

MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS



A Project of the Penshurst Mens Shed Inc

COUNCIL TRANSFER STATIONS RE-OPENING

Penshurst: Tuesday 1.00pm – 4.00pm Saturday 9.00am – 12.00pm

Why were we not asked?

While we are delighted that the Transfer Station in Penshurst has re-opened and now has EFTPOS, a number of residents are questioning why our opening hours have been changed without consultation with any groups that we know of in town.

As one of our readers commented: “It doesn’t matter much whether it’s Tuesday or Thursday for the second day, but Saturday morning is woeful. What happens when there is a big event at the hall or footy club on a Saturday night? They are going to have to wait till Tuesday arvo (in business hours) to dump the rubbish. I thought that was the reason we got Sunday arvo in the first place!” Saturday morning is also shopping time for many people, as well as the kid’s activities that will continue to return once life returns to normal.

Ama Cooke from the Progress Association will be raising this question with the Council this week, and gathering feedback from townspeople over the next couple of weeks, which will be taken to the Association meeting on the 24th June, and then presented to the gathering at the Community Engagement Meeting on Wednesday 1st July.

This is your chance to have a say on two important issues for our town, why the days were changed without consultation, and why we are only given a short time (this time, less than a week regarding the signs on the Botanic Gardens), or no notice, to consider issues and receive feedback on matters that are important to us as a community.

If you would like to have your say, contact Ama on 0402 870 738, in person/by letter (46 Watton Street) or by email president@penshurstprogress.org.au.



SGSC Community Engagement Meeting
Wednesday 1st July 6.30 - 7.30pm
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Answers to Riddles: 1. spelling, 2. your right elbow, 3. lemonade, 4. the letter 'r', 5. time waits for no man, 6. net, 7. a syringe.

Penshurst Progress Association

ABN 35 622 662 815

Committee of Management:

Ama Cooke – President 0402 870 738

Mark Dalla Costa – Secretary

Tom Cooke - Vice President

Josh Hewitt - Treasurer

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Next Meeting: Wednesday 24th June, 7.30pm in the Supper Room, Penshurst Hall.

Community Engagement Meeting

Delayed from March

Wednesday 1st July 6.30 - 7.30pm

Supper Room, Penshurst Memorial Hall

Good evening everyone,

Thank you to all of you who took part in our 'Signage for the Botanic Gardens' activity. Your feedback has been sent through to the Council, who will consider it. The most specific feedback requested suggestion 2 (below) of the pictures, so this is what the gates might look like. Given that Council will be going into lockdown from the beginning of September, because of their coming elections, I am told there is plenty of time to refine the choices before they will be ordered .. Well, we shall see.

As you will have seen by the notices in this newsletter, and the larger ones I'll put around the shops this week, the Council will again be visiting us with a Community Engagement Meeting. The last one was in the Gardens, and

considered by both parties (the town and Council) to be very successful. We hope to continue this trend.

Because of the Covid restrictions, the Council has suggested that people might like to give the Progress Association a list of what they hope the Council will do something about immediately, or in the coming financial year, instead of us congregating at the meeting (social distancing will apply). To that end, please email me if you would like to add your ideas to my list, or come to the meeting. Next newsletter I will give you the list, so that you can add anything you consider to be missing. In the meantime, the Council does have funding available for 'ready to go' maintenance tasks for the small towns at present, and we have already given them a beginning list for that. We'll be adding to it next week, so if there is something you would like to see done around here, contact me by the early next week please.

The Council is asking for feedback, so let's give them plenty. It's up to us to lead them with our decisions. It's time to be proactive.

What would you like to see in your town?

Be safe, Ama Cooke, President 0402 870 738



Dunkeld & District
Community Bank Branch



Happy Birthday Sue

Always a special day and no exception for Sue, who recently celebrated her birthday. Sue was especially lucky this year, enjoying her birthday over the long weekend, where she celebrated with family.



Farm Management Deposit

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Penshurst Memorial Hall - a project waiting for progress

When was the last time you went into our Hall and actually had a good look around? You might have noticed the problem with the heaters in both the main hall and the supper room. You might have noticed the multicoloured windows, the sagging ceiling on the southern side, and the need for updated, and far less expensive, lighting all through. Then there is the acoustic dampening material under the big curtain, which is gradually shedding itself onto the floor as the cover falls to pieces. Add in the cracks in the outside walls and disintegrating window frames in many locations, and, while the Hall is perfectly safe to use, it does need some serious tender loving care.

