Dear Reader,

There are so many exciting stories about Arthur and Merlin. They’ve been told many times in new ways over the years. Are they true? We will never know for sure as it all happened so long ago.

My favourite legend is about how Arthur became king by pulling a sword from a stone. It might have happened something like this ...

Julia Golding
Chapter 1

Long, long ago, the world’s greatest wizard was in a muddle.

‘Drat!’ Merlin shouted.

His pet rat turned purple.
‘Help!’ he cried.
His rubbish bin exploded and showered him with paper.
‘I know I had it somewhere!’ moaned Merlin.