

The Great British Send-Off (SOLUTIONS)
A Puzzle Extravaganza by Zoey Foley

Harrogate: A Virtual Tour

The flavortext alludes to the site and app “what3words” which uses a geographic mapping system that associates 3m x 3m square regions with an ordered list of 3 random English words.

Using what3words to look for the places described in each paragraph, one square exists whose trio of words nearly corresponds to the trio of given clues, except one clue is actually for the word after a letter has been deleted.

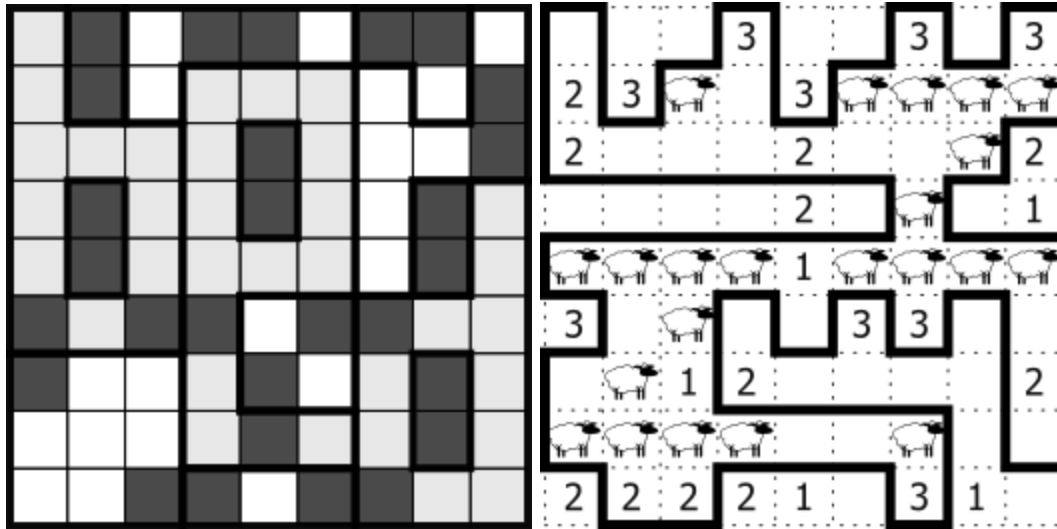
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Royal Pump Room: ne[x]t.rear.chop
Tour de France 2014 carving: bumpy.her[b]s.landed
Royal Hall: po[r]ts.ankle.soils
War Memorial: really.spr[a]y.trips
Betty’s Tea Room: s[c]ans.part.vivid
Prince of Wales roundabout: for[k].arena.gravy
Swan Hotel: fad[e]s.jumped.yoga
Valley Gardens: dreams.firs[t].upper
Everyman Cinema: intend.hills.[s]pine

The deleted letters spell the answer, TAX BRACKETS.

Fun Facts: These all felt like significant landmarks during my time in Harrogate. Some areas I didn’t get to use include the Stray (the large park), the train station, and various pubs and restaurants I enjoyed frequenting. Also, the Royal Pump Room clue mentions a nearby square with identifier puzzle.cards.bags, which I used to complete a task for a Puzzle Boat online puzzle hunt where I needed a photo of myself holding the 3 items named by the what3words identifier for the location I stood in.

Yorkshire: Counting Sheep

Unique solutions to the two grid logic puzzles are shown below. For reference, these puzzle types are known as Norinori and Slitherlink (wolves/sheep variation).



Next we copy these solutions onto the final grid, and look at the letters within the fence and on the beds, as instructed:



The corresponding letters, read from left to right and top to bottom, spell OLYMPIC TORCH.

Fun Facts: Yes, The Great Knaresborough Bed Race is somehow a real thing, and it is marvelous to witness. I think I attended 3 of them.

Scotland: Skye Writing

This is a puzzle type sometimes called Clue-tations, in which every word of a crossword-style clue has undergone a consistent transformation. If the same transformation is applied to the answer to the clue, a new set of answers with a common theme is achieved. In this puzzle, each

transformed answer happens to be the name of one of the many islands of Scotland. The enumerations given after each clue correspond to the new island answer.

