



The New Gilbertian

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BY THOMAS RICKETT



There are an abundance of extra-curricular clubs, societies and teams at the Gilbert, but one stands out from the crowd: Mock Magistrates. It is a

selective team of students who rehearse every Friday after school in preparation for the renowned tournament on Saturday 12th March 2022. It requires hard-work, commitment and resilience to utilize the skills required to re-enact a professional courtroom situation.

Our school is entering two teams into the event – one team is going to Basildon courtroom to

compete and the other will take part within a virtual setting. We have been practicing

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since before the Christmas Holidays to perfect and refine our court case. We take every spare opportunity to revise our case packs and familiarise ourselves further with the facts and questions.

*It requires hard-work,
commitment and
resilience.*

This year's case revolves around a victim accusing an old acquaintance of setting up a fake Instagram profile and inserting unflattering images of the person onto it. Within our teams, there are two sides: the

prosecution and the defence – which is replicative of a real courtroom. Each side has two lawyers and two witnesses. The prosecution wants to prove the supposed “criminal” guilty and the defence want to prove the alleged “offender” innocent.

In a year without COVID, we would attend the “local” round of the competition against local schools. Presuming we made it through that – as past Gilberdian teams have - we would proceed to the “regional round” where we would face schools from the entire

region of East Anglia!

If we were to make it through that round, we would reach the “nationals” where we would be up against the best schools in Britain! We would go to renowned courts in places like London and Edinburgh! However, after a two year delay due to COVID, only the “local” round is being held this year.

Overall, Mock Magistrates has been a great experience for me personally and I would greatly encourage anyone thinking about auditioning next time to do it! I feel like my confidence and public speaking skills have greatly improved and I am learning how to argue effectively for Prosecution and Defence perspectives.

The Winter Concert

BY TOMMY BOJBOI



We all know what a winter concert is: a rightfully propagandist portrayal of Gilbertian excellence, and that is exactly what occurred earlier in this academic year.

This December past, my peers and I had the pleasure to attend and play at

the Gilbert's Winter Concert. The musicians were pure Gilbertians, displaying their skills, talents, hard work and their parents' private music lesson tuition's worth.

This winter's concert was the first one in a damn long time: it was the first time for year 7s, year 8s and most year 9s to have a supreme honour of experiencing Gilbert music.

Due to Covid restrictions (because why not), the performers did not experience the sheer thrill of having a crowd of over-eager

parents recording every tap of their finger and yelling out in non-embarrassing support (bless them). However, to replace the parents, we had a bunch of little year 8s and 9s listening to us (voluntarily). The Concert covered a large plethora of pieces ranging from jolly ole carols to Camilla Cabello, the classic Seven nation army, and the center piece of Merry Christmas.

Congratulations to all performers and thank you to the amazing staff. We (and your parents) are looking forward to see you in the next concert in Summer.



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Behind the scenes of the school show.

BY CARYS PALMER



As you sat and watched the school show, you may have asked yourself, “What even went on

behind the scenes?” Well, it all began with auditions...

Hopeful candidates learned a song and dance from ‘We Will Rock You’ - choreographed by Mrs. Howard - to perform to the teachers of the arts department and then waited in anticipation to see if they were successful. Not only this, but the staff then decided who would take on the responsibility of the principal roles in an extra round of auditions. Once all roles (including smaller en-

sembles) were chosen, then the real work began.

The opening number is arguably the most important song- it sets a first impression. This year, it took two months for students to not only learn the song and its three-part harmonies, but to learn its accompanying dance sequence and add the all-important characterisation. The same followed for the five other huge company numbers and it took right until the day



before show night to perfect them all! Not to mention the smaller ensembles (Yuppies, GAGA Girls and Bohemians) who took time out of their lunch and after school to learn their musical numbers and scenes.

Then came weekend rehearsals: a tiring twenty-four hours spread out over two weekends. This is where the vision was brought to life; everything was polished and numbers were ran over and over again on the newly built set (courtesy of Mr. Deacon). On the second weekend was the highly excitable dress rehearsal, where all

company members got to fully embrace their characters for the first time. Photography and lighting (courtesy of Mr. Wright) were finally used, and songs were played with the band (conducted by Mrs. Chamberlain).

Then show week arrived: five months of hard work condensed into five nights. Students arrived an hour and a half early to warm up their voices and prepare for the long night ahead and then at 7pm it was lights... camera... action! But it wouldn't be show week without a few hurdles and creating a show in times of

Covid certainly presents a few- this year a lead role testing positive for the coronavirus after just two performances. The incredible staff worked relentlessly throughout the day to rechoreograph and completely change scenes, but they did it; they still managed to make the show a massive success.

So, if you ever wondered what really went on behind the scenes of this year's school show, now you know!



Introduction to some of our Cadets



Fantastic Charity Work



Poppy Frost and Sophia Hart, took it upon themselves to organise a sponsored roller skate to raise money for the British Red Cross to go towards relief and aid for those affected by the current situation in the Ukraine.



The girls decided to skate for an hour non-stop at Rollerworld, Colchester. They set up a just giving page and have currently raised in excess of £500!

Massive well done ladies!

Celebrating Sporting Success.

*Maisy Head, year 10, selected for Eastern
Region u18 Water polo.*



*Eliza Shippey 300m PB at Essex County
Athletic Track and field championships 47.5.*



*Lucy Thompson 800m 2:23 placed 1st at
Essex County Athletic and Field
Championships.*



*Joella-Joeleigh Cole placed 1st in the Trampo-
line U16 SSP Competition.*

Creative Writing Competition

Edwin
de- Rozarieux



15th April 1883.

Entry 1.

Hello, reader. I am the villain in this story.

