

"Judge Gently"

Pray, don't find fault with the man that limps
Or stumbles along the road.
Unless you have worn the shoes he wears
Or struggled beneath his load.

There may be tacks in his shoes that hurt
Though hidden away from view.
Or the burden he bears placed on your back
Might cause you to stumble too.

Don't sneer at the man who's down today
Unless you have felt the blow
That caused his fall or felt the shame
That only the fallen know.

You may be strong but still the blows
That was his if dealt to you
In the selfsame way, at the selfsame time
Might cause you to stagger too.

Don't be too harsh with the man that sins
Or pelt him with word or stone
Unless you are sure - yea, doubly sure -
That you have no sins of your own.

For you know, perhaps,
If the tempter's voice should whisper as soft to you
As it did to him when he went astray
It might cause you to falter too.

Author Unknown

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The Newsletter by the 20th of June - Many thanks

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St Peters Church-Hepworth
Flower Festival

Saturday /Sunday
1st & 2nd July 2006
From 10am to 4Pm

Mystery Trail for Children	(Saturday & Sunday)
Cake & Plant Stall	(Saturday & Sunday)
Church Guided Tours	(Saturday & Sunday 11am & 2.30pm)
Craft Stalls	(Sunday)
Quilting Exhibition	(Saturday & Sunday)
Organ recital by Margaret Nunn	(5pm Sunday)

ADMISSION: To events By Programme £ 3.50 per family
Light refreshments will be available

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A Woman's Little Instruction Book

If you think the way to a man's heart is through his stomach you're aiming too high.

Women don't make fools of men -- most of them are the do-it-yourself types.

The best reason to divorce a man is a health reason: you're sick of him.

Never trust a man who says he's the boss at home. He probably lies about other things too.

A woman's work that is never done is the stuff she asked her husband to do.

Go for younger men. You might as well -- they never mature anyway.

A man who can dress himself without looking like Forest Gump is unquestionably gay.

Men are all the same -- they just have different faces so you can tell them apart.

Definition of a man with manners -- he gets out of the bath to pee.

Scientists have just discovered something that can do the work of five men -- a woman.

There are a lot of words you can use to describe men - strong, caring, loving - they'd be wrong but you can still use them.

Men are like animals - messy, insensitive and potentially violent, but they make great pets.

Men's brains are like the prison system - not enough cells per man.

There are only two four letter words that are offensive to men - "don't" and "stop" (unless they're used together).

Husbands are like children - they're fine if they're someone else's.

If a man appears sexy, caring and smart give him a day and he will be back to his usual self.

All men are like chickens with their heads cut off when they see beautiful women pass by.

Figuring out men is like trying to make a jigsaw puzzle in a car, once you think you have it all put together, you find another piece but you don't know where it goes.



"Glossary of Blonde Medicine"

Artery	Study of paintings
Bacteria	Back door of a cafeteria
Barium	What doctors do when a patient dies
Bowel	A letter like A,E,I,O,U
Caesarean Section	A district in Rome
Cataract	Weird pontoon boat
Cat Scan	Searching for a Kitty
Cauterize	Made eye contact with her
Colic	A sheep dog
Coma	A punctuation mark
Congenital	Friendly
Dilate	To live long
Enema	Not a Friend
Fester	Quicker
Fibula	Small Lie
Hangnail	To Hang Pictures on
Impotent	Distinguished; well known
Labour Pain	Getting hurt at work
Medical Staff	Doctor's Cane
Morbid	Higher Offer
Nitrate	Different then Day Rate
Node	Was aware of
Outpatient	Person who has fainted
Pelvis	Cousin of Elvis
Postoperative	Letter Carrier
Prostrate	Flat on your back
Recovery Room	Place to do upholstery
Rectum	Damn near killed him
Secretion	Hiding something
Seizure	Roman Emperor
Tablet	Small table
Terminal Illness	Getting sick at the Airport.
Tibia	Country in North Africa
Tumour	Add a couple more
Urine	Opposite of "You're Out"
Varicose	Near by
Vein	Conceited



EASY APRICOT CHUTNEY

Ingredients

250g Organic Dried Apricots
½ tsp Garam Masala
150g Soft Brown Sugar
225ml Malt Vinegar
½ tsp Salt
60g Sultanas
275ml Water
1 tsp Finely Chopped Fresh Ginger (heaped)

Chop up the dried apricots into four pieces and put into saucepan with all other ingredients and bring to the boil. Simmer for approx 45 mins or until the chutney starts to get thick and 'gooey'. Take off heat and allow to cool. Sterilise suitable jar by putting into preheated oven at about 150c for about 10 minutes. Allow jar to cool before adding chutney.

