
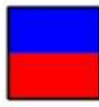

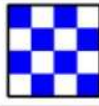

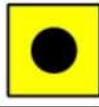







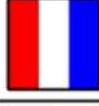
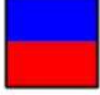



Enigmata: Project Puzzles

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	E	V	E	second person was she	
	N	U	N	And a sister maybe	
	T	O	I	Second person in France	
	R	A	G	Catchy jazz piece for dance	
	A	R	M	I use this when I throw	
	I	R	A	Is this George Gershwin's bro	
	D	O	T	to old Morse it means E	
	E	R	A	and an age this could be	



Y	O	U		A	R	E		N	U	M	B	E	R		?	
I		A	M		N	O	T		A		N	U	M	B	E	R
	I		A	M		A		F	R	E	E		M	A	N	

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Welcome

Again, many thanks for supporting this year's Church Project raising funds for Entraide (Mutual Aid).

Many thanks to the small number people who "test-solved" some of the puzzles beforehand.

Thanks also for the kind comments received

Congratulations to those solvers who persisted and were able to submit entries.

Congratulations to those who had a go despite the (apparent) lack of indication as to what to do.

These notes attempt to summarise the solutions to the twelve main puzzles and also to some of the non-essential ones.

Hopefully the explanations will be intelligible. Also included are some brief notes on codes.

Thanks again.



18	9	3	8	1	18	4
15	19	13	1	14		

A	Y	C	Q	Y	P		Q	G	A
G	L		M	K	L	G	Z	S	Q

THOUGHTS ON CODES/CIPHERS

- Perhaps the simplest code is just to replace each letter by its position in the alphabet: so A is 1, B is 2, C is 3, etc. This is used in Puzzle 7 with the clocks.
- Another simple code is the *Caesar* or *Shift Cipher* in which the letters are moved a fixed number of places in the alphabet. So perhaps A becomes D; B becomes E; and so, on and finally Z becomes C. This is used in Puzzle 10.
- A variation of the shift cipher uses a *keyword* or *key phrase* with no repeated letter. This encodes the first few letters of the alphabet, and the remaining letters are encoded by the rest of the alphabet. For example:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
M	A	G	I	C	W	O	R	D	B	E	F	H	J	K	L	N	P	Q	S	T	U	V	X	Y	Z

 Puzzle 6 used the keyword: METHODICAL.

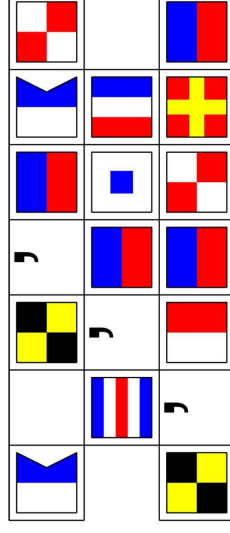
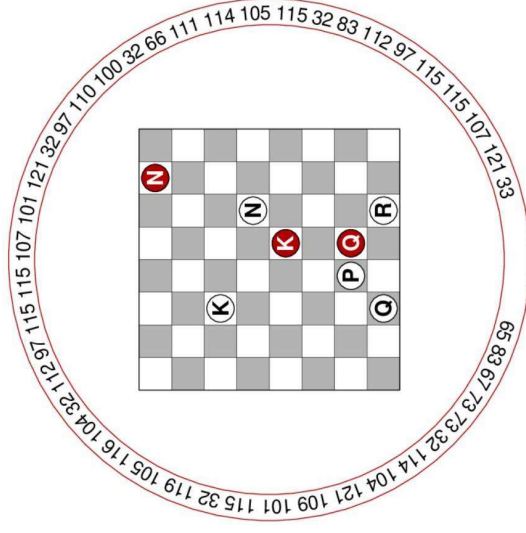
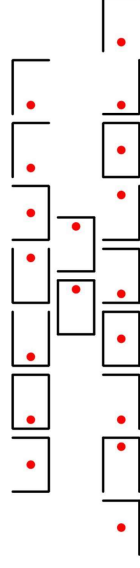
- A variation of what is called the *Pigpen Cipher* is used in Puzzle 1. The alphabet is laid out on a noughts-and-crosses grid. Then each letter is shown by the rectangle in which it lies and a dot showing its position with the rectangle.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	