I won't present some tragic backstory or show myself as the hero. There's no righteous motive I have behind all this. It's just fun. I *am* the antagonist, plain and simple.

And I'm not asking for sympathy. In fact, you're intruding on my privacy by

reading this in the first place. It's my journal.

But perhaps I should introduce myself. I'm Cole Webb, an assassin in East London. Not the most respectable job in the world, but I could think of plenty others, some of which I can't even mention here. But anyway, let me introduce you to my existence.

"Webb! Webb! For goodness sake, Webb, we have a caller!"

That was my boss behind my door. His booming voice was unmistakable.

"Alright, alright. Where is he?"

"She's a woman."

"A woman?" That was new. I yanked on my coat and answered my boss's incessant knocking. "Could've been a bit more patient, mate."

He pushed me into a waiting carriage on the side of the road. It was the regular carriage you'd use if you didn't want to be seen – black, tinted windows, and a driver wrapped up in various scarves.

I looked at my watch: It was early morning, and I was famished. "Why'd this lady call us at five in the bloody morning?" I blurted out in a silent carriage. My boss glared at me. "What?" I said, stupidly.

"Webb, 'This lady' lives in south London with a controlling husband, and she m a d e a n appointment now to be discreet. Now, would you like to be loud and walk, or shall you be quiet and stay in this carriage?"

That was a warning. I politely shut up and investigated my surroundings.

I turned my attention to my boss first. Granted, it was already on my boss, but I noted his appearance. Short, with a thick brown beard. Balding a little, and with eyes of a hazel colour.

The carriage halted. My boss went straight to the door and pounded on the

wood. A maid in simple clothing responded.

"...Morning." She muttered, with a German accent.

My boss procured a card. "I'm Stewart Hansen. Does Diana Penbroke live here?"

"Yes," She replied, tersely.

We waited until we were allowed in by another servant, who quickly skirted off. Inside was a small room with little furniture.

"Please, gentlemen, take a seat." A woman of a sturdy countenance gestured to two chairs near a table. We sat down and waited for her to begin. She took a breath.

"My husband must go



to save me and my son. He has given that boy hell since he began gambling. Our marriage is loveless but held by legal binds. I know the only way me and *him* can be happy is if he meets his end." She shuddered, as if only just realising the fact.

"Where can we find this husband of yours?"

"During the day, he's always at his club. The Gerald's club, have you heard of it?" My boss nodded.

"Good. You may go.

Thank you, gentlemen.”

When we had stepped out again, I asked my boss where we were going now. “You, Webb, should eat. I’ll be at the library.” He said casually, as if we were drinking coffee and not plotting mariticide.

After breakfast, I ventured outside. I located this Gerald’s Club in southern London. It was a grand building, with fancy pillars supporting its whitewashed walls. A plaque on the front read something about dice rolling. A gambling club, I suspected.

“That’s the Gerald’s,” whispered someone beside me. I snapped

around quick, ready to teach this man a lesson for sneaking behind my back.

I saw my boss. He didn’t look surprised.

“Why are you here?” I stammered, irritated.

“You piece of sh—”

“I’m here for the same reason as you, Webb. I knew I could count on you to plan your next move.” He looked around.

I stared at him. “You don’t need to be here. You used to go to this place, didn’t you?”

“Things have changed since then.”

I looked around. More people were starting to gather, and we were more conspicuous by the second. “I think we should go.”

He broke his reverie.

“Yes, quite true.” He grabbed my arm and led me to the library, taking care to make sure I didn’t protest.

17TH APRIL, 1883

ENTRY 2.

TODAY IS THE DAY. THE DAY I GET TO BLOW SOMEONE’S HEAD IN WITH A REVOLVER. IT WOULD BE A LIE TO SAY I WASN’T EXCITED. I HAD POLISHED MY GUN TO PERFECTION AND HAD BULLETS READY.

I WAS THRILLED WALKING TO THE CLUB WHICH WAS HIS SECOND HOME. I HAD A PICTURE OF HIM, TOO — ALL ROTUND, WITH EYES OF A CORNFLOWER BLUE.

I HEADED TO AN UNOCCUPIED BUILDING I SPOTTED WHILE SCRUTINISING THE AREA: THAT SERVED AS A VANTAGE POINT.

I EVENTUALLY CAME INTO A BEDROOM. THE WINDOW LOOKED SIDELONG INTO THE

CLUBS SNOOKER ROOM. I LOOKED TO THE LEFT AT A CARD GAME BEING PLAYED. ONE PLAYER SLIPPED A CARD UP HIS SLEEVE — HE WAS CHEATING.

I GLANCED AT THE VICTIM OF THIS DECEPTION, AND ALMOST JUMPED IN MY SURPRISE: *THAT WAS MY MAN.* THERE WAS NO MISTAKING THE EYES GLANCING AT HIS CARDS WHILE HIS CHARLATAN PARTNER PLAYED HIS ROUND.

THE WINDOW WAS OPEN. I COULD SHOOT NOW AND RUN. I LOADED THE CARTRIDGE WITH TWO BULLETS AND STARED. TIME WENT ON. I READIED THE TRIGGER. THE LIAR DREW A CARD — EIGHT DIAMONDS. I FIRED.

I SKIDDED BACKWARDS, BUT IT WAS EVIDENT THAT HE'D BEEN HIT. JOB DONE.

NOW I HAD TO RETURN TO MY ADDRESS. THAT WAS SIMPLE — HIDE YOUR GUN, REACT TO THE SHOT, THEN GO.

I LEFT THE TOWNHOUSE AND ENTERED THE STREET, WHERE MEMBERS WERE EVACUATING.

