

Pablo's Armchair Treasure Hunt 2023

Team: The Cruciverbalists

Overall themes:

The Danish Philosopher Søren Kierkegaard

The Porridge star Ronnie Barker

Prisons and prison escapes

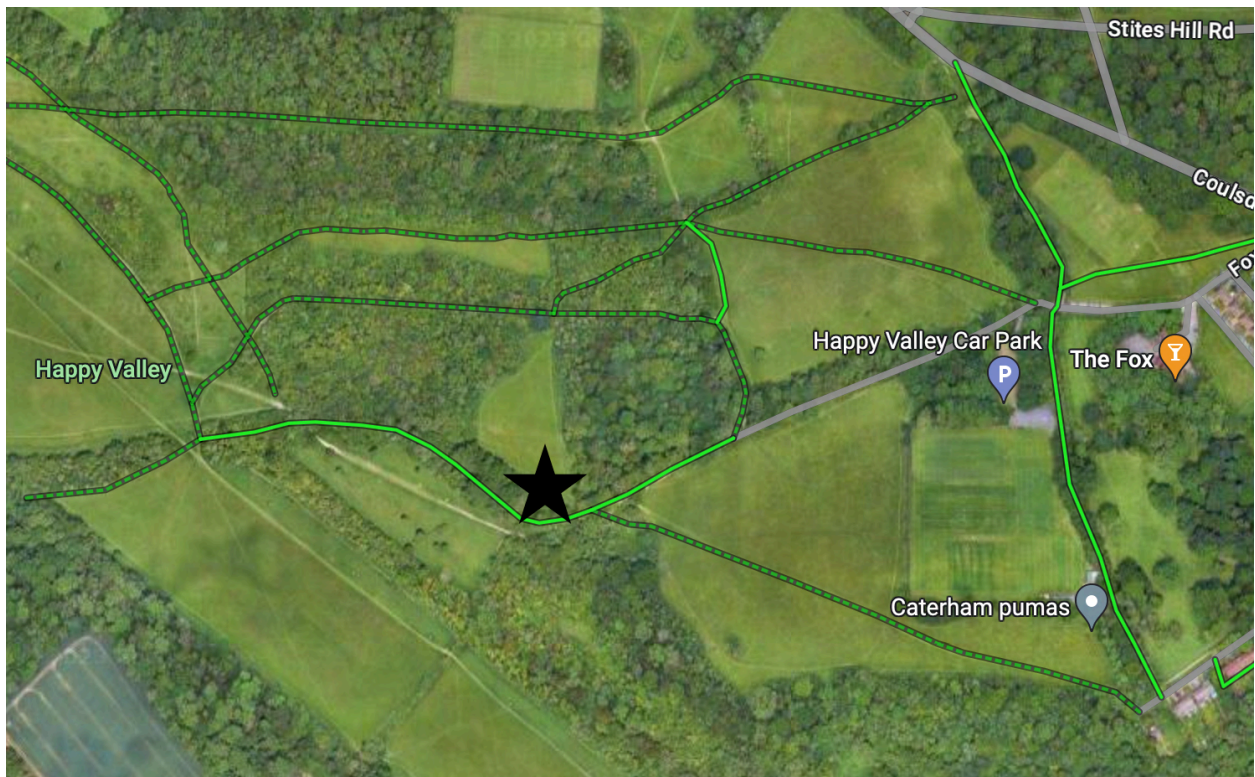
Buffy the Vampire Slayer / Scooby Gang

Pseudonyms

Final treasure location:

London Outer Orbital Path (LOOP) section 5

Happy Valley. The picture below shows that southernmost point of the LOOP on GoogleMaps to show the general area:



In front of a pear tree hidden within a wooded area near to the southernmost aspect of the LOOP.



Poster

<https://www.pablosath.com/current/POSTER2023.pdf>

An introduction to the Armchair Treasure Hunt (ATH):

“It is not the ATH which is the difficulty; rather, it is the difficulty which is the ATH”

Adapted version of Kierkegaard quote. Danish philosopher translates as graveyard. Missing P (ATH instead of path) [it is not the path which is the difficulty; rather, it is the difficulty which is the path]

PATH is part of LONDON OUTER ORBITAL PATH as part of the main hunt. See main hunt for the remainder.

Tree is a pear tree - Christmas related with partridge in a pear tree as the first day of Christmas (homage to Pablo 2021)

<https://beetsath.wixsite.com/home>

Question is Who Sent You - we need to answer PABLO.

<https://beetsath.wixsite.com/youranswer>

Leads to

<https://beetsath.wixsite.com/pablo>

Faengsel - Danish for prison

https://beetsath.wixsite.com/pablo/a
https://beetsath.wixsite.com/pablo/b
https://beetsath.wixsite.com/pablo/c
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Photo of taxi is from <https://www.mjcrosspeaktaxis.com/>

Appears to use the same wix software ?fake address as location is Bakwell (missing e), Matlock area then mentions San Francisco locals. Also Interstate journeys on Our Services page. Other typos such as "area's". The name of the taxi company also seems strange with the small "j" suggesting possibly a connection to micro-speak or similar? Both San Francisco has and Matlock had a CABLE CAR TRAMWAY – could this be related to the connection between the two?

However all seems a red herring as the stock photo is used on other websites!

Photo of prison is Toronto South Detention Centre created by the Nelmar Drywall project. Again likely no relevance

Think Beet will find the above amusing!

Group is from Scooby-Doo:

NOTE: Scooby-Doo is connected to Kierkegaard as they are both GREAT DANES.

A good book	Velma Dinkley
A pack of smokes	Norville Rogers
Compact mirror	Daphne Blake
Snacks (fur)	Scoobertdoo
An accessory (ascot tie)	Fred Jones

https://beetsath.wixsite.com/velmadinkley
https://beetsath.wixsite.com/daphneblake
https://beetsath.wixsite.com/norvillerothers
https://beetsath.wixsite.com/fredjones
https://beetsath.wixsite.com/scoobertdoo

Guard no 198 (Kierkegaard)

Visitor number 791.457

Room 365

Using the Dewey decimal library classification system, these relate to:

198 = Scandinavian philosophers (relates to Kierkegaard)

791.457 = TV programmes (relates to Scooby Doo and Buffy The Vampire Slayer)

365 = Penal related (relates to prisons and prison escapes)

Gang members - Old Man Wily (prisoner), Victor, Quiet John, Ladies Man John, Funny Man, Babyface, Nicky N

The gang members align with various PSEUDONYMS used by Søren Kierkegaard, namely:-

Victor - Victor Eremita (general editor of *Either/Or*)

Quiet John - Johannes de Silentio (author of *Fear and Trembling*)

Ladies Man John - Johannes the Seducer (author of *The Seducer's Diary*)

Funny Man - Hilarious Bookbinder (recipient, compiler and publisher of *Stages*)

Babyface - Young Man (poet and author in *Repetition*)

Nicky N - Nicolaus Notabene (author of *Prefaces*. N.N. was a Danish abbreviation indicating anonymity (similar to our use of Mr. X))

Old Man Wily could also be Judge Wilhelm (from work *Either/Or*). GERALD WILY is a PSEUDONYM for RONNIE BARKER who was a prisoner in Porridge (TV PROGRAMME about PRISONS). With Wiley changed here to Wily.