There is a Committee of Management who provide oversight of the hiring, but with limited funding, there hasn't been a lot we can do. We have a grant from the buildings owners, DELWP, to replace the windows in the super room, but because of Heritage (yes, there's a heritage order over the middle wall, which then encompasses the whole building), the funds we received will not be enough to cover the cost of the renovation. And now, after some delays, we will be addressing the Planning process through the Council, and then we'll have to start looking for grants and other funding.

In the meantime, the Hall is open for business for groups of 20 and under this week, and 50 and under in the immediate future. Our first meeting is the Progress Association on the 24th.

In the meantime,

Penshurst in Progress - Page's Fuel Station



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MT ROUSE RESERVE

On a recent visit to the Mt Rouse reserve I was pleased to note that the facilities are looking generally well maintained. There were a number of visitors in attendance and it was great to see them enjoying the new steps and other attractions of our mountain.



An inspection of the bench seating and barbeque facilities at the top of the mountain, as well as the picnic tables at the crater car park, revealed that damaged items had been replaced and the areas and their contents were in reasonable repair.

At the same time the road verge and picnic areas appear to be very well maintained and look neat and tidy.

The only real concern is the entrance to the reserve which has a **banner sign that is rotted** away (above) and looks very untidy. I believe the if the entrance were repaired with a similar sign but in better condition, it would enhance the whole experience. Currently visitors are met with a sign that speaks of neglect and this does not reflect the reality of a well maintained

Jokes from Sammy Scribe

The little boy arrived home from school in tears. When his mother inquired what had happened he told her that his teacher had asked all those who wanted to go to Heaven to put up their hands.

"You put your hand up, I hope?" asked his mother.

"No," he sobbed. "You told me to come straight home!"

A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

Two little boys were known troublemakers, stealing everything they could get their hands, even from the church. One day a priest stopped one of the boys and asked, "Where is God?" The boy shrugged and the priest repeated, "Where is God?" The boy ran out of the cathedral crying to his home where he hid in a closet. Eventually his brother found him and asked, "What's wrong?" The crying boy replied, "We're in trouble now! God is missing and they think we took him!"



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Volcanoes

Discovery Centre

NEWS

The Volcanoes Discovery Centre (VDC) will remain closed in June due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The VDC management committee will make a decision on when it will re-open at the end of June. The VDC has been closed since March 16 because of the virus.

The Victorian Government restrictions on gatherings are gradually easing, with a gathering of 20 people allowed from June 1. This is expected to increase to 50 people from June 22.

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Exploring Penshurst

Mount Rouse & District Historical Society



4. **Cricketer's Arms Hotel** was opened by Mr W. Coleman on the 1st of October 1872. A report in the 'Warrnambool Standard' of the day described it as a fine, substantial bluestone building near the spring, 65 feet to Martin Street, by a depth of the same extent, containing 8 fine rooms with substantial stabling. Owned by James & Mary Grogan from 1901 to 1909. In 1909 the hotel was deprived of its license by the Licences Reduction Board of

Victoria. It became the Moyne boarding house. The hotel is now a private residence.

5. The Bills' Horse Trough - see Newsletter 19

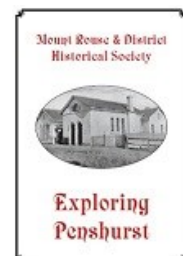
6. **Bank of Victoria.** The bank was built in 1869 but opened a few years later. It was the first bank in Penshurst and was later taken over by the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney but closed during World War Two under rationalization arrangements. The building is now privately owned.



7. **Penshurst Hotel** Built for William Murphy in 1861, the hotel was severely damaged by fire in 1895. On 4th March 1895 the 'Hamilton Spectator' reported that the large dining room, the billiard room, kitchen and all the out buildings were rescued from the flames. On June 5th of the same year the 'Western Agriculturist' reported that host Tilley was determined to erect a suitable and substantial building. A balcony, back staircase and

bathroom would be important additions. This is the only remaining hotel in operation in the town.

