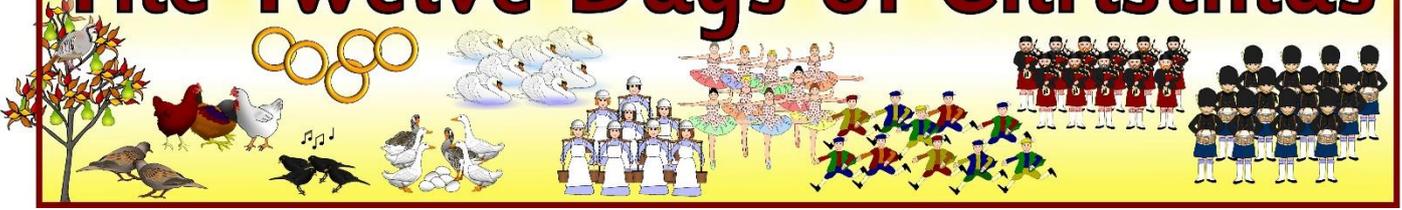


The Twelve Days of Christmas



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This hunt is themed around the 12 Days of Christmas, Christmas Day and Cold Christmas. The best known English version of [12 Days of Christmas](#) was first printed in “Mirth without Mischief”, a children's book published in London around 1780. The work was heavily illustrated with woodcuts, attributed in one source to **Thomas Bewick**. He is one of the seven swans on page 6

Our team had pencilled in Cold Christmas as a possible location for the treasure during the Advent Calendar period, but despite decoding various confirmers we were unable to find the treasure either on Christmas Day or two subsequent visits.



Poster

The 12 small pictures (same number as days of Christmas) are all December events. Details taken from wiki pages

1. [8/12/1992](#) The Galileo spacecraft flies past Earth for the **first** time. (first [False-colour composite image of the moon](#) taken by its telescope.)
2. [1/12/1955](#) **First** Lady of Civil Rights: seamstress Rosa Parks refuses to give up her bus seat to a white man and is arrested for violating the city's racial segregation laws, an incident which leads to that city's bus boycott. Photo is from Dr Who episode "[Rosa](#)".
3. [16/12/1653](#) English Interregnum: The Protectorate: Oliver Cromwell becomes **First** Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland and Ireland. (Cromwell banned Christmas)
4. [16/12/1773](#) American Revolution: [Boston Tea Party](#). In the **first** major act of defiance to British rule over the colonists, members of the Sons of Liberty dressed as Mohawk Indians dump hundreds of crates of tea into Boston harbour as a protest against the Tea Act.
5. [25/12/1066](#) [William Conqueror](#), Duke of Normandy is crowned **first** Norman king of England, at Westminster Abbey, London. (Bayeux Tapestry).
6. [8/12/1990](#) The Galileo spacecraft flies past Earth for the **first** time. ([Ozone hole over south pole taken by Galileo telescope](#).)
7. [21/12/1913](#) Arthur Wynne's "[word-cross](#)", the **first** crossword puzzle, is published in the New York World.
8. [14/12/1911](#) [Roald Amundsen's team](#), comprising himself, Olav Bjaaland, Helmer Hanssen, Sverre Hassel, and Oscar Wisting, becomes the **first** to reach the South Pole.
9. [20/12/1989](#) [General Colin Powell](#) briefs reporters at the Pentagon about the **first** day of the United States invasion of Panama to depose Panama's General Manuel Antonio Noriega from power and bring him to the U.S. for trial on drug charges.
10. [9/12/1960](#) [First Episode of Coronation Street](#), the world's longest-running television soap opera, is broadcast in the United Kingdom.
11. [14/12/1918](#) The United Kingdom general election occurs, [the first where women were allowed to vote](#). (Woman's Suffrage).
12. [7/12/1995](#) [The Galileo spacecraft is first to orbit Jupiter](#), a little more than six years after it was launched by Space Shuttle Atlantis during Mission STS-34.



Alphabetic positions of day in December spell **HAPPY HUNTING**



[The big image](#) is from the 1983 movie "[A Christmas Story](#)": The 1935 on the calendar has been added in. The speech balloon character is Ralphie Parker played by Peter Billingsley.

The first part of the line below the film picture is a lyric in the song "[It's a Hard-knock Life](#)" from the musical Annie.

*Santa Claus we never see...
Santa Claus what's that? Who's he?
No one cares for you a smidge
When you're in an orphanage*

In 1934 the Ovaltine company sponsored the radio program Little Orphan Annie. The show's fan club, "Radio Orphan Annie's Secret Society", distributed a members' handbook that included a simple substitution cipher with a resulting numeric cipher text.



Directed by Bob Clark "A Christmas Story" was based on radio personality/writer Jean Shepard's stories about his childhood growing up during the 1930s. It follows nine-year-old Ralphie Parker in the weeks leading up to Christmas in some unnamed year in the late 1930s/early 1940s as Ralphie tries to convince his parents to get him his dream present, the Red Ryder Carbine Action 200-shot Range Model air rifle, despite everyone warning him that "you'll shoot your eye out". While Ralphie's quest for the air rifle is the driving narrative of the film, the movie includes a sequence where young Ralphie finally becomes a member of the Radio Orphan Annie's Secret Society, a fan club of the Little Orphan Annie radio program. At the end of the latest episode of the show, Ralphie is told to set the outer ring to B=2 in order to decode the secret message from Annie to her fans. He is disappointed when he learns that the important "secret message" is "**Be sure to drink your Ovaltine.**" Ralphie had to drink so much Ovaltine to collect enough labels to

join Annie's secret circle that he had grown sick of the product, so he was particularly disappointed to learn about the "commercialisation of his favourite show".

Ralphie never actually receives a secret decoder ring, mostly because secret decoder rings did not exist! In the film, it is actually a secret decoder **badge** that he sends away for. In 1935 the first Orphan Annie decoder badge was introduced by Ovaltine. It was a small round badge with the year and “Radio Orphan Annie’s SS” and two crossed skeleton keys. The “SS” stood for “Secret Society.”

Setting B=2 on the badge, gives the substitution 1-26: NBLYOKCQXJDRWIESVHGTUPAMZ and Ralphie’s speech balloon numbers decode to **DUE FOR MY NIGHTCAP?**

Advent Calendar

December 1 Gazetteers



1. Vimeo video "First Look Memory Verse Motions: [Wonderful World](#) “You have done great and wonderful things.” 2 Samuel 7:23 (August 2017)
2. [Simon Taufel](#) cricket umpire
3. [Laurence Fishburne](#) as Cpl. Dorsey, a wounded soldier, in the Season 10 episode titled "The Tooth Shall Set You Free" of M*A*S*H
4. [Spitting Image puppet of Gazza crying](#) (Paul Gascoigne)

These represent a charade: Book, one word, sounds like, Gazza tears = **Gazetteers** The remaining doors give answers which would be in alphabetical order in a gazetteer.

December 2 Christmas

Image is “[Swampy](#)” –World’s Largest Gator at Jungle Adventures, 26205 E. Colonial Drive, **Christmas**, Florida



December 3 Christmas Common

Image is the [Fox and Hounds](#), **Christmas Common**, Watlington, Oxfordshire which became a temporary Polling Station on 8th June 2017. Christmas Common was the location of the first ATH (Logica) in 1985 and the starting point for the final leg of the 2005 ATH hidden on Watlington Hill.

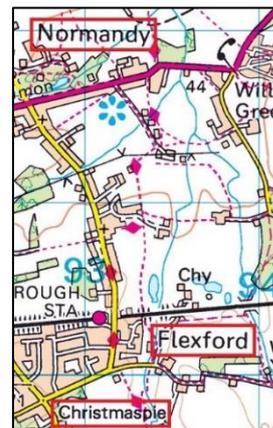


December 4 Christmas Pie



Top image is a map of Normandy. Middle image is an inverted [Ford Flex](#) (used by Mark Wahlberg in the 2017 film “[Daddy’s Home 2](#)”). Inverted, Ford Flex becomes Flexford which is a village in Surrey just South of another named [Normandy](#). (Flexford was once called Flaxford, itself a corruption of “flax vard”, meaning flax meadows by a stream). South of these two (as indicated by the red marker pin) is

a village named **Christmas Pie**. [Christmas Pie](#) owes its curious name to property owned by a prominent local family named Christmas. There are many references to this family in the court records of the manor of Cleygate which date back to 1513 in the reign of King Henry VIII. Christmases are often noted as serving as members of the homage which was the jury of the court. The “Pie” comes from the Saxon term “pightel” or “pightle” meaning a small piece of arable land. Until it was built up during the 1920s, Pie Field was a small field near the Christmas Pie crossroads.

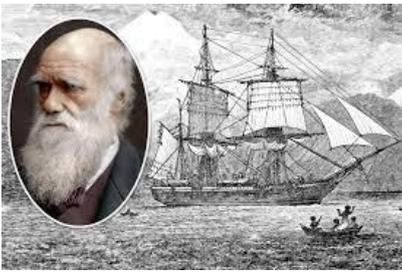


December 5 Christmas Steps



Top Image is pop group [Steps](#) performing live on their Christmas with Steps tour at the Manchester Apollo in December 2012. Bottom image is from a [Bristol Solitaire video](#). **Christmas Steps** is a street in Bristol. Originally called Queene Street after the 1574 visit of Queen Elizabeth 1st to Bristol, it became Christmas Steps in the mid 19th century. This was probably down to simply being referred by locals due to being next door to Christmas Street, formerly known as Knyfesmyth Street, after the tradesmen there. The Middle English pronunciation of Knyfesmyth, with the K sounded, may be the origin of the street’s modern name, Christmas simply being a corruption of Knife-Smith. An alternative less likely theory is that it is based on the nativity scene found in a stained glass window of The Chapel of the Three Kings of Cologne, which stands at the top of the steps.

December 6 Christmas Tree Farm



On 27 December 1831, English Naturalist [Charles Darwin](#) set off on HMS Beagle on a 5-year world-wide voyage on surveying flora and fauna. One of his discoveries were the Galapagos Islands where he and his crew ate the local giant tortoises. HMS Beagle's voyage featured in the 2015 ATH hunt. Darwin lived at Down House, Down, Kent (renamed Downe in the 1940s to avoid confusion with County Down). **Christmas Tree Farm** is located in Downe and includes [Rheas amongst the various animals](#) that can be fed by visitors.



December 7 Cold Christmas

The formula is Isaac [Newton's Law of Cooling](#). To refine it, Newton needed a temperature scale so devised his own "[Newton Scale](#)". His lowest point (0) was defined as "the heat of air in winter at which water begins to freeze. This point may be accurately determined by pressing the thermometer into melting snow." It could be "in the old reckoning" (of time) and HBTM stands for "Happy Birthday To Me". Newton would have said his birthday was December 25 1642 (Christmas Day), but everywhere outside of England he was born on January 4 1643 due to the fact that England was in the midst of a 150-year period of using a different reckoning calendar from the rest of Europe when he was born (Julian / Old Style => Gregorian / New Style).

Newton's Law of Cooling Mathematically:

Differential Equation:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = k(T - T_m)$$

Where: $\frac{dT}{dt}$ = rate of which temperature changes (1/s)
 T = temperature of object
 T_m = ambient temperature

Solution to the Differential Equation:

$$T(t) = Ce^{kt} + T_m$$

Where: $T(t)$ = temperature of the object at time t (seconds)



Cold Christmas is a hamlet East of Thundridge, Hertfordshire. About 0.5 miles NW are the ruins of St Mary and All Saints church which was built on a private estate in 1086 and demolished in 1853, possible because it is built on the wrong alignment (North to South). It is purportedly a sign of the devil and the most haunted church in England. It is believed it (and subsequently the hamlet) was named [Cold Christmas church](#) because a lot of the graves belong mainly to young children whose lives were lost around Christmas time because of a very cold winter.

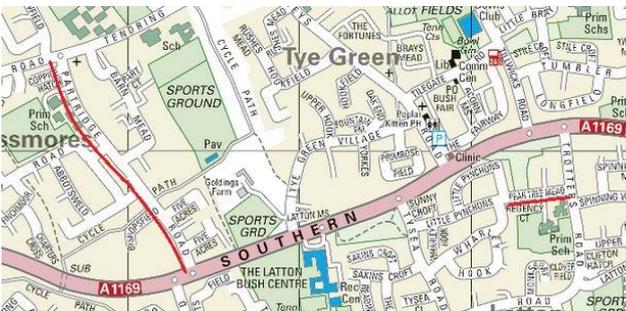
December 8 Natal

The letter pairs are [ISO Alpha-2 Country Codes](#) for Mexico, Cameroon, Ghana, USA, Japan, Greece, Italy, and Uruguay. These are the eight countries and scores of the first round group matches played in the [Arenadas Dunas](#) in the city of **Natal** for the [2014 FIFA World Cup](#) in Brazil. They were the only matches that the stadium hosted for that competition. Natal means **Christmas** in Portuguese. Natal [Founded 25 December 1599](#)

13th June - Mexico 1 : Cameroon 0
16th June - Ghana 1 : USA 2
19th June - Japan 0 : Greece 0
24th June - Italy 0 : Uruguay 1

December 9 Partridge Road & Pear Tree Mead

The card identifies the Christmas carol "[The Twelve Days of Christmas](#)". The cumulative total of gifts received after each day are the first 12 tetrahedral numbers 1, 4, 10, 20, 35, 56, 84, 120, 165, 220, 286, 364. The date on the card is the first day of Christmas on which day "my true love" (= sweetheart) sent "a partridge in a pear tree". The fonts are [Segoe](#) and [Harlow Solid SB](#). **Partridge Road and Pear Tree Mead** are streets in Harlow, Essex.



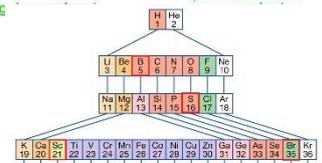
The Twelve Days of Christmas

1 x 12 = 12 drummers
 2 x 11 = 22 pipers
 3 x 10 = 30 lords
 4 x 9 = 36 ladies
 5 x 8 = 40 maids
 6 x 7 = 42 swans
 7 x 6 = 42 geese
 8 x 5 = 40 gold rings
 9 x 4 = 36 calling birds
 10 x 3 = 30 French hens
 11 x 2 = 22 turtle doves
 12 x 1 = 12 partridges
Total: 364 gifts

Day: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
 Gifts: 1 3 6 10 15 21 28 36 45 55 66 78
 (12th tetrahedral)

December 10 The Partridge in Peartree Green

The green finger-post references the Periodic Table: - 5=Boron=B, S=Sulfur=16, Sc=Scandium=21, Br=Bromine=35. Together these give roads B2135 and B2116 which intersect at **The Partridge** PH in **Partridge Green**, Horsham.



