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New Principal Alert!

By: Miranda Griffin

IT'S nearly time to say goodbye to our wonderful head teacher, Ms Riches after a great six years of leading and inspiring such a fantastic school. Whether it be down to her engaging assemblies, approaching personality or hilarious speeches at Speech Day, we sure are going to miss her!

However, there is no need to fret, as

a new principal will be taking her place who I am sure will bring as much joy to the school as Ms Riches has! Mrs Clancy was announced to be the new head last month and the pupils began discussing what she may be like and what changes she might make from the outset! Well here's a little insight for you girls as Ms Riches has told us just why she was chosen to be our new head teacher "It's the Board of Governors' job to elect the Pincipal and i know they felt that Mrs Clancy had just the right combination of experience to be able to lead this school effectively. She is really interested in sport and is looking forward to living and working in Guernsey."

Fashion Police

By: Lauren Ogier

A main feature in every magazine is the top grossing clothing trends, but do we actually use the recommended pieces as influence for our own style, or just skip the fashion pages?

The general consensus in the sixth form common room is that the fashion trends **do** influence our style choices. A top example is the wet-look legging, with so many celebrities, clothes sites and of course magazines including them in their 'look books' the general trend was to buy

this versatile piece of clothing because it could go with any form of top, was 'in' when it came to the fashion world, and looked good. If a certain fashion movement is liked by a large population, the piece is more likely to be bought, or used as inspiration when planning outfits for the weekend or a party.

Another view is that the magazines aren't as big of an influence due to the fact that Guernsey is such a small island, where the clothing trends are limited- so ultimately 'everyone ends up wearing the same, because they are shopping in the same places'. It is also easier for everyone to follow the trends, than to rebel and be alternative in Guernsey compared to a place like London, because everyone knows you and would judge this style, whereas in London you are less likely to know most people in the town- so can feel free to be unique when it comes to clothing and fashion.

So, does this mean Guernsey limits us to the style we wish to have? But is it our self-confidence that is stopping us or is it simply that we can't find the clothes we wish to have in Guernsey?



Nineties style slip dress is very in this Spring!

Sochi Winter Olympics

By: Katherine Jensen

THE 2014 Winter Olympics were a major international multi-sport event held in Sochi, Russia, in the tradition of the Winter Olympic Games. Interestingly, these were the first Olympics held in Russia after the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991. A total of 98 events in 15 winter sport disciplines were held during the Games. The events were held at two new venues; an Olympic Park constructed in Sochi's Imeretinsky Valley on the coast of the Black Sea, and the Games' indoor venues located within walking distance. Snow events took place in the resort settlement of Krasnaya Polyana.



What was once a swamp is now an Olympic Park

The hosts, Russia, topped the medal table with a total of thirteen gold, eleven silver and nine bronze medals. They were followed by Norway and then Canada. Great Britain and Northern Island appeared nineteenth in the medal table, claiming a commendable one gold, one silver and two bronze medals.

Great Britain gained medals in the

Skeleton event, Curling and Snowboarding. Lizzy Yarnold became Olympic Champion winning gold in the women's snowboarding event. This secured Great Britain's tenth gold medal in Winter Olympic history. Yarnold set a track record of 57.91 in her third run and held her nerve in the fourth.



Lizzy Yarnold at the Winter Olympics 2014

Great Britain's men's curlers achieved a silver medal following a devastating defeat by Canada. Canada completed a hat-trick of victories dating back to the 2006 Turin Games with a dominant 9-3 triumph. Britain's women won achieved bronze in the curling event. Eve Muirhead secured a 6-5 victory over Switzerland with the last stone of the bronze medal play-off in Sochi. Muirhead, pleased with this result, told BBC sport, "We knew we had to step it up and we did. The girls were fantastic."

