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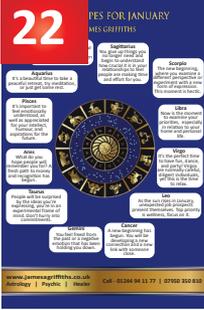


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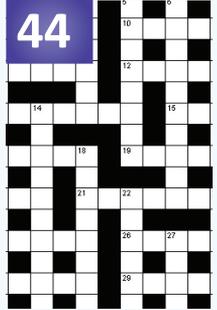
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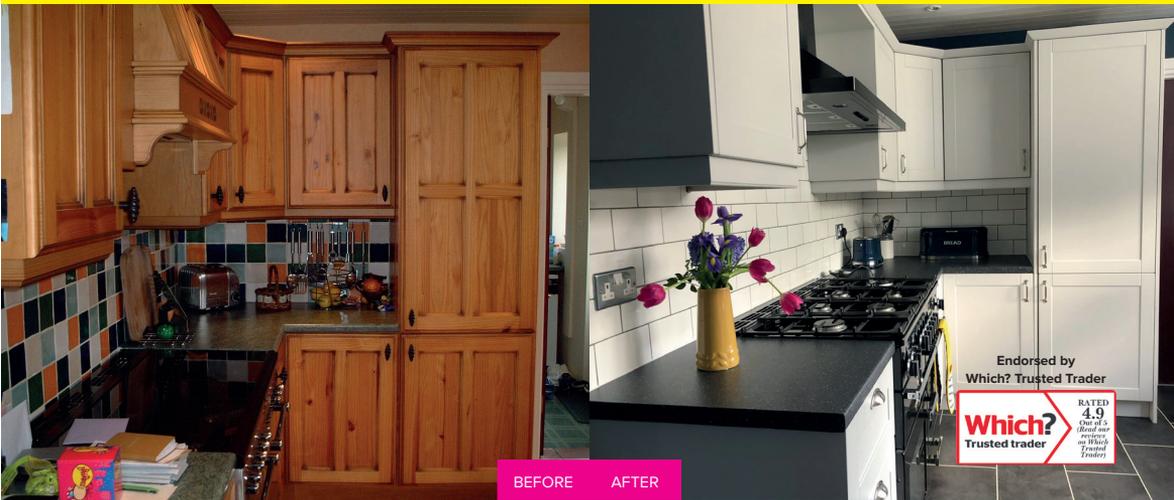
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1. Every day, your heart creates enough energy to drive a truck for 20 miles

2. Your nose can remember 50,000 different scents.

3. Humans shed about 600,000 particles of skin every hour.

4. In 1986, a volcanic lake in Cameroon, Africa burped a CO2 gas cloud that killed 1,746 people in minutes.

5. Dreams get weirder as the night wears on.

6. Being hit by lightning causes weird skin designs called "Lichtenberg figures."

7. If you eat too many carrots you may turn orange.

8. Viagra can keep cut flowers standing up straight for up to a week longer than normal.

9. Anatidaephobia is the weird fear that somewhere, somehow, a duck is watching you.

10. A garden snail has about 14,000 teeth while other species can have over 20,000. But that's not even the most shocking part: The teeth of an aquatic snail called the limpet are the strongest known biological material on Earth, even stronger than titanium!

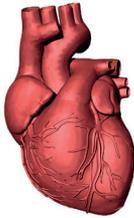
11. If you inhale a pea, it can sprout and grow in your lungs.

12. "Rain of fish" is an annual weather event in which hundreds of fish rain from the sky onto the city Yoro in Honduras.

13. The heart symbol was first used to denote love in the 1250. Prior to that, it represented foliage.

14. It's scientifically proven: being in love makes you a less productive person.

15. Japanese Trains are among the world's most punctual: their average delay is just 18 seconds.



16. 98% of all adoptions in Japan are of male adults so that family businesses can remain within the family.

17. All polar bears alive today can trace their ancestry back to one female brown bear who lived in Ireland 50,000 years ago.

18. The postage stamp of The Statue of Liberty depicts not the real statue in New York, but the replica in Las Vegas.

19. Frank Sinatra and the Rat Pack are widely credited with helping end segregation in Las Vegas, by refusing to perform in venues that wouldn't allow blacks.

20. Left-handed people process things faster than righties while playing computer games or sports.



21. In 2015, a U.S. journalist was sentenced to 5 years in jail for posting a link on the web.

22. Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel which he politely declined.

