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Hello. Happy New Year! I hope you have had a good break over the Christmas period and that this year brings you more happiness and satisfaction than ever before.

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The next issue of the magazine is the 50th one and to celebrate we are having a party (to thank contributors) on the 2nd of February at Hebden Bridge Town Hall. The party is from 7 pm until 11 pm and features a free Indian buffet, a Dj and an exciting performance by the celebrated dancer Srikant Subramaniam. Hope you can make it! Best Wishes, Dean, Brenda and **Robert**.

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MY NOT VERY SERIOUS STARS



Scorpio 24 Oct – 22 Nov

Now is the 'gym season' and you must decide whether to stay fat and have more money or go to a gym a few times, stay fat, and have less money. If you're still wondering who you woke up with after the office party was, then now is the perfect

time to give up drinking alcohol. Try drinking more soya milk and shave more often.

Sagittarius 23 Nov – 21 Dec

If you struggled financially this Christmas, then why not start saving £2 coins so you won't be financially embarrassed next year when father Christmas comes down your chimney. It is

a good time to start cross-dressing now that your wife has lost a lot of weight and no longer needs her old clothes. Also, it would be a good time to start going running.

Capricorn 22 Dec – 20 Jan

A Polish woman may come into your life and illustrate clearly that nationality has nothing to do with stupidity. If you're going to continue dressing as a woman, you really need to buy a nice scarf to cover up your huge Adam's Apple. A young man may try and talk his way into an intimate place but reject him as his motives are not honourable.

Aquarius 21 Jan – 19 Feb

The man who spends hours on the toilet may not talk crap after all and become a good friend. Change your shade of lipstick to grey to match your hair. Someone will ask you out if you're single, but you will have to weigh up if it will affect another important relationship in a negative way. Treat yourself to some good quality toilet paper.

Pisces 20 Feb – 20 Mar

Someone you like may reject your advances this month but don't worry as there will be someone mingling for you just around the corner. You may be jealous of friends who are going on a foreign holiday but at least you know you won't be thrown off of a flight again for drunkenness if you go with them. A trip to the dentist may make you realise that dentures would be cheaper.

Aries 21 Mar- 20 Apr

Your neighbour is still being a pain so treat him like he's invisible and one day he will go away. You have very nice legs so consider wearing shorts in the middle of winter even if you're freezing to death. It is a good time to take up ballroom dancing if you find other forms of exercise boring. Eat more imported radish and try to pass less wind in public.

Taurus 21 Apr – 21 May

You have got so fat over Christmas that you might as well continue on the big mamma diet when you can eat as much as you want, when you want. If you are still having an affair, take a long, hard, look at your life and decide if you want to continue feeling like a thief in the night. Now is a good time to stop spending like there's no tomorrow.

Gemini 22 May – 21 Jun

This year is a good one to consider having a baby as you would make the kind of parent this society really needs. If you are really honest with yourself, you will know that you are a very narrow-minded person – but you can change if you really want to. It is also time that you broadened your horizons from a cultural point of view. Stop staring at people.

Cancer 22 Jun – 23 Jul

You must stop being such a miserable git as there are loads of people worse off than you – and loads better off, it's true. Someone close to you may devastate you by telling you a home

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truth, but this will help you in the long run. Think about buying a lottery ticket if you're feeling lucky – but be prepared for the inevitable disappointment. Stop picking your nose.

Leo 24 Jul – 23 Aug

A financial windfall will come your way this year, but don't blow it in like a fool. You may have lots of thoughts about your mortality at the moment, but use these in a positive way to live your life to the full. The colour orange is significant this month. Be kind to a stranger as you never know when you, yourself, will need help. Eat more sauerkraut.

Virgo 24 Aug – 23 Sep

Someone you have been kind to may prove to be a charlatan. It is a good time to consider giving a rescue animal a good home – if you have the required time to care for it properly. A woman may come into your life, turn it upside down, and leave you feeling very happy. Why not think of sponsoring a child in a poorer part of the world. Your looks are improving with age.

Libra 24 Sep – 23 Oct

Start the new year as you mean to go on by working hard at your job. A familiar face may make a welcome reappearance in your life. Forget about that big wart on the end of your nose and get on with your life. You are deluded if you still think you can attract any member of the opposite sex so be more realistic. Consider becoming a film extra.

