

## FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH – April 2020 edition. No 64.



Hello. I hope you are keeping well. So far, me and Brenda and Robert are okay. Here is this month's offering which is a bit shorter due to the current Coronavirus situation. If you want to contribute/advertise/donate to this publication, please contact us at: [dean@fthm.org.uk](mailto:dean@fthm.org.uk) Dean

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## MY NOT VERY SERIOUS STARS



### **Scorpio 24 Oct – 22 Nov**

Soon a journey to a new place will open up fresh horizons for you so grab the opportunity and don't look back. Stop beating around the bush and trim your untidy beard if you want to attract a new mate. A plum job will be offered to you soon but will the offer be sweet enough to make you change your career path? Be careful how you use your credit card. Be nice.

### **Sagittarius 23 Nov – 21 Dec**

It is time to stop trying to escape from your mundane life and just wait for some good bits to come along. Love is on the cards for you this month but don't wear your heart on your sleeve or you may attract the wrong person who will take advantage of you – proceed with caution. A tough man will let down his guard and let you see his softer, caring side. Buy some toilet rolls.

### **Capricorn 22 Dec – 20 Jan**

Stop being so tight and fork out for a much-needed holiday once things improve. A Spanish woman who lives in Pontefract will make your day when she sends you something you badly need. Bad news will come your way this week, but don't shoot the messenger. A fog of self-doubt will invade your whole being, but hold steady, and you will begin to see things clearly once more.

### **Aquarius 21 Jan – 19 Feb**

You really need to start looking after yourself better otherwise your life won't be very long. It might be a good time to start planning to make a baby, but as they say, remember a baby is for life and not just for Christmas. A trip in a hot air balloon may soon be a good idea which will excite and fire-up your imagination. Consider changing to a different brand of toothpaste.

### **Pisces 20 Feb – 20 Mar**

Your friends are tired of your selfishness so change before the only game in town for you is solitaire. You should also stop being so vain as you really are no oil painting. An old woman may do something for you that makes you feel good and makes her feel younger again. If you are invited to a christening in the near future, do the nice thing and turn up with a smile and a small gift.

### **Aries 21 Mar – 20 Apr**

It might be time to put your partner before your football and stop scoring so many own goals. You may think you're a genius but are you so clever when you have so little love in your life? You really need a kick up the behind if you are to realise your true potential and seem to be living life as if the grim reaper will neglect to call at your door. Shave more often.

### **Taurus 21 Apr – 21 May**

You may be good-looking but you have a mouth like a sewer and need to clean up your act if anyone is ever going to spend time with you. You may feel all at sea this week but don't worry as a tide of optimism will soon sweep over you and encourage you to carry on. Money has recently been a problem, but it will be okay as you will soon receive some next week.

### **Gemini 22 May – 21 Jun**

Love is in the air for you this month so don't pollute it with your foul language and you may be pleasantly surprised by the romance that follows. Now is the time to stand up verbally to the bully at work as it has gone on long enough and needs stopping. It is a good time to stop biting your toe nails. Why not plan to have a lot of Botox as you clearly would benefit from it?

### **Cancer 22 Jun – 23 Jul**

A good-looking stranger will offer you a good time – but can you really trust them? You don't have much money at the moment but will you sell your soul? If you want to be one of the herd, after this crisis, then why not flock to a nearby tattooist and let her brand you for life? Stop arguing with your partner about the toilet seat thing and be glad they are in your life.

### **Leo 24 Jul – 23 Aug**

Now is a good time to get a pet so that at least one being will love you. Foreign travel would be a good idea once things improve as people might then stop perceiving you as boring. A bald man may take the fear out of a hairy situation for you. You have been very lazy this year so why not roll up your sleeves and stop talking about what you are going to do – and do it!

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### **Virgo 24 Aug – 23 Sep**

You may have been experiencing trouble breathing recently so maybe it's time you ditched smoking and gave your lungs a break. A man in a checked shirt may tell you a secret that you wonder whether you should really keep to yourself. Someone with a history of being ill may astound you with their resilience and ability to always put on a positive front. Eat more kale.

### **Libra 24 Sep – 23 Oct**

You may miss the bar-fly who amuses you with tales from his past, but don't worry as things will get back to normal if we're all careful. It will soon be a good time to take up metal detecting as you will discover things that may be financially worthless but of great interest to you and your friends. You should release someone you like but don't want romantically and let them look elsewhere.