IT WAS A SIMPLE PROCESS TO GET BACK TO MY ABODE, AND ONCE I DID I SAT DOWN AND PONDERED WHAT MY LUNCH WOULD BE.

2nd Place

BY NADIA OGIEGLO



Everyone believes the lies but at the end of the day, the truth always comes out and this is the truth.

I was ten when I met Alice.

I must say, we became instant friends.

Alice and I . . . we were close, but I have always longed for something more. She knew I loved her, and she tried her absolute best not to address that.

It all started on the Fifteenth of October 1854. I don't really know whether to call it an argument or not, but if you ignore all the "I don't mean to seem rude" or the "I beg your pardon," it was a quarrel all right.

It was about my Cheshire cat. It had been missing for at least two weeks by then and when I refused to help Alice with her

assignment her school had given her to go look for him, she went crazy.

"I beg your pardon," she growled "But it is due tomorrow. Besides, cats do go wondering. It will come back. Dinah always goes missing. An hour to help me is not a lot," Her eyes narrowed, "I mean I should know best. I do believe I am the one who goes to school. You hunt."

I was furious - I loved every single aspect of learning. I had not asked to be born into a family stuck in the past. Unlike Alice, I was so poor; I could not even afford to dream of going to school. What hurt me most was that she knew it.

Her words were out of battered collar in my pure spite. hands.

"I beg your pardon." I Alice looked me up mumbled and I ran and down. She sighed away. I found my and put the tulips on cat's collar outside a the ground. She large rabbit hole. In approached me fear of falling it, I cautiously and then hurried away with my leaned in.

c a t ' s c o l l a r sandwiched between my palms. Alice was waiting for me with a bunch of tulips she had picked.

"I'm so sorry I acted that way. I picked you some tulips - I know you like them. I could not imagine what would happen if Dinah went missing for good." she muttered.

Tears were rolling my savings I bought down my cheeks. I the best ring I could was barely paying afford. With that very attention to Alice. I ring, I marched over to only focused on the her school and waited

Those few seconds where we kissed were the best seconds of my life.

The pain of losing my cat - possibly forever - had gone. My head was swirling, my heart was racing: Alice loved me back! I wanted to take the next step. Then it hit me - a proposal. The next morning, I went to London and with all



for the harsh sound of the bell to ring across the grounds.

As the tsunami of schoolgirls flooded out into the day light, I saw Alice's sky-blue pinafore amongst the depressing shade of grey skirts. I smiled to myself. I had chosen the right woman. My heart was beating faster than it had ever done before.

I will never forget the look of anger that swept across her face as I held out the ring. As the

beautiful blue sapphire glinted in the sunlight, I waited.

Alice pouted and then whispered, defeated," Yes"

The school went wild with joy.

It all happened when everyone went home.

In her house (which was where we stayed after the proposal) a large Vorpall Sword hung on a stand on the wall. When I entered the room Alice was in, I noticed she had it in her hands.

"Alice - my love" I said, a little bit shaken by the sight, "That's dangerous, put it down. You may get hurt"

Alice smiled an

insane smile, "I will not get hurt. You will. I kissed you to make you feel better about your cat, not for you to wed me. I cannot take my yes back. But I cannot marry a dead man – am I not, right? What a tragedy it will be; the death of my beloved."

I stood rooted to the spot in fear. I could not move or speak. I was about to be killed by the love of my life. My heart was in a twisted agony. She was breaking my heart. I wish I had said something to stop her....

The sword plunged deep into my heart.

I woke up on an altar. I do not

remember much but I know that little hearts were engraved in it. The heart. The symbol of love. How my heart hurt. The girl I was to marry. She killed me. Suddenly, that feeling of hurt was replaced by red-hot anger.

“Sad - is it not?” declared a hazy figure. “Sad to know that she killed you. The good news is. She killed you with the sacred Vorpall Sword. Bringing your soul back to life. Not your body. Your soul. I guess you want revenge. Many people do. The woman who killed you. She is mad. All people in Wonderland are mad. So are you. Mad with heartbreak. That women you loved. She

is THE Alice. I want her head. I will give you a body. A body of a monster. A body that will make you powerful. You will be called the Jabberwocky. You may seek revenge on her. Make her scream in pain. If you do not agree, OFF WITH YOUR HEAD! I am the Queen of Hearts in the end. I can get anyone to do it, but revenge is sweet. It brings more destruction!”

She was right. I wanted Alice’s blood on my fingers. I would show no mercy. I would make her beg for me to stop. I will make her die a slow and painful death. I will show her how heartbreak feels like.

I looked over to the figure and opened my invisible lips.

“My pleasure.”

3rd Place

BY THOMAS RICKETT



Year 7 Speaking Workshops

BY SOPHIE FENNEL



In Year 7 so far, we have had exciting times but what has made the most exciting part yet of The Gilbert School was when we started our Speaking Workshop. Let me tell you

about my experience with the day we did it.

As we walked into The Gilberd School, we were all buzzing that morning. I was nervous on if it was going to get cancelled. Luckily it didn't. Me and my friend waited outside of my form room waiting to go inside we were feeling a bit impatient, we finally got into our form everyone was talking about what they all thought was going to happen when we are doing the workshop.

We were all waiting patiently to go into the room. The man who was doing the Speaking Workshop has arrived and me and my other form members have all walked in, me and my close friend in my form sat next to

each other. We were talking to each other loudly.

As we all sat down the person introduced himself, he introduced himself as Joe which was very confusing because we already have a Joe in our form. We also introduced ourselves to the class and Joe. We got booklets and we all we assigned to do different parts when he told us to.

My most memorizing part of the Speaking workshop was, when we got to make our own presentation. At the beginning Joe told us that only four of us could get picked to do a presentation in year 8. My speech was going well but I messed up, but I got another go. I ended getting picked. The four people who got chosen were Joe, Charlie, Isy and me.

