Introduction

We are **Puzzle Club**, a group of geocachers from Surrey and Hampshire. We collected the #16 ticket on Sunday January 7th 2024.

We believe that the main themes of the 2023 Pablo Armchair Treasure Hunt are **Prisoners**, **Soren Kierkegaard** and **Ronnie Barker/Gerald Wil(e)y** with subthemes of **Denmark**, **pseudonyms**, **birds** and **Buffy the Vampire Slayer/Angel**.

The Poster

The poster, which was released on December 8th, consists of a single image of a large wild pear tree (it is where the treasure box was hidden)



Overlain on the image are the words:

Pablo's Armchair Treasure Hunt 2023

A puzzle by Beet

"It is not the ATH which is the difficulty: Rather, it is the difficulty which is the ATH"

Visit beetsath.wixsite.com/home and tell them Pablo sent you

This is set using the Google font **Philosopher** which has a very distinctive uppercase T:

- 36 The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. 1234567890
- The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. 1234!
- The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy
- The quick brown fox jumps over t

This is a paraphrase of a quote by the **Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard**: with ATH (Armchair Treasure Hunt) replacing the word "path".

"It is not the path which is the difficulty: Rather, it is the difficulty which is the path"

This is doubly significant because **Kierkegaard** is one of the themes of the hunt and also because the London Outer Orbital **PATH** (or **LOOP**) plays an important role in the hunt.

On visiting https://beetsath.wixsite.com/home you are asked:

Who sent you?"

Go to beetsath.wixsite.com/youranswer

On inputting https://beetsath.wixsite.com/pablo into the URL window you are given a letter which tells you to visit Faengsel Prison to meet with a **prisoner**.

Faengsel is the **Danish** word for **prison**.

You decide that it would be polite to take a small gift. You could choose:

- a. A good book
- b. A pack of smokes
- c. A compact mirror the prisoner will want to make sure they are looking

their best

- d. Snacks
- e. An accessory to liven up the prison uniform

The multiple choices refer to Either/Or, the first published work by **Kierkegaard**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Either/Or

Each choice results in a similar message where you visit the prison and meet Guard no. 198 who tells you to input your full name in lower case with no spaces.

Guard 198 may be linked to the German **Prisoners**' Great Escape from Bridgend Camp 198 in March 1945.

https://www.history.co.uk/articles/the-german-great-escape-of-camp-198

198 is also the Dewey Decimal book classification for Philosophy of Scandinavia and Finland

Choice (a) reveals that you are a girl wearing a thick sweater and glasses.

Choice (b) reveals that you are a scruffy unshaven young man

Choice (c) reveals that you are a redheaded girl wearing a dress

Choice (d) reveals that you are probably a dog!

Choice (e) reveals that you are a smart young man wearing an ascot tie.

These are the characters from the animated series "Scooby Doo" - respectively: Velma, Shaggy, Daphne, Scooby Doo and Fred - whose full names (with no spaces) are:

velmadinkley, norvillerogers, daphneblake, scoobertdoo and fredjones.

On entering the name into the URL you are told you are visitor 791.457.

This is the **Dewey Decimal code** for "**Television Programmes**" and is a hint that the following TV programmes play a role in the hunt: "Scooby Doo", "Porridge", "Going Straight" "Great British Bake-Off" and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" (with its "Angel" spin-off). In addition Scooby Doo, being a **Great Dane** is a clue to the **Danish sub**theme of the hunt. Also Buffy the Vampire Slayer was a member of a gang called the Scooby Gang.

If **beet** is entered as the name the response is:

"Beet! Now that's a name I've not heard in a long time. I didn't expect you to say that."

"Well, I have a message for someone else. But if you are involved with Beet, then you should know something. She's a sucker for animals. If you submit a photo of your pet with your answer, then that could be worth something to you."

Here are Sammy and Kiki belonging to one of our team:



You are shown into room 365 and introduced to the prisoner who is called "Old Man Wily".

Room 365 is an online **prison** escape game: https://www.8bgames.com/365-stuck-in-jail-escape/

It is also the Dewey Decimal code for Penal and related institutions and thus refers to the main theme of **prisoners**.

The comedian **Ronnie Barker**, who played the **prisoner** Norman Stanley Fletcher in "Porridge" and "Going Straight", used the **pseudonym Gerald Wiley** to write many of his comedy sketches.

Old Man Wily reveals that he worked as a caretaker in a school and dressed up as a vampire to scare people until he was found out by Scooby Doo and company. Despite being known as "Old Man" he was only 43 at the time which was ten years ago. He then says "I'm in my prime and don't you forget it!""

Both 43 and 53 (Wily's present age) are prime numbers.

Also, Gerald (Old Man) Wily gives his birthdate as September 25 1970 on his Twitter/X profile. He would thus have been 53 in September 2023 during the year of this Armchair Treasure Hunt.

Wily says that he wants to hire you to find the treasure hidden in the school and that one of his ex-gang is in prison with him but he doesn't know his identity. He says:

"I only ever had contact with one guy – Victor was the guy who recruited me. And I only ever spoke to him on the phone. I never met the rest of the gang. Vic always referred to them by nicknames; there was Quiet John, Ladies Man John, Funny Man, Babyface, Nicky N... but that's not much to go on, and I'm fairly sure that "Victor" was an alias as well."

These nicknames are paraphrases of pseudonyms used by **Søren Kierkegaard**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/S%C3%B8ren Kierkegaard#Pseudonyms

Victor Victor Eremita, editor of Either/Or

Quiet John Johannes de Silentio, author of Fear and Trembling

Ladies Man John Johannes the Seducer - see

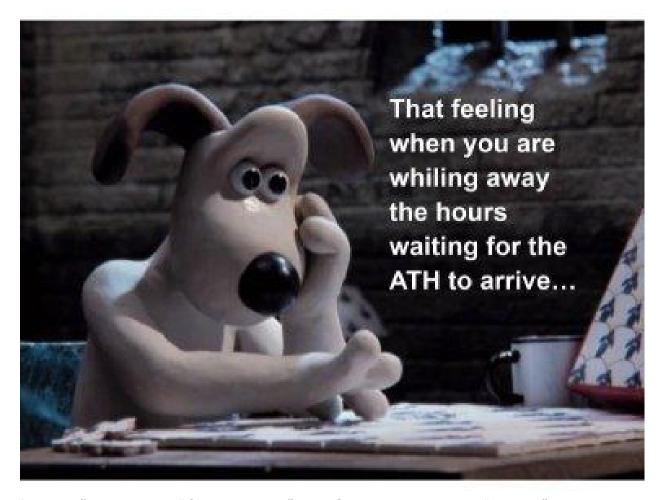
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Either/Or

Funny Man Hilarius Bookbinder, editor of Stages on Life's Way Babyface Young Man, author of the second half of Repetition

Nicky N... Nicolaus Notabene, author of Prefaces

The Mini-Poster

The mini-poster, which was released on December 13th features a still frame of Gromit from "A Close Shave" with the caption "That feeling when you are whiling away the hours waiting for the ATH to arrive..."



"Whiling" is a clue to "Old Man Wily" and Gromit the dog is a "barker" which is a hint that Old Man Wily's real name is (Ronnie) Barker.

A few second later in the film this still frame occurs:



The main hunt was, indeed, released at 8pm on **Friday 15th December**. (Not on Friday 17th December which the date in the film is revealed to be a few frames later!)

https://animationscreencaps.com/wallace-and-gromit-in-a-close-shave-1995/page/13/

Hacking!!

Loading the pdf of the poster into Notepad reveals that the setter's name is Lauren Hillier. Her Twitter/X account is under the name beetchawawa. It reveals that beet is a crossword setter and a Dr Who and Star Trek fan.

A post from beet's Twitter account:

Nov 18th 2022

Lauren Hillier

@beetchawawa

I have an elaborate treasure hunt planned for Xmas 2023 that involves Twitter so if we can keep it lumbering on until then, it'd save me a rewrite.

This was a pointer to the use of Twitter/X in the final stages of the hunt and explains why references to X-wing have been added after Twitter's name was changed to X.

The bold letters **am a gran** are an anagram of **ANAGRAM** which refers to the anagram of letters used to make **PSEUDONYM** on page 3.and **COMBINATION** on page 13.

The font used on this page is the **Caveat** font.

Dear Cousin Terri,

Thank you so much for your Christmas card. It was lovely to hear the latest news from you and all the little Inklings. It was also good to see something addressed to my proper name, as everyone calls me "Old Man" in here. Do you remember me telling you why I hate that?

The writers group the Inklings had associations with a pub in Oxford called The **Eagle** and Child (nicknamed The **Bird** and Baby) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Inklings

Things are difficult here, but I am doing my best to keep my nose clean. Someone in here told me that boredom is the root of all evil, so I've been keeping myself busy, studying for my BA, and producing a newsletter for my wing. I enclose a copy of the latest issue so you can get an idea of how we keep ourselves amused.

"Keep my nose clean" is a reference to S3E6 ("Final Stretch") of Ronnie Barker's **prison** sitcom "Porridge" where his advice to new inmates is:

One - bide your time. Two - keep your nose clean. And three - don't let the bastards grind you down.

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0676963/quotes/?ref_=tt_trv_qu

"Boredom is the root of all evil" refers to these **Soren Kierkegaard** quotes:

Since boredom advances and boredom is the root of all evil, no wonder, then, that the world goes backwards, that evil spreads.

and

Boredom is the root of all evil - the despairing refusal to be oneself.

Also BA = Ronnie **BA**rker

My biggest problem here is that everyone on the wing is in a gang, apart from me. There are three gangs and they all keep pressuring me to join them. Some of my fellow inmates cornered me the other day to lean on me a bit, but I told them I just wanted to stay out of trouble and make a fresh start. I left at once - I resist advances. My dedication's accustomed to peak when it is a busy time of year – nothing beats Xmas! I'm on target, God willing, for a new life.