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## AN INTERESTING INTERVIEW WITH GRAHAM OSBOURNE



### **Please can you tell us a little bit about yourself?**

I'm Graham Osbourne, age 54, married to Sheridan. We have a daughter Olivia and a dog called Floss.

**Have you always lived in Halifax?** Yes, I'm Halifax born and bred.

**What is your job and what does it involve?** Head groundsman at The Shay Stadium. Upkeep of the pitch for football and rugby league. Cleaning and upkeep of stands and walkways surrounds and other grass areas, help in management of the stadium.

**How did you get into this line of work?** I started 30 years ago as a casual assistant running the 5-a-side pitch and always wanted to be a groundsman.

**Who actually employs you?** Calderdale MBC employs me.

**Do you enjoy your work?** I do enjoy my work but it can take over your life especially in bad weather. You are constantly watching the weather forecasts.

**Do you ever wish you had been a professional sportsman?** I would have loved to have played football professionally. My first game as a spectator was Town v Crystal Palace in

1975, I was hooked. I never actually played junior football but started playing adult football at 19.

**What are your interests outside of work?** I haven't played 5-a-side for a few years but still don't class myself as retired. I love walking, mountain biking and still run up and down the terraces at The Shay. I love to go away on holidays with friends and family whether it is a city break or a trip to North Yorkshire, or on long holidays to Spain and Canada.

**Do you think Halifax is a good place to live?** Halifax is a good place to live, it has its bad points but look at the countryside that surrounds us and the architecture, and now there's the resurrected Piece Hall and all the new vibrant bars and restaurants.

**What are your hopes for the future?** My hopes for the future are to be happy, fit and healthy and to do everything I do to the best of my ability and never be beaten!

**Is there anything else you want to add that we've not covered?** I'm a former baker at Laycocks Bakers, making: bread, Eccles Cakes, pies, teacakes etc. and I loved it. Prior to that I was a YTS at Haley Hill Garage and I worked at Ryburn Foam, making rubber underlay for the first Astro turf pitches.

**Thanks for your time today Graham.** Thanks Dean

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## APRIL FOOL

Have you ever been fooled on April 1<sup>st</sup>?

April Fool's Day is an annual custom occurring each year. It consists of performing jokes and hoaxes. The player of the joke exposes that it is a hoax by shouting APRIL FOOL!

April Fool's Day is also known as 'All Fools' Day, April Noddy Day, Gawkie Day, Huntigawk Day and All Fools' Morn.

Official origins are unknown, although it has been celebrated for centuries by differing cultures.

In some countries, April Fool's Day is known as 'April Fish'. The 'April Fish' hoax consists of individuals attempting to stick a paper fish on someone's back without being noticed.

Historians have linked April Fool's Day to a festival in Ancient Rome, celebrated at the end of March. It involved people dressing up in disguises.

There is also speculation that April Fool's Day was linked to the first day of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when mother nature fooled people with changing, unpredictable weather.



It is also thought that April Fool's Day was popular during the 18<sup>th</sup> century. In Scotland, the tradition consisted of a two-day event starting with "Hunting the Gawk". People were sent on phoney errands as a hoax. "Hunting the Gawk" was then followed by "Tailie Day". This involved the pinning of fake tails or a "kick me" sign placed on people's "derrieres".

British folklore links April Fool's Day to the town of Gotham in Nottinghamshire. According to the legend, it was tradition in the 13<sup>th</sup> century for any road that the king placed his foot upon to become public property. The town wanted to refuse him entry, not wishing to lose their main road. When the king heard this, he sent soldiers to the town. When the soldiers arrived at the town, they found foolish activities being carried out. As a result, the king declared the town too foolish to warrant punishment.

Although individual people carry out pranks and hoaxes on April 1<sup>st</sup>, there have been many carried out by newspapers, TV stations and websites. A famous example of one of these hoaxes occurred on TV when it was reported farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop. They went to the extent of showing farmers harvesting the bumper crop of noodles from the trees!

Another outrageous prank caught readers out when it stated that a rookie pitcher could throw a fast ball over 168 miles per hour!

In 1965, a famous hoax was carried out by the BBC. A trial was announced whereby smells were to be broadcast along with regular shows. Apparently, many viewers declared the trial a great success!

April Fool's Day is now a light-hearted celebration but remember if you are planning to play a joke, hoax or prank, it can only be performed until noon on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

After midday, it is considered to be bad luck and the instigator becomes the April Fool!

