

2001

an armchair treasure hunt



the solution

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introduction

First of all, I'd like to thank you all for entering and hope that you got as much enjoyment from trying to solve the puzzle as we had in setting it.

First to the treasure was Martin Milnes, in 56 hours flat, a new record for the Logica Armchair Treasure Hunt. Best overall solution was from The Halflings and best ATH virgin entry was by The Oinklings. The full roll of honour is on page 19 and prize winners will shortly receive their gift vouchers through the post.

One of the most pleasing aspects for me was the number of entries (43) and the number of entries by ATH virgins (19). 18 teams found the treasure and many others came close.

Welcome also to the Quest4Treasure team, an internet-based team with members in Australia, USA and England. They were very unlucky to solve the final code at midday on Tuesday 15th, too late to get to the treasure before the deadline. This did not deter their Californian representative from dropping in to Oxford at the end of January and claiming ticket number 22 from the treasure box!

As most of you gathered, the main theme this year was the **Inklings [13]**, the informal literary group who met in Oxford in the 1930's and 40's. The most prominent members of the group were C.S. Lewis, JRR Tolkien and later Charles Williams. The secondary theme and treasure location was **Oxford** itself **[10]**.

As you will have guessed the puzzle was timed to fit in with the release of the film *The Fellowship of the Ring*, so that Tolkien would be very much in peoples' minds. To solve the puzzle the first thing you had to spot that the script running across the bottom of pages 2-7 was Tolkien's Tengwar alphabet, which he describes in Appendix E of *The Lord of the Rings*.

The *2001: A Space Odyssey* theme was nothing more than a visual red herring, to hide the fact that the puzzle was really about the Inklings!

The traditional ATH drinks evening will be announced shortly. Watch the website for details.

Marking Scheme

The marking scheme is weighted so that the more difficult puzzles are awarded more marks. The formula is $(n - c + 1)$ where n is the number of teams who entered and c is the number of correct answers. The number of marks for each question is shown in square brackets. The number of marks for finding the treasure is $(n - t + 1)$ where t is the number on your ticket.

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Dedicated to Margaret Canning, without whose encouragement the treasure hunt would not have happened.

Ian
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questions and answers

1. What was the name of the first pet to enter the UK with a passport?

The answer I was looking for was **Frodo Baggins**, a five-year-old pug who was the first pet into the UK on the opening day of the scheme, 28th February 2000. However as a number of you pointed out, a Pyrenean mountain bitch called **Cassis** had been given special dispensation to enter six months earlier after intervention from Tony Blair. Both answers were accepted. Claude the basset-hound, the dog who inspired the pet passport scheme, missed out after swallowing his lead. The first of many links to *The Lord of the Rings*. [4 B]

2. Which Gerry Anderson character was voiced by Nicholas Parsons?

Tex Tucker in *Four Feather Falls*. [4 T]

3. Which sacred flame is said to have burned continuously for the last two-and-a-half thousand years?

The **Zoroastrian** sacred flame, kept alive since the time of the Persian kings. Sites include Yazd Fire Temple in Iran and Baku in Azerbaijan. Many of you pointed out the (unintentional) link to *2001: A Space Odyssey* here, since Zoroastra equates to the Zarathustra in *Also Sprach Zarathustra*, the well-known Strauss composition used in the film. Also accepted was **Muktinath** in Nepal (a Hindu and Buddhist site) and **Varanasi** in India (Hindu). [21 Z]

4. Who did Maurice Taieb and Donald Johanson find in Hadar in 1974?

"Lucy", the skeleton of *Australopithecus afarensis*, found in Ethiopia in 1974. Lucy is of course the youngest of the Pevensie children who enter Narnia in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Lucy is also the name of the ironworks passed on the treasure route. [3 L]

5. Which well-known duo made their first appearance in the last bus to Woodstock?

Inspector Morse and **Sergeant Lewis**. Colin Dexter's first novel was *Last Bus to Woodstock* and it opens with a description of the junction in central Oxford where St Giles divides into Woodstock Road and Banbury Road ("like the prongs of a tuning fork"). The treasure route also took you through Jericho, the setting for the first Inspector Morse TV episode *The Dead of Jericho*. [2 M]

6. How many bricks are there in the Tate Modern?

There are **120** firebricks in the (in)famous exhibit *Equivalent VIII* by Carl Andre (1966), which caused a huge controversy when the Tate bought it in 1972. Lots of answers of 4.2 million, but to paraphrase Bill Clinton, "it depends on what the meaning of the word in is". Apologies to anyone who spent their Christmas holidays counting them all! [19 O]

7. Which Latin American leader was deposed with the aid of Jethro Tull?

General Manuel Noriega. During the US operation "Just Cause" in Panama in 1989, loud rock music was blasted at the Vatican embassy in order to evict Noriega. Among the music was *Too Old To Rock 'n' Roll, Too Young To Die*, by Jethro Tull. The full playlist is given in an official report available from the National Security Archive at George Washington University: www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/DOCUMENT/950206.htm [13 N]

8. What was offered up for auction on the internet for \$5.8 million in January 2000 but wasn't snapped up?

A **Tyrannosaurus Rex** fossil known as "Mr Z-Rex". Links to the Tyrannosaurus Rex sub-theme. [11 T]

9. Somebody had to come from Des Moines. Who did?

Bill Bryson, from the opening line of his first book *The Lost Continent*. [5 B]

10. Where did ALH 84001 come from?

Mars. ALH 84001 is the catalogue number of the Martian meteorite in which David S. McKay and others at NASA thought they had found signs of life. [3 M]

11. Which Saxon bishop did the Washington Times nominate as patron saint of disputed elections in November 2000?

St Chad. Chad was appointed bishop of the Northumbrians in 665 in place of Wilfrid, who had gone missing in France. Wilfrid then turned up and a dispute arose as to who was the legitimate bishop. Chad graciously resigned the post, and was later made the first Bishop of Lichfield. [3 C]

12. Who received a jail sentence from a Swiss court for writing a book about the IOC?

Andrew Jennings. [6 J] In 1994 he received a five-day jail sentence from a court in Lausanne for allegations of IOC corruption made in his book *The Lords of the Rings*. [36]

13. Which Spanish island was made a World Heritage Site for its culture in 1999?

Ibiza, made a World Heritage Site by Unesco for its biodiversity and culture. [4 I]

14. According to current superstring theory, how many dimensions does the universe have?

Eleven. In 1995 Edward Witten, a pioneer and leading expert in the field, announced a new version of the theory which united the five previous variants and added one extra dimension to the previous ten. Lots of support here for 10 and 26 but these are apparently out-of-date - I'm going with Brian Greene and Stephen Hawking on this one. The Palantiri made a convincing case that the answer must be "many" to fit in with the Charles Williams novel *Many Dimensions* quoted on page two, which was accepted. [26 E]

15. Which Logica product has created 93 millionaires?

ERNIE, used to generate premium bond winners since the late 80s. The million-pound jackpot was introduced in April 1994. A recent SAR for a maintenance engineer for ERNIE listed among the requirements Windows 32 programming, Delphi and ability to operate an oscilloscope. [14 E]

16. What connects Sennen, Poling, Ventnor, Dunkirk, Wylfa, Drytree and Canewdon?

Chain Home. These were locations of RAF early-warning radar stations, part of the Chain Home network which comprised over 40 stations covering the East and West coasts of Britain during WW2. [37 C]

17. Who sold their .tv for \$50 million in 1998?

The country of **Tuvalu** sold the rights to use its top-level domain (.tv) to Information.ca in August 1998. [4 T]

18. Who are the only four oarsmen to have finished ahead of Steve Redgrave in an Olympic final?

In the 1988 coxed pairs final in Seoul, **Carmine & Giuseppe Abbagnale** of Italy were first with **Mario Streit and Detlef Kirchhoff** of East Germany in second place. Redgrave and Holmes came third, having won gold in the coxless pairs the day before. A number of answers had various combinations of Holmes, Foster, Cracknell et al, but all the rowers in the boat finish at the same time when the prow hits the line. [22 A]