John

Mobile Library

The mobile library visits Hepworth on alternate Thursdays. It stops at:

'Ivynook' Beck Street	2.25 - 2.35 pm
North Common	2.45 - 3.00 pm
Half Moon	3.05 - 3.25 pm

The dates for the rest of the year should be 1st, 15th & 29th June, 13th & 27th July, 10th & 24th August, 7th & 21st September, 5th & 19th October, 2nd, 16th & 30th November, 14th & 28th December.

The easiest way to make use of the service is to visit the mobile library at one of its stops, when the library manager will be pleased to help. The mobile library is available for anyone to use - please use it to ensure its future.

Car Boot Sale - 13th May

Just to say many thanks to all who attended the car boot sale both as buyers and sellers. The day made approximately £300.00 between the Social Club and Recreation Ground.

Many thanks also to all the helpers.

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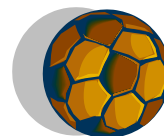
Summer Evening Buffet

The Hopton and District Conservative Association is holding its summer evening buffet at Hepworth Village Hall on Friday 2nd June from 6.30 pm.

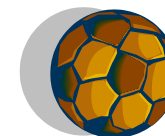
Tickets are only £7 and are available from 01953 681235 and 01359 221636. As there will be no licensed bar, please bring your own alcoholic drinks. Soft drinks will be on sale.

We look forward to welcoming you to this event.

Maggi Churchouse



Calling all you budding WAYNE ROONEY'S Aged between 10 and 11 years



The new under 12's manager
For HONINGTON FOXES
Is looking for players to join a
happy, determined young side to
drive the club forward with
F.A. qualified coach's and a family atmosphere

If interested please call Danny on 01359 251684
for details

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Ixworth Police Station - 01284 774235
Community Police Officer - Sheena Tate
e-mail sheena.tate@suffolk.pnn.police.uk



If you have something to report to me, and you have e-mail, please use e-mail, unless it is urgent, as it is easier, quicker and more accurate to turn into a formal report. Sheena.

Local Reported Crimes

Ixworth - A man with a clip board tried to distract an elderly lady on Peddars Close when he asked to read her gas meter at 11.45am on the 16th. She asked for ID but the photo on the card was not like the man and as she didn't even have gas there she refused to let him in.

Stanton - A unit was broken in to on the Industrial estate at 3am on the 17th but nothing stolen as the alarm went off.

A Good news Story

Recently there have been incidents where Police officers have contained an area whilst waiting for the arrival of a dog unit. Officers actions and patience have resulted in positive results, an example is as follows:-

On Sunday 23rd April in Ipswich a vehicle failed to stop having reversed at a police officer on foot. The vehicle subsequently crashed and both occupants made off on foot in the Dale Hall Lane area of town. Police helicopter A99 and the duty dog handler were called to attend at an early stage, and a very tight containment was put in place by Police officers. Patrol officers located the passenger from the vehicle, but the containment maintained, awaiting the arrival of the Operations Dept.

The swift co-ordinating of points together with the attendance of the helicopter A99 caused the driver to go to ground, where he was located during a search by the dog unit, having travelled from Lakenheath to attend.

Numerous charges have been brought and a large quantity of drugs have been recovered.

Twenty years since the world's worst nuclear accident.....

Chernobyl

O Chernobyl, I smell your breath,
The small lambs smell it too;
The pall of your untimely death
Has greyed our skies of blue.

