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All Change

By Bill Craven

Right! As promised last month I said I would keep you all informed as to the changes planned for 'The Trumpit', so here they are in all their glory. First personnel, since the unexpected departure of Alvin Blossom I have carried on on my own, but one cannot hold back the ravages of time and over the last year or so I have found it more and more difficult to ensure the 'Thackley Trumpit' came out on time, with the content which would satisfy its hard core of readers and without filling it with more adverts than content. Therefore I decided either to find the correct kind of help, not as easy as you might think, or close down at the end of the year.

Fortune smiled on me when I read a small piece on the internet which led me to ask if we could use it. Permission was granted and since then we have used Musings From the Padded Cell on a regular basis. This has led to the handing over of control to my son Michael (Mick) Craven and Steve (The Idle Lord) Wilson to bring us into the modern age. I will still be around, but not as active as the past.

The publication. Here we will have the biggest changes of all, the name will be simply 'The Trumpit'. Although we will still cover Thackley we are going more into Idle and the fringes, therefore the name covers the whole area. The size, we will be publishing in what is known as A5, which is half the size of the current one. This means it will be folded the opposite way, it will have the same number of sheets but giving 24 pages instead of the present 12. You will not lose by this they are just smaller pages. Then we are moving into full colour, not as revolutionary as it once was, but never the less and improvement in the presentation of pictures, adverts etc but the cost is considerably more than the old way.

That of course leads us to the price! Now the cost is considerably higher, as just stated, so does that mean a huge rise in the retail price to you the consumer, like double, treble, ten times? Well no is the answer, because the price is being cut out altogether. It will be free, It will cost you nothing, zero, zilch. Now how about that for a deal. Modern brains (instead of dinosaur), handy size, colour and its FREE

Below is a statement by The Idle Lord setting out some of the ideas for the new 'Trumpit'. The changes are planned for June and any other arrangements will be passed on in April and May issues.

The Thackley Trumpit may never have had the reach of Rupert Murdoch's media empire but it symbolises the core values of local news and the passion of those wishing to keep this alive. Founded seventeen years ago by Alvin Blossom and Bill Craven it continues to offer news, opinion and a liberal dose of satire free from the sanitised BBC and Council PR machines.

In recent years I've been flattered to provide padding for The Trumpit and now it's time to move it on to another level hopefully with your support. And it's going to be free so that must be a be a good start.

Of course there are numerous free "local" magazines around but none devoted to Idle and Thackley. This is a brilliant part of Bradford but often ignored by City Hall apart from the house building department. The new Trumpit will look different, an A5 and colour format, plus we will be looking to promote local talent be it photographic or writing.

We will also be creating a community fund – so long as we can convince businesses to advertise – to enable us to support local good causes. Unlike our "competition" we will not be simply advertising aiming to provide a fifty-fifty balance. But we need advertising clearly to make this work.

This is something I've wanted to do for ages and in preserving Bill's original concept, values and tradition it simply feels the right time. Plus the old boy has a wealth of knowledge and experience so I hope to learn plenty too.

Have a good week.

Regards Steve

The Idiotic World of the Local Authority

By The Idle Lord

A lollipop man's ban from high-fiving school children in the road has prompted anger from parents.

So went this piece continuing as follows:

Stockport Council said it told him to stop the high-fives and "concentrate on ensuring highway safety".

Read the article and it will tell you why many local authorities are run by halfwits who hide behind PR departments. These joyless, faceless morons are a modern day curse.

It's almost one year since the inmates escaped to chop down the beautiful cherry blossom tree outside my house.

{I thought you'd got over that? Ed}

Now, I am sure there are numerous decent people working within local authorities but there are also sad, deranged, tiny-minded people who should be locked up and fed dried grass in a secure unit.

Only this week hopeless Hapless Hinchcliffe was moaning again about Government cuts.

My experience of the number of departments, people, equipment and vehicles engaged from start to finish last year leaves me firmly of the belief that the only thing they should be cutting is the protected beast, the councillor. Just a thought.



Down The Aisle

"It's a strange world of language in which skating on thin ice can get you into hot water." Franklin P. Jones

As a fan of Aldi, I particularly like their unique approach to checkout service. This is a game where the checkout operator will attempt to beat their previous best of throwing two hundred items a minute at you.

As you scramble to collect various items from the floor and beyond, tortoise and hare springs to mind.

Being a lover of Polar Bears – though not in my village – otherwise known as a Yorkshire tight arse, I have also been known to make carrier bags last longer than my boxer shorts. Towards the end of their useful life – bags not shorts – walks back to the car are full of the risk of shedding the weekly shop and getting mass-mugged in the car park by the feral local youth.

Reluctantly I had to cough up 9p for a new "bag for life". This is marketing bollocks as I don't know anything that falls apart so quickly apart from my tomato plants at the first whiff of April.

I presented my shiny new addition to the young lad on checkout who ignored it, almost dismissively. Rather tentatively I enquired if it was free or would I be setting off the flashing lights as I made my escape sans hoodie unlike the local misunderstood cherubs.