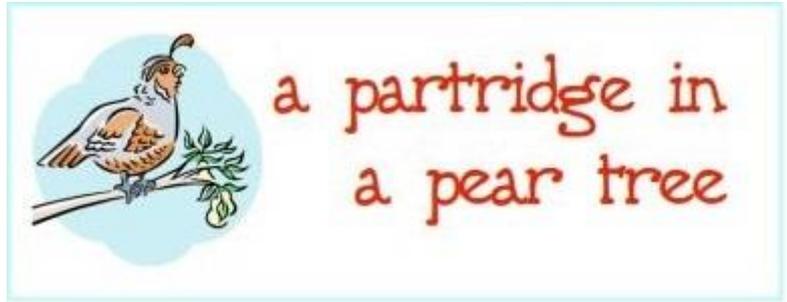
The [Life Std Roman](#) font of "d.1884" on the gravestone plus the Greek letter Π refer to "[Life of Pi](#)" by Yann Martel. He named the shipwrecked Bengal tiger Richard Parker inspired by a cabin boy named Richard Parker (RP) in the legal case [R v Dudley and Stephens](#) who is cannibalised in a lifeboat in July 1884. Richard's gravestone is in Jesus Chapel (aka Peartree Church), **Peartree Green**, Southampton. Martel also had another Richard Parker in mind - a mutineer in Edgar Allan Poe's nautical adventure novel "[The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym of Nantucket](#)" (used in ATH 2020) who is stranded and eventually cannibalised on the hull of an overturned ship. There is a dog aboard who is named Tiger.



Page 1 – A partridge in a pear tree

The title of this page is **A Partridge in a Pear Tree**

A Partridge is A(lan) Partridge and **in a Pear Tree** is the answer to the question **Where was clue two** (Treasure Quest below)



Top Images

these need to be read clockwise starting from the 4th one on the top row. The dates are the 12 days of Christmas

- [Humphrey Bogart](#) (smoking) was born on Christmas Day **25th December**, 1899 – January 14, 1957.
- [Great Britain. Queen Elizabeth II. 1973. Christmas. Good King Wenceslas. "Gathering winter fuel"](#). Good King Wenceslas looked out on the Feast of Stephen. Boxing day, **26th December**
- [Apollo 8 splashdown](#), **27th December** 1968
- Ibi, Spain, [Els Enfarinats festival](#), **28th December**
- [stained glass depiction of Thomas Becket](#) assassinated in Canterbury Cathedral **29th December** 1170. The window is in St. Alphege's Church in Solihull. Artist is Lawrence Lee.
- [Roy G. Biv by They Might Be Giants](#); ROYGBIV mnemonic Richard Of York Gave Battle In Vain. [Richard of York](#) was killed **30th December** 1460
- [Bluebird K7](#) water speed boat at [Dumbleyung Lake](#), near Perth. Donald Campbell broke the land speed record here on **31st December** 1964
- 1st January**, 1973, the UK join the EEC; Daily Mail
- [The Capitulation of Granada](#): On **2nd January**, 1492, Muhammad XII of Granada (King Boabdil) surrendered the Emirate of Granada, the city of Granada, and the Alhambra palace to the Castilian forces.
- [John III Sobieski](#), King of Poland 1674 - 1696 In Polish his name is Jan III Sobieski **3rd January**
- [Nancy Pelosi](#), Speaker of the United States House of Representatives since **4th January** 2019
- Construction begins on the [Golden Gate Bridge](#) on **5th January** 1933



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Wordsearch

Grouped words

Monkeys - MANDRILL, TALAPOIN, LANGUR, CAPUCHIN, TAMARIN, MANGABEY, GUENON, SURILI, VERVET, DOUC, HOWLER, GRIVET, UAKARI, LESULA, GELADA, Cu29Zn30 - Copper (29) and Zinc (30) make BRASS (Brass Monkey), CHILLYPINE – Chile Pine, the Monkey Puzzle Tree.

Christmas - STOCKING, MERRYXMAS, JUMPER, CANDLE, TINSEL, LAPLAND, BAUBLE, ANGEL, ICESKATING, WIZZARD (christmas song)

Alan Partridge ideas - KNOWINGMEKNOWINGYOU, PLAYPONG, APARTRIDGEAMONGTHEPIGEONS, ALANATTACK, INNERCITYSUMO, ARMWRESTLINGWITHCHASANDDAVE, SWALLOW, DAN (15 instances) (Alan Partridge from hilarious Dan shouting in carpark)

Youth Hostelling with Chris Eubank (S replaced by TH as Chris Eubank has a lisp) - THLAIDBURN=SLAIDBURN, LOCHOTHIAN=LOCH OSSIAN, BLACKTHAIL=BLACKSAIL, PENYPATH=PEN-Y-PASS, (all Youth Hostels)

There are three zig-zag trails that go through the highlighted red letters:

One zig-zag reads **GAME MARMOSET AND MATCH** - another Alan Partridge idea, Monkey Tennis (PLAYPONG)

The other two together read **THIS YEAR'S QUEST TAKES BECKY BETTS FROM.. ..FRETTHENHAM TO FAKENHAM.**

These are about [Treasure Quest contestant Becky Betts](#)

The bottom right 9x9 square consists of a left and top border of 3 prisons representing another Alan Partridge idea - COOKING IN PRISON

FORD is a UK prison in Sussex

SING SING is a US prison north of New York

SLADE is slang for prison. [HMP Slade](#) is where TV comedy series [Porridge](#) was set.

These three words border the 8 x 8 square, effectively cutting it off from the rest of the wordsearch. The square contains the words

MOLECULAR GASTRONOMY NOUVELLE CUISINE CORDON BLEU VEGAN interspersed with **WHERE WAS CLUE TWO.**

In Treasure Quest Clue 2 was hidden **in a pear tree** in the Bishop's Garden, Norwich. Radio Norfolk - Alan Partridge has a Norfolk connection

Unused letters read:

KNOWING ME AND KNOWING YOU
AHA YOU'VE FOUND A CLUE
BUT ALAS YOUR HOPES WE DASH
IT WON'T HELP YOU FIND THE CACHE.

YOU'VE BEEN CLEVER SO WE WANT TO GIVE YOU A BONUS POINT.

AFTER YOU HAVE FOUND THE TREASURE
ON THE WALK BACK, AT YOUR LEISURE
MAKE A NOTE OF WHAT YOU'VE SEEN
OUTSIDE OF NUMBER SIXTEEN

House number 16 on Cold Christmas Lane in Thundridge has a monkey puzzle tree in the front garden. **CHILLY PINE** in wordsearch, a thematic play on the Chile Pine the alternative name for the monkey puzzle tree. The number is no longer on the fence nor the house, but some neighbours have numbers on their sheds or fences, so it's possible to work it out. The fence looks brand new, probably just a few weeks/months old probably erected after the puzzle was created. Streetview images still show the original fence.



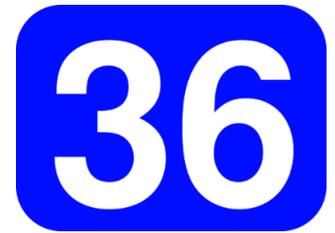
Asides:

- Singing is a character seen in Super Monkey Ball Adventure that is exclusively seen on a trump card used in Monkey Trumps.)
- Elon Musk's [Neuralink](#) claims monkeys can play Pong using just their minds
- [LAIDBURN](#) was the name of a drumming horse
- Treasure Quest was a Radio Norfolk program. Alan Partridge is connected to Norfolk
- Clue 2 of Treasure Quest programme was located at the pear tree in the Bishop's Garden in Norwich. [Not a partridge, but something else!](#)



lyrical Christmas

Johnny Cash A Boy Named Sue position 36 on 21 December 1969
 Rod Stewart Maggie May position 36 on 19 December 1976



Photos

[Playfair Cricket Annual 1983](#) - Edited by Gordon Ross (*goose link*). #36 in 25th December 1983

Christmas singles chart was Elvis Presley with "I Can Help" (*written by Billy Swan*). Presumably he is a key to the ciphers.

The ciphers require a 6x6 polybius square. Each picture connects to the number 36 and must uniquely represent A-Z, 0-9. The white squares relate to a mathematical property of the number 36, so seem to be the digits

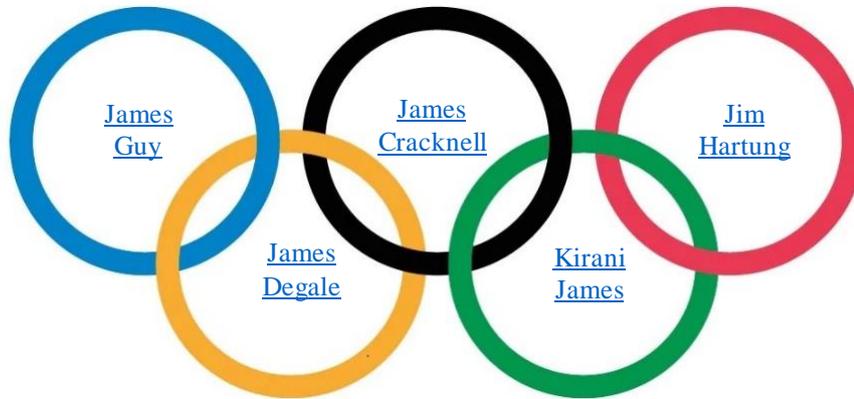
- 1 **Z** [German destroyer Z36](#)
- 2 **B** Tom **B**rady New England Patriots 'Superbowl 36' Image is from a video
- 3 **1 or 3** (triangular factors of 36 are 1,3,6 but answer 13 is 6)
- 4 **0** [Rachel Walters monogram](#). Has fashion label Undecillion. The word means 10 to the 36th power. (36 zeroes) "*It reminds me that there are limitless possibilities for creation.*"
- 5 **V** Ushibori in Hitachi Province (Joshu Ushibori), from "[Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji](#) (Fugaku sanjurokkei)", a famous series of prints by Japanese ukiyo-e artist Katsushika Hokusai
- 6 **4 or 9** (1 used for another answer) are square factors of 36
- 7 **Y** 36 inches in a **Y**ard (3 feet).
- 8 **L** Huyton Parish Church Cemetery The 5th Beatle Stuart Sutcliffe buried here **L**36 postcode
- 9 **E** [Emperor Guangwu of Han](#) He reunited China on **25th December** AD36 and ruled until AD57.
- 10 **N** Nevada 36th State
- 11 **P** Double 6 dice. 36 is the number of possible **p**ermutations/outcomes in the roll of two distinct dice. Picture from "[fullham](#)" - *During the reign of Elizabeth I Fulham was the most notorious place for blacklegs in England and loaded dice were made there.*
- 12 **I** [WW2 36th Infantry Division Burma Chindits Cloth Formation Sign Patch Badge](#)
- 13 **6** (square root of 36)
- 14 **1,5 or 7** (factors of 35)
- 15 **A** Murray the Magpie, mascot for the **A**delaide 36ers
- 16 **T?** (1,3,4,6,9 are other answers) **2**, **T**welve or **E**ighteen also possible
- 17 **F** Boris Karloff aka. [William Henry Pratt](#) (reads "a prat") - born at **36 F**orest Hill Road, Peckham Rye, London
- 18 **1,5 or 7** (factors of 35)
- 19 **2?** (1,3,4,6,9 are other answers) **T**welve or **E**ighteen also possible
- 20 **U** [36th Ulster Division memorial](#) 32186 Killed, wounded, missing
- 21 **8** (triangular root of 36) - could be 1
- 22 **W** [Wu Tang Clan Logo](#). Hip-hop band [Wu Tang Clan](#) has album [36 Chambers](#).
- 23 **K** [Krypton Factor 1988 Grand Final](#) 26th December. 36 applicants made it to the screen. The atomic number of **K**rypton is 36
- 24 **H** [Budapest Telephone Box on Andrassy Avenue](#) +36 is the code for international direct-dialphone calls to **H**ungary
- 25 **J** [Lyndon Johnson and Hubert Hunphrey](#). [Lyndon B Johnson](#) was the 36th President
- 26 **S** [Gary Sobers](#) first cricketer to score six sixes in an over (1968 County Championship)
- 27 **C** The [36 Crazy Fists](#) (image at 1:18:13) are a four-piece metal band from Anchorage, Alaska. Originally named San shi liu ming xing quan, meaning San is a six-meter exercise. 'K' watermark on video at all times.
- 28 **Q** [36 Questions that lead to love](#)
 1. Given the choice of anyone in the world, whom would you want as a dinner guest?
 26. Complete this sentence: "I wish I had someone with whom I could share ... "
 34. Your house, containing everything you own, catches fire. After saving your loved ones and pets, you have time to safely make a final dash to save any one item. What would it be? Why?
- 29 **D** [Laraine Newman playing the Usherette in TV series The Canned Film Festival](#) (36 connection unknown) wrong person
- 30 **1 or 3** (triangular factors of 36 are 1,3,6 but answer 13 is 6)
- 31 **X** [McDonnell Douglas X-36](#) (similar image)
- 32 **R** An American **r**oulette wheel (image) has 36 red or black numbers on its layout plus green 0 and 00 = 38 pockets
- 33 **4 or 9** (1 used for another answer) are square factors of 36
- 34 **M** [Three 6 Mafia](#) - Late Night Tip (image at approx 0:33)
- 35 **G** [Beer barrel](#) In the UK, a standard beer barrel is 36 UK **g**allons, about 163.7 litres.
- 36 **O** [Princess Alexandra of Kent](#), Lady **O**gilvy born 25 December 1936 (**Y** is 25th letter)

Ciphers (all 36 characters long)

- SR86ZA187484YKBPYNWYUXK6X4IKW6TQYKBY –The Playfair annual suggests this is a 6x6 Playfair cipher
- HM3S8MVXREPWJQTYEW22AUCA3IJCQVQ7D1I1 – image suggests a Playfair variant based on 9*4 grid. The gold coins were unearthed near [Jerusalem's Temple Mount](#).
- VVVVDXFXGTVVXGDGXDAGDDFAGDFXAVDGGVFF DVADGDGDDXDADFDDXGAVXDFAFFGFADFDDDD FDVFFGXVDDDDXXFXAVDXXDFDDDDADDGXVFFV DAXXGAXGFVVFVFXFFXDFDFFXDVAVDVDDAA ADFGVX cipher requiring a keyword in addition to polybius square
- 4124 735718 24766941 32794 1364339510020 - [dcode.fr](#) decoder gives **36K FROM EQUAL PAY HEROINES**

Page 3 – 5 Golden Rings - In Memoriam to James Medhurst

Top five images are in the Olympic rings format. The pictures are all of Gold medal winners (Swimming, Rowing, Gymnastics, Boxing, Sprint) named James. The colours of their jerseys are the ring colours.