In the snowboarding event, Jenny Jones took Britain's first ever Olympic medal on snow in slopestyle. Her score of 87.25 for a superbly executed second run had, for a brief while, put her into the gold medal position, but with 10 more riders to follow she knew her

fate was no longer in her hands. Finnish rider Enni Rukajarvi overtook her in the standings and soon the competition had a new leader as American Jamie Anderson landed a fiendishly difficult run to score a massive 95.25 points. Nonetheless, Jones was very pleased with her efforts; "It feels amazing," she said. "I cannot believe it. Even when I was in the gold medal position I knew I was going to drop but I didn't know how far. I am just so happy that I stayed on the podium." Ever since the first Winter Olympics in Chamonix in 1924, the closest Britain had previously come to a medal on snow was the fourth-place finish in the slalom by skier Gina Hathorn in Grenoble in 1968, showing the extent of Jones' achievement.

Britain's success in these Olympics is indeed highly commendable and shall hopefully continue, and progress, in future games.



SHOULD'VE GONE TO SPECSAVERS

Specsavers

We Want More King Ball!

By: Anna Ogier

DE SAUSMARIANS, Brockettes, Careyists and Durandees; this is a public call for the introduction of House King Ball. We ask for this royal sport to finally be privileged with the title of a Ladies' College House event. The reasons for why you may ask - well, to begin with, let us remember what constitutes as a successful House Event: Team spirit is of utmost importance, and I for one, have rarely felt a so electric ambience as does emanate from class King Ball matches. Indeed, the category of Houses is often used to sort out teams, and with every P.E. lesson that is blessed with this fantastic sport, everyone is involved - albeit mentally, physically or verbally. Everyone wants to win, everyone gives 100% (on average) and everyone cheers, shouts and screams, desperate to be the winner. Should this be translated onto a House Event level, the worry should then only be whether the gym's roof would withstand the jubilant cries.

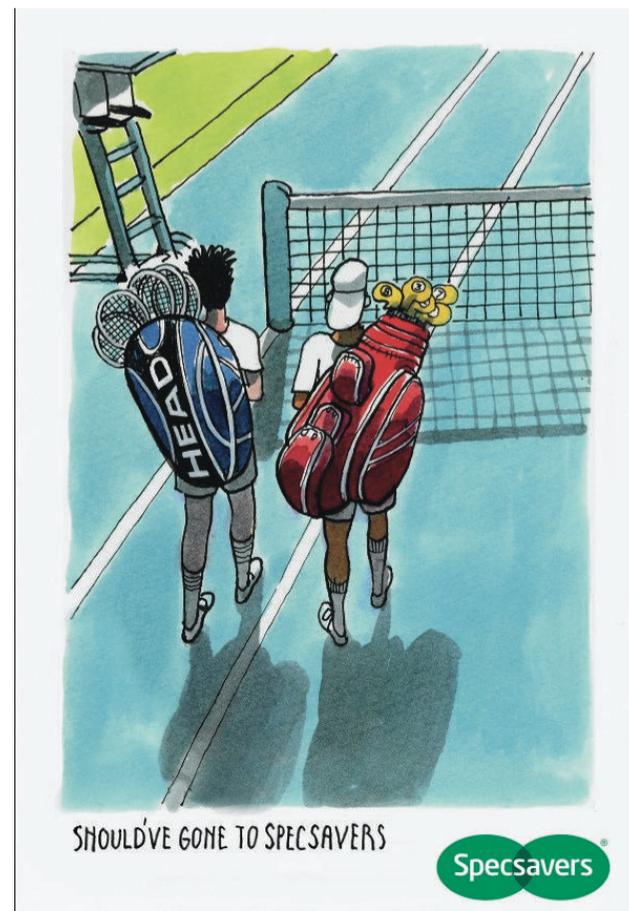
Furthermore, a successful event must be one where all abilities and skill levels can be involved. King Ball

does not require 6 foot tall, netball prodigies (though they can be of use.) No, instead, all King Ball requires is an unreserved attitude towards winning and extreme enthusiasm. Height should have no effect on ability to aim and throw and catch. A smaller, enthused person would certainly overcome the efforts of a taller, uninterested person.