"No Sir" he proudly declared "No need to scan as I've got the power here!" pointing to his extended digit as if he were Donald Trump hovering over The Red Button.

An escapee from the local old folks home sidled up to me as old people tend to do at supermarkets, either keen to steal some body warmth or desperate to pass on some wisdom.

She was keen to tell me that the bags would soon be going up in price. I have no issue this with unlike wailing twats in London because their £6 latte is going up 25p for a biodegradable cup.

For a moment the young man ceased his barrage to offer me a lesson in macro-economics; I thought better of reminding him of my rather fortuitous 'B' grade at A-level before he was born which would probably represent a A****+ now.

Protest was futile as I was already late for my Thursday siesta in preparation for a few early beers with Big Al in aid of the micro-economy

called The Scruffy and a scruffy old man with a far too regular beer habit.

"It's all down to China" he proclaimed "They're not taking our rubbish anymore so we're having to dump the s*** elsewhere like Lithuania. That's a Baltic State" he kindly added.

As if brainwashed by the BBC he then began to blame Brexit for carrier bag price hikes.

I was tempted to explain to him that, before he had hair on his top lip, carrier bags were free in my day, paid for by the enormous profits made by supermarkets. The lure of a beer and Big Al was feeling dangerously appealing.

The carrier bag "tax" was designed to create good in local communities as per the Government website.

...over the next 10 years the benefits of the scheme will include:

- an expected overall benefit of over £780 million to the UK economy
- up to £730 million raised for good causes

- £60 million savings in litter clean-up costs

- carbon savings of £13 million

Of course, as with all things that spout from the Government machine, these numbers could be fantasy but there has been a significant reduction in bag usage since it's introduction.

I digress; back to the checkout and my lecture was almost at an end causing me to think that the young lad was probably a Masters Economics graduate paying back student debt three times the cost of my first home.

By now I really needed that beer, whatever the cost.

Footnote

I am doing my bit by giving up Warburton's Giant Crumpets given that they are not only wrapped in plastic but sit in a pointless inner tray. This act of great sacrifice may also prevent me ending up with a giant belly.



The Art Of Spin

One of the reasons we are told the England cricket team got stuffed in the recent Ashes series was the lack of a quality spinner. So perhaps good to see the art of spin is at least alive and well off the field back home.

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nationals; losing this would be devastating to the county. No matter if cash strapped counties like Durham and Yorkshire produce a conveyor belt of England players, others funded by rich men can build new grounds to compete on the international stage.

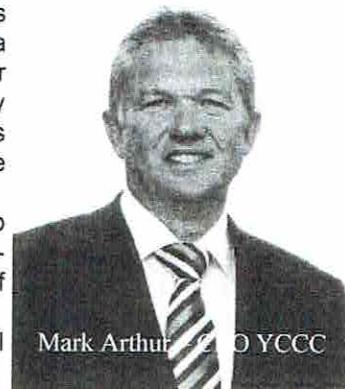
It does not matter that they appear ambivalent to producing England players, preferring ready made imports to chase domestic trophies.

So Yorkshire must sing to the PC, multi-cultural, gender friendly ECB tune.

If the patronising bastards decree that the future of a game declining year by year is to be based on ethnicity and gender, perhaps this is another reflection of the world we live in.

Bradford Park Avenue has no more hope of staging first-class cricket than I do of playing for Yorkshire.

That, of course, they well know.



Mark Arthur CEO YCCC

All Kinds of Trouble

During a lady's medical examination, the doctor says: - "Your heart, lungs, pulse and blood pressure are all fine.

Now let me see *the bit that gets you ladies into all kinds of trouble.*"

The lady starts taking off her undies but is interrupted by the doctor.

"No! No! Leave your knickers on .. Just stick out your tongue!"

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Health Matters - Diabetes

by Nick Parmar - Senior Pharmacist at Thackley Pharmacy

What is Diabetes?

Diabetes is a common illness with approximately 3.2million people diagnosed in the UK and an estimated 630,000 people affected who have the condition and are unaware of it.

Diabetes is a condition whereby there is excess sugar in the blood.

The amount of sugar in the blood is controlled by a hormone called insulin, which is produced by the pancreas. When food is digested and enters your bloodstream, insulin moves glucose out of the blood and into cells, where it's broken down to produce energy. However, if you have diabetes, your body is unable to break down glucose. This is because there's either not enough insulin to move the glucose into the body's cells, OR the insulin produced doesn't work properly. There are 2 types of diabetes; Type 1 and Type 2.