Interview with the new HOY 10: Mr Ratcliffe.

BY FLAVIA REHAL



I was tasked with interviewing the Head of Year 10 and as we all know, that is Mr Ratcliffe. The main topic of the interview was about him being a teacher and what this involved.

So, Mr Ratcliffe has been teaching for 8 years but he did not always want to be a

teacher, he wanted to do something with English but wasn't sure what. He then decided to become a secondary school teacher mainly because he liked how each year would be a different experience and also the students are more mature to teach. He also explains that he has a great passion for the subject.

We then went on to talk about Mr Ratcliffe's want to become a Head of Year.

This is a role that greatly interested him because it not only involved teaching but also the well-being of students,

meaning he has to be there for people not just in lessons but outside as well. Mr Ratcliffe explained being a Head of Year involves a lot of hard work, time, patience, you have to have empathy to be able to understand what others may be feeling and you need to be good at talking to people, not just students, but parents and other teachers.

You definitely need to care about the role as it is challenging and will take up most of your time.

I asked Mr Ratcliffe, if someone wanted to go down the teaching route what would be his best advice, he said the best thing you can do is get work

experience as that is very important.

Mr Ratcliffe also stated that you have to want to do the job and you need to know what to expect.

Teaching isn't a job you can just "try out" you actually have to want to do it. You need to put effort in, you can't do it half-heartedly.

This brought our interview to a close and I thanked Mr Ratcliffe for taking the time to speak to me.

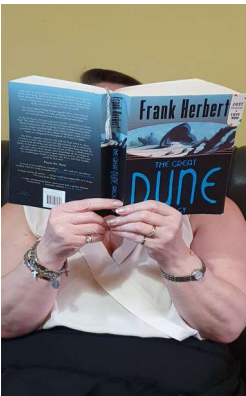
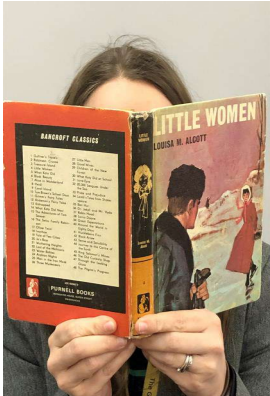




Gilberd Students meet with Local Councillors to discuss road safety.



World Book Day: Can you guess the Teacher?





World Book Day.



February 14th— Valentines Day!

BY EVA SMITH



It is another day for people to brag about their money however, it is also a sign of love and compassion.

Usually, Valentine's Day is full of love, gifts and it is sometimes quite expensive.

But is Valentines as amazing as everyone

believes, it is?

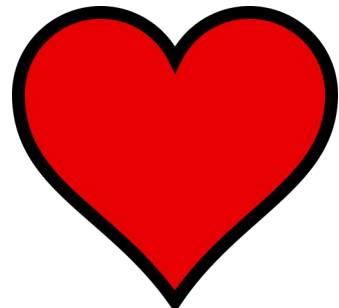
For some people, Valentines day is a tough time if you have lost a partner or recently moved apart from your partner. It is hard to see people around you giving gifts and enjoying themselves. It is difficult to enjoy Valentine's Day. So if you do not have a partner, lots of people believe that Valentine's Day is a waste of money. Plus, some partners are less fortunate than others and might not have enough money to buy an expensive watch, meal out or even some fancy chocolates.

However, there are many people who love Valentine's Day and enjoy giving gifts as

appreciation to their partners. Some people buy flowers, chocolates, and other gifts.

At school, you could buy a rose or a bouquet of roses for someone you liked. It is a sweet gesture towards someone, and it can make their day if they received one. However, others did not buy one as they thought it was a waste of money.

For most people, they usually do not worry about how much





their Valentines gift costs but, if you do not have as much money as other people you could be worried that your partner will judge you or get annoyed at you for not buying the most expensive gift.

Is it easier to not buy anything?

The short answer is... Yes, it is easier to not buy anything. But if you have someone to give a gift to, it is a nice gesture and

shows your love.

However, if you must use money to prove you love someone, do you really love them?

If you love someone you should show them that every day rather than just on valentine's day. You cannot put a price on love.

During lockdown, it was exceedingly difficult to do anything for Valentine's Day as we were locked in but this year, many people did everything to make up for the year they lost.

Valentines is not a waste of money if you spend it wisely and have a wonderful day with your loved one. But, it is a waste of money if you buy an unnecessary expensive gift.



Are the precautions in place for international travel necessary?

BY NADIA OGIEGLO



After two years 'staycations', covid restrictions on international travel are starting to ease,

but Prime minister Boris Johnson has kept some precautions in place. However, there is still an ongoing debate on whether guidelines regarding international travel are necessary.

On the 24th of January, the government released an article on their website, gov.co.uk. Essentially, it states that vaccinated people will no longer have to take all travel tests.

Additionally, people who are not fully vaccinated 'will no longer be required to

do a day 8 test after arrival or, indeed, to self-isolate. They will still need to fill out a passenger locator form to demonstrate proof of a negative COVID test taken 2 days before travel, and they must also take a post-arrival PCR test.

Quite frankly, the number of rules regarding traveling abroad has decreased and this is quite a big step taken by the government.

However, the new omicron variant of the virus has left the population in doubt about these changes.

Personally, all my relations are in Poland (accept from my mother, father and brother) so it



always fun to go visit them. During covid I have been to Poland once and I dislike the rules regarding international travel and the steps we need to take to follow them, but as soon as someone refuses to abide by the precautions, the virus always tends to infect them and the people around them.