Although April Fool's Day can encourage fun and laughter, some people feel it can have negative consequences and be a waste of time.

Whatever your views are about April Fool's Day, have a great day and try not to be caught out by a joke, hoax or prank!

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**Ben Johnson**

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**Written by Graham Townsend**

When most people sign up with an Internet Service Provider, they will be told that they can create an email address, or multiple email addresses, free of charge. This was certainly the case when I registered with Freeserve many years ago.

It has generally been assumed that once you have created an email address you will have access to it, free of charge, for as long as you wish to use it.

Recent developments however, have thrown this theory out of the window. Personally, I was a customer of TalkTalk for several years but moved ISP around five or six years ago. I continued to use my TalkTalk email address as my principal email address for several years after leaving them. I had encountered no issues until approximately two years ago, when I found my access appeared to have been revoked.

Upon contacting customer support, I was informed that as a matter of goodwill my email address would be reinstated but “there was no guarantee” as to how long the address would continue to function. I was also advised to use an alternative email address in future.

During the summer of 2019, I experienced a new access issue. Again, I contacted TalkTalk Customer Support. They said they would look into the problem for me & contact me via mobile phone. Luckily by this stage I had moved access for many online accounts and applications to a Gmail address however, there were still plenty of accounts which still utilised my legacy TalkTalk address. I never received the phone call to confirm the issue had been resolved and I made plans to transfer the remaining accounts to my Gmail address.

Towards the back end of 2019, during a conversation with a friend, I discovered that TalkTalk had introduced a charge of £5 per month or £50 per annum to allow former customers to continue using their legacy email address.

After further investigation I discovered an article published in February of this year in the business section of the BBC website, which revealed that BT charge £7.50 per month for customers who switch away from their service.

Perhaps more disconcerting Virgin Media delete the email addresses it gives to customers 90 days after they leave. On a more positive note Sky lets people keep theirs for free.

Ofcom have now become involved in the argument and have started writing to broadband companies to ask why some people have to pay to keep old email addresses.

They have stated “We're looking at this to consider whether we need to step in and take action.”

As it stands, I currently still cannot access my emails that were sent to my TalkTalk address. I have given up on them to be honest but hopefully Ofcom will ensure that, going forward, other customers won't have to go through what I have experienced.

It would be good, at some point in the future, to be able to say, without any doubt, that an email address is for life and not just for the length of the contract with your provider.

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### JUNE CHARLTON WRITES...



At the moment, everybody is very concerned about the Coronavirus virus – and rightly so. People are worried that they will catch the virus, and will have to stay away from certain places that they think are dangerous from an infection point of view.

People are panicking about shortages of certain items, so they are panic buying things like handwash, sanitisers and soaps.

We went shopping on Friday and the shelves containing certain items were emptying, so we stocked up on certain things like toilet rolls.

I began to feel very ill so I went to the doctors who told me I did not have the Coronavirus but that I had the flu virus. He gave me some antibiotics. I felt dreadful, was sick and coughed a lot. I went straight to bed because I felt washed out and could hardly keep my eyes open. I must have been hallucinating because I could see faces floating around the room, but it was my imagination playing tricks on me, although it seemed so real. After 2-3 days, I was beginning to feel better – I had never felt so ill in all my life. After I had been in bed for a few days, I started to pick up, and now, apart from having a cough, I feel fine.

We were hoping to book a holiday, but it doesn't seem a good time to do so, so we'll wait and see what happens. Hopefully everything will work out for most people and things will soon get back to normal.

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## TORREMOLINOS



Recently, me and my friend Brenda spent an enjoyable week in Torremolinos, Southern Spain, at a great hotel called La Puentea Real – the aim was for me to have a rest and get over a long-standing chest problem.

Now let's have a brief look at the town:

Torremolinos is situated in Andalusia and is west of Malaga. Before the era of tourism, it was a small fishing village and was actually the first of the Costa del Sol resorts to be developed. It is particularly popular with the British, Irish and Scandinavian tourists and it also has a large expatriate population. Incidentally, there were 69,389 inhabitants in 2013, and the township covered 20 Square Kilometres.

The resort has a beach which is 8 kilometres in length, and interestingly, there are cycle and skating lanes alongside the promenade. It has one of the best climates in Europe – temperatures are in the 30s in the summer and upper teens in the winter, which makes it a perfect place to take either a winter or summer break.

