

# Nil Desperandum

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*Isolated but not alone*



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## Social Distancing!



Maybe the Latin lesson with my grandson in the garden was taking things too far?  
**From Martin Pollins**

**Ah, those memories:  
Remember this? "You had  
me at Hello"**



Tom certainly has a way with words... In the wonderful film *Jerry Maguire*, Tom Cruise comes to Renee Zellweger's house while she's with a group of friends and launches into a long speech about why he wants to be with her. When Cruise is in full flow and the eyes are welling up with tears, she says "**Shut up. You had me at hello.**" (2 min video clip)

## QUIZ 2

Contributed by our own Quizmaster,  
**David Waite**



- 1) What is the capital of Finland?
- 2) Who composed the classical music – The Enigma Variations?
- 3) Billy J. Kramer rose to fame as a pop star in the 1960's with what pop group?
- 4) What year was the general strike in The United Kingdom?
- 5) Who created the word 'Science' and when?
- 6) Why is the number thirteen considered unlucky?
- 7) When was the National Health Service created?
- 8) What does the word Francophile mean?
- 9) What does it mean to act in a Machiavellian manner?
- 10) Two explorers reached the South Pole for the first time in history. When did Robert Falcon Scott reach the South Pole and who preceded him one month earlier?
- 11) In terms of colonisation, what country in South America was settled by the Portuguese approximately five hundred years ago while other countries in South and Central America were settled by the Spanish?
- 12) Who was Simon Bolivar?
- 13) Which English novelist wrote 'Hard Times'?
- 14) Prior to 2012, when did the United Kingdom last host the Olympic Games?
- 15) What does the word sequestration mean?
- 16) When did the English defeat the Spanish Armada in the sixteenth century?
- 17) In philosophy what does the word monism mean and what is its significance?]
- 18) When did the world's first heart transplant take place and which surgeon performed the operation?
- 19) What is the state capital of Texas?

**Answers on page 13**

## Our Club Raffle

As you know, Bryan Joyner runs the monthly raffle at Club lunches. In the absence of our lunches due to the Coronavirus, there has been no raffle, and it may be several months before we can resume the monthly lunches.



Bryan has kindly (and most generously) suggested holding and personally funding the cost of the prizes at a "ghost" raffle at the first lunch (which we call the 'resumption' lunch) when we meet again. On the basis that we have two prizes at a lunch, and four at a Ladies Invitation lunch, when we do meet again there will be twelve prizes to be won (covering the missed period from March to July). Bryan will put all our names into a bucket and draw out the winners (one for each prize).

Bryan wishes to fund this ghost raffle himself but suggests that, at the 'resumption' lunch, members place a donation into the bucket and the receipts are given to the charity of our choice; he favours the St Peter & St James Hospice. A reminder will be sent out prior to the 'resumption' lunch. In the meantime, our grateful thanks are due to Bryan.



## Have the changes to our daily lives got you down? Here are 5 of the most effective foods that will help to pick you up

We all need a pick-me-up sometimes. But when an evening glass of wine or a tough workout isn't helping, **look to your diet** in order to feel better.

The food you eat has an incredible impact on how you feel and can keep mood swings or depression at bay. Here's what to try and what to avoid to re-energize your life.

### Grab some vitamin B.

B vitamins like B6, B12, and folic acid are involved in the production of the brain chemicals which regulate mood. Eat foods rich in these vitamins - like eggs, poultry, and low-fat yogurt. Leafy greens are also recommended, because they contain the B vitamin folate, and research shows that low folate levels have been consistently linked to depression.

### And grab some vitamin D too.

Vitamin D is important for the production of mood-boosting chemicals in your brain. Fortified dairy products like no-fat or low-fat cheese, milk, and yogurt are great sources of vitamin D. Sunlight also can give you the vitamin D you need in as little as 20 minutes a day of sun time.

### Also fatty acids.

Typically known as heart-health boosters, foods like walnuts, flaxseed, avocado, and cold-water fish (e.g. salmon), are excellent for boosting moods because they are full of essential omega-3s. In fact, in a study published in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, it was found that people who consumed the most fish were less likely to have depression symptoms.

### Pay attention to probiotics.

We know probiotics are great for boosting digestive health, but did you know that your gut health can severely affect your mood?

According to a study published in *Gastroenterology* in 2017, consumption of a probiotic supplement was revealed to improve gut symptoms as well as depression in those with irritable bowel syndrome (IBS).

### And, limit these: caffeine and alcohol.

Both have the capacity to make you feel better, sure, but the reality is alcohol and caffeine can prevent healthy sleep patterns by interrupting important sleep cycles.

If you want to make a big difference in how you feel, make a few small dietary changes and make sure you regularly eat nutritious meals. Your body and your mood will thank you.