In conclusion, if we are to stop the spread of this disease the precautions in place are quite necessary although it may be a bit of a pain to get through. After all, what must be done, has to be done.



Ukraine

BY SUMMER HALLS



As most people now know on the 24th of February 2022 Russia attempted to enter the Ukrainian boarder and unfortunately succeeded. However what is not spoken about is why this happened and what is really going on right now!

Ukraine and Russia have quite a lot of history behind them for many years. In 1922, Ukraine was apart of the Soviet Union, along with Russia and many other countries.

After the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991 Ukraine and other countries became independent and have been like that for many years. So the following actions of Vladimir Putin ordering The Russian Armed Forces to attack a peaceful country, led to the World Leaders apart of NATO to come together about the current situation. Many countries have had their own opinions about this, however almost every country near Ukraine has offered to take in people who have abandoned there homes and gave them save land to stay on momentarily. However, people In Russia have been strongly

protesting against the war and have been standing along side of Ukraine since they do not believe this is a war worth happening and is unnecessary.

Many more protests have been happening all around the world, since people stand along side of not having a war. The UK has sent across The British Armed Forces, which is also Known as Her Majesty's Armed Forces to go and help Ukraine and have been there ever since the was a sight of war as built up. Followed by The United States Army

(USA) which have been in Ukraine. The Ukraine president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy has been out in Ukraine with his army helping to defend his county. The Ukrainian armed forces said they had shot down five Russian planes and a helicopter - which Russia denies - and inflicted casualties on invading troops

Everyone around the world has been praying for Ukraine and placing the Ukrainian flag to show support in these devastating times.



Climate Change

BY JEM HINCHCLIFFE



A problem we are all most likely aware of, but perhaps one we have paid the least attention to. So, what exactly is climate change - and why is it such a vast



issue across the world?

Firstly, climate change was caused by humans over time. As humans evolve and technology grows rapidly, our release of carbon dioxide has emerged in numbers on a huge scale. That would be our factories and power stations; even our own petrol-running vehicles releasing carbon dioxide daily.

When we release greenhouse gases into the open, it will travel up into the earth's atmosphere and create a barrier. This means that when sunlight hits the earth, the greenhouse gases will prevent the heat

from escaping the planet - therefore warming the planet.

When there are melting glaciers, rising sea levels and intense heat waves - it is yet another reminder of the earth getting warmer. It doesn't sound like much of a problem now, but in a matter of decades - it will become a far greater problem than we ever imagined.

So now you're wondering ... how can I reduce my carbon footprint? Here are some simple ways to reduce your carbon footprint:

Use public transport - this will decrease the number of vehicles on streets, therefore less

amounts of carbon dioxide being released.

Fertilise your garden - looking after your garden as plants absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere which reduces the effects of climate change.

Minimise your food waste - the food you don't eat gets sent to landfill which it then decomposes and produces enormous amounts of methane

These are some of the many ways to reduce your carbon footprint. Climate change isn't a problem a few of us will face, it's something we will all face together. And that means we all must do our part.

Is protesting futile?

BY LAVINIA VENTRE



This year's COP26 attracted thousands of protesters to Glasgow demanding more action to be taken for the climate crisis, but does



protesting change anything?

In 1903, the women of England started what seemed to be a decades-long fight to win the right to vote, which they only achieved by forcing people (men) to listen to them. Many protesting suffragettes were arrested for violating the law and many were put in jail. As a further protest, the suffragettes in prison would go on a hunger strike. To prevent them from getting sick, they were often force-fed by prison staff by unpleasant procedures.

In 1913, during a race at Epsom, Suffragette Emily Wilding Davison died tragically after stepping in front of the King's racehorse and being trampled.

No one knows exactly what Emily was doing, but it is believed she tried to place the suffragette-coloured banner to the King's horse. Emily's death and the cruel treatment of the suffragette by the police caused public anger and sought sympathy and support for the women's cause.



Opinions are divided on the tactics that suffragettes used to spread their message. On some occasions, they were fortunate that no one

was seriously injured or killed. But there is no doubt that they will be remembered as incredibly brave and positive women who fought for what they believed.

The movement changed women's lives across the world, and they were only listened to because they didn't stop until they got what they wanted.

Right after the murder of George Floyd, the Black Lives Matter Movement (BLM) resumed its battle for racial justice. BLM is a political and social movement that seeks to emphasize the racism, discrimination and inequality experienced by black people. When their supporters gather, they do so primarily to



protest police brutalities and cases of racial violence.

In Britain, protestors drew attention to the British colonial past and saw the removal of statues of people involved in the slave trade. Black history classes will be compulsory in all Welsh schools from next year.

In England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, teachers can now choose to teach black history. Over 4,000 books on issues affecting blacks have become bestsellers.

And for some, Black



Lives Matter meant having a difficult conversation about racism with those they knew.

Using past experiences that have changed the way people look at the world, protesting is useful because it forces people to listen to you even when they don't want to.

Without protesting women wouldn't have the right to vote and their voice wouldn't be heard.

Without BLM protests, black people would be discriminated even more.