It is well-known for its exciting all-inclusive nightlife and has numerous bars and clubs catering for the LGBT community. Interestingly, it hosted the World Pride in 2017 in conjunction with Madrid, and it has its own Pride in June.

It is likely that the Romans founded the current town and it is thought that it originally had about 2,000 inhabitants.

Over the years the town has been taken over by people like the Moors, North African pirates and in the eighteenth century was almost destroyed by an Anglo-Dutch flotilla.

As mentioned, the town has recently adopted an extremely liberal outlook and its first gay bar was founded in 1962. Unfortunately, there was a backlash from the Spanish regime in the 1970s who arrested many homosexuals.

The name Torre (Tower) and Molino (Mill) reflects the many water mills that once covered the area of which only one survives (Molino de Inca).

In the 1950s such celebrities as Orson Welles and Frank Sinatra visited the resort.

So, if you have the opportunity to visit Torremolinos, you will discover lots to do like visiting Aqualand (largest water park on the Costa del Sol) and the old bullring where there is a public market twice a week, plus other exciting events.

The Parque de la Bateria is a lovely public park and has a boating lake and a children's playground etc. It also possesses one of the best sports facilities in Europe namely the stadium "Ciudad de Torremolinos".

The hotel we chose for our holiday was situated near Malaga Airport and was extremely clean and the staff were helpful and friendly. The buffet food was brilliant and catered for vegetarians.

I would recommend that you visit Torremolinos if you want a fun-filled holiday, or just want to take it easy.

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## GRAHAM TOWNEND'S INTERESTING QUIZ



### Questions:

- (1) Which rapper's debut album "To The Extreme" was released in September 1990?
- (2) What is the collective noun for a group of snails?
- (3) With which book genre would you associate author Shelagh Delaney?
- (4) Ashley Banjo was a member of which dance troupe? - they came to prominence by winning the third series of "Britain's Got Talent" in 2009?
- (5) What are the ingredients of the cocktail "Tequila Sunrise"?
- (6) Who played the lead male character Police Chief Martin Brody in the film "Jaws"?
- (7) Who is the chairman of the multinational retailer The Arcadia Group?
- (8) Who became women's 200 metres athletics World Champion in 2019?
- (9) What is the most common alternative name in the UK for the plant genus Impatiens?
- (10) Which post-impressionist artist was born in Paris on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1948 and died in French Polynesia on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1903?
- (11) What is the capital and largest city of Saint Kitts and Nevis?
- (12) Rowntree confectionary company was acquired by which other company in 1988?
- (13) Which female singer, who became a Swiss citizen in 2013, was born Anna Mae Bullock?
- (14) Complete the well-known saying, "one man's meat is another man's...."?
- (15) Former professional footballer Shaun Goater, probably best known for playing with Rotherham United and Manchester City, represented which country internationally?
- (16) Springfield is the capital city of which US state?
- (17) Which UK Labour Party politician is the Member of Parliament for the Salford and Eccles constituency? (As at 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020)
- (18) Which war lasted from April 1861 until May 1865?

- (19) Which video game was published in 1991 by Sega, for their Genesis console, it has led to a media franchise including a film released in 2020 which shares its name with the game?  
(20) Cobham Marrow, The Student and Hollow Crown are varieties of which root vegetable?

### Answers

- (1) Vanilla Ice (2) Escargotoire (accept Rout or Walk) (3) Drama (4) Diversity (5) Tequila, Orange Juice and Grenadine Syrup (6) Roy Scheider (7) Sir Philip Green (8) Dina Asher-Smith (9) Busy Lizzie (10) Paul Gauguin (11) Basseterre (12) Nestle (13) Tina Turner (14) Poison (15) Bermuda (16) Illinois (17) Rebecca Long-Bailey (18) The American Civil War (19) Sonic The Hedgehog (20) Parsnip

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### BRENDA'S WILDLIFE CORNER



#### Lions

The lion (*Leo*) is a species in the family Felidae; it is a deep-chested cat with short, rounded head reduced neck and ears. The male has a head-to-body length of 184-208 cm (72-82 inch) while the female is 160-184 cm (63-72 inch).

A lion pride consists of a number of adult males, females and cubs. Groups of females normally hunt together and hunt mostly large animals. A lion is a predator although some will scavenge if necessary. They have been known to hunt humans but this is not typical of the species.

The lion inhabits grasslands and savannas but not dense forests. The lion is more alert than other big cats and tends to roam at night and at twilight.