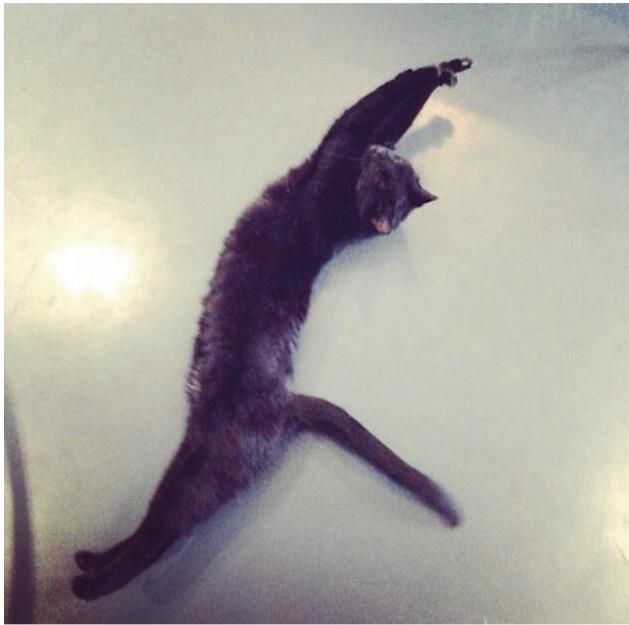
The beauty of house events is that each team has varying, complementing abilities, and King Ball in lessons is evidence that such a range can lead to success, should the correct mind-set be held. Now, some may argue that the gym is too small, the timetable already too full, and to such whines I would like to remind them of the Ladies' College attitude, where, should we desire something, we can and will endeavour to make ends meet. The competition could be split across age groups to specialise spectators, it could be compulsory, like House Netball for the lower years, to ensure a range of abilities play, and it could be incorporated into P.E. lessons for the years that have integrated this lesson. If we can do it for rounders, netball and football - why not King Ball? King Ball, in particular, seems a real Ladies' College speciality. Prior to my time here, I had never heard of such a sport, and now, I, amongst a myriad of others, have fallen for this uplifting game. There are few other indoor sports where such an intense atmosphere arises from, few other forms of exercise where one's whole person can be involved.

I cannot be alone, surely, in declaring adoration for this sport. And so,

it makes perfect sense to make this a House Event. Let me set the scene: two lines of opposing teams, thoroughly clad in appropriate colours - perhaps even with terrifying war paint scrawled upon their faces. In synch, they walk up to the separating benches, before performing a complex Haka complete with howls, grunts and other utters of sinister connotation. They then return to the far side of their court, the balls are placed in the middle, the whistle blows, and all hell breaks loose... All in the typical Ladies' College good sporting nature, of course. And so, if this appeal seems even vaguely attractive to you, I ask you to please contact the closest P.E. teacher in your vicinity and alert them of the cause. I am confident that should the demand be sufficient, we could soon see this sport on the annual House Events timetable. All that is required is you and your voice - spread the word - and our efforts should be rewarded.



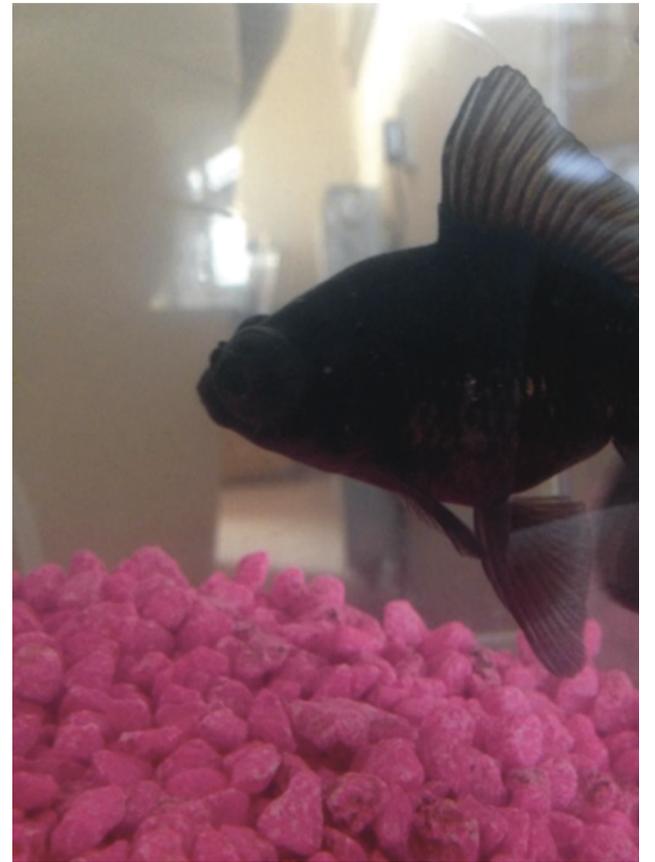
Pet Of The Month



Issy Morgan's stretching cat, Sooty



Honor Brooksbank's adorable dog, Clottie



Holly Ingrouille's photogenic fish, Nelson



Maddie Betley's cute cat, Lulu

Well done to this month's winner, Katherine Jensen with Bonnie and her puppy dog eyes!



