



THE BRADLEY BUGLE

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Fantastic photo from the village fireworks display

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the joint December/January issue of the Bradley Bugle!

As I write it's a chilly early winter's evening in Budapest where the Christmas Markets are in full swing and I'm thinking about how quickly the past year has flown by.

Our village has seen so many wonderful events put on by our fantastic volunteers this past year. They all work tirelessly to continue to keep our lovely village a thriving community. Huge thanks to you all for keeping us all entertained over the past 12 months.

A very Merry Christmas and Peaceful New Year to of you from all of us all at the Bugle.

Happy Reading!



VILLAGE DIARY

Overview of what's happening The diary is also online: https://greatbradley.weebly.com/village-diary.html		
Coming up this month		
Pimp my Fish	Delicious, freshly cooked fish and chips.	Thursday 14th December, Village Hall, 5:30pm
Christmas Craft Fair	Local crafts and produce to help you kick start your Christmas gift shopping	Sunday 3rd December Village Hall 12pm to 3pm
Weekly Events		
Bradley Bookers	Our friendly local book club, come along for a fun evening with lively discussion and tea and biscuits too! Cost is £3 per session, contact Annette on 783892.	First Monday in the month 7:30pm to 9pm
Scottish Country Dancing	Lively light exercise and fun! Contact Ella Hollins on 710340 for details of the next session	Village Hall Mondays 2pm to 4pm
Art Group	Great Bradley Art Group is now FULL and is now waiting list only. If you would like to add your name to the waiting list please contact Pat Spires on 783269 or via Facebook.	Village Hall Tuesdays 1:30pm to 4:30pm
Afternoon club	All welcome, all ages, all interests. Come and meet neighbours for tea, cake, loads of news, views and lots of laughter. Contact Anne on 783648 for details of the next session.	Village Hall See our Facebook page for more details too!
Photo Club	Everyone is welcome, you don't need flashy equipment, a phone will do just nicely! Cost is only £2 per person. Contact Nikki Stroud N.a.stroud@hotmail.co.uk 783416	Third Monday in the month 7:30pm to 8:30pm Village Hall
Looking further ahead		
Mobile Library Every 4 weeks on Wednesdays	More information at https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk 2023 dates are as follows: 25 January, 22 February, 22 March, 19 April, 17 May, 14 June, 12 July, 9 August, 6 September, 4 October, 1 November, 29 November, 27 December	Evergreen Lane 12:10 to 12:35 Rt 18-Stop E
Further afield		
Thurlow WI	The next meeting is for the WI members' Christmas Celebration. See page 14	Thurlow Village Hall
Dullingham Flower Club	Next meeting is on Thursday 14th December. See page 14 .	The Taylor Hall, Church Close Dullingham
Bins and bottle bank		
Bins	Black bin: normally emptied on a Tuesday. 5th, 19th December Blue bin: emptied on a Tuesday in the alternate week. 12th, 28th December Brown bin: emptied on a Thursday in the same week as the Blue bin. 14th December Find more information online here: https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bins/ Note that when there is a bank holiday, collections are usually one day later. CHRISTMAS BIN COLLECTIONS ON PAGE 8	
Bottle Bank	If the bottle bank is full, call 01842 820804.	

CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICES - STOURHEAD BENEFICE <http://stourheadbenefice.org>

St Mary's Great Bradley - Sunday Services December/January 2023-2024

Further details of other services and events in churches across the Benefice can be found in the Benefice News <http://stourheadbenefice.org/wordpress/stourhead-benefice-newsletter/>.

Date and time	Service	Where
3 December 10am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley
	Family Service	Kedington
10 December 10am	Holy Communion	Great Thurlow
17 December 10am	Holy Communion	Little Thurlow
24 December 10am	Christmas Eve Communion	Great Bradley
24 December 11:30pm	Midnight Mass	Kedington
25 December 10am	Christmas Day Communion	Great Wrating
31 December 10am	Holy Communion	Barnardiston
7 January 10am	Family Service	Little Bradley
	Holy Communion	Kedington
14 January 8am	Holy Communion	Kedington
14 January 10am	Holy Communion	Great Thurlow
21 January 10am	Family Service	Little Thurlow
	Holy Communion	Great Wrating
28 January 10am	Holy Communion	Great Bradley
4 February 10am	Holy Communion	Kedington
	Family Service	Little Bradley

Great Bradley Christmas Carol Service 2023



Thursday 21 December 6.30 pm

Get into the Christmas spirit at our own Village Carol Service
Hear the Christmas story, join in all your favourite traditional carols
And then enjoy a warming cup of mulled wine and a tasty mince pie!

