



# Steve's Online Puzzles & Stuff—62

## “Amidst Fear and War, a story of Faith and Survival”



I called on the radio for help but ISIS was launching a counter-attack and I got no immediate response. Ali said, “I will go.”

I said, “No, wait, you’ll get killed.”

As I radioed again for help, his door opened; I lunged across the Humvee yelling at him to stop but his jacket slipped through my fingers as he bolted out and sprinted up the road through ISIS fire to get help. Minutes later he was back with another Humvee.

Shaheen, our translator, was in the back seat with Slowly, one of our medics, and they both jumped out

to begin the evacuation of our two desperately wounded patients. Immediately, they were both hit. Slowly was hit in his backpack and immediately jumped back into the cover of the vehicle, uninjured, while Shaheen was hit in the stomach and went down.

Ali saw his friend fall and ran to him, again through ISIS fire, carried him back the Humvee and evacuated him.

This time, Ali was hit — six times. With one hand on his neck to stop the flow of blood from one wound there, he drove back to where our ambulance was and both he and Shaheen were evacuated — first to a local clinic and later to Baghdad.

Shaheen survived for 10 days with multiple surgeries but then died from a sudden blood infection. Ali lived but still has a bullet fragment in his neck. He has left the Iraqi Army and works for the *Free Burma Rangers*, a multi-ethnic humanitarian service movement working to bring help, hope and love to people in the conflict zones of Burma, Iraq, and Sudan.

### Ali's Story

Ali was our Iraqi Army Humvee driver, a 30-year-old soft-spoken career soldier who had joined the army when he was 18. His wife was a widow, her first husband killed by al-Qaeda, along with her father. He had known a life of war and when we met, the first thing he said to me was, “Please. I want to go to America.”

We worked alongside him and his unit from December 2016, as the fighting moved first through the east side of Mosul then around and to the west side and finally into the old city.



In February of 2017, the army was fighting through the desert south of the city, and Ali decided to give his life to Jesus. He said, “Your [team’s] love for others, your mercy and your help made me love Christianity.”

The most vicious fighting was yet to begin. On May 4th, we were with the Iraqi Army as they began to push into the densely packed central part of the city, helping evacuate and treat civilians fleeing through the no-man’s-land between ISIS and the Iraqis. As families ran for their lives, ISIS snipers picked them off — men, women and children alike.

A father and daughter were hit, and went down in the road; our Humvee, driven by Ali, went to get them. As we loaded the wounded two, our vehicle was critically hit and incapacitated.

*The Iraq Ranger team with it's newly baptized members*



Later, he would find out that around the time he was shot, Jesus came to his sister in Baghdad in a vision and told her, “It is ok, I have your brother.” Ali was baptized in the Tigris in February, one year after he first came to love Jesus.

*Read another story like this in the latest SGAANS now in Church.*

Lord, we pray for all who are fighting against evil and injustice—especially our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please protect them, guide them, help them to know your will and bring victory, that the earth may be filled with the Glory of God and know that our God reigns!