Sophie Burbridge's flirtatious cat, Duke



March Fun!

Lent: March 5th -> April 17th

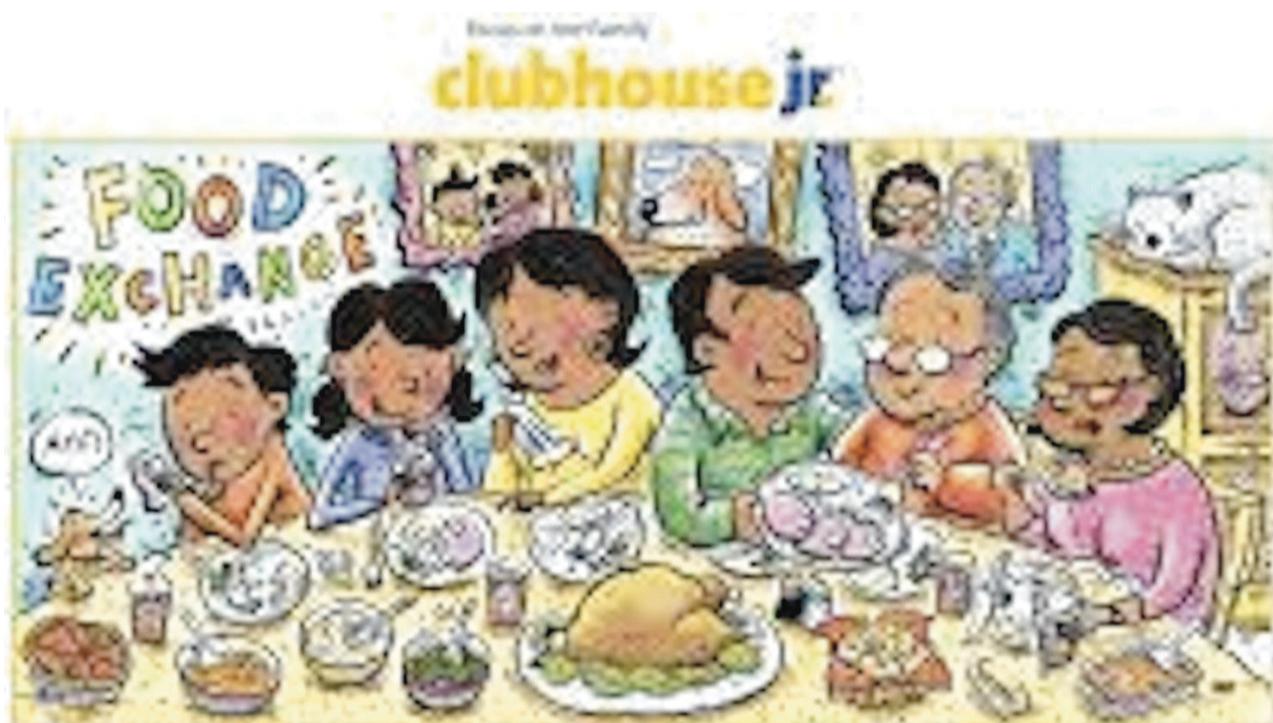
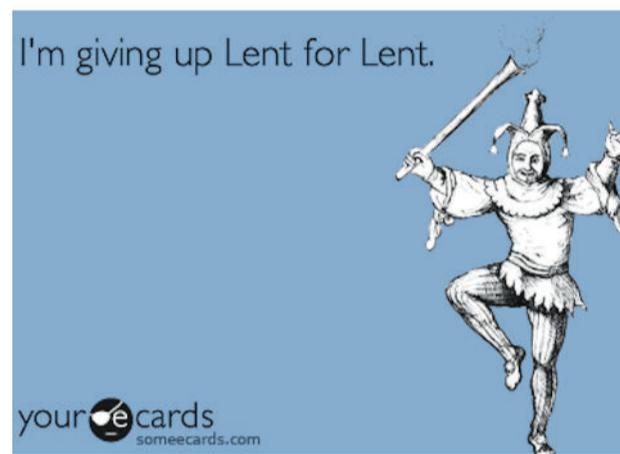
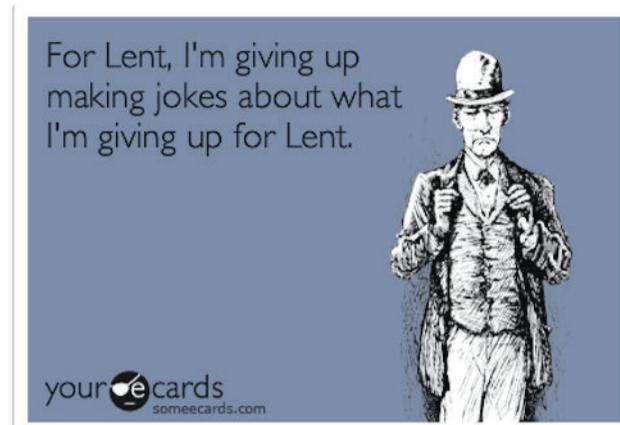
Can you do it?

