

Monday 19<sup>h</sup> April 26

This quiz is set by The Merchants – we do hope that it's enjoyable, balanced and not too annoying.  
Required answers are in **bold**.

**Round 1 Direct trains from Lancaster – destinations you can get to directly from Lancaster**

1a. What is the busiest UK train station outside of London?

**Birmingham New Street**

1b. In the song Oh Mr Porter, where had the protagonist mistakenly ended up?

**Crewe**

2a. In which village does Wainwright's Coast-to-Coast walk start?

**St Bees**

2b. Which city is famous for its concrete cows?

**Milton Keynes**

3a. Which town, known as the Gateway to the Dales, has one of the best-preserved medieval castles in England?

**Skipton**

3b. Edinburgh's main station is named after a novel by which iconic Scottish author?

Sir **Walter Scott**

4a. On April 23, 1778, during the American Revolutionary War, American naval captain John Paul Jones led a raid on which port

**Whitehaven**

4b. Which village is home to a public school whose former pupils and staff include Anthony Daniels, Richard Whiteley and Russell Harty?

**Giggleswick**

Spare

The Mayoress of Keighley was summarily sacked in 2006 after joining which political party?

**The BNP**

Who had a hit in 1987 with 'Heaven is a Place on Earth'.

**Belinda Carlisle**

**Round 2 Bob Dylan – all answers relate to Bob Dylan lyrics (the track/album is just given for info, not required)**

1a. Lady Jane Grey reigned as queen of England for only 9 days. However, her status is disputed. Who is the shortest serving queen of England to have been crowned?

**Queen Anne - Jane Approximately (1965, Highway 61 Revisited)**

1b. What is the name given to a tropical cyclone that occurs in the Atlantic Ocean or Northeastern Pacific Ocean?

**Hurricane (1976, Desire)**

- 2a. A tint of pale blue, with the hex code #89CFF0, is better known as what?  
**Baby Blue**, *It's All Over Now, Baby Blue* (1965, Bringing It All Back Home)
- 2b. The Changing of the Guard usually occurs at what time on Mondays, Wednesday and Friday at Buckingham Palace?  
**11AM**, *The Changing of the Guards* (1978, Street Legal)
- 3a. 'I Contain Multitudes' is a line from the poem, *Song of Myself*, by which 19th century American Poet?  
**Walt Whitman**, *I Contain Multitudes* (2020, Rough and Rowdy Ways)
- 3b. The North Atlantic Treaty was signed on the 4th of April of which year?  
**1949** *Days of '49* (1970, Self Portrait)
- 4a. The Oilers, the Rockets, and the Astros, are all current or former American sports franchises based in which city?  
**Houston**, *If You Ever Go To Houston* (2009, Together Through Life)
- 4b. Which Early Christian philosopher and Theologian published his *Confessions*, between 397 and 400 AD?  
**St Augustine**, *I Dreamed I saw St Augustine* (1968, John Wesley Harding)

### Spares

Which Italian political figure adopted the nickname, *Il Cavaliere*, meaning 'The Knight'?

**Silvio Burslesoni**, *Silvio* (1988, Down in the Groove)

Gonzalo, Stephano and Ferdinand are all characters in which Shakespeare play?

**The Tempest**, *Tempest* (2012, Tempest)

### Round 3 Get an Eye-ful of This: A round on sight and vision

- 1a. How many rows of letters are there on a standard optician's eye-test chart?  
**Eleven**
- 1b. In which decade was Braille invented?  
**1820s**
- 2a. A blind lawyer named Matt Murdock is the alter ego of which superhero?  
**Daredevil**
- 2b. If someone has *heterochromia iridum*, what is distinctive about their eyes?  
**One eye a different colour than the other**
- 3a. Which celebrated British author, whose works include *The Lost World* (1912) and *The Valley of Fear* (1914), had a brief unsuccessful career as an eye-doctor?  
**Arthur Conan Doyle**
- 3b. What is the common term for the area of the human eye where the optic nerve meets the retina?  
**Blind Spot**
- 4a. What was the name of the 'many-eyed giant' who served as a watchman in Greek mythology?  
**Argus** (also accept Argos)

4b Which celebrated Italian tenor (b. 1958) has been blind since the age of 12?

**Andrea Bocelli**

Spares

What are the *palpebrae* more commonly known as?