Type 1 vs. Type 2 Diabetes

Type 1 diabetes accounts for 1 in 10 of all adults with diabetes. This is where the body does not produce any insulin and is treated by daily insulin injections. Type 1 diabetes may develop at any age but normally appears prior to the age of 40 and especially in childhood, it can develop quickly over weeks or even days. Type 1 diabetes is caused by a fault in the body's immune response in which the immune system mistakenly targets and kills the cells responsible for insulin production. As more insulin producing cells are killed off, the body can no longer control its blood glucose levels and the symptoms of diabetes begin to appear. What causes the initial fault in the immune system is yet to be discovered, however, research suggests that the condition results from a combination of genetic predisposition with an environmental trigger.

With Type 2 diabetes there is a decreased amount of insulin production OR when the body is unable to utilise insulin effectively (insulin resistance). This again causes an increase in the amount of glucose found in the bloodstream. Type 2 diabetes is usually managed with lifestyle modification and daily medication. In the later stages of the disease there may be a need for daily insulin injections alongside the medication. Type 2 diabetes tends to develop later in life and many people can have it for years without realising it because the early symptoms tend to be general.

Symptoms of diabetes

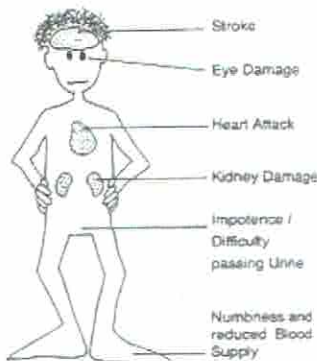
The main symptoms of diabetes are:

- feeling very thirsty
- urinating more frequently than usual, particularly at night
- feeling very tired
- weight loss and loss of muscle bulk
- itching around the penis or vagina, or frequent episodes of thrush
- cuts or wounds that heal slowly
- blurred vision (caused by the lens of the eye becoming dry)

You should visit your GP as soon as possible if you notice any of the above symptoms or can ring us to discuss concerns or advice regarding diabetes or any other health queries that you may have.

Can excessive glucose in the bloodstream be harmful?

YES!!! People with diabetes have an increased risk of developing a number of serious health problems. These include; blindness, loss of kidney function, heart attack and limb amputation as result of poor wound healing. Everyone with diabetes aged 12 or over should be invited to have their eyes screened once a year. If you have diabetes, your eyes are at risk from diabetic retinopathy, a condition that can lead to sight loss if it's not treated. Screening, which involves a half-hour check to examine the back of the eyes, is a way of detecting the condition early so it can be treated more effectively.



Prevention, Prevention, Prevention!!

Type 2 diabetes maybe prevented by lifestyle modifications of; stop smoking, increased exercise, healthy balanced diet and reducing alcohol intake. The main two factors are exercise and diet.

Exercise- This can be beneficial in numerous ways. This can reduce body *Continued on page 5*

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Joe's Jottings



February to say the least has been a tad nippy. Not extremely cold but more consistently cold with only a few days of mild weather to break the monotony. Cool frosty mornings having to scrape the ice off the windscreen and occasionally off the inside too such are the joys of open top motoring. As we go to press on the last week of February I've just come in from the cold to sit down and write this month's column. Paul the weatherman on Look North often refers to a "Nithering Wind" well the weather this last week of February has definitely been "Nithering" I've overheard tradesmen, fellow gardeners and general chit chat in the pub commenting on how cold it has felt. The temperature by and large has not been too severe but a combination of an easterly wind that is so lazy it can't even be bothered to go around you, but instead goes right through to your very soul has made the difference. I think this is what Paul means by a "Nithering Wind".

This cold wind may be the least of our problems over the next couple of weeks. Although The Daily Mail and The Daily Express have been promising a really cold snap since October the weather gods seem to have conspired to delay spring for at least two to three weeks with "The Beast from the East" which is threatening to drop the temperature to minus eight and dump a couple of foot of snow on top of us, followed by moist air from the south. It may be a perfect winter storm. Apparently, this is caused by a "polar vortex" which means that part of the polar air mass is displaced by warmer air from the south which then pushes the colder air much further south. There was a film about a really extreme event called Day after Tomorrow where the main plot line was a polar vortex which not only froze most of the northern hemisphere but caused almost instant freezing of anything caught up in it.

Still, there is always a silver lining to most events. Due to the shenanigans at Trumpit Towers and The Kitchen Skirts decision to up sticks to a new abode has left me with massive amounts of work to do. The garden and allotment has had to play second fiddle for the time being. Although I've got some seeds sown indoors. March is the time to start sowing outdoors. But with this threatened cold snap, it's going to put spring back a couple of weeks. This is not a problem because everything will catch up as the year progresses. What it has done is give me a breathing space to decorate and move to the new house, therefore keeping The Kitchen Skirt in an amicable mood. The other bonus from the recent cold weather has been a lack of growth in the weed population and hopefully with a minus eight frost our little gastropod friends will struggle to survive.

Back in late November I planted some autumn sowing Broad Beans. Some went into the ground with no protection, but the majority have had the benefit of an upturned pop bottle to act as a cloche. Only a couple not under the pop bottles have shown themselves, whereas all under plastic have really come on. My only concern now is the predicted frosts may prove too harsh. I may have to bring indoors some of the plants in the cold frames as well depending on the forecasts each evening.

