Feet On The Ground

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Unexpected consequences

2nd May 2013

It's vastly amusing, the ingenuity of the minor political parties when they want to be noticed. The Monster Raving Loony outfit, for instance, has been able to take umbrage over the Tories describing UKIP supporters as 'fruitcakes and loonies' because they claim a monopoly on loonyism. Which is all very well, but doesn't take account of the real world Monster Raving Labour and Tory parties, which can achieve heights of stupidity which the MRLs can only dream of.

We seem to be living in a state of anarchy 3rd May 2013

Judges won't obey the laws passed by Parliament, or guidance from the Home Secretary and the head judges, and they think they're entitled to say the law is whatever they choose. Same with chief constables, who are making all sorts of stuff up post-Leveson despite lacking the authority to do so. Maybe there should be a few firings to show these arrogant "public servants" that they have to observe the rules, too.

You can't really laugh because they're wasting public money doing it

4th May 2013

Sheffield city council thinks it can conquer global warming by banning old ice cream vans from working within the city limits. As around 90% of the vans serving the area are over 5 years old, that means ice cream sales will more or less end. The council is Labour controlled, of course.

Sometimes, you can laugh

5th May 2013

Like when Nige Farage offers to join the Tories if only they'll get rid of Dave. Now, I'd vote for that!

Kind of obvious, really 6th May 2013

Is anyone really surprised to know that using one of Google's pairs of specs with a built-in computer can result in eye-strain and headaches? Not only that, hackers can get into the system to spy on what you're seeing and hearing in addition to having Google tracking where you go via the GPS system. I don't think I'll be in any rush to get one when they finally go on sale.

What do they want? Blood?

8th May 2013

Knowing of my investment in wind energy, and knowing that wind farm operators are paid a subsidy for the power they produce and get more cash for not producing electricity when demand is low, a neighbour was asking me if they have to pay a penalty for not producing energy when demand is high and the wind isn't blowing. Bloody cheek!

They keep repeating the same mistake 10th May 2013

The *Daily Disaster* did it again today: printed a headline claiming the 636 council officers now earn more than the prime minister. Wrong! They might be paid more than Dave for running some tinpot council, or some part of a tinpot council, but they certainly don't *earn* it.

Not going to plan 13th May 2013

A weekend-just-gone of mixed sporting delights at the Mansion. Everyone enjoyed the Cup Final, especially when Wigan managed a goal and spared us the ordeal of extra time and penalties.

Not so much joy among the brave souls who wasted a couple of hours on the Spanish Grand Prix. Dumbing down the tyres certainly gives the customers lots of overtaking to watch, but it doesn't give them any racing if drivers can't block an overtaker without destroying their already crap tyres.

Success! But not one we wanted.

14th May 2013

It looks like New Labour's plan to dumb down the population is working. A bunch of researchers has found that people in the early 21st century score fewer IQ points than the people who were around in the late 19th century. Which kind of explains why things are so crap these days in everything to do with government, including education.

Another rubbish study 16th May 2013

I see that the latest waste-of-time study in today's Daily Disaster reckons that it's a bad idea to retire because you end up miserable and in wretched health, both mentally and physically.

Don't believe a word of it. It's just propaganda from the government, which can't afford to let people retire because New Labour and Gordon Broon spent the country into bankruptcy.

That'll be the day! 17th May 2013

Dastardly Dave, our fearless leader, would like to see the oil company employees who rigged fuel prices sent to gaol. Maybe they could serve their sentences in the Bankers' Wing at Dartmoor, which seems to be remarkably empty of the crooks who rigged the inter-bank lending rate and caused the banking system to collapse through sheer incompetence.

Drop dead, Dave! 18th May 2013

The institution of marriage is something to celebrate, sez Dave the Leader. And it's not something that idiots like Dave should be messing about with, say the rest of us.

> What's the game, Dave? 19th May 2013

Are the Tories trying to shed power because they don't think Britain is worthy of them? That would seem to be the only reason for pursuing trivial and financially suicidal policies to put off the electorate, and calling the party's grass-roots organizers "swivel-eyed loonies" and doing their level best to annoy the Tory stalwarts into quitting.

They have a long way to go before they can make the likes of the Two Eds – Balls-Up and Milibandit – look electable [the spell-checker gives "execrable" as an alternative to "electable"!!], but the Cameroonies are certainly trying.

The PC mob has a lot to answer for 19th May 2013

The "Black Dog Strangler" escaped from a secure mental hospital in Newcastle – back in January, the Sunday Disaster

informed us today – but the NHS Trust responsible has refused to release details of who was negligent to avoid causing "damage or distress" to the Black Dog. Which leaves me convinced that the people involved in the decision should be branded unfit for work involving decision-making and banned from the public sector trough for life – with loss of benefits accrued – for their wilful stupidity and the attempt to gain advantage by covering up their failure.

Technology? Who needs it!

20th May 2013

The Daily Disaster amused me yet again today by revealing that "contactless" store cards don't give the customer less hassle. They're supposed to spare people the ordeal of having to put the card in a reader but some machine will charge items to them when they're a lot further away from their reader than the couple of inches the customer is told about. As a result, the customer can pay with another piece of plastic then find he has all the hastle of having to claim back the cash from a phantom simultaneous purchase made with the "contactless" card, which never went anywhere near the reader. One step forward, two back.

Desperation Row! 21st May 2013

Oh, dear! Dave the Leader is getting desperate – cooking up a dirty deal with Labour to keep the wheels on his obsession with same-sex marriage. No doubt there is a lot more entertainment in the pipeline when he has to try to grease it through the House of Lords.

It's the way he tells them 23rd May 2013

Dave the leader has decided that his messing about with marriage hasn't gone far enough. If marriage shouldn't be restricted to a man plus a woman, then the number of people involved should not be restricted either. Expect to hear at the next Tory party conference, Dave saying: "I don't support polygamy in spite of being a Conservative. I support polygamy because I am a Conservative."

Not really trying 24th May 2013

The Nottinghamshire Police are feeling pleased with themselves because they sold a drug dealer's German army surplus scout car for five grand on eBay under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

They also found a few more bits and pieces whilst trying to recover the 100 grand specified in a court order. But it would have saved the taxpayer a whole lot of messing about and incidental costs if they'd just flogged off the guy's two-hundred-grand house and given him the change.

Not just them 25th May 2013

The two mock Jihadistas who murdered Drummer Rigby should be tried for treason, a lot of people are saying. Not just them.

The net should be extended to everyone who encouraged them, and they should be in the dock, too, if British. If not British, they should be booted out of the country, 'uman bloody rights notwithstanding.

> Big bloody deal! 26th May 2013

A professor at M.I.T. has done a study and found that cats are better at lapping up liquid than dogs because they have a more efficient tongue action. I'm sure we're all infinitely better off for knowing that.

Racing Certainty 27th May 2013

One of the staff was complaining that he couldn't place a bet that it would rain today and make any money out of it. So much for the British climate, bank holidays, and the cynicism of the bookmaking fraternity.

> A word of explanation? 30th May 2013

We've had the coldest spring for 50 years. So what do the Global Warming Swindlers have to say about that? Surprise! Tim Yeo MP, chairman of the Commons energy and climate change committee and dedicated Warmist, is now accepting that nothing bad will happen if the Earth warms up a bit and there's no proof that humans are doing it.

Wonders will never cease.

Duck! 31st May 2013

If you hear a "whoosh!" tonight, it's a 2-mile-wide asteroid sailing past the Earth. It's as big as the one credited with wiping out the dinosaurs 65 million years ago (plus a lot of help from volcanoes on Earth) and it has a satellite 2,000 feet wide orbiting it.

> Pots & Kettles again 1st June 2013

The Daily Disaster was going on about today's BBC 2 schedule being 100% repeats, but the Beeb is not the only one at it. I counted 2 stories in today's paper which I had read before.

So it looks like repeats are inevitable on a Saturday.

Anything to get noticed?

2nd June 2013

No. 10 Downing Street has been rocked. Not by an earthquake but by the news of a secret affair between 2 people who can't be named and shamed. And how long it lasted and when it was can't be disclosed either. So in the absence of details, people will do what they always do: make up their own story. Boris + SamCam? Too heterosexual.

What a lovely guy!

3rd June 2013

The energy sec., E. Davey, seems to be taking a twisted pleasure from trying to ban newspapers from publishing articles which don't support the Great Global Warming Swindle. He's so proud of his attempted censorship that he rushed out a preview before he made his speech on the subject. No wonder the country is in a hell of a mess, with people like him in charge.

Green Earth 4th June 2013

Higher levels of carbon dioxide in the air are making deserts bloom, a gang of researchers in Australia has found. And history tells us that when the Earth is a bit warmer than it is now, civilizations, like the Romans, prosper. So much for all the doom 'n' gloom.

Rejoice!

5th June 2013

The new alien head of the EU Court of 'Uman Rights has decided that Britain will be chucked out of the European Union if we don't accept his court's rulings, which make sense only to aliens. All I can say to that is: "Hoo-bloody-ray! Bring it on!"

Pay up, but you don't have to look cheerful

6th June 2013

If a copper stops you on a motorway and slaps a £100 fine on your wallet and 3 penalty points on your driving licence for cruising in the middle lane, it's for road safety reasons. It's not because the Chancellor has come up with another stealth tax. Honest!

More mind-boggling 8th June 2013

I was amazed to read that former News of the Screws journalists have been charged with misconduct in public office, and that all the talk about Her Majesty's Press must be true if journalists' jobs are seen as public offices.

Lights out 9th June 2013

The government has given up pretending that it can keep the lights on with windmills and its other insane energy "policies". Instead, it has sneaked an *Energy Demand Reduction* clause into the Energy Bill (2013) to enforce cuts in our current electricity use of 378 terawatt-hours per year of 27% by 2020 and 41% by 2030. So who is going to be cut off when the nation is stuck with just 60% of the electricity it uses right now? One thing you can be sure of is that none of the 300-odd MPs who blindly voted for this latest scam will lose out.

Who'd have thunk it?

10th June 2013

Wonders will never cease. Another of these amazing studies (who exactly pays for them and how much say do they have in it?) has found that chips are good for us as long as they are cooked in vegetable oil, which is good for the heart. Good

news for anyone who regularly makes a meal of a plate of chips with a sprinkling of balsamic vinegar!

Law breaking okay for law enforcers? 11th June 2013

It has been pointed out that the hard shoulder of a motorway is for emergencies only, so any copper who makes a motorist stop there to received a fine for driving in the middle lane is liable to be prosecuted for misconduct in office and soliciting an offence on behalf of the motorist.

Credibility gap 12th June 2013

Foreign Sec. Bill Hague would have us believe that people with nothing to hide have nothing to fear from a state which is prying into their every phone call and internet use via the US espionage program *Prism*. Which is fair enough if the state can be trusted to act honourably and honestly. But New Labour? Tony Blair? Dave "I promise you" Cameron? Honestly? Honourably? Pur-lease!

Sense of humour failure 13th June 2013

There ain't no fun under communism. That's what a Chinese farmer found when he made a rubber alien, put it in a freezer and posted pictures of himself and his prize on the Interweb. Before he could blink, the police turned up and shoved him in gaol for 5 days to extract a confession that it was all a big joke. Not something calculated to impress the humourless coppers who locked him up for "disrupting social order".

Typical Cameron "Tory"

14th June 2013

The Culture Minister, another mock Tory, has decided that nothing official will happen to mark the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, Belgium, because he thinks it will upset the French, who were trying to do to Europe in the 19th century what Germany tried a couple of times in the 20th.

Is that all? 15th June 2013

The Taxpayers' Alliance has calculated that the public sector wastes £120 BILLION per year on things like a skip covered with yellow lights (the Arts Council), £22 light bulbs (the MoD), hiring a motivational magician (Cotswold district council) and paying a clothing allowance to local government officials (Durham council). Government extravagances include £3,000,000 on biscuits for ministers and their underlings, £427,000 for rubber bullets which the police can't use, and £15,000,000 on duplicated procurement by Whitehall departments and local councils. Not to mention excessive pay 'n' pensions for the public sector. So it's no wonder the country is broke.

I don't think you're supposed to win! 16th June 2013

One minute, we're being told to change lead water pipes for copper to avoid lead poisoning. The next, we're told that copper pipes give your hair split ends, so change them for . . plastic? But plastics contain all sorts of ooh-nasties.

It's all relative 17th June 2013

Coppers up and down the country have leapt onto the victim bandwagon because the Prime Monster dared to say we have a "a relatively honest police force" (a.k.a. police "service"). Maybe he should have added "not entirely idle and not completely useless" while he was at it.

Lies for the sake of it? 18th June 2013

Another version of how Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin has emerged. Instead of crashing after swerving to miss a weather balloon in bad weather, his plane was thrown into a fatal spin by another pilot in a bigger jet getting too close to him. But as it all happened in the Soviet Union, the original accident report had to be full of made-up stuff.

We'll believe it when it happens 21st June 2013

There's talk of those involved in public sector cover-ups losing their pension pots and the Labour shadow health minister is going on about the need to abolish the revolving door, which his party created to let the shameless wander from one highly paid job to another.

But will we really get a cult of accountability? Not in our lifetime, I fear.

Brain dead and proud of it 22nd June 2013

The owner of the Welsh pub in New York has been fined \$2,500 for expressing a preference for one group of people over another.

Which is further proof that hanging is too good for the diversity dolts.

Anything for a bit of publicity!

23th June 2013

The formerly sensible Manchester Museum has come up with a silly season story of a 10" Egyptian statuette turning "unassisted by a human hand" in a display case in the night. Couple that with the bogus "curse of the Pharaohs" and you get something calculated to send the *Daily Disaster's* Sunday edition into conniptions!

Simply pathetic! 25th June 2013

The cabinet officer minister has put on public display, the note from the 2010 Treasury chief secretary, Liam Byrne, telling his successor "there's no money left, best of luck!" Labour's best shot is that Mr. Laws is "behaving like the class swot". If that's the best Labour can do, the Milibandits might as will give up right now.

The answer is obvious 26th June 2013

Lord Leveson, as a sitting judge, feels he is too grand to be grilled by the Commons about his multi-million-pound inquiry into minor hacking by Her Majesty's Press (trivial compared to what the legal trade gets up to). Lord Hutton (Iraq whitewash) appeared before the Commons when he was retired. So the solution to the Leveson problem would appear to be to fire him. Then he won't be a sitting judge any more and he won't have a valid excuse for failing to explain himself.

You've gotta laugh! 27th June 2013

A gang of doctors has spent 18 years (on fancy salaries, no doubt) studying civil servants in France. And what have they come up with? Worrying about being stressed makes you

twice as likely to have a heart attack. Well, that was money well spent.

All that fuss for nothing 28th June 2013

First it was a double-dip recession, then it was a triple-dip. Then the triple turned out to be a mirage. Surprise! The double is also a mirage and we're actually in a bigger hole than anyone thought because, even though there wasn't a recession under the Coalition, the one New Labour put us into turned out to be twice as bad as anyone thought.

Which is a good argument for shooting Ed Balls if he even looks in the direction of the Treasury.

Another reason not to trust Labour near money 29th June 2013

It's common knowledge that Gordon Broon got LloydsTSB to swallow the poison pill of HBoS as a favour to Labour's electoral prospects in Scotland. Result: Lloyds went bust and had to be bailed out by the taxpayer. Now, we have the unpleasant spectacle of Balls, Brown's hod-carrier, glorying in his part in helping the Co-op Bank, which bankrolls Balls and 31 other Labour MPs, to swallow the poison pill of the Britannia building society. A deed which is resulting in the downright theft of one-third of Co-op bond-holders' cash.

That's not a proper charge! 30th June 2013

Two members of the English Defence League have been arrested "on suspicion of obstructing police", I read today. Are we expected to believe that the coppers concerned were too dim to know if they'd been obstructed? And they are currently viewing all available CCTV and cellular phone pictures available in search of evidence? It's just plain

harassment of members of an unpopular political minority. And if the police can get away with doing EDL members on a bogus charge, they'll be encouraged to do the same to the rest of us before you know it.

What's in it for them? 1st July 2013

You have to wonder what the allegedly Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority would get out of awarding a totally undeserved £10K pay rise to MPs. The Westminster Blunderers will be laughing all the way to the bank with the cash, especially as they will be able to claim that their hands are clean, and you don't get something for nothing.

Planet-killers! 1st July 2013

Canadians have a reputation for being rather pleasant, sensible people (apart from the ones who play ice hockey, of course), but I suppose there are a few exceptions. Like the wife of the new Gov. of the Bank of England, who thinks teabags are actually harmful to the planet. As a member of the mansion's staff remarked: "The world has a lot more to worry about than teabags, and maybe she should shut up until she has something sensible to say."

Quel Horreur! 2nd July 2013

Things are not going well for the French. Everyone's laughing at their president for throwing a wobbly because the Americans are spying on his government – and just about every other regime on the planet. Now, they've found out that they are eating snails from Eastern Europe because French producers, being French, aren't up to the job of breeding

enough of them and snails don't have to be labelled with a point of origin.

Come on, Tim!
3th July 2013

Well, that's Mr. Gobsworth Murray doomed. Dave the Leader has sent him a good luck message, so he's bound to crash out of bloody Wimbledon at the next hurdle.

Nice work if you can get it 4th July 2013

Where do our tax-pounds go? Well, 100,000 of them have been wasted on sending the Squeaker of the Commons, J. Berco, on globe-trotting jaunts over the last 3 years. He seems to be trying to be as rude to people in as many different countries as he can manage before he's evicted from the post he's currently disgracing. Maybe we can get the Egyptian army on the job if they've finished with their non-coup.

The Truth Will Out 5th July 2013

It has been pointed out that Winston Churchill lied **for** us whilst Tony B. Liar and his dodgy dossier inventor, A. Campbell, lied **to** us. There is a difference, you know.

Where can we send Berco on a one-way ticket? 5th July 2013

We could give the Squeaker of the Commons a free trip to Afghanistan, the badlands of Pakistan, Romania, Bulgaria, Libya, Iraq, Iran . . . Further suggestions on a postcard to the usual address.

What's new about it?

6th July 2013

Why is everyone upset (or pretending to be) because Unite is alleged to have done some vote rigging? The union has bought the Labour party so it's perfectly entitled to puts its own choice of people into Parliament as Labour MPs.

Having a title is no guarantee of quality

6th July 2013

The chairman of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority thinks that giving MPs an extra £10K per year will stop them from making fraudulent expenses claims! Does Sir I. Kennedy also believe in fairies?

Talking about believing in fairies . . .

7th July 2013

An historian is worried that televising pre-election debates between party leaders will give us a "plausible tart" for prime monster rather than someone who is up to the job. How strange that an historian doesn't remember that we had three doses of Tony Blair.

And now, the unbeautiful game?

8th July 2013

They certainly have interesting football matches in Brasil. At an amateur match, a player got into a barney with the ref, who pulled a knife and stabbed him to death! So the deceased's family and friends hunted down the ref, stoned him to death, chopped him into quarters and stuck his head on a pole in the middle of the football pitch. Shove some adverts around that, if you dare!

How innocent is innocent enough?

9th July 2013

The case of Barry George casts further doubt on the quality of much-vaunted British justice. He was convicted of the murder of broadcaster Jill Dando but released on appeal. When he applied for compensation, he was told that he was "not innocent enough" to qualify because a jury could reasonably have found him guilty on the "evidence" cooked up by the prosecution at his original trial.

So if the state does a good job of stitching you up, even if it does so wrongly, you're not entitled to compensation!

It's one way of doing in the opposition

10th July 2013

Was that an interesting tactic we saw in the Tour de France yesterday? Get your lead-out man to slow down and drift into the path of a rival (M. Cavendish) to make sure he can't challenge you for the stage win? How diabolical these foreigners are.

SPADs have been around for years

10th July 2013

These people who are accusing the Tories of politicizing the civil service and pretending that bringing in their own special advisors and picking the staff they want to use is something new – where were they between 1997 and 2010?

Tell it like it is! 11th July 2013

That's a good one – the bosses of the NHS are going to rename the Liverpool "Care" Pathway to the Harold Shipman Pathway so that no one is in any doubt that it leads straight to the grave.

Minds made up everywhere

13th July 2013

"We could release our . . . data but we know there are people who have made up their minds. Then they look for evidence they can manipulate to support the decision they've already made."

Is the context for the quote the Sky cycling coach refusing to release telemetry from the team's bikes? Or is it someone talking about what Global Warming Swindlers do? It's hard to tell.

The most heart-warming story of the decade . . .

14th July 2013

... has to be the news that a company believes that it can make an extra profit out of the debris swept up by street-cleaning machines. Veolia Environmental Services reckons that it can find enough bits of gold and silver shed by jewellery, shoes and clothing, and metals from vehicle catalytic converters (palladium, platinum, rhodium), to make their balance sheet even healthier.

St. Swithin? Boo! 15th July 2013

So we're now threatened with 40 days like this? Terrific. My grass is going brown and there's rather a lot of it. Good job I

can use the emergency lakes if the water company tries to stop me using theirs.

How to sort the insinuators out! 16th July 2013

It has been suggested that Chris Froome should start press conferences with an announcement like: "Allow me to introduce the bloke on my right. He's a libel lawyer, who will be checking your questions for insinuations about doping. And the bloke on my left? You don't want to know what the bloke on my left is going to do. Now, first question?"

Best rumour of the moment?

17th July 2013

The one that says all the Health Secretaries of the New Labour era are in line for an OBE in the next honours list – for services to funeral directing!

The way out is over there, love.

18th July 2013

How can you tell when a politician realizes she's for the bullet at the next reshuffle? When she has to pick a fight with a menonly golf club to get a mention in the newspapers.

Wimmin vs Men

19th July 2013

Another waning politico sounds off. "Harridan Harperson" is trying to get herself noticed by stamping her foot and demanding that men-only sports clubs be made illegal. Not a word about female-only clubs, or clubs which restrict by religion or other criteria, of course. But Labour never was about real equality.

"Nurse, he's out of bed again!"

19th July 2013

If Dave the Leader gets serious about sending British troops to Syria, would someone kindly bash him over the head and stick him in a deep, dark hole until he gains a sense of responsibility?

Another good rumour . . .

20th July 2013

... is that the newspaper industry is lobbying vigorously for an investigation into the ethics and standards of the legal profession, SOCA and the police following the institutional cover-up of illegalities (such as hacking and bugging) commissioned from private investigators by top firms, including top legal firms, and top people.

A fair question!

21st July 2013

If Wii is sponsoring the TV coverage of the Tour de France on ITV4, why do we have to put up with advert breaks? Or is the alledged "sponsorship" at the cheapskate level?

It didn't happen by accident

21st July 2013

President O'Bummer gets the hump because Americans lock their car doors if they see African-Americans lurking nearby. It clearly hasn't occurred to this victim of reflex racialism to wonder how come African-Americans have such a strong carjacker image.

The Olympic legacy they don't mention 22nd July 2013

70 athletes and coaches, who either claimed political asylum from mainly African regimes or just disappeared into our equivalent of the L.A. Underground. Not to mention an unknown proportion of the 70,000 hangers-on, who were issued with a Family Member visa.

Royal Baby Bad News for Dave?

23rd July 2013

It's a boy, which means that Dave the Leader has less of an excuse for messing about with the order of succession to make sure that a girl can't be bumped by her brother(s). Maybe the useless lump will now decide to get on with something which is of actual use to the British people. And then again, maybe he won't.

Germs are much tougher in Africa?

24th July 2013

Supplies of *Dettol* have been binned in South Africa. One of the regulators there found that the disinfectant wasn't killing 99.9% of the local bugs in tests. The British manufacturer is reported to be baffled – having found that the product does see off 99.9% of British bugs.

Is it a crime? Depends who's doing it

25th July 2013

A lot of people are wondering why journalists have had their collar felt at dawn for doing a little bit of hacking whilst Top People and Blue Chip Firms (including legal firms) have been allowed to get away with hacking and spying on an industrial scale by SOCA for at least the last 5 years.

There's nothing to wonder about, really. Journalists give

members of the Establishment (including politicians) embarrassment by exposing their crimes. Blue Chips give members of the Establishment money.

Get a grip, Dave! 25th July 2013

Dave the Leader has announced that he will now make it his mission in life to export homosex marriage to the rest of the wold. Any old excuse for not doing the job you're paid to do, eh, Dave?

Am I being a bit dim? 27th July 2013

Friends of the driver of the Spanish train, which derailed at 120 mph on a 50 mph-limit bend and killed 80 people, think he's an okay bloke. So are we expected to assume from their endorsement that he can't be to blame and just put it down to another random and vicious Act of God?

Maybe he wouldn't want to be 28th July 2013

The Scottish Nationalists are saying they don't want Prince George of Cambridge to be their king. What makes them think he'd want the job?

> Well, he would, wouldn't he? 28th July 2013

The boss of pay-day loan outfit Wonga reckons that his company is "a powerful force for good in the financial world", so the Church of England shouldn't try to put it out of business. With interest rates around 6,000%, it's certainly a powerful force for shoving cash into his pay packet!

Talk about a month's rain in an hour!

29th July 2013

We've had some real old downpours today, including one with half-inch lumps of hail mixed in with a real deluge of rain. And thunder rumbling for most of the day. Black skies at the back of the house and brilliant sunshine from acres of bright blue sky at the front. And butterflies zooming round the lavender within minutes of what should have been a lethal downpour for them.

Now, here's a good one! 30th July 2013

Rumour of the day: New Labour's decision to double GPs' pay has put the NHS into a terrible staffing crisis because doctors feel too rich to work in the evening and at weekends. So the Coalition is going to **halve** their pay to see if that fixes things.

Crazy doesn't begin to describe it 31st July 2013

After all the floods we've just had, as a result of a month's rain arriving in a few hours, the government is still planning to let developers build new houses on flood plains. And then it will look surprised when it has to raise taxes to build new flood defences.

A Confederacy of the Spineless? 31st July 2013

D. Cameron slopes off on holiday, N. Clegg takes nominal command of the Ship of State and suddenly, British waters are invaded by jellyfish. Coincidence?

Not where I am, mate!

1st August 2013

Swatches of brilliant orange on the BBC weather map. Temperatures in the 30s Centigrade on the chart. But when I looked out of the window, it was cloudy and a long way short of 30 degrees. So do I believe my eyes or what I see on the TV?

Any publicity is publicity?

2nd August 2013

A bloke living in Salford Quays, Manchester, is quoted £1.2 million for insuring a 10-year-old car, and when he contacts the firm to make sure they mean it, they offer to let him pay at £104,000 a month? Sounds to me like some sort of weird publicity stunt by the firm. It certainly got their name in the papers.

Our gratitude would be entirely superfluous 2nd August 2013

The management of Lloyds Banking Group are busy sending out self-congratulatory letters to shareholders telling us how well they're doing. But as we shareholders haven't had a dividend for donkey's years, and we've been on the short end of a massive collapse in the share price, and the bank's savers aren't exactly getting worthwhile interest rates, we'll put the congratulations in perspective and wonder how long it will be before the present, self-satisfied lot get the bank back to where it was before the last gang of bunglers, and Gordon Brown, drove LBG into a taxpayer-funded bail-out.

> Uruguay says "yes" to ... what!? 2nd August 2013

I just glanced at the newspaper and I thought the headline

said "cannibals". But on closer inspection, I found that "cannabis" is what will be okay in Uruguay when the bill crawls through the Senate. Apparently, it's a cunning wheeze to take the profits from drug dealing out of the pockets of criminals.

Thankless task! 3rd August 2013

So Gordon Brown's fund-raiser is now a peer? Obviously a reward for his services to attempting the impossible on behalf of the unwanted.

No brainpower needed to be a mayor in Cumbria? 4th August 2013

The owners of a café at Millom in Cumbria have been past winners of their local council's "In Bloom" competition. They were disqualified from this year's contest, however. Apparently, the mayor and another judge "were unable to find the site". So the area has a mayor who is too dim to make a phone call to ask for better directions? Obviously just a figurehead and just as wooden.

Headline of the year! 4th August 2013

"Tragedy Dad's New Life As A Mum" – decorated the front page of today's *Sunday Post*, Scotland's favourite newspaper.

Putting it in perspective 5th August 2013

On the one hand, the Tories are being clobbered for offering child-care help to families with two working parents but not to families with one working parent. On the other hand, if Labour were in power, no one would get any help at all. Half a biscuit is better than no biscuit at all, and a starting point for shaming the buggers into doing more.

Screw diplomacy, go for tit for tat 5th August 2013

If Spain is going to charge people 50 euros to get into and out of Gibraltar, our own government should charge Spanish terrorists 150 euros to enter and leave the UK. And 5,000 euros/day if they overstay their welcome.

