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Editorial

Welcome to the 71st edition of the Whinstone Times and season's greetings to one and all from the editors: Chris, Jan, Sarah and Tony. Thanks to the Parish Council there's a lovely Christmas tree adorning the Embleton village green. And thanks to an anonymous benefactor there is also a tree on the green at Christon Bank (whodunnit?). Both trees were decorated by residents and seeing them lit up lifted the spirits of all passers-by. The team would also like to say a big thank you to all our local businesses who have worked so hard to keep going despite the long-lasting challenges thrown up by the pandemic. With the good news about the vaccine it does seem like there might be a glimmer of light at the end of this dark tunnel.

In case you were wondering how The Whinstone Times manages to exist, it's always worth explaining that we run on volunteer power (very green). The cost of producing 600 colour magazines every couple of months is met by advertising revenue (thank you!) and money we manage to raise at events each year. We are also most grateful for the generous donations well-wishers send us, so do keep us in mind when you're feeling especially philanthropic. It will come as no surprise that we haven't been able to hold any events throughout 2020 and so we will be desperately seeking new ideas for fundraising in 2021. So please, if you have any suggestions we would love to hear from you.

The 'Times' welcomes both letters and articles from our readers or any ideas you might have for your community magazine. Please send articles, letters, advertising or any enquiries to the Editors at whinstone.times@gmail.com or tel Jan Ainsley 01665 576019.

Please send any items for 'What's On' to Shelagh Coxon, tel 01665 576791.

The deadline for material for the next edition is Monday 8th Feb, 2021

Earlier editions of 'The Times' are available on the internet and can be found on our community website:

www.embleton-northumberland.co.uk/publish.html

N.B. The editors reserve the right to alter or reject material and the views expressed within these covers are solely those of the contributors.

Cover Story

Sarah Coxon

The cover for this edition of the Whinstone Times is an incredible photo capturing the northern lights on the horizon beyond Embleton quarry. We are so lucky to live in an area where you can still see the real sky at night. Across much of England the view of the night sky is obscured by varying levels of light pollution but Northumberland has some of the best dark sky areas in the country. So why not pick a night when there's no cloud cover and go out, tip your head up to the skies and be amazed... For the best views pick a night when the moon is below the horizon and find a spot away from the glow of any streetlights. If you give your eyes five minutes to adjust to the darkness you will then see the night sky in all its vastness.

A big thank you to Embleton resident Gary Woodburn for allowing us to share his work. For the keen photographers out there, this picture was taken with a Canon 6D DSLR, on a tripod, with a Samyang 14mm F2.8 lens. The exposure time was 30 seconds at F4 and ISO 4000 (all Greek to me). Gary explained that low light/astro photos involve long exposures which enables the camera sensor to gather way more light and information than the human eye. To our eyes auroras can appear fairly monochrome with only subtle colours, but they actually display a variety of vivid colours which the sensor captures way better than we can.

Parish Council Notes

Nov/Dec 2020

The PC continues to meet remotely via Zoom and any items deferred have now been added back on to the agenda. The Chair attended a Coastal Summit meeting between NCC, parishes within the AONB and other parties to discuss the impact of tourism on local communities this year resulting from more people 'staycationing'. The major issues raised were car parking, toilets, campervans and 'wild' camping. NCC have taken these issues away and a further meeting is planned for February 2021. Meanwhile a meeting involving the PCs of Beadnell, Low Newton, Craster and ourselves is being arranged to try and identify any local solutions which can be suggested to NCC. The PC has also heard from a local beach user who requested any solutions to the parking issues should allow windsurfers, paddle boarders etc continued easy access to the beach.

The traffic management plans for Embleton have been agreed and the final drawings are awaited from NCC. These comprise a 20mph outside the

school whilst pupils are arriving and departing, a 30mph limit on the road to Dunstan Steads and the painting of 'slow' on the road at the bends by North Farm. The installation of the three speed indicators in Christon Bank is still outstanding. Repairs to the playpark are continuing with the replacement of a rotten stepping log on the multi activity unit and of part of the surround to the zip wire. Thank you to those who helped.

