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"POLICE! WE KNOW YOU BOUGHT  
A TURKEY THAT SERVES 10-12!"



## Caption Competition

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Welcome to our first competition in the Almshouse News!

The above photo was taken at Hickey's Summer Party in 2019. It needs a funny caption! The funniest caption will be the winner. Good luck!

### How to enter:

Submit your caption for the above photo.

Email your answer to:

[g.thompson@richmondcharities.org.uk](mailto:g.thompson@richmondcharities.org.uk)

OR give your answer, in an envelope, to your scheme manager.

**The winner will be announced in the December issue.**

### The Prize!

Richmond Bakes has kindly donated a Lucky Dip Brownie Box (seen below) as the prize. They offer delicious brownies posted to your door.

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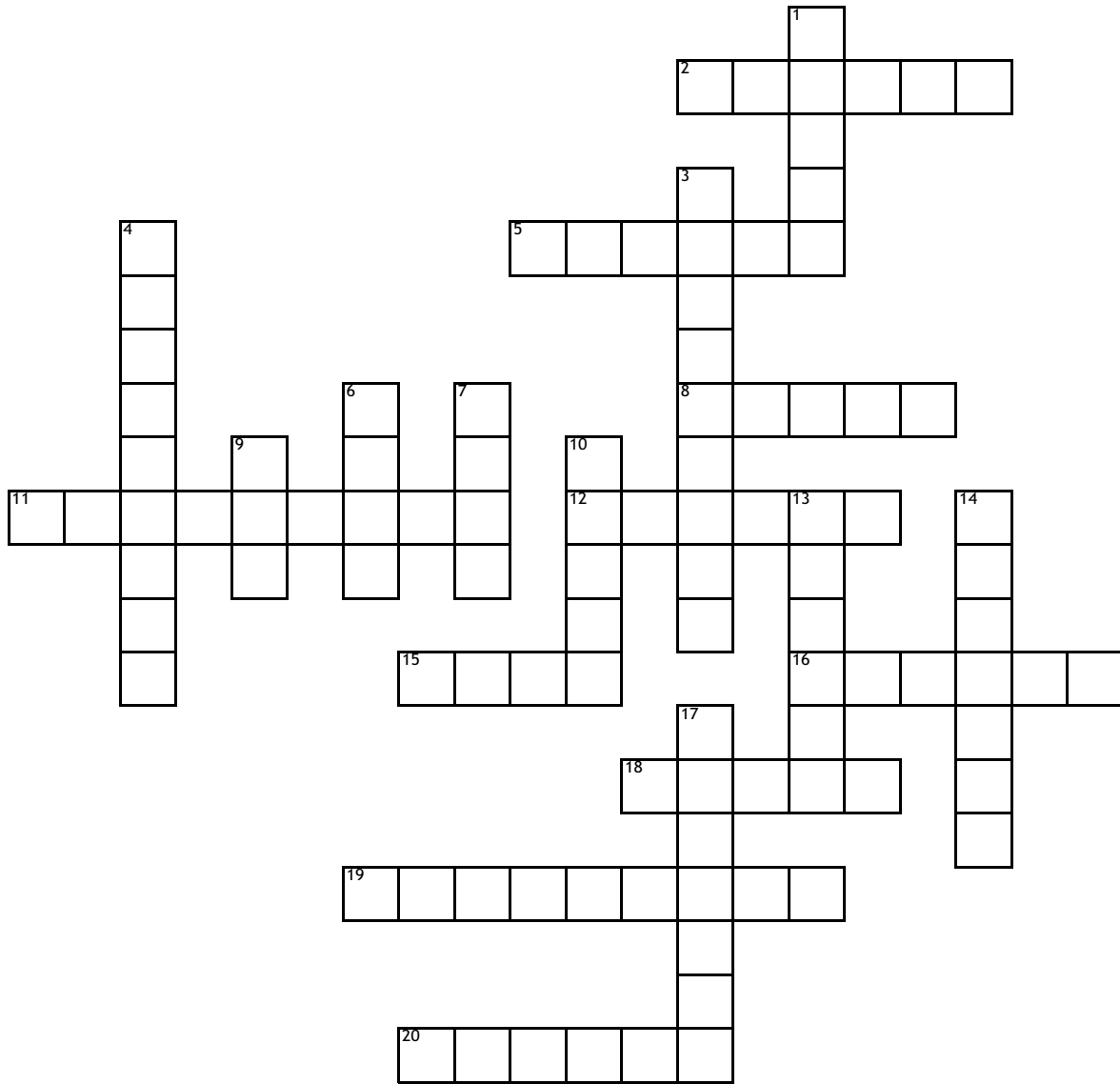
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## Word Scramble - Pets