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|---------|---|
| EARL | <i>most of early</i> |
| ROE | <i>sounds like row</i> |
| END | <i>even letters of Pernod</i> |
| NEON | <i>oneone has neon inside</i> |
| YARD | <i>squirrel's home = DRAY backwards</i> |
| EYE | <i>two meanings</i> |
| EKE | <i>inside weekend</i> |
| LOP | <i>slope – end letters s & e</i> |
| RISE | <i>E sir - backwards</i> |
| ENABLER | <i>bane (destruction) reversed + le + r</i> |
| COLD | <i>c + old</i> |
| TREACLE | <i>anagram of claret and e</i> |
| INCITES | <i>In cities - I</i> |
| ERG | <i>Jacob Rees-Mogg ERG chairman</i> |

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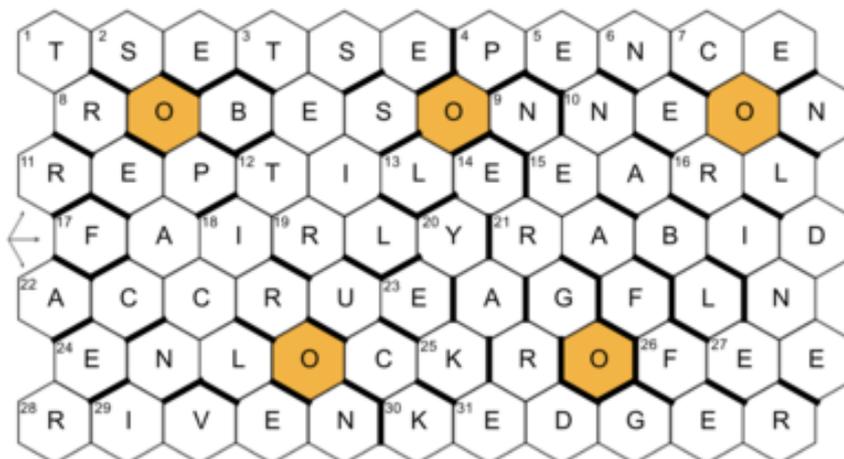
In the next set of clues one letter has had its letter changed. The original letter needs to be replaced to solve the clue

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| • Fry battered testes (6) | TSETSE | <i>anagram of testes</i> | Fry/Fly | R |
| • Charming creature tours lake in Quito (6) | FAIRLY | <i>FAIRY around L</i> | Quito/Quite | O |
| • Secure 2012 mascot with stent (6) | ENLOCK | <i>wenlock - w (spent = removed)</i> | Stent/Spent | T |
| • Cast liberated without resistance (3) | FEE | <i>free - R</i> | Cast/Cost | A |
| • Summary: someone who talks slowly is backwards (5) | RECAP | <i>pacer backwards</i> | talks/walks | T |
| • Tern in stream shortly before noon (5) | RIVEN | <i>river-R+N</i> | tern/torn | E |
| • Fanatical Scotsman beginning to interpret death (5) | RABID | <i>Rab + i + d</i> | death/depth | A |
| • Steal from bouquet rack for singer and activist (7) | ROBESON | <i>Rob + nose reversed (Paul Robeson)</i> | rack/back | R |
| • Collected waste left out in wet broad (3) | SOP | <i>slop (waste) - l (wet bread)</i> | broad/bread | O |
| • American female following dons born in Uist years ago (6) | NEAFFE | <i>A + f + f in née (Shakespearian fist)</i> | Uist/fist | U |
| • Last 25% of nice dish discarded – it steadies the ship (6) | KEDGER | <i>Kedgerie minus ee</i> | nice/rice | N |
| • Dress? Me neither, on reflection (4) | IRON | <i>I + nor backwards</i> | Dress/Press | D |
| • Time to block trite illustrations (4) | TEIL | <i>Teil (lime) within trite illustrations</i> | Time/Lime | T |
| • Come into the possession of a shop's workers, reportedly (6) | ACC RUE | <i>sounds like a crew</i> | shop's/ship's | O |
| • Carpenter perhaps providing tripe in Myanmar (5) | KAREN | <i>Karen Carpenter & Myanmar Tribe</i> | tripe/tribe | P |
| • Therefore, Grant returns (4) | ERGO | <i>ogre backwards</i> | Grant/giant | R |
| • A revolutionary hit crocodile, perhaps (7) | REPTILE | <i>per reversed + tile</i> | hit/hat | I |
| • Lorry banter (5) | TRUCK | <i>two definitions</i> | banter/barter | N |
| • Trump's GP found in enclosure next to church (5) | PENCE | <i>pen + CE – VP (Mike Pence)</i> | GP/VP | G |
| • Plant with lily-like flowers and unusual inner ears (6) | NERINE | <i>anagram of inner + E(arl)</i> | ears/earl | S |

The replaced letters spell **ROTATE AROUND TOP RINGS** - a cryptic clue for SPORTING (anagram of TOP RINGS). We expected to find a second message in the first set but couldn't find one.

All the words fit in the grid placed in one of the three directions indicated by the arrows. Each gold hexagon contains an O to represent the 5 Gold Rings, both of the 12 Days song and the Olympic logo of the 5 athletes. ENABLER runs SE as stated in its clue “*destruction from the south-east*”.

Non-intersecting words are separated by black bars. The ones given around the puzzle being the exact number needed of each.



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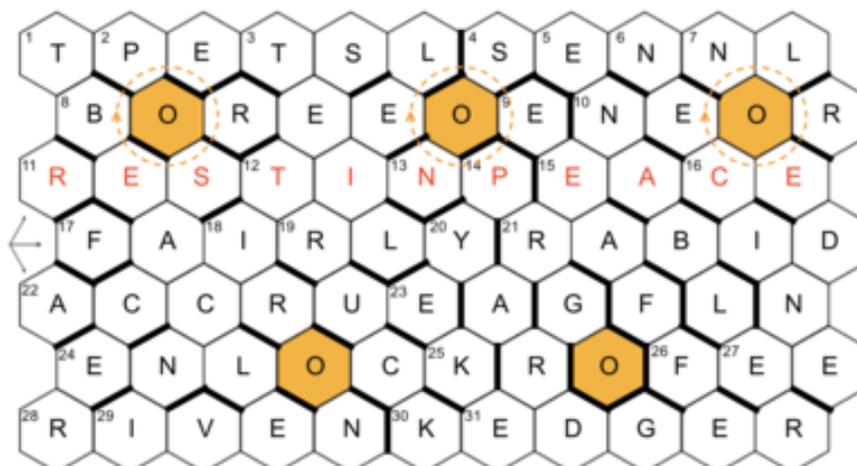
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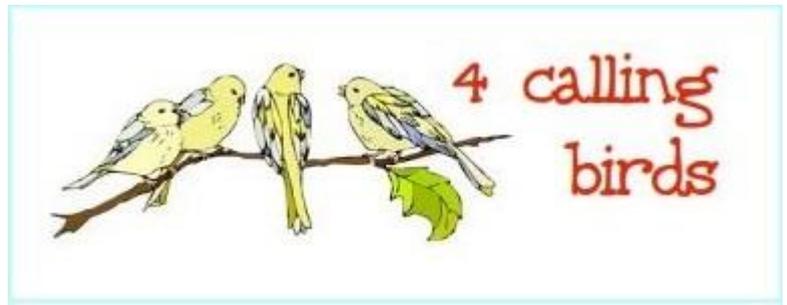
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By rotating the top three hexagon rings of six letters the phrase **REST IN PEACE** appears in the third row. **RIP James.Medhurst**





Photos and Ciphers

1. 'Bird on a Wire' 1990 movie starring Mel Gibson as Richard "Rick" Jarmin and Goldie Hawn as Marianne Graves
2. [Polar Allosaurus](#) (BBC "Walking With Dinosaurs - Big Al's Mating Call" TOO EARLY - Allosaurus had several similarities to birds, but was too early to be classified as such.
3. [Ningbo Bird Company logo](#) - manufacturer of mobile phones
4. Neal Foulds (nickname [Busby](#)) - [Buzby](#) was BT's bird in a long-running advertising campaign. It even has a reference to Neal Foulds at the top of the article.
5. Tina Humphrey and her Collie Dog Chandi (Britain's got talent) OLD LINE - The original line was " Four Colly Birds"
6. Grumpy Gertie the Goose in a telephone box in Sandon Village



The associated ciphers are either Pig-Pen or a representation of the keys on a phone key-pad. There are several alternatives from the T9 phone decoder although the dots may help identify which to use.

1. (key-pad) PEAR/REAP/REAR/SEAR + PAD/SAD – PEAR PAD is in keeping with the theme
2. (key-pad) **TOO EARLY** - Allosaurus was an antecedent of a bird
3. (key-pad) POP/SOP + BUYER
4. (key-pad) AMOEBA ANNE/BOND/BONE/COME/CONE + BAM/BAN/CAM/CAN
5. (pig-pen) **OLD LINE** (pig-pen) – The original line was *Four colly-birds*
6. (key-pad) ODD/ODE/NED/NEE + I + PEEP/PEER/REES/SEEP/REDS

Allosaurus Polar (**cold**) and Tina Humphrey have to be eliminated as they are not (calling) birds to leave the required four birds.

Arrowed Pictures

These represent [Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon](#). This is a parlour game where players challenge each other to arbitrarily choose an actor and then connect them to another actor via a film that both actors have appeared in together, repeating this process to try and find the shortest path that ultimately leads to prolific American actor Kevin Bacon. It rests on the assumption that anyone involved in the Hollywood film industry can be linked through their film roles to Bacon within six steps. The game's name is a reference to "six degrees of separation", a concept which posits that any two people on Earth are six or fewer acquaintance links apart.

The thermometer shows 6 degrees Celsius and says "Made in Philadelphia" at the bottom, and Kevin Bacon was born in Philadelphia.

- 1 Pig Pen (Snoopy)
- 2 Fifi and Snoopy 'The Peanuts Movie' 2015
- 3 Danny Devito in 'Deck the Halls' 2006 movie
- 4 Newspaper from 'LA Confidential' 1997 movie set at Christmas
- 5 [Fred Claus](#) (video image at 1:29)
- 6 Rebel Wilson as Patrica 'Fat Amy' Hobart in 'Pitch Perfect 3' 2017
- 7 'Footloose' 1984 with Kevin Bacon and Lori Singer

AJ TEECE - The Peanuts Movie → KRISTIN CHENOWETH → Deck the Halls → DANNY DEVITO → LA Confidential → KEVIN SPACEY → Fred Claus → ELIZABETH BANKS → Pitch Perfect → JOHN LITHGOW → Footloose → KEVIN BACON

N.B. PIGPEN and BACON are both types of cipher.

Turkey Legs (for all but two)

Turkey legs are known as drummers. These clues are drummers from bands. There are only 12 in the carol, so two have to be used elsewhere. Ringo Star and ??? are vegetarians so wouldn't eat turkey.

The initials of the bands spell **?RWTKZ DECODE T9**
T9 is the keypad text prediction system used on mobile phones which decodes the 4 Calling Birds ciphers



1. That guy whose wife looked downwards when making a greeting. I did not know if she was talking to us or to something else.
2. That guy who was in a hurry. That other guy Charlie's namesake said he was fourth best.

Neil Peart of **Rush** - 4th best according to Rolling Stone magazine. Charlie Watts was the drummer of The Rolling Stones. The two entities are unrelated - both took their names from a blues song 'Rollin' Stone' by Muddy Waters, released in 1950.

3. That guy who put on a show at the Christmas dance, along with his strange relatives.

[Orsino Thruston](#) **Weird Sisters**. The Weird Sisters are a wizarding rock band. They are booked by Dumbledore to play at Hogwarts during the Yule Ball (*Christmas dance*). In Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire they are described as "all extremely hairy and dressed in black robes that had been artfully ripped and torn." In the film version of Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire they perform three songs (all composed by Cocker): "Do the Hippogriff", "This Is the Night" and "Magic Works". They were played by real-life musicians: According to Wizards of the Coast Famous Wizard cards the members are:

Orsino Thruston – drums - Phil Selway (Radiohead)	Merton Graves – cello
Heathcote Barbary – rhythm guitar - Jason Buckle (All Seeing I)	Donaghan Tremlett – bass - Steve Mackey (Pulp)
Gideon Crumb – bagpipes & keyboard - Steven Claydon (Add N to (X))	Myron Wagtail – lead singer - Jarvis Cocker (Pulp)
Kirley Duke – lead guitar - Jonny Greenwood (Radiohead)	Herman Wintringham – lute

The term Weird Sisters is also used in William Shakespeare's play Macbeth to describe the three witches, and more closely contemporaneous with the Harry Potter novels, in Terry Pratchett's Discworld Cycle. Orsino is a character in "Twelfth Night", another Christmas connection.

4. That guy who used his voice training in an animated way.

[Ringo Starr](#) of **The Beatles**. He narrated the first two animated series of Thomas the Tank Engine (*train*).

5. That haymaker guy who sounds like he is related to Erica. I could tell from his eyes that he was a dreamer.

[Eric Carr](#) of **Kiss**. Hit his drums very hard and name sounds like Erica. He wore fox make-up when playing. [Dreamer](#) is a fox cub in [The Animals of Farthing Wood](#)

6. That topless guy who might bite. He previously worked with McFly.

[Frank Beard](#) of **ZZ Top** played on ['Back to the Future III'](#) (character named Marty McFly) the Drummer is 'Frank Beard' who doesn't wear a hat like the other two (topless). Beard was a member of a fake version of the British band the Zombies (might bite)

7. That guy who is easy to mistake for that other guy who reared two tigers.

[Roger Taylor](#) of **Duran Duran**, as opposed to Roger Taylor of Queen ([has 5 children](#) including Rufus Tiger and Tiger Lilly)

8. That redheaded guy with Daisy's daughter and possibly a dentist.

Animal from The Muppets. He was in ([Dr. Teeth and the Electric Mayhem](#) which included Janice. Janice's mother was [Daisy](#)

9. That guy who once worked as a doorman and had a boss exactly like David Brent.

[Will Champion](#) Before finding fame as the drummer from **Coldplay**, Will Champion used to work as a doorman at a bar. His boss was Ricky Gervais.

10. That guy who claimed his version of events of his time at the watering hole was entirely accurate.

[Tony McCarroll](#) played the drums for **Oasis** (watering hole) on their debut album, Definitely Maybe, and on "Some Might Say", Oasis' first number-one single, from the album (What's the Story) Morning Glory?, before he was dismissed from the band in 1995. Soon after Liam's brother Noel joined. McCarroll has stated in his book that he was closely involved in the creation of several of Oasis's songs, including "Supersonic", despite Noel being given sole credit as songwriter. In 1999 McCarroll attempted to sue Oasis for £18million in which he argued he was still entitled to his part of the band's five-album record deal. The case was settled out of court for £550,000 and McCarroll agreeing to give up any royalties from the band's songs.

