

Feet On The Ground

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How typical?

2nd November 2016

I was reading an article on banks putting up interest rates and annual fees on credit cards, and the illustrations of how much more customers would pay were based on “a typical £4,000 balance”. Crikey! Do lots of people really owe that much on a credit card?

Not the whole story

2nd November 2016

President O’bummer took office with the slogan ‘Yes, we can!’ Eight years in the job, and nothing of any great value achieved, have shown that the slogan should have been ‘Yes, we can! But we can’t be arsed!’

Posturing by the Clyde

2nd November 2016

Glasgow is to provide the country’s first official shooting gallery for drug addicts. Research elsewhere has found that providing addicts with somewhere to shoot up on the taxpayer conveys no benefits in terms of health and persuading the addicts to stop taking drugs. But Scotland under Wee Burney Sturgeon is now the land of “look at me” gestures.

The Right Direction

2nd November 2016

The raucous H. Clinton has just been ranting on the TV news about not going back, she’s going forward. But if going back means returning to a government system which is a corrupt mess, and going forward with the same people means more of

the same, wouldn't it be a good idea to go sideways with different people in charge? After all, they could hardly make things worse.

Government is bad for your health

3rd November 2016

New Labour bribed motorists to pick diesel-fuelled vehicles on spurious global warming grounds. Now, we're being told that particulates emitted by diesel engines are the cause of lethal air pollution in cities, and owners of diesel-engined vehicles are going to have to pay a pollution tax to drive into 16 cities. Which won't do anything about air pollution but will put cash into the government's coffers to fund the next assault on the nation's health.

Just wilful attention-seeking

4th November 2016

“This is your decision. The Government will implement what you decide.” That's what it said in the £9 MILLION Project Fear leaflet, which was issued after MPs voted 6-1 to dump the decision on Brexit on the electorate. No ambiguity, no spurious legal waffle there. That's something that even the dimmest judge should be able to grasp.

M. Le Pits

5th November 2016

The French president, F. Hollande, has found a place in the *Guinness Book of Records*. His approval rating of 4% is the lowest since records began in 1846. Even Charles de Gaulle [the greatest cross I have to bear is the Cross of Lorraine; W. Churchill], whose subjects took to the streets in open revolt in their millions in 1968, never dropped that low.

New world order
5th November 2016

I must have dropped off for a couple of minutes but when did we vote to put a hedge fundista, a Brazilian crimper, a Bremonoer plumbing millionaire and a bunch of dotty, out-of-touch judges in charge of anything?

It's democracy. Suck it up.
5th November 2016

Who decided that judges are gods whose decisions are absolute? These pampered customers @ the public-sector trough deliver mere opinions, and in a democracy, newspapers and members of the public have an absolute right to disagree with those opinions, and do so forcefully, no matter how much it upsets vested interests and the luvvie lobby.

Facing extinction?
5th November 2016

“Not tonight, dear, I have a severe case of election loss of libido.”

It would appear that another of these marvellous surveys has found that Democraps are at much greater risk of vanishing from the planet through refusing to breed. Which has to be something else that you couldn't make up!

Up in smoke
6th November 2016

A man who was arrested in St. Albans has admitted six charges of possessing old firearms. The police announced that there could have been six more charges but they cannot be laid as the evidence was blown up. Any old excuse to avoid doing a spot of work?

The consumer remains swindled

7th November 2016

National power consumption at the end of October was provided mainly by gas & coal (70%) and nuclear (21%). Most of the rest was imported from France. Wind power contributed just 0.6%.

And yet the government is carrying on with New Labour’s crazy plan to ‘decarbonize’ Britain. Never mind Brexit, how does the PM think she’s going to keep the lights on?

A Law Made By Asses

7th November 2016

The Hunting Act (2004) has turned out to be yet another piece of New Labour class hatred legislation which has achieved the exact opposite of its intentions.

Membership of the registered hunts has never been higher and the demand for premium horses, which can jump obstacles and follow hounds, goes up and up.

Losers’ Selective Justice

8th November 2016

Frustrated Bremonoaners are trying to get the CPS to bring criminal prosecutions for giving voters “misleading” information during the great EU referendum campaign.

Of course, only Brexit advocates would face charges and everyone who had a hand in Project Fear and other Bremonoan propaganda would not be banged up.

The Bremonoaners have had the cheek to send a letter of demands to the CPS. Sounds like the Bremonoaners should be locked up for attempting to waste taxpayers’ cash.

Everything’s coded messages, these days

8th November 2016

Take the FIFA ban on England and Scotland wearing poppies on their shirts for an international football match. Decoded, the message reads: “Where’s the effin’ bung?”

Cloth-ears rides again

9th November 2016

1. Does Captain Picard of Star Trek TNG really say: “to seek out new life and nuke civilizations”?
2. Let’s go back to Washington and moron the elections.

This one deserves a biscuit

9th November 2016

The Students’ Union @ Reading University has come up with a good excuse for not entering University Challenge, which it has no hope of winning. The young fogeys have decided that they’ve been upset by Paxo the Inquisitor’s sexist remarks about their girls and they’re too deep in a huff to be able to pick a team.

Another triumph for Nigel Farage!

9th November 2016

The Man of the year for 2016 encouraged the British people to reject the corruption of the European Union’s pillockocracy and the vested interests in British political circles.

He delivered Brexit.

Then Mr. Farage travelled to the United States to advise the Trump campaign on running its “Brexit Plus Plus Plus” challenge to the corruption of the political establishment there. Thus America has been spared a presidency during which Hillary Clinton would have been eternally looking over

her shoulder, wondering if her next stop after the White House would be a gaol cell.

And let us not forget: Donald Trump is Britain’s friend. Clinton never has been.

A year of achievement

9th November 2016

Brexit. President Trump. What next? Tony B. Liar in gaol?

The ABC Principle

10th November 2016

America has spoken, and it said “Anyone But Clinton” and delivered a resounding “NO!” to their version of the Blairs. Hillary Clinton’s fate is just a poke in the eye for the Establishment sneerocracy, who think that the world exists for their comfort and enrichment, irrespective of whichever political party or system of government prevails.

First Britain, and now America has shown that the sneerocracy can be dented.

Sometimes, the bad guys do come last.

Let us get real, people!

11th November 2016

Putting the Clintons back into the White House would have been like putting the Blairs back into Downing Street. How much sleaze and corruption do you want?

Not very democratic, really

11 November 2016

It’s true. President elect Trump’s victory was Brexit Plus Plus Plus with the Whatever** Tendency doing its usual spiteful

moaning. They call themselves Democrats but their first instinct after a democratic election doesn't go their way is to start rioting and burning stuff and behaving like demoCRAPs.

Would the Republicans have done any of this if the Establishment had managed to rig the election the other way. Of course not.

** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHash5takWU>

England Magic

12th November 2016

That *Screw You, FIFA, We're Wearing Poppies* international turned out to be a really strange affair. The Scots turned up disguised as Pink Panthers and England delivered a mirror-image of their normal performance.

Instead of England thrashing about and getting nowhere near the goal, the Scots delivered a number of fruitless shocks and England kept sticking the ball in the net.

Maybe this game can be preserved in aspic as a reminder of what England can do on their day.

Parasite protests

12th November 2016

A visiting American friend described the rioting in the wake of President Trump's victory as a collected panic attack by the fascist left and over-rated minorities, who see their privileges endangered by people who are not subject to the guilt trips, which worked so well for the Luvvie Tendency in the past. So it's all about the money. Well, just as long as we know.

Pointless posturing

13th November 2016

The Whatever Tendency is having lots of fun in New York and other American cities. But what do they expect to

achieve? A couple of minutes pretending to be Wolfie Smith on BBC news programmes which they will never see?

Do they really expect Donald Trump to look out of his window, see the mob of Clinton’s Deplorables outside and suddenly realize that his election to America’s top political job was a big mistake and the people who voted for him got it badly wrong?

Like that’s going to happen.

Silly stories inspired by self-interest No. 616

13th November 2016

The Whatevers are saying that Donald Trump is in the pay of President Putin and that’s why Hillary Clinton should take his place @ the White House.

And their proof of that is what? Oh, we’re just going to have to take their word for it.

And we’re just going to have to ignore the fact that they expect to stick their hands further into the taxpayers’ pocket with Whitewater Hillary as president than if Mr. Trump gets the job?

How very Democratic of them.

Equality? Right!

13th November 2016

Wee Burney Sturgeon, Scotland’s first natterbox, has written to H. Clinton’s to thank her for her contribution to politics and the way she has greatly advanced the cause of gender equality.

I wonder if anyone is writing to Donald Trump in the same terms to thank him for turning the tide a little against the monstrous regiment of women, which includes Angie Merkel and all the main party leaders in Scotland?

Maybe I should get right on with that myself.

Easily solved problem

13th November 2016

‘Uman Rightists are up in arms over the use of spit-hoods to prevent criminals from spitting at police officers. Fine. Their use can be abolished if the rules are changed to allow coppers to smack the spitter around the back of the head, in the manner of Special Agent Gibbs of TV’s NCIS, every time the criminal is disgusting.

What goes about . . .

14th November 2016

There seem to be a lot of people trying to mark president-elect Donald Trump’s card and tell him what he can’t do in office; the Secretary General of NATO being the latest of them.

If I were Mr. Trump, my reaction would be: “Back off. I’m not president yet, but when I am, you can be sure that your card is already marked.”

Sign language

14th November 2016

That thing American & Canadian footballers do, where they point upwards: I’ve often wondered what it means, and now I know. It means beware of the crap from the seagulls flying overhead. And having seen the numbers of them at the end of a CFL match in Montreal, there’s a lot of being ware to do!

Alibi in place

14th November 2016

H. Clinton is putting the blame for her defeat on the FBI director, who revealed that more of her dodgy emails were under investigation. So nothing to do with her poisonous personality and all her personal baggage, like the Whitewater thing and being responsible for all the dodgy emails in the first place?

How ungrateful can you get? It’s only losing the election that kept her out of gaol. And her argument that it was her “turn” to be president because she’s a woman never held water.

You pillock, George

15th November 2016

The sacked Chancellor, G. Osborne hasn’t grasped the simple fact that the electorate doesn’t vote for a prime minister. They elect MPs and the leader of the largest gang of them becomes PM. Such monumental ignorance reflects some of the reasons why no one wanted Mr. Project Fear as Tory party leader and PM.

Eternal Mounting Scorchio

15th November 2016

Guess what? This year is going to be the hottest year in recorded history. Which is becoming an annual event promoted by the not-so-great global warming swindlers.

Of course, this latest hottest year thing is just an “assessment” intended to support the GWS at the UN, who are having another of their junket conferences in Morocco.

Warm welcome

16th November 2016

President O’Bummer got a typical Greek welcome when he dropped in on their president in Athens: commies rioting and chucking fire bombs on the streets in an action replay of their reception for Bill Clinton when he did a stop-over in 1999, and dumb insolence and dirty looks from the guys in tutus and tights guarding the presidential palace.

Clearly, no one told the outgoing US president that November is the official Bad Behaviour Month for Greece’s communists.

There are some really stupid TV ads

17th November 2016

Like the one for “the mobile network run by you”. But I have no experience of running a mobile network. So why would I want to sign up to a company run by people who aren’t up to the job?

Get gone

18th November 2016

We’re not really encouraged to wish that people would be run over by the corporation dustcart and die horribly.

But I’d make an exception in the case of Lord Kerr, who thinks we need more migrants because the native population is “so bloody stupid”.

Of course, what got the racist lord’s goat was that we stupid idiots dared to vote against his cherished EU and his access to the gravy train.

There’s nothing like self-interest under threat for bringing out the nasty side of the over-privileged.

We’ve given up, sez govt.

19th November 2016

The *Daily Mail* has been embarrassing the government with pictures of how much inmates of Her Majesty’s prisons are enjoying themselves with abundant drugs and takeaway dinners.

So what is the response from Her Majesty’s government? An attempt to sneak through cancellation of some regulations to make prison life even softer. Do we remember when the Tories were the party of Lor ‘n’ Order? Nope.

It's a fair question

20th November 2016

A quick flash after I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue on Radio 4: the BBC blaming Donald Trump for “sinking the world's biggest free-trade deal”.

Presumably, that's the Trans-Pacific Partnership deal. But why would the other countries call it off just because the United States decided not to be in it? Or were they expecting America to pay for it? Or it could just be the BBC being the BBC.

An unwelcome sign of the times

20th November 2016

Oxford Dictionaries, publisher of the definitive Oxford English Dictionary, has made *post-truth* its Word of the Year. It's an adjective applied to the cod statistics and downright lies concocted by politicians, their spin doctors and their apologists when they're trying to sell something dodgy to the public. [see Tony B. Liar's WoMD in Iraq, Project Fear, etc.]

It's a fair question

20th November 2016

Could it be that the reason why no one has seen much of Hillary Clinton since the Presidential election campaign is that she's in therapy, trying to get her head round the fact that the Great American Public picked Donald Trump in preference to HER!

Sideline twerps

21st November 2016

Some commentators need a good smack round the back of the head to introduce them to the real world. Like the guy who was moaning about what the Baltimore Ravens were doing at

the end of their American Crunch match with the Dalla Cowboys yesterday.

You’re 10 points down with a few seconds to go? You’re not going to win. Because the only way to win is to hurl a pass to the end zone and have it caught by one of your guys.

It doesn’t matter if the convert is any good because your only hope, in the last second, is to do a kick-off, mug the return guy for the ball and score a TD. And how often does that happen? Apart from never.

A sensible commentator would just have made the usual vague noises about which college the players went to and wait for the final whistle.

Eyes to the Sky Again

22nd November 2016

Here’s an interesting idea: when president, Donald Trump will take funds away from the not-so-great Global Warming Swindle to fund a Return to the Moon programme by NASA. And that includes diverting all the NASA personnel, who are currently pushing the GWS agenda, back to space research.

Joe got it right, if only in the Stan Freberg version

22nd November 2016

You really have to wonder about the mentality of the CPS mob. The man accused of killing the MP Jo Cox is described as having a meticulously tidy bedroom with his books carefully ordered according to subject matter.

So bloody what? You could say the same about my bedroom after it has been tidied up. And I refuse to believe that makes me a potential mad killer.

He also has books about Germany military history. Me, too. And a baseball hat with the word Deutschland on it. Me not too, in that case. But again, so what?

So much BS and padding dilute the real evidence. Like reading a letter from MP S. Kinnock to the court. What does

that have to do with the matter before the court apart from nothing at all?

CCTV, eye-witnessed and forensic are what count. Pathetic attempts at character assassination don't. “Just the facts, ma'am,” as Detective Sergeant Joe Friday never said.

Damaged Goods

23rd November 2016

The Twitosphere might be full of garbage fly-tipped by twits but it can provide an interesting kite-flying area. Cue great consternation when president elect D. Trump proposed UKIP luminary N. Farage for the job of Britain's ambassador to the US and exposed just how invisible the Establishment wax-work, one K. Darroch, has been. Exposed to the point of the Prime Minister needing to hold his hand and pretend she has confidence in him.

Of course, Darroch has been his own worst enemy; he had the gall to slag off Mr. Trump during the presidential election campaign, which is what you'd expect from a paid-up member of the sneerocracy.

Of course again, the Farage Notion might be just a bit of fun but it does have the secondary purpose of telling other political leaders that The Donald is not going to take any crap from them. And that is a statement worth making.

Insulated from reality

24th November 2016

“Austerity is about living within our means”, our Conservative prime minister said yesterday. The words just bounced off the thick skulls of SNP, Labour and Liberal MPs, who believe in living at someone else's expense.

Cops need fun too

24th November 2016

What do you get if you park your hired Porsche, with the hazard lights flashing, illegally outside a Paris night club because you're too refreshed to drive and you've decided to go home in a taxi?

You get the car blown up by the police.

Data disaster

25th November 2016

Oh, dear. The Global Warming Swindlers have suffered another reverse. Data from the notebooks of polar explorers visiting the Antarctic up to a century ago has shown that the extent of the ice shelf there hasn't decreased due to global warming.

In fact, it has grown slightly over the 30 years for which there have been satellite observations.

So the GWS are now telling us that the South Pole is less sensitive to climate change than the North Pole. Which kind of takes the global out of global warming.

BTW: still no word on why the North Pole isn't ice-free during the summer, as predicted by the GWS.

Good thing, bad thing

25th November 2016

Democracy is fine as long as it goes the Establishment's way. But if the people go their own way, it becomes “the tyranny of the majority”, according to former PM and europhile J. Major.

Oh, those dreadful majorities! How undemocratic can you get!

How expert are these “experts” really?

25th November 2016

According to the Institute for Fiscal Studies (headed by a Bremonoaner, funded by the EU), the current decade will be the worst for living standards since the 1920s because these “experts” predict no growth in wages in real terms, which ignores the fact that current living standards, compared to the unemployment, poverty, endemic disease, etc. of the 1920s, are relatively wonderful.

Even if the fat cats aren’t getting as rich as they think they should, we’re still doing okay.

Even worse, the “expert” opinions are based on guesses made by the Office for Budget Responsibility, another nest of Bremonoaners, which has a truly horrible accuracy rate when it publishes its guesses.

John Major’s MAD

26th November 2016

The former Tory prime monster has united with former New Labour fraudster Tony B. Liar to create a *Movement for the Abolition of Democracy* (MAD). Major, who labelled colleagues “bastards” when they opposed his efforts to sell Britain down the EU river, is fed up with being subject to the “tyranny of democracy”.

He thinks direct rule by people like himself and Mr. Liar would be much better. He also believes in the European policy of letting the people vote and vote again until they get the result right. Which is why Major and Liar are campaigning for a second referendum on Britain’s membership of the EU. And maybe a third if the answer still doesn’t come out right.

Recalled to Life? Probably not.

26th November 2016

The case of the 14-year-old girl, who was frozen after she died in the hope of being revived 200 years from now, has raised some predictable views. Such as:

“The soul leaves the body at death so a reanimated body

would be a soul-less zombie.”

And the evidence for this claim is . . . ? Entirely absent, it would appear. It’s an opinion as lacking in proof as the notion that a frozen corpse can be reanimated.

He asked for it!

26th November 2016

Tony B. Liar is now a self-proclaimed insurgent? Oh, good! That means the bastard can be shot on sight as a danger to good people everywhere.

Brain in neutral

26th November 2016

An advert for Heinz Baked Beenz has been banned on ‘elf ‘n’ narzi grounds. The ad shows people using empty cans as drums and the Advertising Standards Authority has banned it because the ad contains no warning that swallowing an empty baked bean tin could be dangerous for children.

Just a thought

26th November 2016

If President Trump every goes to Moscow to meet Vlad the Putin, he’d be well advised to take a pocket Geiger counter with him to make sure that the tea is polonium-free.

Something else for the TV sports channels?

27th November 2016

Anyone else heard of FootGolf? Me, neither. Apparently, it’s played in 30 countries and there are even international tournaments. For the benefit of fellow ignoramuses, like anyone cares, it’s played with a full-size football on a course with 18 holes. The object, natch, is to get around with the least number of boots of the ball.

Can't cope, shame.

27th November 2016

It has been revealed that broadcasting “legend” and Tory politician baiter Mr. “Are you free?” Humphries can't manage his own kitchen. Apparently, he has to rely on his daughter binning all the out-of-date food from time to time. Which certainly throws a new light on Radio 4's Mr. Grumpy.

Good to see the back of him

27th November 2016

What do we make of the late Fidel Castro? Mugabe with more Russian cash. Russia's deniable mercenary. And who took over when Castro got too feeble? His brother. How very North Korean.

Wrong & repulsive

27th November 2016

Global Warming Swindlers are like Breemoaners: events have exposed their flim-flam as bogus but they have made too big an investment of credibility to admit that they got it badly wrong.

Unbalanced and aware of it

28th November 2016

There are people who will tell you that the BBC has to give a balanced view on everything when, in actual fact, it never does because the Beeb is structured to foster a certain type of mentality.

Which is why it's full of tax-dodging luvvies, people with a sense of entitlement as big as all outdoors and egomaniacs on frankly ridiculous salaries for what they actually do. It's all about the BBC's “our kind of people”.

Like Sir James Savile, O.B.E.

Barack come lately

28th November 2016

Outgoing President O'Bummer extending a hand of friendship to the Cuban people after the death of retired dictator Fidel Castro is a tad superfluous, seeing over 3 million of them are already living in Florida. It's something that's been going on for decades, mate.

Not so much a crime, more an attack of sour grapes

29th November 2016

There's a lot of talk about the EU 'punishing' Britain for daring to vote to leave it. Could someone please remind me when membership of the EU became obligatory and Britain's decision to quit became a crime requiring punishment?

Matters arising include the question of how the EU could punish Britain without inflicting at least equal, and probably greater, damage upon itself. After all, we're talking about a nation which is actually putting cash into the budget and which has a huge trade deficit with the EU.

It works both ways

29th November 2016

The Bremonoaners would have us believe that 68.93% of those who voted to Leave the EU have realized that they were bamboozled by non-dom national newspaper proprietors, and they have since changed their minds. So we need to have a second referendum.

But isn't it equally likely that 71.4397% of those who voted to Remain in the EU have seen how well things are going and changed their minds? And the result will go the same way again after wasting a whole lot of cash, which the government will have to borrow because current governments are constitutionally unable to live within our means?

A New Stone Age

29th November 2016

The PM has been accused of cherry-picking Red Ed Miliband’s economic ideas. While we’re laughing at that notion, let us hope she doesn’t take a fancy to something more tangible. Like a *May Monument* to rival the *Ed Stone*.

Be nice and this happens

29th November 2016

The PM is sending 150 troops to Poland to defend our wartime allies against nuclear weapons deployed in Russian-occupied Koenigsberg, East Prussia. It is hoped that this gesture will persuade the Poles to be reasonable in Brexit talks.

The response from the Poles has been a demand that British schools start offering Polish classes so that they can send all their kids over here to be educated at our expense.

The latest beef

30th November 2016

Vegans are moaning their heads off because the new plastic £5 notes are made with a polymer mixture containing traces of beef tallow. So they’re going to boycott the new notes. But so what? Alternatives exist and if people insist on adopting weird dietary practices, then they must expect a little inconvenience.

Oh, dear. It seems that tallow is commonly used in lots of products, including banknotes, so £10 and £20 notes probably contain it. Okay, it looks like the over-vocal vegans will have to use virtual money via bankcards and phones. Oh, no! They probably also contain tallow in the plastics used to build them. Looks like the vegan community will just have to fill up its collective pockets up with pound coins and lump it.

More rewards for failure

30th November 2016

The EU is giving its useless gang of civil servants a pay rise of 3.8%, so that's a Xmas bonus of €5K for Juncker the Clunker, the president of the European Commission, and a total wage of around €400K for a failed Luxemburger politician, who specialized in helping to facilitate international tax dodging.

You can't have it both ways

30th November 2016

What's the point of a second referendum on EU membership if the country is controlled by a cabal of non-dom national newspaper proprietors, as some of the luvvie left would have us believe? These Masters of the Universe won't have changed their minds and they'll just use their backstage manipulative powers to produce the same result.

Probably with an increased Brexit majority just to annoy the Bremonoans and their sidekicks.

What's behind the grand conspiracy story?

1st December 2016

It gives the luvvie left an excuse for a total abrogation of responsibility. If we live in a world controlled by non-dom newspaper proprietors, whatever happens, it's never anything to do with the luvvies. Because they are completely powerless and irresponsible and blameless. It's the ultimate “Not me, Gov. I'm fireproof and a victim of a conspiracy.”

Right.

Mouth open, brain not engaged

1st December 2016

Apparently, there are over 30 million dead Facebook clients, and the existing ones are croaking at a rate of 8,000 per day, and FB makes no attempt to weed out the non-active

members. “One day, there will be more dead users than live ones,” and ‘expert’ has declared. But given that dead people can hardly be called ‘users’ of anything, the statement is bunk.

Je suis rubbish et je le sait

2nd December 2016

President Hollande has seen opinion polls forecasting that he will be lucky to win 7% of the vote in the first round when the presidential elections in France begin next year, and he has decided not to be humiliated further. Thus he will not be asking the electorate to give him a second terms.

There’s a lot of it about!

2nd December 2016

There was always an air of the dilettante about Nico Rosberg. Retiring a few days after being handed the Formula One drivers’ title confirms it. He can’t hack it at the sharp end. After all, can you imagine Vettel, Ricciardo, Hamilton, Raikkonen or any of the others not going on for another title?

Fair’s fair

3rd December 2016

That former Chelsea footballer who was paid £50K hush money – is he going to have to pay it back, plus interest, now that he has reneged on the deal?

Did you know . . .

3rd December 2016

. . . that allegedly ‘smart’ gas and electricity meters contain an internal cut-off switch, which is electronically operated? This is present presumably so that the company can cut off a non-paying customer without requiring access to their premises.

But did you know that these cut-offs can be activated for no apparent reason? Certainly not a reason which the companies are willing to share with their customers, who are expected to sit in the dark whilst the contents of their fridge and freezer spoil, and/or shiver with no central heating, until an engineer arrives to reset the rogue meter.

Sounds like the people who designed and built these meters are a lot less smart than they needed to be.

Wobbly continuity

3rd December 2016

Zillionaire Zac Goldsmith threw a wobbly over a new runway for Heathrow airport, put his seat in Parliament up for grabs . . . and lost it to the Liberals. The victor in the by-election promptly threw a wobbly when she was asked if her keenness for a second referendum on EU membership means that her election should be repeated to let the voters have second thoughts, and she flounced out of the press conference.

Her win was ‘a triumph for intolerance, fear and division’, according to her party. Or something like that.

So much for the truth

3rd December 2016

SNP MP A. Salmond offered fellow MPs a chance to bring Tony B. Liar back to the Commons to put the record straight over all the lies he told before the Iraq War of 2003. The House voted 439 to 70 against holding Mr. Liar to account.

PC pillocks

3rd December 2016

East Cambridgeshire district council has banned the word ‘satisfactory’, which means ‘doing okay’, from staff appraisals on the grounds that it is not a pleasing word and workers would prefer to be classed as ‘good’, even if they aren’t.

Pointless cash shuffling

4th December 2016

My *Sunday Post* tells me that London Underground has been fined £500,000 for an accident to a maintenance worker at a disused station. Which means that the government has just moved taxpayers’ money from one pocket to another. And wasted a lot more on the court case, of course. What’s the point of that?