"Three gangs" refers to the three groups into which the photos on page 14 and 15 can be sorted: Danes, angels and birds,

"Apart from me" means.that the Editor (**Ronnie Barker**) is not assigned to any of the three groups

"Make a fresh start" references the comedy series spin-off from "Porridge" called "Going Straight". https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Going Straight

God willing = GW (Gerald Wily)

I forgot to enclose card for Nick. I hope he had a jolly day – he's a good little lad. So not much news, which you'd expect as I am in the cells for hours designing and making the newsletter.

Now I had better let you go. With the big day looming I'm sure you are very busy with lots of tasks to do. I hope you manage to get it all done and find time for the traditional long walk in the countryside – or are you just going to drive to the pub instead?

Merry Christmas,

GW

PS. Give my love to Gran.

"Nick" is slang for "prison". It is also short for "nickname". So both meanings refer to themes or sub-themes of the hunt: **prisoners** and **pseudonyms**.

"Traditional long walk" and "drive to the pub instead" refer to the two routes to get to the treasure box: the long route from the Farthing Downs car park or the shorter route from the "Fox" pub. It also references **Kierkegaard's** "Either/Or" https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Either/Or

GW is **Gerald Wil(e)y**, one of the **pseudonyms** of comedian **Ronnie Barker** who is also clued by the dog characters **Scooby Doo** and **Gromit** in the poster and mini poster. They are "**barkers**"!

Pages 2 to 8 contain tag	code which spells	out FIVE BY FIVE	as follows: -
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Page 2 = FI

Page 3 = V

Page 4 = E B

Page 5 = Y

Page 6 = F

Page 7 = I

Page 8 = V E

Tap Code was traditionally associated with **prisoners** who used it to communicate with each other.

S01 E18 of the Buffy spin-off "Angel" is called "Five by Flve" https://tvtropes.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/Recap/AngelS01E18FiveByFive

Pages 2 to 8 contain bold letters using the Google **Vampiro-One** font as follows: -

Page 2	u k f
Page 3	q r w d i
Page 4	bν
Page 5	lasge
Page 6	рс
Page 7	xtjo
Page 8	m z y h n

This text from page 2 refers to the first letter in the sentences containing the strange letter:

Looking back over my time in X-Wing I am amazed how much I have changed as a person. At the **start of my sentence** I thought to myself – there are some **strange characters** in here. Now at the end of my sentence – I'm one of them!

Arranging the sentences in alphabetical order of the **Vampiro-One** font characters gives the message:

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

Vampiro	Sentence beginning	First letter of	Sentence	Last letter of
letter		sentence	ending	sentence
a	My heart	M	goes out to you.	U
b	Eagle-eyed members	E	their latest report.	T
C	Relive the evening	R	from the party.	Υ
d	Recently, I have handed	R	leaving Faengsel.	L
e	You might find	Υ	as a threat.	Т
P	Contact the editor	С	a new motto.	0
g	He might just be a friend	Н	wannabe Casanova.	Α
h	Rehearsal time	R	a good idea.	Α
i	I will never forget	I	wishes to you all.	L
j.	So I don't want	S	board goes well.	L
K	The inmates were at	Т	one of his arms.	S
e	My girlfriend is beautiful	M	demon in the sack too.	0
m	Abbie Bussony	Α	since getting out.	T
n	So that you can	S	the sheet music.	С
a	Hopefully	Н	let me know.	W
p	A veritable cornucopia	Α	party last month.	Н
9	Perhaps the most common	Р	library budget.	Т
r	Particularly the editor	Р	on principle!	E
S	You have no	Υ	being unfaithful.	L
t	Now at the end	N	one of them!	M
u	Everyone on the	Ε	to say thank you	U
u	Whatever your age	W	will be made welcome.	E
W	You will be pleased	Υ	some new literature.	E
×	Everyone else may be	E	a little melancholy.	Υ
y	Anyone with a	Α	to the church.	Н
Z	Rendez-vous	R	in the canteen.	N

Page 2 contains the bold words **search** and **brutal**

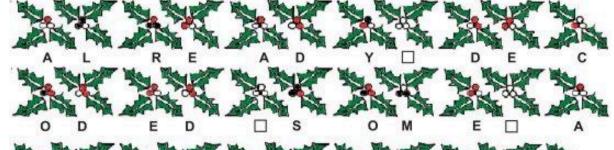
There are five dates mentioned in the Hunt: 1 October (P2), 2 July P4), 4 September (P7), 7 December (P8) & 8 December (P8)

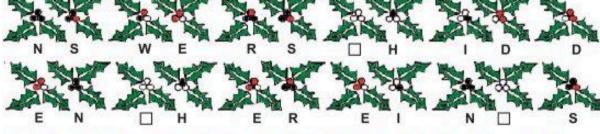
Using the date to index into the month name spells **OUTER**

This a hint that the London Outer Orbital Path (LOOP) plays an important role in the finding of the box.

Pages 2 to 8 have a substitution code in the holly-berry headers and footers which are paired in the shape of an "X" as an additional clue to using the social-media site **X/Twitter.** The holly image with three white berries represents a space or word separator.

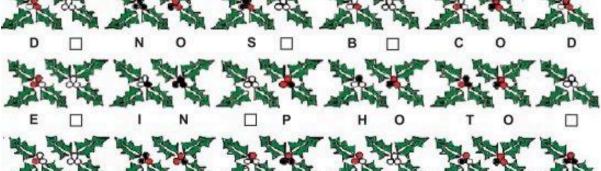






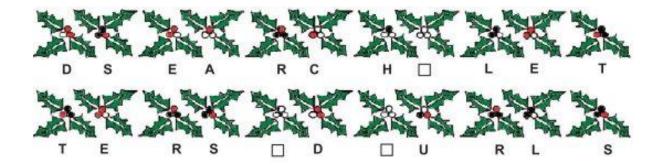






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c 🗆



The message reads:

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. (punctuation inserted to clarify meaning)

A BIRD NoS
B CODE IN PHOTO
C SPARE WORDSEARCH LETTERS
D URLS

Inspection Passed

There is a scene in 'The Great Escape' film when the guards did a surprise inspection while the **prisoners** were doing work on their escape. They have a look-out and immediately stop what they are doing and act 'normally'. Charles Bronson jumps out of a tunnel and jumps into the shower.

New Rules for Tools

"...one inmate was hiding a rock hammer." is a reference to the "Shawshank Redemption" **prison** film where Andy hides a rock hammer in a hollowed-out Bible.

https://www.reddit.com/r/MovieDetails/comments/7rcgym/in_the_shawshank_r edemption andy hides his rock/

Guards v Inmates Football Match

This is the 1981 **prisoner-of-war** film **Escape to Victory** which starred Sylvester Stalone. Hence "The replacement's performance has been **ROCKY** to say the least." The score in the film was exactly that mentioned in the paragraph: 4-1 at half-time and 4-4 at full-time.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Escape_to_Victory

The **Porridge** film, released in 1979 and starring **Ronnie Barker** as **prisoner** Norman Stanley Fletcher, had a similar premise with a celebrity team playing the prison team and the match being used to divert attention from a prison escape.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Porridge_(film)

Sign our Petition

The current motto: "He hath the key, and he that shutteth no man openeth" is brutal.

The motto is a paraphrase of Revelation 3:7 "The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens."

When John, the writer of Revelation, wrote this he was a **prisoner** on the Isle of Patmos.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John of Patmos

Picture of cartoon version of **James T. Kirk**The writer describes himself as "a **guard**"
THe font used on this page is the Google font **Philosopher** so Kirk + a guard = **Kierkegaard**.

Books

- L'Imposteur by Molière real name Jean-Baptiste Poquelin
- A Tangled Web by Nicholas Blake real name Cecil Day-Lewis
- A Pot of Money by Fabian Bland real name E. Nesbit - she and husband wrote under pseudonym of Fabian Bland. (One of their sons)
- The Traveler by John Twelve Hawks
 Real name Unknown
- The Long Voyage by John Christopher real name Sam Youd
- The Pursued by C.S. Forester real name Cecil Louis Troughton **S**mith
- You Can't Catch Me by Rosamond Smith real name Joyce Carol Oates
- The Quest by Saki
 real name Hector Hugh **M**onro
- The Lifted Veil by George Eliot real name Mary Ann **E**vans

Use the first surname letter of each real name - **PDNUYSOME**. Twelve Hawks identity is unknown hence **U** for unknown. This is an anagram of **PSEUDONYM**.

Each book has either a dash or dot before it.

The anagram forces the dots and dashes into this arrangement

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The headings of pages 3, 4 and 2 spell out TIDINGS

Soren Kierkegaard's Twitter/X account

Kirkguard's final comment on page 3 is "I would invite you to keep in touch on social media, but the Governor says that guards are not allowed to share contact details with inmates. I'm sure you'll be able to find me if you want."

Using the **pseudonym** kirkguard leads to a Twitter/X account under the name of Soren Kierkegaard:

https://twitter.com/kirkguard

The phrase "The wolf that is put to tending the sheep." appears at the top of the account. This is a quote from Kierkegaard:

https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/6522086-riches-and-abundance-come-hypocritically-clad-in-sheep-s-clothing-pretending

The date of birth given in the account is (the real) Kierkegaard's: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/S%C3%B8ren_Kierkegaard

Soren Kierkegaard is following 5 people:

Friedrich Schlegel - a German philosopher Plato - an Athenian philosopher Socrates (Σωκράτης) - a Greek philosopher Kim Kierkegaardashian !! kierkegaard

There are posts in a macaronic French/Spanish hybrid:

December 4 2023:

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

I am learning Spanish and French at the same time and it is very difficult and I mix the two languages in my head. So there are many errors - sorry.

December 5 2023

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

It is very cold today. I want to live in a hotter country.

December 5 2023

Donde esta mi cahier? #forgetmyheadifitwasntSCREWedon

Where is my notebook?

(This implies that Gerald Wily has - nefariously or otherwise - used KirkGuard's notebook to put his photos into.)

December 13 2023

Pour los que voulent apprender une nouvelle langue - mi prof de frances s'appellama M. LeGros <u>#lifelonglearning</u>

For those that want to learn a new language - my French teacher was called M LeGros

December 14 2023

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

My Spanish teacher is Mr Ruiz. He is a very interesting man. He was a doctor but now works as a concierge.

