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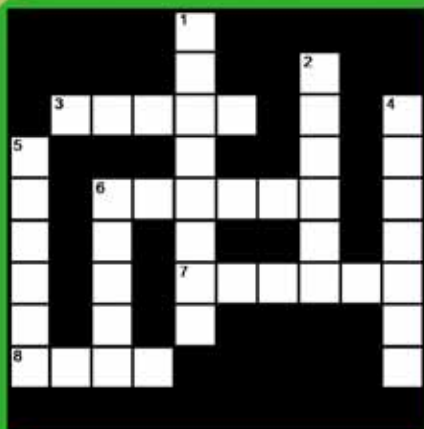
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Kids Page



Christmas Crossword

Across

- 3 Santa's helpers (5)
- 6 Santa's transport (6)
- 7 Metallic tree decoration (6)
- 8 Often tops a Christmas tree (4)

Down

- 1 We give these at Christmas (8)
- 2 The make the Christmas tree glow (6)
- 4 The most famous reindeer (7)
- 5 Sung at Christmas (6)
- 6 Father Christmas (5)

Name the Christmas Carols



Q. What should you sing at a snowman's birthday party?
A. Freeze a jolly good fellow!



Name the Christmas Carols - Answers
1. The holly and the ivy
2. I Saw Three Ships
3. Silent Night





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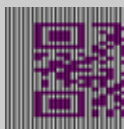
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Tuesday 12 December, 10:30am. Mince Pie Trail. Up to 7 miles (2½ hours).

Meet: Frost Folly Country Car Park. Map grid ref: 874 726.

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Meet: Pope's Meadow car park, off St Mark's Road, Binfield, Bracknell RG42 4AY.

Timings and distances are approximations only. For more information tel: 01344 354441.

For walking opportunities visit: www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/walking

Other Events

Saturday 16 December, 10:30am-1:30pm. Heathland Magic at Wildmoor Heath.

Get involved in our heathland conservation event. Enjoy a bonfire and marshmallows and possibly take home your own Christmas tree. Tools & refreshments provided. Please bring work gloves. Suitable for all.

Meet: Wildmoor Heath car park, Crowthorne Road, RG45 7PP. Booking required, call: 01344 354441.

Wednesday 20 December, 10am-11:30am or 1pm – 2:30pm. Christmas Treasure Hunt at South Hill Park.

Solve a series of festive clues to earn a chocolate prize! Morning or afternoon events available. Cost: £3. Booking required, call: 01344 354441.

Meet: Gazebo on rear field, South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

Thursday 21 December, 10am-11:30am or 1pm – 2:30pm. Christmas Treasure Hunt at Lily Hill Park.

Solve a series of festive clues to earn a chocolate prize! Morning or afternoon events available. Cost: £3. Booking required, call: 01344 354441.

Meet: The Giant Picnic Table, Lily Hill Park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX.

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Bracknell Forest Natural History Society talks

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December 4: Recording Environmental Change

For further details about these events visit: www.bfnathistsoc.org.uk or contact Gill Cheetham on 01344 423440

Event Booking

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Payment can be made prior to the event or on the day. This is non-refundable.

Events may be filmed and/or photographed - please specify if you do not wish to be included in this.

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The 2017 Arts Week, organised jointly by Binfield, Warfield and Winkfield Parish Councils took place over the autumn half term, and has been another huge success with many free events covering creative arts, craft, music, theatre, talks and workshops enjoyed by local residents.

The week culminated with the Arts and Crafts Exhibition with over 200 original exhibits. Save the dates in your diary for

next year's Arts Week which will take place from Sunday 21st October to Sunday 28th October.

For more pictures from this year's events take a look at the Arts Week website events@arts-week.org and if you would like to take part in next year's Arts Week with ideas for a new workshop, event or performance then please get in touch.

Keep Recycling at the Parish Office

Many thanks to all Warfield residents who have recycled at the Parish Council Office this year helping to raise almost £100 for the Woodland Trust. Thanks to your efforts we have recycled mobile phones, printer cartridges, and air and homecare packing. You can now also recycle biscuit wrappers at our office and thanks to a lot of snacking in the Parish our first consignment of wrappers is due to be packed up and sent off this month. Don't forget you can also pick up your garden waste sacks at the Parish Office.



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The Parish Council holds monthly surgeries in the Parish Office when Parish and local Borough Councillors are available to enable residents to discuss any views or issues they have. Why not come along to the Parish Office to meet your Councillors on:-

Saturday 2 December 10am – 12 noon

Saturday 6 January 2018 10am – 12 noon

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		4		5		9		
	7				2			3
				1				
	9	1			8			

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Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!

A white Christmas is something many of us dream of, but how much do we know about snow?

Snow is made of a bizarre and complex substance which we take completely for granted – water!

Water is a liquid at room temperature, unlike other substances with similar-sized molecules, such as ammonia or methane – these are gases. Water requires more energy to boil it than other liquids and unlike most substances which shrink as they freeze, water expands as it turns to ice. As it turns out this is rather important. Ice is less dense than water so it floats. If it became more dense like most substances lakes would freeze from the bottom up and aquatic life would die. But because water freezes from the top down, the floating ice forms a layer on the surface which insulates the water beneath allowing it to stay liquid and all the swimming creatures to survive.