VERSUS

Each issue, we ask two teachers the same questions, but can you match the answer to the teacher?
This issue: Ms

1) Weird Snack	Weetabix with butter.	9) Favourite Subject (not your own)	Do I have to choose one? English.
	Mangetout		History
2) Celebrity Crush	Tom Hardy	10) Celebrity You Can't Stand	Donald Trump
	Tom Hiddleston		Piers Morgan
3) Musical Guilty Pleasure	I want it that way by Backstreet Boys. The best key change in the world.	11) Party Trick or Unusual Talent	I'm far too boring. I do love a bit of karaoke though!
	Anything Motown		Macaroon Baking
4) Favourite Film	The Imitation Game	12) Most proficient 2 nd language	French
	In the Heights		Spanish
5) Favourite Takeaway	Sushi or Pizza	13) Favourite Actor	Cillian Murphy
	Greek		David Tennant
6) Alternative Career	Midwife	14) Favourite Artist	Stevie Wonder
	Gardener		Far too many. I'm loving Michael Kiwanuka at the moment.
7) Most Albums By One Artist	Ed Sheeran	15) Favourite Game	Uno.
	INXS		Learning new card games and instantly forgetting the rules!
8) Favourite Current TV Show	Succession	16) Second favourite animal	Red Pandas
	The Apprentice		Red Panda

Tongue Twisters
Can you wrap your tongue around our tricky twisters!

How can a clam cram in a clean cream can?

Have you been on the receiving end of a good deed?
Has another Gilbertdian or staff member done something to help you out without you asking for it?
Let us know. Forward your good deeds on to newgilberdian@gilberd.com

Riddle Me This
What has to be broken before you can use it?

Gilbits and bobs



HARRY
 POTTER
 J.K. ROWLING
 RONALD
 WEASLEY
 HERMIONE
 GRANGER
 HOGWARTS
 WITCHCRAFT
 WIZARDRY
 VOLDEMORT
 ALBUS
 DUMBLEDORE
 SCAR
 HAGRID
 HIPPOGRIFF

Did you know?

McDonald's once created
bubblegum-flavored broccoli.

Holocaust Memorial Day

BY PENNY REED



The 27th of January is Holocaust Memorial Day: the remembrance of the Jews and other targets of the Holocaust is essential.

The Holocaust was the attempt by the

Nazis in World War Two to systematically murder all Jews in Europe, utilising propaganda and antisemitic deceptions to justify their inhumane actions and views. During this time, Jews were subjected to forced labour and severe violence through ghettos, death squads (by the name of Einsatzgruppen), concentration camps and extermination camps.

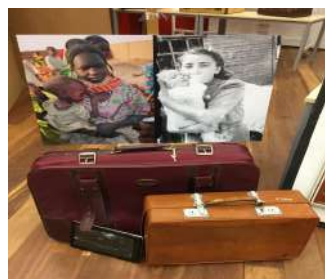
The date that Holocaust victims are annually commemorated is uncoincidentally the date that Auschwitz concentration camp was liberated in 1945. Auschwitz is notorious for being the most lethal of the

extermination camps. Over 1.1 million those deported to the camp were gassed, starved, worked to death and even killed in medical experiments. For those reasons, the first commemoration ceremony was held on January 27, 2006, at the UN Headquarters in New York City, where nearly 2,200 people attended in person.

“Forgetting extermination is part of extermination”

Jean Baudrillard

Education on the events of the Holocaust are crucial to understand discrimination against Jews not only



in history, but today. In contrast to what many still believe, antisemitism did not begin or end with the Holocaust and still occurs in present times. Fortunately, nowadays, there are plenty of resources available for people to learn about the Holocaust, the persecution of Jews by the Nazis and antisemitism.

Ultimately, Holocaust Memorial Day is especially important to never forget the events during the Second World War, as well as to confirm that such horrendous genocide will never ensue again. The Holocaust can never be erased; thus, it should never be

forgotten or neglected today in order to form a less prejudiced tomorrow.

Martin Luther King.

BY SIMMI PATELL



Martin Luther King (MLK) was born on the 15th of January 1929 and became baptized.

He had received a solid education and came from a middle-class family. Growing up (MLK) received prejudices such as

his best friend abandoning him to go to a segregated school. This downhearted him but not as much as his grandmother dying of a heart attack. Being unstable after receiving the news he attempted to commit suicide by jumping off a two-story building!

Three years later M.L.K (Martin Luther King) was admitted into Morehouse college was surprised to witness white and colored people are not segregated for anything! Knowing this only made Martin more furious about racial segregation. He joined the Ministry at his father's request.

When M.L.K arrived at Boston, he married

a woman named Coretta Scott in 1953 and had four children. At the time he was a very respected man with hardly any enemies due to only residing in Boston for a small quantity of time. After Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat for a white man M.L.K. commenced his civil rights movement for the equality for all people. Unfortunately, being black, he was arrested and was put into Birmingham

jail.

Once out of jail M.L.K. joined other civil rights leaders on solving the United States racial problem. This is when he spoke his most famous speech 'I have a dream....'

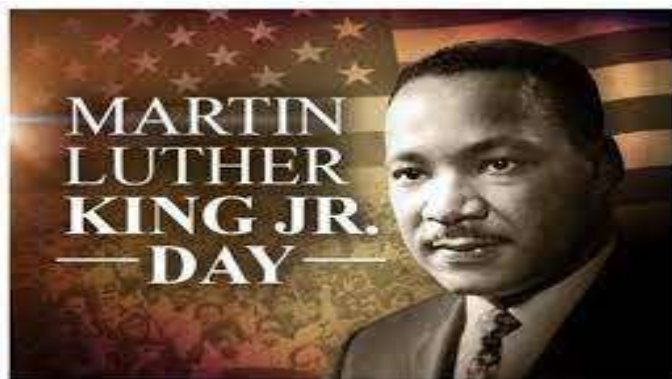
Unfortunately, weeks after the speech, James Earl Ray shot M.L.K. in 1968 due to others believing he had a conspiracy of the U.S government, the mafia, and the Memphis police. Afterwards, M.L.K. was awarded his own

special day to be honored as a civil rights leader. Martin Luther King Day is on the third Monday of January due to it being the closest Monday to his birthday.

LGBTQ+ History Month



BY ELOISE ADAMSON



Tolerance. Equality. We hear about these concepts all the time, but do we truly comprehend how significant they

really are?