One of the reasons we decided to move was a larger garden with an area which doesn't get too hot in summer. It's basically a blank canvas, the grass is plastic, the decking needs to be removed, old trees need to be felled, a greenhouse installed and a Monkey Puzzle tree needs

to be dug up and placed in a pot for selling on. My main concern is the Monkey Puzzle, because there is very little information about the best time to actually dig it up. Unlike deciduous trees which are dormant for part of the year evergreens tend to be a bit fussy. The last thing I want to do is kill it as the size that it is at makes it quite a valuable plant which I can sell on to offset The Skirts extravagant taste in décor.

In-between decorating rooms and fitting various new parts to the house I think I need to spend plenty of time with a beer just observing the seasons and seeing where the sun does and does not shine to probably begin creating a new garden next autumn.

Apart from chipping away at the frozen ground, this month's Top Ten Jobs are:

1. Protect new spring shoots from slugs.
2. Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes.
3. Plant summer-flowering bulbs.
4. Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials.
5. Top dress containers with fresh compost.
6. Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed).
7. Cut back Cornus (dogwood) and Salix (willow) grown for colourful winter stems.
8. Hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control early.
9. Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; remove pond heaters.
10. Prune bush and climbing roses.

Touting for Customers?

How old was your husband?

'98,' she replied. 'Two years older than me.'

'So you're 96,' the undertaker commented.

She responded, 'Hardly worth going home, is it?'

Hard of Hearing

Three old guys are out walking.. First one says,

'Windy, isn't it?' Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!'

Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer.'

Health Matters *Continued from page 4*

weight which will reduce the risk related to central obesity. Exercise can also increase insulin sensitivity which essentially tackles the root cause of type 2 diabetes. The guidance for exercise for adults and older people is 150 minutes (two and half hours) each week of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity. Activity should be spread out through the day into bite-size chunks. One way to do your recommended 150 minutes of weekly physical activity is to do 30 minutes on five days a week.

Diet- The key to a healthy balanced diet is: eating the right amount of food for how active you are & eating a range of foods – this is what balanced means. The range of foods in your diet should include: plenty of fruit and vegetables (five a day), plenty of bread, rice, potatoes, pasta and other starchy foods (choosing wholegrain varieties when possible), some milk and dairy foods (choosing lower-fat varieties when possible), some meat, fish, eggs, beans and other non-dairy sources of protein and just a SMALL amount of foods which are high in fat and sugar.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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FIRST QUESTION :

YOU ARE A PARTICIPANT IN A RACE. YOU OVERTAKE THE SECOND PERSON, WHAT POSITION ARE YOU IN?

ANSWER : IF YOU ANSWERED THAT YOU ARE FIRST, THEN YOU ARE WRONG! IF YOU OVERTAKE THE SECOND PERSON AND YOU TAKE HIS PLACE, YOU ARE IN SECOND PLACE!

SECOND QUESTION :

IF YOU OVERTAKE THE LAST PERSON, THEN YOU ARE....?
(SCROLL DOWN)

ANSWER : IF YOU ANSWERED THAT YOU ARE SECOND TO LAST, THEN YOU ARE.....

WRONG AGAIN. HOW CAN YOU OVERTAKE THE LAST PERSON?

THIRD QUESTION :

VERY TRICKY ARITHMETIC! NOTE:

THIS MUST BE DONE IN YOUR HEAD ONLY.

DO NOT USE PAPER AND PENCIL OR A CALCULATOR.

TAKE 1000 AND ADD 40 TO IT. NOW ADD ANOTHER 1000 NOW ADD 30. ADD ANOTHER 1000. NOW ADD 20 .. NOW ADD ANOTHER 1000. NOW ADD 10.. WHAT IS THE TOTAL?

DID YOU GET 5000 ? THE CORRECT ANSWER IS ACTUALLY 4100 ...

IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT, CHECK IT WITH A CALCULATOR!

MAYBE YOU'LL GET THE LAST QUESTION RIGHT.....

FOURTH QUESTION :

MARY'S FATHER HAS FIVE DAUGHTERS: 1 NANA, 2. NENE, 3. NINI, 4. NONO, AND ????

2. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE FIFTH DAUGHTER?

DID YOU ANSWER NUNU?

NO! HER NAME IS MARY! READ THE QUESTION AGAIN!

NOW THE BONUS ROUND, I.E., A FINAL CHANCE TO REDEEM YOURSELF:

A MUTE PERSON GOES INTO A SHOP AND WANTS TO BUY A TOOTHBRUSH. BY IMITATING THE ACTION OF BRUSHING HIS TEETH HE SUCCESSFULLY EXPRESSES HIMSELF TO THE SHOPKEEPER AND THE PURCHASE IS DONE.

NEXT, A BLIND MAN COMES INTO THE SHOP WHO WANTS TO BUY A PAIR OF SUNGLASSES; HOW DOES HE INDICATE WHAT HE WANTS? IT'S REALLY VERY SIMPLE HE OPENS HIS MOUTH AND ASKS FOR IT...

