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A clout is an old word for a piece of cloth

These sayings are not always precisely right - but more  
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Please note that closing times may vary at the discretion of  
St Faiths Centre particularly during special events of live music  
performances

Any changes to the opening hours can be found on the  
Centre Website or Facebook Pages

# Centrepiece



ST FAITHS CENTRE CHARITY REGISTRATION NO 276225

Hello all just another update on the happenings at the centre over the last couple of months.

Unfortunately we cancelled the Mother's day event as there was not enough interest but on the plus side the 70/80/90's event was a brilliant success for the club.

We had a brilliant Brit Pop group play at the club in February and it was great to see so many people enjoying themselves, and then Night Train played in March and it was lovely to see so many local people come along and have fun.

The quiz nights run by Aileen are really well supported and if you feel you would like to test your knowledge please come along and give it a try.

The bingo run by Kevin is also well supported with a good cash prize on every session, we thank them both for their continued support.

Mel organised a Pamper and Prosecco evening in March and it was really well attended and many visitors came along and had massages, nail treatments etc. Several people also used the pool and really enjoyed themselves. The stall holders all said they would like to come to the centre in the future so please keep an eye on our website

On the downside, and there is always a downside, we unfortunately had a leak in the corridor to the swimming pool which means the ceiling has to be repaired and the corridor will have to be repainted. We are hoping this will be repaired and redecorated in April so please bear with us.

We now have a new member of staff, Bethany, who has taken on the weekend cleaning for which we are very grateful and we have several enquiries after our advertisement for bar staff. We will be interviewing them very soon.

As I mentioned in the last Centrepiece, Matt, our treasurer for many years wished to step down so we now welcome Sarah Mcmillan as our new treasurer from April.

We are still looking for a secretary if anyone is interested - please contact me for information

I think that's all to report this time, but thank you one and all for your continued support because if it wasn't for you we wouldn't have a club at all.

Hope to see many of you in the near future.

Judy Fisher

***The thing about kleptomania is - if you've got it you can always take something for it!***

## **KARAOKE**

in the Lounge Bar from 7.30 pm

SATURDAY 6th APRIL

SATURDAY 4th MAY

## **MUSIC NIGHTS**

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SATURDAY 13th APRIL

NIGEL KING & MARTY

SATURDAY 27th APRIL

SMALL TALK

SATURDAY 11th MAY

MR SKA

SATURDAY 18th MAY

80s NIGHT

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THURSDAY 25th APRIL

THURSDAY 30th MAY



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**FRIDAY 17th MAY**

**for the JUNE/JULY ISSUE**

Do please send in any news or photographs that you think may  
be of interest to our readers



## **ST FAITHS PARISH CHURCH** **OF ST MARY AND ST ANDREW**

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I hope you have had a wonderful Easter. Of course, Easter is a whole season, not just one day, so there is still much to celebrate (and maybe still some chocolate to be eaten!).

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Snowdrop Walks, even if many of those beautiful flowers had finished by the second event. The Bluebell Walks will be happening on Sunday 28th April from 11:15am (following the morning service) so do come along and see the amazing blue carpeted woodlands.

So many of you enjoy these events around our churchyards and the local farmland, and I know that many more of you like to come and visit our churchyards on a regular basis. Others of you are happy to come and sit for a while in the silence of the church buildings during the week to escape the chaotic world outside. Still others like to celebrate the big festivals with us, as well as some of life's milestones. As I wrote in the last magazine, as a parish church we are struggling to keep up with the ever-rising costs of maintaining our buildings and grounds. Huge thanks must be given to those who already give generously to help us meet our bills, but we are still nowhere near meeting our obligations.

If you value our buildings, our churchyards and all they offer our community, I ask that you consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme to make a regular donation. Of course, I fully understand that times are tough for many of us right now, but even a small monthly amount would make a big difference.

At the moment the responsibility falls to those who attend our church services week by week. Churches up and down the country are being closed at an alarming rate – and their churchyards with them. It would be a real shame if we were to lose our village church. Baptisms, weddings and funerals will all disappear as local community services.

In the last edition of this magazine, you will have received a leaflet about the Parish Giving Scheme. If you need another, there are some copies available at the back of church. The point of this scheme, which has been running elsewhere for several years now, is that YOU have control: you can reduce, increase, pause or even cancel your donation if your circumstances change. Any amount you are able to give would be very welcome and would enable us to plan our maintenance and the upkeep of the church more efficiently. Thank you to those of you who have already joined the scheme, we really do appreciate it.