Link between Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Scooby Doo. (Note that Old Man Wily was pretending to be a Vampire). In Buffy her friends in the series become known as The Scooby Gang.

Wily tells Daphne she is the "real hero". Sarah Michelle Gellar played both Buffy and Daphne in the Scooby-Doo movies.

Dewey reference 791.457 includes the philosophy of Buffy the Vampire Slayer: *Fear and Trembling in Sunnydale* referencing *Fear and Trembling* by Kierkegaard. This mentions "is Buffy truly a Kierkegaardian knight of faith".

There was an actual Mr Wiley who was a school caretaker in the Scooby Doo episode High School Ghoul

https://scoobydoo.fandom.com/wiki/Mr._Wiley

Old Man Wily: Was 43 when caught, now 53 - both prime numbers "in his prime" (see p1 of the hunt)

Wily can be used as a link <https://beetsath.wixsite.com/wily>

The same page (with a slight wording change) can be reached using

<https://beetsath.wixsite.com/geraldwily>

Here was our own Haiku before the hunt even started:

**Mystery unfolds,
Scooby snacks and laughter reign,
Ghostly masks revealed.**

We note a relevant Haiku written by Terence Green regarding Søren Kierkegaard:

**Laughter masks despair
Reason crucified by faith
We must ourselves choose.**

Beet can also be used as a link <https://beetsath.wixsite.com/beet>

And here is a picture of our team's pet:



(not a Barker!)

Mini Poster

Gromit in a prison cell (another dog cf. Scooby Doo).

From *Wallace and Gromit: A Close Shave*

Continues the theme of being in prison and relates to a prison escape

In the full clip Gromit receives a jigsaw with the message "**Friday Night 8pm Be Ready**" and true to form the Hunt started at this time and day!

Main Hunt

Material from multiple pages

Bold letters:

These are in a thematic **Vampiro** One font (link: [BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER](#)), letters AtoZ inclusive

Bold words:

“Search brutal house martin rap” anagrams to **PABLO’S ARMCHAIR TREASURE HUNT**. It is hinted to try anagrams by the appearance of **AM A GRAN** (i.e. an anagram of **ANAGRAM**) on p1.

Five specific dates:

Using the date-of-the-month to key into the month itself spells out **OUTER**. Eg 2nd July -> U.
Referencing part of LONDON **OUTER** ORBITAL PATH.

Selection of capitalized names:

BA, Face, Hannibal, Howling - the four members of The A-Team (TV programme, where this group escaped from a maximum security prison relates to PRISON ESCAPE)

Holly headers and footers:

Decoded via ternary variation using the red (2), black (1) and white (0) holly berries as follows:

000 = SPACE

100 = A

010 = B

001 = C

110 = D

101 = E

011 = F

111 = G

200 = H

020 = I

002 = J

220 = K

202 = L

022 = M
 222 = N
 112 = O
 121 = P
 211 = Q
 122 = R
 212 = S
 221 = T
 012 = U
 021 = V
 102 = W
 120 = X
 201 = Y
 210 = Z

Which decodes as:

IN NOTEBOOK ARE PICS AND CODES I ALREADY DECODED SOME ANSWERS
 HIDDEN HEREIN SOME I CAN'T CRACK

- A** BIRD NOS
- B** CODE IN PHOTO
- C** SPARE WORDSEARCH LETTERS
- D** URLS

SMALL DOTS:

p2 . . . (2 1) then (2 4)
p3 (5 1)
p4 (1 5) then . . . (1 2)
p5 (5 4)
p6 . . . (2 1)
p7 (2 4)
p8 (5 1) then (1 5)

Using a Tap/Knock code as used by prisoners (PRISON) these dots decode as **FIVE BY FIVE**

5x5 alphabet square with C and K doing double duty is used as a standard tap/knock code grid

FIVE BY FIVE also pertains to a Playfair cipher grid

DOTS and DASHES

The dots and dashes as 'bullet points' on pages 3 (the book list), 4 (the bird list) + 8 (the lecture list) can be strung together as: - - - . - - . . - - - . - . - . - -

With suitable spacing (as above) this can be read in Morse Code as **THE WATER IS WARM**. This refers to the message in the 37th episode of TV PROGRAMME *Prison Break* entitled 'The Message'. It was used as a red herring to throw the FBI off the scent.

Individual pages:

Page 1:

The Inklings were an Oxford writers' group which included C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien, Charles Williams, Owen Barfield, Adam Fox and Hugo Dyson (Homage to Pablo 2022). Charles Williams carried out the first large scale English translation of Søren Kierkegaard's works and Adam Fox is a link to the Fox pub close to the treasure location. Also Ronnie Barker started his career in Oxford amateur dramatics.

Highlighted text is an anagram of ANAGRAM, suggesting to anagram the other bold words on pages 2, 4 and 7 (see Bold Words section above)

"Someone in here told me that boredom is the root of all evil". Søren Kierkegaard quote reiterating the fact that Kierkegaard is in the prison somewhere.

There were three gangs (GREAT DANES, BIRDMEN (also note relevance to word 'wing'), SCOOBY GANG (or BUFFY THE VAMPIRE CHARACTERS/ANGEL CHARACTERS)

Prime letters of the last part of the 3rd paragraph spells out: LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS MONITORED IN, reasoning behind so much info in the newsletter being encoded. *Letters and Documents* was a work by Søren Kierkegaard.

Nick again relating to Søren Kierkegaard pseudonym, but also a slang term for a PRISON, Nick was also a character in Chicken Run (PRISON ESCAPE)

Long walk in the country (referencing Happy Valley) or drive to the pub (referencing The Fox pub). Hinting at the fact that the treasure is nearer The Fox Pub end of that section of the LOOP.

GW - refers to Gerald Wiley (pseudonym of Ronnie Barker) or, here, Gerald Wily, the *real* name of Old Man Wily.

Page 2:

These seem related to prison escape films

Inspection Passed -

New Rules for Tools - THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION (rock hammer used to escape)
Search the cells (relating to the crossword and link with X-Wing Class)

Guards v Inmates Football Match - ESCAPE TO VICTORY

The "rocky" reference relates to Sylvester Stallone who was the replacement goalkeeper. Film score line matches as well as the broken arm of the goalie (also another character in Chicken Run).

Sign Our Petition -

"He hath the key, and he that shutteth no man openeth" - Revelations 3:7 reads "he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;" This starts as "and to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write" [Buffy reference (Angel)]

X-wing (sudoku reference) ? relevance. It also justifies the use of XW as prisoner numbers, where XW also refers to the CrossWord in the puzzles section. We will return to that later.

Page3:



Captain Kirk who is the guard, hence Kirk:guard, Kirkguard or Kierkegaard.