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1. IBABRT \_\_\_\_\_
  2. ODG \_\_\_\_\_
  3. AHTSRME \_\_\_\_\_
  4. SENKA \_\_\_\_\_
  5. OROTEITS \_\_\_\_\_
  6. YCANRA \_\_\_\_\_
  7. AHICNLCHLI \_\_\_\_\_
  8. ODERBLVI \_\_\_\_\_
  9. SFDHLGOI \_\_\_\_\_
  10. GTOA \_\_\_\_\_
  11. ONPY \_\_\_\_\_
  12. EOMLENHAC \_\_\_\_\_
  13. OPINGE \_\_\_\_\_
  14. FLGIHSEAN \_\_\_\_\_
  15. LATAUNRAT \_\_\_\_\_

Answers on page 10.

# ALMSHOUSE NEWS - Crossword



## ACROSS

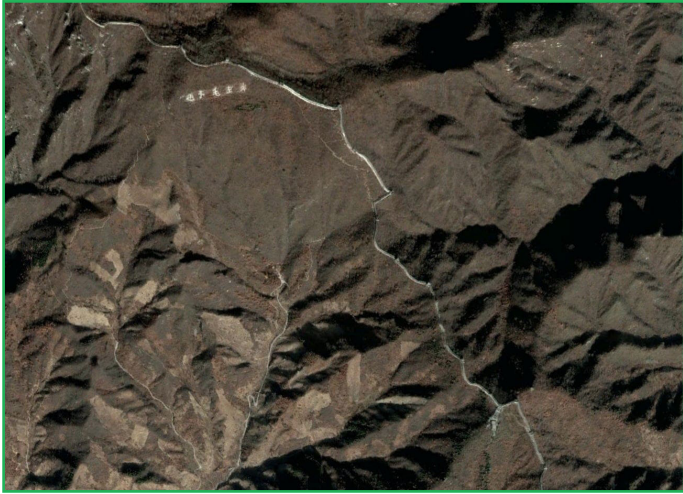
- 2. Number of days in November
- 5. President of France
- 8. Ex Chief Rabbi
- 11. Most famous horse race
- 12. Alcoholic drink made from fermented grain mash
- 15. Charity begins at ?
- 16. Celebrated in Scotland on 30 November
- 18. November birthstone
- 19. Also known as All Hallows
- 20. Occuring once a year

## DOWN

- 1. USA President Elect
- 3. Commemoration on 11 November
- 4. Hosted by Alexander Armstrong
- 6. UK favourite white owl
- 7. Chinese tree
- 9. Tiny water droplets that are suspended in the air
- 10. Key vegetable in a cornish pasty
- 13. First US woman Vice President
- 14. November zodiac sign
- 17. Escape to the ?

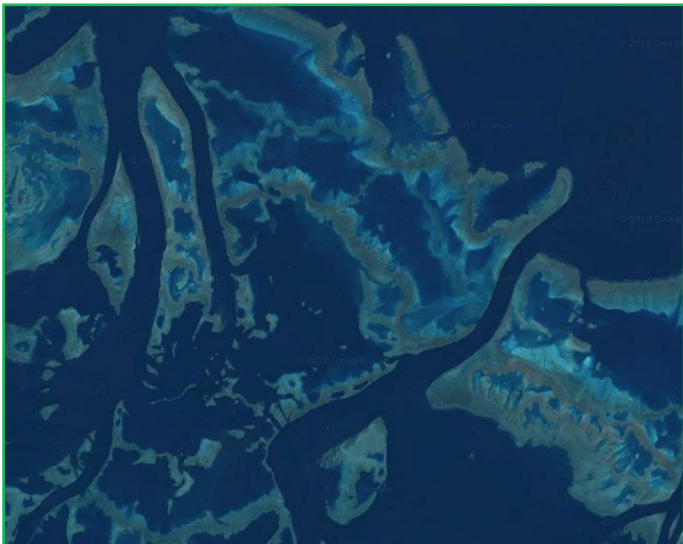
# Google Earth Satellite Images of Famous Landmarks

Google Earth is a computer program, that gives a 3D representation of Earth based on satellite imagery. Can you guess the famous landmarks?



1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Answers on page 10.

# Famous People who play the Ukulele! Can you name them?

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1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



6.

Answers on page 10.

## Meet Our New Resident: Norman May



by Chantal Richards

When Norman opened the front door of his new apartment at Wright's Almshouses in Twickenham, I was overwhelmed with his superb dress sense. Smartly dressed with a fabulous brightly coloured waistcoat complete with pocket watch chain and a fish shaped fob. Noticeable too were his black velvet loafers and red socks to match the waistcoat. There was no doubt in my mind that Norman was a performer and a musician, with a story to tell.

