

# Merry Christmas

The Carollers will be out singing for us again on Christmas Eve. The Holly, Ivy and Heather are all blooming and Santa will have already saddled Dancer and Rudolph for his usual long trip via America to deliver all our presents.

Hopefully the Covid spike is now behind us and we can all enjoy ourselves this year.

This all leads us to our twenty third Christmas special which we hope will test your little grey cells and raise a few smiles. Scoring follows our normal pattern with marks available for completing all our posers.

As usual, there are ten deliberate spelling mistakes which are dotted around the issue and are worth one mark each.

Our guest contributors this year all hail from African countries and are also worth one mark each. Their names appear in brackets after their contribution.

Our famous stocks of Egyptian Claret have now been exhausted but we have raided Waitrose and Aldi for some equally sumptuous prizes for our three best entries.

This introduction contains the names of over seventy christian names. Many are in shortened form and may span more than one word. There is one point for each to a maximum of seventy. Al and Su make a good few appearances as normal. Good luck - you may need it!

**Please send your entries to Ralph Horton at 18 Highcroft to arrive by the 15<sup>th</sup> January.**



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## **When Will I Be Famous?**

The following clues relate to the names of well known people made up of the initials of all eight Bugle team members but the initials are reversed. Eg/ MF becomes FM and RH becomes HR.

There are three clues for each member of the team.

- 1) He partnered Charles Rolls to develop a luxury car
- 2) Hugh Laurie's comedy partner
- 3) HM The Queen's sister
- 4) He partnered Richard Rogers to write "Oklahoma"
- 5) He is rarely on a train without his Bradshaws guide
- 6) Eric Sykes' sitcom sister
- 7) Chief warden who oversaw Fletcher at Slade prison
- 8) She played Basil Fawlty's long suffering wife
- 9) He was friends with David Schwimmer and Matt LeBlanc
- 10) He played in Queen with Brian, Roger and John
- 11) He has news for us with Ian Hislop
- 12) Austrian founder of Psychoanalysis
- 13) She is the widow of an Ex Beatle
- 14) As Frankie, he went to Hollywood
- 15) He wrote "The turn of the screw"
- 16) He busted ghosts with Bill Murray and Dan Aykroyd
- 17) Stan Laurel's chubby partner
- 18) Denis Norden's comedy and writing partner
- 19) He was one of the four "Goons"
- 20) He once tried to sell a deceased Norwegian Blue
- 21) Jointly she struggled with Mick Fleetwood when they presented the Brit Awards in 1989
- 22) He managed West Ham from 1994 to 2001
- 23) Art's partner who suggested 50 ways to leave your lover
- 24) He went in The Cavern with John, George and Ringo

**There is 1 point available for each correct answer**

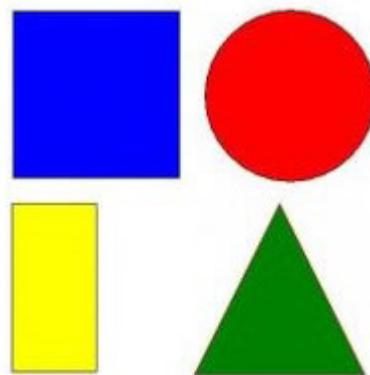
*(Liam Aso)*



## **Shape Of Things To Come**

This is our annual test of your artistic abilities.

This year can you use 10 squares, 10 rectangles, 10 circles and 10 triangles to create a picture?



**There is 1 point for each shape used (to a maximum of 40) with 5 bonus points if your picture has a Christmas theme and a further 5 points if it is coloured in.**

*(Coco Rom)*

## **The Scientist**

How many words of four letters or more are you able to make from the 14 single letter elements in the first 100 of the periodic table.

Letters may be used only once in each word and no plurals can be used. EG Spin

**1 point for each word to a maximum of 40**

*(Rosie Leaner)*



## **Hanging On The Telephone**

The following grid contains the last three digits

of all the Bugle team's telephone numbers. If a husband and wife are in the team together there telephone number is listed twice.

Are you able to identify all the numbers and then total the unused numbers?

7	9	0	2	1	3
6	7	3	1	4	0
2	9	9	4	1	5
8	0	8	1	6	2
1	2	2	2	5	6
5	2	6	1	0	2

**There are 5 points for calculating the sum of the individual unused numbers**

*(Faith Sourca)*

## A Good Year For The Roses

*"The University of Leicester Botanical Gardens and Attenborough Arboretum"*

Are you able to name up to fifty plants, flowers or trees by combining letters from the above heading? No plurals are allowed and letters cannot be repeated unless they appear more than once in the heading.  
There is 1 point for each plant to a maximum of 50  
(*Theo Sol*)

## The Boys Are Back In Town

Having been unable to travel overseas this year the Bugle team members visited a number of UK towns and cities. Can you find the towns they visited. To make things a little easier we have provided the initial letter of each town or city.