Historically, in Pleistocene time, the lion was spread throughout Eurasia, Africa and North America. Today it has been reduced to certain populations in Sub-Saharan Africa and has become an endangered species in Western India. – the cause of the decline is not known although conflicts with humans are a possible reason.

The lion is a widely recognised symbol in human culture and has been depicted in sculptures and paintings, on national flags and in films and literature.

Lions have been kept in dens since the time of the Roman Empire and have been sought for exhibitions in zoological gardens around the world since the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. In the Palaeolithic period, carvings and paintings of lions have been found in caves in France, and have been dated to 17,000 years ago.

The lion's closest relatives are the tiger, snow leopard, jaguar and the leopard.

Ref. Wikipedia

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## LETTERS PAGE



### **Dear Editor**

I am fed up of people constantly having a go at cyclists and would like to express my point of view.

One thing that annoys me is when cars park in a cycle lane which results in me having to cycle around them – this completely defeats the object of having cycle lanes.

People criticise cyclists for riding on the pavement but I have to cycle on the pavement in some areas where the road is too narrow and dangerous. But I always give pedestrians priority and never leave them feeling unsafe.

It is also true to say that a percentage of car users don't give the cyclist enough space - and don't seem to be aware or care how dangerous it is for cyclists.

In a world where the environment is in danger and global warming and air pollution is getting worse, it seems obvious that it would be a good idea if people were to stop buying cars like SUV's and took up cycling.

**Jon Johnson, Halifax**

### **Dear Editor**

I think we should all think more about what we are putting in our mouths. A mostly vegan diet, at this time, would really benefit the environment for if everyone consumed just a bit less meat and other animal products, this would reduce greenhouse gases and also water consumption. We should all make an effort with our diet.

**Bridgette Jenkins, Cardiff**

### **Dear Editor**

One thing I hate is impatient drivers who beep for no good reason and barge past you because they can't wait for an extra minute. I think they are intimidating and create negative reactions and also stress.

**Richard Sykes, Pontefract**

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**Dear Editor,**

I am writing this letter to canvass your readers' opinions about people who jump on the bandwagon, in terms of causes that they claim to support, however, in reality they have their own agenda for supporting those causes. I find myself becoming increasingly frustrated by these people, as when you question their motive, they cannot back up their argument with clear facts. It could be something as complex as Brexit or climate change, or it could be something more straightforward such as abolishing car parking fees in their local town centre. I would love to hear from readers all across the globe with their views on this subject.

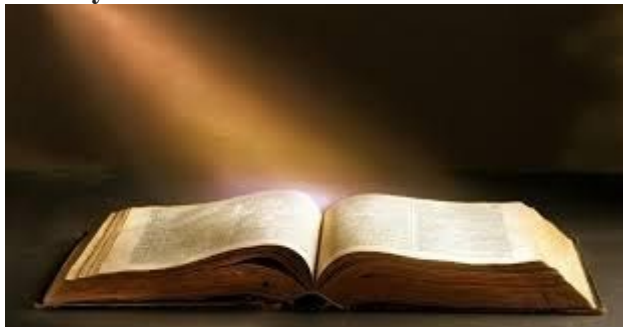
**Graham Townsend, Halifax, West Yorkshire**

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## BIBLE TALK

Sent by Peter Smith



### HABAKKUK'S TRUST

**John 6.29**

Behold the proud,  
His soul is not upright in him;  
But the just shall live by his faith.  
Though the fig tree may not blossom,  
Nor fruit be on the vines;

Though the labour of the olive may fail,  
And the fields yield no food;  
Though the flock may be cut off from the fold,  
And there be no herd in the stalls---  
Yet I will rejoice in the LORD,  
I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Habakkuk 2:4; 3:17,18 (New King James Version)

### SHEEP AND THEIR SHEPHERD

**John 6.29**

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.  
But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice: and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them: and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

John 10:1-4 (NKJV)

This is the start of the passage where Jesus explains how he is the shepherd, and we are his sheep.

And very significantly, it shows us how Jesus looks at sheep, and by extension, at other sentient animals, (that is: animals capable of sensation or feeling).

The sheep are individuals. They have names. They know the voice of their shepherd. They are not just nameless wool-bearing lumps of meat.

Anyone with a dog or a cat knows that animals have a personality. They recognise their owner. They can be excited and happy, and they can be afraid and miserable.