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Church	Day/Date	Time	Additional Information
Great Bradley	Thursday 21 December	6.30 pm	Refreshments
Little Bradley	Sunday 24 December	6.30 pm	Refreshments
Little Thurlow	Sunday 24 December	4.30 pm	
Great Thurlow	Monday 18 December	6.30 pm	
Great Wratting	Friday 22 December	7 pm	
Little Wratting	Sunday 17 December	6 pm	
Kedington	Sunday 17 December	4 pm	Brass Quartet
Kedington	Sunday 24 December	3 pm	Crib Service

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL from Charles Boulton Chair GBPC

Well, the highlight of the last month, from my perspective, must be the Bonfire and Fireworks display - it was stunning. David and Alex Flood lit the blue touchpaper and set things off with a bang. That first rocket certainly gained everyone's attentions. And the bonfire developed nicely as a wonderful background thanks to some assiduous preparation by Colin Potter and David. And as the display reached its crescendo, the crowd was wowed.

Thanks to Nicky and to Pauline on the gate. I was amused to hear some of the children recognising Nicky from school. And the wide-eyed little girl who turned to her mother and said "Mummy - look at the fire - it's such a big fire".

An excellent bustle of activity around the gazebos and many thanks to the Village Hall team for the flow of food and drink. And thanks also for the supply of cakes, cookies and gingerbread men - very satisfying for those with a sweet tooth.

And many many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the set up (in the pouring rain), behind the scenes on the night, and on the Sunday to tidy up, check the field and rake the remnants of the bonfire. Thanks also to the many people who lent their possessions for the night - lights, leads, genset, and much else.

Although attendance was a little down on last year, I thought the whole event had a lovely village atmosphere. It was great to see so many people having fun, old friends greeting each other, and new friends being made. Overall, a roaring success.

Planning and budgeting for the next year continues and at the November meeting the Parish Council will have discussed a first draft of the budget. We will work this up over the next few months to finalise it in January.

Turning now to the festive season, with this being the December / January issue, all of us on the Parish Council wish you and your friends and family a very happy Christmas and all the very best into the New Year and beyond.

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NEWS FROM GREAT BRADLEY VILLAGE HALL from Sophie Gale

It's been a busy month for the village hall committee with lots of events happening.

Firstly, we had the quiz night, which was a great fun evening, thanks to Richard Suggs for doing a great job as quiz master.

We then had bonfire night, it was hit and miss as to whether we would be able to get on to the field with all the flooding that had happened earlier in the week, but wellies were worn, and we all managed to squelch are way to the gazebo to run the bbq. The hotdogs, mulled wine and sweet treats went down well as always and thank you to everyone who helped prepare food and serve on the night.

The last event was the Christmas themed pottery painting, hosted by The Pottery Shed. We had a mixture of ages attend and everyone got into the Christmas spirit (some Christmas jumpers were even dusted off for the event).

By the time this article is read the village hall will also have hosted the annual Great Bradley Christmas Fair. I am sure that this event will have been a success, and I am looking forward to writing all about it in the next issue of the Bugle.

The Fair marks the last event in a busy events schedule for 2023 and as the year draws to a close the committee would like to thank everyone for their continued support attending events and importantly those that have volunteered to help.

The village hall is a focal point for our community, and we hope that in 2024 we can continue to bring all ages together to join in on the events taking place at the hall but for now we will wish you a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. SEE YOU IN 2024 !!

Great Bradley Village Hall Committee

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Great Bradley Christmas Fair

Sunday 3rd December
12.00pm – 3.00pm
Great Bradley Village Hall

Local Crafts and Produce
Hand-made cards and dolls,
jewellery, fudge, ornaments,
wooden crafts, candles and
much more!

Sausage Rolls, Mince Pies, Mulled Wine,
Cakes and Christmas Treats

Carols and Quizzes

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and St Marys Church

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VILLAGE LOTTERY from Nikki Stroud

And just like that a new lottery year has started. Thank you to everyone who has joined up so far, it really does help the village hall. The cost of joining the lottery is £1 per month (so £12 for the full year). Half of this money goes to the hall and half is paid out in prizes.

It is a busy time of year for the lottery. Each year we apply for a 'small lottery license' from the Suffolk County Council. We also need to do a return and provide them details of the money that was raised and the prizes that were given out the previous year.