December 29 2023

Como se dire "Later losers" en français? #laterlosers

How do I say "Later Losers" in French? (Also Dean and Dawson travel agency letter - see below)

January 2 2024

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 #anxious

How can I overcome my fear of flying? I avoid it if possible but I am going on a long journey and, except for the first stage, I have to fly.

January 3 2024

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

I can't go by boat because I get seasick on the Thames Clipper..#vom

January 6 2024

Mes valises estan empacadas! #notlongtogo

My bags are packed

Transcription of Dean and Dawson travel agency letter (December 29)

Mr R Sild
[Address struck through]

Dear Rodney

I am pleased to include the itinerary for the tour that we discussed. It sounds like a fantastic trip.

Since you are visiting six different locations I would recommend the "GlobeTrotter" travel insurance policy from our insurance partner.

We discussed that you do not need to organise a return flight from your final destination back to the UK. Do let me know if that changes, as we have some excellent deals at the moment.

Bon voyage! [signature] Dean Dawson

Dean and Dawson was an actual travel agency in the United Kingdom. In 1944, in the great escape from Stalag Luft III, the name Dean and Dawson was used as a code name by the forgers who produced counterfeit documents for the escaping prisoners of war, detailed in the book The Great Escape. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dean and Dawson

Underneath on a green post-it there is a childish picture of a man on a hammock slung between two palm trees and a butterfly with the following numerical codes:

33

594

1868

57

594

592

58

These are dialing codes for:

33 - France

594 - French Guiana

1868 - Trinidad and Tobago

57 - Colombia

594 - French Guiana (again)

592 - Guyana

58 - Venezuela

These are all the places that **prisoner** Papillon visited in the eponymous novel by Henri Charrière (who was himself a wrongfully convicted **prisoner**). Papillon eventually settled in Venezuela. This connection is clued by the butterfly on the green post-it. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Papillon (book)

The background picture on kirkguard's Twitter/X account is of an island called Cayo Sombrero in the Morrocoy National Park in Venezuela, the last place Papillon visited.

https://www.mylittleadventure.fr/best-things/caracas/tours/2-day-morrocoy-national-park-tour-from-caracas-QXx9I9wZhO

The "sild" is a Scandinavian herring and "Rodney" taken with "Globe Trotter" could also suggest the sitcom "Only Fools and Horses" but the surname of "sild" is to warn that this is a red herring.

The titles of the books on page 3 also give a synopsis of the story of "KirkGuard"

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L'Imposteur

A Tangled Web

A Pot of Money

The Traveler

The Long Voyage

The Pursued

You Can't Catch Me

The Quest

The Lifted Veil

On December 11th 2023 kirkguard posted a group of 4 pictures with the hashtag

#ledefidedollyparton

This is the Dolly Parton Challenge (French "le défi de" is "The Challenge of")

On January 21st, 2020, Dolly Parton posted four images of herself each with a social media platform label to Instagram with the caption, "Get you a woman who can do it all ".

Using four images to illustrate four facets of one person can be extended to depict four pseudonyms of one person, in this case **Soren Kierkegaard**. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/S%C3%B8ren_Kierkegaard#Pseudonyms

The four images all relate to the pseudonyms used by (the real) **Soren Kierkegaard**:

Baby Client - Babyface

Goblet of Fire film at Yule Ball Hermione and Victor Krum - Victor Eremita John Krasinski in "From a quiet place" - Quiet John John Legend - Ladies Man John

On the January 6 2024 post mentioned above there is also a photo of some wheely luggage with a calendar in the background for January 2024. The first 5 days are struck through with an X (as they would be if the date was January 6). The date January 15 2024 is ringed with the note "Dep: 6.01 am"

The first Eurostar of the day on Monday January 15th travels from St Pancras at 6.01 am. This is the first stage of Kirk's escape route.

Also January 19 is ringed with a heart pierced with a stake and marked with the initials BS. This is Buffy Summer's birthday. The traditional way of killing a vampire is to drive a stake through its heart.

https://buffy.fandom.com/wiki/Buffy Summers%27 birthday

January 23 is also marked with a heart and the initials RO. This is Regine Olsen who was engaged to the real Kierkegaard.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regine Olsen

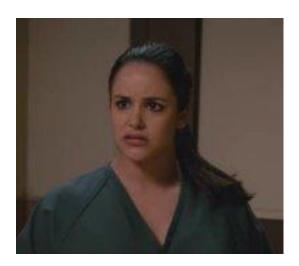
The implication here, from Kirkquard's post "Where is my notebook?), is that Gerald Wily used the guard's notebook to put his photos into. The French and Spanish writing was Kirk's not Wily's.

This is also stated explicitly in the letter from the hidden treasure where KirkGuard says:

> I kicked myself when I realised I had lost my notebook somewhere in the prison. When I spotted your name on the visitor list a few days later I knew that the Old Man had found it and was enlisting help to find the treasure.

So Kirk, the ex-guard from Fangseil prison, is Wily's double-crosser and to prevent his escape he should be intercepted at St Pancras Station before 6.00am on January 15 2024.

Melissa Fumero as Amy Santiago in "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" episode "Maximum Security" where she went undercover as a **prisoner**.



Pllar "Fingers" Fuentes is mentioned as having six fingers on each hand. This relates to:

a. the Danish Finger Plan for the development of Copenhagen

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Finger_Plan

and

b. Gregorio **Fuentes** was the first mate of the **Pilar**, the boat belonging to Ernest Hemingway. The Ernest Hemingway House in Key West, Florida is famous for its large proportion of Hemingway cats many of which have more than the usual number of fingers and toes. The Home and Museum is home to approximately 60 polydactyl (six-toed) cats. Cats normally have five front toes and four back toes.

https://www.hemingwayhome.com/our-cats



Masked Shrike

In the film the Great Escape, the **prisoners** were taught how to mimic the masked shrike's call.

Mention of "the Twins" - might refer to Kray Twins Ronnie & Reggie? Clarence Anglin and John William Anglin were brothers born a year apart. They were sent to Alcatraz in 1960 & 1961. Clarence and John were reportedly inseparable as youngsters – so might be considered twins.

"Eagle-eyed members of our resident ornithology club, the Birdmen" see https://lady.co.uk/bird-men-pows

4 POWs were interned at Warburg - John Buxton, George Waterston, John Barrett and Peter Conder. The time they spent together interned at Warburg, a vast, sprawling hell-hole on the north German plain, was to change all their lives and ultimately the course of wildlife conservation.

Robert F Stroud was the 'Birdman' of Alcatraz – Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary. On entering Alcatraz, every inmate received a library card and a catalogue of books found in the library.

- Skylark 35
- Whitethroat 36
- Lesser Whitethroat 26
- Yellowhammer 62
- Linnet 36
- Buzzard 73
- Red Kite, 141
- Wheatear 12
- Whinchat 524
- Jackdaw 56

- Woodpecker 95
- Nuthatch. 292
- Treecreeper 32
- Swallow 12
- House Martin 272
- Sand Martin 57
- Hoopoe 36
- Mandarin 37

Red KIte and Nuthatch have dots after the bird names

All the bird species are mentioned in the correct order on this RSPB website for Farthing Downs and Happy Valley.

https://group.rspb.org.uk/croydon/local-wild-places/farthing-downs-new-hill-happy-valley-and-coulsdon-common/

Here is the relevant text from the website:

Skylarks breed on the downs, but they are easily disturbed by human activity, including allowing dogs to roam freely over the fields where they try to nest on the ground. Various warblers, including **whitethroat** and **lesser whitethroat**, can be found in suitable habitat. This is essentially the only area in Croydon where **yellowhammers** are present all year round and one of the few sites that support **linnets**. In recent years **buzzard** and **red kite** numbers have increased significantly around the south of Croydon and there is a good chance of seeing them soaring over the Coulsdon area. **Wheatears** turn up on passage most years and **Whinchats** have been seen here. **Jackdaw** flocks can often be seen on the downs or neighbouring fields. The woods hold common species such as **woodpeckers**, **nuthatch** and **treecreeper**.

Highlights have included the passage of an estimated 10,000 hirundines (mainly **swallows** and **house martins** with a few **sand martins**) in an hour on September 26th 1999 over Farthing Downs and a **Hoopoe** spent a week here in autumn 2011. **Mandarin** has been recorded on the pond at Coulsdon Common.

The **Book Antiqua** font is used for the bird list; it is used nowhere else in the pdf.



Kelsey Grammer as Frasier Crane. He was born in Saint Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

The Danish West Indies (Danish: Dansk Vestindien) or Danish Antilles or Danish Virgin Islands were a Danish colony in the Caribbean, consisting of the islands of Saint Thomas with 32 square miles (83 km2); Saint John (Danish: St. Jan) with 19 square miles (49 km2); and Saint Croix with 84 square miles (220 km2). The islands have belonged to the United States since they were purchased in 1917. Water Island was part of the Danish West Indies until 1905, when the Danish state sold it to the East Asiatic Company, a private shipping company.

There are 42 REDACTED words.

The word Angst was first introduced by **Kierkegaard**: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angst#Etymology

Uncle Angst is a paraphrase of the term "Agony Aunt" and refers to an episode of **Porridge** ("Men without Women") in which Fletcher offers his services as an agony aunt to his fellow **prisoners**, but later has to return home when he learns he has marital problems.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Men_Without_Women_(Porridge)

In episode 8 - The B Story, of the 2023 series of Frasier, Frasier's son Freddy gets drunk and wonders about the true meaning of the film *Finding Nemo*. He says "Kierkegaard argued that life is struggle, so the very act of searching for his son is nothing more than a reclamation of purpose, but, once completed, life loses all meaning."

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-0eCzo2VpE

Laurence Crane (born 1961 in Oxford) is a composer of contemporary classical music. Amongst other works, he wrote 20th Century Music, which includes a piece called **Kierkegaards** (Kierkegaard his Prelude; Kierkegaard his walk around Copenhagen)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IBULmEwKol

"Big X" is the identity of Roger Bushell (see page 9 question 5)





The Buffy/Angel characters spell FAITH

Faith Lehane is a character in Buffy the Vampire Slayer: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faith_(Buffy_the_Vampire_Slayer) Faith escaped from **prison**.

