

## The Pinboard - Two Christmas Presents

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There has been very little talk of *The Pinboard* on the bulletin board in some months now and that lack of progress has been matched by a paucity of private emails and BB messages to us. So we were pleased to hear at the recent club meeting in Thaxted that several people continue to work on it, and with our pristine mounted copy of the hunt being passed around the table to prompt discussion, it was fascinating to listen as a group of members discussed their theories in The Swan Hotel.

At one moment the conversation began to pick up the precise train of thought needed to unlock an important part of the hunt. Naturally we held our breath, bit our lips and wondered if we might be about to witness a mass race for treasure, but the conversation soon moved on and the moment was lost.

Watching over us, from his vantage point on the wall behind the table was Gustav Holst, who is closely associated with Thaxted and wrote much of *The Planets Suite* nearby. Although as treasure hunters we are probably more used than most to spotting strange coincidences, it was still amusing to see

that the photograph in The Swan is the exact same image as appears at around 6 o'clock on *The Pinboard*!

But curb your excitement for a moment. None of this will help you discover the remaining secrets of *The Pinboard*, and so it's time for a club Christmas present of not one, but two clues.

These clues are entirely independent of each other, so should be worked on in isolation. There are no hidden clues in this introductory text, so you can steer clear of extensive research on Holst, Thaxted, The Swan Hotel and the like, and nor do you need to turn your *Pinboard* into a clock face.

One of the clues is a straightforward piece of guidance. For the other, we've gone back to an alternate version of an element of the hunt that we'd dismissed as too easy before we released it.

We hope the clues will help you to make that elusive breakthrough, and as ever, encourage you to share your thoughts on the bulletin board, or if you want to keep your thoughts from your rivals, tell us how you are getting on via email to [thepinboard@treasureclub.net](mailto:thepinboard@treasureclub.net)

Merry Christmas!

Matt and Nick

To make  
some progress,  
find a pair.