Tell us another! 6th August 2013

A Turkish professor, on a dig funded by the EU, is claiming that his team has found a piece of the "True Cross" in the ruins of a 7th century church. Has no one told him that if all the known pieces of the "True Cross" were laid end-to-end, they would reach half-way to Mars?

More from Naa-Naa-Land! 7th August 2013

The geniuses in charge of the Dept. of the Environment think that Council Taxpayers would swallow a rise of 20% to pay for better street sweeping. But they haven't said whether this includes the right to sue the council's officials for misconduct in office if they take the money and don't spend it on making streets cleaner.

Even More from Naa-Naa-Land!

7th August 2013

The Liberals seem to have lost touch with reality completely if they plan to put a ban on all petrol- and diesel-fuelled cars by 2040. Given that they are a political irrelevance, they might as well include a promise to make everyone rich, famous and happy. They won't have to deliver on that, either.

Gee, thanks! 7th August 2013

One of the staff at the Mansion has had an email from City Link Parcel Delivery to say he will get a delivery between 7:30 and 17:30, which would appear to be a prime example of obfuscation with bogus precision.

Is giving a 10-hour delivery window any more helpful than telling the truth: it will be sometime today but we're not going tell you when?

Easy to be blasé when you're paid big bucks 8th August 2013

The imported Canadian governor of the Bank of England is keeping the interest rate at rock bottom until at least 2016. It will swindle savers out of a ton of cash but will "benefit their children and grandchildren". And if they don't have any children, they can just drop dead because they don't matter?

Bullet-hole in foot 9th August 2013

Dismal Dave, the Tory leader, got all self-righteous about the money he wastes on overseas aid and how rotten it is of UKIP MEP Godfrey Bloom to point out how much is stolen. Meanwhile, it has just come out that Dave has banned his

own ministers from talking about overseas aid in case they are overwhelmed by a sudden attack of honesty.

Something worth repeating! 10th August 2013

"The UKIP MEP Godfrey Bloom has been quoted as talking about bongo-bongo land in the context of Britain's overseas aid. What he actually said was bunga-bunga land, where every government minister and state employee is expected to take a bung from the British taxpayer's enforced generosity as of right."

So much for technology! 11th August 2013

One of the staff has just bought a new laptop. When he tried to switch it off, the machine announced that it was installing 78 updates and he touched the off switch at his peril. The next time he switched it on, it announced that it was configuring Windows with the new updates, then that something had gone wrong, and it was going back to where it was before the updates had been installed. Same story when he eventually switched it off again: don't switch off, there are 78 updates to be installed. Same story when he switched it on the next day; configuring Windows, oh, dear, something went wrong, unconfiguring Windows. He's now going in search of expert help.

Doing it to yourself 11th August 2013

The boss of the RSPCA might be offended when people complain about heavy-handed prosecution being used quite cynically as a PR weapon, and his own overblown salary, but they remain two huge reasons for making charitable donations elsewhere.

Brilliant move, Dave!

12th August 2013

The Spanish government is giving Gibraltar a hard time to distract from internal difficulties, so what does our prime minister do? Threaten them with legal action. I bet they're quaking their boots, Dave.

Wow, gosh! 13th August 2013

The Hyperloop, which can blast passengers from L.A. to San Francisco in half an hour, is an interesting idea. And if it crashes, you won't have to worry about being stuck in hospital for repairs. The rescue services will be lucky if can find enough bits of you for a DNA test to confirm you were in the wreck.

So much for technology, Part II

13th August 2013

My ingenious minion has found an answer to the problem of Windows updates being installed and uninstalled every time he switches his new laptop on and off. He installed them manually in groups of about 20 instead of letting Windows install them all at once. He now seems happy that he has beaten the system.

What planet are they from?

14th August 2013

A firearms unit copper sneaks off for rumpy-pumpy with someone else's wife and he's fired. But he's reinstated on appeal on the grounds that his trousers might have been around his ankles but his gun was still in reach in case of an emergency. Yeah, right.

Spies R Us? 16th August 2013

I see Google is in trouble again. The company that does no evil has been scanning messages on its email service and using the data mined from them to add "appropriate" adverts. But some outraged customers in California have taken Google to court to complain that the postman does not have the right to open and read all the mail he delivers.

Threats do work 17th August 2013

The West Sussex police have shut down an outfit drilling for oil in Balcombe because anti-fracking rent-a-mobsters have threatened a riot there. Which sets an interesting precedent. It means that anything can be stopped if you can threaten to produce a big enough mob: fracking, the H2S train line, by-elections, sittings of Parliament, sittings of secret courts, absolutely anything.

Too poisonous to touch? 17th August 2013

The Archbishop of Canterbury has made an interesting decision not to become an honorary patron of the RSPCA, which has come in for a lot of stick for wasting huge amounts of money on politically motivated prosecutions and outright persecutions. Maybe the RSPCA was just a step too far after the church's embarrassment over its investment in Wonga.com.

Oh, yes, it's the Silly Season, isn't it? 18th August 2013

What else could it be when one of the newspapers comes up with a story about rogue SAS agents being responsible for

killing Princess Diana? Well, I suppose it makes a change from who really killed J.F.K.

One small fine, lots of profit left 19th August 2013

It was interesting to see that Tesco has been done for misleading customers and fined a trifling three hundred grand for dodgy half-price offers on strawberries. What is actually surprising is that the judge described the case as "shocking by its very nature because consumers have a high degree of trust in national chains". Sounds like the judge needs to get out more!

Soft on crime encourages more 20th August 2013

It was no surprise to find that the West Sussex police had to change their tune over letting the rent-a-mob "protesters" run riot at the oil-drilling site in Balcombe. Apparently, the camp has become a target for kids on benefits and people from all over Europe with nothing better to do than hang out and cause trouble, and the police just had to do something in the face of a great deal of public derision.

Interesting rumour 20th August 2013

I have been told that there is an opinion poll showing that enough Tories to make a difference plan to withhold their vote at the next general election if the party doesn't get rid of Disaster Dave and elect a leader who has some real Conservative values and who understands that if you make a promise, you're expected to keep it.

Fill in the blanks according to political persuasion 22nd August 2013

**** needs to stand down as leader before the next election for the sake of the **** party. Stick in Miliband and Labour or Cameron and Conservative, and you've caught the mood of the nation.

Suspicions confirmed 22nd August 2013

I have always been convinced that all these pricey "health supplements" are at the level of snake-oil medicine, especially anything with "pro", the ultimate PR con, in the name. So imagine my amusement at the row caused by Which? magazine's assessment of the claims made for a wide range of supplements as exaggerated, misleading and possibly illegal.

Something else amusing 22nd August 2013

The trade union Unite and the teaching unions think that schoolkids should get lessons on how to go on strike and how to disrupt the running of a organization like . . . a school. And then they have the cheek to moan when a Tory minister dares to point out that schools turn out kids who are totally lacking in the skills needed to get and hold a job.

Think of a number 23rd August 2013

The official estimate of the H2S rail link ignores VAT and inflation. Adding them in increases the bill from the official £43 BILLION to a stonking £70 BILLION. Which is still £10 BILLION short of the latest independent estimate.

So the question is: How many BILLIONs will Dave the Leader blow before he does the decent thing and cancels this

total waste of time and money? Lots, probably.

By the way, Dave 24th August 2013

Could you make it a sacking offence to award NHS cosmetic surgery to celeb wannabes and male prisoners who want to pretend they are a woman? (And vice versa.)

> Eyes wide shut 24th August 2013

The government has been promising to get tough with illegal immigrants for the last 3 years. But it failed to notice that New Labour stopped recording the identity (photographs, fingerprints) of evicted illegals in April 2010, letting them sneak back under a new name. Is it likely that Dave & Co. are going to do anything to plug the gap now they've been made aware of it? And Gordon Broon will explain why he did it? Anyone holding their breath is advised to get a life.

Vindication for those who thought it was a silly idea 25th August 2013

Did we want crime commissioners? No, that's why hardly anyone bothered to vote in the elections, knowing we'd just end up with party hacks. And a couple of liars, if what today's news is saying is right. The commissioner for North Wales really lives 175 miles away, in Cardiff, and the commissioner for Hampshire actually lives 115 miles away in Northamptonshire. So two of the characters charged with hiring and firing chief constables and acting the part of the old borough police authority don't think the people paying their wages deserve the truth.

Makes you think! 26th August 2013

Entertainer Cheryl Cole's whole-bum rose tattoo is reputed to have taken 15 hours to complete. Does this information amount to a coded message to the effect that she has a bum as big as an elephant's?

More ways to waste police time 26th August 2013

If they arrest the police commissioners who lied about where they live, are the police going to have to do the same for all the parliamentary candidates who were parachuted into a constituency and falsely claimed to live there?

It sounds right up the street of the modern, post-New-Labour police "service", which no longer concerns itself with real crime.

Bullet dodged 27th August 2013

I actually thought about watching Man. Utd. versus Chelsea last night. As it turned out to be a bore-draw, I'm glad I didn't bother.

Pudding over-egged? 28th August 2013

There's a trailer on the Discovery Channel which talks about "criminals revealing the Dark Side of the American Underworld". But isn't the Underworld supposed to be 100% dark and full of bad guys? So what scope is there for a dark side?

Are older workers job-blocking young hopefuls?

28th August 2013

The older they are, the less likely they are to have been exposed to the wrecking activities of the looney, trendy Lefties in the education system from the 1970s on, and the more likely they are to be able to write, spell, do arithmetic, talk to someone in English and actually turn up for work occasionally.

National hand not stuck in mangle 29th August 2013

It was more with surprise than satisfaction that I heard that Dave the Leader's headlong rush into another foreign war; teaming up with President O'Bummer to flatten bits of Syria; was derailed by his own party. It's good to hear that the Tories can actually say "NO!" to a nutty scheme occasionally.

Good thing or bad thing?

30th August 2013

One thing that Disaster-Area Dave got exactly right is that Tony Blair really did poison the well of public trust with his lies and dodgy dossiers on Iraq in 2002/03. But if that prevents Dave from getting us into another foreign war a decade on, then about 0.1% of a cheer for Mr. B. Liar. Let President O'Bummer and the French bombard Syria, and take the flak for creating another Iraq/Libya-size mess.

So what?

31th August 2013

Does anybody really care that President O'Bummer has cosied up to the French as his new best buddies and someone to share the blame for bombing the crap out of Syria? Nope.

Classic! 1st September 2013

President O'Bummer lines up with the cheese-eating surrender monkeys, rattles his sabre furiously then suddenly decides to get Congress to share the blame instead of being 100% responsible for bombing Syria back to the Stone Age. As a result, nothing happens.

Even dictators can show common sense

1st September 2013

I rarely agree with Tsar Putin of all the Russias, but when he said it's ridiculous for the US government to claim it has evidence that the Syrian regime used chemical weapons, but no one else can see the evidence because it's secret, he hit the nail squarely on the head.

> How can it still be so? 3rd September 2013

The British public spent a collective 8,000 years on the government's premium-rate phone lines last year. But they're still telling us the country is broke, despite making a TON of money out of this scam.

Should have seen it coming

4th September 2013

Will the architect of the Walkie-Talkie Tower in London, and the outfit constructing it, be arrested for creating a public nuisance? You'd certainly expect that to happen if someone deliberately builds a concave solar-collector as the southfacing side of a new building and proceeds to melt cars parked at its focus and set fire to shop fittings in the street below. But we are talking about the world of big business.

We did see this one coming 5th September 2013

If you want proof that people don't get smarter the longer the human race manages to keep going, just bookmark one of the newspaper stories about people driving like idiots into the major shunt at the Sheppey crossing this morning despite thick fog.

Just typical! 6th September 2013

The green shoots of recovery are barely breaking out of the ground and the fatcat bosses of the trade unions are already going strike-happy.

Computers are endless aggro! 6th September 2013

I've just been dealing with another spot of aggro from a newish computer. The first problem was the extended warranty. The website registered the laptop okay but it refused to recognize the activation code that came with the printed document, and it got the base warranty dates wrong.

The whole mess had to be sorted out via emails to Lenovo. The latest bit of aggro was that internet access suddenly vanished. It turned out that the ZoneAlarm "free" firewall and antivirus had decided that its subscription had run out, it wanted to renew it and the only way that was possible was by going on-line.

But ZoneAlarm was blocking access to the internet! The only solution to the problem turned out to be to boot ZoneAlarm into touch completely and install alternatives for anti-virus and firewall. So that was more time wasted on messing about, which could have been used for something much better.

Some demotions called for?

8th September 2013

"Buckingham Palace has the best security in the world", we are led to believe. Which makes it doubly difficult to understand how a couple of intruders can just stroll in and lark about. Sounds like we need an anti-bonus system in place to provide a negative reward for complacency and failure to do the job staff are paid to do.

Some education called for?

8th September 2013

Now that the affair has been covered up, the union Unite seems to think its members, who were accused of receiving the benefit of rigged voting in the Falkirk parliamentary constituency, are innocent of all wrong-doing. Clearly, Unite is refusing to grasp the difference between innocent and "the evidence was made to go away".

Why do only idiots get guns?

9th September 2013

Coppers with guns at his family home, who didn't know who Prince Andrew was and started screaming at him to lie down while waving their weapons at him. A pest control "expert" who shot a dog on a golf course thinking it was a rabbit. It makes you wonder.

Even worse

10th September 2013

There seems to be a big backlash against Prince Andrew in the meeja, which are trying to make out that he's the rudest person on the planet. But if that is so, it makes the conduct of the two coppers who threatened him with guns even more heinous. Not talking the trouble to acquaint themselves with details of who at the Palace is likely to kick up the biggest stink if challenged just makes their neglect of duty all the more serious.

The Kerry Gaffe or the Kerry Ploy? 11th September 2013

Did US Secretary of State John Kerry really goof when he suggested that taking Syria's Weapons of Mass Destruction into UN custody would relieve the need to bomb the Assad regime back to the Stone Age? It got President O'Bummer off the hook with Congress. No need to lose a vote there now.

We must be told 12th September 2013

This champagne socialist from Brazil who decided she has a mission to rewrite Britain's benfits rules: are we going to be told how many Brazilian refugees she interviewed during her Grand Tour? Because there's about a quarter of a million of them hiding here instead of enjoying the lack of benefits and the slums in Brazil.

The grabbing goes on 13th September 2013

Dave the leader promised that he would "cut the cost of politics" by getting to grips with MPs' expenses. As a result, more of them are giving family members "jobs" at fancy, taxpayer-funded salaries and the total bill has gone up by 7% in the last year.

Face saved for the moment 15th September 2013

President O'Bummer's deal with the Putinocracy has done both leaders a big favour. O'Bummer has avoided a Cameronstyle defeat in Congress and Putin still has his client dictator in place and able to buy more guns & bomb for his war with the world's worst Islamistas and others.

Going, not to be missed much? 15th September 2013

The RSPCA is on the verge of becoming an endangered species thanks to the insistence of the management on running politically motivated campaigns of persecution and prosecution. Donors have been turned off and it could be just a question of time before the charitable status goes bump.

Brilliant idea 16th September 2013

The jobsworths running Rochdale council want the residents to recycle more. So their resident genius has come up with the idea of telling the binmen to look in all the recycle bins and give people a red tag if they find the wrong sort of refuse in the bin. Which is a typical public sector waste of money. It annoys the residents and it will annoy the binmen even more if they are slowed down and they don't get a pay rise in compensation. Which will annoy the residents even more, having to pay more for a worse service. But hey, that's what councils are all about.

It's only taxpayers' money 17th September 2013

The 43 police "services" in England and Wales do the taxpayers the "service" of wasting £500 million of their equipment budget but refusing to organize national equipment purchasing. The prices they pay for pieces of equipment can vary by 400% and they can't even decide how many pockets a police uniform should have.

Which is it? 18th September 2013

One minute, we're being told there's a property bubble, which will be disastrous for the economy and savers need to be swindled even more. The next, we're told the bubble is just an illusion.

Will the swindlers at Westminster kindly get their story straight?

One with the dinosaurs 19th September 2013

By choosing to focus his attention on trivialities, like same-sex marriage, Dave the Leader has reduced the membership of the Tory party by about one-half over the last eight years. If he remains in charge, the Tories will be extinct by 2021.

How to please no one 20th September 2013

Surprise! Even the Grauniad, which launched a war against the News of the World on a lie – just like Tony B. Liar's war on Iraq, thinks that Lord Leveson's inquiry into Press regulation is the worst of all worlds and a charter for people with dodgy claims (like the ones that got the NotW closed?) and ambulance-chasing lawyers.

Which just goes to show; you don't always get what you pay for.

Another weird judge 21st September 2013

The decision by Judge K. Cutler to ordered a 20-second silence during the inquest on a dead gangster raised some interesting issues. It suggests that Mark Duggan, a member of one of Britain's worst gangs, wasn't worth the traditional full

minute. Cynics are also suggesting that he wouldn't even have got the 20 seconds if he had been white.

Grows on trees, doesn't it? 21st September 2013

The government plans to ban smoking in prisoners to stop spivs making compensation claims for imaginary effects of passive smoking. So that's £11,000,000 of taxpayers' cash to be spent on nicotine patches.

And as that's just the cost of treating the current prison population, there will be more and more millions needed for new convicts and back-sliders. But the taxpayer has a bottomless pocket, right?

Bang! One foot, one bullet in it! 22nd September 2013

A school in Cumbria thought it would be really cute to have a turf eco-roof and be terribly green. Unfortunately, bugs bred in the turf, they invaded the school and started biting the kids, and the school is now shut so that the bugs can be exterminated.

Not me, Gov! 23rd September 2013

Dave the Leader lost a lot of support from Real Tories by wasting time and money on shoving homosexual marriage through Parliament. But relief is in sight. The Milibandits are now claiming it was all their doing, so Dave can look innocent and pretend he was nowhere near the disaster when it happened.

This takes the biscuit 24th September 2013

Is there anyone in the country who believes that E. Ballsup had no idea what the sleaze doctor D. McBride was doing for Wee Gordie Broon? Not even Ballsup himself. So why tell the lie? Must be a sign of a deep-seated psychological flaw.

Desperation tactic 25th September 2013

What do you do when everyone thinks you're hopeless and no one takes you seriously? Red Ed Milipede chose to come up with the biggest load of commie fanny he could manage and unloaded it on his party conference. Natch, it will all be forgotten by the time the next general election comes around, so it's a wonder he didn't toss in a promise to annex the Sudetenland as extra building land.

Unanswered questions 26th September 2013

The boy Miliband's allegation that this is the slowest recovery from economic catastrophe in 100 years invites the observation that if things are improving exceedingly slowly, the New Labour government, of which old Milipede was the Energy Minister and responsible for all sorts of bogus green taxes, must have done a spectacular job of trashing the British economy.

We are also left wondering: "How often has the Labour party trashed the British economy?" and "Will be economy be fixed before another Labour government starts trashing it again?"

Nice one, Ed. 26th September 2013

The boy Milipede's desperate urge to get himself noticed has booted pensioners in the wallet by wiping $\pounds 2$ billion off the value of those members of the Big 6 energy companies, which are listed on the British stock exchange and in pension fund portfolios. It has also reminded everyone that when he was Energy Secretary, Milipede's bogus green taxes helped New Labour to double the price of gas and electricity. And also that his plan to cap energy prices would be illegal under EU rules, so it was all just hot air for the comrades.

A bit late, Dave 28th September 2013

D. Cameron would have us believe that he supports marriage, unlike the Liberals, and he's making good on a promise to give married couples a tax break. But it rings rather hollow if he's left it to the last month of the very last gasp of the Coalition: April 2015. And everyone knows it was armtwisting by the real Tories in his party that really made it happen.

More flim-flam 28th September 2013

The United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has issued another of its dodgy dossiers, in which it makes reduced claims in the wake of "mistakes" and outright fraud in previous dossiers.

The latest dossier quotes "certainty" levels based on computer models which fail to predict what happens in the real world and continues to make claims that mankind is causing global warming without offering any evidence.

The Global Warming Swindlers are also continuing to pretend that some people don't believe that climate change is

real when what people really won't believe is that taxing carbon dioxide and paying bogus green taxes will have the slightest effect on the Earth's climate.

More NHS crapola 29th September 2013

The morons running the NHS in Scotland have decided to ban a couple of offensive descriptions – "family doctor" and "elderly". No doubt the genius who made the decision is in line for a big bonus.

Milibandit Smokescreen

1st October 2013

Having covered himself in glory by wiping £3 Billion off the share prices of the Big 2 British energy firms, and having helped to double the price of domestic energy under New Labour, Red Ed now gets himself into an attempt to censor the Daily Mail. And for what? As an attempt to rewrite the history of his caviar communist, dacha-class father, who came to Britain as a refugee and then had the cheek to moan because we're not a one-party Stalinist paradise.

Typical silly season 2nd October 2013

Well! The prime monster doesn't know what a loaf of bog standard supermarket bread costs because he has a breadmaking machine. Big deal. Still, it helps to fill up a bit of space between the adverts.

> There's always a reason 3rd October 2013

Why didn't Eddie Milipede's caviar commie dad move to the socialist workers' paradise in the Soviet Union, especially

when Mrs. Thatcher was in charge? Could it be that he was worried they'd make him do some honest toil?

Thank you, so much! 4th October 2013

Something we really have to thank the political correctness mob for is black keyboards, which you can't use without a reading light if it gets a bit dark or the keyboard is in the shadow of something, and laptops with a black case, which makes USB and other ports a black hole in a black surface and bloody impossible to find without a torch.

How contemptible 5th October 2013

Everything else has failed, so the leftie-luvvies, including Lord Pillock, are playing the anti-semitism card over the Daily Mail's criticism of Red Ed Milipede's caviar commie dad. Contemptible and very predictable.

Is Diversity to be celebrated? 5th October 2013

As it is just the Universe messing about, making things more complicated because it can, the answer has to be a resounding NO! Are we better off with a new and more lethal version of the flu virus every year?

A whole gang of different weird religions? Dozens of different systems of government? No, of course not.

We are just having our time wasted by the distraction of pointless variety.

Distraction - the last refuge of a scoundrel? 6th October 2013

You can tell when a politician is really foundering. The case of E. Milipede, promoted with great progressivist bias and hypocrisy by the BBC, has been done to death. Next thing you know, President O'Bummer is taking issue with the name of the Washington Redskins NFL team. So fixing America's broken system of governance is clearly not something that needs his full attention. Or is it getting none of it at the moment?

The trouble with Global Warming Swindlers . . . 6th October 2013

. . . is that they have an illogical world view, which demands that everything done by Man harms the planet. But every time a power station sends out billows of carbon dioxide and generates power for the local humans, it makes billions of plants happy. Carbon dioxide is food for plants and without plants, humans can't survive. So only a swindler with his hand in the taxpayer's pocket would say that carbon dioxide as a very small fraction of our atmosphere is a poison.

It's obvious, really 7th October 2013

Why was a Libyan Al Kaida terrorist at the top of America's Most Wanted list given asylum in Manchester? Because they expected him to vote Labour.

Political sales are always a disaster 7th October 2013

The government is selling off shares in Royal Mail at £3.30 even though they are expected to leap to £4.50 when they hit

the stock market. The outcome looks like it will be a calamity in the vein of Gordon Broon's bog-up of selling off our gold reserves when he became Chancellor.

The present Chancellor took advice of Goldman Sachs and UBS. As both companies were fined hundreds of millions of dollars for misleading investors during the US housing market meltdown, it would seem that the government has a case for sueing them for any shortfall for the taxpayer, and for the taxpayer to sue the Chancellor for taking advice from firms with such a dodgy track record.

Yet another daft gadget 8th October 2013

Some Swedish bloke had invented a "death watch", which gives people a count-down to a predicted date and time of death. He claims it will help customers to make the most of what time they have left. So are you allowed to sue him if you blow your last quid one second before your time is up, you don't die and you discover that the original prediction was a load of old rubbish?

1 and 1 = zero 11th October 2013

One of my staff has been having problems with the host of his website. 1&1 Internet Ltd. presents itself as a major player in the website hosting world, and even advertises on TV, but its services come rather cheap.

My minion found out why: there's no customer support department to speak of. And the only way to make them respond to emails is to keep on bombarding every department; billing, sales, etc., with requests for help until someone is shamed into replying.

It's all a bit of a waste of time, really 11th October 2013

The Tories seem to be ganging up on a pushy back-bencher, who wants to shove a clause forcing a 2014 referendum into a private member's Bill, which promises a referendum on staying in the EU in 2017.

They want him to drop his amendment in case the Bill is lost. But the big problem is that no one trusts Dave to hold the referendum if he's still PM in 2017, and if Labour or a Labour/Liberal coalition is in charge, they'll find some way to kill off the referendum anyway. So its all more of the usual hot air.

All pals together 12th October 2013

Is anyone surprised that the BBC had a big go at the Daily Mail and blacked out criticism of the *Grauniad* and its aid and comfort for terrorists? After all, they're all out of the same leftie-luvvie box.

The last people who deserve a say 13th October 2013

Should politicians be allowed to say how newspapers are regulated? Of course, not. Politicians lie and get the country into illegal wars. Politicians steal from the taxpayer via their expenses then get shamelessly indignant when the newspapers expose their abuses.

The only reason why politicians want to control the Press is to be able to cover up their own blunders and criminality, and do the same for friends who will give them money and/or do them favours.

Things to jazz up your CV

You probably couldn't do better than the lady who has just become the president of the RSPB. She's into collecting road kill and thinking up new recipes for it.

"Not me Gov!" implied 16th October 2013

Birmingham council was blasted by the boss of Ofsted for having diabolical children's services. So a council mouthpiece replied that what was needed is improvement rather than further diagnosis. With the sub-text that the last people you can expect to make the improvements are the officials and members of the council.

The stitch-up expands

Which is more depressing – that the police stitch people up or that they do such a bad job of it? Three Police Federations reps.; an inspector and 2 sergeants; from the West Mercia "service" called on sacked Tory chief whip Andrew Mitchell at his constituency office to discuss the Plebgate frame-up. Then, the IPCC has found, they lied about what was said and an investigation by their own "service" whitewashed them.

What a terrible shame, then, that Mr. Mitchell had a recording to frustrate their knavish tricks. Will there be prosecutions and sackings? Joke!

Common sense is extinct in the NHS

18th October 2013

Doctors are now being ordered to be especially nice to fat people and not attach any blame to them for their size. So it would appear that the bit of the Hippocratic Oath that obliges them to "do no harm" has been suspended, and they can't tell fatties that if they don't change their ways, they'll die early in case it hurts the fat person's feelings. How very New Labour.

Nothing like a politician for being unoriginal 18th October 2013

Put on a woolly jumper, if you're feeling cold and you can't afford to pay the government's bogus green stealth taxes, says Dave the Leader. It's something HM the Queen has been saying and doing for years, but no chance of Dave acknowledging his source, of course.

TV bollux of the day 19th October 2013

Heard on the lunchtime news: The violin played by the leader of the band on the *Titanic* was returned to his fiancée, and it's up for auction today "after passing through countless generations" of the family. Countless? Since 1912? They must be really thick at the BBC.

What a horrible mess! 20th October 2013

One of the staff has had to "upgrade" his laptop to Windows 8 because of driver problems. He asked me if I felt like doing the same. No way! That start window is total rubbish. Full of baby-size panels of apps and crapps that no one in his right mind would every use.

No access to help, control panel, other programs; in fact everything you'd normally find by clicking the START button – which, in Windows 8, takes you to this appalling mess. It's so bad that there's no obvious way to switch the machine off. (Other than using the power button, that is.)

You're just dumped at this horrible interface with no

explanation and no instructions for doing basic tasks. A PC which used to be easy to use with Windows 7 is suddenly totally useless. It's like being dropped in the middle of Shanghai with no road map and no Chinese dictionary.

So there's no way I'm ever going to move on past Windows 7 unless Microsoft makes its Windows interface work again. What a load of rubbish version 8 is!

Rotten swindle 21st October 2013

Still much discontent in the MotoGP community at the mansion over the way Marquez was swindled out of the race yesterday. Totally bogus, is the concensus.

By-pass 22th October 2013

My "Windows 8" employee has reached a compromise with his laptop. When it has booted up, he clicks on the "Desktop" panel on the Start page and arrives at a place with a fair fraction of Windows 7's utilities. What he is hoping to do next is find some way to neutralize the Windows keys to prevent them from popping up the unwanted Start page. And he also plans to do something about the totally crap colour scheme wished on him by Windows 8. It's revolting!

Money Conquers Hassle 23th October 2013

My "Windows 8" employee has a new strategy for dealing with his situation. If he finds Windows 8 too annoying, he plans to buy a new laptop (same specification, different manufacturer, Windows 7 installed) and use a sledge hammer to pound the W8 laptop to bits, which he will take to the council recycling centre and hurl into the appropriate skip –

filming himself all the while. His next step will be to put the video on FaceTube in the hope that it will go viral and make him some cash. Sounds like a good plan!