As we continue to journey through this Eastertide, we give thanks for all that we have been given by the God who loves us and who was willing to give his Son for us so that we might have eternal life through him. We rejoice in the Risen Christ who lives in our hearts and who knows us and loves us just as we are.

May God continue to bless you now, and always.

With my prayers and good wishes,

The Revd Rosemary Maskell  
01603 898258 [rhmaskell@gmail.com](mailto:rhmaskell@gmail.com)

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

### **APRIL**

|      |      |                                                       |           |
|------|------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 7th  | 10am | Morning Worship                                       | St Faiths |
| 14th | 10am | Holy Communion                                        | Spixworth |
| 21st | 10am | Holy Communion                                        | St Faiths |
| 28th | 10am | Morning Worship<br>(Bluebell Walks after the Service) | Spixworth |
|      | 6pm  | Holy Communion<br>with Bishop Graham                  | St Faiths |

### **MAY**

|      |      |                                    |           |
|------|------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 5th  | 10am | Morning Worship                    | Spixworth |
| 12th | 10am | Morning Worship<br>with the RAF100 | St Faiths |
| 19th | 10am | Holy Communion (Pentecost)         | St Faiths |
| 26th | 10am | Holy Communion                     | Spixworth |
|      | 6pm  | Holy Communion (BCP)               | St Faiths |

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# **St Faiths Good Neighbour Scheme (SFGNS)**

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It is a pleasure to welcome a new volunteer to the scheme.

If you feel you could help as well please call the number above.

We have arranged our Annual General Meeting for 19:00 on Monday 29th April in Margaret's Room at the St Faiths Centre.

The meeting is open to all, so come along if you can.

Now that Spring has arrived, the grass is growing, the weather is getting warmer and the evenings are getting lighter, so there are many things to be grateful for.

Best wishes to all.



## **HISTORY OF HORSHAM ST FAITH by Julian Eve**

Does anybody have a copy of this book that they may be prepared to part with for a mutually acceptable price?

Please contact [johnknights729@gmail.com](mailto:johnknights729@gmail.com)



## **HORSHAM & NEWTON ST FAITHS PARISH COUNCIL**

**Chairman: Mr Raymind Browne**

**Vice Chairman: Mrs Melanie Rodgers**

**Clerk: Mr Jim Graves**

**e-mail: [stfaithpc@gmail.com](mailto:stfaithpc@gmail.com)**

Since the last edition of the Journal, the Parish Council has co-opted two new councillors – Michael O’Connor and Christien Quinton bringing the total number to nine which still leaves two vacancies.

The Council has been in discussion with the St.Faiths Centre who had suggested a Community Access Defibrillator at that end of the village. It has been agreed that the Council will purchase one which will be installed on the front wall of the Centre and the Centre has generously offered to pay 50% of the purchase price. The defibrillator will, like all public access ones, be accessed following a 999 call if deemed appropriate.

Following discussions with Broadland DC, agreement has been reached to access the s.106 funds held by BDC following the development at Manor Road to fund additional play equipment at Horsham Park which will cost in the region of £125k.

All allotments are currently let with a short waiting list. Tenants have been advised that, after no change for a decade, rent for a basic plot will increase by £3/year from January 2025

The bus shelter on Manor Road at the Newton Street junction which has been redundant since the construction of the A140 bypass has been effectively reversed to provide a shelter for those using Newton Park.

Urban verge cutting which is carried out through the central part of the village will be carried out “in house” with a contribution from Norfolk County Council who had previously done the work. The Council have decided on this to have more local control over the work carried out.



## PARISH COUNCILLORS

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# St Faiths Ladies Group

Our meetings are on the

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in the Mission Room, Horsham St Faith

**Wednesday 17th April**

Priscilla Bacon Charity

Clive Evans

**Wednesday 15th May**

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A talk by Julian Barnwell

This is a friendly, sociable group and we welcome new members.

Further information can be given by

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## CLUB NIGHTS EVERY TUESDAY 7.30pm NEWCOMERS WELCOME

Just turn up on a Tuesday night and meet new friends and learn a new sport. Then finish off the night with a drink and chat in the Centre.

We also host social Petanque days during the summer. Watch this space for dates

Wanderers St Faiths will have 3 teams in the Norfolk Petanque League on Thursday nights starting on Thursday 4th April at 7.30pm With The Wildcats in Division Two and The Wolves and Wallabies are in Division three

Wanderers St Faiths will also have 3 teams in the Norwich Wednesday Morning League. This league starts in April. The 3 teams are Wanderers, Wasps and Aardvark

Come along on a Tuesday night and give it a try. Meet new friends and enjoy a sociable evening.