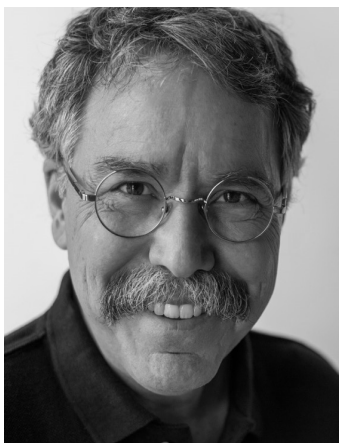
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## Killing Time

There's more to killing than you might think. Some while ago, I put together a Glossary on the subject (yes, very morbid, I know) aided by some useful pointers at:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_types\\_of\\_killing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_types_of_killing)

For example, did you know about these:

- **Amicide** – the act of killing a friend. ("Amicus" being Latin for friend)
- **Androicide** – the systematic killing of men.
- **Assassination** - the murder of a famous or important person, mainly for political or religious reasons.
- **Butchery** - the cruel and violent killing of a lot of people.
- **Capital punishment** – the judicial killing of a human being for crimes.
- **Casualty** (person) – death (or injury) in wartime.
- **Collateral damage** – Deaths during wartime due to imprecise or incorrect targeting or friendly fire.
- **Democide** – the murder of any person or people by a government.
- **Ecocide** – the destruction of the natural environment by such activity as war, over-exploitation of resources, or pollution.
- **Extrajudicial killing** – killing by government forces without due process.
- **Euthanasia** (also known as "mercy killing") – the killing of any human being for compassionate reasons, e.g., significant painful illness, injury or disease.
- **Familiaticide in commutatione eius possessio** – the act of killing a family for their property and/or possessions (From "familiaris" being Latin for of a household. "in commutatione eius" being Latin for in exchange for, and "possessio" being Latin for a possession or property).
- **Femicide** (also **gynicide**, **gynaecide**, or **gynocide**) – the systematic killing of women or girls.
- **Feticide** – the act of killing a foetus.
- **Gendercide** – the systematic killing of members of a specific sex or gender.
- **Genocide** – the systematic extermination of an entire national, racial, religious, or ethnic group.
- **Homicide** – the act of killing of a person. ("Homo" being Latin for man)
- **Human sacrifice** – the killing of a human for sacrificial, often religious, reasons.
- **Massacre or mass murder** – the killing of many people.

- **Murder** – the malicious and unlawful killing of a human by another human.
- **Manslaughter** – murder, but under legally mitigating circumstances.
- **Omnicide** – the act of killing all humans, to create intentional extinction of the human species. ("Omni" meaning all)
- **Populicide** – see Democide above.
- **Xenocide** – The genocide of an entire alien species.

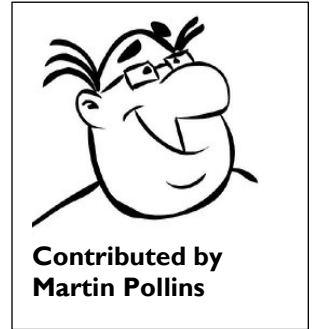
By the way, there's a name for killing your superiors, not that I'm endorsing the idea of engaging in such practices...

- **Deicide** - killing a god or divine being.
- **Episcopicide** - killing a bishop.
- **Regicide** - killing a king. (Latin: rex, Gen. regis means "king")
- **Tyrannicide** - killing a tyrant.

Once you embark on these quite shocking activities (which, as a law-abiding citizen, I do not recommend) it should be noted there are some people who choose manslaughter rather than murder...

- **Constructive Manslaughter** - the crime of committing an unlawful act that results in an unintended death. It is also known as unlawful act manslaughter.
- **Corporate Manslaughter** - the crime of killing someone unintentionally that is committed by a company or an organisation.
- **Involuntary Manslaughter** - (in England and Wales) the crime of committing a reckless or careless act that results in an unintended death. The two main types of involuntary manslaughter under English law are constructive manslaughter and gross negligence manslaughter.
- **Gross Negligence Manslaughter** - (in England and Wales) the crime of committing an extremely careless and irresponsible act that causes an unintended death.
- **Manslaughter** - the crime of causing someone's death illegally but either without intending to or with reasons that cause it to be regarded as less serious than murder.
- **Voluntary Manslaughter** - (in England and Wales) the crime of killing someone intentionally but under circumstances which mean it is not a murder, for example diminished responsibility or loss of control was the driver for the action taken by the perpetrator.

Please email me if you'd like the full Glossary  
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**The Poem below is by Brian Bilston and is called:**

**As I Grow Old I Will March Not Shuffle**

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As I grow old  
I will not shuffle to the beat  
of self-interest  
and make that slow retreat  
to the right.