Another example of the obvious, or Selection Works 23th October 2013

How surprising that a study has found that the collapse in British educational standards is all down to the decision of the trendy-lefties to abolish grammar schools in the 1970s. Competition is bad, they said, and teaching children in groups of the same ability level is also bad, the lefties claimed. So we'll dumb down the syllabus, introduce trendy teaching methods in comprehensive schools and go in for grade inflation in the hope that no one notices that standards are dropping.

And that's why Brits aged over 55 can out-perform people of the same age in other countries whilst current school leavers can't match their grandparents in terms of literacy, numeracy and problem-solving skills.

Who gets the blame when the lights go out? 24th October 2013

New Labour's geniuses, Blair 'n' Brown, spent 13 years in office but made no attempt to replace ageing power generation plants with new ones.

They were too busy getting us into foreign wars and preparing to feather their own nests. New Labour let the EU close down perfectly good, always-on, coal-fired power plants on specious environmental grounds and wish on-only-if-the-wind-blows windmills on us.

Ed Miliband loaded the British public with bogus green taxes as part of Labour's policy of doubling energy prices in a decade. I think it's clear enough.

Hatches battened down

26th October 2013

We're all ready for the great storm forecast for Monday. Everything that could fly around is put away and our insurances are up to date. All we need now is some Michael Fish going on TV to assure us it won't be 1987 all over again. Or even 1703.

One for the good guys!!

26th October 2013

A bogus psychic National Express bus driver has actually been sacked for refusing to pick up some schoolchildren in Dundee because he had a premonition that something bad would happen. Surprise! The something bad turned out to be an employer who wouldn't tolerate an employee who refused to do the job he was being paid to do.

One up for the good guys

28th October 2013

We seem to have survived the Fairly Great Storm in good shape. In fact, we might even have come out a little bit ahead. My estate manager has been in negotiations with the local cowboys over felling some trees, which were getting a bit old and ratty and unsafe.

Only they kept quoting regulations from the 'Elf & Safety Nazis at him and quoting in the thousands. But it turns out that all of the dangerous trees fell over in the storm, and could be chopped up on the ground. There is a hint of suspicion that they might have had a little help in the falling over department, but it never does any good to go too deeply into these matters.

Beware the Bag For Life

29th October 2013

Tree-huggers want to ban plastic bags (rather than oblige

shoppers to use them more sensibly) and they favour reuseable hessian bags as a substitute. How apt, therefore, that some professor has run swabs over typical Bags For Life and found them loaded to the gunwales with enough bacteria to kill the population of a medium-size city in a couple of days.

Another New Labour reward for failure - 700 Grand 30th October 2013

When Baby Peter was murdered under the noses of Harringey council's social services dept. and the police, there was the usual attempted cover up and the government minister responsible, Ed Balls, sacked the head of the social services as a political gesture.

Which has come back to bite the taxpayer to the tune of the £700,000 that Sharon Shoesmith has been awarded for unfair dismissal.

And justice for all? 30th October 2013

Journalists and newspaper managers on trial (for the next 6 months) for phone hacking -8

Politicians on trial for doing the same on an industrial scale to the world's leaders -0.

No, we'll just carry on 1st November 2013

Will we be cancelling Bonfire Night because the fire brigade is going on strike this weekend? No, because we're having our bonfire party next Tuesday, on November 5th, and we have our own arrangements anyway.

Me neither 2nd November 2013

Did you find any cash in the envelope in today's Daily Mail? One of my relatives, who wishes to remain anonymous, believes that you will get some cash only if you are related to the editor!

That's okay, then 2nd November 2013

His mates describe the bloke who went on the rampage and shot up L.A. airport as a "nice guy". Which makes everything all right, doesn't it?

> It's a start 2nd November 2013

A writer book, no doubt trying to remind everyone about his latest book, has complained that all they taught his kids about at school were the Nazis and global warming. He should count himself lucky that he found a school which actually taught them something!

Stick him in gaol!
3rd November 2013

Failed prime minister Gordon Brown is now claiming to be an ex-politician. As he's still a Member of Parliament, and drawing a salary from the taxpayer, shouldn't the Old Bill be heading round to his gaff to feel his collar for fraud?

Another reversal of fortunes 3rd November 2013

How wonderful it is that the latest research has shown that butter is better for you than all the polyunsaturates in the artificial concoctions the "health food" industry has been trying to foist off on us for years.

Scroungers' Charter 4th November 2013

It seems that 340 out of 655 MPs think they have the right to stick the taxpayer with the bill for heating and lighting their 2nd home on expenses. And some of them are demanding thousands of pounds – four times the average punter's bill in one case – because they have an overdeveloped sense of entitlement and an underdeveloped sense of decency.

So much for public service.

Just how gullible do they think we are? 5th November 2013

DfID, the department for shoving British taxpayers' cash into the pockets of dictators and spivs, would have us believe that we made no contribution at all to India's launch of a Mars orbiter. But it they hadn't received the cash, they wouldn't have been able to afford a space programme. So DfID is lying again.

Paid to oblige 6th November 2013

It comes as no surprise to hear that some forensic accounting on the case for the government's H2S rail link has made the wheels come off. The accountants were paid (taxpayers' cash) to come up with BIG benefits.

The only problem is that they got overly creative with their statistics to generate a profit of £16 Billion. But that's politics all over. The taxpayer is screwed and the politicians come up with a load of hot air.

Sounds like a silly question to me

7th November 2013

The question of the day is: Are mutant super-rats taking over the Commons? We are told that the management of the Parliament building is spending over £6,000/month on the pests but they are feared to be poison-resistant. Which indicates that something more drastic is needed to cut the numbers of thieving scroungers - like small, tactical neutron hombs?

> Same old story 10th November 2013

I happened to catch a programme featuring Prof. Brian Cox yesterday: Can we make a star on Earth? Prof. Cox was pretending that generating power from fossil fuels is causing dangerous warming of the planet (which is isn't). As none of the alternatives; wind, solar, biomass, etc.; can bridge the gap, he asked what about nuclear fusion? Which was the Next Big Thing in the 1970s but things went very quiet on that front decades ago. He visited a laser-fusion experiment with a target of a result in 2-3 years (i.e. in 2011 – so what happened to it?) He also visited a team hoping to create fusion using plasma. But results are not expected for decades. Pretty much the same story as in the 1970s.

> It's only taxpayers' cash 10th November 2013

The government has just admitted that use of coal-fired power station soared last winter. This was mainly because low wind speeds meant that wind farms were unable to generate power. So having 25% more turbines cost the nation a lot of money but delivered zero benefit to the country. Which is pretty much the definition of government, come to think of it.

It's only taxpayers' cash again

It comes as no surprised to learn that the Tory MP who sets world records with his expenses has been exposed as a swindler. N. Zahawi has been sticking the taxpayer with bills for things like heating his riding stables and a mobile home. All as a result of an complete oversight, of course; strange how these things never happen in the taxpayer's favour. All of which explains why Mr. Zahawi is so keen to bring in Press censorship.

It's good to have quick-thinking friends!

I liked the story about the Scottish golfer, who was attacked by a crocodile on a golf course in Mexico. He survived because a friend kept running over the beast in a golf buggy until it let go of him. Apparently, the course has a history of croc attack, but there are no warning signs – presumably because they would be bad for business.

Wrong, after all 13th November 2013

You get the feeling that the Universe does work sometime when the papers dig up a piece of research like this. After years of strident badgering by the free-range lobby, a study has found that chickens living in cages indoors are less stressed and less pecked than their free-range counterparts, who run around in a pack outdoors.

Some people are easily surprised 14th November 2013

Was I surprised to hear that young people have no idea where to find a local branch of their bank? Nope. I used to have a local branch, but the bank closed it years ago – "for the convenience of its customers" – and I've had to use the internet and the Post Office every since.

In fact, the bank misses me a whole lot more than I miss it. It keeps sending me letters full of elementary mistakes telling me that someone has been trying to contact me (not true) but hasn't managed it, so would I kindly drop in at my local branch, or any branch in the country, so that they can discuss my financial state and try to sell me products which I don't need.

Some swindles are as old as the hills

14th November 2013

Am I surprised to hear that sweet manufacturers are putting less in a box of Xmas chocs, which stays the same size and the same price? Of course, not. They've been doing it for years. I remember the row when they took one Rollo out of the packet but kept the price the same. And Mars bars used to be twice the size they are now. Less for More has always been the rule in the food industry.

Oh, no! 15th November 2013

The world is going to end on 22nd February next year, according to the Vikings. So everybody rush round to help me spend all my money before that happens. Please!

Science comment of the Year

16th November 2013

Question: How do you get rid of Daleks?

Answer: Get Prof. Brian Cox to bore them to death! Seen in yesterday's *Daily Mail* TV review column

What does the Coalition's Green Deal mean to the taxpayer?

17th November 2013

A loft insulation job worth £1,200 costs the taxpayer £2,700 after the cost of the government's red tape has been added on. And the power companies, which were allowed to put their bills up to pay for insulation and boiler swaps, have raked in £870 million but only done work worth £420 million. So it's a nice little earner for them.

It makes you wonder 18th November 2013

Hardly a night goes by without someone asking for $\pounds 3$ a month to keep some endangered animal alive – a creature which is about to go extinct in the wild. But not extinct. It's now fashionable for rich young men in the Gulf states to own a lion or a cheetah as a status symbol. And there are more tigers in private collections in the United States than in the Indian sub-continent. Which kind of puts the appeals into perspective.

Gaze firmly averted 19th November 2013

Under New Labour, the defunct Financial Services Authority cleared a coke- and meth-head to become the chairman of the Co-op bank, even though he had zero banking experience. Which almost makes you understand how Gordon Brown, the ruinator of the British economy, came to be touted as a future head of the International Monetary Fund.

Who are the biggest crooks? 20th November 2013

It seems to be a toss-up between the nation's criminals and the police force managers, who think they have a divine right to make serious crimes vanish into thin air to meet targets for making the crime rate shrink. Naturally, no one is going to be arrested for fraud.

> It's never in proportion 21st November 2013

So the Rev. Flowers, formerly of the Co-op bank and formerly the best mate of E. Balls and E. Milipede, has been exposed as an expenses swindler? No wonder he was so at home in the Labour party, whose former Europe Minister, D. MacShane, is about to go to gaol for the same thing. He got away with only £13,000 whilst Flowers is alleged to have collected £150,000. So is Flowers likely to go to gaol for 12 times longer than MacShane? Or is he likely ever to grace one of Her Majesty's custodial establishments? Probably not.

Universal ban 22nd November 2013

The European Union, and its stooges in the British government, are planning to ban the sale of anything which can be used in explosive devices. Alternatively, anyone who wants to buy things like hydrogen peroxide for dyeing hair, or acetone for removing nail varnish will have to pay for a licence. If the politicians get their way, expect washing up liquid to be added to the list of things needing a licence, as it can be used to make a form of napalm, and sawdust, which is an essential component of home-made dynamite, and everything else they think they can get away with.

Water off a duck's back, mate! 23rd November 2013

N. Clegg (Liberal, especially with taxpayers' cash) thinks that people who want Britain to leave the EU are unpatriotic. But is anyone going to be bothered about being called names by a Quisling, who can't say anything bad about the EU because it would cost him money?

Waste is the EU way 24th November 2013

"We're spending money we don't have on a problem that doesn't exist at the behest of people we didn't elect." – D. Carswell, MP, on the EU's grab of an extra £1.5 billion from the British taxpayer to blow on climate change aid which won't make a blind bit of difference.

You could see that coming 25th November 2013

All the Labour Eds have been playing the victim card for all they are worth, claiming their Co-op Bank antics are nothing but smears invented by the Tories. Now, the Rev. Flowers is doing it. No one is to blame for nuffink. He'll be wanting a peerage next.

They do it all the time 25th November 2013

Some mysterious company/person is getting on at Sainsbury's for removing Typhoo tea from their shelves. Which sounds like an excellent idea, given that Sainsbury's have a long history of stopping stocking things that people want just to annoy the customers.

Plebgate whitewash 26th November 2013

I wonder how many millions of pounds were spent on the year-long "investigation" into how the former Tory chief whip Andrew Mitchell was stitched up by the police? All of them wasted with the usual bucket of whitewash thrown over the

whole business. Makes you proud to be British.

More cash down the drain 27th November 2013

How comforting to know that the DVLA employs gangs of people, who screen number plate combinations for imaginary offensive stuff. And which idiot reckons that 14 can be made to look like 1 or A? SO63OMY is in the eye of the beholder. Likewise AL14LAH. But it's only public money that's being wasted

New name, same scandal 27th November 2013

I see that Plebgate has now been renamed Plodgate now that the Can't Prosecute Service has decided it can't stop coppers fitting up anyone they like and getting away with it.

Oh, well, that makes it all okay 28th November 2013

According to the Squeaker of the House of Commons, MPs stole from the taxpayer with expenses swindles only because they were bored and feeling left out of things. Which means that MPs are the sort of people who turn to crime rather than looking for something constructive to do. No wonder the country is in such a mess.

They'll always get it 30th November 2013

"Greedy Bankers still don't get it", screamed the headline in the *Daily Disaster*. Wrong. As the story explained, they're still getting huge wads of bonus cash. And what the government is failing to do is get compensation from their employers for the havoc they wrought.

What were they up to?

1st December 2013

A thing I find odd is that no one has said what that police helicopter was doing before it fell on the pub in Glasgow. We see them occasionally in our area, and they always seem to be swanning around fairly aimlessly. I now feel like petitioning our local police chief to make the Estate a no-fly zone.

Not good enough 2nd December 2013

Ed Balls' latest revelation to the nation is that he has never taken drugs. To which the automatic response is: "Prove it, you blighter!" Because this shifty politician's record for telling the truth, which is there for all to see, is such that no one in his right mind would take his unsupported word for anything.

Should cause some trouble!

4th December 2013

I was watching some American football on 4 on Demand and time was running out in the first half. So a coach called a time out. And I wondered why they don't let change the rules to let the opposing coach call "time back in again" by sacrificing one of his time-outs?

It would cause a lot of frustration and crazy plays at the end of a close match. Just a thought.

Hardly worth the effort

5th December 2013

I read with interest that some American genius has designed a DIY cellphone with a wooden chassis, which can be built for \$200. Which seems like rather a lot of wasted effort when you realize that second-hand phones are available on eBay for ten quid!

It makes you think!
6th December 2013

No apologies for swiping this from my favourite website: "Wiseguys in the meeja are fond of asking Cameron 'n' Clegg if they've ever taken drugs, but they never ask the same question of Red Ed Milipede.

Does that mean they assume he has to be on something to be the way he is?"

They had it coming! 7th December 2013

You have to wonder about the mentality of a gang of thieves, who stole a truck containing radioactive waste from a hospital, and took the radioactive stuff out of its protective casing, exposing themselves to its deadly rays enough to need hospital treatment.

Still, if they were glowing in the dark, it must have made it easy for the police to arrest them. Assuming anyone was brave enough to get close enough to put handcuffs on them!

One rule for them, another for the rest of us 9th December 2013

I've just been reading in the *Daily Disaster* about a woman who has prevented her husband from seeing their daughter for 12 years despite 82 court orders demanding that he be given access.

So why isn't she in gaol for contempt of court? Or doesn't that apply to women?

Am I surprised? Nope!

I've often suspected that the people who are superimposed at the edge of a BBC News picture are just waving their arms around rather than doing real sign language. And it turns out that the bloke who was on the stage while the world's leaders were performing for the Mandelafest at the World Cup stadium was doing just that: messing about and keeping his face straight.

Direct Action needed 12th December 2013

After going bust through dealing with packages of unaffordable mortgages, and swindling customers out of billions with dodgy PPI insurance, Lloyds Bank has been fined £28 million for swindling even more customers with worthless investments. Which suggests that what we as a nation need to do is round up everyone who was on the board of a major bank, or in top management, from 2005 on, export them to Romania and make them live in a hovel at their own expense for 5 years.

It might not reform them but at least it would give the British public a rest from their criminal activities, which seem to have no consequences for them. And anyone who pleads innocence should be informed that he or she is guilty of consorting with criminals, and aiding and abetting them, and just as guilty.

What do we have to frighten us today? 13th December 2013

According to some fun guys in Denmark, the universe could suddenly get super-dense and collapse into a "small, super-hot and heavy ball." Higgs bosons are at the back of it. So make sure you enjoy your Xmas. It could be your last!!

Total waste of time 14th December 2013

Everyone seems to be complaining about the amount of taxpayers' cash the BBC has thrown at its Mandelamania campaign. But the point is, will anyone get the sack for misconduct in office? As the answer to that is always going to be a resounding NO!, it's all sound and fury, signifying nothing.

Global warming strikes again!16th December 2013

The Earth's magnetic poles are famous for wandering about and causing problems for navigators. And they have become yet another victim of the Great Global Warming Swindle. Melting and re-freezing of Arctic and Antarctic ice sheets causes the planet to wobble slightly as it rotates on its axis, and the wobbles cause the position of the magnetic pole to move. Increased melting caused by global warming is being blamed for making the magnetic poles move around more than usual. Of course, everyone knows that global warming stopped in 1998. But hey, why let a few facts get in the way of a good tale?

No continuity 17th December 2013

Apparently, people are tipping tradespeople less and less. But a lot of that has to do with never meeting them, like the binmen who rush around with wheeled bins at the front rather than banging dustbins back to your back yard. And postmen. Most of my minions report that it seems to be someone different at every delivery. So if the tradesmen don't get a tip, it's because no one knows who they are.

Such sensitivity 23rd December 2013

There's an interesting argument in today's *Daily Disaster*. The police on the scene didn't gun down the murderers of Fusilier Lee Rigby because they were afraid of another police-involved killing inquiry and they were afraid that it would give the Moslem community in Woolwich an excuse to riot.

Keeping his word 23rd December 2013

Simon Hughes (Liberal-Democrat) vowed last year that he wouldn't take another government job. Suddenly, he's Justice Minister. Nice to see a person of such integrity in such a responsible job.

Lockdown 24th December 2013

Given the dire warnings about weather, we're in what is probably an unnecessary state of siege at the Mansion. Anything that could be picked up and blown around by the wind has been tided away, we have a mass of food and drink and we even have enough emergency generating power in our personal power plant to withstand disconnection from the national grid for a few months. And we're on too high ground to be troubled by floods. If you're going to be ready for anything, it's always better to be over-prepared. Merry Xmas. Or as merry as you can manage.

Job Done! 25th December 2013

The chef has been threatening for weeks to unleash his secret recipe which, he assured us, will make sprouts the highlight of the Xmas mega-lunch. And, by golly, he managed it. People took a very cautious helping with all the turkey, goose and trimmings, and they were back for seconds. Will the supersprout recipe be the HUGE success story of 2014?

A year's weather in a day? 30th December 2013

We've had a bit of almost everything today – gales, heavy rain and some quite spring-like sun. Will it be snowing by evening? I ask myself.

Sky Sports couldn't run a whelk stall

Some strong language flying last evening. A TV box set to record some American football highlights was full of pointless repeats because Sky Sports had just discarded the advertised schedule for no good reason. So if there are any ears burning at Sky Sports, they belong to the "effin useless bastards".

One in the eye for them!

1st January 2014

Into the new year with a laugh – a bunch of Aussie Global Warming Swindlers, who went to the Arctic to "prove" that the ice is about to disappear thanks to man-made global warming, are stuck there and THREE ice-breakers have failed to extract them so far.

More ways to spend our money 2nd January 2014

The government, it seems, is going to bribe train companies to replace 1st class carriages with 2nd class to give commuters the illusion that something is being done about overcrowding. Interestingly, Labour plans to oppose the policy. Why? It's

been suggested they see it as a threat to their free 1st-class rail travel courtesy of the taxpayer.

What's her game? 3rd January 2014

What is the story on the woman who's been claiming so loudly that getting a bit of chicken in a vegetarian meal has ruined her entire life? Rampant exhibitionism? Compensation culture? Total hysteria and inability to cope with reality? Perm any two from three?

Delusion, delusions! 4th January 2014

It's amazing how quickly failed politicians go ga-ga. Jack Straw would now have us believe that he could have kept Tony Blair in Downing Street, despite the looming menace of Wee Gordie Broon, a lot longer if Blair hadn't sacked him as Foreign Secretary in 2005 because George Dubya Bush ordered him to!

Big enjoyment time! 5th January 2014

There's lots of excitement among the American football fans at the Mansion, especially with a 4-match weekend on offer. What are they going to do with themselves when it's all over, though? I ask myself.

What next? I scarcely dare to ask myself 6th January 2014

No wonder they call them the Trivial Democrats if characters like the alleged business minister, Jo Swinson, think it would be a good idea for MPs to drag babies in and out of the Commons voting lobbies.

And the biscuit goes to . . .

8th January 2014

You really have to wonder what goes on in the heads of our nation's MPs. The latest from Eddie "economy wrecker" Balls is the delusion that he could form a coalition with Nick "Total Calamity" Clegg after the next election. Which makes one wonder if Eddie Baby hasn't been on a freebie to Colorado recently, where it's now legal to buy dope for personal smoking use.

The politician's bottom line is always the cash

9th January 2014

D. Cameron, alleged Tory party leader, has decided that the current storms are caused by man-made global warming, and he'll be using them to justify further assaults on the taxpayer in the name of stopping the unstoppable – after all, you can't stop something that isn't happening. So much for ditching the green crap.

Oh, to be so fireproof

10th January 2014

Vince Cable, alleged Lib-Dem financial genius and Business Minister, thought the price of the Royal Mail shares was set about right at the sell-off, and any immediate profits were just a bubble. The current share price is 70% above what the taxpayer got and his fellow MPs are not impressed by the non-bursting bubble. No sign of the sack for Vince, of course.

Something doesn't add up

11th January 2014

PC Wallis, the copper who lied about being there at Tory whip Andrew Mitchell's confrontation with stroppy coppers,

claims he had psychiatric problems at the time, and that's a good reason for not sending him to gaol for misconduct in a public office. Strange that none of his supervising officers spotted that he was totally unfit for duty, though.

No danger of any prosecutions, though? 12th January 2014

You couldn't make it up. HM Inspectorate of Constabulary is to get an extra NINE MILLION QUID PER YEAR to stop police "services" fiddling crime figures and making serious crimes vanish into thin air to make their statistics look better. Misconduct in a public office on an epic scale, but as it's the police, they are allowed to get away with it. Mind-boggling!

Constantly there 13th January 2014

There seem to be 3 things stuck in the news right now: Nigella, fatness and the police. The latest from the last is that the head of ACPO thinks that if junior coppers don't get a huge pay rise, they'll start taking bribes like a bunch of 3rd-Worlders. Which doesn't say much for police selection and training methods.

Duffer doing duff job 14th January 2014

Out of curiosity, I watched the latest episode of *Sherlock* on the BBC's iPlayer. Dog's breakfast, daft plot and the end of Mr. Charles Augustus MilverMurdoch was a farce. This writer is just not trying. [Or very trying in another sense of the word!] Whichever, he's not up to the job.

Help! 14th January 2014

If sugar is the new tobacco, would someone kindly tell me how to smoke it? It keeps falling out of the cigarette papers and clogging up solid in a pipe.

> No no-blamesters? 15th January 2014

"People ought to know that if they stuff themselves silly with high-calorie rubbish foods, they'll get fat," Lord Tebbit told the House of Lords. And the big surprise is that he didn't get howled down by all the gang on the Labour and Liberal benches who think people aren't responsible for their own actions, and the State is always obliged to pick up the pieces.

See a number, don't believe it 16th January 2014

We came to expect under New Labour that every statistic the government offered would be a lie. But you kind of expect the police, the guardians of law & order, to be an exception. But they have been corrupted thoroughly too, and the UK Statistics Authority is now refusing to accept their crime figures because the data can't be trusted.

Too many top coppers are downgrading, ignoring and reclassifying crimes to create an illusion of meeting targets and falling crime rates. Maybe they should make issuing falsified official statistics a criminal offence and start arresting the blighters and sending them to gaol.

Job creation, nothing more 17th January 2014

Is anyone surprised to learn that the No Such Agency in the United States has been issuing overblown and misleading

claims about the success of its surveillance of phone calls and email traffic in Europe? The spooks must be making a hell of a lot of money out of messing about with their collections, and sitting in an office, making up threats, is a whole lot safer than being out in the field with the risk of running into guys with guns and murder in mind.

It's only coming out of the taxpayer's pocket 18th January 2014

There is no guarantee that the infamous high-speed rail link between London and Birmingham will ever be built, but that hasn't stopped the appointment of a construction chief, who will get a salary of £750,000 from the taxpayer (plus perks), even though there's nothing for him to construct.

Conspiracy Theory 19th January 2014

Why did Red Ed Miliband have a go at the big banks recently and wipe £500 zillion off the share prices? Well, he was a member of the government under Gordon Broon, which got LloydsTSB to take over the busted Halifax Bank of Scotland to save Labour votes in Scotland. So maybe he's doing it to sabotage the sell-off of the currently taxpayer-owned Lloyds Bank out of some sort of twisted loyalty to Brown plus Labour self-interest.

Actually, no, mate! 20th January 2014

I know Americans are notorious for their ignorance of basic geography, but you'd expect there to be some exceptions. Like the people involved in American football. But no. They keep saying "See you in New York" when talking about the coming Super Bowl, even though it will be played at the stadium shared by the Giants and the Jets . . . in New Jersey.

Which means that anyone who turns up in New York expecting his freebies on Super Bowl Sunday will be sadly disappointed as well as baffled.

Not much real news, then? 22nd January 2014

Does anyone really care that Lord Grope thinks he's entitled to maul any woman who strays into his reach? I suppose it's reassuring that there has to be nothing really terrible happening in the world if the papers can stay so obsessed by the in-fighting among the leadership rivals of the Trivial Democrats.

Good News! 23rd January 2014

A bloke who made a citizen's arrest on 2 thieves, and ended up in court because of it, has had the case tossed by a jury in record time. The thieves got just £75 fines, after one had received 2 broken legs and a broken arm in a fight with their victim, who could have got life imprisonment if the Can't Prosecute Service had got its way.

Does anyone still do the job he's paid to do? 25th January 2014

What exactly is the public sector for? The UK Border Force had decided to ignore the law that says it's illegal for people to bring cannabis into the country in their luggage if it's a "personal use" amount, and there are so few customs officers at Stansted, Britain's 4th biggest airport, that it's now a great place to smuggle in dodgy goods.

Is this Schengen by the back door?

Deluded garbage 27th January 2014

"Looking after your world", it says on the side of the van I'm looking at. Really? And who's claiming that? British Gas. Well, I can say for certain that they're not looking after my world, which makes their slogan a black lie. So is there an Advertising Standards Authority equivalent for vans? If not, there should be!

No credibility 29th January 2014

So the Public Accounts Committee has had a go at the Queen over her domestic finances? Isn't it run by the Labour MP Margaret Hodge, who used to be in charge of covering up child abuse in the People's Republic of Islington? And a member of New Labour, which promised an end to boom 'n' bust just before dumping the country into the biggest bust of all time through Gordon Brown's reckless spending and letting his mates wreck the banking system?

Let us not forget who gave Fred the Shred his K. Or the shining examples of how to ru(i)n things Hodge's mates awarded us between 1997 and 2010.

No change 29th January 2014

At least E. Balls is showing consistency. Old BallsUp made a bog of things when he was telling Gordon Brown how to ru(i)n the economy during the New Labour disaster, and he's making a bog of predicting the progress of the economy now the Tories are repairing his party's mess.

An apology too far? Check out the reason.

30th January 2014

Prime ministers have made irrelevant grovelling apologies for

all sorts of stuff in the past. But apologizing to Arthur Scaregill for not letting him cripple the country on behalf of miners at grossly subsidized pits would be . . . the pits. Especially as it's just an attempt by the Labour party to distract attention from how well the Tories are repairing the disaster which New Labour inflicted on the British economy. Dave the Leader needs to administer a severe clip round the ear to the agitators and tell them to get lost and stay lost.

Prime-ministerial logic!

31st January 2014

The police and the security services should be allowed to spy on all emails and phone calls made in the UK because it works on the TV spy shows the prime minister watches. Nice one, Dave!

What a twit!
1st February 2014

Isn't it nice to see someone take up a cause and then get things hopelessly wrong. Like Prince Charles, the Neddie Seagoon of the royals, accusing people who didn't fall for the Great Global Warming Swindle of intimidating the crooks who are making money out of it. Does His Royalness really expect us to believe that all the intimidation by the mob at the United Nations and once respected institutions like the Royal Society, and the BBC's attempts to ignore contrary views, didn't happen? And that the Warmists' "scientific wisdom" is anything more than political expedience and an excuse for raising taxes?

