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Thanks to everyone who sent in contributions for this issue. I have (hopefully!) credited them at the appropriate place. Articles are invited for future editions of The Londoner. All contributions and Suggestions gratefully received. The next issue will be out in March 2018. Please send any contributions to me by 20th January for inclusion in the next issue. Please send contributions (including photographs where possible) to the Editor.

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A MUPPET CHRISTMAS CAROL

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HASSRA LONDON CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
DECEMBER 2017		
Thursday 14 th December	Wine Club Meeting	
Friday 15 th December	HASSRA London BOM meeting	Civil Service Club Whitehall
JANUARY 2018		
Thursday 18 th January	Wine Club Meeting	
FEBRUARY 2018		
Thursday 15 th February	Wine Club Meeting	
MARCH 2018		
Tuesday 13 th March	HASSRA London AGM	National Liberal Club
Wednesday 14 th March	Wine Club Meeting	
Monday 26 th March	Golf Day	Cherry Lodge Golf Club
APRIL 2018		
Thursday 19 th May	Wine Club Meeting	
MAY 2018		
Thursday 17 th May	HASSRA National Conference	Warwick University
Thursday 17 th May	Wine Club Meeting	
Friday 18 th May	Golf Day	Toot Hill Golf Day
JUNE 2018		
Wednesday 13 th June	HASSRA London Sports Day	NPL Sports Ground Teddington
Thursday 14 th June	Golf Day	Silvermere Golf Club
Thursday 21 st June	Wine Club Meeting	
JULY 2018		
Saturday 7 th July	HASSRA National Festival	Warwick University
Thursday 19 th July	Wine Club Meeting	
Monday 23 rd July	Golf Day	Westerham Golf Club
AUGUST 2018		
SEPTEMBER 2018		
Saturday 8 th September	HASSRA National Festival	Warwick University
Thursday 20 th September	Wine Club Meeting	
OCTOBER 2018		
Friday 19 th October	Wine Club Meeting	
NOVEMBER 2018		
Thursday 15 th November	Wine Club Meeting	
DECEMBER 2018		
Tuesday 11 th December	Wine Club Meeting	

National HASSRA's photos are now available online!



You can now view images from HASSRA's national events on our Flickr page. Events currently available to view are the National AGMs 2015, 2016 & 2017, National Awards Dinners 2015, 2016 & 2017 and all National Festivals from 2015, 2016 and 2017.

To view the photos, go onto the HASSRA website and follow the link or log on to:
www.flickr.com/photos/hassra_national/albums

For optimum viewing, it is recommended that members use non-Departmental equipment



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CONGRATULATIONS

Since the last edition of *The Londoner*, these London members have won prizes in the HASSRA Lottery

£12,500
No London winners of the £12,500 prize this time
£2,500
David Spencer Dalston
£1,000
A Winner Bexleyheath Maria Rogerson Hornchurch
£500
Tina Richardson Hackney John Richardson St Marylebone Abbey Anthony-Ojolola Wembley DBC Shameika Eccleston Streatham Shirley Morgan Kennington Park Rose-Marie Corbin Wood Green
£250
A Winner Enfield Sarah Phillips Canning Town A Winner Stratford BC Manda Thakbar Harrow A Winner Caxton House Rose Marie St John Tottenham

Those named A Winner are either unaware of their win, or have opted for No Publicity. From January 2016, the monthly prize draw changed to one top prize of £12,500, four prizes of £2,500, 15 prizes of £1,000, 25 prizes of £500 and 20 prizes of £250.

An application form for the HASSRA lottery can be found on the HASSRA website. www.hassra.org.uk. A full list of each month's winners can also be found on the website.

CROSSWORD

SOLUTION INSIDE BACK COVER

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Across

- 1 Eastern County (12)
 6 Web code for Australia (2)
 7 Electrical fault (5, 7)
 11 Obscene (4)
 12 Symbol for Cobalt (2)
 13 Fire-fighting device (12)
 16 Small Ford vehicle (2)
 17 '—Cale' guitarist (1,1)
 19 By anyway possible (6)
 20 '—Amigo' Radio Caroline's ship (2)
 21 Ready for customers (4)
 23 Japanese wrestling (4)
 27 Over the top show (12)

- 31 3.14159 approximately (2)
 32 Monopoly square (2)
 33 'The —'s. Shaking after alcohol (2)
 34 Leicester and England defender (5,7)

Down

- 1 Birds of a Feather actress (6,6)
 2 Jumper (8)
 3 End of a batsmen's innings (3)
 4 Wood-cutting tools (7)
 5 Over priced (12)
 8 Magic spell (3)
 9 Northern expression for anything (3)
 10 Frozen water (3)
 14 'Marvin ----' singer (4)
 15 Repeated in song by Dixie Cups and the Belle Stars (3)
 18 Magistrate (2)
 20 Roman for 2000 (2)
 22 Consume food (3)
 24 Vase (3)
 25 Mother of Jesus (4)
 26 Eager (4)
 28 Chinese dynasty (3)
 29 Large oven (3)
 30 Karate form also known as Zendorym (3)



PLEASE NOTE

HASSRA'S arrangement with WWT changed from 1st June 2017.

We now have a revised deal for discounted WWT tickets which will be further subsidised by HASSRA.

Tickets will be priced at £2 each and can be used at Wetland Centres until 31st August 2018.

There are a limited number of tickets which are available from the HASSRA online shop.

Members are restricted to one application per month with a maximum number of 10 tickets per application.

Full details of all the Wetland Centres can be found at www.wwt.org.uk

Please note: You don't need to purchase tickets for WWT Steart as it's already free.



The Charity for Civil Servants is the principal occupational charity for all current and former Civil Servants and employees of associated organisations. Formerly known as The Civil Service Benevolent Fund, the charity is there to help people who work, or have worked, in the Civil Service and their dependants – whether they were a civil servant for a short time or their whole working life.

Whether it's reducing stress, handling debt, managing caring responsibilities, mental health and wellbeing issues, relationship breakdown, bereavement, retirement and residential care advice, dealing with an emergency or helping you enjoy a better quality of life.

They offer financial assistance and service related support on a wide range of issues such as the Carer's Passport and money and debt advice – as well as giving information on how to access the right information and support for retirement and residential care. Whether you require help, wish to make a donation or volunteer your time, they'd love to hear from you.

Visit the website www.foryoubyyou.org.uk which outlines the support they offer, how you can become involved (either by fundraising or volunteering) and personal stories of civil servants across the country they've helped through life's unexpected challenges. You can also contact them on 0800 056 2424.

HASSRA ONLINE SHOP

All of our tickets, prices and discount codes are available to HASSRA members only via our online shop 'Offers' page. This ensures we keep our special offers safe and exclusive to you.

Visit www.hassrashop.org.uk to open your account. Registration may take up to five working days. So don't delay.

HASSRA strongly recommends that members do not use departmental computers to place orders. This is because our payment system uses the highest level of security which contacts the customer's credit/debit card supplier at the point of purchase in real time. Departmental firewalls can block or 'time-out' this process, impeding or preventing your transaction.

Solution inside back cover

- 1 Who were the first winners of the football World Cup?
- 2 What colour is the mineral malachite?
- 3 Which character does David Neilson play in Coronation Street?
- 4 What number is a hurricane on the Beaufort Scale?
- 5 Theresa May is MP for which constituency?
- 6 How many sides does a pentagon have?
- 7 Operation Chastise is better known by what name?
- 8 Who wrote Moby Dick?
- 9 Who played Popeye in the 1980 live action film?
- 10 Which country has the world's oldest Parliament?

