

# Hope

## MAGAZINE



SUMMER 2021

### PEOPLE WHO CHANGED THE WORLD

### HENRY J HEINZ — THE MAN BEHIND KETCHUP

It will be no surprise that more than half of the bottles of tomato ketchup in the world today are sold by Heinz. This is the company famous for its '57 Varieties' logo, baked beans, soups and sauces.



But how and where did the Heinz '57 varieties' first start?

Henry John Heinz was born near Pittsburgh, USA, in 1844. The son of German migrants, Henry helped his mum grow vegetables in their garden. When he was 9 years old he started pickling homemade grated horseradish and selling it to people who lived nearby.

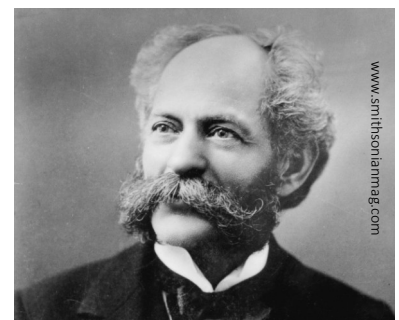
Horseradish was popular for adding flavour to food. By the age of 12 he had 2.5 acres of land for growing vegetables.

Gardening became his passion – he spent days in the garden, and had trouble meeting demand! Making high quality horseradish was time consuming: the root had to be grated, packed in vinegar and spices, and sealed in jars. Other sellers used dark glass bottles, he used clear glass so people could see the pure quality of his food.

In 1869 Henry Heinz launched a food company with a friend. It provided restaurants and cafes with sauerkraut, grated horseradish, and pickles. They also made a contract to purchase all the crop from the local

farmers at a fixed price. The company was very successful!

But in 1875 the harvest of cucumber broke all records and their company did not have enough money to cover the contracts with the farmers. They were unable to get a loan from a bank due to a banking collapse. So sadly Heinz was forced to declare bankruptcy.



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That Christmas was the worst one in Henry's life. He was depressed and he could not afford to buy gifts for his children.

However, Henry's mother gave him all her savings so that he could give his business ideas a second try.....

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### Hope MAGAZINE for Kids

We also have an extra *Hope Magazine for kids* full of fun activities, competitions and stories for the summer!



**Who are we?** We are a Bible believing, evangelical church. We hold a church service every Sunday morning where we seek to explain God's word, the Bible, in a careful, warm and relevant way, and give the Bible's answers to contemporary questions of life.



We are currently meeting on zoom, but from Sunday 5th September we will be back in Lakeview Village Hall every Sunday from 10.30 to 11.30am. Please contact us for information about our services ([word@wixams.org.uk](mailto:word@wixams.org.uk)).



*We also run Wixams Sunday Club, Ignite @12 and Bible studies during the week. We are meeting back in person from September.*



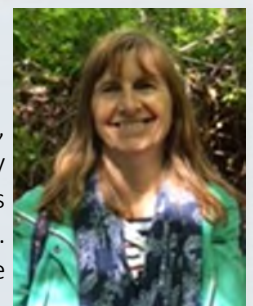
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We meet on Thursday evenings to look together at what the Bible has to teach us.

## My story....

Hi, this is the story of how I became a Christian. I was brought up in a happy home, mum, dad and younger brother. At the age of 4 I was regularly sent along to Sunday School. My parents were not really regular church goers but attended on special occasions such as Christmas and Sunday School Prize giving – especially if I was singing or doing a recitation. I had an enthusiastic teacher who made bible stories come alive and who encouraged me to read the bible.



When I was about 9 a strange thing happened: my mum, then dad became Christians. They had attended a series of special meetings where they heard the good news of Jesus dying for their sins and asked Him to be their Saviour. After this, things changed and we started to go to church as a family: they read the bible and my dad loved singing hymns!

Aged 11 I attended some meetings for young people and realised for the first time that I needed forgiveness for my wrongdoings and needed to trust in Jesus. One bible verse that stuck in my mind was from John chapter 14 verse 6. Jesus said "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father except by me."

At 17 I was baptised to witness to my faith. Does a childhood faith last? Well now I am a grandmother and I can honestly say 'Yes it does' – not because of me but because of Him – Jesus.