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Interesting Stuff- Word Play

BEAUTY PARLOR

A place where women curl up and dye.

CHICKENS

The only animal you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE

A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST

Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST

Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF

Cold Storage

INFLATION

Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO

An insect that makes you like flies better.

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

A doctrine fostered by a delusional, illogical minority.

RAISIN

A grape with a sunburn.

SECRET

A story you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON

A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE

The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW

One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.

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YAWN

An honest opinion openly expressed.

WRINKLES

Something other people have....similar to my character lines.

OLD

I very quietly confided to my friend that I was having an Affair.

She turned to me and asked, "Are you having it catered?"

In old age, the years are short and days long.

In youth, the days are short and the years are long.....

- and that, my friend, is the definition of 'OLD'!!

Thackley Ladies Meetings

Every alternate Wednesday evening at 8.00pm the Thackley Ladies Group meet in the Coffee Lounge at Thackley Methodist Church.

**All ladies will be warmly welcomed.
Come and see what else is going on in
the village.**

Men's Forum

**Meetings each Wednesday, 10.30am,
Thackley Methodist Church Hall.
Coffee 10am.**

Mar. 7th Mr Mike Lawson of Baildon

"John La Page's Baildon."

Mar. 14th Mr Rodney Hallam of Bradford

"The Last Laugh from Lancashire."

Mar. 21st Mrs Trish Lawson of Baildon

"History of Theatre in Bradford."

Mar. 28th Members' Own Choice

April 4th Mr Charles Lubelski of Ripon.

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Meanwhile, old boot Kay Burley, Sky presenter since WW2, lambasts equally odious ex-Formula 1 supremo Bernie Ecclestone for arguing that getting rid of so-called grid girls is politically correct nonsense.

This from Burley who, so objectionable to the beautification of women, chose to have a facelift. Name me one fat, spotty female Sky presenter and I might not be tempted to think she is a hypocrite.

It's okay for Burley to tart herself up to keep up with the youngsters but not for young women to elect to earn good money doing something a bit different from working on the checkout or reading an autocue?

I see where this will end; Take Me Out will inevitably have to host an LGBTQ series with poor Paddy surrounded by muscular, hairy blokes in mini skirts.

And Finally – One More Patronising...

EasyJet's chief executive Johan Lundgren is reducing his salary by £34,000 to match that of his predecessor Carolyn McCall. Mr Lundgren's starting annual salary was £740,000, while Ms McCall was on £706,000 when she left the budget airline in November.

Footnote

Here's the argument for grid girls, not from a wheezy old pervy duffer in a dinner suit but from the horse's mouth so to speak. {There you go you've just compared women to horses now! Ed}

Facebook Post – one of many similar – Hannah James – January 31 at 7:19pm

"Ok, I have had enough of people talking for me so here is what I think regarding the banning of grid girls:

The issue at the moment is there are too many people being offended on behalf of people who are not offended at all!

Firstly, I absolutely LOVE my job. Secondly, I CHOOSE to do this job. Nobody forces me or any other grid girl to do it. Some of us do it full time, some like me do it alongside other work. The idea that grid girls are no more than a pretty face infuriates me; I am about to finish my degree and qualify as a Social Worker, there are grid girls that are lawyers, accountants, models, mums, it varies so much!

We work hard to build up a good reputation and a good relationship with our clients. I work in British Superbikes and Road Racing where it feels like we are one big family; why should I be taken away from that because somebody who has never worked a day in my shoes thinks they know what is best for me?

With regards to the outfits being too sexy and us women being objectified; let me clarify something. I NEVER work a job unless I am happy with the outfit. When I do grid work I am always 100% comfortable with what I wear and I do not feel any more objectified wearing what I do on the grid than I do if I put on a nice dress or some smart jeans to go out. What will be next, will swimwear models be banned because what they are wearing in catalogues is too revealing?

As my friend and fellow grid girl Giorgia Davies said; this has all happened because some girls were treated disrespectfully at an event .. so how about instead of banning the girls to eradicate the problem, we educate men and women that it is NOT ok to disrespect other people!!

My final gripe with all of this, is these so called feminists

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are giving real feminists a bad name! I am a feminist because I want women to be equal, I don't want there to be discrimination in the work place if women choose to have babies, and I want women to feel empowered. So to have a 'feminist' sit on a talk show saying how she thinks grid girls should be banned, thus meaning a loss of job and income for women is completely contradictory.

Sidenote – men work as promotional models too! But with regards to being on the grid, as the sport is predominantly males, they (usually) prefer to have a female holding their umbrella, although I have seen female riders with male grid guys!

A suggestion was made that women should be given jobs in other areas such as commentating or spanning .. for those of you who don't know, this already happens!

On a positive note I am so glad to see all of us women affected standing together fighting this."



One for the boys

To Patronise

"The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter."