23. Philematology is the science of kissing.

24. The average person takes 183,755,600 steps in a lifetime.

25. Two-thirds of all the people in the world who have ever lived to be 65 years old are still alive today.

26. Women spend nearly one year of their lives deciding what to wear.

27. In a lifetime, your brain's long-term memory can hold as many as 1 quadrillion (1 million billion) separate bits of information.

28. Ancient Babylonians did math in base 60 instead of base 10. That's why we have 60 seconds in a minute and 360 degrees in a circle.



29. In 1900, all the world's mathematical knowledge could be written in about 80 books; today it would fill more than 100,000 books.

30. Starting 2015, all New York residents must recycle their old electronics like PCs and TVs, or face a US\$100 fine.



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THIS DAY IN HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

6th February 1952

King George VI of England died .

The King failed to recover from a lung operation, and died in his sleep at Sandringham; he was aged 56.

After lying in state at Westminster Hall, the King's funeral was held at St George's Chapel, Windsor, where he lies buried.

Upon his death, his daughter Princess Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Her actual coronation took place on June 2, 1953.



King Edward VI

11th February 1990

In South Africa, Nelson Mandela, at age 71, was released from prison after serving 27 years of a life sentence, his sentence behind bars split between Robben Island, Pollsmoor Prison and Victor Verster Prison, on charges of attempting to overthrow the apartheid government.

Amid growing domestic and international pressure and fears of racial civil war, President F. W. de Klerk released him in 1990.

Mandela and de Klerk led efforts to negotiate an end to apartheid, which resulted in the 1994 multiracial general election in which Mandela led the ANC to victory and became president. Leading a broad coalition government which promulgated a new constitution, Mandela emphasised reconciliation between the country's racial groups and created the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to investigate past human rights abuses. Economically, his administration retained its predecessor's liberal framework despite his own socialist beliefs, also introducing measures to encourage land reform, combat poverty and expand healthcare services.



Nelson Mandela

20th February 1962

Astronaut John Glenn became the first American launched into orbit.

Travelling aboard the "Friendship 7" spacecraft, Glenn reached an altitude of 162 miles and completed three orbits in a flight lasting just under five hours.

Glenn was the third American in space, preceded by Alan Shepard and Virgil "Gus" Grissom who had each completed short sub-orbital flights. All of them had been preceded by Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin who was the first human in space, completing one orbit on April 12, 1961 - a feat that intensified the already ongoing Space Race between the Russians and Americans.



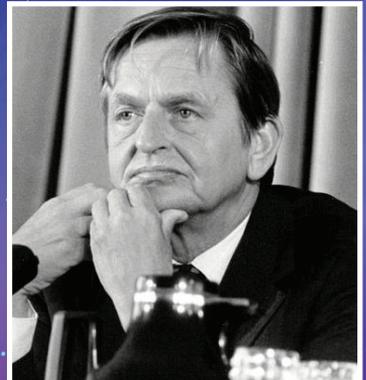
Glenn in his Mercury spacesuit in 1962

Glenn's successful flight showed the Americans had caught up and was followed in September 1962 by President John F. Kennedy's open call to land an American on the moon before the decade's end.

28th February 1986

Prime Minister of Sweden Olof Palme was walking home from a cinema with his wife Lisbeth Palme shortly before midnight in the central Stockholm street Sveavägen when he was shot in the back at close range. A second shot grazed Lisbeth's back. He was pronounced dead on arrival at the Sabbatsberg Hospital at 00:06. Lisbeth survived without serious injuries.

Political violence was little-known in Sweden at the time, and Olof Palme often went about without a bodyguard.



Olof Palme in 1984

Two years later, Christer Pettersson, a murderer, small-time criminal and drug addict, was convicted of Palme's murder, but his conviction was overturned. Another suspect, Victor Gunnarsson, emigrated to the United States, where he was the victim of an unrelated murder in 1993. The assassination remained unsolved. A third and fourth suspect popularly referred to as "The Skandia Man" and GH, after their working place at the Skandia building next to the crime scene, and police investigation number ("H" representing the eighth letter, i.e. "Suspect Profile No. 8"), committed suicide in 2000 and 2008 respectively. Both fit the suspect profile vaguely, and owned firearms. GH was a long-time suspect partly because he had self-described financial motives, and owned the only registered .357 Magnum in the Stockholm vicinity not tested and ruled out by authorities, which as yet has not been recovered.