- The cover of the Puzzle Book uses the ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) code which is used in computing for representing text strings. In this, 32 is a space, and the numbers 65-90 are the upper case letters A-Z.
 [cf. <https://www.ascii-code.com>]

- The cover also used *maritime flags*: there is a flag for each letter of the alphabet.
 [cf. https://en.Wikipedia.org/wiki/International_maritime_signal_flags]

Njpf jd Tyaq, pgadr djn ha,
 Gar ha bcia hxqagd ci rbaa;
 Gar rba vtran til rba ogjll,
 Dnjh rbx ncuai qcla vbcpb dgjval,
 Oa jd qci rba ljsoga psna,
 Pgatiqa ha dnjh crq yscgr til kjvan.



It's poetry, Mother

High above Pandora,
The writing's on the wall.
Who should be our teacher?
The poet tells us all.

In Touchwood, on the wall high above Pandora (and ProCook)
is a quotation from Wordsworth's *The Tables Turned*:

“Come forth into the light of thing, Let NATURE be your
teacher.”



Pandora's box (?)

Daniel 5:25

Female teacher?

Daffodils

S E L B A T E H T

Game of family



M	A	N	O	R
M	I	N	O	R
M	I	N	E	R
M	I	S	E	R
M	I	L	E	R
M	I	L	E	S
M	O	L	E	S
M	O	D	E	S
C	O	D	E	S
C	O	R	E	S
C	O	R	N	S
M	O	R	N	S
M	O	A	N	S
M	O	O	N	S
M	O	O	R	S
M	O	O	R	E
M	O	O	S	E
M	O	U	S	E
H	O	U	S	E

- Opposite of major
- One digging for coal
- One like Scrooge originally
- Runner like Roger Bannister
- A long way
- Other diggers underground
- Ways of doing things
- Secret writings, ciphers
- Central parts (of apples, etc.)
- Hard growths on the feet
- Daylight times before noon
- Complains
- They go round planets
- Ties up a boat
- Roger who was 007
- Large American deer
- Squeak! Squeak!



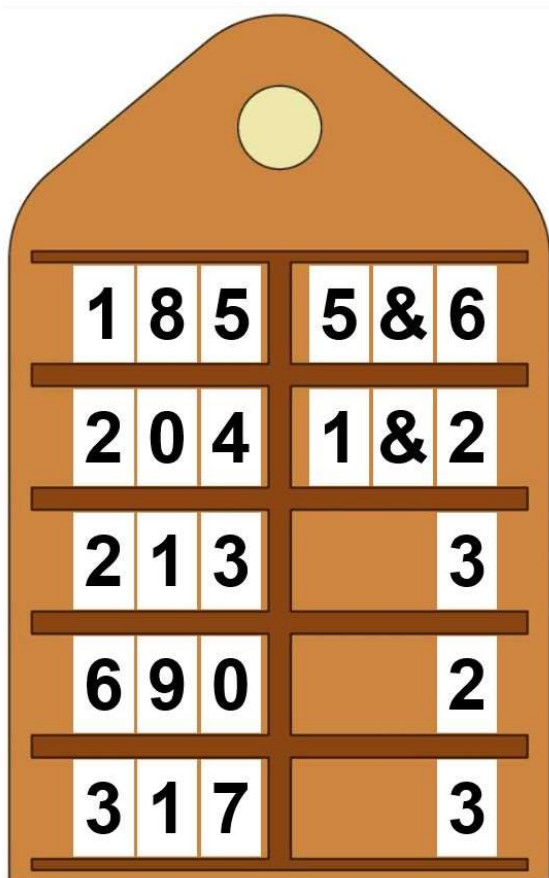
G R E S W O L D

S O L I H U L L
C O A T O F A R M S

Night thief gains ...

... a sleeping hat?

NIGHT THIEF GAINS is an anagram of SINGING THE FAITH



Sing we the King **WHO IS** coming to reign

IN THE bleak midwinter

O little **TOWN** of Bethlehem

The **CHURCH'S** one foundation

At the **NAME** of Jesus every knee shall bow

Question: Who is in the town church's name?