Winston S. Churchill

And still the so called elite hold this view.

Patronising Bastards

This is a fascinating book if ultimately quite depressing, detailing as it does the numerous layers of British society who really control the country. Your vote may get counted but does it really count?

There are so many noses in troughs full of our money it is a wonder the country functions at all.

Letts has an entertaining pop at the layers of government departments, numerous quangos, the arts and loathsome individuals too many to mention. Well worth a read.



Patronising Bastards – Quentin Letts

Both Sides

A man met a beautiful blonde lady and decided he wanted to marry her right away.

She said, 'But we don't know anything about each other.'

He said, 'That's all right, we'll learn about each other as we go along.'

So she consented, they were married, and off they went on a honeymoon at a very nice resort.

One morning they were lying by the pool, when he got up off of his towel, climbed up to the 10 metre board and did a two and a half tuck, followed by three rotations in the pike position, at which point he straightened out and cut the water like a knife.

After a few more demonstrations, he came back and lay down on the towel. She said, 'That was incredible!'

He said, 'I used to be an Olympic diving champion. You see, I told you we'd learn more about each other as we went along.'

So she got up, jumped in the pool and started doing lengths.

After seventy-five lengths she climbed out of the pool, lay down on her towel and was hardly out of breath.

He said, 'That was incredible! Were you an Olympic endurance swimmer?'

'No,' she said, 'I was a sex worker in Liverpool but I worked both sides of the Mersey.'

Proof of Age

After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for Social Security. The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver's License to verify my age.

I looked in my pockets and realized I had left my wallet at home. I told the woman that I was very sorry, but I would have to go home and come back later.

The woman said, 'Unbutton your shirt'. So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair.

She said, 'That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me' and she processed my Social Security application.

When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office. She said, 'You should have dropped your pants. You might have got disability too.'

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.
-- Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure)

Laugh

I nearly passed me sweets round!
by Joe King



Proposition

There was a blonde who was sick of all the blonde jokes. One day, she decided to get a make over, so she cut and dyed her hair. She went driving down a country road and came across a herd of sheep. She stopped and called the sheep herder over.

"Tell you what. I have a proposition for you," said the woman. "If I can guess the exact number of sheep in your flock, can I take one home?"

"Sure," said the sheep herder. So, she sat up and looked at the herd for a second and then replied "382".

"Wow!" said the herder. "That is exactly right. Go ahead and pick out the sheep you want to take home."

So the woman went and picked one out and put it in her car.

Then, the herder said, "Okay, now I have a proposition for you".

"What is it?" queried the woman.

"If I can guess the real colour of your hair, can I have my dog back?"

I Presumed

A school teacher asked her students to make a sentence containing the expression, 'I presumed'

One little girl held up her hand and said: "Yesterday, my mother hand washed the dinner dishes and I presumed that the dishwasher was broken."

"Very good", said the teacher. Another one said: "This morning, my father drove the Volkswagen out of the garage. I presumed that the BMW wouldn't start."

"That's excellent," says the teacher. Little Johnny, at the back of the classroom, gets up and says:

"Yesterday, I saw grandpa leave the house with a newspaper under his arm and headed for the bush. I presumed that....."The teacher interrupted him and said, "I stopped you because you have no idea what your grandfather was going to do, so you can't presume anything."

Johnny says, "Please teacher let me finish my sentence."

The teacher says, "Very well. Continue."

"As I was saying, I saw my grandpa heading for the bush with a newspaper under his arm. I presumed he was going for a s*** because he can't read."

We Know Who You Are

This would be one of the best emails I have read in a very long time...but it is also very scary knowing the way privacy is evaporating into thin air!

Hello! Gordon's pizza?

No sir it's Google's pizza.

So it's a wrong number?" Sorry

No sir, Google bought it.

OK. Take my order please

Well sir, you want the usual?"

The usual? You know me?

According to our caller ID data sheet, in the last 12 times, you ordered pizza with cheeses, sausage, thick crust.

OK! This is it ...

May I suggest to you this time ricotta, arugula with dry tomato.?

What? I hate vegetables.

Your cholesterol is not good, sir."

How do you know?

We crossed the number of your fixed line with your name, through the subscribers guide. We have the result of your blood tests for the last 7 years.

Okay, but I do not want this pizza, I already take medicine ...

"Excuse me, but you have not taken the medicine regularly, from our commercial database, 4 months ago, you only purchased a box with 30 cholesterol tablets at Drugsale Network.

I bought more from another drugstore. It's not showing on your credit card statement

I paid in cash

But you did not withdraw that much cash according to your bank statement

I have have other sources of cash

This is not showing as per your last Tax form unless you bought them from undeclared income source.

WHAT THE HELL?

"I'm sorry, sir, we use such information only with the intention of helping you.

Enough! I'm sick of google, facebook, twitter, WhatsApp. I'm going to an Island without internet, cable TV, where there is no cell phone line and no one to watch me or spy on me

"I understand sir but you need to renew your passport first as it expired 5 weeks ago.

