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All Loved Up

By: Lauren Ogier

WE all enjoy a bit of romance in the form of a card, flowers or chocolates from a secret admirer, but where did the tradition of celebrating February 14th come from?

It seems only right that we should think Valentine's Day is linked to the Saint Valentine. One legend is that a Roman Emperor felt soldiers worked better if single, but Saint Valentine defied this and secretly married the soldiers against his

word, resulting in his death when the news of these defiant marriages reached the Emperor. Another legend stated that Saint Valentine was the first to send a 'valentine' to a young girl that he had fallen in love with, being imprisoned she had visited him during his confinement, and just before his death he wrote her a letter signing his name at the end 'From your Valentine'- becoming a popular expression used in cards and gifts today. No legends are historically proven, yet each has a similar moral that Saint Valentine



was a courageous and romantic man.

Although uncertain of the actual origin of Saint Valentine, we can be sure that February 14th is a day to be celebrated as it is the beginning of bird's mating season, and thus in the middle ages it was thought that we too should celebrate our ro-

mance and love for another.

So what are the top gifts to receive on Valentine's Day?

Jewellery
Chocolates
Roses
Cute memorabilia
Perfume
Teddy bears

I'll leave that to personal preference, but we must remember that although Valentine's Day is the most recognisable day to celebrate love it doesn't have to be the only day, and it does not have to be just for romantic partners. As well as the materialistic and commercialised side of the occasion, we must remember that it is ultimately a day to celebrate love for all in your life, and we shouldn't be focusing on the material objects and gifts that we long to receive.

Cut out this voucher to treat a friend or loved one this Valentines Day!



The Gold D of E Experience

By: Alice Dewsnip

FROM the wet socks, to the extreme tiredness, to the hysterical laughter, DofE really is an experience to be remembered! Completing your Gold Award isn't an easy task, however it is one I would strongly recommend because the feeling of accomplishment when you finally finish your expedition is second to none!

To complete my Gold Award, I had to undertake 12 months of volunteering, 12 months of a physical activity, 6 months of a skill, a 4 day expedition and a 5 day residential, doing a shared activity with a group of people I'd never met before. I'll take away many memories from my DofE experience, particularly from my residential section where I spent two weeks visiting orphanages and shadowing hospital doctors in a Tanzanian hospital - it truly was a life-changing trip! I've also accomplished many things during the other sections; I passed my driving test as part of my skill section and I

passed my intermediate ballet and tap exams as part of my physical section.

Overall, yes the expedition is tough



Frances Heaume and Aisha Damarell stopping for a pic!

but you have to be more mentally prepared for the trip than physically. I can't say I enjoyed all the endless pouring rain, nor getting lost in the fog on the top of the mountains, however DofE definitely brings people closer together (sharing food on DofE is the greatest offering, all your food is precious), and definitely

makes you appreciate the simple comforts, a pillow, a shower and especially dry socks!

Completing your Gold Award is something to be proud about and is definitely something worth working towards. It is a big step up from Bronze and Silver but it's a great thing to have on your CV and is a big talking point at interviews!

Having completed my Gold Award, I have now been invited to Government House in Guernsey in April, where I will receive my badge and I will also receive an invitation to St. James Palace in London where I will receive my certificate in the presence of the HRH The Duke of Edinburgh or HRH The Earl of Wessex. Right from the start, DofE is a real adventure, filled with new experiences where you will challenge yourself and discover talents you never thought you had. You'll be able to make a difference to other people's lives and your community through your volunteering, become fitter and healthier, make new friends and have memories to last you a lifetime. And above all, despite the challenges and those moments on your expedition when you want nothing more than to give up, it really is a great laugh!

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From left to right: Aisha Damarell, Alice Dewsnip, Alice Lemmon and Frances Heaume

Darwin Days

By: Natalia Tanser

BIOLOGISTS, Philosophers and Economists gather round! February 12th commemorates the birth of the über-famous *Charles Darwin*, an English (hurrah!) naturalist and geologist best known for his contributions to the *Theory of Evolution*. The knowledge Darwin benevolently bestowed upon mankind, (over 150 years ago I might add) still survives, even in today's society in which shifting scientific discoveries are ever-present. So, I'm certain you're all eager to decipher how Darwin has personally impacted *YOUR* life and everyone else's around you!