Throughout human history, LGBTQ+ people have been forced to conceal who they are, because of the prejudice and disapproval of their peers. However, in the past few decades, this has begun to shift, and previously overlooked identities are becoming accepted and welcomed in our society. LGBTQ+ History Month was founded to combat this injustice and educate those who are oblivious to the diversity and beauty within our community.

June 28th, 1969: The Stonewall Riots. A major turning point

in the history of LGBTQ+ rights and activism. During the 1960s, gay clubs and bars were regularly raided by authorities, who argued that the gathering of homosexuals was “disorderly.” However, on June 28th, 1969, when police raided the Stonewall Inn, they sparked a riot among bar patrons and nearby residents. This led to six days of protests and brutal confrontations with the police outside the bar and on neighbouring streets.

Inspired by the Stonewall uprisings in America, Bob Mellors and Aubrey Walter founded the Gay Liberation Front (GLF) - an organisation aspiring to rid society of the gender-role system and the oppression of LGBTQ+ identities. The GLF helped to organise the very first official UK Gay Pride Rally on July 1st, 1972, and this event has been celebrated ever since. The Pride Rally this year will



mark the 50th anniversary of the very first official pride march in London.

Over 70 transgender identities exist, yet despite that, trans history is often overlooked or discarded. Many trans people feel uncomfortable in their own bodies due to gender dysphoria and one of the key solutions to this predicament is gender reassignment surgery, however,

this wasn't always an option.

In 1951, Roberta Cowell became the very first known British trans woman to undergo reassignment surgery. She had fought in WW2, yet despite her heroism and willingness to lay down her life for our country, she was still shunned when she transitioned. When she told her wife about her plans to have surgery, her wife severed all contact with her, and their 2



children never even knew about her existence. 70 years later, despite all the progress we have made, transphobia is still prevalent in society today. Between 2019 and 2020, in the UK alone, the number of transphobic hate crimes increased by 25%.



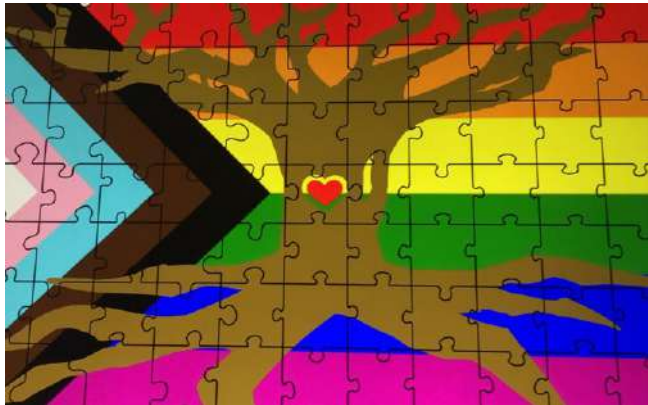
Isn't it about time that we, as a society, realise that at the end of the day, we are all individuals?

LGBTQ+ Flag Design Competition

BY EMILY GUNTHORPE



BY MIMI SMITH and MARISA GRANGER



BY POPPY GRAY AND ISLA GARNER



THROUGH THE CITY, AN AGENT CRAWLS UP THE SIDE OF A BUILDING. THROUGH THE USE OF HIS TECHNOLOGICAL GENIUS, A PAIR OF MECHANICAL LIMBS, HE BECOMES THE KING OF THE CITY'S ROOFTOPS. TODAY, HE RECEIVED A DISTRESS CALL AND JUMPED INTO ACTION TO HELP WHOEVER IS IN NEED.



THROUGH THE VENTILATION HE SCURRIED TO FIND THE LOCATION OF THE ONE IN NEED OF SAVING





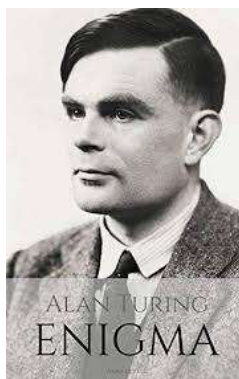
The Enigma Code

BY JOE BLOOMFIELD



This book was found by me in the most barren side of the gilberd school's library, as this book had been in the library for 3 years, just sitting there at that point, as this had been the first time it had been signed out of the library.

This world war 2 novel, by Elizabeth Wein, follows the lives of three people, in the small village of Windyedge in the 1940's during the war based on Turing's work around the enigma machine.



The first of whom, Jamie, an RAF pilot who flies an Bristol Blenheim Bomber.

Secondly, we have Ellen, a volunteer RAF driver, who ferries around the pilots (Most of the time Jamie) To the hangars.

Lastly, we have Louisa, a teenager who desires to be like Ellen and work for the RAF but is stuck caring for a German elderly woman who goes by the name of Jane Warner. Louisa's Mother has been killed in the blitz. Since she has left Jamaica, she has not been respected to the little respect women had in the times of world war two, as she is a person of colour. Soon, she starts to work at a pub in Scotland, caring for Jane Warner.

Ellen McEwan has

been held hostage by a German pilot who landed at windyedge airfield one stormy night Ellen has found how to crack the simplest of their code, but this is vital for processing the later stages of the code, but there is only one error - she needs to escape from the German pilot's watch.