19. To whom did NASA write to ask permission when planning the Pluto Express mission?

Clyde Tombaugh, who discovered the planet in 1930. Sadly, since his death the mission has been cancelled due to lack of funds. [22 T]

20. Which wealthy suitor was rejected in turn by the three Lamore sisters Gussie, Grace and Nell?

"Swiftwater" Bill Gates (no relation), who made his fortune in the Yukon goldrush. [6 G]

21. Where in Paradise Street did T.E. Lawrence read Elizabethan plays with Sir Walter Raleigh?

The **Jolly Farmers** pub. In the 1920's Sir Walter Raleigh was Professor of English Literature at Oxford University and initiated meetings of undergraduates at this pub where they read Elizabethan plays. Local literary lights such as T.E. Lawrence and Robert Graves often visited. This gathering was typical of the informal clubs in Oxford and was attended by Hugo Dyson, later one of the Inklings. [36 J]

22. Who lives in Atmozona with Ato and Kaz?

Nik, the third of the three World Cup mascots for 2002. I'm just surprised that Adidas haven't demanded that one be called "Adida". [4 N]

23. Who sponsors the Booker Prize?

Iceland (the food retailer, not the country). Iceland inherited the sponsorship when they took over the Booker food company in June 2000, but are planning to discontinue it this year. [9 I]

24. When England played their World Cup Qualifier in Albania, which English star was mobbed by the locals?

Norman Wisdom, who became a big film star in Albania after the government banned all films containing sex and violence. To quote one report: "The scene became surreal when some teenage girls raced past Beckham in their eagerness to talk to and touch [Norman Wisdom]." [3 W]

25. Which premiership footballer is known as The Little Witch?

Juan Sebastian Veron, “La Brujita”. Veron Snr was known as “La Bruja”, or “The Witch”, allegedly on account of his prominent nose. [3 V]

26. Which cartoon hero ended his adventures about to be encased in liquid polyester as a work of modern art?

Tintin in Herge’s unfinished *Tintin and Alph-Art*. I think it’s safe to assume that Snowy and Captain Haddock would have come to the rescue, had Herge been able to complete the book. [18 T]

27. Who painted Trafalgar Square with red, yellow and blue during WW2?

Piet Mondrian, who entitled one of his signature works *Trafalgar Square*. Mondrian spent a short time in London during the war before moving on to New York. No doubt he’s very flattered to be known as “the artist from the L’oreal gel bottles” (from Stephen Lees). [10 M]

28. Which line from Bohemian Rhapsody was the title of a song which reached number one the same year?

“**Mamma Mia**”. *Bohemian Rhapsody* was number one at the end of ‘75 and into ‘76. *Mamma Mia* followed it to the top spot in January 1976. As far as I am aware, “sparing his life from his warm sausages” (from Mark Amey) was never released as a single. [4 M]

29. Who paid £240m for the rights to use a hundred acres of woodland for the next 25 years?

Walt Disney Corporation paid this sum for the rights to AA Milne’s Winnie the Pooh, the biggest deal in literary history. Pooh and friends live in the Hundred Acre Wood. [16 D]

30. Which triumvirate did John Peel describe as “a tragic waste of talent and electricity”?

Emerson, Lake and Palmer (ELP). [9 E]

31. Which sports star brought the internet to a halt in February?

The **Anna Kournikova** computer virus. [8 K]

32. Which harbour is named after George Duckett?

Port Jackson (Sydney harbour), named by Captain Cooke after George Jackson (1725-1822), an admiralty judge who promoted the expedition. Jackson later changed his name by royal license to Duckett, in order to secure an inheritance from his second wife’s uncle, Thomas Duckett. [27 J]

33. Who wrote the first obituary of English cricket?

Reginald Shirley Brooks placed the spoof obituary in the Sporting Times after England’s 1882 Oval defeat to Australia: “In affectionate remembrance of English cricket which died At The Oval on 29th August, 1882. Deeply lamented by a large circle of sorrowing friends and acquaintances. R.I.P. The body will be cremated, and the ashes taken to Australia.” [18 B]

34. Which player began their daily preparations for this year’s Wimbledon by watching Teletubbies?

Goran Ivanisovic. And yes, his favourite was Tinky-Winky. [4 I]

35. Which actress ordered what Meg was having?

Estelle Reiner, mother of director Rob Reiner, in *that* scene from *When Harry Met Sally*. [5 R]

36. What was the first film directed by the prolific Alan Smithee?

Death of a Gunfighter, in 1969. Alan Smithee (anagram of “The Alias Men”) is the pseudonym used for directors who wish to disassociate themselves from a movie. The practice became farcical when the director of *An Alan Smithee Film* walked out, after which Mr Smithee was retired. Some support for *The Indiscreet Mrs Jarvis*, but this was a TV short which was attributed to Smithee retrospectively. [14 D]

37. Who is New Zealand’s highest-paid sportsman?

Steve Williams, Tiger Wood’s caddie, although this answer may be out of date. **Michael Campbell** was also accepted. [8 W]

38. Who lost a million because of a suspicious cough?

Charles Ingram, who was disqualified from the £1m *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?* prize because of suspicious coughing in the audience. [3 I]

39. Which crime-fighting device was invented by the creator of Wonder Woman?

The **lie-detector** (or **polygraph**), invented by William Moulton Marston. [10 L]

40. Who observed the grief of NW Clark?

CS Lewis, one of the Inklings. *A Grief Observed*, the account of his grief for his wife Joy Davidman, was published under the pseudonym N.W. Clark during his lifetime [12 L]

41. Which priestess was turned into a cow and chased all over the world by a gadfly?

Io. [7 I] According to the main version of the legend, she eventually found rest in Egypt where she was turned back into human form and **founded the worship of Isis.** [43]

42. Whose fragrance wore off after 14 years?

Mary Archer, famously described as “fragrant” by Justice Caulfield in his summing-up of the 1987 libel trial. [19 A] Mary and Jeffrey Archer (Q70) **met in Oxford.** [43]

43. Who was the real Billy Elliot?

Philip Mosley. While researching the screenplay, writer Lee Hall called The Royal Ballet School to ask if they had any students from a mining town, and was put in touch with Philip Mosley from Barnsley. Like Billy, Philip had an elder brother who was a militant miner. [15 M]

44. Which Hollywood movie was inspired by the German film *Fanfare der Liebe*?

Some Like It Hot. [6 S]

45. Who described Butterfield as “the chief of those architects who thought in Gothic”?

John Betjeman, in his introduction to *Collins Pocket Guide to English Parish Churches.* [6 B] William Butterfield designed Keble College, Oxford, and was **architect of St Mark's, Dundela** (page 8). [35]

46. Scooby-Doo takes his name from which Frank Sinatra song?

The song **Strangers in the Night** includes the line “scooby dooby doo”, which gave CBS head of childrens’ programming, Fred Silverman, the idea for the dog’s name. [4 S]

47. In March 2000, Willie Fullgear found 52 of these in a Koreatown skip. What were they?

Stolen **Oscar** statuettes. [3 O]

48. Who are Homer, Margaret, Matt, Lisa & Maggie collectively known as?

The **Groening** family. *The Simpsons* started out as a brief filler surrounding the advert break on the Tracy Ullman show. When creator Matt Groening was asked at short-notice to give them names, he assumed that the cartoon would be short-lived and so just picked the names of his parents, Homer and Margaret (who became Marge), and his younger sisters Lisa and Maggie. The rest is history. [15 G]

49. What is i18N?

Internationalisation, the process by which software is made to work with different languages and locales. Also proof positive that computer programmers are the laziest people on earth: the “18” stands for the eighteen letters in between the “i” and the “N”. [9 I]

50. How did James Joyce leave his mark on the world of sub-atomic physics?

The phrase “Three **quarks** for Muster Mark” from *Finnegan's Wake* inspired physicist Murray Gell-Mann to name the three particles which make up protons and neutrons “quarks.” [7 Q]

51. Who are Acton, Currer and Ellis better known as?

The **Bronte sisters**, Anne, Charlotte and Emily. After Anne and Emily had died, Charlotte wrote a preface to new editions of *Agnes Grey* and *Wuthering Heights* to disabuse readers of the notion that all the novels were the work of one author. [4 B]

52. Which ubiquitous household object was designed by Isamu Noguchi?

The wire and paper **lampshade.** [15 L]

53. Who greeted Oscar with “Hello, gorgeous”?

Barbra Streisand, receiving her Oscar for Best Actress for *Funny Girl* in 1968. [7 S]

54. Who founded the Companions of the Co-inherence?

Charles Williams, one of the Inklings. Co-inherence was his idea that all human beings are totally dependent on each other and that each thought or action has an impact on others. [8 W]

55. In what sense are Chorda tympani essential?

Taste: they are nerves linking the taste buds to the brain. [13 T]

56. In February 2001, what was variously described as “a tacky Valentine card”, “the work of a child”, “a fried egg” and “a paragliding stick man”?

