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Back in the Day

Pull up a chair. This week we're heading back to the corner shop, the front room and the high street, with six puzzles to fill a Sunday afternoon.

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Print it out, find a pencil and put the kettle on. The answers are on page 6, but no peeking.

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PUZZLE 1

EASY ★☆☆

The Sweet Shop

Pocket money in hand and your nose against the glass. Fifteen things from the sweet shop counter.

S	C	E	E	B	C	A	E	E	I	T	F	P	B	M
C	E	N	M	C	R	F	R	C	B	Y	O	P	K	A
W	E	E	S	O	B	U	B	B	L	E	G	U	M	B
D	Y	W	E	C	N	N	O	L	C	A	P	R	P	S
P	I	R	W	E	A	C	O	I	B	T	O	O	T	R
B	I	R	T	N	G	L	R	R	L	B	R	E	S	E
C	C	G	C	P	E	O	E	S	W	C	E	W	B	P
W	O	C	Y	C	U	P	B	S	W	W	E	U	A	A
Q	U	M	I	Q	A	P	A	S	S	E	E	K	D	P
A	G	L	I	P	W	L	C	Y	T	E	H	C	T	S
R	E	L	Y	C	S	S	N	J	E	O	A	C	O	W
E	E	X	I	M	D	N	A	K	C	I	P	H	F	E
S	C	W	S	H	E	R	B	E	T	U	S	P	F	N
T	T	A	O	P	O	C	K	E	T	M	O	N	E	Y
P	E	L	P	I	E	O	O	E	E	A	K	S	E	R

- Sherbet
- Gobstopper
- Liquorice
- Toffee
- Sweet Jar
- Paper Bag
- Pick and Mix
- Pocket Money
- Comic
- Ice Lolly
- Bubblegum
- Chews
- Penny Sweets
- Scales
- Newspapers

DID YOU KNOW?

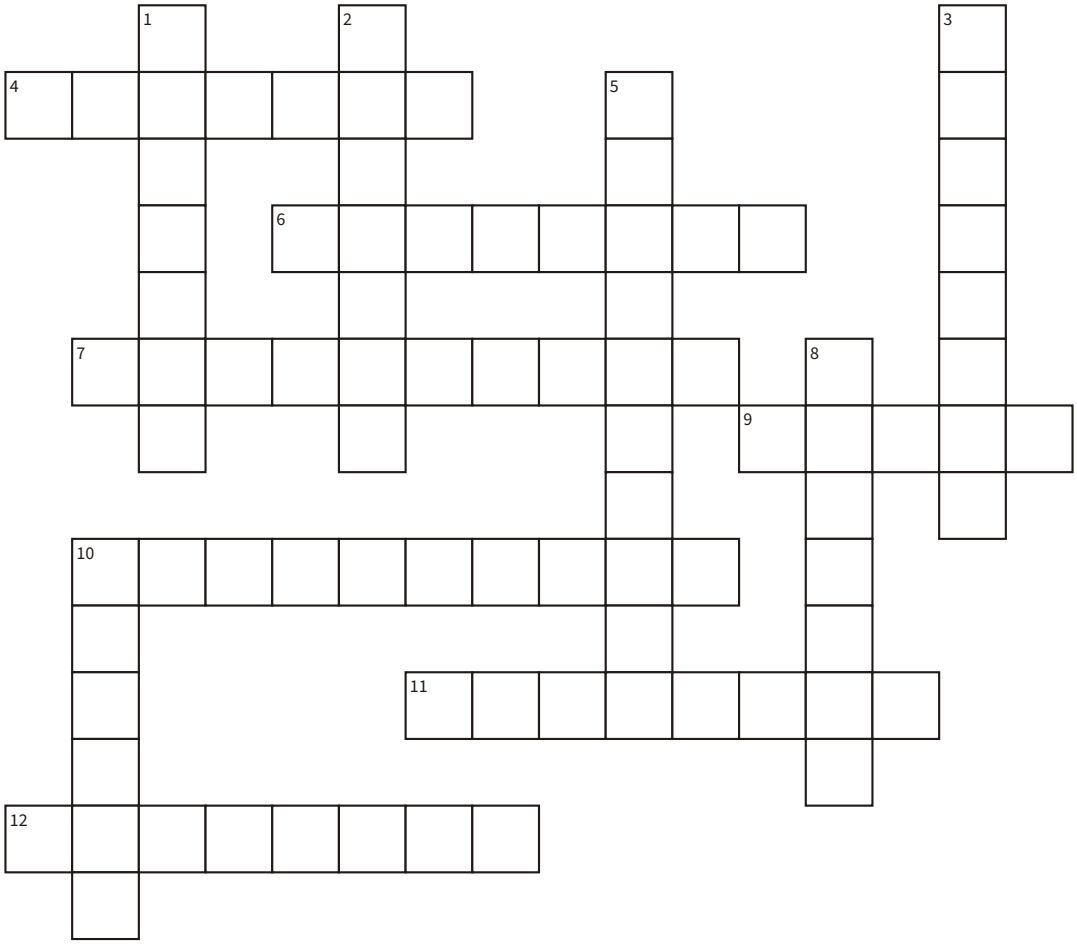
The world's first cash machine opened at Barclays in Enfield, north London, on 27 June 1967, and On the Buses star Reg Varney was the first to use it. There were no bank cards yet: you bought a paper voucher in advance, and the most you could take out was £10.