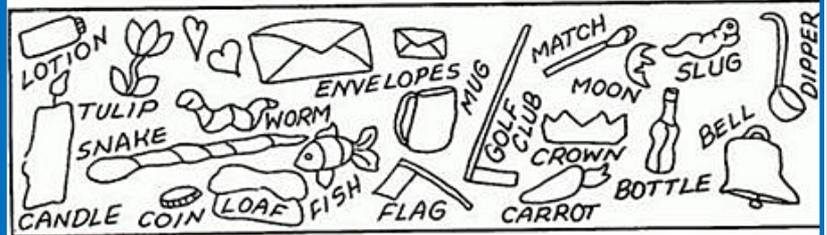
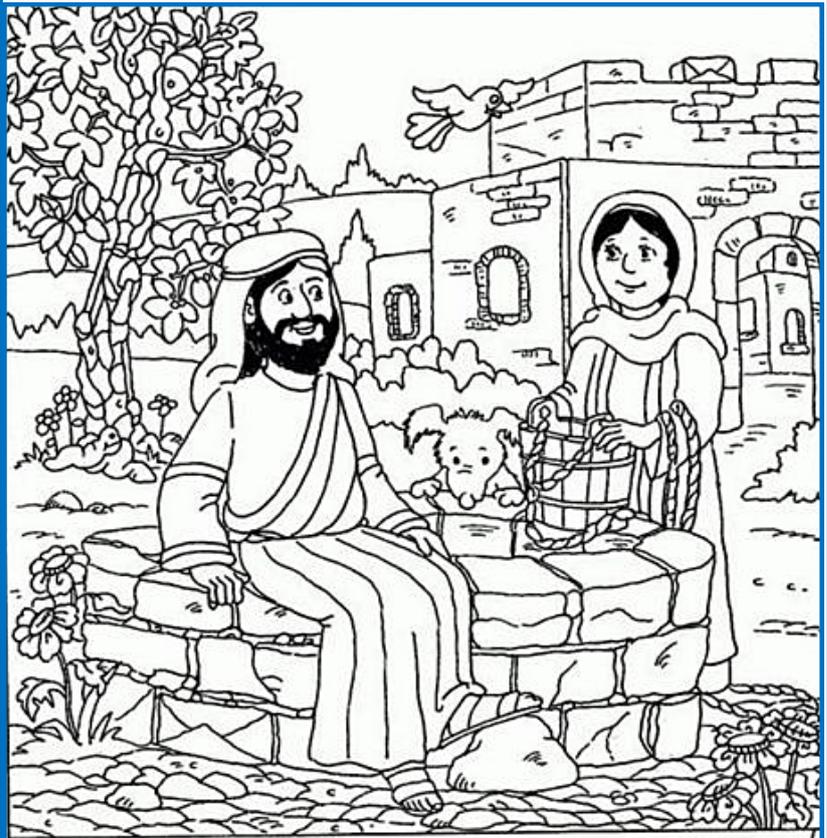
## What do you know?

1. The Speaker' is the presiding officer of the House of Commons. Who carries out the same duty in the House of Lords?
2. According to the Old Testament, what did God create on the Third day?
3. What was the title of Beethoven's only opera?
4. Name five pop groups/singers with a FOOD as part of their name.
5. What is the name of the largest moon of Jupiter?
6. Who was the British Prime Minister when India gained independence?
7. Who wrote the play "She Stoops to Conquer"?
8. In which English counties would you find the following Stately Homes:  
[a] Woburn Abbey, [b] Audley End House,  
[c] Holker Hall, [d] Chatsworth, and  
[e] Castle Howard?
9. Two post-war England cricket captains have had sons who have also been capped for their country, name the fathers and sons
10. In which range of hills would you find Cheddar Gorge?
11. Born in Cardiff in 1893, by what name did David Ivor Davies find fame in the musical world?
12. Of which metals are the following ores a major source:  
[a] Argentite, [b] Bauxite,  
[c] Cinnabar, [d] Chalcocite, and  
[e] Galena?
13. Which sport is written about in Wisden?
14. What type of food is Quark?
15. At which racecourse is *The Oaks* run?
16. Of what Royal Houses are the following British monarchs members:  
[a] Queen Anne, [b] William IV,  
[c] Edward II, [d] Mary I, and  
[e] Edward VII?
17. Which popular garden plant has a Greek name meaning "Water Vessel"?
18. Which SIX States are generally said to comprise the region of New England in the USA?
19. Which Country is known in its own language as SUOMI?
20. What two real animals are said to make up the mythical creature The Griffin?



## Can you find the Hidden Objects?

And where in the Bible is the story told?



## What have the Romans Got to do with our Railway System?



The standard railway gauge (distance between rails) is 4ft. 8½ in. in the UK and majority of countries.

**Why such an odd number?** Because that's the way we built them in England, and the US and British Empire (now Commonwealth) railways were built by British expatriates.

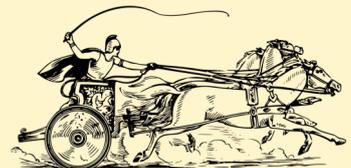
**Why did we adopt that peculiar gauge?** Because the people who built the pre-train tramways used that gauge.

**They in turn used that gauge because the people who built the tramways used the same standards and tools that they had previously used to build horse-drawn vehicles.**

**Why were these built to that scale?** Because if they were any other size they did not match the old wheel ruts in the roads.