The actors depicted in the other pics spell NORTRO which is **ORTRON** backwards - a Dr Who character from the 1974 serial "The Monster of Peladon": https://tardis.fandom.com/wiki/Ortron

He was played by Frank Gatliff who also appeared in "Hark at Barker" playing the part of Badger the Butler.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Monster_of_Peladon https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hark at Barker#Regular cast

There may be a link here to the alphabet picked out in **Vampiro-One** font letters on pages 2 to 8 which spells the traditional Christmas message. Also the Buffy series was set in the fictional **Sunnydale** which is the equivalent of **Happy Valley** - the location of the treasure.

Buffy was also in a gang called the Scooby Gang which represents a link between Scooby Doo in the poster and Buffy:

https://buffy.fandom.com/wiki/Scooby Gang



Ronnie Barker mask

Bold word par

"there are some strange characters in here" hints at the letters in the **Vampiro-One** font which spell the Christmas message (see page 2)

Roman God Janus, reminding us that we should Face forward as well as back Note that **Face** has a capital F Janus is often depicted as having 2 faces **Søren Kierkegaard quote**: 'Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards. "The very idea of freedom makes me a little dizzy and anxious" is another Kierkegaard quote. "Anxiety is the dizziness of freedom".

Also **Dawn** has a capital D This is because KirkGuard is intending to leave England with the treasure on January 15 at 6.00 am (Dawn)

To misquote Hannibal: "if I cannot find a successor, I will make one".

"Aut inveniam viam aut faciam" (or "Aut viam inveniam aut faciam") is
Latin for "I shall either find a way or make one". Attributed to Hannibal but
appears elsewhere.

Theatre Review

""Get Busy Singing or Get Busy Dancing" is a reference to the "Shawshank Redemption" **prison** drama film where the original quote is by Morgan Freeman: "Get busy livin', or get busy dyin'" https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0111161/quotes/

The word Howling has a capital H. 'audience was absolutely Howling with laughter' - see P7 for 2 more words.

The Artistic Director of the FELONS, Thomas L. Rolls.

If you 'roll' Thomas L, one of the anagrams is Sam Holt. Sam Holt was one of the many **pseudonyms** used by Donald E Westlake. He specialised in crime fiction. Under the name Sam Holt, he wrote 4 books. Westlake had at least 18 pseudonyms.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donald_E._Westlake#Pseudonyms

Don Black (who wrote the lyrics for Barmitzvah Boy) was the **pseudonym** for Donald Blackstone. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Don Black (lyricist)

Denis Potter's Singing Detective used the **pseudonym** of "Philip E. Marlow" https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Singing_Detective

King George III, wrote under the **pseudonym** "Ralph Robinson". https://georgianpapers.com/2017/01/19/farmer-georges-notes-agriculture/

Danny Kaye, who sang "Wonderful Copenhagen" was really David Daniel Kaminsky so Kaye was a **pseudonym** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danny_Kaye

Lecture Series 2023

The Faengsel Lecture Society is now in its fourth year offering a fantastic programme of events to hold our interest. This year we welcomed speakers on a wide range of subjects. The series included four wonderful and varied lectures.

- A History of Colchester Castle by surgeon Trevor Onion was my personal favourite of the four.

Surgeon Trevor Onion is a thinly disguised **Sir John Trevanian**. He escaped from 'a Puritan castle in Colchester' by using a null cipher to help him escape. He received a message - the third letter after each punctuation mark revealed 'Panel at East end of Chapel slides'.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Classical_cipher#Concealment_ciphers

The number "**four**" appears three times in the paragraph so If you take the **fourth** letter after each punctuation mark in the Lecture Series 2023 section it gives:

SSSI WILD FLOWER GYR

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A straw poll found that the most irritating behaviours included:

for**g**etting that someone else is present when doing things like trimming toenails.

playing the same song over and over,

and rudely borrowing clothes without asking.

An SSSI is a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Googling **SSSI** with **Wild Flower** and **GYR** reveals that GYR is the Greater Yellow Rattle (*Rhinanthus angustifolius*) which is an endangered species and that **Farthing Down** near **Coulsdon** has an abundant supply of the plant.

Note that in the line 'Abbie Bussony who returned to X Wing', the hyphen between X and Wing has been left out so that a spurious G does not appear between the I and L of WILD.

• Lilies of the Field and Birds of the Air by Paddy Foot. I saw that one gang was a little disappointed to find the content was religious rather than ornithological.

Patrick McGoohan wrote some of the episodes of the **Prisoner**. The 4th episode 'Free for All' was written by him under his **pseudonym** of **Paddy Fitz**. Lilies & birds are plural therefore possible foot is foots (fitz). https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Prisoner#Production

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Abbie Bussony is **Abbé Busoni** from the **Count of Monte Cristo**. It is one of three **pseudonyms** which Dantés assumes. The others being Sinbad the Sailor and Lord Wilmore. Dantés spent 14 years in Château d'If. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The Count of Monte Cristo#Characters

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Martin Oxen is Marti Noxon, best known for her work as a screenwriter and executive producer on the supernatural drama series **Buffy the Vampire Slayer.**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marti_Noxon

Martin Oxen is also an anagram of Martin Nexo, a Danish writer https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Andersen_Nex%C3%B8

Carol Concert

St Leonard is the patron saint of **prisoners**.

In Shawshank Redemption **prisoner** Andy launders money using the **pseudonym** Randall Stephens

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The Shawshank Redemption#Plot

Concert/squeeze = concertina. The **prison** in "Shawshank Redemption" had high stone walls topped with snaky concertina (extremely sharp) wire, set off at intervals by looming guard towers.

https://cemp.ac.uk/scriptzone/script.php?type=download&id=533

It may also be a reference to a Playfair Cipher as Wheatstone invented both the cipher and the English Concertina.

Poetry Corner

Ode to a ...

I search for the words my story to tell. Wordsearch

I've had to bid my freedom farewell.

Now I'm just a **number** stuck in a **cell**. **Sudoku**

At sixes and sevens, trapped in this Hell. 6 and 7 number

positions

These bars on my window make me feel ill.

The wind blows through them and gives me a

chill.

Nothing but the cold and time to kill.

I search for the words, I search for them still. Wordsearch

See page 12 for the application of this.

Page 9 Puzzle Pages

Unleash Your Inner Detective

The Ascot Abominators drive a **BLACK** getaway car.

Online logic problem solver here

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

Quiz

- 1. The BORG Six of One Hundred and Nine: what is found before hunted? **WATT.** Could be Bjorn Watt-Boolsen (Danish actor). It may or may not be significant that Boolsen is an anagram of Ben Solo. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1X9GwOmx8uw
- 2. He escaped from students once, and prison how many times?

 THREE. Indiana Jones escaped through a window from his students in
 "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (the 3rd Indy film) (shortly before the
 17-minute mark of the film). He escapes from Castle Brunwald later in the film
 with his father.
- 3. There are 8 in 8, 9 in 9, and 10 in 10.

 WORDS. Question 8 has 8 words; question 9 has 9 words and question 10 has 10 words. Answer is Words

So questions 1, 2 and 3 have answers: what three words

- 4. Rebel and Warrior perhaps, who escaped using kitchen implements. **GLADIATORS**. Rebel and Warrior were Gladiators from the TV show of the same name. The famous gladiator who escaped using kitchen utensils was **Spartacus**. https://www.history.com/news/7-famous-slave-revolts
- 5. The Great Escape started on this day, but it would have been good if they had waited two weeks

FRIDAY. The "Great Escape" from Stalag Luft III began on Friday 24th March 1944. 2 weeks later, 7th March 1944 was Good Friday. Royal Air Force Squadron Leader Roger Bushell conceived the plan. As the mastermind of the Great Escape, Roger Bushell inherited the codename of "Big X".

6. What is occasionally well-balanced in Copenhagen?

APPLE. Caritas **Well** - (Danish: Caritasbrønden), also known as the **Caritas Fountain** (Danish: Caritasspringvandet), is the oldest fountain in Copenhagen, Denmark.

On the **occasion** of the monarch's birthday (currently 16 April for Queen Margrethe II), copper balls covered in 24 carat gold, symbolising golden apples, are placed in the fountain, to **balance** on the streams. - Well/balanced/Copenhagen.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caritas Well

The what3Words address **gladiators.Friday.apple** is at Coulsdon South Rail station where the station sign has recently been amended to mention **Farthing Downs** and **Happy Valley**:

https://what3words.com/gladiators.friday.apple

https://www.mynewsdesk.com/uk/govia-thameslink-railway/pressreleases/fresh-signage-at-coulsdon-south-celebrates-londons-newest-nature-reserve-2915454

7. Scooby Doo character, or the escaped prisoner in the Hound of the Baskervilles?

RED HERRING. The escaped prisoner in Conan Doyle's *Hound of the Baskervilles* was Selden. Selden was a red herring in the story and there is a Scooby Doo character of the same name.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Scooby-Doo_characters#Introduced_in_A_ Pup_Named_Scooby-Doo

8. Prideful character based on someone who hired inmates.

SCAR - from Disney's "The Lion King" which is based on Hamlet - Shakespeare's **Danish** play.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scar (The Lion King)

Scar recruited hyenas to gang up against Simba and force him out.

Hyenas, in prison slang, are "inmates who only prey on the weak inmates, and they will back off if the weaker inmate strikes back, but if the weak one does not fend for himself, then the hyenas will devour him."

https://uk.sagepub.com/sites/default/files/upm-binaries/97949 Chapter 9 Prison Subculture and Prison Gang Influence.pdf

Also Scar is based on King Claudius in Hamlet. Claudius asks Rosencrantz & Guildenstern to cheer up Hamlet and to report back with issues troubling him. They are promised a generous award for doing this. They return to Denmark which Hamlet considers a **prison**. So Claudius hires 'inmates'. https://www.cliffsnotes.com/literature/hamlet/act-2-scene-2-summary

9. She wrote about SD's time in a women's prison. Sarah **WATERS** who wrote "Affinity" about spiritualist Selina Dawes and her time in MIllbank women's **prison**.