Biologists, all those hours spent slaving away, studying *Natural Selection* and *anti-biotic resistance* for those fast approaching exams? Thank Darwin! In short, *Natural Selection* is the

adaptation of biological traits, the most famous example being the elegant and vibrant tail of the male peacock! The tail is the peacock preening itself, ready to meet the perfect female peacock, similar to *Take Me Out*, really isn't it... Most likely you have already been taught about *Natural Selection*, if you haven't, fear not, this glorious knowledge awaits you to be taught by Miss Ellen or Mr Ayliffe! Undeniably, Darwin has positively influenced the world of biology, proving certain theories and discrediting others with his *Theory of Evolution*. As was once quoted, "***nothing in Biology makes sense except in the light of evolution***". This proves, that Darwin has personally affected each and every one of us here at Ladies' College, it affects what we learn in

biology and how we learn it and how it's taught, if that isn't educationally inspiring, then what is?

Economists! Have you ever wondered where the phrase '*survival of the fittest*' comes from? Yes, once again, you may bow down to fabulous Darwin! *Natural selection* was seized upon as scientific proof that fierce competitiveness was the natural world's way of improving the economy! Would Mr Adams agree? Social Darwinism epitomises this fabulous slogan, inspiring competition and innovation, to produce ruthless economic competition. Indeed, it can be related back to Ladies' College, the competitiveness surrounding events such as house athletics, house gym and house music are prime examples of '*survival of the fittest*'.

Last, but by no means least, just how has Darwin influenced the philosophy department at Ladies' College? Lower 4's are taught to question how the theory of evolution affects faith in religions, did God create the universe or did the Big Bang? This introduces a conflict between science and religion that leads each individual to question where their faith lies. Miss Halliday enlivens her classes with debates between science and religion as certain fundamentalist churches reject Darwin's theory entirely and so the question, which view is right arises.

Without a doubt, Darwin has enlightened mankind and provided them with sufficient knowledge to make their own choices, forever changing sciences and the life of all of us here at Ladies' College.

Walkies!

By: Christina Hodgson

THE dogs of Guernsey are not allowed on beaches such as Fermain, Cobo and the Northern end of Vazon during the summer period. Do people agree with this? For some, the local dog-walking beach is now off bounds. One key reason for this is the wading birds that feed and breed along the coast. The dogs are noted to scare off these birds and remove them from their feeding and breeding grounds.

Upper Sixth student Lauren Ogier, believes that 'You can't really move birds and their breeding as easily as you can move where you walk your dog', agreeing with the notion that birds should be left in their natural habitat during the summer period, and that the public should work around this. Likewise, as most agree these beaches are popular in summer. The idea of dogs being around is not appealing to all. It has been speculated that the main cause of dogs not being allowed on these beaches is because of irresponsible owners that don't clean up after their dogs. Issy Morgan in the Upper Sixth believes that dog owners 'should clean up after their waste and be fined if they don't' and thus dogs should be allowed, but the owners should be more responsible. Sixth form student, Hollie Le Cras conversely believes that 'Dogs can be aggressive, you don't always know'. These mixed beliefs are the main reason for the dog ban on many beaches in Guernsey during the summer period. But do you believe this is correct or should dogs be more accepted on the beaches of Guernsey?

This Month's Book Reviews!



Pegasus and the Flame by Kate O'Hearn

By: Giada Borselli - Lower Four X

This is the first book of a trilogy. It is about a girl who lives in New York. One night she hears the sound of hooves and she finds Pegasus, a mythical horse on her roof. She has a friend called Joel and they team up to help Pegasus save Olympus.

This was quite an exciting book because you didn't know what was coming next. It was hard to put down. I would recommend this book to people who like horses.