Thanks to the Mt Rouse and District Historical Society for providing this booklet. We hope the many new residents to Penshurst enjoy learning about their adopted town's history. Copies of the booklet are available for \$5 from historical society member, Brian O'Brien (0437844586).



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A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Another Winter Warmer

Ossobuco with verjuice, fennel & saffron

Prep time 15 mins - Cooking Time 6 Hrs 15 mins

INGREDIENTS - 6 Servings

12 (about 1.8kg) veal ossobuco pieces	250ml (1 cup) verjuice or white wine
1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil	500ml (2 cups) chicken style liquid stock
3 (about 450g) fennel, trimmed reserving fronds, thickly sliced	2 large fresh sage sprigs
3 garlic cloves, thinly sliced	Cooked gnocchi, tossed in butter, to serve
2 tablespoons tomato paste	
Large pinch of saffron threads	

METHOD

Step 1 Season the veal. Heat 2 teaspoons of oil in a large flameproof casserole dish over medium-high heat. Cook veal, in 2 batches, for 2 minutes each side or until lightly browned, heating 2 teaspoons oil between batches. Transfer to a plate.

Step 2 Preheat oven to 110°C. Heat remaining oil in the dish over medium heat. Stir in fennel and garlic for 5 minutes or until soft. Stir in tomato paste and saffron for 30 seconds. Stir in verjuice or wine for 1 minute. Add veal, stock and sage. Cover. Bake for 6 hours or until the veal is very tender. Stir through the reserved fennel fronds. Season. Serve with gnocchi.

Serve with buttered, crusty bread.



"I don't like food that's too carefully arranged; it makes me think that the chef is spending too much time arranging and not enough time cooking. If I wanted a picture I'd buy a painting. ."

Andy Rooney

"Turn the preparing of food into a communal affair by enlisting others to help with the chopping, grating, stirring, simmering, tasting and seasoning. When the cooking is finished, eat together round the table with the electronic gadgets switched off so you can savour the food and let the conversation flow. "

Carl Honore

Penshurst Church Services

As the lockdown gently releases its hold gatherings of up to 20 people will be allowed after the 1st June.

If you have information about the services that you would like to share with the community, please contact the editor and give us the details.

mtrousenewsletter@gmail.com

Hamilton Uniting Church is Live Streaming their services.

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PLACES OF INTEREST IN PENSHURST

Volcanoes Discovery Centre

www.volcanoesdiscoverycentre.com.au

Yatmerone Wildlife Reserve

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Mount Rouse Lookout

Waller Road, Penshurst

As we update the monthly meetings we are looking for a contact person's details for each group. Could someone please contact the editor, or Ama with your details.

MONTHLY MEETING DATES

- Book Club, 2nd Tuesday each month at Senior Citizen club rooms. 2.00pm
- Caramut & District Garden Club, 2nd Tuesday monthly at 10 am. See Garden Notes for venue.
- Combined Churches service 3rd Tuesday every month in W.J. Lewis wing at 11 am.
- Courthouse open 1st Saturday each month 9.30 am to 1230 pm.
- Friends Yatmerone Reserve, 2nd Tuesday each month at Volcano Centre 7.30 pm. New members welcome.
- Indoor bowls 2 pm every Monday at Senior Citizens. All Welcome.
- Lions, 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month at 8 pm.
- Mt Rouse & District Historical Society, 4th Sunday in January, March, May, July, September and November, 2pm at Court House. Phone 557 12145.
- Penshurst Bowls Club, 1st Tuesday each month at 7.30 pm.
- Penshurst Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, 3rd Tuesday each month, Sheppard Room, Penshurst Hospital at 1.30 pm.
- Penshurst Playgroup meets every Monday morning 9.10 am—11.30 am at the pre-school in Watton street. Everyone most welcome. (No playgroup in School holidays)
- Penshurst Pony Club rally, 1st Sunday each month.
- Penshurst Senior Citizens meet last Tuesday monthly, 4 pm at club rooms in Bell Street. Novelty Bingo, last Tuesday of month Feb—Nov at 2.15 pm. Cards & social afternoon, 2nd Wednesday monthly at 2pm
- Penshurst Urban Fire Brigade, 2nd Monday monthly at fire station.
- Residents, Relatives & Carers group, Tuesday bi-monthly, 1:30 pm at Hospital.
- RSL meets 1st Thursday of February, April, July & October at 6.30 pm at RSL Hall, Ritchie Street.