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/25337939-affinity

10. Lexicographer's namesake who was held prisoner by some terrible poets. Arthur **DENT.** The lexicographer is Susie Dent (Countdown etc). Her namesake is Arthur Dent who was **imprisoned** by the Vogons in Douglas Adams' "Hitchhiker's Guide". The Vogons are "the authors of "the third worst poetry in the universe".

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vogon#Poetry

The w3w address scar.waters.dent are the coordinates of the **Millennium Cairn** on Farthing Downs.

https://what3words.com/scar.waters.dent

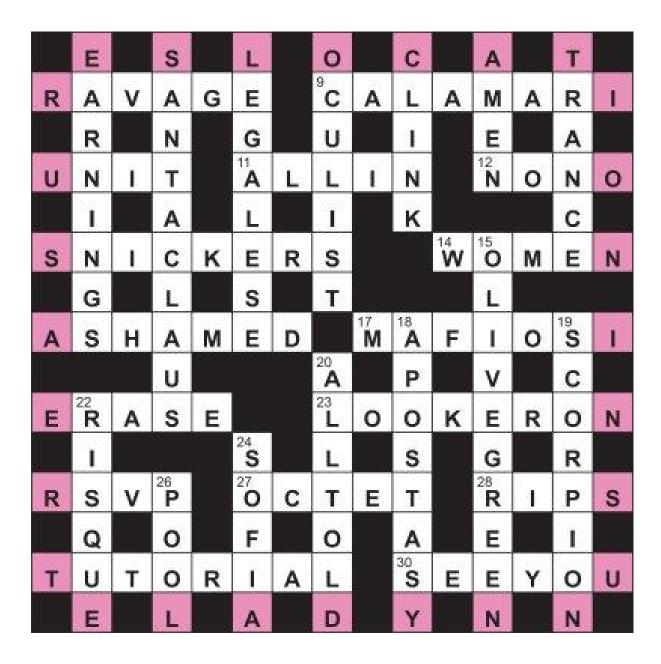
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Crossword Solution

	¹ E		² S		³ L		⁴ O		⁵ C		⁶ А		⁷ T	i.
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The perimeter of the crossword, reading clockwise from bottom left reads:

TREASURE'S LOCATION IN SUNNYDALE



As well as being the fictional setting for **Buffy the Vampire Slayer** (see page 6) "SunnyDale" is also a clue to Happy Valley in Coulsdon where the treasure is hidden. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Happy_Valley_Park

Parsing of crossword answers

Across

8 def: sack. RA-v(ersus)-AGE RAVAGE
9 def: seafood. ¾ of Cala(is) mari(na) CALAMARI

10 def: Mole perhaps (SI unit). UN+IT UNIT

11 def: stamina exhausted. Last bit = LA Nothing left = NIL. over = backwards

ALL IN

12 def:unacceptable. NONO(gram) NONOGRAM

13 def: (choc) bars. S(ucceeded) Thieves = nickers

SNICKERS

14 def: e.g. Brontë sisters. w(ork) + omen WOMEN

16 def: guilty. Anag: mad as he ASHAMED

17 def: entire clue. First letters (leaders) of each word from mob to Italy

MAFIOSI

21 def: get rid of. (kille)R in EASE **ERASE**

25 def: initials written on bottom. French letters for "Répondez s'il vous plaît"

RSVP

27 def: group like S-club juniors. Regulars ditched O(n)C(e)T(w)E(n)T(y)

OCTET

28 def: tears. conSPIRators back RIPS

29 def: That'll teach you. Freak (anag) OUT in TRIAL

TUTORIAL

30 def: "Catch you later. Cu (copper symb) homophone

SEE YOU

Down

1 def: bread (sl). Cooked (anag) GRANNIES

EARNINGS

2 def: Heavy-set guy. Grievously (anag) CAN ASSAULT

SANTA CLAUS

3 def: tone of entire clue. Lower limb etc = LEG. LEASE as amended (anag)

LEGALESE

4 double def. Doctor who can make you good looking = improve eyesight

OCULIST

5 def: prison. Starts C(over) L(imbs) INK (tattoos)

CLINK

6 def: I agree. Writer = ME in AN (article)

AMEN

7 def: music. (f)RANCE with F changed to T

TRANCE

15 def: shady type (i.e. colour) Sailor's girl friend - OLIVE (Oyle). Cluedo

suspect = GREEN OLIVE GREEN

18 def: act of infidelity. A place to stay = A PO (post office) STAY about S

(hint of suspicion) APOSTASY

19 def: stingy fellow. 3.14.... = PI . 0.666 + $\frac{2}{3}$ (of SCOR(e) ON(e))???

SCORPION

20 def: Globally. ALL = everyone. TOLD = related (a story)

ALL TOLD

22 def Indiscrete. prisoneR IS QUEstioned.

RISQUE

24 def: Capital. I inside settee = SOFA SOFIA

26 def: Kitty (ie. money) POO + L(itter) POOL

There are some links in the crossword clues and answers to themes and other pages of the hunt:

12 across - NONOGRAM = London Loop logo (on page 11)

13 across Thieves behind bars - Prisoners theme

16 across - guilty - Prisoners theme

21 across - Killer... incarcerated - Prisoners theme

30 across - Copper... catch you later - Prisoners theme

5 down - ...in prison CLINK - Prisoners theme

15 down - murder suspect - **Prisoners** theme

18 down - place to go and stay - **Prisoners** theme

Some letters/numbers are omitted from the clues:

The number in brackets at the end of each of these clues is then used as an index to order these wrong characters.

4 down. Doctor Who can make you (g)ood looking. (1) - G

27 across. For a group like S Club Juniors, once twenty, regulars must be (d)itched. (2) - **D**

1 down. Grannies cooked (b)read. (3) - B

26 down. Kitty droppings on top o(f) litter. (4) - F

29 across. That'll teach you to freak out in middle of c(o)urt hearing. (5) - **O**

10 across. Mo(I)e perhaps hidden in international organisation's computer department. (6) **L**

19 down. Stingy fellow offers 16 + (3).14... + 0.66... (7) - 3

9 across. Seafood found in (2)/3 of Calais marina. (8) - 2

11 across. Nothing left o(v)er after last bit of stamina exhausted. (9). V

This gives: GDBFOL32V

This is a document in the National Archive:

Great Domesday Book Folio 32V

the first page of which mentions **COULSDON** which is the nearest large town to Happy Valley where the treasure is hidden.

The National Archives' reference E 31/2/1/944

Translation of Great Domesday Book Folio 32v

SURREY

There are 4 slaves, [and] woodland for 30 pigs. TRE it was worth 100s; and afterwards 7l; now 12l, yet it renders 15l.

VIII. THE LAND OF THE CHURCH OF CHERTSEY

IN WALLINGTON HUNDRED

THE ABBEY OF ST PETER of **CHERTSEY** holds **'WADDINGTON'** [in Coulsdon]. TRE it was assessed at 20 hides; now at 5 hides. There is land for 8 ploughs. In demesne is 1 plough; and 17 villans and 2 cottars with 5 ploughs. There is a church, [and] woodland for 6 pigs as pannage. TRE it was worth 6I; now 7I.

The abbey itself holds **COULSDON**. TRE it was assessed at 20 hides; now at 3 ½ hides. There is land for 10 ploughs. In demesne is 1 plough; and 10 villans and 4 cottars with 6 ploughs. There is a church, [and] woodland for 3 pigs. TRE it was worth 6I; now 7I.

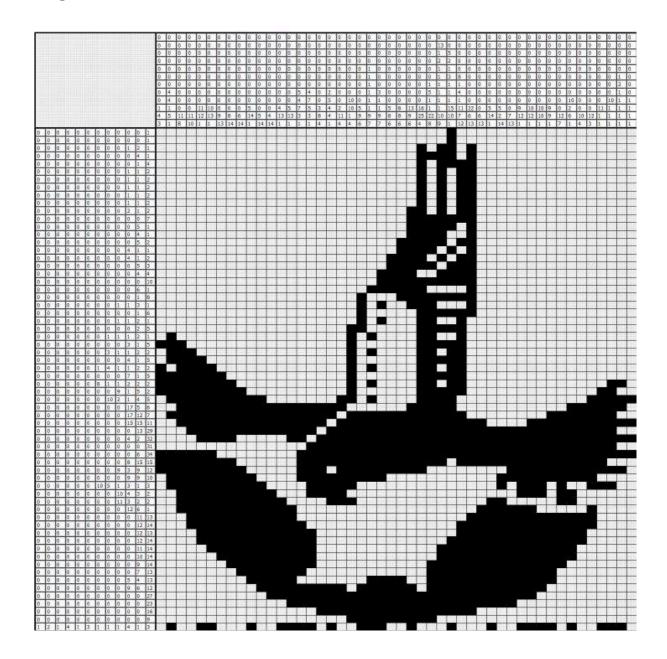
Codeword Solution

19 C	5 E	21 R	5 E	23 M	90	13 N	6 Y		15 A	18 S	20 K	18 S
25 L		15 A		5 E		90		17 J		14 Q		15 A
15 A	19 C	8 T	5 E	3 D		2 V	4 I	15 A	3 D	26 U	19 C	8 T
4				4	19 C	5 E		7 W		5 E		4
23 M	26 U	18 S	4	19 C		25 L	4	18 S	8 T	5 E	13 N	18 S
		5 E		15 A		18 S				22 Z		11 F
10 P	26 U	10 P	4	25 L	18 S		10 P	9	25 L	4	19 C	6 Y
25 L		8 T				11 F		10 P		13 N		
15 A	23 M	5 E	21 R	4	19 C	15 A		5 E	3 D	16 G	5 E	18 S
18 S		23 M		8 T		2 V	15 A	13 N				4
8 T	9	1 B	15 A	19 C	19 C	90		4	13 N	3 D	5 E	24 X
5 E		5 E		12 H		26 U		13 N		9		8 T
21 R	15 A	21 R	5 E		1 B	21 R	4	16 G	12 H	8 T	25 L	6 Y
1 B	2 V	3 D	4	5 E	6 Y	7 W	8 T	9	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

Codeword:

| Solution | Codeword | Codeword

Page 11



The white squares in the bottom line of the nonogram give the number: 123212233212

The nonogram image is the London **LOOP** logo depicting a hovering kestrel.