Thatcher drove Scots to drink?

2nd February 2014

I bet it was a short journey. In fact, it's probably in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's shortest. The author of this pathetic whinge is one A. Neil, MSP, (who is more an

MSF). He reckons that Mrs. Thatcher did it by depriving the Scots of subsidies from English taxpayers for their loss-making heavy industries. Funny how they still had enough cash to turn into alkies.

One strange Super Bowl 3rd February 2014

There was a general consensus that the Seattle Seahawks would win Super Bowl 48, but no one expected it to be by much. But as the match progressed last night, the sense of shock grew. And it was complete at the end, when the Hawks had scored 40-odd points and the Denver Broncos had managed just 8. Train wreck, or what!

Always doomed to failure 4th February 2014

"Not me, Gov!" seems to be the most powerful influence on politicians. Red Ed Milibandit would have nothing to do with publishing a Labour party report on Unite's vote-rigging activities in the Falkirk constituency but he must have known that someone would leak it. Presumably, he did it so that he could assure his trade union paymasters that he had nothing to do with the leak. But is he likely to get any credit for the hands-off approach? Especially if he must have know there would be a leak eventually.

Windows 8.1? Forget it! 5th February 2014

A laptop with Windows 8 kept harassing me to get 8.1 for free. So I asked the tech guy what he thinks. "If you don't have a couple of hours to waste, and another computer to use in the meantime, forget it," he said. "And if you hate Windows 8, you'll hate 8.1 even more." Which decided me. I don't like Windows 8, and this Lenovo laptop has a display

driver which keep crashing due to hardware defects. So I went ahead.

Two and a half hours later, I had a laptop which takes 3x longer to get to the desktop than previously. So I'm going for Plan A: give this laptop to some unsuspecting person and buy another with Windows 7 on it – the last decent version of Windows – and a display driver which won't keep crashing.

It's only taxpayers' money, after all 6th February 2014

A copper on duty smashes up someone's car and ends up with getting on for half a million quid from a tribunal for constructive dismissal because he became a laughing stock as a consequence of his own actions? What a fine example of the unrepaired lunacy of New Labour's compensation culture.

Windows 8.1 will still be history 6th February 2014

As a postscript to yesterday's rant, my tech guy showed me how to undo all the messing about which the "upgrade" had wished on me. The laptop now boots straight to the desktop without demanding passwords and permissions. But I'm still going to get rid of in in favour with one with Windows 7 and a display that works: and certainly not one made by AMD, who supply the defective ones for the Lenovo laptop.

I hate Windows 8.1 7th February 2014

And another thing, after "upgrading" to Windows 8.1, all sorts of stuff no longer worked because of driver problems. Like there was no sound over the HDMI cable when I plugged the laptop in to a big TV to watch movies streamed from archive.org. So add the time taken to sort that out, plus

all the other niggles, to the two and a half hours wasted initially and it all starts adding up to a considerable sum.

More "up yours" than upgrade 8th February 2014

The thing I resent most about this "upgrade" process is all the time wasted after getting wrong information. Like when you click on the button to the update a driver and you're told that the one you've got is up to date. So how come I was able to find one for the AMD HD audio device with a higher version number and a later release date? Not that it worked after I'd run the installation program. I had to disable the driver and make it vanish from the device manager and then work out how to get it displayed again. At which point, it worked without having to be reinstalled.

It's all the time wasted down blind alleys that gets me. Because you're sent there by duff information from Windows, which is so sloppily gathered that it's as bad as deliberately misleading information and just as good at wasting the unfortunate customer's precious time.

p.s. Dolby Advanced Audio V2 doesn't work despite being uninstalled, rebooted and reinstalled using what is supposed to be the latest driver from the Lenovo website. And the same after being uninstalled, left uninstalled through several boot/shutdown cycles and reinstalled.

"On your side"? Joke! 10th February 2014

How do you find out if a saving account is registered for gross interest? With some banks, you just log on to the website and the information is there when you reach the account data. Not so with the Nationwide Building Society. An impoverished acquaintance of mine wished to know if he was getting gross interest on his paltry savings. A trip to the website proved to be a compete waste of time; the information wasn't there. So

he wrote to the Nationwide asking for the information. No reply, so he wrote again a month later. No reply, so he went back to the website and made a complaint. Eventually, 3 months after he started the whole business, he got the information he wanted.

p.s. His complaint was rejected but he wasn't bothered as it had only been a means to the end of getting hold of the information he wanted.

Windows 8: the saboteur? 10th February 2014

Think of the number of hours I've wasted going from Windows 7 to Window 8 to Windows 8.1 and ending up with a laptop with less of the originally installed software working. Now multiply that by the number of people who have gone through the same process.

The total amount of time wasted around the world has to be comparable with the amount of time it took to go from the Mercury programme to putting a man on the Moon with the Apollo programme. Frightening thought, eh?

True to life, true to image or both? 11th February 2014

The Channel 4 programme *Babylon* portrays rank & file coppers as idle, foul-mouthed gits, the senior officers as obsessed with spin and PR, and the ones allowed to have guns and tasers as ill-disciplined, kill-crazy nutters. Which is pretty much how a lot of people see the sorry shambles which is the present New Labour-created police "service".

Which illustrates the magnitude of the task of turning it back into a police "force" which serves the public rather than itself.

Not thought through

12th February 2014

Retired solders are allegedly being told by dim-witted personnel/HR staff and prospective employers that they will have no one to shoot at in civvy street. What if they join the police?

What planet is he on? 12th February 2014

"We are a wealthy country," sez David Cameron, our Walter Mitty prime minister. So he doesn't think money should be taken from the overseas aid budget to help British people up to their necks in floods. Does he not know that the Labour party left the country deep in debt? And that his "aid budget" exists only because he's borrowing the money to give it away? Obviously not.

The power of sound insulation & construction! 13th February 2014

We were actually going out in the storm last night. Mainly because several people I spoke to on the phone were remarking on how loud it was and how their house seemed to be shaking. But it looks like the Mansion is very solidly built as we were hardly aware of the storm inside. It was a completely different story outside, though. I was surprised to see some of the trees still with branches on this morning after the way they were bending about last night!

Another wheel comes off!

14th February 2014

Some jobsworth toerag of a civil service mandarin has produce a review of the balance of power between Britain and the European Union; and come to the conclusion that it's "about right". Which leaves Dave the Leader with egg all over his face after issuing all sorts of promises about rebalancing things and giving us a referendum on EU membership after he's done his renegotiations with the Eurocrats in Brussels.

Big victory? Oh, yes. 16th February 2014

I've just seen the results for the by-election in that Manchester constituency this week. The one Red Ed was claiming as a major victory. Out of a total electorate of 85,000 and some, just 15% of them voted for his party and a staggering 72% didn't bother to vote at all. Oh, yes, they really love you in Wythenshawe, Eddie. Not!

Isn't it great to be a Trivial Democrat! 17th February 2014

First, he goes crazy with a rant against everyone who doesn't buy the Great Global Warming Swindle, then our Energy Secretary shoots off on paternity leave whilst thousands of taxpayers are without energy due to the floods caused by government failures and a spot of nasty but not extraordinary weather. Ed Davey, what an asset to the nation!

It's bound to happen soon!

18th February 2014

How long is it going to be before some clown in office gets up on his hind legs and claims that all the sink-holes, which seem to be opening up daily all over the world, are a product of man-made global warming? Possibly Ed Davey, our Warmist energy minister, is the favourite.

Even though he's skiving at home on paternity leave, he claims he's still in touch with the office. Or will Red Ed Miliband declare war on sink-holes as his latest distraction

from having nothing useful to say on anything that people really want to hear about?

Is it really art? 20th February 2014

An Italian cleaning lady is in trouble for throwing away pieces of "contemporary art" because she thought they were rubbish left behind by the people who set up the exhibition.

But the prize for bone-headedness goes to the insurance company, which went along with a 10,000 euro price tag for the junk.

Waste? It's institutional 21th February 2014

One of the staff has had four brown envelopes from HMRC over the last 3 days. The first was to tell him they'd bogged up calculating the amount of tax he should pay and he's due for a refund. The next was the refund cheque.

Then came an explanation of how they'd arrived at the amount of the refund. Finally, he got a tax code for 2014/15, to start in April. Why couldn't all 4 have been put in one envelope to save on postage?

Well, it's only taxpayer's money that's being wasted.

In charge but not responsible? 22nd February 2014

The Mid-Staffs NHS Trust has admitted killing people through negligence so there will be a fine and taxpayers' cash will be shuffled from one official pocket to another. But the managers and Labour ministers who let it happen will continue to ride the public sector gravy train.

Costly cosmetics 23rd February 2014

The Justice Minister intends to make convicted criminals pay up to £600 towards court costs. Even those who plead guilty will have to pay the charge. It's a noble ambition, but given the courts' lamentable record for extracting cash from criminals; like letting them pay off huge sums at 50p/week so they don't run short of cigarette money; any cash raised is likely to be more than swallowed up by the admin costs.

Doesn't add up 25th February 2014

An observation by a correspondent to today's *Daily Disaster* deserves repeating: If the nation is starving and relying on food banks for its next meal, as lots of bishops would have us believe, how come we're supposed to be having an obesity crisis?

Always up, never down 26th February 2014

One of the staff noticed that someone has dared to complain about Sainsbury's putting up the price of a Walls Vienetta by 27% to £1.90 on InYourFaceBook. The response from Sainsbury's was that prices go up as well as down and everything the customer gets is value for money.

In the experience of my observant staff member, prices go down only when stuff is on special offer – and temporarily – and they never go down otherwise.

And shoving the price up by 27% is no way to give the customer anything approaching value for money.

Getting real 26th February 2014

I was watching an old sci-fi film this morning. A botanist arrived in the US with a Yeti, which he had captured in Tibet, and ran into some customs jobsworth, who decided that because some journalist had called the creature a "Snowman", he needed an expert opinion on whether he should be asking the alleged "man" for a passport.

It was about then that I realized why we have a public sector and quangos – to give people like that a place to go during the day when people doing a proper job are getting to grips with the real world.

Being put first 27th February 2014

One of the staff reports that his uncle has received an offer from the Nationwide (on your side) of a bank account, for which he will have the privilege of paying £10/month. For his £120/year, he will get UK and European breakdown cover (he doesn't have a car), and worldwide mobile phone and family travel insurance (he doesn't have a passport).

He'll also be able to earn £74/year interest if he has a credit balance of at least £2,500, but nothing on anything in excess of £2,500. And commission-free access to ATMs abroad (he doesn't have a passport). All for £10/month. To my amazement, Uncle Bob seems able to resist this opportunity to give money to the Nationwide.

Death & Dishonour 27th February 2014

"Killing A Man? It's No Big Deal", yells the Daily Disaster. Well, let's qualify that. If the man is killed by a terrorist, no, it isn't. But if the man is killed by someone employed by the British government and paid by the taxpayer, then that

someone is fair game for persecution, like the troops caught up in the IRA's Bloody Sunday and the troops sent to Iraq & Afghanistan.

Labour's Paedophile Pals Explained 28th February 2014

Labour knows that most normal people don't buy its brand of tax & waste and phoney class war, so the party is always desperate for votes from minorities, no matter how repellent. Just as the Blair regime was ready to wreck the economy, again, by promoting unrestricted migration of benefits clients in the interests of keeping New Labour in power, so the activists in the doomed Callaghan era were prepared to go to any lengths, and any extremes, to cling to power.

What is Ed Miliband for?

1st March 2014

His life is funded by the taxpayer. What does the taxpayer get in return? Does he contribute more to the wealth of the nation than the average benefits scrounger? A whole lot less, is the reality. He depresses share prices, doing damage to the incomes of pension funds and those dependent on them, with his unrealistic promises about the Marxist paradise he'd create if put into Downing Street. The damage done when he was in government helped to double energy prices and helps the power companies and the government to steal from everyone in the land. The inescapable conclusion is that making Miliband work for his living in a job that doesn't involve sponging on the taxpayer would be in the national interest.

Some good news at last!

Isn't it great about the 1994 Treaty of Budapest, which we signed with Russia, the US and Ukraine to guarantee the

security of Ukraine's borders? It means we can get into another foreign war if the Putinites invade Ukraine. And there I was, thinking we would run out of wars when we get out of the rotten Karzai that is Afghanistan.

Spot the difference 2nd March 2014

It's Sunday and we had a toast-testing breakfast today. Our kitchen guru wanted to know if we could spot the difference between Warburton's seeded batch (5 seeds, high fibre) and Allinson's wholemeal topped out with oat bran. I was a bit sceptical at first but I had to concede the guru's point. The Warburton's toast was crumbly and skeletal and the Allinson, which got my vote, held together a lot better and was much more satisfying scoff. The guru thinks the Warburton's bread has a higher water content, which is why the toast produced is less substantial.

Philosophy Bites No. 1 3rd March 2014

A few hundred years ago, the Spanish Inquisition and other Catholic institutes were burning people alive to intimidate the rest of the population into doing what the Church ordered. In the current era, we have faux Islamists committing mass murder for much the same reason. So is it any wonder that more and more people are choosing to have nothing at all to do with religion in any form? Not really. Different "faith", same story.

The school run is killing planet? Really? 3rd March 2014

Just how stupid do the global warming fraudsters think we are? Their case fell to bits when real scientists pointed out that world temperatures haven't gone up since 1998, even though the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has continued to increase. But you still get gangs of them coming

out with ridiculous scares like this one. This particular lot are a charity – which must be really desperate for publicity, not to mention cash from the poor old taxpayer, if it has to resort to crap like this.

"Sustainable" explained 4th March 2014

If something is described as "sustainable", what does that mean?

First and foremost, it will be overprized and terrible value for money. But hey, you're saving the planet from an imaginary doom and only a cheapskate wouldn't be prepared to pay over the odds for that privilege.

No. 2: The quality will be terrible. Why? Because saving the planet will involve some personal discomfort – like having to put up with shoddy, overpriced goods in the name of duty to the ecosystem.

No. 3: The quantity will be niggardly, but you can always put your hand back into your pocket if there isn't enough.

No. 4: You will probably have paid for it already. Sustainability is a magnet for taxpayer-funded subsidies, either directly from the fluffier parts of the government or via its even fluffier quangos.

Eventually, they always let you down 5th March 2014

There has been quite a fuzzy feel-good feeling about the Pick channel on TV, thanks to its policy of showing science fiction in the early evening. But the people running it have turned out to be idiots, just like the morons running other channels. The fans of Stargate SG-1 got part 2 of a 2-parter last night without having seen part 1. Because SG-1 was bumped on Monday for a programme about this winter's floods, which was mainly a platform for Global Warming Fraudsters. So back to the box set for a catch-up.

The urge to waste taxpayers' cash is irresistible 6th March 2014

I see that the Global Warming Fraudsters are still pretending that carbon capture is a realistic option for greening the planet.

It strikes me that one thing you can be sure of is that if anyone does start bagging carbon dioxide in abandoned undersea oil wells, some clown is bound to push the wrong button and let zillions of tons escape to turn the North Sea into a giant bath of fizzy water.

And oh, what a good time the catastrophists will have. Even after everyone realizes that nothing dreadful happened in the wake of this planet-dooming event.

Time to stop Twitting, Dave! 7th March 2014

It's a measure of the intrinsic insolation from reality of politicians that Dave the Leader will carry on sending out inane messages on Twitter after the derision he got from the picture of himself on the phone looking dead serious as he talked to Baraco Barmer (or whatever his name is).

Beware the P-words

8th March 2014

Most people know that some sort of swindle or bamboozlement is on the way when they hear many words beginning with "pro", like proactive and progressive. The same applies to "post".

Thus we now have post-normal science in the field of climate research, which explains why the tried and tested Scientific Method and the truth have been abandoned by many of the "experts" in favour of pushing gut feelings and outright data-fiddling (Climategate at the University of East Anglia springs to mind) in the name of perpetuating the Great Global Warming Swindle.

And wasting trillions of pounds whilst stealing the present of today's taxpayers and the future of their descendants.

Dignity in politics 8th March 2014

Although I would never favour bloating the public sector with more non-jobs, I feel the time has come to appoint an official shadow for both the prime monster and the leader of the opposition. The job of the shadow would be to deliver a swift slap to the face when Cameron or Miliband gets an impulse to indulge in a derision-creating photo-opportunity.

Only when our top politicians start behaving like responsible adults will we have any hope of getting competent people in these jobs.

Just a thought . . . 8th March 2014

... but wouldn't it be a good idea to make anti-frackers and other disruptive protesters legally responsible for the cost of policing their activities? There is no earthly reason why the taxpayer should foot the bill for their fun.

Where there's corruption, there's a cover-up 8th March 2014

In the wake of the current shame associated with the undercover activities of the Metropolitan police, journalists have made the point that no police force will ever be free of corrupt officers.

Maybe they should go on to point out that the present government's back-door ban on coppers talking to the Press, post Leveson, is part of a strategy to prevent corruption from being exposed so that the government of the day can pretend that there is none.

Don't mention the B-word

9th March 2014

Barclays Bank has attracted a deal of derision from its customers following a directive not to show news programmes on TVs in its branches in case the customers are confronted with details of how many billions of pounds are going in bonuses to mega-rich bankers who don't deserve them!

Beware the P-words II

9th March 2014

Under the post-modern umbrella, it is okay to express an opinion, and present it as something authoritative and to be respected, about something which the opinionated person can't be bothered to read or study to take in the details. This is the M.O. of the instant expert, and the front-persons of nutty cults and protest movements.

Leading? Up the garden path only.

9th March 2014

"The EU has led the way on combatting climate change," sez Plaid Cymru MEP Jill Evans. So what has it achieved, apart from wasting a hell of a lot of taxpayers' money? It didn't do anything for the flood victims in Somerset and the Thames Valley, that's for sure.

Simple logic, really

9th March 2014

If the government's tax and benefit changes have "hit" women 4x harder than men, that just goes to show what a rotten deal men were getting under the older systems, despite all New Labour's BS about equality.

Consequence consciousness training 10th March 2014

Here's a thought – every EU jobsworth who was involved in deciding that Somerset should be flooded in the name of wildlife and biodiversity should be made to live in a flooded house, and left to his/her own devices, for a month to see how it feels.

The language of Europe 10th March 2014

Words & phrases most associated with the EU and its institutions: waste, corruption, lack of expertise, cronyism, homogenization to a grey sludge, lack of relevant experience, pointless meddling, lack of competence, mission creep, censorship, back-door federalism.

Consensus? Nonsensus!

Once upon a time, there was a consensus that everything in the universe; the Sun, the Moon, the planets, the stars; revolves around the Earth. And the party line was enforced by some quite frightful sanctions including murder by the State or the Church. The consensus crumbled, like the one about the flat Earth, when science chipped away at the foundations and proved that the notion has no scientific basis.

Anthropogenic Global Warming, or climate engineering by pretending to be able to mess about with the atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration, has no solid, science-based foundation. Because, if it did have one, the Global Warming Fraudsters wouldn't have to rely on their consensus.

Which is something that belongs in the sleazy world of politics, not one concerned with the truth, as science used to be before the Global Warming Fraudsters and their like started stealing trillions of pounds/dollars/euros from the

world's taxpayers. With the willing connivance of the politicians who are getting a share of it; either directly or in kind

> No change 12th March 2014

Do I have a sudden fuzzy feeling about trade union boss Bob Crow now that he's dead? No, I still think he was doing nicely out of screwing cash out of the travelling public for members who don't deserve it. Let us just hope that his council house doesn't go to another caviar communist union boss, who's paid more than the prime minister, but who feels entitled to scrounge from the Council Tax payers of the area.

> Just a hit & run job? 12th March 2014

Do big firms ever check what people are saying on their FaceBuk page? I notice that AMD is getting regular complaints from some guy whose laptop has a video system made by them, which keeps falling over, leaving the laptop unuseable - just like the one I junked last month. And someone else has put a posting containing the f-word there. Maybe they just don't care.

Anything going free will be exploited; and not just by cynical politicians 13th March 2014

This could be a statement of the bleedin' obvious, but could the eagerness of the people to go to food banks be something to do with the fact that there is free food on offer rather than the leftie luvvie BS about benefit cuts? And that some customers, if they don't have to spend cash on food, are spending it on booze, drugs and riotous living? Just a thought.

Time warp
13th March 2014

Looking out of the bedroom window at this foggy morning, I couldn't help but wonder if we'd fast-forwarded to November. Which would mean either another freezing winter or a mild, wet one. And, of course, the exact opposite of what the Met Office had predicted.

The Benn Rebuttal 14th March 2014

Towering figure of British politics? Weirder of the leftie looney weirdos, more like, in the case of the name-shrinking Tony Benn.

Value for money 14th March 2014

To all the charities which want me to give them 2 or 3 quid every month – how many hundreds of thousands of 2-quids (or 3-quids) does it take to pay the wages of your top management? And what do they do to merit a salary higher than the prime minister's?

Labour's noisy legacy 15th March 2014

Long enough ago to have recycled it, we got a leaflet warning us that the local operators of the national grid would be doing trial voltage reductions to find out how much they can get away with when demand is high.

This is because when Labour was in government, they shut down coal-fired power stations, having bought into the Great Global Warming Fraud, and didn't put an effective substitute in place.

Yesterday, I became aware of a very distant racket. Ah, yes, I was told by various members of the Mansion's staff, it's the burglar alarms. Apparently, voltage reductions have the same

effect as a power cut and the more sensitive burglar alarms go off. Lots of them. So that's something else we have to thank New Labour for – lots of noise pollution to come when there isn't enough power available to meet the demand.

Reflection on flight MH370

Hi-jack an airliner and kill yourself by crashing it into a tall building, and you'll get to spend all eternity in an afterlife of abstinence with 78 virgins. Oh, you didn't know they had to stay virgins? Sucker!

Daveingenuous 16th March 2014

Our fearless leader sez it would not be very smart negotiating tactics to tell the EU what he wants at the start of his "negotiations" toward rolling back control by Brussels.

What he means is he doesn't want anyone to know what he plans to ask for so that anything he does manage to get (if anything) can be presented as a great triumph for his negotiating skills.

Except, that all this talk of negotiating is just smoke & mirrors, which will never happen.

But M'sieu! 17th March 2014

I discovered quite a good way to put a certain class of French bloke in his place at the weekend. He was strangely upset by my description of the French Revolution as mass murder by a gang of psychopaths (some of whom shared the fate of their victims), which unleashed on an unsuspecting world, France's prototype of Adolf Hitler: the Little Corporal, a.k.a. Napoleon Bonaparte.

Does the kleptocrat have a point?

18th March 2014

Vlad the Terrible Putin reckons that Crimea has always been Russian. Stalin certainly did his bit for the cause by murdering most of the inhabitants and filling the place up with Sovyetskis.

Watch the nose grow!

Isn't it strange how much trouble politicians have with the first rule of messing with the truth. You'd think that someone who considers reality to be entirely fluid would know that if you're going to lie to the people, it's always a good idea to give them something they could believe. So when Dave the Leader denies he ever said he wanted to be the "heir to Blair", it's a bullet in the foot every time – not to mention everyone thinking he's just like Tony B. Liar.

Not a trivial difference 20th March 2014

Industry "experts" reckon that changing coin collectors to accept the new 12-sided £1 coins will cost £100 million. The Royal Mint reckons £15-20 million. So it looks like the customers are going to be ripped off something awful and someone expects to stroll off with £80-85 million.

Little John nails it 21st March 2014

Why is the government making the new £1 coins 12-sided? R. Littlejohn of the *Daily Disaster* makes the point that the old 3d bits were easy to identify during the blackouts of WW II. And the same will apply to the new pound coins when the Green Crap Tendency in the nation's political parties puts the lights

out in 2017.

Who can be trusted more?

21st March 2014

The Labour lot are moaning that people can't be trusted to manage their own pension pot after the Chancellor abolished compulsory annuities, which are currently a rip-off, in the Budget.

This is the same Labour lot which stood idly by while Gordon Brown, and his understrapper Eddie Balls, stole the nation's private pensions and buggered up the banking system and the economy by not regulating the banks and spending every cent Brown could tax or borrow.

What has the EU ever done for me?

22nd March 2014

I have a tin of paint which has "brilliant white" on the label. Only the contents are now canary yellow because the EU messed about with the solvent formulation. That's what the EU means to me: pointless meddling which always makes things worse.

Industry own goal 23rd March 2014

How strange that sugar should have turned bread into public enemy No. 1. Here at the mansion, our bread provider puts a bit of sugar into the yeast to get it started, but that's all that goes into the recipe.

The rest is just flour and water and a spot of secret (nonsugar) ingredient. And the end product is met with universal approval.

Meeja puff 'n' fluff 24th March 2014

Does anyone in the real world give a rat's ass about the Tory beer 'n' bingo posters? Would anyone in the real world have seen them if the news meeja hadn't gone into a faux frenzy? The answer to both questions has to be a resounding nogative!

No kidding? 25th March 2014

The things people get a research grant for! Like finding that if people are happy at their work, they are more productive. Well, who'd have thunk it! Still, I suppose doing the "research" kept a gang of people at the University of Warwick in biscuits for a while. And kept them off the streets.

Not the sort of expert you'd want 27th March 2014

Just a thought, but should someone with a personal record as stained as that of K. Vaz, MP, be pontificating about police corruption?

He's not exactly a paragon of openness and honesty himself, as his suspension from the House of Commons and sundry other brushes with authority confirm.

Funny? Weird, more like! 29th March 2014

They do say it's a funny old world, but some things go way beyond peculiar. Which was my reaction to finding out that the UN made that financial genius Gordon Brown a special envoy on global education sometime in the past.

What does he know about global anything? Unless it's global destruction of economies. Let us hope he's doing it for

free and not copping for British taxpayers' cash for this latest bout of posturing.

Will the lights to out at the Mansion? 29th March 2014

It seems that we're all being encouraged to switch our lights off for an hour at 8:30 p.m. tonight and stumble around in semi-darkness to celebrate the Great Global Warming Fraud. Apparently, it's a daft idea imported from Australia rather than the United States. Naturally, the WWFforN is involved. No doubt they've tagged on a request for a direct debit @ 4 quid per month.

Another one at it 30th March 2014

Since when did dr. Williams, the former archbishop of Canterbury, become an expert on climate change? Since he started working for a charity which sees an opportunity to make some cash out of the Great Global Warming Fraud. And there's also the chance to get himself noticed with some hair-shirty, "blame the rich West lifestyle" garbage.

Yet another one at it 31th March 2014

The Coalition's Liberal (with the taxpayer's money) Global Warming Minister, E. Davey, has been trying to sex up the latest report from the UN's Independent Panel on Climate Change to justify stealing from the taxpayer with bogus green taxes. Meanwhile, some British experts think the report as it stands is too "apocalyptic" and they are having their names removed from it. Maybe there is some hope for the state of scientific research in Britain if there are people still around who can tell the difference between science and politics.

Got is sussed?

1st April 2014

Regular readers of the *Daily Disaster* can be forgiven for thinking that the spirit of April Fool's Day thrives the year round, particularly when "studies" are offered for our amusement. So when I read that 5 a day isn't enough for me to live forever, I should be eating 7, 10 or even 13 portions of fruit & veg. every day, the Foolometer chunked into action. But it got excited again when I read that statins have the same effect as Viagra. And kept on chunking as I progressed through today's paper.

Slippery slope 4th April 2014

There has been some disquiet expressed over the suggestion that the alleged actress, who thinks the BBC should pay her a million pounds because Jeremy Clarkson said the word "slope", should receive some extreme violence as a form of aversion therapy. But the fact remains that the only way to rid people of the scrounger mentality is to let them know in no uncertain terms that life will be very uncomfortable for them until they grow up and start behaving like members of the species homo sapiens instead of the sub-human homo compensatsiensis.

Don't call us 5th April 2014

Ever since the Blair Experience, it has become routine to expect that most Cabinet ministers will be unfit for purpose. The antics of expenses abuser Maria Miller just help to confirm that further. And it doesn't say much about David Cameron's judgement that he hasn't told her to go and spend more time with her one point two million quid profit from the "second home" for her parents. (Are they now homeless, if she's sold it?)

Save yourself, but what about the world?

7th April 2014

Another of these wonderful studies reckons that having baked beans every day will protect people from heart disease and the effects of bad cholesterol. But what about the methane production and global warming? Yet another case of a sad lack of joined-up thinking!

New track, decent racing

7th April 2014

Yesterday's Grand Prix in Bahrain just underlined the need for getting rid of the old tracks in Formula One. Places like Monaco, which are supposed to be full of glamour, have few overtaking points and tend to be a dull procession with occasional crashes into the wall. But the guys can get stuck in on the new tracks, which are built for a spectacle.