What could you give up for Lent?
Here are some ideas!

- Gossip
- Arguing with a sibling
- Laziness
- Jealousy
- Lying

OR What could you do during Lent?

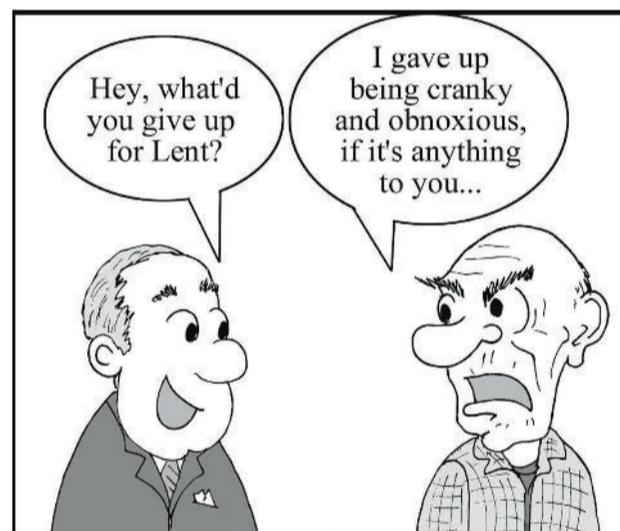
- Give money to charity
- Thank someone for being there for you
- Catch up with an old friend
- Give someone a compliment every day



HOW MANY THINGS CHANGE BETWEEN THESE TWO SCENES?



Spot the difference!



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Lent Facts!

- Lent falls on a different day each year
- Violet is the symbolic colour for Lent
- Lent is derived from an Old English word which means 'lengthen'
- The last week of Lent is called Holy Week
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This Month's Film and Book Review!

Film: *Super 8*

Starring: Elle Fanning, Joel Courtney, Ryan Lee.

Written and Directed by: J.J. Abrams

By: Natalia Tanser

SET in the summer of 1979 in quaint American town, *super 8* depicts the poignant yet thrilling story of a group of friends who, while filming a short feature film about a zombie apocalypse for a film competition, witness a horrific train crash. Intrigued by the strange events that occur following the accident, the children decide to investigate themselves, to find answers to questions such as, 'was it really an accident' and 'why have the military got involved?'

Super 8 possesses a raw and unique quality: authenticity. Abrams keeps the characters' actions, emotions and feelings as close to reality as possible, choosing to write about the majority of children as opposed to those films that focus on the exception. Abrams has perfectly captured the innocence of 'young love' in *Super 8*, in addition to successfully capturing both the highs and lows of childhood friendships. One of the main characters, *Joe Lamb*, suffers the loss of his mother prior to the events that occur in the film. Undoubtedly, Abrams' film touches on an issue, which is fraught with emotion. Parental loss is not discussed widely in many Hollywood productions and inspires numerous questions, as Abrams himself acknowledged: 'if the mother is suddenly gone

and this boy didn't have the greatest relationship with his dad, what is that relationship once she's gone? What do you do when the primary parent goes away, and how do you reconcile that?'