11. That fully dexterous guy who is said to be like Thor.

[Rick Allen](#) of **Def Leppard**. His left arm was amputated, but he continued to play! He is known as "The Thunder God" (dexterous = right-handed)

12. That guy who is the ex of the ex of that other guy who embarrassed himself with a fox. No, not that guy: the guy who sounds like he plays with a London football club.

Don Henley from **Eagles** was involved with Stevie Nicks after she split from Lindsey Buckingham. She was also involved with Mick Fleetwood. He did a dreadful [Brit Awards](#) hosting gig in 1989 with Samantha Fox. Guests appeared at the wrong time, the wrong winners were announced, and Michael Jackson's acceptance tape was forgotten. Sam Fox tried to rescue the night with plenty of "Woo woo!"s, but it didn't help.

Mick Fleetwood has two ex wives/girlfriends who were also with other drummers. He married [Jenny Boyd](#) in the 1970 - 1976 (div). She also married [Ian Wallace](#), King Crimson drummer 1984 - 1990 (div). Wallace also was a drummer for Don Henley!

So it reads: *Ian Wallace who is the ex of Jenny Boyd, the ex of Mick Fleetwood, who embarrassed himself with Sam Fox.*

No not that drummer, rather Don Henley (who is also the ex of Stevie Nicks, the ex of Mick Fleetwood who.....Sam Fox) who sounds like he plays with a London FC. Crystal Palace FC's nickname is "The Eagles"

13. That guy Buster with the fan club, who also worked with that guy who Robert Davis supposedly said was not the best.

[Jim Keltner](#). He played drums with the **Travelling Wilburys** under the pseudonym Buster Sidebury. He encouraged fans to join "The Jim Keltner Fan Club". He worked as a session drummer for three former Beatles, including Ringo Starr. Robert Davis ([Jasper Carrot](#)) (real name Robert Davis) supposedly said [Ringo Starr wasn't the best](#). He [went to school with Beverley Bevan](#) drummer of the Move

14. That guy who needed a manicure. He won awards for his Soul music.

Trent Reznor – **9 Inch Nails**. [Soul](#) is a 2020 Disney-Pixar film Soul. Reznor and Atticus Ross composed a new-age score of 23 pieces for the metaphysical segments of the film.



The calendar is a list of successive years from 1968 to 2009. The column headed 1 is the [Christmas Number 1](#) for that year. The second column (pipe) lists the [Pipe Smoker of the Year](#) for that year. The award was discontinued in 2004 because its organisers feared it fell foul of laws banning all advertising and promotion of tobacco.

The pictures around the outside and the text within point to a related entry in that column.

Column 2

1969 57.91° N 6.83° W (Isle of HARRIS)	(Number 1 single's artist) Rolf Harris
1975 Elizabeth I Coronation Portrait 15th Jan 1559	Queen
1987 Sir Humphrey Appleby 'Yes Minister'	Pet Shop Boys actor <i>Nigel Hawthorne bought a house from Chris Lowe</i>
1991 Elizabeth I Coronation Portrait 15th Jan 1559	Queen
1992 29.76° N 95.38° (W Houston, Texas)	Whitney Houston
2000 Robert Adam Neo-classical architect	Bob The Builder
2006 58.20° N 6.60° W (Isle of LEWIS)	Leona Lewis
2009 Killing In The Name	Rage Against The Machine. <i>It became the Christmas number one due to a campaign to prevent The X Factor winner's song from gaining the Christmas number one in the United Kingdom for a fifth successive year.</i>

Column 3

1970 54.07° N 2.87° W (Morecambe,Lancs)	(Pipe Smoker of the Year) Eric Morecambe
1974 Yorkshire Cricket Club Logo	Fred Trueman
1975 (honey->bee)	*Billie Piper song "Honey to the Bee" (1999)
1976 Tweenies 'Cold Wilson'	Harold Wilson
1981 53.27° N 9.05° (Galway)	James Galway
1988 (: we want to)	*Billie Piper song "Because We Want To" (1998)
1993 53.74° N 0.33° W (Hull)	Rod Hull
1995 Jethro Tull Agriculturist	Jethro (comedian) <i>Band Jethro Tull played the flute (piper). His band had a Christmas album including lyric "She's a warm fart at Christmas"</i> .
2000 (some deep thing)	*Billie Piper song "Something Deep Inside (2000)" (note matching year)
2000 Joss Ackland at 2011 Olivier Awards	Joss Ackland - <i>appeared in 'Pet Shop Boys' video "Always on my Mind" Christmas number 1 1987. He was also Mustrum Ridcully in The Hogfather.</i>
2006 SI3368	UK Statutory Instruments Smoke Free legislations <i>The smoking ban was proposed in 2004 hence 2004-2009 are blacked out (no pipers!)</i>

<u>Number 1 single - Artist</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Pipe Smoker of Year</u>
1968 Scaffold	Lily The Pink	Peter Cushing
1969 Rolf Harris	Two Little Boys	Jack Hargreaves
1970 Dave Edmunds	I Hear You Knocking	Eric Morecambe
1971 Benny Hill	Ernie (Fastest Milkman In The West)	Lord Shinwell
1972 Jimmy Osmond	Long Haired Lover From Liverpool	Lord Shinwell
1973 Slade	Merry Xmas Everybody	Frank Muir
1974 Mud	Lonely This Christmas	Fred Trueman
1975 Queen	Bohemian Rhapsody	Campbell Adamson
1976 Johnny Mathis	When A Child Is Born	Harold Wilson
1977 Wings	Mull Of Kintyre/Girls' School	Brian Barnes
1978 Boney M	Mary's Boy Child – Oh My Lord	Magnus Magnusson
1979 Pink Floyd	Another Brick In The Wall (Part 2)	J. B. Priestley
1980 St Winifred's School Choir	There's No One Quite Like Grandma	Edward Fox
1981 The Human League	Don't You Want Me	James Galway
1982 Renée And Renato	Save Your Love	Dave Lee Travis
1983 The Flying Pickets	Only You	Patrick Moore
1984 Band Aid	Do They Know It's Christmas	Henry Cooper
1985 Shakin' Stevens	Jimmy Merry Christmas Everyone	Greaves
1986 Jackie Wilson	Reet Petite	David Bryant
1987 Pet Shop Boys	Always On My Mind	Barry Norman
1988 Cliff Richard	Mistletoe And Wine	Ian Botham

1989	Band Aid II	Do They Know It's Christmas?	Jeremy Brett
1990	Cliff Richard	Laurence Saviour's Day	Marks
1991	Queen	Bohemian Rhapsody/These Are The Days Of Our Lives	John Harvey-Jones
1992	Whitney Houston	I Will Always Love You	Tony Benn
1993	Mr Blobby	Mr Blobby	Rod Hull
1994	East 17	Stay Another Day	Ranulph Fiennes
1995	Michael Jackson	Earth Song	Jethro
1996	Spice Girls	2 Become 1	Colin Davis
1997	Spice Girls	Too Much	Malcolm Bradbury
1998	Spice Girls	Goodbye	Willie John McBride
1999	Westlife	I Have A Dream/Seasons In The Sun	Trevor Baylis
2000	Bob The Builder	Can We Fix It?	Joss Ackland
2001	Robbie Williams & Nicole Kidman	Somethin' Stupid	Russ Abbot
2002	Girls Aloud	Sound Of The Underground	Richard Dunhill
2003	Michael Andrews & Gary Jules	Mad World	Stephen Fry
2004	Band Aid 20	Do They Know It's Christmas	
2005	Shane Ward	That's My Goal	
2006	Leona Lewis	A Moment Like This	 SI 3368
2007	Leon Jackson	When You Believe	
2008	Alexandra Burke	Hallelujah	
2009	Rage Against The Machine	Killing In The Name	

*The Rose in column 3 signifies Billie Piper. Piper appeared in the BBC One sci-fi series Doctor Who in the role of Rose Tyler, companion to The Doctor as a regular between 2005 and 2006, and additionally in 2008, 2010, and 2013 including the 2005 Doctor Who Xmas Special: The Christmas Invasion. The column identifies 3 songs by her. The 3 roses on the Christmas party invitation (pg7) indicate that the pipe smokers for those years are invitees.

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Questions around border

The leading character indicates whether the question relates to the Christmas No.1 (1.) or Pipe Smokers (●) Columns. The subjects of the questions appear on unique pages elsewhere in the hunt.. The answers are years and the required link is the Artist or Smoker for that year

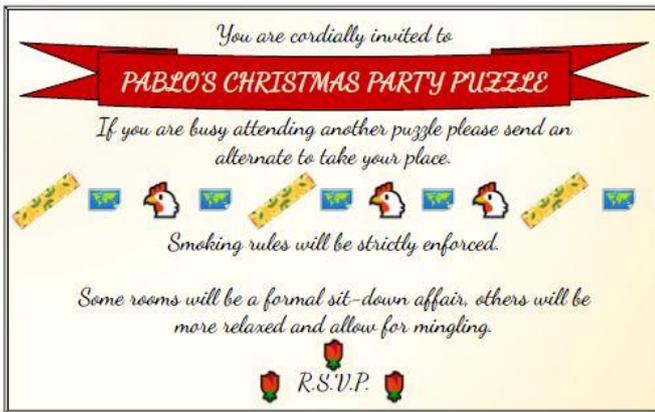
- Man who sounds cold started chattering - First episode of Parkinson chat show (pg13) 19 Jun 1971 => Lord **Shinwell**
- 1. Band gave spellbinding performance at Christmas party => Weird Sisters from Harry Potter Yule Ball (pg 5) 25 December, 1994 => **East 17**.
- Frank, James and William returned home - Apollo 8 crew: Frank Borman, James Lovell, and William Anders (pg8) - December 27, 1968 => Peter **Cushing**
- 1. James (Black) born - James Cracknell (black ring on pg3) born 5 May 1972 => Jimmy **Osmond**
- 400th anniversary of the death of four maids' mistress - Mary Queen of Scots (pg4) Died 8th Feb 1587 + 400 = 24th July 1987 => Barry **Norman**
- P in S opened – (pg10 S ⊃ P art gallery). Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art (aka Baltic) is located on the south bank of the River Tyne in Gateshead. It opened in a converted flour mill in 2002. => Richard **Dunhill**
- Famous victory in Brighton, recalling famous victory in the Netherlands - Abba (pg11) win Eurovision with song Waterloo on 6th April 1974 in Brighton. Napoleon fought in Battle of Waterloo, United Kingdom of the Netherlands (present day Belgium) 18 June 1815 1974 => Fred **Trueman**
- 1. Partygoer stood in the same place twice - Screaming Lord Sutch. Two Bootle by-elections were held during 1990, for the House of Commons constituency of Bootle in Merseyside. Screaming Lord Sutch (pg8) stood in both. 1990 ==> Cliff **Richard**
- 1. First time GOD Ordered to take a Bath - Lord Gus O'Donnell (pg 9). He received two Orders of the Bath - in 1994 the CB (Companion of the Bath) and in 2011 the GCB (Grand Cross Bath) 1994 => **East 17**
- 1. Song featuring T8 was track T4 on #T1 xmas album. - T8 T4 T1 are triangular numbers 36 10 1 (pg2). Carry on up the Charts by The Beautiful South. Track #10 was "36D" in 1994 => **East 17** (Stay Another Day)

Starting top left at ● the first letters of names spell **SECOND TREE**

12 Pipers from the pipers list have been used in various ways:

Peter Cushing	border question	Joss Ackland	image and red rose/ Billy Piper
Barry Norman	border question	Henry Cooper	red rose/ Billy Piper
Lord Shinwell	border question	Cambell Adamson	red rose/ Billy Piper
Fred Trueman	border question and image	Eric Morecambe	coordinates
Harold Wilson	border image	James Galway	coordinates
Jethro Tull	border image	Rod Hull	coordinates

Pages 7 and 8 – 10 Lords a-leaping, 9 Ladies dancing, 6 Geese a-laying



The icons on the R.S.V.P. indicate the guests that have to be taken from another page of the hunt to replace those they sent as alternates. Once replaced, these 14 alternates play no further role in this puzzle.

- Crackers - the 3 cracker riddles on page 9 = Lord Kinnock, Ross Gellar (name of a goose), Lord Gus O'Donnell - replace the code crackers: John Wallis, Alan Turing, Charles Babbage
- Maps - the 5 names from the top right map on page 10 = Lord Nelson, Brent (goose), O?? (Piper), Lord Aberdeen (Earl of Aberdeen), Lord Hutton – replace mappers: Captain Flint, General Roy, Mercator, Eratosthenes, Sanford Fleming
- Chickens - 3 French hens from page 9 = Australorpe, Orpington, Naked Neck replace French hen objects: Cordon Bleu, Baton Rouge, Cockerel logo (Laurent Blanc)
- Roses - 3 pipers from page 6 = Joss Ackland, Henry Cooper, Campbell Adamson replace Ruby, Brian, and Cindy Rose

The two gatecrashers relate to the missing gift part on page 4 (8 Maids a Milking) and are probably cattle-rustlers (eg Yul Brynner as Catlow). They aren't in disguise.

The picture orientation or name identifies the assigned category of that seat at the table:

Normal - Pipers (piping) [13 seats]

↑ raised - Lord (leaping) [13 seats]

◇ diamond - Lady (dancing) [10 seats]

— sideways - Goose (a-laying) [8 seats]

Normal – French Hens (from page 9) [4 seats]

This suggests there are 2 Pipers, 3 Lords, 1 Lady, 2 Geese and 1 Hen extra. These are the **Uninvited Guests**, see below

Seated

1 – President Coriolanus **Snow** played by Donald Sutherland in The Hunger Games – **Snow is a variety of goose**

2 Jeremy **Irons** as as horologist Rupert Gould in [Longitude](#) (video at 2:30). [Longitude](#) presents the story of Harrison's efforts to develop the marine chronometer and thereby win the Longitude prize in the 18th century. This is interwoven with the story of Gould (Jeremy Irons), a retired naval officer, who is restoring Harrison's four chronometers and popularises his achievements in the early twentieth century.