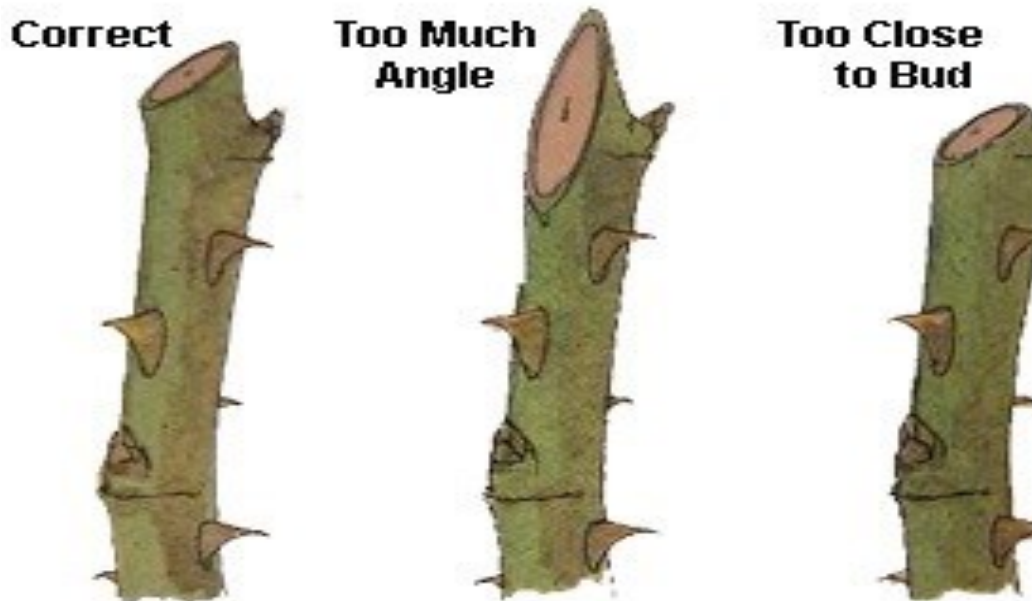
Caramut and District Garden Club

ROSE PRUNING

June is traditionally rose pruning month although I had already started in May. One year I pruned some long-neglected roses in January, watered them well and they were flowering beautifully in March.

Roses flower on new wood. Pruning promotes new wood and keeps the bushes looking neat. I have just pruning some neglected plants that hadn't been pruned for some years but still flowered well. Trouble was the flowers were too high to pick.

Start pruning out the dead wood, branches that are rubbing against others, spindly or diseased growth. Cut other branches back to an outward node. I have seen standards that have been cut back using hedge clippers which flower well. I have also done the same thing.



Rose Pruning Techniques

"One of the most tragic things I know about human nature is that all of us tend to put off living. We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon - instead of enjoying the roses that are blooming outside our windows today."

Dale Carnegie

"Everything that slows us down and forces patience, everything that sets us back into the slow circles of nature, is a help. Gardening is an instrument of grace."

May Sarton

Penshurst's Website

Have you visited the Penshurst website yet?

Not only is the site full of valuable information, but there are links to many of the important organisations within our town.

Would you like to add a link to your website? Email president@penshurstprogress.org.au

Visit our site

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any comments.**

Editor

PENSHURST MENS SHED

The Men's Shed is closed as we await the arrival of our Shed Kit and the new build.

We intend to continue to bring you the fortnightly newsletter available from Penshurst's Newsagent & Takeaway, Supermarket & Liquor store & Café.

If you have any stories you would like to share, please contact Mark or Ama by phone or email.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS – 27th June 2020

The newsletter will be published on Wednesday fortnightly and we would appreciate submissions at the earliest possible time within the fortnight but no later than the Saturday immediately prior to the Wednesday of publishing.

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MEDIA RELEASE

4 June 2020

**ART AFTER DARK: BEYOND THE GALLERY WALLS**

In anticipation of its re-opening on Monday 22 June, Hamilton Gallery has collaborated with Hamilton Performing Arts to develop an activation project designed to both celebrate art and culture and delight the community.

'Art After Dark' is a large scale projection, visible from Brown Street on the exterior of the Gallery building, which will host a number of displays over the coming weeks. The projection will change regularly and can be viewed every night between 5.30pm and 10.30pm.

