

# Steve's Puzzles and Stuff—80

## What a wonderful world!



**Fingerprints are unique!**  
**Scientists can now discover our physical identity from one hair or a piece of fingernail.**

***Clever!***

But that's nothing compared to the way Jesus Christ knows us.

**He sees each one of us as a unique and 'Special Person'.**

We may have left Him out of our lives  
 but He still has plans for each one of us,  
 plans to prosper us,  
 plans to give hope and a future if we'll let Him.

*Jesus Christ says: 'I have come in order that you may have life - life in all its fullness.'*

### **Special Note to You**

*You are a Beautiful Human Person as you read this.*

Read this and absorb it—don't read these words flippantly.  
**Are you reading? They are written for YOU—especially YOU.**

You are a valuable person.  
 You are a special person.  
 You are a unique person.  
 You are beautiful.

You are precious.

You are unrepeatable.  
 You are mysterious.

You are a beautiful human person.  
 No one will ever exist like you.

No one will ever experience a life that you have experienced.

You are a collection of specialness that has never been together before.

Your life deserves a film premier at a West End cinema.  
 You are so special and valuable that Jesus has died for you.  
 He loves you so much that he has given his life for you.

His love is completely and totally 100% for you.

His love for you is unconditional.

If you became a better person now, if you became a committed Christian today—either or both, God couldn't love you any more tomorrow.

His love for you is total NOW and he cannot love you any more. Of course he deserves a response and it makes him happy if we respond BUT his love is not dependent on it.  
 You are 100%, totally and completely loved.

*Pip Wilson, General Secretary, Romford YMCA.*



**Don't you wish you were young again and still did crazy fun things?**



**Watch out for this new Winter Olympics event.**



**Solar powered bench in Seoul with USB & wireless charging docks**

*With thanks to Bored Panda*



# WEIRD SPORTS QUIZ

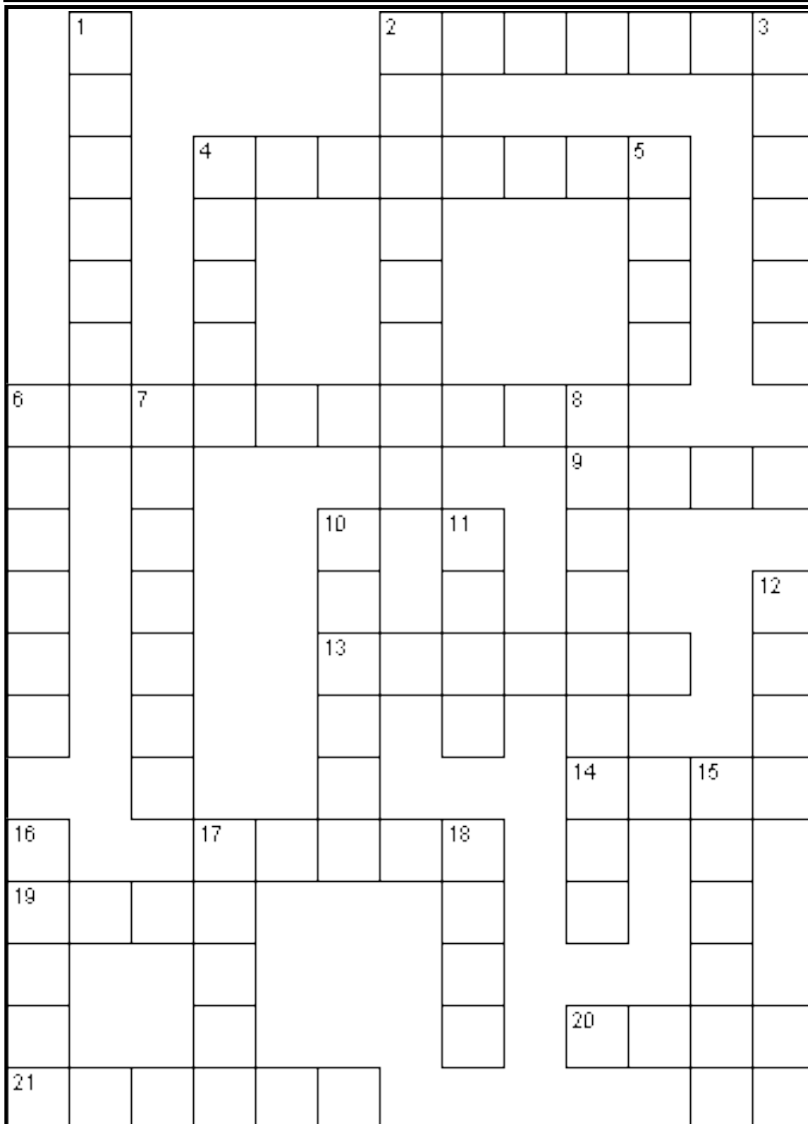


Here are some pictures from the past and the present. Can you work out what sport (some extinct, others heading that way but ripe for revival, others new) was taking place?





