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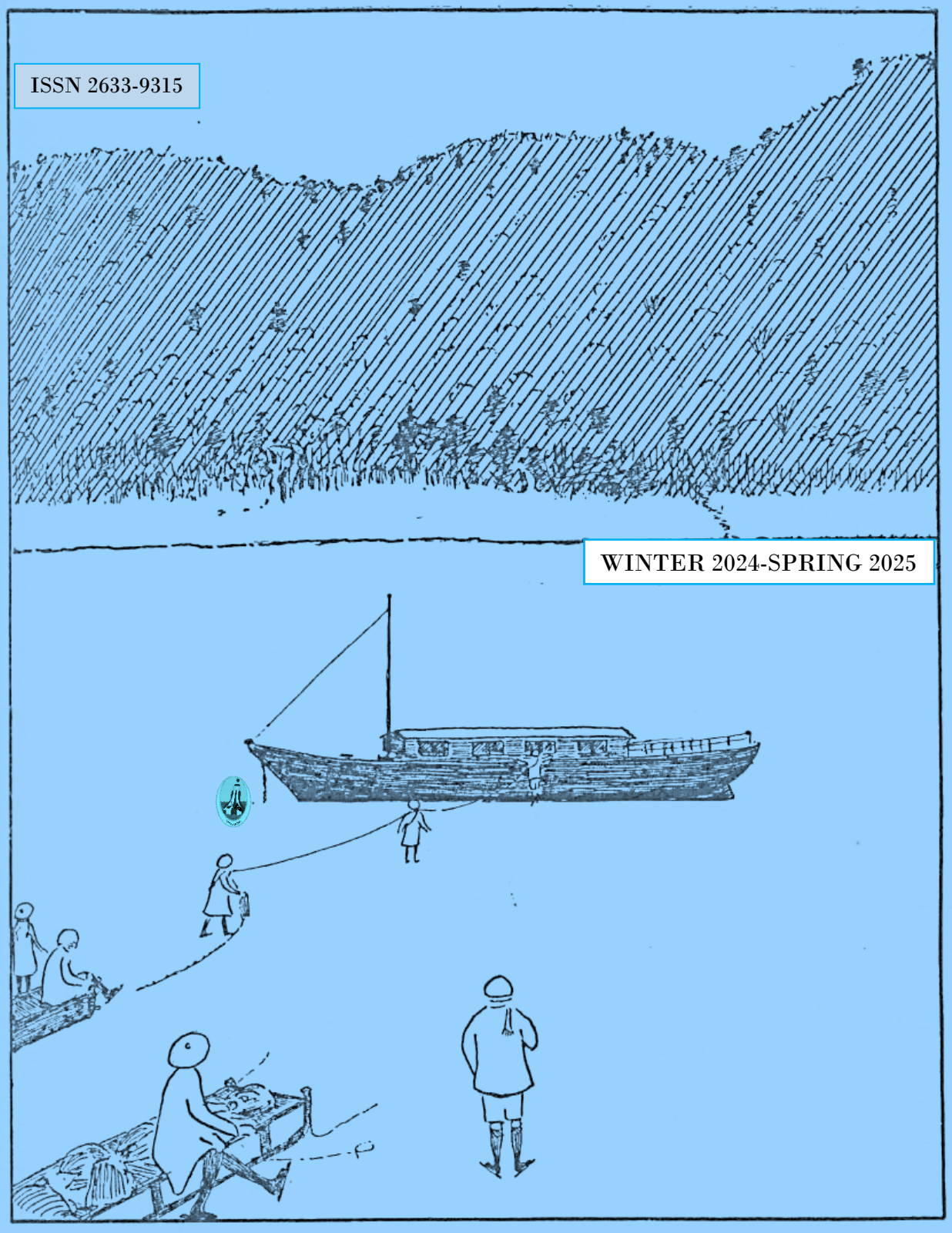

WINTER 2024-SPRING 2025

"THE HOUSEBOAT'S FROZEN IN"

EDITORIAL

Welcome to this issue of *The Outlaw* magazine, the first for 2025! What's in a name? It's only just over 100 years since the first tentative forays were taken into the exploration of Mount Sagarmatha (Nepali/Sanskrit title)/Chomolungma (Tibetan name)/Everest (Royal Geographic Society).

The name given to the world's highest peak above sea-level was bestowed by the United Kingdom's Royal Geographic Society in 1865 based on the recommendation of Major General Sir Andrew Waugh, Surveyor General of India. Sir George Everest was Waugh's predecessor in the post of Surveyor-General or The Great Trigonometric Survey of 1802 to 1852.

Swedish explorer Sven Hedin identified mapping of the Everest region by Buddhist scholars at the orders of Jesuits in Peking in 1717. Later the peak was shown on the French geographer and cartographer D'Anville's 1733 Asian atlas with the Tibetan name of Cha-mo-lung-ma or Chomolungma, or Qomolangma, all translated as "Goddess Mother of the World." In the Sherpa language, it is spelled as Chomolungma.