The new **Labour Party logo.** [7 L]

57. Who saw red and yellow in Kensington High Street?

Ken Aston, who invented soccer's red and yellow cards whilst waiting at the traffic lights on his way home from the England-Argentina battle in 1966. Yellow means take it easy; red means stop, you're off! **[8 A]**

58. Sapphire is to September what topaz is to...?

November. **[2 N]**

59. Who wrote "Poor dear Sammy! His end has been altogether too tragic for his life: for once reality and his brains came into contact and the result was fatal." ?

TH Huxley writing to Joseph Hooker on 30 July 1873 about Samuel Wilberforce, Bishop of Oxford, who had died after falling from his horse. Huxley and Wilberforce had crossed swords at the 1860 Oxford meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, where the bishop had asked Huxley whether apes were on his grandfather's or grandmother's side. **[22 H]** Wilberforce was **Bishop of Oxford.** **[39]**

60. Which Swedish village has four chemical elements named after it?

Ytterby. Yttrium (atomic number 39), Terbium (65), Erbium (68) and Ytterbium (70) were all isolated from mineral deposits found in the Ytterby mine. **[4 Y]**

61. Where does QW become AZ?

France: on French keyboards the top row of keys is AZERTY rather than QWERTY. **[16 F]**

62. Musically speaking, what is Highway 61 known as?

The "**Blues Highway**", which runs from the Deep South to the Canadian border. Also known as "**Blues Alley**" and "**The Roadway of the Blues**" where it passes through Mississippi. Also accepted was the answer "**Revisited**", from the Bob Dylan album *Highway 61 Revisited*. **[16 B]**

63. Who, at age ten, wrote a book review recommending publication of what became a best-selling first novel, and was later editor in charge of publishing its sequel?

Rayner Unwin. **[14 U]** The first novel was *The Hobbit* and its sequel *The Lord of the Rings.* **[33]**

64. Where would you find the tomb of Beren and Luthien?

At **Wolvercote cemetery**, just outside Oxford, where the names Beren and Luthien are carved on the headstone of JRR Tolkien and his wife Edith. Tolkien identified their relationship with that of the man Beren and the elf Luthien, as told in *The Silmarillion*. The fictional characters had no known tomb. **[13 W]**

65. Who are Ursula, Xenia, Tara, Helena, Katrine, Velda and Jasmine?

The "**Seven Daughters of Eve**", the hypothetical names given to the founders of the seven European ancestral clans by Bryan Sykes, professor of human genetics at Oxford University. The names were chosen to fit the genetic groupings U, X, T, etc. **[6 S]** In the Narnia stories the girls are known as "**Daughters of Eve**". **[37]**

66. Where is the organ of Corti?

In the inner **ear.** **[4 E]**

67. The people of which country were the first to benefit from the work of Oxfam?

Greece, which was hit by famine during WW2. The name "Oxfam" is derived from "Oxford famine relief". The original shop is still there in Broad Street about a hundred yards from the start point of the treasure route. **[8 G]**

68. Who was King of the Mountains in 2001?

Laurent Jalabert, in the Tour de France. The King of the Mountains is also a minor character in *The Lord of the Rings.* **[8 J]**

69. Which codebreaker was so overcome by his success that he ran into his brother's office, shouted "I've got it!", and promptly fainted?

Jean-Francois Champollion, on discovering how to decipher hieroglyphics. **[22 C]**

70. Which starship captain was given a hasty name-change?

This question was not worded tightly enough. The answer I was looking for was **Jeffrey Archer**, played by Scott Bakula in the new Star Trek incarnation *Enterprise*, who was renamed Jonathan during rehearsals after UK fans pointed out the problem (shame). Also accepted was **Jackson Archer** (an earlier name) and **Elizabeth Janeway**, who was renamed Kathryn two days into rehearsals of *Voyager* after Kate Mulgrew took over the part. Pike/Kirk was not accepted as there is no reason to suppose that this name-change was particularly hasty. **[21 A]**

71. Whose desire for a place in the Sun upset the army?

72. Where did Charles succeed Charles on 7th November 2000?

73. Who claimed “I am half pigeon, half politician”?

74. Where do you score four for hitting a ball into the top of a lime tree?

75. Whose glittering career nearly came to an untimely end beneath a 62lb mirror ball?

76. What is moved 10 metres each year on January 1st?

77. Who wore the first pair of Nike shoes?

78. Which award was first won by Ragnar Frisch and Jan Tinbergen in 1969?

79. Whose defence was “It depends on what the meaning of the word ‘is’ is” ?

80. Which boy is badly drawn?

81. Who went, though he didn't know the way?

Lance Corporal Roberta Winterton. In her words: “I want to do topless. But it has to be tasteful and classy like in the Sun.” Also accepted was **Angela Jackson (“Captain Crumpet”).** The Quest4Treasure team had Baroness Thatcher, which conjures up some unfortunate images. [14 W]

Darwin replaced Dickens on the back of a **ten-pound note.** [14 T]

Tony Banks MP, protesting in London about proposals to curb the pigeon population. [18 B]

St Lawrence cricket ground, **Canterbury**, which is the only first-class ground with a tree *inside* the boundary. A shot hit into any part of the tree scores four, even if it would have otherwise cleared the ropes for six. [7 C]

George O’Dowd (Boy George), who was knocked over when a giant mirror ball fell from the ceiling above the stage at the Bournemouth International Centre during rehearsal in December 1999. He commented, “It would have been both ironic and glamorous to be finished off by a four-foot glitter ball” [8 O]

The post which marks the geographic **South Pole.** Every year scientists working in Antarctica have to reposition the special marker post that records its exact location because the ice pack is shifting. [14 S]

Generally attributed to **Steve Prefontaine**, one of the athletes who was trained by Nike founder Bill Bowerman, and who competed in the 1972 Olympics before losing his life in a car accident in 1974. Also accepted was **Mark Covert**, who wore the first pair of Nike moon shoes in competition during the 1972 Olympic trials in Eugene. [11 P]

The **Nobel Prize for Economic Science**, for their work in econometrics. The prize was set up by the Bank of Sweden in 1968. [5 N]

Bill Clinton, during his Grand Jury testimony in 1998. Clinton was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. The final part of the question is a clue to the goddess Isis, who appears on this page. [6 C]

Damon Gough is Badly Drawn Boy. [7 G]

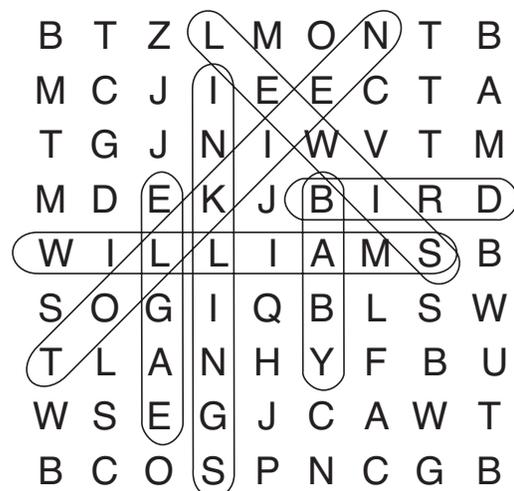
Frodo Baggins, from the Council of Elrond scene in *The Lord of the Rings*, where he says: “I will take the Ring, though I do not know the way.” My favourite alternative answer for this one was Burt Bacharach, who didn't know the way to San Jose (from David Kay). [12 B]

word search

As is now traditional with the ATH, the first significant letters of the answers could be put together to yield some further clues. This year, you could arrange them in a 9x9 square and perform a **word search [30]**. There were a number of hints to do this. Firstly, the number of questions (81) is 9-squared and page 1 indicates that nine is a significant number. More obscurely, reading the last words on the line within the relevant paragraph on page 1 gives (...use...words...search.)