POP QUIZ

Solution inside back cover

- 1 Nick Heyward came to fame as lead singer of who?
- 2 Which album cover features Christopher Lee, Michael Parkinson, John Conteh, Kenny Lynch James Coburn and Clement Freud?
- 3 Who were the Million Dollar Quartet?
- 4 Who was the original lead singer of Chicago?
- 5 What was the first release on the Virgin record label?
- 6 What was Taylor Swift's first top ten single in the UK?
- 7 William Broad hat solo hits under what name?
- 8 What was the name of Barry White's backing band?
- 9 Which singer and record producer has the nickname Basher?
- 10 Which band backed Otis Redding, Sam & Dave, Eddie Floyd and Wilson Pickett

SUDUKO

Solution inside back cover

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HASSRA LONDON WINE CLUB



The HASSRA London Wine Club has a membership drawn from all of HASSRA's associated Departments. The Club meets each month to try wines from different parts of the world.

We meet at different locations in Central London – including Caxton House and Wellington House – to taste and discuss wine. Each event takes about 2 hours. We have a short presentation about each of the wines as we drink them.

All regular meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month (The exceptions are March – 3rd Wednesday, October 3rd Friday and December 2nd Tuesday. There are no meetings in March and August).

We aim to start each tasting at about 6pm and finish by 8-30pm. A presenter talks about the wines (usually between 8 and 10 wines) as we try them (yes we do get to drink them). People are encouraged to discuss the wines and give feedback to the presenter – no prior knowledge is required, there isn't a test! The club also provides a cold buffet included in the cost of each event. Most events cost about £13-50 for HASSRA members if they also join the wine club. A higher charge is made to non-Club members.

In addition to the regular meetings we occasionally hold "special" tastings. These are at a higher cost but feature rare or more expensive wines. In 2014 we held a vertical tasting of five vintage Krug champagne.

So if you are interested in trying a wine tasting, contact Donna McInnes to get on our e-mailing list and get exclusive advance notification of the wines on offer each month Donna.McInnes@dh.gsi.gov.uk



Do you already play golf? Or would you like to improve your game or just learn how to play?

Why not come along to one of the HASSRA London Golf Society's golf days. The Society runs days for more seasoned golfers (you do not have to have a handicap to attend one of these days, we just ask that you know how to play the game and have an understanding of the etiquette and rules of golf). We also hold Beginner / Improver Days for the player who is just starting out, and an Intermediate Day, which is specifically for players who are past the beginner stage, but may still find the prospect of taking part in a full Society Day a bit daunting.

Most of these days comprise an individual event and/or a team event, and will include a light lunch and sandwiches at the end of the day. These days are great occasions and we encourage players of all standards, both men and women, to come along.

If you would like to join us and play some really good golf courses with a subsidy from HASSRA, please contact Andy French on 07766 246405.

Date	Venue
Mon 26th March	Cherry Lodge Golf Club Biggin Hill, Kent
Fri 18 th May	Toot Hill Golf Club Toot Hill, Ongar, Essex.
Thurs 14 June	Silvermere Golf Club Cobham, Surrey,
Monday 23 July	Westerham Golf Club Westerham, Kent
Mon 26th March	Cherry Lodge Golf Club Biggin Hill, Kent
Fri 18th May	Toot Hill Golf Club Ongar, Essex
Thurs 14th June	Silvermere Golf Club Cobham, Surrey
Mon 23th July	Westerham Golf Club Westerham, Kent

	Bletchingley	Tyrells Wood	Thorndon Park	Bushey Hall	Horton Park	Sth Bucks	Surrey Downs	Total
Kevin Williamson	0	7	10	11	0	12	9	42
Gary Arnold	8	0	12	11	7	0	8	39
Shaun Bausor	6	6	0	0	12	3	12	36
Andy French	0	3	11	8	10	1	6	35
Steve James	8	8	0	5	0	11	0	32
Arun Patel	10	3	7	8	0	0	0	28
Rob Leach	0	12	0	0	0	7	2	21
Neil Stephens	0	0	7	6	0	6	0	19
Marc Gunby	0	0	5	12	0	0	0	17
Paul Rowing	0	3	0	5	9	0	0	17
Stuart van-Horne	0	12	5	0	0	0	0	17
Shuba Karan	0	6	0	0	0	10	0	16
Tom Younger	0	0	0	5	0	0	11	16
Nick Reeve	0	6	0	0	4	5	0	15
Ashley Sawyer	0	0	5	0	0	0	10	15
Nigel Parkinson	0	3	1	5	0	0	4	13
Alex Mackenzie	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Steve Mccabe	3	0	0	0	0	9	0	12
Francis Kearns	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	11
Chris Owen	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	11
Nick Tonks	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Kevin Lee	0	0	9	0	0	2	0	11
Ian Beecroft	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
Trevor Dunnion	0	3	0	0	7	0	0	10
Mike Levett	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Terry Fletcher	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
David Shepherd	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	9
Laurence Vare	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	9
Gary Mitchell	5	0	0	0	0	4	0	9
Raj Mohindra	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	8
Alan Manning	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
Chris Wood	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	7
Andy Beal	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
Leon Ranson	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	6
Gary Clements	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
B Hesmondhalgh	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Graham Try	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Jez Cogle	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Baz Haque	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Chris Chantler	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Paul Richardson	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2



Snainton are 'Today's Golfer' Top Online Golf Equipment Retailer and Mail Order Company. To receive your 7.5% extra exclusive discount simply enter promotional code **available on the HASSRA Online Shop** at the checkout stage of the online ordering process on Snainton Golf.

DOWN YOUR WAY

..... TURNHAM GREEN



Turnham Green is a public park situated on Chiswick High Road. Turnham Green was originally a village on the main road between London and the west. It was recorded as 'Turneham' in 1235 and 'Turnhamgrene' in 1369.

On 13 November 1642, the Battle of Turnham Green was fought nearby during the First English Civil War resulting in the Parliamentarians blocking the King's advance on London.

After the Battle of Edgehill on 23 October 1642, King Charles captured Banbury. His forces, led by his nephew Prince Rupert, advanced down the Thames Valley, taking Abingdon, Aylesbury and Maidenhead before a failed attack on Windsor.

Following the failed attempt to take Windsor, the King's forces were split between those following Rupert, who wished to push on to London, and those including the King himself who wished to open peace negotiations. This disagreement delayed the King's forces and allowed the Earl of Essex's Parliamentarian forces to reach London first, some four days ahead of the Royalists.

On 12 November, Rupert's cavalry sacked the town of Brentford. This action prompted many Londoners to join the Parliamentarian forces for their own safety. On 13 November, Essex's army, with the London militia and new London recruits, assembled as an army of 24,000 on Chelsea Field and marched on the Parliamentarian forces who had camped on Turnham Green.

The Royalist army numbered around 13,000 and was commanded by Patrick Ruthven, 1st Earl of Forth, although King Charles was also present during the battle. The Parliamentarian army was 24,000 strong, but including many new recruits who were therefore untrained.

The Royalist army was significantly outnumbered and short of ammunition, so were reluctant to attack. In addition, The King knew that much of the defending force was made up of Londoners and he was also reluctant to attack as he needed the support of Londoners to take and hold the city at such an early stage in the war. The Parliamentarians only objective was to stop the advance of the Royalists on London, so had no need to attack themselves. The battle consisted of light cannon fire with fewer than 50 fatal casualties before Charles withdrew his forces.