It wasn't until 1952 that Mount Everest was designated Zhumulangma feng (珠穆朗玛峰) on Chinese maps and in textbooks and other publications.

Mt. Everest lacked an official name in Nepal until 1956 when the Nepali government officially adopted Sagarmatha, translated as "the Head of the Earth touching the Heaven."

Take a peek at our Everest 1922 book review and also seek out useful mountaineering tips in *Survival Skills*.

Enjoy!

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TARS JUNIOR FUND – CHALLENGE YOURSELF!

The Fund *provides grants to help young Tars take part in Ransome-inspired activities. It is named after Bridget Altounyan, who was TARS' first president, and the fund was set up in her memory. Bridget was the fifth Swallow.*

Are you Eligible? *Tars between age 13 and 19 may apply and this includes those who are part of family memberships. The fund is trying to encourage adventurous activities that will stretch you and enable you to learn new skills. Young Tars from anywhere in the world can apply.*

What may you receive? *The fund gives financial grants towards the cost of undertaking Ransome-inspired activities. We usually don't cover the full cost of any activity because we feel that raising funding yourself is an important part of undertaking an activity.*

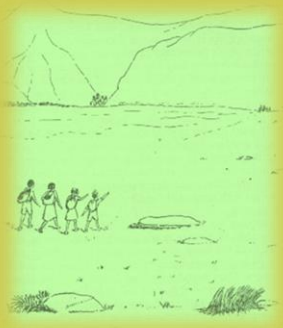
What activities are covered? *The range is wide – sailing, climbing, camping, cycling, riding, chess tournaments, scientific activities, archaeological events, or activities involving birds or the conservation of wildlife. They can be under the supervision of any recognised adventure-training group.*

What activities are not covered? School trips and GCSE field trips.

How do I apply? Email: **Paul Crisp**: p.crisp048@btinternet.com

AROUND GREAT BRITAIN WITH THE ARTHUR RANSOME SOCIETY

***** STOP PRESS! *****



Hike, bike, trike, kayak, sail, row, swim or take a train ride (even hot-air balloon!) and share your AR journey in words or pictures with us! Let's see if we can circumnavigate or cross GB together.

For help with routes, try:

www.sustrans.org.uk (sustainable travel/National Cycle Network)

www.britishcanoeing.org.uk

www.bmc.co.uk (British Mountaineering Council)

Send your route adventures by email and see them feature in *Outlaw* &/or *Signals* and even on the website!

PROVISIONAL FEASTS

Pigeon Post Wordsearch

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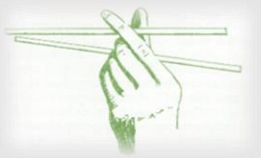

This wordsearch is from *The Outlaw* issue number 28 – from the year 2008!

Words go down, across or backwards.

Before the march up Kangchenjunga the *Swallows* have a breakfast including the usual bunloaf and marmalade in *Swallowdale*.

ARMADILLO	DAILY	GREY (Screes)	MORTAR	RIVER	TOPPS
ATKINSONS	DIVINER	GULCH	PESTLE	SAPPHO	TRAIN
BASKET	DROMEDARY	HAT (Squashy)	PIGEON (Post)	SCREES	TYSONS
BELLOWS	ENGLAND	HEDGEHOG	PIPES	SOPHOCLES	WATER (diviner)
BLOW (pipes)	FARM	HIGH (Topps)	PITCH	SQUASHY (hat)	WELL
BOB	FERN	HOMER	POOL	TENTS	WICKER (basket)
CANDLES	FIRE	MINE	POST	TIMOTHY	
CRUCIBLE	GOLD	MOOR	RIO	TINDER	

BUNLOAF

Ingredients

- Milk - nearly a cup
- Golden Syrup 1 tbsp
- Mixed Spice 1 tsp
- Good Size Egg 1
- Caster Sugar 1 cup
- SR Flour 1 cup
- Dried Mixed Fruit 1 cup
- Butter 2 oz

Method

- Melt the butter and syrup in a large pan
- Take pan off the heat and add all the dry ingredients
- Put egg into cup and add milk to the top
- Add mixed egg/milk to the main pot
- Add fruit (dried mixed fruit) mix all together
- Put mixture into a greased, lined tin
- Put tin in oven, Gas 2/300f/149c for 1 ½ to 2 hours
- Test with metal skewer to make sure cake is cooked

Have you ever climbed a mountain in the snow?

WINTERY WORDSEARCH!

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COAT
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NORTH POLE
SEALS
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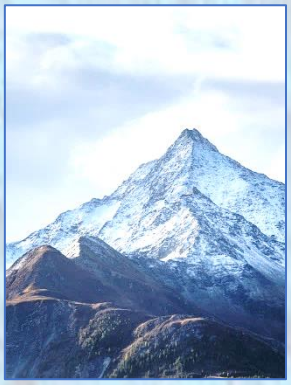


How many snowflakes can you find?

OUTLAWS PAST ...