**By Liberal rules, the Richmond by-election result
was a vote for Brexit.**

5th December 2016

In June, the area voted 70-30 (of those who could be bothered) for Remain. In the December by-election, the Bremonoan Liberal candidate took 49% of the vote leaving 51% for the rest. So it was -21% for Bremonoan and +21% for Brexit.

Nobody loves a whinger

6th December 2016

President-elect Trump was right not to be impressed by China’s attempts to bully him after he had a 10-minute phone chat with the president of Taiwan, one of America’s biggest customers for military hardware; mainly for defence against China.

The Chinese regime is known not to be one of Mr. Trump’s favourites. Confected outrage is not likely to improve that situation. Thus Mr. Trump recognizes that it is vital to let the Chinese know very early on that he has no intention of taking any crap from them.

What was the Richmond by-election really about?

6th December 2016

The only question on offer was: “Who do you want for your MP?” The message from the electorate was: “We don’t care

as long as it's not that ass-clown Goldsmith.”

Thus about one-quarter voted for an air-head Liberal, a slightly smaller quarter still voted for Goldsmith and one-half of the electorate decided they didn't care at all and stayed at home.

Nothing about the EU or Brexit. Just straight: “Dump Goldsmith”.

Well, this should put an end to migration

6th December 2016

The current Gov. of the Bank of England has announced his plans for when he is evicted from the job in 2019. This Canadian clown is going to build an army of robots to put 15 million Britons; one-half of the workforce; out of work.

His robots will take over all administrative, clerical and production jobs, and put bus, train, taxi and aeroplane drivers on the scrap heap. Oh, brave new world . . .

Ah, the innocence of the 20th century

7th December 2016

According to the *Daily Mail's* ‘On This Day’ feature, American football enjoyed its first instant replay during a live TV broadcast today in 1963.

When a touchdown was replayed, the TV station's switch-board was jammed with callers wanting to know if the player had just scored for a second time.

It's an ambition

7th December 2016

School careers officer: “What's your ambition in life, son?”

Pupil: “To become old enough and dotty enough to become a High Court judge on £200K, sir.”

Not exactly secure security

8th December 2016

I made an online payment of several thousand pounds yesterday using my debit card, and at the MasterCard verification stage, I got a panel inviting me to fill in just about all the card data except the 16-digit number; that's security number, expiry, the bank's sort code, my account number and my name “as it appears on the card”.

While I was doing all this, I started thinking that none of the information I was supplying wouldn't be available to someone who'd managed to steal my card and use it online before I noticed the loss.

No secret MasterCard password for big payments, which wouldn't be available to the thief, for instance.

I was being given nothing more than a façade of security; and I did not find that at all reassuring.

Is the PM going to do anything about this?

9th December 2016

The idiots in charge of the Northern Ireland police farce have decided to reopen every single “fatal incident” involving British troops in Ulster when the IRA was on the rampage, killing and maiming people.

Strangely, the Legacy Investigation Board is not at all bovvered about the thousands of murders committed by Irish terrorists.

There's clearly a political agenda involved and it stinks to high heaven that the British taxpayer should have to pay for the “investigators” to get their perverted jollies.

The prime minister needs to get a speedy grip and ditch this nasty scheme for giving aid and comfort to terrorists. And whilst she's ditching things, getting rid of the morons who hatched the scheme would be a good idea.

Neither an exact nor a fair science

9th December 2016

After all the departures this year; Greg Lake of King Crimson and ELP being the most recent, it's getting to the point where you assume everyone you've ever heard of is now dead and you're pleasantly surprised (in some cases) to find that they're still around.

And pissed off that the Grim Reaper has neglected certain others.

Politeness is an effective weapon

10th December 2016

Unfortunately, there are a lot of sad bigots around, who jump up and down ranting, “Racist! Racist!‡ Ban it!” when they see something that doesn't agree with their narrow prejudices.

But we more tolerant people are as generous as we are broad-minded, and we just murmur, “Nurse, he's/she's out of bed again,” in the face of provocation and make sure that the poor unfortunate comes to no harm before being shunted back to his/her safe zone.

‡ or some other hate-crime accusation

It had to happen

10th December 2016

Dave the ex-leader Cameron, now in the Unites States hoovering up some cash, is getting his alibis in place. He didn't make a bog of the EU referendum with Project Fear and all that, he was stabbed in the back by an ungrateful electorate, which he is now accusing of the confected crime of “populism” in the hope that no one will think he's to blame for his own demise.

Hidden messages in advertising

11th December 2016

For some reason, I'd failed to hit the mute button during a commercial break in something I was watching on TV last night, and I heard someone boast that a product was “made with 4% recycled batteries”.

My first reaction was: “Big deal!” And then I got the hidden message, which has to be something along the lines of: “Don't even think about complaining about this product if it turns out to be crap because we've pushed the recycling button and we're virtuous and fireproof.”

Well, that's that sorted out

12th December 2016

The police obsession with dragging the late Sir Edward Heath into their hysterical child abuse fantasies has been explained by *The New Statesman*. One Eddie Heath, and employee of Chelsea FC, was accused of abusing young footballers in the 1970s and the police obviously think he went on to become the nation's prime minister.

It was a by-election

12th December 2016

All the BIG conclusions spun out of the Richmond by-election are bound to be tripe when there was a derisory turnout and both the Liberal and the Goldsmith party candidates got 25% of the vote. Past voting history here was irrelevant. This was a straight by-election protest vote to tell Mr. Goldsmith he wasn't wanted, and even then he did about as well as the Liberal.

Pot, kettle, game, set and match

12th December 2016

Sacked minister N. Morgan had a go at the PM for being photographed wearing a grand's worth of brown leather

Oxford bags – even though she herself has been photographed lugging around a shopping bag which cost £950. Which just reinforces the old adage that the only thing worse than a bitch is a hypocritical bitch.

Oh, fuc*! Trousergate? How could they?

Just a reasonable response

14th December 2016

Russia’s ambassador to Britain thinks we’re ‘overly hostile’ to his country. But why would we be anything else as long as Russia keeps sending its warplanes and warships into our space?

Sometimes, the old ways are okay

14th December 2016

We keep being told that we’re getting “policing for the 21st century”. But can you imagine Dixon of Dock Green getting pissed at an official police do and getting his tits (or anything else) out to wave at a colleague?

Rail passenger safety or padding union membership rolls?

15th December 2016

It would appear that driver-only trains are largely small ones with 3-4 carriages and that Southern Rail wants to extend this to 12-car commuter trains, into which 1,500 people are packed.

This is the sort of grass-roots detail which builds a convincing case one way or the other. It’s certainly more useful than the crapola we get from union leaders and politicians.

But then, in real life, we’ve got some guy with a sinecure job, who sits in his guard’s compartment between stops, messing with his phone.

In a 1% case; or is it really a 0.0001% case?; the chances are that by the time the guard realizes anything is wrong, there

will be 1,500 customers on their phones, complaining about the hold-up or taking selfies with the remains of the idiot who stuck his head out of a window and got it knocked off.

When the guard leaves his safe zone, he'll be confronted with the task of working his way through a jam-packed train full of hostile customers wanting to know what the hold-up is, blaming him for the delay and demanding to know what he's doing about it.

In the circumstances, it sounds like he'll be a big help.

What are they hiding?

15th December 2016

The World Meteorological Organization is claiming that a weather buoy logged a record-breaking wave, which was 62 feet high.

The wave was detected in the North Atlantic between Britain and Iceland on February 4th, 2013. Which leaves wide-open the question of why the WMO kept quiet about the wave for nearly 4 years.

The UN to the rescue of these delicate flowers?

15th December 2016

Bremainers seem to be trying to set records as the world's worst Moaning Minnies.

In fact, their response to articles in the *Daily Mail* and elsewhere seems to be that it was extremely rude of the newspapers to notice their habit of sneering at people who voted for Brexit and upset the Bremonoaners' delicate sensibilities by putting it in print.

It can't be long before the kind hearts at the UN feel obliged to step in and declare them a protected species.

They don't call them looneys for nothing

16th December 2016

Those lovely Russian hackers got the blame for debunking Hillary Clinton and keeping her out of the White House. Now, a Labour MP is trying to tell us that they were behind the Brexit vote. However did we ever manage without Russian hackers to blame everything on?

Lots of Xmas cheer around. Not!

17th December 2016

Railways, Post Offices; aircrew, both pilots and dinner ladies; airport staff – all leaping out on strike for Xmas. All we need now is the buses and the bin men for a Full House.

Political flim-flam

18th December 2016

We're being told that the nation will become wonderfully better off if perks for millionaire pensioners, like the Winter Fuel Allowance and free bus passes, are cancelled. But this is just picking an easy target instead of doing anything useful.

By the time the DWP has done an annual survey to identify millionaires and cut off their WFA, the chances are that there will be little or none of the “saving” left. And on an average day, how many millionaire pensioners are travelling around for free on buses?

There are lots of real savings still to be made before the government is reduced to pandering to those with political grudges.

Practical presents

18th December 2016

What are dog-lovers in Finland rushing off to buy their pets for Xmas? A vest which will protect the animal from an attack

by a wolf, which is a serious problem there, apparently. The vest releases a blast of hot chilli power into the wolf’s face when punctured, so it’s a good aversion therapy.

Yawnworthy Republicans

19th December 2016

The reason why the gangs of Russian hackers released only Democratic party emails during the US presidential election period has been revealed. The Democrat ones were full of bile and sleaze and the Republican ones were too bland and ordinary to be damaging or worthy of notice.

Intimidate, Intimidate, Intimidate?

19th December 2016

J. Mercer, MP, has reported that stooges at the Ministry of Defence are sending middle-of-the-night text messages to try to persuade him, or coerce or threaten him, into not telling the country, in a report to be published in January, that the Iraq Historical Allegations Team is a monster, which needs to be put down. Exactly why they think this tactic will work remains to be explained. As does why the Prime Minister is letting it happen.

There seems to be no appetite in the government for discarding the Historical Enquiries Team in Northern Ireland, which is now being run on behalf of the IRA and intent on putting British troops in gaol whilst ignoring Irish terrorist killers. Something else for Mrs. May to explain.

A revival of the candle industry?

19th December 2016

One of the top bods at Ofgem, the energy regulator, expects a 2-tier tariff structure in the future. Those with plenty of cash to spare will form an upper tier and get as much electricity as

they need. The rest, the nation’s paupers, will just have to get used to sitting in the dark or watch their day shrink to an hour either side of sunrise and sunset at the end of the year.

This is an inevitable result of successive governments’ obsession with closing down “always on” power stations in favour of wind farms, which don’t product all that much power when the wind don’t blow; or, indeed, when it blows too hard.

No sign of Mr. May and her crew doing anything to address the insanity precipitated by Red Ed Miliband’s Climate Change Act (2008), of course.

Insanitary bastard!

19th December 2016

RMT policy, as expressed by their president, is to drown the bastards in spit. Which bastards? The Tory government and its supporters. Which confirms that all the fine words about passenger safety during the Southern Rail strike are just hypo-critical bullshit.

A bit like “under advisement”

20th December 2016

Telling someone: “That opinion plus 59p will get you a 59p pack of chocolate-chip cookies at my local Aldi,” can be a good way of telling them they’re talking tripe.

How’s this for subversive?

20th December 2016

One of my acquaintances has just told me that the Putin regime engineered the elimination of the Russian ambassador to Turkey. His theory is that the Turks were starting to get a bit too comfortable after the recent thawing of relations and Putin, who never liked the guy, decided to make the Turks uncomfortable and put a better mate into the vacant job.

No room to talk

21st December 2016

It might be fashionable to pretend that Nigel Farage is the worst person in the world, but when it come to vile bigotry, there's certainly no shortage of it spouting from Captain Underpants and other members of Labour's luvvie rent-a-gob set. Let us not forget that Mr. Bryant's opinion and a bar of soap will let you wash your hands.

Practicality v posturing

21st December 2016

The Crown Post Office strike foundered on the rock of Xmas. Most of the staff decided that they could not afford to give up most of a week's wages with the holiday to pay for.

Nasty is as nasty does

22nd December 2016

There are some evil people in the world. After the news that Sergeant Blackman has been refused bail for Xmas, and that Britain's aid to the most corrupt regimes in the world has gone up by 30%, it would appear that the most evil of them are to be found in the British judicial system and working for the Department for Overseas Development.

Guilty, but so what?

22nd December 2016

The figurehead of the International Monetary fund, C. Lagarde, has been found guilty of criminal negligence in a public office. But as she's French and entitled, she won't lose her job.

Because corruption is the norm for international organizations?

Neddie Seagoon rides again

23rd December 2016

Prince Charles is in danger of being dismissed as a tool of the sneerocracy Establishment following his decision to equate the popular democracy that created Brexit and President Trump with fascism and extremism.

Then again, not taking Prince Chazzer seriously is something of a national pastime. And so if he offered the nation a *Thought For The Day* on the steam wireless, few people were surprised to hear that it was a daft one.

Wipe-out

23rd December 2016

The government’s plan to tackle the crisis in the care of the elderly seems to be working. The Office for National Statistics has reported an increase of 10% in the national death rate this year compared to the same period last year, and this is despite a lack of widespread illness or bad weather, which are the Grim Reaper’s traditional helpers.

Most of the additional deaths were of people aged 65 or over, and around 40% were of people aged 85 or over. If this trend continues, the problem of the elderly will have gone away long before the Chancellor gets government spending under control.

Statistics you can really get behind. Not.

23rd December 2016

According to a CIA estimate, there are 35,000 Islamic State insurgents in Iraq and Syria.

According to a CIA estimate, 50,000 of them have been killed.

Spend, Spend, Xmas Spend

25th December 2016

Guess what I’m not doing today; or tomorrow, or what I didn’t do yesterday – sitting at my computer, scanning websites looking for alleged bargains. There were lists of these so-called bargains in the *Daily Mail* on Friday and it looked like someone had been barrel-scraping for gadgets I’d never be interested in acquiring to fill up the boxes.

Believe it or what!

25th December 2016

When Nicola Sturgeon, the self-appointed queen of Scotland, was at college, her nickname is alleged to have been “Seaweed” – because not even the tide would take her out.

Whilst that’s a wonderful put-down; and oh, that it were true; I can’t help but think that it sounds a tad contrived well after the event.

Global warming? Bring it on!

25th December 2016

It’s Xmas day, there’s no snow, the sun is shining and it’s a bit windy. If this is the product of man-made climate change, what the hell is wrong with it? More, I cry, give us more.

How cheerful!

26th December 2016

It was Xmas day, so what did the Syfy TV channel have on offer? A series of disaster films all to the theme of a big freeze global disaster. Well, we know where Mr. Grumpy works now.

Another way to take cash from mugs?

26th December 2016

Watch NFL Network in HD on your phone? On a 2-inch screen? What the hell difference is HD going to make on a phone? Sheesh!

It's just a fair question.

27th December 2016

The Queen asking, “Why can’t we just get out (of the EU)?” is a question about the degree of political entanglement and obtuseness. It’s not an opinion for or against Brexit. Except on a slow- or no-news day, of course.

In your dreams, mate!

27th December 2016

President O’Bummer has lost the plot totally if he really believes that he would have beaten Donald Trump if he’d been allowed to run for a 3rd term as the Democrapic candidate in preference to the appalling Hillary Clinton. He’s a busted flush, exposed as a man who said, “Yes, we can!” but then did nothing.

Proportionality & lifestyle

28th December 2016

We’ve heard rather a lot about how 2016 has been a ‘brutal’ year for celebs. But let us not forget that some of them were kamikaze pilots. They scoffed non-nutritional comestibles and (non-)prescription pharmaceuticals by the ton, and rather than trying to avoid being noticed by the Grim Reaper, they spat in his eye on a daily basis and challenged him to do his worst.

So, in some cases, it's not so much a case of 'taken so shockingly early' as 'how did he/she manage to last so long?'

Missed by a mile

28th December 2016

“The NHS is clearly underfunded,” said the chief executive of the Patients’ Association. Which is utter tripe. No matter how much money went into the NHS, there would always be some politician or representative of a vested interest saying the same.

The big problem with the NHS is the failure of its management to get value for the taxpayer’s money, particularly from drug companies, the failure of managers to chase up cash owed by foreign health tourists, money wasted on minority frills, which should be paid for by the current recipients, etc., etc., etc.

Only when the NHS is under competent management will anyone be able to make a sensible assessment of how much money it is getting compared to reasonable demand.

Mind Games

29th December 2016

Trumponomics is boosting the US stock market for an extraordinary reason. The experts say that there is no proof that his policies will work, but there is no counter-proof that they will not. As a result, the market is expected to remain optimistic for at least a year. So, totally out of touch with the real world, as usual, and it's all down to what the “experts” believe at that particular moment.

Yeah, I dunnit. Well, maybe.

30th December 2016

Having bragged that he chucked a man accused of rape and murder out of a helicopter, President R. Duterte of the

Philippines is back-peddalling suddenly. Why? Surely the leader of one of the crime hell-holes of the galaxy isn't worried about a local PC Plod taking him seriously and trying to jam his ass in gaol?

Scurrilous gossip

30th December 2016

President O'Bummer has ejected 35 Russian 'diplomats' to show how pissed off he is over the hacking and publication of Democratic party emails, which he believes cost the appalling Hillary Clinton the presidency.

And if Vlad the Putin had been in the US, he'd have been gone, too.

O'Bummer thinks Vlad was personally involved in the hacking operation because he has personal reasons for hating the appalling Hillary (like everyone else).

President Putin has trumped O'Bummer's ace by opting to do nothing. He let his underlings post pictures of a lame duck on antisocial meeja and he announced that he was postponing a reaction until after he had spoken to his good pal the future President Trump.

Which means that nothing will happen before the end of January 2017 at the earliest.

Let us end the year on a positive note

31st December 2016

Say what you like about J. Corbyn, his leadership has allowed a lot of deserving characters to be shunted to the political sidelines, like the Balls-Cooper woman, who was famous for not being able to make her mind up when a government minister, and A. Burnham, who was the Health Minister at a time when patients were dying of neglect at Stafford hospital as a direct result of Labour party policies.

Not very happy-clappy

1st January 2017

In her new year message to the nation, our prime minister tries to be quite upbeat about Brexit. Chancellor Merkel, in contrast, decided that Britain will not face a happy future outside the EU if she has anything to do with it. To which we can only reply: “Up yours, you miserable old German bat!”

“We don’t kno nuffink, okay?”

2nd January 2017

The alleged Ministry of Justice, headed by L. Truss, is being very cute in its campaign to hide its deficiencies from public scrutiny. It is refusing to answer Freedom of Information questions about the identities of criminal fugitives, whom the police are failing to track down.

15 murderers, 44 rapists and other sex offenders and 189 criminals with a history of violence are currently enjoying the protection of the MoJ’s cloak of invisibility, along with several thousand lesser offenders.

Stop meddling; or else!

2nd January 2017

Senior Tories have ordered the prime minister to threaten the Lords with a bloodbath if they try to block Brexit. The options available include a huge cut in the bloated ranks of these parasites and a severe reduction in their powers, or even total abolition and the creation of an alternative institution, which will perform the original function of the Lords: scrutiny and revision.

DON’T ASK!

3rd January 2017

The boozy head of the European Commission has advised other states not to follow Britain’s example and hold a referendum on EU membership. “It is not wise to hold this kind

of debate,” opined Juncker the Clunker, the former head of pan-EU tax swindling in Luxembourg. Which is just Euro-speak for, “The voters will only pick the Leave option and put me out of a job.”

Tell ‘em any old garbage

4th January 2017

There’s a German shampoo which gives your hair a shot of caffeine. So why not just pour a cup of tea or coffee onto it? That would certainly be cheaper and have just as much effect. This is the sort of advertising tripe the expression BFD was created to service.

So what?

4th January 2017

“Scarborough is 20 miles from Kirby Misperton, a village where fracking has been allowed.” This gem appeared in a story about Scarborough feeling a Richter 3.9 earthquake, which occurred 100 miles away in the North Sea. What’s the connection between fracking and an earthquake in the North Sea? Apart from none.

Looks like there is now an unwritten rule of journalism to the effect that every mention of earthquakes (the story above got the number experienced per year by the British Isles ever so slightly underestimated by a factor of 500) has to include a reference to fracking, no matter how irrelevant.

Sounds like profiteering

5th January 2017

Why would anyone pay €55 for a copy of the official state-annotated version of *Mein Kampf*, Adolf Hitler’s out-of-copy-right prison memoir? Apparently, most of the people who bought the 85,000 copies are academics, so they were able to put it on their expenses.

No sort of advert, really

5th January 2017

Direct Line really needs to get a new advertising agency. We keep getting the TV ad in which the hen party’s car is hit by a couple of “wiseguys” and the cheap hood from the insurance company asks the “wiseguys” if they’re with Direct Line.

On receiving a negative, he tells them: “On your bike, Buster!” instead of coming back with something like: “Don’t you think you should be?”

Clearly, no one has told the morons running Direct Line that the way to get new customers is to offer encouragement instead of derision from a cheap hood.

No, me neither

5th January 2017

We’re supposed to be thrilled by the revelation that Prince Harry has met the father of Megan Merkel, his divorcee current popsie. But what we’d all really like to know is if Megan has introduced the prince to her mother, Angela.

Our cash, our record

5th January 2017

The Indian government is standing by to send an email to the *Guinness Book of Records* if a satellite launch mission planned for next month succeeds. If all goes well, a rocket will blast off from Sriharikota spaceport in the south of India carrying a record-breaking 103 satellites.

Reality check: as the British taxpayer will be funding the mission via our foreign aid programme, which coughed up over £250 million to India last year, any record set rightly belongs to us.

Global Forecast Failure

6th January 2017

There’s something going on at the Bank of England. Why else

would the chief economist admit that its forecasts are as reliable as BBC weather forecasts, like the hurricane that never was in 1987, which killed 20 people and caused £1.5 Billion in damage?

The BoE’s failure to spot that there would be a major financial crisis 8 years ago; because banks were buying and selling packages containing toxic loans, which they didn’t understand; is being compared in magnitude to the hurricane.

Similarly, the BoE’s part in all the dire forecasts of disaster in the event of a Brexit vote is being compared to the BBC’s promise of a Barbeque Summer in 2009, which was rained off.

The Bank’s failure confirms that the guff output by its boss, M. Carney, was more to do with politics than economics. But why is a top man at the Bank pointing that out? Is it the first rumbling of a putsch against the overpaid and overblown Carney?

This is what ice shelves do

6th January 2017

We have been informed that an iceberg the size of Wales, or one-quarter the size of Wales, depending on the degree of hysteria involved, is about to break away from an ice shelf off the coast of Antarctica.

The good news is that there are no claims that the not-so-Great Global Warming Swindle is involved or that some major disaster will accompany the event.

In fact, the whole thing is pretty much a non-event on a global scale, even though it might look a bit spectacular on the spot.

The planet has survived millions of similar events and it will survive millions more in the future.

And we in the northern hemisphere would never have known it was about to happen had it not been on the TV news.

The true truth

7th January 2017

The CIA, clearly in the pockets of the Democratic party, claims it has proof that Russia interfered in the US presidential election on the orders of Vlad the Putin to ensure a Trump victory and do themselves a favour.

Which conveniently ignores a more compelling interpretation; namely that the Russkies did the world a favour by saving it from the corruption and nest-feathering which would inevitably follow having the Clintons back in the White House.

Pragmatic solutions

8th January 2017

Fixing potholes is now costing the nation £1 billion/month. Which is the amount of money DfID blows on overseas aid – which gives us an excellent opportunity to do something useful for Britain.

We should close down DfID for a year for a complete review of everything it is doing to ensure that the British taxpayer is getting Value For Money; and use the pause to create pothole-free roads here; with the proviso that any repairs which do not last a reasonable length of time have to be redone at the expense of those who ‘fixed’ them in the first place.

Not our fault

9th January 2017

If the Russians are to blame for Donald Trump’s victory in the US presidential election, that lets the Democraps off the hook for fielding a candidate as unelectable as Hillary Clinton. Phew! With one bound, they become blameless!

Real Quandry

9th January 2017

Labour’s deputy leader, the repellent T. Watson, has blamed his party’s lack of a position on the free movement of people in Europe on the Tories. According to Watson, if the Labour party doesn’t know what the Tory position is, it can’t be expected to know how to be against it.

You can do anything with computers

10th January 2017

We’re being invited to junk the theory that our Moon formed after an impact between the Earth and a Mars-size planetoid in the early days of the solar system, 4.5 billion years ago. Some guys have been playing around with a computer and they’ve found that a Moon-size object can be formed from the rings of debris thrown off the Earth by around 20 small-scale collisions.

They say the single-impact theory doesn’t work as material brought back from the Moon is essentially the same as rocks found on Earth. But why should that single, Mars-size object be too different from the Earth if it formed in the same region of space out of the same material?

And after 4.5 billion years of homogenization, how is anyone going to be able to tell what, in an unholy mixture, is original material from planet Earth and what came from the assailant?

What’s the point?

11th January 2017

Why does Donald Trump need some female celeb warbling at his inauguration ceremony? He should take the opportunity to boot out the show biz and return some dignity and gravitas to the proceedings.

Didn't go soon enough

11th January 2017

I'm currently reading *Kennedy's Ghost* by Gordon Stevens, in which one of the characters is a senator with White House ambitions, who has a thing about President Kennedy.

The only thing that made JFK a presidential hero was that he was killed before he was found out, as all politicians are if they stick around long enough.

And just think: if the same had happened to Tony B. Liar in 2000, his bogus millennial year, we might have him as a national hero, in Labour circles at least, of the same magnitude.

Team Obama cries foul!

12th January 2017

The Russians and the CIA have been accused of releasing an absurd sex and blackmail dossier on president-elect Donald Trump as a distraction from outgoing President Obama's farewell speech to the nation.

Allies of the Democrats are also getting the blame for creating a distraction from Obama's lacklustre term in office and his attempt to pretend that, “Yes, we did!”

As in all good Hollywood productions, there is a British villain of the piece, one C. Steele, an ex-MI6 agent, who did some time at the British embassy in Moscow.

Steele was recruited initially by Trump's Republican rivals, who wanted to sleaze him, and then by the Democrats to do the same job, so charges of being an unreliable witness have some substance.

Is it possible to muddy the Waters of State further? We'll see.

“How do you like your tea, Mr. Steele?”

13th January 2017

“Is it with milk, lemon, or polonium?”

We are being invited to believe that the ex-spy who has been hawking the Trump sex dossier around is now living in fear and trembling of being done in by the Russians. But should we feel any sympathy for the guy?