Department 19 – Will Hill

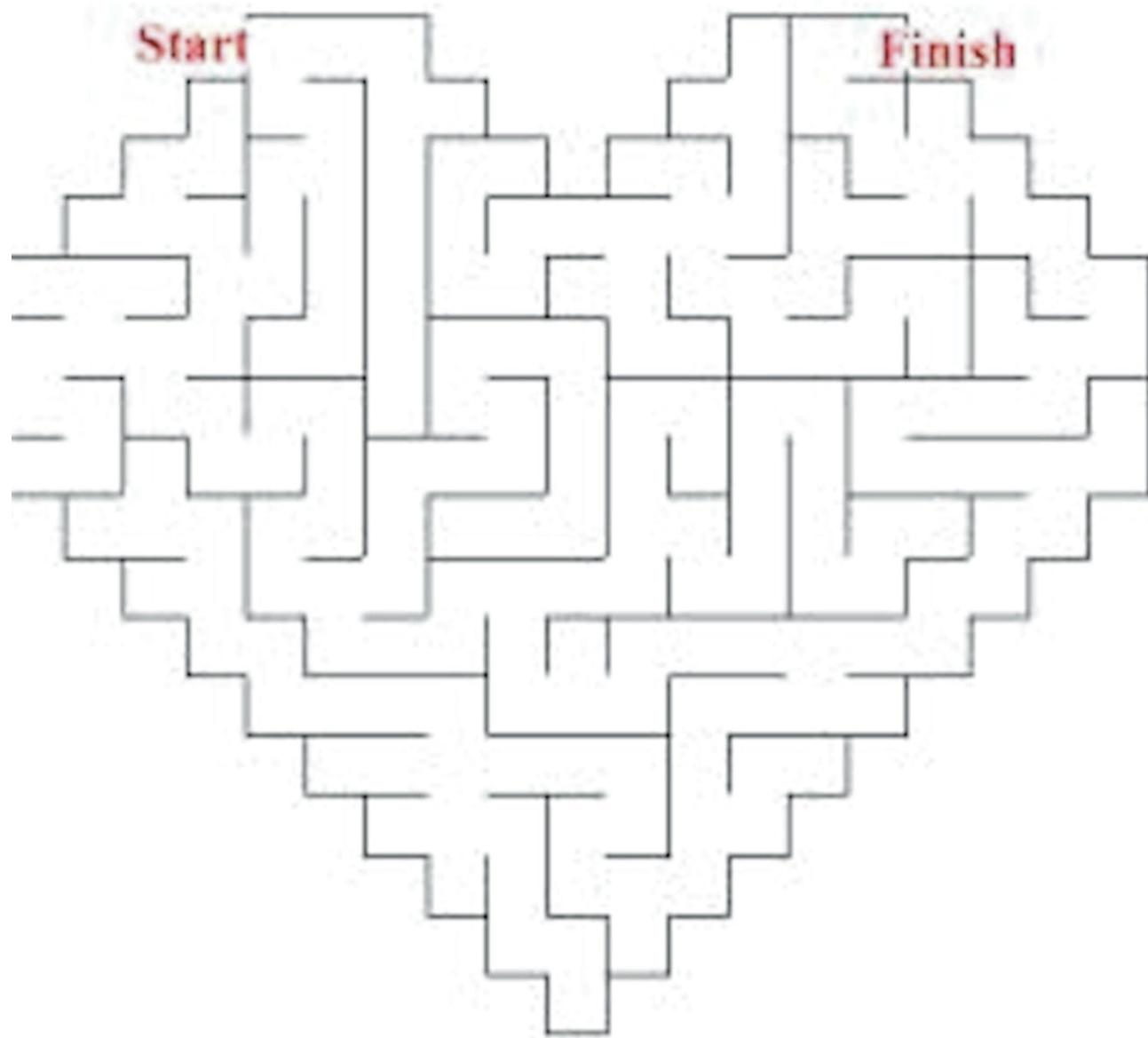
By: Kirsten Bonner - Lower Four X

This is a trilogy. Department 19 is a secret organisation which fights vampires. Jamie Carpenter is an ordinary teenage boy whose mother gets kidnapped. He is brought into the organisation to try to get his mother back.

It was so good that I read the first book in two days. It's an action packed book but easy to understand the plot.



February Fun!



Race your friends at this Valentine's Maze!

Valentine's Day Jokes!

Q: What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine's Day?

A: I'm stuck on you!

Q: What is a vampire's sweetheart called?

A: His ghoul-friend.

Q: What did the paper clip say to the magnet?

A: I find you very attractive.

Q: Do skunks celebrate Valentine's Day?

A: Sure, they're very scent-imental!

Q: What did the painter say to her boyfriend?