The Point of View relates to a book about Kierkegaard's pseudonyms - *The Point of View of My Work as an Author*

All the works are by pseudonyms:

L'Imposteur by Molière - Jean-Baptiste Poquelin - 1664 (The actual title seems to be Tartuffe ou L'Imposteur)

A Tangled Web by Nicholas Blake - Cecil Day-Lewis - 1956

A Pot of Money by Fabian Bland - Edith Nesbit - 1887
The Traveler by John Twelve Hawks - Unknown - 2005
The Long Voyage by John Christopher - Sam Youd - 1960
The Pursued by C.S. Forester - Cecil Lewis Troughton Smith - 1935 but published posthumously in 2011
You Can't Catch Me by Rosamond Smith - Joyce Carol Oates - 2005
The Quest by Saki - Hector Hugh Munro - 2020
The Lifted Veil by George Eliot - Mary Ann Evans - 1859

These can be anagrammed (links to text with "brew", "order", "new") to spell out PSEUDONYM by the initial letters of the surnames of the pseudonyms

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In the penultimate paragraph, reference is made to his 'local'. This refers to The Fox pub and its beer, a bottle of which appears in a later photo.

We note the suggestion of looking him up on social media (see later)

Page4:

Pilar Fuentes is Spanish for PILLAR FOUNTAINS

Elvera Corona as Pilar Fuentes - The Sign of Zorro (1958) [prison]

There is a pillar fountain on Section 5 of the LOOP close to The Fox pub and hence close to the treasure.

PHOTO: Melissa Fumero from Brooklyn 99, Amy Santiago undercover in prison using alias Isabelle Cortez (pseudonym)



PHOTO: (doing bird = prison sentence, birdmen) MASKED SHRIKE:



Eagle-eyed - birdman (see X-Wing)

Every second Tuesday - USA (Buffy is a TV programme from USA)

The reference to the twins *might* just also be referring to the Kray twins, famously imprisoned. Though we particularly note the Buffy reference (see p5 below). There are also two identical looking Birdmen in the X-wing group (p14/15), robin and eagle.

Page5:

PHOTO: Dr Frasier Crane (Kelsey Grammer) - birdman



Stages on life's way ... written by Kierkegaard

Works of love ... written by Kierkegaard

Big X (two meanings)

Richard Attenborough character from The Great Escape

Xander Harris character from Buffy the Vampire Slayer

split into two in series 5, episode 3 called *The replacement*

girlfriend is ANYA who is a demon

Portrayed in two episodes by his twin brother, Kelly Donovan.

"and the worst thing he looks just like me" suggesting twin/pseudonym

Word ANGST is attested since the 19th century in English translations of the works of Søren Kierkegaard suggests Uncle Angst is Kierkegaard. The Danish title of his work translated as *The Concept of Anxiety* is *Begrebet Angest*.

42 REDACTED words - Kierkegaard died when he was **42**

This repeated word also inferring Kierkegaard's novel "*Repetition*"






Casanova - Kierkegaard's Johannes in "*Diary of a seducer*" is regarded as a Don Juan or Casanova

The holly code states that the bird code needs to be deciphered. Possibly used as a book code e.g. bible. Indexing digits into the birds' names (which includes the 'rogue' full stops) has not revealed the solution to this part of the hunt. We note there are two full stops here, suggesting that it may well decode to a URL, what3wordslink or similar, of the form XXXXXXXX.XXXXXX.XXXXXX. This aspect has not been solved.

Page6:

Note the ordering as Buffy/Angel characters in every other photo, first letters (Forrest, Angelus, Izzerial, Toth, Halfrek) spell out FAITH (Buffy the Vampire Slayer character and also relates to Kierkegaard). Leap of Faith was coined by Søren Kierkegaard. Knight of Faith was coined by Søren Kierkegaard. All of Søren Kierkegaard pseudonymous writings analyze the concept of faith.

The remaining characters also appear in the XWing class p14/15 suggesting these are in fancy dress

			
DR WILLIAM WEIR	FORREST GATES	JAY PRITCHETT	ANGELUS
EVENT HORIZON	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER	HALLOWEEN episode of modern family	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER / ANGEL
SAM NEILL	LEONARD ROBERTS	ED O'NEILL	DAVID BOREANAZ
	F		A
			
FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER	IZZERIAL	DANISH WEEK on Great British Bake Off	
SOUTH BANK SHOW	ANGEL	Season 9 Episode 8	
TIM ROTH	MARK COLSON	SANDI TOKSVIG	
	I	Great Dane	
	season 5		
			
TOTH	QUEEN MAB	HALFREK (CECILY ADDAMS)	DRACULA
BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER	MERLIN	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER	BRAM STOKERS DRACULA
MICHAEL BAILEY SMITH	MIRANDA RICHARDSON	KALI ROCHA	GARY OLDMAN
T		H	
season 5		season 5	

Page7:

For Self-examination ...work written by Soren Kierkegaard
Dawn - Member of the Scooby Gang (Buffy the Vampire Slayer character)

It's the start of a new season and when we get our first glimpse of Dawn - suggests Season 5 of *Buffy* and being the section of The LOOP as the Treasure location (multiple characters seen in the hunt are only seen in Season 5 and others first appear then)

Janus played a key role in a Buffy episode ('Halloween', I think). He caused people to transform into costumes they wore at Halloween. He was also the God of beginnings, giving more clout that initial letters are relevant.

Below par = birdie, eagle, albatross (i.e. all birds - BIRDMEN)

Adapted quotation changing "successor" from "way" as stated by Hannibal



PHOTO is a mask of Ronnie Barker (who played Norman Stanley Fletcher in Porridge - TV programme and PRISON). Ronnie Barker famously used the pseudonym of GERALD WILEY (a parody on GERALD WILY the editor of the magazine ... see GW on p1).

"There is a lot more to the newsletter than meets the eye" directly hints to the number of encoded/enciphered information hiding within.

"Apologies for any errors ..." introduces the cleverly built-in errors that have been used to hide some of the messages. Eg in the music, crossword enumerations etc. See other sections of this document for more details.

Page8:

Theatre Review

Faengsel Ex-Inmates Light Operatic & Networking Society = FELONS
Faengsel being Danish for prison (recapping from elsewhere)

Get busy singing or get busy dancing is a parody on a line from Shawshank Redemption (get busy living or get busy dying)

Going through the motions - sung by Buffy in episode (Once more, with feeling) - series 6, episode 7

Judge - character in Buffy the Vampire Slayer

Judge for yourselves! - work by Søren Kierkegaard

Lecture series 2023

For names that have pseudonyms of prisoners:

Trevor Onion	Onion	Prisoner 105	Al Capone does my shirt - A tale of Alcatraz
Paddy Foot	Padfoot	Sirius Black	Prisoner of Azkhaban
Abbie Bussony	Abbe Busoni	Edward Dusioni	Count of Monte Cristo
Martin Oxen	Martin	Eustache d'Auger	Man in the Iron Mask

Also Martin Oxen = **MARTI NOXON** executive producer Buffy the Vampire Slayer (1997-2003). The paragraph also relates to a Buffy the Vampire Episode produced by her - series 4, episode 2 (overall= episode 58) (*Living Conditions*) - roommate cutting toenails, playing same song again, takes Buffy's sweater etc.