Surely, if he was trying to sleaze the rich and the powerful for his own sordid financial gain, he has to accept the consequences of his actions, including becoming collateral damage himself?

High horizons, low expectations

13th January 2017

We’re being told that the Indian government expects to make a bomb out of the world record 103 satellites, which it hopes to launch next month on a rocket paid for by British aid money.

One thing we can be sure of is that if the launch is successful, the poor people of India won’t see a red cent of the cash. Not while their government is full of aid-junkies and ours is a gang of mugs with no regard for British taxpayers’ money.

Market forces

15th January 2017

One of the staff at the Mansion has reported that Sainsbury’s price rises are going to do wonders for his fitness. After noticing that the price of butter has gone up by 50% (!) over the last few months, he is now planning to walk a bit further to his local Aldi when he needs to do some shopping in search of a better deal.

FU caused by FT

15th January 2017

Why did the pound sink in a Flash Crash last October? Because the Breemoaners @ the Financial Times got into the heads of twitchy traders @ the Bank of International Settlements and in Tokio, and their computer algorithms did the rest.

Politicians are crazy

16th January 2017

The government is smiling on a £1.3 billion tidal lagoon at Swansea, which will produce 48 MW of electricity **for a few hours a day** costing **three times** the normal wholesale price with a subsidy.

A £1 billion gas-fired power station will produce 2,000 MW of electricity **all day** without needing a subsidy. The government isn't even thinking about this option.

Just clueless

17th January 2017

Chinese teams are offering British footballers £30 million deals. Our Foreign Office is giving the Chinese government £3 million of British taxpayers' money to promote football there, **and the FO has no idea if the scheme has any worth**, according to one of the stooges working there.

Needless to say, it's one of George Osborne's daft scams for buying himself foreign friends, the way Gordon Brown used to buy friends in Africa with British taxpayers' money.

Desperation Row

17th January 2017

The hottest ticket in the West End is allegedly for a show called *Hamilton*. Lady Hamilton? Lewis Hamilton? Edmond

Hamilton, the SF writer? No, its about Alexander Hamilton, who was on the Leave side in the First American Civil War back in the 1770s.

The production tells his story in hip-hop and R ‘n’ B. Sounds like something to rush away from rather than rush to!

Ditch the crap

18th January 2017

Europe’s Brexit negotiator thinks that we shouldn’t be allowed to cherry pick the bits of the EU we want. Why not? If we’re going shopping, we have a perfect right to reject mouldy oranges and all other sub-standard products. That’s the main reason we’re getting out. And if others think their fellow countrymen and women should accept the garbage, maybe they should get a personal rude awakening.

I wish . . .

19th January 2017

If only we could harness the R*A*G*E coming off the Bremonoaners, there’d be no energy crisis, we could junk the Green Crap and its ruinous subsidies, and electricity bills would actually become affordable, even for the feckless.

Harnessing Bremonoaner R*A*G*E would also do the NHS a bit of good, avoiding the need to prescribe tranquillizers by the ton but it would deprive the rest of us the ability to tell a Bremonoan, “Calm down, dear!” for the pleasure of watching the Bremonoan volcano erupt anew.

Out with a bang

19th January 2017

Here’s a new one: *El Pais*, Spain’s only national newspaper with a decent circulation (it’s a bit more than the Guardian’s) would have us believe that Britain is about to enjoy a **ferocious** Brexit from the EU. That should be fun.

You’ve only yourself to blame

20th January 2017

We have the Chancellor, P. Hammond, doing a sneak ‘coded’ attack on incoming President Trump and the Defence Secretary, M. Fallon, doing the same to President-For-Life Putin. Hammond unleashed a moan about ‘populism’ in his whinge, seemingly unaware that he is part of the problem.

The Establishment feathering its own nest and doing its ‘coded’ attacks when the voters would rather have some honesty and plain speaking is what gave rise to ‘populism’.

Give the uninventive ones something to do

20th January 2017

We are told that 600,000 old age pensioners are haunting supermarkets in search of a chat with the checkout-person because they have no one to talk to. Which sounds like a large niche-market opportunity for anyone who can organize self-sufficiency training for OAPs.

If they are alert enough to get out to their supermarket, they should be reading books, or writing them, or enjoying music on YouTube.com or doing other things on the internet. Education in the utilization of free time is what is needed.

Things that need to be driven into European heads

21st January 2017

We have an absolute right to leave the EU if it’s not the club we joined, we don’t like the way it’s being run and we don’t like where it’s going. Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty says so. Which means the basket of arrogant foreign deplorables running it can take their talk of ‘punishment’ for the UK and stick it where the Sun don’t shine.

It was precisely this attitude which fuelled the Leave movement when Britain had its referendum on membership.

And another thing: Britain won’t be paying £10 Billion/year into the EU budget for the six years beyond 2019, when we

leave, as the basket-cases assume. So any spending plans they’ve made beyond then will have to be cancelled or trimmed, if they have become unaffordable. And the basket-cases can have no complaints about lack of notice.

About time someone did!

22nd January 2017

President Trump has put the US meeja on notice that he has no intention of taking any crap from them. False reporting will be jumped on with both feet. So that’s them told!

Crocodile poop

23rd January 2017

Apples are oranges. Bananas are grapes. Hey! Anyone can do this political non-sequitur stuff. The old apples and oranges have struck again.

What relevance does an old Trident missile going wonky in a test have to do with replacing them with a new generation of missiles, which will have their own and different in-built wonkiness? Apart from none, of course.

Wonkiness is universal. It’s how it’s managed that’s important.

Natch, the opposition are out of bed over this one, but it’s all just crocodile poop. [That’s confected outrage with the insincerity of crocodile tears implied.]

I suppose they got a bit of fresh air

23rd January 2017

It’s Monday morning and Donald Trump is still Resident of the White House in Washington despite all the protest marches. Just think what could have been achieved if the Wimmin Agin’ Trump had done something useful on the day after Mr. Trump’s inauguration. All the ironing, Hoovering,

sock-knitting, gardening and shopping that was left undone because the ladies wanted to get in the way of the traffic. And let's face it, it's not as if their collective strop was ever going to achieve anything useful.

What's their secret?

24th January 2017

How are the Black Hills of Dakota managing to get away with it in a PC snowflake world, which saw off the popular BBC TV series Pot Black?

Stop eating. Right now.

24th January 2017

That's the official advice from the government's food nanny the Food Standards Agency. Why? Because every day, a new study reveals that a particular food group causes cancer. Processed and red meats, roast potatoes, toast, baby foods, biscuits, crisps, breakfast cereals, bread and coffee are all on the list. Who knows what's next. Which is why the official government advice is that if you want to avoid cancer and live forever, stop eating.

And don't even **think** about drinking, because that will kill you even dead.

Shape up or ship out!

24th January 2017

The Dutch PM has told migrants to embrace Dutch values and standards of behaviour, or get lost. The impact of the message was diluted somewhat by the context.

He made his proclamation as his country is getting ready for elections and he's worried that the opposition Freedom Party is hoovering up the votes of those who find the behaviour of bolshie migrants offensive.

So much for gender equality

24th January 2017

The female brain starts to conk out when its owner reaches her 50s, a study at UCLA has found. Unless the woman is a British civil servant. Studies here have found that the rot starts to set in between 45 and 49 for ladies in the civil service.

Don't Panic!

24th January 2017

In a counterblast to the nanny quango's scare stories, the statistician Professor D. Spiegelhalter has declared that there is no good evidence that acrylamide, the killer chemical in the official government scare stories, causes harm at the levels found in the human diet.

In fact, adults could consume 160 times more than the nanny quango's killer dose without being harmed.

Police Negative

25th January 2017

I've always found something repellent about *Lor 'n' Order: Special Victims Unit*, which is coming back on TV for another run. It conjures up a *Direct-Line* type scenario like:

“Hello, can you help me, I'm a victim.”

“Are you a Special victim?”

“No, just an ordinary one.”

“In that case, on yer bike, buster. We don't want to know.”

Lots of sound and fury . . .

25th January 2017

Should we take any notice of the anti-Trump marchers? Not if they're persons of no importance. Luvvies from the film industry, who claim to be protesting against Trump's attitude

to women but sat on their hands when Bill Clinton was paying out huge amounts of cash to make cases against him go away. Reasonably well-off people with nothing better to do with their time.

The usual rent-a-mob gang and professional protesters. And a seasoning of criminals, who were there for some looting an arson with the police deflected. None of them real people with opinions worth knowing, just snowflakes throwing their toys out of the pram because they lost.

Glaringly obvious

25th January 2017

People are surprised that the London Congestion Charge isn't cutting congestion. But a clue to what it really is can be found in the first three letters of the word 'congestion'.

Self-Defeating Role

25th January 2017

The current self- and state-appointed Witch-Hunters General seem to be on course to put their successors out of a job. The more they persecute former soldiers for imaginary historical crimes, the more recruitment drops off, and the country is heading for a state of involuntary disarmament due to a complete lack of soldiers.

Unless, of course, the government goes back into history and starts recruiting foreign mercenaries again.

Heads in the sand

25th January 2017

The *Daily Mail* had the cheek to expose a gaping security hole in the Eurostar train service, which lets terrorists travel to Britain from Belgium for a couple of quid without any form of identity check.

Something which has been known about since 2001. Eurostar’s response was to ban the *Daily Mail* from their trains as their alternative to closing the loophole.

Just a thought

26th January 2017

Is President Trump building his Southern Wall to let America’s communists and other admirers of the Berlin Wall know they haven’t been forgotten?

There’s a good reason

27th January 2017

Dick Van Dyke reckons that he was surrounded by Brits when he perpetrated his ludicrous Mockney accent in the film *Mary Poppins*, and no one mentioned that it was dreadful.

Of course not, Dick. If they were Brits, they’d be too polite to notice your evident faults.

Excess hot air

27th January 2017

How come there are so many verbal diarrhoea victims on TV who don’t get twenty-seventeen?

Correction

28th January 2017

The report that Baroness Scotland spent £33,000 of taxpayer’s money on pants for the Commonwealth contains a transcription error.

It should have said that the money was spent on paint for the office from which she administers the Commonwealth.

Literary inventions No. 418

29th January 2017

Apparently, the first line of Alan ‘Hawkeye Pierce’ Alda’s autobiography reads:

“My mother didn’t try to stab my father until I was six.”

Doesn’t that just invite the second line:

“I’ve often wondered why she restrained herself for so long.”

Jesticulation

29th January 2017

Labour MP D. Anderson is in trouble for recalling that he once thought someone from Sinn Fein was a CND representative and remarking that he knew it was something to do with bombs.

Which just confirms that many a true word is spoken in jest. And nobody gets more upset than a terrorist or their sympathizers when reminded of their past.

Danger! Doctors in Action

30th January 2017

Doctors have been told that they can no longer refer to ‘expectant mothers’ because that excludes women who are pregnant but who plan to have bits chopped off so they can pose as men.

And men.

And the really sad thing about the whole business is that the people who came up with this silliness are the ones running the British Medical Association, who seem to be under the delusion that men can become pregnant.

Even if they don’t have the entrails for it.

Wasted words from a waste of space

31st January 2017

Russia, China and now the United States are all threats to the future of the EU, according to D. Tusk, one of the half-dozen or so unelected presidents of various bits of it. So these three are all good guys?

Credibility lorst and gorn

31st January 2017

I'm currently reading *The Murder Road* by Stephen Booth, several of whose other works grace my library. The author paints a lengthy word picture of New Mills in Derbyshire some 70 pages into the book – and shoots himself in the foot, according to an acquaintance of mine.

My acquaintance walked through the town literally thousands of times over a period of a couple of decades, travelling from one of its railway stations to the other and back again in the evening.

He confirmed that there is a huge sweet factory on the southern side of the river gorge, which divides the area, but he was never, ever, assaulted by a sickly, overpowering smell from it, as Mr. Booth claims there is.

Oh, dear! I wonder what else he gets wrong in his book?

Yawn

31st January 2017

Are we impressed by the marching and internet garbage against Donald Trumps' state visit? Not really because we know that one of today's major problems is that there are too many people with too much time on their hands.

In the good old days, they'd have taken up knitting or gone for long country walks.

Now, they just sit at a keyboard and type tripe, and pretend that they're running the world. And, human beans being what

they are, there are people who actually believe them.

Maxed out

31st January 2017

The synthetic outrage gushing and splashing all over the place at the impending state visit by President Trump is going to leave the hypocritical luvvie usual suspects in a hole. How is anyone going to take them seriously if they try to be outraged over something important and it looks no different from the current confection?

Budget bollocks

1st February 2017

The EU's attempt to stick Britain with a bill for the 7-year budget is plain silly. Even if the demand has gone down from £60 billion to just £50 billion.

Any budget stretching years into the future always has to be subject to a review if circumstances change. The budget would have become unaffordable if there were another global financial crash, for instance. It did become unaffordable when one of the few countries which will actually be putting cash into the pot decided to leave the EU.

The EU now has two years to replan its budget according to its future means. It needs to get on with this job and stop trying to pick the pocket of the British taxpayer. Because Brexit means no!

TV madness

1st February 2017

Why would anyone in his right mind want to pay Virgin Media £55/month to be able to record 6 TV programmes at once? Even if there were six things worth watching on at the same time once in a Blue Moon, when would the customer

ever have the time to view them all? Or is it the usual deal of recording stuff as the better part of actually watching it?

On your case, chums!

2nd February 2017

President Trump has vowed to get rid of drug lords and other bad people. I wonder if that has put the inmates of our own dear House of Frauds into a state of fear and trembling?

Just too convenient

2nd February 2017

Is there anyone in the country who believes that Diane Abbot, Jeremy Corbyn’s No. 2, was too ill to attend the Commons when there was the vote on the Brexit Bill? It was certainly a cunning way of not getting the sack and keeping her hand thrust deep into the taxpayer’s pocket for a shadow minister’s salary and perks.

Alibis in place?

3rd February 2017

Harridan Harpenson is labouring so hard to paint herself as a victim that it raises extreme suspicion that she’s worried that something very nasty is about to emerge from her past, and she’s trying to soften the blow. “It wasn’t my fault, Gov. I wuz groped.”

It’s interesting that she is complaining about being stitched up politically by Gordon Broon but she doesn’t have the nerve to include him in her list of gropers.

Political posturing?

4th February 2017

Judge bans Trump travel ban. What’s that all about? Another judge wasting tax-dollars by playing politics to get his face on TV? Certainly looks like it. If the administration has played

the security card, banning the Trump ban is outwith the judge’s competence.

Enclosure Advice

4th February 2017

When he makes his state visit to Britain, President Trump will be taking a quick excursion to Calais to look at the anti-migrant wall the British government built there to find out if we have any ideas worth borrowing. Future trips to the region will offer further opportunities to inspect anti-migrant walls in other parts of the Continent.

Just Pointless

4th February 2017

They don’t half advertise some rubbish on TV. Take Sky Cinema, for instance. Last night, it was offering a film about some woman, who’s up the duff and she has no idea which of several candidates put her there. Well, that sounds really wonderful. Probably not many car-chases and shoot-out in it, though.

“Special, but not as we know it, Jim.”

4th February 2017

There’s a TV holiday ad, in which some woman whispers “ATOL protected” as if it’s some sort of really big deal that’s unique to this company. And yet:

By law, every UK travel company which sells air holidays and flights is required to hold an ATOL, which stands for Air Travel Organiser’s Licence.

This licence is a ‘get you home if the company goes bust’ card and it’s an industry bog standard. Which means that all confidence evaporates in a company which is clearly trying to bamboozle the customer with flim-flam and pretend there’s some wonderful extra on offer.

Make the abuser pay

5th February 2017

I do wonder how much we'd hear from the judiciary and assorted luvvies if they had to pay the full cost of their adventures into the realm of politics instead of dumping most of the expense on the poor old taxpayer. Not so much.

100% genned up

6th February 2017

Will President Trump be offended if Berko and others make sure he's not invited to speak to the Houses of Parliament during his state visit? No, like the rest of us, he is well aware that our MPs think they know everything and there's nothing anyone else can tell them.

Needless Frill

6th February 2017

Who would want to buy more than 3 iceberg lettuces? the papers are asking as spivs start flogging them at fancy prices on-line. I would counter by asking who would want to buy one of them? Given that it's perfectly possible to live the good life without lettuce.

LudiPWCrous

7th February 2017

Price, Waterhouse & Cooper reckon that the British economy will grow faster than any other in the world for the next 30 years.

But given the track record of all the big players for getting economic forecasts right for even a couple of months hence; and they didn't spot the big crash of 2008; this is a ludicrous piece of work.

And it should make anyone thinking of employing PWC start wondering what sort of idiots they are.

Unqualified clown

8th February 2017

Should the decision on whether to invite President Trump to lecture to the Houses of Parliament really be left to Berko, the failed 6th Marx Brother who's currently holding the job of Squeaker of the House of Common Criminals? Surely, we should leave the job to someone with a modicum of dignity and intelligence. If there is still anyone like that in British political circles.

Penalty for skiving?

8th February 2017

Diane Abbot seems to have got away with pulling a sickie when she should have been at the first Brexit bill vote; mainly because she used to be Labor President Corbyn's girlfriend. But what excuse did sacked Chancellor G. Osborne have for missing yesterday's vote in favour of feathering his nest in Antwerp? [Osborne, the man who put the *twerp* in Antwerp] A clear case for withdrawing the Tory whip for being absent without leave?

It's all very simple, really

9th February 2017

How do you prevent a crime wave? Do like the police farces of England and Wales, and just forget to record serious crimes by the thousand. That's 60,000/year in the case of the 4 worst offenders, according to HM Inspectorate of Constabulary. And there are 39 other police farces in England and Wales also at it.

Of course, the worst offenders are now claiming that they're "working hard" to tackle the problem but how hard is it to record the details when a customer comes to the police to report a crime? Isn't that what coppers are supposed to be trained to do?

Captain Obvious rides again

9 February 2017

The honcho of Public Health England, one P. Cosford who grabs £157,500/year from the taxpayer, thinks that during cold weather, it would be a good idea to switch central heating on and dress warmly. Good job we have someone like him to come up with such brilliant ideas.

Internet Gridlock

10th February 2017

Stuck in a traffic jam and/or taking forever to get somewhere? Blame your neighbours and everyone else who is shopping on-line rather than in person. Delivery van traffic is up nearly 20% over the last 5 years according to the Department of Transport.

No relief is expected until more deliveries are made during the evening, or until the drones take over.

Pull the other one, mate

10th February 2017

Judges have the hump; they think no one appreciates them, possibly because they keep trampling on the law in pursuit of their own political agendas. And they want more money so they can feel better about themselves, and we owe them.

Unfortunately, no one is likely to buy their claim of being victims until they start doing the job they're already overpaid to do. Shame.

Weasel stuff

11th February 2017

It's all very well for the Nationwide BS to pretend it's a building society with traditional values by recycling old *Hovis* adverts and saying we're all in it together. But everyone who's

had a letter from them to say that their already miserable interest rates are going down further knows exactly what BS stands for.

A fair question!

12th February 2017

In the light of the outcome of yesterday's international, I'm wondering: Just how long the Welsh have had this delusion that they can play rugby?

Just meaningless

12th February 2017

There have been opinion polls held in Scotland to find out if people would rather keep the pound (70%) or join the euro (20%) should Scotland leave the UK and join the EU.

Which is all very fine for the pollsters, who got paid for the job, but all very meaningless really, given that the state of the Scottish economy is such that the country would never be able to meet the basic criteria for membership of the EU, which already has more passengers than it can handle.

Knotty Problem

12th February 2017

A sleep diary donated with yesterday's *Daily Mail* is giving me problems. It's supposed to let the user work out a Sleep Efficiency Rating, but I find myself stuck at Section 2 of 8.

Section One asks when I went to bed. Okay, I can do that.

Section Two asks how long I took to get to sleep. But how the hell am I supposed to know that?

Does anyone remember what time they went to sleep when they wake up the next morning? Please send suggestions for solving this knotty problem on a PC to the usual address. All contributions gratefully received.

Another fair question

13th February 2017

Signs saying “Illegally parked cars will be toad” have been reported. So does that mean that legally parked cars will be frog?

The Snowflakes are on the march

13th February 2017

The Law Commission is recommending that whistle-blowers and journalists who handle leaked government documents should be treated like spies.

That’s 14 years in gaol for exposing criminality, extravagance, waste, stupidity and treachery by public servants.

Serving the public interest will not be allowed as a valid defence. The Law Commission has been working on its case for 9 months now, during which time it has not bothered to consult journalists and civil liberties organizations.

Presumably, because the Commission is happy with a Chinese copy of the system in force in the People’s Republic of China.

Not an easy task

14th February 2017

An internal headline in a soon-to-be-recycled copy of the *Sunday Post* from January 22nd reads: **Scientology: a religion built on fanciful foundations.** Which invites the obvious response: “Name one which isn’t!”

Close, you have to give them that.

15th February 2017

The official British government target for recycling glass and plastic bottles and cans is 75%. The figure achieved in practice is 57%. A government spokesman commented: “We

are hitting the right numbers. We just have to hit them in the right order now.”

Vested (and panted) interest

16th February 2017

If, as Lord Neuberger wants, politicians should leave the judiciary alone, then it would be only fair if judges enforced the laws on the statute books and kept their own political opinions out of it. Rather than undermining the rule of law, scrutiny of the judiciary just goes some way toward checking abuses of it.

Collateral Damage

16th February 2017

It didn't take long for full-scale war to break out between the O'Bummer appointments to the FBI, CIA and NSA, and the incoming Trump Administration. There will be a lot more blood on the carpet, and sensations for the news meejah, before the stooges are shown who's the boss; that's something we can all take to the bank.

Okay, here's one that takes the biscuit; and everything else on offer!

17th February 2017

Biologists at Harvard U. are working to recreate an approximation to the woolly mammoth by splicing genes into a species of Asian elephant, which has 99.4% of its genes in common with the mammoth.

The project will provide the endangered Asian elephants with an 'alternative future'. But the best part is that it will save the world from global warming!!

How will this happen? The revived mammoths will stomp holes in insulating snow and ice covering frozen Arctic tundra, let in cold air, keep the permafrost frozen and prevent the release of greenhouse gases!

But there’s a much simpler and cheaper way of doing this. All it would take is a UN grant for a team of nutters, who will charge around the tundra in snowmobiles, blasting the insulating layer away with the tank-tracks, letting in cold air and keeping the wilderness frozen.

And the really wonderful thing is that this World-Saving Scam could be up and running as early as next week, given some political will.

Not much of an anti-fraud measure!

18th February 2017

One of the staff has just opened a Post Office Money® savings account. He was told that, for security reasons, his User ID and security number would be sent to him in separate mailings as an anti-fraud precaution.

Today [18/02], he received 4 pieces of mail from the Post Office dated 13/02 (nominated account details confirmation), 13/02 (User ID), 14/02 (welcome, your account is open) and 15/02 (security number).

So much for all the good intentions.

How obvious can it get?

19th February 2017

TV stations will insist on warnings about programme content, presumably for Snowflake Millennials, but how thick do you have to be not to realize that a programme on Sky One called *The Flash* contains flashing images?

Just self-preservation

19th February 2017

In the light of the failed Russian plot to kill the prime minister of Montenegro, maybe President Trump’s non-aggression pact with the Putinocracy makes sense: he’s doing it to stay alive!

The politics of uselessness

20th February 2017

City Hall in London has a mouse problem. The obvious solution is to get a cat. But that requires an okay from the mayor, S. Kahn. So a quick yes/no? No chance.

Being a politician, he's going to take weeks over committing himself. And there's a better than even chance he'll make the wrong decision in the end!

Doesn't add up

20th February 2017

The Chief Constable of the Wiltshire police farce is "120%" certain that a former prime minister, the late Sir E. Heath, was an active paedophile who was skilled in the art of slipping away from his bodyguards.

Maybe the police professional standards outfit should be doing an audit of the expenses of Mr. Veale, a man who clearly doesn't get maths.

Future shock?

21st February 2017

Berko, the failed Marx brother, under siege through bringing a lack of dignity to the job of Squeaker of the House of Common Criminals. Captain Underpants from the Labour benches lurking in the wings and dreaming of taking over. But maybe they're in for a surprise.

What if Jeremy Corbyn decides that he would be the best candidate for a job with a million-pound pension pot and bags it??!?

Not much point

21st February 2017

We're told by pensions company Aviva that families with an earned income of £1,500/month or less have an average of

£95 in savings. But when you realize that you need £15,000** in NS&I Monthly Income Bonds paying 1% per annum just to pay for a TV licence, and inflation is running at 1.8%, the true pointlessness of trying to save becomes apparent.

** The amount becomes £20,000 on May 1st when HM Treasury cuts the NS&I interest rate.

The lies Breemoaners tell No. 5,001,013

21st February 2017

Britain's budget contributions to the EU will stop when we leave it, anyone who can be bothered to read the Lisbon Treaty will be delighted to discover.

The treaty states that the obligation to contribute ends when a member state leaves the union. So no £50 BILLION (or is it £60 BILLION as the EU's Brexit stooge claimed?) bill will arrive from the EU in 2019. Or if one does, we can safely ignore it.

Even worse, from the EU's point of view, is that Britain is entitled to a proportion of its assets, which are valued at £130 BILLION.

Which means that, having paid a 15% share of the budget, that we will be entitled to a dividend of £20 BILLION. Which will probably be the size of the Brown Hole in the budget of the NHS in 2019.

Just a thought . . .

22nd February 2017

If it is possible to damn someone with faint praise, then it must be equally possible for someone to damn **himself** with faint outrage.

There's something to bear in mind as the anti-Trumpers scrape the barrel harder and harder. [icon of someone stabbing himself in the back and looking really surprised]

25% pay rise for Vlad the Putin

22nd February 2017

The amount stolen from the Russian economy by its president-for-life has been revised upwards.

The previous estimate of £160 billion has been upped to £200 billion in the light of the growing gap between the amount of money going into the Russian Treasury and the paltry amount being spent on things like hospitals, roads and other infrastructure elements.

Putin himself claims he’s just this guy on an ordinary president-for-life salary. But he has yet to come up with a convincing explanation for how he managed to acquire a £28 million yacht and all the rest.

WeTellYouAnything.com

23rd February 2017

You could sell your car privately and get a fair price for it. Or you could go to “WeBuy” and get ripped off.

But if you do go to “WeBuy”, you can tell yourself that letting yourself be ripped off saved you an unknown amount of hassle.