#	Real clue	Answer	Transformation	Island
1	Single omelet ingredient hens produce	EGG	E → EI	EIGG
2	Famed disco music singer Summer	DONNA	Replace 1st vowel with 2nd vowel	DANNA
3	Letter directly after zeta eta theta	IOTA	T → N	IONA
4	Ornate furniture beneath sitting royalty	THRONE	Prepend a reversed copy of letters from 3rd to 2nd-last, and replace last letter with A	NORTH RONA
5	Cylindrical nickname for London Underground	TUBE	Reverse all but the last letter	BUTE
6	Strike speechless with your talent beauty or phaser	STUN	Swap the two halves	UNST
7	Alcohol in daiquiris and piña coladas	RUM	Add grave accents to vowels	RÙM
8	Prefix between mega and tera meaning billion	GIGA	Add next letter of alphabet after 2nd-last letter	GIGHA
9	Spiritually hallowed like famously blessed biblical grail	HOLY	Delete L	HOY
10	Josh Gad voiced this snowman from Frozen	OLAF	Insert U after 1st, move last to front	FOULA
11	British celebrity chef Gordon from Kitchen Nightmares	RAMSAY	Replace 3rd with copy of 2nd	RAASAY
12	Incorrectly place down floor tiles perhaps	MISLAY	Delete 1st	ISLAY
13	Male offspring equivalent of daughter	SON	Double 1st, reverse all	NOSS

14	Mathematical subject involving circles triangles and other shapes	GEOMETRY	Delete 2nd, replace last with A	GOMETRA
15	Las Vegas football player or Lost Ark thief	RAIDER	Move last 2 to front	ERRAID

The first letters of the islands spell EDINBURGH FRINGE.

Fun Facts: This might be my favorite puzzle type to both make and solve. I loved attending the Edinburgh Fringe multiple times, and part of me hated that I couldn't mention it directly at the top! I really did visit the cave where the Cave of Caerbannog/Killer Rabbit scene was filmed for Monty Python and the Holy Grail, which is not easy to get to; someone even placed a stuffed rabbit inside. I think the Isle of Skye is the most beautiful place I've ever visited, truly like a fantasy world.

Wales: The Extended Cut

Each clue corresponds to a famously long word or one-word name, ordered alphabetically. Each word is a different length, corresponding to the numbers given at the left (one word has 2 accepted spellings). The 5-letter sets are all segments of the long words. Each long word has 2 of the 5-letter sets, separated by a single letter. These middle letters, in the order of the given lengths, spell the answer SKI BOOTS.

Length	Answer	Clue	Segment 1	Letter	Segment 2
28	ANTIDISESTABLISHMENT ARIANISM	Certain position regarding the Church of England	IDISE	S	TABLI
85	TAUMATAWHAKATANGIHA NGAKOAUAUOTAMATEAT URIPUKAKAPIKIMAUNGA HORONUKUPOKAIWHEN UAKITANATAHU	Location in New Zealand	HANGA	K	OAUAU
29	FLOCCINAUCINIHLIPILIFI CATION	Deciding that something is worthless	CINIH	I	LIPIL
58	LLANFAIRPWLLGWYNGYL LGGERYCHWYRNDROB WLLLLANTYSILIOGOGOG OCH	Location in Wales	RNDRO	B	WLLLL
35 or	HIPPOPOTOMONSTROSE	Fear of these	ONSTR	O	SESQU

36	SQUIP(P)EDALIOPHOBIA	answers			
45	PNEUMONOLTRAMICRO SCOPICSILICOVOLCANO CONIOSIS	Lung disease	SILIC	O	VOLCA
27	HONORIFICABILITUDINITA TIBUS	Capacity to gain high recognition, per Shakespeare	ABILI	T	UDINI
34	SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICE XPIALIDOCIOUS	Disney song	AGILI	S	TICEX

Fun Facts: I visited Llanfair (as it's more commonly known) twice, as I heard about it from word-related trivia ages ago. I really got a kick out of everything they sell in the huge gift shop at their train station. I'm very happy that when making this puzzle, it worked out that I got to use the "LLLL" stretch of its name, especially since its all-consonant pentet of "WLLLL" is perfectly complemented by the all-vowel pentet "OAUAU" from the New Zealand town.