The renovation of Gatehouse Cottage (formerly Cemetery House) as an affordable home is complete and the house is now live on NCC's 'homefinder' site. The dangerous headstones in the cemetery have been laid flat, other than the memorial to the Norwegian Sailors (Grade II listed), which has been returned to an upright position and stabilised. The PC has agreed to make a donation to the school of £1100 towards the cost of purchasing new computer equipment for use by Key Stage 2 children. Four recent planning applications have been discussed. It was agreed to object to the proposals at North Farm and Christon Bank, enter a neutral stance on the caravan park on Station Rd but support the application for the fence at Embleton Cottage.

A Little Good News...

The Parish Council (PC) is pleased to inform you that the amount you pay towards the Precept for 2021/22 only will be reduced by circa 75%.

The Precept is the monies received by the PC to cover its operating costs and is paid by all residents of the Parish. It is collected on the PC's behalf by NCC as part of the Council Tax. Last year, for example, the amount for a Band C property was just over £40. In recent years we have been building our contingency fund and have now reached the level advised by local government. We have saved money this year by combining the playpark insurance into our main policy when we took over responsibility for the playpark, the unfortunate cancellation of the firework display and by running remote meetings. The letting of Gatehouse Cottage (previously Cemetery House) now means we are no longer required to contribute to the Joint Burial Board (who are responsible for the upkeep of the cemetery).

We hope this reduction will be welcomed by all residents in these uncertain times.

Christon Bank Well

The work to renovate the well has been delayed due to Covid 19 but a fence has been erected and the site cleaned up. Thank you to all involved. The final stages are to add some solar lights, plant some bulbs and shrubs and provide an interpretation board. To this end we are looking for any information on the well (other than what is already on the stone plaque) to put on the board. If you have any relevant information please email: embletonpc@hotmail.co.uk



Christon Bank New Development

The construction of the 13 new dwellings to the north of Horsley Place has commenced and the developer has asked the Parish Council for suggestions for a name for the new estate road. If anybody has any suggestions please send them via email to: embletonpc@hotmail.co.uk

Embleton Quarry

December 2020

The two Exmoor ponies (Suzie and Tanzie) have settled into their new home and have started to have an impact on the vegetation in the northern half of the quarry. An assessment on the field to the south of the playpark which is designated for summer grazing has been carried out and repairs to the fencing and re-connection of the water supply is scheduled for the spring. Whilst the volunteers have not been able to work in the quarry due to the Covid 19 restrictions, Coast Care have been able to carry on with the removal of invasive species, cutting of the whin grassland and making swathes into the dense undergrowth in the northern half of the quarry to allow better access for the ponies. Discussions with the school to create an outdoor classroom area and a pond dipping platform are at an advanced stage and it is hoped work on these can begin shortly. We are fortunate to have received a grant from the AONB to fund this project, which will provide a great teaching resource for the school.

County Councillor Wendy Pattison's report - Dec2020

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**Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year
Warmest thoughts and Best Wishes to you all!**

Broadband for Rural Communities: Rural premises may be eligible for additional funding through the [Government's Rural Gigabit Connectivity](#) programme. Business and residents in some of the hardest-to-reach places in the UK are eligible for additional funding towards the cost of installing gigabit-capable broadband to their premises when part of a group project. Rural premises with broadband speeds of less than 30Mbps can use vouchers worth up to £3,500 for each small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs), and up to £1,500 per residential premises to support the cost of installing the higher capacity connections. For more information, contact Sylvia Pringle via email:

sylvia.pringle@northumberland.gov.uk

Covid business support grants: Businesses which remained open during late September and October this year, but were severely impacted by the Covid rules which restricted socialising, can now apply for a support grant. Aimed primarily at businesses in the hospitality, hotel, bed and breakfast and leisure sectors, the Local Restrictions Support Grant (Open) will provide up to £3,675 of support for eligible companies, depending on their rateable value. Applications can be made retrospectively back to 18 September, when restrictions were re-introduced in the North East. Businesses will be able to claim for the period from 18th September to the 4th November, the day before the national lockdown. To find out more about the grants go to www.northumberland.gov.uk/businesshub For details of ALL the support available for businesses see <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/business-support>. The Government has extended the Furlough Scheme to the end of March 2021. Isolation payments are also available to residents who are required to self-isolate. Further information and eligibility criteria is available on the County Council website.