What a peculiar marketing concept.

I know this one . . .

23rd February 2017

Has Political Correctness Gone Mad? race relations professional T. Phillips asks in a Channel Four programme tonight. The short answer to his question is that PC is a symptom of dangerous insanity, and those affected by it should not be allowed near sharp objects or public sector jobs.

Let’s just think about this

23rd February 2017

There’s a lot of excitement about the star known as TRAPPIST-1, which appears to have a set of 7 planets, as

determined from measurements of reductions of the star’s during transits of the planets.

“Is this proof we’re not alone?” newspapers are asking excitedly as three of the planets lie within a “habitable zone”, in which the surface temperature could be right for living organisms to survive.

But before we get too excited, let’s consider a few facts. The Earth orbits its star at a distance of 93 million miles. Planet 4 of this first discovery of the Belgian operated *Transiting Planets and Planetesimals Small Telescope-South* in Chile lies some 3.5 million miles from its star.

It whizzes round that star in a ‘year’ lasting between 2 and 4 weeks, and it is so close to the star that one side is likely to remain facing the star at all times.

As a result, this most likely candidate for life as we know it will have one side in permanent day, the other side in permanent frozen night, and any atmosphere will be blasting constantly at gale force around the planet, and also blasted off the planet by flares and radiation from the star.

Even worse, the planet will be bombarded by enough X-rays and extreme UV to have a significant effect on the atmosphere and anything on the surface.

So maybe we shouldn’t get too excited just yet.

Just get eating

24th February 2017

More of these foody researchers have pronounced on the national diet. Scrub 5-a-Day, it’s now 10-a-Day that we should be tackling – that’s 10 x 80g portions of fruit and veg – to prevent cancer, strokes and heart disease.

That’s 800 grammes of just fruit and veg PLUS everything else needed to provide the protein, vitamins, carbs, etc. needed for a balanced diet.

Which should come as a bit of a shock to those of us who often don’t eat 800 grammes of everything during their day.

This is where political correctness gets you

25th February 2017

The sneerocracy turned purple with glee when President Trump dared to mention migrant-related rioting in Sweden. ‘Never happens’, we were assured. ‘Trump got it wrong’.

All of which conveniently ignored the area of Stockholm, which has been turned into a crime-filled wasteland by Somali migrants who are into gangs, protection rackets, burglary on an industrial scale, drugs and all the rest big-time.

And that’s just one of the 53 no-go areas for the police, where patrols are deemed too dangerous and the people are on their own. And what are the alleged Swedish authorities doing about all this? They’re in cover-up and just-letting-it-happen mode.

Wot Austerity!

25th February 2017

MPs will be giving themselves another £1,000/year in April. Meanwhile, High Court judges, who have been whingeing about how badly off they are, will be getting £20,000/year more and Appeal Court judges will cop for an extra £22,000/year.

Getting well above themselves

25th February 2017

Should Donald Trump be ‘granted’ a visit to the UK, the BBC is asking today. There’s nothing like being excluded from a Trump press conference as a fake news merchant for driving the sneerocrats at Beeb into a tizz!

‘pro’ bad, ‘pre’ good

26th February 2017

Having been assaulted by the word ‘progressive’ in my Sunday newspaper, I was reminded that just about everything

starting with ‘pro’ is bad, e.g. proactive, problem, etc. So what about some alternatives?

Wouldn’t it be nice if politicians and PR characters admitted they were being **preactive**? In other words, spotting trouble early enough to get alibis in place. And wouldn’t it be nice if they could **precrastinate** – i.e. do something immediately to get it out of the way instead of wasting years talking about it.

Another ‘pre’ that occurred to me is **precycled** as a description for something that’s brand new or in regular use.

And going back to the start of this rant, what would **pregressive** politics be? Politics without all the spin?

Like the Masters of the World could keep that up for very long!

Idiot alert!

27th February 2017

There are people around who will tell you that Spring begins on March 1st. Don’t believe them. They are nutters and/or swindlers of the sort to pretended that the third millennium began on January 1st 2000 rather than 2001/01/01.

Any fule kno that Spring currently begins on March 20th.

Brain meltdown

27th February 2017

Pembroke College, Cambridge, is to be renamed Snowflake College after the precious students started to complain about dinner menus.

Apparently, offering Jamaican stew and Tunisian rice commits “microaggressions” against ethnic minorities and misrepresents cultures.

Shame these alleged students don’t spend more time studying and less time talking bollocks.

All Quiet on the Trump Front

28th February 2017

Things have gone relatively quiet after a noisy beginning, which suggests that the initial frenzy was largely meeja-driven, and that the ‘beauties’ have realized that the new president won’t be pushed around and he won’t dance to their tune, so they’ve lost interest in Mr. Trump in favour of softer targets.

Worthless Whinge

28th February 2017

The Treasury has told some parts of the government machine to stop spending £3.5 billion that we don’t have thanks to Gordon Brown’s disastrous reign there. A brain-dead Labour MP’s response was to moan that the Tories are sacrificing the country and the economy to their ideology.

Like her own party would never do something similar!

“Not me, Gov!” says the BBC

28th February 2017

There’s something sick-makingly hypocritical about the boss of the BBC ‘savaging’ the cowboy outfit, which the BBC itself picked to collect its licence fees. As an organization allegedly with a finger on the nation’s pulse, the BBC must have known exactly what it was getting when it signed up the cowboys, so a slap round the back of the head is due to T. Hall for being a meally mouthed git.

You did ask . . .

28th February 2017

A lady (I assume) wrote to the *Sunday Telegraph* (last week-end) to ask if she is the only person in the whole of Britain who does not like *Just A Minute*.

Let me assure you, madame, that you are not alone. There

are bound to be lots of other miserable gits strewn around the country.

How weird do you have to be to pick this?

28th February 2017

The **best** film made in the last year, according to the Oscars, was one about a homosexual African-American kid growing up in Miami with a junkie mother.

One shudders to think what the **worst** one as about!

HUTA Warning

1st March 2017

No, it's not the first of April. Someone with his head up his own arse and far too much time on his hands at the Ministry of Defence wants female members of the RAF (and, in due course, all female service personnel) to be banned from wearing a skirt for ceremonial parades.

The excuse for this daft act of diversity is that enforcing trousers only avoids offending Moslems and a very tiny number of men who have decided to be women, and it lets female servicepersons have their legs tattooed; something they can't indulge in if they are required to wear a skirt.

Why didn't they see this one coming?

2nd March 2017

The foodie fad of turning fruit and veg into a drinkable mush is fuelling O'besity. If consumed as they are, fruit and veg release their sugars slowly.

O'bliterated in a blender, the sugars are there in a big rush and can easily be over-consumed, making the trendy foodie horribly fat instead of svelt and healthy.

Political Allegory

2nd March 2017

Anyone who's been watching the TV series *Supergirl* on Sky One will be aware that there's a super-baddie in it called Corbyn. Is this a coincidence? Or is the show in fact a reflection of current politics, in which our Prime Minister is represented by Supergirl and that's why the Forces of Evil is called Corbyn?

If this is true, it raises the obvious question of which character represents Donald Trump. Well, he has to be *The Flash*, the fastest human around, who has his own show but who drops in on Supergirl occasionally to be of help.

No, John, No!

2nd March 2017

Ex-PM J. Major, who presided over the Tory party's worst general election defeat in over 100 years (at the hands of Tony B. Liar and New Labour), is even more pissed off with the electorate post-Brexit. He just doesn't seem to get that doing the opposite of what he wants is always in the country's best interests.

World Non-Wrestling Federation

3rd March 2017

What will they come up with next on WW as an alternative to putting on a wrestling show? Well, last night, Randy Orton torched Bray (he's a bit of a donkey, or some would say a turkey) Wyatt's garden shed with Bray's grandma's rocking chair inside.

Not quite up to the standard of The Rock trashing Steve Austin's expensive ride (or was it the other way around?), but it was a bit different, I suppose.

Of course, the big question is what can they do next week

to top a spot of arson about? And will there be anyone still watching?

Not much substance

5th March 2017

Whilst Supergirl was seeing off Corbyn, what was The Flash up to? Seeing off The Planet of the Apes. Clearly his script-writers think too much originality is bad for the audience.

Selling Scotland Short

5th March 2017

VisitScotland is being taken to task by academics at the Highlands & Islands University. The tourism agency is being accused of failing to celebrate the full range of Scottish heritage by ignoring the contribution from such delights as the deep-fried Mars bar.

Whisky and scenery is all very well, but the DFM has a cult following in Scotland and it has the potential to attract thousands of foreign visitors, say the H&IU boffins.

Illegal & dangerous? Don't matter!

5th March 2017

Wilkinson Sword is running a TV advert in which a bloke has a wet shave whilst driving a car. How with that performance, which is worth a long driving ban, get past the Advertising Standards Authority?

Hang on!

6th March 2017

The paper on DFM offered by the gang at H&IU has been scrutinized by the Plain English Campaign, which branded the language and phraseology ‘preposterous’. Surely it wasn’t a wind-up?

Weather to write home about

6 March 2017

The winter of 2016/17 was one of the mildest and driest since official records began in 1910. Most winters are either cold and dry or mild and wet.

The winter we’re leaving behind is unusual for being mild with only three-quarters of the average rainfall. We could do with more of the same in the future!

How the weather in this winter went offers no clues as to what will happen in the spring to come. Remember; anyone who tries to tell you different is a scammer.

Law to order

7th March 2017

The Sentencing Council, which is headed by Lord Chief Justice Thomas, thinks that young criminals from ethnic minorities should be given softer sentences than white young criminals because they are ‘over-represented’; i.e. proportionately more of them are criminals.

So much for the principle of one law for everyone.

Foot, yes; ball, no

7th March 2017

A Russian MP and member of the board of the Russian Football Union is keen to pioneer a new spectator sport. He’d like to see gangs of around 20 or so unarmed football hooligans doing battle on the pitch with no ball, no rules, no nuffink.

Mr. I. Lebedev thinks his new sport is something Russia could excel at, even without filling its athletes full of dangerous drugs.

Other than alcohol, of course.

Self-inflicted

7th March 2017

If you're a drug dealer, it's generally a good idea to keep a low profile. Which makes the actions of S. Pohl, a supplier to crystal methodists and pot users, all the more strange.

Displaying images associated with the 1930s/40s Nazis is a hanging offence in Germany, where Mr. Pohl lives. So why on Earth did he put pix of slices of toast branded with images of A. Hitler on his InYerFacebuk page? All it got him was busted.

But at least being sent back to gaol solved his homelessness problem.

Kim Jong Out-of-ammo?

8th March 2017

We were treated to pictures of the N. Korean gang boss, Kim J-u, laughing his head off as his fireworks company shot off 4 missiles in the general direction of Japan on Monday; in defiance of orders from the toothless UNO, of course.

But was that wise? What's he going to do to top his quadruple launch? The next time will have to be at least 6 rockets, and how is he going to be able to keep up the progression?

His best option would appear to be to hope for assassination, like his brother Nam, before he reaches a humiliating missile shortage.

**Who sez the CIA doesn't have
2 brain-cells to rub together?**

8th March 2017

Doing hacking and leaving behind the fingerprints of other hackers, as mooted by WikiLeaks, is an inspired idea.

And it certainly explains how the CIA knows so much about the alleged Russian hacking in the United States in order to

influence the outcome of the presidential election just gone.

Daft and persistent

9th March 2017

Sky keeps going on about ‘buy and keep’ in its TV adverts for box sets, but I’ve still not found an example of anyone offering them on a ‘buy and not keep’ basis.

How very New Labour

10th March 2017

The IPCC picked Budget Day to release a report on the Metropolitan Police Farce’s *Operation Midland* into hysterical child sex abuse.

Clearly, The Complaints was embarrassed by the amount of whitewash splashed on to the senior coppers who accepted silly stories from serial fantasist ‘Nick’ at face value and wasted millions before he was blown out of the water.

One in the eye for Spreadsheet Phil

10th March 2017

The PM has been forced to delay the Chancellor’s manifest-busting NI tax rise for the self-employed at least until the autumn following a rebellion in the ranks of her Mps.

They’re not happy about the way Spreadsheet Phil (or Spreadshit Phil, as he was dubbed by the BBC’s Labour-lover Pottymouth Robinson) cast aside a clear manifesto pledge with a transparently bogus quibble about the small print.

Another reason for unhappiness is that the PM described the NI tax change as ‘progressive’ which, as any seasoned watcher of politicians knows, is a code word indicating that there is a swindle on the way.

Rolling the pitch 1

11th March 2017

Figures released by the Home Office show that the police are attempting to obtain ethnic balancing of terror suspects. White people are being arrested more often for trivial offences, and these arrests are receiving more publicity, and arrests of those of ‘Asian ethnic appearance’ are down.

We don’t need more Broon Stealth Taxes

11th March 2017

93% of those consulted about the government’s new Death Tax; taking £1.5 billion from estates instead of the present probate profit of £45 million/year; were against the tax.

The government is going ahead, though, even though it is breaking a connection between the cost of providing a grant of probate and the amount of actual work done, which is pretty much the same, from the court’s point of view, no matter what the size of the estate.

The flat fee has been replaced by a ‘progressive’ fee. And as we all know, the use of a word beginning with ‘pro’, in a government context, always heralds a swindle.

Rolling the pitch 2

11th March 2017

The budget and its stealth taxes, and all the manifesto pledge-busting, suggests that there’s something fundamental going on in British politics.

Theresa May can see that Jeremy Corbyn’s Labour party is unelectable and she seems to be trying to level the playing field by doing the same to the Tory party. Which leaves those who feel inclined to vote Tory, but who are having doubts now, asking why?

What is she getting out of it?

What’s going on?

12th March 2017

Why is the House of Lords busting a gut to secure a right of residence for foreigners living here when the governments of the EU countries from which the foreigners migrated are showing no sign at all of concern? And why is the House of Lords so indifferent to the rights of British citizens living in EU countries?

Could it just be the House of Frauds playing Bremonoaner politics and being a tail trying to wag the UK dog?

It’s not news, dear

12th March 2017

Why are TV news programmes bothering to tell us that ex-president Park of South Korea is saying she’s done nothing wrong and she’s not corrupt? That’s what they all say. It would be news only if some politician actually admitted being corrupt!

Pull the other one

13th March 2017

The probate Death Tax increase is needed, the MoJ seems to be saying, to provide legal aid to rich criminals who have bamboozled gullible civil servants into thinking they’re broke. That’s the government’s best official excuse, apparently. No danger of hiring civil servants with 2 brain-cells to rub together, then?

Not quite mint condition

13th March 2017

Spitfire NH341 was shot down over France in July 1944, whilst the Allies were invading Europe. It has now been restored at a cost of £3 million. Which leaves me wondering just how much of the original aircraft is left after all that

rebuilding, given that just a badly damaged fuselage was the starting point.

Shades of the antique axe which has had 2 new heads and 3 new handles?

Another fair question

13th March 2017

If we believe the propaganda claims that those who voted for Brexit had no idea what they were voting for, why should we believe that those who voted for Bremain did?

Pots & Kettles again

13th March 2017

The Dutch, facing a general election this week, decided not to let Turkish government ministers into their country to do rabble-rousing for their president, who is trying to turn himself into a dictator with total power in small gulps.

Predictably, President Erdogan had the cheek to call the Dutch Nazi remnants. But who is **he** trying to become? Adolf Hitler or Josef Stalin?

Beefriended & honey-trapped!

14th March 2017

British troops sent to Estonia as a gesture against Russian's imperialist ambitions are being warned about the risk of being Mata Hari'd. The Russians will be infiltrating agents, who will offer our troops a shag in return for the opportunity to bug their phone and any other devices they can lay their mitts on.

Let us be clear about Corbyn

14th March 2017

Labour leader pro-tem J. Corbyn has said it would be absolutely fine for Scotland to hold another independence referendum. He has also said that he thinks independence

would be an economic catastrophe for our northern neighbours.

But if the Scottish Parliament votes to cut the nation’s collective throat, that’s their choice and he won’t oppose it in the Westminster Parliament.

In other words, if the Scots choose to go to Hell in a handcart, he won’t stand in their way. Which is eminently sensible and most un-Corbynlike!

Just another thought

14th March 2017

What are we going to do with the £350 million/week which we won’t be spending on the EU? Well, why not use some of it to restore some national price, and create a useful marketplace for foreign trade, by building a new Royal Yacht Bexitania?

Brexit in style

15th March 2017

Some comedians have pointed out that the £350 million/week which the EU won’t be getting is going to the NHS. Not a problem. The Royal Yacht which Tony B. Liar scrapped was a converted hospital ship, so there’s a precedent for raiding the NHS budget for a new national flagship. And wouldn’t it be absolutely wonderful to have the piece of paper which uncouples us finally from the EU signed aboard the new Royal Yacht Bexitania?

Internet garbage dump?

15th March 2017

A lot of self-righteous indignation was excreted over Facebook, Google/Youtube and Twitter executives by the Commons public affairs committee.

The anti-social meeja companies were accused of making

no attempt to remove vile content and profiting by putting adverts next to it.

Is anything likely to change? Customers are advised not to hold their breath. Especially as some of the explanations for retaining pages which upset the MPs were quite reasonable.

New in the market place

16th March 2017

One of my friends has told me I should put some money into marketing *Ready Brexit*, the breakfast cereal that gets you out of the EU. Sounds like a great idea!

It's just a green crap scam!

16th March 2017

Smart meters do away with meter-readers, right? Wrong. Power companies continue to send them round to be sure that their ‘smart’ meters are reporting consumption accurately. Which kind of invalidates the stated *raison d’être* in favour of the hidden agenda.

Smart meters are really a device to let power companies charge more when the wind ain’t blowing and the sun ain’t shining, and the over-subsidized ‘sometime availables’ aren’t available and the ‘always on’ gas and coal-fuelled power stations are producing much cheaper electricity at artificially inflated prices.

Appropriate positioning

16th March 2017

Insiders in the prison service reckon that 3-5 screws at every nick in England and Wales are so corrupt and in league with the convicts that they deserve to be . . . in gaol!

FYI

16th March 2017

Donald Trump’s presidency has been described as an ocheocracy. In case anyone is wondering, that’s a society in which anyone can step up to the oche and chuck some darts at the board.

A French connection

17th March 2017

I got a bottle of Cointreau the other day. It came in a fancy orange box printed in English and Russian. A strange combination, I thought. Or do the French assume that if you’re a boozer, you’ll speak either English or Russian?

Snowflake time in Moscow

17th March 2017

A zoo in Moscow is planning to sue an advertising agency for using a hired racoon in a shoot also featuring a topless model (female). The zoo’s boss is claiming: “Since the racoon filmed in the commercial cannot defend himself, we will have to do it for him.” What total bollocks! How does the idiot know that the racoon didn’t have the time of his life?

A considered choice

17th March 2017

If the Scots have another (unilateral) referendum and vote for independence the second time around, that will prove only that they can’t make their minds up. So they’ll need to have a 3rd referendum to be sure they got it right.

And a 4th a couple of years later to be absolutely sure they know what they’re doing.

And if the result of IndyRef4 doesn’t match that from IndyRef3, they’ll be in real trouble!

Drink coffee and you'll die!

18th March 2017

The latest gen from the foodies is that all those people who think they'll live forever if they wash down a vitamin pill with their breakfast coffee are deluding themselves. A hot drink neutralizes the pill's effect (if any). The same happens to 'probiotic' (pro-warning) bacteria, which are claimed to do consumers so much good. Porridge is also a destroyer.

Good news, America and the world!

19th March 2017

We don't have to worry about Donald Trump any more. Captain Picard of the Starship *Enterprise* has baldly gone to the United States, where he plans to take on board US citizenship in order to take on The Donald. He is believed to have received a generous leave of absence from Star Fleet for the duration of his mission.

Multiple madness

20th March 2017

First, there was Two-Sheds Jackson, then Two-Jags Prescott. Now, we have Six-Jobs Osborne. Which has persuaded the Commons standards committee to think about banning extra jobs for Mps.

And not before time. Not that anyone expects the toothless 'watchdog' to do anything much.

The dog ate it

20th March 2017

The Wiltshire police farce is to close down Operation Conifer, its attempt to sleaze the memory of the late Sir E. Heath, but the results will remain confidential to avoid revealing exactly

how flimsy the 120% evidence was and exactly who was responsible for the shambles. Protecting police careers and pensions is behind the secrecy.

Necessary weapons
20th March 2017

The blessed Mary Berry is being mocked for revealing that she eats pizza with a knife and fork, but maybe her pizzas portions are like mine – not a small slice of baked dough with a few smears of stuff on it but one-third of a whole pizza, which can't be picked up without causing the generous layers of topping to fall off.

Hence the need for a knife 'n' forque.

Unintended consequences
20th March 2017

Not giving your TV your full attention when the adverts are on; i.e. doing something else whilst watching episodically; can leave you with some interesting messages.

One I got last night, episodically, was: “The Microsoft Cloud will turn information into intrusion. You have been warned!”

Which has to be a lot more pertinent and meaningful than whatever guff the separate ads were offering.

High Hopes
20th March 2017

Professor Stephen Hawking would like to go into space to experience the cosmos, and that's why he's accepted a seat on the Branson Space Buggy *Virgin Galactic*.

There are only 2 small problems facing the professor:

- a) the BSB will just about make it to the top of the atmosphere, so it's not that much of a cosmic experience, and
- b) at 75, will the good professor live long enough for the

space buggy service to begin? Given that at the present rate of progress, it doesn't look like getting off the ground this century.

Not a good example!

21st March 2017

Our first Republican president was born right here in Kentucky, President Trump told us last night, on the first day of spring, from Louisville. Yeah, sure, Donald, but look what happened to Mr. Lincoln!

Limited threat potential?

21st March 2017

We're getting all sorts of scare stories to the effect that currently non-existent bobbies on the beat are about to be replaced by drones. But let's consider a few facts.

A typical police drone can fly at about 40 mph and its battery will last for about 20 minutes. How much spying is going to be achieved in such a limited window? It's about long enough to find the odd female sunbather au naturel and take a couple of snaps.

In a bubble

23rd March 2017

We're supposed to live in an age of instant communications but it is still possible to drop out of touch completely.

I watched the lunchtime TV news yesterday, then I got busy with my own life, and I didn't become aware of the mad jihadi's assault on the public in London, which took place a couple of hours after the lunchtime news ended yesterday, until I looked at the front page of today's *Daily Mail* at about 11:30 this morning.

Hate competition

23rd March 2017

Social Islamic State (what the BBC calls it) hates us; we know that. And it would appear that there are rabid Scots Nats who hate us even more.

Why else would R. Cunningham, the SNP environment sec., hurl her toys out of her pram when another independence debate in the Scottish parliament was suspended?

The toy-hurling took place well over an hour after the news came through from London and some of the MSPs had already walked out, feeling no longer able to concentrate on Wee Burney Sturgeon’s personal agenda.

Pointless nit-picking

23rd March 2017

One does question the need for all the relentless forensicking going on at the crime scene in London; the fingertip search in the area where the terrorist was shot especially. The killer is known, there’s no doubt about what he did and he’s dead so there isn’t going to be a trial.

So what is the point of wasting a lot of time and money, which the Metropolitan police farce assures us is in very short supply, on doing things which will be just filed and never used?

Death notices

23rd March 2017

No doubt all the political giants who were so fulsome in their praise for dead terrorist leader M. McGuinness are composing similar messages for the dead jihadi, leaving a space for his name, of course, when it becomes known to everyone other than MI5. Which is a pretty good reason for giving the news a miss for a while.

As much weather as we need

24th March 2017

Heavy snow in the Yorkshire Dales to start spring. In my part of the world, however, it has been a bit wet, a bit windy, a bit chilly when you're out in the wind and fairly sunny. So quite survivable.

Oh, yes, we believe you

25th March 2017

The accountants at PwC are pushing the robot story; it's 10 million jobs which will be taken over by robots in the next 15 years rather than the 15 million, which the discredited BoE gov. M. Carney was pushing a while ago. But recalling some of the absolute disasters in the world of finance which PwC failed to spot over the last 15 years, what to they know?

Oh, yes, we believe you II

25th March 2017

Vlad the Putin would have us believe that the Russians are not up to their election-hacking tricks to move the coming French elections in the direction of the FN and Marine Le Pen. Which is as clear confirmation that it's happening as you could hope to get.

More racing resumed

26th March 2017

Not a lot of excitement in the first F1 race of the year in Australia. No wheel-to-wheel racing and excitement at the front of the pack. Vetel's first win for years came through tyre strategy rather than anything else.

Still, there's MotoGP in Qatar going on right now to give fans of real racing some thrills into the evening.

Very undesertly

27th March 2017

Saturday qualifying rained off in Qatar, in the desert! The start of the main event of the weekend, the MotoGP race, delayed because of some rain which left no one sure what the track was like? I suppose it's all going to be blamed on man-made global warming. Everything else is.

Still, the race was a cracker when it got going 3/4 of an hour late. Well done, Maverick! And fromage dur to Mr. Zarco.

You're not supposed to win?

27th March 2017

Here's something cheerful to usher in BST: deaths on the roads zoom up 17% on the Monday after the 'spring forward' and deaths from heart attacks rise by 5% over following 3 weeks!

Accidents in the home and the workplace also become more frequent due to loss of attention, and disputes of all kinds are more common due to loss of empathy.

I won't even mention how much worse things are for night-shift workers!

Have A Nice Day! If you think you can.

Problem preempted

27th March 2017

The new 3d-bit style £1 coins will have 12 blunted points because the Royal Mint was worried about being sued by people complaining that sharp points had worn holes in their pockets.

The blunting will also cause less wear and tear on vending machines and the coins themselves. Ambulance-chasing compensation lawyers are up in arms over the decision.

Back to the Brown

27th March 2017

Labour leader Jezzer Corbyn would appear to have a bad case of Brown’s Disease. Our sometime Chancellor was always ready to mortgage our future for cash to invest.

Unfortunately, it was always in the sense of investing in a pint of beer down the pub and there was never anything to show for it when the money had been blown.

Jezzer has just announced that he would also be a Brown Investor if the nation were ever daft enough to put him into a position of power. So there’s something to look forward to with eager anticipation.

Further proof that we are surrounded by idiots

28th March 2017

A survey by the wine merchant Laithwaite’s has come up with the surprising result that people think wine won’t keep and actually throw it away if it’s more than half a day old! The equivalent of 624,000,000 bottles go down the drain for the delight of sewer rats every year; if the research is valid.