- 1) You will need this after a locksmith's visit (N)
- 2) Sounds like the value of a dog's home (K)
- 3) You may need to call plumber to fix this (L)
- 4) Well known group who have lost their raincoat (F)
- 5) An ancient pig joint (O)
- 6) You may do this before proposing to your girlfriend (P)
- 7) Scene of a 1066 battle (H)
- 8) Male sheep enter the field here (R)
- 9) A good chef will do this (B)
- 10) Mike Harding sang about a cowboy from here (R)
- 11) Searching for ex England manager Mr Revie (H)
- 12) Match between two local teams (D)
- 13) You may wish to stop noisy dogs doing this (B)
- 14) Cattle may cross the river here (O)
- 15) Advise the US president Gerald (T)
- 16) More than six but less than eight big trees (S)
- 17) His comedy partner had short, fat, hairy legs (M)
- 18) First name of Peter Cook's comedy partner (D)
- 19) Geoffrey Chaucer told tales from here (C)
- 20) It could be Noah's latest vessel (N)
- 21) Stays in front (L)
- 22) Pasture owned by a male (M)
- 23) A desert wine that has not been aged (N)
- 24) Educationally, one of the three "R's" (R)
- 25) An old farm implement by the field entrance (H)

There is 1 point for each correct answer

(*Reg Alia*)



## Why Don't You Read The Book

Members of one of the village book clubs chose a book for each month of the year with each book title having to contain a colour. To make things a little more of a challenge they were given only the initials of the books they chose to read together with the author's name in brackets.

Are you able to identify the book choice for each month?

January:	A C O (AB)
February:	F S O G (ELJ)
March:	B B (AS)
April:	A O G G (LMM)
May:	T W I W (WC)
June:	T S P (EO)
July:	A S I S (ACD)
August:	T G M (SK)
September:	T P O D G (OW)
October:	W F (JL)
November:	J A T G P (RD)
December:	F G T A T W S C (FF)

1 point for each book title and one for each author making a total of 24

(*Ian Regi*)

## In A Big Country

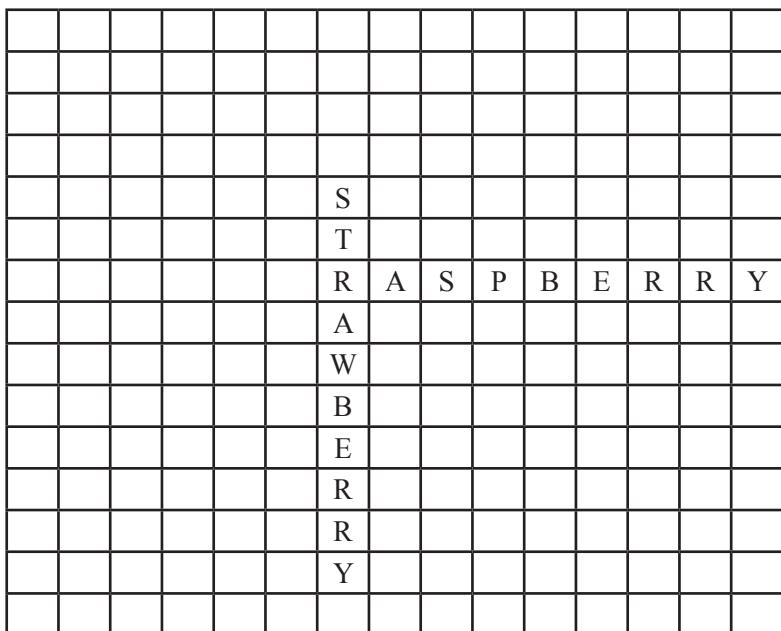
Are you able to place the names of six countries whose names contain six letters into the following grid so that the first column contains the name of a seventh six letter country?

A	N	G	O	L	A

1 point for each country named to a total of 7  
(*Abel Iri*)

## Strange Fruit

Are you able to insert the names of any vegetables or fruit into the attached grid. We have provided two to start you off. No letters can adjoin unless they complete full words.



**There is 1 point for each fruit or vegetable name provided**

**Hint: We would start off with a pencil**

*(Stan Abow)*

## Colours

It is time to get your coloured pencils out again. When you have completed all the fruit and vegetable names in the above grid are you able to colour in the blank squares using four colours so that no colour matches an adjoining square?

**5 points are available for accomplishing this**

*(Tina Wise)*



## When The Cows Come Home

One very cold Christmas Eve many years ago Melvyn was called out by an anxious neighbour as all his cows appeared to be frozen stiff. He wasn't sure what to do for the best and asked a passing lady for advice. "Don't worry" she said "I will sort them out for you" She went into the field and touched each cow on the nose whereupon each cow started moving freely again.