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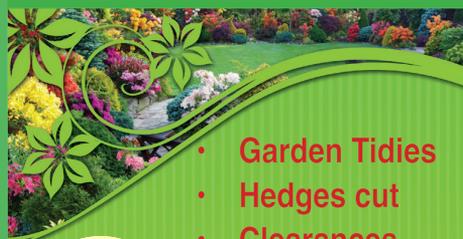
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Aries

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Taurus

keep in mind how crucial it is to maintain a good balance between your personal and professional life.

Gemini

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Sagittarius

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Scorpio

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Setting clear goals and plans at the beginning of the month can help you stay on track through the frantic month.

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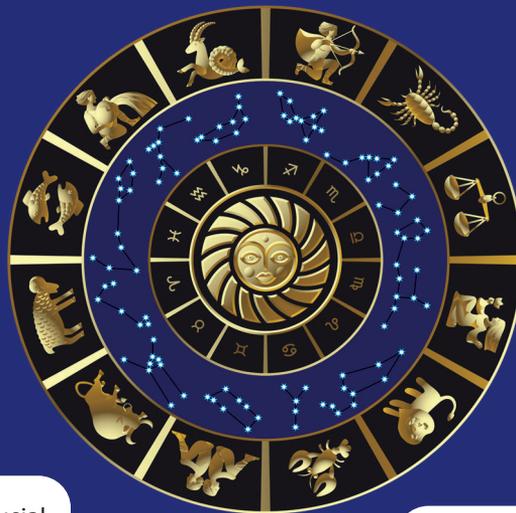
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Pupils from Woodchurch High School Interact Club visited Birkenhead Rotary to speak about the wonderful activities they had been undertaking, and the motivation behind their wish to undertake aims and challenges to help others.

Speakers Alice and Charlie are pictured, together with, from the left Ray Dent, Chair of Youth Committee, Club President Lionel Bolland, School Chaplin Malcolm Kydd, Stephen Ross from Wirral Wildlife Fund, Paul Joplin, Assistant Head Teacher of Woodchurch High and Barbara Sinclair, Birkenhead's President elect, who continues to provide an excellent and dedicated link to the school.



The Interact members, in discussion with Rotarians, decided that part of the amount they raised during lots of activities, should go to Wirral Wildlife Fund. This amounted to a donation from the pupils of an amazing £2,000, which was part of the £8,000 raised by pupils with support of the staff. In the past the Interact Club members have nominated a number of Birkenhead Rotary supported organisations to benefit from their fundraising, including Wirral Fund for Children with Special Needs.

The pupils were warmly praised for their activities by President Lionel Bolland and their visit to Birkenhead Rotary was a huge success and very well received. Even after the event, the talks by Alice and Charlie were distributed to Rotarians who were unable to attend the meeting.

Birkenhead clean up



On Saturday the 14th of January, a group of 21, from various groups joined together to clear a derelict area in Birkenhead behind the Central Hotel, resulting in three shopping trolleys being returned to retailers and a staggering 2.36 tonnes of rubbish and debris being removed.