Apparently, an amazing number of people just don’t get that you can screw the cap back on, or re-cork a bottle, and it will remain okay and drinkable for several days at least.

Irreparable Damage?

29th March 2017

Sergeant Alexander Blackman’s imminent release from prison marks the end of a shameful paragraph in the history of our military, our government and our legal system.

The Military Covenant is clearly dead and buried, and troops sent to fight in future wars must know that if Sergeant Blackman’s victory over the senior officers, the politicians and the lawyers sent to lie for them in court – over matters of fact and by omission – looked unlikely, then the odds against

anyone else getting a fair shake are now infinitely bad.

Why? Because there's nothing as vindictive as a system which got it wrong and was humiliated by proof that yes, it did get things very badly wrong.

Just posturing, Burney!

29th March 2017

Do we, south of the border, care that Wee Burney Sturgeon and her Green allies have voted for another referendum on Scottish independence five minutes after the one which was supposed to settle things for a generation?

Nope! Because we know that independence is all about fulfilling Wee Burney political ambition to be the first President of Scotland and nothing to do with what's of any benefit for the inhabitants of that unfortunate country.

**Why isn't the government cutting
the Broon Labour deficit faster?**

29th March 2017

Because telling government departments that they can't have money the country doesn't have goes through the political spin machines.

Thus the virtue of Tory thrift, after processing by Labour, becomes The Cuts by heartless bastards who want to grind the faces of the weak and the poor into the dust for the fun of it.

And that's a lot of political hatred to neutralize, come election time.

The 'experts' are at it again

31st March 2017

Gulp! The 'experts' have discovered that idleness is contagious. If you're exposed to lazy people, your herd instinct takes over and you become effortless yourself.

Well, it's a good story and it spares you the effort of making up a better one!

All in the name of diversity

31th March 2017

In the good old days, there were Mr., Mrs. and Miss. In the bad news daze, we also have Mx for people who are too mixed-up to know which sex they are, Mre for those who wish to be a Mistree (mystery) and can't spell, and Msr for those who are both Miss and Sir.

And if that wasn't enough, we also have Per for persons and Ind for individuals. All of which suggests that new people have far too much time on their hands and far too little to contribute to the betterment of personkind.

The real story

1st April 2017

Note that this is posted after 12-noon, so I can't be an April Fool!

Mr. Tusk, president of the EU Council, has let the cat out of the bag. The EU establishment plans to chuck all sorts of irrelevancies into the Brexit process, turning it into negotiations. In case anyone is wondering what they are, *negotions* is merely going through the motions of negotiation.

Why? Because the EU is such a shambles that nothing can ever be agreed with all those contrary voices until well beyond the last second of the last day of the deadline.

Uncivil and incompetent non-service

1st April 2017

Is this joined-up government? One part of it introduces rip-off business rates, which will generate thousands of appeals. Another part of it plans to get rid of one-third of the staff in

the appeals department, which already has a backlog of a quarter of a million cases.

Pure selfishness

2nd April 2017

If the Bremonoaners had won the day on the EU membership referendum, would they have been as keen as they are now to have a second referendum to be sure the nation got it right the first time and everyone knew what they were voting for?

Of course, not. And their current agitation is rooted in sheer hypocrisy. The referendum was a one-off, like the Cup final and the once-in-a-generation Scottish independence referendum.

We got a result and whether or not a replay on another day would give the same or a different result is totally irrelevant.

The DNA could do it

2nd April 2017

A professor in New Zealand has suggested testing water samples from all over Loch Ness in a bid to find out if the famous monster is for real. Professor Gommell reckons that his DNA detection technique is sensitive enough to identify all sorts of marine creatures from fish to seals and whales, and that anything anomalous would be detected.

No, I'm not going to sponsor the gig!

Cosmetic suspects

2nd April 2017

12 suspects were arrested after Adrian Elms launched his murderous attack in Westminster last month and committed suicide by cop. The last of the suspects was released at the start of this month. None of them has been charged.

Which rather makes it look like the police grabbed some

bodies to make it look like they were following a trail and let the bodies go when the story dropped out of the news.

Health, wealth & Green happiness!

3rd April 2017

The Greens think the country would be more productive and healthy if we switched to a 3-day weekend. Maybe we should try it – and if it works out, go the whole hog and make Monday to Friday the weekend and work only on Saturday and Sunday.

Deceased Pedestrian-free zone!

3rd April 2017

A team from Historic England and Southampton University has found evidence that there was no zombie threat in the north of Yorkshire between the 11th and 14th centuries.

The conclusion is based on the discovery of burials containing bodies with snapped thigh-bones, to prevent the revenant dead from wandering about, and no head to make sure they couldn't see where they were going.

Cupcake Time

4th April 2017

The usual suspects are agitating for the manager of Sunderland FC to get the sack because he told a female BBC reporter that she might [that's *might*, not will] get a slap if she's cheeky to him again.

The snowflakes and cupcakes must be really hard up for something to moan about if that's their best shot. Especially as it all happened 2 weeks ago.

Well, why not?

5th April 2017

There has been some discussion at the Mansion about the origin of the term Ms, the honorific used for ladies of

uncertain marital status or stropky disposition.

I have always thought it should be used universally as it is clearly derived from ‘Mush’, the general honorific used in Hancock’s Half Hours, especially by the lad himself, as in: “Now, listen ‘ere, Mush! Just how stupid do you think I am? No, don’t answer that.”

He lied

5th April 2017

The admission by, T. King, the government’s chief scientist during the New Labour era, that he was well aware that diesel is ‘dirtier’ than petrol (as far as emissions go) and kept quiet about it confirms what most of us have suspected for a long time. If it’s anything to do with the government, you can’t trust the politicians or their hirelings to tell the truth if a lie suits the politics of the moment better.

Dodgy is as dodgy does

5th April 2017

Why would anyone care if Red Ken Livingstone thinks that Adolf Hitler supported Zionism at one time? Why should anyone care what this ancient was-been thinks about anything? Sensible people would ignore him, which suggests that all the commotion over his dotty views is nothing to do with Livingstone and everything to do with the commoters [*n. one who causes a commotion*].

Bugger Balance Corporation

5th April 2017

The BBC has a peculiar notion of what constitutes balanced reporting. With the EU membership referendum campaign over, the Beeb sees no reason why it should report Brexit and Bremono views equally, and so has reverted to its role of a lefty, anti-British propaganda outlet.

Let us hope that its management doesn't expect the rest of us to treat their biased views with anything other than derision.

No wonder we voted Leave

6th April 2017

The idiots at DfID got to blow an extra billion pounds on overseas aid last year; and the EU is to blame.

Its financial geniuses insist on including income from crime; prostitution, drug dealing, extortion, bank robbery, etc.; in official GNP guesses, and as Dopey Dave nailed overseas aid at 0.7% of GNP, that's more cash for DfID to shovel out with no idea where it's going.

Nothing like planning ahead

6th April 2017

Some of the experts who are predicting that 30 million jobs will be taken over by robots by 2035 are now worrying about what the government will do with all the redundant staff from transport, factory and office jobs when we have robots driving everything, building everything and screwing up all the record-keeping.

Creative people like writers, actors and accountants will still be in demand but the experts think that there will have to be some cosmetic jobs for humans, whose work will command the same sort of premium as organic products today – not as good as what the machines do for twice the price.

The experts think that giving employers a tax break will encourage them to take on cosmetic humans.

But it is more likely that employers will realize it's just not worth it any more, jack it all in and let the machines be entrepreneurs.

Simple and obvious

7th April 2017

If a man has surgery to make him look like, say, a seal, that wouldn't make him a seal. So why should we believe that if a man has surgery to make him look like a woman, that makes him into a woman?

Bigot zone

7th April 2017

If a Conservative or a UKIP representative puts a foot wrong in public life, the roof falls in. If someone from the looney left, say, K. Livingstone or D. Abbot, does the same, their party does nothing. When it comes to standards in public life, they just don't exist in some places.

Habit-forming in more than one sense

8th April 2017

The Royal Society of Public Health has found that 90% of e-cigarette shops are selling to non-smokers, who are taking up e-smoking because they think it makes them look cool.

Apparently, e-tailers have guidelines which say they should sell e-products only as a harm-reduction tool for smokers, and they should not be sold to non-smokers.

The Vape trade association believes that 90% of its sales go to active and reformed smokers, and that the e-lifestylers are not a problem worth bothering about. And their cash looks just like anyone else's.

Egg on faces

8th April 2017

Remember the uproar from the usual suspects when President Trump dared to point out that all was not sweetness and light in Sweden? Yesterday's demented vehicle attack in Stockholm said otherwise.

BFD

9th April 2017

A professor at the University of Nottingham thinks he’s done something clever by destroying a plastic fiver. He had to freeze it down to 77 deg.K with liquid nitrogen before he shattered it with a hammer.

Hardly an original way of destroying flexible objects; it’s been done lots of time with flowers and fruit; and not a hazard which a fiver is likely to encounter in real life.

Is someone doing a rain dance?

10th April 2017

What is it about motor sport that’s attracting so much rain all of a sudden? The previous MotoGP; a couple of weeks ago in the desert in Qatar; was blighted by rain. Same in China for the F1 Grand Prix over the weekend just gone.

The Sunday race did actually go off okay; with a start on intermediate tyres; but there were fears that it would be rained off because the weather would be too bad to helicopter an injured driver to hospital within the permitted time.

It’s their turn now

10th April 2017

The saintly Christopher Booker of the *Sunday Telegraph* complains that the groupthink consensus that Britain should be pathetically grateful that the EU let us join has been replaced by a Brexit groupthink equivalent.

Mr. Booker, it should be pointed out, is a Remainer of conviction and he doesn’t appear to be aware of the saying: “turn-about is fair play”.

Well, that’s reassuring!

11th April 2017

Nothing like the *Daily Mail* for cheering you up on a Tuesday morning. Especially when it gets one of its writers to parlay the recent air-strike on the Russian province of Syria into World War Three in the Middle East.

Which wouldn’t be a bad idea, when you think about it. Especially if that part of the world is turned into dust and all the displaced persons who are causing trouble in Europe are sent back there to get on with the rebuilding work.

No big deal any more

12th April 2017

“Fighting me is like climbing Everest,” a boxer bloke has told a newspaper interviewer. Clearly, no one has told the pugilist concerned that everyone and anyone is going up and down Mount Everest on the tourist trails.

Purely cosmetic

12th April 2017

We’re hearing a lot about all sorts of fancy scams for imposing ‘pay as you pollute’ charges on motorists, but what will they achieve in the end? Lots of cash flowing into government coffers but little or no change in pollution levels.

The only way to stop air pollution in cities is keep out the vehicles causing the pollution. And like any government is going to grasp that nettle.

In no one’s pocket

12th April 2017

The scheme to squash the accusations that newly installed President Trump is in Russia’s pocket is going very well.

Bombarding the Syrian air force has given Trump some credibility and also allowed Vlad the Putin to play the outraged despot. So win-win all round.

But does the way Putin is rubbishing the idea that the Syrian regime deployed the sarin poison gas mean that it was actually provided by the Russians? Or even that it was Russian insurgents who released it so that Vlad could defend the Assad regime with a clear conscience? (For once.)

Noise instead of action

13th April 2017

All the government outrage over EDF Energy's announcement of a rise in its dual fuel standard tariff in June on top of the rise imposed on March 1st becomes synthetic under close scrutiny. E.on, npower, ScottishPower and SSE all announced price rises of 7-10% in March or April.

The March price rise for EDF was 1.2% and the rise in June will be 7.2%. Which add up to a rounded 8½ %, so EDF is no worse than the rest of the bunch.

Where's the other member of the Big Six? British Gas has frozen its dual fuel standard tariff until August. The eyes of its customers will start watering then.

Don't get your hopes up, mate!

14th April 2017

Sometime F1 champ Fernando Alonso has decided not to bother with the Monaco GP this year and to do the Indianapolis 500 instead.

Given that the engine for his alternative ride will also be provided by Honda, which hasn't done much of a job for McLaren in F1, it is to be feared that Mr. Alonso will just be swapping rear views of F1 cars for the same views of Indycars.

Believe it or what No. 192

14th April 2017

“Trump drops biggest weapon since Nagasaki on Afghanistan” sez the headline. Really?

If the bomb weighs 21,600 lbs, there’s no way that Mr. Trump could have lifted it enough to drop it. That certainly sounds like a bit more fake news!

We are not alone! Hurray!

14th April 2017

NASA is getting very excited about detecting hydrogen in the plumes of gas and vapour, which are shot out of the tiger stripes at the south pole of Saturn’s moon Enceladus.

Compounds of carbon, oxygen and nitrogen have already been detected, leaving NASA just two elements short of the Big Six basics for ‘life as we know it’.

But its boffins are confident that phosphorus and sulphur are present in the hot, rocky core of a moon which features a 6-mile belt of liquid water under a frozen-solid outer shell.

Could there be primitive life on our doorstep a mere 800 million miles away? No one knows.

And before the “we’re not aloners” get too excited, let us not forget that their wish for life all over the galaxy could involve the doomsday scenario of mile-long spaceships parked over our biggest cities and scum-sucking aliens adding another bunch of slaves to their empire.

Moot point

15th April 2017

Does anyone give a rat’s ass that the Russian’s won’t be showing the Eurovision Song Contest on their state TV system? Thought not.

Pull the other one, mate

15th April 2017

You really have to wonder how much politicians believe of the BS they spout. Take transport minister A. Jones for example. He’s claiming that putting the use of a satnav into the driving test will help to reduce road deaths and injuries.

Really? Taking a driver’s eyes off the road will make other people safer?

Weird war stories

15th April 2017

We’re getting some curious stories coming out following the use of the MOAB in Afghanistan. The bomb was exploded at 7.32 p.m. local time. A bloke living in Pakistan, some 9 miles on his side of the border, claims he was woken up by the blast.

Which raises the obvious question: What was he doing in bed at half-seven in the evening?

Nothing on TV?

Enunciating lacking

17th April 2017

Either that or it’s a case of Cloth-Ears Syndrome; but it’s really weird, hearing TV adverts going on about the virtues of **ladyboy** furniture. I wonder what they’re saying really?

They dug the hole . . .

17th April 2017

Was it the job of the West to prevent “the Islamic world’s most prosperous, democratic and pluralistic” country from racing into despotism with a Putin-style president-for-life? Of course, it wasn’t.

If the Turks were willing to stand for being put under President Erdogan’s thumb by a rigged referendum, that’s

their problem and it's up to them to solve it, and definitely *not* the West.

Nothing to worry about

18th April 2017

If the nation's main focus is the emotional health of Prince Chazzer's semi-orphan offspring, it's comforting to know that nothing serious is going on in the world.

Living comfortably in the past again

18th April 2017

Mikhail Gorbachyov; yes, the man who put the skids under the Soviet Union is still around at 86; thinks that Russia and the West are in the grip of a new cold war.

So he should be feeling right at home again.

Something he got right!

18th April 2017

Looks like Mr. Corbyn knew what he was doing when he started building a general-election war chest. The printing and PR industries will be in absolute ecstasies if Parliament 'does the right thing' tomorrow.

Every week, a show for you!

18th April 2017

Good news! The Kimocracy in N. Korea has announced that it will launch missiles every week.

Which will provide security of employment for the CIA's hackers and the professionally outraged at least until the Koreans run out of missiles.

Burrocrats everywhere

19th April 2017

It's somehow comforting to know that French councils can be as stupid and vindictive as the ones we have here. Like Paris city council, which is trying to stop citizens from playing petanque in Place Dauphine because the pastime creates a lot of dust and the players talk noisily.

No doubt the councillors are after a modern image for the area and they'd rather have zombies stumbling around peering at mobile phones instead of people actually daring to enjoy themselves by playing an old-fashioned, traditional game.

Good news for some

19th April 2017

President Erdogan's mission to make Turkey another Kim- or Putinocracy might be bad news for the Turkish people, but at least it's good news for the EU. With him in charge, there's no danger of Turkey qualifying for membership and imposing an even bigger bill on Germany's luckless taxpayers.

● Erdogan will have to stay in power for a lot longer than the 2 x 5-year terms he's planning to blag if he hopes to get close to the £160 billion eased out of Russia's piggy bank by Vlad the Putin.

Doing the nation a favour

19th April 2017

The PM is a rotten spoil-sport for depriving Kim Jong-dimbleby of his hereditary right to perform as ringmaster of the party leaders in election yawncasts? But we know what all the party leaders will say; that they're marvellous and everyone else is crap.

So where's the point in encouraging the meeja hangers-on to think it's all about them?

It has been pointed out . . .

19th April 2017

. . . that even though the Yanks are claiming their MOAB was the biggest bomb dropped since Hiroshima, in typical bloody Yank fashion, it's not as heavy as the 22,000 lb Grand Slam developed by Sir Barnes Wallis of dam-busting, bouncing bomb fame.

The RAF was unloading these earthquake bombs against difficult targets at the end of WW 2. Which means that if the *Guinness Book of Records* changed its policy on excluding weapons, the US MOAB wouldn't get a look-in, seeing it's 70 years late and not heavy enough.

Each to his own trade

19th April 2017

Boris Johnson, currently Foreign Sec., thinks that a campaign of strikes will get rid of the appalling President Assad.

Maybe we could accelerate the process by exporting a few trade union leaders to Syria to show them how to organize the strikes.

Yawn and yawn again

20th April 2017

Are we really bothered that a space rock ‘the size of Gibraltar’ going at 73,000 mph missed us by a million miles yesterday, making its closest approach at 1:24 p.m.?

As it's not big enough to cause an extinction-level event, we could almost hope that this rock had landed somewhere troublesome, like Syria.

Apparently, it was our closest shave since Toutatis missed us by another million miles in 2004.

Bright idea

21st April 2017

One MP’s solution to diesel pollution is to scrap diesel-engined cars and give the owner a bike instead. Let us hope it has a basket on the front to take home the shopping after a supermarket run.

Pointless and expensive political gesture

22th April 2017

Yesterday was the first day since coal-fired power stations came into use in 1882 that Britain has spent without electricity produced from coal.

Was that something to celebrate? Not really, given that coal remains the cheapest fuel and that all yesterday’s energy was coming from gas, nuclear, a bit of ‘occasionally available’ (wind and solar) and imports from France – all at a greater, going up to a significantly greater, cost compared to electricity from coal.

The real story

23rd April 2017

We’re being told that the taxpayer has recovered the £20-odd billion pounds hosed into Lloyds Bank when it went bump in 2008. But why was that necessary? Lloyds Banking Group collapsed into insolvency because Gordon Brown had a word with the spiv running it at a party and got him to take over Halifax Bank of Scotland to save Scottish jobs to do Brown a political favour.

Unfortunately, no one at LBG took the trouble to check how HUGE the Brown Hole in the accounts of HBoS was, and both banks fell into it. So much for Gordon Brown as a financial genius.

Loud noise, little importance

23rd April 2017

The news meeja seem to be devoting a lot of attention to Wee Burney Sturgeon, even though she’s just a provincial governor, not a member of the House of Commons and irrelevant to the coming general election.

Which leaves we English asking why we should pay any attention at all to Nicola the Nose, who thinks amputation would be a good idea as it would allow her to strut the world stage unencumbered by the body which feeds her the subsidies that keep her alive. But for how long?

What’s blue and useless?

23rd April 2017

No wonder the police have an image of being largely cosmetic and led by senior officers who are more concerned about meeting pointless diversity targets than in solving crimes and making life tough for criminals.

Police Scotland has just been busted, via a leaked memo, for concealing the true extent of knife crime. There’s some sort of investigation going on, but no one is expecting to hear anything other than that the policy of making knife-crime vanish ‘just happened’ and, of course, no one is to blame.

Who says the Scots aren’t weird?

23rd April 2017

Seven trips to the polls in three years – for elections to local councils, the European Parliament and the Scottish Parliament, IndyRef1 and Brexit (okay, not elections but they still involved voting), a general election in 2015 and one to come in June – and the Scots are complaining that they can’t stand the pace.

The poor wee souls are complaining they’re politicked out. Which makes it all the more strange that some of them are

busting a gut for yet another trip to the polls for IndyRef2.

Half-hearted copycats

24th April 2017

Trust the French to copycat Britain and America. The winner of the first round of their presidential election is an ex-banker and head of a self-created ‘Ça va if the EU wants it’ socialist-ish party. Second place went to the ‘Vive la France’ party led by Marine Le Pen.

Conventional socialists, Gaullists, swindlers and all the rest were binned.

Of course, the dull socialist-ish is the favourite to win in a fortnight’s time, when the Establishment is expected to strike back. And M. MacRon’s lack of a party isn’t likely to be a problem. As a former member of President Hollande’s regime, the socialists are sure to rally round; if only in search of some job security.

And if that doesn’t work, M. MacRon can always try to cash in on the Auld Alliance by heading for Écosse to challenge Wee Burney Sturgeon for the job of Queen of Scotland!

What?

24th April 2017

Jeremy Corbyn is pretending to be anti-establishment?? Who’s going to buy that when it’s plain that he belongs to a peculiar, anti-British, pro-terrorism, looney left establishment?

Talking about buying, his best idea for buying votes is to offer 4 new bank holidays per year as compensation for the fact that wages have not returned to the levels before the crash engineered by New Labour in 2008.

He thinks he’s playing the patriotism card if the holidays will fall on the saints’ days of the 4 members of the UK. No one seems to have reminded him that he’s seeking to set up shop in the last refuge of a scoundrel!

One less thing to worry about

24th April 2017

The Liberals (with taxpayers’ money) want to know how the Tories will fill the Brexit Brown Hole. The simple answer is that they don’t have to, given that the brown hole is a Liberal invention.

Just a click away

25th April 2017

Wikimeeja seems to be setting up its own fake news site to promote a Wiki world-view, which excludes all extremists (i.e. anyone who disagrees with the handful of couch-potato mafiosi, who decide what can appear on the site). Just what we need.

Good news!

25th April 2017

An interactive map of the hundreds of earthquakes which rock Britain every year has been compiled from British Geological Survey data to celebrate the 117th anniversary of the birth of Charles Richter.

The map shows that the Manchester area is one of the most earthquake prone:

see <http://www.htspweb.co.uk/fandf/romlit/specnew/earthquakes.htm>

But seismic events on the scale of the (not-so) Great British Earthquake, which flattened parts of Colchester on April 22nd in 1884, are mercifully rare. And the really good news is that global warming isn’t producing an increase in the frequency of earthquakes.

Don’t you just wish . . .

25th April 2017

. . . that some politician would produce a bottle of yellowish fluid and present it to the meeja pack at a press conference with the words: “Here’s the piss you seem so desperate to take. Go on, take it, it’s all yours.”

Breathing space; but probably not much

26th April 2017

The coming election seems to have done small businesses a small favour. There isn’t time to barge the Treasury’s plan for 5 tax returns per year – one every quarter plus one for the full year – through Parliament in the time left.

All sorts of other measures aimed at increasing the cost of doing business without the notional benefits the government is claiming have also been ditched; with the tacit approval of the Commons Treasury committee, which frowned on them.

But we can be pretty sure they’ll be back with the next government unless heads can be banged together to drive some sense into them.

More cloth-ears

27th April 2017

Heard on the Wix TV ad for screw-it-yourself websites that no one else will know about:

“. . . easily change sex . . .”

Well, I suppose that’s bunged in to attract the diversity mob.

What do they do for a fun day in North Korea?

27th April 2017

Line up all their tanks and self-propelled guns in three ranks on a suitable beach and blast salvoes out to sea. It must be costing the Chinese a bomb in blank ammo!

Time, gentlemen, pur-lease!

28th April 2017

Don't you just wish we could have some new political myths and legends? The one about the Tories being the party of the mega-rich and Labour as the party of the masses is wearing a bit thin, for instance.

Whilst the mega-rich pay an enormous share of the nation's taxes, compared to the sheer numbers of raggedy-arse paupers who don't pay any tax at all, they're an insignificant minority in the electoral community.

Which leaves me wondering why isn't J. Corbyn the prime minister right now? And why isn't he as likely to stay in the job as any president-for-life Putin, Assad or Kim Jong-current if he leads a whole army of electorate-dominating, non-tax-paying scroungers?

In short, who provides all the votes that put the Tories in power from time to time? Maybe we're supposed to believe that the mega-rich 1% have enormous numbers of staff, say one-half of the electorate, and the staff have to vote Tory as a non-negotiable clause in their contract of employment.

Except, that doesn't explain how Labour ever gets elected.

Who came up with that one?

28th April 2017

Sky Mobile is for bolshy twats who'd steal a bowlful of sugar from a café? That's what the TV advert seems to be telling us.

More, more!

29th April 2017

The News Quiz on Radio Four is normally a tedious rant by a gang of ageing lefty whingers. How refreshing it was to hear this week's edition featuring some actual comedians who were funny. We need to have some or all of Hugo Rifkind, Katy Brand, Rich Hall and Kiri Pritchard-McLean on the show a lot more often.

Four wheels bad!

30th April 2017

That was a pretty boring Russian Grand Prix. As Mr. Raikkonen said on the podium, everything happened right at the start. In fact, it was just like the last-but-one IndyCar race in Alabama.

It's a good job we have MotoGP to give us a bit of excitement on a race track. We could have done with some this weekend.

Instant discrimination

30th April 2017

One usually has to waste time talking to a stranger before realizing that he/she is an idiot. But the fashion industry has come up with a shortcut in the assessment process. If you see someone who's paid \$425 for a pair of jeans dyed to look like the wearer has been crawling in mud, you know right away that the person is an idiot.

MPs missing the point; as usual

1st May 2017

It's all very well for MPs to demand that supermarkets fill their shelves with wonky fruit and veg, my Catering Manager told me.

But, she added, how many of them have ever tried to peel really wonky veg? Ease of preparation, not just looks, is what is behind consumer preferences.

Out of sight

1st May 2017

The Turkish regime has blocked access to Wikipedia. The official excuse is the “terror-related content” hosted by the online encyclopaedia of doubtful provenance.

Presumably, it’s a bit too old-fashioned for the tastes of the increasingly totalitarian Erdogan regime.

Korean fun day revisited

1st May 2017

It seems the North Koreans weren’t firing blank ammo out to sea; they were using live ammo and blasting hell out of an off-shore island. And yet, there has been a deafening silence from the usual suspects about the destruction of wildlife, plantlife and their habitat.

Probably because the ecoNazis give dictatorships a free pass.

Kim Jong Trickery?

1st May 2017

The North Koreans marked President Trump’s 100th day in office with another failed missile launch. Are the blighters trying to lull us into a sense of false security?