**So who built the rutted roads?**

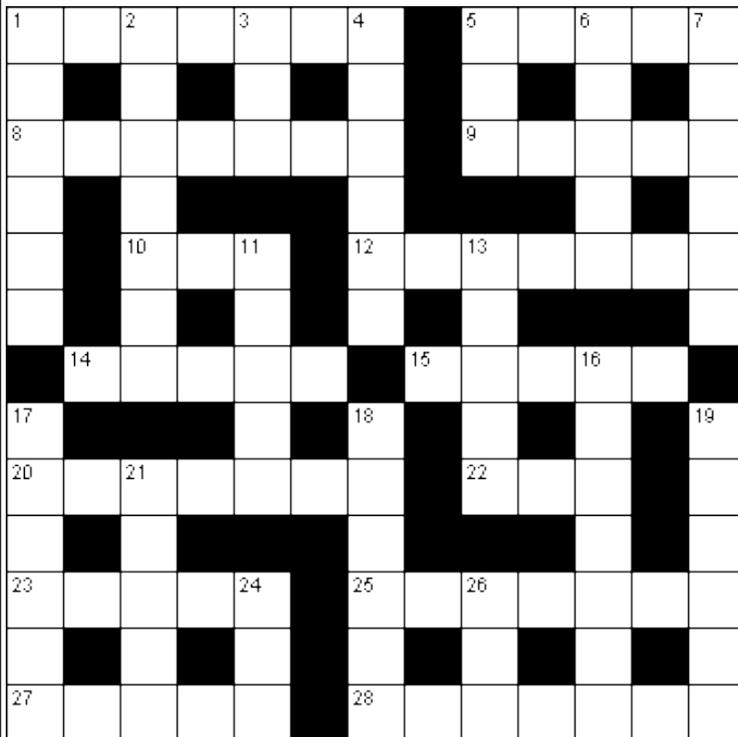
**The Romans!** The ruts were made by Roman war-chariots, and 4ft. 8½ in. was the width a chariot needed to be to accommodate the rear-ends of two war horses. (See them at Pompeii.)



**"As it was in the beginning..."**

## Catchwords-1

An easy kind of Crossword that simply entails you completing well-known sayings.



### Across

1. \_\_\_ speak louder than words (7)
5. Pieces of \_\_\_ (5)
8. Trade \_\_\_ (7)
9. The Holy \_\_\_ (5)
10. \_\_\_ the lion (3)
12. Lead by \_\_\_ (7)
14. A little rough around the \_\_\_ (5)
15. Last but not \_\_\_ (5)
20. Time is of the \_\_\_ (7)
22. Tic-Tac- \_\_\_ (3)
23. A \_\_\_ playing field (5)
25. Sorely \_\_\_ (7)
27. \_\_\_ your bets (5)
28. Many happy \_\_\_ (7)

### Down

1. Question and \_\_\_ (6)
2. \_\_\_ pink (7)
3. The \_\_\_ and only (3)
4. You can't beat the \_\_\_ (6)
5. Chicken and \_\_\_ (3)
6. \_\_\_ the nettle (5)
7. Fortune \_\_\_ (6)
11. A drop in the \_\_\_ (5)
13. Secret \_\_\_ (5)
16. Helter \_\_\_ (7)
17. Health, \_\_\_ and happiness (6)
18. \_\_\_ late than never (6)
19. Jack of all \_\_\_ (6)
21. \_\_\_ by the bell (5)
24. Let sleeping dogs \_\_\_ (3)
26. \_\_\_ his match (3)

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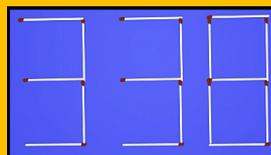


is a Bible resources internet site from which you can download various versions of the Bible, Commentaries on the Bible, Bible Dictionaries, related NASA photos, Bible maps, and much more. Useful if the internet is down.

Many are free, some you have to pay a small fee to unlock.

*Well worth a visit!*

Make the BIGGEST number you can by moving just TWO matchsticks each time



## Congratulations, Canon Ian



Following last Sunday's Morning Service there was a surprise presentation of a cake (made by Sheila) to Ian, and a bunch of flowers to Miriam.

(As Janet reminded



us, "Behind every successful man is a successful woman!").

Thank you both for all the love and care you bring to St. Columba's.

The service is still available at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=offpXGw7YQI>

And the memorial service at which we remembered loved ones no longer with us at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYwfQMbYpk>

*(Photos by Colin Bates)*

'I had a job offer from a large company and they offered to fly me out to the interview on business class,' a man wrote.

