

## FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH – September 2024. Edition No. 117.



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### MY NOT VERY SERIOUS STARS



#### Scorpio 24 Oct – 22 Nov

The answer you seek may not be blowing in the wind but may come from a person you have yet to meet, so keep your eyes and ears open. This month, you may have to be a chameleon to navigate the choppy seas you find yourself in. You may have not been included in the recent Honours List, but you are still the best to your loved ones.

#### Sagittarius 23 Nov – 21 Dec

A right-wing fanatic will prove to be the fly in your ointment and destroy the project you have been planning. Your waistline is ever expanding, so do something about it or happily embrace obesity. A small man, who is often away with the fairies, will say something extremely profound that will change the way you look at your life. Stop acting like a moron.

#### Capricorn 22 Dec – 20 Jan

Before you exorcise the ghost in your back bedroom, ask her for this weekend's winning lottery numbers as she is not all bad and will help you. Life may be hard at the moment, but hold in there as the sun will shine again on you and your loved ones. Someone who is usually very classy will make a huge faux pas this week and reaffirm that we are all flawed. Dance.

#### Aquarius 21 Jan – 19 Feb

A beautiful person will give you the time of day but don't get carried away as they probably just feel sorry for you. Remember that your great strength is your inner beauty and not your ugly face. You may also have been down on your luck recently, but do get back on the horse and find your rhythm again. Take a trip to the coast and let the sea air reinvigorate you.

### **Pisces 20 Feb – 20 Mar**

Recently, you have been spending money like there's no tomorrow, so it's time to put on the financial brakes and be more sensible. Today, a stranger's kindness will overwhelm you and leave you walking on air for the rest of the day. But, be careful that you don't let a familiar person take advantage of you as you know what they are like. Be as nice as you possibly can.

### **Aries 21 Mar – 20 Apr**

This month, you will feel better and wonder what it was all about. An artist will come into your life and remind you that beauty is worth more than any money. Now may be a good time to take up ballroom dancing or even breakdancing, if you feel really energetic. A loved one may be getting a lot fatter, but tread carefully if you are going to comment. Eat more fruit.

### **Taurus 21 Apr- 21 May**

Most people think you are very nice but too shy – why not stop doing your hedgehog routine and realise that you are just as good as anyone else? Also, doesn't the fact that you have been constipated for over two years suggest to you that it's time to alter your diet? Maybe apply for an allotment if your garden is small but your green fingers are frustrated. Buy a new shirt.

### **Gemini 22 May – 21 Jun**

You may think it is a good time to acquire a new pet, but are you fit to look after another life when your own is such a mess? Money is all important to you, but maybe now you should take stock and decide to let love into your life. You really could do with a new haircut as a tramp is better coiffured than you. Make more of an effort all round this month before it's too late.

### **Cancer 22 Jun – 23 Jul**

Like most of us, you are worried about getting older and all the possible consequences of it. Stop, wrap the present moment around you and live prudently, as if this was your last month on Earth. On a more positive note, you may have been inspired by the Paris Olympics, but be aware that the only gold medal you will win will be for slugging people off. Jump.

### **Leo 24 Jul – 23 Aug**

Money is in very short supply this month and prices seem to go up and up, but don't worry as though you will never be rich. You will manage to stay around and doff your cap to the aristocracy. You live like a butterfly flitting from one attractive thing to another, but you will soon come to realise that the only shiny thing that really matters is the sun. Love life.

### **Virgo 24 Aug – 23 Sep**

You may need some medical attention this month, but you will soon get over it and be on your merry way. A lottery prize will soon come your way, but don't start looking for a new car anytime yet. A small man will offer you a smooth ride that you feel you can't refuse. Maybe buy some free-range chickens and start a cottage industry from your garden. Smile more.

## **Libra 24 Sep – 23 Oct**

A policeman will need some help from you in the near future, so do oblige. Your mind will begin to clear this month, and you will see that the fogs of self-doubt are powerful. They can stop you progressing and cause you a great many problems. It is a very good time to take a look at your diet as you are clearly not looking after yourself properly. Study Chinese.

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### **JUNE'S WORLD**



Hello. I hope you are all well. This article is going to be mainly about my youth.