The young actors prove that they possess an uncommon raw talent, by epically portraying the array of emotions experience by the characters throughout the film. The characters all have sources of their pain: the loss of a parent, fights between friends, an alcoholic father, you name it: it's all there. Yet, extraordinarily, the movie not only captures the audiences' hearts, it also does not allow them to break their gaze with the screen for even a second. Numerous themes intertwine, to make the genre of the film impossible to define. *Super 8* will inspire you to root for the characters, reduce you to tears and cause you to burst out laughing. The dark atmosphere, which pervades the film from the train crash, creates a sense of suspense that will have you perched on the edge of your seat in anticipation.

Book: *The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared*

By Jonas Jonasson

By: Louisa Streiting and Natascha Helyar

It all starts on the one-hundredth birthday of Allan Karlsson. Sitting quietly in his room in an old people's home, he is waiting for the party that he never wanted to begin. The Mayor is going to be there. The

press is going to be there. But, as it turns out, Allan is not. Slowly but surely Allan climbs out of his bedroom window, into the flowerbed (in his slippers) and makes his getaway. He acquires a suitcase filled with drug money and the novel evolves into a picaresque and unlikely journey involving criminals, several murders, and incompetent police.

As his escapades unfold, we learn something of Allan's earlier life which is told in parallel to the present day through the use of flashbacks in alternate chapters. Remarkably, he helped to create the atom bomb, eats dinner with the future President Truman, hitchhikes with Winston Churchill, travels on a riverboat with the wife of Mao Zedong, walks across the Himalayas on foot, and was a participant behind the scenes in many key events of the twentieth century.

Although factually the novel is a work of fiction, I was particularly attracted to the use of real historical events with the adaptation to make Alan an active figure. Alan is a particularly prominent protagonist, and the fact that one man could have such a drastic effect on politics is utterly absurd, but this only adds to the humour of the book.

It's a pleasingly light and humorous farce, interspersed with a brief history of communism and the atomic bomb. By defying the boundaries of truth as we know it, Jonasson has created a light, enjoyable and comical story which can be enjoyed by all ages and both genders alike.

A League Of Our Own

House Gym Results:

Juniors:

1st - Carey
2nd - Brock
3rd - De Sausmarez
4th - Durand

Seniors:

1st - Brock
2nd - Carey
3rd - Durand
4th - De Sausmarez

Baby cup - Ella James

Junior cup - Jasmine Norman

Senior cup - Alice Dewsnip

Endeavour - Grainne Wrigley

Vault - Catherine Hagerman

Silver bars - Orla Rabey and Sophie Brown, Jasmine Norman and Danielle De Kock

House Hockey Results

Remove House Hockey

1st De Sausmarez
2nd Carey
3rd Brock
4th Durand

Lower Four House Hockey

1st Brock
2nd De Sausmarez
3rd Carey
4th Durand



have had to overcome in playing netball?

The only downside to away matches is the cost of having to travel off island. As we haven't been able to find a team sponsor for this season, it means that we need individual sponsors, which I unfortunately haven't had any luck with yet, so we have to pay the money ourselves. It's quite expensive when you add it **all up!**

How can I get involved with netball?

Getting involved in netball is easy! For a start you can join school netball club but there are lots opportunities to play outside of school too. I would recommend the summer league that anyone can enter a team in, even if you haven't played much netball. It's really fun and there's a mixed league as well as a women's league, so guys can get involved too! My advice would be to go to the Guernsey netball website (<http://www.guernsey.netball.gg/home>) to find out more about netball on the island. If you are interested in trying out netball or supporting the local team, follow @guernsey.netball on twitter.

Sport of the Month!

Clementine Thompson interviews Amy Fallaize, who plays wing defence for the Guernsey Panthers.

Hi Amy, how long have you played netball?

I've been playing netball since I joined my primary school netball club in year 5.

