



Evesham Festival of Words 'First Line Competition' 2022

Second Place: Alyson Hilbourne

'The clock struck one. 10, 9, 8 He continued counting down, took a deep breath and then ... glanced down at his computer. Letters fell like confetti, numbers jiggled and jumped, colours faded.

"What's happening?"

Colleagues panicked.

"My computer..."

"The figures..."

He pushed the virus loaded thumb drive deep into his pocket. The things he had to do to leave the office early on a Friday afternoon...