In addition to the large scale display, a number of shopfronts along Gray Street will host further pop-up projections. These displays will present a multitude of different artworks and films including video art from the Gallery collection and silent films including, *The Story of the Kelly Gang* (1906).

Newly appointed Hamilton Gallery Artistic Director, Joshua White said The 'Art After Dark' activation project aims to remind the community that the Gallery expands beyond its walls.

"The Gallery team want everyone to be excited about art and culture and we want to engage the public in new and captivating ways. This is just the first in many more projects to come," White said.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Manager Cultural Arts, Amy Knight said this project brings the talented cultural teams from the Gallery and Hamilton Performing Arts together.

"We're pleased to bring our teams together for the first time to work collaboratively to provide added benefit and joy to the broader community. Both the Gallery and Performing Arts have done an amazing job bringing this project to fruition and the community should look forward to other initiatives such as this into the future," Knight said.

During the Gallery's closure period, it has undertaken a number of minor building improvements including a new permanent Gallery Shop and children's activity space on the ground floor. Work has also been completed on developing the future exhibition program, collection storage re-configuration, development of online digital content and public programs.

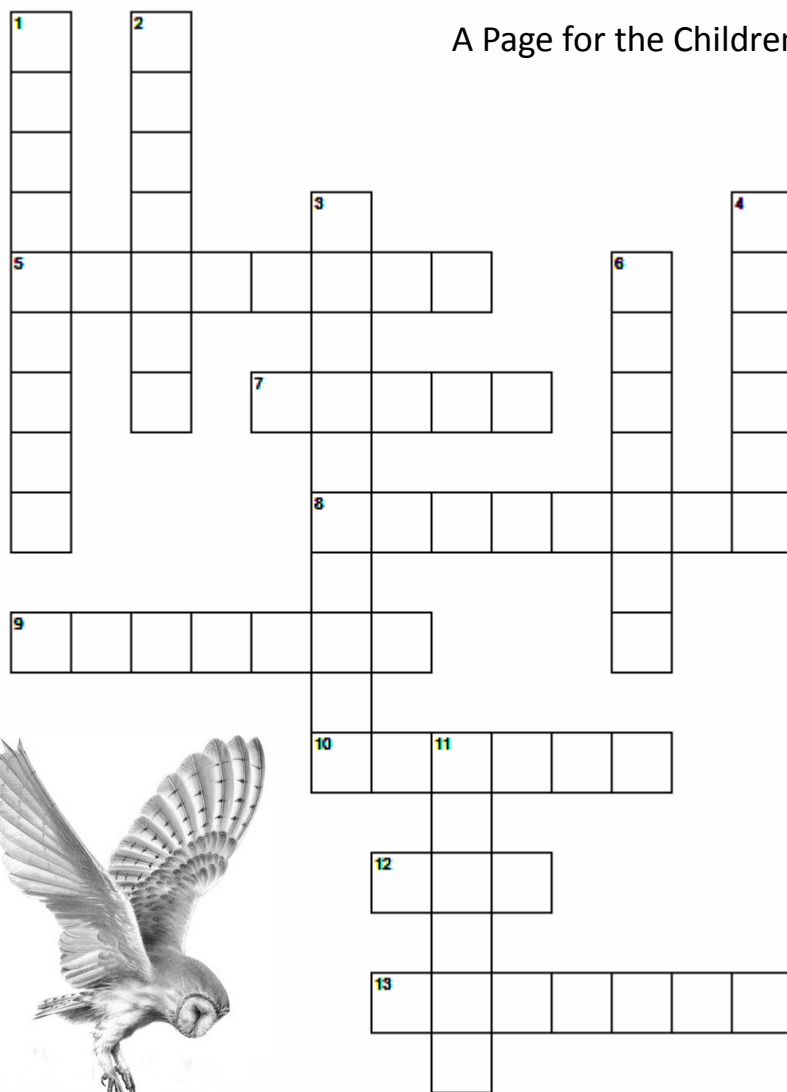
Hamilton Gallery will open its doors for visitors from Monday 22 June 2020 observing its regular opening hours of 10am – 5pm weekdays, and 10am – 2pm on weekends. A number of additional precautions will be in place to safeguard the community against the spread of COVID-19 aligned with state government guidelines. Public programs, such as exhibition openings and workshops, will be on hold until further notice.