I will be a septuagenarian insurrectionist  
marching with the kids. I shall sing  
'La Marseillaise', whilst brandishing  
homemade placards that proclaim  
'DOWN WITH THIS SORT OF THING'.

I will be an octogenarian obstructionist,  
and build unscalable barricades  
from bottles of flat lemonade,  
tartan blankets and chicken wire.  
I will hurl prejudice upon the brazier's fire.

I will be a nonagenarian nonconformist,  
armed with a ballpoint pen  
and a hand that shakes with rage not age  
at politicians' latest crimes,  
in strongly-worded letters to The Times.

I will be a centenarian centurion  
and allow injustice no admittance.  
I will stage longstanding sit-ins.  
My mobility scooter and I  
will move for no-one.

And when I die  
I will be the scattered ashes  
that attach themselves to the lashes  
and blind the eyes  
of racists and fascists.

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Brian Bilston is a poet of some repute. Look him up at  
<https://brianbilston.com>

A video in which the poem is read by Julian Barratt, with accompanying music  
by Rafferti, can be found at <https://descrier.co.uk/culture/film/as-i-grow-old/>

## Could plastic roads help save the planet?

A start-up company is persuading local councils in the UK to turn local plastic waste into roads. See how at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/ideas/videos/could-plastic-roads-help-save-the-planet/p050z42h?playlist=sustainable-thinking>

## How to build an igloo



See how at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/ideas/videos/how-to-build-an-igloo-when-the-climate-is-changing/p07ycvwz?playlist=sustainable-thinking>

## 8 virtual tours of Sussex gardens in the National Garden Scheme



The National Garden Scheme have launched a campaign to allow you to experience the stunning gardens across the country via video. Sussex Life have picked the featured gardens in East and West Sussex.

Details at:

<https://www.sussexlife.co.uk/homes-gardens/gardens/sussex-ngs-gardens-virtual-tours-1-6677168>

## Did you know that...



The Cenotaph takes its name from two Greek words - **kenos** and **taphos** - which together mean *empty tomb*.

More than a year after the end of World War II, bread was rationed in Britain on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1946. The shortage was blamed upon a poor harvest and drought.



A couple of months after the formation of the Haywards Heath & District Probus Club in 1985, the blockbuster film, enjoyed by millions, "Back to the Future" was released. The film was directed by Robert Zemeckis and starring Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd.

People who suffer from a psychological disorder called **Boanthropy** believe that they are a cow. They try to live their life as a cow and even chew grass. It's said that King Nebuchadnezzar suffered from it.

Everyone loves their shape - **Hyperbolic Paraboloids** – it's the name given to the shape of Pringles.

A duel between three people is actually called a **Triel**.



Call it brain freeze, ice cream brain, or an ice cream headache – it's the short-term headache which you may get when you eat or drink something cold, like ice cream or ice water. But the scientific term for it is

**Sphenopalatine Ganglioneuralgia.**

## Gerry Larner remembers his 16 years as a Maths Tutor

16 years as a Maths Tutor... Why? How? What was it like?



I have always had an interest in maths, right from school and student days and throughout my working life, and including trying to help my youngsters with GCSE and A level maths, a somewhat thankless task at the time as you can imagine!

In the 1990s due to potential career problems I had thoughts of becoming a maths teacher. I investigated the possibility of financial support during the necessary period of study only to find that due age this was not feasible. Undaunted having had my interest re-awakened, I signed up for an adult education evening course in A level maths. Fine but after one year the course stopped due to lack of numbers. I then persuaded the centre management to provide me with exam facilities if I studied on my own. As a result, I was able to redo A level and Further A level maths and I achieved respectable grades.

I retired from my real job at the end of 1999 and desperate for something to do I then worked in the call centre at South East Water for two years. During this time a colleague was desperate to get help for her daughter who was in trouble with her A level maths. I offered to try and help, it went well, and that was the beginning of the tuition experience.

Much of the time I was approached by parents, the grapevine was in full operation, and also I advertised locally and used a web site.

The GCSE work was mostly about the student needing the C grade, no particular interest in maths just wanting the certificate for future reference. As to A level that as usually more interesting as the student had opted to study rather than being forced to do so.

What was the tuition experience like? It ranged from being in the kitchen of a manor house to the kitchen of a modest house with other kids and dogs for company. For my own safety I always insisted on a parent being in the house, as there was always the risk of being accused of misbehaviour.

As I became known in the area, work built quickly and in many years there was more tuition availability than I wanted. Over the period of sixteen years I think I must have worked with over some seventy students. In a way it is a strange experience. It is a business, you turn up do the job, get paid and that is it, and after the exam is over? You have no further contact except sometimes, but not always, the student will let you know how they got on.