On these pages you will be challenged, to not only accomplish each of the following puzzles, but, also, to find out which previous *Outlaw* they first featured in.

ARE YOU A PIRATE?

1 IS THE FORE TOP GALLANT –

a. A type of horse jump ☐
b. A sail ☐
c. A circus tent ☐
d. The top sail on the fore mast ☐

2 DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING WITH A SKULL AND CROSSBONES ON?

a. What's a skull and crossbones? ☐
b. Only a hat ☐
c. Why would I? ☐
d. Only a hat, flag, burgee, belt ... ☐

3 ARE THE BOTTOMS OF ALL YOUR TROUSER LEGS RAGGED?

a. Of course not! How frightful! ☐
b. All? I've only got one pair! ☐
c. Of course! ☐
d. People wear trousers that aren't ragged? ☐

4 WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE PET?

a. Hamster ☐
b. Rat ☐
c. Budgerig ☐
d. Parrot ☐

10 WHAT ARE DUBLOONS?

a. A fashionable pair of trousers ☐
b. Ancient wine glasses ☐
c. A fancy type of bank account ☐
d. Gold coins worth a lot of money ☐

6 WHAT IS A JIBBOOM?

a. A type of monkey ☐
b. A part of a boat ☐
c. An exotic fruit ☐
d. A bowsprit at the bow of the ship ☐

7 WHAT DOES "AAARGH" MEAN?

a. My throat is a little sore ... ☐
b. A pirate's way of saying, "hello?" ☐
c. "Ouch!" ☐
d. "I am about to wield my cutlass – have you got a hook handy? ☐

8 WHY WOULD YOU GO TO THE CARIBBEAN?

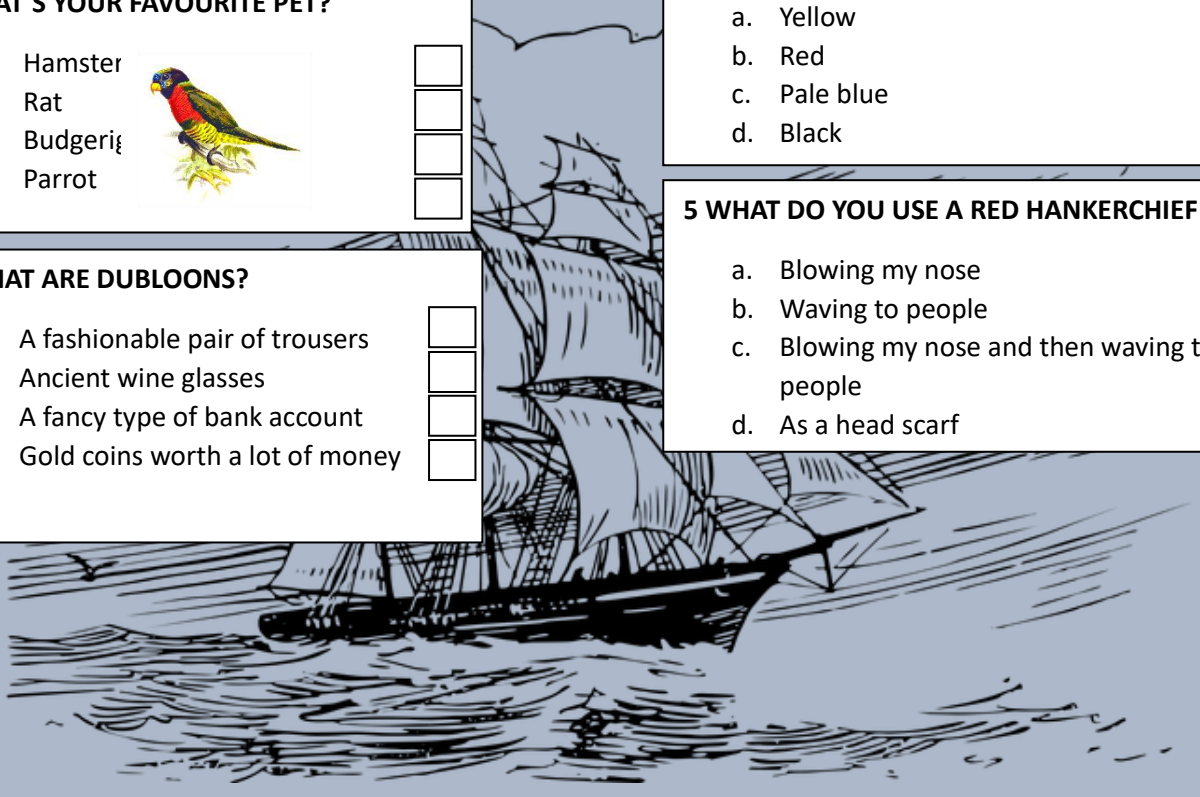
a. To sunbathe ☐
b. To refill my puncheons ☐
c. I like reggae music ☐
d. To look for treasure ☐