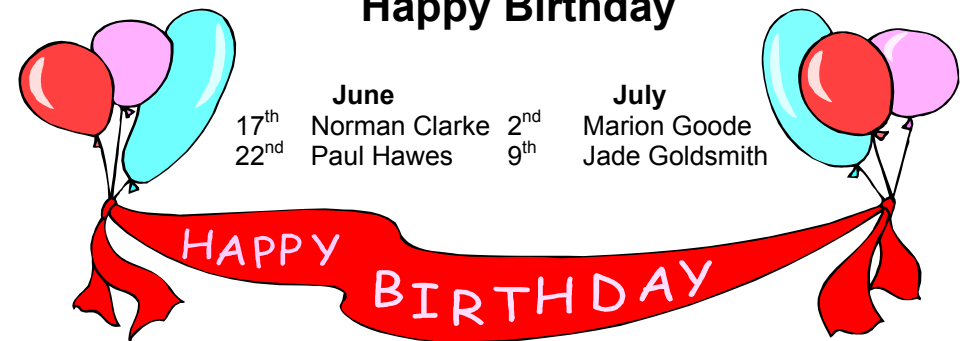
Your poison chokes the silver fish
That dare to swim the sea;
And what a lethal, tasteless dish
Those silver fish will be.

You lurk within the very bones
Of mountain goats and men,
And mother's fret for little ones
They'll never see again.

We rue the nights our children dream
Of rabid Chernobyl,
And hope for days of pure sun rays
On nature's velvet hill.

Bernard Arthur Howlett ©

Happy Birthday



	June		July
17 th	Norman Clarke	2 nd	Marion Goode
22 nd	Paul Hawes	9 th	Jade Goldsmith

Do you know someone you would like to add to the list?
Contact Margaret on 250048

DEPT. OF TRANSPORT INITIATIVE HAS BEEN RE-LAUNCHED, MAY 2006

Information Release :-

Due to the nature of the quality of driving in England the Department of Transport has now devised a new scheme in order to identify poor drivers and give good drivers the opportunity to recognise them while they are driving.

For this reason as from the middle of May 2006 those drivers who are found to be driving badly, which includes :-

- Overtaking in dangerous places
- Hovering within one inch of the car in front
- Stopping sharply
- Speeding in Residential areas
- Pulling out without indication
- Performing U turns inappropriately in busy streets
- Undertaking on Motorways
- Taking up more than one lane on multi lane roads

These drivers will be issued with flags, White with a Red Cross, signifying their inability to drive properly. These flags must be clipped to a door of the car and visible to all other drivers and pedestrians.

Those drivers who have shown particularly poor driving skills will have to display a flag on each side of the car to indicate their greater lack of skill and general lower intelligence mindset to the general public.

Please circulate this to as many other motorists as you can so that drivers and pedestrians will be aware of the meaning of these flags.

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Selling a Car?

News is filtering down from Norfolk where buyers are using counterfeit Bank/Building Society Drafts to purchase vehicles advertised for sale - and sellers are eager to get the money and forgetting to undertake the basic checks before handing over the keys to their car?

If someone presents a Draft please ring the bank/building society there and then to confirm that the draft is genuine get names of people you speak to at the bank.

If possible get an ID with a picture from the buyer and it is suggested that if you have a camera take a picture of the person - the genuine buyer has nothing to worry about the bogus buyer has? Make sure that you get a name and address from the ID preferably a driving licence or a passport if not an utility bill - if this can't be produced then don't hand over the keys until the draft has been cleared as its too late telling the police after you've had the car stolen nor will your insurance company cover the loss as most are now using a clause to cover this type of deliberate theft.

Purse Thefts

There have been a spate of purses taken from elderly ladies' handbags or trolleys in supermarkets in Bury town centre. Usually the victims don't notice that they have been jostled or that their bags have been unzipped.

Keep your purse out of sight and ensure your bag is zipped up at all times.

Wear shoulder bags across the front of your body with the zip/clasp facing inwards.

If someone bumps into you or pushes you – check your bag immediately.

Do NOT leave handbags on shopping trolleys or pushchairs, hold them.