So why did I stop? In 2018 I was approaching my 80th birthday and had been very fortunate health-wise but I began to be concerned that if I had problems then I would be letting down students who I had agreed to help, as in the middle of the academic year tutors may not be easily available; it was an under subscribed market. In addition, there were syllabus and resource changes which I was not happy with and so I decided enough was enough.

So, looking back what are the outstanding memories?

In most cases the GCSE students were reasonably able, but were only interested in getting the required C grade. The exception was one memorable case where after three years we were still at the same level of understanding maths concepts. In English there is the word blindness or dyslexia scenario and I have often thought there could be a word for number blindness. Martin Pollins says there is a word – it's Dyscalculia.

There was also the classic case of "I don't want tuition". The lad was predicted a D and mum asked me to help. After some six weeks he tolerated my presence, and finally became enthusiastic and achieved a B grade; it is called perseverance!

As to A level students, this area had a very different feel; they were motivated and mostly desperate to do well to achieve the next goal of university entrance or whatever their new path was to be.

Finally, a word for the mature student; a mum of one of my GCSE students was a teaching assistant in a primary school and had not done maths for years. She worked incredibly hard and achieved her C grade.

As I have implied, in many cases you do not know what happened in the exams and even if you do there is no knowing what the students achieved in later life, but there is some comfort in knowing that along the way I may have helped the careers of quite a few people in the locality.



## Hidden Towns & Villages of Sussex Quiz

Contributed by David Jamieson

How many Sussex towns & villages can you spot from the following list?

- 1) Quiet Refuge
- 2) Arsenal I Chelsea 4
- 3) A shallow river crossing
- 4) A decaying parson
- 5) What's to be done if little Willie tears his trousers
- 6) How to support collapsing buildings
- 7) A portable crucifix
- 8) A nasty habit of bulls
- 9) A drastic remedy for boils
- 10) Creepy
- 11) A lawn for game
- 12) Part of a fish and a Spanish Gentleman
- 13) A grain
- 14) Chews cud and sheep enclosure
- 15) Found in church
- 16) A large scale fight
- 17) What a smoky lamp needs
- 18) A replete monarch
- 19) Wide & wet
- 20) Done to roads before the stones go down
- 21) A crossing for chefs
- 22) An equestrian measure and angry
- 23) A tart and a little village
- 24) Dried grass and what a bee does
- 25) Trees in a line
- 26) Good value
- 27) Bob's card game
- 28) A compass point and part of a candle
- 29) What one does with sails
- 30) Crossing the river at Shoreham
- 31) Fido will do this to a bone
- 32) A female horse's home
- 33) A container and a shady walk
- 34) What you do after a good performance
- 35) Where free chickens roam
- 36) A freshly cut down tree
- 37) How to propel a punt
- 38) The fruit is ready to pick
- 39) A dazzling century
- 40) Where to cross salty water
- 41) This falling ice is false
- 42) Chef's pasture
- 43) God's Hospice
- 44) Lemon flavoured shallow river crossing
- 45) Old clothes
- 46) Nice ham soup
- 47) Find a stake and make a call
- 48) Athletic
- 49) Starboard fire eater
- 50) Actually
- 51) A little for the unemployed
- 52) Tilting beach
- 53) Value of a four-legged friend
- 54) Uncomplicated birth
- 55) D.C.
- 56) Toothpaste for whiter teeth

[Click here for answers](#)

## Otto Somodi's Observation

Following David Waite's interesting list of English words derived from the French Language, I read recently in *The Times* that the august institution, *Académie Française*, the pre-eminent French council for matters pertaining to the French language, continues to fight against the pollution of the French language by words of English origin - but not very successfully. The article concluded that the English language is enriched by over 20,000 words of French origin, whereas French has been corrupted by a mere 500 English words, but rising! Should we not be indebted to the French language? For lest we forget, to this day, formal exchanges during a Bill's passage between the two Houses of Parliament is conducted in Norman French and Royal Assent is declared with the words, "*La Reyne le veult*".