The Parliamentarians therefore secured the battlefield without a full engagement although it is probable that the King's trained forces would have overcome the larger but untrained Parliamentarians, most of who had never seen battle.

Charles retreated back up the Thames Valley towards Oxford where he set up his headquarters for the rest of the war. He never came closer capturing London and winning the war.



Turnham Green at the time was large open field, most of which has been lost to building work although some of the small parks that remain in the area such as Chiswick Park, Acton Green Common and the current Turnham Green all were originally part of Turnham Green. The actual site of the battle is in the current location of Chiswick Park station.

In 1680 the homicidal Philip Herbert, 7th Earl of Pembroke murdered a watchman, William Smeeth, after a drunken evening in the local tavern. A similar but far less serious episode in the tavern in 1795 saw the young Daniel O'Connell, the future Irish politician, arrested for drunken and riotous behaviour. The artist William Hogarth had a 'country cottage' nearby on what is now known as Hogarth Roundabout on the A4. In 'A Tale of Two Cities', Charles Dickens refers to "that magnificent potentate, the Lord Mayor of London, who was made to stand and deliver on Turnham Green, by one highwayman, who despoiled the illustrious creature in sight of all his retinue".



The nearest Underground station to the green is not Turnham Green but Chiswick Park. Turnham Green Station is actually situated on Chiswick Common, half a mile away.

Turnham Green station was opened on 1 January 1869 by the London and South Western Railway (L&SWR) on a new branch line to Richmond, built from what is now Kensington (Olympia). The line ran through Shepherd's Bush and Hammersmith via a now unused curve and initially the next station towards Central London was the now defunct Grove Road station in Hammersmith. Between 1 June 1870 and 31 October 1870 the Great Western Railway (GWR) briefly ran services from Paddington to Richmond via Turnham Green.

On 1 June 1877, the District Railway (now the District Line) opened a short extension from its terminus at Hammersmith to connect to the L&SWR to Richmond. On 1 October 1877, the Metropolitan Railway (now the Metropolitan line) restarted the GWR's former service to Richmond via Grove Road station.

Chiswick Park station was opened on 1 July 1879 by the District Railway on its extension from Turnham Green to Ealing Broadway. The station was originally named Acton Green after the adjacent Acton Green Common to the east. It was renamed 'Chiswick Park and Acton Green' in 1887. In 1910 the station was given its present name.

Between 1931 and 1932 the station was rebuilt, in preparation for the western extension of the Piccadilly line from Hammersmith. Although the Piccadilly line has never served Chiswick Park station, its trains run non-stop through the station. Piccadilly line trains do stop at Turnham Green but only early in the morning or late at night. There have been regular local

campaigns to make Turnham Green a permanent Piccadilly Line stop and this may be brought in when the line is due for upgrading in 2019.

Christ Church, on the green, was built in 1843 for just under £10,000. It was built to accommodate the growing population of Chiswick around Turnham Green who found the distance to St Nicholas (the original parish church of Chiswick) too far and whose capacity was becoming inadequate for the congregation. As it was built on common land an Act of Parliament was needed for permission to build it. The architect was Sir Gilbert Scott and this was one of his first commissions.

In the film *Love Actually*, Jamie Bennett (played by Colin Firth) lives at 2A Blenheim Road, Turnham Green, or at least it was filmed there.

The only pub on Turnham Green is The Tabard at 2 Bath Road. It is a Grade II listed building selling Greene King London Glory with a changing variety of other beers and real ciders. The first floor of the pub is the Tabard Theatre, an small 79-seat theatre, often used by the likes of Al Murray and Dara O'Briain for warm up gigs.



Lara Restaurant is located at 3 Bedford Park Corner. It sells Mediterranean, Turkish and Middle Eastern cuisine. Hack and Veldt is a Café, Delicatessen and Wine Bar on Turnham Green Terrace. Also on Turnham Green Terrace is the Buenos Aires Argentinian Steakhouse, the Cote Brasserie French restaurant, Charlotte's Bistro and the Makota Sushi Bar. Many more pubs and restaurants can be found a short walk away on Chiswick High Road.





STREATHAM
£301-50



Our offices supported the Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning. Here are some of the pictures posted on our Facebook pages with the totals raised where posted.

HIGHGATE



SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT



PURLEY



HOUNSLOW



ST MARYLEBONE
£420-32



HARROW



CAMDEN
£61-00



PLAISTOW



HARLESDEN
£75-00



BROMLEY
£598-72



MITCHAM
£86-00



NORTH KENSINGTON
£261-75



DALSTON
£160-20



BRIXTON
£122-41



LONDON LOCATION FOR A CHRISTMAS CAROL



In his book *A Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens does not give the locations of buildings such as Scrooge's office or the Cratchit's house.

The book does say that Bob Cratchit lives in Camden and it is believed that Dickens used the memory of his family home at 16 Bayham Street, where he lived in 1823 as the basis for the Cratchit's house.



BAYHAM STREET

In the book, on the long walk home to Camden Town, Cratchit "went down a slide on Cornhill, at the end of a lane of boys, 20 times, in honour of its being Christmas Eve".

If the ice slide is on Cornhill, and Cratchit is heading to Camden, then he must have started from south or east of the Cornhill area. Dickens says Scrooge's premises are in a narrow court with an "ancient tower of a church, whose gruff old bell was always peeping slyly down at Scrooge out of a Gothic window in the wall". Some believe this to be St Michael Cornhill which is surrounded by alleys of the type described in the book although the church was only 120 years old when the book was written and so hardly ancient at the time. Fullers brewery believe this to be the inspiration and have named their local pub The Counting House in its honour.



ST MICHAEL CORNHILL

After work, Scrooge heads to his 'usual melancholy tavern' where he eats a 'melancholy dinner'. Although Scrooge's local is again not specified, if his office was in Newmans Court, the pub would likely have been Simpsons Tavern on Ball Court, London's oldest Chop House having opened in 1757 and still in existence today



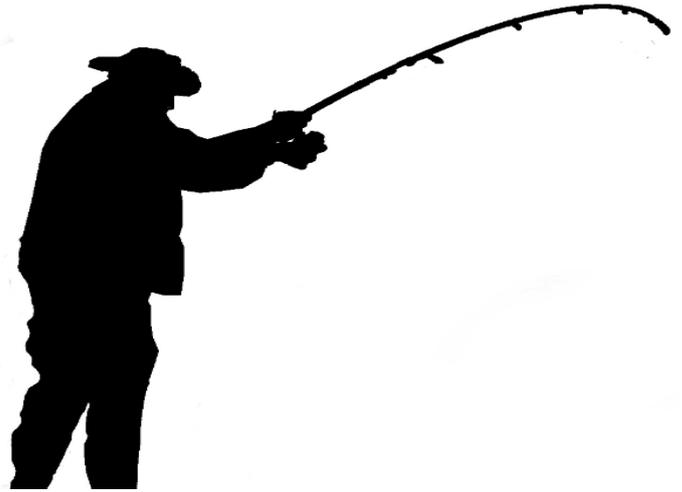
SIMPSONS TAVERN

There are few clues to the location of Scrooge's house which is described as down a yard and close to a church, which covers most yards and churches in London. However, because of the directions given by Scrooge to the boy he directs to a butcher's shop, it is believed to be around the Lime Street area with the butchers being in Leadenhall Market.