3 ◇ Merle Oberon in [The Divorce of Lady X](#) (video at 18:38)

Number of layers (3) **SIX**

Mingling allowed

1 [Edward VIII](#) (reversed and coloured pink)

2 Vincent **V**an Gogh: Self-portrait with Pipe and Straw Hat

3 ◇ **Lady Natalie Evans**, Leader of the House of Lords - (**Natal**-ie)

4 ↑ Toby Stephens (Captain Flint in Black Sails) – **mapper alternate for Lord Nelson** (pg10)

5 ◇ **Lady Campanula Tottington** (voiced by Helena Bonham Carter) in [Curse of the Were Rabbit](#)

Happening (5) **EVENT**

Seated

1 CS **Lewis** (pipe smoker)

2 ◇ [Lady Elliot Island](#)

3 – IXL [Analogies answer box](#) (incomplete answer) - **Anser is a variety of goose**

4 ◇ [Cyril Fletcher](#) as panto **dame**

5 ↑ [Da Unbreakables](#) album by Three 6 Mafia (pg 2) member **Lord Infamous**

6 Albert **Einstein** holding a Waterman 22 Fountain Pen. c. 1938 and smoking a pipe

7 ◇ **priest** Benedict Cumberbatch as Sherlock Holmes. **Lady Maeve Sherlock** is a priest and a member the House of Lords. She was ordained as a **priest** in 2019

8 ↑ [Lord David Triesman](#) (arrowed) with David Beckham at [20Lady 18 World Cup bid](#) in 2010

What Surrey is but a Christmas tree is not (8) **LEAFIEST**

([Surrey is officially the leafiest area in Britain](#) - boasting more tree coverage than any other, according to high-tech aerial analysis)

Mingling allowed

- 1 Ruby **Rose** as Batwoman - **red rose actor alternate for Joss Ackland**
- 2 – [Rushden and Diamonds Football Club](#) at Nene Park (defunct) - **Nene is a variety of goose**
- 3 Chicken Shack sign outside restaurant in [Baton Rouge](#) - **red French hen alternate for Orpington (pg9)**
- 4 ↑ **vet** coniferous forest in snow - Alexander John "Sandy" Trees, Baron Trees (born 12 June 1946) is a Professor of veterinary parasitology and a Crossbench member of the House of Lords. Honorific title: The Right Honourable Professor The **Lord Trees**
- 5 ◇ Lin-Manuel Miranda as Alexander Hamilton- Hamilton the Musical (**Lady Hamilton**)
- 6 – Debbi Peterson (Drummer) of The Bangles - [Walk like an Egyptian](#) (image at 1:54) - **Egyptian is a variety of goose**
- 7 ↑ **Sean Bean** from the TV Series "[Sharpe](#)". He's confronting his wife's lover in this scene. The lover is called **Lord Rossendale** and the episode is "[Sharpe's Waterloo](#)". ([video](#) about 1:19 in), plot summary mentions "famous battle of Waterloo" (pg6)
- 8 ↑ "**Lord**" [Hugh Rodley](#) (*Runderpicture*)
- 9 At The Sign Of The **U** mber Chicken: An exhibition of the work of the [Poole Hall Press of Grimsby, Ontario](#)
- 10 [René Magritte](#) (*seems to be his face photoshopped onto his "Man in a Bowler Hat" and "Pipe Tablo" paintings*)
Something you might ask for at Christmas (7,3) **ANOTHER RUM**

Mingling allowed

- 1 ◇ [Lady Floella Benjamin](#) (Play School)
- 2 – [Emperor penguin](#) (1:03 min in) - **Emperor is a variety of goose**
- 3 Creamy Chicken Cordon Bleu (*image search picture link no longer works*) - **blue French hen alternate for Australorpe (pg9)**
- 4 [Brian Rose video at 1:17](#) – **red rose boxer alternate for Henry Cooper**
- 5 [Hugh Hefner Lego figure](#) (CEO) – [uninvited guest]
- 6 – [Trigpoint at Miltonhead](#) (Birthplace of Major General William Roy originator of OS **maps**) - **alternate for Brent goose (pg10)**
- 7 [Gerardus Mercator](#) Flemish **mapper alternate for O:?: (pg10)** (*Alpha Piper oil field on pg10 map*)
- 8 [Orinoco](#) (image at 2:51) – character in The Wombles (pg11) – **Orinoco is a variety of goose**
- 9 ↑ [John Wallis](#) who was Cromwell's code breaker during the English Civil War - **code cracker alternate for Lord Kinnock (pg9)**
Garland production (5,4) **BEACH BOOK** (*Alex Garland wrote "The Beach"*)

Seated

- 1 [Yul Brynner](#)
- 2 Ada **L**ovelace from [The Thrilling Adventures of Lovelace and Babbage](#) (*She smokes a pipe in the comic because it's the sort of thing Victorian crime-fighting bipolar calculating machines are wont to do.*) Babbage broke the vigenere autokey cipher in Crimean War.
- 3 ↑ Eratosthenes (Sieve of Eratosthenes identifies prime numbers) - **mapper alternate for Lord Aberdeen (pg10)**
- 4 Cockerel logo shirt worn by [Laurent Blanc](#) at Toumoui de France 1997 - **white French hen alternate for Naked Neck (pg9)**
- 5 ↑ **Lord Alfred Dubs** speaking at start of Labour's Race and Faith Manifesto launch 26/11/2019
Second-rate country like Turkey? (5) **BLAND** (*B-LAND. Blandness is a common fault of cooked Turkey meat.*)

Mingling allowed

- 1 ◇ [Baroness Trumpington](#) (image reversed)
- 2 ↑ [Sir Sanford Fleming](#), [Tonga Stamp](#) with his face. Scottish Canadian engineer and inventor. He promoted worldwide standard time zones, a prime meridian (pg14), and use of the 24-hour clock as key elements to communicating the accurate time, all of which influenced the creation of Coordinated Universal Time. He designed Canada's first postage stamp, produced a great deal of work in the fields of land surveying and map making, engineered much of the Intercolonial Railway and the Canadian Pacific Railway, and was a founding member of the Royal Society of Canada and founder of the Canadian Institute. - **mapper alternate for Lord Hutton (pg10)**
- 3 ◇ **samurai Lady Saigō** aka **Oai**. **Lady Saigō**, also known as Oai, was the first consort and trusted confidante of Tokugawa Ieyasu, the **samurai** lord who unified Japan at the end of the sixteenth century and then ruled as shōgun.
- 4 – [Alan Turing](#) He broke the Enigma code in WW2 - **code cracker alternate for Ross (goose) (pg9)**
- 5 ↑ [Lord North](#) pouring tea down America's throat
- 6 [Screaming Lord Sutch](#). Politician and singer. As a singer he variously worked with Keith Moon, Jeff Beck, Jimmy Page, Ritchie Blackmore, Charlie Watts, John Bonham and Nicky Hopkins, and is known for his 1963 novelty hit "Jack the Ripper".
Dead letters (6) **THORNS** (*P, p is old letter = th*)

Ladies

1. Lady Campanula Tottington
2. Lady Elliot (island)
3. Lady Floella Benjamin
4. Lady Hamilton
5. Lady Maeve Sherlock
6. Lady Natalie Evans
7. Lady Saigō
8. Lady Trumpington
9. Lady X (Merle Oberon)
10. Cyril Fletcher (dressed as a panto dame) - **Uninvited Guest**



French Hens

1. Orpington (rouge)
2. Australorps (Bleu)
3. Naked Neck (Blanc)
4. Umber - **Uninvited Guest**



Lords

1. Lord David Triesman
2. Lord Alexander Trees
3. Lord Rossendale
4. Lord Hutton
5. Lord Alfred Dubs
6. Lord North
7. Lord Gus O'Donnell
8. Lord Nelson (Toby Stephens)
9. Lord Kinnock (John Wallis)
10. Lord Aberdeen (aka Lord Haddo) (Erastosthenes)
11. Lord Sutch - **Uninvited Guest**
12. Lord Infamous - **Uninvited Guest**
13. Lord Hugh Rodley - **Uninvited Guest**



Geese

1. **Snow** - Donald Sutherland as Coriolanus Snow
2. **Anser** (Grey goose genus) - "incomplete answer"
3. **Nene** - Nene park stadium
4. **Emperor** - Emperor penguin
5. **Ross** (Alan Turing alternative cracker)
6. **Brent** (General Roy alternative mapper)
7. **Orinoco** - Orinoco Womble - **Uninvited Guest**
8. **Egyptian** - Debbi Peterson (Walk Like an Egyptian) - **Uninvited Guest**



Smoking area

There are 12 Pipers sitting in the first 7 rooms. Some of these need to be placed in the smoking area along side the 2 already seated there to give the answer (4,1,4,4) [4,1,4,2 boxes]. **N.B. 2 are not actually smokers so move to the uninvited guests room**

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Hugh Hefner |
| 2 already seated | Microsoft UK CEO Cindy Rose - alternate for Campbell Adamson (CEOs) |
| 3 Reserved for a painter | Vincent Van Gogh |
| 4 | King Edward |
| 5 Reserved for an actor | Ruby Rose - alternate for Joss Ackland |
| 6 | Brian Rose - alternate for Henry Cooper |
| 7 | Gerardus Mercator - mapper alternate for O:?: (pg10) |
| 8 ↑ already seated | Charles Babbage (arrowed) played by Mark Dexter in Dr Who (Jodie Whittaker) "Spyfall" - code cracker alternate for Lord Gus O'Donnell (pg9)* |
| 9 | CS Lewis |
| 10 Reserved for an actor | Yul Brynner |
| 11 Reserved for a mathematician | Albert Einstein |
- (4,1,4,4) (spaces indicate 4,1,4,2) = **HAVE A COOL BEER**
 *(Not sure why O'Donnell, a non-smoking Lord stays in the smoking area?)

Uninvited guests

There are 13 Pipers, 13 Lords, 10 Ladies, 8 Geese and 4 Hens at the Party. To get 11 Pipers, 10 Lords, 9 Ladies, 6 Geese and 3 French Hens as in the **12 Days of Christmas** song, 9 of these are uninvited guests in fancy dress and are placed in the final room:

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Orinoco | not a true Goose (shelduck) |
| 2 (reserved for an actor) | Cyril Fletcher | not a Lady (panto Dame) |
| 3 (reserved for a painter) | Rene Magritte | not a smoker |
| 4 (reserved for a musician) | Lord Infamous | not a real Lord |
| 5 (reserved for a musician) | Lord Sutch | not a real Lord |
| 6 | Lord Rodley | not a real Lord |
| 7 | Umber hen | not a French Hen |
| 8 (reserved for a mathematician) | Ada Lovelace | not a smoker |
| 9 | Egyptian | not a true Goose (shelduck) |
- (2,7) = **OF MISRULE**

In England, [The Lord of Misrule](#) (known in Scotland as the Abbot of Unreason and in France as the Prince des Sots) was an officer appointed by lot during Christmastide to preside over the Feast of Fools. The Lord of Misrule was generally a peasant or sub-deacon appointed to be in charge of Christmas revelries, which often included drunkenness and wild partying.

When these people are moved from the 6 main areas, the remaining partygoers are:

Seated (no anagramming)

1. President Coriolanus **S**now
 2. Jeremy **I**rons
 3. **L**ady **X**
- SIX**

Mingling allowed (ie anagramming)

1. **L**ady Campanula **T**ottington
 2. **L**ady Natalie **E**vans
 3. **L**ord **N**elson
- TEN**

Seated (no anagramming)

1. **L**ady Elliot **I**sland
 2. **A**nser
 3. **L**ady Maeve **S**herlock
 4. **L**ord David **T**riesman
- EAST**

Mingling allowed (ie anagramming)

1. **N**ene
 2. **O**rpington
 3. **L**ord **R**ossendale
 4. **L**ord **T**rees
 5. **L**ady **H**amilton
- NORTH**

Mingling allowed (ie anagramming)

1. Lord **K**innock
 2. **E**mperor goose
 3. **L**ady Floella **B**enjamin
 4. **A**ustralorpe
 5. **B**rent goose
- KEBAB**

Seated (no anagramming)

1. **L**ord **A**berdeen
 2. **N**aked Neck
 3. **L**ord Alfred **D**ubs
- AND**

Mingling allowed (ie anagramming)

1. **L**ord **N**orth
 2. **L**ady Saigō aka **O**ai
 3. **R**oss (goose)
 4. **B**aroness **T**rumpington
 5. **L**ord **H**utton
- NORTH**



Page 9 – 3 French Hens

Cracker Riddles

These are all invited guests and have sent alternative code **crackers** to the ATH Party.

1 *His domestic career ended in major disappointment. Then he went to work for Father Christmas (perhaps I misheard). There's no arguments at Christmas dinner because he and his wife both like Brussels.*

Lord Neil Kinnock He was beaten by John Major at the 1992 general election, ending his career in UK (domestic). He was appointed a European Commissioner in 1995, and moved to Brussels and worked for Jaques Santer (Santa).

Lord Kinnock replaces John Wallis on page 7 to help complete the words BEACH BOOK

2 *In his guise as a holiday animal, he was friends with Santa Claus. His smallest friend is hiding on page 1. He took a break with another friend. Or did he? It was the subject of some debate.*

Ross Gellar This is about **Friends episodes**:

"*The One with the Holiday Armadillo*" - Ross is dressed as the armadillo, and Chandler appears later as Santa Claus. Joey is the smallest friend (as in baby kangaroo) and **JUMPER** is in the word search on page 1

"*The one where Ross and Rachel Take a Break*" - After this episode there becomes a running gag about whether or not they had broken up. Starting with episode 17 of season three ("The One Without The Ski Trip") Ross recurrently repeats the phrase "**we were on a break**" in the recurring rows with Rachel as well as on occasions when the audience least expects it. Rachel also repeats her alternative version ("We were NOT on a break!") albeit it's far less frequent. Ross emphasizes that he and Rachel had broken up and thus he was free to strike a partnership with any other woman while Rachel maintains that somehow they hadn't been on a break and so Ross actually cheated on her.

Ross's goose Ross replaces Alan Turing on page 8, to help complete THORNS

3 *Named after a saint but actually a GOD, he embodied a trinity that was divided when he retired ten years ago. He and his colleagues listen to the Queen's Speech in their House every year.*

Sir Gus O'Donnell (GOD). **Retired in 2011 and role replaced by 3 people**. His role as Cabinet Secretary is being taken by Jeremy Haywood, a long time policy specialist. But Haywood, by all reports, did not want to take responsibility for managing the civil service or the Cabinet Office. So Sir Robert (Bob) Kerslake will become 'Head of the Civil Service' alongside his 'day job' as Permanent Secretary at the Department for Communities and Local Government. And Ian Watmore, head of the Efficiency and Reform group in the Cabinet Office, will become the Permanent Secretary for the Cabinet Office.

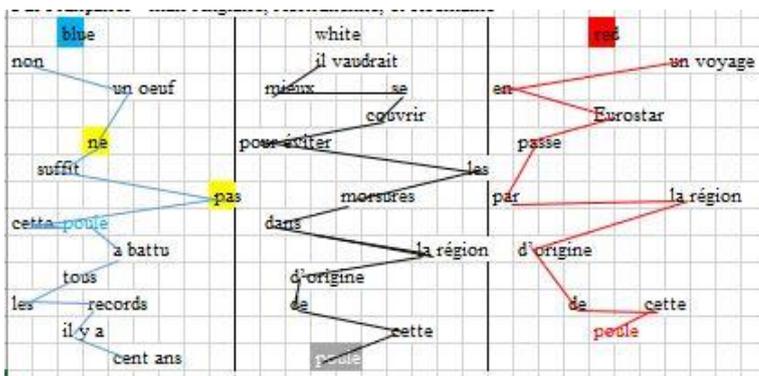
O'Donnell signed Government papers with the affectionate term "GOD" https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gus_O%27Donnell

O'Donnell replaces Charles Babbage on page 8 in the Smoking area.

