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Welcome to our Christmas edition. Eleanor Broadhurst has kindly volunteered to edit the Newsletter and is the graduate publishing apprentice. Ellie spends her time looking after her horses in Newport Salop and making a massive input to Henson Editorial Services & North Staffordshire Press. The team or supply chain have all worked tirelessly throughout the year and in doing so have kept themselves and NSP afloat. I'd like to raise a toast to Love, Peace and Prosecco and may Santa bring us all a vaccine this Christmas.











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No Nativity this year because the 3 Wise Men face travel ban.

The shepherds have been furloughed.

The Inn keeper has shut under Tier 3 regulations and had a slump in bookings.

Santa won't be working as he would break the rule of six with Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Donner, and Blitzen.

As for Rudolph, with that red nose, he should be isolating and taking a test!

- Shared by silversurfers.com









Welsh connections to The Gunpowder Plot, 5th November 1605.

The Gunpowder Plot of 1605 was a failed attempt by a Catholic group led by Robert Catesby to kill King James I by blowing up the House of Lords during the State Opening of England's Parliament. One of the conspirators, Guy Fawkes, was discovered guarding 36 barrels of gunpowder. He was sentenced, along with seven other conspirators, to be hanged, drawn and quartered.

* Welsh spymaster Hugh Owen (1538 - 1618) a fervent Catholic who had vowed to destroy the Protestant Order, is believed to have masterminded the Gunpowder Plot. He had helped plan the Spanish Armada and was implicated in plots to assassinate Queen Elizabeth I, after which he had fled to Europe.

It is believed that it was Owen who originally introduced Guy Fawkes to the other conspirators, and Owen was also named in Fawkes' trial as the man 'whose finger hath been in every treason which hath been of late years detected'. Owen escaped retribution, enjoying the safe haven of Catholic Europe. Several assassination attempts against him failed, and Owen died peacefully of old age in Rome.

- * Father Robert Jones who resided at the Jesuits' South Wales Mission "Cwm" in Llanrothal, Herefordshire, was implicated in an attempt to save two of the Gunpowder Plot perpetrators.
- * Dr Thomas Williams, the rector of St Peter's Church, Llanbedr-y-Cennin was suspected of being privy to the plot as he persuaded Sir John Wynn of Gwydir Castle and MP for Caernarfonshire, not to attend the Houses of Parliament on that day.











Bushra Naqi Through the Cracks.



A lady of inherited wealth, possibly another avatar of Charles Dickens' Miss Havisham, enveloped in woolly cobwebs, possessed with a foggy mind that envisions the world as her subjects.

A cleric who uses his oratorical skills to dupe people and, in the process, deludes himself, rationalizing his deeds by putting up a flawed mirror to himself.

Lovers living in a bubble, with sheer recklessness, throw prudence to the wind, even when love becomes meaningless and whimpers out, in a desperate bid to salvage it.

Through the Cracks is a motley of short stories that give the reader a window into the human condition, with an intriguing, sometimes haunting, interplay of reality and fiction. With most of these stories set in Pakistan, we get a glimpse into the vast canvas of the country's social milieu by looking through its cracks, its half images, its brokenness, and its splintered shards. And although the setting is localised against the distinct cultural fabric of Pakistani society, the themes are universal. Vast yet constricted. Raw yet nuanced. Lucid yet dichotomous. The pathos and joy of the human condition resonates through the stories.

Fahad Shams















The London Chess Olympiad 1927

The successful London tournament in 1922 was followed by a meeting of international chess representatives during the Olympic Games at Paris in 1924. Here the Federation Internationale des Echecs (FIDE) was formed. After a couple of experiments, the first international team tournament took place in London in 1927, with sixteen teams playing matches of four boards against each of the others. At this first 'Olympiad', as the contests became known, only one of the teams, representing Argentina, travelled from outside Europe. Nevertheless, five players were reckoned as 'grandmasters' in the sense that they had legitimate pretensions to the World Championship.

Hungary won the tournament and Denmark came second. England did extremely well to finish third. Their top three boards were Henry Atkins, a Yorkshire headmaster, Frederick Yates, a chess professional, also from Yorkshire, and Sir George Thomas, a baronet with private means who had been a leading badminton and lawn tennis player. The other players were Reginald Michell and Edmund Spencer (reserve).

Here are two games won by the top boards:

Atkins (England) vs Stoltz (Sweden)

- 1. d4 Nf6 2. C4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. G3 Bb7 5. Bg2 Bb4+ 6. Bd2 Qe7
- 7. O-O O-O 8. Nc3 d6 9. A3 Bxc3 10. Bxc3 Nbd7 11. Nd2 Bxg2
- 12. Kxg2 e5 13. E3 d5 14. Qc2 c5 15. Dxe5 Nxe5 16. Cxd5 Nxd5
- 17. Bxe5 Qxe5 18. E4 Nf6 19. Rfe1 Rad8 20. Re2 Rfe8 21. Rae1 Qe6
- 22. f4 Rd4 23. F5 Qc6 24. Kg1 c4 25. E5 Qc5 26 b4 Rxd2+
- 27 bxc5 Rxc2 28. Rxc2 b5 29. Rd1 Rxe5 30. Rd8+ Re8
- 31. Rxe8+ Nxe8 32. Kf2 Kf8 33. Re2 Nc7 34. Ke1 a5 35. Re4 h5
- 36 Kd2 f6 37. Kc3 Na6 38. C6 a4 39. Kd4 Kf7 40. Re1 Kf8 41. Kd5 c3 42. Kd6 b4
- 43. Axb4 1-0