Vicky



# Tasty Treats.....Mars Bar Cheesecake

## Ingredients:

*For the base:*

140g / 5oz Melted butter

200g / 7oz Digestive biscuits crushed

1 tsp Ground cinnamon (optional)

*For the filling:*

4 large Mars bars

360g / 12.5oz Philadelphia cheese or equivalent (you can use light version if you prefer)



## Method:

1. To make the base place the biscuits in a bag and crush finely.
2. Melt the butter in a saucepan and stir in the crushed biscuits. Add the cinnamon if required.
3. Place in the bottom of a 9 inch loose tin and flatten down.
4. Refrigerate until cooled.
5. Chop 3 of the mars bars up into small pieces and place in a bowl over a saucepan of boiling water and allow to melt slowly.
6. Chop the remaining mars bar.
7. When the mars bars have melted, take the bowl off the heat and stir in the Philadelphia cheese and chopped mars bar.
8. Stir well to incorporate.
9. Pour on top of the crushed biscuit base and chill.
10. Decorate with grated chocolate or extra mars bar chunks if desired.
11. Enjoy!!

# ARE YOU AN ACCIDENT?

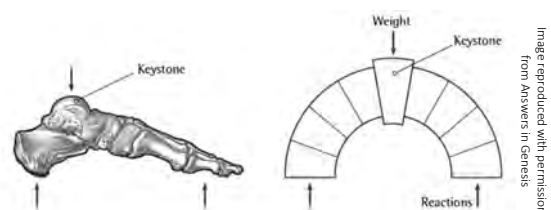
Wixams is an area where there is plenty of building! Would you say that any one of the houses in Wixams was constructed as the result of an accident and that the builders had not intended to build it?

It is a common view that the universe and its inhabitants have got here by a series of fortunate, or not so fortunate, circumstances and step by step improvements that give a survival advantage – evolution. This view is flawed for numerous reasons, one of which is something termed *irreducible complexity*. Irreducible complexity is a term for “a single system which is composed of several interacting parts, and where the removal of any one of the parts causes the system to cease functioning”.

Charles Darwin himself realised that an irreducibly complex system would undermine his theory: “If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed, which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down. But I can find out no such case.” However, the human foot with its arched design is one of many examples of irreducibly complexity.

The designer of a stone arch needs to plan the order of building and shape of the blocks with the final product in mind. Without the correct components the arch would fail, it is an irreducible structure. A human foot is similar to a man-made arch and also irreducibly complex.

The purpose of a human foot is for ease of upright motion. Looking at the feet of apes, they are a second pair of hands, optimised to enable them to grip branches. In the fossil record, all fossils that have been designated as ape men either have fully ape feet or fully human feet, not an intermediate version – no evidence of the evolution of feet from ape to human has been found. This fits perfectly with the world having an intelligent designer.



*At Christ the Word church, Wixams, we believe in the accuracy of scripture and that God created the world. The presence of a designer fits in with the evidence we see around us in the natural world.*

**Hebrews 3 verse 4 says “For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.”**

Footnotes: Behe, 1996, speech delivered to the Discovery Institute [http://www.arn.org/docs/behe/mb\\_idfrombiochemistry.htm](http://www.arn.org/docs/behe/mb_idfrombiochemistry.htm) Charles Darwin, The Origin of Species: A Facsimile of the First Edition (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1964), p. 189. <https://answersingenesis.org/intelligent-design/what-about-design-arguments-like-irreducible-complexity/>



# Real lives

## Amerdev & Sumitra....

### *An Indian Christian marriage*

#### **Family from India**

Amerdev arrived in Bedford from India when he was eight years old in March 1967, from Jalandhar, Punjab, India.

His dad was already working in the Stewartby brickworks – at that time one of the largest brickworks in the world. The family lived in Offa Road, off Ampthill Road.

Although the family followed Hindu beliefs and Hindu gurus, Amerdev attended a Christian Sunday School with his friends, in Offa Road community hall. It was the first time he heard about Jesus.

#### **Amerdev becomes a Christian**

Later, when he was older, he listened to a Christian speaker

called Sahib Singh Salee. Sahib explained the good news of Jesus, from John's gospel chapter 3 verse 16. He said that 'God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.' Not only that, but Jesus had risen from the dead to show that it was true. When Amerdev realised that Jesus had died on the cross so that his sins could be forgiven, he prayed, and asked Jesus to be his Saviour. That was in November 1971.

Soon Amerdev was looking for a church to go to and settled in Bedford Pentecostal church, near Bedford bus station. The pastor of the church went out of his way to talk to Amerdev and the other teenagers and to help them. It became his spiritual home.