Lilies of the Field and Birds of the Air - work written by Soren Kierkegaard (The Lily of the Field and the Bird of the Air (1849) a book of godly discourses)

A History of Colchester Castle - a previous prison

Note: Sirius Black played by Gary Oldman (see fancy dress and X-wing)

One of the gang disappointed as not ornithological confirms one gang is BIRDMEN

Carol Concert

Saint Leonard - Patron saint of imprisoned people

Accordion, squeeze - Concertina - link to Playfair - see wordsearch p15

Vocal chords - Note - intentional typo, linking to music sheet on p16

Ode to a ..

Hints at using a tap/knock code from dots as described earlier (also lacking cold = c)

Jeffrey Archer Prison Diary was called Hell

The Prisoner (1967), no 6 as main character (all sixes and sevens)

Potential overall feel to poem of Oscar Wilde's Ballad of Reading Gaol (Oscar Wilde was imprisoned there)

Page9:

Unleash Your Inner Detective

Pembury Pirates	1	Casino	Unknown
Edgware Evildoers	2	Post Office	Black
Nuthurst Nutters	3	Bank	Red
Tilbury Troublemakers	4	Jewellers	Silver
Ascot Abominations	5	Unknown	Yellow

Therefore answer is YELLOW (The Loop is divided into colours, yellow being one of them)

There is also the Greater **Yellow** Rattle, a rare flower, found in Happy Valley

Note also that YELLOW CAR is with the text of "... on a YELLOW CARd ..." on p2, aligning with the thought that some answers are hidden within the text.

Ascot linking back to Fred's tie (Scooby) though the colour was orange

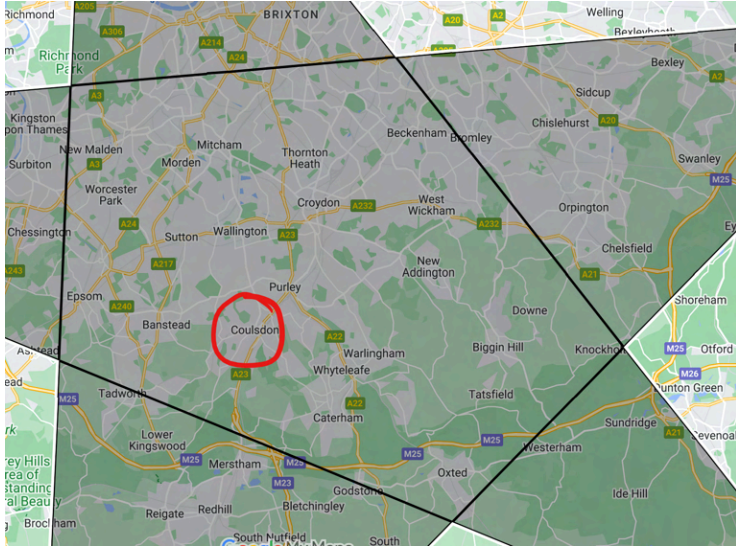
neither ... nor - *Either/Or* was written by Kierkegaard

First letters are PENTA, suggesting 5 (treasure location is section 5 of the LOOP)

Also the first three of these spell PEN, which is an American term for prison

Taking the 5 places in England and drawing a PENTAGram, the inner region includes the location of the treasure at Happy Valley. Furthermore if an ellipse is drawn through these points and the centre point marked, leads to Coulsdon, which is the start of section 5 of the LOOP)

Region at centre of Pentagram showing Coulsdon



Centre point of ellipse, which is the same as the red circle above



Quiz

1	WHAT
2	3
3	WORDS
4	GLADIATORS
5	FRIDAY
6	APPLE
7	RED HERRING

8	SCAR
9	WATERS
10	DENT

1. Ballad of Reading Gaol (verse 6 of 109)
2. Alfred George Hinds
3. 8 words in Q8 etc
4. TV programme and Third Servile War
5. 24th April is two weeks after Good Friday
6. Caritas Well
7. There is always a red herring or two in Pablo! The prisoner was a red herring in the book and Red Herring is a character in one of the more recent Scooby Doo shows
8. Prideful = Lion pride. Based on Hamlet, Claudius Hires Rozencrantz and Guildenstern. Hamlet questions their return to the "prison" of Denmark, and they refute the idea that it's a prison.
9. Sarah Waters' book Affinity features an imprisoned medium called Selina Dawes
10. Arthur Dent (HHGTTG) namesake of Susie Dent (Countdown Dictionary Corner)

The remainder spell out WHAT 3 WORDS **GLADIATORS.FRIDAY.APPLE** and **SCAR.WATERS.DENT**

The locations of these are:

COULSDON SOUTH STATION and **MILLENIUM CAIRN**

The former being the start of Section 5 of The LOOP at Coulsdon and the latter is part of the loop heading south, suggesting to travel through these points and the treasure will be onwards from there.

The Quiz has multiple mentions of prisons, prison escapes and references to Denmark/Danes and Scooby e.g. Copenhagen where Kierkegaard was born, Ballad of Reading Gaol by Oscar Wilde (verse 6 of 109). Rosencratz and Guildenstern (see X-wing p14/15) as Danes. Sarah Waters' book Affinity features an imprisoned medium called Selina Dawes.

The introduction to the Quiz mentions "Dagger" and "sharp by name sharp by nature", signalling the Pablo tradition of including a Sean bean reference (played Sharpe in Sharpe's Sword - TV programme)

Riddle

She = Buffy Summers

He = Pablo

They = **ORBITAL** as part of London Outer Orbital Path - The LOOP

Satan by Orbital was 35th in the chart on 19th January 1991

Buffy Summers was born on 19th January 1981 and therefore would be 10

Paul Rodriguez was born on 19th January 1955 and therefore would be 36

Satan Live by Orbital was 23 in the chart on 19th January 1997

Buffy Summers was therefore 16

Paul Rodriguez was therefore 42

Paul Rodriguez played Pablo in the show a.k.a. Pablo

aka continues the pseudonym theme (as known as)

Sudoku:

[7, 4, 6, 9, 5, 2, 8, 1, 3]
[8, 9, 5, 1, 7, 3, 4, 6, 2]
[3, 1, 2, 6, 4, 8, 9, 5, 7]
[4, 8, 1, 3, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9]
[5, 7, 3, 4, 9, 6, 1, 2, 8]
[2, 6, 9, 7, 8, 1, 5, 3, 4]
[1, 5, 8, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 6]
[9, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 2, 8, 1]
[6, 2, 7, 8, 1, 9, 3, 4, 5]

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

(ignore colours!)

Relates to X-Wing

If transposing the errors from the Crossword into the Sudoku:



FOLD appears but no GOLD on this occasion 😞 Should we applying this FOLD in this direction? Either in this puzzle or another (eg the Wordsearch)? Attempted folding the wordsearch in a Concertina style.

Page10:

Codeword



Codeword = DECOY (Red Herring .. that's two!)

1 B
2 V
3 D
4 I
5 E
6 Y
7 W
8 T
9 O
10 P
11 F
12 H
13 N
14 Q
15 A
16 G
17 J
18 S
19 C
20 K
21 R
22 Z
23 M
24 X
25 L
26 U

Certain words can relate to other aspects of the hunt e.g.