From a very young age, I used to go round to my grandparents' who lived next door to us. I loved going round every day to see if they were alright. I have written a little about them in one of my previous articles. I preferred my grandad to my grandma as he was around a lot more than her. She was often away with her second family, who lived in Stockton-on-Tees. I did, however, see her when I visited my Aunty Chrissie who worked in a bakery and paid me for doing housework during the six weeks school holidays.

When I had finished my housework, I went to the pictures to watch my favourite film stars Farley Granger and Marilyn Monroe, on who I fashioned myself. I was 14 years old and had begun to take an interest in fashion and what the stars were wearing. I used to tell myself that I wanted to dress nice – not just in stuff that I had been given. So, when I was 15, I got a job in a sweet factory called Bellamy's in Castleford. I gave my first week's wage to my mother as she had to clothe and feed us five girls. At this time, my mother was also in debt to the Provident, so I gave her money to pay off her debts. Ironically, I got into debt buying a lovely green suite, a dining room table and chairs for my mother, who was very pleased. Because I was then in dispatch, I was able to cope with my debt as I received bonuses for working quickly. I worked at Bellamy's for nearly 15 years, on-and-off, as we would get laid off when things were slack. I got made redundant six times, with a little redundancy pay each time.

I nearly forgot to say that we recently had a good time in Scarborough. We stayed in a lovely hotel, went to Peasolm Park and saw quite a lot of wildlife. That's it for now. June. X

## GRAHAM TOWNSEND'S MONTHLY QUIZ

### Questions:



- (1) What nationality is cyclist Harrie Lavreysen?
- (2) Who was King of France from May 1804 until April 1814?
- (3) Mbabane and Lobamba are the capitals of which country?
- (4) Who played Joey Tribbiani in the US sitcom Friends?
- (5) Estrella Damm is a lager beer brewed in which country?
- (6) Who is the CEO of British multinational conglomerate Ineos Group Limited?
- (7) Which British band had a number 12 UK hit with the song "Ever So Lonely" in 1981?
- (8) African Spurred and Hermann's are breeds of which reptile sometimes kept as a pet?
- (9) Dianthus is the Latin name for which common plant?
- (10) Which American patriot was immortalized in a poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow?
- (11) Steve Buscemi played which character in the film "Reservoir Dogs"?
- (12) The Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775 was a part of which conflict?
- (13) What colour was Thomas the Tank Engine?
- (14) What are the small bones found in the hands and feet?
- (15) Which river flows through Paris?
- (16) Which cocktail, named after a London barman, comprises gin, lemon, sugar and soda?
- (17) If Benedictines are Black Monks, who are the White Monks?
- (18) In Greek mythology, who was the son of Jocasta and Laius?
- (19) Thomas Bach will stand down as president of which organisation in 2025?
- (20) British athlete Kate French competes in which multi-discipline sport?

### Answers:

(1) Dutch (2) Napoleon I (3) Eswatini (4) Matt LeBlanc (5) Spain (6) Sir Jim Ratcliffe (7) Monsoon (8) Tortoise (9) Sweet William (10) Paul Revere (11) Mr Pink (12) American War of Independence (13) Blue (14) Phalanges (15) Seine (16) Tom Collins (17) Cistercians (18) Oedipus (19) IOC – International Olympic Committee (20) Modern Pentathlon

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## BRENDA'S WILDLIFE CORNER



### Whale Shark

The whale shark is an interesting shark that is no threat to humans as it feeds on plankton, krill, fish eggs, small squid, fish and Christmas red crab larvae. It is for this reason that it possesses a flattened head and large mouth which, unlike many other sharks, is located at the front of its head.

This species of shark is the largest known fish, and it is found in the open waters of tropical oceans. It tends to live between 80 and 130 years, with the average male being 8 to 9 metres in length and the average female being up to 14.5 metres in length. Interestingly, it seems that this type of fish can recover from major injuries. A whale shark can contain over 300 rows of tiny teeth and 20 filter pads, which it uses to filter food. It can also dive deeper than any other fish.

Visually, this type of shark is striking with as its skin is dark grey, and up to 15 cm thick, with a white belly that contains an arrangement of unique white spots and stripes.

Sexual maturity occurs relatively late in their lives, when then they are 8-9 metres in length. The female gives birth to live young and can delay fertilisation to produce a steady stream of pups from one act of intercourse.