**Eyelids**

What is the name of the gadget used to blow a puff of air into the eyeball to test for glaucoma?

**Tonometer**

#### **Round 4 A round about Dirk**

1a. Which band's first album was Dirk Wears White Sox and second album was Kings of the Wild Frontier

**Adam and the Ants**

1b. Dirk Gently was created by which author

**Douglas Adams**

2a. Dirk Bogarde killed a policeman in the film The Blue Lamp who was later revived as the main character in which 1955 - 1976 BBC TV series –

**Dixon of Dock Green**

2b. Dirk Bogarde played Sydney Carton in which film adaptation of a Victorian novel –

**A Tale of Two Cities**

3a. Dirk Bogarde lived in Beel House in Little Chalfont, at one time the house was also the home of a rockstar who had three children Aimee, Jack and Kelly with his second wife –

**Ozzy Osbourne**

3b. Dirk Bogarde also lived up the road from the author of Mallory Towers in Beaconsfield - who was she?

**Enid Blyton**

4a. Dirk Diggler is played by Mark Wahlberg in which 1997 Oscar-nominated comedy drama film

**Boogie Nights**

4b. Dirk McQuickly was a character who performed in the film, All You Need Is Cash. What was his band called –

**The Rutles**

Spares

Dirk Benedict played Starbuck in which TV Series

**Battlestar Galactica**

What was the name of Dirk Bogarde's character in the doctor films –

**Dr Simon Sparrow**

### Round 5 Socks

- 1a. Which literary figure falls out with his manservant over his desire to wear purple socks?  
**Bertie Wooster**
- 1b. Which 20<sup>th</sup> Century US president had a cat named Socks?  
**Bill Clinton**
- 2a. What is another name for red salmon?  
**Sockeye**
- 2b. What type of ankle-length sock was an iconic fashion item for teen girls in the 1940s/50s?  
**Bobby socks**
- 3a. In which Aretha Franklin song are the words "sock it to me" repeated many times?  
**Respect**
- 3b. What sock is a fake online identity intended to misinform or covertly support an organisation?  
**Sock puppet**
- 4a. Which Dr Seuss book has the word 'socks' in the title?  
**Fox in Socks**
- 4b. In a Beatles song, who is depicted "Darning his socks in the night when there's nobody there"?  
**Father McKenzie**

### Spares

A sock is a white leg marking on which animal?

**Horse**

What is meant by a 'grippy sock vacation'?

**Psychiatric hospitalisation**

**Round 6** You all know and loved Anthony Stewart Head when he played Rupert Giles in Buffy the Vampire Slayer, but what else do you know about him?

- 1a. He famously advertised which coffee in the 1980s  
**Gold Blend**
- 1b. He played Frank N. Furter in the 1990's West End revival of which musical –  
**Rocky Horror Picture Show**
- 2a. He played the prime minister in which David Walliams & Matt Lucas comedy show –  
**Little Britain**
- 2b. He played Uther Pendragon in which BBC TV series  
**Merlin**
- 3a. His daughter, Emily Head, played Carli D'Amato, the love interest of Simon in which channel 4 comedy about the misadventures of 4 teenagers –  
**The Inbetweeners**

- 3b. Is the ex-owner of AFC Richmond in which comedy drama TV series which started in 2020 –  
**Ted Lasso**
- 4a. Early in his career he acted in Godspell with the actress who later went on to play Peggy in Hi-Di-Hi, who is she –  
**Su Pollard**
- 4b. Both he and his brother, Murray Head, played Freddie Trumper in which Bjorn and Benny Musical  
**Chess**
- Spare  
 His brother Murray Head had a hit with which song  
**One Night in Bangkok**