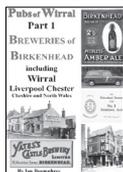


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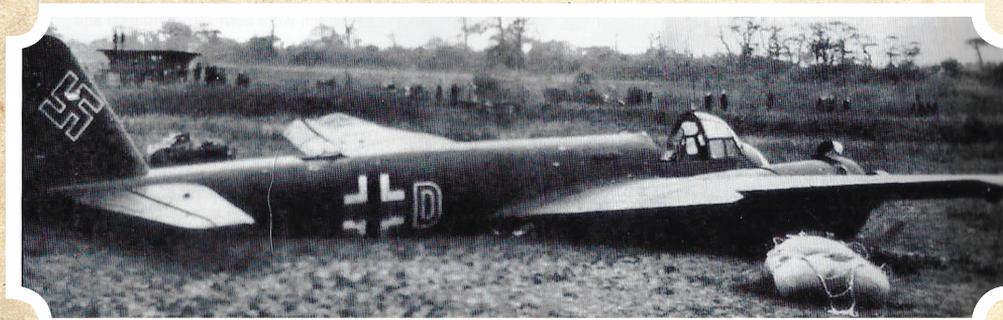
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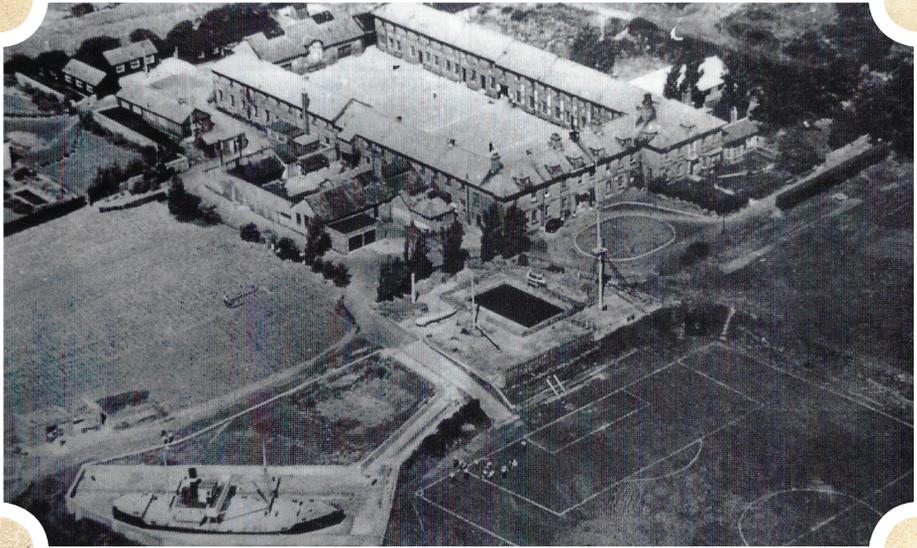
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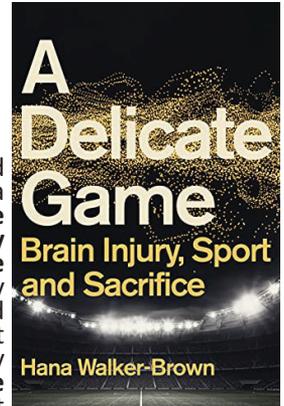
The Long Term Dangers of Physical Impact in Contact Sports

A Delicate Game

Author - Hana Walker-Brown

Publisher - Hodder & Stoughton

Within a changing landscape of sporting participation and spectator involvement, by attendance at games or via media transmission, considerable attention has been focused on the safety of participants in terms of “impact damage”, particularly to the head, in contact sports such as boxing, rugby, football, ice hockey, etc. Sometimes the injuries players suffer are immediately apparent, however, unfortunately, the long term effects and implications of injuries, particularly impact to the head, do not become immediately apparent. In a thought provoking, excellently researched and in-depth analytical investigation, “A Delicate Game”, Hana Walker -Brown explores the facts about the impact and consequences for those players, at all levels, experiencing head injuries. The author emphasises from her research of medical evidence and oral evidence from a range of contributors that injuries to the head, resulting in concussion, are closely linked to the degenerative brain disease CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy).



Many readers may well find some of the oral interviews and interactions with players and family members emotionally disturbing. Hana pulls no punches as she relates the disturbing experiences of players and challenges, the response of coaches and governing bodies of a range of sports. The text may well engender considerable empathy with, and alarm for, the players and families as Hana outlines the difficulties players such as Steve Thompson, Chris Czekag and Alix Popham have endured as they recount their experiences of loss of memory, mood swings, in particular, “the downers” and anger. As Alix Popham points out, “you know your body was going to be sore in retirement, but nobody thought your brain was going to be in bits as well”.

The playing careers of professional sportsmen and women are driven by personal desire, determination and grit to “be in the team and playing competitively”, not just training, being on the bench hoping to get a bit of the action as a sub, or just in the squad”. The wife of Chris Czekag, a former Cardiff Blues and Wales wing three quarter, makes a significant point when she highlights that on occasions players disguise or hide “concussion” by holding their shoulder in a determined effort not to be replaced and to “play through the knock”. As professionals they are concerned about the renewal of their contracts, media attention, being picked to play or that someone else in the squad is “waiting for the opportunity to take their place. Current player redundancies in the Welsh regions, players made redundant by Wasps and Worcester, and fresh appointments as coaches of National teams in Wales and England illustrate the “mental stress” of ensuring you are “not a shirker”. This equates with the author’s quote from Dylan Hartley’s book, when the former England rugby union hooker sets the parameters for rugby players from school to professional levels, “If you’re hurt, get up.. If you fall down, get up. Carry on Kid”.