# World Capitals Crossword



## Across

2. Iraq (7)  
4. Syria (8)  
6. Gabon (10)  
9. Qatar (4)  
13. Equatorial Guinea (6)  
14. Italy (4)  
17. South Korea (5)

19. Norway (4)  
20. Samoa (4)  
21. Canada (6)

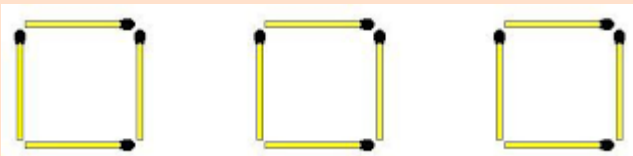
## Down

1. Kenya (7)  
2. Brazil (8)  
3. Ireland (6)  
4. Senegal (5)  
5. Fiji (4)

6. Portugal (6)  
7. China (7)  
8. Scotland (9)  
10. Mali (6)  
11. The Maldives (4)  
12. Togo (4)  
15. Spain (6)  
16. Japan (5)  
17. Bulgaria (5)  
18. Peru (4)

## Matchstick Puzzle

Move 2 and remove 1 matchstick to make the answer 1.



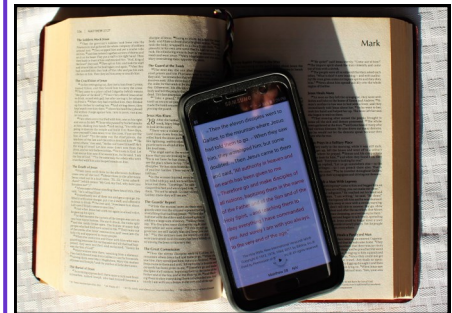
## 32m Bibles



**A new report by the United Bible Societies (UBS) has shown the distribution of Bibles increased worldwide in 2021.**

At least 32.6 million complete Bible editions were distributed last year following the "pandemic-related slump in Bible distribution in the previous year", an increase of 5.5 per cent in 2021 compared to 2020.

Around 20 per cent of all distributed Bibles were downloaded from the internet.



According to the report, the distribution of digital editions "is playing an increasingly important role, especially in crisis regions" such as Mozambique.

The Bible Society there was able to provide a digital Bible edition to a total of 51,000 people.