A human being is made up of a spirit, a soul, and a body. (1 Thess 5:23, Hebrews 4:12). The spirit is the subconscious - the 'heart' (warm or cold, kind or hard). The soul is the conscious mind.

When a sentient animal recognises someone or displays emotions, this is the working of its conscious mind, its soul.

So, a dog or a cat - or a sheep or a pig or a horse - has a soul. (In contrast: a human foetus 12 weeks after conception does not have a conscious mind, a soul).

Food for thought!

NKJV = New King James Version. A nice inexpensive hardback edition of this bible is: ISBN 978-0-7852-1593-6

## **BABYLON**

### **John 6.29**

"And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no-one buys their cargo any more: cargo of gold and silver and precious stones and pearls; and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet; and every kind of citron wood, ivory vessel and precious wooden vessel; and bronze and iron and marble; and cinnamon and incense and fragrant oil and frankincense; and wine and oil and fine flour and wheat; and cattle and sheep and horses and chariots; and bodies and souls of men."

Revelation 18:11-13

This passage speaks of the fall of 'Babylon', the great harlot clothed in purple and scarlet, who sits on a scarlet beast. And it evokes echoes of recent world events.



But what is Babylon? Members of one religion will sometimes say that Babylon is a different religion which they do not like, but this is wrong.

Revelation 18:24 offers a clue: "And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth" (NKJV).

Three things in history have led to people killing large numbers of their fellow human beings: money, tribalism, and autocratic religion.

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## MORE OF JUNE'S RECIPES



### Bourbon Biscuits

#### **Ingredients:**

- 4 oz of plain flour
- ½ level teaspoon of baking powder
- ½ oz of cocoa
- 2 oz of butter
- 2 oz of caster sugar
- 1 level teaspoon of golden syrup

#### **Filling:**

- 1 oz of plain chocolate (melted)
- 1 ½ tablespoons of water
- 2 oz of icing sugar (sifted)
- Vanilla essence to taste

#### **Method:**

Sift together flour, baking powder and cocoa. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy and beat in the syrup. Stir in half flour mixture. Turn dough onto working surface and knead the remaining flour mixture. Roll out to ¼ inch thick on greaseproof paper, sprinkle top with granulated sugar and press in with rolling pin. Cut dough into neat fingers 1 x 2 ½ inches and carefully lift on to greased baking sheet. Prick each biscuit two or three times and bake at gas mark 3 (325 F) for 15-20 minutes. Cool. Beat all ingredients for filling together making sure mixture is cool and a soft consistency before sandwiching biscuits in pairs.

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### **Chicken Pot Roast**

#### **Ingredients:**

2lb of small new potatoes, scrubbed  
2 ½ - 3lb of boiling fowl, jointed  
4 oz of bacon rashers  
1 large carrot, diced  
1 small turnip, diced  
4 oz of peas  
4 oz of mushrooms  
1 teaspoon of mixed herbs

White stock  
Clove of garlic  
Salt and pepper

#### **Method:**

Choose a heavy based pan or ovenproof casserole dish and line the base with rashers of bacon. Place in the chicken joints packing them tightly together. Add in layers the vegetables finishing with the small new potatoes on top and season with salt and pepper. Add sufficient stock to cover half way up the pan. Sprinkle with herbs. Rub the inside of the lid with the clove of garlic and place on lid, making sure it is fitting closely. Cook very slowly on top of the cooker for 3 hours, or if in a casserole, place in the oven at 300 F (150 C)/gas mark 2 for 2 ½ -3 hours.



### **Creole Rabbit Pie**

#### **Ingredients:**

8 oz of rough puff or flaky pastry  
1 rabbit  
2 oz of minced bacon  
2 cooking apples (peeled and sliced)  
1 onion (peeled and sliced)  
2 tablespoons of flour  
1 dessertspoon of curry powder  
Salt and pepper  
Pinch of mixed herbs

1 dessertspoon of chopped parsley

2 cloves  
Pinch of mixed spices  
1 teaspoon of Worcester sauce  
1 dessertspoon of lemon juice

**Method:**

Wash rabbit and cut into portions. Soak for ½ hour in salted water. Place in pan and cover with hot water. Bring to the boiling point, add salt, cloves, spices and herbs. Simmer gently for 1 ½ hours and remove to cool. Roll rabbit in flour mixed with curry powder. Place in bottom of greased pie dish, cover with layers of onion and apple. Top with minced bacon and chopped parsley and pour over stock and lemon juice. Roll pastry to ¼ inch thickness. Cover pie with pastry, trim edges, decorate if desired and glaze with milk. Bake in hot oven mark 8 (450 F) for 10 minutes, reduce heat to moderate mark 5 (375 F) and cook for a further 40 – 50 minutes.