Gone to be forgotten

9th April 2014

Will anyone remember there was a culture secretary called Miller in a few months from now? It's unlikely. Neither will anyone remember that Dave the Leader tried to apply the New Labour rule that no government minister can be guilty of a hanging offence, no matter how blatantly the crime was committed. So it goes.

Wasting money? Must be the EU.

10th April 2014

Yet another reason for getting the hell out of the EU: everyone is going to have to replace their vehicle licence plates with an EU approved design – and all in the name of putting an EU flag on the licence plate to gratify the egos of the eurocrat wastrels. Time, gentlemen, please!

The dignity of Parliament? Joke!

11th April 2014

Anyone surprised to hear that the House of Commons is full of drunks and sex-maniacs? It does confirm what the nation thinks of our Westminster Wonders – they're paid too much and they have too little useful to do that they have more than enough time for mischief.

This mob is running the country?

12th April 2014

Drunks, paedophiles and homosexual molesters – inhabitants of Her Majesty's prisons? No, freeloaders at the House of Commons with the full protection of the Establishment, including MI5. We are forever being told that the majority of MPs are honest, decent people. So why don't they refuse to tolerate the bad eggs instead of handing them knighthoods and peerages?

Who organized this shambles?

13th April 2014

I've just found out that the next total lunar eclipse, on April 15th, will miss us. Same with the one in October. And the year's two partial solar eclipses will be similar dead losses, as far as the UK is concerned. Oh, well. No doubt it will be on the internet.

Wallowing in wheels!

14th April 2014

Motor sports fans had a real treat yesterday – the full MotoGP programme, featuring the Moto3, Moto2 and the main class, then the Indy car race around a street circuit @ Long Beach in California. And weren't they please when the whingeing Aussie didn't win and British driver Mike Conway held on to the lead to the finish.

By the way 15th April 2014

In case anyone is interested, my tech guy ran into the young lad who had the benefit of the Lenovo laptop with Windows 8.1 and the AMD display hardware and software, which kept crashing all over the place. Apparently, the crashes keep happening in clusters but as the kid got the laptop for nothing, he's prepared to put up with them and wait for it to get over its indigestion. But when he's saved up enough for a superduper computer system, he's certain that he won't get it from Lenovo and it won't have anything from AMD in it!

By another way 15th April 2014

That Lunar eclipse this morning: I got up early to watch it on the NASA website and there was a lot of disbelief floating around. I've seen actual eclipses in Britain and the moon doesn't go red like that as seen by the human eyeball. Which just confirms my suspicion that all the pictures in the newspapers the next day are taken with some sort of filter which enhances the red to create a pretty but unrealistic picture. And NASA had them on its telescope.

United Nation waste of money 16th April 2014

Not only is the government wasting money on overseas aid – over £3 billion went to organizations with a track record for wasting cash in the last 4 years – our beloved Coalition is also handing the UN far too much money. As a result, we get bossy wimmin like Mrs. Manjoo from South Africa junketing here at our expense, then telling us we have the most sexist country in the world. Not to mention the softest touch for scroungers and people with non-jobs, like her.

The living down to expectations

17th April 2014

An interesting story in the Daily Disaster this morning: a jobsworth on a local council banned an annual Easter Passion Play because he didn't spot the religious connection and thought it was some sort of sex show. Interestingly, the DD let its readers know that the council involved; Oxford; is run by Labour.

Which carries the implication that someone liable to make this sort of stupid mistake would need a Labour council in power in order to be put in charge of the licencing depart-

Blood Moon! Panic!!

18th April 2014

Tuesday's total eclipse of the Moon was the first of four; all total and unbroken by any partial eclipses. Surprise! Even though 4 in a row has happened 62 times in the last 2,000 years, the world's catastrophists are busy claiming that after the 4th, which will take place on September 15th next year and be visible from Britain, the World Will End.

Just like it did when the Mayan calendar ran out in December 2012 and started another cycle.

> Shock, horror! 19th April 2014

Oh, no! Easter eggs are about to become a thing of the past because the Chinese have taken a liking to chocolate and the world can't produce enough to satisfy their demand.

No, nothing is sacred 19th April 2014

If the government can prepare to sell details gathered by the NHS about the population, it comes as no surprise that HM Revenue & Customs is planning to do the same with its data. One wonders only what will be next.

Finally, some good news 21st April 2014

So we can drink a bottle of wine a day, or 6 pints, and not drop dead at an early age? Tell us something we didn't know. I noticed that the anti-booze lobby is calling the ex-WHO doctor's news "unhelpful" – meaning it's not helping the miserable bunch to spread doom and gloom. Shame!

Won't make much difference, really!

24th April 2014

It was amusing to read that Tracy, the "former model", who claimed that she was a prisoner in her own home whilst junketing on falsely claimed benefits, has been sent to gaol. Being locked up in a little cell should be no hardship for a self-professed agoraphobic. In fact, she should be made to pay for the privilege.

British non-Broadcasting Corporation 24th April 2014

It really sums up everything that's wrong with the BBC if it feels that the public will be satisfied with dramas which offer lovely pictures but mumbling actors. "Okay, you can't follow the plot, but who cares as long as it looks good?" is their attitude. "And if you really want to know the plot, go and read the book."

Time to call them what they are 25th April 2014

What do you call members of the public who rampage around with guns and take over government buildings? In this

country, they would be called criminals and/or terrorists. In Ukraine, though, they are just "pro-Moscow separatists", which makes them sound almost harmless.

Maybe the world should be asking where these characters got their guns from in the first place and why they are being allowed to keep them if they are not legitimate members of the Ukrainian security forces.

BT Sport: just a bunch of cowboys 28th April 2014

It's strange that BT has spent zillions of pounds on buying up the rights to sporting events but they lack the nous to put in place something as obvious as a continuity announcer to keep the customers informed. Thus when the Indy car programme failed to start at 8 p.m. last night, there was a lot of heckling of the pointless self-promos and irrelevant interviews that were shown instead.

It looks like there's just some bloke in a control room, playing bits of tape and switching in live feeds, and there's no one there to tell the customers why the schedule has gone haywire.

It would appear that the suits at BT are used to pigging it up in the hospitality tent but they have no idea how the day-to-day basics of TV should work, and they don't have the sense to hire people who know how to run a TV channel.

Originality: not BT Sport's strong suit! 28th April 2014

Has anyone else noticed that the BT Sport F.A. Cup self-promo is a Chinese copy of one of their payday loan adverts? Clearly, going for something new is something that BT Sport doesn't do.

Good Story! 30th April 2014

What will they come up with next! Apparently, thanks to global warming, rivers in the south of England are now warm enough to keep flesh-eating piranha fish alive. Which means that anyone caught in another round of floods has something else to watch out for; being eaten alive whilst wading about in their garden.

A+ for use of technology! 2nd May 2014

I was intrigued by the story that French spies could be using Youtube videos to pass on short, coded messages. It certainly sounds like a great idea!

0/10 for diplomacy 2nd May 2014

It will be interesting to hear what Alex Salmond will pretend that he really meant when he called the Scots a nation of drunks as his excuse for upping the price of alcohol. He also seems to be an admirer of the kleptocrat V. Putin, which suggests that he might start making territorial claims south of the border if he does get to be president of an independent Scotland. His only problem will be that he won't have the firepower to back them up.

Best story of the week 3th May 2014

It's the one about the Indian government deciding that election results would come in quicker if they abandoned paper ballots and started using electronic voting machines, as they do in the United States. But when they started getting the machines out of storage for their last lot of elections, they found that rats had been chewing the wiring and the machines were useless.

Muck-Rakers really to blame, not Clarkson 4th May 2014

To be accurate, Mr. Clarkson didn't cause offence by mumbling *nigger* in an out-take. Any offence, real or contrived, has to be down to the leftie creeps who dug the out-take out of the waste bin and waved it around. So the creeps should be the ones due to apologize whilst spending a day in the pillory, being bombarded by all sorts of unpleasant stuff, not Mr. Clarkson.

It's a fair question 5th May 2014

Where did "pro-Russian demonstrators" get surface to air missiles to shoot down Ukrainian military helicopters if not from the Russian government? Or some similar source of terrorist supplies?

> Elastic morals 5th May 2014

Religion Red Ed Miliband style – "I don't believe in God, but I'll say that I do if there are any votes to be had." Is this what they used to call pragmatic politics?

Vested Interest 7th May 2014

GPs are going to be voting on whether NHS patients should pay even more for an appointment with them. What next? Convicts voting on whether they should be kept in gaol?

It's only taxpayers' cash going down the drain 8th May 2014

A primary school headmaster in south London is being paid the best part of a quarter of a million quid per year. What sort of value for money is that? Everyone involved in deciding to pay him that much deserves the sack, but it's the public sector, of course, where all sense of responsibility evaporates in record time.

Bonkers Haram

8th May 2014

Just a thought, but how come Al Kaida and the other extreme Islamists haven't declared Jihad on the Boko Haram bunch in Nigeria, whose leader is planning to sell schoolgirls as sex slaves because he thinks Allah will be cool with that. Or are they happy with what he's doing in the name of Islam?

Horrible Humbug

10th May 2014

You have to laugh at distance the lunatic left will go to be offended. The latest cause for alarm is a pack of Arial washing powder, which offers 83 washes plus 5 bonus washes for a total of 88. What's wrong with displaying that number prominently on the packet? Well, as H is the 8th letter of the alphabet, 88 translates to HH, which stands for Heil Hitler – as well as Horrible Humbug and lots of other things. And the looney lefties want it banned for this reason.

• Using the same rule, anything with the number 18 should be banned, because that stands for AH or Adolf Hitler, and also 46 – DF or Der Führer, which is bad news for MotoGP rider and multiple champion Valentino Rossi, as that number is famously his.

This is the Europe we know and love!!

11th May 2014

A bearded drag queen from Austria has won this year's competition to find a Song for Europe. And today's papers are referring to him as "her" and "she".

No escape from coke 12th May 2014

"What recession?" I ask if cocaine consumption is so high that drinking water is full of the break-down products of this drug – what's left after it has passed through the human body, which is not a nice thought! And it's all over our banknotes. Not to mention the House of Commons, which is a sure sign that MPs and their staff are being paid way too much.

Oh, no! They got it wrong! 13th May 2014

I have a stock room full of red wine and dark chocolate, having been assured that the antioxidants in them will let me live forever. But suddenly, some bunch of killjoys in Baltimore is trying to tell me the "research" which promised so much got it wrong.

But what's the betting that someone else will "prove" that the gang in Baltimore are talking through their hats? In the meantime, I shall carry on with the red wine and chocolate and ignore the killjoys.

Poor old Mr. Farage! 16th May 2014

He's got the usual suspects really worried if they have to resort to sleaze, personal attacks and digging out every member of his party who says something slightly unfortunate, rather than facing up to the issues of the election. Still, he has the consolation that it's a sign that his party will do really well before sinking back down to the horizon next year.

Forgotten at a price 16th May 2014

The Euro Court of Justice might have invented a 'uman right to be forgotten but it has no powers to make that right come for free. So maybe the search engine companies should let the bent politicians, the paedophiles, the crooks and the other bad guys wanting to whitewash their past that they will have to pay through the nose for the privilege. It won't stop them but it might slow them down a bit.

You can prove anything you like with a good "study" 16th May 2014

Okay, so messing about on the internet drives kids nuts, according to the latest study. What's the betting there will be another along in a while saying this one got things 100% wrong? The way the "eat dark chocolate and drink red wine to live forever" study was grotted all over this month.

So what if they have? 20th May 2014

We are informed that "NASA chiefs have said that sending a manned mission to Mars is 'necessary if the human race is to survive'." We've also been told that building vast numbers of windmills and taxing carbon dioxide is equally necessary. Just because someone with a vested interest says something, that don't make it so.

Here's another one 20th May 2014

A "study" has concluded that Axl Rose is the greatest vocalist of all time because he has the greatest vocal range. Except, greatness is about what you do with it rather than how big it is. Yes, Guns N' Roses have done a lot of good stuff with Axl

fronting them but if your starting point is rubbish, that's what the outcome has to be.

Lifestyle Issue 21st May 2014

How degenerate is it to put good red wine on Irish Whisky Cake from Aldi? Terribly? Not much? Or: Who doesn't?

Ignorance or something you don't need to know? 21st May 2014

Is it possible to feel sympathy for Red Ed Milipede in one small area? Yes, is it. The consensus among the staff at the Mansion is that real people buy stuff when they need it and they don't add up what they've spent at the end of the week, or try to work out a weekly average from a month's receipts (assuming they have them for everything). Not knowing what you spend per week, as long as it's less than what's coming in, is perfectly normal.

Well done, Prince Chazzer! 22nd May 2014

You can tell how guilty the conscience is from the extent of unreasonableness in the response. So His Putinness's over-reaction to Prince Charles comparing his infiltration tactics in Ukraine to those used by Mr. Hitler tells its own story. The truth hurts, and it really hurts a character who ended up with \$40 billion of his country's assets somehow.

Some good news at last 23rd May 2014

Research in Spain has found that red wine can kill off acidforming bacteria on teeth. So that's a pleasant alternative to toothpaste available to vinophiles.

Hype rulz, OK! 24th May 2014

One minute, we're being told there's enough oil under the south of England to keep us going forever. Then the dream is shattered and it was all sordid exaggeration. Oh, well. C'est la stinking vie.

Not the whole hog? 25th May 2014

What was Red Ed Milibandit doing, showing the nation that he has no idea how to tackle a bacon butty? Isn't he supposed to be Jewish or something? Which means he should be religiously prohibited from eating bacon. Or is he like Jonathan Miller: Jew-ish, not the whole hog? Or only Jewish when it suits him, like a typical bloody politician.

Euro-election musings 27th May 2014

How interesting! The BNP expects its defectors to return when they find UKIP not radical enough for them. The same way the Tories expect their defectors to come back from UKIP. Meanwhile, the current masthead slogan of BlackFlag News is: "You're never too old to believe something stupid".

Which explains why people are still voting for Labour, evidently in the belief that they won't screw up the economy again if they get into power again.

Wrong again, Ed. 28th May 2014

Ed "weird joke" Miliband thinks that Eurosceptic parties have no actual solutions to the problems of the 21st century. Giving people a comfortable alternative to voting Labour is a pretty good solution IMNSHO.

It's what they do! 29th May 2014

Is anyone really surprised that the Liberals are as nasty as any other party? C'mon, man! They're politicians. Nasty, backstabbing, grabbing and all the other stuff is what they do naturally.

Interesting, if true 30th May 2014

Would you believe that parents having plastic surgery and/or Botox injections prevents their offspring from empathizing with them? It makes a sort of sense, I suppose. A kid should be able to count on knowing that his/her parent looks like, and they deserve to be brought up by human beings, not expressionless robots.

Try hard enough and you can "prove" anything 30th May 2014

Today's wonderful study in the *Daily Disaster* warns us that sleeping in a room with thin curtains will make us fat. If you're exposed to too much light during the night, your waist measurement and your body mass index both shoot up. Well, who'd have thunk it!

You know you've got it right when . . . 2nd June 2014

... Tony Blair starts pointing a finger at you. The sacked exprime minister, who flooded the country with foreign migrants in an attempt to rig the voting system permanently in Labour's favour, is trying to do a knocking job on Nigel Farage, the leader of UKIP. Which amounts to an endorsement in the eyes of most people!

Another wonderful study . . .

3rd June 2014

. . . has found that if a hurricane gets a female name, then people will assume it's less harmful than one with a male name, and they'll be more likely to try to ignore it and get themselves killed!

Gordon's new job? 4th June 2014

The European Commission, which gave us (and cost us) the disaster of the eurozone, where there is stagnation and Japanese-style deflation is predicted, has taken it upon itself to offer our Chancellor some free advice on running the economy (into the ground), including instructions to raise taxes.

Has Gordon Brown retired there, by any chance?

Daft stories of the day

5th June 2014

No. 1 comes from Tenerife, where a bloke dressed up in a gorilla suit to test the zoo's gorilla escape plan was shot with a tranquillizer dart by a vet who hadn't been told about the drill. No. 2 comes from New Jersey, where "experts" reckon they can substitute "free-form gestures" (a.k.a. finger-painting) for a password on touch-screens but don't explain how anyone is going to remember them.

No. 3 comes from Ciampino Airport near Rome, where someone left the handbrake off on a Ryanair 737 and it rolled back to a crash with a garage for a fire engine.

Some "experts" are saying the £200K damage to the tail will be enough to justify writing off a £72 million aircraft. What planet are they from!!??

Where he went wrong

6th June 2014

President O'Bummer is getting a lot of stick for swapping one sergeant, who's being accused of being a deserter, for five hotshot Taliban terrorists. What he should have done, of course, if give the departing terrorists a tea party, at which they were served some of the polonium tea that the Putinocracy used to murder Alexandr Litvinyenko.

Thanks a bunch!

7th June 2014

A fortnight's rain (reduced from yesterday's month's rain) in an hour thanks to hot air leaking over from the Continent? Will we ever get anything worth having out of the festering swamp that is Europe?

How long before it's everyone?

9th June 2014

The Russian death toll from World War II keeps going up and up. It was 26 million last week. But this week's *Mckay the Noo* column in the *Daily Mail* puts it at 28 million. How much will it be next week? That's anyone's guess. But the one thing that won't change is that the size of the death toll was as much to do with Stalin's lack of concern for the lives of his cannon fodder as the killing efficiency of Hitler's war machine.

Speedy amnesia

10th June 2014

There's nothing like a separation of a couple of years to increase a politician's loss of contact with reality. Which is probably the reason why Gordon Brown is now claiming that he didn't wreck Britain's economy with his reckless spending

and leave us hugely in debt. It was a global problem, he reckons, hoping to cast the blame in the direction of global warming.

Zombie myths not busted

10th June 2014

The Mythbusters special on zombies was the usual fascinating viewing, but they are due for a shower of emails in response. They established that an axe is twice as effective for slaying zombies by destroying their heads, but as Adam & Jamie both ended up equally dead, the difference was academic. Same with the barn door myth. Jamie "nailed the crap" out of it with every spare bit of wood to hand, and kept Adam and his 100-strong zombie gang out, but they didn't even consider what the gang could have done to the walls of the 150-year-old barn.

Immovable Object?

11th June 2014

Do the people who want to see Blatter gone from FIFA have the votes to get rid of him? I suppose it all depends how effective the bribery has been!

Least likely explanation of all time

12th June 2014

It seems the "crisis, wot crisis" as the nation's passport offices is all down to the government not doing an advertising campaign in March to tell people to get their passport applications in early in the summer, and the population being too thick to realize that it is the experience of decades that they need to get passport applications in early in the summer because there's a Noahdic flood of them at that time of year.

It's all in the description

13th June 2014

The Japanese ref for the World Cup opener was "almost certainly useless, not corrupt", which makes the swindle Croatia had to put up with okay.

It's official! 14th June 2014

The evidence from the early matches is that all of the refs picked for the World Cup are rubbish, not just the guy picked for the opener. Either that, or they're giving all the weak links a run out in the first round and reserving the ones who know what they're doing for the later rounds.

Oh, well. 15th June 2014

It's the England we know and love. Crap at the back with a defence full of holes and guys asleep at the wheel. They boy Wayne made the first goal then did nothing, so he should have been taken off at half time. Brigadier Gerrard did nothing, too. What we need are the young, keen players, who might feel tempted to take the fight to the opposition instead of just cruising around.

Is the guy a genius? Nah 18th June 2014

Wow, gosh! Some guy has discovered an ancient way of cutting a cake. Instead of slicing triangular wedges, you should cut parallel lines either side of the centre, remove the almost square shape and push the rest together to stop the cake drying out. The genius admits that this applies only if the cake is iced. What he seems to have failed to notice, however, is putting an un-iced cake (or a conventionally sliced one for that matter) in a plastic bag and sealing the bag with a twister or a plastic clip also prevents the cake from drying out. But

that's probably too obvious a solution for our genius.

Not too credible 20th June 2014

If Suarez scored his goals against England only to get back at the FA for ticking him off when he behaved like a twat, then that has to be a strong contender for the Worst Whinge of the Year Award.

Worst Image of the World Cup 23rd June 2014

That wimpy Serbian ref going 30 yards to replace a corner flag ripped up by a stroppy Argie and not giving the spoilt brat a yellow card.

Boooo! 23th June 2014

Was Sepp Blatter booed when he dared to show himself at Belgium vs the Evil Empire? Well, he certainly was where I live!

The Way of the World Cup 23th June 2014

Hello! He's fallen down so I'd better fall over too to bamboozle the ref.

One mystery now solved! 25th June 2014

People have been asking whatever happened to Count Dracula. Now, the truth can be revealed. He's found himself a really effective sunblock cream and he's playing football for Uruguay under the name of Luis Suarez.

Shooting from the lip

25th June 2014

No sooner did Labour's darling Chunky Umunna call UKIP supporters ignorant as far as getting onto the internet was concerned than the Labour Facebook page was overloaded with derision. "Go like that and go wrong," as they used to say on Rowan & Martin's Laugh In.

England's Revenge!

27th June 2014

Suarez of Uruguay dared to bad-mouth England and our meeja in his alibis for resorting to cannibalism in the World Cup. And now, he's gone from football for 4 months. There's something for other stroppy and ungrateful foreigners to bear in mind.

Who Goes Home?

27th June 2014

It's interesting that the Latins; Italy, Portugal and over-rated Spain; crashed out of the World Cup with England despite having superstars in their ranks. Looks like getting them to perform to order is far from easy, even with the biggest prize in football at stake.

Rain? Panic!!!

29th June 2014

The Indy Car drivers really are clueless when things get a bit wet. Last night's race at Houston was a real hoot with drivers making ludicrous blunders.

Although, you have to feel sorry for the likes of Sato, an ex-GP driver, who was crashed out by an idiot rookie when he was doing superbly well.

Merkel's Man 30th June 2014

What they're saying about the president elect of the European Commission: "You have to catch him before noon because he's usually too drunk to think in the afternoon." And Mrs. Merkel and all the others who picked him as their stooge knew that. So what does it say about the quality of Europe's "leadership"?

Survival of the Luckiest

2nd July 2014

There seem to be no obviously better teams at this stage of the World Cup. It's the same script every time: one side gets lucky when both sides are getting too shagged out to move or think, and what went on in the first 90 or so minutes is totally irrelevant.

Really? No one? 6th July 2014

No one is above the law, says Dave the Leader as his ex-spin doctor is sent down for 18 months for phone hacking. Really? Jimmy Saville? Tony B. Liar? Cyril Smith? To name but three.

Everyone's getting in on the racket 6th July 2014

If everyone is entitled to their own firm of bogus lawyers, I'm having Poulson, Blair & Ponzi, Debt Adjusters.

What?? 6th July 2014

"You look rather tanned, have you been down a coal mine?" Is that a racist comment? Does it even make sense?

> Ain't goin' nowhere! 7th July 2014

It's amazing what sort of a tangle big companies can get themselves into through sheer ineptitude. Take Eurotunnel and Eurostar. One of their trains breaks down a mere 8 miles from the British coast and the whole system grinds to a halt because there's no plan for hauling a broken-down train out of the tunnel

> It has to be said! 9th July 2014

Brazil were so bad in their World Cup semi-final against Germany that even England could have beaten them last night.

> It also has to be said 9th July 2014

It comes as no surprise to learn that the politicians who are so desperate to take on the power to censor the news media are up to their necks in a cover-up of child abuse by Top People.

World Cup semi-final alibi 10th July 2014

The Dutch and the Argies are blaming their inability to find each other's goal on a failure of Brazil's notorious GPS system. Outraged Brazilians are now demanding to know why it wasn't switched off long before Germany put 7 goals past their team.

Phew, over at last 14th July 2014

If the World Cup final is still nil-nil after the 90 minutes will we switch off? As it happens, we didn't but we did decide that we definitely would switch off if it was still scoreless after extra time. A win by penalties is no way to settle the last gasp of anything. I don't think anyone was actually watching the screen when Germany scored their goal. But there are always replays. Lots of them.

Another Dave Disaster 16th July 2014

Michael Gove was one of the few Cabinet ministers doing a good job, and the only Education Minister prepared to stand up to teaching unions which think that turning out kids who can read, write, do sums and behave like reasonable human beings breaches their 'uman rights. So, naturally, he had to go to avoid further unfavourable comparisons with the clunkers. The only wonder is that IDS still has a place in the Cabinet.

Just how stupid do they think we are? 18th July 2014

The Russians are claiming that the Malaysian airliner, which was shot down by their stooges in eastern Ukraine using a Russian SAM, was in fact shot down by the Ukrainian government because they thought it was Putin's personal plane with Vlad the Awful on board.

Get out of gaol free in Brum 20th July 2014

Michael Gove is replaced as education minister and surprise! The teachers involved in the Islamist take-over plot in Birmingham are all going to keep their jobs. So that's another endorsement for Islamic racialism and social distortion. And no misconduct in office charges against the members of Birmingham council who ignored warnings about what was going on. How very, very cosy and New Labour.

He doth protest too much 20th July 2014

How do we know that Russians shot down the Malaysian airliner over Ukraine? From the hysterical quality of Putin's denials and the laughable lies coming from the regime.

Isn't it warm here? 23th July 2014

I've just been taking a short break in a cooler clime as relief from what the weather is doing to us in Britain. This really is quite an exceptionally warm spell. No doubt there have been lots of similar ones in the past, but my memory isn't supplying any.

Which is probably normal for most people, and why the Global Warming Swindlers get away with their claims that things are really hot and we need to give them more money.

At least we know 25th July 2014

Labour, paid for by the trade unions and people chasing honours, is moaning that the Tories are paid for by Russian oligarchs.

But the money has to come from somewhere. And let us not forget that if politicians had their way, either all of the donations would be top secret, or the cash for political parties would come from the taxpayer and we wouldn't be allowed to know how much they get or what, or who, they spend it on.

The thin edge of a very wide wedge 26th July 2014

Police plans to kidnap mobile phones from every driver who is involved in an accident won't stop there. Before we know it, passengers will be included and then every piece of electronic equipment, even laptops and tablets locked in the boot. And equipment belonging to spectators and then everyone living within a 5-mile radius of the incident. Because coppers with the power to grab something from a member of the public know no boundaries.

Very low farce 26th July 2014

The WWE pretends to be against bullying but there would be no TV shows left if you took the bullying out of a WWE script. And is there anyone who hasn't been involved in the bogus arrest with handcuffs script?

Mercedes bog it up 28th July 2014

It might be fair enough to ask a driver to let his team mate go past if he's closing in on him at pace but if the guy can't get near him, it's just daft. Was it unreasonable to expect Lewis Hamilton to slow down to let championship rival Rosberg go past him? Yes.

Will that stop the team making a similar bone-headed request in the future? No.

I'm all right, Jack 29th July 2014

Having had a good moan about delays at the passport offices, the public sector union in question has chosen to aggravate the situation with a strike. Never heard of hypocrisy, of course.

Dream on 29th July 2014

The governor of the Bank of England thinks the banksters at Lloyds Bank, who conspired to defraud the taxpayer, should face criminal charges and go to gaol. But a banker in gaol? That would never happen!

This is what Green Crap is all about 30th July 2014

How is it saving the planet to cut down trees on the other side of the world, use vast amounts of energy to reduce them to wood chips, and FLY the chips across the Atlantic to burn in power stations here instead of coal? But that's something which the present and the previous governments think is a good idea.

Bullets Baffles Brains 31th July 2014

in switches off That

Put a gun in a copper's hands and his brain switches off. That would appear to be the conclusion to be drawn from the story of the deer in County Durham, which was struck by a car and badly injured. There was no vet handy to put the animal out of its misery, so a couple of firearms officers were given the job. But instead of shooting the deer, they proceeded to batter it to death with a crowbar.

Movie Night 3rd August 2014

Ancient and modern on the TV last night. First up, *The China Syndrome* (1979), a vehicle for Jack Lemmon, who put in an anguished performance as a shift supervisor at a nuclear plant, who found there were problems and was murdered by management stooges because of it, with some ineffectual flapping around by TV journalists also going on.

Then Sand Sharks (2011) which is a ripoff of elements of Jaws (the festival and the beach not closed) and Dune (monsters that can swim through sand, only sharks not giant worms). If you are into dafty sciffy films, this is what you need to be watching!

What they say and what they mean 5th August 2014

Everyone at the Mansion has been assured that their vote matters by our local Electoral Registration Officer. Apparently, everyone is now responsible for making an individual registration instead of leaving it to the head of household. The 2-page letter is very coy about the reason for this, but it's obviously an attempt to address the problem of 50 people being registered to have a postal vote at the same one-bedroom flat in an area where "community leaders" take charge of the postal votes.

Brain dead 9th August 2014

The Dept. of Wk. & Pensions, and its subsidiary the Universal Jobmatch service, conspired to ban an advert from a communications company, which wanted to specify that the applicant needed to speak excellent English for a job on offer in England. Do they automatically switch their brain off when someone joins the civil service?