**Round 7 London** All these questions relate to the geography or culture of London.

- 1A Which London department store was established in 1707, is credited with inventing the Scotch egg, and has its flagship store on Piccadilly?  
**FORTNUM & MASON**
- 1B Dulwich Picture Gallery was the world's first purpose built public art gallery, and is located in which south London borough which is also home to the Globe Theatre?  
**SOUTHWARK**
- 2A This north London R&B influenced band was formed in 1962 by two brothers, and had UK Top Twenty hits until the early 1980s, the last of which was *Come Dancing*.  
**THE KINKS**
- 2B Also formed in north London, this 7 piece band were hitmakers from the late 1970s to the late 1980s, strongly influenced by Prince Buster, and continue to play live today.  
**MADNESS**
- 3A Which London landmark was originally intended to be a temporary, 5 year attraction, and opened in March 2000, sponsored by British Airways?  
**THE LONDON EYE**
- 3B Opened in 2000, which London museum was created in the redundant Bankside Power Station, with its opening attraction an installation by international artist Louise Bourgeois?  
**TATE MODERN**
- 4A Which London park, close to Buckingham Palace and with a tube station named after it, is the home to memorial gates dedicated to people from India, Africa and the Caribbean who served or lost their lives in the two World Wars?  
**GREEN PARK (OFFICIALLY 'THE GREEN PARK'!)**
- 4B Which park, situated south of the River Thames and a stone's throw from the Cutty Sark, offers sweeping views across the city skyline?  
**GREENWICH PARK**

## SPARES:

Which London station, at the time the largest in Britain, opened in 1852, to serve the Great Northern Railway, and is supposedly where Harry Potter caught the train to Hogwarts?

### **KING'S CROSS**

The RAF Museum is located in the north west London town of Hendon, within which London borough formed in 1965 from parts of Middlesex and Hertfordshire?

### **BARNET**

## Round 8 General

- 1a. What term has recently been coined by online influencers to describe extreme - and sometimes dangerous - efforts to increase a person's physical attractiveness?

### **Looksmaxxing**

- 1b. What four-letter acronym is used to describe someone who has achieved a grand slam of the major US entertainment awards?

### **EGOT**

- 2a. What material is Nelson's Column primarily made of?

### **Granite**

- 2b. What material is the exterior of the Statue of Liberty made of?

### **Copper**

- 3a. Cygnus X-1 is the first phenomenon of its kind to be detected by astronomers in 1964. What is it?

### **Black Hole**

- 3b. What part of the brain is also the genus name for Seahorse?

### **Hippocampus**

- 4a. Which country was the first to legalize same-sex marriage?

### **The Netherlands (also accept Holland)**

- 4b. The impact crater caused by the asteroid that led to the extinction of the dinosaurs can be found off the coast of which country?

### **Mexico**

## Spares

What wood is the frame of the Mona Lisa made from?

### **Oak**

Leonardo Da Vinci's painting The Last Supper is located in a convent in which city?

### **Milan**

### Round 9 Boots & Shoes

- 1a. Name the 1981 German War Film directed by Wolfgang Pettersen –  
**Das Boot**
- 1b. The 1948 film Red Shoes was produced and directed by which duo  
**Powell and Pressberger**
- 2a. Name the brand of shoes famous for their red soles  
**Laboutin**
- 2b. Make of boots, started in the 1960s, popularised by Ska Loving Skinheads  
**Dr Martens**
- 3a. Croslite is a proprietary rubbery material produced for the manufacture of which footwear  
**Crocs**
- 3b. In which film is there a self lacing Nike MAG trainer –  
**Back to the Future 2** (you don't need the 2, but kudos for those that get it)
- 4a. Name the lead actor in the 2011 film Puss in Boots  
**Antonio Banderas**
- 4b. Which group were Bootylicious  
**Destiny's Child**

### Spares

- Name the pointed shoes liked by both Teddy Boys and Mods –  
**Winklepickers**
- In which City was Boots the Chemist founded  
**Nottingham**

### Round 10 Animals on the move

- 1a. What is the fastest land mammal native to the UK?  
**Hare**
- 1b. Which bird has the longest annual migration?  
**Arctic Tern**
- 2a. What is the only bird that can fly backwards?  
**Hummingbird**
- 2b. What were the first creatures to be launched into space?  
**Fruit flies**
- 3a. In September 1783, the Montgolfier brothers launched a duck, a rooster and which other animal on a pioneering hot-air balloon flight?  
**Sheep**

- 3b A number of animals – including humans – are capable of a form of movement known as brachiation. What is it more commonly known as?

**Swinging**

- 4a Whales often propel themselves out of the water and re-enter with a huge splash. What is this behaviour known as?

**Breaching**

- 4b Sometimes also known as the suckerfish or sharksucker, what is the common name of the fish that hitches a ride by attaching itself to larger marine animals?

**Remora / Passenger Fish**

Spares

Which bird can walk underwater?

**Dipper**

What kind of movement is characteristic of fossorial animals?

Accept **digging** or **burrowing**