European Nonsense

1st May 2017

Is the EU run by a bunch of deluded fascists? Spain has no more right to decide what happens on Gibraltar than it has to decide what happens on a hill half a mile on the other side of its border with France. So all this talk of a Spanish Veto is just EU BS.

One of the Few

2nd May 2017

As ever, Frank Field, MP, has come up with some sense. University vice-chancellors, who are rolling in dosh – on salaries approaching half a million quid in some cases – should have to endure a pay cut if they fail to ensure that

foreign students go home when they complete, or abandon, their course.

Next Big Thing

2nd May 2017

After mud-splattered jeans for the rich and gullible, how about armpit wigs for part-time feminists? Should be a market worth millions there!

Think of a number . . .

3rd May 2017

Maybe the time has come to join in the EU’s numbers game. If they want €100 billion in alimony, maybe we should demand £250 billion as our share of the EU’s assets. And, of course, they have to pay us first and we decide when, and how much, to pay back to them.

Definitions for Today:

4th May 2017

Lawyer (n) 1. Someone who thinks he/she can make “I do” mean “I don’t”, or vice versa, depending on who is paying his/her wages. 2. Someone who can’t view a fact without experiencing an overwhelming urge to twist it out of its proper context.

Crime and punishment

4th May 2017

Maybe I’ve not been paying attention but where is chiselled onto a tablet of stone that Britain **has** to be a member of the EU, no matter what? And that an eye-watering payment is due if Britain dares to leave? In other words, what’s the crime for which the EU wants to punish us?

If the EU thinks we’ve committed a crime, for which we should be punished, shouldn’t they have to make a case to the

International Court at the Hague? We certainly won't allow ourselves to be hauled up before the EU's own kangaroo court!

In fact, instead of paying a divorce bill to the EU, we should be getting compensation for the EU's persistent violation of our human right to choose our friends.

Arrest Ed!

4th May 2017

Ed Milliband mows a lady's lawn in Doncaster to get her vote – isn't that bribery and a criminal offence on the same scale as buying people drinks or paying them to vote for your party?

Another waste of money

5th May 2017

The House of European Vanity has opened after a decade in the making and 3 years on from the planned opening in 2014. It cost the EU taxpayer £47 million, and it will cost a further £11 million per year to run; which is another sound reason to get out of the EU, especially as we will be paying £1 million per year for it until Brexit.

This home for a collection of European historical tat was opened officially on the last Saturday in April but putting labels onto the exhibits and getting the explanatory tablet devices working is dragging on in true EU style. Maybe it will be ready for next year's first anniversary celebrations.

Nice to know where we stand

5th May 2017

The president of the Euro Parliament has denied that the anti-British leaks from Brussels; mainly from the office of Juncker the Drunker and his minions; are intended to affect the outcome of next month's British general election. So that our official confirmation that it's all true.

CIA flops again

6th May 2017

North Korea is claiming that the CIA signed up a North Korean lumberjack assassin called Kim whilst he was working in Eastern Russian. He was supposed to use a dirty bomb to contaminate Kim Jong-current at a big military do last month with the object of dooming K J-c to die in 6-12 months of the effects of the nasty stuff. But the Korean People's Gestapo foiled the plot.

Green Death

6th May 2017

This plan to charge drivers of diesel-powered vehicles to enter city centres is typical petty bureaucrat-think. They don't care how many people are killed by the pollution as long as they make money out of it.

Political logic

6th May 2017

The creepy French presidential hopeful, the Scottish gerontophile MacRon, is getting his alibis in place. He's claiming that he was the subject of a massive hacking attack, which means that he has to be planning to claim that any crimes against humanity which are exposed don't count because he was hacked.

No surprise there

8th May 2017

The European Commission's own lawyers have declared that the EU leaders' divorce bill of €100 billion (at the last count) is legally impossible to enforce.

Which means that the bastards will have to dream up some other scam. Oh, dear! Terrible shame. Never mind.

Another complication is that if the EU cherry-picks items

from its (fraudulent) annual accounts to create a Brexit bill, and excludes all of the EU’s assets, Britain will be entitled to do the same in a counter-claim. And that’s the opinion of no less a person than the Director General of the EU’s budget. Oh, dear, again.

Empty threat

8th May 2017

President (pro tem) Hollande of France is threatening to ‘take action’ over the hacking of his pal M. MacRon’s emails. Which means what, exactly? That he’s going to Moscow to give old Putin a clip round the ear?

Typical sloppy politician

8th May 2017

The bogus Scotsman MacRon, trading as the president elect of France, thinks that Britain’s exit from the EU is a crime. But he hasn’t bothered to quote the particular law which we’re breaking. Sounds like he’s a French equivalent of Diane Abbot!

Recycle, recycle

9th May 2017

The Tories would like to put a cap on care costs for the elderly, but it remains just a New Labour-style aspiration. At the latest incarnation, the position of the cap has drifted up from £72,000 to £85,000, which suggests that if it ever gets into a manifesto, the cap level will have drifted so high as to be meaningless for most people.

Same with the old migration thing. The current PM is minded to keep Dave the Leader’s aspiration of tens of thousands for net migration. Which is as likely to be achieved as UKIP’s one out, one in policy.

Logical conclusion

10th May 2017

Some wiseguy in yesterday's paper was asking why, if the government says crime is falling, are there more people in gaol? Could it be that crime is falling because there are more criminals behind bars?

Does my bum look big in this constituency?

10th May 2017

A union stooge from one of Labour's paymasters is dumped in a safe seat in Liverpool and we are told no parachute was involved. Does that mean we're expected to believe the guy's backside was more than big enough to cushion the landing unaided?

Unnatural selection

11th May 2017

What is it about stoopid little flying bugs which attracts them to freshly painted surfaces so that they land on them and become welded to them?

Advertising from an other galaxy

11th May 2017

It's very cute, and it probably cost a bomb for a franchise deal to put Top Cat into a TV ad, but the fact remains, no one can have any confidence in a lender which pretends that it would give a mortgage to an alley cat with no means of support and no hope of repaying the interest, let alone the capital.

Win, win for Labour

11th May 2017

The shadow chancellor is calling the leaked socialist-envy

Labour election manifesto ‘progressive’, which is as clear an admission as anyone could want that it’s a swindle.

Meanwhile, Old Cor-Blimey-Guv-byn must be laughing his cotton socks off at the effect his nationalize and spend manifesto is having on the Blairies and his other enemies thanks to his list of freebies for his client groups, including criminals, who will get a ‘stay out of gaol’ card.

As for the enemies, they must be bracing themselves for some temporary pain and suffering as the price of getting rid of Corbyn, and silently egging him on to indulge his most insane impulses whilst he has the chance.

Someone’s having a laugh

11th May 2017

The Northamptonshire police farce is abolishing traditional police headgear in favour of unisex baseball caps. The scam is intended to encourage sex-swappers and people who don’t agree with the concept of gender to join up!

Perhaps trying to make policing a more attractive career to the majority would be a better idea than trying to Hoover up a few individuals out of already tiny minorities? But, of course, that doesn’t fit the daft diversity agenda.

Cor-Blimey as our next PM?

12th May 2017

It could actually happen, you know: if enough people look at the polls and decide Labour has no chance of getting in and it doesn’t matter if they vote Labour ‘for a laugh’ or don’t turn out on polling day.

Ah, to be so Teflon!

12th May 2017

The gods are really smiling on old Cor-Blimey! When a BBC cameraman got his foot run over whilst scrambling to get

some totally surplus pictures of Labour’s hero, the immediate reaction was that it was a stunt set up by the bloke and the Beeb’s political editor.

We’re doing our best, mates!

12th May 2017

According to researchers at a university in Norway, Britain’s men are the worst binge drinkers in Europe. Well, we’ll just have to try to get better at it in future.

Something else you couldn’t make up

13th May 2017

The Liberals’ election pledges include encouraging the sale of cannabis in high street shops to raise taxes to be spent on treating those sent crazy by abuse of the drug. Talk about creating your own problems!

Many a true word . . .

13th May 2017

There was an interesting observation by the normally appalling host during today’s edition of Radio Four’s *The News Quiz*: If, as M. MacRon claims, Brexit was a crime, then it was a crime of passion, so we should get away with it!

Typical political shenanigans

15th May 2017

The Scottish education system used to be much admired. Looks like a decade of SNP misrule has put a stop to all that nonsense. And, it seems, the Gnats have put a stop to the embarrassment of statistics showing that less than one-half of Scotland’s 13- and 14-year-olds can string together a coherent sentence. All it took was abolishing the Scottish Survey of Literacy & Numeracy.

Selective neutrality

15th May 2017

The police, the CPS and the Electoral Commission have made much of an investigation into the 2015 election expenses of 15 Tory MPs in relation to visits by the party’s Battle Bus. But they have kept remarkably quiet about investigating a Labour member over his expenses. These institutions might claim to be politically neutral, but their actions say otherwise.

Some of them still don’t get it

15th May 2017

The Liberal sort-of grandees; V. Cable, N. Clegg et al; think that the only answer to a landslid Tory party after the election will be an anti-Conservative, anti-Brexit coalition. Maybe someone should explain to them that subscribing to one leg of their coalition doesn’t imply a subscription to the other.

Pragmatism in action

15th May 2017

How does old Corbyn stay so cheerful? Well, if you’re driving toward a steep cliff, and turning the steering wheel isn’t an option, then you might as well sit back and enjoy yourself while you can.

Bit late to do anything about it

16th May 2017

We’re being told that the dinosaurs were terribly unlucky to have been wiped out by the asteroid which hit the Yucatan peninsula some 65 million years ago. If it had arrived a little sooner or a little later, it would have landed in the sea and caused less devastation, and it was even worse luck that the impact site at Chicxulub was rich in sulphates, which caused

devastating global cooling as aerosols high in the atmosphere.

The implication seems to be that the dinosaurs were swindled by the Universe and they should ask for a recount or their money back. But the tale of woe conveniently ignores the string of volcanic eruptions, which created the Deccan Traps at what is now northern India.

The eruptions started 250,000 years before the asteroid hit and continued for another 500,000 years afterwards.

So it looks like the asteroid was just a blip, even if a big one, in 750,000 years of climate catastrophe. And if everyone knows about it and few people know about the volcanoes, that suggests that the asteroid has a better press agent.

Don't bother us

17th May 2017

The West Midlands police farce is seeking to reduce its interactions with the public further by asking victims of crimes to write and upload their own statements, along with any photos or video footage they might have been able to take.

The chief constable thinks that the public are just as capable as the police when it comes to gathering and recording evidence.

Sounds like a recipe for shysters to run riot over the evidence in court and keep dangerous criminals out of gaol. And, of course, the scam would make it easier for the police to file and forget and exclude crimes from their official statistics.

Not my problem, mate

17th May 2017

The political commentators might have to pretend that Labour's Corbynite, fauxcialist manifesto has to be taken seriously, but only because they're being paid to do so. The rest of us are under no such obligation.

More cheerful news!

18th May 2017

The gang at Harvard U reckon that an ‘elderly’ patient is more likely to croak in the next 30 days if he/she is treated by a doctor who is over 60 rather than under 40.

Political wisdom

18th May 2017

With a general election campaign going on, and Labour putting out up posters urging us to ‘fight the Tories to fight racism’, a couple of snippets from *The Layman’s Guide to Political Propaganda* by Wexford Grosjean would not be out of place:

“In the pursuit of political aims, every lie is justified and every half-truth has double value because it contains a demonstrable element of truth, even it that truth is distorted beyond recognition from its original context.”

“We must never underestimate the corrosive power of lies. The constant drip, drip, drip of poison will eat away at the foundations of the most self-evident truth, given enough time.”

Found out!

19th May 2017

Oh, dear! It’s all over for Theresa May. She not the Iron Lady Part II. She’s a trannie version of Grocer Heath. Big government doesn’t work, the experts are telling us; Labour and the Grocer provided abundant proof of that. But we’re going to have to put up with The Razor May proving it all over again.

The pragmatic solution

19th May 2017

We’re hearing a lot about how the care of the elderly will

bankrupt the nation. But no one seems to be paying any attention to an obvious partial solution: Voluntary Termination of Life for those who find their basic standards for it are no longer available.

Examples would be people who know their brain is about to go wonky, leaving them as just a working body from which the personality has been stripped, and people with an active brain who see their body getting too frail for them to be able to look after themselves, and who would rather not be parked in a care home at the whim of strangers when they are no longer able to lead the life they want.

“It will be abused!” wail the ‘I’m Against Everything’ bunch.

“What the hell isn’t?” the rest of us yell back at them.

Yes, there will be people eager to bump off inconvenient relatives, but that’s no reason why those who don’t want to stick around should not have a legal exit option.

VToL for the some. It does make sense.

In defence of VtoL

20th May 2017

So what if VToL doesn’t suit everyone and the very thought of it makes some people foam at the mouth? The thing about life is that it’s not *one size fits all*. VT will suit the requirements of some people and they are entitled to make their choice regardless of the wishes of others.

Not convinced

20th May 2017

The former FBI chief, Mueller, is being brought in as a safe pair of hands to carry on the investigating which the sacked showboater, Comey, was doing. But can we have all that much confidence in Mueller. Is there anyone on the planet who didn’t get a scam email with his name on it when he was in charge of the FBI?

Like we care
20th May 2017

J. Assange, the Ecuador One, says he will not forgive or forget now that Sweden has given up on trying to arrest him on rape charges. But so what? Neither will the women who filed the charges forget, even if they forgive, for all the good it will do them.

Not that Assange is entirely out of the woods yet. There's still the small matter of his being liable to be arrested for contempt of court if he dares to show his nose out of the Ecuadorian embassy.

Worth a try?
20th May 2017

If the guy who leaked US army secrets to Assange's website had cosmetic surgery to make him look like a woman to get out of gaol courtesy of President O'Bummer, maybe the same trick will get Assange out of his little local difficulty. Just a thought!

Not a bad thing
21st May 2017

According to the Scots Gnats, the Tories have an ideological obsession with austerity; i.e. not spending money which the country doesn't have. Which has to be rather better than the SNP's ideological obsession with throwing English taxpayers' money around as if it grows on trees.

**“Here's me flaunting them
but how dare you notice the tits!”**
21st May 2017

What do you do if you're a young, female election candidate, who's done nothing worthy of note? Putting a selfie showing off her chest bumps on-line then moaning when people made

remarks about them seems to have got young Labourite E. Owen noticed.

Political definitions No. 83

22nd May 2017

Social fairness – stealing money from anyone who is clever enough, or lucky enough, to have amassed wealth and giving it to the feckless, hoping they’ll be grateful enough to vote for whoever bribed them.

WFA sorted

22nd May 2017

The politician’s answer to reducing the amount of money paid out in Winter Fuel Allowance is to add a layer of bureaucracy to means-test potential recipients, piling further costs on the taxpayer. But a correspondent to one of my weekend newspapers suggested just making it taxable, which won’t require more government bean-counters.

A quick and simple solution, which avoids lots of government messing about. But, sadly, one that’s probably too easy for the politicians to select.

Credibility shot

23rd May 2017

One minute, the BBC news was telling us about the bombing of the Manchester arena, the next, we were getting a cheerful advert for some BBC gadget. Then we were being told that 22 people had been murdered by an Islamist suicide bomber. What is so important about the BBC’s internal adverts that they *have* to be run, no matter how inappropriate doing so might be?

The only good aspect of the mess is that if it was a suicide bomber, there won’t be that much of him left for Jeremy Corbyn, the terrorists’ friend, to cosy up to.

After the bomb goes off

23rd May 2017

The problem is the huge sincerity gap. You get all these public sector characters doing their bit of pontificating, and they might even mean it, but I can't help thinking, “Dude, I've heard it all before. You said exactly the same thing last time and nothing much has changed in the routine script for an occasion like this.”

Maybe there's a case for simply saying that the atrocity was terrible followed by a dignified silence instead of the same old same old.

Life is a real lottery

24th May 2017

Nicky Hayden, the 2006 MotoGP champion, who had moved to the World Superbikes series, gone at 35. He died in hospital after being hit by a car whilst training on a bicycle in Italy.

A little girl aged 8, killed with other random victims at a pop concert in Manchester by an Islamist loser with a home-made bomb, and Sir Roger Moore, the Bond with a sense of humour, gone at 89 and probably not all that bothered about it.

There's the strongest argument for making the most of the time you have because you never know how long it will last.

Who's to blame for the Manchester bombing?

25th May 2017

So far, we have the people who encourage legalising cannabis, as there's a strong link between smoking pot and religious mania, including jihadism, in the young; which means the Liberals, the Party of Pot are to blame.

Also, there's the shambles NATO created in Libya with a bombing campaign, which let Islamists overthrow President Gadaffi and left the country as big a shambles as Iraq. Who

was prime minister at the time? Dave the Leader, so it's his fault, too.

And, of course, let us not forget the guy who lied the country into President Dubya Bush's war in Iraq, which created Islamic State – that would be Tony B. Liar.

Also, as politics restarts after a brief hiatus, we have the accusation from UKIP that a former home secretary was so useless in office that she let jihadism flourish here, following the tradition established by New Labour. Yes, The Razor May, we're talking about you.

Trump got it right

25th May 2017

Some people are objecting to President Trump calling the Manchester bomber a loser. But he was born here of parents who were allowed to settle in Britain to get away from the Gadaffy regime in Libya and he went to university, but despite all these advantages, he ended his days as a child murderer, like Ian Brady.

If that's not the definition of a sad loser, what is?

Brits are not idle gits!

25th May 2017

Surprise! A study by the University of Bath has found that British people are not skivers and they have a work ethic as strong as any Eastern Europeans. Further, Eastern Europeans are more likely to pull a sickie than British workers. There's another inconvenient truth to harass the Bremoaners.

Shock, horror!

26th May 2017

Surprise! Research by boffins from Cambridge and the University of E. Anglia has found that 'sports' drinks are just

an overpriced fad. The boffins reckon that athletic performance is much the same when people have a sugary drink, plain water or even nothing at all to drink.

More pseudo-scientific madness

27th May 2017

The latest shock-horror global warming story is that it will make pensioners lose an hour and a half of sleep (at night) over a period of one week. And as sleep-deprived people are more susceptible to disease, global warming will kill pensioners off, relieving pressure on the NHS and devastating the care industry.

But, it has been pointed out, if the elderly have a 15-minute nap every afternoon; something the Warmists don't seem to have considered; they will get an extra $1\frac{3}{4}$ hours of daytime sleep per week and end up a net quarter of an hour to the good, sleepwise, and not die.

Oh, no! We're doomed another way!

27th May 2017

The Met Office has issued a warning that a hole in the ozone layer has settled over Britain and anyone who exposes bare skin to the Sun over the bank holiday weekend has had it!

● We also need to wear wraparound shades to prevent the front surface of the eye from being burnt off.

Salt is okay, apparently

27 May 2017

For years, we have been told that we have to reduce our salt intake or die of the effects of high blood pressure. Surprise! That 'link' between salt and blood pressure was created by a doctor who wanted it to be true! And, in fact, not having enough salt in the system can lead to obesity, heart disease,

kidney failure, diabetes and loss of libido.

Not to mention the fact that food tastes better with a modicum of salt anyway, proving that we are build to handle NaCl, as it is known in the trade.

Quite a contrast

29th May 2017

The Formula One Grand Prix in Monaco was the usual procession with nothing much happening. Not so the IndyCar race at Indianapolis. That was one amazing crash which put Dixon out, and yet he was giving TV interviews minutes later, apparently totally unharmed. And the start of the show, Fernando Alonso, who skipped Monaco to try his luck in the Indy 500 and appeared to be hacking it. Sadly, his career has been blighted by the useless Honda engines used by his F1 team; and it was a Honda engine which blew up and dumped him into the DNF box.

What do they want, exactly?

29th May 2017

The Warmists are getting on President Trump’s case for not rushing to endorse their ruinous scams. But whilst they jump up and down yelling, “We’re all gonna fry!” and hurl about statistics showing that we’re having the warmest days/months/years in recorded history, let us just take a moment to wonder how much human history their ‘recorded history’ covers.

Recording most of the ‘official’ data began decades (especially satellite data) or up to a century ago, and in a period when the planet is rebounding from a major ice age and also from a mini-ice age. This is a pretty insignificant fraction of the history of a planet which has been covered in ice and covered in dinosaurs at one time or another.

Something we never seem to hear is what exactly the Warmists think is wrong with the Earth’s present climate and what they want to inflict upon us after they have ‘tackled’ global warming. Just how cold do they want it to be? And has

someone sold them shares in a company which proposes to hold Frost Fairs on the river Thames once we’re free of the threat of dying of heat-stroke? And even if the Warmists were able to modify the Earth’s climate (which they can’t), could anyone trust them to do a competent job of it?

If consulted, most people would tell the Warmists that the climate is okay and a bit warmer would be really rather quite nice. So when they jump up and down and rave about the hottest year on record and imaginary ‘tipping points’ from defective computer climate models and yell, “We’re all gonna die!”, please pardon the rest of us if we tell the Warmists, “Yeah, right, you need to calm down, dear.”

Society is to blame!

29 May 2017

Is the guy who won this month’s presidential election in Iran a ‘moderate’? Oh course, he isn’t. He’s Iranian. He’s a fascist-communist-style despot and sponsor of international terrorism. He couldn’t possibly be anything else, given the current set-up in Iran. Anyone who thinks any different has to be descended from the 4 Wise Monkeys.

Well, who’d-a thunk it!

30th May 2017

One of these good for a laugh surveys has shown that people with the best academic qualifications vote Liberal. Which just confirms what was well known already; namely that those with their heads in the clouds have very little contact with reality.

Reality biting?

31st May 2017

The vast international conspiracy, which had the Manchester Arena bomber at its tip, is starting to evaporate. The police

are now starting to say they think he acted alone and releasing some of their prisoners without charge. Now, we have to decide if we feel reassured if the initial frantic thrashings about came nothing much.

Too rich to be in touch?

31st May 2017

Labour’s shadow foreign sec. E. Thornberry, thinks we couldn’t export food to Australia because it would go off on the long journey there, and she has been showered with derision as a result. But let us be charitable to the lady.

If she’s in Corbyn’s cabinet, she has to be a barrel-scraping and it is entirely possible that the multi-millionaire Lady Nugee, to use her title entitlement, has lots of staff to handle her food requirements and she doesn’t need to know that technicalities, like refrigeration, are available.

You know what to expect

31st May 2017

Does it really merit reporting if Jeremy Corbyn has a car-crash interview on some radio programme? That’s what he does. He’s not a details man. He’s good at making plans to spend vast amounts of other people’s money, without having the slightest idea where it’s coming from, and at making friends with terrorists and Britain’s enemies. And that’s it.

A need for action!

31st May 2017

Just a thought, but maybe we need to encourage the crisis-junkies who are convinced that something terrible is going to happen at any second. Why? Because the exercise people get when they’re jumping up and down screaming “We’re all gonna die!” will do something to help avert the obesity crisis.

● Of course, we’ll have to encourage them to take turns to do their jumping to avoid knocking the planet out of its orbit!

“Oh, no! The Earth has been sent zooming off into outer space! We’re all gonna die!”

Just amazing

1st June 2017

Surprise! All the Labour propaganda about Tory cuts to the NHS is based on lies. The National Institute of Economic & Social Research has found that spending on the NHS is at its highest level ever and so are patient satisfaction levels.

The only problem on the horizon is that the NHS monster is going to gobble up more zillions than you can shake a stick at if it doesn’t receive root and branch reform.

Lost and not found

1st June 2017

The police are looking for the Manchester Arena bomber’s blue suitcase. Have they tried British Airways?

Radical but effective?

1st June 2017

It has been suggested that the £200 fine for using a phone whilst driving is not enough and that the phone should be confiscated and crushed to discourage the offender. Confiscating and crushing the car would drive the point home even deeper.

Fair’s fair

1st June 2017

Golfer Tiger Woods was found asleep in his banged up car, zonked due to multiple prescription meds. for his back problems. No alcohol was involved. Does that mean that the

police officers who claimed they smelled alcohol on his breath will be prosecuted for bearing false witness? Thought not.

A man of his word

2nd June 2017

Great wailing and gnashing of teeth among the warmists and their useful idiots. President Trump has fulfilled his promise to take the US out of the Paris global warming deal because it is damaging to American prosperity, promoting unemployment in the US and denying America the right to produce cheap energy from its own natural resources while they last.

The art of the possible

2nd June 2017

It is indeed true that you can fit someone up for absolutely anything if you try real hard. Thus *theGrauniad* is trying to pretend that the FBI is after former UKIP leader N. Farage for helping the Russians to get President Trump elected.

Useful idiots everywhere are swallowing the story whole and jumping up and down with glee. At least the exercise will do them a bit of good.

Bias goes with the Beeb

2nd June 2017

Is anything likely to come from Tory complaints that the BBC is biased toward Labour and other lefty fringes? Not really. Despite the abundant evidence of bias from recent election programmes, nothing will change until everyone at the BBC is sacked on the spot and the corporation is rebuilt using fair-minded people.

What’s all this crap about defending the planet?

2nd June 2017

What is Angular Merkel talking about? “Protecting the planet Earth”? And President MacRon: “Make our planet great again”? What is the guy on, for heck’s sake.

They’re talking about the planet which has been covered by volcanoes, ice and dinosaurs in its 5,000 million-year history, and it’s due to suffer for another 5,000 million years until the Sun turns into a red giant and swallows up everything out to the orbit of Mars. What are these two heroes doing to prevent that? one wonders.

Hidden reality

2nd June 2017

Sacked Liberal leader N. Clegg thinks that legalizing cannabis will improve public health. Close examination of his assertion reveals the political truth behind it – namely that demand for the NHS will **appear** to fall because people will be too stoned to go to their doctor.

Sturgeon is history

3rd June 2017

When Mr. Corbyn wins the election by forming a Chancers’ Coalition with Wee Burney Sturgeon’s Gnats, the first thing he’ll do is give her IndyRef2. Knowing that when she’s trounced, he’ll be the only man left sitting in the leadership limo. How exceedingly cunning!

Post-election prediction

3rd June 2017

The motor vehicle industry will enjoy a boom after the Corbyn Calamitous Coalition takes office. Why? Because the railways will be effectively on permanent strike. The rail unions, which pay Mr. Corbyn’s way, will insist on huge pay

risers and the railway staff will be too shagged out after collecting their enormous pay packets actually to be bothered doing any work.

Just how daft do they think we are?

