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INVENTOR'S PROFILE

Name...	Wallace
Speciality...	Time-saving devices
Slipper preference...	Slip-ons with thick woolly linings
Size...	9 ½
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.
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!

It's saved me a lot of effort, too.

The Snoozatron wasn't great either!

Inventing does make me peckish.

Always read the small print

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

In an artificial kind of way.

Gromit distracted me with cheese!

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

NORTHERN TOOL SUPPLIES

50 YEAR GUARANTEE

Jumping John's Round Bunny Scooper	5/-
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Total	£1/2/6d

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MY INVENTING ALBUM

THE 525 CRACKERVAC



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

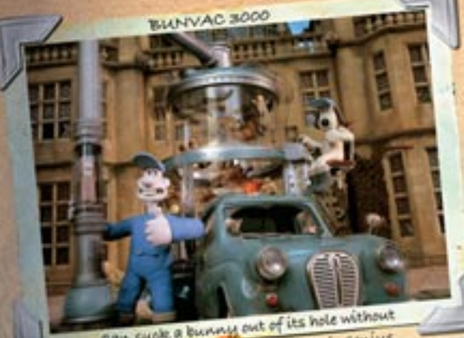
SOCC-A-MATIC

Offer to England for next World Cup?



Not sure it would help.

BUNVAC 3000



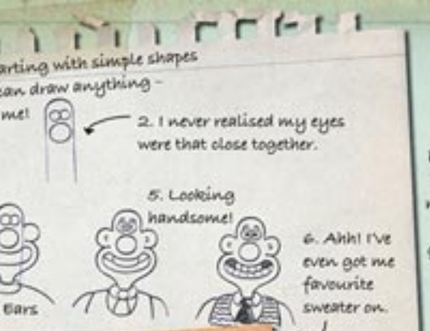
Can suck a bunny out of its hole without harming a hair on its little head. Genius.

THE TECHNO TROUSERS

I got them from NASA you know!



I wish they'd kept them.



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.



My favourite magazines

I'm just crackers about cheese!

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.



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...

GROMIT AND FLUFFLES, AH!

PIELLA'S DIARY

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

FRED ASTAIRE, EAT YOUR HEART OUT

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.

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

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.



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.

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

Light as a feather she wasn't.

BOMB

Piella tried to crush me in my own machinery.

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!