Many parents and supporters need to heed this quotation as they read and reflect on the tragic experience of schoolboy Benjamin Robinson who died as a result of a head injury resulting in concussion. As a consequence of Benjamin’s death his parents instigated a campaign to improve education about concussion with a clear message that “anyone suspected of sustaining concussion should be immediately removed from play”. On occasions, too many parents want their child to be over aggressive and resilient to pain and injury.

Readers may well be aware that sports such as football, rugby and boxing have belatedly introduced protocols to reduce “the risk of concussion”. For instance, rugby union have addressed some aspects of contact which have caused “concern”, including clearing out, collision of shoulder to the head, rucking, aggression on and off the ball, “illegal tackles”

and the failure to consistently recognise concussion. **However, as the evidence collated by the author clearly shows, there is a reluctance by some executives of sports governing bodies, at all levels to come to terms with the seriousness of the issues arising from concussion and the development of CTE.**

The author highlights throughout the text the personal suffering endured by Jeff Astle and his family as they struggled with his dementia. The emotional experiences of “denial and rebuttal by football’s leaders suffered Dawn Astle, the daughter of the late Jeff Astle, in “her fight to secure justice” for her father, emphasised her tenacity in ensuring that his injuries were classified as an “industrial injury”. **As a senior politician stated, “what is astonishing is that when it comes to reducing the risks of brain injury, sport has been allowed to mark its own homework, it is seen as a dereliction of duty and must change.**

The author has written an outstanding book with a fearless tenacity to “unlock the depths of incompetency” shown by leaders of contact sports in addressing the short and long term consequences of “head injuries”. The physical and personal struggles endured by so many players of all ages and their families creates a moving and emotionally disturbing argument for change.

Saving Rugby Union

Author - Ross Reyburn
Publisher - Y Lolfa

The challenges facing rugby union in the current climate are addressed in a thought provoking and in depth analysis by **Ross Reyburn “Saving Rugby Union”; the price of professionalism”**. In an insightful prelude to wider analysis, the author uses comments by eminent players, coaches, medical experts and others involved in the game to give a base line to his analysis of “the issues that need urgent solutions”. For example, **questions posed include, “what is the point of a scrum if you have crooked feeds”,** (Jeremy Guscott) and **“do we need to go back to injury replacements only”** (Warren Gatland). Many commentators consider that rugby union, at professional level, has lost its “sparkle”. In particular they note the increase in “aimless kicking”, too many stoppages, replacements reducing the “fatigue effects” of the game, forward dominated attacks, etc.

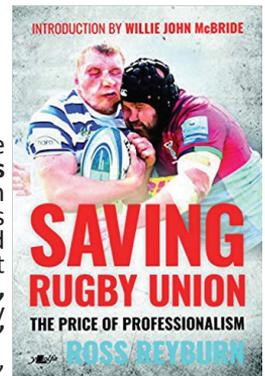
The author leaves few issues unturned as he makes a wide ranging review of the key issues impacting upon the modern game of rugby union, which some commentators describe as a “marriage of rugby league and American football”. He emphasises that **the upsurge in serious and, on occasions, life changing injuries** due to the emphasis on physicality and the “concussion crisis” needs urgent addressing.

Readers will gain from Ross Reyburn’s comments that there needs to be a “wind of change” with a return to an emphasis on passing, handling and beating opponents by speed in contrast to the current emphasis on physical power, contact and ball retention, “box kicking” and forward dominated attacks. He discusses the visionary style of rugby advocated by coaches such as Carwyn James and John Dawes to re-create excitement and enthusiasm for spectators and greater safety for players.

The author’s comments are overall far more wide ranging and interesting for those who enjoy the game as players, coaches, administrators, partners, parents or spectators.