3rd June 2017

On the TV news yesterday, I heard some ‘expert’ say that (heavily subsidized) electricity from occasionals, like solar arrays and wind turbines, is **cheaper** than power from coal- or gas-fired power stations. Really? Next thing you know, the Global Warming Fraudsters will be telling us that occasionals are more reliable than the always available power from power stations using fossil fuels.

And another thing: trees are renewables because you can chop them down and plant more to replace them. But turning them into compressed wood pellets and shipping them thousands of miles to replace coal in power stations will always be an utterly daft idea.

How do you know you’ve made the right decision?

4th June 2017

In President Trump’s case, Hollywood luvvies are sounding off about his decision to turn off the global warming cash tap in the United States as well as the usual political suspects. And if the luvvies are upset, Trump has to have got it right.

Nul Points for originality

4th June 2017

It seems French President MacRon’s fatuous “make the planet great again” global-warming sound bite was a steal from President Trump’s “Make America Great Again” election slogan.

All we need now is an explanation of when the demented Frog thinks the planet was great in the past. Perhaps he’d like

to turn the clock back to when the sun never set on the British Empire.

Wimp City

4th June 2017

Another of these famous studies has found that Oldies have stiff upper lips, they're tougher, and they are much better at dealing with pain than Youngies in their 20s. If this wimp factor is cascading down the generations, Dog knows what the next batch of Youngies will be like!

Wealth creates wealth

5th June 2017

The Bonk of England is shredding old tenners and turning them into compose as new plastic notes are due to come into circulation soon. Prime-minister-in-waiting J. Corbyn is believed to have ordered several lorryloads of the shreds to put some life into his Magic Money Tree.

Trump's *Zero-Impact* choice

5th June 2017

Under the Paris Accord, then President O'Bummer promised to give billions of American taxpayers' dollars to China and India, who would be allowed to go ahead and build hundreds of coal-fired power stations. How that is a good deal for America, or even for the imaginary entity Planet Earth, was never revealed.

President Trump's decision to walk away from the whole scam has to be good for America and it has no effect on the health of the imaginary patient Planet Earth, which will continue to be poisoned, according to the warmists themselves and with their whole-hearted consent, by China and India.

Make the bad guys pay

5th June 2017

What we need is a Moslem UK Residence Tax, which would be payable initially at a rate of £10/Moslem/month. The money will be collected and stored by HM Treasury, ready for distribution to cover the costs arising when Islamists commit acts of terror. The fund would cover the cost of treatment and compensation for victims, repair of structures, policing, incarceration of terrorists, security precautions to minimize further outrages, etc.

If there is a surplus at the end of an accounting period, the cash could be used as a Fabric Fund to benefit Moslem institutions, e.g. mosques, schools and community centres. If there is a deficit, the tax will be increased to an appropriate level.

Any Moslem who finds the tax offensive will, of course, be free to leave the country at his/her earliest opportunity.

The clue is in the eyes

6th June 2017

I was struck by the superficial resemblance between the official US prisoner shots of Tiger Woods after he was picked up for being zonked in charge of a motor vehicle and the pictures in today's newspaper of the dead Islamist murderer Butt. There's the same blank-eyed zombie stare; the one from a mix of prescription drugs and the other, presumably, from smoking cannabis, which the Liberals are so strangely eager to promote.

A tax for its time

6th June 2017

There has been some opposition to the suggestion of a tax on Moslems (purely from Moslems and people hoping to buy their votes) to pay the costs of anti-terrorism policing and dealing with the aftermath of terrorist attacks.

But the government could announce that the Moslem Tax is a purely temporary measure, which is being introduced only for the duration of the emergency. Just as income tax was a purely temporary measure introduced when Britain was under threat of invasion by the evil French, who were in the grip of the dictator Napoleon Bonaparte.

Amazing! Organic is nothing special

7th June 2017

The Advertising Standards Authority has put the boot in to claims by organic farmers that their methods are good for the land. Various studies have shown that organic fruit and vegetables have no special merits as far as taste and food value are concerned. Now, the methods used to produce these vanity products have been ruled equally vain.

Fake benefits

7th June 2017

We're still getting spivvy travel agent TV adverts with someone with a mumsy voice whispering, “ATOL protected” at the end – as if being in business and not being signed up to ATOL were an option.

They might as well tell us that their holidays are “gravity protected” against sudden surges in the planet's gravity, which will flatten the customer like a pancake, or sudden drops in gravity, which will hurl the customer into outer space. Who knows, maybe that's the next fake benefit!

Even Worse!!

7th June 2017

Expensive wholemeal bread is no better for the consumer than cheap white stuff, according to the latest survey. Examination of test subjects found no difference in terms of their gut bacteria and the level of nutrients in their blood.

Shoddy production values

8th June 2017

Don't you just hate it when the people making a TV series episode about a lost Van Go, like last night's 6 p.m. helping of *Leverage*, produce something rolled up with the paint on the **inside**?

What do we know about Lord Sugar?

8th June 2017

Firstly, that he had to pay 58.646 million quid to the Inland Revenue in January, as proved by a partially redacted cheque, which he offered online. Secondly, that he doesn't know how to spell forty.

Not exactly Ali class!

8th June 2017

The teabag has been declared the Greatest Invention of All Time by English Heritage. The wheel came second. The fridge was third in the poll, but maybe that should have been the bridge. Boats and sails don't even get a mention in the top ten. Or bread.

Double disappointment

8th June 2017

If you're bald, whatever you do, don't go to Mozambique. The nutters there think that gold is to be found in the heads of bald men, and they are ready and willing to cut heads off in search of it.

Gummed by non-entities

8th June 2017

Today's *Daily Mail* offered extracts from resignation letters sent by Labour shadow ministers to J. Corbyn after he was elected Labour's new president^{★★}.

The thing that struck me was how few of the names were familiar. “Unknown minister resigns in a huff”. Big deal.

***172 went but 33 crawled back on to the front bench in search of extra wages.*

Jobsworth Britain

8th June 2017

Traffic wardens were slapping tickets on abandoned cars within minutes of the lifting of the police cordon around the area where Saturday’s terrorist attacks took place in London

. . .

Can we live with majority Tory rule?

9th June 2017

Probably. Not having a majority is going to keep Theresa May looking over her shoulder and it should force her to curb her arrogant tendencies.

Corbyn is still an also ran, even if Labour supporters are keeping the party going at a chug-along level until he’s replaced by someone credible.

The Liberals will need 3 taxis instead of 2 but they’re still irrelevant. The SNP have lost nearly half of their MPs, so Wee Burney Sturgeon is a busted flush. And UKIP are as irrelevant as the Greens.

What next? Trees?

10th June 2017

A lawyer in the United States has tried to argue that chimpanzees should have human rights. A court in New York told him no, and when he went to the appeal court, he got the same answer.

Probably something to do with chimps being chimps, not humans.

As the dust settles, what now?

10th June 2017

Theresa May is looking severely damaged. Her election campaign blew a lead, which was probably nowhere near as huge as the polls said, because it dragged on for too long and she failed to focus on the real issues. Is she going to be able to keep going for a while or will she be gone by Xmas? We'll just have to find out.

As for Jeremy Corbyn, his position as Labour leader looks secure but there's a lot of back-biting going on under the surface and he is still a loser – he didn't even come close to winning the election, even under a system which has a built-in bias to Labour.

He still thinks there's a magic money tree and he's still a scumbag who can't meet a terrorist without wanting to hug him.

The Liberals are nothing much and the SNP is on the wane. After a decade in charge of Scotland, during which they claimed to be focussed on education and public services, they have proved that they are as incompetent and as incapable of delivering as Scottish Labour was.

The New Labour mentality lives on!

10th June 2017

The police in Grimbsy hauled a man to court charged with possessing an offensive weapon, namely a sharply pointed pencil. The court tossed the charge out on its ear, pointing out that a pencil doesn't work if it doesn't have a sharp point.

Yes, they do have no shame

11th June 2017

The Scottish police were supposed to be cracking down on anti-social behaviour at the World Cup qualifier, but there was no sign of the snipers taking out the Neds who booed the

national anthem. Maybe the England team should have sung that verse about 'rebellious Scots to crush' in response.

Still, it was one up the kilt for the scumbags when England got that extra time equalizer after two stunningly brilliant free kicks put the Scots ahead. As top of their group, England weren't bothered about a draw whilst the Scots desperately needed to win.

Shape up, you rotter!

11th June 2017

Hammond, the current Chancellor of the Exchequer, reckons he's pretty fireproof now, but he's going to have to polish his act to survive. He comes across as another Mr. Woolsey of the civilian oversight committee for the Stargate programme: he knows the monetary cost of everything and he doesn't even consider the human cost, except in terms of pounds and pence. He is definitely not party leader material.

He's a hero?

11th June 2017

The Labour loonies have some extraordinary heroes. Take Arthur Scaregill, for instance. For the benefit of new Labour voters, who don't know any history as far back as the 1980s, he was the trade union leader who tried to undermine the Iron Lady and got his arse kicked into touch.

And which union was he president of? The miners' union. And what were they doing at the time? Digging up coal to be burnt in power stations to generate electricity and produce carbon dioxide. In other words, he was responsible for Global Warming!!!

Scaregill was destroying the planet and yet he's a Labour hero. Like the present Labour leader, who's never met a terrorist he couldn't hug.

Odd lot, these Labourites.

He'll be washing his hair

12th June 2017

President Trump has told the prime minister that he's not going to state visit the UK until the local yobs have acquired some manners. Which gets him off the hook nicely.

Maybe he should invade somewhere or sponsor some terrorist attacks in British cities to endear himself to the looney left.

Should anyone take G. Osborne seriously?

12th June 2017

Given that everything he says about the prime minister is sour grapes about the woman who sacked him, the answer is no. She's got the job he wanted, he knows he's never going to be prime minister and he's being eaten up inside by poisoned envy.

Boy George was useless as the Chancellor, his Project Fear was a huge flop and he was useless as a constituency MP because he was never there, having half a dozen other jobs to keep him away from his constituency.

About all he's good at seems to be persuading idiots to give him lots of money to hear his nutty ideas. Which is a truly marvellous talent, but the ideas themselves remain tripe.

The need for faux equality

12th June 2017

Oxford University has come up with a way to achieve gender equality in first degrees. Currently, women are less like to get a history first than men. Accordingly, the university has decided to let women take the exam at home to make them feel more comfortable. And if that devalues the female first degree because women will have the opportunity to cheat, that's just a price they'll have to pay for their faux equality.

Action and reaction

12th June 2017

The Trump decision to put a hold on his state visit to the UK has been met with dismay in the ranks of the looney left, who were hoping to tag on some arson and looting to their anti-Trump riots.

Equality vs Diversity

12th June 2017

If the Oxford U. first-degree equality scam takes off, we can expect a big rise in the number of male students opting to do a gender swap for the duration of their course so that they can have equal opportunities cheating rights for their exams!

What's the reverse of decimated?

12th June 2017

T. Farron, the teenage leader of the Liberals, had his majority slashed from 8,000 to under 800. That's what the electorate think of him. Over 90% gone. Is that **nonaginated**?

Pay cut

12th June 2017

The election has really upset the nation's peers and they are desperate to avoid another one. Why?

Because whilst Parliament is in recess, they can't turn up at the House of Frauds, sign in and slope off with 300 quid.

WFA safe!

13th June 2017

One good thing came out of the election – the Winter Fuel Allowance is safe, as the minority Scots Tories and the Ulster

Unionists won't wear Mrs. May's plan to withhold it from everyone not claiming pension credit, which would have left pensioners who have savings but an income below the threshold for the starting rate of income tax not getting the WFA when the feckless who never saved did get it.

Don't you just wish . . .

13th June 2017

that one of the politicians going in or out of 10 Downing Street would respond to the inevitable yell by turning to the meeja pack and saying, “Don't you just wish that loud-mouthed twats like him would learn some manners?”

Lest we forget . . .

13th June 2017

Most of the senior (in the sense of having been there a long time, no matter how useless) Labourites who are calling Mrs. May's accommodation with Ulster's Unionists a 'dangerous disgrace' were party to Gordon effin' Broon's attempts to do a deal with the DUP to cling on to power in 2010. But then, if you're called Campbell or Balls, you do expect nothing other than hypocrisy.

And 'Orrible Ed Miliband tried the same trick in 2015. But that's way too long ago for anyone to remember in the grubby world of political lies.

Thanks, but no, thanks!

14th June 2017

Why does the Movies 24 TV channel think we want Xmas films all through July? It's not as if suffering now means that there's a chance we'll be spared another helping of exactly the same stuff in December.

Put up or shut up

14th June 2017

Former prime minister J. Major is claiming that many people voted Leave in the EU referendum for reasons entirely unconnected with Brexit. To which I reply: “How do you know?” and also: “Name them.”

A new explanation for global warming

14th June 2017

It seems that extensive studies world-wide have found that one-third of the population is now officially overweight, which rather torpedoes the alarmist claims of food shortages. Clearly, distribution is the problem rather than production.

But coming back to the point: researchers have concluded that as the population grows in mass, the Earth is slowing down in its mad dash through space and spiralling in closer to the Sun. Thus global warming is a direct result of our closer proximity to our star, and the remedy is obvious; mass dieting.

The bribe-me generation

14th June 2017

Did younger voters opt for Craze Corbyn’s Magic Money Tree manifesto because they’re idealistic? Or was it because he offered them something for nothing and they didn’t twig that he had no hope of delivering? Maybe they should raise the voting age to 35, just to be on the safe side. And maybe include a marbles count.

What sort of people do they think they are admitting?

14th June 2017

The geniuses in charge of Cambridge U. have banned the use of terms like genius, brilliant and flair when staff are com-

municating with students because they think female students won't understand what these words mean and automatically assume that they (the girls) are being oppressed because of their sex.

What are they on?

15th June 2017

According to the BBC news, the prime minister has 'called for' an inquiry into the London tower block fire, which is garbage. She's in charge and she can order an inquiry to be held; she doesn't have to 'call for' them like someone standing on the sidelines.

Blame game

15th June 2017

If Jeremy Corbyn is going to claim that the fire was a result of austerity, then the blame belongs to his Labour party, which spent the nation deep into debt and made austerity, i.e. living within the nation's means, necessary. And it was Labour party regulations which put the cladding on the building, while we're pointing fingers.

A sense of proportion

16th June 2017

There are claims being made that old Corbyn won the PR war in Kensington yesterday when the leaders of the government and the opposition made state visits to the burnt-out tower block.

But let us not forget that Mrs. May is expected to do something about it and she was there to gather facts.

Corbyn, who lost the election, was there just for the photo-opportunity.

You live and learn

18th June 2017

The Americans really have the planet covered with their spy satellites! According to the closing episode of series 14 of NCIS on Friday evening, the spies in the sky were able to home in on a sailor who had gone rogue in Paraguay, and spot that he was missing a hand, which had been found earlier in the episode.

Makes you scared to poke your nose out of doors!

Pull the other one, Phil

19th June 2017

The Chancellor, P. Hammond, is claiming that if he'd been allowed to run the election campaign instead of being sidelined, the Tories would have won big. But does anyone other than him think that the public would have warmed to such a miserable Dalek git?

Interested take on it

19th June 2017

Some of the reporters doing the story of the matador who came second in a bull fight have written it up as a sort of sports report, implying that the bull has some sort of a chance. So it's not really a form of ritual slaughter, in which blokes on horses stick blades into the bull's neck to make its head droop so that the matador can stab it in the back of the neck to kill it? Well, fancy me missing something so obvious.

What is austerity all about?

19th June 2017

Is it: a) something the Tories are doing to the nation as an act of deliberate cruelty?

b) an attempt to get government spending back close to the

government’s income after the last Labour governments deliberately spent the nation deep into debt?

Real rage or just an excuse for rioting and looting?

19th June 2017

The sight of Corbyn’s foot-soldiers trying to whip up a mob with their Day of Rage makes me glad the Mansion is a long way from London. I’m not sure I’d appreciate a pack of Corbynies marching in, not bothering to wipe their feet, of course, and announcing that they were taking over the place.

And by the way, don’t bother to pack as we’re having everything; bricks and mortar and contents, as some comrades need to upgrade their TVs.

Everyone doing their job

20th June 2017

The head of the nation, the Queen, did hospital visiting after the Grenfell Tower fire.

The head of the government, Mrs. May, got to grips with what needed to be done for the survivors in the immediate short term and also what needed to be done in the long term.

The head of the Opposition, J. Corbyn, went out schmoozing the survivors as if they were terrorists whilst trying to further his own political agenda.

The head of the nation’s 3rd largest political party at Westminster didn’t get involved as the fire took place in England, which is a long way from Edinburgh.

It ain’t half hot

20th June 2017

It’s the hottest it has been for 20 years, and tomorrow could be the hottest day for 40 years in the south of England which, we’re supposed to believe, is the only bit that matters.

Global warming is going to kill us all! Panic!!!

A man at his natural level

21st June 2017

Edstone Miliband, who was sure he was going to be prime minister just a couple of years ago, has found a job that suits him – talking about how much water dual-flush toilets waste to a (dwindling?) lunchtime radio audience.

That’s why the government has BIG drains

21th June 2017

The news that one of David Cameron’s flagship policies has sunk; a £3.7B campaign to discourage gaoled criminals from continuing to prey on others; confirms an eternal political truth: that most grand government plans will founder on the rock of the incompetence of the people appointed to deliver the policy.

Brain switched off

21st June 2017

Bank of England Gov. M. Carney has said that we will be finding out if Brexit is a gentle stroll to a land of cake and consumption.

Maybe someone should mention to the clot that ‘consumption’ is a lay-person’s term for tuberculosis – a consummation devoutly not to be wished!

I don’t get this

21st June 2017

If the outraged Lefty Looneytunists won the last election, as they claim, why do they need a day of Outrage to overthrow the government on the day of the Queen’s speech? After all, if they won the election then the government is . . . them!

The rehab worked, then?

22th June 2017

Former prime ministerial hopeful Edstone Miliband skived off from the Queen’s Speech to talk about how much water dual-flush toilets waste to a (dwindling?) lunchtime radio audience. Eddie seems to have overcome his own revulsion for MPs having second jobs, which was one of his hobby horses just a couple of years ago.

Creating their own problem

23th June 2017

Why are head teachers moaning about cash-starved schools when lots of them are taking home over £100,000 per annum? Is it not obvious where the cash is going?

Purely PR

23th June 2017

When we hear “police are considering . . .” in relation to the Grenfell Tower conflagration, what are we supposed to think? That lots of bad guys connected with it are about to be busted? Or is it just giving the appearance that something positive is happening when we just know that the whole thing is going to fizzle out on some technicality?

Homespun philosophy

24th June 2017

On a cold winter’s day, there’s nothing like sitting in front of your TV and enjoying the warm, ruddy glow coming of the Outraged Left. But it gets a bit much, having to put up with it in the summer, too.

They don't get it

24th June 2017

The rump EU is moaning that Britain won't let their Court of Injustice have the final say on the deal for mutual migrants. But just how stupid would you have to be to fail to realize that Brexit is about escaping from **all** of the EU's institutions? Bad faith at all stages seems to be the hallmark of the European Union.

Bank Baloney

25th June 2017

How strange that the bankers who prevented Barclays from going bust and needing a bail-out from the taxpayer are being prosecuted whilst the ones who drove HBoS, Lloyds and the RBS into the ground, and Gordon Brown who helped them to do it, are all enjoying fat pensions and under no threat of being sent to gaol. Or maybe it's just further proof that the Universe hates us.

Confected Outrage No. 813

25th June 2017

Oh, dear. The truth is out. The BBC deliberately packs its political shows; like the Dimbleby Questions Show; with looney lefties just so that it can put on a display of fake indignation when one of them blows a fuse.

Vested & Panted Interest

25th June 2017

Police chiefs are demanding more cash to put guns in to the hands of more police officers. They are also saying they would struggle to contain riots on the scale of those held in London in 2011. Lest we forget, those riots were incited following the death of usual suspect Mark Duggan at the hands of an armed police officer. Which invites the question: Is giving more cops guns really such a good idea?

Corbynites Explained

25th June 2017

The Daily Mail’s ‘Mind Doctor’, the psychiatrist Dr. Max, has come up with a fancy term for the lefties who post hatred on anti-social meeja sites: Festinger’s deindividualization theory in operation. Put directly, that’s plain, old-fashioned mob rule. People who know better feel free to behave vilely and release their inner nutter as part of a mob.

Also in the Mail was a 2-page article about Labour’s campaign of fake news, hate postings on anti-social meeja and downright fabrications during the election. But naturally, all right-thinking people know the Mail made it up, right?

Help! I’ve been Festingerized!

Labour Myths No. 1,859: Austerity

26th June 2017

Between 2010 and 2016, with G. Osborne in charge, the national debt grew by 75% from Gordon Broon’s £1,000 BILLION to £1,700 BILLION because Osborne lied. There was no real attempt to reduce public spending. It just carried on and on.

There’s always cash for something daft

26th June 2017

When the Sussex police farce starts pleading poverty and ‘The Cuts’, don’t take any notice. The Chief Constable is quite happy to spend money on converting police cars into rainbow clown cars in the name of diversity.

La même chose

26th June 2017

French voters will be delighted to know that their new president’s new political party is observing the traditions of

the past. M. MacRon is having to sack his ministers left, right and centre for good, old-fashioned corruption and doing favours for pals. Just like in the good old days of the now vanished traditional parties.

Reaped consequences

26th June 2017

The only saving grace of the millennial buttercups putting Jeremy Corbyn into Downing Street and his dotty gang into power is that the buttercups will be struck with the consequences when they are old and the country is too broke to pay them a pension, and all today's oldies will be dead and gone long before the wheels come off.

A matter of interpretation

26th June 2017

Desperate Bremonoaners are claiming that the Queen is on their side because she wore an EU flag hat at the State opening of Parliament. Whilst the Leave side has pointed out that there were only five yellow blobs on the hat, not twelve, which suggests that Her Majesty is expecting further departures.

Tell them anything; some might believe it

26th June 2017

On the one hand, we have the warmists yelling that the third week of this month was the hottest in the whole history of the universe. On the other, there are temperature records showing that there have been over a dozen hotter weeks over the last 140 years.

Go to the money

26th June 2017

J. Corbyn seems to have a really weird idea of who the ‘dispossessed’ are. He seems to think they’re the people who were dispossessed of hundreds, if not thousands, of pounds to gain entry to the Glastonbury music festival, with optional glamping and lots of fences and security to exclude the riff-raff. Well, most of it!

A failure of trust

27th June 2017

The incoming head of the BMA is claiming that the Tories are making the NHS fail as part of an evil plan to privatize it to the benefit of for-profit companies. Let us draw a veil over the number of former Labour ministers currently milking the for-profit sector and concentrate on the issue of failure because now, patients have to start wondering about the person who is treating them.

Is their doctor doing his/her best to make the patient well again? Or is that doctor deliberately making the treatment fail to support the BMA’s contention that the NHS is failing because that’s what the government wants?

Is that apparently sympathetic person with the stethoscope a caring medical professional or a wild-eyed political fanatic, who doesn’t care how many people have to die if it’s serving the cause of getting the Tories out of government?

The outgoing head of the BMA has declared that the incoming is talking tripe, confirming that what we’re getting from another left-wing trade union leader is just politics rather than fact.

Bin it, lady!

28th June 2017

Wee Burney Sturgeon has been forced to put her plan to become Queen of Scotland on hold. She has finally grasped

the message that the voters are just not interested in another independence referendum and they want her to get on with doing the job she’s paid to do, especially fixing the education system which the SNP has broken so badly.

Just a slight difference

28th June 2017

Labour is making much of the deal between the Tories and the DUP, which will cost the taxpayer £1 billion in extra grants for Ulster. Not a cheep out of them about the price of putting J. Corbyn in Downing Street, which includes hitting the taxpayer for £40 billion as the cost of abolishing and repaying student tuition fees.

Invisible mail

28th June 2017

700,000 NHS letters were dumped in a warehouse instead of being delivered by a private contractor. We are now being assured that no patients were harmed by this amazing example of incompetence. Which leaves me wondering how much it cost to do the tests and write the letters if not getting the results had no effect on the health of the patients concerned.

Naturally, the original contract was a product of Gordon Brown’s premiership, but we’re not supposed to remember Labour’s ventures into NHS privatization, like the ruinously expensive Broon PPI projects.

A weighty matter

28th June 2017

Another thing the Labour party is banging on about is poverty. And yet official figures from the NHS show that 50% of young adults are overweight or obese. It would seem that there’s plenty of cash about to stoke up the nation’s fatties.

And Labour’s claim that everyone existing in poverty (apart from J. Corbyn and his shadow cabinet) has been struck another blow by the EU, which has found that Britain has the lowest rate of long-term poverty in the club and that Brits are No. 1 when it comes to hauling themselves out of the dumps.

It would appear that only those with a vested interest in making the claim; Labour, Oxfam, et al; are calling Britain a nation of paupers.

Not me, Gov!

29th June 2017

Putting cheap & cheerful, if flammable, cladding on public buildings and ending compulsory fire brigade inspections were policies brought in by the Labour party. J. Corbyn, of course, is claiming that he had no part in them and he is citing his long and undistinguished history of voting against his party as proof.

Not too much of a burden

29th June 2017

Most of the Hillsborough 6 are being threatened with life imprisonment (if convicted of multiple manslaughter) as the nation’s news meeja leap over the top following the news that charges have been laid. But given the age of some of them, the taxpayer won’t have to fork out too much for giving them bed and board if the trial and the appeals go all the way to the worst-case scenario.

WTF*!**

29th June 2017

The Department of Trade & Industry has issued a warning that the world faces a major shortage of asterisks following an epidemic of profanity among left-wing politicians and their supporters, especially those fulfilling (anti-social) media roles.

The situation is exacerbated by left-wingers who went to public schools showing off their education by using polysyllabic invective, such as o***** and g*****, and their habit of stringing together bad language with hyphens, as c****-*****d-t*****.

The British asterisk industry, meanwhile, is working hard to bridge the gap and asks the public to be patient during temporary shortages and to beware of cheap and defective asterisks imported from China.

“I were just doing wot he done!”

30th June 2017

Should we be excited by the spectacle of 50 or so Labour MPs voting against the official party line? Not really if they were just following the lengthy and inglorious example of their party’s current leader.