Page 12

The Wordsearch is 18×18 . The solved sudoku (9×9) can be used four times as a grille to mask everything except the sixes and sevens:

From Poetry corner on page 8:

Ode to a ...

I search for the words my story to tell.
I've had to bid my freedom farewell.
Now I'm just a **number stuck in a cell.**At sixes and sevens, trapped in this Hell.
These bars on my window make me feel ill.
The wind blows through them and gives me a chill.

Nothing but the cold and time to kill. I search for the words, I search for them still.

This gives the message:

NONOGRAM BOTTOM LINE DATES RIDDLE THEM ABBREV ANAGRAM LECTURES MUSIC UYID RIDDLE HIM

The nonogram is on page 11

N		0							N		0						
				G			R						A			M	
			В					O				T					T
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DATES - 1 October (P2), 2 July (P4), 4 September (P7), 7 December (P8) & 8 December (P8). Take 1st letter October, 2nd letter of July etc. Spells **OUTER RIDDLE THEM** ("Them" from the riddle on page 9)

ABBREV (from ???)

ANAGRAM (hinted at on page 1 - "am a Gran") Anagram of I left at once = Fleet action

LECTURES (on page 8) **GREATER YELLOW RATTLE MUSIC** (from page 16)

UYID ("Unleash Your Inner Detective" on page 9) **BLACK RIDDLE HIM** ("Him" from the riddle on page 9)

(NB Ronnie Barker was 76 when he died.

Wordsearch with Sudoku letters highlighted in pink:

N	T	()	L	I	G	Н	T	Z	N	S	()	T	N	E	V	D	A
R	В	0	Н	G	P	A	R	J	Н	N	A	T	A	L	N	М	K
F	0	W	В	K	Е	P	T	()	C	Y	0	T	I	K	P	L	T
O	G	Z	U	Н	E	()	М	L	T	K	E	P	U	С	L	I	A
D	N	A	Н	0	E	G	A	I	В	D	D	R	A	A	0	R	L
Q	T	K	E	D	Y	C	V	W	P	S	I	R	E	P	C	Q	L
Н	P	T	E	Н	E	I	F	D	N	S	M	S	I	P	D	W	L
E	K	K	P	E	T	S	L	Q	U	L	В	Н	Н	E	K	В	D
М	E	A	A	A	T	M	T	M	В	Н	В	P	I	S	K	N	E
R	R	Е	N	S	N	S	A	V	V	I	A	L	A	0	R	K	D
K	S	R	N	N	D	S	A	N	0	N	I	M	(<u>`</u>	R	E	R	P
P	F	В	A	D	U	A	В	М	S	M	T	L	S	Н	F	0	E
A	E	G	I	F	T	C	T	R	P	S	L	F	0	G	U	R	T
R	Ε	С	0	I	S	M	E	A	I	M	В	Е	P	U	T	В	W
W	S	K	1	D	F	G	Н	R	N	C	Е	U	G	I	S	I	Н
N	P	F	N	S	N	Y	Н	I	I	G	0	U	P	N	D	K	R
U	P	M	Q	I	D	С	N	A	V	I	D	A	D	L	A	L	E
E	В	Н	G	0	N	G	G	Е	I	P	M	S	L	E	I	G	Н

Christmas-themed words found in wordsearch:

These words in order spell **LANGUAGES**

LIGHT ADVENT NATIVITY GIFT UNWRAP ANGEL GINGERSNAP EGGNOG SLEIGH

These words are also found

NATAL TOY BREAK CHRISTMAS NAVIDAD

Page 13

Childrens Cartoon characters:

Itchy (from Itchy and Scratchy)a mouseMummy Mole (from Peppa Pig)a moleAngelina (from Angelina Ballerina)a mouseOlaf (from Frozen)a snowman

Oscar the Grouch (from Sesame Street) ??

Iggle Piggle (from In the Night Garden) ??

Timmy (from Shaun the Sheep) a sheep (lamb)

Norrie (from Hey Duggee) a mouse

Benjamin Bunny (from Peter Rabbit) a rabbit

Coco (from Bing) a rabbit

Nibbler (from Futurama) ??

IMAOOITNBCN

The initial letters are an anagram of **COMBINATION**

The answers to the questions:

How many rabbits are at the Christmas party? How many mice? How many cats? How many sheep?

are:

2301

So the combination (for the box containing the treasure) is 2301

Colouring Competition: Submit your young visitors' entries to the Editor for a special prize.



By a "W"ily 2-year-old granddaughter

Page 14

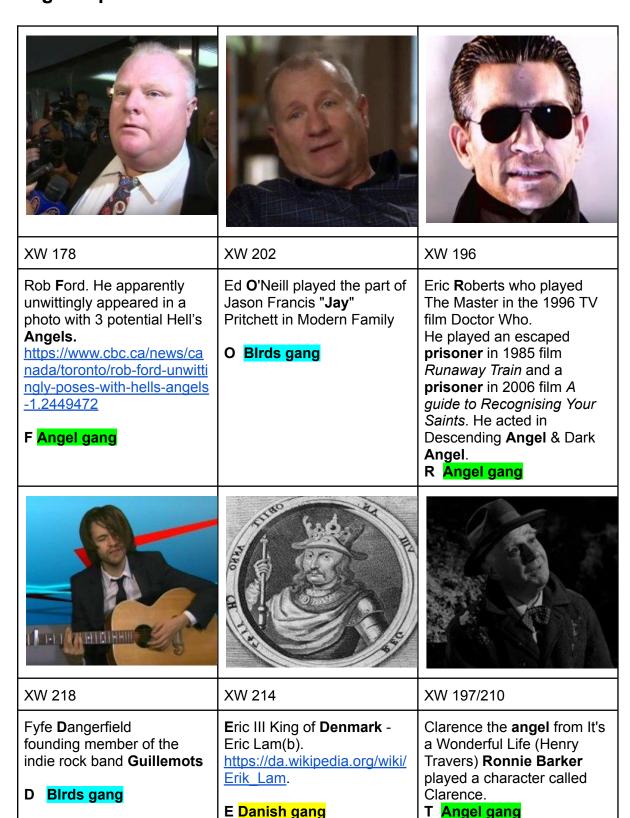
Each of the pictures on pages 14 and 15 can be sorted into one of the three "gangs" (as mentioned on page 1): the Danish gang, the birds gang or the angels gang

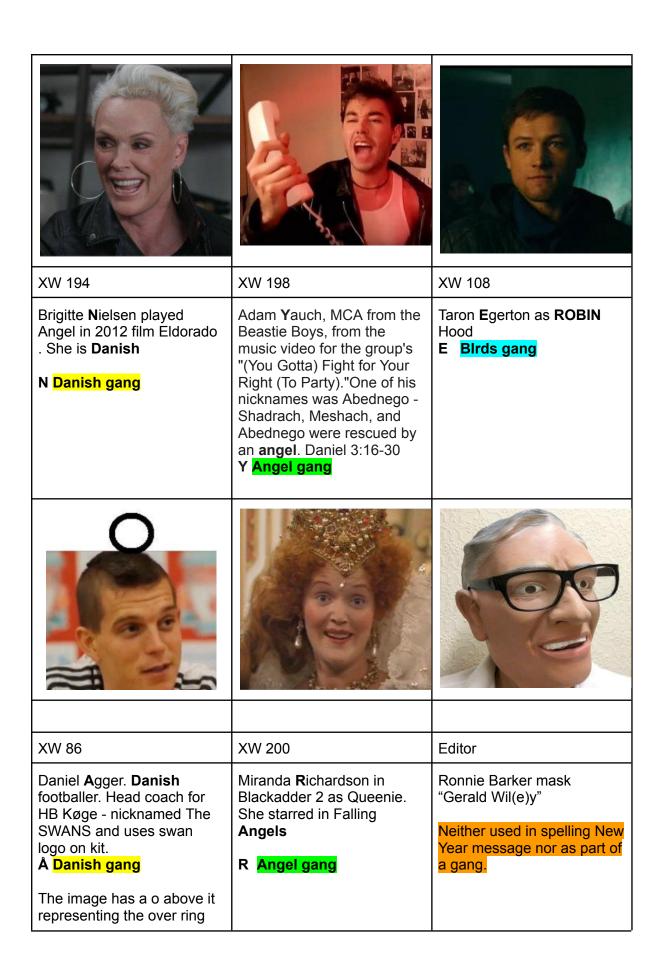
XW 190	XW 147	XW 112
Jim Broadbent as Hans Christian Andersen in the play A Very Very Very Dark Matter. Hans Christian Andersen is Danish B Danish gang	Taron Egerton as Eddie Edwards in Eddie the Eagle film E Blrds gang	Camilla D allerup (with Tom Chambers she won Strictly) She is Danish D Danish gang
	The Alaka	
XW 175	XW 158	XW 203
Britney Spears from Glory album cover She performed in an angel costume in Las Vegas. S Angel gang	Sandi Toksvig on The Great British Bake Off 2017. She is Danish T Danish gang	Anthony Edwards as Nick "Goose" Bradshaw in Top Gun E Birds gang

XW 192	XW 150	XW 208
Gary Oldman as Rosencrantz in Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead. in the film of the Tom Stoppard play. R&G is a play based on characters from Hamlet - Shakespeare's Danish playDanish gang Gary Oldman played Sirius Black who was the prisoner of Azkaban in Harry Potter Oldman = Old Man (Wily) The slash through the photo represents the Danish slash through the letter O	Sam Neil as Merlin in a 90's mini-series N Birds gang	Peter Schmeichel former Manchester United goalkeeper. He is Danish S Danish gang
WW 000	WW 440	WW 400
XW 206	XW 148 Lili Ilse Elvenes better	XW 162 Tim Roth as Guildenstein in
Caron Keating. She had a strong belief in angels. She believed that every time she saw a white feather it was an angel leaving their calling card. Her mother Gloria Hunniford has commissioned award winning artist Gordon King to paint a series of images depicting angels in a variety of scenes. K Angel gang	known as Lili Elbe. Danish painter (Subject of film The Danish Girl) E Danish gang	Rosencrantz & Guildenstein in Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead. in the film of the Tom Stoppard play. R&G is a play based on characters from Hamlet - Shakespeare's Danish play. (See also page 6 where he is dressed as Frankenstein's Monster R Danish gang

The names of the people in the pictures spell **BEDSTE ØNSKER** which is Danish for **BEST WISHES**

Page 15 pictures





The initials of the names of people in the pictures spell:

FOR DET NYE AR which is Danish for FOR THE NEW YEAR

Page 14 and 15 together spell:

BEDSTE ØNSKER FOR DET NYE ÅR which is Danish for

BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

XW 198 = the second T of TUTORIAL

The XW numbers on page 14 and 15

XW, as well as standing for X-Wing, also stands for "Crossword". If the XW numbers are used on the 225 squares of the crossword on page 10 (starting at top left corner) every XW number lands on a letter square as follows.