DOT for tap code and Morse code

NOVELS OPENING/VAN - linking with books and the first letters of pseudonyms (note considered book cipher but the novels are too difficult to source)

MUSIC/LISTENS - carol concert sheet p16

AMERICA - USA - Buffy location of Sunnydale

VIADUCT - seen on Section 5 of the Loop

SQUEEZING - concertina (playfair see wordsearch)

INDEX - a way of decoding words (e.g. prime positions on p1)

Crossword

Outer letters spell TREASURE LOCATION IN SUNNYDALE



Sunnydale is location of Buffy the Vampire Slayer and a cryptic representation / pseudonym of HAPPY VALLEY (actual location of treasure). Happy Valley is also a TV show that involved prisons and criminals.

Other words relating to the overall hunt include CLINK = PRISON, LOOP upwards are 26d

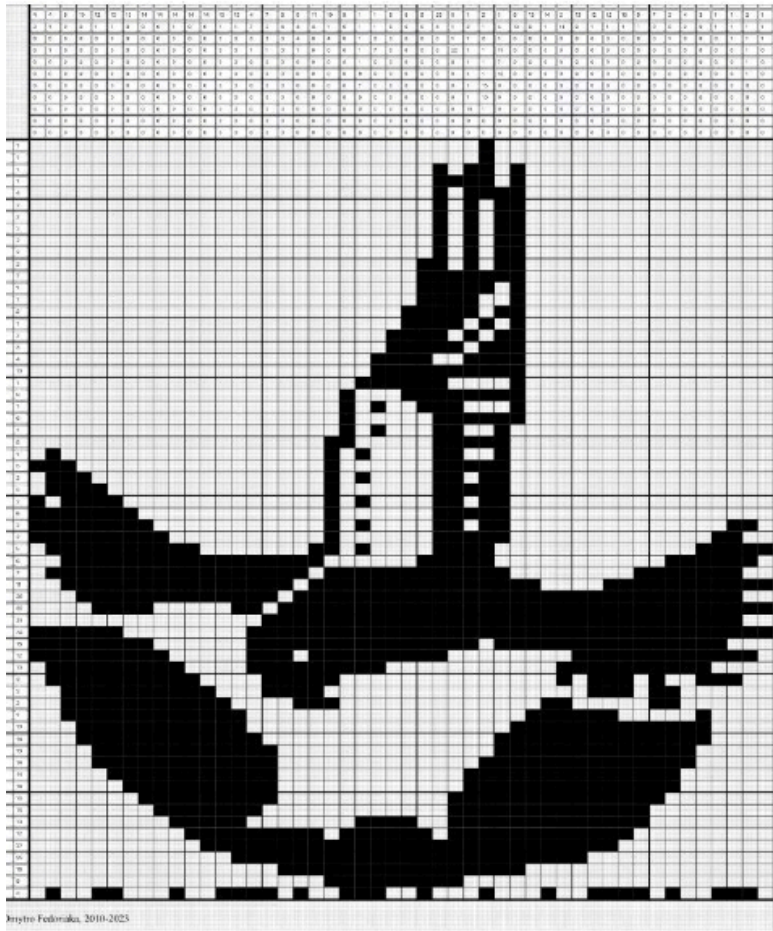
Errors in clues were as follows:

1	4d - GOOD	OCULIST	G
2	27a - DITCHED	OCTET	D
3	1d - BREAD	EARNINGS	B
4	26d - OF	POOL	F
5	29a - COURT	TUTORIAL	O
6	10a - MOLE	UNIT	L
7	19a - 3.14	SCORPION	3
8	9a - 2/3	CALAMARI	2
9	11a - OVER	ALLIN	V

The resulting 9 character string GDBFOL32V is akin to the Yoga links (see later)

Santa Claus - must have a Christmas related word somewhere!

Nonogram



This is the emblem of the London Outer Orbital Path = The LOOP

The bottom row decodes as white = 0 and black = 1 in 8 bit binary converting to decimal and then via ASCII to spell **LONDON** (part of London Outer Orbital Path = The LOOP)

01001100	76	L
01001111	79	O
01001110	78	N
01000100	68	D
01001111	79	O
01001110	78	N

All four words of The LOOP have been located within the Hunt

Page12:

The escape from Alcatraz used a concertina to inflate the raft as hinted in carol concert on p8. The concertina was invented by Wheatstone who also invented the Playfair code based on a FIVE BY FIVE grid. The Wordsearch has no J which suggests one of the standard grids using 25 letters and no J.

Christmas words in the grid:

Light
Advent
Nativity
Gift
Unwrap
Angel
Gingersnap
Eggnog
Sleigh

First letters LANGUAGES

Other words in the grid are foreign translations of the word CHRISTMAS

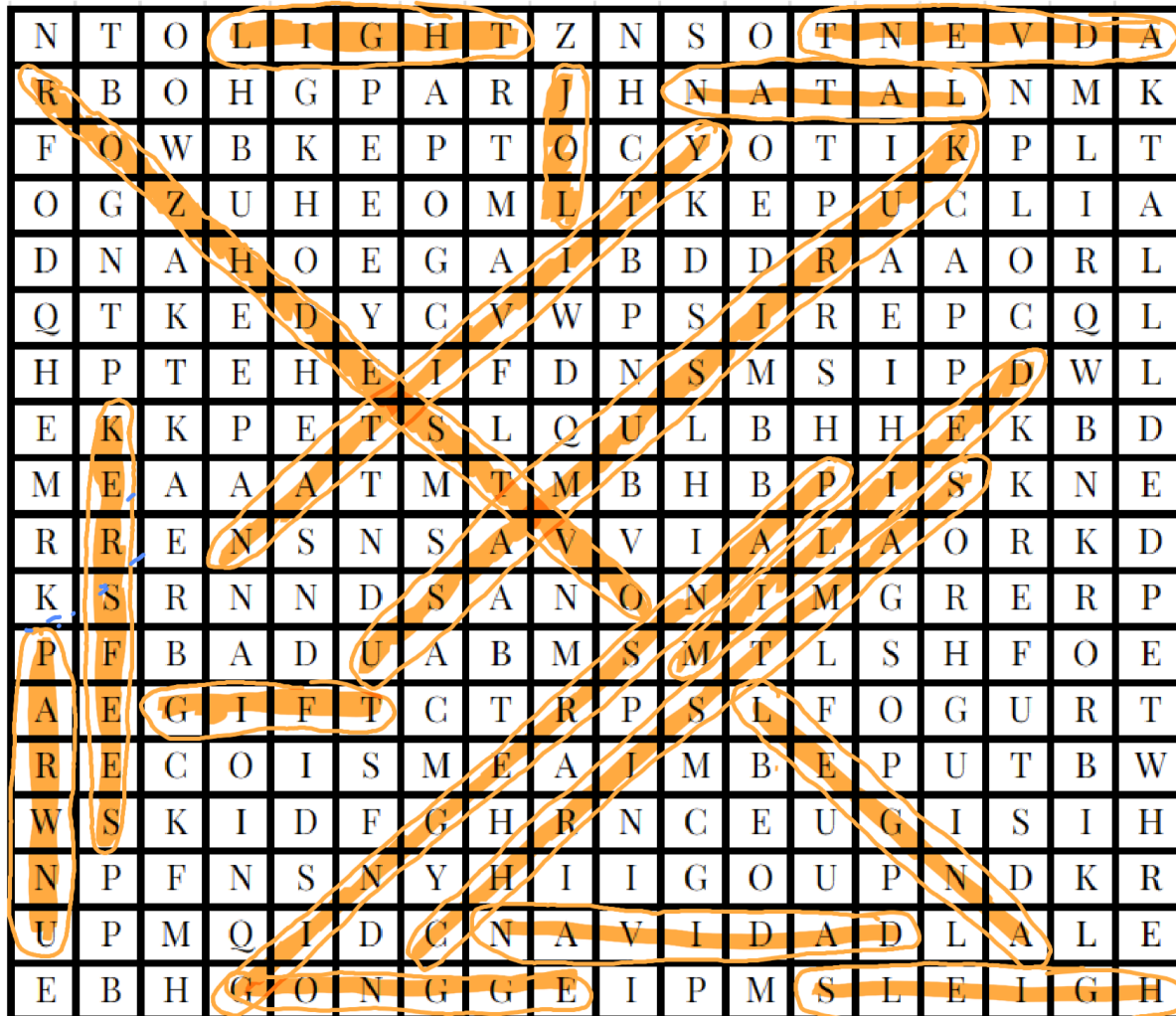
Russian	Rozhdestvo
Icelandic	Joli
Portuguese	Natal
Japanese	Kurisumasu
Afrikaans	Kersfees
Maltese	Milied
English	Christmas
Spanish	Navidad