What do you find most enjoyable about netball?

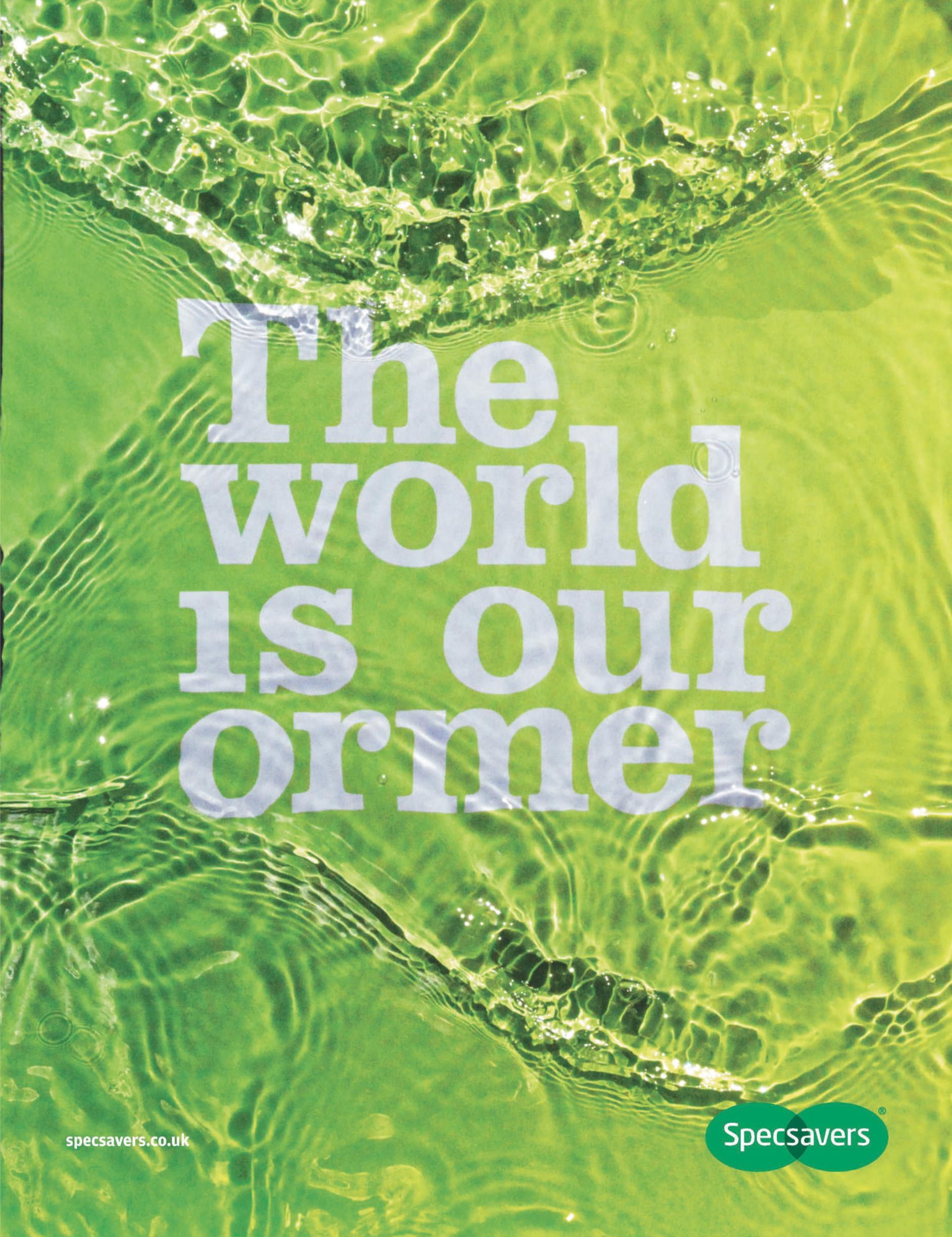
Most of all, because it's a team game, so you get to meet lots of new people and make some great friends! Being in a team also makes training more fun! I also love how competitive, fast-paced and exciting a game of netball can be.

What is the biggest challenge you



Amy Fallaize (right) marks her opponent tightly!





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