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**Wallace and Gromit: Grand
Adventures and Glorious
Inventions**

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INVENTOR'S PROFILE

Name... Wallace
 Speciality... Time-saving devices
 Slipper preference... Slip-ons with thick woolly linings
 Size... 9 1/2
 I most admire... Professor Proctor, chairman of the Amateur Inventors' Club. He has Patents Pending on 326 inventions! And Einstein.
 My most valued tool... My new mini-welding-kit. It goes everywhere with me.
 Mother of all invention is... Necessity? Or is it perspiration?
 My best invention... My Get-u-up contraption. Gets me off to a good start every morning.
 It's saved me a lot of effort, too.
 My worst invention... That Autochef. Ruined my breakfast AND my dining room.
 My favourite food is... A nice bit of CHEESE!

Need to choose a passport photo. Tricky!



Gromit distracted me with cheese!

They don't make tools like they used to. All these beauties are still going strong.

The Snoozatron wasn't great either!

Inventing does make me peckish.

Always read the small print

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YOU CAN'T BEAT CRACKERS!



Last year's Christmas card made by my Cardomatic. It managed to capture the true spirit of Christmas.

In an artificial kind of way.

MY INVENTING ALBUM



Must adjust the sensor to detect only crackers on the carpet.



Offer to England for next World Cup?

Not sure it would help.



Can suck a bunny out of its hole without hawming a hair on its little head. Genius.



I got them from NASA you know!

I wish they'd kept them.

I'm working on a Doodle-a-matic for would-be artists who can't draw. It's quite simple really when you break it down.

- Starting with simple shapes you can draw anything - even me!
- I never realised my eyes were that close together.
- Big smile
- Ears
- Looking handsome!
- Ahh! I've even got me favourite sweater on.

The jewel in a bone fide inventor's crown is his blueprints. I've applied for so many patents now, I'm getting quite an expert.



Some ideas

Must get the wheels in motion for these, eh Gromit?

The Lancashire Amateur Inventors' Showcase
 Exhibitor: Wallace
 Invention: The Bully Proof Vest
 BRONZE AWARD

awarded just before it was accidentally activated. The boxing glove shot out and punched the judge! We weren't invited back this year.

My favourite magazines

POPULAR INVENTOR
 JUNE 1/6
Cheeseweek
 CAERI DOES
 MY TOP FIVE CHEESES
 Wensleydale
 Cheddar
 Stinking Bishop
 Cheshire
 Stilton
 Must buy more cheese!
 MY ALL TIME FAVOURITE DISH
 A nice plate of Wensleydale and cream crackers...

I'm just crackers about cheese!

A MATTER OF LOAF AND DEATH

Invention The West Wallaby Windmill

Test results The Mill has really been through... er... the mill recently. It's undergone a makeover by Piella, been the scene of loaf-to-loaf combat and has been blown up. But those sails keep turning, that stone keeps grinding and the bread is still as tasty as ever. I was almost crushed by one of my own cogs, too. It turned out that my new fiancée liked butchering bakers. Luckily, a poodle-powered flour sack came to my rescue.

Conclusion I reckon this bakery business will give us the bread we need for a long time to come (although Mrs Mulch is trying to shut us down, and the Planning Office seem to be taking her VERY seriously).

Piella wormed her way into Wallace's affections but she had no heart. Luckily, her dog Fluffles is different...



Piella and I went on some smashing dates. We learned how to tango and even dance the fandango.



When I stumbled across Piella's diary, her ghastly secret was revealed.



I always knew there was something fishy about Piella. It was odd that she made our house look so homely when her house looked like Dracula's castle.

MY DATES WITH PIELLA

- MONDAY: Picnic in the park with Piella and Fluffles.
- TUESDAY: A day at the funfair.
- WEDNESDAY: Venetian dreaming... punting on the Manchester Ship Canal.
- THURSDAY: Tango for two! (Passion obligatory)
- FRIDAY: Shopping for a special present.

Love is a many splendored thing... but it doesn't half tire you out.



Piella had been sacked as the 'Make-O-Lite' girl when the balloon could no longer get off the ground.

Light as a feather she wasn't.

Piella's boudoir! Thirteen dummies sitting pretty. Twelve bakers already dead.



That was when I realized I had to find a way to protect Wallace.



Gromit rescued us from the bomb but then we got caught up in a chaotic chase all over the mill.



When Piella tried to escape in her balloon she fell to the ground and ended up in the zoo's crocodile pit.



PIELLA'S SHOCKING PLAN

Piella gave me a wonderful present

The cake looked truly delicious

How was I supposed to know...

...that inside there was a bomb with a short fuse!