As can be seen, the square contains the main theme, **INKLINGS**, plus the three main protagonists **WILLIAMS**, **LEWIS**, and **TOLKIEN** [35].

The search also reveals the Inklings' nickname for the pub which was the starting point of the hunt, the **BIRD** and **BABY**, together with its actual name, the **EAGLE** and **CHILD**. [37]



pictures and puzzles

Page 1

The space-station is a visual pun on the **rings** in *The Lord of the Rings* [41].

“...a team size of nine is optimal...” is an allusion to the **Fellowship of the Ring** [37] in *The Lord of the Rings*, where the nine members of the fellowship are pitted against the nine dark riders.

The quotation “The telephone bell was ringing wildly...” is the opening line from *War in Heaven*, the first novel by Charles Williams, who later joined the Inklings. [14]

The symbols running vertically down pages 1-8 are described under The Goblin Code on page 13 of the solution.

Page 2

As many of you found, the symbols at the top of the page *could* be interpreted as Morse code, giving the string of characters

T O O E A S B 0 4 5 5 3 R I E R D E A N R T G E H

The beginning of the string was a hint that this was all a bit *too easy*. The letters after the number are an anagram of ATE RED HERRING. The number itself has no special meaning.

So what was it all about? The clue was in the shape of the symbols themselves, which look like **oars**. A hint to this was given by question 18 on the facing page. Three teams correctly identified the symbols as “paddles” and The Famous Five as “oars”. But none of these teams made the connection that the oars represent the sequence of University **boat race results** [-], with a blade at the top being an Oxford win and a blade at the bottom a Cambridge win. The sequence is for the years 1892-1973, the **lifetime of JRR Tolkien** [-]. The spacing between the oars was a diversion. One of only two puzzles which stumped everyone.

22nd November 1963 is the date **C.S. Lewis died** [15]. Not surprisingly, this news was overshadowed by the assassination of JF Kennedy on the same day.

“Do you mean...” is the opening line from *Many Dimensions*, the second novel by Charles Williams [23].

The quotation “Eala Earendel engla beorhtast...” is from an Anglo-Saxon poem, the **Crist of Cynewulf**, [23]. It translates as

*Hail Earendel, brightest of angels
above the middle-earth sent unto men*

Tolkien encountered these lines during his studies at Oxford and they were the **inspiration for his concept of Middle Earth** [26].

When deciding on whether to publish *The Lord of the Rings*, editor **Rayner Unwin** was concerned that it might lose money. He cabled his father **Stanley Unwin**, who gave him the go-ahead: “If you believe it is a work of genius, then you may lose a thousand pounds.” [15].

The shield with the three stars is the emblem for the **Church of St Aloysius Gonzaga** on the treasure route [36]. This was the church where **Tolkien worshipped** [43].

The planetary map is an illustration taken from the first novel in **C.S. Lewis’ Cosmic Trilogy**: *Out of the Silent Planet*, *Perelandra* and *That Hideous Strength* [31]. The hero Ransom encounters the carving on Malacandra (M), and for the first time realizes he is on Mars. The other letters are V = Viritribia (Mercury), P = Perelandra (Venus), T = Thulcandra (Earth), G-O = Glund-Oyarsa (Jupiter) and L = Lurga (Saturn). In the stories the planets are identified with angelic beings..

The script running across pages 2-7 is described under The Tengwar Code on page 12 of the solution.

Page 3

03:59.40 is the time Roger Bannister set in **breaking 4-minute mile in Oxford** at the Iffley Road athletics track [18].

The dot-to-dot stars give a unicorn. *Unicorn* is the title of the **third album by Tyrannosaurus Rex**. Also, the unicorn **Jewel was the companion of King Tirian** in *The Last Battle* by C.S. Lewis. [17]

“From the top of the bank...” is the opening line from *The Place of the Lion*, the third novel by Charles Williams. [25]

The Observatory is a clue to the **Radcliffe Observatory** (from which **Observatory Street** takes its name) on the treasure route. It is now part of Green College. [17]

The box “FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE HOSPITAL” is set into the wall of the **Radcliffe Infirmary** on the treasure route [19]. It is rather ironic to think of a modern hospital being supported by coin donations.

Page 4

The code "01001100..." running across pages 4 and 5 is the binary representation of the ASCII characters **LUCYEDMUNDSUSANPETER** [13]. Lucy, Edmund, Susan and Peter are the **four children** in C.S. Lewis' Narnia story *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* [14].

"ym eppoel erew frai..." is a word-by-word anagram of "My people were fair and had sky in their hair, but now they're content to wear stars on their brows". This is the title of the **first album by Tyrannosaurus Rex** [7].

"...perfect Babel..." is the opening line from *The Greater Trumps*, the fourth novel by Charles Williams [26].

The post box can be seen at **Belsyre Court in Observatory Street** on the treasure route [24].

In the main illustration, the astronauts are (from left-to-right) **Joss Ackland** [18], **Nigel Hawthorne** [5] and **Anthony Hopkins** [6]. The connection is that all three actors **played the part of C.S. Lewis in Shadowlands** [16]: Ackland in the BBC TV play, Hawthorne in the West End play and Hopkins in the film. I was lucky enough to see Nigel Hawthorne (who sadly died over Christmas) in this role and it by far the most moving piece of acting I have ever seen on stage. The shadow of the monolith on the moonscape is a pun on *Shadowlands*.

Alternatives submitted for Joss Ackland included Huey Green, Donald Sinden, Gordon Jackson and "appears lots in army movies". Team Spud had an ingenious theory (a complete red herring, by the way) which linked the trio to *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

Joss Ackland	= Hans in <i>The Mighty Ducks</i>	H
Nigel Hawthorne	= Sir Humphrey Appleby in <i>Yes, Minister</i>	A
Anthony Hopkins	= Hannibal Lecter in <i>Silence of the Lambs</i>	L

Jon Wallis and the Chiltern Fellowship had a similar theory with Gordon Jackson (Mr Hudson) in place of Joss Ackland (Hans).

Page 5

"Continual Dew" is a collection of poetry published by John Betjeman in 1937. **C.S. Lewis was the tutor of Betjeman** at Magdalen [31] but the two didn't get on at all. When Betjeman appealed to Lewis for support after failing an exam, Lewis refused and Betjeman was sent down. In the preface to *Continual Dew*, he stated that he was "indebted to Mr. C. S. Lewis for the fact on pages 256". **There was no page 256.** [32]

The main photo is **Tirian House** in Leatherhead. The building was named after a server called Tirian, which in turn was named after the **last king of Narnia** in C.S. Lewis' *The Last Battle* [18]. If you have visited or worked in Tirian House, then you may have used the Aslan and Caspian meeting rooms.

The smaller photo is a clue to the **lamp in Lantern Waste** in C.S. Lewis' Narnia story *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* [41].

"Roger Ingram's peroration..." is the opening line from *Shadows of Ecstasy*, the fifth novel by Charles Williams [25]

The three S-shaped wall brackets can be seen on the side of a house in **Observatory Street** (corner of **Adelaide Street**) on the treasure route [25].

