

VINTAGE ADVENTURE

@ HOME

Our Empowering God



Dear Vintage Adventure at Home friends



Our Vintage Adventure @ Home booklet for June explores the Christian festivals of Jesus' Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, fifty days after Easter. Our Worship this month have been written by Caraway's inspirational co-founder, Erica, who is soon to move to Devon. We also discover more about Edwin Hatch who wrote our hymn Breathe on me, breath of God.

In our section about Pentecost, we see Jesus gently encouraging His disciples to look towards the future, reassuring them that, although He will no longer be with them physically, God will send the Holy Spirit to be their Encourager, Provider, Comforter, Enabler and Empowerer, strengthening them to go out in the world around them to share the good news of Jesus' gift of salvation. We're sure you will enjoy the poignant story shared by one of our readers, John Chipp, about a special friendship between his Mum, Florence, and Mabel, the cook in the country house in which a young Florence was employed, and the way in which God worked in their lives.

We include some pages which take us all 'Down Memory Lane' as well as an opportunity for you to support some of our team who are running between the care homes in our city to raise money for our ministry among older people. At Pentecost churches around the world celebrate this amazing gift of the Holy Spirit, so we pray that the worship, prayers, reflections and community news will encourage you at this special time.

*May we all be open to what God is saying to each one of us, as we think about how we can be strengthened by the Holy Spirit Who makes sure that **we are never alone. So don't let's forget to invite Him to help us!***

*With love and prayers
Cynthia and your Caraway team*

Breathe on me, breath of God

Breathe on me, breath of God:
fill me with life anew,
that I may love as You have loved
and do as You would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with Yours
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God;
fulfil my heart's desire,
until this earthly part of me
glows with Your heavenly fire.

Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with You the perfect life
of Your eternity.

Edwin Hatch



WORSHIP

Breathe on me breath of God

OPENING SCRIPTURE

"The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life." Job 33:4



As we come to worship together from our different homes, let us pray:



PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit,

The wind of God, the breath of Life.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Our Advocate, our Counsellor.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.

Come, Holy Spirit.

May we feel God breathing through our worship.

May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.

Joanna Harader <https://spaciousfaith.com/>

HYMN - Verse 1

Breathe on me, Breath of God
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love the way You love,
And do what You would do.



"Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." Genesis 2:7

With the breath God has given us, let us give thanks using Psalm 150,
an exuberant expression of praise and worship.

Praise the LORD.

Praise God in His sanctuary;

praise Him in His mighty heavens.

Praise Him for His acts of power;

praise Him for His surpassing greatness.

Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet,

praise Him with the harp and lyre,

praise Him with timbrel and dancing,

praise Him with the strings and pipe,

praise Him with the clash of cymbals,

praise Him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD.



HYMN - Verse 2

Breathe on me, Breath of God
Until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with Yours,
To do and to endure.

We come to a time of confession,
inviting God to breathe His Holy Spirit upon us:

CONFESSION

The Spirit comes with fire of justice
and we offer the extinguisher of complacency.

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy upon us.**

The Spirit comes with the rain of love
and we offer an umbrella of reserve.
**Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy upon us.**

The Spirit comes bearing fresh winds of change
and we close the windows.
**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy upon us.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the great good news of our faith:
The Spirit is alive!

Breathe, children of God,
Breathe the fresh winds of the Spirit.

Taste, children of God,
Taste the quenching waters of God's love.

Touch, children of God,
Touch the heat of God's passion for justice.

Katherine Hawker. <http://liturgyoutside.net/Biblical.Litanies.pdf>

HYMN - Verse 3

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So I shall never die,
But live with You the perfect life
For all eternity.



God's breath brings life. When life feels hard, when life brings sorrow,
when life brings darkness, God's breath can renew and restore us, as God
promised to restore the Israelites from exile to their homeland, speaking
through the prophet Ezekiel.



He then told me to say: 'Dry bones, listen to what the Lord is saying to you, "I, the Lord God, will put breath in you, and once again you will live."' Ezekiel 37:4-5

Theologian, Walter Brueggemann beautifully describes the breath of God, *as 'this unutterable, irresistible, undomesticated force that surges into history to liberate, heal, remake, and transform'.* Isn't that a wonderful description, acknowledging that God's breath is indescribable and yet comes to bring life and renewal for not only us personally, but also in our communities and our nation.

CONCLUSION

Again, Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20: 21-22



Jesus comes and breathes peace into the disciples' confusion. The Holy Spirit knows exactly what we need, be it comfort, counsel, or challenge.