During the return flight we were given gourmet brownies and cookies. Not hungry, I decided to save them for later, so I placed them in an airsickness courtesy bag.

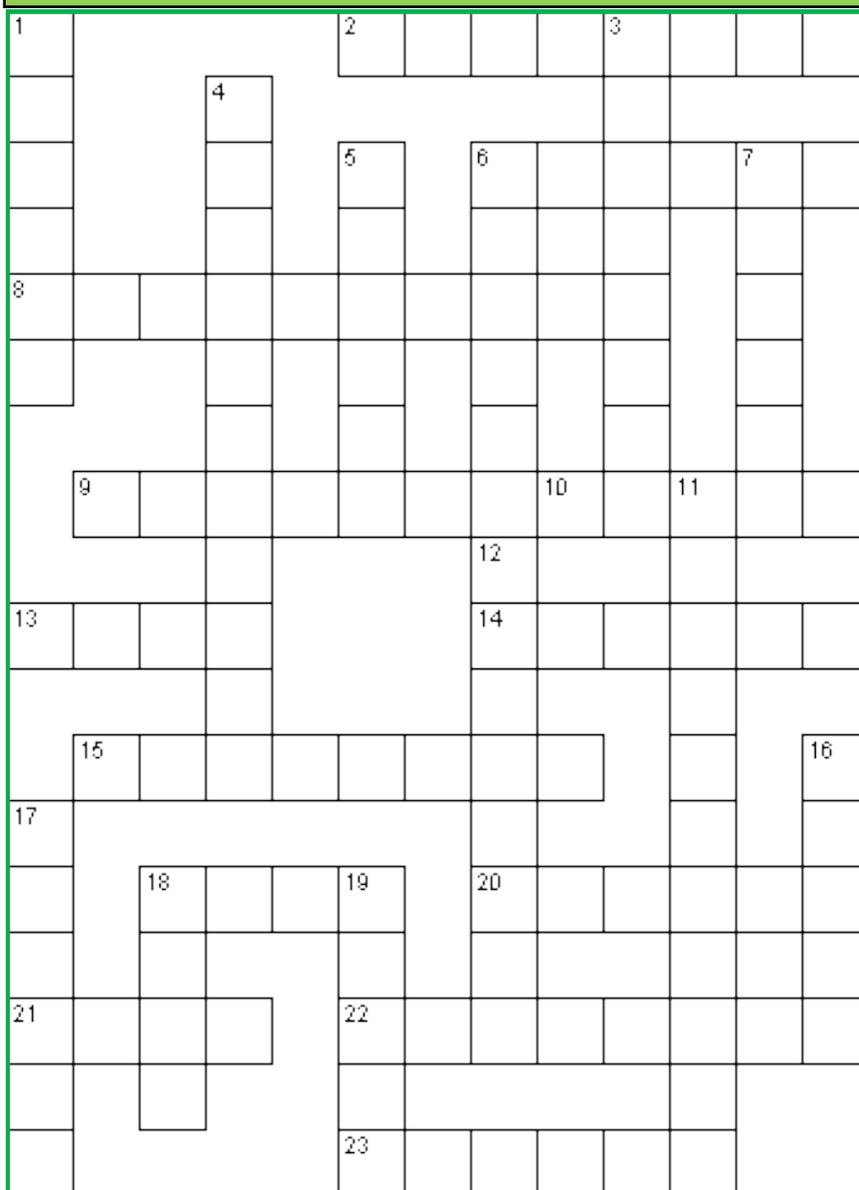
After the plane landed, I got up to leave and a flight attendant approached me if I wanted her to dispose of the bag.

I said, "No thanks, I'm saving it for my kids."



# Capitals Crossword

How well do you know the capital cities of the world?