Readers will gain from reflection on key issues, including

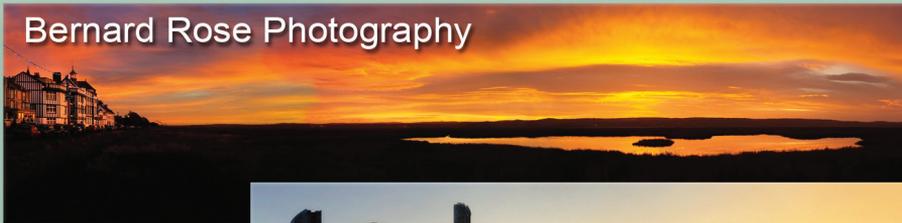
- The scrum half feeding into scrums, the “crooked feed”
- The effect of “strength building in gymnasia” resulting in a distortion in the skill/power balance and an increased incidence of injuries
- Problems with the breakdown with slowball restricting attacking sides
- Replacement of players, particularly “battering ram forwards” with no injuries
- Issues to address in terms of tackling that engages with the head
- Dangerous “clear outs” at rucks
- The mismanagement of rugby union in the professional era.



This is an excellent analysis of rugby union focusing on its development within a highly commercialised arena. The author analyses the demise of the game at grass roots levels and the need to move back to a game with the emphasis on physical skill, speed and power rather than physicality and “battering rams” with limited ball skills. In particular, **Ross Reyburn highlights the changes needed to “save rugby union”**, with the emphasis on making the game safer, more appealing and enjoyable to young people and adults to play at “grass roots level”.

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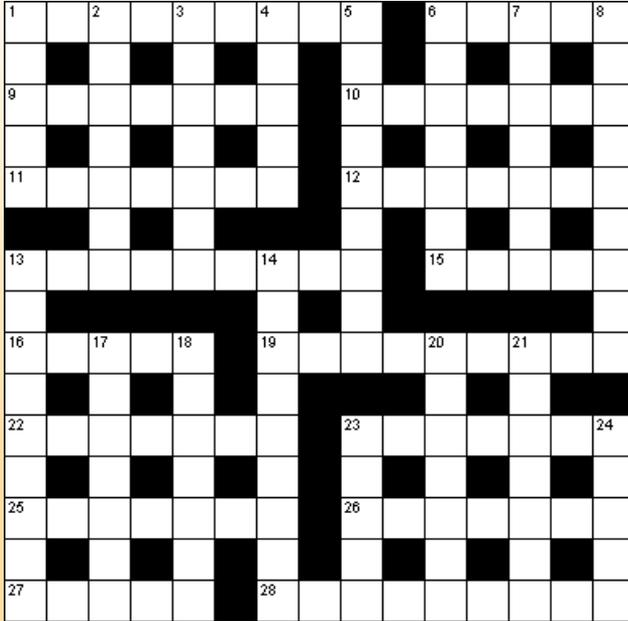
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- 3 Completely (7)
- 4 Toss (5)
- 5 In an extremely harmful manner (9)
- 6 Condiment (7)
- 7 Easily damaged (7)
- 8 Unlawfully (9)
- 13 Stew (9)
- 14 Lack of acceptance (9)
- 17 Put together (7)
- 18 Footwear (7)
- 20 Drag along (7)
- 21 Harbor (7)
- 23 A place for wives and concubines (5)
- 24 Made easier to bear (5)

Across

- 1 Meet (9)
- 6 Islamic jurist (5)
- 9 Absorbent paper (7)
- 10 Put in place (7)
- 11 A line of trees used to block winds (7)
- 12 Giving a speech (7)
- 13 Land around barns (9)
- 15 Inhabit (5)
- 16 The anvil bone in your ear (5)
- 19 Without happiness (9)
- 22 A reference book (7)
- 23 Flapjack (7)
- 25 Hunting guide (7)

- 26 Motives (7)
- 27 Smooths (5)
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Difficulty level: Medium.

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**Congratulations to Val Hatton
owner of Salon Dene in Neston
as she celebrates 60 years in hairdressing!**



Val's daughter got in touch to tell us her mum's marvellous achievement. Victoria says,

"Mum has completed 60 years hairdressing as of 6th February.

She took an apprenticeship with Dene Oxton in 1962 and started it in February 1963 after finishing school.

At the time the salon was in a basement on Parkgate Road, Neston.

Val purchased the salon from Dene in 1970 due to Dene's ill health and has owned it for 53 years in March.

Val is still working, although she has been out of the salon for some periods over the past 12 months due to health issues, but she is feeling much better now and is starting to do a bit more each week in the salon.

Val has had some great, loyal staff over the years who she regards as close as family, Her clients have become great friends too, some of whom have been with her for the past 60 years!



Currently Val has 2 full time members of staff, Keri Roberts who herself came to the salon as an apprentice 23 years ago and her daughter Victoria, who has introduced nails and beauty to the salon."