First letters of the languages spell RIP JAMES a homage to a much-loved and much-missed friend James Medhurst.

The Holly code states the remaining letters in the wordsearch need decoding. There are 209 remaining letters in the wordsearch and with double letters as pairs this is likely to need adapting before carrying out the likely Playfair cipher on the remaining string. No solution has

been found for this part of the hunt, despite folding in a concertina and decoding spare letters, folding and cutting out letters to see what appears through the gaps.

Other Christmas related words are found but likely to be red herrings e.g. GOD, ROSE, TOY, COAL and BREAK (we were all looking forward to the Christmas BREAK)



Note that ORBI (penultimate column) and TAL (final column) appear in the wordsearch giving ORBITAL from London Outer Orbital Path (the LOOP).

Likewise POR and LOCK in adjacent columns looking at only the unhighlighted cells and PORLOCK was a pseudonym in Sherlock Holmes novel (FEAR OF VALLEY) who set a book cipher (not the valley link with Happy Valley).

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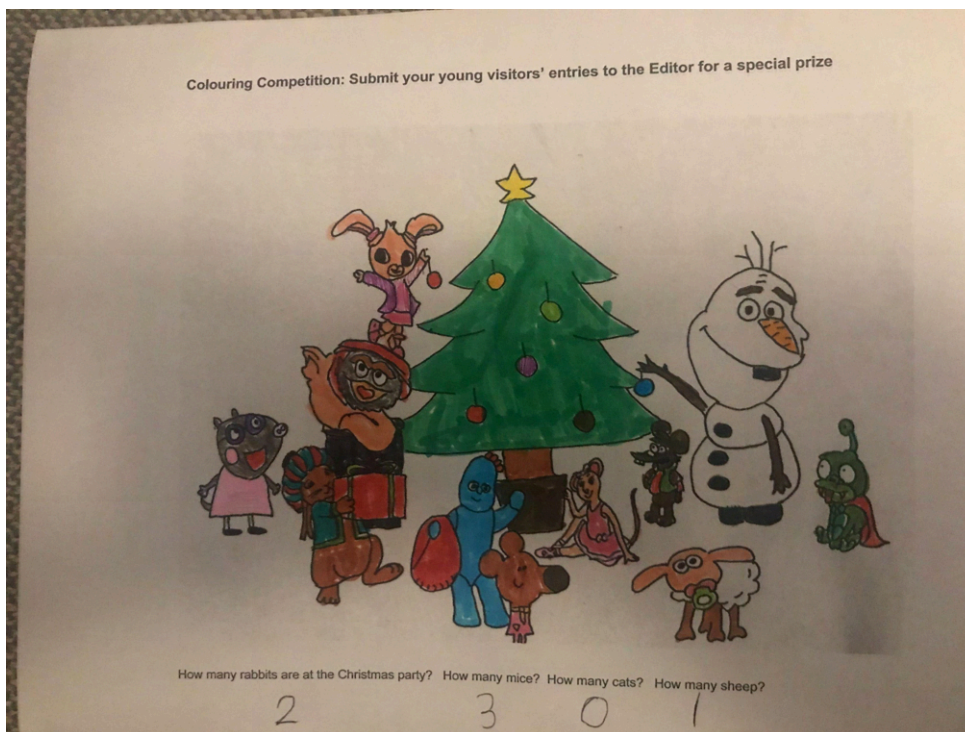
First letters of animal cartoon characters (scooby doo another cartoon animal) spell **COMBINATION**

Count of Rabbits, Mice, Cats, Sheep gives **2301**

This is the combination code to open the treasure box

Coco	C
Oscar the grouch	O
Molly Mole	M
Benjamin bunny	B
Iggle Piggle	I
Norrie	N
Angelina ballerina	A
Timmy	T
Itchy	I
Olaf	O
Nibbler	N

As per the instruction one of the team member's daughter has included a coloured version for you!



Page14: and Page15:

X-Wing Class of 2023

- Jim Broadbent as Hans Christian Anderson in A very very very dark matter, GREAT DANE
- Taron Egerton as Eddie “The Eagle” Edwards, BIRDMAN
- Camilla (Sacre-)Dallerup (born Dallerup) from Strictly Come Dancing, GREAT DANE
- Britney Spears on Glory Album, Glory being a character in Buffy the Vampire Slayer
- Sandi Toksvig top of head, above this is bunting (a bird) and Anthony Head played Rupert Giles in Buffy the Vampire Slayer, but here pertains to GREAT DANE
- Anthony Edwards as Nick Bradshaw (aka Goose), BIRDMAN
- Gary Oldman as Rosencrantz, GREAT DANE
- Sam Neill as Merlin, BIRDMAN
- Peter Schmeichel, GREAT DANE
- Caron Keating holding Willow, being a character in Buffy the Vampire Slayer
- Lili Elbe. GREAT DANE
- Tim Roth as Guildenstern, GREAT DANE
- Mayor Tom Ford of Toronto, The Mayor being a character in Buffy the Vampire Slayer
- Ed O’Neill as Jay Pritchett in Modern family, Jay being a BIRDMAN
- Eric Roberts in Ravenous 4 (raven being a bird) as The Master, being a character in Buffy the Vampire slayer
- Fyfe Dangerfield in The Gillemots, BIRDMAN
- Eric III Lamb, GREAT DANE
- Clarence Odbody as Henry Travers playing an angel, being a character in Buffy the Vampire slayer, note that Quentin Travers is also a character in Buffy the Vampire Slayer
- Brigitte Neilsen, GREAT DANE
- Adam Yauch (MCA) in Beastie Boys, Adam being a character in Buffy the Vampire Slayer (akin to Frankenstein’s monster)
- Taron Egerton as Robin Hood, BIRDMAN
- Daniel Agger, GREAT DANE
- Miranda Richardson as Queenie in Blackadder, Buffy is short for Elizabeth (there is also a minor character called Queenie in Buffy the Vampire Slayer)
- Editor is the Ronnie Barker mask from p7 ... barker is cryptic for a dog, but he is not a member of one of the three gangs, GREAT DANES, BIRDMEN and BUFFY / SCOOBYGANG