## Across

- 2. Hungary (8)
- 6. Austria (6)
- 8. Uruguay (10)
- 9. Oman (6)
- 10. Afghanistan (5)
- 13. Fiji (4)
- 14. Dominica (6)
- 15. Namibia (8)
- 18. Peru (4)
- 20. Canada (6)
- 21. Italy (4)
- 22. Australia (8)
- 23. Greece (6)

## Down

- 1. Bahrain (6)
- 3. South Africa (8)
- 4. Trinidad and Tobago (4-2-5)
- 5. Cuba (6)
- 6. Liechtenstein (5)
- 7. The Bahamas (6)
- 11. Argentina (6,5)
- 12. Sierra Leone (8)
- 16. Cape Verde (5)
- 17. Spain (6)
- 18. Togo (4)
- 19. Ghana (5)

## The Difference between Men and Women

**Wife:** When's Gary's birthday?

**Husband:** Dunno.

**Wife:** He's been your best mate since you were five, 50 years ago. He was best man at our wedding. He's godfather to our kids, and you're godfather to his kids. He was first in the hospital when you fell off that ladder. You was the first to knock that bloke out who threatened him. His mum calls you both *Double Trouble*. Your dad taught the both of you to drive. You were stood next to him when you carried his dad's coffin. He's the one who lent you that two grand when you was laid off. You gave him your dad's tools. His Sharon was my bridesmaid, and you're in the same Sunday football league.

**So, Darren. What's 'is birthday?**

**Husband:** Dunno.

**Wife:** What does he drive?

**Husband:** VW Golf GTi mark five. 0-60 MPH

in 7.2 seconds. Top speed of 146mph. Metallic grey with 18 inch alloys.



## Weekly Activities at St. Columba's

All in the Hall except where stated

**Monday 10.30-11.30 am:** Sweat Shop (*Zumba*)

**Monday 5.30-8.30 pm:** Katrina's School of Dancing

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**Wednesdays 10.30-12noon:** Food Bank (*in church*)

**2nd and 4th Wednesday each month:**

**11.00 am-1.00 pm:** 'Get, Set, Goers' (*Ladies Group*)

**Wednesdays** (*in term time*)

**5.30-7.00 pm:** St John Ambulance cadets

**Wednesday 7.15-8.45 pm:** Judo

**Thursday 6.30-7.30 pm:** Sweat Shop (*Zumba*)

**Sunday 2.00-4.00 pm:** Viking Re-enactment Group

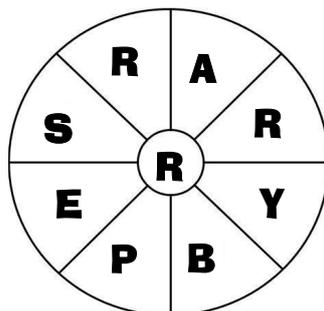
Two **Alcoholics Anonymous** groups also meet, but for obvious reasons we don't say when. Details from Vicar.

## WORD WHEEL

How many words can you make from the letters in the wheel?

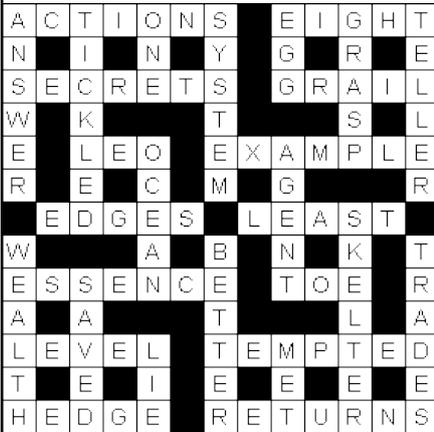
Each word must contain the hub letter R.

Can you find a 9-letter word and at least 20 other words of two letters or more avoiding proper nouns (*those with a capital letter*)?



# PUZZLE ANSWERS & NOTICES

## Catchwords-1



## What do you know?

- The Lord Speaker. It stopped being the Lord Chancellor in 2006 when his duties were split.
- The Land & The Sea.
- Fidelio.
- Meat loaf, Black-eyed peas, Cake, Cream, Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Spice Girls, Cranberries, Vanilla Ice, Chuck Berry, and many more.
- Ganymede.
- Clement Atlee.
- Oliver Goldsmith.
- [a] Woburn Abbey - Bedfordshire, [b] Audley End house, [c] Holker Hall - Cumbria, [d] Chatsworth - Derbyshire and [e] Castle Howard - Yorkshire.
- Len & Richard Hutton, Colin & Chris Cowdrey.
- The Mendips.
- Ivor Novello.
- [a] Argentite - Silver, [b] Bauxite- Aluminium, [c] Cinnabar - Mercury, [d] Chalcocite- Copper and [e] Galena - Lead.
- Cricket.
- A type of soft cheese.
- Epsom.
- [a] Queen Anne - Stuart, [b] William IV - Hanover, [c] Edward II - Plantagenet, [d] Mary I - Tudor and [e] Edward VII- Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.
- Hydrangea.
- Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island & Vermont.
- Finland.
- A Lion [Body] and a Bird [Head].

