THE GREAT BRITISH SEND-OFF BY DUSTIN FOLEY

Welcome to The Great British Send-Off, brought to you by Dustin and Amber. This collection of puzzles is inspired by some of our most memorable experiences living in the UK (many of which already inspired previous puzzles too).

The first seven puzzles can be solved in any order. Each one has a final answer that is a well-known two-word phrase. Most puzzles don't have instructions, so you'll need to figure out how to arrive at the final answer phrase. I'm happy to provide hints if you want any.

The final puzzle is a metapuzzle that uses the other puzzles' answers. But if you're stuck on any of the puzzles, you might still be able to solve the final puzzle without all the answers.

Feel free to use the internet to look up anything you need to. In fact, online resources are required for some of these puzzles!

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HARROGATE: A VIRTUAL TOUR

We've lived in the notoriously "posh" town of Harrogate for over six years, and have gotten to know it quite well. We've even designed and participated in some local scavenger hunts, with clues that lead you to words in different locations all around town.

It's time for a guided tour of some of Harrogate's prominent sites. Unfortunately, in each set of three clues, one is a little incomplete. **"What 3 words"** are at each location?

1. The Harrogate Theatre stages performances throughout the year, including the annual panto. At the theatre's main entrance on Oxford Street, you'll see [waist accessories], [clock displays], and a [small movement].

2. The nearest RHS garden is at Harlow Carr, just southeast of Harrogate. Very near to the easternmost corner of its Garden Centre, you'll see **[big] [pub orders]** and other **[discoveries]**.

3. The Royal Pump Room Museum provides an informative look into Harrogate's history as a spa town. North of the museum, next to Crescent Road, you'll see a **[tool for catching fish]** in the **[back]** of a **[slice]**. (This location happens to be very close to a PUZZLE, CARDS, and BAGS).

4. Harrogate occasionally hosts cycling competitions, including the 2014 Tour de France. A reminder of this is a carving of the Eiffel Tower in a tree where Montpellier Hill and Montpellier Parade meet, where you'll see a **[jagged]** area **[owned by a woman]** who **[reached the ground]**.

5. The Royal Hall, at the western edge of the convention centre, is regularly host to interesting events, including shows by Jimmy Carr and Susie Dent. Just outside of the westernmost corner of the building, you'll see some **[objects for plants]**, **[part of a foot]**, and **[varieties of earth]**.

6. The War Memorial is Harrogate's central landmark, an obelisk roughly 18 meters tall. Along the western edge of the monument, you'll see some **[extremely] [energetic] [voyages]**.

7. Harrogate is synonymous with Betty's, a famous chain of tea rooms in the area. At the southeast corner of the flagship location in the middle of town, you'll see a **[word in font names]** and a **[section]** of an **[intensely colorful]** image.

8. The Stray is Harrogate's large public park, which has hosted events like food festivals, mud runs, and Guy Fawkes Nights. There's a "big" and "little" section, connected diagonally by the Prince of Wales Roundabout. At the northernmost edge of this roundabout, you'll see something **[not against]** a **[sports venue]** or a **[topping for potatoes]**.

9. Prolific mystery author Agatha Christie famously disappeared for 11 days before being found at what is now the Old Swan Hotel in Harrogate. Just outside the southwest corner of the building, you'll see some **[short trends]** that **[leapt]** towards **[a stretching activity]**.

10. Valley Gardens hosts craft fairs and festivals throughout the year. It has an octagonal cafe and ice cream parlor, in the middle of which you'll see **[visions]** of **[some trees]** in a **[higher]** area.

11. We frequently watched films through our membership at the Everyman cinema, and attended pub quizzes there too. Inside the northeast corner of the building, you'll see something that could **[mean]** to be for **[small mountains]** and a **[kind of tree]**.

YORKSHIRE: COUNTING SHEEP

We've found several fun places and events throughout Yorkshire. Highlights include the York Ice Trail, the Forbidden Corner, Puzzled Pint in Leeds, the Wensleydale cheese festival, and the Tinsel Tractor Run. There's even an annual Bed Race in Knaresborough where teams push a wheeled bed around the town and across the River Nidd as another teammate rides on it. And, of course, we love seeing the sheep all around the Yorkshire Dales, especially at Birchfield Farm during lambing season.

Grid 1: Create a fenced-in area for the sheep in the first grid by drawing a single, non-intersecting loop along some of the dotted lines. A number in a square indicates how many of the square's four sides are part of the fence. All sheep must be inside the fenced-in area.

Example:



Grid 2: Place beds in the second grid. A bed takes up the space of a 1x2 rectangle. Every outlined region contains exactly 2 squares with bed segments, which could be parts of the same bed or different beds. Beds cannot be adjacent to each other (but diagonally adjacent is ok). Shading is purely decorative.

Example:



Grid 3: Read the letters from the third grid that are on a bed segment within the fenced-in area.

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SCOTLAND: SKYE WRITING

We really enjoyed our travels throughout Scotland. We visited Loch Ness and the Isle of Skye; we saw stand-up comedians, kelpie statues, the Falkirk Wheel, and the Cave of Caerbannog; and we drove the North Coast 500, a loop around Northern Scotland. We also attended several annual Burns Night ceilidhs.