Parties: The Birthday Paradox

The list of 12 holidays found in this puzzle, with their corresponding dates that can be found online, are as follows:

New Year's Day: January 1
 Darwin Day: February 12
 International Women's Day: March 8
 US Tax Day: April 15
 Towel Day: May 25
 Bloomsday: June 16
 Canada Day: July 1
 International Cat Day: August 8
 International Talk Like A Pirate Day: September 19
 World Animal Day: October 4
 World Freedom Day (US): November 9
 Christmas Day: December 25

For Febrizio and Aprica, the only pair of these holidays that are exactly a week apart are Christmas Day (Aprica) and New Year's Day (Febrizio).

Deckard's birth month ends in -ber, but October and November are taken by Augie and Sephiroth in some order, and December is taken by Aprica (and shares a first letter with

Deckard), so the only remaining -ber month is September, for International Talk Like A Pirate Day.

The 3 “J” names were born in 3 consecutive months, and Janet was born on one of the “International” holidays. International Talk Like A Pirate Day is taken by Deckard, and International Cat Day in August is between July (a J month, which a J name wasn’t born in) and September (Deckard), so it can’t be part of a run of 3 consecutive J names. The only remaining option for Janel is International Women’s Day (March).

Juno, another J name, must be within 2 months of Janet’s month, which we now know is March. Out of the options from Juno’s clue, the only holiday not taken yet that is close enough to Janet is US Tax Day (April).

Octavian’s birth month is between those of two people who share a first letter – who could they be? The 3 J’s are in a consecutive run, so Octavian can’t fall between them. Augie/Aprica is possible, but Aprica has Febrizio on one side and Augie or Sephiroth on the other, so that can’t work. The only remaining possibility is Maya and Martin (and his twin Margot). The only available spans of 3 months remaining are May/June/July or June/July/August, but it can’t be the former since that would cause an M name to be born in an M month. So Octavian must be born in July (Canada Day), and Maya and Martin (+Margot) are in June and August, in some order. But we also know Martin was born on an author’s day, which only fits June (Bloomsday) and not August (International Cat Day), so that ambiguity is resolved.

Now the only unassigned people are Julia, Augie, Sephiroth, and Novis, and the only unassigned months/holidays are February (Darwin Day), May (Towel Day), October (World Animal Day), and November (World Freedom Day). We know those last 2 are Augie/Sephiroth in some order, so the first two are Julia/Novis in some order. Maya’s birth month (August) is exactly between those of Novis and Augie, so this only works if Novis is May and Augie is November, which resolves the rest.

All the friends’ names start with 3-letter abbreviations for the months, so we can reorder our data by their names in that manner:

Friend	Holiday	Month	Day	1=A,26=Z
Janet	International Women’s Day	March	8	H
Febrizio	New Year’s Day	January	1	A
Martin(+Margot)	Bloomsday	June	16	P(P)
Aprica	Christmas Day	December	25	Y
Maya	International Cat Day	August	8	H

Juno	US Tax Day	April	15	O
Julia	Darwin Day	February	12	L
Augie	World Freedom Day (US)	November	9	I
Sephiroth	World Animal Day	October	4	D
Octavian	Canada Day	July	1	A
Novis	Towel Day	May	25	Y
Deckard	International Talk Like A Pirate Day	September	19	S

Fun Facts: The theming of this puzzle may seem less relevant than the others, but the puzzle extravaganzas I made for these events really are some of my favourite memories, especially that Halloween one and one I made for my own birthday. And apparently, International Cat Day falls on my birthday – I had no idea. Also, I’ve been a big fan of Talk Like A Pirate Day ever since Dave Barry first wrote about it.