Dancing With a Child

It was the annual homecoming dance at the local high school gym. Most of the young folk were out on the dance floor but a few young men and women lined the sides of the gym, hoping for a dance partner to ask them out onto the dance floor. After waiting anxiously for quite a while, a rather awkward freshman finally got up the nerve to ask a pretty junior for a dance.

She gave him the once-over and said, "Sorry, I won't dance with a child."

"Please forgive me," responded the underclassman. "I didn't realize you were pregnant."

Dead Slow? Good Choice

It's not just the horse that will suffer when involved in a road accident. The average horse weighs half a ton and on impact can cause significant damage to a vehicle and the people inside.

Protect yourself. Protect your car. Protect horses and riders.



When passing horses

- 1 Slow down to 15mph
- 2 Be patient, don't sound your horn or rev your engine
- 3 Pass horse wide (at least a car's width)
- 4 Drive slowly away

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Horse
Society

Thank you for driving
safely around horses.

#thinkhorsethink15

Gone Fishin...

with Idle and Thackley Angling Association

2018/19 Rod License Reminder – Don't Get Done!!

We have not been able to find any information about 2018 license fees which will apply for renewals after 1st of April 2018 yet. The rates which were applicable from April 1st 2017 were :

Annual adult coarse licence £30
Concessions rates £20
Juniors under 16 fish for free
Salmon and Sea trout £82

Licences now all run for 365 days from date of purchase so they no longer all expire on 31st March . Your date for renewal in 2018 will therefore be 365 days from the date your 2017 license was issued. Its advisable therefore to check and note your individual renewal date.

Rod Licences are obtainable from Idle and all remaining Post Offices and on line via the Environment Agency website. Watch out Bailiffs about especially in first few weeks of new licence year.....

20018/19 Close Season Information Yorkshire

The close season for all non-migratory trout in rivers, streams, drains and canals and brown trout in all waters is from 1 October to 24 March inclusive. There is no close season for rainbow trout in any still waters. The trout season therefore opens on the 25th March on rivers and sport should improve when temperatures rise and fish get back into full condition.

For Coarse fish it is unlawful to fish for coarse fish from 15 March to 15 June inclusive on any river, stream, drain or waterway (other than canals) and the Aire and Calder Navigation between Castleford and Ferrybridge Lock. There is no statutory close season on any canals, reservoirs, lakes or ponds for coarse fish in the North East Region. However, individual owners may close their fisheries so you should always check before you fish. On waters where the close season for freshwater fish applies including all rivers the only lures or baits that may be used are natural or artificial fly, minnow, worm, shrimp, prawn, sand eel, or artificial lure until 16th June. It is also an offence to fish for salmon by means of other than an artificial fly or artificial lure before the 16th June. On June 16th the Coarse Season opens again and all baits can be used again after that date.

The Leeds and Liverpool Canal at Apperley Bridge remains open during the Coarse close season with all baits allowed along with many other still waters and ponds. Please handle fish with care during this period.

Swainby Match Results

25.2.18-The river was 1ft up but running clear and with very cold overnight temperatures the chub did not feed well. Alan Shearer won the match with just a single chub

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on bread weighing 4lb 4oz from peg 25. Second was Steve Stimpson with 2 Grayling on maggots weighing 1lb 9oz from peg 53. Third was Matty Prudhoe with one small 3oz grayling from peg 38.

11.2.18-The river was 3ft up and carrying snow melt which made conditions difficult. Winner Ian Parker caught 2 chub on maggots weighing 7lb 4oz from peg 65. Alan Shearer won the match with just a single chub on bread weighing 4lb 4oz from peg 65 . Second was Matty Prudhoe with 2 grayling weighing 1lb 1oz grayling from peg 53. Third was Steve Stimpson with one grayling on maggots weighing 7oz from peg 17.

The winter aggregate series was won by Matty Prudhoe with 98 points.

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Teacher Arrested At Airport

A teacher was arrested today at Tullamarine Airport as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a compass, a slide-rule and a calculator. At a morning press conference, a spokesman said he believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement. He did not identify the man, who has been charged by the Police with carrying weapons of maths instruction.

'Al-Gebra is a problem for us', the spokesman said. 'They derive solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute values.' They use secret code names like 'X' and 'Y' and refer to themselves as 'unknowns', but

We have determined that they belong to a common denominator of the axis of evil with coordinates in every country.

As the Greek philanderer Isosceles used to say, 'There are 3 sides to every triangle'.

When asked to comment on the arrest, Malcolm Turnbull said, 'If God had wanted us to have better weapons of maths instruction, he would have given us more fingers and toes.' Parliament House aides told reporters they could not recall a more intelligent or profound statement by the Prime Minister.

View From Muppet Hill

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more than capable of beating teams two or three divisions higher than them. They have won promotion and hopefully will be placed in a division that more reflects their ability.