Note the diagonal line through Oldman is signalling the Danish letter O with a line through it (Oldman’s first letter) and the circle over Agger is signalling the Danish letter A with a circle over (Agger’s first letter)

The first letters of the group of characters that are GREAT DANES, reorders to GREAT DANES

If the XW numbers are indexed into the crossword (XW = crossword) then the three groups can be decoded as follows:

GERALD WILY (directly from GREAT DANES in order), **TWITTER** (from Buffy characters) [note the U U means double U therefore W - this stumped us for ages!] and **HANDLE** (from the Birdmen)

GERALD WILY TWITTER HANDLE suggests to look up this Twitter account on social media. This was hinted at at p3 “keep in touch on social media”, even though this was written by KIRK GUARD / KIERKEGAARD rather than GERALD WILY (the editor)

This can be accessed @geraldwily or <https://twitter.com/geraldwily> see social media later.

Note TWITTER is also very relevant to birds and the BIRDMEN

Page16:

The notes of the carol service are *12 Days of Christmas* in F (homage to Pablo 2021) and *O come all ye faithful* in G

The wrong value in crotchets indexed into the word sung spells out **GREATER** pointing at the treasure being in **GREATER LONDON** (when linked with the Nomogram decoding on p11). We noted the geographical closeness of the LOOP to the Greater London boundary!

Error #	Word sung	Wrong note *	Wrong value (in crotchets)	indexed into word
1	Eight	F (1)	3	G
2	Rings	G (2)	1	R
3	Three	F (1)	4	E
4	Pear	C (5)	3	A
5	Let	C (4)	3	T
6	Come	F# (7)	4	E
7	Lord	E (6)	3	R

The red note on line 3 of the second page is on the syllable “**FAITH**” of faithful. Faith being a member of the Scoobygang in Buffy the Vampire Slayer and relates to Kierkegaard’s philosophy.

The *12 days of christmas* is also signalling the pear tree on the poster, which is the eventual place to find the treasure.

Social media links:

@geraldwily or <https://twitter.com/geraldwily>

The Twitter followers are characters from Porridge (starring Ronnie Barker aka Gerald Wiley)

Twitter followers	Character from Porridge	Actor
Alex Warren	"Bunny" Warren	Sam Kelly
Naomie Harris	Harris	Ronald Lacey
Horrible Histories	Bernard "Horrible" Ives	Ken Jones
Aemon	"Genial" Harry Grout	Peter Vaughan
Derek Trotter	Blanco Webb	David Jason
McLaren	Jim McLaren	Tony Osoba
Christopher Biggins	Lukewarm	Christopher Biggins
Kate Beckinsale	Lennie Godber	Richard Beckinsale

(Peter Vaughan played both Aemon in Game of Thrones and Harry Grout in Porridge)

Gerald Wily with BASE 13 and 120965 on the T-Shirt:

This number in base 10 is 430019, which is Faith's prison number, season 4, episode 13 "Salvage", imprisoned at the North Carolina Women's facility (Buffy the Vampire Slayer)

26 yoga poses each with a tinyurl alphanumeric string. This can be decoded using the keystring KBROS, thus:

KBROSACDEFGHIJLMNPQTUVWXYZ
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNQRSTUUVWXYZ

The digits are spaces cycling 1 to 9

K BROS signalling the Kierkegaard brothers Søren and Peter

DEAR PETER I KNEW YOU WOULD REMEMBER OUR BOYHOOD CIPHER I AM SENDING YOU
ENCODED INSTRUCTIONS IN CASE ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME WHERE YOU NEED A
KEYWORD USE MY CHILDHOOD NICKNAME PLUS MUMS MAIDEN NAME YOU ALSO NEED THE
COMBINATION YOURS SK

SK being SØREN KIERKEGAARD

His childhood nickname was FORK and his mother's maiden name was LUND and therefore a keyword would be FORKLUND

The strings are similar to the errors from the crossword clues, however these do not decode to anything helpful. Nor does it lead to a link

The time stamps in the You Tube videos are akin to the bird code numbers, maximum here is 497 cf. 524 (unable to decode these numbers). Unable to glean anything from the yoga poses apart from B is TREE pose (VRKSASANA)

Other photos include:

- Reading Gaol (Oscar Wilde imprisoned here)
- Fox picture on beer bottle (The Fox pub is the closest to Happy Valley)
- Toad in the hole ("in the hole" refers to solitary confinement)
- Robins on cup (Birdmen) and muffins or madeleines
- Marmalade sandwich (Paddington 2, paddington was in prison and marmalade sandwiches given to inmates)
- Boiled eggs (Cool Hand Luke won a bet in prison by eating 50 hard boiled eggs)

Dolly Parton Meme are of Gerald Wiley pseudonyms:

- LinkedIn - Golden Retriever (actually from Twitter Sir Geoffrey Retriever), dog being a Barker [RONNIE BARKER]
- Facebook - Ferris Beueller's Day Off [BOB FERRIS]
- Instagram - Goat Yoga [JACK GOETZ]
- Tinder - Keith Chegwin in Naked Jungle [LARRY KEITH]

Note that Dolly Parton was an uncredited producer for Buffy the Vampire Slayer, sharing the same birthday as Buffy Summers. Dolly Parton's company created the first ever episode!

In date and order clocks in the background when converted as semaphore to letters spell out:

TINYURLDOTCOMSLASHWILYGXYZ

This leads to the link tinyurl.com/wilygxyz

This in turn leads to a flickr account with pics from notebook and 13 photos by Gerald Wily

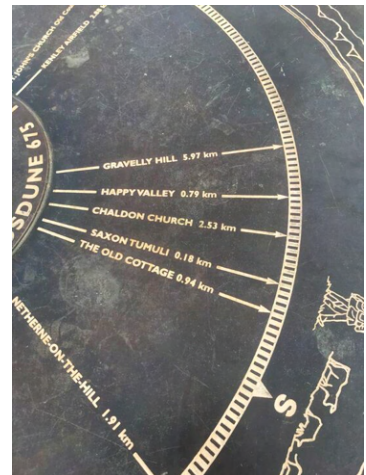
There is a notebook code, which using the hint of French writing behind the photos can be decoded via the Vigenere cipher and the keyword from Gerald Wily's twitter **FORKLUND**

**AT SOUTHERNMOST POINT LEFT INTO FIELD THEN RIGHT INTO WOOD SIXTY PACES
NARROW GAP BETWEEN YOUNG TREES SIXTY PACES MORE**

This gives hint that the treasure is located at the Southernmost point of section 5 of the LOOP and instructions to follow thereafter.

The 12 photos are ordered 1-12, which are a sequence of Landmarks and trees starting from the Millennium Dial (was was noted from What3Words location in the p9 Quiz), heading along the Section 5 LOOP, until pic 8 which is the point to turn left into the field, pic 9 is the point to turn right into the wood and the wood takes one past trees in pic 10 and pic 11, until the pear tree at pic 12 being identical to the poster (note the Spanish on the notebook is hidden after number 12). The treasure box is located at the bottom of the tree accessed via **combination code 2301**(see p.13 above).