The Spirit comes to bring new life, always encouraging us to share this gift with others.

BLESSING

May God's breath stream within you.

May God's breath renew you.

May God's breath invigorate you.

Walk with confidence into this day.

Amen.

Traditional Jewish blessing.

Reflection



Edwin Hatch, who wrote this hymn in 1878, was an Anglican minister who became a professor of church history. But though he was an academic his hymn is simple, full of deep longing for more of God. We can make it a prayer for ourselves, specially as we think of God's gift of His Spirit at Pentecost.

"Breathe on me, breath of God". It reminds us of how God created the first man from dust, and then breathed life into him. That makes us different from all the rest of creation, because we alone have conscious access to God; He breathes His Spirit into us so we can enjoy His company. It is only because of God's Spirit that we can approach God at all.



Who is this Spirit? The Bible gives various symbols. There was the dove at Jesus' baptism, suggesting the Spirit's gentleness; there was the wind at Pentecost which shook the house, hinting at His strength: and there were the tongues of fire, suggesting burning purity. In short He is God Himself, the third member of the Trinity. He is someone we can rely on, faithful, but whom we can offend if we ignore His promptings. We can grieve the Spirit, or quench Him by our doubts, or even try to lie to Him.



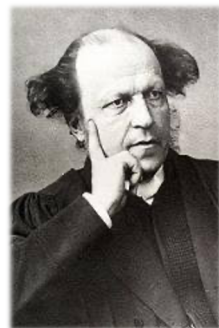
We progress in the Christian life by deliberately opening ourselves up to the Spirit every day. The Spirit works to make us like Jesus, and He alone can do that. If we try to do it ourselves we become legalistic Pharisees, depressed when we fail, smug when we think we are doing well! As our hymn puts it, "Breathe on me breath of God till I am wholly Thine, until the earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine."

Yes, let's be quiet daily in the presence of God, and invite the Spirit to do His gentle work, convicting, forgiving, healing and teaching.



The story of 'Breathe on me, breath of God'

This month's hymnwriter, Edwin Hatch, is unexpected as the author. Why? Edwin was born in Derby, in 1835, the son of Samuel Hatch, a grocer and accountant, and his wife Charlotte who were non-conformists. He attended King Edward's School in Birmingham, where his class teacher noted how Edwin liked to study independently in his own time.



Despite his free church background, Edwin was baptised into the Church of England in 1852 and the following year matriculated at Pembroke College, Oxford, graduating in 1857. Here he joined the Birmingham Set, a group who held meetings to discuss poetry by Shelley, novels by Dickens, or art and architecture by Ruskin. By 1856 Edwin was the group's key figure.

In 1858, despite having won the Ellerton Prize, Edwin was ordained deacon, and began ministry in London's East End. In 1859, he was licensed as an Anglican priest but moved to Toronto, Canada, to become Professor of Classics at Trinity College until 1862. Alongside this role, he was rector of the High School in Quebec and Professor of Classics at Morrin College. In 1867 Edwin returned to Oxford, where he had an illustrious career as Vice Principal of St Mary Hall until 1885, when he was appointed Reader in Ecclesiastical History.

Academically Edwin is most remembered for his 1880 Bampton lectures in theology, which were published and translated into several languages. Subsequently, from 1880-84 Edwin was made Grinfield Lecturer.

Surprisingly, the most popular writing by this highly educated scholar, was this simple hymn *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* written in 1876 but kept private. It seems this was originally intended only as a prayer between Edwin and God. Edwin thrived on complex theology, yet understood that at its heart, Christianity is based on a simple trust in God. Jesus promised that, although He is in heaven, He would always be with those who believe in Him – through the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, “*I will ask the Father and He will give you another Helper to be with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth.*” John 13:16-17

Elsewhere we read, *When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."* John 20:19-23

This short hymn reflects Edwin's response to these verses and the gift of the Holy Spirit to Christians at Pentecost. His faith was described as ‘simple and unaffected as a child’, whilst being at the same time, profound.

Eventually in 1878 Edwin published the hymn privately in a pamphlet ‘Between Doubt and Prayer’, giving it the Latin title *Spiritus Dei* (Spirit of God).

In 1886, Henry Allen published *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* in The Congregational Psalmist. Edwin died prematurely in 1889 aged 54 and his widow republished the hymn posthumously in 1890.



Jesus' Ascension – what was it all about?