Other locations mentioned in the book are St Paul's Cathedral, Bedlam, the Houses of Parliament, Mansion House, Whitechapel and the Royal Exchange (where the Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come shows Scrooge his old business associates talking ill of Scrooge after his death).

In the 1951 film version, starring Alistair Sim and George Cole, several London locations were used for filming. The outside of Scrooge's house was 8 Scandrett Street Wapping E1, while Scrooge's office was at 2 Cathedral Street, SE1. The Cratchit's house was at Old Barrack Yard, Belgravia, SW1 (and would be worth over a million pounds in today's prices).

HASSRA LONDON ANGLING CLUB



Are there any HASSRA members who used to go fishing with their mates before they discovered more interesting things in life? Now that you've all grown up do you find yourselves secretly recording or even watching fishing programmes on TV? Do you yearn for a sunny day on the bank?

Well did you know HASSRA London has its own Angling Club which will be entering its 32nd year. We organise 6 coarse fishing matches a year which are used to select 3 anglers for the National Championships, we have an annual inter-Regional team event and we've just started organising fly fishing, again with a National Competition event. So don't just sit there.

Dig out your old tackle and come along to one of our matches for a taster of completely unprofessional match fishing with laughs, banter and the occasional pre-match breakfast and post-match pint.

For further information please contact:

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Food Standards Agency
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Tel 07908 808716

The 1970 musical version called Scrooge, starring Albert Finney, was filmed in Shepperton Studios with the outdoor parkland scenes being filmed in Black Park, Iver Heath.

The 1984 TV film starring George C Scott and Frank Finlay was shot in Shrewsbury rather than London.

The 1999 version was a made for TV film starring Patrick Stewart and made at Ealing Studios. The Ghost of Christmas Present scenes were filmed at the Chatham Dockyard while the Stock Exchange scenes were filmed at the Royal Naval Chapel in Greenwich. The street where Caroline is told by her husband that Scrooge is dead was filmed at Myrdle Street, E1.

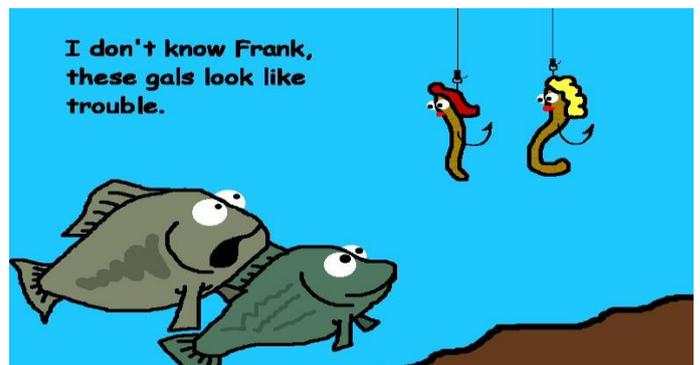


MYRDLE STREET

The Muppet Christmas carol, starring Michael Caine, is closer to Dickens story than many adaptations. It was filmed entirely at Shepperton Studios. By coincidence, Jim Henson's Muppet studio used to be in Camden, home to Bob Cratchit.



Blackadder's Christmas Carol was a spoof starring Rowan Atkinson as Ebenezer Blackadder. It was filmed at the BBC Studios in Wood Lane Shepherds Bush with no location filming. The most recent film version was in 2009 which was a 3D animated film.



HASSRA TENNIS

The National HASSRA Men's Second Team won the second tier event at the annual Tennis competition against the equivalent sports associations for other Government Departments (or former Departments which now in the private sector). All the teams played well this year - the Ladies First team won their event and the Men's First team featuring London's Stuart Collins were third in their top tier event.



Left to Right: Mike Bartlett (DoH London – retired); Alan Williams (Hounslow JCP), Joe Toogood (Hastings CMG), Jeremy Pepper (Huntingdon JCP)



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Register with the HASSRA Online Shop now! All of our tickets, prices and discount codes are available to HASSRA members via our online shop 'Offers' page. This ensures we keep our special offers safe and exclusive to you.



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ENGLISH HERITAGE



We have teamed up with English Heritage to provide free corporate membership for HASSRA members and their families. English Heritage has over 400 historic sites across the length and breadth of England, attracting over 11 million visitors each year.

Our corporate membership deal grants all HASSRA members free entry to participating English Heritage sites **for 2 Adults and up to six children**. All you need to do to take advantage of this offer is simply present your HASSRA membership card when you arrive. What could be easier?

As well as free entry to sites, HASSRA members receive **15% discount** in English Heritage online and onsite shops. For onsite shops just present your HASSRA membership card; and for online use the promotional code available in the HASSRA online shop.

Corporate Members are entitled to free or discounted entry to properties when there are special events being held. Please call the property in question or the English Heritage customer service line **0370 333 1181** for further information. Alternatively, please email customers@english-heritage.org.uk. **Please note that there are a few jointly owned English Heritage sites that are not included in this offer, therefore, to avoid disappointment, please check the list of participating English Heritage Sites on the HASSRA website before you go.**

PLEASE NOTE

The current corporate deal with English Heritage ends on 31 January 2018. Details of the new deal will be released shortly,



ballroom annexe to the east and a further court with the kitchen and offices to the north.

All this is rather hard to envisage today as all that remains standing, beyond the porch, are parts of the hall and chapel and the clock tower at the corner of the cloister. Further foundations may survive below ground in the fields to the east and south of the ruins.

Old Gorhambury eventually passed to Sir Nicholas's son, Sir Francis Bacon, the celebrated philosopher and Chancellor to James I. Sir Francis further extended the house and created a water garden with a Roman-style banqueting house as its centrepiece.

Situated just outside St Albans are the remains of Old Gorhambury House. The medieval manor was owned by St Albans Abbey and was home to the Gorham family, but after the Suppression of the Monasteries it was bought by Sir Nicholas Bacon, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal.

The house was extensively repaired in the 1670s by Sir Harbottle Grimston but had been allowed to fall into disrepair by the next century. It was replaced in 1784 by the present Gorhambury House.

Old Gorhambury House is under the care of English Heritage and entry is free.

Sir Nicholas was a prolific builder and spent five years replacing the Gorham's old home with the house whose ruins we see today. When Queen Elizabeth visited in 1572 she is reputed to have remarked, 'My Lord, what a little house have you gotten', to which Bacon smoothly replied, 'Madam, my house is well, but it is you that have made me too great for my house'. Nevertheless, Sir Nicholas built a galleried extension to create a better impression for her second visit in 1577.

The porch was the focal point of the house: a showy structure on which Sir Nicholas spared no expense. Doric columns flank the entrance arch on the ground floor and Ionic columns and niches flank the upper windows, which originally lit a first-floor room.

A Latin inscription records the completion of the house in 1568 and the arms of Queen Elizabeth I appear on the attic storey. The much-weathered wooden statue above was once one of a pair, probably of angels.

The porch was constructed from an unusually varied combination of materials, with a brick core faced with local chalk rubble – clunch – and limestone. The dressings were of a higher-quality limestone brought from farther afield and some of the more elaborate carvings are in Caen limestone from Normandy.

In contrast, most of the rest of the house was built of flint. This is hidden behind pink plaster designed to give the impression of more costly brickwork. A 19th century plan shows the house was of fairly conventional Tudor design, arranged around a courtyard with the hall opposite the entrance range. It included a chapel and galleried cloister to the west, a

MILTON CHANTRY



The oldest building in Gravesend, Kent, Milton Chantry is all that remains of a leper hospital built in 1322 by Aymer de Valence, Earl of Pembroke.