Hamilton Review

BY REBECCA ALMOND



Recently I had the amazing oppor-

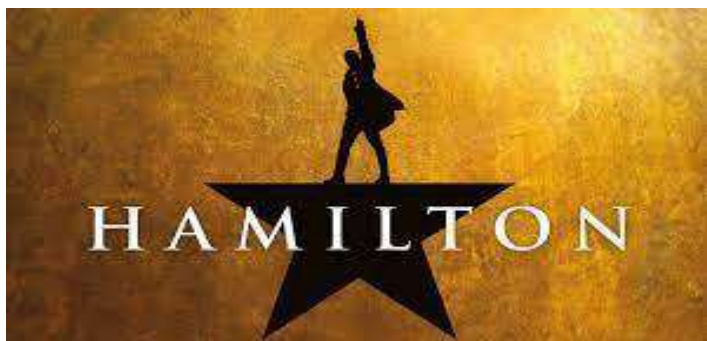
tunity to see Hamilton live at Victoria Palace Theatre on the West End in London.

Hamilton tells the story of Alexander Hamilton and his journey to become a prominent figure in American history. It is one of the fastest musicals of all time (with it's words per minute count at 144) but still - remarkably - tells a coherent and cohesive story that the audience can connect to. It truly entrances the audience - at certain parts of the performance I doubt there was a single

person that wasn't crying.

Hamilton has a record of amazingly talented casts. The cast I saw perform was no exception. Every single person on stage had a clear talent that they used in harmony with each other to tell a gripping tale.

Whilst the musical prominently explores Hamilton's journey, towards the end it briefly visits times after Hamilton has died and refocuses on his wife's charity work, activism, and



campaign work all in hopes of Hamilton being remembered. The amount she achieved (considering in her times women were oppressed) displays her dedication and resilience which I believe are two extremely important qualities. For me, this was the highlight of the show.

Overall, Hamilton is a powerful and thrilling musical. If you have an opportunity to see it, I would highly recommend you do.

Hacker by Malorie Blackman

BY SAMUEL KNIGHTS



Hacker by Malorie Blackman is a novel, one that is full of tension and suspense.

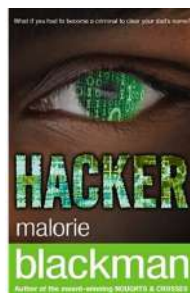
As it was one of her first books, this book was packed with fresh innovative ideas. It is about the main character (called Victoria) using her skills in computing to free her father from being wrongly accused of theft. Whilst this commences, she needs to find out who she truly is. Victoria and her brother need to free her father with many obstacles in their way.

I recommend this book for people who are age 10 and older as it has adventurous vocabulary. This book is a winner of

the Young Telegraph award for its addictive storyline and strong characters that Malorie Blackman has created with such detail.

This book strongly explores the themes of many of her other books, including an immensely popular novel, Noughts and Crosses.

When I was reading this book, I truly couldn't put it down. This is the case as it shows and range of diverse backgrounds and both books have similar traits. The clever vocabulary grasps you in and takes you into its world. I truly recommend this book and I hope you read it.



Ground-breaking Score from the Gilberd Year 8 Football Team

BY TOLA OLAWOYE



A GREAT NUMBER of fans and supporters waited eagerly for the match to start.

Right off, the boys made it clear that they were not messing around as they went straight into warmups, however the opposing team (Colchester High) did not look like they were messing around either and did the same.

After a quick tactical talk from their coach, the game started.

They had impressive footwork in the first half and consistent optimism, as well as being able to pass the ball confidently; none of them kept the ball to themselves.

Although the competition was fierce, Max W as their captain, constantly guided his teammates by giving



them feedback and pointers throughout the game.

A startling score from Bobby S began the heroic series of scores from the team

Showing off their skills to a hard-to-beat team, these boys managed to get a praiseworthy score of 2-0 in the first few minutes of the 25-minute first half.

The end of the group huddle signified the start of the second half. Instinctively, their goalkeeper — Hayden M — snatched and booted the ball into the air alerting his teammates beforehand to get a clean strike with the

-foot. There were not many close call scorings or attempted shots, and the boys did not cease to impress their fans watching with the honourable score of 3-0 in the second half, with an amazing overall score of 5-0.

When asked about the game William R answered in a statement

"We did really well, I think we won 5 or 6-0 and the team played very well around, I think we were very good, we kept a clean sheet, which is very important, and the other team weren't the greatest, but they were a good sports team and I wish them all the best."

Year 7 Netball Tournament

BY LOTTIE BARNES



On Wednesday 2nd February 2022, we saw many schools Netball Teams from around Colchester travel to our courts for the first Netball Tournament for some of the year 7 players.

The school was fortunate enough to be able to enter two teams into the Netball Tournament,

“Gilberd Phoenix” and “Gilberd Eagles”.

In total, there was 5 games played each lasting 7 minutes long. They were all fast paced with little rest for our teams during the whole tournament.

Game 1 saw Phoenix play Stanway and Eagles play Thurstable. There was a rest for the Phoenix team in Game 2 and The Eagles played a great game against Stanway. The Team Phoenix and Team Eagles came head-to-head in game 3 and Team Phoenix came out on top with a 2-0 victory. They all had been practising and used the experiences of the previous

games, trying their absolute best to rise to the challenge. In game 4 they did just that! Team Phoenix played a very close game against Paxman Academy, and they were triumphant with a 3-2 win.

The Gilberd Year 7 Netball Teams endured a hard Netball Tournament against many schools from the local area. We saw some rising talent that evening for the future, and it was a fantastic opportunity for the girls to be coached by other school coaches and teachers.

We look forward to seeing what the year 7 girls Netball Teams

can accomplish at their time in the Gilberd in the not-so-distant future.

Gilberd Sporting

Results:

Year 7 Football:

Gilberd 3—2 St
Helena

Gilberd 10—0 TLA

Year 10 Netball:

Gilberd 14—6 St
Benedicts

Year 9 Football:

Gilberd 1—0 TLA

Gilberd 4—0
Colchester HS.

Year 7 Girls
Basketball team
come 6th in the SSP
Competition