Few people know that for snow to fall at temperatures higher than -40C a special particle called an ice nucleus is required. Snow seeds as they are known include fine particles of soil, dust, and volcanic ash. These 'seeds' pass through the clouds of water vapour in the upper atmosphere and it is on their surface that ice crystals form which become snow. Snowflakes are all different because of the way they attract new water to their 'corners'. As the crystals fall through the atmosphere they pass through different layers of temperature and humidity, and get tossed around by the wind. The interplay between the snow seeds, random water droplets and their need to grow in a hexagonal fashion means that each snowflake grows rapidly in a unique way until they are large enough to fall as snowflakes.

The perfect snowflakes that we see on Christmas cards are actually quite idealised. Most snowflakes are imperfect, but they do have an underlying symmetry which has been noticed by humans for thousands of years. Most flakes are 1cm or less across but occasionally atmospheric conditions conspire to form giant snowflakes. In 1915 snowflakes 10cm across fell in Berlin, and in Montana in 1887 flakes 38cm (15 inches) across were recorded.

But if snow is made of ice (which is clear or possibly slightly blue), why is snow dazzling white? Well the reason is because of the complex structure of snowflake crystals. Light rays bounce around from one crystal of ice to another, randomly until they find their way out. Because of the very short distances between the reflective surfaces the light rays are efficiently scattered and none are absorbed, and if no light is absorbed then a substance appears white.

If we do have a few flakes this Christmas then you can amaze your friends with how much you now know about snow!

All together now... 'I'm dreaming of a white Christmas...'



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The cessation of violence was entirely unofficial. There had been no prior discussion and troops acted spontaneously from goodwill, not orders.

The most famous account of events involves British and German forces; however, French and Belgium troops also took part. No-one really knows what initiated it. There were some reports that British troops heard their German counterparts singing Christmas carols and



joined but there were also reports of German and British soldiers erecting signs wishing each other a 'Merry Christmas'.

Driven by feelings of goodwill, homesickness and combat-weariness some men crossed the lines with

their hands up, and troops from the opposing side went to meet them. Commanders either turned a blind-eye or joined in. Food and supplies were exchanged and tools and equipment were borrowed. Games of football were played and bodies trapped within No Man's Land were buried.

In many areas the truce lasted for the whole of Christmas day but in some places the peace lasted much longer and it was several weeks before the bloody conflict resumed.

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The Jigsaw Revival



I was Christmas shopping recently and for the first time in many years found myself browsing jigsaw puzzles. I was mesmerised by the number of different types and designs. There were funny ones, quirky ones, puzzles with irregular-shaped pieces, gloriously beautiful reproductions of famous works of art, extra-tricky pictures of boxes of sweets, or baked beans, and some fabulous three-dimensional puzzles. These were not the jigsaws of my youth. The jigsaws I remember came in faded boxes with boring photos of country cottages, or a generic blue-green landscape on the lid. No, these jigsaws looked enticing and exciting. A jigsaw revival seems to have taken place and I had somehow missed it.

Jigsaws actually originated in the late 18th century, when European map makers pasted maps on to wood and cut them into pieces. They were a useful way to teach children about geography.

Puzzles as an adult pastime emerged around 1900. They were expensive because each piece was cut individually, but they quickly became popular social pursuits in country houses for weekend parties.

As production became cheaper they became popular with the masses too. In the interwar period of the 1920s-1930s many companies used them as advertising gimmicks. Lots of jigsaws from that period depict black and white photographs of factories and workers or products. We aren't talking high art here but if you come across them in charity shops they possess their own charm.

Jigsaws can be a silent and calming

activity, or done in pairs or groups they can be sociable affairs. They are also gloriously cheap compared with other forms of entertainment, which explains why weekly cardboard puzzles became a national obsession

in the US after the economic crash of 1929; in fact so many people wanted them that there was a national jigsaw famine!

In our own current slow economy and extended period of austerity jigsaws seem to be gaining in popularity again. Like adult colouring books they are absorbing and stimulating but not overly demanding so can be seen a mindful activity and as such may be beneficial to our mental health.

Dame Margaret Drabble the author became a fan of jigsaws when her husband was undergoing extensive treatment for cancer. She couldn't concentrate on books or crossword puzzles but jigsaws helped her to focus. She says they gave her an illusion of control, creating order from chaos during a period of intense stress, and she feels they actually saved her sanity. She wrote a book, *'The Pattern on the Carpet,'* about her personal experience.

Our own queen is said to be a huge jigsaw fan. Apparently she borrows regularly from the The British Jigsaw Puzzle Library. This wonderful institution (of which I knew nothing prior to researching this article) houses thousands of beautiful hand cut wooden jigsaw puzzles, which can be borrowed. Membership for the jigsaw enthusiast in your life, along with Drabble's book might be a rather inspired Christmas present this year perhaps?

Happy puzzling.

By Sarah Davey

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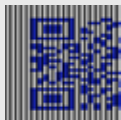
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