It has served in turn as a hospital, Tudor chantry chapel, public house, and Georgian barracks, and its basement was converted for use as a gas decontamination chamber during the Second World War. Although mainly encased in 19th century brick, the building still has its 14th century timber roof.

Milton Chantry is open 12 - 5pm, at weekends and Bank Holidays, from April until October. Admission outside of these times is by appointment only. The site is closed from October until April. The site is under the care of English Heritage and entry is free.



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HASSRA LONDON TRIP TO AMSTERDAM

I went on the HASSRA Amsterdam trip with my husband and two friends. I had never been before and really enjoyed the experience. The coach trip was long but comfortable and the driver, Tomasz, was very entertaining and made us coffee while we waited for others to join the trip!

The hotel was excellent, with large comfortable rooms and a very good restaurant. Breakfast was included in the room price, which was a bonus. It was quite a walk to the centre of the city, but there was a really good tram service that stopped very near to the hotel.

We could have joined the organised coach trips around Amsterdam and to Volendam, but we decided to explore by ourselves and my friend had pre-booked "I Love Amsterdam" tickets which gave free entry to many museums, discount at numerous restaurants and a free hour long canal trip. We could also use them to pay for our tram journeys.

We visited The Tulip museum and flower market, The Diamond Museum, The Van Gogh Museum and The Museum of Amsterdam and Anne Frank's House, a very moving experience. We also did a canal trip which was enjoyable and entertaining.

On the homeward journey we stopped for a few hours in Bruges which is a beautiful city, and enjoyed lunch at a restaurant in the main square.

The trip was well organised and even the issue with the return journey being by ferry rather than The Shuttle was handled smoothly, although the crossing was a little rough!!

All in all a very positive experience and we are waiting to find out where the next trip will take us.



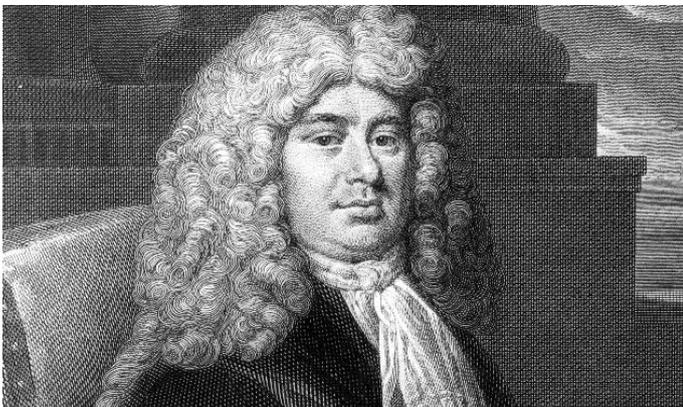
SWIMMING



HASSRA are looking for Swimmers to join our team at the Civil Service Sports Council, National Swimming, Diving, Lifesaving and Water Polo Championships 2018. The Championships will be held at Ponds Forge, Sheffield on 10 & 11 May 2018. To participate you must be both a member of HASSRA and CSSC. Hotel accommodation will be supplied and expenses paid if selected. Subject to management agreement, time off may be granted. If you were or are a club swimmer and may be interested please have a look at last year's results on the CSSC website. It may give you confidence! Looking for results?

You will find results and photos from previous years at www.cssc.karoo.net/cssc_asa_results. Swimming events are for men and women in both open, masters and veterans events. Trophies are awarded on an individual, team and at departmental / club level. If you are interested please feel free to contact our team manager, Nick Valentine nick.valentine@dwp.gsi.gov.uk or locally you can contact one of the swimmers: Geoff Goodwin GEOFF.GOODWIN@DWP.GSI.GOV.UK Frances Wilson Frances.wilson1@dwp.gsi.gov.uk or Colin Meadows colin.meadows@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

PEPYS DIARY



Wednesday 4 December 1667

At the office all the morning. At noon to dinner, and presently with my wife abroad, whom and her girle I leave at Unthanke's, and so to White Hall in expectation of waiting on the Duke of York to-day, but was prevented therein, only at Mr. Wren's

chamber there I hear that the House of Lords did send down the paper which my Lord Chancellor left behind him, directed to the Lords, to be seditious and scandalous; and the Commons have voted that it be burned by the hands of the hangman, and that the King be desired to agree to it...Thence into the House, and there spied a pretty woman with spots on her face, well clad, who was enquiring for the guard chamber; I followed her, and there she went up, and turned into the turning towards the chapel, and I after her, and upon the stairs there met her coming up again, and there kissed her twice, and her business was to enquire for Sir Edward Bishop, one of the serjeants at armes. I believe she was a woman of pleasure, but was shy enough to me... I to Westminster Hall, and there walked, and thence towards White Hall by coach, and spying Mrs. Burroughs in a shop did stop and 'light and speak to her...So home, my wife to read to me in Sir R. Cotton's book of warr, which is excellent reading, and particularly I was mightily pleased this night in what we read about the little profit or honour this kingdom ever gained by the greatest of its conquests abroad in France...

Tuesday 17 December 1667

Up, and to the office, where very busy all the morning, and then in the afternoon I with Sir W. Pen and Sir T. Harvy to White Hall to attend the Duke of York, who is now as well as ever, and there we did our usual business with him, and so away home with Sir W. Pen, and there to the office, where pretty late doing business, my wife having been abroad all day with Mrs. Turner buying of one thing or other. This day I do hear at White Hall that the Duke of Monmouth is sick, and in danger of the smallpox. So home to supper and to bed.

Tuesday 24 December 1667

Up, and all the morning at the office, and at noon with my clerks to dinner, and then to the office again, busy at the office till six at night, and then by coach to St. James's, it being about six at night; my design being to see the ceremonys, this night being the eve of Christmas, at the Queen's chapel. But it being not begun I to Westminster Hall, and there staid and walked, and then to the Swan, and there drank and talked, and did banter a little Frank, and so to White Hall, and sent my coach round, I through the Park to chapel, where I got in up almost to the rail, and with a great deal of patience staid from nine at night to two in the morning, in a very great crowd; and there expected, but found nothing extraordinary, there being nothing but a high masse. The Queen was there, and some ladies. But, Lord! what an odde thing it was for me to be in a crowd of people, here a footman, there a beggar, here a fine lady, there a zealous poor

papist, and here a Protestant, two or three together, come to see the shew. I was afeard of my pocket being picked very much ... Their musique very good indeed, but their service I confess too frivolous, that there can be no zeal go along with it, and I do find by them themselves that they do run over their beads with one hand, and point and play and talk and make signs with the other in the midst of their masse. But all things very rich and beautiful; and I see the papists have the wit, most of them, to bring cushions to kneel on, which I wanted, and was mightily troubled to kneel. All being done... and there I left people receiving the Sacrament: and the Queen gone, and ladies; only my Lady Castlemayne, who looked prettily in her night-clothes, and so took my coach, which waited, and away through Covent Garden, to set down two gentlemen and a lady, who come thither to see also, and did make mighty mirth in their talk of the folly of this religion. And so I stopped, having set them down and drank some burnt wine at the Rose Tavern door...