Answer: SAINT ALPHEGE (an anagram of A SLEEPING HAT)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
R	U	R	B	S	U	R	E

Across

- 1 Play by Karel Čapek (3)
- 2 Home city of Abraham (2)
- 3 Financial institution from Edinburgh (3)
- 4 Bachelor of Surgery (2)
- 5 Certain (4)
- 6 North Yorkshire river (3)
- 7 Religious education (2)
- 8 Not N, W or S (1)

The filled grid represents: URBS IN RURE
 which is the **motto** of Solihull's coat of arms and means:
TOWN IN THE COUNTRY

0	Henry Francis Lyte (age 29)	SHINE THROUGH THE GLOOM, AND POINT ME TO THE SKIES
1	Paul Klee (age 21)	A LINE IS A DOT THAT WENT FOR A WALK
2	Rick Blaine (age 37)	IF THAT PLANE LEAVES THE GROUND AND YOU'RE NOT WITH HIM, YOU'LL REGRET IT
3	Captain Kirk (age 18)	SPACE - THE FINAL FRONTIER
4	Salvador Dali (age 25)	THE FAMOUS SOFT WATCHES ARE NOTHING ELSE THAN THE TENDER, EXTRAVAGANT, SOLITARY, PARANOIC-CRITICAL CAMEMBERT OF TIME AND SPACE

Three names: Two people



Name 1

At first he was a lunar-tic
 With man's best friend as his sidekick,
 And then a thief, although asleep,
 But only later counted sheep.
 The evil curse went to his head
 Good news – he wasn't yet brown bread.

WALLACE: along with Gromit the star of:
*A Grand Day Out; The Wrong Trousers; A
 Close Shave; The Curse of the Were-Rabbit;
 A Matter of Loaf and Death, ...*

Name 2

A Yorkshire lad who went to sea
 And suffered there disasters three.
 Third time, the ship was hugely tossed
 In storm severe, and sadly lost,
 And he became a castaway
 Without a single disc to play.

ROBINSON Crusoe: cf. *Wikipedia*

Addendum

And now we know, working from home,
 Our hero makes a mobile gnome
 Whose clones, reprogrammed from the zoo,
 Are given evil things to do:
 But Gromit's there to save the day,
 Though F. McGraw gets clean away.

... and *Vengeance Most Fowl*.

Name 3

And now another name you need:
 For us, these folk might do a deed.

MORGAN: Third name and second person
 of *Wallace Robinson and Morgan* solicitors
 in Solihull.

cf. Sir Henry Morgan (pirate)

Recipe	Add an extra ingredient (letter) to each block (of 3-7 letters) and stir					
Ingredients for six related items	A DOU	ACDDEH	ILNSTT	ADE	CEEHRS	AEF
Ingredients for six related items	ABERRUY	ACHM	ALPR	BCEEEMR	GSTUU	JLU
Ingredients for six related items	AORRSW	DDK	EILSV	CEHT	FILN	EMS



Recipe	Extra letters form the word in capitals in first column					
Cheeses GROMIT	GOUDA	CHEDDAR	STILTON	EDAM	CHESHIRE	FETA
Months FRIDAY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	DECEMBER	AUGUST	JULY
Pirates PIRATE	SPARROW	KIDD	SILVER	TEACH	FLINT	SMEE

SCAR AR AJ TKHO

ENCODE A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
 M E T H O D I C A L B F G J K N P Q R S U V W X Y Z

DECODE A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
 I K H F B L M D G N O J A P E Q R S T C U V W X Y Z

THE BROTHERS JOHN AND CHARLES WESLEY WERE THE FOUNDERS OF METHODISM.

WHAT IS THE CODED FORM OF THE CITY WHERE THEY BOTH WENT TO UNIVERSITY AND WHERE THEY STARTED THE HOLY CLUB (AS OTHERS MOCKINGLY CALLED IT)?