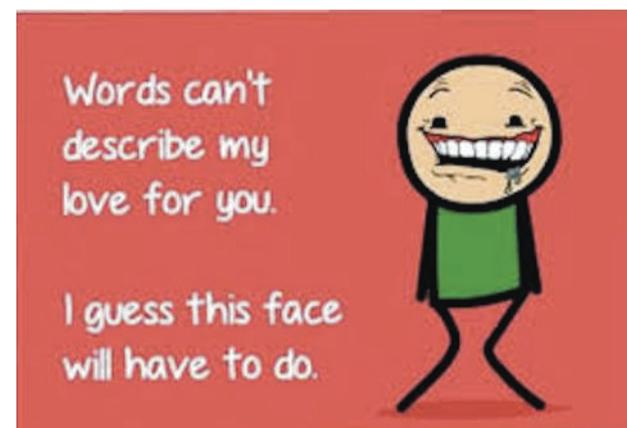
A; "I love you with all my art!"



Fun Valentine's Day Facts! you never give on Valentine's Day?

A: Cauliflowers!

- 15 percent of U.S. women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.
- Approximately 110 million roses, mostly red, will be sold and delivered within the three-day Valentine's Day time period.
- About 3 percent of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets.
- Richard Cadbury produced the first box of chocolates for Valentine's Day in the late 1800s.
- The most fantastic gift of love is the Taj Mahal in India. It was built by Mughal Emperor Shahjahan as a memorial to his wife.
- Women purchase 85% of all valentines.
- The average number of wedding proposals taking place on Valentine's Day is 220,000 and it is 10% of the total marriage



Landscape Of The Month

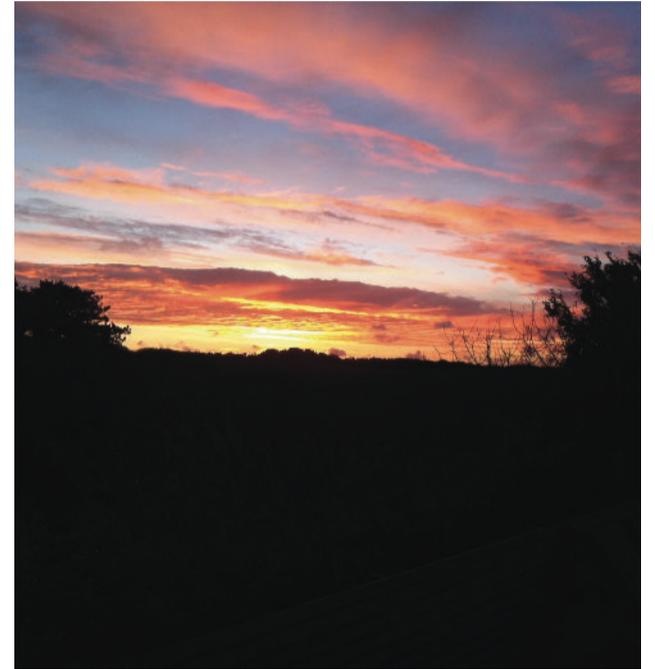
proposals taking place in a year.



Millie Wenlock's beautiful landscape photograph



Louise Enevoldsen's landscape - Guernsey Harbour!



Poppy Barker's landscape - a beautiful sunset

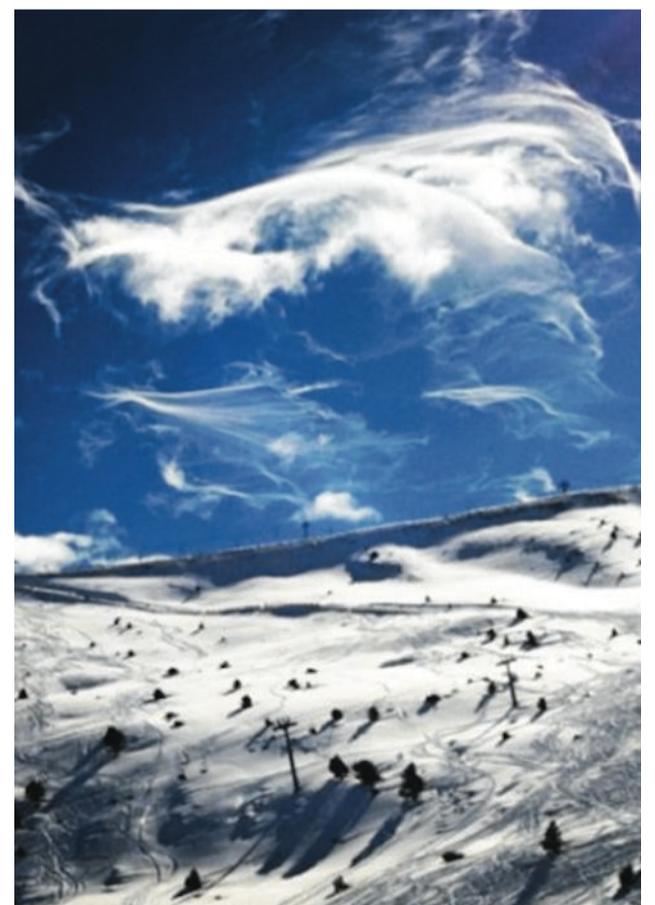


Fran Heaume's landscape - A panoramic of Guernsey's harbour!

