

The Cockermouth Christmas Quiz

at The Bitter End, Kirkgate

6 rounds • 60 points • phones away please!

Round 1: Local Round - Cockermouth

Ten questions about the town we're sitting in.

Round 1 - Question 1

Cockermouth takes its name from its position at the mouth of which river?

Round 1 - Question 2

And the Cocker flows into which larger river at Cockermouth?

Round 1 - Question 3

Which poet was born in Cockermouth in 1770, in a Georgian townhouse now owned by the National Trust?

Round 1 - Question 4

Which leader of the 1789 mutiny on the Bounty was born at Moorland Close, near Cockermouth, in 1764?

Round 1 - Question 5

Which scientist, who introduced atomic theory into chemistry, was born in 1766 in Eaglesfield, near Cockermouth?

Round 1 - Question 6

Which Scottish queen came to Cockermouth in 1568 after her defeat at the Battle of Langside?

Round 1 - Question 7

Which England cricketer moved to Cockermouth aged 12 in 2003, attended Cockermouth School and played for Cockermouth Cricket Club?

Round 1 - Question 8

Cockermouth is twinned with which town in France?

Which Cockermouth-born astronomer (born 1788) was appointed by the Admiralty as astronomer at the Cape of Good Hope?

Which motorsport company, known for its Ford World Rally Championship entries, is headquartered at Dovenby Hall near Cockermouth?

Round 1 - Answers

1. The River Cocker
2. The River Derwent
3. William Wordsworth
4. Fletcher Christian
5. John Dalton
6. Mary, Queen of Scots
7. Ben Stokes
8. Marvejols
9. Fearon Fallows
10. M-Sport

Round 2: Pub & Street Round

Pubs, beer and the streets of the town.

Round 2 - Question 1

**Which brewery, founded in Lorton in 1828,
moved to the Castle Brewery in Cockermouth in
1874?**

Round 2 - Question 2

In which year did Carlsberg Marston's close the Jennings brewery in Cockermouth? (a year either way for a half point if you like)

Round 2 - Question 3

The Bitter End's address is 15 ... what? It's the tree-lined street of 17th and 18th-century terraces running down towards the River Cocker.

Which MP for Cockermouth, later Viceroy of India, is commemorated by a statue on Main Street?

Round 2 - Question 5

Cockermouth Town Hall on Market Street was converted for council use in 1934. What type of building was it originally?

Round 2 - Question 6

In the medieval town layout, the 'back lane' on the south side is known today by what name?

Round 2 - Question 7

The site of Cockermouth's old railway station is now home to the fire station and which volunteer rescue team?

Round 2 - Question 8

Which comic duo's 1963 song 'Slow Train' namechecks Cockermouth among the railway stations it laments?

In 1881 Cockermouth may have been the first town in Britain to pilot what kind of street lighting?

In which year did the November floods see more than 200 people rescued in Cockermouth, some by RAF helicopters?

Round 2 - Answers

1. Jennings (Jennings Brewery)
2. 2022
3. Kirkgate
4. Lord Mayo (Richard Bourke, 6th Earl of Mayo)
5. A Wesleyan Methodist chapel (built 1841)
6. South Street
7. Cockermouth Mountain Rescue
8. Flanders and Swann
9. Electric lighting (six electric lamps)
10. 2009

Round 3: Christmas General Knowledge

Festive facts.

Round 3 - Question 1

Which author published 'A Christmas Carol' in 1843?

Round 3 - Question 2

In 'A Christmas Carol', what is the name of Scrooge's late business partner?

Round 3 - Question 3

If every gift in 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' is repeated in each verse, how many gifts are given in total?

Round 3 - Question 4

Which reindeer was created by Robert L. May?

Round 3 - Question 5

The poinsettia is named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first US minister to which country?

Round 3 - Question 6

Boxing Day usually coincides with the feast day of which saint?

Round 3 - Question 7

Who commissioned the first commercial Christmas card in 1843?