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ACTOR AMBER GILMOUR TALKS ABOUT HER LIFE



Amber, can you tell me a bit about yourself? I'm 28 years of age. I work at the Square Chapel in Halifax, but my main aim is to do acting. I want to be a professional actor preferably on TV, but I do plays locally at places like the Halifax Playhouse.

Have you ever done any professional work? Yes. I've been on a few adverts for things like Leeds Building Society.

What were you doing on that? I had to pretend to be a rock climber and advertise a savings account. The idea was that I wanted to save up money to go rock climbing. I'm also currently on the Emmerdale Studio Experience advert. In addition, I've also been a nurse on the soap Emmerdale and done the voiceover for another advert.

Would you appear on any kind of advert? Yes. I think I would do any advert unless it was something I was hugely against but they do tend to have hugely controversial adverts on TV so if it was just something 'embarrassing' I'd be fine doing it as I don't mind making a fool of myself – I tend to anyway so it's a bonus to get paid for it!

Do you have an agent? Yes. I've an agent in Leeds but I'm looking for another agency in the new year, as I want to concentrate on the acting side of the business whereas they are mainly concerned with adverts and modelling.

When did you first start acting? When I was born! My mum said I always pretended to be a cat and as I got older, she realised that I wanted to be an actor. At school I enjoyed doing plays and I did drama at GCSE and after that, I decided I wanted to carry on and be an actor.

What first attracted you to acting? It came naturally to me and was fun. I always wanted to be involved in shows and when I was, I found that I was quite good at it and really enjoyed it. But I thought it didn't matter if I wasn't any good as long as I enjoyed the experience.

Do you have trouble learning lines? Sometimes. I usually get my mum and dad to help me i.e. they'll read the cues and if I get it wrong, they'll read it back to me. I find just reading it doesn't go in for me but it goes in when someone says it back to me.

Have you ever suffered from stage fright? – and if so, how did you deal with it? I do get nervous before shows sometimes. I used to a lot more than I do now. I think the more you do it the less scary it becomes but a bit of nervous adrenaline is a good thing in my opinion.

How would you define acting? Pretending to be someone or something else. Portraying a character. But I don't do method acting as I think it is more about pretending.

Do you do any writing yourself? I used to write poetry but I haven't done that for a while. I also used to be quite good at English when I was at school.

How do you fit in your acting with working at the Square Chapel? I tend to take a day off for auditions and they are very understanding about this as the Square Chapel itself is a theatre. In any case, I work in the daytime and rehearse for plays in the evening.

Do you work full-time at the Square Chapel? Yes. I do now though until recently I have been on a casual-hours basis.

What is the Square Chapel about? It's a theatre that has plays and shows films. There is also a thriving café here.

Are you quite sporty? I enjoy sport and used to be sporty; I used to play football, netball and basketball. I would like to get back into netball and basketball as I really enjoy them. I also go to the gym.

Have you any other interests? Not really. I just like to hang out with my friends and go to the cinema. I like to watch films on TV and I like to go out partying – but not too much!

Would you like to be famous? I'd like to be successful and if fame came with it, that's fine. I'm not striving for fame. I'm striving for success.

What are your hopes for the next five years? I hope to be a full-time actor in TV dramas, a soap or films etc. It would be nice to live on my acting wages rather than having to depend on other work for money.

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EUROPEAN WATER VOLE (Part One)



Written by Brenda Condoll

The European water vole or northern water vole is a semi-aquatic rodent. It is often called the water rat though water voles have a rounder nose.

In the wild water voles only live for about five months and in captivity, they can live for up to two and a half years.

Water voles reach 14 – 22 centimetres in length and also have a tail which is half the length of the body.

The European water voles are a uniform dark brown colour and are slightly paler on the underside.

The water vole is found in most of Europe, Russia, West Asian and Kazakhstan.

In Britain, water voles live within the banks of rivers, ditches, ponds and streams. Burrows are normally located near moving, calming waters. They also live in reed beds in which they weave ball-shaped nests if no suitable banks are available to burrow.

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Water voles prefer to hide in lush vegetation when they are not in water.

In Europe and in Russia they also go into woods, fields and gardens and live under the snow in winter.

Water voles are currently being reintroduced in places like Yorkshire, England as they are a threatened species.