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Amerdev's dad didn't accept the idea that you could change your religion, and he beat him to try and get Amerdev to return to the Indian gurus they believed in. Gradually he realised that Amerdev was a sincere Christian and didn't want to change.

## Places to go... SUMMER SPECIAL

#### **FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY—PRIORY COUNTRY PARK**

Lying just over a mile from Bedford Town Centre, Priory Country Park covers an area of 360 acres of land, worked for sand and gravel in the 1960s and 70s. There is a circular walk around the main lake, which is used for quiet water sports.

There are also nature areas, meadows and a children's play area. Ideal for a family picnic or just a pleasant walk to enjoy the scenery and wildlife. The café and toilets are open 10am to 4pm.

Further details, including maps of Park Trails, can be found at [www.bedford.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces)

From here you can walk alongside the river into town or head out into the countryside.



### Who will you marry?

In Amerdev's family, it was the custom to have arranged marriages, and his dad tried to persuade Amerdev to return to India so the family could arrange a bride. But Amerdev said "no!" He was a Christian, and as the Bible said, he would only marry a Christian girl. What was going to happen?

About that time, Amerdev's older sister who lived in Birmingham, heard of family looking for a Christian husband for their daughter, Sumitra. Sumitra lived in Bilston, but originally came to England at the age of 2 years old from Adampur, Punjab, India. A meeting was arranged to meet with each other.

According to their culture, only the briefest of meeting was allowed between Amerdev and Sumitra. But although they were both nervous, Amerdev said that his heart warmed towards Sumitra! Following that, while the marriage plans were being made by the two families, Amerdev and Sumitra did have a few clandestine conversations by phone!

The wedding service itself was a Christian one. But the wedding

celebrations were definitely Indian in scale, enthusiasm and joy! A coach carrying Amerdev's family visited Wolverhampton for the wedding which took place 24<sup>th</sup> March 1984. Very generous gifts were exchanged, and the wedding meal was on a magnificent scale in Bilston Town Hall!



### Thirty seven years on

Thirty seven years on Amerdev and Sumitra are still happily married! They live nearby in Elstow, and work in the area. They have two boys, who are now adults, and two grandchildren!

Amerdev says: "being a Christian is knowing that your mind is at peace with God and you have a joy that no one else can give. Not on the basis of what I have done, or whether I am good or bad. But because God sent his son to become my substitute on the

cross, to bear my sin, as my Saviour. When I pass on from this world I will be with him for ever. No one can take that joy away."



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Putting your trust in Jesus Christ at a young age might seem a trivial thing. But for Amerdev it was real, and it has lasted.

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### A GREAT DAY OUT FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS—HARROLD ODELL COUNTRY PARK

Harrold Odell Country Park, another area of restored gravel workings, lies in the attractive Upper Ouse Valley to the north of Bedford. There are two lakes to walk around and a nature reserve to explore.

Children can have fun looking for the carved creatures around the main lake. See if you can find all of these: badger, squirrel, kingfisher, barn owl, hedgehog, duck, snail, snake, stag beetle, otter, dog, rabbit, frog, butterfly, pike, heron and dragonfly. (There are more than one of some of these.)

There are also two children's play areas, bird hides, a café and toilets.

The path around the main lake is suitable for buggies and wheelchairs. Parking is just £1 donation. Check out further details and activity sheets at Harrold Odell Country Park ([hocp.co.uk](http://hocp.co.uk))





*You are welcome to join  
our Church service*

*We are meeting back in LAKEVIEW VILLAGE HALL  
every Sunday from SUNDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER*

*10.30am - 11.30am*

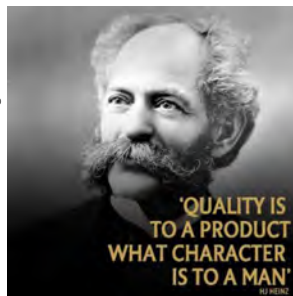
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## Continued from page 1 **HENRY J HEINZ — THE MAN BEHIND KETCHUP**

The Heinz business became a family business.

As a Christian, Henry Heinz was determined to honour his promises and pay back everyone to whom he owed money, even though the bankruptcy court discharged him from liability. He listed everyone to whom the firm had owed money. Henry worked hard, canning the jars on his own to pay off all the liabilities. Not surprisingly, his former creditors did everything to help him because they respected and trusted him.