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Riddles

1. Which school subject was the witch's favourite?
2. What can you hold in your left hand and not in your right?
3. What do you give a sick lemon?
4. What is in the Middle of "March & April"?
5. More haste less speed. What is the contradictory proverb?
6. Forward I catch fish, backward I am the tenth of numbers. What am I?
7. I plunge but don't fall. I'm sharp but not smart. I'm disposable but lifesaving. What am I?

A Page for the Children

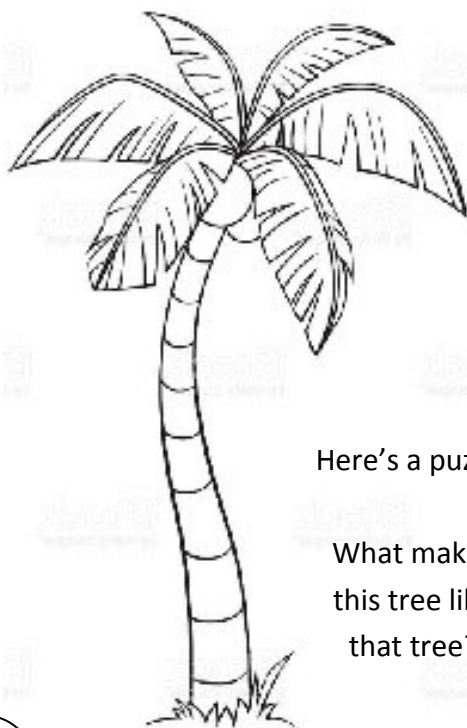


Across

- 5. watch out for the banana skin
- 7. a bread rising agent
- 8. a set of letters or symbols
- 9. the cut stalks of cereal plants, or an itchy chin
- 10. a long useful tool found in a pocket
- 12. feathered wisdom
- 13. a confusion of letters

Down

- 1. an argument or letter puzzle
- 2. becoming greater over a period of time
- 3. often avoided on the dinner plate
- 4. a place for a face found around your neck
- 6. new beauty found in a garden
- 11. propelling a boat by means of oars



Here's a puzzle

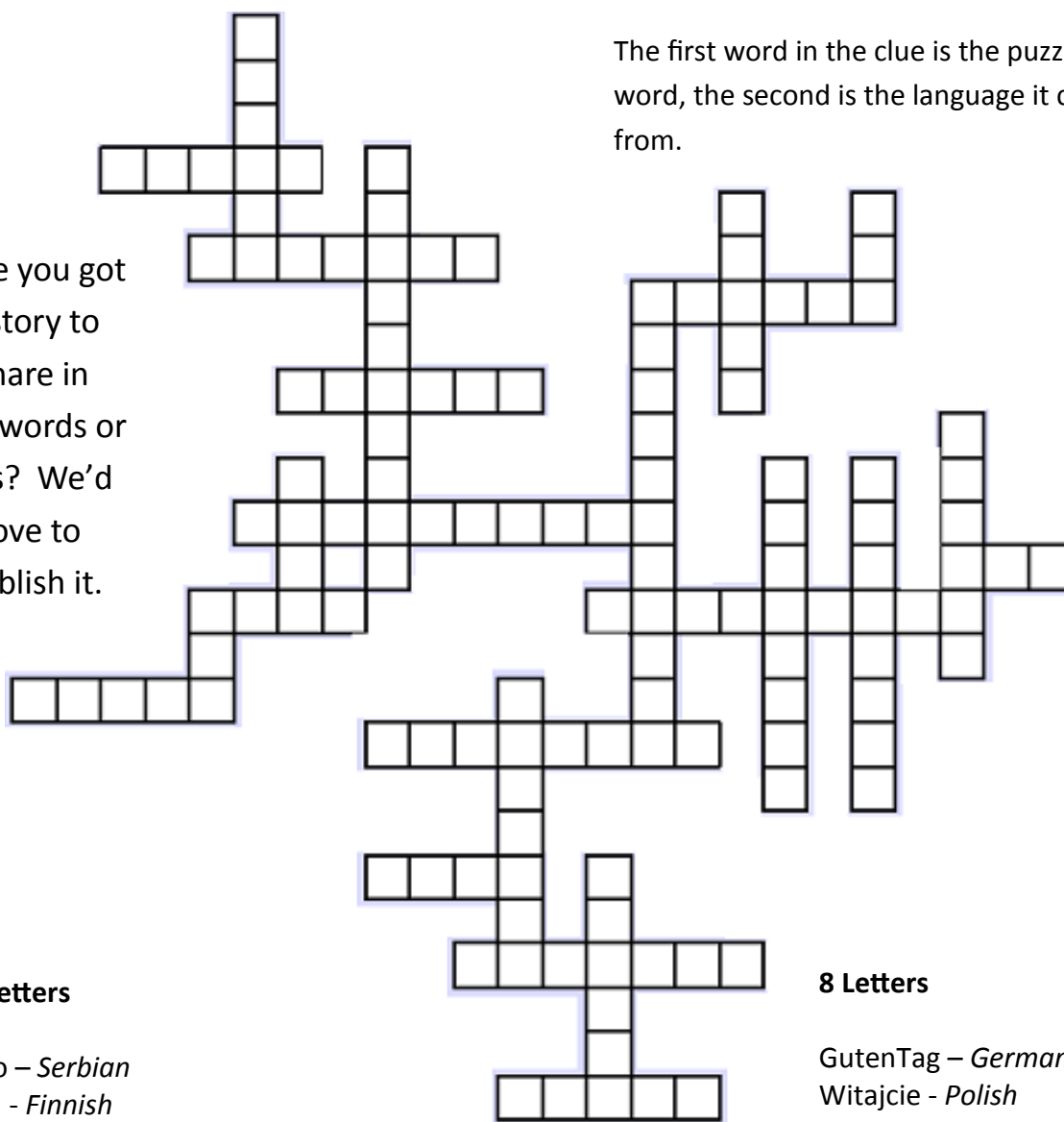
What makes this tree like that tree?