Well done to this month's winner, Megan Renouf!



Chrissy Hodgson's landscape - a beautiful Guernsey beach



Megan Renouf's landscape - skiing!

A League Of Our Own

Netball

THE all important Cup Matches against JCG and Grammar are approaching fast. The matches will take place on the 20th March against Jersey and the 25th March against Grammar so it will be a busy few weeks of training! The cup matches are always a very competitive time of year, going back to the 1940s! Good luck girls!

House Football

Result: Brock 4 Carey 0

Match Report:

Brock Rock In Four Goal Rout

By: Mr Adams

ON a cold, blustery day at the LCF ground the first eagerly awaited semi final in the Junior House football was played between Brock and Carey. In the run up to the game both teams faced potential selection problems due to the musical commitments of a number of players. However, during some intense negotiations and the promise of plentiful cake the music department relented and allowed both teams to take the field at full strength.

It was obvious in the early ex-



changes that Brock had decided to utilise their full attacking options and laid siege to the Carey goal, but found it difficult to break down the resolute Carey defence. It became clear to the crowd at the Leaf Centre end of the ground that Carey had not only come to "park the bus" but also the caravan and the trailer and play a game that would end in the lottery of penalties. However it was the wing wizard Giada Borselli who settled the nerves of the Brock management team by undertaking a series of scintillating dribbles which led to the opening goal. It was from one of these bustling runs that Borselli played the ball into Abbie Tardivel who swept the ball past the static Carey keeper. Moments later the half time whistle blew and both teams trudged to their respective camps for a tactical appreciation of the first half.

It was obvious as the second half started that the Carey captain had borrowed the infamous Ferguson hairdryer and blasted out instructions to advance into the opposition half. Ultimately moving from the relative safety of the defensive trenches they had dug in the first half was to lead to their demise in devastating fashion. Once again the main tormentor was Borselli, who set off on another meandering run, before slipping the ball through to Tardivel who scored in emphatic style. Moments later the crowd roared their appreciation as Katie Halliday smashed home from fully 30 yards. At 3-0 the game was over, but to their credit Carey kept going in the hope of a consolation goal. However it was not to be and to rub salt into the wounds it was Jade

Queripel who scored the fourth and final goal.