Page 6

The "code" running across pages 6-7 is a representation of Oxford United home league games from the beginning of 2001 through to the date of going to press 11.11.2001. An upright goal represents a goal for Oxford, an upside-down goal is a goal against. Hence 2-1 versus Walsall, 0-1 versus Colchester, 1-2 versus Wycombe Wanderers, etc. In hindsight this was rather too obscure, despite the proximity of the football ground picture on page 7. As with the oars on page 2, the shape of the symbols was an important clue. [-]

"It undoubtedly needs..." is the opening line from *Descent into Hell*, the sixth novel by Charles Williams [17].

The house pictured is on the corner of **Walton Well Road and Kingston Road** on the treasure route [25].

"Ascetic Mr ___ ..." is a quote from a letter by **JRR Tolkien** to his son **Christopher**, commenting on a newspaper article in the *Daily Telegraph*, about the "ascetic" **C.S. Lewis** [18].

SLRZ1005 is the record number of *Prophets, Seers and Sages, the Angels of the Ages*, the second Tyrannosaurus Rex album [13].

The man in the space pod is **Steve Peregrin Took** [29], who **partnered Marc Bolan on the first three Tyrannosaurus Rex albums** and who changed his name (from Stephen Ross Porter) to one of the hobbits in *The Lord of the Rings* [28]. This is what links the Tyrannosaurus Rex sub-theme running through the quiz to the main theme. The group were also regular performers at the **Middle Earth club** [41].

The picture of Saturn is a clue to the **rings** in *The Lord of the Rings* [38].

The picture of Spock and the words "...peace loving folks..." are a reference to **The Ballad of Bilbo Baggins**, sung by Leonard Nimoy [12]. As one website put it, one of the most astonishing pieces ever committed to vinyl.

Page 7

The football ground shown is the home of **Barnet FC, Underhill [20]**. Barnet's nickname is "the bees." Underhill is the **alias used by Frodo Baggins** in *The Lord of the Rings* [28].

The road sign is in **Walton Well Road** on the treasure route [21].

Reading from the top of the page (which other way would you read it?), the wavy lettering yields

*tweedyi
rediviva
pygmaea
nevadensis
longipetala
cotyledon
columbiana
brachycalyx*

which are all species of the genus **Lewisia** [24].

The music is the **ring theme** from Wagner's ring [39]. Another allusion to *The Lord of the Rings*.

The violin is a clue to the **treasure location on Fiddler's Island** [31].

"She was standing..." is the opening line from *All Hallow's Eve*, the final novel by Charles Williams [26].

The Egyptian figure is **Isis** [30]. The **Thames is known as the Isis** where it runs through **Oxford** [31] and the treasure was hidden by the side of the river.

Page 8

The top-left map is **Bloemfontein** [16]. The circle indicates the **birthplace of Tolkien** [16] and the "B" denotes **Bradlows** [36], the furniture store which now stands on the site. The "B" can also be taken as a reference to **Bank House**, the original building where he was born.

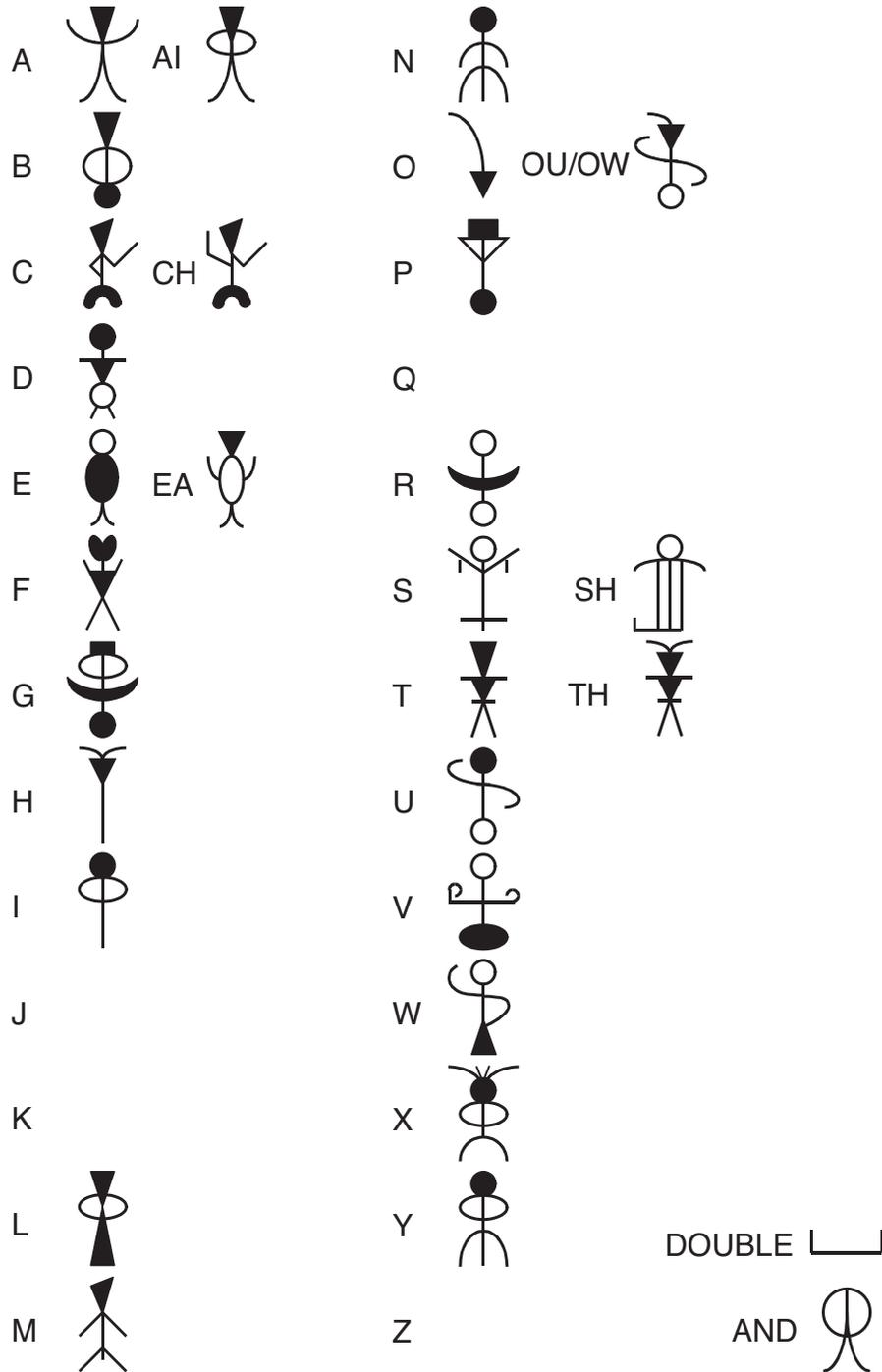
The right-hand map is the **City of London** [17]. The circle indicates the **workplace of Charles Williams** [27] denoted by "A.H," which stands for **Amen House**, the London office of Oxford University Press.

The bottom-left map is **Belfast** [15]. The circle indicates the church **St Marks, Dundela** [16], where **C.S. Lewis was baptized** [18] and where his grandfather was minister.

Combined, the three map fragments form an **outline map of Oxford** [42], with the gaps between them representing the rivers Isis (Thames) and Cherwell. This is easier to see on the back page of this solution.

the goblin code

This one caused some difficulty. The code is another alphabet invented by JRR Tolkien, this time a **Goblin alphabet** he used in letters sent to his children and published in *The Father Christmas Letters* [35]. We referred to them as “little green men”: I understand that some of you had different names for them.



The key to decoding this was to spot that the *only* elements of the puzzle which appear on pages 1-7 are the little green men and the book quotations. In fact the little green men spell out the **titles** of the seven **Charles Williams novels** [27]. This gives you enough of the alphabet to decode the back page, which carries the second-half of the instructions for finding the treasure [27]:

FOLLOW HORSES TO BRIDGE & CROSS GO LEFT & CROSS AGAIN FOLLOW PATH FOR CD YARDS TO LIFELEST STAND TREASURE IN NEXT TREE ON LEFT.