Ref. Wikipedia

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DAZE OF MY LIFE (Part Six)



Written by Bill Pearce

Scrumping and skulduggery

DEMON DOG, SCRUMPING AND
SKULDUGGERY

On one of my frequent shopping missions, I was sent to the Co-op to buy a jar of jam, an excellent standby meal in those days. Once purchased, I handed over the money and automatically blurted out, “6005”, which was our Dividend number. Every year, each family would receive a percentage of what they had spent at the Co-op. This was commonly known as the ‘divvy’ and was a lifeline for many families back then. Walking on Newlands Avenue with my purchase, I turned down the snicket that led into Dean Lane.

At that precise moment, I heard the growl of something that sounded as if it had come straight from the bowels of hell. I set off running in fear of my life but the hell hound was in hot pursuit. Was this how it was all going to end? Ripped apart by a demon dog?

Reaching our front door, still the target of a vicious pursuit, I grabbed the handle. The jar fell from my grasp and smashed. Miraculously, the animal with the foaming fangs had disappeared. The doorstep was awash with jam and broken glass and there was a tiny, cross breed Labrador puppy taking advantage of the free sugary meal. Mother came to the door and asked what had happened. Through bucketsful of tears, I related the story of my lucky deliverance from the jaws of the demon dog.

This story was told for many years in our family and each time the puppy got smaller. All I know is that I could have met an untimely death and only managed to escape by being fleet of foot. I am sure that you, dear reader, will accept *my* version of the tale.

It was late August and this was probably the start of the busiest period of the year for the loose federation of gangs in Sowerby. The older lads took the lead when it came to planning for the plot in November but the PC gang were a vital part of the set up. The site of the plot was to be on the green just off The Newlands. It was felt that this was the best place to be able to defend it from marauding gangs from Beechwood. As mentioned earlier, the PC gang had a lookout system that was second to none, so our main focus was on security.

From this day forth, every piece of combustible matter was gathered in and taken to the chosen spot. Building of the plot was to start in early October, just after we had gathered in the year's supply of conkers.

At first there were just a few small branches and the odd broken chair, but as August gave way to September, the pile began to grow. It was no good expecting the help of grown-ups as they would leave things to the last few days. Being head of security wasn't as easy as you would think. Some of the gang members weren't taking their tasks seriously and would often be found playing footy or cowboys and Indians.

It was at this time that I had to encourage a few other local kids to volunteer for some duties, due the reluctance of certain gang members to fulfil their roles. Not wishing to rock the boat, they shall remain nameless – for the time being! Kevin Hutchybum (Hutchison really), and his little sister Jean were easily trained. Jean was about five but had a keen pair of eyes. We were also fortunate to convince Margaret Hepworth from Newlands Avenue to join us. She was the toughest seven-year-old tomboy in Sowerby and could climb trees like a monkey. I was now convinced we had enough staff to carry out our security duties to the high levels expected.

Oh, flipping heck, I can't keep the secret any longer! The gang members who were found playing footy and cowboys and Indians were KELVIN and OUR PHIL! I told them they would be named and shamed – eventually!

Field House was a Georgian mansion owned by the Stansfeld family, who had been landowners on the Sowerby hillside for centuries. Set in many acres of land, it boasted several well-manicured lawns, an ornamental fish pond, a coach house, a walled garden, a large grove of conker trees and an extensive orchard. The orchard was no longer officially harvested, so the trees were bedecked with plump and fast ripening apples, pears and plums. This was too much for the local kids to ignore and the orchard was regularly raided. Many a belly-ache came of eating too many fruits at one go!

The gardens were attended to by two elderly gentlemen, who usually proved to be no deterrent to our stealthy gangs.

I remember one day when I must have let my concentration slip and had my collar felt by one of the gardeners. I went rigid with fear! Phil had seen him coming and had legged it without warning the rest of us. Bloody typical!

” John! The bastard’s got me!”, I shrieked.

At this point, the gardener got his come-uppence. He had to let go and protect himself when he was suddenly bombarded with a barrage of apples from above. My older brother John and his mates were on the offensive. The poor old chap never stood a chance!

We escaped from the grounds by one of our many secret entrances and I spent the next hour trying to convince everybody that I wasn’t really scared, but just pretending. Phil was the recipient of the ‘evil eye’ for the rest of that day.

At the top of Sowerby New Road, on the left and opposite the Church Stile Inn, was a row of cottages and an old-fashioned greengrocer’s shop. For some obscure reason in the mid-fifties, it was decided they had to be knocked down. It was a delicate operation as they backed on to the wall which surrounded the graveyard of St Peter’s Church.