Wednesday 25 December 1667

...it being a fine, light, moonshine morning, and so home round the city, and stopped and dropped money at five or six places, which I was the willinger to do, it being Christmas-day, and so home, and there find my wife in bed, and Jane and the maids making pyes, and so I to bed, and slept well, and rose about nine, and to church, and there heard a dull sermon of Mr. Mills, but a great many fine people at church; and so home. Wife and girl and I alone at dinner — a good Christmas dinner, and all the afternoon at home, my wife reading to me “The History of the Drummer of Mr. Mompesson,” which is a strange story of spies, and worth reading indeed. In the evening comes Mr. Pelling, and he sat and supped with us; and very good company, he reciting to us many copies of good verses of Dr. Wilde, who writ “Iter Boreale,” and so to bed...

Friday 3 January 1667/68

At the office all the morning with Mr. Willson and my clerks, consulting again about a new contract with the Victualler of the Navy, and at noon home to dinner, and then to the office again, where busy all the afternoon preparing something for the Council about Tangier this evening. So about five o'clock away with it to the Council, and there do find that the Council hath altered its times of sitting to the mornings, and so I lost my labour, and back again by coach presently round by the city wall, it being dark, and so home, and there to the office, where till midnight with Mr. Willson and my people to go through with the Victualler's contract and the considerations about the

new one, and so home to supper and to bed, thinking my time very well spent.

Sunday 12 January 1667/68

(Lord's day). Up, and to dress myself, and then called into my wife's chamber, and there she without any occasion fell to discourse of my father's coming to live with us when my sister marries. This, she being afeard of declaring an absolute hatred to him since his falling out with her about Coleman's being with her, she declares against his coming hither, which I not presently agreeing to, she declared, if he come, she would not live with me, but would shame me all over the city and court, which I made slight of, and so we fell very foul; and I do find she do keep very bad remembrances of my former unkindness to her, and do mightily complain of her want of money and liberty, which I will rather hear and bear the complaint of than grant the contrary... and so we parted with pretty good quiet, and so away, and being ready went to church, where first I saw Alderman Backewell and his lady come to our church, they living in Mark Lane; and I could find in my heart to invite her to sit with us, she being a fine lady. I come in while they were singing the 19th Psalm, while the sexton was gathering to his box, to which I did give 5s., and so after sermon home, my wife, Deb., and I all alone and very kind, full of good discourses, and after dinner I to my chamber, ordering my Tangier accounts to give to the Auditor in a day or two, which should have been long ago with him. At them to my great content all the afternoon till supper, and after supper with my wife, W. Hewer and Deb. pretty merry till 12 at night, and then to bed.

Thursday 23 January 1667/68

At the Office all the morning; and at noon find the Bishop of Lincolne come to dine with us; and after him comes Mr. Brisband; and there mighty good company. But the Bishop a very extraordinary good-natured man, and one that is mightily pleased, as well as I am, that I live so near Bugden, the seat of his bishopricke, where he is like to reside: and, indeed, I am glad of it. In discourse, we think ourselves safe for this year, by this league with Holland, which pleases every body, and, they say, vexes France; insomuch that D'Estrades; the French Ambassador in Holland, when he heard it, told the States that he would have them not forget that his master is at the head of 100,000 men, and is but 28 years old; which was a great speech. The Bishop tells me he thinks that the great business of Toleration will not, notwithstanding this talk, be carried this Parliament; nor for the King's taking away the Deans' and Chapters' lands to supply his wants, they signifying little to him, if he had them,

for his present service. He gone, I mightily pleased with his kindness, I to the office, where busy till night, and then to Mrs. Turner's, where my wife, and Deb., and I, and Batelier spent the night, and supped, and played at cards, and very merry, and so I home to bed.

She is either a very prodigal woman, or richer than she would be thought, by her buying of the best things, and laying out much money in new-fashioned pewter; and, among other things, a new-fashioned case for a pair of snuffers, which is very pretty; but I could never have guessed what it was for, had I not seen the snuffers in it.

Sunday 2 February 1667/68

(Lord's day). Wife took physick this day, I all day at home, and all the morning setting my books in order in my presses, for the following year, their number being much increased since the last, so as I am fain to lay by several books to make room for better, being resolved to keep no more than just my presses will contain. At noon to dinner, my wife coming down to me, and a very good dinner we had, of a powdered leg of pork and a loin of lamb roasted, and with much content she and I and Deb...

Saturday 29 February 1667/68

Up, and walked to Captain Cocke's, where Sir G. Carteret promised to meet me and did come to discourse about the prize-business of my Lord Sandwich's, which I perceive is likely to be of great ill consequence to my Lord, the House being mighty vehement in it. We could say little but advise that his friends should labour to get it put off, till he comes.

We did here talk many things over, in lamentation of the present posture of affairs, and the ill condition of all people that have had anything to do under the King, wishing ourselves a great way off: Here they tell me how Sir Thomas Allen hath taken the Englishmen out of "La Roche," and taken from him an Ostend prize which La Roche had fetched out of our harbours; and at this day La Roche keeps upon our coasts; and had the boldness to land some men and go a mile up into the country, and there took some goods belonging to this prize out of a house there; which our King resents, and, they say, hath wrote to the King of France about; and everybody do think a war will follow; and then in what a case we shall be for want of money, nobody knows.

Thence to the office, where we sat all the morning, and at noon home to dinner, and to the office again in the afternoon...

HASSRA NATIONAL FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER

Some of our members represented London at the National Festival at Warwick in September
Photos courtesy of Dave Poulton and the National Flickr pages





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Dawn Brogden

HASSRA Chair Person

Dalston HASSRA Sports & Social Club



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The 2018 National HASSRA Festivals will be held on Saturday 7th July 2018 and Saturday 8th September 2018 at Warwick University. The events for each day are listed below. Where possible, qualifying events will be held to select London's representatives. Expressions of interest will be invited where qualifying events are not possible. Look out for more details on the New Year.

July 2018 Events	Participants
Badminton	2m 2L
Bowls Flat Green *	1 M, 1 L, 1 Pair (any)
Coarse Angling *	3
Drama	9
Men's 5 a side	7
GK Quiz	4
Rounders	11
Tennis	2m 2L
Squash	2 (any)
Fly Fishing *	3
Archery	2
Foot Golf *	2
Articulate	3
10 km Race	2
Craft Event (Card making)	2

September 2018 Event	Participants
Art *	2
Darts	1 M, 1 L, 1 Team of 3 (any)
Golf *	2m 2L
Music	3
Netball *	11
Photography	2
Pool *	1 M, 1 L
Sports Quiz	4
Table Tennis	2m 2L
Ten Pin Bowling *	2m 2L
Snooker *	1
Bowls Crown Green *	2 Singles, 2 Pair (any)
Mixed Touch Rugby	8
Gaming	2
Dance Workshop	2
Chess	1

HAUNTED LONDON



FELTHAM GARRISON

Feltham Garrison is based in Feltham, West London on the Longford River. The Garrison was originally home to the Board of Ordnance – the predecessor of the Ministry of Defence - and was where General William Roy originated the Ordnance Survey, the famous mapping organisation. Prior to the Garrison being set up, the land was farmland. Nearby Blaze Farm had been home to Nell Gwyn. There is no record of any monastery being based in the area so nobody knows who the two ghostly monks are who have been seen coming out of the mess hall and heading off to the river. Apart from the sightings of the monks, reports of doors banging and objects flying through the air have been made



CROYDON AIRPORT



Croydon was London's airport between 1915 and 1959. In the 1930s a Dutch pilot took off from Croydon Airport in good weather but crashed when a thick fog quickly descended shortly after take-off. A few weeks later, a British pilot was plotting his course just before he was due to take off. A voice behind him said "You can't take off, the weather is just the same as when I did."