The first part of the instructions left you at the end of Walton Well Road facing Port Meadow. You now follow the bridleway (“HORSES”) to the river and cross to Fiddler’s Island. 400 yards along the tow-path is a white lifelelst stand. Next to the stand is a tree with four branches forming a natural hollow. This is where the treasure was hidden.

stories

Martin Milnes

I found the "treasure" on 13th Dec 2001, at 2:30 pm, by solving the two sets of instructions which led to it. I spent the rest of Christmas trying to work out how I was supposed to have done this using the other clues in the treasure hunt (but without much success).

First, I immediately recognised the script at the bottom of the page as being the same as that used on the "Hillingdon Trail" signpost in last year's treasure hunt. This was the Tengwar font, originally created by JRR Tolkien (in the Lord of the Rings) - one of the key themes of this year's treasure hunt. I realised that whilst this can be almost transcribed directly into English, special attention was needed for double letters and some character pairs and common words (such as "the" and "and"). This message then gave instructions from some starting place ("The B & B") to an intermediate location, at the end of a road. It seemed very likely that the symbols at the sides of the pages (especially on the last page) would be the detailed instructions for getting from the end of the road to the treasure. So all I had to do was find the starting place, and crack the "symbols" code.

I quickly identified the quote on page 2 "I you believe..." as being a reference to Sir Stanley Unwin, regarding "The Hobbit", by JRR Tolkien, so it was looking like JRR Tolkien would be significant.

The next code I looked at was on page 7 "xyla...". I realised that if written in reverse this seemed to make a bit more sense. Before too long, I had established that this was a list of names - all different types of "Lewisia" plants. At this stage I was not too sure what to make of this. I then looked at the three maps on the last page - I concentrated on the map in the bottom left corner, as that seemed to have more identifiable names. Sure enough, searching the web for "Sydenham" and "Holywood", I came across the web site for the church of St Marks Dundela, Belfast, which had links to CS Lewis, as this is where he was baptised. This also explained the earlier "Lewisia" clue - so both JRR Tolkien and CS Lewis were part of the main theme.

Reading short biographies of both individuals soon established that they had something in common - they both met regularly at the Eagle and Child pub, in Oxford (which they referred to as the "Bird and Babe"), as part of a group of like-minded individuals called "The Inklings". Assuming that the "Bird and Babe" was the "B&B" at the start point of the first set of instructions, this identified the precise location for them. Sure enough, a few further checks on the internet confirmed that there was a "Friends Meeting House" at 43 St Giles, Gerard Manley Hopkins was indeed curate at St Aloysius church, just up the road, and there was a "10 O'Clock Pharmacy" at 59 Woodstock Road. Thus, the location was definitely Oxford, and the first set of instructions seemed to lead to the end of Walton Well Road, on Port Meadow.

Thus, all that remained was to crack the "symbols" code. I first allocated an arbitrary letter of the alphabet to each symbol, and noticed that there were more than 26 types of symbols (but only just). I thought that perhaps some were punctuation marks, or spaces - or were the "underline" symbols representing spaces? I looked at the frequency of occurrence of the different symbols, and then tried substituting the most frequently occurring ones for E, T, A, O, R, N, I, S, H.

At first, this didn't seem to produce anything sensible - there weren't any "the" or "and" sequences emerging. Then it occurred to me that this message may also be written with the same sort of syntax as Tengwar (ie "the" and "and" would be special single characters), and double letters would be treated differently. So I re-tried, without looking for any "the" or "and" sequences, or worrying about double letters. Soon I had "ON LEFT" appear at the end of the message - this looked encouraging. Extending into the message, I had "NE?T TRE ON LEFT". The symbol for "E" before the "ON LEFT" had one of the "underline" symbols associated with it, so I then suspected that this signified a double letter, and I now had "NEXT TREE ON LEFT". I now knew this was the solution! But the rest of the message still did not seem to make much sense. I then wondered whether these symbols might actually be another of JRR Tolkien's creations (given that it seemed to have a similar syntax), so I did a search on the internet for "Tolkien font example" (using "Google"), and this gave (as the first choice in fact!) a web site (privatewww.essex.ac.uk/~alan/fonts) with the "Goblin Font" used by Tolkien in his "Father Christmas Letters":

Lo and behold - there were all the symbols! Using these, I quickly decoded the rest of the message, which gave detailed instructions from the end of Walton Well Road to the precise location of the treasure. The instructions seemed to fit in well with other clues in the ATH - maps showed a path across Port Meadow to a footbridge over the River Thames (called Isis at Oxford - as the picture of the Egyptian goddess Isis indicates, on page 7). Another bridge takes the path onto Fiddler Island (the picture of a fiddle, also on page 7, was further confirmation of this being the correct destination).

I had originally thought that I would wait until the weekend to go and find the treasure, but was eventually persuaded that others may also find the solution before then, so the next day I set off for Oxford, with instructions in hand.

I parked in the small car park at the end of Walton Well Road, and followed the detailed instructions from that point. Everything fitted very well. There was a footpath and a bridal way out of the car park - I took the bridal way (ie "followed the horses"), which led directly to the bridge across the Isis. After crossing, there was another bridge, to my left, precisely as described, so I crossed that, then started counting paces - after about 350 paces I saw the lifebelt stand, and knew I was nearly there. On arriving at it, there was only one tree on the left, and (after checking no-one was approaching from either direction) quickly extracted the bag from the fork of the tree, and returned to the path. On finally unwrapping the contents, I was glad to see the "number one" ticket still awaiting collection, so I took it, and rolled up the package again (with some difficulty), trying to look not too suspicious, as dog walkers and joggers occasionally passed me. When the coast was clear, I restored the bag to the hidden cleft in the tree, and covered it with more dead leaves.

Garry Smith

...This was the Eureka moment! Unfortunately it was late on the evening of Thursday 13th December, and there was absolutely nothing I could do about it on the Friday. I had the maps - I even had overhead pictures from Multimap - and it all fitted perfectly. But it would just have to wait until Saturday.

We found the treasure at 0830 on the morning of Saturday 15th December. I was disappointed, but not surprised, to discover that two others had beaten us to it.

It was a lovely bright, frosty morning. Crossing the field to the river, with the ponies and cows in the field beside me, and the house on the island ahead of us, I suddenly felt that I had walked into a landscape from Tolkien. So peaceful and very English, just as the Shire or Underhill should be.

Team Norway

In-out, in-out, in-out. It was back in early November that I started the breathing exercises to limber up in preparation for this year's ATH. I had an inkling that it would be on the theme of space. Of course when the poster came out with an obelisk it was a dead cert. Should I purchase a copy of '2001' and read it in anticipation. In the end I didn't.

When the ATH was published we eagerly downloaded it and printed off a few copies. Last year's jigsaw needed many copies to shred so it could be a worthwhile investment. The ATH this year seemed slightly less obscure than last year's and we set about solving the straightforward questions. One of our team, with keen help from a couple of mates called altavista and google, had pretty much found most of these answers by the end of the week, although it didn't seem to mean much.

By this time we'd found out that the theme was probably The Inklings. This wasn't much help to us as our collective knowledge on these guys was negligible. One of us thought that J R R Tolkien wrote 'Fly Fishing' and someone else thought that C S Lewis had something to do with a girl named Alice, or was it Carol? [Well not quite!] Once we'd got those thoughts out of the way we found someone who identified the Arabic script to be a Tolkien script and this led us to Oxford.

The following week we tried to crack the codes. The binary stuff was straightforward. Wavy text and funny spoon symbols were more difficult. Lots of frequency analysis later and umpteen variations of ROT-n and we were still no closer. Anyway, we planned to visit Oxford the following weekend to follow the steps in the Tolkien script.