Archives brought to life in virtual talks: Northumberland Archives will be brought to life in a series of FREE online talks. Staff from the archives and library team will be hosting the talks once a month, from Thursday, November 26th. The next talk, "Evidence of Women and their Lives in the Berwick Archives" by Linda Bankier, Berwick Archivist will be held on 7th January 2021. These sessions have been funded by the Government's 'Culture Recovery Fund'. For more information and to book a place on the talks, go to www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for Northumberland Archives.

Embleton School News

Melissa Gilroy



Like many places the school hasn't been able to carry out any of the normal fundraising events to help provide items for the children that the LA funding doesn't stretch to. The School's Parents & Friends Association has set up a 100 CLUB fundraiser for 2021 and hopes that local residents might take part alongside school families. Two numbers will be drawn each month (Jan- Nov) and a number costs £20 for the year. The first prize is £50, the second is £25. There'll be a *super draw* for Christmas 2021 with a huge 1st prize of £100, 2nd prize of £50 and a 3rd prize of £25! If you would like to buy a number and support your local school please telephone 01665 576612 (during school hours) or email:

melissa.gilroy@vincentedwards.northumberland.sch.uk.

Let us know if you would like your 100 Club number to be a Christmas gift for someone and we'll make a gift card to send out. We are able to accept BACS payments to minimise contact. Good luck all!

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March 2020*



Farming News

Lucia Bridgeman

The last couple of weeks we have been doing lots of hedge and tree planting. Much of this on the edge of Embleton, next to Mandell Place. Trees and hedge plants are best moved when they are dormant, in the winter months. We have planted oak, rowan, cherries, beech, birch and sycamore – all native trees. The hedges will thicken out with hawthorn, which is interspersed with blackthorn, hazel, holly and some guelder rose. On the road you will see young hedge plants, which have to be protected from rabbits and hares, surrounded by plastic spirals. In the field in front of Mandell Place, and alongside the new houses, we put in rabbit-proof fencing, which means we don't need to use the plastic, or canes. In a similar way the trees usually require their tall tubes for protection, the excessive number of roe deer on this Northumberland coast cause damage, which along with grey squirrels can be the bane of any forester's work. On the back road between Christon Bank and Embleton there is a small plantation on the bend, which we planted about 15 years ago and has been slow to establish on a poor, wet corner of the field. However, it is now starting to mature and is gaining depth. We have added 100 new hardwood trees because all the young ash trees were either dead or dying from 'ash die-



back'. You will see a lot more hedges and trees being planted, and 'gapping up', by farmers in the next few years. This will be the result of the new environmental policies in the Government's revised agricultural schemes. The 'Agricultural Act,' which received Royal Assent in

November, will see the biggest changes in UK farming in 70 years, since the last act in 1947 . This is a result of us leaving Europe and the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

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Good Neighbour Award

Sarah Coxon

I told my daughter it was silly having all her keys on one massive key fob.



Did she listen? Of course not. After all she's an independent adult and married with two children, whereas I'm her aged mother who has never even used eBay... Recently, daughter and family came up for the day (when such things were allowed) and after

lunch we went out for some fresh air and chose to head for the lime kilns. With 8 week old baby in a sling, and three year old in tow, daughter made it abundantly clear that 'baby brain' is an actual thing by managing to lose her massive bunch of keys somewhere on our trip. This calamity only came to light when she was ready to head home for the night. Cue total melt down when she discovered her keys were missing. Had I not had spare keys for her car, her house and her front door (a childcare back up necessity), she would probably still be in residence here now. The next morning I painstakingly re-traced our steps but returned empty handed. However, a few days later a minor miracle came to light when news reached me that a kind and determined local man had found the keys when out walking his dog. He had then gone to great lengths to re-unite said keys with their owner. He'd taken the time to put an article on 'Embleton Nextdoor', dropped in at Moody's to let them know he'd found a bunch of keys AND, showing great presence of mind, managed to trace my daughter via the Newcastle City Library fob dangling on her key ring. To top it all off he then delivered the keys to my gate when daughter told him I lived in the village. What a good neighbour! Although we thanked Grant the guardian angel profusely, I doubt he really knows how grateful we are for both his keen eyesight and his unstinting efforts to find the silly person who had dropped her keys in a field in the first place. I did tell her it was daft having all her key shaped eggs in one basket...