The pilot spun turned to see the dead pilot standing behind him. The flight was cancelled as the pilot was too shocked to fly. Shortly after take-off time, a thick fog fell over the airfield.

The Rounshaw Estate was built on the site of Croydon's runway. Reports of the ghosts of three nuns that have been seen walking around the Estate. In 1947, a plane crashed at the airport in heavy snow. Among the passengers who were killed were three nuns.

During the war, a German pilot crashed at nearby Addington. The pilot survived with serious injuries. He was captured by some locals who wanted to kill him but he was saved by a second group who took him to hospital where he died of his injuries. Sometime later, a local man lost his wallet and was retracing his steps. In Queen Elizabeth Drive, he was handed the wallet back by a man with a foreign accent and a flying jacket who promptly disappeared.



LONDON BRIDGE



In 2007, the area under London Bridge was being excavated as the site of the proposed London Bridge Experience. Workmen discovered a sealed vault filled with a number of skeletons. This was not unusual as excavations often discovered old burial grounds. However, once the vault had been opened, workmen started reporting strange events. The workers felt they were being watched although nobody else was allowed in the site. Electric devices stopped working inexplicably and new light bulbs would blow but the electricians could find no faults that would cause the failures. Tools of all shapes and sizes began disappearing without trace. The workmen refused to be alone on the site and only worked in pairs from then on.

HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES



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Your HASSRA Membership Card
One other form of ID

NB. Kew Palace is located within Kew Gardens. HASSRA Members can get 10% off **entry** with a Kew Gardens voucher which can be downloaded from the Online Shop

HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES

London members have been sharing photos on our Facebook pages of their visits to the Historic Royal Palaces using their HASSRA Corporate Membership





CINEMA TICKETS

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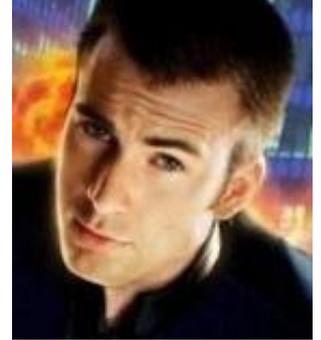
To view the current discounts available and book your tickets, visit the HASSRA website www.hassra.org.uk (or via the HASSRA pages on the DWP Intranet)

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PICTURE QUIZ

Can you name these actors and the superheroes they are playing?

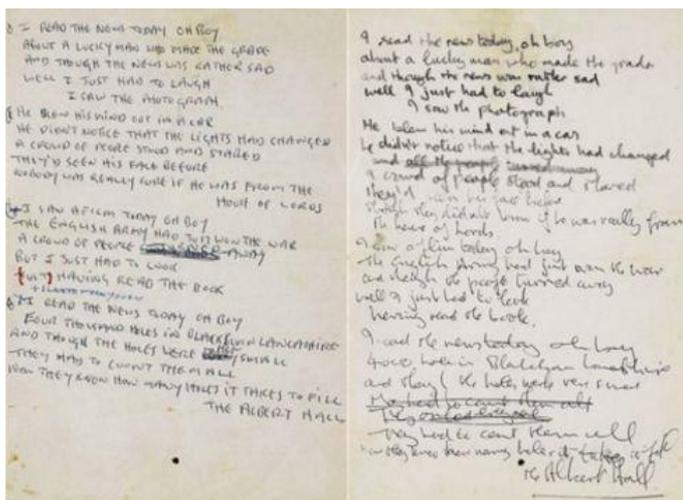
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Paul McCartney's middle piece was actually a different song he had been working on for a proposed concept album based on The Beatles childhood days. The project had been quickly abandoned but McCartney adapted the lines to fit into Lennon's song

The line "I'd love to turn you on", was inspired by psychologist Tim Leary who had quoted the philosophy 'Turn on, tune in, drop out' as part of his exploration of the therapeutic potential of psychedelic drugs. The lines 'blew his mind' and "I'd love to turn you on" resulted in the song initially being banned by the BBC. The ban was only lifted in 1972.

On 27 August 1992 Lennon's handwritten lyrics were sold by the estate of Mal Evans in an auction at Sotheby's London for \$100,000 (£56,600).¹ The lyrics were put up for sale again in March 2006 by Bonhams in New York. Sealed bids were opened on 7 March 2006 and offers started at about \$2 million. The lyric sheet was auctioned again by Sotheby's in June 2010. It was purchased by an anonymous American buyer who paid \$1,200,000 (£810,000).



The song has been recorded by many other artists including Jeff Beck, Phish, Barry Gibb and The London Symphony Orchestra. David Bowie used the lyric "I heard the news today oh boy!" in his 1975 song "Young Americans". Lennon appeared on Bowie's Young Americans album, providing guitar and backing vocals. In 2012, Bob Dylan included the same line in his tribute song to Lennon, "Roll on John"



A Day In The Life

Written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney

I read the news today, oh boy
About a lucky man who made the grade
And though the news was rather sad
Well, I just had to laugh
I saw the photograph

He blew his mind out in a car;
He didn't notice that the lights had changed
A crowd of people stood and stared
They'd seen his face before
Nobody was really sure if he was from the House of Lords

I saw a film today, oh boy;
The English army had just won the war
A crowd of people turned away
But I just had to look
Having read the book

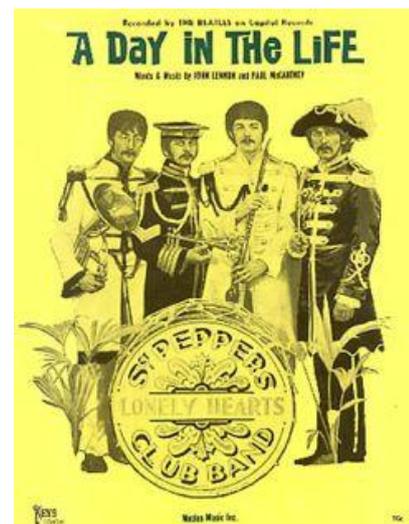
I'd love to turn you on

Woke up, fell out of bed
Dragged a comb across my head
Found my way downstairs and drank a cup
And looking up, I noticed I was late

Found my coat and grabbed my hat
Made the bus in seconds flat
Found my way upstairs and had a smoke
And somebody spoke and I went into a dream

Ah I read the news today, oh boy
Four thousand holes in Blackburn, Lancashire
And though the holes were rather small
They had to count them all
Now they know how many holes it takes to fill the Albert Hall