As already implied, the whale shark is a filter feeder, like the basking and megamouth shark. Unfortunately, because of the way it feeds, the whale shark can ingest microplastics.

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## **BRITISH WRITER PENS THE BEST DESCRIPTION OF TRUMP: The Reward for unguarded utterances**



**From Robert Williams**

Someone asked, "Why do some British people not like Donald Trump?" Nate White, an articulate and witty writer from England wrote the following response:

A few things spring to mind. Trump lacks certain qualities which the British traditionally esteem. For instance, he has no class, no charm, no coolness, no credibility, no compassion, no wit, no warmth, no wisdom, no subtlety, no sensitivity, no self-awareness, no humility, no honour and no grace – all qualities, funnily enough, with which his predecessor Mr. Obama

was generously blessed.

So for us, the stark contrast does rather throw Trump's limitations into embarrassingly sharp relief. Plus, we like a laugh. And while Trump may be laughable, he has never once said anything wry, witty or even faintly amusing – not once, ever.

I don't say that rhetorically, I mean it quite literally: not once, not ever. And that fact is particularly disturbing to the British sensibility – for us, to lack humour is almost inhuman.

But with Trump, it's a fact. He doesn't even seem to understand what a joke is – his idea of a joke is a crass comment, an illiterate insult, a casual act of cruelty. Trump is a troll. And like all trolls, he is never funny and he never laughs; he only crows or jeers.

And scarily, he doesn't just talk in crude, witless insults – he actually thinks in them. His mind is a simple bot-like algorithm of petty prejudices and knee-jerk nastiness. There is never

any under-layer of irony, complexity, nuance or depth. It's all surface. Some Americans might see this as refreshingly upfront. Well, we don't. We see it as having no inner world, no soul.

And in Britain we traditionally side with David, not Goliath. All our heroes are plucky underdogs: Robin Hood, Dick Whittington, Oliver Twist. Trump is neither plucky, nor an underdog. He is the exact opposite of that. He's not even a spoiled rich-boy, or a greedy fat-cat. He's more a fat white slug. A Jabba the Hutt of privilege.

And worse, he is that most unforgivable of all things to the British: a bully. That is, except when he is among bullies; then he suddenly transforms into a snivelling sidekick instead.

There are unspoken rules to this stuff – the Queensberry rules of basic decency – and he breaks them all. He punches downwards – which a gentleman should, would, could never do – and every blow he aims is below the belt. He particularly likes to kick the vulnerable or voiceless or female – and he kicks them when they are down.

So the fact that a significant minority – perhaps a third – of Americans look at what he does, listen to what he says, and then think 'Yeah, he seems like my kind of guy' is a matter of some confusion and no little distress to British people, given that:

- Americans are supposed to be nicer than us, and most are.
- You don't need a particularly keen eye for detail to spot a few flaws in the man.

This last point is what especially confuses and dismays British people, and many other people too; his faults seem pretty bloody hard to miss.

After all, it's impossible to read a single tweet, or hear him speak a sentence or two, without staring deep into the abyss. He turns being artless into an art form; he is a Picasso of pettiness; a Shakespeare of shit.

His faults are fractal: even his flaws have flaws, and so on ad infinitum. God knows there have always been stupid people in the world, and plenty of nasty people too. But rarely has stupidity been so nasty, or nastiness so stupid. He makes Nixon look trustworthy and George W look smart.

In fact, if Frankenstein decided to make a monster assembled entirely from human flaws, he would make a Trump.



## SOME MORE FAB RECIPES FROM JUNE CHARLTON



### Cheese Baked Potatoes

#### Ingredients:

4 medium-sized potatoes  
2 tablespoons of milk  
4 oz of grated cheese  
1 tablespoon of chopped parsley  
Salt and pepper

#### Method:

Wash the potatoes and prick with a fork. Bake at gas mark 4/350 F for 1 1/4 1 1/2 hours or until cooked. Cut the potatoes in half, scoop out the centres and mash with fork. Beat in milk, grated cheese, chopped parsley and season to taste. Return mixture to potato shells, reheat for a few minutes.