Pas Française – mais Anglaise, Australienne, et Roumaine

The word "poule" appears three times among the word salad, in blue, white and red. The little pictures of chickens are also in blue, white and red, like the French flag. So this is the "three French hens". The blue chicken is a previous [artwork on the 4th Plinth at Trafalgar Square](#). The white chicken is a nesting hen dish, probably to hold eggs. The red chicken is a [fancy dress costume](#):

Drawing a vertical line separates the three groups of words. Then read each set in order, across and down.



Non, un oeuf ne suffit pas. Cette poule a battu tous les records il y a cent ans = *No, one egg is not enough. This hen broke all the records a hundred years ago. The [Australorp](#) comes from Australia, and broke world records in the 1920s by laying over 300 eggs.*

Il vaudrait mieux se couvrir les morsures, dans la région d'origine de cette poule = *It would be better to cover up to avoid bites, in the region of origin of this hen. The [Naked Neck](#) (aka Turken) comes from **Transylvania**, Romania, and literally has a bare neck with no feathers.*

Un voyage en Eurostar passe par la région d'origine de cette poule = *A trip by Eurostar passes through the region of origin of this hen. The [Orpington](#) comes from Orpington, Kent and a trip by Eurostar passes through **Kent**.*

Lyrical Christmas cards

Aled Jones	Walking in the Air	22 December 1985	#5
The Wombles	Wombling Merry Christmas	22 December 1974	#5
Vanilla Ice	Ice Ice Baby	23 December 1990	#2

Page 10 – 2 Turtle Doves, 7 Swans a-swimming

Questions

These are about events that happened on Christmas Day and are in date order.

Blue letter questions are about the **Cold War**. Red letter questions are about "The Hot War" trilogy by Harry **Turtledove**



The **Cold War** was a period of geopolitical tension between the United States and the Soviet Union and their respective allies, the Western Bloc and the Eastern Bloc, which began following World War II. Historians do not fully agree on its starting and ending points, but the period is generally considered to span the 1947 Truman Doctrine (12 March 1947) to the 1991 Dissolution of the Soviet Union (26 December 1991)

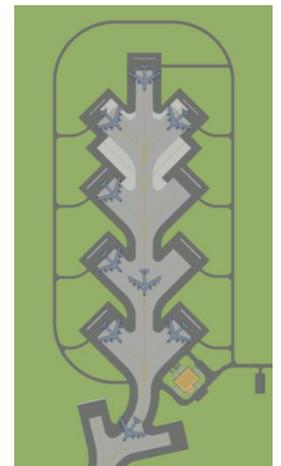
1. **This operation was organised by a nut; it was a miracle it worked.** The **Hungnam evacuation** aka The Miracle of Christmas was the evacuation of United Nations (UN) forces and North Korean civilians from the port of Hungnam, North Korea, between 15 and 24 December 1950 during the Korean War. It was organised by US X Corps commander General Edward **Almond** (nut)
2. **But what if there was no miracle?** In Harry **Turtledove's** "The Hot War" alternate history series, which starts with "Bomb's Away" during the Korean war, there is no miracle evacuation of American troops at Hungnam, and the Chinese encircle and eventually destroy the Americans.
3. **A capital city was destroyed, as was a small town visited by a treasure hunter.** Later in first book, **Norwich** is destroyed on 1st Feb 1951 In Harry **Turtledove's** second book "Fallout", Washington DC is destroyed (May 1952) as is the town of **Fakenham** (11 Sep 1951). Fakenham was visited by the Treasure Hunter Becky Betts on Treasure Quest. (page 1 Wordsearch.)
4. **This British Bikini had a particularly devastating effect.** **Christmas Island**, Kiriritimati, **nuclear weapons tests**, November 1957 (Grapple X test)
5. **A test concerning particle physics marked F for the last time, before having to move underground** - 25th December, 1962 – The Soviet Union conducts its final **above-ground nuclear weapon test** at "NZ Area C, Sukhoy Nos, **Novaya Zemlya**, Russia.
6. **51 years after an England v Germany football match, the President tried to play fair, but it didn't last long.** - 25th December 1965, Lyndon B. Johnson pauses bombing of North Vietnam (the football game was played during the Christmas Truce in World War 1)
7. **They chose a target with three consecutive letters, so others refused to join in with their games.** 25th December 1979 Russia invaded a **FGH**anistan. Many countries boycotted the 1980 Moscow Olympics.
8. **Octavian was one of three who dispensed with a chemist and her husband.** 25th December 1989 - Execution of Nicolai Ceausescu and his wife (chemistry researcher). Octavian was one of a 3 man firing squad.
9. **Boris led the country into a new era as it left the Union.** 25th December 1991 - Boris Yeltsin becomes first president of Russian Federation, dissolution of the Soviet Union

- H.N. Turteltaub is a nom de plume used by Harry Turtledove for five historical novels. (Turteltaub is German for Turtledove).
- Jon Turteltaub directed the **National Treasure** films. **Sean Bean** was in the first one.
- A "Christmas tree" was a type of alert area constructed by the United States Air Force for the Strategic Air Command (SAC) during the Cold War.

Maps

The map of Great Britain is wearing a red and white scarf along the Central Belt of Scotland. The blue pins are at locations with a "cold" sounding name. Their first letters are an anagram of **SCARF**.

- A** Chill, Isle of Canna
- F**rosterley, near Stanhope, County Durham
- R**aw, near Whitby, Yorkshire
- S**nowdon
- C**ooling, Kent



- The **wind barb symbol** stands for 25 knots. The wind direction is approximately SW, i.e. it's a cold wind from the NE. The symbol points to a town called Beaufort west of Abergavenny. Beaufort is a unit of wind force. 25 knots - 25th December? and Beaufort cipher which numbers the letters 0-25
- The black arrow points at Aberdeenshire, approximately at Peterhead.
- The green areas in the North Sea are **oil fields**: Hutton, Brent, Piper and Nelson. The dotted vertical line is the Prime Meridian, the top half of the map has been pushed to the west by about 2 degrees. The black arrow with the 90 degree bend indicates that the top half of the map needs to be moved east and then north a bit to get the correct layout. The Piper field has an O against it which has to link to a mapper. Most-likely Abraham Ortelius or John Ogilby
- The "pm?" in the map on the top right is at Aberdeen City. pm stands for Prime Minister and links to Lord George Hamilton-Gordon, 4th earl of Aberdeen (1852–55) (aka Lord Haddo).

The cipher below the maps on the top right is Beaufort with the key being "SCARF". Beaufort scale is the link to the wind speed symbol.

NUNOMLYVJKOUNWXZYXLLOKHZ = **FIND THE FIVE INVITED GUESTS**

The invited guests (for the Christmas Party on pages 7-8) are Lord Hutton, Brent (goose), O? (smoker), Lord (Admiral) Nelson and Lord Aberdeen

Number Cipher

The numbers at the bottom are translated into letters: bejzpdapdaiwpeyhejgoejpdamqaopekjooetzwpakjalhwyapskxenzo then by a Caesar shift of 4: **FIND THE THEMATIC LINKS IN THE QUESTIONS. SIX DATES, ONE PLACE, TWO BIRDS.**

The themes are **Christmas, Cold & Hot War**; the six dates are 25th December; the place is Kiritimati, **Christmas Island**; the two birds are the **Two Turtledoves**.

Find X and Y

- There are 25 different uppercase letters in the statement (no uppercase O).
- The L on the Norway coast map identifies that L = Norway (but could also be a weather symbol for a low pressure system, suggesting a cold wind from the north east).
- The A on the Bewick woodcut (see below) indicates that A = Bear



L ⊃ AB

Bear Island is the southernmost island of the Norwegian Svalbard archipelago. The island is located in the western part of the Barents Sea, approximately halfway between Spitsbergen and the North Cape.

AB was named by E after GA

Bear Island was discovered by the Dutch explorers Willem Barentsz (*anglicised Barents*) and Jacob van Heemskerck on 10 June 1596. It was named after a Polar Bear (scientific name maritime bear) that was seen swimming nearby.

the J of H ⊃ AB and the B of I

L ⊃ the J of H ∴ the treaty of I

the J of F is M of EC, which is M of the J of H

PC is M of Q which is M of L

S ⊃ P art gallery

ch 2 of V ⊃ S

In chapter 2 [Jane Eyre](#) is sitting in the drawing room in Gateshead Hall

ch 1 of V ⊃ D, F, I and W

The novel opens on a dreary November afternoon at Gateshead Hall, the home of the wealthy Reed family. A young girl named [Jane Eyre](#) sits in the drawing room reading [Bewick's History of British Birds](#). "Nor could I pass unnoticed the suggestion of the bleak shores of Lapland, [Siberia](#), [Spitzbergen](#), [Nova Zembla](#), [Iceland](#), [Greenland](#)"

D d in S

[Thomas Bewick](#) was an English wood-engraver and Natural History author best known for his [A History of British Birds](#), which is admired today mainly for its wood engravings. (see [Bewick Swan](#) below.)

T ⚡ S (electronics symbol for a lamp)

[Joseph Swan](#) invented the light bulb. There is a plaque in Gateshead where he lived

F ⊃ DT and W ⊃ DT

Bewick swans on their spring migration have been sighted on Bear Island, Iceland and Svalbard, and in Alaska, Oregon and Saskatchewan in North America.

Z ≡ P ≡ (W & n) ≠ G

Baltic and Siberian is cold weather coming from the East. A maritime climate is normally milder

if t (DT → uk) < late oct then ZN

[Folklore](#) suggests that Bewick Swans arriving in the UK before late October heralds a cold winter.

X = ZN

U became TR ∴ Q → usa

Sven Johan Olofsson was born in Tubbemåla, Vislanda, Kronoberg County, Småland, Sweden in 1860. His family were farmers but, following a series of bad harvests, they decided to immigrate to the United States in 1868. Before he graduated from Vasa High School he printed a [book on arithmetic](#) that the principal had written. He also changed his name to Swan J. Turnblad (see below).

K = (U & M)

Seven is an anagram of Sven+E (East)

Y = K x TG

Bear Island belongs to Norway.

Bear Island was named by Barents after Maritime Bear

the archipelago of Svalbard contains Bear Island and the Island of Spitzbergen

Norway contains the archipelago of Svalbard because of the treaty of Spitzbergen

the archipelago of Nova Zembla is East of Barents Sea, which is East of the archipelago of Svalbard

Baltic Sea is East of Sweden which is East of Norway

Gateshead contains Baltic art gallery (pg6)

ch 2 of Jane Eyre contains Gateshead

ch 1 of Jane Eyre contains Bewick, Nova Zembla, Spitzbergen and Siberia

Bewick died in Gateshead

Swan lights Gateshead

Nova Zembla contains Bewick Swan and Siberia contains Bewick Swan

Cold is the same as Baltic is the same as Siberian (Siberia+n) but different from Maritime

if time that Bewick Swan goes to uk is before late oct then Cold Christmas

X is Cold Christmas

Sven became Swan Turnblad because Sweden goes to usa

Seven is Sven+east

Y is Seven times Swan Maritime

Y is Seven Swans-a-swimming

A	bear	G	maritime	M	east	S	gateshead
B	island	H	svalbard	N	christmas	T	swan
C	sea	I	spitzbergen	O	not used	U	Sven
D	bewick	J	archipelago	P	baltic	V	jane eyre
E	barents	K	seven	Q	Sweden	W	siberia
F	nova zembla	L	norway	R	Turnblad	Z	cold

N.B. Lowercase letters t=time, d=died, n=number. ch = chapter, usa=United States.

Photos

The photos near the bottom are, from left to right:

1. Counter seal of [Humphrey de Bohun](#), 4th Earl of Hereford, shows the "[Bohun swan](#)"
2. [Sorry I haven't a Clue](#), with Humphrey Lyttleton. [Trumpeter](#) (swan breed). Also [Swanee-Kazoo](#) appears in show, live stage shows in [Swansea](#) and at the Wycombe [Swan](#) theatre. Imaginary scorekeeper Samantha has sometimes been replaced by a Swedish stand-in, Sven.
3. Jason Statham as [Lee Christmas](#) (fan art) in "The Expendables" movie franchise. Performed at the [Swan](#) Theatre.
4. [The Bear and the Bee-Hives](#). Wood engraving by Thomas Bewick. - [Bewick swan](#).
5. [Hairspray](#), 2007 movie, John Travolta as Edna Turnblad. [Swan J. Turnblad](#) was an American newspaper publisher.
6. [Bewick swan](#). Same as #4, but with a capital A added to link it to bear in the "Find X and Y" puzzle

Aesop also has a fable [The Swan and the Goose](#) (two birds)

Keywords from each picture can be replaced with the equivalent letters from "Find X and Y"

1. Swan T
2. Sven U
3. Christmas N
4. Bewick D
5. Turnblad R
6. Bear A

TUNDRA

The tundra swan (*Cygnus columbianus*) is a small swan of the Holarctic. The two taxa within it are usually regarded as conspecific, but are also sometimes split into two species: Bewick's swan (*Cygnus bewickii*) of the Palaearctic and the whistling swan (*C. columbianus*) proper of the Nearctic. Birds from eastern Russia (roughly east of the Taymyr Peninsula) are sometimes separated as the subspecies *C. c. jankowskii*, but this is not widely accepted as distinct, with most authors including them in *C. c. bewickii*. Tundra swans are sometimes separated in the subgenus *Olor* together with the other Arctic swan species.

Bewick's swan was named in 1830 by William Yarrell after the engraver Thomas Bewick, who specialised in illustrations of birds and animals. *Cygnus* is the Latin for "swan", and *columbianus* comes from the Columbia River, the type locality.