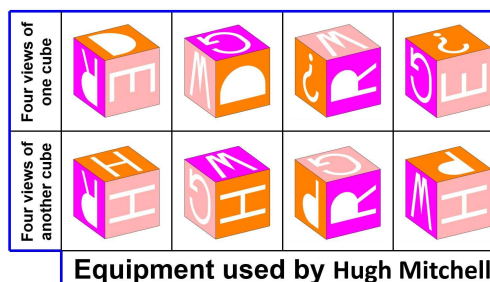
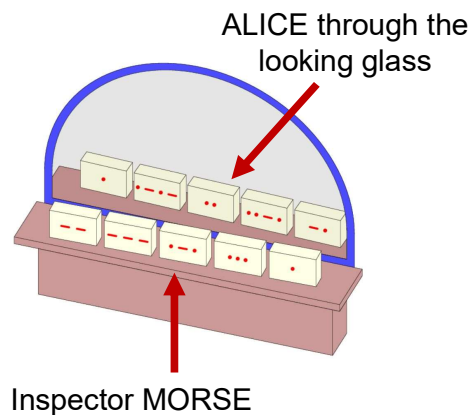
ANSWER: OXFORD → KXDKQH



CHRISTCHURCH
Oxford
(Tom Tower)



RADCLIFFE
CAMERA
Oxford

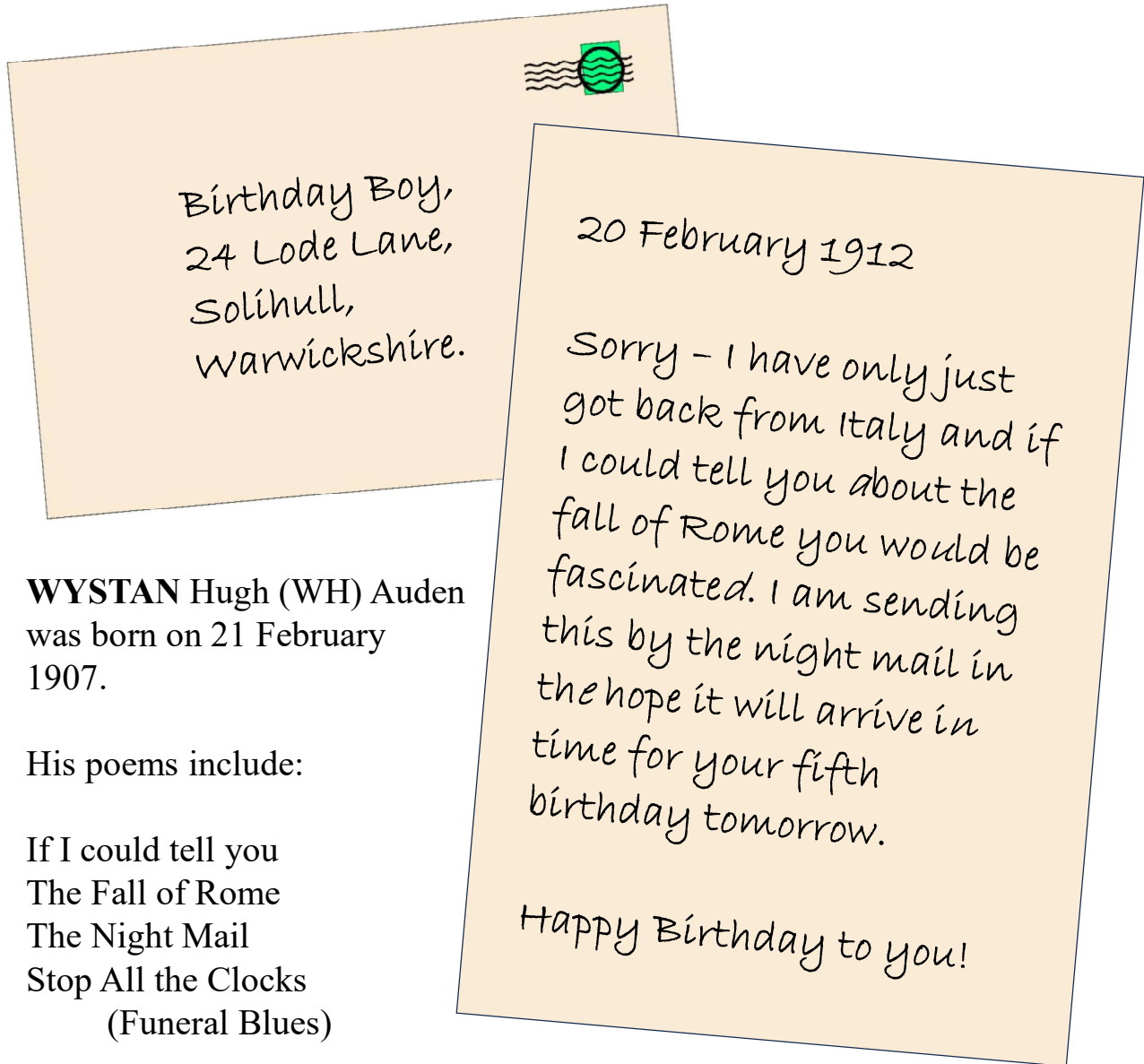


x	C	H	R	I	S	T
y	C	H	U	R	C	H
x+y	F	P	M	A	V	B
x-y	Z	Z	W	Q	P	L

EMMA WATSON (EW) → HERMIONE GRANGER (HG)
RUPERT GRINT (RG) → RON WESLEY (RW)
DANIEL RADCLIFFE (D?) → HARRY POTTER (HP)
? = R = **RADCLIFFE**

HUGH MITCHELL → COLIN CREEVEY
→ **CAMERA**

First name of recipient



WYSTAN Hugh (WH) Auden was born on 21 February 1907.

His poems include:

If I could tell you
The Fall of Rome
The Night Mail
Stop All the Clocks
(Funeral Blues)

For more information: <https://solihulllife.org/2022/02/18/auden/>

19:20 15:16 01:12 12:20 08:05
S T O P A L L T H E

Train your mind with Sudoku

In the completed Sudoku grid, the letters along the main diagonal spell out: ONE HIGH STREET which is the address of **TESCO EXPRESS**.

O	H	I	G	E	T	S	A	N
G	N	A	S	O	H	T	E	I
S	T	E	I	A	N	G	H	O
E	I	G	H	N	A	O	T	S
T	O	H	E	I	S	N	G	A
N	A	S	O	T	G	E	I	H
A	S	O	T	G	I	H	N	E
I	E	T	N	H	O	A	S	G
H	G	N	A	S	E	I	O	T

The central cells of the small grids can be filled with S N O O K E R to form words across and down. There are other possibilities but these lead to less common new words. The colours of the grids are those of the balls in the game of snooker and these are referenced elsewhere (i.e. *not here*) in the puzzle book along with the idea that: 1=red; 2=yellow; 3=green; 4=brown; 5=blue; 6=pink; 7=black.