## Christmas Shoe Boxes

Collection week is 15 to 22nd, so next Sunday, 21st, is the last Sunday.

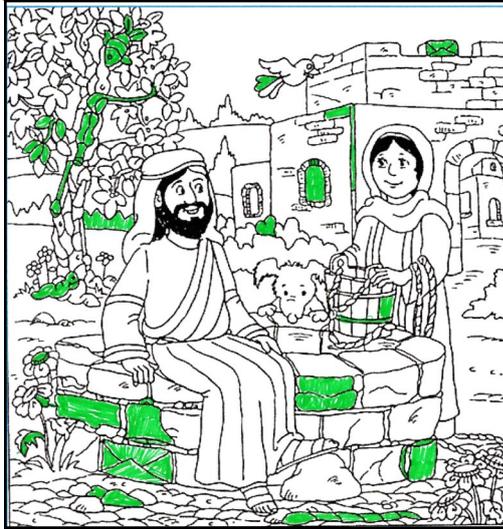
If anyone would help man the church to receive boxes that would be great. We will be open every morning 9 till 1 during that week. I have done a rota in hourly blocks.



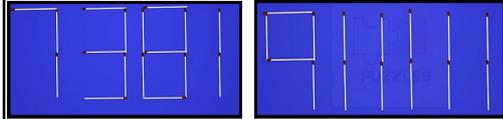
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## Woman at Well meets Jesus—Hidden Objects

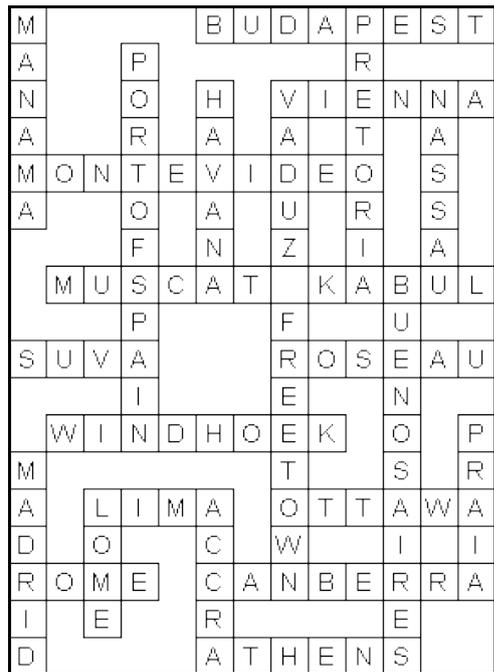
The story is in John 4



## Matchstick Puzzle Solutions



## Capital Cities-3



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 20th November**  
7.00pm Tearfund **BIG QUIZ NIGHT**

**Sunday 21st November**  
Last day to return Shoe Boxes

**Saturday 27th November**  
10.00am **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**Saturday 4th December**  
Hope into Action training

**Thursday 16th December**  
6.00pm **Community Carol Service**  
with choirs from local Schools

**Sunday 19th December**  
10.15am - **Nativity**  
5.00pm - **Carols with candles**

**Friday 24th December**  
Christmas Eve  
4.30pm - **Christingle**  
11.15pm - **Midnight Communion**

**Saturday 25th December**  
**Christmas Morning**  
10.00am - **All Age Communion**

**Sunday 26th December**  
10.30am - **Carols & Communion**

**Fri. 28th & Sat. 29th Jan. 2022**  
**PANTO: "Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood"**

**Sunday 5th June 2022**  
**Queen's Platinum Jubilee:**  
**Tree Planting, Big Lunch & Fun Day**

**Fri. 1st - Sun. 3rd July 2022**  
**Bishop John's Weekend at St. Columba's and St. Leonard's**

## WORD WHEEL

The 9-letter word is **RASPBERRY**.  
You can find a complete list of other words at  
[www.thewordfinder.com/anagram-solver/](http://www.thewordfinder.com/anagram-solver/)  
Just enter **RASPBERRY**

## MINI WORD SEARCH

Amazingly, there are eleven words hidden in this grid.

Words are in straight lines: up, down, left, right, or diagonally.

Words must have four or five letters to count.

**HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU FIND?**



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