## The Twins

A Poem by Henry Sambrooke Leigh

(this is a favourite with children and grandchildren)

*In form and feature, face and limb,  
I grew so like my brother,  
That folks got taking me for him,  
And each for one another.  
It puzzled all our kith and kin,  
It reached a fearful pitch;  
For one of us was born a twin,  
Yet not a soul knew which.*

*One day, to make the matter worse,  
Before our names were fixed,  
As we were being washed by nurse,  
We got completely mixed;  
And thus, you see, by fate's decree,  
Or rather nurse's whim,  
My brother John got christened me,  
And I got christened him.*

*This fatal likeness even dogged  
My footsteps when at school,  
And I was always getting flogged,  
For John turned out a fool.  
I put this question, fruitlessly,  
To everyone I knew,  
"What would you do, if you were me,  
To prove that you were you?"*

*Our close resemblance turned the tide  
Of my domestic life,  
For somehow, my intended bride  
Became my brother's wife.  
In fact, year after year the same  
Absurd mistakes went on,  
And when I died, the neighbours came  
And buried brother John.*

Contributed by former Club member Ted Chambers



## Just to Humour You

### My Last Ride



While riding my Harley, I swerved to avoid hitting a deer, lost control and landed in a ditch, severely banging my head.

Dazed and confused I crawled out of the ditch to the edge of the road when a shiny new convertible pulled up with a beautiful woman driver, who asked, "Are you okay?"

"I'm okay I think," I replied as I pulled myself up on the side of the car.

She said, "Get in and I'll take you home so I can clean and bandage that nasty scrape on your head."

"That's nice of you," I answered, "but I don't think my wife will like me doing that!"

"Oh, come now, I'm a nurse," she insisted. "I need to see if you have any more scrapes and then treat them properly."

Being sort of shaken and weak, I agreed, but repeated, "I'm sure my wife won't like this."

We arrived at her place which was just few miles away and, after a couple of cold beers and the bandaging, I thanked her and said, "I feel a lot better but I know my wife is going to be really upset so I'd better go now."

"Don't be silly!" she said with a smile, "stay for a while, she won't know. By the way, where is she?"

"Still in the ditch with my Harley, I'd guess."

### The way some sons turn out

A Jewish father was very troubled by the way his son turned out and went to see his Rabbi about it.

"Rabbi Polinsky, I brought my son up in the faith, gave him a very expensive Bar Mitzvah and it cost me a fortune to educate him. Then he tells me last week, he's decided to be a Christian. Rabbi, where did I go wrong?"

The Rabbi strokes his beard and says, "Funny you should come to me. I too, brought up my son as a boy of faith, sent him to university and

it cost me a fortune and then one day he comes to me and tells me he wants to be a Christian."

"What did you do?" asked the man of the Rabbi.

"I turned to God for the answer," replied the Rabbi.

"What did God say?" asked the man.

He said, "Funny you should come to me..."

### Who's best at his job?

A Priest, a Minister, and a Rabbi want to see who's best at his job. So they each go into the woods, find a bear, and attempt to convert it.

Later they get together. The Priest begins: "When I found the bear, I read to him from the Catechism and sprinkled him with holy water. Next week is his First Communion."

"I found a bear by the stream," says the Minister, "and preached God's holy word. The bear was so mesmerized that he let me baptize him."

The Priest and Minister glance down at the Rabbi, who is lying on a stretcher in a body cast. "Looking back," he says, "maybe I shouldn't have started with the circumcision."

### Unrecognisable

In hospital for surgery after a heart attack, a middle-aged woman had a vision of God by her bedside. "Will I die?" she asked.

God said, "No. You have 30 more years to live." With 30 years to look forward to, she decided to make the best of it. So, since she was already in the hospital, she ordered breast implants, liposuction, a tummy tuck, hair transplants, and collagen injections in her lips. She looked great! On the day she was discharged, she exited the hospital with a swagger, crossed the street, and was immediately hit by an ambulance and killed.

Up in heaven, she saw God. "You said I had 30 more years to live," she complained.

"That's true," said God. "So, what happened?" she asked.

God shrugged. "Gosh, sorry, I just didn't recognise you."



## Some Social Media Terms Explained (or confuse you)

- **Instagram** is a platform for quality pictures and video. It's a visual platform. People follow their friends for obvious reasons, but they also follow strangers who offer them something— whether it be quality images of cats, comedy post, memes, gorgeous people, fashion, whatever.
- **Facebook**, on the other hand, is a platform intended for networking and connecting with friends and family. It's for people connecting with people you know. To make connecting and networking with friends fun and amazing, Facebook allows you to message, post, share, comment, like etc.
- **Pinterest** is social media network that allows users to share images associated with project, goods, and services, and to visually discover new interests by browsing images that others have posted online. It's like a web-based pinboard or bulletin board.
- With **Tumblr** the dashboard is the primary tool for most users. It is a live feed of recent posts from blogs that they follow. Through the dashboard, users are able to comment, reblog, and 'like' posts from other blogs that appear on their dashboard. The dashboard allows you to upload text posts, images, videos, quotes, or links to their blog with a click of a button displayed at the top of the dashboard.
- **Etsy** is an online buyer and seller community similar to eBay, except it focuses on hand-crafted or vintage goods. Most products sold fall into the category of arts, crafts, jewellery, paper goods, housewares, and artisan sweets or baked goods. Many artists sell digitally downloaded items, such as stickers, prints, planners, or other printable documents.
- **Twitter** is a 'microblogging' system that allows you to send and receive short posts online called tweets. Tweets can be up to 280 characters long and can include links to relevant websites and resources. Twitter users follow other users with similar interests to your own.
- **LinkedIn** is the world's largest professional network on the internet. Users search the web to find the right job or internship, connect and strengthen professional relationships, and learn the skills needed to succeed in their career. You can also use LinkedIn to organize offline events, join groups, write articles, post photos and videos, and more.