It was the very next year that Henry had a breakthrough. With the help of his mother's recipe for making a delicious tomato sauce, and fresh tomatoes grown by Heinz, his new Heinz Tomato Ketchup was a great success!



*Henry John Heinz was determined to pay back every debt.*

In 1886 Henry travelled to London. He visited Fortnum & Mason department store, who supplied the Queen, and demonstrated samples of his products. "Mr. Heinz, we will take them all," the manager said. Eventually a Heinz factory was opened in England. Heinz slogan, '57 varieties', was introduced in 1896.

Henry also visited Bedford as he was interested in John Bunyan's book 'The Pilgrim's Progress'.

Henry was a committed Christian.

Although he was very successful in business, he knew his earthly career would come to an end. He said the most important thing in his life was to know "Jesus Christ as my Saviour".

Today the Heinz company sell 650 million bottles of Tomato Ketchup every year!

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There must be very few homes that do not have a Heinz bottle or can in their kitchen. Have a check in yours!



Heinz.com



# WHO AM I?

## One of life's big questions

A letter by 'Chris', published in a teenage magazine, said: "I've worked since school and all I seem to be doing is running on the spot, chasing dreams that are constantly on the horizon. It seems ironic that my life, and the lives of the people around me, revolve around hedonism and looking good, but what else is there?"

This question has been asked by every one of us. In short, 'who am I?' and 'what is the purpose of my life?'

We will look briefly at two answers: first, the answers provided by atheism. Secondly, the answers provided by the God of the Bible.

### Answers from atheism

Head VI, 1949, Francis Bacon, Arts Council collection, Hayward Gallery, London. Wikipedia



Francis Bacon is recognised as one of Britain's leading painters of the 20th Century. One of his most famous paintings is Head VI<sup>1</sup>. It shows a screaming man in a box and is described as "one of the most penetrating studies of human nature"<sup>2</sup>. Bacon, an atheist, said of his art "man now realises that he is an accident, that he is a completely futile being"<sup>3</sup>.

We may be upset at Bacon's "images of misery, of despair, of alienation, of decay ... a world in which people have lost their heads, cry out for help, for reality".<sup>3</sup> But this atheistic view of personal identity and purpose is confirmed by Richard Dawkins, who said: "The universe that we observe has precisely the properties we should expect if there is, at bottom, no design, no purpose, no evil, no good, nothing but pitiless indifference."<sup>4</sup> Who am I? Peter Atkins says you are "just a bit of slime on a planet".<sup>5</sup>

And for atheism, the ultimate future is bleak - believing that as the sun burns out, the solar system will die. Nothing will be left. No people. No memories. Nothing. The atheist response to 'Chris'? There is no answer. Just hope you have enough money and health – "To have a good time. All the time."<sup>6</sup>

### Answers from the God of the Bible

The Christian answer? We are not defined by our psychological feelings about ourselves. We are defined by the God who is there; by how we have been created and by what our creator says about us.

Who am I? Whoever you are in the world, you are no accident! You are the crowning glory by a loving, creator God: you are created "in the image of God"; "male and female"<sup>8</sup>. As a result, you have inherent dignity, worth, and are unique. Why am I here? The greatest purpose in life is to know God<sup>9</sup>, to "love the Lord your God" and "to love your neighbour as yourself".<sup>10</sup>

God created us to work: to manage and care for the world<sup>11</sup>; to discover the rational laws he created; and with our conscience to make moral choices between right and wrong. "To do justice and to love kindness."<sup>12</sup> To live for eternity.

The Christian response to 'Chris'? Our real problem in the world is that you and I have gone astray, we are running away from God. We are hostile and disobedient towards the one, by whom, and for whom, we were created.<sup>13</sup> But chasing dreams, looking good and hedonism will never satisfy.