9 MY FAVOURITE COLOUR IS ...

a. Yellow ☐
b. Red ☐
c. Pale blue ☐
d. Black ☐

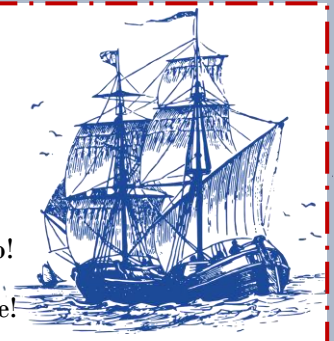
5 WHAT DO YOU USE A RED HANKERCHIEF FOR?

a. Blowing my nose ☐
b. Waving to people ☐
c. Blowing my nose and then waving to people ☐
d. As a head scarf ☐



SCORING

All ‘a’ answers get one point, ‘b’ gets 3, ‘c’ gets 2 and ‘d’ gets 4 points.
Add up your score. The maximum is 48 points, the minimum is 12.



THE RESULTS

12 to 24 points: You’re nothing like a pirate! I’d keel-haul you if you were on my ship!

25 to 35 points: I’d maroon you on a desert island and not tell anyone where you were!

36 to 42 points: You can stay on my ship but you need to go to pirate school!

43 to 48 points: **You are a pirate!** Congratulations, join my crew and earn your fortune!

SOLVE THE CLUES BELOW, AND EACH INITIAL LETTER SPELLS OUT THE NAME OF A FAMOUS RETIRED PIRATE. All answers can be found in *SWALLOWS AND AMAZONS*!

1. Brass weapon on the houseboat
2. River at Beckfoot.
3. Margaret Blackett is better known as this.
4. Able-Seaman on ‘Swallow’.
5. Fired from a bow.
6. Roger’s shout when he caught the pike.
7. The Dixons were very friendly ones.
8. Exploded on the houseboat roof.
9. The tallest tree made a fine one.
10. Wild Cat was one, so was Cormorant.
11. Ruth Blackett is better known as this.
12. Pirates buried it.

Which edition of *The Outlaw* featured an article on Ransome-themed stamps?

This article inspired me to hunt out my stamp collection and, sifting through, I discovered a handful of Ransome-themed stamps. Which books do you think they share a connection with?

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE YOUNG AR

Did you know this about me? See if you can detect any links to my adventure stories.

One of my favourite childhood authors was Robert Louis Stevenson; think – Treasure Island; Kidnapped! 'The secret of his appeal depended not on description of circumstances pleasurable in themselves, but on a tenderness exhibited by the writer for his subject, on the infectious quality of the mood in which a man may look at his past.'

My middle name was Michell and I was brother to Geoffrey and sisters Cecily and Joyce.

I wrote my first story - about two boys marooned on a desert island near to Australia – at the age of eight. The marooned catch fish for food (even catching a sea-trout!) and spot sharks and brightly-marked tropical fish.

On one occasion, my father, Cyril, when Edith, mother, was not in sight, dropped me over the side of our boat to see if I would take to the water as readily as a tadpole – soon discovering that I would not!

I began to read at a very early age and, having proved to father that I could read (abridged) Robinson Crusoe, I was gifted a copy for my fourth birthday!

Sailing and fishing, birdwatching, chess learnt in infancy from grandmother ('argument without words'), skating learnt from Prince Kropotkin (exiled Russian anarchist) in 1911 and my devotion to fairy stories, all

My grandfather, Thomas, was a first-rate field naturalist and an ingenious fisherman: the ideal companion on country walks.

When aged 17, I persuaded mother to allow me to become an office-boy for the publisher Grant Richards at 8 shillings a week, even though it meant moving to London from Rugby.

During long summer holidays from school, my family visited the Lake District, staying at Swainson's Farm at Nibthwaite, near to Coniston Water.

I was at school when Windermere froze over for several weeks, during the Great Frost of 1895. Boys were allowed to skate on and explore the ice, remaining until dusk when shoreline fires were lit. I saw a coach and four horses driven across the lake and saw (the) perch frozen in the ice, 'preserved as if in glass beneath my feet.'

One of my earliest memories of Leeds was of 'the sun, like a red-hot penny in the smoky Leeds sky.'

From a day school in Leeds, I was packed off to a prep school in Windermere. The Old College encouraged sport over other educational pursuits and I found myself bullied and scorned. … I tried to 'fit in' and, in a letter home, he asked mother to find some mice from an animal, market so I could become better friends with the pet-keeping children. I also hoped to entertain my siblings with conjuring, juggling and my performing animals – mice, guinea pigs and rabbits!

Father died when I was only 13 years old.

Much of my Lakeland holidays appear throughout Swallowdale & Swallows/Amazons, with its rivers, the island with its fish, the island (Peel harbour/Wildcat Island), Islandd/Wildcat Island), knickerbocker-breaker, the Swainsons, the charcoal burners, the Old Man of Coniston), and tickling trout.