Planet-Buster 9th August 2014

Some genius at the Dept. of Energy & Climate Change has finally worked out that it generates more carbon dioxide if you convert a coal-burning power station to wood chips, and fly in the wood chips from the other side of the world. But nothing is going to be done to reverse the policy and/or put something more sensible in place, of course.

Pre-Grave-Robbing

12th August 2014

The geniuses at HMRC have come up with a truly monstrous scam – to charge people inheritance tax while they are still alive.

No doubt, their HR department is busy recruiting a gang of psychics to predict what the unfortunate customer will have in the bank at the time of death so that HMRC can pretend that its acts of pillage are fair and proportionate.

Not exactly accurate or honest

12th August 2014

I have discovered, to my amazement, that the 1997 edition of Chambers Biographical Dictionary, which puffs itself as "the most comprehensive and authoritative" such volume, doesn't mention William Shatner or Leonard Nimoy, but it does give a grudging 3 lines to Gene Roddenberry. And yet it claims to cover the world of television.

One big fat raspberry on the way to Mr. Chambers.

Whingeoholics 12th August 2014

People are moaning because our Dave is on holiday. But Dave is the prime monster of Britain, there's nothing happening here, so now is a good time to be on holiday. Okay, so the Middle East is going up in flames.

The Middle East is always going up in flames. And if we steam in, we might do a bit of temporary good, but the problem will remain.

The Middle East is full of bolshy sods who just won't get on. So we should stop trying to unscrew the inscrutable and stop wasting our time on a problem which doesn't want to be solved.

Lenovo makes peace with AMD?

13th August 2014

I've just heard from my tech guy, who has been in touch with the lad who got the benefit of the Lenovo Thinkpad, which I junked in February because the AMD video driver kept crashing repeatedly to make the thing unuseable for long periods of time.

Apparently, after a long period of trouble, it is now behaving itself and the recipient can't remember the last time it crash. Still, its replacement hasn't given me a moment's bother, so I'm still happy with the deal.

Bang away! 13th August 2014

Yesterday was the Glorious 12th of August, when those with toffish tendencies can blast away to their wallet's extent at grouse. Can't say there was any great explosion of gunfire in my neck of the woods, though.

Hidden truth 14th August 2014

"News" of the moment is the story, revealed in a air-accident report, of the pilot of a small passenger plane, who made a heavy landing at Belfast airport in windy conditions in February. The landing was heavy because his artificial arm came off. But you had to dig fairly deep before you realized that the clamp holding it to the control yoke came loose; the arm didn't come off the pilot's body. A case of "read the story you want to be there, not the actual one".

More news 14th August 2014

A police rummage squad has been turning over Sir Cliff Richard's gaff following allegations of things going on 30 years ago. No hope of finding anything relevant in the way of evidence, of course, but it must have been a bit of a day out for the coppers. At the taxpayer's expense.

More abuse 16th August 2014

Does being bust and in the hands of the taxpayer mean nothing? Lloyds Bank, which has only just been fined £28 million for its misdeeds, is still threatening staff with the sack if they fail to unload unwanted loans, new bank accounts, etc. on customers who dare to enter its branches.

Ignorant dolt! 17th August 2014

Some expert is claiming that because King Richard III drank a drink a bottle of wine a day during his brief reign (deduced from tests on his remains), that made him an alcoholic. Which is total rubbish because he lived in an age when it wasn't safe to drink the water.

Don't hold your breath 20th August 2014

Will the parents of the children found in the shipping container at Tilbury be sent back to the port of origin, Zeebrugge, to face charges of felony child endangerment? Or will they just get the usual package of benefits and a free home, courtesy of the British taxpayer?

The real story 23rd August 2014

The last government blew £500 Million on a computer system called eBorders to keep track of people entering and leaving Britain. Naturally, it has huge holes in it because it infringes EU rules on free movement. Worse, the Home

Office has a vested interest in ensuring that the system doesn't work because it lets ministers lie about the true extent of immigration, legal and illegal.

More licence-payers' cash down the drain? 23rd August 2014

As well as causing outrage by invading Sir Cliff Richard's home to film police officers spend a day turning the place over, the BBC is liable to be sued under privacy laws for broadcasting material which could be of use to any burglars, who feel like taking a crack at Sir Cliff's mansion while he's out of the country.

But no one will get the sack, of course.

Repetition 24th August 2014

Is anyone surprised that the Scots Nats have corrupted the Scottish civil service and diverted taxpayers' cash to their own political causes, including propaganda in favour of breaking the Union to massage Alex Salmond's ego? Not if they know that New Labour did exactly the same south of the border and got away with it.

All very puzzling, really 24th August 2014

You have to wonder why the area where Michael Brown was shot by a police officer had mainly white cops policing a black neighbourhood.

Why is it that the locals don't see the police as a career?

Why won't they step up and take on the responsibility for policing an area which, they claim, white cops don't understand?

A fitting punishment for Rosberg by the FIA?

25th August 2014

The Rosberg Manoeuvre: causing a collision with your team mate, knowing that you might suffer some damage but he will end up totally screwed. Not as blatant at Michael Schumacher's assaults on Damon Hill (he got away with that one because the FIA wouldn't believe it was deliberate) and Jacques Villeneuve.

Schumacher was disqualified from the 1997 drivers' championship and had all of his points wiped out for the latter offence. Maybe wiping out only half of Rosberg's current points total would be appropriate. With disqualification to follow if he does it again.

So much for the "experts"!

26th August 2014

"Experts" are claiming that the word fortnight is dropping out of use because it's too vague. But a fortnight is two weeks, neither more nor less. How vague is that?

Bad buy! 27th August 2014

Whatever you do, don't buy a Russian vehicle GPS system. Not after a whole gang of Russian armoured vehicles managed to "stray" into Ukraine "by accident". As a result of this "mishap", the crews were taken prisoner by the locals and paraded on TV to make a liar out of President "I've got no troops in Ukraine" Putin. Oh, dear.

Public sector crimes = no penalties

27th August 2014

Will there be charges of criminal racialism brought against the members and officers of Rotherham council, who covered up sexual abuse of schoolgirls by gangs of immigrants from Pakistan for 16 years? It's as unlikely as charges being brought against the police officers and CPS stooges who joined in the conspiracy.

No one in the public sector is every guilty, in Rotherham or anywhere else 28th August 2014

The situation in Rotherham is a road map of the public sector. Those who turned a blind eye to years and years of sexual abuse in pursuit of racialist policies have moved on and they feel no connection and no responsibility. One is even the local Police & Crime Commissioner.

He was the councillor "in charge" of social services but, he claims against the evidence, he had no idea what was going on, just like the rest of the gang. And, presumably, he never bothered to read the inconvenient reports supplied to him. Just like the authors of the reports. And what of those involved in aiding and abetting the Asian abuse gangs. Also blameless.

Dave the Disaster 29th August 2014

Will Dave the Leader start listening to what the real Tories want now that his MPs are starting to look for alternative homes with some values of the sort which used to be exclusively Tory? Don't put any money on it.

If you think the public sector here is bad . . . 30th August 2014

A doctor in Italy has been paid for 9 years' work but he has actually put in only about a fortnight's doctoring by exploiting crazy rules. He was able to spend the rest of the time on courses, off sick and on paid family leave. His next move will be to not-doctor for two more years by doing a Ph.D. course.

Unfair question 1st September 2014

Labour's shadow business secretary, Chunky Umunna, has been derided for not knowing the price of a first-class stamp. But he's an MP, so he never has to buy one. He just gets one of his minions to put envelopes through the franking machine in his office and lets the taxpayer pay.

Unwelcome trend 2nd September 2014

The parents of a dying child take him out of hospital and exercise their right to seek treatment elsewhere. The next thing they know, they're in gaol because the police issued an international arrest warrant on spurious child endangerment grounds. So their Spanish lawyer starts talking about sueing the police and the hospital. Both legal actions sound richly deserved but the guilty will escape punishment and the British taxpayer will end up shoving cash into the pockets of lawyers again.

Plain puzzled 3rd September 2014

You have to wonder about the time sense of our alleged deity. The "breath of life" was administered 13.7 BILLION years ago, when this incarnation of the universe Big Banged into existence. Then nothing until about 10,000 years ago, when human beans became organized enough to indulge in mass grovelling before hypothetical deities.

So what was Big G doing for the best part of 13,700,000,000 years? Computer games and DVDs hadn't been invented and there was no one else to talk to. And why 13.7 billion years between the breath of live and organized worship?

Did Big G have to go and do some shopping for his mum in a parallel dimension, where 13,700,000,000 years in our

terms seem like a couple of hours?

There's a lot about this religion stuff that doesn't add up.

Oh, dear! 3rd September 2014

The new school curriculum, which emphasizes good grammar and the use of punctuation, is likely to be sabotaged by defective teachers, many of whom never learnt to do either at school thanks to trendy lefty teaching notions pushed by the anti-education teaching unions.

No getting away from it 3rd September 2014

If you put all the money in the world into one bank and gave everyone an account with an equal share of the pot, what would happen?

The feckless would dash off and spend theirs, then come back with their hands out. The prudent would spend some and stash the rest. The crooks would fill their boots. Entrepreneurs would start making (and losing) fortunes. The middle men would be skimming like mad and the politicians would have their noses in the trough.

And in the end, there would be mega-rich, endemic poor and lots of people somewhere in the middle. Coz that's the way that 'uman nature works.

Typical New Labour Copper 5th September 2014

H. Orde, the president of ACPO, is nailing his political colours to the mast with his pop at HM Inspectorate of Constabulary's report, which exposed the police practice of telling people to investigate their own crimes.

Orde blames non-policing on "government cuts" without mentioning that there's no money because Labour wasted it all and drove the country deep into debt. And he also fails to mention that the police can always find plenty of resources for things like putting 20 coppers around the embassy of Ecuador in case J. Assange pokes his nose out, sending a gang of coppers to spend 5 hours rummaging around at Sir Cliff Richard's home and attempting to fit up stars of yesteryear on molestation charges for which there is no evidence.

Further, all 43 police services in England and Wales had their budget reduced, but 6 of them actually manage to do the job they're paid for. Maybe Orde should be finding out what they're doing right and passing it on to the rest of the Cheap Police Officers represented by his Association.

Sadly, Yobs Do Rule 6th September 2014

It's a great shame that Scotland is allowing ill-mannered separatists to rampage unchecked and use extremist tactics against anyone who dares to suggest that they'd be worse off if they left the Union. Smear campaigns by the Gnats are par for the course, just following the Labour tradition, but the equivalent of Brownshirts running riot shouldn't be.

No doubt there will be riots and looting when the referendum vote goes against the terrorist faction, and demands for an EU-style re-run until the people vote the right way. But hey, maybe we can persuade President O'Bummer to divert a couple of drones from Iraq to bomb the jihadists in Scotland a bit.

7 points at a time, if necessary 7th September 2014

Here's hoping that Lewis Hamilton's win in the Italian GP is the start of a trend. There's plenty of the season to wrap up the title, and plenty of opportunities for more things to go horribly wrong with his car. Rosberg's trips up the escape road at the chicane were very rookie mistakes.

It's what they do 8th September 2014

Setting Scotland up as an independent country will waste billions of pounds of taxpayers' money. But wasting other people's money is never a problem for politicians hoping to grab a slice of the pie for themselves.

At last, a good reason to vote YES!!

8th September 2014

If it happens, there will never again be a Looney Left Labour government in England!!

Salmond's Law 9th September 2014

The higher the Yes lobby gets in the polls, the lower the \mathcal{L} and share prices sink and the bigger the bribe Gordon Brown offers to the Scots out of other people's pockets.

More reasons for the Scots to vote YES!!

9th September 2014

- 1. The rump of the UK will be entitled to a 9% reduction in its contribution to the EU after the Scots leave the Union!
- 2. The average life expectancy in the rump will go up if the Scots log out on the Union.

Is there anything Salmond hasn't lied about? 11th September 2014

Jobs: Banks and other big companies plan to move to England if Scotland votes Yes.

Currency: Scotland can use the pound but it won't get any

guarantees from the Bank of England and it will have no say on interest rates.

Oil: His story about a huge underestimate of reserves is fantasy says the industry, including the bosses of Shell & BP. Banking: A Scottish government will have to find £130 billion to guarantee savers' deposits.

The Health Service: Privatization scares are just more Salmond lies/propaganda.

Brilliant idea! 12th September 2014

It has been suggested that, following on from the sex offenders' register, there should be one for useless public servants, like those who covered up child abuse in Islington, Rochdale, Rotherham and elsewhere, and also for those who wasted huge amounts of taxpayers' cash on things like failed public sector IT systems.

Even more reasons for the Scots to vote YES!! 12th September 2014

The cost of postage in England and Wales will fall if Scottish subsidies are removed. So will the price of food in supermarkets.

And Scottish athletes will no longer be entitled to train in England at English taxpayers' expense.

SNP reveals fascist credentials 13th September 2014

Any business in Scotland which backs the NO vote will be nationalized/boycotted by the Gnats?

So much for the democratic right to choose.

Come Referendum Day

13th September 2014

Will police officers be posted at Scottish polling stations to prevent intimidation and vote-rigging? And can they be trusted to do the job they're paid for?

Trapped!!

14th September 2014

If Scotland becomes a country in its own right, airliners will not be able to leave its airspace, and aircraft from abroad will not be able to enter it, until Scotland has negotiated a deal with other aviating nations.

Which means that Mr. Salmond won't be able to fly to Greece to find out how a scrounger economy works.

After they've gone 15th September 2014

When Scotland leaves us, will we become Less Britain rather than Great Britain?

Dodgy vs Dodgier 15th September 2014

The Gnats, strangers to the truth themselves, are moaning that the BBC is doing biased coverage of the Yes referendum campaign. But it would be remarkable only if the Beeb wasn't showing bias, given its institutional Looney Left leanings.

And the Gnats must be particularly dim if they haven't spotted that Nick Robinson, the alleged political correspondent, is a Labour party apologist.

Not Even A Paper Tiger 16th September 2014

The boy Milibandit has sworn to "rip up the whole British constitution" if Scotland votes NO in the referendum. Maybe

someone should mention to him that we don't actually have a written constitution for him to do his circus strongman act on.

> It's self-evident! 17th September 2014

Of course, the Yes campaign in the Scottish referendum is based on lies. It's being run by politicians.

Just a thought... 18th September 2014

In the unlikely event of the Scots choosing to abandon the gravy train of English subsidies, is there any chance of making them pay the entire cost of separating themselves from the UK if it was their idea to do so?

Yep, that's true. 20th September 2014

Why do politicians always blame the previous government for the shambolic state of the nation? Because politicians are great at causing disasters and crap at putting things right.

The Unacceptable Spendthrift 20th September 2014

"All bribes offered to the Scots during the end of the referendum campaign will be paid."

Typical Gordon Brown – he's a world champion at glad-handing with other people's money.

Why do so many Scots hate the English? 21st September 2014

The referendum campaign triggered a torrent of bile, which appears to have been fuelled by guilt. The Scots know that they are subsidy junkies, and they feel guilty about it, and they blame the English for their guilt and their addiction.

The remedy is clear: cut off the subsidies and let the Scots regain their dignity be being obliged to pay their own way. Maybe, if they do receive a dignity transplant, they will regain a measure of pride and lose some guilt and hatred for their neighbours and benefactors.

Maybe she's not totally to blame 22nd September 2014

Hilary Mantel is on a peculiar attention-seeking kick with her the Grauniad-fuelled fantasies about murdering Margaret Thatcher, the only effective prime minister in the 2nd half of the 20th century. But she revealed, in an article in the Daily Mail, that she suffered from polymyalgia for a number of years.

This distressing condition shrinks the muscles, saps strength and makes every movement painful. So it is possible that being in constant pain for an extended period of time has left her cranky and unbalanced her sense of proportion.

Something to look forward to 23th September 2014

Red Ed's 10-year plan for re-wrecking the economy, and Balls' Tesco accounting and failure to admit his part in wrecking the economy when he was New Labour, and Tony B. Liar's plan to send troops to fight the BBC's militants in Syria and Iraq, and people who aren't working class being put to the bottom of the list of applicants for public sector jobs unless their name is Miliband, Blair, Straw, Kinnock, etc. etc.

But there is some good news: Two Jags wants to repeal the Breakfast Tax.

Burnham hypocrisy 25th September 2014

Andy Burnham, that's the Labour stooge who's promising to save the NHS from Tory privatization? Does he think we've forgotten that he let the private sector bid for NHS contracts when he was Health Secretary at a time when his ministerial colleagues were selling their influence in exchange for 6-figure salaries with the private companies concerned? And does he think we don't remember how he and New Labour brought in a culture of targets and rank bad management, which killed people at Stafford hospital and elsewhere?

Labour will save the NHS?

25th September 2014

If you want to know what a Labour government will really do to the NHS, as opposed to what Red Ed and his stooges are claiming, just look at the mess Labour has made of it in Wales.

Miliband's convenient forgetfulness

25th September 2014

Red Ed forgot to mention the deficit in his major speech to the Labour party conference? Not using notes is a very handy, but not at all credible, alibi.

Crisis? Really? 28th September 2014

A minor Tory minister – no one anyone's ever heard of – resigns after doing a Captain Underpants on the internet after being bamboozled by the *Sunday Mirror*. Crisis Rating – zero.

Mark Reckless, Tory MP for Rochester & Stroud, goes UKIP with reckless abandon and threatens a by-election on the eve of the Tory conference. But as he has a long history of not agreeing with Dave the Leader and the whips, Crisis Rating – zero.

Trust, but not as we know it, Jim! 30th September 2014

The Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority wants to draw a veil of secrecy over investigations of MPs suspected of expenses fraud to avoid reputational damage to the guilty. Which suggests that an investigation of the sanity and competence of the members of the Authority, and the people who appointed them, is long overdue.

Genetic monstering? 1st October 2014

Is there some sort of gene which politicians have to let them lie shamelessly and look offended when no one believes their crap? Take the Indian government as a prime example. They're denying that British overseas aid paid for the satellite, which they have just parked in Mars orbit.

But there's no denying that our money went into their overall budget and if they hadn't had it, they wouldn't have been able to afford the satellite. So we paid for it. No question.

How tiresome can they get? 2nd October 2014

Jeremy Clarkson does a programme for the BBC in Argentina which involves using a rented car with the number plate H982 FKL and that's something to do with the Falklands war? You'd have to be pretty desperate for something to moan about to buy that. Oh, yes, but the Argies are like that, aren't

they? No wonder they lost the war. Which no one is allowed to mention.

Reasons why Gordon Brown is a reject No. 1,583 4th October 2014

Brown is claiming that preventing Scottish MPs from voting on purely English matters will turn the Scots into 2nd-class citizens with downgraded MPs at the House of Common Criminals in Westminster. He also thinks that a fairer future for England will drive a wedge between Scotland and England (bigger than the one created by Alex Salmond's pathetic whingeing), and that the Union could be lost "by mistake".

Such is his loss of contact with reality that he thinks no one will notice that this is (im)pure Labour party self-interest and nothing that will do any good for swindled English taxpayers. But Brown's career has demonstrated that the interests of the taxpayer have never figured in his political plans.

Tom & Jerry cartoons are racist? 4th October 2014

Only to PC Looney Lefties, who want to cover up history's piano legs and rewrite it to satisfy their own twisted prejudices.

Ed's talking Balls again 6th October 2014

One of the architects of the deficit and the ruination of the economy under Blair & Brown is claiming that his mansion tax would raise billions for the NHS. Fine. The only problems is that Labour's record in office tells us that they won't spend the money on anything useful and we'll end up with more scandals and unnecessary deaths – as at Stafford hospital and elsewhere – and more tax and waste scams, like Gordon Broon's PFI swindle on the taxpayer.

Sky Sports: totally useless

6th October 2014

Switched on for the replay of the Japanese GP yesterday afternoon, but got just a load of crap and fillers, endlessly repeated. And no explanation from Sky Sports. No on-screen caption to say a driver was seriously injured and the repeat had been cancelled, which would have been very easy to do. Nothing on the website, either. When it comes to quality of communication with its customers, Sky would really struggle to get within a million miles of piss-poor, even with a full tank of gas.

Tried again today. According to the TV menu, the grand prix should have been on but all that was on the screen was a repeat of qualifying. So we thought, "Balls to Sky, we'll watch it on the BBC red button."

Liberal lunatics 7th October 2014

"Carbon is the enemy" was the slogan proclaimed by some well-lunched person at their conference. So when are the Liberals planning to attack China and India for shoving vast amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere from their coal-fired power stations? Amounts which make Red Ed's Climate Change Act (2008) a nonsense? And how many microseconds will they last when they make a suicide attack on the "polluters" before Clegg and the half-dozen idiots with him are blown to carbon dioxide?

Beauty & the Beast on the Watch TV channel 8th October 2014

A big snag of shoving a long break into a series is that when you start watching episode 17/23 of series 2, you're sat there wondering who all these sort of familiar people are and what they did in the previous 16 episodes.

Trust me, I'm a landscaper

9th October 2014

One of the staff had an interesting experience on his day off. He was pottering about at home when there was some frantic ringing on his doorbell. When he opened the door, it wasn't the postman, it was a rather agitated bloke waving some sort of identity card. He announced that he was a landscaper (one of the sort who drive around in a van looking for jobs) and he **needed** to know if the large conifer which he had spotted behind the houses belonged to my employee. The tree, he insisted was much too tall for its setting.

Agitation turned to disappointment when he was told that the tree was in a neighbour's garden. And my employee was left with the distinct impression that if he had admitted ownership of the tree, then he would have been told that it was a a clear and present danger to life and limb, and it had to come down at once. Luckily, his door-stepping landscaper was an qualified tree expert and able to do the job instantly for a small fee. Maybe a thousand pounds? Seeing it was such a big tree and there were all sorts of 'elf and safety considerations involved.

Get the OuiJa board out!

The Home Office has refused to issue visitor visas for a choir of Ugandan orphan children because they didn't provide letters of consent from their parents.

Consequences? 13th October 2014

So everyone has to keep totally silent during the Russian anthem at their Grand Prix on FIA orders. Or what? Be shot by the snipers on the stands? Very weird. Not much of a race, either.

It's only fair 13th October 2014

If Dave the Leader is so dead set on fixing the overseas aid budget at a reckless 0.7% of GDP, then the cost of health tourism – some £2 BILLION per year – should come out of this budget. It is grossly unfair to expect the British taxpayer to cough up extra cash for this abuse of our hospitality.

No one in public life is ever to blame 14th October 2014

The disgraced Tory MP Brooks Newmark is now claiming that he's going to fight his demons. Maybe it would be better if he realized that his Captain Underpants Complex is all down to him, not imaginary demons.

One or the other 14th October 2014

A Turkish man is being investigated after he was found to be in possession of a memory stick with bomb-making details on it and Tony Blair's address (well, one of the many) on a piece of paper. It is not yet clear whether he is to be charged with a terrorism offence or considered for an award of some kind.

Seconds from disaster 15th October 2014

How do you know that an Air France flight is about to crash into the sea? You hear both pilots yawning as they wake from a deep sleep and one of them shouts, "FK, we're dead!" just before a very loud splash.

The bigger the ratbag, the more protection he deserves?

15th October 2014

In the mainly secret trial of the Turkish suspected terrorist, part of the prosecution case is that he may have been planning an attack on an "individual of significance". So does that mean the rest of us, who aren't Tony B. Liar, are individuals of no significance? Flaming cheek!

Pure insanity! 16th October 2014

The Labour party has gone out of its tiny mind. Why else would the party bosses want Gordon Brown, the man who wrecked the British economy and the banks and private pensions, to become the "father of the nation" for Scotland? He is being given some credit for reviving the NO vote in the recent referendum – using his usual tactic of bribing the Scots with English taxpayers' cash – but the true value of his contribution remains notional. Given the amount of intimidation in which the YES campaigners were indulging, the real truth is that the polls got things badly wrong because people planning to vote NO pretended that they would vote the other way to avoid being beaten up.

More political hypocrisy 17th October 2014

How typical of the Labour party to explode in fake anger when a Tory minister talks about paying disabled people for the amount of work they are actually able to do, even if the market rate is less than the minimum wage. Because Labour is the party of charity – as long as someone else is paying and the recipient is likely to become grateful enough to Labour to vote for them.

Empty Words
17th October 2014

Dave the Leader says he's willing to give the EU one last go. But the trouble is, the EU doesn't deserve any more go's and if it fails to deliver any goods, Dave will be prepared to give it another last go and another and another . . .

Impure political hypocrisy 18th October 2014

How strange that Labour sad-sacks in both the party and the charity sector should attack Lord Freud for wondering about a state subsidy for disabled people, who cannot do enough to earn the minimum wage. Could it be that Labour, the party of subsidy bribes, is upset because one of their gang failed to come up with the idea?

It's good that drones like Miliband, E., and Eagle, A., were showered with derision when they put on a show of synthetic outrage. It's bad that all of them will do it again at the next opportunity. Something else that's bad is that Tory grandees failed to support Lord Freud and chose to go down the synthetic shock road instead.

Even more contemptible, Red Ed

18th October 2014

What makes the fake outrage even more scumbagaceous is waiting for 2 weeks with the bugged conversation in his pocket before Red Ed did his comedy act at prime monster's questions.

A mystery solved 19th October 2014

Watched the Roger Moore Bond film Octopussy last night and I noticed "www.MGM.com" below the opening lion logo,

which set me wondering. The film was released in 1983 and the internet wasn't around until over a decade later. But all was revealed at the very end. I'd just seen a digitally restored version of the film, and that's why the opening logo had been updated.

Recycle, recycle 20th October 2014

The Justice Secretary, C. Grayling, has announced that he is going to get tough with internet trolls. He made the same pledge 7 months ago, which means that he might just be able to squeak it in again before the next election if he shortens his cycle to 6 months.

Out of Options 20th October 2014

What is Red Ed going to use as his centrepiece for his election campaign? He can't use the economy because everyone remembers how New Labour wrecked it. He can't use the NHS after New Labour let people die of neglect at Stafford hospital, and elsewhere, in England and the same is happening in Wales, where Labour has charge of the NHS. Keeping the lights on?

That won't happen under Labour. Europe and EU membership? Defence? Crime? There doesn't seem to be any area in which Labour doesn't have a recent history of making a bog of things.

Safe in Labour's hand? That's not even a bad joke. 21st October 2014

The NHS in England is coming under siege even more; but not from the rest of the world. Patients in Wales are realizing that the Labour stooges running the NHS there are quite content to let them die of neglect and they are flocking to England in ever increasing numbers just to survive.

Which explains why the Labour administration in Wales is blocking an investigation by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, which could publish a damning report on Labour's incompetence before the next general election.

More political garbage 22nd October 2014

The claim that "only the Liberals will create opportunity for everyone by building a stronger economy and a fairer society" in their draft election manifesto "shouldn't surprise anyone", sez a party mouthpiece.

Who is perfectly right. It's standard, empty political rhetoric from a minority party, which know that it will never be asked to deliver things it couldn't deliver in a million years.

It's all about the money 22nd October 2014

Why was the government so keen for same-sex "marriage"? As someone pointed out last night, it was so it could collect £100 from pairs who had already gone through a civil partnership, and who wanted to pretend to be married.

Whatever happened to . . . 22nd October 2014

Someone mentioned CND last night, and everyone wondered where it has gone? Personally, I always viewed it as a total waste of time. Like any government with nuclear weapons is going to give them up!!

No doubt the people involved felt good about themselves and what they were doing at the time, that's about all they ever achieved.

Guess again, Prof. 23rd October 2014

Certified genius Stephen Hawking came up with a Chronology Protection Conjecture, which assumes that the Universe protects the timeline and will keep it intact no matter what time travellers try to do to it.

But why should the Universe be at all bothered by changes to the timeline? One past/present/future is as good as any other. What difference would it make to the Universe if any or all of them is/are changed once, twice or lots of times?

Does time travel unravel the very being of the Universe? No, it just alters it. And why should the Universe care if the inhabitants do the equivalent of knocking down the odd wall to create more space, repainting or removing stuff which has become unsightly or inconvenient?

Rewards for failure 24th October 2014

Is Gordon Brown (and the rest of New Labour) running the EU, which penalizes success and rewards incompetence and failure the New Labour way? Why else would the EU be demanding another 2 Billion euros from Britain, because we avoided economic collapse, so that it can give the cash to France and Germany, who are struggling.

Is the public sector good for anything? 25th October 2014

The electoral register, which will be used for next year's general election, has been audited and found wanting. It leaves out 8,500,000 people who are entitled to vote and it includes 6,000,000 people who are dead or who have moved house plus fraudulent registrations which have been allowed to remain in place.