### Southern Fish Bake

#### Ingredients:

4 cod fillets  
2 oz of butter  
1 teaspoon of chopped parsley  
1 small chopped onion  
1 grapefruit  
2 oz of sliced mushrooms

#### Method:

Mix two thirds of the parsley and onion with butter and grated rind of grapefruit. Place fish in shallow casserole dish, spread mixture over, then sprinkle with remaining parsley and onion and seasoning. Add the mushrooms and juice of half the grapefruit. Place segments of remaining half grapefruit, on top and cover. Bake a gas mark 5/ 375 F for 30 minutes.



### Country Style Lamb

#### Ingredients:

1lb of potatoes, peeled and boiled  
1lb of cold, leftover lamb  
2 tablespoons of chutney or pickle  
Cooking oil  
Few sprigs of parsley  
Onion sauce

Salt and pepper

Method:

Line an ovenproof dish with thin slices of meat. Spread over chutney or pickle and cover with thickly sliced potatoes. Brush with oil and place in the oven to brown. Serve with onion sauce.



### Irish Treacle Bread

Ingredients:

8 oz of self-raising flour  
½ teaspoon of salt  
½ teaspoon of ground ginger  
½ teaspoon of mixed spice  
2 oz of margarine

3-4 tablespoons of milk  
2 tablespoons of treacle  
2 oz of moist, brown sugar  
1 egg

Method:

Sieve the dry ingredients. Melt the margarine in the milk. Cool slightly and add the treacle, sugar and beaten egg. Add the liquid to the dry ingredients and mix well. Pour into a greased loaf tin (about 3" x 7") and bake at a moderate temperature in the oven at gas mark 4/350 F for about one hour.

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## GRAHAM'S PARIS 2024 REVIEW



The closing ceremony is taking place as I write this piece. It certainly seems more conventional than the opening ceremony which was held on the River Seine in the pouring rain. It received mixed reviews, but the French do like to do things a little differently. By not holding the ceremony in the main athletics stadium, as has become tradition, I feel they tried to be a little over elaborate.

So where do we start with the actual sporting events? There is so much to look at but, as a proud Brit, firstly we'll talk about the superb haul of 65 medals for Team GB, including 14 gold medals. The overall total is up one from the last games in Tokyo, but the number of golds is actually down from 22. The United States finished at the top of the medal table after winning the final gold medal on offer. Along with China, they managed 40 golds, but they managed more silvers than their nearest rivals to put them ahead in the final analysis.

My personal highlights, from a British performance perspective, include the superb run by Keely Hodgkinson to win the 800 metres for women. She was clearly confident going into



the final and she justified that confidence with a controlled and, in the end, a fairly comfortable victory.

I also enjoyed the mountain biking. Tom Pidcock came up trumps in the cross-country race after a hard battle with French rival Victor Koretzky. The two almost collided near the end of the race but both riders managed to stay aboard their bicycles. The French fans were not happy with Pidcock but, as far as I am aware, there was no complaint from the rider or the team.

Adam Peaty showed he still had what it takes to compete at the highest level in the swimming pool. He couldn't quite manage to reach the top step for a third successive games in the 100 metres breaststroke. However, he did manage a silver medal after a lengthy hiatus from competing due to mental health issues. It also was revealed that he tested positive for COVID-19 after the event, so it was some accomplishment. Honourable mentions to Josh Kerr, Matt Hudson-Smith and Katarina Johnson-Thompson (KJT) who also achieved silver on the track. It was very much a case of redemption for KJT who has suffered with bad luck and injuries in her previous attempts to win an Olympic medal.

Who were some of the other stars of the 2024 Olympic Games? Well, someone else who had previously opened up about her struggles with mental health issues was Simone Biles. She wowed fans and answered her critics with a fabulous performance at the games which saw her pick up three more gold medals and a bronze medal. This means the total number of Olympic medals she has won is now 11, 7 of which are gold.

Home hero was Leon Marchand. He won 4 gold medals and a bronze in the pool. Fans were even changing the words of the French national anthem (La Marseillaise) to incorporate his name!

I found myself more engaged with this edition of the games than I have done for many years. If I'm being totally honest, it is the most I have enjoyed them since 1984 in Los Angeles. Ironically the 34<sup>th</sup> summer games, the next ones, will also be held in LA. It will be interesting to see whether Biles will want to go out in style in front of her home fans.