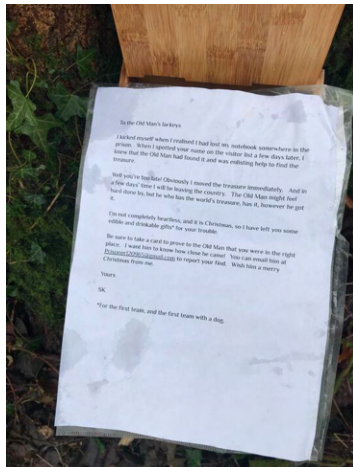
Several photos of this journey taken by our team:





The pear tree where the treasure is located!

Inside the treasure box is a letter written by SK (Søren Kierkegaard) aka Kirk guard from Faengsel prison, who has already stolen the treasure.



Also a Get Out Of Jail Free card!

So in order to find out where he might be heading we looked for Søren Kierkegaard's Twitter handle @kirkguard <https://twitter.com/kirkguard>

States he was born May 5 (and Søren Kierkegaard was born 05/05/1813 in Copenhagen)

The wolf that is put to tending sheep relating to wolf in sheep's clothing suggesting mask/pseudonym (John 10:12) and is also part of a Kierkegaard quote

Another Dolly Parton meme, this time Kierkegaard pseudonyms:

LinkedIn - Baby Client (actually Twitter), [YOUNG MAN]

Facebook - Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire Yule Ball, Hermione and Viktor [VICTOR EREMITA]

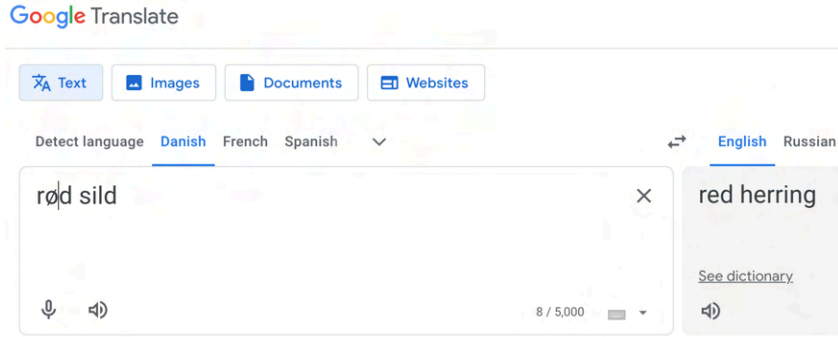
Instagram - John Krasinski in A Quiet Place [JOHANNES SILENCIO]

Tinder - John Legen, People's Sexiest Man Alive [JOHANNES THE SEDUCER]

Main photo is Venezuela, Morrocoy National Park ?Sombrero Cayo [?hat reference on flickr photos]

Other photo is Playa Puerto Cruz, Margarita Island also in Venezuela

Mr R Sild, Danish for **Red Herring** is Rød Sild, which we note well!



Dean and Dawson is the code name used by forgers to help escape from Stalag Luft III detailed in “The Great Escape”
 Drawing of butterfly suggests Papillon and therefore the novel of the same name (made into a film), multiple prison escapes.

The numbers are international dialling codes for countries, which are identical to the order visited in Papillon (papillon being the pseudonym of Charrière)

33	France	Caen prison (brief stay)	French
594	French Guiana	Bagne de Cayenne (Devil's Island)	French
186 8	Trinidad and Tobago	travelled via here but not imprisoned here. Escaped by boat via Pigeon Island [bird link]	English
57	Colombia	Colombian prison (twice), including Barranquilla	Spanish
594	French Guiana	extradited back here. This time on Ile St-Joseph for 2 years & then Royal Island. Then transferred (back) to Devil's Island	French
592	Guyana	escaped to here with the aid of floating coconuts in a bag.	English
58	Venezuela	Travelled overland to here. Captured and imprisoned near El Dorado. Eventually found diamonds and was released. Gained Venezuelan citizenship and celebrity status a few years later.	Spanish

Note the link here with Devil’s Island and Devil Den, which is along the route in Section 5 of the LOOP. one has to pass through Devil Den as per the sequence of trees. Devil continues the demon theme of Buffy the Vampire Slayer.

Behind the Twitter/X photos were French and Spanish phrases. The posts are also a combination and sometimes a portmanteau of both. He is travelling to places where one or the other is required (on top of English, which he has already demonstrated he knows already) - see Language column in table above.

Je suis apprendiendo l'espagnol et le francais al mismo tiempo et c'est muy dificil y je mezclo les deux lenguas en mi teteza. Entonces il y a beaucoup de errores – lo siento

Hace mucho froid aujourd'hoy. Quiero vivir dans un pays mas chauliente

Donde esta mi cahier?

Pour los que volent apprender une nouvelle langue - mi prof de frances s'appellama M. LeGros

Mi prof d'espagnol es Senor Ruiz. Es un hommebre tres interessante. Il etait medico pero maintenahora travaija como concierge

Como se dire "Later losers" en francais?

Como se puede surmonter le peur de voler? Lo evito si es posible, mais je ferai un grand voyage y, sauf le premier etage, tengo que volar

et no puedo ir en barco porque j'ai mal de mer sur le Thames Clipper

French in red Spanish in purple

Words combined from the two languages in green (testa tete) (aujourd'hui hoy)

(chaud caliente) (s'appelle se llama) (volent volen – I think) (homme hombre)

(interessant interesante – I think) (maintenant ahora) (travaille trabaja)

These translate to:

I am learning Spanish and French at the same time and it is very difficult and I mix the two languages in my head. Thus there are lots of errors – I feel it.

It is very cold today. I want to live in a country that is more warm.

Where is my notebook - this is a reference to the book that he lost in the prison which contained the codes

For those that want to learn a new language - my French teacher is called Mr LeGros [note: LeGros = el Gordo in Spanish which is the name of the Spanish lottery]

My Spanish teacher is Mr Ruiz. He is a very interesting man. He was a doctor but now works as a caretaker [note: The Doctor was undercover as a caretaker called John Smith]

How do you say "Later losers" in French?

How can one overcome fear of flying? I avoid it if it is possible, but I will do a big trip and apart from the first stage, I have to fly.

And I can't go in a ship as I am seasick on the Thames Clipper.

My suitcases are packed

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How to catch the thief:

His first stop is France, but he will not travel from England to France via ferry as he is seasick and he will not fly on this occasion. Therefore that leaves road or rail.

Final photo is a calendar of January (BS = Buffy Summers, date of birth 19th January 1981 and RO = Regine Olsen, date of birth 23rd January 1822 ... she was engaged to Søren Kierkegaard). The departure date and time is 15th January at 06:01. There is an actual Eurostar leaving St Pancras heading to Paris at this time and date.

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Many thanks Beet for a fantastic treasure hunt. So much effort put into all the finer details e.g. Pablo's birthday the same as Buffy, what a great find! Lots of fun and there will be plenty more hidden throughout the notebook we have missed. It will be intriguing to know who some of the other names are and understand the remaining codes. The Cruciverbalists.