It is also Thackley Under 21's inaugural season and it has proved a difficult one to date. They secured their first win in eleven games just last week and are currently propping up the division. Unlike the Ladies, they were put in the highest division of the league for their first season and have found it pretty hard going. Perhaps their first victory will bring some confidence and they can find a few more wins before the season ends.

VIEW FROM MUPPET HILL

By Waldorf

Who would want to be a football manager? Everyone knows it is a precarious way to make a living, in the professional game the average time for a manager to keep his job is just over one year (1.23 years to be accurate). Six top flight managers have already lost their job this season and the same number have been given the chop in the top four divisions since the beginning of February. Two of these are from our local professional clubs Leeds United and Bradford City. Normally, managers are dispensed with because their team is tottering on the edge of relegation and clubs hope that a change at the top will save them from the dreaded drop. However, this was not the case for Thomas Christiansen and Stuart McCall; both lost their jobs because they hit a bad spell after starting the season very well. In the case of McCall, he lost six games and was ousted without ceremony whilst City was still in a play-off position. If he had lost six games in the early part of the season, then gone on a winning run to lift the Bantams into the top six, would he have suffered a similar fate?

On the non league scene, two other local managers have been shown the door, Billy Heath at Halifax and Paul Cox of Guiseley both because their clubs were dicing with relegation. In the case of Guiseley, rock bottom of the league and only a miracle likely to save them from going down. I am pretty sure all the managers that have lost their jobs will not be too despondent and will be employed in the not too distant future in the management merry-go-round.

As reported in January, there has been a change of management at Dennyfield, Pat McGuire and Mike Garrod took over in mid January. They have been in charge for four games and have had a certain amount of success. Five points from those matches have eased Thackley's relegation worries somewhat but they need to continue in a similar vein if they want to be sure of remaining in the Premier Division come the end of April. They have also had some help in this quest by Hall Road Rangers; the East Yorkshire club have been deducted twelve points by the league for playing an ineligible player. The player in question must have played a number of games because the points deducted equals the number the team have accumulated in which that player has participated. This deduction has meant that Hall Road have dropped into the bottom three in the table.

It seems likely that three teams will be relegated from the Premier Division at the end of this season. However, things are a little bit up in the air at present because come the end of the season there is going to be some sort of league reorganisation. At present there are

twenty two teams in the Premier Division and the same number in the First Division. Next season it is intended that both divisions will run with just twenty teams, which means four teams will be relocated. Teams will be moved to leagues at a similar level on a regional basis.

Going back to Thackley's last four games, a victory, two draws and one defeat, they currently have twenty eight points from twenty nine games. Their victory was against local rivals Albion Sports, their manager, Kulwinder Sandhu, is one of the longest serving managers in the country. Kully, as he is known, is an ex Thackley player and has managed Albion for well over thirty years. His team has never been relegated since starting in the Bradford Sunday League, moving to the West Riding County Amateur League before joining the

Northern Counties East League. The victory against Albion gave Thackley their first win since the six nil victory against Parkgate in November. In Thackley's other three games they shared the points with both Penistone Church and Worksop but lost out to promotion hopefuls Pontefract Collieries.

Thackley have just three home games remaining and two of these are in a busy March for the Dennyboys, with seven games during the month. March starts and finishes with home games, Garforth Town on the 3rd March and Rainworth on the last day of the month. Both of these games have been sponsored by Saltaire's newest drinking establishment The Salt Cellar, and the club is very grateful for their support. Thackley will be looking to win both of these games at Dennyfield and pick up points from the five successive away games in between.

A quick note about Thackley's other two senior sides, Thackley Ladies and Thackley Under 21's. This is Thackley Ladies first season and what a successful one it has turned out to be. With still a couple of games to play they have already secured the league title. They have scored sixty one goals and conceded just three from eight games, as well as being awarded two games because other clubs were unable to field a side. They are currently unbeaten in the league winning all their matches but one; they are also in the semi final of the League Cup. This is a fine achievement but, because it is Thackley's first season, they have been placed in the bottom division of the league which has not really tested them too much. They have shown in the cup competitions

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Thackley's first team matches for March:

Thackley's fixtures for March:-

Sat 3rd March Garforth Town home KO 3.00pm;
Tue 6th March Barton Town away KO 7.45pm;
Sat 10th March Staveley MW away KO 3.00pm;
Sat 17th March Pickering T. away KO 3.00pm;
Sat 24th March Worksop Town away KO 3.00pm;
Wed 28th March Bottesford T. away KO 7.45pm;
Sat 31st March Rainworth MW home KO 3.00pm.

THACKLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

Ainsbury Avenue, Thackley, BRADFORD - 615571.

March Fixtures at the Mitton Group Stadium at Dennyfield

Saturday 3rd March 2018 - Kick off 3.00pm

Thackley V Garforth Town

Saturday 31st March 2018 - Kick off 3.00pm

Thackley v Rainworth Miners Welfare

Both Matches sponsored by The Salt Cellar.

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