CAT BELLS

There is a supply of little bells at the police stations free. You can put them on the fastening of your bag or purse and they will jingle if someone opens it.

“EVERYONE DOES IT”

When ‘Johnny’ was 6 years old, he was with his father when they were caught speeding in the family car. His father handed the officer a tenner with his drivers licence. “Its OK son” his father said “Everyone does it”.

When he was 8, he was present at a family get together when the adults were trying to sort out the family finances. Uncle George was explaining some ‘creative accountancy’ when completing income tax return forms. “ its OK Johnny” his uncle said, “everyone does it”.

When he was 12 he broke his glasses on the way to school. His Aunt Flo managed to persuade the insurance company that they had been stolen and received a pay-out. “Its OK John” she said “everyone does it”.

When he was 15 he went with his family to the pictures & his father said “Say you are only 14 and get a children rate - its OK, everyone does it”.

At 16 he was in his school football team and the coach showed him how to tackle an opponent and foul him without the ref spotting it. “Its OK kid, everyone does it”

He got a part time holiday job at 17 working in a supermarket. His task was to make sure the over ripe fruit was at the bottom of the boxes and the good ones on top where they would show, “Its alright young man - everyone does it”.

When he was about to take his A levels he was offered a pre exam copy of one of the test papers for £50 - he paid up but was caught using it and sent home in disgrace. “How could you do this to your mother and me ?” his enraged father demanded, “You never learned anything like this at home”.

His Uncle, Aunt, Boss & sports coach were also shocked because if there is one thing the adult world cannot stand it is a kid who cheats.

IF WHAT YOU KNOW MIGHT SOLVE A CRIME . . .

THEN REPORT IT NOW ! CALL

The Police on 01284 774100 or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555111

You’re going to leave the phone off the hook. Well if you do that I’ll call the fire brigade and tell them your house is on fire. You’re sorry about the smuts, and you won’t do it again next year. Oh right, OK.

Well I’m also sorry Mr Plink about that big load of pig muck dumped outside your front door when you were out. Have you got the bill? You’ve been all evening moving it, and you’re upset. How’s your toe? You want my name and address, I never give my name and address Mr Don’t, ‘cause if I did you would know who I am, yeah, you’re the one with the big nose and funny ears, yeah.

Well I hope I won’t have to ring you again, unless my budgie dies, and you don’t want your smuts back?..click, hello, hello. Oh bother! He’s rung off, I wanted to tell him about my white cat.”

The end.

NEW DRINK

I went to the bar the other night and said to the barman, "A glass of your finest Less, please."

"Less'? Never heard of it," he said.

"C'mon, sure you have."

"No, really, we don't stock it. What is it? Some kind of foreign beer?"

"I'm not sure," I replied. "It was my doctor who mentioned it. He said I should 'drink Less.'"

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Answers to Crossword No 107

Across: 1 Boss, 3 Dreadful, 9 Amounts, 10 Chops, 11 Competitions, 13 Esteem, 15 Needle, 17 Headmistress, 20 Eaten, 21 Caravan, 22 Preceded, 23 Uses.
Down: 1 Branches, 2 Storm, 4 Russia, 5 Architecture, 6 Frowned, 7 Lose, 8 Independence, 12 Peasants, 14 Theatre, 16 Circle, 18 Elves, 19 Help.

Stubble Burning
By Bernard Howlett

Telephone call to local farmer.....

“Hello, hello, is that Mr Plonk? Mr Plonk, good morning Mr Plink, I think you are the farmer, the person I want to strangle, - speak to. I’ve been collecting your smuts, yeah smuts, pieces of straw, smuts; they come in through the window Mr Bonk. Do you want them back?.... You don’t want them back!

It’s taken me a long while to collect them Mr Stonk, pieces of black straw all over the house, yes I’ve been patiently picking them up. I bought some tweezers, I’ve got the smuts in a plastic bag, I wondered, can I bring them round? Half-past three in the morning! Oh sorry, I had no idea, dear, dear, of the time, yes, you are the man with the big nose and piggy ears, yes you’re the one.