As a young teenager, Norman started playing the guitar, influenced by The Shadows and later by Django Reinhardt. Over the next 50 years, Norman continued his hobby and learnt to play the mandolin, banjo, requinto and more recently the ukulele. As a performer, Norman plays in a band called *Stompin' at the Saveloy*, playing 1940's swing jazz.

Currently, Norman runs a (online) ukulele group in Kew and is due to start the Richmond Charities own Ukulele group, post lockdown. Teaching popular songs - mostly pre-1970 - Norman tells me that the ukulele group is enormous fun. You

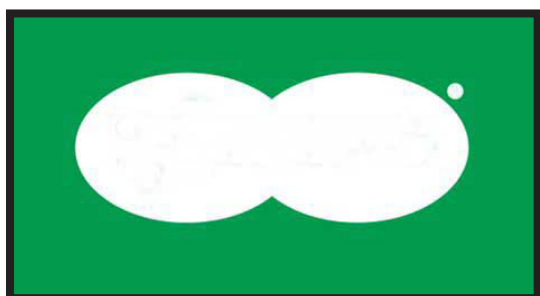


don't need to be a musician, just a willingness to learn and be part of a musical community. Singing helps, but is not essential!

Ukuleles can be played by professionals and amateurs alike. The average beginner will learn 4 or 5 chords in the first hour and by the end of the session, will be able to play half a dozen songs. Rewarding and fun, these groups are a great social activity, resulting in high self esteem, achievement, rapport and, apparently, help stave off dementia!

Watch out for the launch of the new ukulele group in the Almshouse News.

## Puzzle: Guess the Logo



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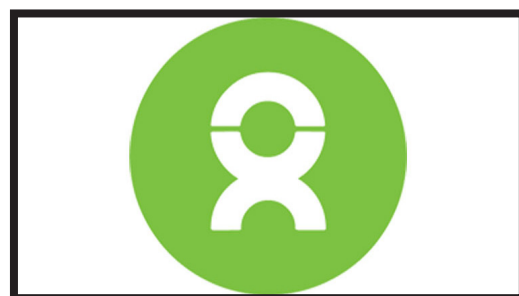
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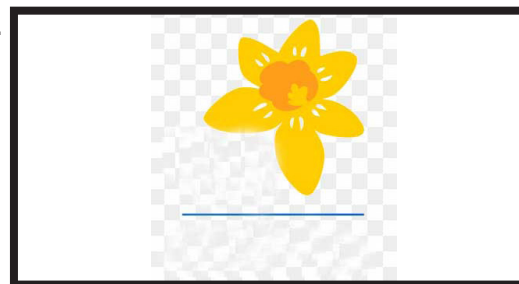
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# Spot The Difference - ALMSHOUSE NEWS



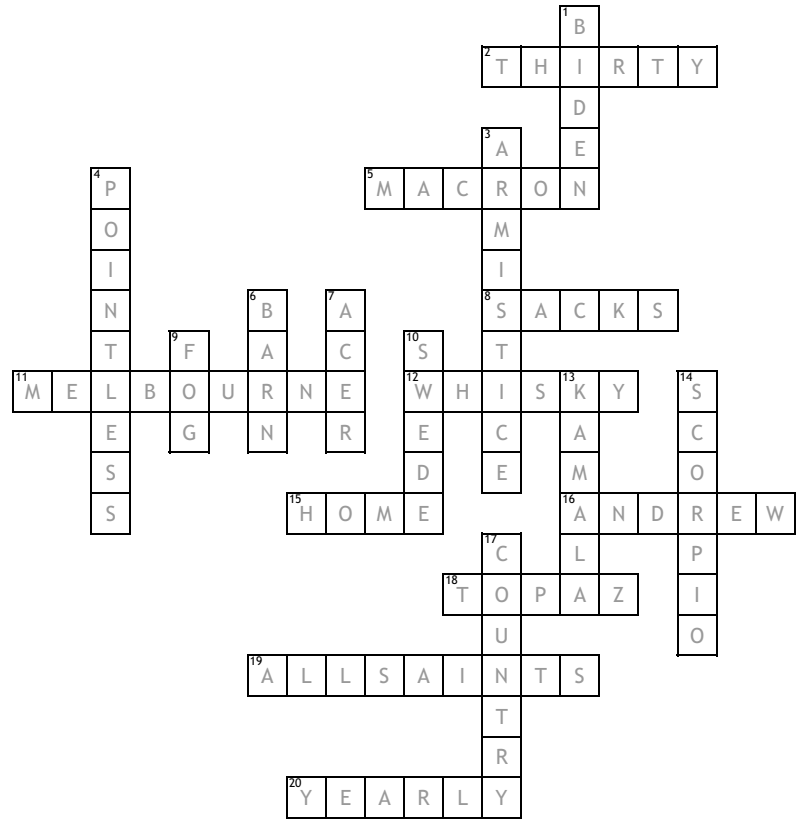
Photo taken in Mijas, Spain  
2019 by Chantal Richards

There are 10 differences.