After God raised Him from the dead, Jesus appeared to His disciples and to other people on many occasions in various places. Forty days after the resurrection, He appeared in bodily form to some of His closest friends for one last time. This final appearance occurred on the Mount of Olives just outside Jerusalem. Before He ascended, Jesus had a message for His followers:

But you shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8

So God wanted His followers to tell others about Him, starting close to home with the Jews in Jerusalem and surrounding region, then more widely in Samaria to non-Jewish listeners, and eventually the world. Luke 24:51 continues:

Jesus lifted up His hands and blessed them, and while He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

In Acts 1:9 we are told

When He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight.

Here, the cloud represents God the Father. On other occasions, Jesus had simply disappeared but this time it was different. The disciples actually saw Jesus go.



Like the Resurrection, the Ascension of Jesus was the work of God the Father, taking Jesus back into heaven from whence He had come. In John



16:28 Jesus explained, *"I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."*

The bible account describes how after He had ascended, an angel spoke to the disciples: *"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into heaven? This Jesus, Who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven."* Acts 1:11

This tells us not only that Jesus is currently in heaven, but also that one day He will return. Indeed, Jesus promised, *"I will come again and take you to Myself, that where I am, you may be also."* John 14:3

When Jesus had ascended, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. Hebrews 1:3. In the Old Testament the priests in the temple are never described as 'sitting down.' In fact, the furniture included a table and a lamp, but no chair which was a visual reminder that the priest's work was never done.

But Jesus' last words on the cross were, "It is finished." There is nothing more that needs to be done. Jesus' saving work is complete and hence, He 'sat down'.

The disciples *'returned to Jerusalem with great joy.'* Luke 24:52. This was because they knew that Jesus would come back again one day, and that whilst in heaven, He would be their advocate to God, speaking on their behalf. The Bible tells us that Jesus is interceding for us. So believers can be confident that Jesus will provide strength for whatever we have to face on earth, and know that when we die, we will be with Jesus, and need have no fear of death nor judgement.

Whatever happened at Pentecost?

As we saw in the piece about the Ascension, Jesus had commissioned His followers to tell others about Him but how on earth was that going to happen? Acts tells us that there were about 120 Christians in Jerusalem, but they didn't have a building to worship in, many were scared stiff of the authorities, they gathered in a rented room, there was hardly any money between them, and several of those with the potential to fulfil leadership roles, were uneducated fishermen. And then to cap it all, the prevailing culture around them was exceedingly anti-Jesus. It seemed impossible.

But Jesus had told them about an event which, He said, would change everything. He promised that *'they would be baptised in the Holy Spirit.'*

Acts 1:5

Because of the Passover Festival, Jerusalem was packed with visitors from all over the mediterranean and beyond. We read: *When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly, there came from heaven a sound like a mighty, rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.*

Acts 1:1-2

Jesus had breathed on His disciples with the words, *"Receive the Holy Spirit."* John 20:22 So when the believers heard the sound of the wind resembling breath, but much louder, they recalled Jesus' action and words. Was Jesus' promise being fulfilled?

The account goes on: *And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.* Acts 2:3



The disciples knew that in Old Testament times God had appeared to Moses in a burning bush, which did not burn up. It must have been a terrifying experience! The fire seemed to separate into individual flames, which began to move across the room. Who were they going to touch? No doubt Peter or James and John, Jesus' special friends.

But then people began to realise that the flames were settling over the heads of **everyone in the room!** In the Old Testament, God had commissioned some of His people to carry out special tasks for Him, but now He **was giving His Holy Spirit**, not just to a select few, but to **all of them**.

When the believers went outside, they found crowds had gathered to discover what was happening. And as the 120 dispersed among the crowds, telling them the Good News of Jesus, they discovered that they could speak languages they had not learned, and that people could understand them in their own languages.

God's promise to Abraham to bless all the peoples of the earth through him was being fulfilled right there. God breathes life into His people, and commissions all Christians, young and old, to tell others about His saving love.



Jesus gives the
Holy Spirit
to me



One of our VA@Home community wanted to share something that had happened to his mother. Here's her story below.

Florence and Mabel (as told by John Chipp)

My mother was born in Watlington, Oxfordshire at the beginning of the twentieth century. She had no brothers but was the youngest of seven sisters. She was christened Florence Violet and throughout her childhood showed keen interest in religion. Florence left school at the age of thirteen, soon after her mother's death.

Armed with a certificate in Religious Knowledge she began work in a large country house as a scullery maid. It was here that she met Mabel, the chief cook. Mabel was a devout Christian and she took great care of my mother throughout her teenage years. Florence was promoted to kitchen maid and eventually to assistant cook. She met and married my father, Ronald. They moved to London and I was born a few years later.