- A **Blog** is a discussion or informational website published on the World Wide Web consisting of discrete, often informal diary-style text entries. Posts are typically displayed in reverse chronological order, so that the most recent post appears first, at the top of the web page.



Contributed by  
Martin Pollins

## A Happy Series of Coincidences

Contributed by Alan Carver

For twenty years or more, my wife June and I have been spending holidays with a German couple, Anke and Hubert. These are normally walking holidays and, when they come to England, we make all the arrangements and they do the same when we go to Germany.

A few years ago, we planned to explore the Jurassic coast of Dorset. They flew into Southampton and we spent a night in a B & B in Brockenhurst so we could visit the New Forest on the way to Dorset because Hubert had mentioned that his father had been in a POW in a camp in this area during WW2.

On arrival at the B & B we discovered that the owner was the son of a former German POW who had married a local girl and settled in Brockenhurst. This meant, of course, that he and Hubert were, in a way, exact contemporaries but by this time both fathers had died.

The owner of the B & B told us that a nearby village was holding a WW2 remembrance exhibition which might be of interest to our friends as it would contain details of the POW site which had long since disappeared. We debated whether to tell Anke and Hubert about this and eventually decided to ask them if they would be interested in going and, with their agreement, we went along to it. Included in the display was an album which the POW's had presented to their commandant as a Christmas gift. It contained poems, drawings and photographs including a signed one of Hubert's father which, of course, he had never seen. Word of this connection leaked out and soon Hubert was being treated like a celebrity with an interview and photograph for an article for publication in the local paper.

During all of this it emerged that a number of people present still remembered those days and we learned about the cordial relations which existed between the local people and the Germans, with home visits and football matches among the activities mentioned. With this in mind, the fact that there was at least one lasting romance is much less surprising.

On the face of it all of this seemed to be a happy series of coincidences but in retrospect we have doubts as to whether we did the right thing in drawing attention to the exhibition in the first place. We felt that the relations between Hubert and the B & B proprietor were not at all cordial during the short period they were in contact and that possibly Hubert went to the exhibition out of politeness rather than genuine interest. Our overall feeling is that they think the British put too much emphasis on WW2 and they would much prefer not to think about it. Certainly, we seldom discuss the subject with Anke and Hubert and they have never referred to the visit to the New Forest again.



Hubert with his father's  
photograph

## They're Back... Those wonderful Church Bulletins!

Contributed by Alan Tatnall

Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

*The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.*

*Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.*

*The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'*

*Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.*

*Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.*

*Miss Charlene Mason sang, 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.*

*For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.*

*Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.*

*Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.*

*A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.*

*At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.*

*Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.*

*Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.*

*The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.*

*Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.*

*The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.*

*This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.*

*The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.*

*The Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.*

*The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.*

*Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.*

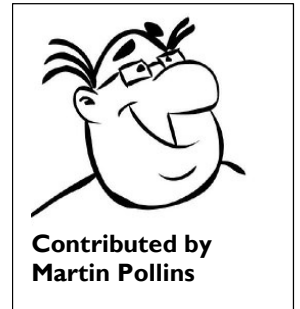
**And this one just about sums them all up:**

*The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'*

## The day for Laughter and Gags

International Joke Day falls on 1st July – it supposed to be a day for laughter and gags. In 2010, [www.OnePoll.com](http://www.OnePoll.com) undertook research to find the top 50 funniest jokes of all time. Here are some of them:

- I went to the Doctors the other day, and he said, 'Go to Bournemouth, it's great for flu'. So I went - and I got it.
- My next-door neighbour worships exhaust pipes, he's a catholic converter.
- Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly. But when they lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it.
- I said to this train driver "I want to go to Paris". He said "Eurostar?" I said, "I've been on telly but I'm no Dean Martin".
- A lorry-load of tortoises crashed into a trainload of terrapins, What a turtle disaster.
- I backed a horse last week at ten to one. It came in at quarter past four.
- I went down the local supermarket, I said, "I want to make a complaint, this vinegar's got lumps in it", he said, "Those are pickled onions".
- There was a man who entered a local paper's pun contest. He sent in ten different puns, in the hope that at least one of the puns would win. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.
- Four fonts walk into a bar the barman says "Oi - get out! We don't want your type in here"
- A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "because," he said "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."
- I cleaned the attic with the wife the other day. Now I can't get the cobwebs out of her hair.
- The other day I sent my girlfriend a huge pile of snow. I rang her up, I said "Did you get my drift?".
- Slept like a log last night..... Woke up in the fireplace.
- A jump-lead walks into a bar. The barman says "I'll serve you, but don't start anything"
- I met a Dutch girl with inflatable shoes last week, phoned her up to arrange a date but unfortunately, she'd popped her clogs.
- I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.
- A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named 'Amal.' The other goes to a family in Spain, they name him Juan'. Years later; Juan sends a picture of himself to his mum. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wished she also had a picture of Amal. Her husband responds, "But they are twins. If you've seen Juan, you've seen Amal."
- I saw this bloke chatting up a cheetah; I thought, "He's trying to pull a fast one".
- I went to the doctors the other day and I said, "Have you got anything for wind?" So he gave me a kite. '
- A man walks into a bar with a roll of tarmac under his arm and says: "Pint please, and one for the road."
- I went to the Doctor the other day. I said: "Doc, I can't stop singing the Green, Green Grass of Home." He said: "That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome." I asked, "Is it common?" "It's not unusual," he replied.
- Police arrested two kids yesterday, one was drinking battery acid, the other was eating fireworks. They charged one - and let the other one off.
- I said to the Gym instructor "Can you teach me to do the splits?" He said, "How flexible are you?" I said, "I can't make Tuesdays"
- A woman gets on a bus with her baby. The bus driver says: "Ugh, that's the ugliest baby I've ever seen!" The woman walks to the rear of the bus and sits down, fuming. She says to a man next to her: "The driver just insulted me!" The man says: "You go up there and tell him off. Go on, I'll hold your monkey for you."



Just learned that a dentist a block away from here was arrested for dealing drugs. Shows you how wrong you can be about people. I had been going to him him for over ten years. Never knew he was a dentist.



*Just in, from a dentist I know...*



## 'The Fight for English: How Language Pundits Ate, Shot, and Left'

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Latin and Greek words imported into English:

"The discord that we now call the Reformation had immediate consequences for English, in the form of new translations of the Bible [from Latin and Greek] into the vernacular... By 1611, when the King James Bible appeared, over fifty different Protestant or Catholic translations had been made.

There were heated arguments over the linguistic choices made by the translators. Charges of heresy could be leveled at a translation depending on whether it used congregation or church, repentance or penance, charity or love.

"One of the issues which exercised the minds of the early Bible translators was: would the English language be able to cope? For a start, were there enough words available to express everything that was said in the Latin and Greek originals? In the early decades of the sixteenth century, the general opinion was that there weren't... If the problem was obvious, so was the solution ... all writers had to do was borrow ... [and] the sixteenth century saw an extraordinary influx of new words from Latin and Greek, especially the former: anonymous, appropriate, commemorate, emancipate, relevant, susceptible...

"The translator George Pettie affirmed their importance. ... He says: *'if they should be all counted inkpot termes, I know not how we should speake any thing without blacking our mouthes with inke.'*

"Inkpot terms. Inkhorn terms. These two words, both meaning a receptacle for ink ... came to refer to words which

are so lengthy (because of their foreign origins) that to write them down would use up a lot of ink. Accordingly, 'inkhorn terms' became an abusive label to describe the writing of anyone who welcomed Latinate neologisms ...

"It was not surprising to see the pendulum swing to the opposite extreme, in which such coinages were avoided like the plague. Even a scholar of Greek, Sir John Cheke, was hotly opposed to them. In a 1557 letter, he writes:

*'I am of the opinion that our tung shold [should] be written cleane and pure, unmixt and unmangled with borrowing of other tungenes.'* ...

"The row went on for half a century—and indeed it has been rumbling ever since. Four hundred years later, George Orwell would be haranguing people for their reliance on classical words: *'Bad writers ... are nearly always haunted by the notion that Latin or Greek words are grander than Saxon ones.'*