Then there is the process of creating a new spreadsheet, assigning everyone their new number, and producing/delivering tickets for the participants and then running the first draw.

This is all to say that if I haven't managed deliver your tickets or winnings by the time you read this, I really apologise! I will get them out to you all as soon as I can.

Remember you can join the lottery at any time of the year and you only pay for the remaining months. For more details send me an email on the address below.

Good luck to everyone for this lottery year!

Contact Nikki Stroud by email gbvillagehall.lot@gmail.com or telephone on 01440 783416

November Draw Results

1st prize - £10.50	Ned Ryder
2nd prize - £5	Tina Brennan
	Paul McCloskey

CHRISTMAS BIN COLLECTIONS

Usual collection	Revised collection	Change
Monday 25 December	Saturday 23 December	2 days early
Tuesday 26 December	Wednesday 27 December	1 day late
Wednesday 27 December	Thursday 28 December	1 day late
Thursday 28 December	Friday 29 December	1 day late
Friday 29 December	Saturday 30 December	1 day late
Mon 1 January	Tuesday 2 January	1 day late
Tuesday 2 January	Wednesday 3 January	1 day late
Wednesday 3 January	Thursday 4 January	1 day late
Thursday 4 January	Friday 5 January	1 day late
Friday 5 January	Saturday 6 January	1 day late

Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery

The Lottery is a significant contributor to fundraising efforts for the Great Bradley Village Hall with 50% of the proceeds going to the Village Hall, the other 50% paid out in prize money each month. Its success helps ensure that the Hall is financially sustainable and available for everyone. Other villages covet our Hall for the bright, warm and welcoming facility it is, and the Lottery goes a long way towards keeping it that way.

The Lottery runs from 1 November to 31 October and costs just £12 per entry per year. To take part:

1. Email Nikki Stroud (gbvillagehall.lot@gmail.com) with names and addresses and for details on how to pay by Bacs. OR/
2. Fill in the form below and bring cash or a cheque (payable to Great Bradley Village Hall) to the address below.

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank all of those who have supported the Lottery in the past and warmly welcomes new members, The November draw will be held AFTER the Village Hall Fireworks event and Nikki will be happy to accept your entries there. You can also join at any time during the year, paying £1 per month to October inclusive.

Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery

I enclose £12 subscription per person (for entry from the November draw)

Name 1 _____

Name 2 _____

Name 3 _____

Name 4 _____

Address _____

Phone/email _____

Please return to the Promoter—Nikki Stroud, 29 Clarendale Estate, Gt Bradley, CB8 9LN

Phone 01440 783416 Email gbvillagehall.lot@gmail.com

GREAT BRADLEY THROUGH THE AGES: 14th - 17th Century Part 1 from Mike Brophy

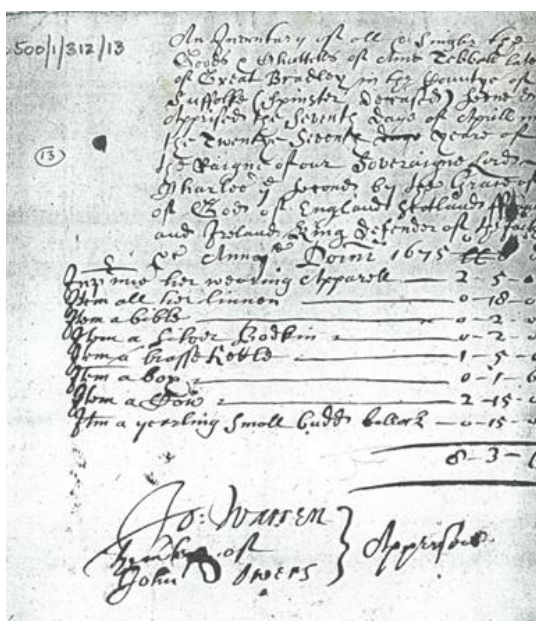
Hearth Tax

A Hearth Tax or Chimney Tax was introduced in 1662 to supplement the income of the Royal Household following the Restoration of the Monarchy. The tax levied a one shilling charge every six months for each household hearth or stove. Payments were due each Lady Day (25th March) and Michaelmas Day (29th September). A record, dated 1674, survives for the number of hearths or stoves for each eligible household in Great Bradley. Those named in the record are the heads of the families occupying village properties. It provides an indication of the size of their properties. Heading the list is Jo Wardner, who presumably was living in Great Bradley Hall. Not all households are named, as it was possible for poorer families to apply for an exemption on the grounds that they were too poor to pay Poor or Church Rates, and/or their house or land was worth less than 20 shillings (£1) rent per year, or the total value of their assets was less than £10. The list gives their name, number of hearths and the category.