Florence and Mabel kept in contact by writing to each other every Christmas and on other occasions. Eventually Mabel reached retirement age and was invited by her employers to become a guest member of the family. Soon after this they all moved to a new home in Hertfordshire.



Over the years Florence and Mabel kept up their correspondence. Then one day Florence received news of Mabel's death. Details of the funeral arrangements were sent by Mabel's adopted family and my mother planned her journey by Greenline coach. On the appointed day Florence alighted at the coach station and after refreshments followed instructions to the church. She entered in a state of sorrow and depression. She was early and alone in a church that she had never seen before. Florence sat down gripped by intense sadness.



Gradually a transformation in her mood took place. She felt peaceful and knew that Mabel was safe and secure in God's care. Presently other mourners arrived. As they did so each one stopped and stared at Florence who, although now in a calm state, was puzzled by this attention.

The funeral service was followed by burial in the churchyard and then Florence followed others to the church hall.

A small group gathered round Florence. They were curious to find out more about the stranger in their midst. She told them about her long friendship with Mabel and assured them that this was the first time she had been in this church. There was a long silence, then a lady spoke quietly. “You see, Mabel attended services regularly and always occupied the same place. You were sitting in Mabel’s place.”



It Happened in June

1. This lovable Disney cartoon character made his first appearance in June 1934.
2. The allied invasion of Normandy that occurred in June 1944.
3. This summer blockbuster about a killer shark premiered in June 1975.
4. This famous novel by Margaret Mitchell was published in June 1936.
5. This famous diarist and victim of the Holocaust was born in June 1929.
6. Queen Elizabeth II was crowned in this London Abbey in June 1953.
7. This Indian man committed his first act of civil disobedience in South Africa in June 1893.
8. In June 1987, Ronald Reagan travelled to Berlin and said, 'Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate. Mr. Gorbachev, ___ ___ ___'.
9. Burglars were arrested breaking into this building on behalf of Nixon in June 1972.
10. In June 1962, three men from which island prison in San Francisco Bay staged an escape and were never seen again?

Down Memory Lane

UK Prices: 1955 to 2025

Take a fun trip through time with this price comparison quiz! From stamps to cinema tickets, test your knowledge of what everyday items cost in 1955 versus 2025.

1. How much was a first class stamp in 1955?

- a. 2 pence b. 2 ½ pence c. 3 pence



2. How much is a first class stamp in 2025?

- a. 80 pence b. £1 c. £1.70



3. How much was an average pint of milk in 1955?

- a. 2.9 pence b. 3.5 pence c. 5 pence



4. How much is an average pint of milk in 2025?

- a. 45 pence b. 30 pence c. 85 pence



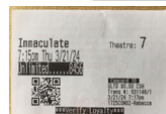
5. How much was an average cinema ticket in 1955?

- a. 1 shilling (5p) b. 1s 6d (7.5p) c. 2 shillings (10p)