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Nature Notes

Peter Brown

Nationally, one of the wettest Octobers and warmest Novembers on record. Here, glorious Autumn days and not even a frost. 2019, 16th November saw the Cheviot covered in snow; 2020, 16th November was 16°. The next day it dropped to 6 degrees but it was still sunny. Here, a record late lawn cut on 18th November, a bumper crop of blackberries and pears, and an extraordinary fly-pass of gulls (mainly herring and black-headed). I lost count after 500 as wave after wave passed over head in Hitchcockian proportion, much to the annoyance of our resident rooks. Theory: a mass



return to the coast after a day following the plough? More common during the last two months has been the unprecedented number of skeins of geese honking across in huge formations. Was it my imagination or did the V flights become more ragged and the noise louder as the days went on?

Theory: there are about 30,000 pink-footed geese arriving from their breeding grounds in Greenland and Iceland and probably heading to the South East of England for the winter and many of these enter our airspace. Some would have pit-stops in stubble fields, their 'yakking' being heard several miles away. The birds at the tip of the formation are rotated to spread fatigue and it is possible to watch the changing of the leaders from time to time. Our resident goose is the greylag, confusingly also with pink legs. There are about 140,000 of these but they are augmented each year by winter visitors also from Iceland. White-fronted geese also arrive on eastern coasts from Siberia and Greenland at this time.

Other sightings: a rare hooded crow at Howick on 9th November. They are normally only seen in Scotland; a snipe on the path to Newton (Rita); more grey squirrels in Howick (they are being 'dealt with'); and a group of snow buntings at Craster at the end of November. Whilst there are about 60 native pairs of these small white birds, mainly in Scotland, their numbers are swollen by about 10,000 winter visitors from Scandinavia and Greenland. News from Gary at the Quarry: four species of owl have been

spotted! This is quite remarkable and testament to how rich the area is in small mammals. Tawny owls are our most common owl (the ones that 'toowit toowoo', though this is normally two birds communicating). Barn owls are perhaps the most stunning to see and hear – the screech is quite frightening but only made in the breeding season. Numbers of these birds are surprisingly on the increase and it is estimated that there might be more than 10,000 pairs nationwide. More unusual are the other two species recorded: a little owl which is only about eight inches long and feeds on worms and beetles as well as small mammals (about 5700 pairs altogether and in decline); and the short-eared owl (only about 2,000 pairs) which loves voles and can be seen hunting in daylight, unlike the others. The short-eared owl had a repertoire of about ten different hoots which it performs in flight and for as long as a whole hour; it also barks!



Photo by Gary Woodburn: short-eared owl seen in Embleton Quarry in Nov.

And finally, Linda Heslop has reported that the 'village pheasant', known by different names depending on the folk he visited, was run over at the end of the first lockdown. He was recognised by his beautiful purplish back feathers; so sad, he gave many people pleasure on his daily trips around the gardens although not so much when he used to call and flap his wings near the playpark at four in the morning!

Film Club

John Roper



Howick Community Film Club runs fortnightly from the beautiful old village hall in Howick Village, known as Copley Hall. The hall has a fascinating history. In 1888 the 3rd Earl Grey and his wife built a substantial reading room for the village, complete with caretaker's cottage next door. Seven years later, the 4th Earl, Albert, a great supporter of the Co-operative Movement, opened a store in part of the hall enabling estate families to enjoy the benefits of fair-trading and quality goods. It became a centre of retail activity for the next *seventy five years*, opening branches and making deliveries throughout North Northumberland. In the mid-1900s the Institute Room, a wooden octagonal annexe, was added to the main hall. Further major improvements have followed in recent years have made the hall warm and comfortable and accessible to all.

One of the groups which use the hall is the Film Club. From humble beginnings in January 2014 the club has grown in popularity with attendances in the mid-thirties. Thanks to grant applications and donations from film goers, the club now boasts a high definition projector, a 4m wide professional grade screen and an induction hearing loop.