I’ve woken the baby! Have I, but you know I’m only trying to be helpful as these smuts are your property Mr Stink. You want to blame the wind, blame the wind. Well have you been eating beans again? The wind is the reason for the smuts and I should have shut my windows, but it was a lovely day Mr Blonk until you started to.....You say you’ve stumbled against the door and stubbed your foot, your big toe, and the baby’s crying.

Well should I hang up for a couple of minutes whilst you rub your big toe? Should I ring back tomorrow morning, bit earlier, about two thirty? You say your big toe is throbbing, how’s the baby? You say you are going to call the police, well I think it’s the doctor you need not the cops, to look at your toe.

Anyway, I want to tell you about my budgie. I buy seed, he has his seed, he has his millet, little fellow, but his cage is all black, I could hardly find him. He was covered in smuts. I thought I’d been robbed and a blackbird had been put in his place. He thought it was a rum old do to have smuts instead of seed.

Pong, my goldfish is not very happy neither, Mr Wink, he thought there was a shark in his tank, it was a big smut.....You say you are going to ring off now, well I’ll ring you back in half an hour.

POLICE DIRECT

We are now at that time of the year when thieves are targeting parked cars at beauty spots, nature reserves and similar recreational areas in the county. For example we have had some thefts from cars at Knettishall Heath and West Stow in the last week where car windows were broken and ladies’ handbags stolen from within. In one instance, a debit card from the theft, was used by the thief to get cash from an ATM. The message from Suffolk Police is that although this is still the safest county in England we must all endeavour to make life difficult for the criminal. Always secure your vehicle when you park it. If you have an alarm fitted set it! Never leave any items of value in the vehicle. If you are unlucky enough to be a victim of such a crime, dial 999 immediately to enable the police to quickly begin their search for the offenders.

If you have any information whatsoever, regarding these types of offences, please contact us at Police Direct on 01284 774068 or to police headquarters on 01473 613500. Any items of information, no matter how seemingly trivial or insignificant should be reported. Please use the link below to pass any useful information to Suffolk Police about these incidents.

Sgt Bob Chapman,
Police Direct

<http://www.police.uk/services/intelliform.asp?refid=policedirect>

DO NOT USE THIS LINK IN AN EMERGENCY OR IN A SITUATION WHICH REQUIRES AN IMMEDIATE POLICE RESPONSE WHEN YOU SHOULD RING 999.

The full Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter is available at
<http://www.johnbeales.co.uk/nhwatch.htm>



Taking pride in keeping Suffolk safe



"When I'm an Old Lady"

When I'm an old lady, I'll live with each kid,
And bring so much happiness, just as they did.
I want to pay back all the joy they've provided.
Returning each deed! Oh, they'll be so excited!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

I'll write on the wall with reds, whites and blues,
And I'll bounce on the furniture, wearing my shoes.
I'll drink from the carton and then leave it out.
I'll stuff all the toilets and oh, how they'll shout!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

When they're on the phone and just out of reach,
I'll get into things like sugar and bleach.
Oh, they'll snap their fingers and then shake their head,
And when that is done, I'll hide under the bed!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

When they cook dinner and call me to eat,
I'll not eat my green beans or salad or meat,
I'll gag on my okra, spill milk on the table,
And when they get angry, I'll run if I'm able!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

I'll sit close to the TV, through the channels I'll click,
I'll cross both eyes just to see if they stick.
I'll take off my socks and throw one away,
And play in the mud till the end of the day!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

And later in bed, I'll lay back and sigh,
I'll thank God in prayer and then close my eyes.
My kids will look down with a smile slowly creeping,
And say with a groan, "She's so sweet when she's sleeping!"

God Bless All Mom's and Grandma's Everywhere!

you insist on calling potato chips are properly called "crisps." Real chips are thick cut and fried in animal fat. The traditional accompaniment to chips is beer which should be served warm and flat.

Waitresses will be trained to be more aggressive with customers.

11. As a sign of penance 5 grams of sea salt per cup will be added to all tea made within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, this quantity to be doubled for tea made within the city of Boston itself.