Contact the Chairman John Nooney on 07918 616807  
Or email us on [wanderersstfaithspc@gmail.com](mailto:wanderersstfaithspc@gmail.com)

Club membership continues to grow which is pleasing.

If anybody wishes to have a try or more information please contact Richard on 07851 439465 or John on 07918 616807



There is not too much to report so far, following the Christmas break. We are approaching the end of the 23/24 Season with just two or three matches left to play for each team., My last news was not that good as our teams were all down near the bottom of their respective divisions. Well, I am afraid that injuries and illness have not helped the situation, and our B and C sides are all residing at the bottom of the tables. To help the situation, we have signed on another player from the North Norfolk League, to help us out, but we unfortunately lost one of our regulars who decided after Christmas that he would transfer to another club, which made us most annoyed.

However, the SFC A team have rallied and risen fantastically from bottom of Premier B, and are currently in a safe position to avoid relegation, so very well done to them!.

As I am not playing at the present time, my news is brief, although I have been down to the Centre to spur on the lads. They do not seem too down hearted, however, and are generally still enjoying their matches. Maybe a slightly lower level of play would do some of us some good next season,as relegation looks likely, if not certain, unless other teams drop out.

The next issue of the Journal will show you the final season's results, and the current positions are, as you can see, on the latest League tables, critical.

Wish us luck!

Paul Elsegood

**NORWICH PREMIER B**

| #  | Team                     | P         | W        | D        | L         | GF         | GA         | SF        | SA         | Pts       |
|----|--------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 1  | Wymondham                | 21        | 20       | 0        | 1         | 496        | 228        | 154       | 56         | 70        |
| 2  | The Originals Fruitcakes | 21        | 17       | 0        | 4         | 515        | 264        | 151       | 59         | 67        |
| 3  | Norwich City TTC A       | 19        | 14       | 1        | 4         | 413        | 289        | 118       | 72         | 52        |
| 4  | CEYMS C                  | 20        | 13       | 1        | 6         | 394        | 355        | 112       | 87         | 49        |
| 5  | Broadland Foxes          | 19        | 11       | 3        | 5         | 390        | 329        | 111       | 79         | 48        |
| 6  | Foxwood C                | 19        | 9        | 3        | 7         | 361        | 357        | 95        | 95         | 39        |
| 7  | Swanton A                | 18        | 7        | 1        | 10        | 314        | 379        | 79        | 101        | 29        |
| 8  | SFC A                    | <b>21</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>342</b> | <b>460</b> | <b>82</b> | <b>128</b> | <b>28</b> |
| 9  | Gothic A                 | 20        | 5        | 2        | 13        | 306        | 428        | 80        | 119        | 28        |
| 10 | Norwich City TTC B       | 21        | 5        | 1        | 15        | 316        | 470        | 73        | 137        | 25        |
| 11 | Broadland Bats           | 19        | 4        | 2        | 13        | 330        | 407        | 77        | 113        | 25        |
| 12 | SFC B                    | <b>20</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>272</b> | <b>483</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>143</b> | <b>15</b> |

**NORWICH PREMIER C**

| #  | Team               | P         | W        | D        | L         | SF        | SA         | GF         | GA         | Pts       |
|----|--------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 1  | Foxwood D          | 20        | 17       | 3        | 0         | 142       | 58         | 486        | 271        | 67        |
| 2  | Norwich City TTC C | 20        | 11       | 5        | 4         | 118       | 82         | 424        | 342        | 51        |
| 3  | Swanton B          | 18        | 10       | 4        | 4         | 103       | 77         | 383        | 323        | 44        |
| 4  | Taverham B         | 21        | 9        | 5        | 7         | 108       | 102        | 419        | 396        | 43        |
| 5  | Returns A          | 20        | 9        | 6        | 5         | 110       | 89         | 413        | 336        | 43        |
| 6  | Gothic B           | 20        | 10       | 3        | 7         | 102       | 98         | 379        | 411        | 43        |
| 7  | Swanton C          | 19        | 7        | 7        | 5         | 102       | 88         | 393        | 352        | 42        |
| 8  | Taverham A         | 18        | 6        | 3        | 9         | 90        | 90         | 338        | 336        | 33        |
| 9  | NCC A              | 18        | 5        | 4        | 9         | 87        | 92         | 340        | 347        | 32        |
| 10 | Broadland Cougars  | 19        | 4        | 2        | 13        | 83        | 107        | 335        | 381        | 27        |
| 11 | SFC C              | <b>19</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>61</b> | <b>129</b> | <b>271</b> | <b>448</b> | <b>18</b> |
| 12 | UEA C              | 18        | 2        | 1        | 15        | 43        | 137        | 223        | 461        | 13        |