PUZZLE 2

EASY ★☆☆

Back in the Day

Every answer comes from the way we used to live. Pencil at the ready.



ACROSS

4 Washing machine with two drums side by side (4-3)

6 Bedside gadget that made the morning cuppa (8)

7 Wartime booklet for the weekly shop (6,4)

9 Spend one at the public loo (5)

10 The Queen's big day in 1953 (10)

11 Urgent message, often brought by a boy on a bike (8)

12 Smelly fuel for the heater (8)

DOWN

1 Left the pints on the doorstep (7)

2 Put a coin in it for a song at the café (7)

3 Twelve old pennies (8)

5 Wind-up record player (10)

8 ___ Day: 15 February 1971 (7)

10 The BBC's teletext service (6)

PUZZLE 3

EASY ★☆☆

Sudoku 1

Fill the grid so that every row, column and 3×3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

	8		5		6			1
	5				9		8	
		7	8		2	5	4	
3				2	7			
9	1		3		4		5	6
			1	9				2
	9	3	4		1	8		
	2		9				6	
8			2		3		9	

PUZZLE 4

MEDIUM ★★☆

Sudoku 2

Fill the grid so that every row, column and 3×3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

5		6					9	7
	2					1		6
	8				7			2
			7				1	8
3				5				4
2	7				1			
8			6				4	
1		3					6	
7	6					3		5

PUZZLE 5

EASY ★☆☆

Round the House

Unscramble these things from the houses we grew up in.

1. **AGELNM**
   Squeezed the washing on a Monday (6)
2. **NTRAYP**
   Cool cupboard for the bread and cheese (6)
3. **LCESYRLU**
   Back room for the washing-up (8)
4. **UFPEFO**
   Squashy footstool (6)
5. **GIESRVN HHTAC**
   Hole in the wall between kitchen and dining room (7,5)
6. **THESOSS YELOTLR**
   Kept the dinner warm in the seventies (7,7)
7. **ASMIANSACTRA**
   Cloth on the back of the armchair (12)
8. **LAOC LETTCSU**
   Bucket by the fire (4,7)

PUZZLE 6

EASY ★☆☆

Cryptogram

Each letter has been swapped for another. Crack the code to reveal a saying your nan would have approved of.

Given: B = S, E = N, H = A, N = Y

A			N	N	Y		S	A					S		A			N	N	Y
H	D	P	E	E	N		B	H	W	P	Z		A	B	H		D	P	E	E	N

	A		N			.
P	H	T	E	P	Z	

Letters used so far, to keep track:

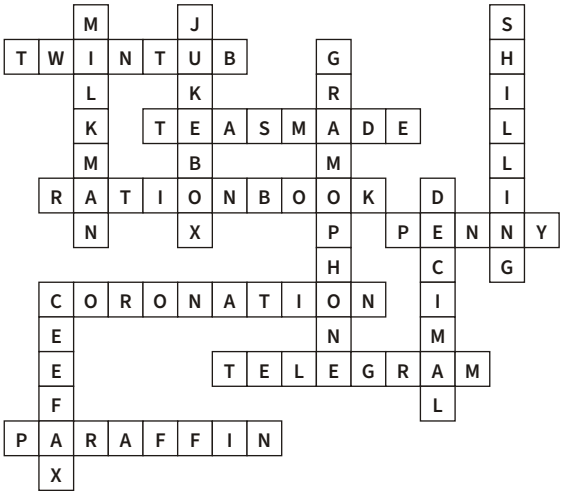
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The Answers