Name	Number of Hearths	Name	Number of Hearths	Name	Number of Hearths
Jo Wardener	12	Mistress Turner	3	Cooke	1/4
Marke Burton	3	Jo Chambers	4	Howard	1/4
Susan Sanders	3	Robert Marsh	4	Ratts	1/4
Mary Sanderson	3	William Theobald	4	Raynard	1/4
Widow Scott	3	Jo Green	1	Cooke	1/6
Robert Smyth	3	Ambrose Hull	1/3	Good	1/6
Mr Symonds	3	Mistress Turner	3	Ralph Hunt	1/3

Will of Ann Tebull

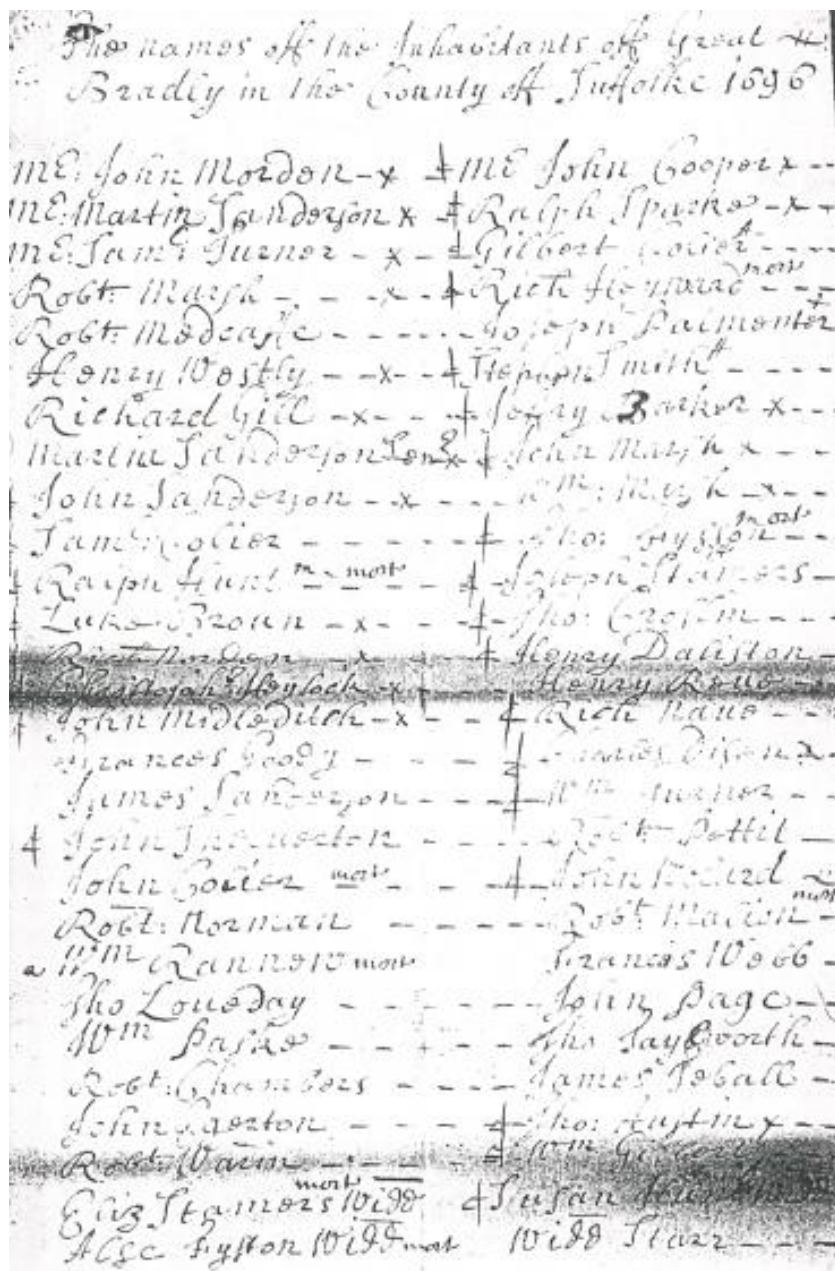
The document below reads: "An inventory of all and single the Goods and Chattles of Ann Tebull, late of Great Bradley in the County of Suffolk (Spinster deceased) found and appraised the seventh day of April in the twenty-seventh year of our Sovereign Lord Charles II by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith - Anno Dom 1675.