Somebody must have got their calculations wrong, because one evening the wall collapsed, along with several of the graves backing on to it. One of the first on the scene was eight-year-old Tony Birkhead, who decided it would be a good idea to take a skull home to show his mother. Being a woman of little humour, she screamed and told him to take the horrible thing back as she wasn’t having that mucky thing in her house.

Tony was somewhat despondent, so brought it on to the green to show everybody. Unlike his mother, we were all impressed with his discovery. Dusk was descending, which made it all the better for making ghostly noises as we all took it in turns at having a hold. Another adult warned Tony that if he didn’t take it back, he would call the village bobby. With that, we formed an escort for Tony and The Skull. The skull was unceremoniously returned, with the gang making more ghostly sounds and muffled giggles on the way. We decided that whoever the skull belonged to must have been a ruffian as half the teeth were missing.

By this time, several more skeletons and bones were lying around and workmen were on the scene. They asked Tony if he could remember which grave the skull had come from but he

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said it just rolled down in front of him. I recall the workman tossing it back in the general direction of the tangled pile of human remains.

It was almost dark and time for us all to head home, and to be honest, I was hungry. Haunting can be quite tiring! Another wash down in the sink for me and our Phil and then supper. Sleep came very easy in those days. **Next week – snowman and snowballs**

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MARK AGLEY TALKS ABOUT HEBDEN BRIDGE AND LIFE IN ENGLAND



Mark, can you speak a bit about yourself? I grew up in the Hebden Bridge area and have spent all of my life here. Initially, I lived on an estate called Dodenaze then later moved down into Hebden. I'm 39.

What do you do for a living? I work for a window company where I am Team Leader and run the shop floor.

What does the company do? It deals with PVC double-glazing and we manufacture window and door frames. The company supplies a lot of the independent window fitters and a lot of other big window companies.

What do you like about living in Hebden Bridge? I do like it and I've grown to appreciate the town. However, there's things I don't like about it like the drug culture and its reputation as a place with a high suicide rate. I think many of the deaths are accidental if anything.

What do you mean by the drug culture? It involves cannabis and heroin use in Hebden, but not dealing. When I was younger, I dabbled a bit myself but the turning point for me was when I met my partner Caroline. When I met Caroline, she had two girls who were 3 and 5, and basically, I've been lucky enough to help bring them up. They are now 20 and 18.

What do you do in your spare time? One of the things I do is use Facebook, but I'm getting annoyed and bored with it as it's just the same old, same old. I do use it more than I probably should for keeping in contact with people like friends who have emigrated to New Zealand. So, it has its positive uses.

What are the negative sides of Facebook? There is a lot of fake stuff and reporting which can cause trouble between people. Some people also use it as a tool and a means to bully other people, which in my eyes, is totally wrong.

Do you think Facebook should be monitored more? Yes. Definitely. There's not enough screening of content that goes up, and in particular, of comments that people leave under a post. I think some people abuse the platform that Facebook provides.

Do you like living in England? Yes.

What do you like about it? I'd be lying if I said the weather! I think it's a lovely country with a rich history; I believe there's been a tendency over recent years, for our own history to be neglected in the classroom – if you live in a country, you should be taught about its history.

What do you like about England? I like things like the Health Service which has probably been one of the best in the world for years. I think there are a lot of countries who are envious of it.

Do you think therefore, that we should preserve the NHS? Definitely, and governments should stop making cuts to it. But I also think there is too much middle-management in it who take far too much money out of it. This problem does need addressing.

What do you think of the present British government? I think they're useless and out of touch; I don't think MPs listen enough to their constituents. Yes, there was a referendum on Brexit but they are still fighting amongst themselves to cut a deal that I don't think they'll ever get i.e. to keep us in Europe.