Mt Rouse Puzzler - Word Fit - Saying hello in 25 different languages

The first word in the clue is the puzzle word, the second is the language it comes from.

Have you got
a story to
share in
100 words or
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3 Letters

Cao – *Serbian*
Hei – *Finnish*
Ola – *Portugese*

4 Letters

Chao – *Vietnamese*
Hola – *Szia*

5 Letters

Hallo – *Danish, Dutch & Norwegian*
Jambo – *Swahili*
Salam – *Persian*
Selam – *Bosnian*

6 Letters

NinHao – *Chinese*
Privet – *Russian*
Shalom – *Hebrew*
Talofa – *Samoan*
Zdravo – *Croatian*

7 Letters

Bonjour – *French*
Merhaba – *Turkish*
Nameste – *Hindi*

8 Letters

GutenTag – *German*
Witajcie – *Polish*

9 Letters

AhlanBik – *Arabic*
MingalaBa – *Burmese*

10 Letters

Buongiorno – *Italian*
KonnichiWa – *Japanese*

11 Letters

Tungiatieta – *Albanian*

Tail End Tales

English can be very confusing:

The following examples go to show why English can be very difficult

For those just learning.....

1. The bandage was **wound** around the **wound**.
2. The farm was used to **produce produce**.
3. The dump was so full that it had to **refuse** any more **refuse**.
4. We must **polish** the **Polish** furniture.
5. He could **lead** if only he could get the **lead** out.
6. The soldier decided to **desert** his **dessert** in the **desert**.
7. Since there is no time like the **present**, he thought it was time to buy her a **present**.
8. A **bass** was painted on the side of the **bass** drum.
9. When shot at the **dove dove** into the bushes.
10. I did not **object** to that **object**.
11. The insurance was **invalid** because he was an **invalid**.
12. There was a **row** among the oarsmen about how they should **row**.
13. They were too **close** to the door to **close** it.
14. The buck **does** different things when he **does** are present.
15. A seamstress and a **sewer** fell into the **sewer**.
16. To help with planting the farmer taught his **sow** to **sow**.
17. The **wind** was too strong to **wind** the sail.
18. Upon seeing the **tear** in the painting I shed a **tear**.
19. I had to **subject** the **subject** to a series of tests.
20. How can I **intimate** this to my most **intimate** friend.

Let's face it English is a crazy language. There is no ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple; boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.



Thought for the Day

"A page of history is worth a pound of logic"

Oliver Wendell Holmes



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