



## Inbox

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### Tools needed for Africa

Dear Editor,

'Open Door' (Association La Porte Ouverte) has decided to support the work of Tools for Self Reliance. This English-based charity helps practical people in Uganda, Tanzania, Ghana, Zambia, Malawi and elsewhere in Africa to take control of their lives and build their communities by giving them the tools and training they need.

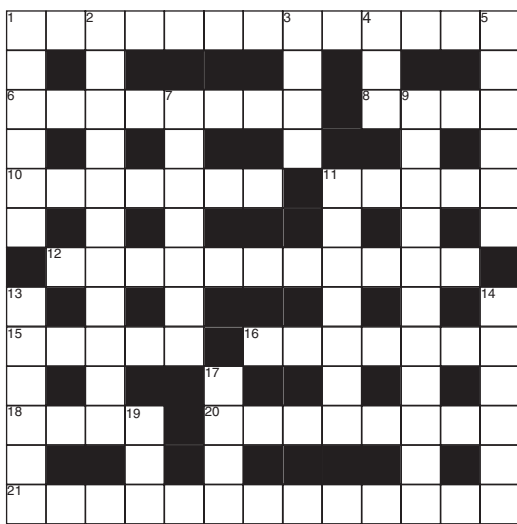
We need top-quality hand tools for metalworkers, woodworkers, mechanics, electricians, builders and leather workers. We also need Singer round-bobbin, treadle or hand sewing machines, and electric zig-zag machines in good working order. We will collect, refurbish and send them to the Southampton depot of Tools for Self Reliance, who package and send them on to the various projects in Africa.

If you would like to donate tools or equipment and/or be involved in their refurbishment, please email Tony at info@opendoor-civray.com or visit the Open Door drop-in centre at 18 rue Pierre Pestureau, Civray any Tuesday or Wednesday morning between 10am and midday. You can also leave a message on 05 49 87 97 36. Thank you.

## MINIMOT N° 2

### BILINGUAL QUICK CROSSWORD

Across solutions are in English, down solutions in French



Across (solutions in English)

Down (solutions in French)

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. Best version available (3,2,3,5)         | 1. Staggers (6)                |
| 6. Birdwatcher (8)                          | 2. Headlock (5,2,4)            |
| 8. Burn (4)                                 | 3. Normandy département (4)    |
| 10. Shortest route between two points (3,4) | 4. Wine classification (1,1,1) |
| 11. First impact (5)                        | 5. Writings (6)                |
| 12. Wearing the finest clothes (4,7)        | 7. Cook (familiar) (7)         |
| 15. Paid out money (5)                      | 9. Of high value (5,6)         |
| 16. Luggage (7)                             | 11. Job (7)                    |
| 18. Chopped (4)                             | 13. Swarm (6)                  |
| 20. Other self (5,3)                        | 14. Reply (6)                  |
| 21. Cosmopolitan person (3,2,3,5)           | 17. Item of clothing (4)       |
|   | 19. Couple (3)                 |

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French Week goes to the first correct solution opened on August 27, 2010

Solutions to Minimot 2 will appear in issue 6 (September 3) Erratum: solutions to Minimot 1 will be published in issue 5 (August 27), not in issue 6 as published last week. Solutions to Minimot 1 received after Aug 20 will not be eligible.

### In my opinion

Sir,

Your newspaper, French Week, has recently been sent to me by you!

This weekend I have had the opportunity of reading the article 'In my Opinion - Doing the Right Thing' written by your News Editor, Robert Harneis. I was incensed by the sentence: "The US armed forces and associated mercenaries also regularly kill the citizens of Afghanistan, including women and children by the dozen."

I am the grandmother of a proud and brave soldier in Her Majesty's Armed Forces who was deployed to Afghanistan to join the NATO Force. Their objective was to clear the roads and surrounding countryside of the illegal explosive devices (IEDs) and to protect the Afghan people from the terrorist Taliban. He was killed by one of these devices as have been many other soldiers from many other nations and also thousands of Afghan people.

Harneis is entitled to his opinion but the use of the word mercenary (someone who is influenced by greed or who works solely for personal reward) is an insult to those brave men and women. The Afghanistan situation is open to debate but not by bigots like Harneis.

I have read your waiver but would suggest that by the very fact that you have printed this statement you are supporting it.

I should like to see my letter in print in your newspaper with an apology to the families of all those soldiers who have been killed in the Afghanistan conflict, including those families in France in whose country you are privileged to live in. Jacqueline Senter - Limousin

Robert Harneis replies:

Your letter sums up the real tragedy of Western intervention in Afghanistan. I am sorry that you were upset by what I wrote and I can see why. I am myself the father of a soldier in the British Army who is also a French citizen.

The point I was making was that a serious American newspaper should look in the mirror before intemperately criticising Sarkozy's remarks on immigration, public order and how citizens are treated.

It is hard to deny that regularly large numbers of Afghan civilians are killed, including women and children, and that the United States employs thousands of armed civilian contractors or mercenaries. I was not referring to regular NATO forces.

You are wrong to believe that at French Week we all agree about these issues. We argue about them. But we do agree that every life that is lost in Afghanistan is one too many.

What I think and what triggered my irritation with The New York Times is that we in the West have double standards.

Would we tolerate the same civilian casualty rate, albeit accidental, if the military intervention was taking place in Europe or the United States?

## Technically speaking with Marcus Williamson

### Setting up your broadband connection

Last week we looked at how to find out whether you can get broadband and which broadband Internet providers are available to you. This time we'll see what comes in the box once you have ordered and how to install your broadband router

#### Q. What's in the box?

The box from your Internet provider will contain at least the following:

- Welcome letter with your username and password (*nom d'utilisateur et mot de passe*).
- Broadband router (routeur ADSL) - also called a modem.
- ADSL filter (*filtre ADSL*) - this plugs into your phone socket and has a connection for your normal phone and a connection for the ADSL cable.
- ADSL cable (*câble ADSL*) - this connects from the ADSL port of the router to the filter
- Ethernet cable (*câble réseau*) - this connects from one of the Ethernet or LAN port on the router to your computer.
- USB cable (*câble USB*) - your box

may also include a USB cable for connecting your computer - this will not usually be needed for recent computers.

- Power cable and/or transformer.
- Installation CD.

#### Installation process

With most installations you will put the CD into your computer and follow the instructions. These will take you through the step-by-step process of connecting the necessary cables. If the router offers the possibility of using USB or Ethernet and your computer has an Ethernet port, I'd recommend using this, as it provides better performance and reliability.

Following successful installation, you should go to your Internet browser programme and try to visit a

favourite website. If the installation didn't work, check carefully step-by-step to make sure that:

- the router is connected to the mains;
- all cables are connected to the correct ports;
- the ADSL light is lit on the router - if not then the Internet provider might not yet have connected you at the exchange (*central*);
- you have specified in the installation programme the correct username and password provided in your welcome letter.

French Week invites you to email your technology questions. The email address is [ct@french-week.com](mailto:ct@french-week.com)

In a later article we'll look at setting up additional computers on Ethernet and/or Wi-Fi.



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