Talking of bowing out, Sir Andy Murray ended his tennis career at these games. Although he didn't win a medal in the men's doubles alongside Dan Evans, their matches were extremely entertaining and twice they staged amazing comebacks when they were on the brink of elimination. Also in tennis, Novak Djokovic finally achieved the Career Golden Slam in what was almost certainly his last opportunity to do so. You could see how much it meant to him when he defeated Carlos Alcaraz in a high-quality match to win the gold medal.

I watched at least some coverage of almost all sports that were a part of this year's games. Of the sports I was less familiar with, I found the speed climbing and skateboarding to be very entertaining. The Kayak Cross was exciting to watch; Joe Clarke and Kim Woods were doing us proud in that event. I was less impressed with the breaking, and I'm not sure whether it has a future as part of the games.

There were moments of controversy in Paris too. The quality of the water in the Seine put the Triathlon in some doubt, and there were delays to when the Men's event could take place. There were also delays to the sailing events in Marseille due to a lack of light winds. The biggest controversy though surrounded the eligibility of two females to compete in the boxing tournament. In the end, both were allowed to take part and both won their respective

gold medals. Boxing's future at the games was already very much under scrutiny before Paris.

Overall, we have experienced 16 days of top-class action across a wide range of sports. I feel that the 2028 games in Los Angeles have a lot to live up to. I hope you all enjoyed Paris 2024 as much as I did.

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## ALICE'S THING OF THE MONTH



**Written by Alice Kaur**

Hello and welcome back to Alice's Thing of The Month. This month we are going to be talking about the city Amsterdam. I got to visit Amsterdam last November for the first time. I have never been abroad before, so it was my first time in another country which was very exciting.

When I landed in Amsterdam, I thought that it looked like a very beautiful city. A lot of the buildings are very tall and thin, and the streets are surrounded by canals and bridges which are very pretty.

I visited Amsterdam mainly to go to the Van Gogh Museum because Van Gogh is my favourite artist. Another reason I was excited to go to Amsterdam was all the vegan food they had there. Sometimes visiting cities in England can be difficult because it can be hard to find somewhere to eat with being a vegan, but Amsterdam was very catering. They had vegan cafés, restaurants and bakeries. I was amazed. Whilst I was there, I visited a few of these vegan places. The first was a raw vegan café, which was out of the centre and took a while to get to. I've never been to a place that serves raw vegan food before, but I thought it would be an experience and it certainly was. I'm not going to name or recommend this place as it wasn't very good. I tried a smoothie which has beetroot in it and it tasted like mud. The food was also not very nice, but I was still hopeful about the food in Amsterdam.

Over the next few days, I visited two vegan bakeries called Margos and Saint Jean's. Both were amazing. I tried a pain au chocolat from both, and they were so different from any pastry I had tried in England. I would definitely recommend these places if you visit Amsterdam. Other eateries I tried were Flower Burger. They had burgers made out of plants like sweet potato and beans, which were very nice. They also had Oreo milkshakes which reminded me of milkshakes I used to have when I had dairy. It was amazing. The best place I

ate was a restaurant called Vegan Junk Food Bar. I had a "chicken" burger, and it was very realistic. It is a must if you are vegan or vegetarian visiting Amsterdam and into "faux" meats.

Other things I got up to in Amsterdam were visiting museums and art galleries. I love art and learning about new things. As I said earlier in my article, the main reason for coming to Amsterdam was the Van Gogh Museum, and it did not disappoint. When visiting museums and art galleries in Amsterdam, it is always best to book your tickets in advance as Amsterdam can be quite busy with tourists. The Van Gogh Museum had three floors full of art. I had never seen a lot of the paintings before; it was nice to see something new. I also got to see a few of my favourite paintings whilst I was there, which included Van Goghs Self Portraits and Almond Blossoms. It was quite emotional reading the story behind it as Van Gogh did the painting for his nephew. There was also an exhibition showing art of some of Van Goghs friends too.

Another museum I visited was the Anne Frank Museum. I wasn't sure how I would feel going in. The whole experience was very emotional. You walk around the house and annex with a little audio guide, which you scan on walls at certain points, listening to the history of Anne Frank and everyone who stayed with her during that terrible time. You can't take photos in this museum, and you have to book a time slot to go in. It can get quite busy, it takes a while to walk around and it is hard to fit into the rooms. I would never visit it again and see it as a one-time experience, but I feel it is good to learn more about the history of what happened.