1 THE SWEET SHOP

S	C	E	E	B	C	A	E	E	I	T	F	P	B	M
C	E	N	M	C	R	F	R	C	B	Y	O	P	K	A
W	E	E	S	O	B	U	B	B	L	E	G	U	M	B
D	Y	W	E	C	N	N	O	L	C	A	P	R	P	S
P	I	R	W	E	A	C	O	I	B	T	O	O	T	R
B	I	R	T	N	G	L	R	R	L	B	R	E	S	E
C	C	G	C	P	E	O	E	S	W	C	E	W	B	P
W	O	C	Y	C	U	P	B	S	W	W	E	U	A	A
Q	U	M	I	Q	A	P	A	S	S	E	E	K	D	P
A	G	L	I	P	W	L	C	Y	T	E	H	C	T	S
R	E	L	Y	C	S	S	N	J	E	O	A	C	O	W
E	E	X	I	M	D	N	A	K	C	I	P	H	F	E
S	C	W	S	H	E	R	B	E	T	U	S	P	F	N
T	T	A	O	P	O	C	K	E	T	M	O	N	E	Y
P	E	L	P	I	E	O	O	E	E	A	K	S	E	R

2 BACK IN THE DAY



3 SUDOKU 1

4	8	9	5	3	6	2	7	1
2	5	1	7	4	9	6	8	3
6	3	7	8	1	2	5	4	9
3	4	5	6	2	7	9	1	8
9	1	2	3	8	4	7	5	6
7	6	8	1	9	5	4	3	2
5	9	3	4	6	1	8	2	7
1	2	4	9	7	8	3	6	5
8	7	6	2	5	3	1	9	4

4 SUDOKU 2

5	3	6	1	2	8	4	9	7
4	2	7	3	9	5	1	8	6
9	8	1	4	6	7	5	3	2
6	9	5	7	4	3	2	1	8
3	1	8	2	5	6	9	7	4
2	7	4	9	8	1	6	5	3
8	5	2	6	3	9	7	4	1
1	4	3	5	7	2	8	6	9
7	6	9	8	1	4	3	2	5

6 CRYPTOGRAM

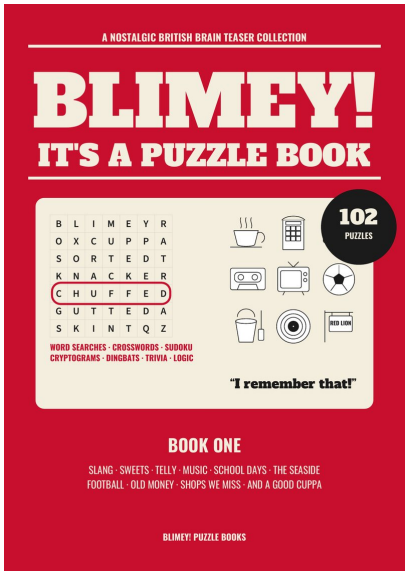
A penny saved is a penny earned.

5 ROUND THE HOUSE

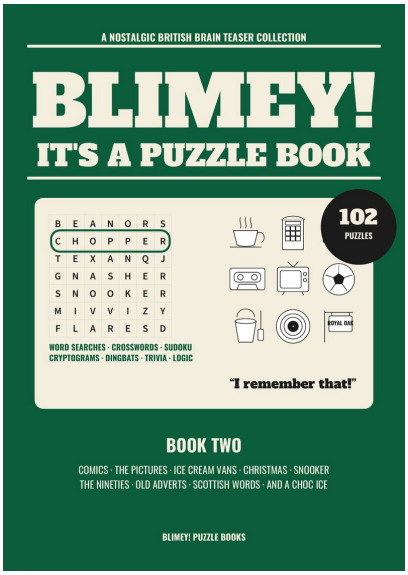
1. Mangle
2. Pantry
3. Scullery
4. Pouffe
5. Serving Hatch
6. Hostess Trolley
7. Antimacassar
8. Coal Scuttle

Enjoyed that? There's plenty more.

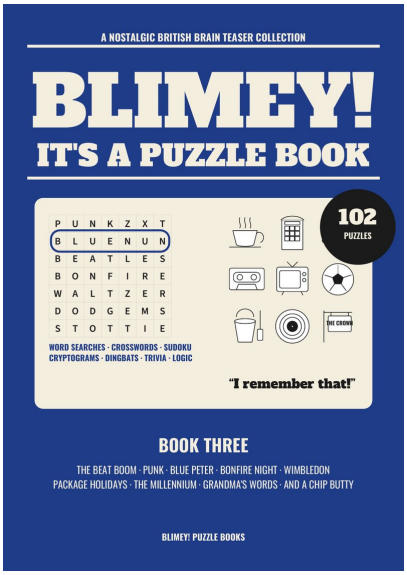
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