Why is every Ed in politics an idiot if he's Liberal or Labour?

28th October 2014

Energy Sec. E. Davey (Liberal) is trying to cause an epidemic of fool poisoning by bribing hotels to turn down the wick on refrigerators in the name of meeting boneheaded EU Global Warming Swindle targets and the illusion of saving the planet from an imaginary threat, which is promoted only by swindlers and business sharks and crooked or deluded politicians.

Have they no shame? Apparently not.

29th October 2014

7 former Labour MPs and 2 Liberals, who were deselected in 2010 for expenses swindles, are being given another chance to dump their noses into the trough next year. Their respective parties, it would seem, have no problem with having a few more bad hats in their ranks.

Good idea for here? 30th October 2014

In North Korea, watching soap operas is a crime which books the perp an appointment with a firing squad, apparently.

Salvation is at hand, or Balls to the EU

30th October 2014

The answer to the EU's extortionate demand for a further 2 BILLION euros is obvious – let Labour in at the next election and Britain will soon be so broke, thanks to Balls' Bungling, that we will qualify for a 200% rebate on our EU contributions.

Corrupting the world

1st November 2014

The Independent Commission on Aid Impact has found that British aid to foreign countries is making corruption worse in many parts of the world. Why? Because politicians like D. Cameron and G. "Africa is my passion" Brown just throw British taxpayers' money around to make themselves feel good and to try to buy votes.

They have no regard for where the money is going or into whose pockets it goes. This shameful lack of oversight is deeply ingrained and institutionalized. As long as the Overseas Aid mob can swan around the world on fancy salaries and expenses, and go on their junkets, they're not bothered about crooks ending up with bank accounts stuffed with our cash.

Historical replay
7th November 2014

The alleged putsch launched by Labour back-benchers to oust Red Ed Milipede seems to have had about as much success as the one launched by a certain Mr. Hitler and his mates in the 1920s, when they wanted to overthrow the Bavarian government.

Cloth Ears!

Red Ed Milipede is ready to leave the country!!! As you were, what he actually said was "lead".

More Red Ed idiocy 19th November 2014

Mr. Milipede would have us believe that the super-rich pay no tax at all, and he's going to solve all the debt problems created by the last Labour government (of which he was the member for global warming swindles) by making their pips squeak. And yet, figures from HMRC show that the top 3,000 people contribute 4.2% of the annual income tax revenue while the lowest-paid nine million taxpayers contribute less than 4% of the total. And Ed doesn't have a single word to say about a future Labour government spending taxpayers' money wisely and looking after its mates less.

Covering the rear end 19th November 2014

The Metropolitan Police "service" has commissioned a study of the available types of buttock armour. It seems that senior officers are worried that female (or even male) staff who have had a buttock implant might sue if some drunk gives them a hefty kick up the bum and the implant explodes.

Here's a thing!

2% of Scots believe in Red Ed but 24% of them believe in Nessie, the Loch Ness monster.

On the job training 20th November 2014

Police officers who have been convicted of a criminal offence are now entitled to accelerated promotion on account of having acquired relevant experience of crime.

Lies, damn lies and Red Ed Milipede 22nd November 2014

When asked what he thinks when he sees a white van parked outside a house, Red Ed would like us to believe its 'Respect'. Really? Not: 'I hope he's not parked on the pavement, blocking it' or even: 'There's a white van' or even no reaction

at all because it's just a white van and there are lots of them around.

Red Ed's ludicrous lie confirms that he's just another of Labour's professional lefty luvvies, who have no contact with the real world and no concept of what happens in it.

> Respec' 23rd November 2014

Ed Milipede has come up with a plan to fix the damage caused by his sacked attorney general substitute's sneering at a supporter of England's football team. Every candidate for next year's general election will be required to get a visible Cross of St. George tattoo, and all campaigning will be done from white vans rather than battle buses.

Could Formula One have survived had Hamilton not won the title?

24th November 2014

The latest from the rumour mill is that the F1 bosses had a lot of words with their opposite numbers at the Mercedes team and Rosberg was told that his time would come later.

Hence his shaky start to the Bahrain Grand Prix, which let Hamilton zoom off into the distance, and his engine and brake problems, which dropped him down the order enough to ensure that Hamilton would take the title even if he failed to finish the race.

Rumour has it that Rosberg was told that the high life would end very abruptly if the public turned their backs on F1, and he saw the sense of making an investment for the future.

And rumour also has it that the chump who came up with the terminally stupid idea of double points for the last race of the season is for the chop.

What they said, what they meant 25 November 2014

The Coalition came to power promising to be the Greenest government we'd ever seen. Unfortunately, what they meant was that they intended to let developers build all over the Green Belt rather than make them fill up Brownfield sites first.

Spot the Difference 26th November 2014

Is there that much difference in attitude between Labour's leaders and the leaders of Al Kaida, IDIS and other Islamist gangs? Both hate everyone who doesn't agree with them 100%. But (at the moment) Labour just goes in for character assassination and hate campaigns rather than killing people.

Getting a bit above themselves 27th November 2014

According to the self-promotion on the Discovery TV channel, "Nikon sponsors intelligent entertainment programs". So everything sponsored by anyone else is stoopid? How did that get past the Advertising Standards Authority?

Lenovo? Well, they got the "no" bit right! 29th November 2014

I was thinking about a bigger and better laptop during the week and I had a guy trying to interest me in a Lenovo product. He gave up when I showed him the saga of the Lenovo laptop which I junked back in February. Then I started to wonder. My tech guy mentioned that Lenovo's tech support phone options had started with an option to get info on a product recall back then. Just out of curiosity, I tried the number the other day and found that Option Zero on the

phone menu is still about a product recall. Either the same one or another one. Which doesn't exactly inspire me to buy anything else from them ever again.

You lose. Always. 29th November 2014

Don't you just hate it when Sky TV swindles you by not showing the advertised programme? But I suppose there's a bit in the small print that no one ever reads saying they're entitled to take your money but they're not obliged to give you anything in return.

She's right-on, so the kid don't count 29th November 2014

Isn't it strange that a woman would give up a job and deliberately go on benefits in order to blog about the effects of poverty and deprivation on her child? What's even stranger is that lefty luvvies and Guardianistas aren't yelling for her to be locked up for felony child endangerment.

Interesting thought 30th November 2014

New Labour created a *Customer Society* in which the customers had rights but very little redress. So that railway companies were obliged to provide "customer service" but not obliged to provide trains for letting the customers do what they came to the railways for – to travel.

Some people just can't handle it 4th December 2014

Does wealth drive socialists mad? Former Labour minister M. "Mealymouth" Meacher, proud possessor of a housing empire worth missions, thinks thieves should be allowed to plunder

as much as they want if their benefits are cut off for misconduct, and if they end up in court, the jury should apply socialist principles and let them off. Maybe they could also be allowed to leave court with a few of Mr. Mealymouth's addresses and a map.

And then there's Red Ed, another socialist millionaire, whose many outbreaks of drivel are a matter of record. And also the multi-millionaire Tony "Name-Shrinker" Benn, who didn't think his alleged socialist principles applied to his own fortune, which he was at pains to keep out of the hands of the taxman to avoid benefitting the workers he claimed to embrace.

Typical government thinking

6th December 2014

Dave the Leader plans to waste £1 BILLION on a new road, which will go under Stonehenge and stop some of the people who paid from it from getting a view of the monument.

Thought for the day 6th December 2014

Life is analogue, not digital? Try telling that to motoring morons who cut you up and then start waving digits at you.

Just another hand going into the taxpayer's pocket 8th December 2014

Will we ever have a hunger-free Britain. The looney left would have us believe that throwing vast amounts of taxpayers' cash at usual suspects will do it. But they have no answer to why people buy cigarettes, booze, mobile phones and huge TVs instead of food for themselves and their kids. [Could it be that they think they don't need to buy food because they expect the taxpayer to buy it for them and put it in food banks?]

And the loonies don't seem to be able to square this with

the results of yet another of these surveys, which found that vast numbers of "poor" kids are obese!

Have mercy!

I'm feeling really war'ed out at the moment. When you get Paxperson and Tony Robinson putting their personal stamp on it – Tony Robinson's World War One? Really? Was it him who started it and kept it going for 5 years? – you realize it's time to lose interest and move on.

Sneaky trick
11th December 2014

The Chancellor has clearly left the details of his Diverted Profits Tax to HMRC. This is evident from the news that Google and all the other diverters will be given HMRC-style sweetheart deals, which will let them decide how little tax they need to pay.

Playing by the other guy's rules 11th December 2014

Is the world shocked by the report on the CIA's activities against Islamist terror suspects? Of course, not. The activities of the Islamists gave the CIA a licence to do anything they liked in return, and the activities of Al Kaida and IS renew that licence every day. Mr. Nice Guy has no place in a conflict like this. Only lying politicians and the friends of terrorism will tell you otherwise.

Worst of the worst 12th December 2014

The Home Office is in line for the Most Incompetent Government Department Award of 2014. The latest scandal is that the idle staff are making no attempt to check up on the people to whom they hand a British passport, with the result that thieves, murderers and criminals of all sorts get them more or less as of right just by telling the idle staff that they are okay.

Pure as the proverbial slush 12th December 2014

Why is there such a clamour for an inquiry into the Bliar regime's part in the CIA's anti-terrorist activities? Because the usual suspects see millions of pounds of taxpayers' money available in legal fees if it happens, and more personal publicity than you can shake a stick at.

Computer nuisances 13th December 2014

One of the staff had a peculiar nuisance phone call the other day. It wasn't until he got a repeat of the same call that his suspicions were confirmed. The weird voice was coming from some sort of computer system, which was programmed to ask him about a car accident, which wasn't his fault – which he hadn't had. And when he baffled it by asking it questions in his own peculiar computer voice, it was reduced by saying, "Bye!" and ringing off.

Clean your own House first 14th December 2014

If you ever wondered why politicians are so keen to be allowed to censor the Press, just consider what the Establishment has covered up in the past and is trying to cover up right now: paedophile MPs, including Cyril Smith, Jeremy Thorpe's antics, Tony Blair and his ministers' involvement in CIA rendition and torture of terrorist suspects and getting the 2003 war in Iraq started on a lie, all the scandals and unnecessary deaths in the NHS, abuse of office by people working for local councils, MPs stealing from the taxpayer

with false expenses claims, cash for honours . . . The list just goes on and on and on and on.

Fair for all 15th December 2014

Terrorists who are not signatories to the Geneva Convention are not entitled to its protections. That can occur only when they give up mass murder, mutilation, posing as civilians and all the other little tricks of their trade.

Foul friends 17th December 2014

140 children and adults murdered at a school in Pakistan. The price of cosying up to the Taliban to feed the sense of grievance by politicians and soldiers who feel they're not being allowed to thieve their fair share of aid money.

Don't care, mate 17th December 2014

A quick poll at the Mansion about whether the BBC should sell off the TV rights to Bloody Wimbledon has failed to turn up a single person who watches it.

Simple solutions are the best ones 20th December 2014

Daily Mail internal headline: "Migrants lost in the system equal to the population in Cardiff". So all we have to do to balance the books is deport everyone living in Cardiff?

Fair enough 21st December 2014

Batty Balls would have us believe that women will bear the brunt of Tory plans to cut the Labour deficit – which he laboured to create when in the last Labour government, let us not forget. The weaselly implication is that something unfair is going on. But maybe women are getting a disproportionately high share of benefits, and that's why cutting everyone's share equally takes more money from women. But, of course, Balls doesn't believe in fair do's for all.

NFL wimpishness 22nd December 2014

There was much indignation during the match between the Dallas Cowboys and the Indianapolis Colts last night when a player incurred a penalty for "taunting" when he just stood looking at a fallen opponent with his arms folded. What has the NFL come to when the players can't take a few seconds' triumphalism?

Does the Commissioner, who rejoices in the name of Mr. Good4nowt, I am reliably informed, think it will damage the image of the sport if the players are likely to burst into tears when someone gets the better of them and rubs it in? Grow a set, NFL!

Makes sense only to the EU 22nd December 2014

The EU banned landing fish which fell outside a quota, which meant that millions of perfectly edible fish had to be sorted out of a catch and just dumped overboard. Now, the ban has been rescinded. The out-of-quota fish now have to be landed. But they can't be sold and eaten, they have to be sorted out of a catch, hauled to a landfill site and dumped. Why? So that the EU can collect the landfill tax, which it wasn't getting when the fish were dumped in the sea.

No harm, no foul 23rd December 2014

Clottish Clegg has informed the nation that his wife gave him some boxing gloves for Xmas last year. She obviously thinks there's no danger of brain damage to what's not there.

Rather cunning, really 26th December 2014

To get more women into his Cabinet, Dave the Leader replaced M. Gove as Education Sec. with N. Morgan. But whilst Mr. Gove was unpopular with the teaching unions but very popular with anyone who wanted to see kids get a decent education, Ms Morgan has proved to be utterly wet and weedy and a total disaster, who sees it as her mission in life to unpick all of Mr. Gove's improvements.

A brainless move by Dave? Well, some conspiracy theorists are seeing it as his latest attempt to warn the party of what will happen if he is replaced by a woman, such as the embattled Home Sec. T. May, whose department is failing spectacularly to get to grips with the migration problem dumped on the nation by Tony B. Liar and his New Labour cronies as an act of gerrymandering and revenge.

Turkey to Triumph? 26th December 2014

Here's another conspiracy theory: North Koreans hacked and threatened Sony in the USA to prevent the release of a comedy film about the assassination of the current Blessed Leader. Really? Given that Americans are now flocking to cinemas showing the film as a "patriotic duty", could it be that the Sony guys saw the film, realized it is rubbish and got their PR bunch to create a good conspiracy story to sell it?

Obesity: some good news at long last 26th December 2014

A survey of Europe by the OECD has found that one-quarter of the people in Britain are grossly fat to a life-endangering extent. But there is some good news. The European Court of Justice's ruling that obesity equals disability means that Britain can claim what amounts to a rebate of some of its EU contributions to fund an NHS anti-obesity programme.

All we have to do, apparently, is slap an EU sticker on the scheme and pretend the cash came from the European Commission rather than the pockets of British taxpayers.

The not-Bond 29th December 2014

James Bond isn't a black man. He's white and Scottish. There's no doubt about that. But what do a few facts matter to the film industry? If they can convert Felix Leiter, Bond's CIA buddy, who was chewed by a shark in *Licence To Kill*, into a black man with all his limbs intact, why not a black non-Bond? In fact, why not go the whole hog and give the role to the traditional one-legged lesbian dwarf with a hunch? If you're going to deliver a not-Bond, you might as well make it convincing.

Why only now? 29th December 2014

Mr. Lamb, the current Health Minister, is hoping to score points by promising to hold to account, the owners of care homes which offer poor standards of care. But the British public is entitled to ask: Why is this not already the rule?

And why so late, Minister, bearing in mind that your party has been in office for nearly five years? And why didn't Labour make it the rule if they care as much about the elderly as they pretend?

Think of a number 30th December 2014

The business minister, Mr. Hancock (another comedian?), is claiming that the Coalition has saved the business sector a whopping $f_{i,10}$ Billion since it came to office by abolishing vexatious regulations. Ones like bus companies being required to hang on to discarded food remains as "lost property". He also reckons, having thought of another number, that there is £20 Billion more to be saved by 2020.

Just a thought, but old Hankers could do a greater service to the nation by weeding out the jobsworths who impose the daft rules in the first place and holding some public executions as a warning to others of the same temperament. Works in Iran, apparently.

Another sitting duck well and truly missed 30th December 2014

Today's Daily Mail contains a picture of Sophie Wessex in a burka as "proof" that a woman can look stylish in one. Which kind of misses the point that women shouldn't have to wear the hideous rags in the first place.

Killing the Cult of Personality

1st January 2015

A South Korean "activist" says he will dump copies of the film The Interview, which provoked a cyber attack on Sony in the US, over North Korea during this month. He aims to destroy Kim Il Whoever's image by unloading 100,000 DVDs and data sticks from a balloon over a country where hardly anyone who isn't a member of the Stoogery owns a DVD player or a PC.

Yep, sounds like a great idea. Not.

Murder Tourists
3rd January 2015

Is it possible to feel any sympathy for the British Islamists, who went to Syria and Iraq to kill people, and were killed themselves when they decided they didn't like it and wanted to go home? Not really.

One is left only with a sense that Britain is a better place without them.

Real knowledge vs fancy 6th January 2015

Sometimes, an expert just needs to find the right form of words to get a message across. Like the one who announced that if the body's liver and kidneys are working properly, then they provide all the detoxification that the human body needs. So a celeb "expert" who feeds herself a mushed-up slurry of garden weeds in the hope of doing herself some good is just an ignorant masochist.

Are we thinking what Nigel is thinking? 9th January 2015

The other political leaders put on a display of collective sham hump when the UKIP leader, Nigel Farage, dared to acknowledge that there's a Fifth Column of Islamist terrorists in this country.

Obviously, the knees were jerked as a result of collective guilt: on the part of Labour for dragging every migrant they could collect here in the hope of buying their votes with taxpayers' cash, and on the part of the others, like Dave the Leader, for going along with the whole multiculturalism sham at the expense of Britishness.

More knees a-jerking

9th January 2015

Security at UK borders has been "stepped up" following the massacre at *Charlie Hebdo* magazine in Paris. The gesture is not expected to make a blind bit of difference vis a vis preventing a similar attack by the Islamist Fifth Column in Britain. But it does give the police further opportunities to show off their guns.

Who creates the need for the biggest sick-bag? 10th January 2015

Was N. Farage's alleged attempt to make political capital out of the terrorist attack in France any more sickening than Red Ed's decision to "weaponize" the NHS? Or Dave the Leader's pretence that he cares about Press freedom?

The threat of democracy

11th January 2015

Trade union leaders are worried that they will never again be able to posture for the TV cameras at a big strike if the Tories win in May. Dave the Leader wants strike ballots to have votes cast by at least 50% of the union's membership, and at least 40% of the entire membership must agree to call a strike. Union bosses fear that their memberships are such a bolshy lot, that it will be impossible to persuade as much as 40% of them to agree on anything.

Wonky Stats 12th January 2015

Are A&E departments really stretched to the limit? Because 64% of the people in them have not had an accident and they are not an emergency case. Sounds like they need some robust triage nurses.

No great loss 12th January 2015

Given that they just slanging and lying matches, and nothing to do with debates, not having the party leaders doing the US-import TV game show in the run-up to the general election is no loss. So Dave the Leader is doing the right thing by chickening out of getting involved.

Bad memory as a political tactic 13th January 2015

It seems that Red Ed is working on an alibi: he wants people to believe that he has a severely faulty memory and he has victim status because of it. So if he forgot to mention the budget deficit (created whilst he was part of the last Labour government) during his party conference speech last year, that's because he's a victim and it's not his fault. And if he can't remember conspiring to weaponize the NHS, that's also because he's a victim and it's not his fault.

And now, the future becomes clear. Ed will shoot his mouth off and if he finds that a few people agree with him, that's his policy. But if people tell him it's a terrible idea, the memory alibi will come into play and Ed will play the victim yet again. "It's not my fault, honest!"

It's all a matter of degree 13th January 2015

The Islamistas hate the West because their own people prefer the Western lifestyle to living under a brutal dictatorship, which is all for the benefit of the privileged few. The West might also operate for the benefit of the privileged few, but the brutality and control-freakery are less severe, and enjoying yourself and daring to criticize the rulers isn't worth 1,000 lashes and 10 years in gaol. Maybe if the Islamistas had a more attractive product on offer, they might get more love.

Get the public sector out of the public sector!

17th January 2015

The Care Quality Commission, the inspector general of the NHS, is in trouble again. After failing to spot scandalous conditions at hospitals and care homes, it is now being accused of stitching up Hitchingbrooke hospital, which was given private sector management on the orders of then Labour health minister A. Burnham, but which now has to be deprivatized to fit in with current Labour policy.

The top man at the CQC is now in full wriggle mode as loss of integrity is piled upon charges of incompetence. He must be in fear and trembling for his job now.

Ascension? Confused, more like

17th January 2015

The new sciffy serial on Sky is about a spaceship, which was supposed to have been launched in the paranoid 1960s to take a few lucky Earthers to a new planet and away from the threat of The Bomb.

The ship is 51 years into its flight but there is a gang which wants to turn it round and go back to Earth. Which doesn't make that much sense as most of them will croak during the 51-year trip home.

Good job the ship is all an illusion and it turns out to be just an experiment which never left our planet!!

What cuts? 19th January 2015

The taxpayer has been obliged to stump up £1 million to refurbish the free gym for the inmates of the House of Common Criminals. So there's clearly still cash sloshing about for the right people, despite the alleged austerity campaign.

Weasel Words 19th January 2015

Lord Coe promised that blowing £10 BILLION on an Olympic games would make the nation's children thinner and fitter. It didn't, so can we have our money back?

Curious omission 21st January 2015

How odd that Wm. Langley should offer a quarter-page "profile" of the actor Damian Lewis in last Sunday's *Telegraph* without a mention of his wonderful role as Det. Charlie Crews in *Life*.

No incentive 21st January 2015

What a peculiar message in a TV advert: using MoneySupermarket.com turns you into a bum-wagging exhibitionist. No thanks!

Serving only their own interests 22nd January 2015

Do politicians have any regard for the people they represent? Are civil servants interested in anything other than their own welfare?

The answer to both questions has to be "no" on the evidence of the Chilcot "inquiry" into what went on to drag Britain into President W. Bush's war with Iraq in 2003.

The degree of foot-dragging indicates that both Chilcot and the current cabinet secretary should be sacked, immediately and without a pension, for failing miserably to perform to their pay grade.

Answers, please. Now.

23rd January 2015

Two questions the Education Minister needs to ask the schools inspectorate Ofsted:

- 1. Why is Ofsted so obsessed with promoting homophilia in schools rather than ensuring that the kids are educated?
- 2. Are the people employed by Ofsted fit to be on the public payroll?

It should be good for a laugh if nothing else 23rd January 2015

Dave the Leader's insistence that the Greens' dotty views should be heard along with those of the "main" political parties in a TV "debate" have borne some unexpected fruit. The leaders of all the other parties, small and smaller, are demanding the same access to the "debate". So it would end up as a 9-way shouting match if they get their way.

Talk is fine, lady. 24th January 2015

If Lizzy Kendall, Labour's health minister stand-in, really believes that the private sector should be allowed to provide taxpayer-funded services to the NHS, and "what matters is what works", then she is to be encouraged. But if she's just another hack politician hoping to gain some votes, then she deserves to be treated with contempt and ignored.

Her big problem is that she has to **prove** that she means what she's saying as she is working in an industry full of liars, duffers and opportunists, and she has to **prove** that she's not one of them.

• Losing her "Blairite" tag would be a step in the right direction as Mr. Liar was famous for being all three of the above.

Good point, Mr. Farage 26th January 2015

The four million EU citizens living in Britain definitely should not be allowed to participate in any referendum on Britain's membership of the EU. Voting rights should apply only to British citizens.

Vote Green and get what? 26th January 2015

The Greens are an odd lot, who want to take the world to some imaginary mediaeval paradise, where there are no motor cars and aircraft, no supermarkets, no big companies, no pharmaceuticals and hospitals, and no money. It's a place where everyone has to live on what they can grow in their back garden (meat-eating is banned, of course), which means that everyone has the right to starve to death or die of some curable disease if things don't work out. The Greens also want drug use legalized, and prisons scrapped along with border controls, which will become irrelevant when there is no one left in the country paying taxes and benefits become a thing of the past.

The can't-do investigators 27th January 2015

No Chilcot report before the election to keep Labour off the hook.

No report on the HBoS collapse to keep Labour, the Bank of England and the City "watchdogs" off the hook.

Anyone see a pattern emerging?

Yet more political bias 30th January 2015

Politicians are always going on about "hardworking" British citizens. But when are the people who are comfortably

coasting along going to get their due recognition? The ones who are so well organized that they don't need to flog their guts out to thrive.

Was that for real? 2nd February 2015

Two miracle plays in the last minute or so of the Super Bowl? Yeah, like that could happen!

Labour ditches democracy 2nd February 2015

Labour's leadership hopeful, Chunky Whatever, has announced that his party will not listen to "multi-millionaires who live in a big mansion". [Like Red Ed?]

So that's the democracy crap of everyone entitled to have an opinion chucked out of the window, then?

Unfit for any purpose 3rd February 2015

With a general election approaching, it would be interesting to hear the views of candidates for the job of MP on the issue of taking the business of government out of the hands of civil servants and quangos and other Labour party front organizations.

The reasons for doing this are manifest, but they include the alleged inspectorate of schools interpreting promoting Britishness as bullying primary school-age girls to be lesbians, the antics of the Care Quality Commission aimed at driving Hinchingbrooke hospital out of business, and the footdragging over the "inquiry" into how the country was dragged into an illegal war in Iraq in 2003.

Grab their attention 5th February 2015

The performance of Chilcot, J. before the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee confirms that he lacks the authority and the skills necessary to deal with other obstructive civil servants, e.g. Humphrey Heywood.

What would be really good would be for the prime monster to pluck up the courage to sack him as an example to the other jobsworths, and remove a few knighthoods for the same purpose.

Time is money - for the usual suspects 6th February 2015

The inquiry into historical child abuse, which has already made 2 false starts with unsatisfactory chair persons, is expected to take 3 years to shuffle the paperwork.

The conclusion then will be either that no one is to blame or that the system was at fault, not the people operating it.

Following yesterday's further arrests for child abuse 6th February 2015

Just a thought, but if members of the "Asian community" would stop abusing young white girls, then maybe the "far-Right" wouldn't be able to use the issue to stir up racial tensions.

Just a thought.

Fair shares for all 12th February 2015

Is Red Ed going to get a baby blue election van to match the Harperson's pink Barbie Bus? Or would that be too Tory?

What do the "experts" know anyway? 12th February 2015

The scare story that saturated fat is a heart-killer was based on feeding animal fat to rabbits, whose digestive system is not designed to handle it. The human digestive system is, though. Which leaves those of us who didn't abandon butter in the 1980s in favour of some over-priced spreadable gunk feeling right and really quite smug.

Seriously, what do the "experts" know anyway? 12 February 2015

Another of these surveys has "proved" that drinking is good for you only if you're over 65, female and do it moderately. And maybe not even then. But don't worry. There will be another survey along in a minute to "prove" that this one got it hopelessly wrong.

Do as I say... 13th February 2015

Are we surprised to learn that, after a week of calling others tax dodgers, Red Ed turns out to be one himself? No, that's what caviar commies do, even though the rejected PM G. Broon labelled it tax abuse.

Are we surprised to learn that Red Ed has been trying to make political capital out of calling others tax dodgers when he's one himself and a hypocrite? No, everyone knows that leftie politicians have a very distant relationship with the truth.

Socialist piety covering up naked greed 15th February 2015

When socialists, communists and others start talking about redistribution of wealth, they always have one thing in common; a plan to ensure that a huge chunk of other people's money will end up in the pockets of the redistributors and their cronies.

Could just work 17th February 2015

As a long-term HSBC customer, I'm wondering if I'm entitled to sue the bank for compensation for **not** showing me ways to dodge taxes.

Let us be ourselves 17th February 2015

Whilst there might be benefits to be derived from interacting with people from different cultures, that doesn't mean, as the Looney Lefties want, that we should ditch our own culture and adopt the foreigners' weird ideas.

Well done, Wee Man! 17th February 2015

Alex Salmonella's legacy is that he turned the SNP from the natural party of government in Scotland into a trade union for scrounging whingers. And he isn't even a member of the Labour party.

Just more thoughts 18th February 2015

- 1. If God is really such a good guy, why does he condemn people to burn in Hell for all eternity. Does God have no concept of proportionality?
- 2. Science is a process of making up stories that fit the facts as they are currently known, and changing the story when our knowledge changes. Religion involves making up stories by cherry-picking facts that fit the story and ignoring ones that don't.

Is the government serious about crime? 23rd February 2015

None of the bankers who indulged in money laundering and tax dodging has been charged, never mind put in gaol. Looks like a case of the bigger the crime, and the source of political donations, the bigger the blind eye the government will turn.

Here's a thought 23rd February 2015

Foreign terrorists and criminals who seek to take advantage of human rights laws should be required to prove that they are worthwhile members of humanity and capable of behaving responsibly and like someone worthy of having human rights.

> He's getting worse 1st March 2015

Vlad the Putin has taken personal charge of the investigation into the murder of former deputy prime minister Boris Nemtsov in the shadow of the Kremlin. So it's bound to go the same way as all the other "investigations" into the murders of Vlad's opponents.

Fooling no one 2nd March 2015

We all know that Vlad the Putin has plenty of people around him who are willing psychopaths and ready to do in as many "turbulent priests" as he finds inconvenient.