Round 3 - Question 8

Tradition says which London confectioner invented the Christmas cracker in 1847?

Round 3 - Question 9

Which king made the first royal Christmas broadcast, on the radio in 1932?

Round 3 - Question 10

The decorated Christmas tree custom developed in Central Europe, especially in which present-day country (also home of Prince Albert)?

Round 3 - Answers

1. Charles Dickens
2. Jacob Marley
3. 364
4. Rudolph (the Red-Nosed Reindeer)
5. Mexico
6. Saint Stephen
7. Sir Henry Cole
8. Tom Smith
9. King George V
10. Germany

Round 4: Picture Round - Christmas Close-ups

Each picture is a zoomed-in close-up of a festive item. Name the item.

Round 4 - Question 1



Picture 1: what is this festive item?

Round 4 - Question 2



Picture 2: what is this festive item?

Round 4 - Question 3



Picture 3: what is this festive item?

Round 4 - Question 4



Picture 4: what is this festive item?

Round 4 - Question 5



Picture 5: what is this festive item?

Round 4 - Question 6



Picture 6: what is this festive item?

Round 4 - Question 7



Picture 7: what is this festive item?

Round 4 - Question 8



Picture 8: what is this festive item?

Round 4 - Question 9



Picture 9: what is this festive item?

Round 4 - Question 10



Picture 10: what is this festive item?

Round 4 - Answers

1. A Christmas bauble (tree ornament)
2. A Christmas pudding
3. A mince pie
4. Mistletoe
5. A Christmas cracker
6. A poinsettia
7. A candy cane
8. A nutcracker (soldier figure)
9. A snow globe
10. Holly

Picture round - the full pictures



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Round 5: Christmas Music & Film

Festive tunes and telly.

Round 5 - Question 1

Which 1946 Frank Capra film follows George Bailey on Christmas Eve?

Round 5 - Question 2

Which duo released 'Last Christmas' in 1984?

Round 5 - Question 3

**Which singer duets with Shane MacGowan on
The Pogues' 'Fairytale of New York'?**

Round 5 - Question 4

What is the name of the boy played by Macaulay Culkin in 'Home Alone' (1990)?

Round 5 - Question 5

Which band released 'Merry Xmas Everybody' in December 1973?

Round 5 - Question 6

Who plays Buddy in the 2003 film 'Elf'?

Round 5 - Question 7

In which year was Mariah Carey's 'All I Want for Christmas Is You' first released?

Which actor plays Scrooge in 'The Muppet Christmas Carol' (1992)?

Bob Geldof co-wrote Band Aid's 'Do They Know It's Christmas?' with which Ultravox singer?

Which 1982 animated film, based on Raymond Briggs' book, features the song 'Walking in the Air'?

Round 5 - Answers

1. It's a Wonderful Life
2. Wham!
3. Kirsty MacColl
4. Kevin McCallister
5. Slade
6. Will Ferrell
7. 1994
8. Michael Caine
9. Midge Ure
10. The Snowman

Round 6: General Knowledge

A bit of everything to finish.

Round 6 - Question 1

What is the capital city of Australia?

Round 6 - Question 2

What is the highest mountain in England? (Clue: it is in the Lake District.)

Round 6 - Question 3

What is the largest natural lake in England?

Round 6 - Question 4

What is the longest river in Great Britain?

Round 6 - Question 5

What is the chemical symbol for gold?

Round 6 - Question 6

In which year was the Battle of Hastings?

How many players does each rugby union team start with on the field?

Round 6 - Question 8

Which planet is known as the Red Planet?

Round 6 - Question 9

Who painted the Mona Lisa?

Round 6 - Question 10

How many sides does a hexagon have?

Round 6 - Answers

1. Canberra
2. Scafell Pike
3. Windermere
4. The River Severn
5. Au
6. 1066
7. 15
8. Mars
9. Leonardo da Vinci
10. Six

Tie-break

Closest wins: at the 2021 census, what was the population of Cockermonth's built-up area?

Thanks for playing - Merry Christmas!

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