ans. John **Glenn**

Spares: Name the British Physicist and radio Astronomer (1913 to 2012), who has a famous UK radio-telescope named after him. Ans. Sir Bernard **Lovell** (Jodrell Bank)

Round 7 Aviation History

1a. In which year did the Wright brothers make the first recognised heavier-than-air flight? (Allow one year, either way.) Ans. **1903** (1902 – 1904)

1b. In which year did Alcock and Brown complete the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic? (Allow one year, either way.) Ans. **1919** (1918 – 1920)

2a. Which company designed the first jet airliner, the Comet, in 1949? Ans. **De Havilland**

2b. Which company designed the DC3, or Dakota? Ans. **Douglas**

3a. In which year did the fatal Concorde air crash take place? (Allow one year, either way.) Ans. **2000** (1999 – 2001)

3b. In which year was the bombing of Pan Am 103 over Lockerbie? (Allow one year, either way.) Ans. **1988**

4a. Overseeing the design of the Hurricane, Tempest and Hunter fighters, Sidney Camm was the chief designer at which company? Ans. **Hawker**

4b. Barnes Wallis was the engineer behind the bouncing bomb. He served as chief designer at which company, overseeing the Wellesley and Wellington bombers? Ans. **Vickers**

Spare: Clarence 'Kelly' Johnson oversaw the design of the SR 71 Blackbird and Starfighter. He was the chief designer at which American aircraft company? Ans. **Lockheed**

Round 8 General

1a. Which British freshwater fish used to be referred to as 'the doctor fish' as it was believed that its slime could heal sores on the body of other fish? Ans. The **Tench**

1b. Which British fish is the origin of a culinary term for a small fillet of fish or chicken, deep fried? Ans. The **Gudgeon** (Don't accept goujon, which is the culinary term.)

2b. Which wonder of the British canal network provides an eleven-metre vertical link between the River Weaver and the Trent and Mersey Canal? Ans. The **Anderton** Boat Lift

2b. A recent addition to the wonders of the British canal network was opened in 2002, near to which town, halfway between Edinburgh and Glasgow? Ans. **Falkirk**

3a. Born Simon John Ritchie, which rock musician died on 2nd February 1979 after admitting to the murder of his girlfriend Nancy Spungen? Ans. Sid **Vicious**

3b. Who was the drummer in The Jam? Ans. Rick **Buckler**

4a. 'Pho' is an aromatic noodle soup originating in which nation? Ans. **Vietnam**

4b. If you ordered 'Cuy al Horno' in Peru, what would you expect to be served roasted? Ans. **Guinea Pig**.

Spare: At an East End pie and mash shop, you are likely to be offered liquor with your meal. Traditionally what was stewed in the water used to make the liquor? Ans. **Eels**

Pictures