Coniston Water held special appeal: 'I had a private rite to perform. Without letting the others know what I was doing, I had to dip my hands in the water, as a greeting to the beloved lake or as proof that I had indeed come home. In later years, I have laughed at myself, resolved not to do it, and every time have done it again.'

Navigating with a compass!

A map and a compass will help you to find the right direction!

Compass needles always point to Magnetic North, but this lies in a slightly different location from year to year!

In the data box below you will see a sketch of the surrounding countryside. From where you are standing, Susan's camp fire, you can see the North Pole in the distance and use your compass to work out that the North pole is directly to the north of you. There are other features you can see.

1) In which compass direction from where you are standing is:
a) The lake?
b) Swainson's farm?
c) The Great Northern Diver?
d) Kachenjunga?

2) Remember that 90˚ is a right angle and half a right angle is 45˚. If you are facing Watch Tower Rock, and turn **clockwise,** through what **angle** will you turn to face:
a) Swainson's farm?
b) The Lake?

3) If you are facing the Lake, through what **angle clockwise** will you turn to face:
a) The Great Northern Diver?
b) Watch Tower Rock?

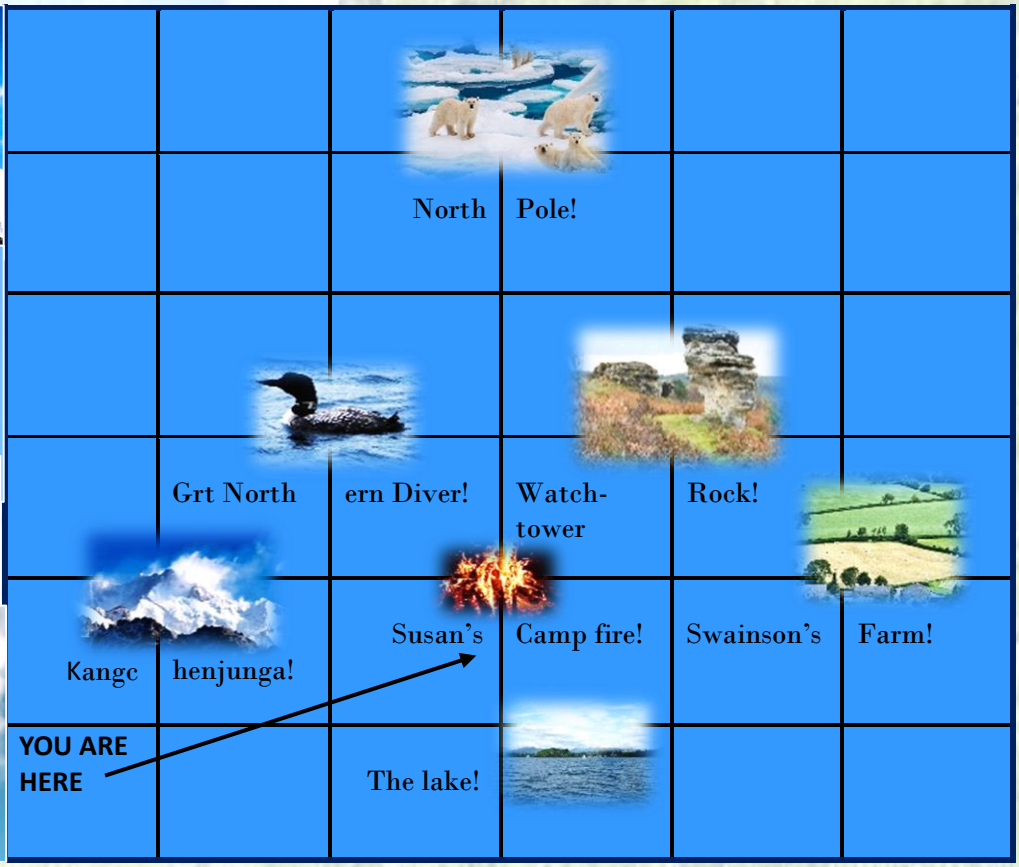
CHALLENGE QUESTIONS!

1) You face Kachenjunga and turn **135˚ clockwise.** what do you turn to face?

2) You face the Great Northern Diver's nest and turn **270˚ anticlockwise.** What do you turn to face?

3) You face Swainson's and turn **225˚ clockwise,** what do you turn to face?

The Steppe Eagle and the Saker Falcon live around Kanchenjunga!



SURVIVAL KIT - SURVIVAL MEANS 'STAYING ALIVE!

A survival kit must be light enough to carry easily!

SURVIVAL SKILLS WORK

In the DATA BOX on the right, you will see the 10 most important items to have in a survival kit. They are listed in order of importance, the first being the most important and the last being the least important. Which of these following kits do you think will be the most useful in saving your life?

Kit 1

Kit 2

Kit 3

Kit 4

To help you to decide, points have been given to each of the items. Use the points to help you find out which of the kits is worth the most points and would be the most useful!

Have fun!