The Covid-19 pandemic brought the film club to an abrupt halt. When the first national lock-down was lifted there was hope that arts, culture and other 'social clubs' might be back, at least in some limited form. Understandably however, views on recommencing have divided those keen to restart community events and those who are still concerned at the possible risk of spreading the virus. The professional organisation 'Action with Communities in Rural England' (ACRE) advised that activities organised by community and voluntary organisations could take place under 'covid secure' arrangements. So the film club managed two film nights before the 2nd lock down. The club hopes to restart film nights as soon as advised it is safe to do so. To be added to the circulation list for details of future film nights please contact John:

Tel: 01665-576413 or **email:** johnroper1@btinternet.com



Like most of us, I knew the term ‘pandemic’ but had never actually expected to be in one. And like many of us, when I heard the word ‘pandemic’ I would think of the Black Death. I’ve often seen Covid called ‘a modern day plague’ in the media and it made me realise how little I actually know about the plague, other than it having something to do with ‘Ring a Ring o’Roses’. So, I started to do a bit of reading and discovered that, as per, it’s all a lot more complicated than I thought. For starters, folklore scholars now say that the nursery rhyme has nothing to do with the catastrophic plague of the 14th century as it only came into being in the 19th Century. Indeed, it seems that the term ‘Black Death’ wasn’t used until 1832 when a German medical writer, Justus Hecker, coined the Latin phrase ‘*atra mors*’ so the plague only became the Black Death in retrospect. My primary school self seemed to think that the ‘Great Pestilence’, as the 1348/50 plague was known at the time, was all due to fleas on rats coming from ships. But new research indicates that it’s much more likely that it was *human* fleas and body lice that spread the bacteria, probably in the seams of cloth imported from Europe. The grim fact is that, however the disease travelled, nearly HALF the population died in those two years. It took over 150 years for the population of Europe to reach

what it had been before the pandemic. Although both the plague and Covid pandemics are infectious diseases that spread from certain animals to humans, the former is caused by a bacteria and the latter by a virus. The awful contrast between living in a pandemic then and now is that there were NO medicines to counter the plague; antibiotics only became widely available from mid 1940s. Indeed there was no medical profession as we know it, no World Health Organisation, no clean water supplies and no sewerage system. And importantly, the general health of the majority of the population was so poor to begin with that they didn't have much chance of surviving a bad cold let alone the 'pestilence'. But just like Covid, the plague was not an equal opportunities killer. Those who died in massive numbers were the serfs and peasants who undertook all the hard labour of the agriculturally based economy. The landowners and nobility left big cities for their country estates and the King (Edward iii) took his court to Woodstock after postponing Parliament – sounds strangely familiar if you say Prime Minister instead of King. The other thing oddly similar is that Edward iii was busy negotiating trade deals with Europe at the time of the pestilence back at home... The plague wasn't a bit fussy when it came to religion and killed 'Christians and pagans a-like'. It was seen as God's punishment for the degenerate state of affairs in the world. The terrified people swore to reform and then died anyway. Eventually the 1st plague fizzled out but re-appeared every generation or so until early 19th century when Asiatic cholera became the new pandemic on the block. Concepts we now take for granted came out of this dark and terrible period. Quarantine



(from the Italian 'quarantino', meaning a 40 day period) was introduced to prevent the widespread movement of the disease. Isolation of those infected was enforced. Strange masks were worn; not because the science of airborne transmission was understood but because it was believed that bad smells in the air were to blame. Finally, like Covid, the

plague brought huge economic problems in its wake and this eventually led to the Peasants Revolt of 1381. Just saying...

P.S. The plague is still with us. According to the World Health Organisation, from 2010-2015 there were 3,248 cases reported worldwide, including 584 deaths with Madagascar, the DCR and Peru being the countries most effected.

The Great British Beach Clean

Tony, one of our intrepid editors, joins in the 'Great British Beach Clean' each year on Holy Island as a National Trust Volunteer and shared the resulting information: there were an amazing 459 clean ups, with 2,124 volunteers taking part, removing just over 3 tonnes of litter. After analysing the rubbish collected the results showed a concerning presence of PPE litter. Face masks and gloves were found on almost 30% of the beaches cleaned over the week-long event. Data from the inland version of the clean-up, the 'Source to Sea Litter Quest' showed a similarly worrying presence of masks and gloves, with more than two thirds (69%) of litter picks finding PPE items.