Page 14		
XW 190 = the 2nd A of APOSTASY	Α	Danish
XW 147 = the E of LOOKER ON	E	Birds
XW 112 = the D of ASHAMED	D	Danish
XW 175 = the second T of OCTET	Т	Angels
XW 158 = the second L of ALL TOLD	L	Danish
XW 203 = the L of TUTORIAL	L	Birds
XW 192 = the second E of OLIVE GREEN	E	Danish
XW 150 = the N in LOOKER ON	N	Birds
XW 208 = the Y in SEE YOU	Υ	Danish
XW 206 = the first E in SEE YOU	E	Angels
XW 148 = the R in LOOKER ON	R	Danish
XW 162 = the G in OLIVE GREEN	G	Danish
Page 15		
XW 178 = the I of RIPS	I	Angels
XW 202 = the A of TUTORIAL	Α	Birds
XW 196 = the first T of TUTORIAL	T	Angels
XW 218 = the D of ALL TOLD	D	Birds
XW 214 = the L of POOL	L	Danish
XW 197/210 = the U of RISQUE and the U of SEE YOU	l (UU) or W	Angels
XW 194 = the I of SCORPION	1	Danish

Т

Angels

XW 108 = the H of ASHAMED	Н	Birds
XW 86 = the W of WOMEN	W	Danish
XW 200 = the R of TUTORIAL	R	Angels

The angels letters are an anagram of TWITTER

The birds letters are an anagram of HANDLE

The Danish letters are an anagram of GERALD WILY

TWITTER HANDLE GERALD WILY gives the URL

https://twitter.com/GeraldWily

Gerald Wiley was a **pseudonym** used by **Ronnie Barke**r when he submitted sketches to "The Two Ronnies" and other comedy sketch programmes. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ronnie_Barker#Early_media_career (paragraph beginning "Speculation began...")

Page 16

Here is the correct version of the two pages of music. The carols are "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and "O Come All Ye Faithful"



Changes that have been made to the original:

Correct version has	Altered version has	Word sung at that point is							
12 Days of Christmas									
Bar 8: crotchet C	Bar 8: dotted minim F	"Eight"							
Bar 12: semibreve C	Bar 12: crotchet G	"Rings"							
Bar 14: Bb crotchet	Bar 14: semibreve F	"Three"							
Bar 16: G crotchet	Bar 16: dotted minim C	"Pear"							
O Come All Ye Faithful									
Bar 14: crotchet F#	Bar14: dotted minim C	"Let"							
Bar 16: crotchet B (natural)	Bar 16: semibreve F#	"Come"							
Bar 21: dotted minim G	Bar 21: dotted minim E	"Lord"							

Also there are many unnecessary time signature indications and the sharp signs and natural signs are rotated from their usual orientation.

The first note (A) in bar 3 of "O Come All Ye Faithful" is coloured red.

Here is the altered version as used in the Pablo hunt:



Wrong and right notes combined:

EIGHT

RINGS.



The seven notes that have been altered have been changed in both pitch and duration:

FAITH.

COME

THREE PEAR

Note position	Pitch alteration	Duration alteration
1 Line 4 note 1	Down a perfect fifth	Three times longer
2 Line 5 note 9	Down a perfect fourth	A quarter of the length **
3 Line 6 note 6	Down a perfect fourth	Four times longer
4 Line 7 note 13	Up a perfect fourth	Three times longer
5 Line 12 note 2	Up a diminished fifth	Three times longer
6 Line 12 note 8	Down a perfect fourth	Four times longer
7 Line 13 note 11	Up a major sixth	Correct duration

^{**} Or a third of the length with a crotchet rest used to fill the bar

The 13 lines of music could link to the codeword grid, which is 13x13, with pitch alteration indicating a Caesar shift for the appropriate letter in the grid. The grid position would have to include black squares because line 7 of the grid has only 12 letters with 1 black square between the two words. However, in line 12 the 2nd and 8th squares are both black squares. Also line 6 square 6 is black

Line 4 note 1 Letter is "I". Caesar shift back 5 is D.
Line 5 note 9 Letter is "S". Caesar shifted back 4 is O

Line 6 note 6 Letter is black

Line 7 note 13 Letter is "Y". Caesar shifted forwards 4 is C (wrapping

round end of alphabet)

Line 12 note 2 Letter is black Line 12 note 8 Letter is black

Line 13 note 11 Letter is "T" Caesar shifted forwards 6 is Z

THe second wrong note is used for the word "RINGS" which may be a clue to the London Outer Orbital Path (LOOP)

Gerald Wily's Twitter/X profile

The background picture of Gerald Wily's Twitter account is of Reading Gaol which closed in 2013 - ten years before Scooby Doo and gang met him in Faengsel Prison.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-berkshire-41466290

He describes himself as "Namastaying at His Majesty's Pleasure.". Namaste is a traditional greeting used at the beginning of a yoga session,

There are 26 posts of yoga poses from Dec 1 2023 to Dec 15 2023.

The clock on the wall uses the hour and minute hand to represent semaphore letters.

Yoga poses

P	ose	Time	Semaphore letter
1. Ea	asy pose	11.52	Т
2. Tr	ree	10.37	I
3. PI	ank	7.22	N
4. Si	de plank	2.52	Υ
5. G	arland	10.08	U
6. W	arrior 1	9.15	R
7. R	eclined twist	1.37	L
8. Ca	at cow	6.00	D
9. G	oddess	8.52	O
10.	Corpse	11.52	Т
11.	Camel	5.52	С
12.	Forward Fold	8.52	Ο
13.	Warrior 2	7.15	M
14.	Half moon	4.45	S
15.	Cobra	1.37	L
16.	Extended child	5.38	Α
17.	Lizard	5.45	S
18.	Shoulder stand	8.42	Н
19.	Lower Back Love	3.07	W
20.	Pigeon pose	10.38	I
21.	Triangle	1.37	L
22.	Downward facing dog	2.52	Υ

23.	Gate pose	4.30	G
24.	Legs up the Wall	1.22	X
25.	Runner's Lunge.	2.52	Υ
26.	Mountain Pose.	4.15	Z

The semaphore letters spell:

tinyurl.com/wilygxyz

This is a shortened URL which leads to Gerald Wily's Flickr account: https://www.flickr.com/photos/199587978@N08/albums

The URLS of the yoga classes have been written in a particular way to draw our attention to the fact they might be meaningful. The numbers are word separators. Using substitution cipher and reading from bottom to top (i.e. in date order of the posts) we get:

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

Peter was Soren Kierksgaard's brother. Soren's nickname was Fork. His mother's maiden name was Lund. So use **FORKLUND** as the password to the Vigenere message in Flickr notebooks. The combination refers to the padlock to open the treasure box.

See Page 13 - number of rabbits, mice, cats, sheep = 2301.

UPQ0QG	0
KTELJ9YL	9
S8RLIBEJ	8
JSSO7TD	7
4YLU5KHQL6	4 5 6
EOSJ3JKIS	3
UQ1IUIQ2IK	12
RGJKIS0MH	0
HODLLO9JE	9
UQS7IY8RDE	78
K5GSYWLPO6	5 6
2YLU3JSSO4	234
L0IS1WDSPS	0 1

8DKMMSJQ9T 98 7KJYTDEJC 7 Q5EJ6RKQS 56 QTPURTELJ no number JRLOSO4EJ EJC2YLU3S 23 E0KI1QSJO0 1 LO8REMDSP9 89 LUP7BLYDL 7 PSISIBSP6 6

LU4WLUHO5 P1E2GJSW3Y

OSKP0MSTS

Gerald Wily is following 8 people.

45

0

123

They all represent characters who were in **Ronnie Barker**'s "Porridge" **prison** sitcom.

Alex Warren - @alexwarren

"Bunny" Warren in Porridge played by Sam Kelly (who has the same initials as Soren Kierkegaard!)

Naomie Harris @NaomieHarris

Harris is a prisoner in Porridge played by Ronald Lacey. Barker and Naomie were both awarded an OBE

Horrible Histories - @HH_World

Bernard "Horrible" Ives is a prisoner serving time in Slade for committing fraud. He was played by Ken Jones. H.H. was also one of Soren Kierkegaard's **pseudonyms** under which he wrote "Two Minor Ethical-Religious Essays"

Aemon - @masteraemon

Game of Thrones and Porridge villain **Peter Vaughan**Peter Vaughan played "Genial" **Harry Grout**, also referred to as 'Grouty' in Porridge. In Game of Thrones he spent four seasons as the blind, scholarly **Maester Aemon**.

Derek Trotter - @DelBoy ofah

David Jason appeared in three episodes of Porridge as Blanco Webb **David Jason** and **Ronnie Barker** starred in Open all hours and were close friends.

McLaren - @McLarenF1

Tony Osoba (born 15 March 1947) is a Scottish actor best known for his role as **Jim 'Jock' McLaren** in the 1970s British sitcom Porridge alongside Ronnie Barker.