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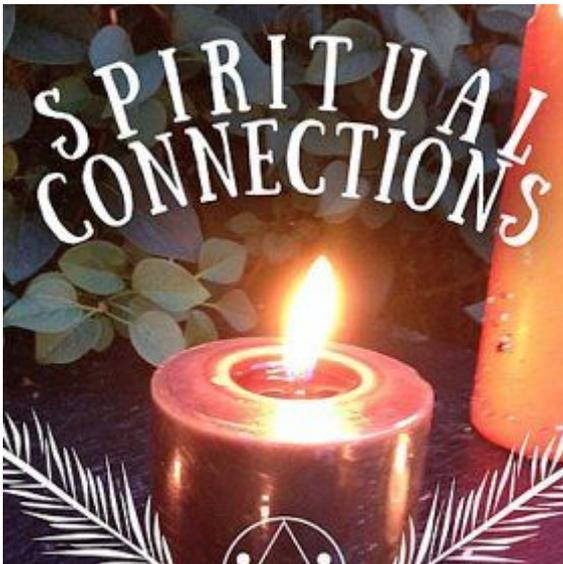
Do you think we need to be in a reformed Europe? Yes. The whole thing needs looking at and reforming. I do however, think there is a lot of scaremongering going on about if we leave then we will become a very racist nation. I think this is an absolute joke and I don't believe it to be anywhere near the truth.

Have you been fortunate enough to travel yourself? Yes. I've travelled but not as much as I would have liked to. I've been to Egypt, Greece, Croatia, Spain...

Have you been to America? It's not a place that really interests me. There are places in America that I wouldn't mind visiting but, as a country, it would be too much like visiting England to me. If I'm going somewhere, I want to immerse myself in a totally different culture. America doesn't appeal to me.

What are your hopes for the next five years? Staying healthy and being with Caroline. We hope to open our own business. Caroline's always dreamed of opening a café, but through discussion, we've come to the conclusion that it would probably make more sense to open a second chip shop in Hebden as there are already lots of cafes here. When I was growing up in Hebden Bridge, there were always two chip shops whereas now, there is only one which has a monopoly

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LETTERS PAGE



Hello Dean and fellow readers. As ever I have enjoyed FTTHM magazine and have returned to read some articles again. However, the letter from N Dawson regarding disabled people alarmed me a great deal. I was really shocked when I 'skimmed' the magazine when it first popped into my inbox and thought that I must have read it wrong. I have returned several times and I felt that I had to respond.

First of all, may I say that I am a retired social worker with a great deal of experience working with vulnerable people. Anyone who is disabled is immediately at some disadvantage in our fast-moving society. Those who can support themselves with or without help do so because our antiquated benefit system which does not provide fully for all their needs. Often family members have to give up work to help with daily needs; so how can N Dawson say that those who can support themselves should do so? In my experience, most disabled people would far rather be independent and not have to rely on others.

As for the comment to be 'genetically' prevented from reproducing, I am appalled at this comment. At the moment we are commemorating the wars that have resulted in our freedom: Nazi Germany was defeated in Hitler's determination to have the 'Master Race' by just such genetic and murderous intention. What right do we, the 'able' members of society to say that those who are afflicted should not be part of our world?

Everyone has the right to live a life to the best of their ability and should be allowed to enjoy what we have been gifted by human beings, whatever their ability.

N Willoughby, Halifax

Dear Editor

I for one will be pleased when we either stay or leave the EU as it has been dragging on for so long now.

Personally, if we leave the EU, I hope people will soon realise that we have made a big mistake and consider re-entering into a union with a reformed Europe.

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It is however, fact that there are things wrong with the EU and as I have implied these needs addressing in the near future.

Sam Jones, London

Dear Editor

I see that Ethiopia now has a female President and I am pleased about this.

I am a man and would welcome more women in positions of authority – unless they are like Margaret Thatcher!

Women are half of everything and should be represented on as equal a footing as men.

Sean Wilson, Manchester

Dear Editor

As FTHM approaches its 50th edition, can I just congratulate all those involved in its production. I have enjoyed most of the content but I realise you can't please everyone all of the time.

The magazine has evolved as time has gone by, and I hope it continues to grow and to prosper. Personally, I would like to see music featured more often.

Janice Monks, Pontefract

Dear Editor

People who come to Britain are often portrayed as having walked into a land of milk and honey. This is just not the case for the majority of immigrants who come to Britain.

I have a friend from Bosnia who receives very little financial help yet manages to keep a roof over her, her child and her sister and her child.

LIFE IS SO HARD FOR SOME IMMIGRANTS.

Anthony Parker, Coventry

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AN INTERESTING ARTICLE FROM BARRY SHAW

"Now you see it - Now you don t"

Ok... so you grabbed your Tesco bag (other supermarkets are available) went out to the car and saw your second flat tyre in a month. Back into the house, deep breath, put the kettle on to make a coffee to decide the next step from your two options ... change the wheel (again!) or walk and get some much-needed exercise. Before you can decide...wasp alert... and you spring into action with a rolled-up newspaper and to hell with

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the planet. Too late the wasp goes out of the open window (do they ever do that?) and over goes the coffee and your day is complete.... and you feel...?