**DEREHAM DIVISION 1**

| # | Team             | P         | W        | D        | L         | SF        | SA         | ADJ       | Pts       |
|---|------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Swanton Morley C | 16        | 14       | 1        | 1         | 127       | 33         | 48        | 204       |
| 2 | The Mission      | 16        | 12       | 2        | 2         | 115       | 45         | 46        | 187       |
| 3 | Dereham A        | 14        | 12       | 1        | 1         | 108       | 32         | 42        | 175       |
| 4 | Dereham C        | 15        | 4        | 2        | 9         | 69        | 81         | 43        | 122       |
| 5 | Swanton Morley A | 15        | 5        | 1        | 9         | 57        | 93         | 40        | 108       |
| 6 | Dereham B        | 13        | 6        | 1        | 6         | 66        | 64         | 26        | 105       |
| 7 | St Faiths        | <b>15</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>40</b> | <b>98</b> |
| 8 | Swanton Morley B | 14        | 3        | 0        | 11        | 41        | 99         | 39        | 86        |
| 9 | Guestwick A      | 12        | 1        | 0        | 11        | 17        | 103        | 32        | 51        |

# ST FAITHS OVER 65 CLUB

**Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in the month at the Mission Room and start at 2.00 p.m.**

Our trips this year are as follows:

3rd April - Highway Garden and Shops

1st May - Vintage bus and Afternoon Tea at Wroxham Barns

5th June - Bury St Edmunds

7th August - Bressingham Steam Museum Gardens with Lunch

4th September - Bure Valley Railway and Mississippi Riverboat

2nd October - Racecourse Carvery

5th December - Cromer Pier Show

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### **Easter is Here!**

It feels like I have blinked and suddenly the Easter holidays are here! We have had a wonderfully busy term since Christmas, with lots of great learning and extra-curricular activities undertaken – this includes Year 6's annual trip to Happisburgh, to study the impact of coastal erosion, children in Oak Class learning to cycle safely and our youngest children taking part in a bug hunt around the school grounds. In addition to our daytime learning, after school clubs have also been popular, with children enjoying Film Club, Story Craft Club and Lego Club to name a few!



Moving into the Summer term, we have lots of great things to look forward to: Sports Day, Year 6 Residential to London, class trips and so much more.

### **Walk to School Week**

Supported by Norfolk Police, we took part in Walk to School week at the start of March. Families were encouraged to walk, cycle or scooter to school where possible and we spent time looking at how to do-so safely. Families signed up to our 'Safe School Pledge' We received a range of high-visibility items from NCC to share with the children and these went down a treat.

### **Author Visits**

This term, our oldest and youngest children have been involved in author visits and workshops. We were joined at St Faiths' by our Year 6 friends from Frettenham and Hainford to participate in an author workshop with the incredibly talented Julia Edwards. Julia is the author of *The Scar Gatherer* series, a sequence of seven time-travel adventures for 8 to 12 year olds.

Later this term, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were visited by a young, up and coming author called Max Wrigley – he read his book to the children and spent time in a Q&A, answering some incredibly thoughtful questions from the children.

### **Volunteers – we need You!**

At St Faiths', we love to have members of the community in school to support our children. If you'd like to give up some of your time to support our children with reading, or any extra-curricular activities, please get in touch via the office.

### **World Book Day**

This year's World Book Day afternoon was planned and organised by Miss Cunningham and the school librarians. They did a fantastic job coming up with 4 different activities, that all children loved which were, of course, all themed around our love of books!

Children were encouraged to either dress up or dress down and we had a lovely, relaxed book-themed day! We saw some wonderful costumes and lots of children did a fantastic job designing a book-themed plate.

Here are some pictures from one of our activities where the children turned themselves into a character from some of their favourite books!



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| Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> April    | Michael McIntyre – O2 – Coach Travel             | 1.30pm | £50                              |
| Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> April   | Colchester Zoo                                   | 8.30am | £55 (C £35)                      |
| Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> April | Legoland                                         | 6.30am | £75 (£35 < 3/90cm or coach only) |
| Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> April   | Michael McIntyre – O2 – Coach Travel             | 1.30pm | £50                              |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> April   | Camden Market                                    | 8am    | £38                              |
| Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> April  | Ely at Leisure                                   | 9am    | £35                              |
| Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> April   | Hever Castle Celebration of Spring               | 7.30am | £53                              |
|                              | + 2 -course lunch                                |        | £78                              |
| Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> April | Belvoir Castle & Gardens                         | 8.30am | £52                              |
| Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> April   | Battersea Power Station & Park                   | 8am    | £37                              |
| Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> April   | Jimmy's Farm & Ewa The Polar Bear                | 9am    | 39/£35/£15                       |
| Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> April   | Lincoln at Leisure                               | 8am    | £38                              |
| Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> April   | Welsh Association of Male Voice Choirs - 12 noon |        | £70                              |
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### May 2024

|                                                         |                                                     |             |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> May                                 | Lavenham, Dedham & Flatford Mill                    | 8am         | £35      |
| Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> May                                | Spalding Flower Parade                              | 8am         | £30      |
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## **Simnel Cake (Traditional Easter Cake)**

