



codes and clues

Who stole the Silver Cup?

Llanafan Rugby Club are very proud of their valuable solid silver prize cup, awarded every year to the best school team. The cup is kept in a locked cupboard in the Rugby Club building. Last Tuesday, it was stolen! Here's the story.

By ten o'clock, all the regulars had left the bar, except for four men. The caretaker locked the main door at 10.05. He noted that the cup was still in its usual place. After that, he went back to his office, where he remained until 10.45, when he spent ten minutes in the bar.

At 11.30, after escorting the remaining four men and the barman to the main door, he checked on the cup and found it had gone, and the cupboard left locked.

There was no sign of forced entry, so the cup must have been stolen by one of the six men present.

Evan Price. Caretaker, aged 62. Has one of only two official sets of keys to the cupboard. He's a lay preacher at his local chapel, and has no criminal record. Lives with his wife, Dilys, in a bungalow at the entrance to the club. Last person to see the cup. No witnesses to his movements except when he was in the bar, where he sat between Roger Hilton and Mike Hooper, who brought him a non-alcoholic drink.

Anton Bielski aged 24. Barman from Poland. He's always short of money, as he sends most of his wages home to his family. One of two people have suspected him of pilfering, but nothing was

proved. This evening, he was given notice to quit at the end of the week and everyone noticed he was in a very bad mood, threatening to take the management to court for unlawful dismissal. All witnesses say he was in the bar all evening.

Dave Morgan age 49. Owner of Dave's Lock and Key shop in Llanafan. But his business has folded and he's facing bankruptcy. After a car accident two months ago he's in a wheelchair, and his wife Marie has to come and take him home.

Roger Hilton Antiques dealer aged 45. Runs a Mercedes, has a house in Llanafan and a villa in Spain. A bit flash. He's fond of doing conjuring and card tricks to entertain people. Rumour has it that his business isn't doing too well these days. Left the bar briefly some time after 11pm to go to the Gents.

Bob Morris aged 63 Chairman of Llanafan Rugby club, and completely passionate about it –it's his whole life. Is the only person other than Evan Price to have a complete set of keys. Left the bar briefly to go to the gents at 10. 40

Mike Hooper Age 58 Chairman of the Cwmgoch Rugby Club – Llanafan's great rivals. Visiting for the evening. Their prize cup is silver plate and very inferior. He's very jealous of Llanafan, as he feels his club is bigger and deserves a better trophy. Went to the Gents at 9.45; otherwise was in the bar all evening.

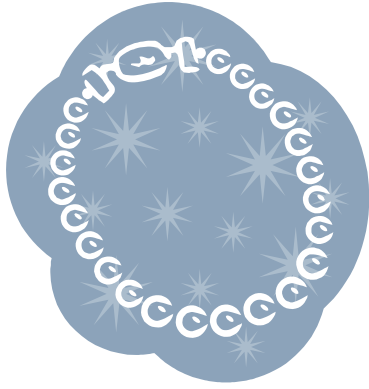
Look at each suspect – decide who had Means, Motive and Opportunity.

Means

Motive

Opportunity

I think the cup was stolen by _____



Where is the diamond necklace?

Pete Bloggs, well-known jewel thief has stolen a diamond necklace and fled the country. But he hasn't got the necklace – he's hidden it somewhere. He sends a harmless looking postcard to his wife. Does it tell her where she can find the necklace?

Dear Sue

I hope you are well and I
no that you will want
to know that I am well and
happy here and that
everything is okay and I am
trying to get work, and all the
other things like somewhere to live, but it's
okay really. I really
like things here and the weather's not
bad. I'll try and get you and the kids
over here soon.
xxx your loving Pete

I think Pete hid the necklace _____

Two sentences to decode. (easy - really!)

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