On early Friday evening I had a breakthrough. Various searches on the 'dancing men' code, most of which ended up on Sherlock Holmes pages, coincidentally brought me back to a Tolkien fonts website that I'd visited before. Serendipity - the dancing men were, in fact, the Goblin code from the Christmas letters, by Tolkien. I texted one of our team, 'The Codebreaker', with the URLs. It's amazing how long it takes to text a URL. Later that evening I was doing some more research (watching Lord of the Rings at the local cinema) and got an excited voicemail to tell me that we had the rest of the instructions to the treasure.

Never had the Codebreaker got up so early in the morning. He writes...

...At the end of the road was a field with the river visible across it. There were two paths one marked bridleway and one marked path. Hence I followed the bridleway as instructed. This came to the river and I crossed the bridge (actually a bridge across a mooring area) I was still on this side of the river. I turned left and crossed the next bridge. This was across the entrance to the mooring area. again I was still on this side of the river. I then walked about 400 yards down the towpath and came upon the lifebelt stand (with lifebelt surprisingly) and in the next tree on left I found the box. It was a short trunked tree and where the branches came away from the trunk some leaves had gathered. The treasure was in there. I opened the box with anticipation of first place , surely no one could have beaten us ? Alas I looked in horror as the next ticket left was number ten. I searched the whole box in disbelief , surely the other tickets had just fallen out of the book. I then convinced myself that some prankster had found the treasure and taken the first nine tickets as a joke (I'm still clinging on to that thought). Anyway I staggered away in disappointment to work out the other parts of the message.

The Virgin Hunters

We decided to give it a go then, after all it seemed easy, 22.11.63 wasn't that when JFK was shot. We were off and running, only thing was we had made a false start, we didn't really have an inkling. Thinking that all you had to do was answer the questions we began to realise that some needed 'Oxfordized' answers, this thing has a theme, so we had to answer them all over again. This now seemed like fun, and I liked the idea of being called a virgin again, memories of my Ford Capri Ghia came flooding back, - I digress.

We spent a long lunch in the Weatherspoon's in Leatherhead translating Tengwar , after six pints it all became clear... we'd cracked it - forget those annoying little symbols, they probably only wished us a Merry Christmas anyway. Off to Oxford then, starting in 'The Eagle and Child', stopping off for a pint in some pubs along the way and finding a pot of gold. No such luck.

Plan B - it must be something to do with 'Continual Dew' then. Guildford library seemed the place to be. Couldn't find a parking space that would allow us to stay longer than 30 minutes, where was the library? - 27 mins left.

Found it, need to find a PC, need to find the book - 19 mins left. Eureka, book looked a bit thin, what - it's only got 45 pages - can't be. 7 mins left. Back to the car, how the years had changed my life I thought as I revved up my Ford Mondeo - I digress.

So here we are a month of solving clues later. Virgins no more, time for a cigarette - it was good for us, how was it for you?

David Kee

Our team are not really Tolkien fans and perhaps our attitude is best summed up by the runner up of last year's Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest (worst opening line of a novel competition), namely:

"I could tell you stories about this road we shall be travelling," the old man told his young companions as he leaned on his staff and stroked his silver beard, "of how it was built by Dwarves of the Barad-dur in the days of Thranduil the Great, numberless years before the Elves of the Ered Luin left their silver woods in Lindon, sailed their ships over the Western Sea, and passed from the knowledge of men, but what would you learn from these tales, except that I squandered my college years reading far too much Tolkien instead of meeting girls."

Week 1. The ATH was out on Tuesday, by Wednesday we had decoded the message at the bottom of each page. By Thursday we were onto Tolkien in a big way and realized that the code started at the B&B, Tolkien's local. The answers to the questions were also pouring in. CS Lewis was getting a mention and the Inklings had been uncovered. Our man in Hong Kong was particularly strong this week and able to carry on as we slept! Rather worryingly we were not making any progress with the code on the side of each page, despite a lot of analysis.

Saturday saw some success with our Oxford based team members following the route to Port Meadow and identifying lots of the picture clues. They reported back "There are not many sites to hide a treasure box but there are a few. Suspiciously three rusty bikes were padlocked together, but a search revealed nothing". We were on a roll now - it could only be a matter of time.

Week 2. T-Rex made an appearance early in the week and we struggled to understand the significance. More CS Lewis references with Shadowlands. We began to think about Fiddler's Island as a possible treasure location site, it looked likely and fitted the picture on the last page. By Tuesday we had identified the map locations on page 8, yet another reference to the Inklings. But the worry lines were increasing because none of the other codes were getting cracked. The wavy line, the Morse like lines and the space station portholes were appearing in peoples dreams, along with frequency tables and indices of coincidence. We tried breaking into the PDF binary but it didn't show much, just a few fonts that didn't seem to help. The music was also driving the good people of Norbury to distraction as our pianist tried to work out what it was, it helps to have a team member with a baby grand in his back room (or it should).

Thursday, 20th December, was a clutching at straws day and I asked my Oxford contingent to scour Fiddler's Island for a Logica L (little did I know that there wasn't one!). My clients started coming to our help, the chairman of the PRS looked at the music and immediately said "The Ring" - unfortunately I didn't appreciate how important that clue was. Friday morning my team scoured Fiddler's Island and I had a number of digital pictures of the Island - I would need a bigger team (perhaps the inhabitants of Oxford).

Week 3. Christmas started to get in the way. I was on a canal boat in north Wales using a mobile phone to connect to email, the speed did not matter since we had stalled.

Week 4. No real progress until the Friday, 4 January, when I stumbled across the solution to the vertical code on each page. After all our efforts to crack the codes I came to the conclusion that it must be easy. So I looked again at Tolkien and, purely by luck, went straight to a site that had the pictogram code. It was the "Goblin Alphabet" from the Father Christmas Letters (yet another Tolkien book). Great excitement as we began decoding. The start was no good, just the names of the books referred to in the quotes. But the last page had it all. It clearly pointed to Fiddler's Island and gave exact instructions.

8:15pm, Jeanne and I set off through the fog for Oxford on a 106 mile round trip. The car park in Port Meadow was empty and, unsurprisingly, we met no one as we headed across ice encrusted ground to the river. We were grateful for the moonlight as we crossed the bridges and negotiated the last 400 yards along the bank. Satisfaction when we find the box in the tree bole, but alas we were 15th. The significance of the ring music now obvious with the life belt stand next to the tree. We should have been there three weeks ago!

The Alcoholus Lubricatum team

...As answers developed, an Oxford connection began to come through. Helen, having lived in Oxford for 4 years, noted "Well, if I was going to bury treasure in Oxford, I'd put it in Port Meadow." Chris had acted as an extra in Shadowlands, but still spent a while wondering what connection Anthony Hopkins had with Oxford! Continuous mentions of Belfast were ignored...

...Although we were, strictly speaking, no closer than Helen's original hunch, we couldn't resist going to Oxford on New Year's Day, with a trowel discreetly in a bag 'just in case'. We followed the directions, hid from everyone that looked that they may have heard of Logica, photographed post boxes, understood the 'at Ten o'clock' direction. And then got to the junction of Walton Street and Walton Well Road and saw the house from page 6. At that point Helen shamefully admitted that she had actually lived in Walton Well Road for a few months, and still failed to recognise that house...

How I Found The Treasure by Mark Abbott aged 35 and a half

Having identified Oxford as the location and Port Meadow as the more specific location via the Tengwar decryption from B&B to end of road, we still couldn't solve the hieroglyphs. Bored over Christmas, I suggested a family day out to Oxford with the surreptitious motive of scouting out the route so far identified. Following the trail from the B&B, and identifying the picture clues en route, I had an hour before sun-down to have a look around. I was armed with a detailed map of the area, and thus decided to employ my "well-honed" ATH sniffer skills to see what I could find. At the end of the road, three paths into Port Meadow presented themselves. The map and the boatyard in the distance suggested the path straight ahead was the most likely. Reaching the bridge over one strand of the River Isis I saw Weir Cottage straight ahead and had the choice of left or right. Right looked more likely and I eagerly scoured the names of the boats moored to my right for likely clues. Nothing. Some way along I reach another bridge, and I consulted my map to see that this trail led on for some way and time was short.