"That's fantastic" said Melvyn "I've not seen you around the village before - what's your name?" "I'm Thora Hird" the lady replied.

*(Susan Dutho)*



## Games People Play

The village darts team were anxious to get together after lockdown and, to show that their skills had not diminished, they set themselves a challenge. Fred, George, Bill, Jack and Jim all had to obtain high scores by throwing three darts. Each player could not match but had to achieve the nearest possible score to the player in front of them.

If Fred scored a maximum 180 what did each of his team mates score?

**There are 3 points available for the score achieved by each of the four following players (i.e. 12 in total)**

*(Anna Tiaz)*

## I Hear You Knocking

After listening to so much loud music over the years Ralph's hearing was becoming a little bit dodgy and Jo suggested that he go for a hearing test. He attended the test but, being a typical Yorkshireman, he bought the cheapest hearing aid that the shop had available.

"How much did it cost?" said Jo.

"Half past four" was the reply.

*(Hope Aiti)*



## My Aim Is True

Mike and Sylvia were getting a little fed up over the lockdown and Sylvia suggested that they took a break as soon as they were allowed. She put a world map on the kitchen wall and gave Mike a dart.

"Throw this and we will have a holiday wherever it lands" she suggested to Mike.

They are now having two weeks holiday on the floor behind the fridge.

*(Alan Og)*

## A Message

Can you solve the following coded season's greeting?

**NFSSZ DISJTUNBT GSPN VT  
BMM BU UIF CVHMF**

5 points for the correct answer

*(Dan Gau)*



## Relax

Here is your chance to get the crayons out and colour in the attached drawing. Please feel free to enlist the help of a child if it proves too difficult...



*"I could really get used to this lockdown"*

There are 10 points available for coloring in the drawing with a further 5 points for suggesting an alternative caption.

*(Ron Macoe)*

## Holidays In The Sun

Thoughts turned to holidays for the *Bugle* team as soon as they could travel freely. Eight members of the team have booked holidays in consecutive months from January. Two booked for four weeks, two will travel for three weeks and the remaining four have booked two week holidays.

Their destinations will be Spain, Barbados, Jamaica, France, Portugal, New Zealand, South Africa and Cyprus.

Are you able to name the month, destination and timescale of each holiday from the following clues?

1) As a reward for all his hard work Melvyn booked the first holiday in the Caribbean for four weeks.

2) Very Strangely, all except one of the ladies have booked holidays in countries whose names begin with the initial letter of their names and two of them also booked holidays in a month beginning with their initial.

3) The two married couples have booked holidays in consecutive months with the ladies travelling first each time. Both husband and wife will be away for the same length of time.

4) Mike and Heather are the only team members to book holidays in the Southern Hemisphere. Heather will be travelling the furthest and staying for one week longer than Mike.

5) Sylvia is to take her holiday a month after Penny and will travel for one week longer.

**There is 1 point for each correct month, destination and timescale (i.e: 24 points in total)**

(*Di Nurub*)



## The Laughing Gnome

Now White wanted to arrange a Christmas Party for her friends last year but, due to lockdown restrictions, only six of the seven dwarves could be invited. Happy was not happy.

(*Ami Bag*)



## All I Want For Christmas Is A Beatle

There are twenty tracks by The Beatles depicted in the picture on the back page.

As some of them are a little obscure are you able to identify fifteen of them?

**There is 1 point for each track to a maximum of 15  
There are no extra points available but you will impress our panel of judges if you are able to identify all twenty titles.**

(*Frank Abusio*)

## Come Join The Band

Every heading used in this issue is the title of a song.

Are you able to name the group or artist who performed each song? Some of these songs may have been performed by more than one artist so all true alternative answers will be marked as correct.

**1 point for each correct answer**

(*Maria Niatu*)



## Oh Carol

If each group of carol singers pictured in this issue visited thirty homes in the village and were paid as follows:

*Soloists £2.00 each singer*

*Duets £1.50 each singer*

*Trios £1.00 each singer*

*Quartets £0.75 each singer*

How much did they raise in total.

**5 points for the correct answer**

(*Lee Sang*)

## **It's The Same Old Song**

**H**ere is our annual test of your musical knowledge.

Can you name the following albums by the Rolling Stones by inserting the missing letters.

Then, use the missing letters to identify the bands and artists. To make things a little easier we have placed the questions in the order in which they are placed in the albums.

Our compiler is running out of inspiration, so many of the answers may be familiar to our long standing readers.