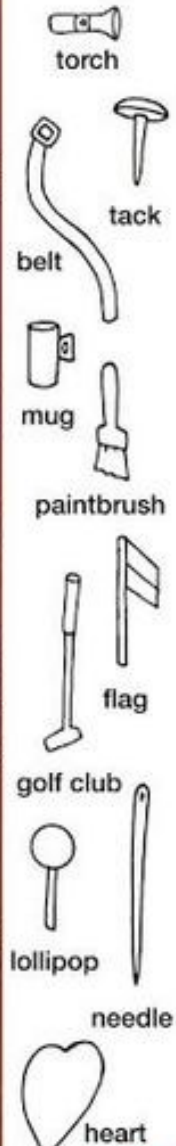
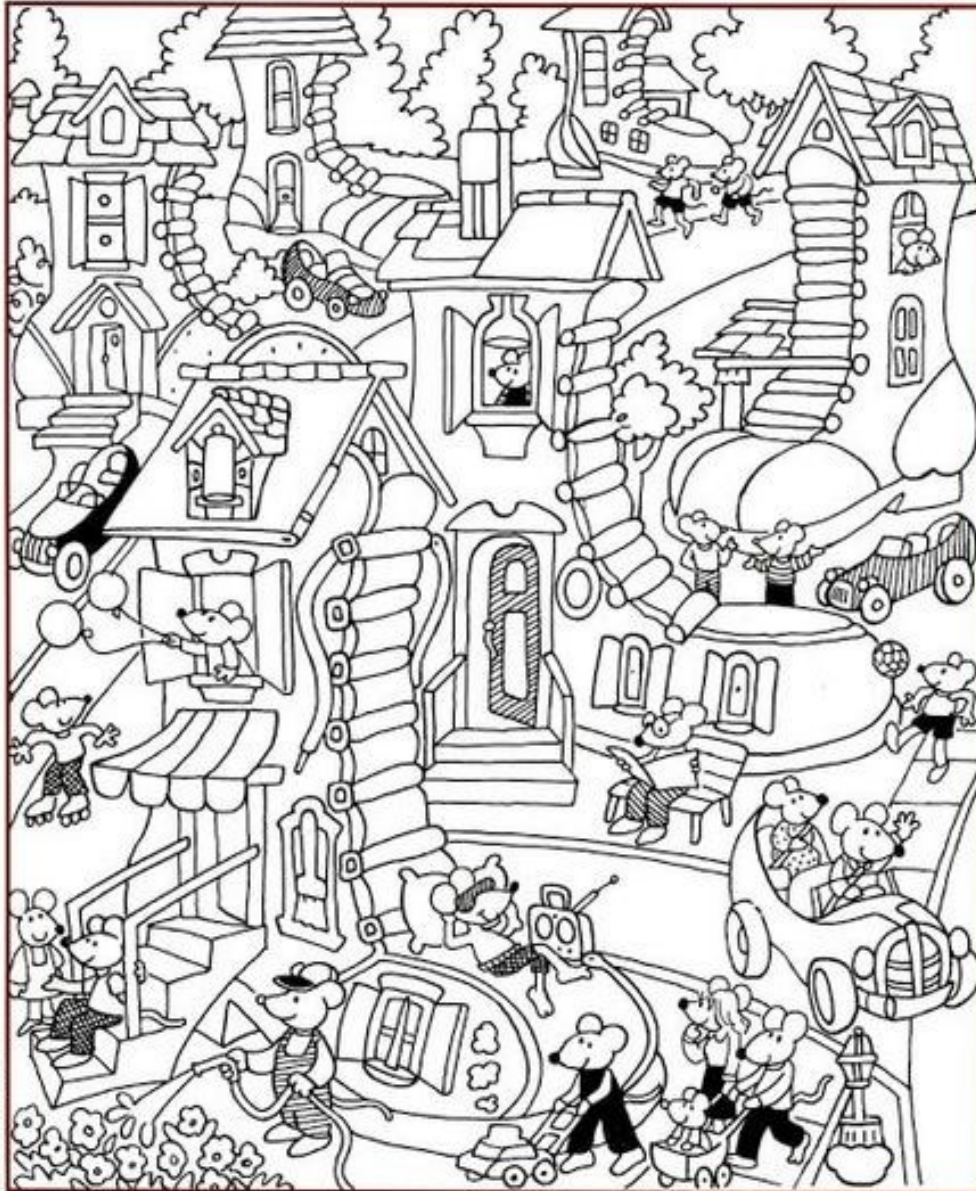
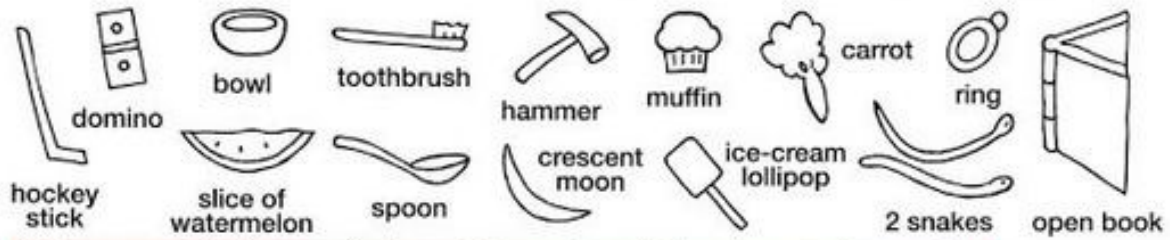
## Something wrong here!



# Hidden Objects Puzzle

## Life in Mouse Town

Look for these things in the big picture.



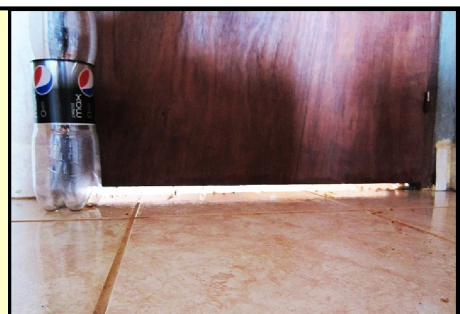
A man feels very ill upon returning from a trip abroad. He goes to see his doctor and is immediately rushed to the hospital to undergo a barrage of extensive tests.