The last museum I visited was called Moco Museum which was a modern art gallery, and it was amazing. It had artists like Banksy, Andy Warhol, Keith Haring and Tracey Emin. I loved seeing their art in person. On the bottom floor of the museum they have an immersive digital art experience, and it was beautiful. I recommended visiting Moco Museum if you are into modern art.

Other things I did whilst in Amsterdam was explore the city and take photos as I love photography. I only stayed for a couple of days but there is still so much to see in Amsterdam, I will definitely be making another visit in the future. If you do decide to go, I hope you visit some of these places on my list as they are definitely worth seeing. The only negative thing about Amsterdam for me was all the cyclists, it is very good that the city is so green but the cyclists can be dangerous and the paths are very narrow so you definitely have to keep a watch out whilst walking the streets. I also found the city very safe to walk around which is also a plus when visiting a new country. Overall Amsterdam is a wonderful city.

Thanks for reading

## ORKNEY



**Written by Robert Williams**

We were lucky enough to visit Orkney recently and what a magical place it is. We stayed at a Campsite called Ness Point in Stromness, not far from the town and Port of Stromness. Stromness is pretty busy for a small port town. There are regular NorthLink ferries to the mainland daily and some out to the other smaller islands like Hoy and Flotta. Hoy has the amazing and free [Scapa Flow Museum](#), which is a must for

anyone interested in Naval History.

Orkney itself has some of the oldest recorded civilisation in the world. There are many ancient sites to visit. Sadly, Historic Scotland does hike up the prices for visits to attractions. One of the major sites to see in Orkney is called Skara Brae. Long before Stonehenge or even the Egyptian pyramids were built, Skara Brae was a thriving village. However, Skara Brae was fully booked for visits whilst we were there, so my advice would be to check the sites you want to see beforehand and book them online before you arrive in Orkney.

In an age where customer service is becoming increasingly non-existent, it was super refreshing to deal with NorthLink Ferries. They run a Ferry service from Scrabster in Scotland to Stromness in Orkney, and it is a nice experience from beginning to end. Their website leaves a little to be desired in the booking process, but their staff are super nice and helpful. And you can change your ferry bookings up to the day before departure for no charge and as many times as you like!

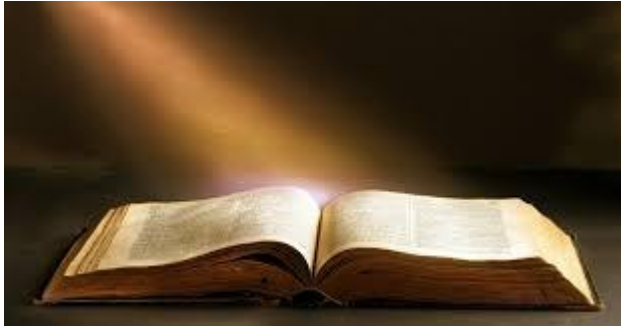
There are lots of sites to see in Orkney without having to pay Historic Scotland. The Brae of Bursay is great. There is a settlement on the island that you can walk to when the tide is out. The Ring of Brodgar is also super nice. I have included some pictures of both those sites. The Ring of Brodgar (or Brogar, or Ring o' Brodgar) is a Neolithic henge and stone circle in Mainland, Orkney, Scotland. It is the only major henge and stone circle in Britain which is an almost perfect circle. Most henges do not contain stone circles; Brodgar is a striking exception, ranking with Avebury and Stonehenge among the greatest stone structures. The ring of stones stands on a small isthmus between the Lochs of Stenness and Harray. These are the northernmost examples of circle henges in Britain. Unlike similar structures, such as Avebury, there are no obvious stones inside the circle. The site has resisted attempts at scientific dating and the monument's age remains uncertain. It is generally thought to have been erected between 2500 BC and 2000 BC, and was, therefore, the last of the great Neolithic monuments built on the Ness, in Orkney.

I feel that the wide, high skies that can be viewed from the North of Scotland and the amount of space around helps me feel a little freer than in a populated city environment. Orkney itself is a very relaxing and interesting place to spend a couple of weeks, or longer. There are lots

of other Islands to visit around Orkney and, if you have the time and money, you can go from Orkney to the further afield Shetland Islands.

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## BIBLE TALK



Sent by Peter Smith

'And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to his purpose.'

Romans 8:28 (NKJV)

This is a marvellous verse. Think about it – it means we do not have to worry about anything that might happen in the future.