12. The cold tasteless stuff you insist on calling "beer" is not actually beer at all, it is lager. From November 1st only proper British Bitter will be referred to as "beer," and European brews of known and accepted provenance will be referred to as "Lager." The substances formerly known as "American Beer" will henceforth be referred to as "Near-Frozen Gnat's Urine," with the exception of the product of the American Budweiser company whose product will be referred to as "Weak Near-Frozen Gnat's Urine." This will allow true Budweiser (as manufactured for the last 1000 years in the Czech Republic) to be sold without risk of confusion.

13. From November 10th the UK will harmonise petrol or "gasoline," as you will be permitted to keep calling it until April 1st 2007) prices with the former USA. The UK will harmonise its prices to those of the former USA and the Former USA will, in return, adopt UK petrol prices (roughly \$6/US gallon - get used to it).

14. You will learn to resolve personal issues without using guns, lawyers or therapists. The fact that you need so many lawyers and therapists shows that you're not adult enough to be independent. Guns should only be handled by adults. If you're not adult enough to sort things out without suing someone or speaking to a therapist, then you're not grown up enough to handle a gun.

15. Please tell us who killed JFK. It's been driving us crazy.

16. Tax collectors from Her Majesty's Government will be with you shortly to ensure the acquisition of all revenues due (backdated to 1776).

Thank you for your co-operation

John Cleese (Prime Minister - in waiting)

play proper football.

Initially, it would be best if you played with the girls. It is a difficult game .. Those of you brave enough will, in time, be allowed to play rugby (which is similar to American "football", but does not involve stopping for a rest every twenty seconds or wearing full kevlar body armour like nancies).

We are hoping to get together at least a US Rugby sevens side by 2008.

You should stop playing baseball. It is not reasonable to host an event called the 'World Series' for a game which is not played outside of America. Since only 2.15% of you are aware that there is a world beyond your borders, your error is understandable. Instead of baseball, you will be allowed to play a girls' game called "rounders," which is baseball without fancy team strip, oversized gloves, collector cards or hotdogs.

7. You will no longer be allowed to own or carry guns. You will no longer be allowed to own or carry anything more dangerous in public than a vegetable peeler. Because we don't believe you are sensible enough to handle potentially dangerous items, you will require a permit if you wish to carry a vegetable peeler in public.

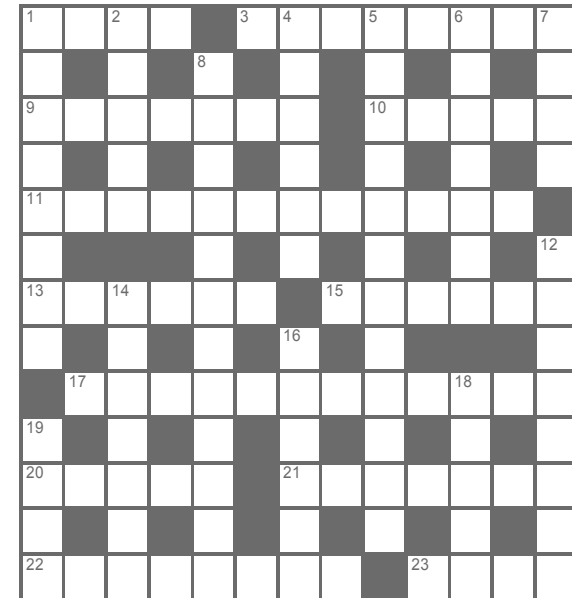
8. July 4th is no longer a public holiday. November 2nd will be a new national holiday, but only in England. It will be called "Indecisive Day."

9. All American cars are hereby banned. They are crap, and it is for your own good. When we show you German cars, you will understand what we mean.

All road intersections will be replaced with roundabouts. You will start driving on the left with immediate effect. At the same time, you will go metric with immediate effect and without the benefit of conversion tables. Roundabouts and metrication will help you understand the British sense of humour.