- 1) A-T-R-A-H                    2) B-A-K -N- B-U-**  
**3) B-I-G-S -O -A-Y-O-        4) E-O-I-N-L -E-C-E**

- 1) This is very useful to have for medical emergencies  
 2) A planet, a breeze and a conflagration  
 3) It would be very dangerous to walk here at rush hour  
 4) You could not say this about Snow White's associates  
 5) She sounds like two adjoining posh toilets  
 6) Inexpensive illusion performed by Paul Daniels  
 7) George, Patrick, Andrew, David  
 8) You will find them in the games room at the pub  
 9) Freedom for the Roman ten  
 10) You will bend this whilst having a drink at The Bell  
 11) This may help when getting shaved on a dark night  
 12) Dante's most famous work  
 13) Brexit ensured that we left this continent  
 14) Boxer, Poodle, Labrador, Sir Lancelot  
 15) You are likely to see them at a life drawing group  
 16) Portrait of a young lad painted by a very inexperienced artist  
 17) Kinfolk who flash a warning to sailors  
 18) Girls playthings from The Big Apple  
 19) Males who are not yet drawing their pensions  
 20) They team up with Perkins to supply building materials  
 21) A big sea, a hue and a vista  
 22) There are no ladies in this group of siblings  
 23) Proverbially, they gather no moss  
 24) The RSPCA may help to find a home for these felines  
 25) Young Joseph is far from handsome

**There is 1 point available for each album and 1 point for each group or artist**  
*(Adam Scarga)*

## **Walk This Way**

**N**ow it is time to get some fresh air and walk off your Christmas dinner.

The answers to the following clues are all numbers which can be found on a gentle stroll through the village.

- 1) How many bananas are pictured on the playground wordsearch?  
 2) What number food hygiene rating does The Golden Bowl have?  
 3) What yellow number appears on the telephone pole at the corner of Broad Lane?  
 4) What number bus can you catch from the bus shelter opposite the church?  
 5) What is the total of the numbers appearing on the snakes and ladders game in the School playground?  
 6) How many children are playing on the SLOW sign approaching the doctor's surgery?  
 7) How many services are listed on the Springfields sign?  
 8) What is the total of the two numbers on the yellow "H" sign attached to the first street light on Highcroft?

**1 point for each correct answer**

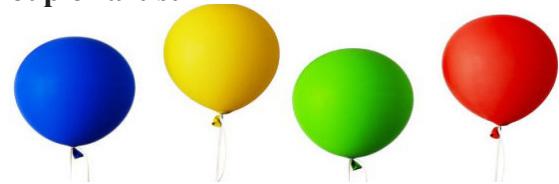
*(Mal Wai)*

## **Let's stick together**

**A** lorry carrying glue overturned on the M1 last week.

Drivers were sticking to the inside lane.

*(Rita Ree)*



## **I Call Your Name**

**H**ow many famous people are you able to name who have Christian names as surnames? (e.g. Woody Allen, Billy Joel)

**1 point for each answer to a maximum of 30**  
*(Susan Abi Egui)*

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

• June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 2022

• PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN JANUARY. The next meeting of the Parish

• Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 at the Sports Pavilion, Kilworth Road.

### LOCAL PLANNING NEWS

The following applications have been submitted to Harborough District Council:

- 21/01775/TPO [Withdrawn] Works to tree (HDC TPO 197), 21 Fernie Court
- 21/02027/TCA Works to trees (fell), 14 Bell Lane

### Recently determined applications:

- 20/01252/FUL [Approved] Install chiller units and brick built store (*retrospective*), Springfields Supermarket, 6 High Street
- 21/01717/FUL [Approved] Erect first floor rear extn. and install solar PV panels to the rear, 29 Bell Lane

Current applications may be inspected during normal working hours at the Council Offices, The Symington Building, Adam & Eve Street, Market Harborough.

Planning applications and other aspects of local government can now be viewed on-line at [www.harboroughonline.co.uk](http://www.harboroughonline.co.uk)

## BUGLE POSTBAG

From lots of villagers!

Heartfelt thanks to our Parish Council for the lovely traditional decorated Christmas tree by the church and the lights around the Village Hall.

From Robert Constable-Maxwell, Branch President Royal British Legion, Bosworth Hall

Poppy Day 2021 was celebrated in our usual style, with a parade - including many Young People - on a chilly morning for Remembrance Sunday. A bugler from Harborough Band was again present and ensured that 2 minutes silence, followed by Reveille were duly observed at exactly 11.00am. The service included direct participation by a number of representatives of our Young Peoples groups. The service was taken by the Rev. Andy Rhodes to whom we are most grateful. Our takings from Poppy Day have just been recorded and banked. These show a most pleasing increase on last year's figures. My colleagues in our branch of the Royal British Legion again express our sincere thanks to the many people who, in whatever capacity, have contributed to what has been, for us, another most successful Poppy Day appeal this year.