*The good news is that God the Son – Jesus - came into our world "to seek and to save people who are lost".<sup>14</sup> Speaking of his death on the cross, Jesus said: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."<sup>15</sup> When we are found and freely forgiven through Jesus Christ<sup>16</sup> then we are adopted into God's family. Never deserving. Never unloved. Never alone. Joy.<sup>17</sup>*

Footnotes: 1) 1949, Arts Council collection, Hayward Gallery, London 2) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Head\\_VI](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Head_VI) 3) Modern Art and the Death of a Culture, Rookmaakar, p174 4) River Out of Eden: A Darwinian View of Life, Richard Dawkins 5) Sunday Telegraph, 1996, Peter Atkins 6) Guardian '22 Answers' Feb 2014 7) Psalm 8:5,6 8) Genesis 1:27, Matthew 19:4 9) John 17:3, Matthew 22:37 From all eternity God is three persons: Father Son and Holy Spirit, and therefore knows what it is to love others. 10) Matthew 22:37-39 11) Genesis 1:26 12) Micah 6:8 13) Isaiah 53:6, Ephesians 2:1-5 14) Luke 19:10 15) John 3:16 16) John 3:16 17) 2 Corinthians 13:14. Tweet by John Piper





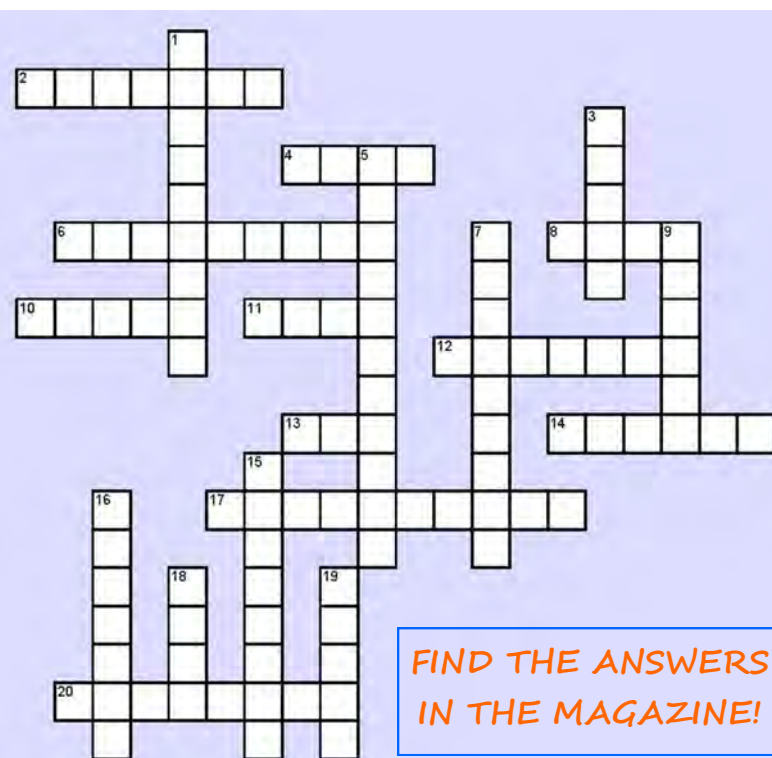
# COMPETITION TIME

## ACROSS

- 2: What is another name that Henry Heinz used for sauce?  
4: Who wrote the gospel where Amerdev heard 'For God so loved the world' in chapter 3 verse 16?  
6: What month do services start again in Lakeview Village Hall  
8: In 'Who am I' the good news is that Jesus came into our world to seek and to save what sort of people?  
10: What country did Amerdev originally come from?  
11: What did Amerdev's family want him to have?  
12: What is Amerdev's wife called?  
13: In 'Who am I' who defines us?  
14: What country park in Bedford town should we visit?  
17: Where was Henry Heinz born?  
20: Without which component would an arch fall?

## DOWN

- 1: What was one of the times in the year that Vicky's parents went to Church?  
3: Who painted Head VI?  
5: What did Heinz put in jars before tomato sauce?  
7: What harvest broke all records?  
9: What vegetable did Henry Heinz use for his most popular sauce?  
15: Which ingredient is optional in the mars bar cheesecake recipe?  
16: The path round Harrold and Odell country park is suitable for wheelchairs and what other mode of transport?  
18: What brand of chocolate is used for the cheesecake?  
19: Who did Fortnum and Mason supply with sauce in 1886?



FIND THE ANSWERS  
IN THE MAGAZINE!

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ENTRIES DRAWN OUT OF A HAT ON MONDAY 16TH  
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*For by him [Christ] all  
things were created, in  
heaven and on earth,  
visible and invisible,  
whether thrones  
or dominions or rulers or  
authorities—all things  
were created through him  
and for him.*

*Colossians 1 v 16*

*Cut out and keep*

*Why not come and join us  
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*Christ the Word Church Wixams  
wishes you and your family a  
happy and blessed summer.*