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Visual Clues

The visual clues are included for further entertainment but also to provide confirmation of solutions to written clues.

The large graphic on the title page shows a pen and ink drawing of London before the Fire in 1666 with an ominous red sky. But this is 1660. So stretching a schoolboy/schoolgirl riddle

.... what portrayed London in black and white but was red (read) all over?

Pepys Diary of course.

A graphic shows a diary open to January 19th with the entry 'This morning I was sent for to Mr Downing ...'

A further 4 graphics are of NOSES, LARVA, CIRCA and SALAD.

Pepys is commonly pronounced as 'Peeps'. There are solutions with the same meaning such as SPIES, NOSES and PEERS.

Pepys was an MP and a Naval Secretary. We have allowed both NAVAL and NAVEL.