6. How much is an average cinema ticket in 2025?

- a. £7.50 b. £10.75 c. £12.00



7. What was the average price of petrol per litre in 1955?

- a. 5p b. 6p c. 7p



8. What is the average price of petrol per litre in 2025?

- a. £1.38 b. £1.50 c. £1.70





9. How much was a portion of fish and chips in 1955?
 a. 1 shilling (5p) b 1s 6d (7.5p) c. 2 shillings (10p)

10. How much is a portion of fish and chips in 2025?
 a. £7.00 b. £9.00 c. £10.00



11. What was the average price of a pint of beer in 1955?
 a. 1s 3d (6.25p) b. 1s 6d (7.5p) c. 2 shillings (10p)

12. What is the average price of a pint of beer in 2025?
 a. £4.21 b. £5.00 c. £6.00

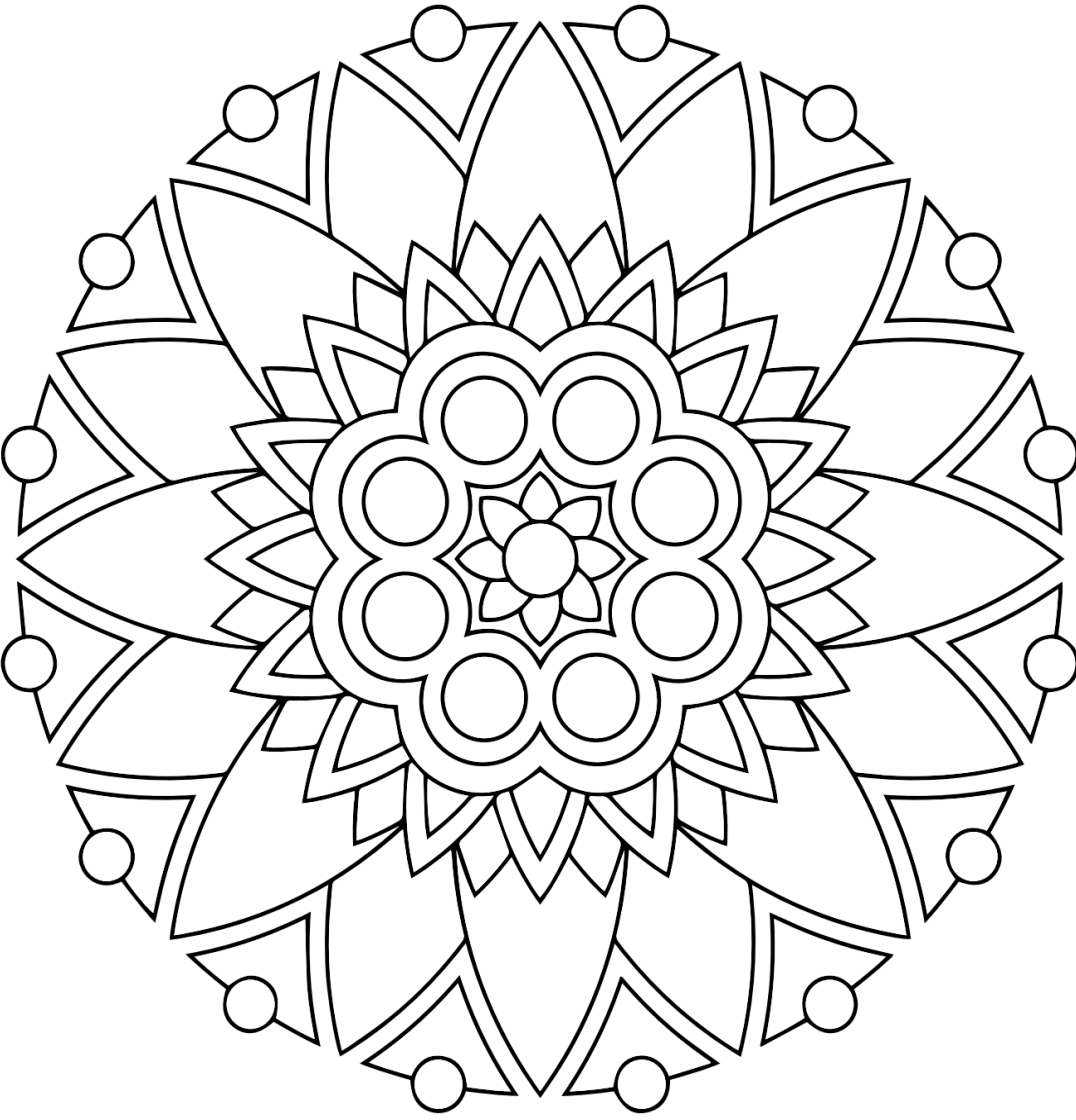


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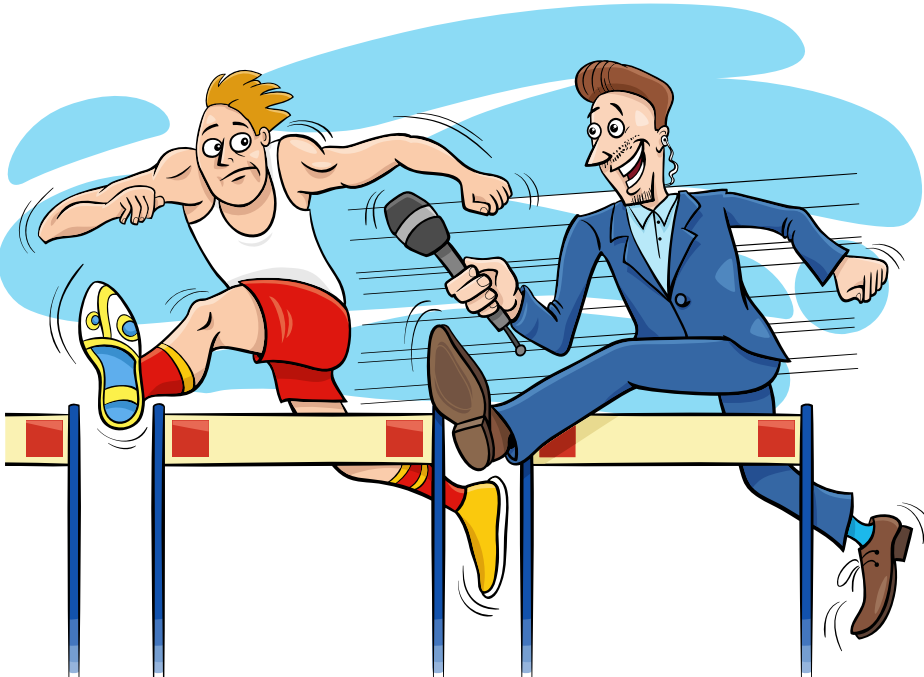
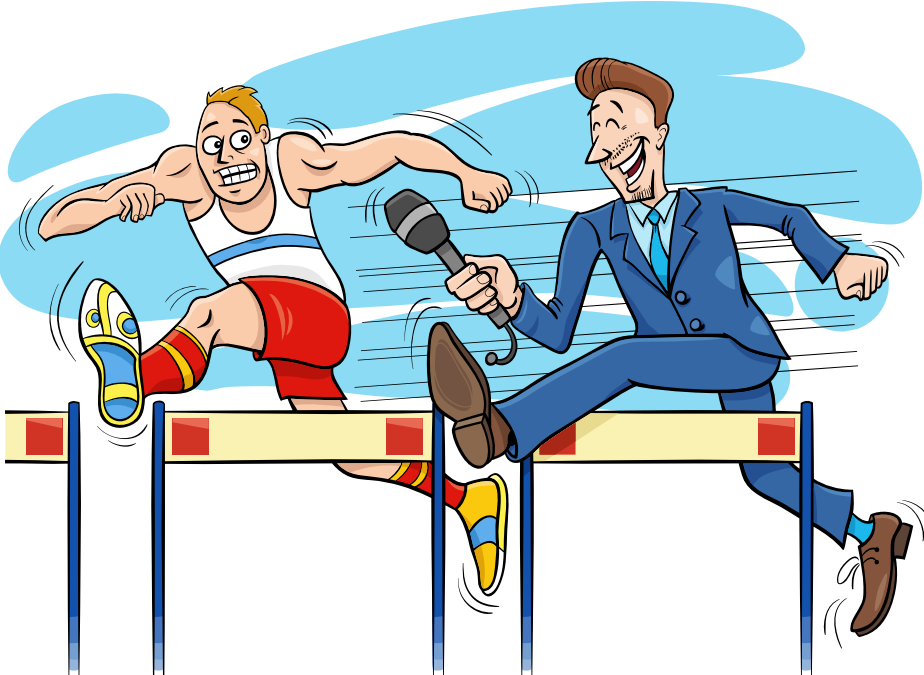
### Do you remember?

The old school desks, some doubles and some singles. I used to love my desk in my registration form room – somewhere to store all those books and exercise books not needed that day. We would stick our week’s timetable on the inside of the lid. The place for the ink wells no longer in use when I was at school in the 60s and 70s but a sign of times gone by.





As the Athletics season is upon us, find 10 differences in the pictures below.



# Word Search

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Cloudless

Sandcastle

Vacation

Bicycling

Outdoor

Waves

Seashore

Frisbee

Sodas

Bikini

Sunshine

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Dolphin

Dandelion

Happiness

Boomerang

Surfing

Poolside

Lifesaver

Barbecue

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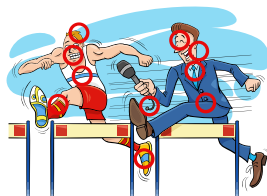
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2. c. £1.70
3. a. 2.9 pence
4. c. 85 pence
5. b. 1s 6d (equivalent to approx £2.50 today)
6. b. £10.75
7. a. 5p (equivalent to Approx. £1.50 today)
8. a. £1.38
9. b. 1s 6d (equivalent to £2.50 today)
10. b. £9.00
11. a. 1s 3d (equivalent to £2 today)
12. a. £4.21

### Answers It Happened in June

1. Donald Duck
2. D-Day
3. Jaws
4. Gone With The Wind
5. Anne Frank
6. Westminster Abbey
7. Mahatma Gandhi
8. Tear down this wall
9. Watergate
10. Alcatraz

### SOLUTION



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