I'd love to turn you on





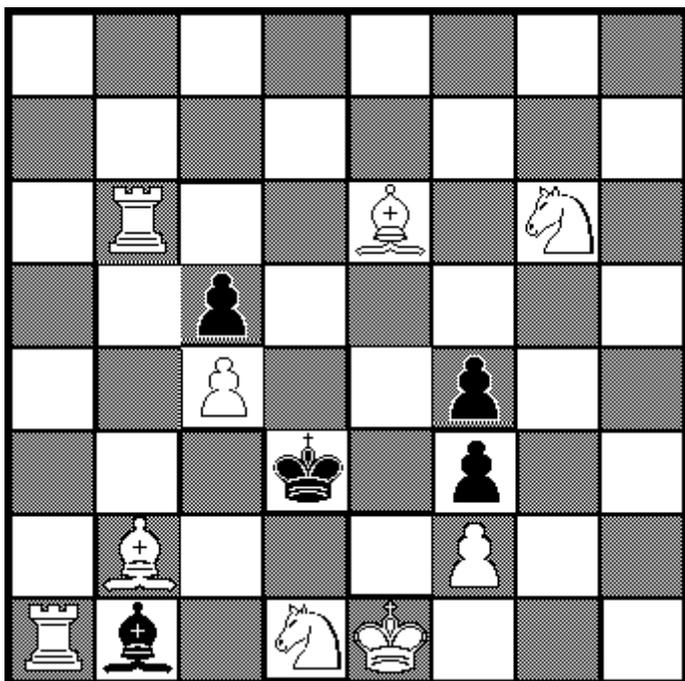
Make your next move joining the Chess Club

The London HASSRA Chess Club welcomes all HASSRA members as new players, from novices to experts. We run six teams and play matches weekday evenings in and around central London from October to April. If you would like to find out more about the Chess Club, please contact one of the following:

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CHESS PUZZLE

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HASSRA members can get 10% discount in any St Austell Brewery managed pubs. The discount will be taken off at the till when you show your HASSRA membership card.

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- Holmbush Inn, Holmbush Road, St Austell, Cornwall
- Hope & Anchor, Hope Cove, Kingsbridge, Devon
- Lifeboat Inn, Wharf Road, St Ives, Cornwall
- Masons Arms, Branscombe, Seaton, Devon
- Old Custom House, South Quay, Padstow, Cornwall
- Old Market House, The Quay, Brixham, Devon
- Old Success Inn, Sennen Cove, Cornwall
- Oystercatcher Bar, Polzeath, Wadebridge, Cornwall
- Pedn-Olva Hotel, St Ives, Cornwall
- Port William, Trebarwith Strand, Tintagel, Cornwall
- Rashleigh Arms, St Austell, Cornwall
- Ship Inn, Mousehole, Penzance, Cornwall
- The Ship, The Barbican, Plymouth, Devon
- Shipwrights, North Quay, Padstow, Cornwall
- Three Crowns, High Street, Chagford, Devon



BRITANNIA HOTELS

Britannia Hotels are the UK's Finest Collection of Historic and Iconic Hotels.

Check the HASSRA Online Shop for the discounts available for HASSRA members.



"BAD NEWS — THE DRINKS MACHINE WON"

THE O2



The latest winners of the O2 competitions are:

Steps 24/11 Ann Moore
 Little Mix 25/11 Shehnaz Sabri Koria
 Kasabian 2/12 Dawn Hobbsy Latuskie
 Deep Purple 23/11 Michelle Goddard
 Queen/Adam Lambert 12/12 Susan Myles
 Michael Ball and Alfie Boe 13/12 Jan Gowers

ST MARYLEBONE QUIZ

St Marylebone held a quiz night on 28th September. With teams from the Jobcentre, District Office, Fraud, NLDO and the CRT. Winners were Derek and his Dominoes with the Western Wanderers runners up



WARNER LEISURE HOTELS

Book a Warner Leisure Hotels break as a HASSRA Privilege Holiday Club member. Save up to £350* per room and an extra £10 off per person per break. You can also take advantage of half price holiday protection plan. Deposit of only £65 per person*. No booking fees and no credit card charges. *Terms and conditions apply

Remember, every Warner break includes:

- Delicious buffet breakfasts
- Three-course evening meals
- Fantastic live entertainment every evening
- Range of exciting activities
- Full use of leisure facilities
- Just for grown-ups!

Check out the HASSRA Online Shop for full details and the booking code



HASSRA members will receive a 10% discount on any adult, reduced or family entrance fee to the following properties. This promotion applies to the member plus one adult guest and up to three children (under 16 yrs.)

This offer is available at the following attractions: Beaumaris Castle, Caernarfon Castle, Caerphilly Castle, Castell Coch, Chepstow Castle, Cilgerran Castle, Conwy Castle, Criccieth Castle, Denbigh Castle, Harlech Castle, Kidwelly Castle, Laugharne Castle, Oxwich Castle, Plas Mawr Elizabethan Town House, Raglan Castle, Rhuddlan Castle, Rug Chapel, Strata Florida Abbey, St Davids Bishop's Palace, Tintern Abbey, Tretower Court and Castle & Valle Crucis Abbey.

(This **excludes** special event days where CADW may charge an additional fee)

Please note: This offer requires production of a current HASSRA membership card and photographic ID. HASSRA members will not be eligible for a discount in the retail outlets or cafes at CADW properties.

For more information about these fantastic historic locations, please visit the [CADW website](http://www.cadw.gov.uk).

This offer is **not available** at the following attractions: Carreg Cennen, Weobley, and Dolwyddelan castles, Margam Stones Museum, Conwy Castle & Plas Mawr Town House joint ticket.

- 1 Uruguay
- 2 Green
- 3 Roy Cropper
- 4 12
- 5 Maidenhead
- 6 Five
- 7 The Dam Busters Raid
- 8 Hermann Melville
- 9 Robin Williams
- 10 Iceland

POP QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1 Haircut 100
- 2 Band on the Run by Wings
- 3 Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins
- 4 Peter Cetera
- 5 Tubular Bells by Mike Oldfield
- 6 Love Story
- 7 Billy Idol
- 8 The Love Unlimited Orchestra
- 9 Nick Lowe
- 10 Booker T and the MGs

PICTURE QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1 Lou Ferigno as The Incredible Hulk
- 2 Henry Cavell as Superman
- 3 Chris O'Donnell as Robin
- 4 Ryan Reynolds as Green Lantern
- 5 Gal Gadot as Wonder Woman
- 6 Chris Hemsworth as Thor
- 7 Melissa Benoist as Supergirl
- 8 Stephen Amell as Green Arrow
- 9 Jeremy Renner as Hawkeye
- 10 Christopher Reeve as Superman
- 11 Chris Evans as Captain America
- 12 Lynda Carter as Wonder Woman
- 13 Dean Cain as Superman
- 14 Burt Ward as Robin
- 15 Nicholas Lyndhurst as Robin
- 16 Chris Evans as The Human Torch

CHESS SOLUTION

- 1 Nc3
- If 1...Kc2; 2 Bf5 mate
- If 1...Kd4; 2 Rd6 mate
- If 1...Bc2; 2 Rd6 mate
- If 1...Ba2; 2 2 000 mate

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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4	3	9	5	1	2	7	6	8
5	8	2	4	6	7	9	3	1
1	6	7	8	9	3	2	5	4

..... and finally

I recently lost an electron. I wasn't sure I had lost it but now I'm positive





Photography Competition

HASSRA London/South East 'on-line' competition has the following categories:

1. Christmas
2. Friends
3. Mother Nature
4. Reflection
5. Urban
6. Things found around the house

£60 for the overall winner

£10 for the runner-ups in each category

The rules:

- a) All competitors **must** be members of HASSRA
- b) Competitors may only enter photographs they have taken themselves
- c) Limit 2 photos per category
- d) Make sure any person you have taken a photo of is aware that it may be shown on the Internet

Photos can be digitally enhanced

Send your entries to John at:

JOHN.ALLISON@DWP.GSI.GOV.UK

Cut-off date is Friday, February 23rd Include on your email:

Your name
Your office name
Your HASSRA Number
The titles of your photos