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## A BUMPER QUIZ FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH



**Questions:**

- (1) What was Margaret Thatcher's husband called?
- (2) What is the currency of the Ivory Coast?
- (3) How many chromosomes do we have?
- (4) What is the Roman numeral for 50?
- (5) What is Spanish for beer?
- (6) Who invented the umbrella?
- (7) Who presents the quiz show Tipping Point?
- (8) Who played the lead male role in the film Gone With The Wind?
- (9) What makes up the cocktail Pina Colada?
- (10) Where would you find the Pineal Gland?
- (11) What symbolises 30 years of marriage?
- (12) What is the capital of Columbia?
- (13) How teeth do adult humans have?
- (14) What is the Spanish word for ice cream?
- (15) How many players are in a volleyball team?
- (16) Bridgetown is the capital of which Caribbean island?
- (17) What game was Bobby Fischer world champion at?
- (18) Who is the Ryder Cup contested between?
- (19) What is Cliff Richard's real name?
- (20) How many acres are in a hectare?
- (21) What is the German word for clock?
- (22) Who first sang the song 'I Heard It Through The Grapevine'?
- (23) What is David Beckham's new team called?
- (24) Who invented the toothbrush?

- (25) What is the Roman numeral for 100?
- (26) What is the French word for handkerchief?
- (27) What is the capital of Madagascar?
- (28) Which is the longest river in the world?
- (29) Who first climbed Mount Everest?
- (30) Who captained Germany in the 1990 World Cup Final?
- (31) What is French for wrinkle?
- (32) What makes up the cocktail called a Screwdriver?
- (33) Which Scottish group sang the Beatles' song Ob-La-Di Ob-La-Dee?
- (34) What did the chocolate bar Snickers used to be called in the UK?
- (35) What part of an egg do you use to make a meringue?
- (36) What was the name of the first chimp in space?
- (37) What symbolises 15 years of marriage?
- (38) How many players are there in a netball team?
- (39) What is Spanish for house?
- (40) Who designed the Barbican Centre?
- (41) Which country produces the most tobacco in the world?
- (42) What is the chemical symbol for Plutonium?
- (43) Who invented the stopwatch?
- (44) Who invented binoculars?
- (45) Where is Lyon?
- (46) Who first used soap?
- (47) Where were the Bronte sisters actually born?
- (48) Who sang the song: You Gotta Beat The Clock?
- (49) Who made up the band Cream?
- (50) Which is the only spirit that doesn't freeze?

**Answers:**

(1) Denis Thatcher (2) West African CFA franc (3) 23 pairs = 46 (4) L (5) Cerveza (6) Samuel Fox invented the steel-ribbed umbrella in 1852 (7) Ben Shephard (8) Clark Gable (9) Rich coconut cream, white rum and tangy pineapple (10) In the brain between the two cerebral hemispheres (11) A pearl (12) Bogota (13) 32 (14) Helado (15) 6 (16) Barbados (17) Chess (18) Europe and USA (19) Harry Rodger Webb (20) 1 hectare = 2.47105 acres (21) Uhr (22) Gladys Knight & The Pips (23) Inter Miami FC (24) William Addis (25) C (26) Mouchoir (27) Antananarivo (28) Nile (29) Edmund Hillary & Tenzing Norgay (30) Lothar Matthaus (31) Ride (32) Orange juice and vodka (33) Marmalade (34) Marathon (35) Egg white (36) Ham (37) Crystal (38) 7 (39) Casa (40) Chamberlin, Powell and Bon (41) China (42) Pu (43) Samuel Watson (44) J P Lemiere (45) France (46) Babylonians (47) Thornton (48) Sparks (49) Jack Bruce, Eric Clapton & Ginger Baker (50) Vodka

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**Editor's Final Word:** Thank you for taking the time and trouble to read the magazine. I will do my best to keep it going through this difficult time for everyone, especially the

vulnerable amongst us. If you want to contribute to this publication in any way, please contact us at: [dean@fthm.org.uk](mailto:dean@fthm.org.uk). Best wishes, Dean, Brenda and Robert.