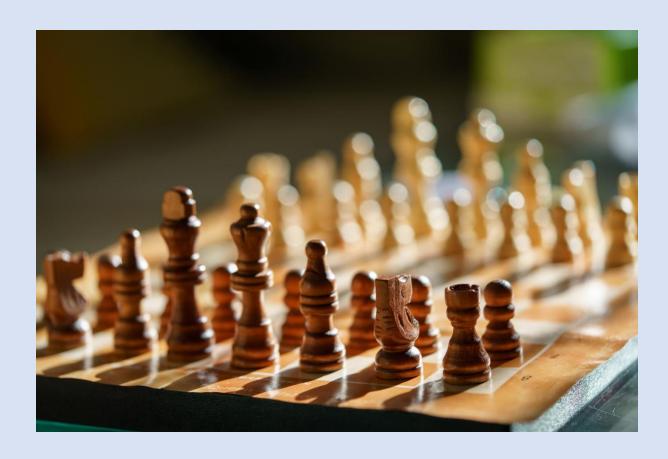




Yates (England) vs Naegeli (Switzerland)

- 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. D4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. Be2 e6
- 7. O-O Be7 8. Kh1 O-O 9. Be3 a6 10. F4 Qc7 11. Qe1 Bd7
- 12. Qg3 Rac8 13. Rad1 Rfd8 14. E5 Nd5 15. Nxd5 exd5
- 16. Nxc6 bxc6 17. Bd4 Bf8 18. F5 c5 19. Exd6 Qxd6 20. Be5 Qc6
- 21. Bxg7 1-0.

By John Knee











Roger Horwood Just a Face in the Crowd

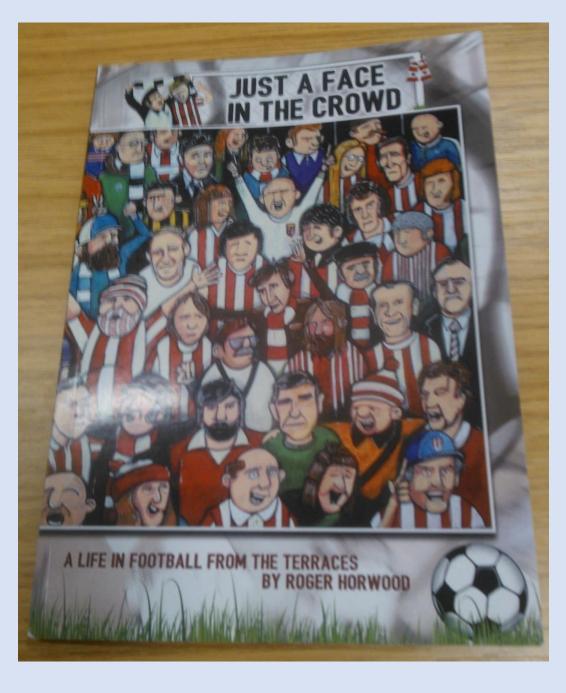
Perfect for football fans. Copies can be purchased at:

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Part of the sale of Roger's book will be donated to Sir Stanley Matthews Coaching Foundation.









IF YOU'RE WELSH YOU'LL UNDERSTAND.

As I look down from the mountain At the valleys way below, I can see the paths snake through the hills As I watch the rivers flow. I can see where the old pit used to be Where the black gold once was mined, Black pyramids reach up to the sky From the slag they left behind. I can hear the church bells ringing As they echo through my land, They ring for God's own country If you're Welsh you'll understand. I can almost touch the clouds above As the mist glides through the air, I can sense the spirits by my side With the memories that they share. I can smell the evaporating mountain dew As the flora swirls the skies, I joy in the wonder of my countryside Being a Welshman - that's my prize. I think of the Myths and legends While the folklore drifts the hills. I feel a shiver passing over me carried by the sacred chills. The pride dwells deep inside my heart As I breath the Welsh air in. One day I'll be that spiritual chill Transmitting goosebumps to my kin. And as the dawn mist starts to clear And the sun breaks through the cloud. Tears start streaming down my face Because being Welsh makes me proud.

Kelvin Smith.









Interesting Links:

https://web.archive.org/web/20080527230529/http://www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/279/

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

https://bestlifeonline.com/forgotten-christmas-traditions/

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Observance of Christmas by country

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rhjHxO5Vk2w

- 10 wonderful Christmas traditions from around the world

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BilLz83Em 0

- Most popular Christmas traditions from around the world

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E2YrzmGa5Gl

- How other countries celebrate Christmas

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7zpKdR7kSE

- Weirdest Christmas traditions from around the world









Puzzle Page

Print off the following pages and enjoy!











Puzzle Page

Sudoku:

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Codeword Puzzle:

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Puzzle Page











Today is the first day of Advent or as they said on the radio Dadvent!! We are inviting all readers to our Christmas Show. Fortunately, I haven't got the part of Baron Hardup this time. It's a family show and with the help of the apprentice will be broadcast on Boxing Day and New Year's Day at 3pm GMT. We are all hoping to embrace the world online and there will be viewers from Egypt, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Russia.

If you are unable to attend either the Boxing Day or New Year's Day showing, you can find the shortened version on our YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3bvWPy6jvs&ab_channel=HensonEdit_orial

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!











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