	£	s	d
Her wearing apparel	2	5	0
All her Linnen	0	18	0
A Bible	0	2	0
A Silver Bodkin	0	2	0
A Brass Kettle	1	5	0
A Box	0	1	6
A Cow	2	15	0
A Yearling Cudd Bullock	0	15	0
Jo Warren)			
Thomas ?) Appraisers"			

1638 Census

This is part of a 1638 census of the people living in Great Bradley, naming 56 people.



The 1638 Muster Roll

The 1638 muster (a list of all the men aged 16 to 60) who could be asked to fight for the King included 56 names.

SEAGULLS from Walter Lane

It was the afternoon before storm **Babete** struck East Anglia. We were motoring over the rise which leads into Burrough Green and as is usual in winter, on the farmland over to the right, seagulls were milling around. But today was different; there was not just the usual fifty or so but five hundred or more. I made some comment like "That's an indication of bad weather on the way" and for once I was correct. These clever birds really can predict the weather and their smart heads had worked out that they would be far safer inland where they would be sheltered from the coastal blast. Apparently they can sense small but significant changes in air pressure that precede the approach of a storm. In other parts of the world scientist also believe they can sense the vibrations which can precede the coming of an earthquake - pretty smart don't you think.

Seagulls are very intelligent birds and unfortunately this has on occasion led to them gaining a bad reputation. But who cannot admire that individual herring gull that stood in front of a supermarket automatic door until it opened, then boldly marched in, stole a packet of crisps off a low rack and then walked out without paying. Just to prove this was no fluke he repeated the performance several days in a row and do you know what; he always took the red packet... his favourite flavour of course. If you don't believe me, just look at the many video clips on the internet. Anybody who has holidayed in the west country will know that you never advertise to seagulls you are about to enjoy an ice cream, a pasty or fish and chips... they will be watching and have some clever ways to divest you of your lunch. What's more they are adopting new methods all the time. One of the most recent is to operate in pairs. They will sit on high buildings watching holiday makers and when they see a likely victim, one will fly at you, looking like it's going to snatch your pasty or ice-cream, and as you move your arm away the other one will fly at you and snatch it from behind... clever what!

Gulls are members of a large family of seabirds known as Laridae. Strangely enough there is no bird that is officially known as a 'seagull' and ironically the gull known as 'The Common Gull' is far from common here in the UK. Probably our two most commonly seen gulls are the Herring Gull and Black-headed Gull and it's the former that appears to have earned gulls a bad reputation.

The herring gull (*Larus argentatus*) can be found over most parts of Europe, with large numbers residing in Britain and Ireland. It is somewhat omnivorous with a diet generally consisting of crustaceans, fish and plants, plus of course food that it can pilfer from unsuspecting humans. The Herring Gull is a fine looking powerful bird with the males weighing in at nearly three and a half pounds and a wing span of up to five feet (females are considerably smaller) In full summer breeding plumage, adults have a light grey back and upper wings with a white head and under-parts. The wingtips are black with white spots known as "mirrors". The bill is yellow with a red spot and a ring of bare yellow skin can be seen around the pale eye. Juvenile first-winter birds are mainly brown with darker streaks and have a dark bill and eyes. Real ugly ducklings you could say. As they get older the juveniles get lighter in colour but they do not start to look anything like their parents until they are four years old. The loud, laughing call of the herring gull is particularly well known and when heard will often take you straight back to memories of the seaside. In common with many sea birds, gulls can drink sea water or eat salty food such as crabs with no ill effect.



They are able to do this as they have a specialised gland right above their eyes that can collect and then flush out the salt through nostrils in the upper bill. I once came across a rather large herring gull specimen perched on a dry stone wall in Port Isaac. As I approached him he appeared to be hard at work trying to pull a large snail out from between two large wall stones. Completely ignoring me even when I was only a few feet away, he eventually succeeded in extricating his quarry which appeared to be at least twice the width of his beak. I looked him straight in the eye and said, "And now what are you going to do?" I must admit I half expected him to start smashing it to pieces and extract the juicy contents. But no; in one easy flick he threw the snail in the air whilst at the same time appearing to dislocate his jaws, revealing a throat the size of a coco tin and swallowed the snail whole, shell and all. He then gave me a look of pure contempt and flew off.

Those of you who walk near the river have probably noticed that gulls were quick to find the temporary lake that formed between the concrete road and the river. Presumably they overnight roost there during the stormy weather we have been having.