D	A	N
U	S	E
O	P	T

B	A	T
O	N	E
A	Y	E

A	I	R
G	O	O
A	N	T

P	E	T
H	O	E
I	N	N

A	U	K
S	K	I
S	E	T

S	H	E
E	E	L
A	R	K

S	E	W
I	R	E
P	A	D

the Birmingham Methodist

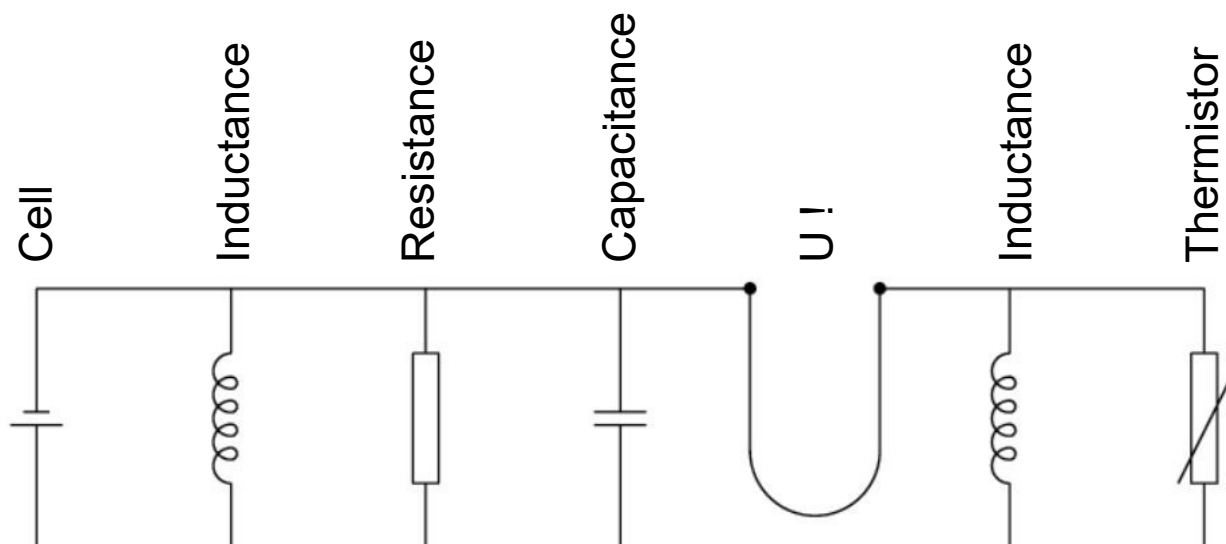
Components in a circuit



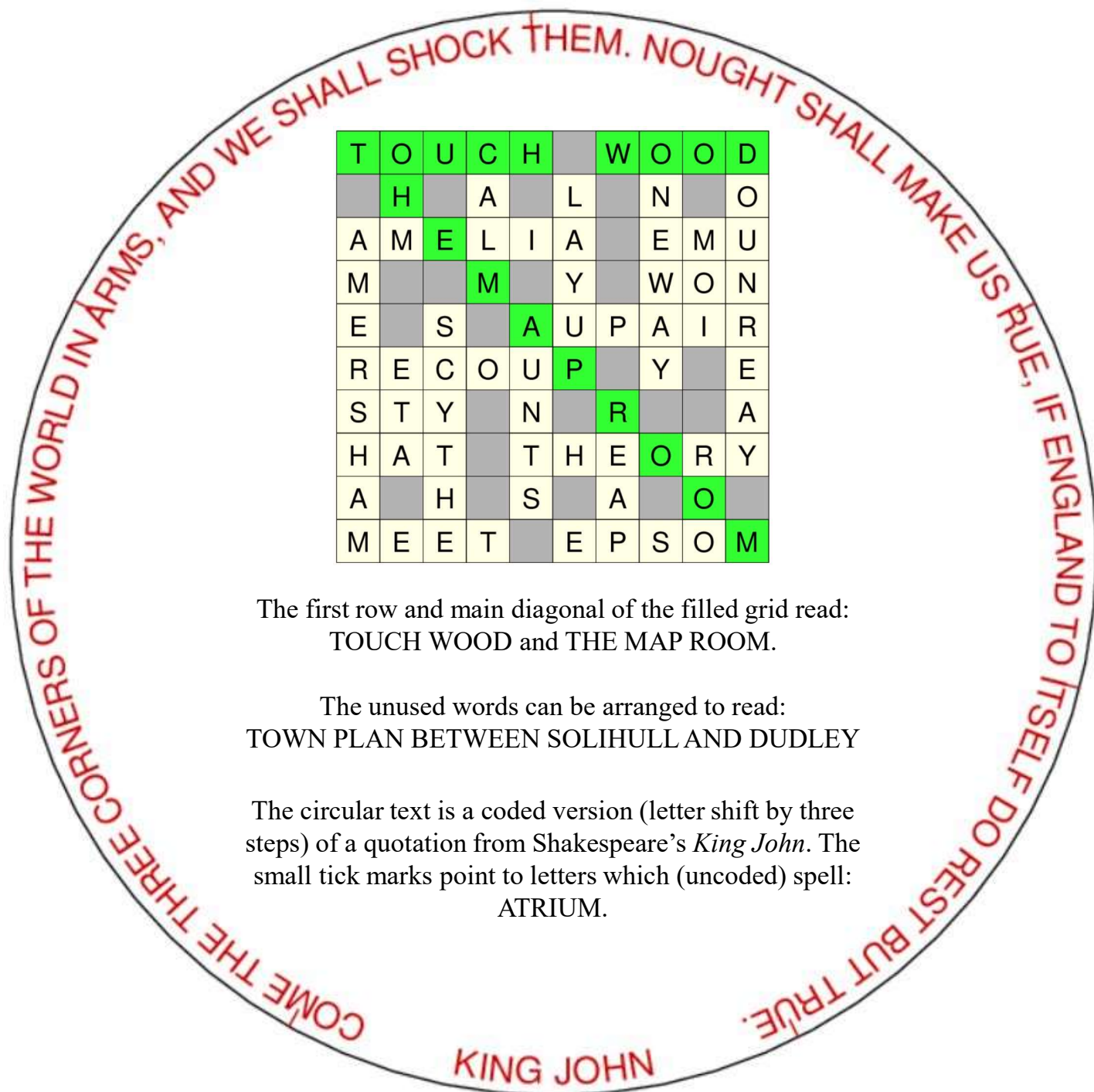
See, for example:

<https://www.birminghammethodistcircuit.co.uk/churches.html>

P	E	R	R	Y	H	A	L	L	Katy's stately home	
H	A	Z	E	L	W	E	L	L	Tree that's standing by the water side?	
		S	H	I	R	L	E	Y	Novel by Charlotte Brontë	
L	O	N	G	B	R	I	D	G	E	Protracted game of cards
	E	A	R	L	S	W	O	O	D	Nobleman's small forest
		S	A	L	T	L	E	Y	Sailor with a line in magic?	
			B	E	A	C	O	N	Fiery signal	
W	A	T	E	R	O	R	T	O	N	Adam's ale or heavy weight



There are more A's than Q's



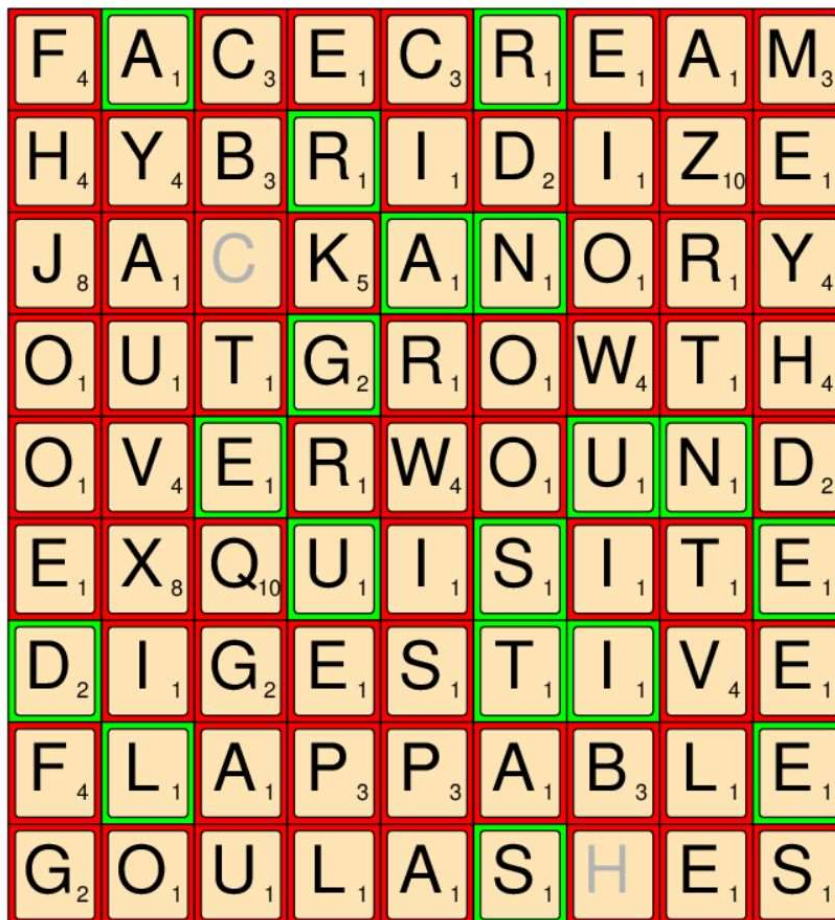
The first row and main diagonal of the filled grid read:
TOUCH WOOD and THE MAP ROOM.

The unused words can be arranged to read:
TOWN PLAN BETWEEN SOLIHULL AND DUDLEY

The circular text is a coded version (letter shift by three steps) of a quotation from Shakespeare's *King John*. The small tick marks point to letters which (uncoded) spell:
ATRIUM.

The ATRIUM is one of the areas in TOUCHWOOD. It was previously called the MAP ROOM as it decorated near its ceiling with an array of named plans of nearby towns formed in fretwork. In the floor is a small metal plaque bearing the Shakespearean quotation. Two of the town plans are for SOLIHULL and DUDLEY and between them is the plan for **KIDDERMINSTER**.