"We would like to congratulate Val on this fabulous achievement & wish her many more wonderful years in hairdressing."

With love from her very dear family, Husband Bill, daughters Jackie and Victoria, Son in laws, Mark and Simon and granddaughters Amelia and Betsy.



Over 50s Theatre Returns to Neston

Little Actors Theatre in Neston is delighted to announce the return of our over 50s group Brightlights Theatre.

Thanks to funding from Tesco Bags of Help and a contribution from Costa Coffee, the group will return to prepare a play for the 2023 Cheshire Drama Festival, to be held at Storyhouse.

Directed by professional actor Mike Lockley. The group will meet weekly 11am – 1pm on a Friday at Little Actors space in Neston Town Hall from the 20th January.

New members would be most welcome to come along. Even if you don't fancy acting you may want to get involved back stage or with design, or even just keeping the tea flowing in rehearsals. There is something for everyone to get involved with- learn a new skill or make new friends.

For details contact Little Actors on mail@littleactorstheatre.com or 07385 849864



Did You Do It? Poem by John Fowler

Met a guy the other day, we went to school together,
not seen him in 50 years, yet we talked about the weather.

I recalled that as a boy, he always had one aim,
all he wanted when he grew up, was to drive a train.

I said ... did you do it? Did it all go to plan?

Did you do it? When you became a man?

Met a man I used to know, swore hard work was the key
to achieve his greatest ambition, to build a house by the sea.

I said... did you do it? Did you live your dream?

Did you do it? Did you complete your scheme?

I knew a girl with a great desire, to travel around the world,
if I met her now, I'd be intrigued, to how her hopes unfurled.
I'd say... have you done it? Was it all you thought it would be?

Was it worth it? Or did it lack veracity?

My neighbour in the sixties, vowed he'd be a big pop star

I know he changed his name, but I don't think he got very far.

I wonder... did he do it? Did he sing his way to fame?

Did he do it? Did he make his name?

We all set out on the path of life, we have dreams along the way,
but when asked if they fulfilled them, this is what people say.

Did I do it? No, I didn't find the time. Did I do it? No, I changed my mind.

Did I do it? No, I didn't seize the day. Did I do it? No, life got in the way.

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MINUTES - by John Fowler

“Your Handsomeness, I need a quick word with you, because there is a serious rumbling in the ranks.”

“What is it, old Tub of Lard?”

“I have heard that your team of coaches are not happy with our little tete-a-tetes, because this is where all the big decisions are made.”

“Don’t worry about them, I have always treated them like mushrooms—you know keep them in the dark and feed them you know what. They are completely dependent on me.”

“They want our meetings attended by your secretary and minuted. I would suggest we make up some minutes just to fool them.”

“I have got better things to do, like trying to understand why we were two nil down in 3 minutes last Saturday.”

“I think I know the reason. Some of our players were still taking the knee, and hadn’t realised we had kicked off. But another thing, Bossness, that young Under 23 coach is trying to curry favour with you by going around saying you look like George Clooney. I think you are more like Robert Redford, but I know there is no way you could be influenced by any sort of creeping, sir.”

“Certainly not, but I have been very impressed by you lately. My boots are cleaner than ever, my trousers are always nicely pressed, my tea tastes good, but I think my personal toilet needs more attention, but I want to talk about promotion.”

Billy sat up. “Oh, your Majesty, after all these years, what do you have in mind?”

“Well, do you think Norwich will go up this year?”

“I thought for a minute, but never mind....er, but I do want your advice on a personal matter, Oh Debonair one. I want to make myself more attractive to the opposite sex and I have seen it in the films that some women go for men who are rough and ready. They find it exciting. They like the rugged look.”

“Well, you are off to a good start because you are pretty ugly.”

“Perhaps if I spoke badly of people, always critiquing, pulling them down, showing arrogance, as if I knew everything. Dyed my hair or worn it in a ponytail, and was a real nasty person.”

“I have got a great idea, why don’t you become a Football pundit?”

“My God, your Handsomeness, I could never sink that low.”





The Live Rooms

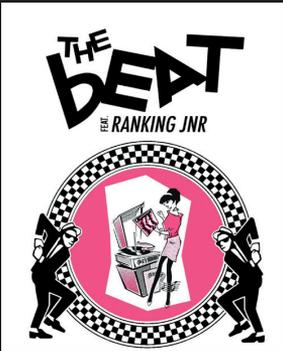
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