And even though Vlad claimed that he was taking personal charge of the murder case, he has, in fact, appointed a stooge who has a track record for threatening to behead a journalist and do a whitewash murder investigation. So someone we cn be really confident in.

Even worst, the only witness to the murder, Anna Duritskaya, who was right next to Boris Nemetsov when he was gunned down, is now under armed guard "somewhere in Russia" and not expected to say anything the regime wouldn't like to hear anytime soon.

Freebooters
3rd March 2015

Extract from a statement issued by the Durham police: "A blank-firing pistol, which replicates the sound of real gunshots but does not require a licence to own, was also recovered during a search of the property."

Why? What gives the police the right to stroll off with anything they take a fancy to when trawling through someone's home?

Is that even legal?

Not that such considerations seem to bother Her Majesty's plods any more.

The magic is in the mushrooms? 4th March 2015

Calamity Clegg has decided to do God after a lifetime of atheism. Could his transformation have anything to do with his keenness to legalize possession of all currently banned drugs and his desire to give everyone a right of access to any drug they want?

Brilliant idea 9th March 2015

Don't waste £3 BILLION on rebuilding the House of Common Criminals, says the Official Monster Raving Loony Party. Just relocate Parliament to Wormwood Scrubs prison, which will add the benefit of reducing commuting for most peers and Mps.

Oh, to be Islamic and blame-free

If British Moslems go to the Middle East to let out their inner serial killer, it's the fault of MI5. If silly teenage girls steal the family jewels and sneak off to the Middle East to be brides of monsters, it's the fault of the Metropolitan police.

And it's certainly not the fault of the parents or the alleged refugees who preach hate against their unwilling hosts or the looney left charities which support the preachers of hate or the looney Labourites who encouraged them to come here in the first place.

Or even the BBC and other looney left meeja, who support their anti-British line and give them abundant oxygen of publicity.

Let the People know 11th March 2015

The British government is thinking of publishing details of how much loot Vlad the Putin's cronies have acquired as a result of their membership of Russia's kleptocracy.

This would be done purely in the interests of informing the Russian public about where their money has disappeared to. And if the Russians choose to retaliate in kind, about people like Tony B. Liar, say, everyone will win.

Weightlifters' Technology?

11th March 2015

What good is a watch with a battery which runs out in 3 hours if you use its fancy gadgets? Apple is being very coy about the issue but the message seems to be that you'll need to carry a whole bagful of the things around, plus a charger, to be able to use the gadgets and know what time it is.

Double Rations 13th March 2015

Two-Sheds Jackson, Two-Jags Prescott, and now Two-Kitchens Red Ed. One of his kitchens is tiny and used for photographs intended to bamboozle the voters into thinking that his millionaire's mansion ain't really that grand after all. Kitchen No. 2, on the other hand, is much grander and not for photographing.

A weird approach to career planning 15th March 2015

The Education Dept. (run by Nicky Morgan) and the Home Office (run by Theresa May) are planning to put pornography into the classroom for 11- to 16-year-olds, along with training in reviewing the performance of porn actors. Which raises the question: Will there be enough jobs for porn-film reviewers when these kids leave school?

Aussie not-so-grand prix 16 March 2015

I'm certainly glad I didn't get up at 4 a.m. for that. 5/20 cars didn't manage to start the race and only 11 got to the finish. Still, we got the result we wanted. You have to feel sorry for Jenson Button, though, in that clunker of a McLaren. And there's an extra twist to the Alonso saga; if he'd been cleared to compete, he would have been in the McLaren which failed make it to the starting grid and he wouldn't even have had the chance to fight Button for the honour of not finishing last.

Ain't it grand in the public sector! 18th March 2015

Four judges out on their ears for watching porn on computers at work at the taxpayer's expense. Which leaves us wondering how many other court staff are at it, and how much it's costing us.

Nothing so see, move along 18th March 2015

If anyone is wondering where Vlad the Putin disappeared off to in March, there was nothing sinister about it. He just took a little trip aboard to spend more time with the cash he's liberated from the Russian taxpayer.

Not me, Guv! 20th March 2015

The Balls Monster has come up with a wonderful alibi. He's now telling us that he's no good at sums and his mother-in-law does them for him. And if his numbers don't add up, it's her fault, not his.

It's a good story, but that's all it is.
21st March 2015

There's a whole lot of tripe being talked by delusional people about yesterday's eclipse, like people claiming "Avebury fell into dusk" and the same happened in Newcastle. Rubbish. I was in the Manchester area, and even though the Sun was reduced to a tiny sliver of its normal self, there was no sensation here of markedly less light than on a normal, sunnyish day with low, hazy cloud, which didn't affect observation of the Sun with an eclipse viewer.

It's all right for you, Jimmy 22nd March 2015

What are Scottish councils doing with all the subsidy money they get from English taxpayers? Using some of it to write off debts, including rent arrears, benefit overpayments and parking fines, of criminals who have been sent to gaol.

You know it makes sense 23rd March 2015

During the election campaign, politicians should be lined up at the end of the day and slapped around the head once for each utterance of a cliché like "hard-working families", "long-term economic plan", "the Tories will privatize the NHS" and all the rest.

And Ed Milipede and Ed Balls should get an extra half-dozen slaps for being who they are.

Oppressors' Charter 24th March 2015

Four journalists from The Sun have been cleared at the Old Bailey of trumped-up charges brought by the illiberal lefty Establishment in an attempt further to suppress free speech. Even the judge spotted that the prosecution "case" was a load of old rubbish.

Maybe the cost of the trial could now be deducted from the salaries of the coppers and the Can't Prosecute Service officials, who wasted millions of pounds of taxpayers' money to follow their own political agenda.

Gob open, mind not engaged 25th March 2015

The German president, Angular Merkel, has promised a full investigation into the crash of the German airliner in the Alps. Which means what?

There wouldn't have been a full investigation if she hadn't joined in?

If politicians feel obliged to say something about events like this, it would be really nice if they could manage something which doesn't sound totally stoopid.

Now we know 26th March 2015

How often does Red Ed Milipede take his kids to school? Once every general election campaign **without fail**. (But only if there's a TV crew handy to show him what to do.)

Global Warming Scam 30th March 2015

The extent of the sea ice at both poles is the same as it was in 1979, when satellite measurements began. So where's all this global warming and why are there still polar bears around?

A great day for the old guys 30th March 2015

The Malaysian GP and a good day for the former champ, Vettel, when Mercedes blew their strategy. Then the ancient Valentino Rossi won the night race at Qatar to open the MotoGP season.

And in St. Pete, Florida, Juan Pablo Montoya won the opener of the Indycar series, which was one up the kilt for the awful Aussie, Whin Jer.

No foolin' 1st April 2015

Red Ed thinks that the next James Bond should be a one-legged, albino, lesbian transvestite "in the interests of equality". Which is exactly what you'd expect from an out-of-touch Hampstead Hypocrite, who doesn't realize that a character from books written 60 years ago doesn't fall within the remit of his diversity crap.

More of the same 2nd April 2015

Black people hadn't been invented in the 1950s, as far as the British military establishment was concerned; except in subordinate roles. James Bond goes back to a time when black people were rarities in Britain and not members of the establishment.

So Ian Fleming didn't have to describe Bond as white because that was the norm for secret agents. If Fleming had wanted a black Bond, he'd have specified one because it would have been extraordinary and worthy of mention.

Calling a black actor James Bond in the name of diversity and political correctness is worthy of derision. One would hope that the actor being touted for the part would have sufficient self-respect to see that the PC mob is trying to exploit him.

Wot next? Make Othello Chinese? Othello, the warlord of Wong Shur? Felix the cat played by a dog? Miss Marple rewritten for an 11-year-old computer kid, who's noted for his bad attitue?

This diversity crap is just intellectual laziness of the sort that wished Fast & Furious 7 on the world. Don't create anything new because that involves hard work. Just recycle existing stuff endlessly.

Plain pre-thetic!

Something worth re-quoting!

2nd April 2015

"The Lord will provide."

"Oh, great. I'll just sit here and wait for that to happen."
"The Lord helps those who help themselves."

"Oh, great. I do all the work and she claims all the credit. Or was that incitement to go out shoplifting? I just don't get this religion stuff."

A new national holiday 3rd April 2015

We all know that there are gangs of lefty luvvies all over the place, who feel their day has been wasted if they are not shocked and offended by at least half a dozen imaginary slights to their involuntary client groups. So let's be nice to them. Let's have a National Lefty Luvvie Day and on that day, let us all go out of our way to offend Leftie Luvvies as many times as we can manage.

What have you got yourself into, Ed?

8th April 2015

Tony B. Liar thinks the people can't be trusted with democracy.

Red Ed invited the old fraud into his election campaign, thinking it would do him some good.

Gulp! Does this mean that Red Ed is thinking what Mr. Liar is thinking? Or is Ed "I'm not Tony B. Liar*" Milipede just too out of touch with reality to see that Mr. Liar is treating as just another useful idiot?

* 2011 Labour party conference

Mr. Liar has a point . . .

9th April 2015

... when he says the British public can't be trusted to vote the right way. After all, they did make a war-monger and swindler their prime monster not once, not twice, but three times.

None here, either 11th April 2015

In case anyone's interested, the reported lack of party political signboards in people's gardens is also evident around the Mansion. It seems to be true that the election campaign is being conducted on TV and behind closed doors, with only the party line coming out. Apart from the usual leaks, of course.

Not bovvered 11th April 2015

Do we care if Princess Bea, Prince Andrew's daughter, has enjoyed 11 holidays in the last 6 months? Despite the *Daily Disaster's* best efforts to whip us into a frenzy of indignation, the response remains a yawn.

The things they say in films 12th April 2015

I'm not sure if I heard this right, but some guy in a routine action film seemed to say: "My patience is losing weight." Which seems to me to be quite a distinctive and unusual way of putting it.

Good day for British motorsport 13th April 2015

Lewis Hamilton enjoyed a straightforward win in China. Then came the real highlights of the day. Danny Kent won the Moto3 race at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas. Then Sam Lowes, despite horrible crashes in practice, did the same in the Moto2 race.

Shame that Bradley Smith and Cal Crutchlow couldn't manage better than 6th and 7th in the MotoGP, but they don't have the bikes to challenge Marquez and Rossi and the Ducatis.

No, thanks 15th April 2015

Where were the Looney Eds, Miliband and Balls, when Wee Gordie Broon was plunging the British economy into a HUGE Brown Hole and getting into bed with the crooks running the banks? They were on the payroll as "financial advisors".

Letting this pair of comedians, with their established track record for fiscal incompetence, get their hands on the economy again would be as sensible as putting a serial firebug in charge of a fuel dump.

> Delay, delay, delay 17th April 2015

The Can't Prosecute Service's solution to the Establishment's suspected paedophiles is now clear. The Cyril Smiths and Lord Janners will be protected by cover-ups until they croak or go doolally.

Not much to do with justice but it spares the taxpayer the cost of a trial and locking up the monsters.

Don't expect them to do anything useful for their pay 17th April 2015

Does nothing work in the public sector? We have an Electoral Commission, which can't register people who are entitled to vote, and a Boundaries Commission, which is a society for the preservation of Labour rotten boroughs, which build an unfair Labour bias into the electoral system.

Depends who's counting 19th April 2015

Was the audience for the 5 minor-party leader dog and pony show on the BBC politically balanced?

Over half of them were self-confessed lefties and 20% were "undecideds" So balanced only by BBC standards.

Totally useless 19th April 2015

Having wasted £20 million on persecuting journalists who exposed dodgy doings after buying information from public officials in the public interest, the Can't Prosecute Service has abandoned the crusade, more or less.

But hey, it was only taxpayers' money which paid for the lefty luvvie show trials, and there's lots of that sloshing about.

> Just a minor detail 21st April 2015

The Scottish National Socialist Party is making a very modest demand for putting Red Ed in Downing Street. Just the odd £148 BILLION from English taxpayers and, of course, a veto on anything the Gnats don't like.

Labour Weaponizes the NHS 22nd April 2015

The Care Quality Commission, which is supposed to be the NHS watchdog, is embarrassed to admit that it participated in a stitch-up of the first privately run hospital in the NHS. Hitchingbrooke hospital, privatized by the Brown Regime, was placed in special measures after it was suddenly declared inadequate after a long string of positive reports.

Four months later, the CQC has been forced to admit that the inspection which resulted in the damning report was rigged by Labour party activists and trade unionists opposed to privatization.

The CQC also ignored a later, more positive report on the hospital in its rush to make a political point.

That's a lot of years! 23rd April 2015

The British trader, who is accused of triggering a brief £570 BILLION collapse in US share prices from his suburban semi in Hounslow, has been told that he faces 380 years in gaol if extradited and convicted. So no wonder the authorities are hoping to confiscate the £27 million, which he is believed to have made out of similar tricks over the last 5 years, to pay the imprisonment costs. And for the taxidermist, of course.

Bragging Rights Fight? 24th April 2015

The day before yesterday, Alex Salmonella, the Ayatollah of the Scottish National Socialist Party, was claiming he would be writing Labour's budget after the election. Yesterday, it was the turn of Red Len McCluskey, the kommissar of the union Unite (and go out on strike) to claim that he would be pushing Red Ed's buttons. So, put them in a steel cage and who would come out the winner of a fight to the finish?

Explanation, please 24th April 2015

Given that the Greens want to turn Britain into a sort of mediaeval paradise with no big companies, and no polluting industry and motor vehicles, perhaps we should be told how they plan to kill 40-50 million people and dispose of the bodies to get the population down to a level which their paradise can sustain.

Totally useless 25th April 2015

The mayor of Tower Hamlets in London has been sacked and disqualified from public political life for 5 years for a whole

range of offences. Was it the Electoral Commission and the local police which exposed his electoral fraud, which the judge described as on an industrial scale?

No, it was all down to the efforts of four private citizens, who risked huge legal penalties if they failed to win their case. Which leaves the rest of us asking why we pay the stooges in office good money for doing bugger all.

Even worse, the bloke who took over from the disgraced and displaced mayor, same surname but no relation, is claiming Lutfur Rahman did nothing wrong, playing the race card as shamelessly as his predecessor and claiming that there is deep-seated racialism in the borough. Yes, and it's all down to the people who keep playing the race card, mate.

Brilliant Idea 27th April 2015

The next government should pass a law obliging all offence junkies to obtain treatment – at their own expense – to enable them to exist in our society without constantly seeking sources of outrage. Whilst this will cause a lot of damage to the political Rent-A-Gob industry, not to mention the racialism and diversity exploitation industries, it will be worth it.

Appreciation needed 27th April 2015

When you're out in your garden, do you ever take a moment to wave at the satellite Eye In The Sky network, which is photographing every square inch of the planet 24-hours a day on behalf of the US government?

Now, we know 27th April 2015

It's official! The Chilcot whitewash on the 2003 illegal Iraq war will not be published until after Tony B. Liar has blagged

certificates from 4 doctors claiming that he has dementia.

Put some life in it! 29th April 2015

The election campaign is full of grey, dull characters. What we need to do is attach pointless slogans to the main players to make them more interesting. Like: Ed Miliband – the man who put the "anal" in root canal.

A dose of reality 29th April 2015

Anyone who claims he can control the Earth's climate by messing about with carbon dioxide emissions is laughable? insane? crooked? Probably all three. And has anyone reading this ever been consulted about what he or she wants the state of our climate to be after it's been changed?

No, I thought not.

Political newsflash 30th April 2015

If elected, the Green Party will promote research into ways to increase the rate of spontaneous human combustion as a means of reducing the British population to a level which can be sustained by the de-industrialized, motor car-free society, which they hope to create.

Words of Wisdom 1st May 2015

Something to remember for the last week of the election campaign:

"Like all politicians, they'll say whatever it takes to get what they want."

The burning question

2nd May 2015

Will the nation vote for sanity/ Or will inflict on us, Red Ed in the pocket of Wee Burney, Queen of Scots?

Make that Risible Ed as well as Red Ed!

4th May 2015

Ed Milipede unveils his 6 commandments on a stone tablet! What planet is he from? Or is this proof that his spin doctors are in competition to find out who can make him look the biggest idiot?

We know who to blame

4th May 2015

If you don't vote, you're not entitled to moan about the government you get. And if you vote Labour, it's your fault if Miliband and Balls carry on wrecking the economy, as they did when they were Gordon Brown's financial gurus.

Really?

5th May 2015

Throwing the world's biggest tarpaulin over New Labour's crimes against humanity, and distributing a few hundred tons of sawdust to mop up all the blood shed by New Labour's policies, are we seriously contemplating installing as the next prime minister, the man who wished upon an ungrateful nation the Miliband *Spinal Tap* Tombstone?

And only six commandments? What an effin cheapskate Red Ed is! And the content of the commandments – total drivel.

Is this clot Miliband really any sort of choice for prime minister?

Anyone left? 6th May 2015

The political parties seem to be busy suspending crazies in their ranks, like the UKIP guy who wanted to shoot an opponent and the SNP rent-a-mob instigators, who confronted the leader of Scottish Labour yesterday. Pity Labour can't bring themselves to do something about the real crazies, like Moses Miliband and the Balls Monster.

Believe this and you'll believe anything 7th May 2015

Going into polling day, do 25% of the electorate really not know which party they'll support? Or is it just that people are saying what they think will nark intrusive pollsters? I know what I believe.

Reward for blind faith 7th May 2015

There's a rumour going around that if Red Ed gets to be prime minister, he'll show us what's on the other side of his 8-foot, £30K tombstone!

Why did the pollsters get it so wrong? 8th May 2015

Simple. People played their cards close to their chest. Instead of saying they planned to vote Conservative, they said they were undecided.

Result: egg on the face of the pollsters because they weren't allowed to water-board their customers.

Gang warfare 9th May 2015

There are some who embrace the EU because being prt of a big street gang gives them a warm, fuzzy feeling of protection against the other big street gangs in the world; the US, Russia, China, India, etc.

And there are others who see the EU gang for what it is. You have to wear the gang colours, so no more national identities, just the grey, harmonized, homogenized EU identity.

And then there are the gang dues. Open you wallet and say the magic words: "Help yourself" to the EU bosses. And talking of those bosses; don't expect any say in electing them. They're not elected, they just take their turns at different spots at the trough-side at the behest of other EU bosses.

Great idea; not! 10th May 2015

According to the BBC TV news this morning, the Scots raise 3% less tax per head than in England and spend 15% per head more. So gaining full financial control for the Scottish parliament is likely to give them a few headaches.

Especially if the parliament in England refuses to guarantee their debts.

How very Europeon of them 11th May 2015

The Scottish National Socialists are clearly at one with the EU when it comes to referendums. If the electorate doesn't get it right the first time around, as for the Irish ratification of the Lisbon treaty, do it again and again until the useless electorate votes for independence, or whatever.

Something for the supporters of PR and AV to ponder upon

11th May 2015

Neither proportional representation nor alternative voting would have got rid of Michael Portillo, Ed Balls or Jim Murphy - they'd all have been at the top of the list with the rest of the favoured ones.

Giving Dave black looks won't work, lady 11th May 2015

Nicola Sturgeon says the concessions to Scotland, offered as the independence referendum approached last year, don't go far enough. But if Dave the Leader disagrees, what's she going to do. What can she do? It's not as if she's a Westminster MP and able to give him black stares across the divide between the green benches. She's still a moderate-size fish in a small pond, by her own choice, and a long way away from the real seat of power in Britain

Memo to Dave the Leader:

13th May 2015

You might want to ditch that tired cliché about being the party for working people and substitute "people who want to work", which includes those who don't have a job but are looking for one, and people who are in training or getting an education to enable them to get a job.

How big a body count? 13th May 2015

The Timothy McVeigh Appreciation Society's members think they have a divine right to get themselves noticed by defacing war memorials, rioting, and looting & burning their local convenience store. They think violence is the way to tell the British electorate they got the result wrong at the last general election when they elected a Tory government, and the whole things needs to be re-run until it delivers the result the lefty loonies want. Which raises a pertinent question.

If the small stuff doesn't produce a re-run of the election, what comes next? Blowing up trains and buses? Crashing aircraft into tall buildings? Putting anthrax into a large building's air conditioning system? Putting a lethal biological agent into the water supply of a large city?

Just how many people do the lefty lunatics think they'll have to kill to get their way?

Parliamentary imbalance

14th May 2015

An analysis of the sexuality of the current crop of British MPs has revealed that 5% of them are homophiles, which means that this persuasion is now over-represented. The only solution available involves de-selection of a number of them which is sufficient to reach a more representative level in the House of Commons, and by-elections with non-homophile candidates to replace them.

Be careful what you wish for

14th May 2015

For a decade, the Grauniadistas have been battling to get their hands on the text of letters written by Prince Charles to ministers of the Tony B. Liar regime. Now, they have been made public.

The first surprise is that they are typewritten, not hand-scrawled in a black-spider script as *theGuardian* has led us to believe. And shock, horror! They fail to show that Prince Charles is a bullying meddler, who threatens to duff up intransigent politicians.

On the contrary, the letters contain thoughtful, well-researched and entirely rational comments on matters of the day. Today is truly a bad day for *theGrauniad*.

Why was the Poll Tax so hated in Scotland? 15th May 2015

Was it because everyone was obliged to make a purely nominal contribution to the running costs of their locality (purely nominal compared to the amount of cash which councils receive from central government), and having to do that really upset the socialist scroungers in Scotland, who think everyone else should pay their way?

A very silly film and impossible to take seriously 18th May 2015

I watched *The Hunger Games* on Channel 4 at the weekend. The plot, such as it is, concerns a weird, North Korean-style society, which is divided into 12 districts.

Every year, 2 young people are chosen from each district; a boy and a girl; and put into a game of murder, in which very young children and fairly mature teenagers are supposed to keep killing one another for the delectation of a mass TV audience until there's only one survivor.

This is the revenge of the metropolitan upper classes on the peasants for daring to stage an uprising 3 generations previously.

If it had been called Monty Python and the Hunger Games, it might have worked better; as long as the makers specified that it was a clinically insane version of Monty Python.

Terry Jones would have been very good as the pink-frocked female impersonator, who presided over choosing our young heroine and our young hero for the "games".

And Eric Idle at his most smarmy would have been an idea choice for the Parkinson who did the TV interviews with the contestants.

And the other Pythons would have really enjoyed camping around in the silly outfits and fright wigs.

Typical deluded Labourite

18th May 2015

Stephen Kinnock, MP son of the parasitic and hardly decorative Lord Pillock, thinks the Labour party invented social mobility. Total bollocks, of course. It has been going on for millennia. History is full of stories of people who started with nothing and achieved huge success.

Not much of a night out? 20th May 2015

The *Daily Disaster* is offering a deal to go and see Sinatra at the London Palladium. But as he's dead, will it be like a visit to Lenin's tomb? Everyone lines up and files past a coffin containing a mummy?

On being bulletproof

21st May 2015

- Why have the police failed to arrest the banksters at Barclays and RBS, who earned their respective banks fines adding up to £2 BILLION for recent swindles?
- Why has the CPS failed to get them gaoled and their assets stripped as proceeds of crime?
- Why are they getting this protection?

 Just think, if you were a paedophile and a bankster, you could get away with absolutely **anything**.

Oh, yes, sure! 21st May 2015

No one would want to see a newspaper's viability threatened, said a Hacked Toffs mouthpiece. Strange that applies only to the lefty Mirror group, which has been hacking vigorously for 10 years, and not to the News of the Screws, which went bump.

Typical politician on any topic 22nd May 2015

"Yeah, we shouldn't be frightened of a debate. Let's do what we usually do. Let's ask the people what they think and then ignore them."

We should be told 22nd May 2015

Why are jihadi terrorists in Syria so keen on marrying British teenage girls? Is it because they don't fancy the local talent? Or are they hoping to get a British passport out of the deal and a retirement on benefits here, courtesy of the British taxpayer?

Do we really want Shaker Aamer?

23rd May 2015

He's a Saudi citizen, he's been in Guantanamo Bay as an illegal combatant for 13 years, suspected of financing terrorism and being a bin Laden buddy, the usual suspects are agitating for his release and the US is happy to send him back to Saudia but not to Britain.

So what's wrong with Mr. Aamer going to Saudia, where his family can join him, and reducing our unwanted migrant problem?

Tainted victory 24th May 2015

Anyone can get 3 consecutive wins at Monaco if your team is prepared to screw your team mate.

Pointless misery 25th May 2015

Ed Miliband is reported to have spent a lot of his post-election holiday in Ibiza worrying about protecting his legacy. Really? What legacy would that be, Ed?

> Much better show 25th May 2015

The Indianapolis 500 knocked the Monaco GP into the proverbial cocked hat. An introduction from the commander of the ISS, some crashes along the way and a thrilling finish with Montoya showing Win Jer, the awful Aussie, who's boss. Great stuff!

Sounds fair to me 26th May 2015

Wouldn't it be great if the wiseguy who tried to get a bakery run by Catholics to make a gay marriage cake, were forced to go to a Moslem bakery and demand a cake with a picture of the prophet Mohammed on it? And wouldn't it be even greater if the judge, who ruled that the wiseguy's 'uman rights are more important than anyone else's, were forced to go with him to explain to the Moslem baker that if he didn't make the cake, he'd go to gaol?

And your point is? 27th May 2015

The trial of a City trader accused of rigging the Japanese Libor inter-bank lending rate has been told that he was motivated by greed. So if he'd just been motivated by a desire to make money for his employer by cheating other people, would he have been let off?

Why does FIFA belong to the United States all of a sudden?

28th May 2015

Apparently, officers of the Swiss-based organization have been using US banks in New York for their alleged nefarious going on and holding meetings there. which gives the FBI jurisdiction. Also, the Confederation of North, Central America and Carribean Association Football, which is linked to FIFA and to which most of the handcuffed honchos belong, is based in Miami. So the Feds have a double reason for getting the hump.

Good News! There's another James Bond book on the way 28th May 2015

"What-cha doin' there, boy?" James Bond asked as he waddled out of the processing shed of the family chicken factory, brushing futilely at the grease stains on his once-white suit.

"Mr Bond, the world needs saving again," said the messenger.

"Shoot!" said Bond. "Who's that landing an airyplane on my private driveway?"

"That's Miss Pussy Galore, sir," said the messenger. "She's been revived for your latest mission."

James Bond's fleshy features flowed into a radiant smile as he spotted the walking frame, which had deployed at the foot of the private jet's steps. He watched a fragile yet intensely feminine figure totter down the steps and detach the walking frame, realizing what had been missing from his life for so long.

Could this be an extract from *Trigger Mortis* by Anthony Horowitz? Will he make Bond black to satisfy Hollywood? Will he do the same to Pussy Galore? Only time will tell.

Fabius, King of Twaddle 29th May 2015

According to Laurent Fabius, the French foreign minister, "Britain joined a football club. They can't now say in the middle of the match that they want to play rugby. It's one or the other."

Total bollocks, of course. Britain joined the European Economic Community in 1973. What we are in now, 40 years later, is nothing like the old EEC. It's certainly not the "football" it started off as, to use Mr. Fabius' analogy. The guy is clearly talking out of his backside. But, hey! He's a politician. And a French one.

Poison Pill 29th May 2015

Andy Burnham was health secretary during the period when patients were dying unnecessarily at Stafford Hospital and elsewhere thanks to New Labour's policies, and boss of the Treasury when the economy went haywire in 2007/08 as a product of Gordon Brown's financial policies. Sounds like he's just the bloke to be the next Labour party leader!

FIFA settles for second best 30th May 2015

There's a rumour going round that FIFA wanted Tony Blair for their next president but they had to settle for more Blatter. If you want to get started on a boycott of FIFA's sponsors, the list starts with VISA, Coca-Cola, Hyundai, Nike, McDonald's, Adidas and the dreaded Budweiser.

Merkel's mood music 30th May 2015

British prime minister Dave "the Leader" Cameron visited Germany as part of his charm offensive ahead of a possible Brexit from the European Union. Chancellor Merkel told him:

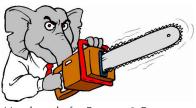
"When you are convinced of an idea, you cannot say that treaty change is totally impossible."

Translation: "Dream on, Dave, we're going to obstruct every move you make and, for all practical purposes, you'll be banging your head against totally impossible."

Cheap talk, weasel words 30th May 2015

Andy "Disaster Zone" Burnham's promise to throw the kitchen sink at the Tories has been viewed as a cheap dig at failed Labour leader Eddie "Two Kitchens" Miliband. But it's one which could come back to bite his ass, given Burnham's own inclination for collecting kitchens. It was at least 3 at the last count: his main constituency home, his rented Parliamentary second home in London, which costs the taxpayer £1,500/month, and his nest-egg flat just a short stagger away, which he rents out for about £1,600/month.

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