THESE ITEMS COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE:

Knife		17 points
Saw		14 points
Firesteel		13 points
Billycan		11 points
Axe		9 points
Shelter		8 points
Sleeping bag		7 points
First-aid kit		5 points
Whistle		3 points
Torch		1 point

Challenge Question

Two hikers have each got a survival kit. Both kits would score 60 points. One kit has 5 different items and the other has 8 items. What could be in each kit?

(Note: there is more than one way that the 5-item kit can be made)

EQUIPMENT FACTS!

A firesteel is a tool that can be used to create sparks to light a fire. It produces sparks of about 3000°c!

Some survival experts make their shelter from tree branches. Others use poles and a plastic sheet. Some even bring a proper tent with them!

EQUIPMENT FACTS 2!

If you don't have a saw or an axe, a sharp knife can be used to cut small branches and help you build a shelter.

A whistle can help you attract attention. When you shout, your voice only carries a few hundred metres, but a whistle can be heard up to 1km away!

SIGNALLING TO MARS!

Mars is known as the Red Planet because it is rusting away before our very eyes! Its famous red colour comes from the iron oxide dust that covers its surface. For iron to rust, oxygen or water need to be present. Today Mars is a cold, frozen desert which is covered in boulders and craters. Scientists think that water once ran across its surface because there are what looks like ancient dried up river channels, lake beds and shorelines. Minerals have also been found inside rocks that have been altered by water. Many people believe that Mars once looked a lot like earth, with oceans, rivers, a blue sky and maybe even rain. But today the planet's water is found in the ice caps of the poles and in ice buried beneath the surface and its atmosphere is made of carbon dioxide.

ESSENTIAL NUMBERS!

MOONS: TWO

MASS: 0.1 TIMES EARTH'S MASS

SIZE: MARS IS ROUGHLY HALF THAT OF EARTH, BUT WITH OUT ANY OCEANS IT HAS ALMOST THE SAME LAND AREA.

YEAR: 1.8 EARTH YEARS

DAY: A DAY ON MARS IS 24 HOURS AND 37 MINUTES, SLIGHTLY LONGER THAN AN EAERTH DAY.

TEMPERATURE: AVERAGE TEMPARATURE ON MARS IS A VERY CHILLY -62 DEGREES CELCIUS, BUT CAN FALL AS LOW AS LOW AS -153°!

TYPE OF PLANET: ROCKY INNER PLANET!

See if you can untangle the words to find paragraphs from *Winter Holiday*!

Yawa nowd heter, ylbunmitaske, a llams dan leefbe karsp saw nipsnign ni a lircec.

"ho lewl," dais ckid. "lewl' yrt nagai moworrto. luhol! Kool! ereth ti si ganai. tod! tod! hingesomt

"Fi ti soge hist emit. . ." dais ckid, ydlhar laeb ot keaps. "Sit noge.

kcluiqy het ternanl saw nshow ni het limedd fo eth wowind, denihd, nowsh, denihd, nowhs, nad hetn upt fillany waya ni eht rornce.

"tond yeth tawn ot eb escrued rofm yanhintg?" dais het mallsre fo het yobs ni a yevr sapidnotipde cevio.

Guess who's saying what – again found in Winter Holiday!

"Where's your torch? Try them with another signal. Set it going and swing it in big circles like a wheel."

"Of course, it's alright," said. … "Morse. Morsian. Marsian. Naturally we don't know their language."

"Perhaps it isn't their room," said … . "Perhaps the light in there now has nothing to do with them. It's the farm woman who's taken it up to see how much dirt they carried up on their shoes because they came in without using the doormat. So she's down on her hands and knees scrubbing and very cross indeed with them, and naturally she isn't looking this way at all."

"Well, you take the telescope and watch the planet. The Martians may answer at any minute."

"You must be fair perished with cold," said … "And what stars did you see?"

"Oh, Taurus and the Pleiades," said …

Nobody said anything about Mars.

WHICH MARS SPACECRAFT ARE YOU?

Would you like to fly around Mars?

YES

NO

Would you like to map its surface?

YES

NO

YOU ARE MAVEN, THE ***M***ARS ***A***TMOSPHERE AND ***V***OLATILE ***E***VOLUTIO***N*** SPACECRAFT, WHICH IS ORBITING MARS MONITORING THE LOSS OF ITS ATMOSPHERE TO SPACE.

Do you have a high-resolution camera?

YES

NO

YOU ARE THE **MARS RECONNAISSANCE ORBITER** (MRO) WHICH HAS A CAMERA CALLED HIRISE THAT CAN IMAGE SURFACE FEATURES THAT ARE AS SMALL AS A METRE ACROSS.

YOU ARE **MARS ODYSSEY**, WHICH HAS THERMAL-IMAGING CAMERAS TO LOOK FOR SIGHNS OF WATER AND ICE AND STUDIES MARS' GEOLOGY.

Do you have wheels?

YES

NO

Would you like to look for signs of life?

YES

NO

YOU ARE **VIKING**, A MISSION THAT WENT TO MARS IN THE 1970s TO LOOK FOR SIGNS OF LIFE.