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### **Ingredients for the almond paste**

250g/9oz caster sugar 250g/9oz ground almonds 2 free-range eggs beaten  
1 tsp almond essence

### **For the cake**

175g/6oz butter or margarine, plus extra for greasing  
175g/6oz soft brown sugar  
3 free-range eggs, beaten  
175g/6oz plain flour  
pinch salt  
½ tsp ground mixed spice (optional)  
350g/12oz mixed raisins, currants and sultanas  
55g/2oz chopped mixed peel  
½ lemon, grated zest only  
1–2 tbsp apricot jam  
1 free-range egg, beaten for glazing

## Method

1. For the almond paste, place the sugar and ground almonds in a bowl. Add enough beaten egg and mix to a fairly soft consistency. Add the almond essence and knead for 1 minute until the paste is smooth and pliable. Roll out a third of the almond paste to make a circle 18cm/7in in diameter and reserve the remainder for the cake topping.
2. Preheat oven to 140C/120C Fan/Gas 1. Grease and line a 18cm/7in cake tin.
3. For the cake, cream the butter and sugar together until pale and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs until well incorporated and then sift in the flour, salt and mixed spice (if using) a little at a time. Finally, add the mixed dried fruit, peel and grated lemon zest and stir into the mixture.
4. Put half the mixture into the cake tin. Smooth the top and cover with the circle of almond paste. Add the rest of the cake mixture and smooth the top leaving a slight dip in the centre to allow for the cake to rise. Bake in the preheated oven for 1¼ hours. Test by inserting a skewer in the middle – if it comes out clean, it is ready. Once baked, remove from the oven and set aside to cool on a wire rack.
5. Brush the top of the cooled cake with the apricot jam. Divide the remainder of the almond paste in half. Roll out a circle to cover the top of the cake with one half and form 11 small balls with the other half. Place the circle of paste on the jam glaze and set the balls round the edge. Brush the cake topping with a little beaten egg.
6. Preheat the grill to high. Place the cake onto a baking tray and grill for 1–2 minutes, or until the top of the marzipan begins to brown. Alternatively, lightly heat the cake topping using a cook's blowtorch, until the marzipan is golden brown.

Simnal cakes have been known since at least medieval times,

Simnal means a rich fruitcake coated with almond paste which it is claimed was invented by Lambert Simnal who also claimed to be the Earl of Warwick and who made a bid for the English throne in the late 15th Century.

The cake was traditionally associated with Mothering Sunday the day that occurs on the fourth Sunday of Lent - do not confuse Mothering Sunday with Mother's Day, the two are entirely different. Mothering Sunday was a special day in the Christian calendar when people visited their mother church or cathedral.

Conventionally 11 marzipan balls are used to decorate the cake symbolising the 12 apostles minus Judas Iscariot.



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### Essential Checklist

- Prune spring-flowering shrubs
- Weed borders
- Plant evergreen hedges
- Prune hydrangeas
- Plant out sweet peas
- Take cuttings of tender plants
- Plant main crop potatoes
- Sow winter brassicas
- Sow tender crops (Protect them from frost when necessary)
- Feed blackcurrants, gooseberries and other cane fruit such as blackberries and raspberries.
- Tidy up strawberry beds
- Feed blackcurrants and blackberries
- Sow herbs
- Regularly mow and feed lawns
- Aerate the lawn

**~ ~ ANSWERS TO DINGBATS ~ ~**

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 - Crossword  Puzzle      | 10 - Bad spell of weather    |
| 2 - An inside job          | 11 - Just between me and you |
| 3 - Can't spell for toffee | 12 - Bowled over             |
| 4 - Fowl Language          | 13 - Drinks are on the house |
| 5 - Sawn off shotgun       | 14 - Nothing to worry about  |
| 6 - Back seat driver       | 15 - A rise in temperature   |
| 7 - Ping Pong              | 16 - Undercover cop          |
| 8 - Play on words          | 17 - A tale of two city's    |
| 9 - Friends in high places | 18 - A down right liberty    |

**~ ~ ANSWERS TO SUDOKU ~ ~**

**EASY**

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