The man wakes up after the tests in a private room at the hospital, and the phone by his bed rings. "This is your doctor. We've got the results back from your tests, and we've found you have an exceptionally dangerous virus that is extremely contagious!"

"Oh my gosh," cries the man in a panic, "What are you going to do?!"

Well, we're going to put you on a diet of pizzas, pancakes, and sandwiches."

"Will that cure me?" asked the man hopefully. The doctor replied, "No, but it's the only food we can get under the door."





## The day 3M accidentally created a force field!



*Ever got a shock from a nylon shirt or carpet? When I was a teenager at a Christian holiday centre we discovered that by rubbing our feet on a nylon carpet with our rubber soled shoes, we could generate a static charge which could be released with a satisfying spark and shock from a fingertip to the ear of a friend from behind! Great fun until someone does it to you! Well, here's a tale like that on a grand scale...*

Every job has its safety hazards. Whether it's the risk of falling off a telephone pole or tripping over the printer cord, there are always unseen dangers in the workplace. However it's one thing to spill your coffee over your keyboard, quite another to accidentally create a powerful force field that traps your co-workers.

On a humid summer day in 1980, employees at the South Carolina 3M corporation were checking the 50,000 foot rolls of 20ft-wide Polypropylene spools.

This plastic film was being slit, cut, and transferred onto other spools. The thin film was being pulled upwards from a big roll, speeding through 20 feet of overhead rollers before being pulled down to the splitting rollers. This created a cube-shaped tent over the factory floor and employees.

One of the most dangerous aspects besides the fast moving spools was the static charge the rollers produced. This can be measured by the megavolt, giving a powerful shock if you happen to get zapped. However, on an otherwise normal summer day, something strange occurred in the processing plant. An anomaly that no one could have predicted or envisioned.

The static produced by the rollers, combined with the humidity of that day created an invisible wall. A force field



that trapped some employees in a terrifying frozen stance. David Swenson had heard about this from other employees that morning.

Upon entering the room, David's handheld electrometer jolted to life. The needle was at full scale! He felt the static in the air pulling on the hair on his arms and back of the neck.

As he walked closer to the "tent" formed by the operation, he began to feel like he was walking in water. Others were shocked to see David struggle to take a few steps forward, as if being pushed back by a strong wind.

The closer he got, the less he was able to move. Eventually the force was so great that he couldn't move forward at all! No matter how much of his weight he used to lean forward, he was frozen inside the force field.

While unable to move, David observed a fly getting pulled into the electrostatic field. He later speculated that the pull might have been strong enough to trap a passing bird.

Eventually he freed himself from the static grip by walking backwards, away from the field. When he told the production manager about this strange force field that had been created, the manager scoffed it off. By then, the rollers were no longer producing the strange effect but the workers realized that this only happened in the early morning hours.

Though sceptical, the manager agreed to come in early the next day to have a look himself. Sure enough, the strange phenomena was repeated.

The 3M employees were able to successfully create a full-sized force field by running the Polypropylene spools. The only comment the production manager had for his employees was that he "didn't know whether to fix it or sell tickets."

Once the engineers were able to determine the cause of the strong current of ionized air and static electricity that created this force field, the anomaly stopped. Never to be reproduced in a lab or reported in a manufacturing plant ever again.

*Source: ESD Journal (Electro-Static Discharge Journal)*

Your mission, should you choose to accept it...

In his book "The Changing Scenes of Life" Fred Secombe (Vicar brother of comedian Harry) tells the story of the time in the 50s when, following a fall, he had to let his young Curate, Hugh Thomas, look after the preparations for their Abergele church's new "plant" at Brynfenl.

Hugh had the following leaflet printed and circulated to every home on the Brynfenl housing estate. It read:

*"Come to the first Midnight Mass in the parish of Abergele at 11.45 in your own church of St. David. Next Sunday 11 a.m. Holy Communion. Very shortly the Sunday School will begin in the afternoon. Youth Club during weeknights, women's meetings on weekday afternoons. A men's club once a month. Something for everybody."*

And at the bottom in large letters,

**"ST. DAVID'S HAS ARRIVED, AND LIKE ELIZA HAS COME TO STAY."**\*

Why not devise a similar advertisement for our church, built round a programme designed to appeal to those groups and individuals in the community that our church does not currently reach. Illustrate it if you wish. The best (*chosen by Ian—he doesn't know it yet!*) will appear in a later edition.