YOU ARE **INSIGHT**, THE INTERIOR EXPLORATION USING SEISMIC INVESTIGATIONS, GEODESY AND HEAT TRANSPORT LANDER, STUDYING THE INTERIOR OF MARS.

How do you prefer to land?

AIRBAGS.

RETRO ROCKETS AND SKY CRANE.

Looking for water?

YES

NO

YOU ARE **SOJOURNER**, THE FIRST MARS ROVER WHICH LANDED IN 1997.

YOU ARE ONE OF THE MARS EXPLORATION ROVERS**, SPIRIT** OR **OPPURTUNITY**, WHICH HAD A MISSION TO SEARCH FOR ANCIENT SIGNS OF WATER ON MARS.

Would you like to find life on the surface?

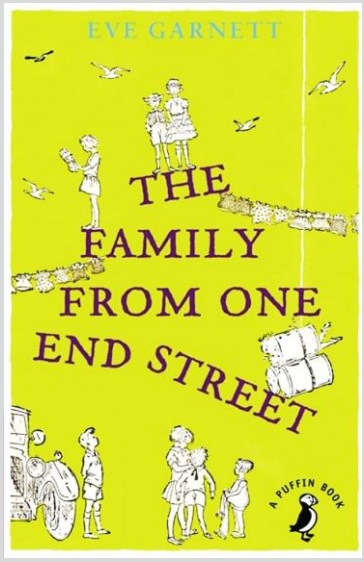
NO

YES

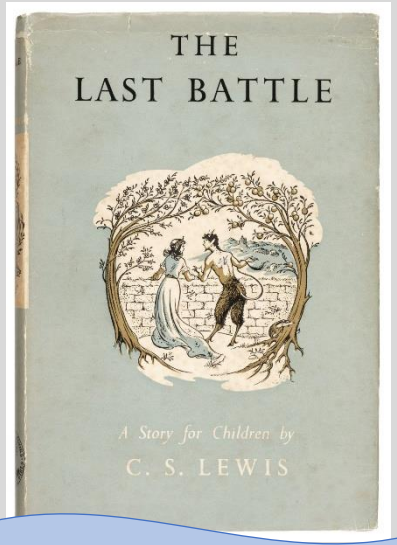
YOU ARE **CURIOSITY** WHOSE MISSION WAS TO EXPLORE A GIANT CRATER CALLED GALE.

YOU ARE **PERSEVERANCE**, WHICH IS NASA'S LATEST ROVER, DESIGNED TO LOOK FOR SIGNS THAT MARS ONCE HAD LIFE.

IN REVIEW



The Family from One End Street by Eve Garnett



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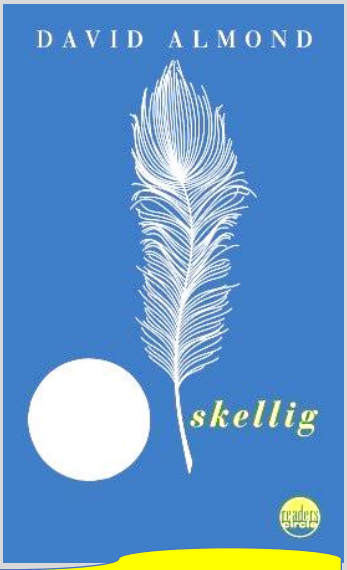

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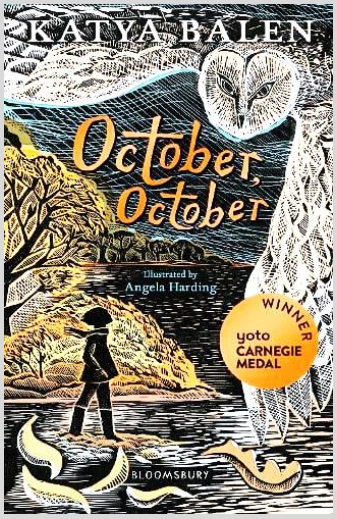
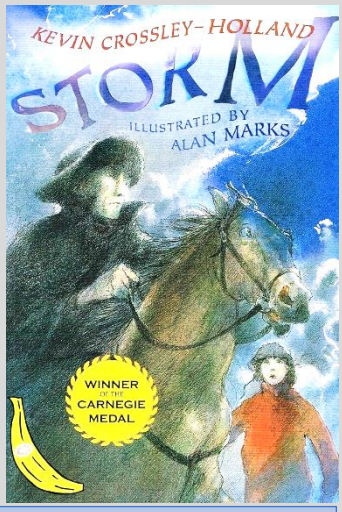


October, October by Katya Balen

Choose one of these Carnegie Medal-winning books and the editors will read and review it for the next issue of *The Outlaw*.

Which Carnegie Medal winner is your favourite? Is it any of the books on this page or one of the many books that have merited this award? Write in and tell us which book and why and your review could be included in *The Outlaw*, too!