The languages of Scotland are noticeably different from English. Who could possibly understand it? No Man...

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FEMED DOSCO MISIC SENGER SEMMER (5)

LENNER DIRECNLY AFNER ZENA ENA NHENA (4)

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PREFIJX BETWEEFN MEGHA ANOD TERSA MEANINOG BILLIOPN (5)

SPIRITUAY HAOWED IKE FAMOUSY BESSED BIBICA GRAI (3)

HJUOS DGUA DVUOICE STUHI NSUNOWMA MFURO NFUROZE (5)

BRRTISH CEEEBRITY CHHF GOODON FRRM KIICHEN NIIHTMARES (6)

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ASL ASVEG LLFOOTBA ERPLAY OR STLO RKA EFTHI (6)

WALES: THE EXTENDED CUT

We had some fun trips to Wales. We went to Conwy Castle, and saw the smallest house in Great Britain. We stayed in a cottage near Anglesey and went to the beach nearby. We also climbed Snowdon (Yr Wyddfa), the highest mountain in Wales. We visited other interesting places too...

We'd like to take a much longer trip to Wales sometime.

- Certain position regarding the Church of England
- Deciding that something is worthless
- Fear of these answers
- Capacity to gain high recognition, per Shakespeare
- Location in Wales
- Lung disease
- Disney song
- Location in New Zealand





PARTIES: THE BIRTHDAY PARADOX

We've had some memorable parties while living in England, many with themed puzzles I made. Our favorite was probably our Halloween party where each room had a different puzzle based on Betrayal at House on the Hill. I've also made puzzles for Guy Fawkes Night and several people's birthdays.

A group of friends have birthdays that coincide with 12 annual observances in different months.

No one was born in a month that starts with the first letter of their name.

Of the friends born on New Year's Day, Christmas Day, Canada Day, and US Tax Day, one is Juno.

Of the friends born on International Women's Day, International Cat Day, and International Talk Like A Pirate Day, one is Janet.

Julia, Martin, and Novis, in some order, were born on days celebrating authors James Joyce (Bloomsday), Douglas Adams (Towel Day), and Charles Darwin (Darwin Day).

Augie and Sephiroth, in some order, were born on World Animal Day and World Freedom Day (US).

The names of the people born in the months immediately before and after Octavian's birth month start with the same letter as each other.

Maya's birth month is at the midpoint between Novis's and Augie's birth months.

Deckard was born in a month that ends in -ber.

Febrizio was born exactly one week after Aprica.

The 3 friends whose names start with J were born in 3 consecutive months.

Martin has a twin sister named Margot.

BROKEN LEGS: OUT OF JOINT

We went rock climbing locally and in the Peak District. We also tried a variant called via ferrata in How Stean Gorge, but unfortunately I broke my leg there. And then exactly one year later, I broke the same leg again after falling down the stairs. The next year, I made a leg-related puzzle set, and that seems to have broken the curse. I'm forever grateful to the NHS for all the help they provided.

In this crossword variant, every entry is "broken" by taking a 90 degree turn somewhere. Its first letter goes in its numbered square, then it travels along the depicted L-shaped path, making a turn at some point for you to determine. Every square is used by exactly two different entries, including a hidden entry that is the final answer to this puzzle. Answer lengths are provided.

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- **1** \checkmark Positive quality (5)
- **2** \checkmark Up to the task (7)
- **3** \checkmark Shoulder blade (7)
- **4** \mapsto Calmly deal with, like "The Dude" (5)
- **5** \uparrow Like Manx cats and (frequently) Eevore (8) **14a** \rightarrow Brand known for its "No. 5" (6)
- **6** \rightarrow Planes that might be jumbo (4)
- **7** \uparrow Christmas ornaments, in the UK (7)
- **8** \rightarrow Pilfer (5)
- **9** ∠ Overhaul (4)
- **10** \uparrow Like stories that can be adapted to the screen (8)

- **11** \rightarrow Most recent (6)
- **12** \leftarrow Of dubious truth, like urban legends (10)
- **13** \supset Like Clark Kent's and Peter Parker's newspapers (5)
- **14b** \rightarrow Second drink (6)
 - **15 ^** Solo (5)
 - **16** \rightarrow Hobbit-like humanoid in D&D (8)
 - **17** \rightarrow Heap (4)
 - **18** a plea (made a deal) (6)

GAMES AND TRIVIA: CHANCE MEETINGS

Two of our regular activities with friends are pub quizzes and game nights. Trivia can be difficult with incidental biases toward British knowledge, but we're regulars at the monthly Geek Pub Quiz at Major Tom's, with pop culture-focused questions. We frequently play board games at various pubs around town, and we also like going to AireCon, the local annual board game convention.

Pair the equivalent trivia answers by drawing straight lines between their dots. Note: Most of these clues only indicate a part of the relevant full answers. Select the indicated letters from the full answers, as they are officially printed.



METAPUZZLE: FAREWELL TO THE UK

I've made farewell puzzles for several friends as they were leaving the UK, and it's our turn now.

Each of the final answers from the other puzzles should be entered in one of the criss-crossing pairs of blanks below. Once you've placed them all correctly, you'll reveal our final message for you to remember as we return from the UK to the US.