Well I appeared to have spent quite a lot of time talking about herring gulls and have quite forgotten their relatives such as their smaller plough following cousins the black-headed gulls and their larger more ferocious cousins the black backed gulls. There is also of course that wonderfully compact little gull the Kittiwake but maybe more about them at another time. Just before I go, if you are an avid reader, try the allegorical fable novella **Jonathan Livingston Seagull** written by American author Richard Bach.

There is much to discover here and it's not just about seagulls but... life in general.

Have a lovely Christmas and New Year

Walter Lane.





Dullingham Flower Club

From Helen Smith

Our next meeting is on Thursday 14th
December 2023

8.00pm

The Taylor Hall, Church Close Dullingham

This will be our Christmas celebration meeting

Gill Tarry will be demonstrating on the theme.

"It's Christmas Time"

There will be a buffet and the cost will be £12.

Everyone is welcome but please make sure to
contact Lesley Bird for catering purposes on
01638 507658

There is no meeting in January.

The next meeting will be on 8th February 2024

All are very welcome.



Thurlow WI

From Iris Eley

The Thurlow WI November meeting was opened by
President Ruth Hopper who welcomed members and
five visitors to the November meeting of Thurlow WI.

After a short business meeting when she told
everyone of next year's events, she demonstrated the
art of Napkin folding. We all had a go and then Karen
Canterford showed us how to decorate Christmas
Cards.

Next we had a tasting session of Mince pies
purchased from four different stores voting for our
favourite and guessing which store it came from.

Next month we go to the Flying Shuttle for our
Christmas Celebration

Visitors welcome.

For more information, email us at
thurlowwi@gmail.com.

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With Colin Fordham

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William Baldry



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Stowmarket, IP14 1AD

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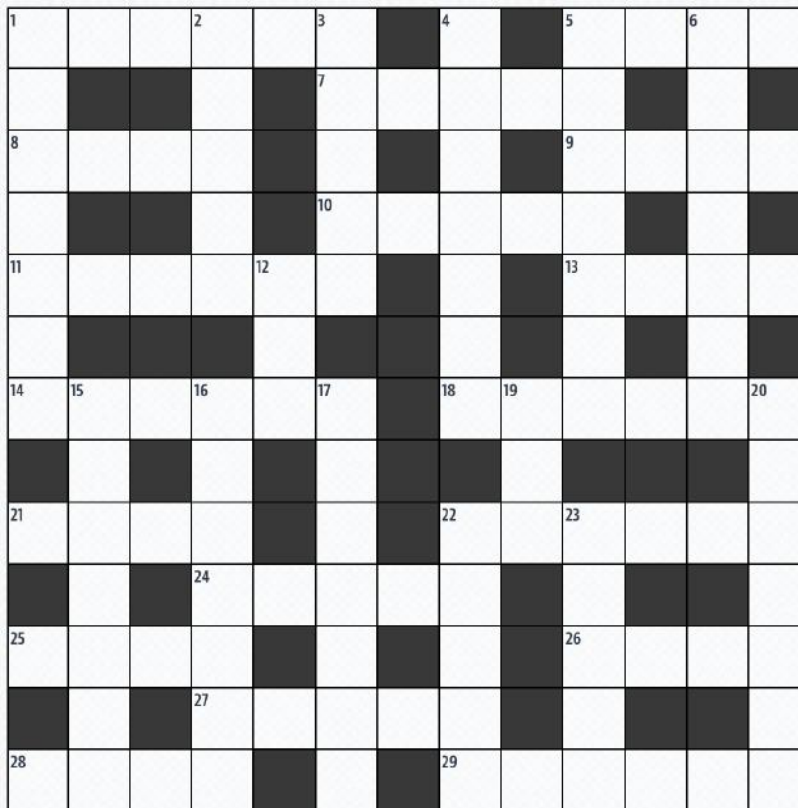
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TIME FOR A BREAK AND A BIT OF FUN

The 'just for fun' feature really is for fun, no competitions, no prizes, sorry.