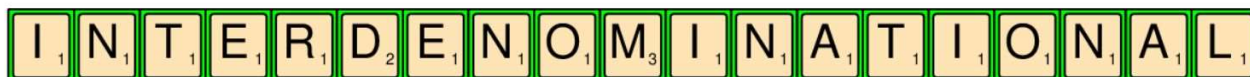
Ecumenical with the truth



In filling the grid, the scores can be of help in suggesting possible letters.

In the filled grid, the letters on a GREEN background spell out:
ARRANGE UNUSED TILES.

The 19 unused tiles (from the full Scrabble set of 100 tiles) can be arranged as:



W	O	R	D	S
E		?		E
R		?		A
A		?		R
U	Q	S	H	C



An answer to the question “What’s missing?” is “any letters inside”.

In a HOLLOW SQUARE in the main grid is the message:

“Solution is second forename of Mister (W. Maurice) Mell”.

Mell **Square** is named after him as noted on a PLAQUE by the (OLD) POST OFFICE. He was TOWN CLERK and planned modern Solihull.

P	R	I	N	C	E	O	F	O	R	E	S	T	L	A	W
C	E	D	I	L	L	A	G	R	E	Y	E	B	A	T	H
H	E	I	R	O	U	G	H	A	G	E	A	R	W	A	I
E	V	O	L	U	T	I	O	N	I	S	S	E	N	L	T
D	E	C	O	D	E	B	U	G	S	M	I	C	K	L	E
D	S	Y	S	T	A	B	L	E	C	A	D	O	N	I	S
A	B	E	L	L	J	A	R	E	H	N	E	N	I	A	C
R	E	P	L	A	Q	U	E	P	O	S	T	D	X	N	H
R	A	V	E	L	D	Q	Z	R	L	O	F	F	I	C	E
E	C	A	M	P	U	S	W	O	L	D	A	O	E	E	V
J	A	R	R	E	T	T	E	N	C	I	R	R	U	S	A
O	L	D	E	G	R	E	E	T	L	U	R	E	B	E	L
I	Y	Y	T	S	I	M	F	O	E	M	A	N	O	N	I
C	P	P	I	L	L	A	R	W	R	A	S	S	E	D	E
E	S	C	R	O	L	E	E	N	K	G	U	I	T	A	R
D	O	V	E	C	O	T	E	R	L	I	N	C	K	K	S

The main grid also contains (in straight lines or two straight lines at right angles) the names of other people called Maurice: PRINCE OF ORANGE, GIBB, CHEVALIER, MICKLEWHITE, RAVEL, JARRE, MAETERLINCK, SENDAK.

The small grids contain the names, each with a letter missing, of squares in various cities: RED SQUARE (Moscow), RADCLIFFE (Oxford), BRUNSWICK (London), GROSVENOR (London), CHARLOTTE (Edinburgh), CENTENARY (Birmingham). The missing letters spell another square ALBERT (*Eastenders*).

The individual squares in each small grid can be “scored” using the Snooker values of their colours. The sums for each grid are: 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64.

What’s missing?

E	D	S
R		Q
E	R	U

A

R	A	D
E		C
F	F	I

L

K	R	U
C		N
I	W	S

B

O	R	G
N		R
V	S	O

E

T	T	E
O		C
L	A	H

R

		100
N	A	R
E		Y
N	E	C

T



Please enter your answers in the grid organised in an appropriate way.

Entry form

I	N	T	E	R	D	E	N	O	M	I	N	A	T	I	O	N	A	L
		T	E	S	C	O	O	E	E	X	P	R	E	S	S			
			C	O	U	N	Q	H		R	Y							
		K	X	D	K	Q												
						M	O		R	G	A	N						
							D		E	R	M	I	N	S	T	E	R	
							S		I	S	T	O	R					
							I		C	E								
							N		A	T	U	R	E					
									L	D								
									L	P	H	E	G	E				
									W	S	T	A	N					

Name: _____

Contact address (e-mail or postal): _____

Please send/give your entry to arrive on or before
Saturday 1 March 2025 to the following address:

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Solihull Methodist Church Hall
Blossomfield Road
Solihull B91 1LG