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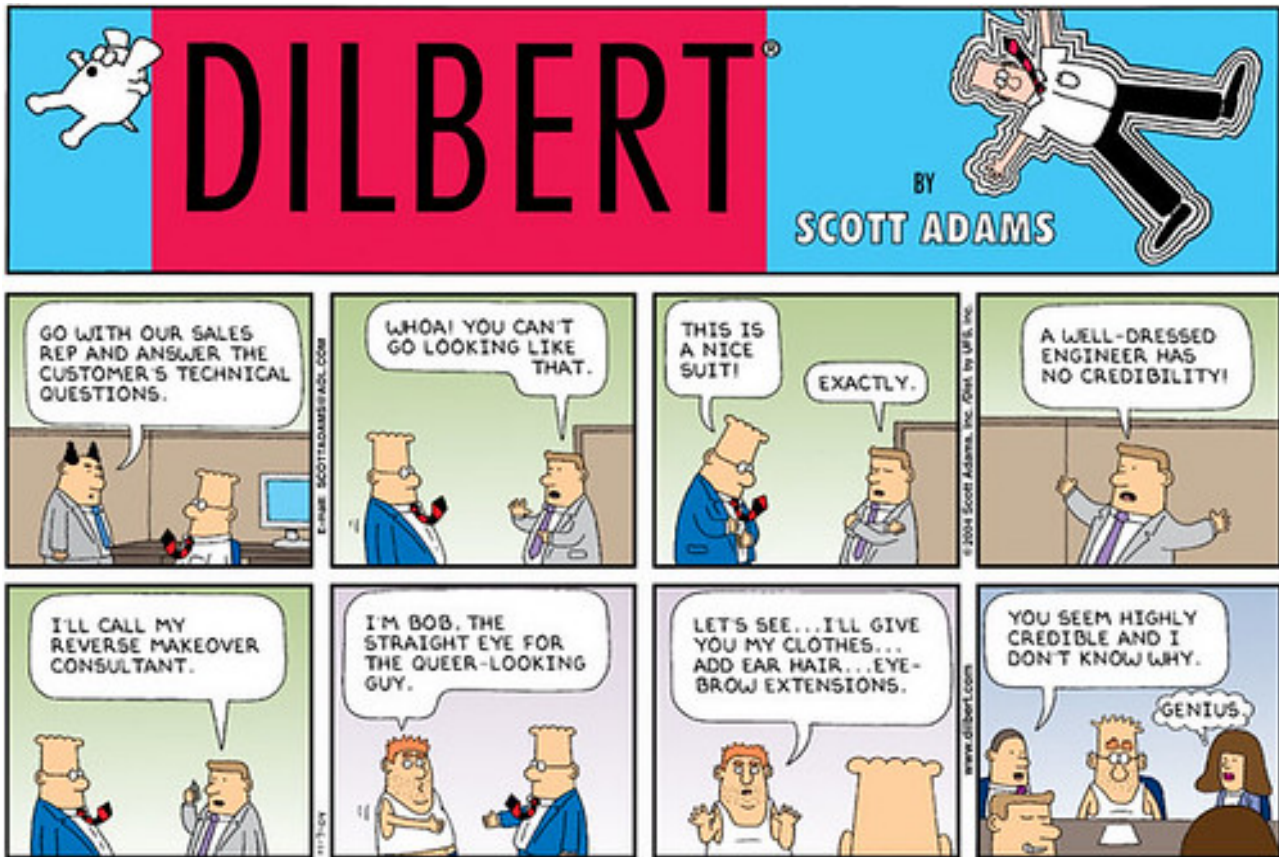
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## Finish with more Humour



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It was very sad to learn of the passing of Dame Vera Lynn, the 'Forces Sweetheart', at the age of 103 on 18<sup>th</sup> June. We all owe her our grateful thanks for her invaluable contribution to the world particularly in WW2, and for the joy and warmth she has spread to so many through her music and charitable work. Keep smiling and keep singing.

## Answers to QUIZ 2

1. Helsinki.
2. Edward Elgar, 1899.
3. The Dakotas.
4. 1926.
5. The philosopher William Whewell in 1833. The word has been used retrospectively to describe the Greek Philosopher Aristotle (385BC – 323BC) as the first scientist.
6. At the Last Supper, Judas Iscariot, the disciple who betrayed Jesus, was the 13th to sit at the table.
7. 5<sup>th</sup> July 1948
8. A person who admires France and/or The French.
9. In a cunning, scheming or lacking a moral code. Coined by Niccolò di Bernardo dei Machiavelli, Florentine Philosopher (1469-1527).
10. The Norwegian Explorer Roald Amundsen on 14<sup>th</sup> December 1911. Robert Falcon Scott reached the South Pole on 17<sup>th</sup> January 1912.
11. Portugal colonised Brazil and Venezuela.
12. Simón Bolívar (1783–1830) was the Venezuelan leader of independence movements in several South American countries.
13. Charles Dickens.
14. London hosted the Olympic Games in 1908 and 1948.
15. The act of removing anything from an owner for lawful reasons for the benefit of creditors.
16. 29<sup>th</sup> July 1588.
17. A theory that denies the existence of duality such as mind and matter.
18. 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1967 – The South African doctor Christian Barnard.
19. Austin