Broken Legs: Out of Joint

1. ASSET
2. CAPABLE
3. SCAPULA
4. ABIDE
5. TAILLESS
6. JETS
7. BAUBLES
8. STEAL
9. REDO
10. FILMABLE
11. LATEST
12. APOCRYPHAL
13. DAILY
14. (a) CHANEL (b) CHASER
15. ALONE
16. HALFLING
17. PILE
18. COPPED



As stated in the instructions, every square should be used exactly twice. A set of 12 squares are only used once each by answers to the given clues, but they form yet another right-angled path and hold the final answer, BUNGEE JUMPER.

Fun Facts: The path of the answer is even in the shape of how a bungee jumper would travel, except they would also move back upward again. This puzzle type is more commonly called Wry Tangles, invented by E.R. Galli. I wasn't sure I'd be able to actually make it, and it took a fair bit of trial and error, but I'm very happy with how it turned out.

Games and Trivia: Chance Meetings

This puzzle is supposedly themed after trivia and board game nights, but only the "trivia" portion is readily apparent. As it turns out, each question's answer is the name of a square in Monopoly, or at least part of the name of one. However, as an added twist, the answers on the left correspond to squares in *UK* Monopoly, while the answers on the right correspond to *US* Monopoly. Some squares are the same (like Go and Chance) but the properties and railroads are different. In fact, the answers can be paired as corresponding to the same space in the two versions of Monopoly. Drawing lines between pairs will always intersect exactly one bubble.

Taking the corresponding letter from the full name of BOTH Monopoly squares, in the given order on each side, spells the clue phrase "GIMME SOME / MONEY" BAND. "Gimme Some Money" is an apt phrase for a Monopoly puzzle, but it's also the title of a song by SPINAL TAP.

Where did Harry Potter encounter Platform 9¾?	Kin[g]'s Cross Station	(Co[m]munity) Chest	What did Davy Jones place his heart inside, in Pirates of the Caribbean?
What Bruce Springsteen song was the B-side to his "Blinded by the Light"?	The Angel, (Isl[i]ngton)	G[o]	What is the last word in the name of the Pokémon app released in 2016?
What NBC sitcom featured the talk show "Troy and Abed in the Morning!"?	Co[m]munity (Chest)	Oriental (Ave[n]ue)	What word is an anagram of RELATION?
What is the family name of the witches in an Anne Rice trilogy?	[M]ayfair	Stat[e]s (Avenue)	Solid, liquid, gas, and plasma are the 4 well known what of matter?
What Hydra leader was an antagonist in season 2 of "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D."?	Whit[e]hall	New [Y]ork (Avenue)	Where do the musicals A Chorus Line, Rent, and In the Heights take place?
The groups who released "Crack-Up" and "Rumours" share what 5-letter word?	Fleet ([S]treet)	[B]oardwalk	What word is in the titles of a Drifters song and a Steve Buscemi TV series?
In what game did an AI defeat Lee Sedol 4 wins to 1 from 9-15 March 2016?	G[o]	St. Ch[a]rles (Place)	What Catholic bishop's feast day is November 4th?
What self-rhyming name of a lawn game was a precursor to croquet?	Pall [M]all	India[n]a (Avenue)	As mentioned in "The Last Crusade", what was Dr. Jones's dog's name?
What social media platform for 6-second video clips ended in 2017?	Vin[e] (Street)	Rea[d]ing (Railroad)	What activity did LeVar Burton's PBS TV show promote?
"GIMME SOME MONEY" BAND			