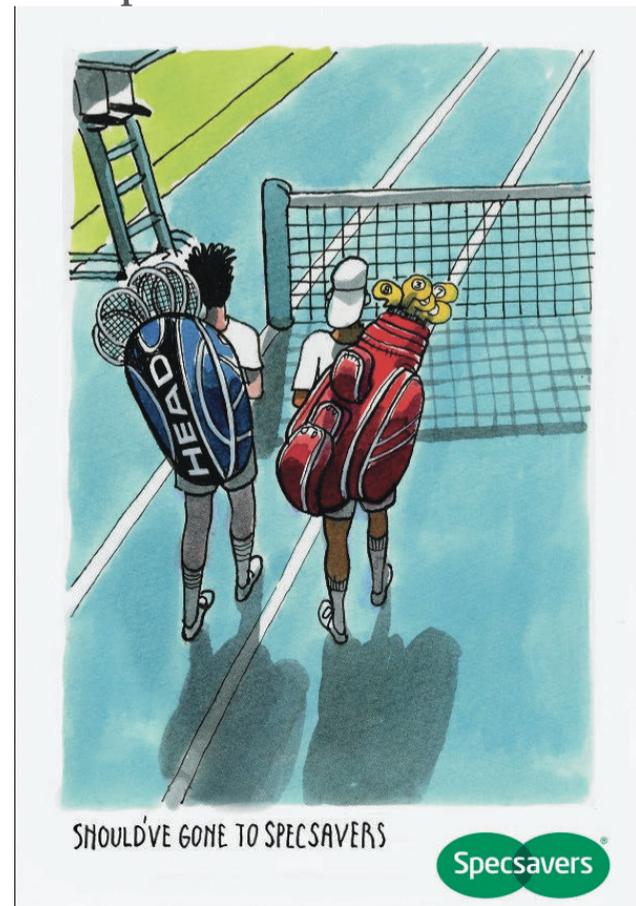
Brock march on to the final where

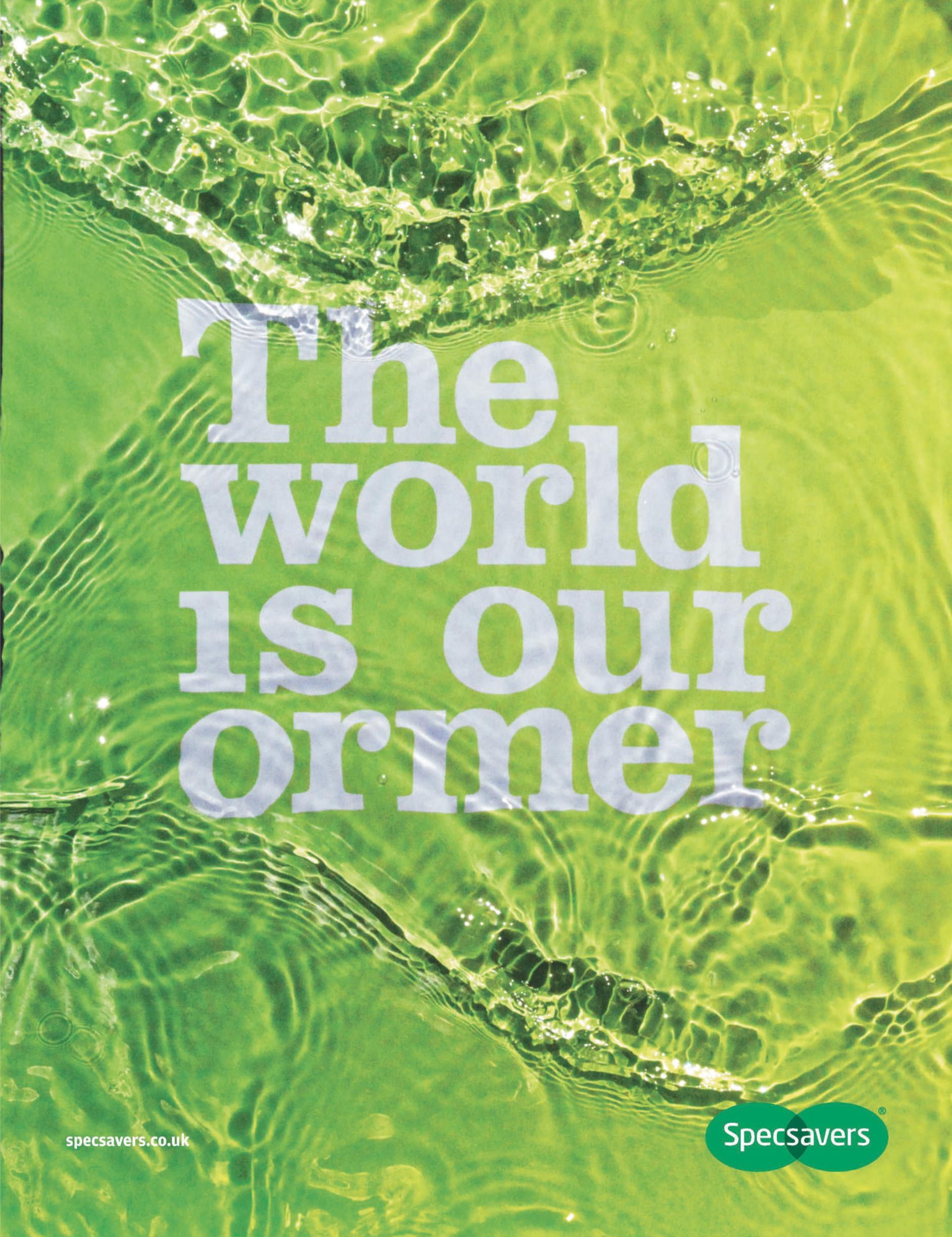


they will meet the victors of the other semi-final between de Saumerez and Durand. As for Carey, all that waits is a year in the football wilderness.



Team pic!





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