Things that happen, which at the time seem bad, will in the end turn out to have been for our good.

If we fear that in the future, we may have to face something that we cannot cope with, then we have 1 Corinthians 10:13: -

'No trial has overtaken you except such as is common to man. But God is faithful, who will not let you be tested beyond what you are able, but with the test will also make the way of escape, so you will be able to bear it.'

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## THE LEGACY OF AEROSMITH



Written by Graham Townsend

After the announcement by the band that they will not tour again, now seems like a good time to look back at the legacy of one of the most successful rock bands in history.

Aerosmith were born in 1970. For over five decades, they have been at the forefront of an industry that should be grateful for their existence.

From a personal point of view, it was only in the 1980s that I really became aware of what a big deal they were. When they teamed up with Run-D.M.C for the smash hit

“Walk This Way” in 1986, it opened up a whole new audience for them. This was the point where I started to take more notice of them. The thing is, I had no idea that the song was written and performed by them many years before this and was actually a track on their 1975 album “Toys in the Attic”, written by Steven Tyler and Joe Perry. That album was recognised as one of the most iconic rock albums of the 1970s, something else that I had been previously oblivious to.



The only song I probably even vaguely knew before 1986 by Aerosmith was “Sweet Emotion”, which was also a track on the aforementioned album. “Dream On”, their first major US Billboard chart hit in 1976, is a song I have only recently become familiar with, but it really launched their career from a commercial perspective, especially in the United States.

If you listen to bands like Motley Crue, Metallica and Guns N’ Roses, you can hear the influence of Aerosmith in their music. Actor and occasional musician Johnny Depp is clearly a fan and has played live with the band on occasions. Other artists who have praised them include Alice Cooper, Ozzy Osbourne, Jimmy Page and Bruce Dickinson.

One of the most enduring aspects of Aerosmith is the fact that they have managed to have a fairly settled line-up since day one. Apart from Tyler and Perry, other long-term members are bassist Tom Hamilton, rhythm and lead guitarist Brad Whitford and drummer Joey Kramer. Perry and Whitford have taken hiatuses from the band but returned to the fold in time.

We have already mentioned “Toys in the Attic”, but the big late 80s/early 90s resurgence saw great commercial success with the albums “Permanent Vacation”, “Pump” and “Get A Grip”. Some of my favourite tracks by the band are “Janie’s Got a Gun”, “Rag Doll” and “Livin’ on The Edge”.

I was inspired to write this article by a friend who had tickets to see Aerosmith after waiting thirty years to see them. Unfortunately, after two postponements, the tour has been cancelled for good. I’m sure there will be others like him who are devastated by this turn of events. However, they have a fantastic back catalogue to keep them entertained in the future.

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## ANOTHER FUN QUIZ FROM THE HORSE’S MOUTH



### Questions:

- (1) Who won the Men’s Triathlon at the Paris 2024 Olympics?
- (2) When was the Eiffel Tower completed?
- (3) What is Spanish for house?
- (4) Who invented condoms?
- (5) What is French for gloves?
- (6) What is the capital of Barbados?
- (7) Who exports the most soap?
- (8) What is the currency of Eritrea?
- (9) Who captained Argentina to World Cup victory in Qatar?
- (10) What nationality was Adolf Hitler?
- (11) How many metres are in a yard?
- (12) What was John Wayne’s real name?
- (13) How many players make up a water polo side?
- (14) What is 9 minutes to 8pm on the 24-hour clock?
- (15) How many Rambo films were made?
- (16) What is the German word for boxer?
- (17) What is flightless group of swans called?
- (18) What are the primary colours?
- (19) Who recently played Tracy Barlow in Coronation Street?

(20) How far is Port Stanley from Buenos Aires?

**Answers:**

(1) Alex Yee (2) 31<sup>st</sup> March 1889 (3) Casa (4) The first rubber condom was invented in 1855 by American chemist Charles Goodyear (5) Gants (6) Bridgetown (7) United States (8) Eritrean Nakfa (9) Lionel Messi (10) Austrian (11) 0.91 (12) Marion Robert Morrison (13) 7 (14) 19:51 (15) 5 (16) Boxer (17) A bevy, a bank or a herd (18) Red, yellow and blue (19) Kate Ford (20) 8,894 km

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