It was at this point that a bright light suddenly appeared from above and a choir of heavenly angels could be heard singing melodiously as inspiration suddenly hit me with the impact of a wet haddock. The map showed Fiddlers Island sandwiched by the River Isis, and suddenly the pictures of the violin (a fiddle) and Cleopatra ("The New Isis" my research had informed me) on page 7 suddenly assumed pertinent significance. I retraced my steps, taking the tow-path onto Fiddlers Island. A veritable swamp, there didn't seem to be many options than the trees lined along the left of the tow path. I began scrabbling around the back of every likely looking tree to the side of the path, earning a number of suspicious scowls from passers-by out for a leisurely Sunday afternoon stroll. I was on the verge of dismissing this idea as wishful thinking when I came across a life-ring mounted on a board. A landmark I thought! Twenty yards further along was a small concrete "bridge" over a duct into the river. Another landmark I thought! This is the kind of thing an armchair treasure burier would require. And there, in between was a large tree with seven trunks spanning out and upwards to form a nest. I hardly dared hope, but after a bit of rustling in the leaves and twigs, I espied a black water-proof bag. Suddenly the heavenly angels broke out into a chorus of "Hallelujah" as I frantically opened the bag to find a treasure box. My smug feeling of self-satisfaction lasted all of 30 seconds, since on opening the box I found the next ticket was numbered 13. I concluded that twelve other teams had already been this way, and most if not all of these had probably done the thing properly and solved the hieroglyphs that led them directly to the box. Oh well.

quote unquote

Roger Ingrams is a famous trumpet player who went to Keble College, Oxford.

The planet is Saturn, the destination in the original book version of "2001" - later changed in book and film to Jupiter. The 'white spot' on Saturn (a bit like the red spot on Jupiter) was discovered by an amateur astronomer called Will Hay, better known as the star of numerous British comedies of the 1930s and 1940s.

Oxford, city of dreaming spires, isn't the warmest of places in mid-December. Particularly when you're standing on your own at a desperately quiet Park 'n' Ride on the outskirts...

There's a nice poem in Continual Dew describing a journey down a railway line from Sheffield to Banbury...

We think the treasure is hidden near the Williams Formula 1 HQ in Didcot...

...Kennedy Assassination .. Anson Kennedy wrote the book "Fire In The Sky" about the alien abduction of Travis Walton - cf. Walton Road, Oxford...

On 22 Nov 1963 (the day JFK was assassinated), the constellation Monoceros (Unicorn) was in the South over Dallas Texas at 03:59:40 local time, and the star Procyon (in Canis Major) was due South at about 60 degrees elevation. From that and their relative positions in the dot picture, I conclude that the other bright stars shown are Sirius (in Canis Major) and Rigel (in Orion) HOWEVER, JFK was shot at about 13:40 EST - could the time shown be a misprint?

The maps were great fun. Phoned up Bloemfontaine tourist office to find this one out, very satisfying, one of the first puzzles I solved. When the woman actually worked out what the hell I was talking about, we had fun working out the street location, she only twigged what I was after when I told where I was "where are you calling from"? in accent!

I went to Port Meadow and looked on the "round hill" (under hill connection), by a gravestone for some chap Wyatt, near the stream by the hill, and all around the car park by the bridges, so if it was meant to be in any of those places, it wasn't and it's not fair!

An obvious reference to the film 2001 by Stanley Kubrik thereby suggesting that the treasure is buried in the garden of his house in Hertfordshire.

Priority to oncoming traffic. This is symbolic because the main arrow points down indicating that Barnet were relegated last season

In answer to Q67, Greece (obviously their restaurants always run low on second hand crockery)

She was standing on Westminster Bridge - There was a character in the Monty Python Nationwide sketch called Mrs Edgeworth of Pinner who had to stand on Westminster bridge but I can't see how it fits in ... there is an Edgeworth Road in Barnet, but I guess that is not relevant...

There are also museums with T Rex exhibitions in Oxford, Bloemfontein and Belfast, but I guess this is coincidence.

The part of Robbie the Robot in the recent film of Lost in Space was played by William Todd-Jones, who also provided puppets and played the part of Aslan in televised version of Lion, Witch Wardrobe.

Perhaps we have to find a way of picking the letters out of the 9x9 grid. If you arrange the answers in a 9x9 grid writing across the page then read the answers down the columns and then decode using Vigenere and a keyword of xxxYRPETERSETxxxx the words CHAPTER and PAGETWO can be read. This is probably a complete coincidence....

If I really wanted to link the poster and page 1 to the Inklings, then I would point out the diffraction rings on the poster, and that the space station consists of two rings, and link them to "The Lord of the Rings." But I think that's going too far! (*not necessarily - ed*)

We have identified the Captains from each series of Star Trek ... in 1969 Patrick Stewart, aka Jean Luc Picard played, 'Leatherhead' in 'Bartholomew Fair' ...

We have also identified individual Star Trek episodes ... the children's surname was Pevensie. William the Conqueror landed at Pevensey Bay in 1066 with his half brother Odo, the shape shifter in Deep Space 9...

The opening lines of "War In Heaven" by Charles Williams, a book on the search for the Holy Grail (I know the ATH is difficult to find, but that's going a bit far!).

Continual Dew P256 - This relates to the Dewey classification system; where 652.8 (anagram) is "Codes, Cyphers and Cryptology".

roll of honour

Team	Captain	Ticket	Score	£	Prize
The Halflings	Kailas Sidpara	2	2518	£100	Best overall entry
Garry Smith		3	2459	£50	2nd-best overall entry
David Kee		15	2438	£25	3rd-best overall entry
The Famous Five	Brian Mills	6	2434		
Skelcher's Schemers	Ros Skelcher		2424		
Peter D G Smith et al			2302		
Quest4Treasure	Paul Tribick		2284	£25	The long-distance treasure hunting award
v The Oinklings	Clare Marsters	14	2189	£100	Best virgin entry
Mostly Gormless	Malcolm McKee	8	2120		
No Management Potential	Alison Ruxton	17	2107		
We Haven't Got An Inkling	Mark Abbott	13	2062	£25	The Endeavour Morse memorial prize
The Back of the Wardrobe Gang	Rosalind Barden	4	2034	£50	4th to the treasure
Jon Wallis and the Chiltern Fellowship			1898		
Reading Radio Planners	Mike Wood	7	1889		
v Tolkien Gesture	Dan Yeomans	9	1808	£50	2nd-best virgin entry
Team Norway	Stephen Brain	10	1753		
v The Virgin Hunters	David Webster		1724	£25	3rd-best virgin entry
The Medina Mob	Graham Turner	12	1694		
v The Palantiri	Jon Earl	5	1669	£25	5th to the treasure
Martin Milnes		1	1538	£100	1st to the treasure
v Alcoholus Lubricatum	Chris Andrews		1517		
v Huw Evans			1365		
v Stewart Rodger		18	1359		
Bored of the Rings	Carl Haigney	16	1340		
Gareth Hartwell's Group			1317		
v Manchester ATH Virgins	Lindsey Forbes		1290		
v Stephen Lees			1284		
v Andrew Vann			1256		
v James Bunch			1090		
Andrew Healey & Peter Burge			944		
v The Mad Bad Grads	Andy Clegg		934		
v Tony Colclough			913		
v Team Spud	Anon.		899		
Andrew Houghton			789		
v Disturbed	Mike Neeve		598		
Mark Amey			528		
v Adele Erwin			494		
Rod Fine	Jardine Barrington-Cook		283		
v Golden Futures	Cora Stone		236		
v David Kay			232		
Southgreen Seekers	Anthony Ashton		176		
St Chad's Pilgrims	John Chenery		141		
The Spartans	Chris Harries		135	£25	Wooden spoon

v = ATH virgin

Treasure on
Fiddler's Island



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