The serious stuff

The reason for this story

A bit over the top maybe but I'm sure we've all had similar experiences, haven't we?

So, when that is the case:

Q "How are you feeling?"

A Frustrated, stressed, annoyed, anxious, don't care or something else?

KEY Q "Where do you think your feelings are coming from?"

A. The events/ person/
circumstances?

B. Somewhere else?

Certainly, looks that A is the obvious answer... and yet... the fact that the mind only works one way - from the inside out - (trust me for now) means that our experience (feelings/mood/attitude) is coming from B somewhere else ...the inside as - thought in the moment! We are always living in the feeling of our thinking and any other answer is an illusion...it looks like your boss/partner is annoying you. And yet ...it's not true... it's your thinking about them that's giving you the feeling. Thought is the missing link between circumstance and experience.

So ...you cannot have a happy thought and feel sad and vice-versa please do [check it](#) out ...don't take my word for it.

Most of the time we fall for the illusion that our experience is created by circumstance/other people (me too 100 times a day)

And the marketing people buy into this assumption ...big time..."buy this and be happy, smarter, cooler etc. etc."

"Sometimes we see it ...Sometimes we don't "

There you are something to think about and also maybe how it may relate to stress, anxiety etc....A very, very brief intro to a "new" (first realised 40+ years ago) paradigm, underlying all psychology, that we use thought in the moment to create our experience of events/life from moment to moment.

"It's all thought - it's all there is"

Anyone interested further can contact me here barryshawcoaching@hotmail.co.uk

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A POLISH WOMAN SHARES A COUPLE OF HER RECIPES



Veggie Sauerkraut (fermented cabbage) soup

My grandma used to make a delicious version of this soup when I was a small child in Poland, however now that I don't eat meat, this is the best I've come up with! Sauerkraut is full of probiotic goodness so if you want to retain its healing properties, add at the end when all the other veggies are cooked through and warm gently. Sauerkraut is available in most health

food shops, but if you want it cheap, make your own or try a Polish deli. This is a thick, stew like soup, which can be adapted to your taste by adding dried mushrooms, a fresh tomato or white beans / chickpeas for added protein. The basics are:

Ingredients:

1 onion
2 carrots
1 celery stick
2 medium potatoes
500g sauerkraut
1 veggie stock cube
1+ litre of water

seasoning: dried bay leaf, cumin seeds, marjoram and black pepper all work well.

Method:

Finely chop and fry the onion, celery and carrot until just starting to soften.

Add the peeled and chopped potatoes.

Add herbs and spices, coat the veg and fry for another couple of minutes.

Rinse the sauerkraut (if too salty) and add to the pan (this gets rid of all its probiotic properties so you might want to skip this step if adding the kraut at the end). Fry for a minute.

Dissolve stock in boiled water and add to the veg. Season with black pepper.

Cook until soft. Roughly 30 mins -1 hour.



Beetroot soup

The second of my favourite childhood winter warmers is a beetroot soup known in Eastern Europe as Ukrainian borsch. Beets are thought to support the body in detoxification and in helping to purify the blood and our livers, making them ideal for the post-Christmas /

New Year / party season. Traditionally this soup would have been made using a meaty stock (now known as bone broth) but can easily be made without meat and it's just as delicious. I like to roast my beetroot but this can be skipped if short on time.

Ingredients:

4 beetroot
1 onion
2 carrots
1 parsnip
2 potatoes
A few green beans
1 tin of cannelloni beans
2+ tbs tomato puree
3+ garlic cloves
2 bay leaves
juice of half lemon (or more to taste)
Approx. 2 litres of water
1 stock cube
salt and pepper
dill

Method:

Roast the beetroot whole until soft.

Chop and fry the onion.

Grate the roasted beets, raw carrot and raw parsnip. Add to fried onion and cook for a few minutes.

Add peeled and chopped potato.

Add the green beans (cut into smaller pieces).

Smash the garlic and chuck in the pan.

Add stock and water.

Add bay leaf and squeeze in lemon juice.

Don't forget the lemon as this is what gives the soup it's beautiful burgundy colour.

Alternatively use a bit of vinegar. Without this soup will turn brown.