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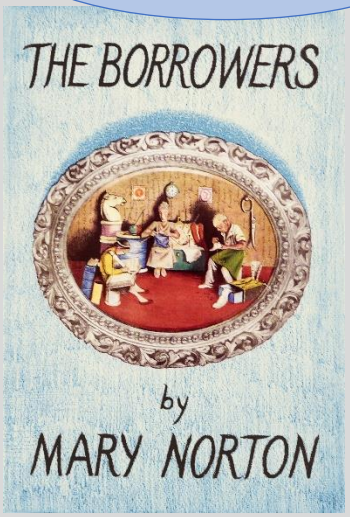

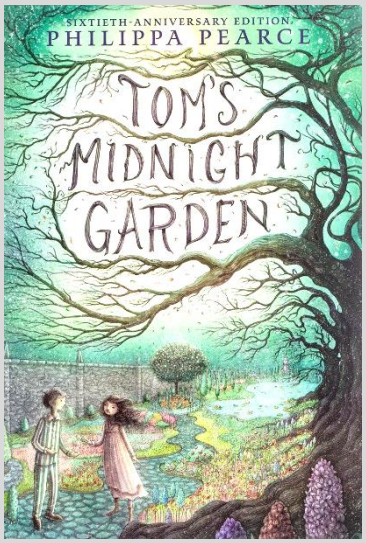

Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce

The Little White Horse by Elizabeth Goudge

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

A dramatic and compelling account of the first British attempt to climb Mount Everest. Littered throughout this docudrama you truly gain a sense of controversy, incident and the avalanche of larger-than-life characters thrown together, including George Leigh Mallory. Diaries, letters, published and unpublished accounts, create a backdrop to the bitter rivalries, politics, trek-expeditions, siege-style mountaineering, multiple camps, tent fever, summit fever, frostbite, oxygen controversies, Sherpa courage, world altitude records and more. Mallory penned:

'Mountain shapes are often fantastic seen through a mist: these were like the wildest creation of a dream. A preposterous triangular lump rose out of the depths; its edges came leaping up at an angle of 70 degrees and ended nowhere. To the left a black serrated crest was hanging in the sky … gradually we saw the great mountain sides and glaciers and arêtes, now one fragment and now another through the floating rifts, until far higher in the sky than imagination had dared to suggest the white summit of Everest appeared.'

Winds lacerated; the higher they climbed, the more violent the winds. Breathless, negotiating the Rongbuk glacier, they tackled the debilitating 'crush zone', crevasses and colliding clusters of icy towers (seracs), which looked like giant flakes of blue ice.

On descending 6,300 feet in an unprecedented few hours, George Finch ate Camp 3 out of house and home, devouring four tins of quails in foie gras and nine sausages before retiring to bed with a flask of coffee nestled in the crook of his arm!

Unexpected culinary crises became the order of the day, the further they ventured. The Everest team's provision list included several tins of Heinz Spaghetti, an easily-digested, carbohydrate-rich food particularly suited for high altitudes – or would have been, if someone had remembered to keep their tins at the bottom of their sleeping bag rather than outside in the snow. Instead of easy-to-warm-up instant food, Norton opened tins to find the spaghetti frozen solid!

Much modern perspective is needed regarding the immense efforts involved in this attempt. Consider the sartorial choices made by the climbing members: Norton sported a Burberry climbing suit, a pair of heavy Carter's boots, three pairs of socks, and sheepskin-lined gloves. Mallory was dressed in his familiar Norfolk jacket, a pair of motoring gauntlets, and two hats to protect himself against sun and cold. Morshead had no head covering nor any bespoke mountaineering gear – simply a scarf as spare clothing!

Apparently, it became increasingly difficult to brew tea as water boils at a much lower temperature at 25, 000 feet.

On one occasion they had to make do with a stash of ship's biscuits. Taking a tin of frozen jam, some frozen milk and a fistful of snow, Norton had to mix a concoction in a pan to share as iced-cream!

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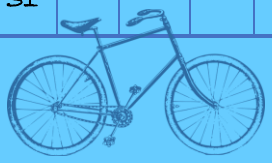

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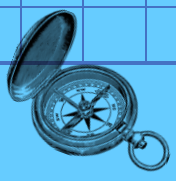

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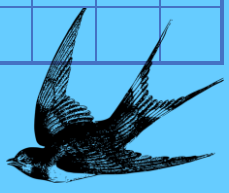

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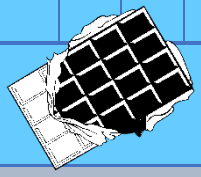

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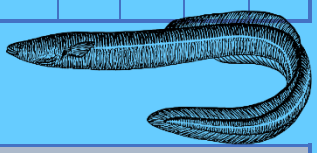

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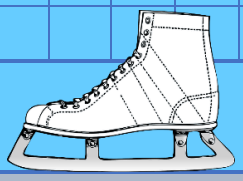

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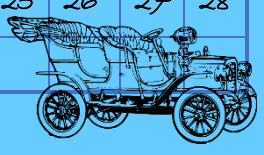

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