Christopher Biggins - @onebiggins

Played Lukewarm in Porridge

Kate Beckinsale - @KateBeckinsale -

Her father was **Richard Beckinsale**. He played Leonard Arthur "**Lennie**" **Godber** in Porridge

His birthdate is given as 25 September 1970 This was **Ronnie Barker**'s 41st birthday

Likes 2 posts

Chelsea | I miss the little blue bird@ChelseaKLiberal Cynthia Santiago@Cyncities

Pics of food & drink

Breakfast - Boiled eggs - #proteinboost = "X"

Lunch - marmalade sandwich - #betterthanaknucklessandwich Knuckles McGinty is a former inmate in HMP Shepton Mallet Prison. He appears in Paddington 2 when Paddington is sent to **prison**.

Tea and snack - 2 madeleines - #delicieux - Madeleine Smith from the Two Ronnies. Or possibly, given the French hashtag, a reference to Marcel Proust's "À la recherche du temps perdu" where he goes to great lengths to describe the taste of them:

"She sent out for one of those short, plump little cakes called 'petites madeleines,' which look as though they had been moulded in the fluted scallop of a pilgrim's shell. And soon, mechanically, weary after a dull day with the prospect of a depressing morrow, I raised to my lips a spoonful of the tea in which I had soaked a morsel of the cake. No sooner had the warm liquid, and the crumbs with it, touched my palate, a shudder ran through my whole body, and I stopped, intent upon the extraordinary changes that were taking place."

Dinner - Toad in the hole + Fox Ale - - #nosoggybottom #cantcomplain - described by Wily thus:

The beer was a special treat, a leaving gift from one of the screws. Apparently it's brewed on-site at his local.

The "screw" (prison guard) is Kirk and his local is the **Fox Pub** near Happy Valley. The Fox is often described as a Wily animal and the initials SK on the letter in the treasure box stand for **Screw Kirk**.

T-shirt

120965 & base 13. It converts to 430019

Refers to Faith Lehane in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*

Faith's prisoner number is 430019. She was held at North California Women's Facility, which is a real institution

Faith Lehane is played by Eliza Dushku

https://the-universal-experiment.fandom.com/wiki/Faith_Lehane

Dolly Parton Meme

On January 21st, 2020, Dolly Parton posted four images of herself, each with a social media platform label, to her Instagram account with the caption, "Get you a woman who can do it all ".

Using four images to illustrate four facets of one person can be extended to depicting four pseudonyms of one person, in this case Gerald Wily. This was, of course, the pseudonym of Ronnie Barker but if Gerald Wily is the "real name" then Ronnie Barker can be seen as a pseudonym of it.

Dog in a suit - LINKEDIN

Ronnie Barker. The dog is a "**Barker**". He is also wearing glasses. The most famous Barker to wear glasses is **Ronnie Barker**.

Ferris Bueller's Day Off - FACEBOOK

Ronnie Barker used the pseudonym Bob Ferris

Indoor goat yoga - INSTAGRAM

Ronnie Barker used the pseudonym Jack **Goetz** [goats]

Keith Chegwin - TINDER

https://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/local-news/cheeky-cheggers-never-really-reveals-2940486

Ronnie Barker used the pseudonym Larry Keith to write the Two Ronnies film "The Picnic" in 1976 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The Picnic (1976 film)

Janet

Prison bans porridge because it's a 'security risk that could be used to block up door locks'. Porridge has been banned at privately run men's HM Prison Parc in Bridgend. **Janet** Wallsgrove, director of the G4S-run prison, confirmed porridge was 'not available in the prison shop'.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5677141/Prison-bans-porridge-security-risk-used-block-door-locks.html

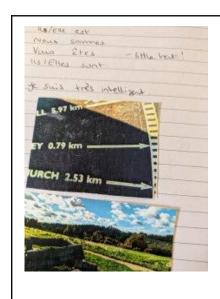
Gerald Wily's Flickr account

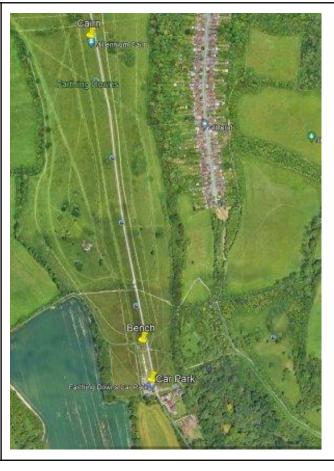
This contains an album of 13 photos which are "photos of photos" of countryside locations which have been placed in a notebook with French and Spanish handwritten notes. This is KirkGuard's notebook which he mislaid in X-Wing of Faengsel Prison. See Page 3 for KirkGard's Twitter/X profile. It is clear from the notes around Wily's photos that KIrkGuard was learning French and Spanish because he was planning to visit all the places that were visited by Papillon as an escape route with the treasure.

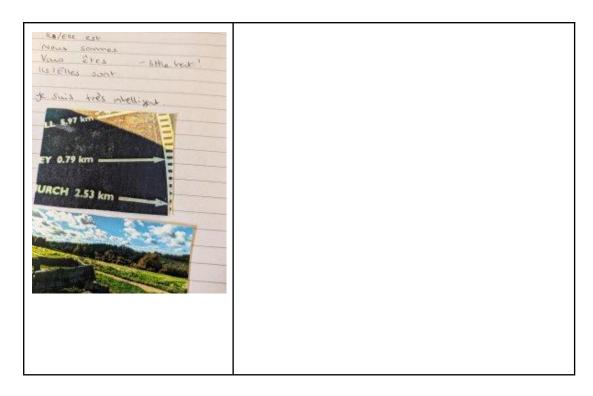
The photos are out of order in the Flickr album but can easily be re-ordered by their correct names when hovering the mouse pointer over each one. They are numbered notebook1 to notebook12 and notebookcode. Or they can be downloaded from Flickr in a zip file which will automatically reorder them by their file names when unpacked.

It is clear from the below thumbnails that notebook1 and notebook2 belong on the same page.

They are of the hexagonal bench and Millennium Cairn to the north of the Farthing Downs car park.







Similarly notebook3 and notebook4 are on the same page of the notebook:



Opening to footpath to east of Millennium Cairn

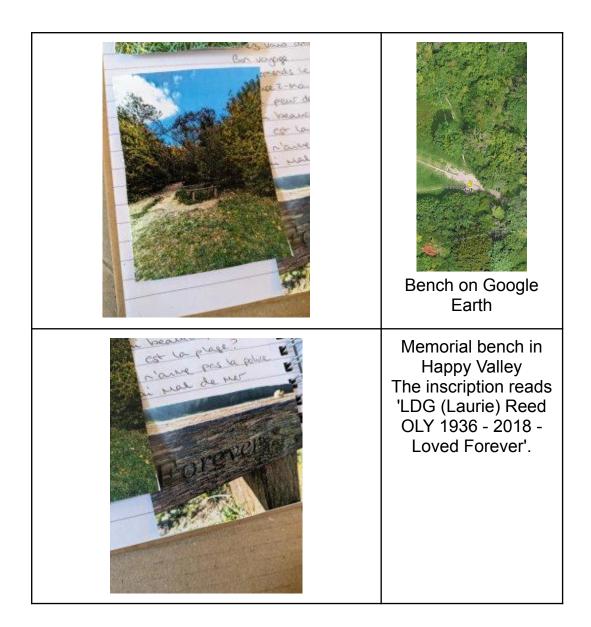


Fallen tree.

On the Friends of Farthing Wood website it mentions that: "In this part of the woods, you may come across fallen trees which have been left to rot down naturally." https://www.friend soffarthingdowns. co.uk/NatureTrail/ NTEnglish/Text/P ost16English.pdf

And notebook5, notebook6 and notebook7 are photographed on the same page of KirkGuard's notebook





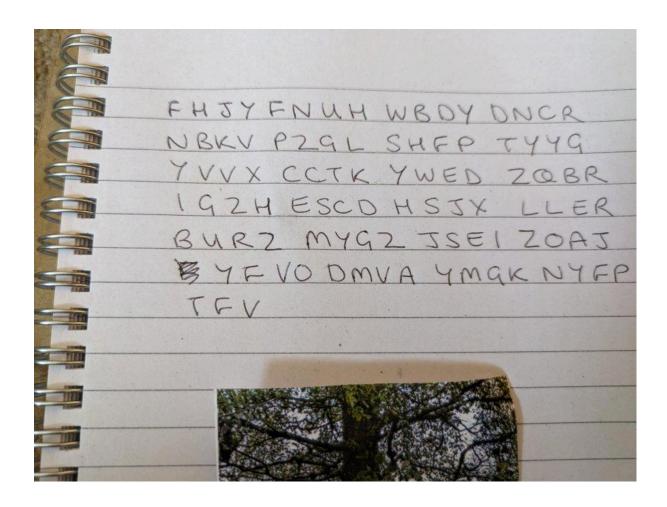
notebook8 and notebook9 were photographed on a page where KirkGuard had practised his Spanish vocabulary:





They are located in Happy Valley near the southernmost point of the London LOOP.

The notebookcode image is of a vigenere code:



FHJY FNUH WBDY DNCR NBKV PZGL SHFP TYYG YVVX CCTK YWED ZQBR IGZH ESCD HSJX LLER BURZ MYGZ JSEI ZOAJ YFVO DMVA YMGK NYFP TFV

The key is **FORKLUND** from the yoga poses cipher. It reads:

ATSO UTHE RNMO STPO INTL EFTI NTOF IELD THEN RIGH TINT OWOO DSIX TYPA CESN ARRO WGAP BETW EENY OUNG TREE SSIX TYPA CESM ORE

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

The "southernmost point" is the southernmost point of the London Outer Orbital Path at bottom middle of the image below. The directions end at the pear tree, first depicted on the poster and again in notebook12, where the box was hidden. It had a combination lock on it, the combination of which is 2301 (from page 13).



Google Earth image of box location showing also the southernmost point of the London Outer Orbital Path.

The location of the box, at the foot of the giant wild pear tree, was

N51° 17.678' W000° 07.048'

or **humid.crown.rich** (what3words)