Page 11 – 70 YEARS OF CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGNS 1952-2021

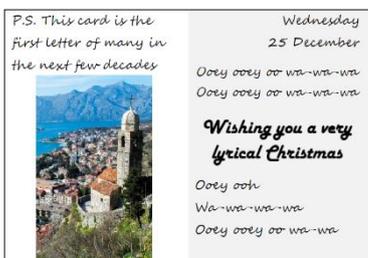
All represent singers (some with Christmas singles). Some are the flip-sides of the Lyrical Christmas card messages

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 Kylie Hooked Boomerang | Kylie Minogue |
| 2 Dana Carvey as Garth Algar in Wayne's World . | Dana - It's gonna be a Cold Cold Christmas |
| 3 White Overalls Movement Building Libertarian Effective Struggles | The Wombles – Wombling Merry Christmas |
| 4 Gibraltar rock and Jell-O | J- Lo – Jenny From the Block |
| 5 Black Mask (Pulp Fiction) | Pulp – Disco 2000 |
| 6 Whaam! by Roy Lichtenstein, Tate Modern, London (vid 5:50) | Wham - Last Christmas |
| 7 Denise Richards - Dr Christmas Jones "The World Is Not Enough" | Aled Jones – Walking In The Air |
| 8 Church of our Lady Remedy , Kotor, Montenegro | Hugo Montenegro – The Good, The Bad and the Ugly |
| 9 Poem has rhyming scheme ABBA | ABBA (Swedes !) |
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| | |
| 10 Mariah FPU Microprocessor | Mariah Carey, " All I want for Christmas is you " |
| 11 Justine Chase (Earth 616) - X-Factor magazine | X-Factor Christmas? |
| 12 Bill Pogue and wife at Oklahoma Centennial parade Oct 14 2007 | The Pogues - Fairytale Of New York |
| 13 Megaman character called Bright Man . | Sarah Brightman - I Lost My Heart to a Starship Trooper |
| 14 Cambridge Women's Boat Club Blondie crew Tideway Week | Blondie - We three Kings? |
| 15 Budda Death aka Nirvana | Nirvana – Smells Like Teen Spirit |
| 16 The Winter's Tale - Judi Dench and Kenneth Branagh (vid at 0:25) | David Essex - Just Another Winter's Tale |

The chart positions of those that link to the Lyrical Christmas cards spell **HEDGE BY BOX**

Lyrical Christmas Cards

The first bit of writing matches the song lyric, and the PS is a non-lyric connection. The date is the week that the song appeared in the UK Christmas Singles chart. Some of these match the 70 years of Christmas Card Designs on page 11.



p13. [Hugo Montenegro - "The Good, The Bad and the Ugly Theme" #8 Wed 25 Dec 1968](#)
Ooey ooey oo-wa-wa-wa Ooey ooey oo-wa-wa-wa Ooey ooh Wa-wa-wa-wa Ooey ooey oo-wa-wa represents the rhythm of the music. The PS indicates that this card has the earliest date and gives the first letter of a message.



p9. [The Wombles - "Wombling Merry Christmas" #5 22 Dec 1974](#)
Весела Коледа от България translates to: Vesela Koleda ot Bŭlgariya = Merry Christmas from Bulgaria etc. One of the Wombles is Uncle Bulgaria.



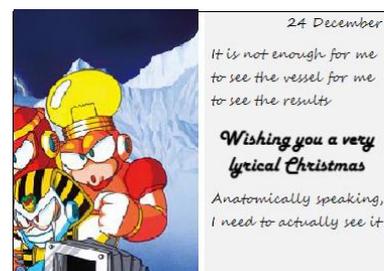
p4. [Dana - "It's Going To Be A Cold, Cold Christmas" #4 21 Dec 1975](#)
"The log fire's burning bright, oh darling If only you were here, to make it right"
In Wayne's World, Wayne and Garth frequently say "*We're not worthy*". Garth smokes a pipe Alice Cooper is also the subject of the "*We're not worthy*" meme, which was popularized during his cameo in Wayne's World with Mike Myers and Dana Carvey in 1992. The PS "*It's here!*" indicates that the treasure is hidden at Cold Christmas.

p12. [Sarah Brightman - "I Lost My Heart to a Starship Trooper" #7 24 Dec 1978](#)
"Encounters one and two are not enough for me, what my body needs is close encounter three"

Close Encounters:

- 1 When a person sees a UFO within 150 metres
- 2 When an encounter with a UFO in the sky or on the ground leaves evidence such as scorch marks
- 3 visible occupants of a UFO
- 4 being taken and experimented on by aliens
- 5 direct communication between humans and aliens

Close encounter three would be actually seeing a UFO. 'lost my heart' is the 'anatomically speaking' bit



P.S. I was thinking of leaving a satsuma for Santa, but I used the last one for something else

22 December

We took a last-second flight down to the sea and woke up a whale

Wishing you a very lyrical Christmas

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p9. Aled Jones – "[Walking in the Air](#)" #5 22 Dec 1985
"Suddenly swooping low on an ocean deep Arousing of a mighty monster from it's sleep"

In the animated film [The Snowman by Raymond Briggs](#), the Snowman and the boy fly down to the south coast then on to Norway. At one point they swoop down and wake up a "mighty monster from it's sleep" - the whale. The PS is about the satsuma that the boy used to make the nose for his Snowman, the day before it woke up at midnight. The reverse R is from Toys 'Я' Us. They used



the song 'Walking in the Air' in their 1985 advert, and as Peter Auty's voice had broken, they got Aled Jones to sing the song for the advert. This led to the Aled Jones version being released as a [single](#). Also in the [same chart](#) at #42 on 22 Dec 1985 is the Peter Auty version (He sung the original song in the film)

p12. The Pogues - "[Fairy Tale of New York](#)" #2 20 Dec 1987
"Got on a lucky one Came in eighteen to one"

1 to 18 probability: There is a 5.26 percent probability of a particular outcome and 94.74 percent probability of another outcome.

Shane MacGowan was born 25 December 1957.

P.S. Thanks for the Christmas and birthday presents - I'll open one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

20 December

My horse won the race when it had only been given a 5.26% chance

Wishing you a very lyrical Christmas



22 December

Hello, hello, hello

Wishing you a very lyrical Christmas

We have arrived, please start the festivities for our amusement



p4. Nirvana - "[Smells Like Teen Spirit](#)" #25 22 Dec 1991
"Hello, hello, hello" "Here we are now, entertain us"

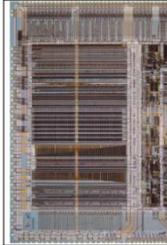
p12. Mariah Carey - "[All I want for Christmas is you](#)" #2 25 Dec 1994
"I won't even stay awake to hear those magic reindeer click". Santa's reindeer are supernatural. (East 17 were #1 with "Stay another Day").

25 December

I will let myself sleep rather than listen ...

Wishing you a very lyrical Christmas

...to the sound of those supernatural knee joints



P.S. Have you noticed it's oh so quiet at No. 4 at the moment?

24 December

Mrs. Bone

Wishing you a very lyrical Christmas

Do you remember how tiny your home was?



p4. Pulp - "[Disco 2000](#)" #15 24 Dec 1995
"Your house was very small, with woodchip on the wall" Deborah Louise Bone MBE was a British mental health nurse who became the subject of the Pulp song "Disco 2000", written by her close friend Jarvis Cocker.

p4. Jennifer Lopez - "[Jenny From The Block](#)" #24 22 Dec 2002
[Jennifer Lopez](#) starred as Miss Marquez in "Jack" in 1996 and as Selena Quintanilla-Pérez in Selena in 1997. In 1991, she began appearing as a Fly Girl dancer on "[In Living Color](#)", where she remained a regular until she decided to pursue an acting career in 1993. This was an American sketch comedy series which also starred several previously unknown comedians and actors, including Jamie Foxx, [Jim Carrey](#), Tommy Davidson, David Alan Grier, and T'Keyah Crystal Keymáh. The 'In living Colour' show is named in the lyrics: "[From In Living Color and movie scripts To On the 6 to J. Lo to this headline clips](#)" Also in the same lyrics is "[Don't be fooled by the rocks that I got, I'm still, I'm still Jenny from the block](#)"

22 December

To Jack and Selena,

Wishing you a very lyrical Christmas

From the show starring Jim Carrey

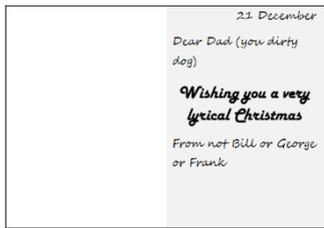
P.S. It's Noel



Those above can be matched to the pictures on Page 11. In date order, their chart positions spell **HEDGE BY BOX**

Hugo Montenegro	The Good The Bad and The Ugly	Wednesday 25 December 1968	8	H
The Wombles	Wombling Merry Christmas	22 December 1974	5	E
Dana	It's Gonna be a Cold, Cold christmas	21 December 1975	4	D
Sarah Brightman	I Lost My Heart to a Starship Trooper	24 December 1978	7	G
Aled Jones	Walking in the Air	22 December 1985	5	E
The Pogues	Fairytale of New York	20 December 1987	2	B
Nirvana	Smells Like Teen Spirit	22 December 1991	25	Y
Mariah Carey	All I want for Christmas is you	25 December 1994	2	B
Pulp	Disco 2000	24 December 1995	15	O
Jennifer Lopez	Jenny From the Block	22 December 2002	24	X

Unmatched Cards and Images



p2. **Johnny Cash - A Boy Named Sue #36 21 Dec 1969**
"There at a table, dealing stud, Sat the dirty, mangy dog that named me Sue"
"And if I ever have a boy, I'll name him Bill or George or Frank, anything but Sue"

NB Both the cards on page 2 were position 36 thus fitting its 36 theme

p2. **Rod Stewart - "Maggie May" #36 19 Dec 1976**
"It's late September" It was the B side of the single [Reason to Believe](#), released in July 1971. Both tracks were on side 2 of the album Every Picture Tells a Story.



p4. **Eminem - "Stan" #3 24 Dec 2000**
"If I have a daughter, guess what I'm a call her? I'm a name her Bonnie" (Bonnie and Clyde)
"I know you got my last two letters, I wrote the addresses on 'em perfect". Dido birthday is **25th December**, her lyrics are used in the song (Girlfriend, as in friend that's a girl)

p4. **Tom Odell - cover of John Lennon's 'Real Love' #38 21**

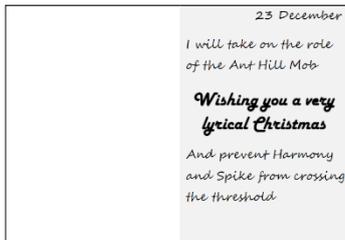


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Also at #16 in this week is another cover of the same song 'Real Love' by Clean Bandit, #16. So, the PPS is about John Lennon, and the BID is the abbreviation 'bis in die', meaning two times a day on medical prescriptions. Each day of the this week there were two versions of the song, two times a day.



p9. **Vanilla Ice - Ice Ice Baby #2 23 Dec 1990**
"Rollin' in my 5.0, With my ragtop down so my hair can blow". This is a reference to Vanilla Ice's 5.0 litre Ford Mustang, and his signature hairstyle known as The Beak. The PS refers to his being at the #1 spot the previous week. He released a "Too Cold for Christmas Mix" album



p13. **Frankie Goes to Hollywood - "The Power of Love" #6 23 Dec 1984**
"I'll protect you from the hooded claw Keep the vampires from your door"
 In Wacky Races Sylvester Sneekly is the guardian of Penelope Pitstop, yet he desires her vast fortune she is entitled to. He intends to have her dead so he will become the only remaining claimant of the fortune. Of course to protect his identity, he carries out his plans and traps as a sadistic, sneaky, foul, master of disguise villain known as the [Hooded Claw](#). He has a foul, childish temper, especially shown when his plans are foiled by Penelope, The [Ant Hill Mob](#) or even his own blundering henchmen, the Bully Brothers. Harmony and Spike were both vampires in Buffy the Vampire Slayer. If vampires are uninvited then they can't cross a threshold. Their official video made by Godley and Cream has a Nativity theme. The lead singer of Frankie goes to **HOLLY**wood is **HOLLY** Johnson.

(The chart positions of the last 6 equate to AMSRIT which are 2/3 CHRISTMAS)

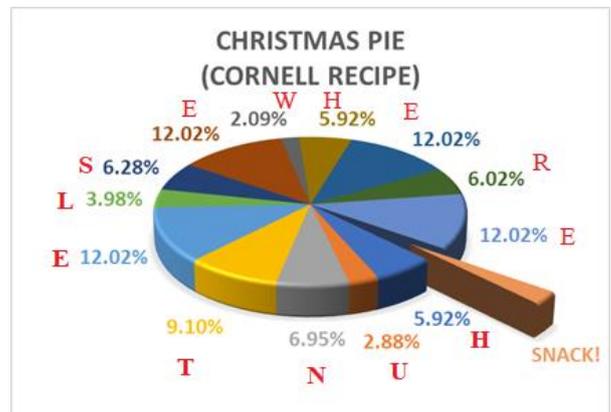
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| 9 | Poem with rhyming scheme ABBA | ABBA (Swedes !) | |
| 11 | Justine Chase (Earth 616) - X-Factor magazine | X-Factor Christmas? | |
| 14 | Cambridge Women's Boat Club Blondie crew Tideway Week | Blondie - We three Kings | 2009 |
| 16 | The Winter's Tale - Judi Dench and Kenneth Branagh (vid at 0:25) | David Essex - Just Another Winter's Tale | 1983 |

Christmas Pie (Cornell Recipe)

The "pie" contains the letter frequencies from the [Cornell University](http://www.cornell.edu).

HUNT ELSEWHERE

Christmas Pie was the location on December 4 of the Advent Calendar, so this message is stating that the treasure is not hidden there.