Across	Down
1. Dispassionately	1. Cone-bearing tree
5. Capricorn symbol	2. Ledger entry
7. Greatly please	3. Long (for)
8. Insensible	4. Card game
9. Catches (thief)	5. Softer
10. Respond to stimulus	6. People devoid of pigment
11. Put weight on	12. Before (poetic)
13. Respiratory organ	15. Straddling
14. Roamed (over)	16. Clothing item
18. From one side to the other	17. Pours (wine)
21. Movie queen	19. Motor vehicle
22. Packed for transport	20. Jockeys' seats
24. Substantial	22. Recurrent period
25. Timid rodents	23. Journalist's slant
26. Young woman	
27. Of birth	
28. Camp shelter	
29. Votes into office	

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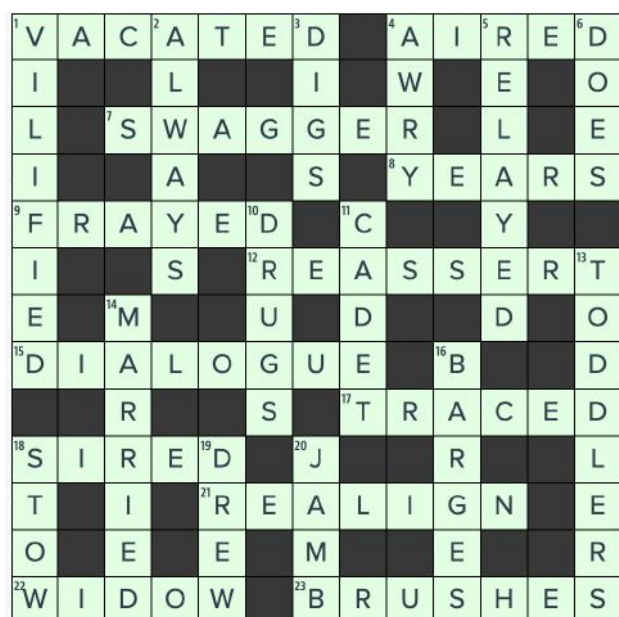
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TIME FOR A BREAK AND A BIT OF FUN

The 'just for fun' feature really is for fun, no competitions, no prizes, sorry.

Answers to last month's crossword and word search.



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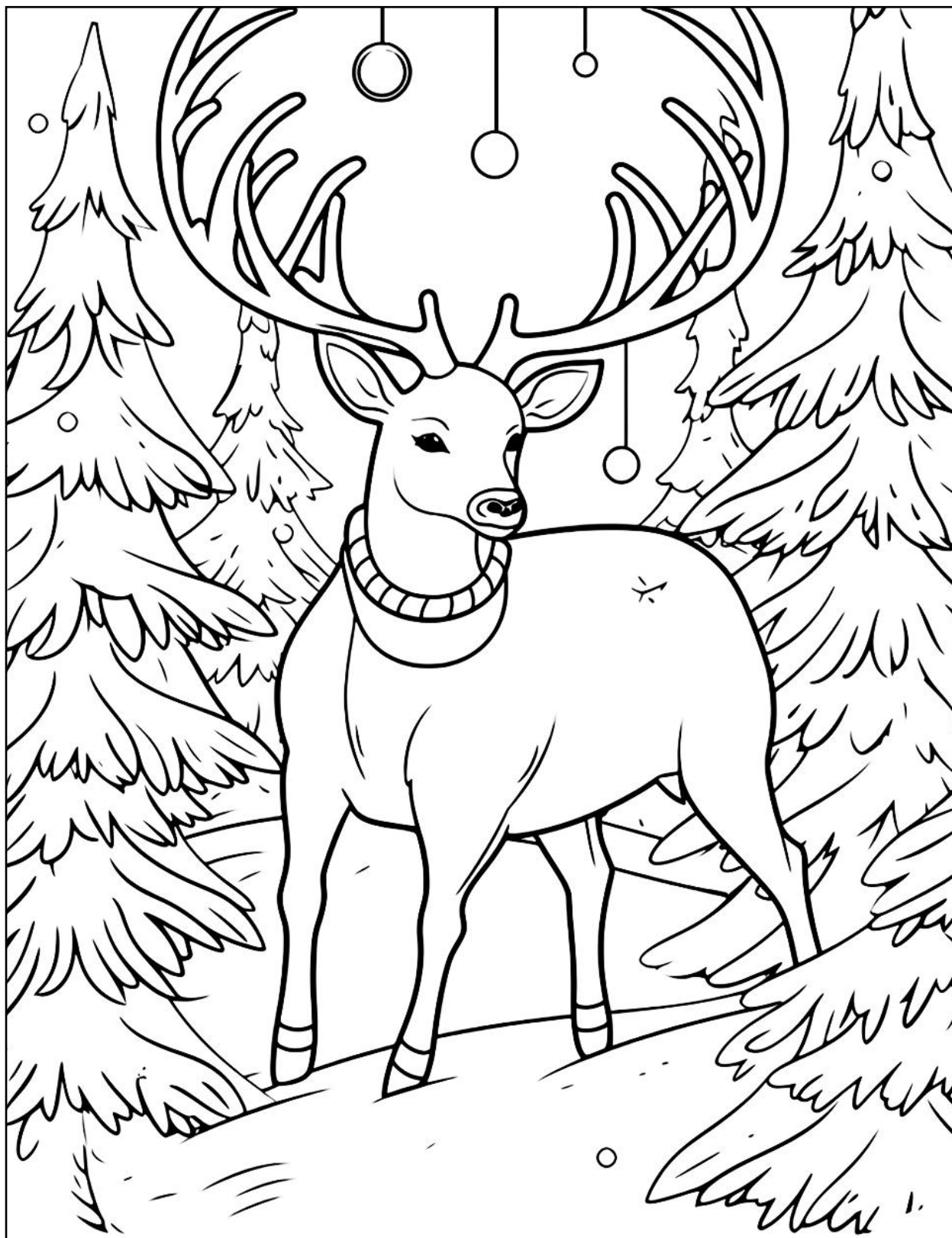
Some festive quizzing