Answers on page 10.

## Page 2. Word Scramble

1. IBABRT rabbit
2. ODG dog
3. AHTSRME hamster
4. SENKA snake
5. OROTEITS Tortoise
6. YCANRA Canary
7. AHICNLCHLI Chinchilla
8. ODERBLVI Lovebird
9. SFDHLGOI Goldfish
10. GTOA Goat
11. ONPY pony
12. EOMLENHAC Chameleon
13. OPINGE Pigeon
14. FLGIHSEAN Angelfish
15. LATAUNRAT Tarantula



## Page 4.

### Crossword >

**Page 5. Google Earth Satellite Images of Famous Landmarks.** 1. Great Wall of China. 2. Stonehenge, UK. 3. Great Barrier Reef, Australia. 4. Statue of Liberty, USA.

**Page 6. Famous People Who Play the Ukulele.** 1. Dwayne Johnson. 2. Lucille Ball. 3. Marilyn Monroe. 4. Neil Armstrong. 5. Pete Townshend. 6. Ryan Gosling.

**Page 8. Guess The Logo.** 1. Specsavers. 2. Vodafone. 3. Sainsburys. 4. Starbucks. 5. Premier Inn. 6. Oxfam. 7. Greggs Bakers. 8. Holland & Barret. 9. Marie Curie. 10. Guinness.

## Page 9. Spot The Difference.

1. Blue road sign - white arrow missing.
2. Blue t-shirt - white logo missing.
3. One of the donkey's hooves is white.
4. Lampost on the left is missing.
5. One of the metal handles on the seat is missing.
6. Green rope around black lampost is missing.
7. White stripes on the blue sunshade are missing.
8. On the donkey behind, the bridal around his head has changed from red to orange.
9. Top left, there is a notice board with one piece of paper - now missing.
10. Dark leather strap around donkey's tummy - now missing .

# Wordsearch - ALMSHOUSE NEWS

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

Colorado

Massachusetts

Wisconsin

Michigan

Missouri

Vermont

Texas

Iowa

Maine

Oregon

Pennsylvania

Florida

Connecticut

Louisiana

Ohio

Arizona

Virginia

Arkansas

Hampshire

Carolina

California

Alabama

Nevada

Georgia

## Poetry Corner



by Nigel Davis

We all like things to be “nice” and happy. Of course we do. From our youngest days we were read stories ending “And they all lived happily ever after”. And it goes on into later life (“Reader, I married him”). But life, real life, is of course not so easy.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the poetry which is probably most widely read is poetry on comfortable and comforting subjects – first love, spring, the sea, little children, the natural world and so on. Even poetry on subjects such as war and death can be romanticised and glorified. Have there been more widely anthologised poems than Tennyson’s *The Charge of the Light Brigade* or Rupert Brooke’s *The Soldier* (“If I should die, think only of this of me”, with its corner of a foreign field which is “forever England”)? Well done chaps, jolly good show etc.

The war poet – anti-war poet would perhaps be more accurate – Wilfred Owen (1893-1918) could not and would not think like that. To him poetry had to be truthful, however uncomfortable that may be. In writing his poems about the First World War, his fierce and angry indignation at, and explicit descriptions of, the horrors of war and the treatment of men, human beings, as in effect cattle consigned to the abattoir, marked all his poetry. “The Poetry is in the Pity”, as he wrote. He was consciously writing for the benefit of generations to come.

This poem (note the sustained use of half-rhyme, a characteristic of Owen) is rather gentler than much of Owen’s other poetry. But if anything, when read carefully, it is all the more powerful for that. Can the sun, the “kind, old sun”, the bringer of life, without which the grass, the wheat, the barley cannot grow, bring the dying soldier to life? No, it can’t. And so the poet, witnessing another pointless death, is moved to reflect: What is the point of life itself? A sombre poem indeed – but a great one.

Wilfred Owen was killed in action in the very last week of the war. The telegram notifying his parents in Shropshire of his death arrived on the same day as the victory bells were ringing out in celebration of the Armistice on 11 November 1918.

### Futility By Wilfred Owen

Move him into the sun –  
Gently its touch awoke him once,  
At home, whispering of fields half-sown.  
Always it woke him, even in France, Until  
this morning and this snow.  
If anything might rouse him now  
The kind old sun will know.

Think how it wakes the seeds –  
Woke once the clays of a cold star.  
Are limbs, so dear-achieved, are sides  
Full-nerved, still warm, too hard to stir?  
Was it for this the clay grew tall?  
-O what made fatuous sunbeams toil  
To break earth’s sleep at all?