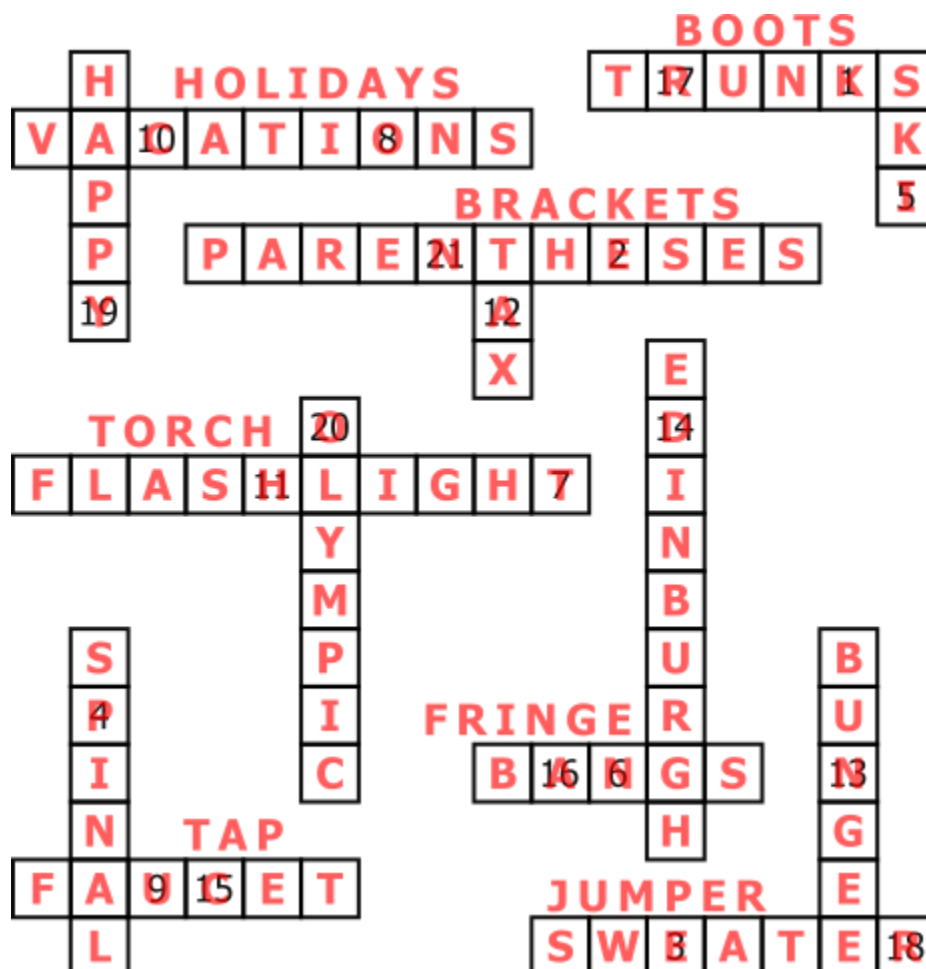
Fun Facts: As a fun easter egg, appropriately, the unused bubbles in the middle "go to eleven"! Also, as a very minor hint at the UK/US nature of this puzzle, the dates in the questions are given in the corresponding format (9-15 March, vs November 4th). It was a very interesting

programming challenge to determine a set of paired properties with letter pairs that could be extracted in the same positions to form the phrases I needed on either side.

Metapuzzle: Farewell to the UK

The answers to all the previous puzzles are 2-word phrases, so they should fit nicely into the given crossings. However, if you attempt to do so, you'll find that none of the phrases fit in any of the crossings – they don't even have the right lengths! What's going on?

If you look carefully at all the 2-word answers, you'll hopefully notice that they all have something in common: Their second words all have an alternate meaning, as British terms for things that Americans have a different term for. Since this puzzle set is all about going from the UK to the US, we need to replace the British terms with the American terms! After doing so, all the pairs of words will fit neatly into the crossings, with the first word going down and the (American) second word going across and intersecting the first.



Extracting the indicated letters from each crossing spells the final message: KEEP IN TOUCH
AND CARRY ON

Fun Facts: This was fun to make, and I hope you enjoyed it too! And if you like learning about differences between British and American terms and concepts as much as I do, check out my ongoing list that I started whilst living there: <http://tiny.cc/britishisms>

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