10. You will learn to make real chips. Those things you call 'French fries' are not real chips. Fries aren't even French, they are Belgian though 97.85% of you (including the guy who discovered fries while in Europe) are not aware of a country called Belgium. Those things

Crossword No 107



Across

- 1 Employer (4)
- 3 Atrocious (8)
- 9 Measures (7)
- 10 Hacks (5)
- 11 Contests (12)
- 13 Admiration (6)
- 15 Darning tool (6)
- 17 Female school principal (12)
- 20 Consumed (5)
- 21 Tin tent? (7)
- 22 Came before (8)
- 23 Employs (4)

Down

- 1 Tree limbs (8)
- 2 Violent weather (5)
- 4 USSR (6)
- 5 Designing buildings (12)
- 6 Looked sullen (7)
- 7 Misplace (4)
- 8 Freedom from control (12)
- 12 Bucolics (8)
- 14 Building for dramatic art (7)
- 16 Ring drawn on paper (6)
- 18 Pixies (5)
- 19 Assist (4)

Answers on page 15

Notice from the Queen

To the citizens of the United States of America, in the light of your failure to elect a competent President of the USA and thus to govern yourselves, we hereby give notice of the revocation of your independence, effective today.

Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will resume monarchical duties over all states, commonwealths and other territories.

Except Utah, which she does not fancy.

Your new Prime Minister (The Right Honourable Tony Blair, MP for the 97.85% of you who have until now been unaware that there is a world outside your borders) will appoint a Minister for America without the need for further elections.

Congress and the Senate will be disbanded.

A questionnaire will be circulated next year to determine whether any of you noticed. To aid in the transition to a British Crown Dependency, the following rules are introduced with immediate effect:

1. You should look up "revocation" in the Oxford English Dictionary. Then look up "aluminium." Check the pronunciation guide. You will be amazed at just how wrongly you have been pronouncing it.

The letter 'U' will be reinstated in words such as 'favour' and 'neighbour'; skipping the letter 'U' is nothing more than laziness on your part. Likewise, you will learn to spell 'doughnut' without skipping half the letters.

You will end your love affair with the letter 'Z' (pronounced 'zed' not 'zee') and the suffix "ize" will be replaced by the suffix "ise."

You will learn that the suffix 'burgh' is pronounced 'burra' e.g. Edinburgh. You are welcome to re-spell Pittsburgh as 'Pittsberg' if you can't cope with correct pronunciation.

Generally, you should raise your vocabulary to acceptable levels. Look up "vocabulary." Using the same thirty seven words interspersed with filler noises such as "uhh", "like", and "you know" is an unacceptable and inefficient form of communication.

Look up "interspersed."

There will be no more 'bleeps' in the Jerry Springer show. If you're not old enough to cope with bad language then you shouldn't have chat shows. When you learn to develop your vocabulary, then you won't have to use bad language as often.

2. There is no such thing as "US English." We will let Microsoft know on your behalf. The Microsoft spell-checker will be adjusted to take account of the reinstated letter 'u' and the elimination of "-ize."

3. You should learn to distinguish the English and Australian accents. It really isn't that hard. English accents are not limited to cockney, upper-class twit or Mancunian (Daphne in Frasier).

You will also have to learn how to understand regional accents - Scottish dramas such as "Taggart" will no longer be broadcast with subtitles.

While we're talking about regions, you must learn that there is no such place as Devonshire in England. The name of the county is "Devon." If you persist in calling it Devonshire, all American States will become "shires" e.g. Texasshire, Floridashire, Louisianashire.

4. Hollywood will be required occasionally to cast English actors as the good guys. Hollywood will be required to cast English actors to play English characters.

British sit-coms such as "Men Behaving Badly" or "Red Dwarf" will not be re-cast and watered down for a wishy-washy American audience who can't cope with the humour of occasional political incorrectness.

5. You should relearn your original national anthem, "God Save The Queen", but only after fully carrying out task 1. We would not want you to get confused and give up half way through.

6. You should stop playing American "football." There is only one kind of football. What you refer to as American "football" is not a very good game.

The 2.15% of you who are aware that there is a world outside your borders may have noticed that no one else plays "American" football. You will no longer be allowed to play it, and should instead