Once the soup's been cooking on a lowish heat for about 15 minutes add the tinned beans.

Season to taste. Continue cooking for another 30 minutes or slightly longer if preferred.

Serve with finely chopped dill to garnish.

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SHARKS (Part Two)



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Shark eyes are similar to the eyes of other vertebrates. The tissue is behind the retina and

so reflects light back to it, increasing visibility in dark waters. Many sharks can contract and dilate their pupils.

It is hard to test the hearing of sharks though they have a sharp sense of hearing and can hear prey from a great distance away.

A shark has the greatest electrical sensitivity of any animal. Electric fields are generated by ocean currents in the magnetic field of the Earth and these can possibly be used for navigation.

The lifespan of sharks differs depending on the species - Whale sharks may live to be 100 years old, for example.

The mating of sharks has rarely been witnessed. Many sharks practise internal fertilisation. Sharks have three ways to bear their young: oviparity, Vivi parity and ovoviviparity.

Sharks are solitary hunters and roam the oceans in search of food; they are mostly carnivorous and their brain-to-body mass ratios means that they are similar to mammals and birds.

Contrary to popular belief, only a few sharks are actually dangerous to humans but consequently, we have a healthy respect for the danger that sharks can pose and know that they must be treated with respect.

Ref. Wikipedia

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KATE CULLEN'S MONTHLY QUIZ

Questions:



1. In which city is the Brandenburg gate?
2. Golfer Rory McIlroy is a native of which country?
3. Beijing is the capital of which Country?
4. How many astronauts manned each Apollo mission?
5. The airport code ROM designates which European airport?
6. The Roman numerals MDCXVI equal what number?
7. Who was the first UK prime minister?
8. Which war was said to be 'the war to end all wars'?
9. What bone is called 'the collarbone'?
10. What is the fastest moving insect in the world?
11. How many yards is the penalty spot from the goal line on a football pitch?
12. Which famous English footballer was known as 'The wizard of dribble'?
13. How many years of marriage are celebrated by the 'Golden Wedding'?

14. Who won the 1998 F.I.F.A. World Cup?
15. Which UK bank advertises, 'For the journey'?
16. Who played goalkeeper in the film, 'Escape to Victory'?
17. What is the liquid in the mouth which softens food called?
18. Which animal is genetically closest to humans?
19. How many times was Elizabeth Taylor married?
20. Which Shakespeare play features the characters Bottom and Puck?

Answers:

1. Berlin.
2. Ireland.
3. China.
4. Three.
5. Rome.
6. 1616.
7. Robert Walpole.
8. The First World War.
9. The Clavicle.
10. The dragonfly.
11. Twelve.
12. Stanley Matthews.
13. Fifty.
14. France.
15. Lloyds.
16. Sylvester Stallone.
17. Saliva.
18. Chimpanzee.
19. Eight.
20. A Midsummer's Night dream.

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ANOTHER FUN QUIZ FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH



Questions:

- (1) What is the capital of Turkey?
- (2) Who are the current Premiership champions?
- (3) Where is the 2019 Eurovision Song Contest being held?

- (4) What is the current rate of VAT in the UK?
- (5) Where are Hammerhead sharks mostly found?
- (6) Which party does Angela Merkel belong to?
- (7) Who was the first American president after independence?
- (8) Sitting Bull belonged to which North American tribe?
- (9) Who invented the vacuum cleaner?
- (10) When would you use an Aqua-lung?
- (11) How many beats per bar in 4/4 time?
- (12) Where is Krakow?
- (13) Which British King abdicated in 1936?
- (14) Robert Plant was the vocalist of which super group?
- (15) What is the German word for country?
- (16) Where was Alan Sugar born?
- (17) When was the Battle of Trafalgar?
- (18) What is the capital of Antigua?
- (19) What symbolises 40 years of marriage?
- (20) Who created the famous sculpture 'David'?

Answers:

(1) Ankara (2) Manchester City F C (3) Tel Aviv, Israel (4) 20% (5) In tropical, warm waters all over the world (6) Christian Democratic Union of Germany (7) George Washington (8) Sioux (9) Cecil Booth/Daniel Hass – independently (10) Diving (11) 4 (12) Poland (13) Edward VIII (14) Led Zeppelin (15) Land (16) London Borough of Hackney, London (17) 21 October 1805 (18) St Johns (19) Ruby (20) Michelangelo

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