ATH Christmas Holiday Departures

ATH is the IATA airport code for Athens, Greece. There are codes for each of the airports in the list

<u>Airport</u>	<u>IATA</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Airport</u>	<u>IATA</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tripoli	TIP	Libya	Brussels	BRU	Belgium	23:16
Tirana	TIA	Albania	Nicosia	NIC	Cyprus	21:34
Antananarivo	TNR	Madagascar	Sarajevo	SJJ	Bosnia and Herzegovina	11:20
Gaborone	GBE	Botswana	Moscow	DME	Russia	15:19
Copenhagen	CPH	Denmark	Lilongwe	LLW	Malawi	17:19
Kabul	KBL	Afghanistan	Asmara	ASM	Eritrea	08:23
Djibouti City	JIB	Djibouti	Kuwait City	KWI	Kuwait	20:04
Cairo	CAI	Egypt	Lome	LIS	Togo	00:10
Riga	RIX	Latvia	Rabat	RUH	Morocco	00:23
Ankara	ANK	Turkey	Windhoek	DYU	Namibia	14:15
Vienna	VIE	Austria	Monrovia	MLW	Liberia	20:29
Buenos Aires	BUE	Argentina	Kingston	KIN	Jamaica	11:09
Seoul	ICN	South Korea	Ulaanbaatar	ULN	Mongolia	00:19
Roseau	DOM/DCF	Dominica	Havana	HAV	Cuba	18:28
Malabo	SSG	Equatorial Guinea	Lisbon	LIS	Portugal	17:30
Zagreb	ZAG	Croatia	Riyadh	RUH	Saudi Arabia	09:20
New Delhi	DEL	India	Dushanbe	DYU	Tajikistan	13:03
Kuala Lumpur	KUL	Malaysia	Beijing	PEK	China	05:19
Algiers	ALG	Algeria	Athens	ATH	Greece	10:28
Vientiane	VIE	Laos	Muscat	MCT	Oman	01:34

Reading countries on left side first letters: **LAMBDA DELTA AS DECIMAL**

- In [Ionic Greek Numerals](#) Lambda Delta ($\Lambda\Delta$)= 34
- Lambda and Delta are the 11th and 4th Greek letters
- LD is not a valid Roman numeral (450 is CDL)

Page 13 - Cold

lyrical Christmas cards

Hugo Montenegro The Good The Bad and The Ugly Wednesday 25 December 1968 #8
Frankie Goes To Hollywood The Power of Love 23 December 1984 #6

AC's Weather Briefs

December 25 1741 – Anders Celsius develops his own thermometer scale, Centigrade, the predecessor of the Celsius scale.
Decoded by adding 25 to numbers < 96 then converting resulting set to ASCII characters

AC FIRST USED HIS HOT AND COLD SCALE ON CHRISTMAS DAX (last number should be 96 to give Y)

Numbers that don't need 25 added are underlined and spell COLD CHRISTMAS. (haven't quite worked out why the last letter isn't Y. 97 converts to A; 97+25 converts to Z therefore last number should have been 96)

Top Photo's (synonyms for COLD)

1 Michael Parkinson - Tommy Cooper Interview	parky	4 Arctic Monkeys - My Propeller	arctic
2 Rhianna - nose piercing through septum	piercing	5 Elsa - Frozen Snow Queen	frozen
3 Luis Suarez biting Branislav Ivanovic	biting	6 De Ranke XXX Bitter	bitter

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

ACHTUNG! ELF WARNING! LOOK UP ONCE. GRACIAS - hints for columnar decode ELF is German for 11, ONCE is Spanish for 11. Decoded using columnar transposition: Write in 5 rows of 11 letters (last row 9), then read columns in order 11, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

MY TRUE LOVE COUNTS THE TOP ROW ITEMS BASED ON THE VERSIONS BELOW

Photo Grid

3 Old trash cans	Humphrey from Sesame Street
1 Rainbow Lorikeet Parrot	Christmas Bush , Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, Australia
2 bowls of Parmesan cheese finely shredded & chunky shreds	actor from Italian film "La Dolce Vita"
2 Studded Black Pyramid Metal Belts	The Nun - film
1 Skiing Snowman Christmas Jumper (co. ceased trading)	Blue Lorry/HGV/Truck - stock image
7 Stimpy and the Magic Nose Goblins	(double height)
5 bottles of Budweiser beer	Redneck Island CMT – reality programme

In alphabetic position the quantities spell **CABBAGE**

These represent alternate lyrics of "12 Days of Christmas". The pictures above are gifts from those lyrics

Sesame Street - 7 rusty trashcans	Eddie Stobart truckers - 9 knitted jumpers
Australian - 12 parrots prattling	Ren and Stimpy - and a nose goblin stuck on a chair! (1)
Italian - and a bowl full of parmesan cheese (1)	Redneck by Jeff Foxworthy - 12 pack a bud

[Heavy Metal Christmas by Twisted Sister](#) - 3 studded belts

In alphabetic position these numbers spell **GLACIAL**

GLACIAL CABBAGE = **ICEBERG LETTUCE** (although lettuce and cabbage are different families)

Numbers below have factors which are powers of prime numbers. These ordered by the powers, and the first 26 prime numbers given a letter (A=2, B=3, C=5, D=7.....Z=101)

116365000 = 17 x 37² x 2³ x 5⁴ = GLAC

4660076 = 23 x 2² x 37³ = IAL

GLACIAL

Thermometer (made in Durham)

[The coldest ever recorded Christmas Day](#) in England was - 18.3 Celsius, near Durham.

The numbers alongside the thermometer work as for the ones above. Subtract 18.3 from each then convert prime factors to letters.

311852377 = 71 x 19² x 23³ = THI

409283831 = 61 x 71² x 11³ = RTE

20339 = 11 x 43² = EN

449541257 = 67 x 71² x 11³ = STE

237917 = 53 x 67² = PS

THIRTEEN STEPS

Picture of 13 steps by post box leading
South off Cold Christmas Lane.
Holly and Ivy by box.



Page 14 – Prime Meridian

The pictures are all markers on the [Prime Meridian](#). The Meridian Line in Greenwich represents the Prime Meridian of the world, with a Longitude of Zero. Every place on Earth is measured in terms of its angle east or west from this line. [On its path from pole to pole](#) the Meridian passes through England, **France, Spain, Algeria, Mali, Burkina Faso, Togo, Ghana** and Antarctica.

1. Beacon , Gilwell Park, Essex	51.648574, -0.001908	
2. Poplar Tree , Easneye Wood, Ware, Hertfordshire	51.803910, -0.001487	*
3. Compass Rose , 84 Hainault Road, Waltham Forest, Leytonstone	51.570001, -0.001632	no longer visible
4. Sundial Meridian High School, New Addington, London	51.334291, -0.001592	derelict
5. Pillar , Promenade, Peacehaven, East Sussex	50.789694, -0.001610	Horsham Avenue junction
6. Flamsteed House , Greenwich, Royal Observatory, London	51.478015, -0.002127	
7. Abbey Mill , West Ham, London	51.5288, 0.0001	
8. Mosaic , Waltham Abbey Gardens, Essex	51.688855, -0.001596	
9. Wall Plaque, Paydens Pharmacy, 22 Station Road, Oxted	51.257401, -0.001560	
10. Arch , Hither Green, Lewisham, London	51.452467, -0.001617	
11. Pillar , Chailey, East Sussex, Lane End Common, Newick Hill	50.983090, -0.001523	**
12. Sculpture , Greenwich, London, Thames Path	51.503050, -0.001566	***
13. Pavement Slab 16/18 Bromley Hill, Lewisham, London	51.421092, -0.001662	Dry Cleaners & Turkish restaurant
14. Oak Tree , Cold Christmas, Hertfordshire	51.834701, -0.001590	S side of Cold Christmas Lane
15. Sign , Sheffield Park Station, East Sussex	50.995549, -0.001173	
16. Giant Redwood Tree , Forest Row, East Sussex	51.075792, -0.001457	Plaw Hatch Lane & Legsheath Lane

Notes:

* The monument carries the following inscription :

Peacehaven George V Memorial - erected by the inhabitants in the year 1936 to commemorate the beneficent and illustrious reign of their beloved sovereign 1910 -1936 and to mark Peacehaven's position on the prime meridian of Greenwich.

** The words carved on the plinth read:

[1953 This stone has been erected on Lane End Common in the parish of Chailey near the centre of Sussex, 159 feet above sea level to mark the point where the Greenwich Meridian crosses the manor of Balneth.

*** Signpost art Greenwich (SE10) Thames Path

Conceived in 2011 by Jon Thompson and Alison Craighead as a virtual image for The Mini Museum of XXI Century Arts, an online digital media platform, the work is titled Here. This physical version was created in 2013. According to the sign accompanying it, 'the concept was to mark the distance of the work from itself along a North/South axis'. The distance shown on the sign, 24,859 miles, is the average polar circumference of the Earth.

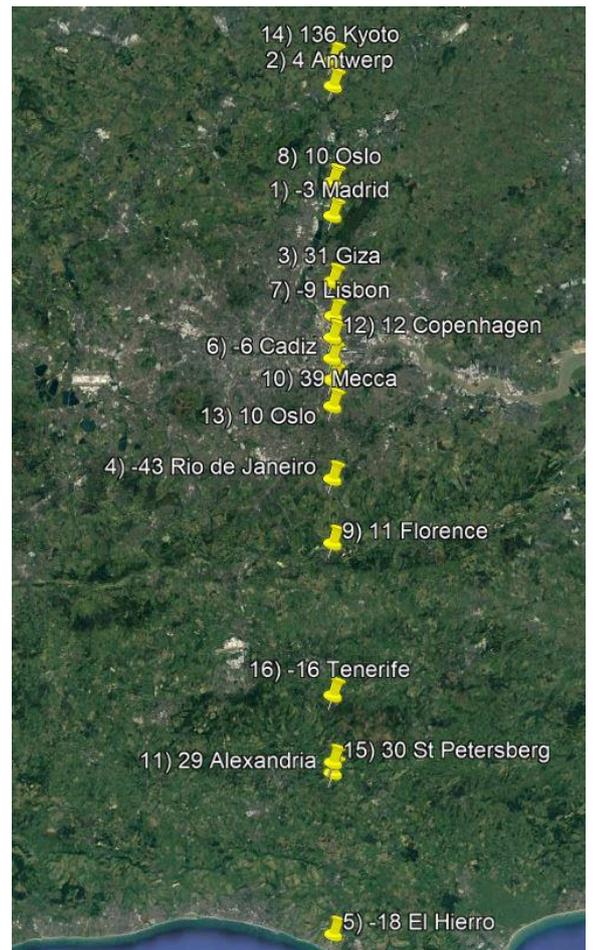
The words with the pictures makes a sentence containing the Meridian countries. (Burkina Faso and Antarctica missing)

OFF RAN.....CEDRIC THE IDEAL.....GERIATRIC TO..... GO & PLOUGH.....AN ACRE BUT HIS.....PAIN & ASTHMA.....LIMITED HIM

The degrees on pictures are locations of [historic Prime Meridians](#). Ordered South to North (Peacehaven to Cold Christmas):

-18	El Hierro (Canary Is)	E
29	Alexandria	A
30	St Petersburg	S
-16	Tenerife	T
11	Florence	F
-43	Rio de Janeiro	R
10	Oslo/Pisa	O
39	Mecca	M
-6	Cadiz	C
12	Copenhagen/Rome	C
-9	Lisbon	L
31	Great Pyramid of Giza	G
-3	Madrid	M
10	Oslo/Pisa	O
4	Antwerp/Amsterdam/Brussels	A
136	Kyoto	K

Initial letters spell **EAST FROM CCL GM OAK**
 = East from Cold Christmas Lane Greenwich Meridian Oak



EXTRA CLUES

Christmas Airlines

33.2475, -119.4997 is San Nicolas Island off the coast of California.

23.5333, -75.7667 is Stocking Island in the Bahamas.

SANTA STOCKING

Barcode originally appeared to be clueing a Cryptogram, but was changed to simply be 1234567890

On surface the pass appears to be a hint to ATH Holiday Departures (page 12), but seem to relate more to the Christmas Party pages:

Seat 44R is the 44th person on the ATH Party seating plans on pages 7 & 8. There are 35 seats on page 7, then the BLAND table makes it 40. Next is the THORNS table and no 44 = R.

This is where Alan Turing has been seated, and gets replaced by Ross.

ABC235 hints that prime numbers are used in the hunt (page 13). I.e. A=2, B=3, C=5, D=7,..... The Eratosthenes prime number sieve is an image on page 8.

Festive Poem

The poem is based on the one written by Bilbo Baggins about Aragorn / Strider in The Lord of the Rings.

*All that is cold is not coldest
Not all cards that are shown have a twin;
The primes, Ptolemy's was the oldest,
Answers can be found from within.*

*From the themes an idea shall be woken,
And words from the puzzles shall spring;
Renewed shall be spirits that were broken,
A letter may look like a ring.*

*All that is cold is not coldest,
Not all cards that are shown have a twin;
The primes, Ptolemy's was the oldest,
Answers can be found from within.*

*From the themes an idea shall be woken,
And words from the puzzles shall spring;
Renewed shall be spirits that were broken,
A letter may look like a ring.*



*All that is gold does not glitter,
Not all those who wander are lost;
The old that is strong does not wither,
Deep roots are not reached by the frost.*

*From the ashes a fire shall be woken,
A light from the shadows shall spring;
Renewed shall be blade that was broken,
The crownless again shall be king*

Thermometers

Page 11, not all the Christmas card fronts have a matching lyrical inside
Page 14, historic primes used to solve degrees E and W

Page 10 themes in questions
route messages derived from various puzzles

Page 3, Crossword, letter Os placed in the gold hexagons to make 5 Gold Rings

The Fellowship of the Ring departs Rivendell on the Quest to destroy the Ring at dusk on [Christmas Day](#) (TA3018)



MISCELLANEOUS

Route instructions

- pg 6 SECOND TREE (Day 11)
- pg 14 EAST FROM CCL GM OAK
- pg 11 HEDGE BY BOX
- pg 13 THIRTEEN STEPS

pg 9 could give ANO or ATO, as the alternative names for the Naked Neck is Transylvanian Naked Neck or Turken. ATO could be read as AT ZERO, ie at the meridian line.

Cold Christmas

- December 7 of Advent Calendar is at Cold Christmas
- Page 14: Oak tree on South side of Cold Christmas Lane
- AC#s Weather Briefs: converting resulting set to ASCII characters *ac first used his hot and cold scale on Christmas Dax*
- The Pogues' "Fairy Tale of New York" "*When you first took my hand On a cold Christmas Eve*"
- Dana "It's going to be a cold, cold Christmas"
- Nigel Hawthorne who played Sir Humphrey Appleby, lived at a house called Fabdens (Park) in Cold Christmas. He had bought the house off Chris Lowe, member of the Pet Shop Boys.
- House number 16 on Cold Christmas Lane in Thundridge has a monkey puzzle tree in the front garden.
- "Fairy Tale of New York" contains lyric "On a cold Christmas Eve"
- Dana - "It's Going to be a Cold, Cold Christmas"
- page 10 Cold and Christmas themes



Christmas Day

- December 7 Advent Calendar. Newton born
- Humphrey Bogart born
- Emperor Guangwu reunited China
- Lyrical Christmas - Dido born
- Page 10 list of events
- Page 13 coldest ever temperature recorded
- Festive Poem – Fellowship of the Ring set out to destroy it on Christmas Day
- Lady Ogilvy born 25 December 1936
- Elvis Presley single "I Can Help" #36 in 1983

Codes used

Poster - Substitution (Little Orphan Annie radio show decoder ring)
p 2 – Playfair, [ADFGVX](#), Base 36
p 4 - [Mary Stuart cipher](#)
p 5 - Pig Pen, T9 plus a hint at Pig Pen to Bacon
p 10- Beaufort, Caesar
p 12, Letter frequency in English Cornell University
p 13, Columnar Transposition, ASCII, Prime Numbers (prime factorisation)
There is a [Rip van Winkle cipher](#). Vanilla Ice's real name is Robert Matthew Van Winkle.

Humphreys

- Page 1 - Humphrey Bogart
- Page 2 - Hubert Horatio Humphrey Jr. , Vice President under Lyndon B. Johnson
- Page 5 - Tina Humphrey
- Page 6 - Sir Humphrey Appleby 'Yes Minister' played by Nigel Hawthorne
- Page 10 - Humphrey de Bohun
- Page 10 - Humphrey Lyttleton
- Page 13 - Humphrey from Sesame Street

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