1. Who banned Christmas?
2. Which member of the Royal Family popularised the Christmas tree in the UK?
3. In which town was the baby Jesus born?
4. What is Yule?
5. Which words were printed on the front of the first commercial Christmas card?
6. Which country started the tradition of the advent calendar by lighting a candle on each day in December?
7. Which ancient civilization started the tradition of giving and receiving gifts?
8. When is St Stephen's Day?
9. On what date is the Twelfth Night?
10. Where did the original St Nicholas come from?
11. Thomas Nast decided that Santa Claus was a jolly, fat old man with a long white beard in 1881. What was Nast's profession?
12. Who did the Nazi's replace Santa Claus with during their regime?
13. What do the French call their Father Christmas?
14. How many reindeer, including Rudolph, does Santa have?
15. Other than Rudolph, name three other reindeer
16. According to the song, what was Rudolph not allowed to play in?
17. How fast do the reindeers need to fly to deliver all the presents on time?
18. Which reindeer name means 'Lightning'?
19. What are baby reindeers called?
20. Which holiday drink is made from milk, egg and sugar?
21. What is the most popular meal to celebrate Christmas in Japan?
22. Which fruit is traditionally placed in stockings as gifts?
23. What is an Italian Christmas cake called?
24. What do the dried fruit and sweets represent on a Christingle?
25. What is traditionally hidden in a Christmas pudding?
26. What is the most popular vegetarian alternative to a turkey dinner at Christmas?

27. What name is given to small sausages wrapped in bacon?
28. In the film 'Home Alone', what kind of pizza does Kevin McCallister dream of having all to himself?
29. Which British ruler allegedly banned mince pies in the 1600s?
30. Which tin of popular chocolates enjoyed at Christmas features 'the purple one'?
31. Slade's Christmas song is famous – but what is the exact title?
32. Mariah Carey's 'All I Want For Christmas Is You?' became a Christmas hit in what year?
33. Which jolly Christmas song was written by a homesick son for his father as a Thanksgiving gift?
34. What is the best-selling Christmas song ever?
35. Christmas song 'Do you hear what I hear?' was a plea for peace during which 1960's military episode?
36. Which Christmas carol features the words 'Fa la la la la la la la'?
37. How many Christmas number one hits did the Spice Girls have?
38. In the song 12 Days of Christmas, what was given on the 10th day?
39. Who was Christmas number one in 2019?
40. Name the ageing rock star making a comeback 'at any cost' in Love Actually?
41. In the Christmas song by Nat King Cole what was 'roasting on an open fire'?
42. Who created the first electric Christmas lights?
43. The Christmas cracker was invented by the owner of which kind of shop?
44. In Charles Dicken's 'A Christmas Carol' what was the name of Bob Cratchit's little boy?
45. Complete these lines of the poem 'Twas the night before Christmas': 'With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be ...'
46. What is frankincense?
47. What is the name of the department store in the film Elf where Buddy works when he arrives in New York?
48. What food is traditionally left out in the UK for Santa?
49. Which country's residents hide their brooms on Christmas Eve in the safest place in their home to stop witches stealing them?
50. In the run-up to Christmas Day, how many rolls of Sellotape are sold in the UK?

Some festive colouring in





Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year