*('Eliza has Come to Stay' was the title of a popular comedy film of the period.)*

Out bird watching today and got this great shot of a falcon resting in a tree. I love nature.



Quora

The Ford Falcon was a car produced by Ford from 1960 to 1970. The tree grew up under the car where it was abandoned!

Truncated email header I got

Virgin Wines

OVER £100 OFF... Better than HALF PRICE..... THIS WEEKEND ONLY - An Epic Deal for Christ...

## DINGBATS

Can you decode these puzzles? Like it says on Catchphrase, "Say what you see!"

1. 	2.  THE FUTURE	3.  HAMPTON
4.  L A W F U L	5. 	6.  STRUGGLE
7.  1	8.  T	9.  JUMBO
10.  MOMENT A	11.  20 SETTLE SETTLE	12.  BEER KASH RING
13. 	14.  D A R K	15.  PREIST
16.  bc	17.  TOFFEE TOFFE TOPHY TOFFIE	18.  THE BEST THE BEST THE BEST THE BEST THE BEST THE BEST
19.  LINE	20.  LU YCH	21.  Little Little

## SUDOKU

The rules of Sudoku are simple. Place a digit from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so every row, every column, and every 3 x 3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

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

## ANAGRAMS

Can you work out these creature names?

1. ANT HEAPS (8)
2. EMANATE (7)
3. ONE PIG (6)
4. SOME TRAM (7)
5. OWL LAWS (7)
6. COP OUTS (7)
7. IS TORCH (7)
8. RAP T HEN (7)
9. WAR PROS (7)
10. A DEN SIR (7)
11. BAGEL DEAL (4,5)
12. TRAIL PLACER (11)
13. PAID FOR AIR BEDS (4,2,8)
14. CLEAN HOME (9)
15. IS ALONE (3,4)
16. KEEP A RAT (8)

## This is Capernwray Hall

where many years ago I came to Christ.

It's a beautiful old building set in the glorious Lake District countryside with new modern buildings attached, home to the *Capernwray Bible School* for part of the year, and an international holiday centre for all the family for the rest of the time—with special weeks for teens, single parents, men and women. Visit their website <https://capernwray.org/> for details of all their activities—and watch *Songs of Praise* on Sunday August 14 which was recently recorded there.



## Weekly Services at St. Columba's

Sundays at 10.30am at St. Columba's  
*Rockingham Services 9am monthly.*

Occasional services at other times.

Details in the Vicar's weekly email and website.

Services are available online on YouTube via

<https://stcolumbascorby.org.uk/>



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You cannot be serious!

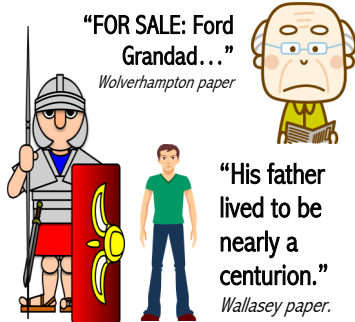


"TO LET: Lovely furnished modern hole - residential or for holidays..."

*Cambrian paper*

"FOR SALE: Ford Grandad..."

*Wolverhampton paper*



"His father lived to be nearly a centurion."

*Wallasey paper.*

There was an old man who lived by a forest. As he grew older and older, he started losing his hair, until one day, on his deathbed, he was completely bald.

That day, he called his children to a meeting.

He said, "Look at my hair. It used to be so magnificent, but it's completely gone now. My hair can't be saved. But look outside at the forest. It's such a lovely forest with so many trees, but sooner or later they'll all be cut down and this forest will look as bald as my hair."

"What I want you to do," the man continued, "is every time a tree is cut down or dies, plant a new one in my memory. Tell your descendants to do the same. It shall be our family's duty to keep this forest strong."

So they did. Each time the forest lost a tree, the children replanted one, and so did their children, and their children after them. And for centuries, the forest remained as lush and pretty as it once was, all because of one man and his re-seeding heir line.



A professor gave a balloon to every student, who had to inflate it, write their name on it and throw it in the hallway. The professor then mixed all the balloons. The students were then given 5 minutes to find their own balloon. Despite a hectic search, no one found their balloon.

At that point, the professor told the students to take the first balloon that they found and hand it to the person whose name was written on it. Within 5 minutes, everyone had their own balloon.

The professor said to the students: "These balloons are like happiness. We will never find it if everyone is looking for their own. But if we care about other people's happiness, we'll find ours too."

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

*Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)*

I went to the shelter to get a cat but I left with a pair of best friends. This was their first night home.



*Errmm?*