Drinks litter continues to be found on UK beaches, with an average of 30 drinks containers, caps and lids being found per 100m of beach surveyed this year. Inland, almost all litter picks (99%) found drinks litter. This continued blight to the UK's shores and inland spaces illustrates the need to work on persuading people to take their rubbish home with them. Perhaps the rest of the UK should follow Scotland's lead and introduce an all-inclusive Deposit Return Scheme?

Notes From a Rural County in a Pandemic Annie Lloyd

A rash of recent articles on environmental experiences during lockdown prompted me to wonder how our experience here in the NE has differed from more metropolitan viewpoints. I decided to start asking people, and this article is about what I've found. The first thing to say is that none of the contributors are key workers, or have lost loved ones to Covid, or are living in areas of high deprivation. The privations of those families are on



another scale entirely, and we acknowledge their great sacrifices this year. What lock down green shoots have you noticed this year, and what has made the most difference to your community? Quieter roads? More butterflies? More vivid dreams (yes, a reported lockdown phenomenon)? Do you feel 2020 has shifted environmental attitudes, or do you feel things will soon slip back to business-as-usual? Laura from Ashington told me about drastically reduced commuting times since lockdown, sometimes by as much as 60%. Motorists have mentioned far fewer journeys and less time idling in stationary traffic. Cyclists in Tyneside have described cleaner air, without the previous blackening of pollution filtration masks. Bike sales have spiked, with people riding sometimes for the first time in years, or joining the e-bike revolution. Justine mentioned her family's improved work/life balance, with more meals together at the table. Living near Bellingham, Nisha had noticed that her shop-a-holic friends were starting to make or grow things. However there were concerns about the increase

in single-use plastics such as bagged deliveries and take-away packaging. The high number of discarded masks and gloves was also mentioned. Many people have talked about a reinvigorated connection with nature, be that a garden, a nearby walk, or just a window box. So has Covid been earth's attempt to rein in man's harmful activity? Have people realised they need open green spaces? And might we in Northumberland, possibly look back on 2020 as 'The Great Reset'?

CPRE Northumberland

CPRE Northumberland 'the countryside charity' is the local branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England. We believe in countryside that is accessible to all, rich in nature and playing a crucial role in responding to the climate emergency. We're passionate about sustainable, healthy communities that are available to more people than ever. We care what gets built where, and believe that there's already enough brownfield land to meet housing targets. We've worked for almost a century to protect the countryside, and we'll be doing this for generations to come. We urgently need new members and volunteers to help support our work. Please contact annie.CPRE@gmail.com for our 2021 Online Events programme

Quick Quiz

Look at each clue below and identify which sweet or chocolate it's hinting at ... (answers on next page):

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|----------------------|--|
| 1. Alcohol for teeth | 4. Sweets for good bairns |
| 2. Sport of princes | 5. Only the best people live on this row |
| 3. Wobbly infants | 6. A condescending sort of a laugh |

RNIB Postage Stamp Collection

Shelagh Coxon

All stamps to be donated may be left at Moody's shop. This collection will end on Friday 8th January. Thank you to everyone for your help.



Creighton Hall 100 Club Winners

Nov 2020	£ 40 Teresa Scott	No 90
	£ 20 Mr G. Axelby	No 1
Dec 2020	£ 40 Margaret McCabe	No44
	£ 20 Sarah Jane Bridgeman	No 23
Dec Grand Draw	£100 Shirley Gunning	No 62

Planning Applications

The Parish Council would like to make sure that all parishioners are aware of current planning applications in the Parish so that they are able to review and comment on them. For a list of current planning applications please visit www.northumberlandparishes.uk/embleton OR the Embleton Parish Council Facebook page www.facebook.com/embletonparishcouncil/

These lists are updated weekly, and all planning applications are discussed at the monthly Parish Council meetings.

Bad Joke of the Season:

Q. What is Dominic Cummings' favourite song?

A. 'Driving Home for Christmas'

Quiz Answers

1.Wine Gums 2.Polo 3. Jelly Babies 4.Treats 5.Quality Street 6. Snicker



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