It’s all about the money

30th June 2017

NICE, the alleged health watchdog, wants fines imposed on drivers who leave their engine ticking over near a school, hospital or care home when they are transporting passengers. Which sends the message the NICE doesn’t care about people being poisoned by exhaust emissions as long as some cash goes into the till. Maybe this poisonous body should be obliged to change its name to NASTY.

They’re all sinister

30th June 2017

If the BBC makes no secret about being the voice of the Labour party, why all the surprise about Fuc* Jo* Sno* and Channel 4 doing the same?

Nice work if you can get it!

30th June 2017

I’ve just read that George Osborne, the sacked Tory Chancellor, is paid £650K for working one day a week. And that set me wondering: does he get to choose which week he does his day’s work in? If that’s so, I bet it’s not Xmas week.

Another expense

30th June 2017

Laundry bills for the official version of the British national flag are expected to rocket should J. Corbyn ever become prime minister. White flags are notoriously difficult to keep clean.

No, you’re not special

1st July 2017

A woman is complaining about being done for a rent payment on a Grenfell Tower flat, which was destroyed by the fire. Honestly! The quality of the complaints you get these days. It’s council bureaucracy. It’s rubbish. It’s the same everywhere. Always has been, always will be. And if this woman knew anything about life in Britain, she would know she wasn’t singled out for persecution, she’s just getting routine council treatment.

All change

1st July 2017

Remote viewing by a panel of psychics has revealed that the earthly shell known as Jeremy Corbyn has been taken over by the essence of the Georgian mega-mass-murderer Josef Stalin.

In view of the advances in extermination techniques since the 1950s, the Ministry of Defence is predicting that he will be able to depopulate the British Isles of all inconvenient others in weeks rather than months if he ever becomes prime

minister, thus creating abundant space for an influx of migrants, who will give him an appropriate degree of adoration and votes.

Mission impossible

1st July 2017

“A lie told often enough becomes the truth” is accepted political wisdom. But how long will it take the Labour party to tell us that it is a government in waiting 100 billion times? Which is what it will take, at the very least.

The march of time

1st July 2017

Sadly, the head of the US Federal Reserve has been overtaken by senility at the young age of 70. J. Yellen would have us believe that there won't be another financial crash like the 2008 Brown Hole 'in our lifetimes'.

Of course, she might have been addressing an audience of centenarians, or she might have some soon-to-be-lethal condition herself, but that isn't likely.

Where's the magic when you need it?

1st July 2017

We have a global debt crisis, according to the Institute of International Finance in Washington, D.C. Planet Earth has a combined debt of £168,000 billion.

But who do we owe it to? Martians? And are they able to invade us to collect the dough? We might have a bit of a problem fighting them off if Uncle Jezzer gets to abolish our nukes.

Trust the bloody public to be serious!

2nd July 2017

The Queensferry Crossing, the latest addition to the bridges over the River Forth in Scotland, has had a McBoatface moment. The general public were invited to name the new bridge, and the most popular choice was ‘Kevin’.

The Scottish Gnatish government, which has ‘invested’ over £1 billion of English taxpayers’ money in the structure, was not impressed.

One-way street

2nd July 2017

Are women serious about gender equality? Not if the harpies got on the case of an MSP, who asked Wee Burney Sturgeon what she’s doing for men who end up on the wrong end of a gender pay gap.

Reality bites

3rd July 2017

Someone has to do the grown-up government and the lesson from history is that it’s always the Conservatives who get stuck with this task because Labour’s *Gordon Brown of the Month* is forever trying to climb a Magic Money Beanstalk to get to the pie in the sky.

Unfortunately, all that anybody ever learns from history is that nobody remembers the blunders of the past when faced with a repetition of the circumstances which produced them.

Telling it like it isn’t

3rd July 2017

“Austerity Kills” squawked the banners at the million moron march at the weekend just gone, ignoring a couple of small facts. No. 1: how would the morons know because we haven’t had any austerity if Britain’s public debt grew from 76% of

GNP in 2010 to 89% in 2016.

No. 2: it never touches the people who made it necessary, like Wee Gordon Broon, his mates in the banking industry and the rest of the fiscal looneys.

It's all very well, being weary of (non-existent) austerity, but if you're still spending more than your income, there's no responsible alternative. And no, Jeremy Corbyn's Magic Money Beanstalk isn't a responsible alternative.

Dodgy is as dodgy does

3rd July 2017

We're hearing a lot about car salespersons giving loans to people without a job, who are likely to run into financial trouble and end up with a massive, sub-prime-mortgage style debt, especially if interest rates go up. If they are heading for the state which the Labour party is keen to inflict on the country, it looks like there's an alternative career ready and waiting in the motor industry for J. Corbyn and his team of financial geniuses when they are eventually sacked.

You're not even trying, Vince!

3rd July 2017

Vintage Vince Cable has opened his campaign to be the next leader of the Liberals with a rather pathetic piece of fake news. His claim that Brexit has caused a shortage of strawberries with Bloody Wimbledon here again was met by universal derision from people who have seen their local shops and supermarkets bulging with red fruit.

Making room for migrants

3rd July 2017

There seems to be a new form of population control at work in Britain. The trendy and the plain daft are being poisoned

and taken off the national books by indulging in the fad for what they think are edible flowers, which actually contain lethal poisons.

What do they do all day?

4th July 2017

How good is the Metropolitan police farce at conducting investigations? In June 2016, a PC was placed on restricted duties after another PC accused him of stealing biscuits from an open box on the victim’s desk.

The case was referred to the Met’s Directorate of Professional Standards, the rubber-heeled anti-corruption mob.

Over one year later, this gang of heroes still hasn’t finished its ‘investigation’. No wonder seriously bent coppers are never brought to book.

A once-only occasion?

5th July 2017

How come it has taken Juncker the Clunker so long to realize that moving the European Parliament to Strasbourg for a few days each month is plain stoopid?

Maybe Malta Day was the first time he has ever visited Strasbourg able to focus his eyes to see what was going on and with a couple of brain cells functioning to be able to process the data, given his reputation for chugging the free booze like there’s no tomorrow.

Better late than never, but not that much better

5th July 2017

Surprise! Dave the ex-Leader has found a bit of fiscal sense at long last. Pity he never had any when he was prime minister. The New, Improved Dave has realized that the shroud-waving luvvies, who want to splash around enormous amounts of

other people’s cash to buy themselves friends, aren’t caring and compassionate. They’re just greedy, selfish and on the make.

Reality is SO inconvenient

5th July 2017

The Office of Manpower Economics (nope, I’d never heard of it before either) reckons that real pay in the public sector fell by 3.1% between 2005 and 2015.

The fall in the wealth-creating private sector was 6.1% and, thanks to Gordon Brown’s tax and waste, pensions are few and far between in the private sector, unlike the public sector.

Which means that increasing taxes on the wealth-creators to benefit the public sector just increases unfairness. Not a concept which troubles the Labour party and the public-sector trade unions, though.

Pull the other one!

5th July 2017

Shock of the first week of the month: learning that Labour has a shadow fire minister, who is presumably on a fancy salary top-up. Are we really expected to believe that the government has a Secretary of State for Arson Affairs, which Labour feels obliged to shadow?

Badly Confected Balderdash

6th July 2017

Jez Corbyn would like us to believe that the Tories have presided over a lost decade. A more accurate description would be a decade spent trying to put the toothpaste back into the tube after Gordon ’Effin Broon (Labour) squeezed it out.

That’s more like it

6th July 2017

Labour is claiming to be a government in waiting, but if you listen to them, it becomes clear that all they’re in waiting to do is burgle the national piggy bank again.

Nasty is as nasty does

7th July 2017

Plans to put a statue of Baroness Thatcher in Parliament Square have been buffered. One of the stop reasons on offer is that it would be a target for vandalism.

This would seem to be highly credible, given the endemic sheer nastiness of the looney left mob and their well-known exhibitionist tendencies. Sad but true, the lunatic fringe has been allowed to overflow uncensored under the Corbyn leadership.

Dunce’s corner

7th July 2017

Falls over in amazement! I thought the *Daily Mail* would be deluged with emails pointing out that Richard III wasn't the Lionheart (that was Richard I) as its pair of obvious anagrams, Etam Smallman and Adam Jacot de Boinod assured us in the “On This Day” feature yesterday (Thursday).

Not a word in Friday’s paper, though. So much for Education, Education, Education.

Usual suspects at it again

7th July 2017

Not much sign of austerity in Hamburg if thousands of masked rioters feel they can afford to take a day off work (assuming they do any) to go and beat up German cops at the

G20 freebie. Possibly because they’re hoping to get in a spot of arson and looting after dark to make the trip worthwhile.

Trap shut, mate

7th July 2017

A good way to lose public sympathy is for an obviously foreign-looking bloke with an obviously foreign name, who was a Grenfell Tower resident, to tell the world he’s not going to accept rehousing in a 2-bedroom flat because he’s ‘entitled’ to 3 bedrooms.

What would be really nice would be to hear him explain exactly what he’s contributed to the British nation to earn his ‘entitlement’.

Cable a student of Nazi tactics?

7 July 2017

The saintly Vince Cable has accused the prime minister of using a phrase which could have been taken from Mein Kampf. Which is the sort of political smear tactic employed by the noted Nazi Minister for Propaganda and Popular Enlightenment Dr. Joseph Goebbels.

Has Vince no shame, using Nazi tactics to accuse someone of being a Nazi? Evidently not.

One-way street

8th July 2017

We are told that some Grenfell Tower residents are questioning the competence of the ex-judge appointed to hold the inquiry.

Not a word about **their** competence to make personnel decisions at this level, however.

Yob rule

8th July 2017

The retired judge who is doing the Grenfell Tower fire inquiry has been warned that he will have to get used to being yelled at. Seeking information in a calm and collected manner is off the table when the scum rises to the surface and the usual suspects apply their rules: namely that the person making the most noise, no matter how incoherent, wins the argument.

Weird way of acting in self-interest

8th July 2017

You have to wonder what's going on in Angela Merkel's head. On the one hand, she's playing the tough guy with Britain, but on the other, she needs Britain to stay as much inside the EU as possible, given that we're about the only other country putting money in and our departure will leave the Germans having to pay in even more.

So why isn't she being nicer to us?

Everyone loves Aunt Sally

9th July 2017

If you do sleight of hand, the thing is to prevent the sucker from seeing what you're doing. This crap about climate change deniers being humanity's greatest enemy has all the dishonesty of the Sky mobile ad with the sugar cubes. Starting with the label.

Humanity has as much to fear from climate change deniers as from other mythical beings like vampires, werewolves and zombies.

The climate changes; that's a given and there's abundant evidence of how it has changed in the past. The climate might change to advantage or disadvantage a particular group of species but the change itself is neither good nor bad. It just is.

If you're looking for bad, consider the source of the

derogatory label: global warming fraudsters and the mugs who bought their scam.

The people who pretend that they can predict what the climate will be doing in the next decade or even the next century, and who claim that they can steer climate change in a beneficial direction.

Only, to whose benefit and how much consultation went on is never disclosed.

Naturally, the climate steering can happen only if the fraudsters are awarded lots of other people’s money. Because that is all that it is about. As for any scam, the money is everything and the heart and soul of the racket.

In pursuit of the racket, the fraudsters set up an Aunt Sally (the climate change denier label), told us they’d routed their imaginary enemy and expected the rest of us to be stupid enough to be impressed.

Maybe, in time, they’ll learn that not everyone is an idiot. But only after they’ve taken a hell of a lot of money off idiots and those at the mercy of idiots in government.

Let us not forget that global warming fraud costs lives: 80 and counting at Grenfell Tower.

Reality bites again

9th July 2017

The Corbyn Labour party promised to write off student debts and end university tuition fees during the general election campaign.

A couple or three months later, someone has taken the trouble to work out how much the policy would cost; presumably, on the back of the traditional fag packet.

The policy has been found to be unaffordable and has now been demoted to an aspiration.

Although Uncle Jezzer would have us believe that he hates everything that Tony B. Liar stands for, how very New Labour that shift was.

They call it Socialist Logic

10th July 2017

The loco left are being encouraged to believe that some people have more than them not because they are lazy, ignorant and useless (which they are), but because the others stole from the locos.

Which gives the locos the right to steal from their imagined oppressors.

All of which ignores the rather inconvenient fact that the grabbing Corbynites never had anything to steal in the first place.

Picassoist eye of the beholder

10th July 2017

We are told that Baroness Thatcher cannot have a statue to her set up in a public place. The looney left will vandalize it because she's ‘controversial’. But Nelson Mandela can have any number of statues because he isn’t.

Well, yes, there’s no controversy over the fact that he was a communist terrorist who spent three decades in gaol. He was and he did.

But then, Baroness Thatcher managed to become the leader of her country without breaking the law. Which, it would seem, is a cardinal sin in the eyes of the looney left.

No mugs here

10th July 2017

President Vladimir Putin wishes it to be known that his KBG agents were extremely careful and there is no evidence of Russian interference in the last US presidential election because Putin’s agents did a wonderful job of covering their tracks.

Business as usual

10th July 2017

In a sensible world, there would be something comical about Saudi Arabia, a major sponsor of global Islamic terrorism, blockading Qatar for the same offence. But in the present state of the world, the gesture fails to rise above pathetic hypocrisy.

Simple solution

10th July 2017

We keep hearing that Tory plotters against the PM are putting the country at risk of falling into the clutches of the Corbynista zombies.

Maybe it's time to take a leaf out of the current Labour party operations manual and let the traitors in the Tory ranks know that de-selection looms if they don't stop larking about.

What a difference a little evidence makes

10th July 2017

New CCTV of the crash involving tennis star V. Williams shows that she did nothing illegal before a traffic accident, in which an elderly couple drove into her vehicle head-on and suffered fatal injuries. But she has money and the family of the deceased couple is demanding cash already.

One step sideways

10th July 2017

France plans to ban new models of petrol and diesel cars 'by 2040', but not continuing production of existing models. The increased weight of the electric motors and batteries will add 500 kg to the average vehicle.

Having to shift all that extra weight will increase the power

consumption. And there's the footprint of all the extra manufacturing to consider.

All in all, the move is expected to negate, or even reverse, any carbon dioxide savings. But we do live in an age of gestures rather than good sense.

Same thing only different

11th July 2017

Young things born in the late 1980s and early 1990s are objecting to being called Millennials; mainly because a lot of them are unable to grasp the concept of a millennium, according to surveys.

So is it back to Buttercups? As in “suck it up, Buttercup”? Or would they rather be Snowflakes?

The crime of being a Tory

11th July 2017

The murder of Labour MP Jo Cox seems to have opened the floodgates on the looney left side of the political spectrum. The stories of death threats, destruction of posters and actual physical assaults coming from Conservative candidates in the last election makes a complete mockery of J. Corbyn's claims that he is bringing us kinder, gentler politics. And will continue to do so as long as his version of Hitler's S.A. feels untouchable.

But maybe he's just reserving the kindness and gentility for his friends in the IRA and other terrorist groups.

Evil is as evil does

11th July 2017

“We have to make a clear distinction between peaceful protest . . . and blind fury,” Kanzler Merkel said in response to the

antics of her own looney left near the G20 meeting in Hamburg. “It appears there are some who have no interest in real progress, they just want to destroy.”

Which matches our experience here in Britain, where Corbynistas are behaving as if they were living in Venezuela or some other socialist paradise.

The new credo of the oldies

11th July 2017

In the new era of Corbyn Policial Reality, let us pile more debt on to the Buttercups if they want to slay the imaginary dragon of austerity. Let us give a 10% rise to everyone in the public sector and pensioners, double the Winter Fuel Allowance, and put an end to VAT, National Insurance and means-testing. And let us endeavour to spend up and be dead and gone, or out of the country, before the Buttercups get the bill and come looking for a bail-out.

Not even shifting the goalposts

11th July 2017

Gordon Brown wishes it to be known that he, personally, did not try to do a deal with the DUP in 2010 after the electorate rejected him. Which means the negotiations were done by his staff instead of the glowering Broon in the interests of not starting a punch-up; which amounts to the same thing in the end.

Liberal Tripe

12th July 2017

Vince Cable, the Liberal party’s leader-in-waiting and resident Old Father Time, has announced that his party will offer a second referendum on Brexit. How? He’s never going to be prime minister of a Liberal government. So, just hot air, then?

We wreck, you pay

12th July 2017

I notice that people are still going on about the deal between Mrs. May and the DUP for their support. The facts of the matter are that the people of Ulster have wrecked their own home with their mindless mob violence, and they're now demanding, as members of the Union, that English taxpayers pay to put it back in good order.

Not exactly fair by any set of standards, but that's politics for you.

Sorry, no magic

12th July 2017

Talking about the continued 1% cap on pay rises for teachers, one of their unions declared: “Everyone except the government appears to accept that there is a crisis in teacher supply”, which underlines the fact that: “No one but the government appears to accept that there is a crisis in money supply”.

Pernicious leftyism

12th July 2017

Judges are not social workers. It's not their function to hold hands and say, 'Diddums'. Their job is to examine evidence, gather facts and apply the law, and taking notice of mobs of agitators, or tweets from uninformed politicians, plays no part in that job.

Not that you can tell any of this to the Labour party and their agitators, who want to see a Tory conspiracy around every corner.

Numbers Game

12th July 2017

The looney left would like us to believe that five or six hundred people were in Grenfell Tower on the night of the fire.

Why? Because if around 250 people got out of the building, according to police figures, that gives the lunatics a fantasy death toll of 250-350 as an excuse for a riot.

Unreasonable conduct

12th July 2017

Her own party is getting on the case of Labour’s business mouthpiece because she won’t use Uber taxis. But since when has unreasonable prejudice or personal preference been a sin for even Labour MPs?

More inconvenient facts

13th July 2017

According to the World Bank, wealth in Britain is shared more evenly than in most of the rest of the West. Does this mean that the Labour gloomsters who have been telling us that we live in the world’s most divided society were lying to us? Surely not!

Education, schmeducation!

13th July 2017

The scene: The Natural History museum’s main entrance hall at the unveiling of its blue whale skeleton to an audience of Millennials, which includes two bright young things called Jeremy and Diane.

Commentary: “ . . . the head of the whale weighs more than a ton . . . ”

Jeremy: “Wow! Impressive!”

Diane: “How much does a ton weight, Jeremy?”

Sorry I bothered!

13th July 2017

I couldn't for the life of me think what the uncensored version of bell**d could be, and I'm normally quite good at working out crossword clues. And when I'd taken the trouble to find out, I was not that impressed, I have to admit.

Really crazy and mixed-up

13th July 2017

If someone who was born a girl decides she would rather be a man and has hormone treatment and surgery to look like a man, that's her choice. But the taxpayer should not be saddled with the bill. What if someone who has become an artificial man has a baby, though? If only to get in the record books. That has to be a sign of severe mental confusion as men do not bear babies, lacking the equipment for it.

Nuts by Nature

14th July 2017

According to the lunatic fringe, it is 'racialist' to shoot only grey squirrels.

What do they want? That red squirrels should be relocated to areas overrun by greys in the interests of fair species obliteration? And that people should be allowed to have guns only if they are unable to tell a red squirrel from a grey one?

Life would be so much simpler if we were allowed to cull the lunatics every so often!

Brexit will kill all cancer patients – Official!!

14th July 2017

The Royal College of Radiologists should lose its ‘Royal’ after concocting a pathetic lie to the effect that leaving Euratom will put 10,000 cancer patients ‘at risk’ by depriving them of medical isotopes. Which could be imported from the United States with no problems if the Europeans won’t sell to us.

Trans-it

14th July 2017

London Underground is to stop calling its customers ladies and gentlemen as a favour to the Algebra Community (that untidy mess of letters), who don’t always know which sex they are on any given day.

The Tube’s alternative misses a splendid opportunity to salute that archetypal Londoner Sidney Balmoral James, Mr. ‘Ancock’s sidekick, by getting the staff to call everyone ‘Mush’ without fear or favour or discrimination.

A welcome sign of progress

14th July 2017

A chunk of ice ‘the size of Belgium’ was spotted in the act of breaking away from an ice shelf on the coast of Antarctica this month. Wonder of wonders, the fraudsters have not been allowed to blame it on man-made global warming; not even the ones at the BBC!!; as there is abundant evidence that ice does flow from accumulations on mountains down to the sea and big bits of glaciers do break off from time to time.

Of course, there have been rumblings about the berg raising sea levels when it melts, but just how much difference is one large iceberg going to make when distributed throughout the 71% of the planet which is covered by oceans?

Not much sign of intelligent life in the trade unions

14th July 2017

Why are Durham ex-miners so keen to cosy up to J. Corbyn? He's fallen for the global warming fraud and he's never going to let them start digging coal again; in fact, as he's never going to be prime minister, he's never going to be in a position to let them shove their hands back in to the taxpayer's pocket.

The only way the ex-miners would be able to go back to their former jobs would be to emigrate to India or China. But probably not to the eastern United States, where the locals wouldn't take kindly to foreigners trying to steal the mining jobs promised to them by President Trump.

Chancellor triggers national debate

15th July 2017

Who was more upset by the Chancellor saying a modern train is so easy to drive that even a woman can do it? The women train drivers, who want everyone to think they're a really BIG deal? Or male train drivers, whose mates are laughing at them and saying they're doing a girly job?

They just don't want to learn

15th July 2017

Banks were lending money to people with no hope of repaying it (helped by the criminally reckless policies of the US government) before the Broon Crunch in 2008. Banks are lending money to people who won't be able to repay if they get into a bit of financial trouble, or the rates go up, right now. And they're *still* amazed that their debtors keep on defaulting.

This is the lesson from history: it's irrelevant because everyone expects things to work out differently every time an old crisis comes around again

All change

15th July 2017

One minute, we're being told that Britain is getting warmer and gardeners are going to have to do a complete rethink about what they grow. The next, we're being told that butterfly species are dying out because it's too cold. Good job George Orwell came up with the concept of doublethink. We'd be lost without it.

Great stuff!

16th July 2017

That's just what we want for the British Grand Prix: the tax-exile Lewis Hamilton finishing first and the Forces of Evil German driver Vettel getting some long overdue problems.

Old solution but effective

16th July 2017

My initial reaction to websites wanting to know my age was to avoid getting involved. But then I remembered the good old Millennium Bug, which wasn't actually a bug, just a method of keeping track of time which was never expected to be used beyond 1999.

The problems occurred when the date in DD/MM/YY format rolled over from 31/12/99 to the year 00 and the software assumed the next value was 01/01/80, as 1980 is the year IBM created the first reasonable PC.

Aha! I thought. Why not give websites which don't need to know my real D.o.B., and websites which I couldn't trust not to abuse or lose the data, a credible alternative? 02/01/1980 looks a little more credible (to me) than 01/01/1980, and it seems to work.

Even better, it puts me firmly out of the territory occupied by Millennial snowflakes.

The way forward

17th July 2017

The PM is being invited to sack ministers who show disloyalty by briefing against colleagues or leaking to embarrass them**. Doing so could have the bonus of increasing her personal popularity. J. Corbyn has promoted to his shadow cabinet and then sacked most of the current Labour MPs and, according to the *theGrauniad*/CBC Axis, he is the most popular politician of all time.

*** excluding leaks/briefings against the Chancellor*

Benefactors & butchers; more about butterflies

17th July 2017

The real point about the item on butterflies a couple of days ago is that we have the global warming fraudsters posing as the saviours of mankind and also conservationists, who feel entitled to bomb the fraudsters into submission because they want to make the world colder and kill off British butterflies.

Which just confirms that for every saviour, there is an equal and opposite saviour with a diametrically opposed agenda, and fringe fascists who feel entitled to inflict as much mayhem as they can if everyone else fails to knuckle under.

Fair's fair

17th July 2017

If it would be reasonable to have a second referendum on Brexit because some people might have changed their minds, it would be equally reasonable to rerun the last general election to find out if the young people who voted Labour on the promise of having university fees cancelled have changed their minds now that Mr. Corbyn's promise has been reduced to just a vague ambition.

No change

17th July 2017

Cuba’s current Castro is upset because President Trump has rolled back some of President O’Bummer’s efforts to cosy up to him. But as Trump is not known to be an admirer of repressive communist regimes, what does he expect?

How to win elections in the 21st century

18th July 2017

Encourage students to register to vote where their parents live and where they study. Offer them something quite undeliverable (straight face essential) with anti-social meeja campaigns and encourage them to vote twice to get it (even if this is illegal).

Once elected, be astonished to find out that the promise was undeliverable and bin it to prove how responsible you are. Ignore the howls of protest, knowing there will be another bunch of sucker students along when the next election comes round.

Endemic fraud, live with it

19th July 2017

Predictably, the Labour party doesn’t want to prevent election fraud by students as the perceived beneficiary. Worse, even if the election fraudsters are reported to the police, there is no guarantee that the police farce concerned will be bothered about doing anything.

The nanny no one needs

19th July 2017

In a decent and sensible society, the Advertising Standards Authority quango would be abolished forthwith. It is clearly a waste of public money – its silly obsession with ‘sexist’ TV

ads proves this. And the staff would be put on a register of offenders to prevent them from polluting other areas of the public sector via a sideways move.

Masochism Money

20th July 2017

Shock, horror! The nation pays Gary Lineker 2 million quid/year to be annoying via the TV licence. Was he any less of a waste of space when he was playing football? Or can no one remember that far back?

Government embarrasses BBC Big Time

20th July 2017

Despite Brexit, the Corbyn Broadcasting Corporation has been obliged to publish details of how much staff paid more than the prime minister (£150K) are collecting. 150 grand for reading a bit of news on TV is ludicrous but 300 grand for getting up a half-past stupid o'clock to do knocking jobs on Tory politicians on Radio 4 is unbelievable. As is the cash the Beeb pays its big nobs.

If the embarrassment inflicted is pay-back for a consistent anti-Conservative party line at the Beeb, the nation waits in eager anticipation for the next slice. Because the Beeb has a whole lot more suffering to undergo before its hubris account ceases to be phenomenally overdrawn.

Suggested EU separation terms

20th July 2017

1. The EU will pay the UK £263,000 million pounds to buy out Britain's share in the EU's assets.
2. No border between the UK and Ireland, and no Irish citizens to be allowed to enter the UK.
3. Everyone living in Britain will be subject to British law

enforced in British courts and foreign courts will have no jurisdiction.

Simple upgrade

20th July 2017

People are making much of the obvious lies spouted by the Labour party over student fees to buy votes. Which has to be a case for raising the voting age to a level at which people know that a politician with his/her mouth open is lying.

Increase or catch-up?

21st July 2017

The news that reported crime went up by 10% in the year to March 2017 is a source of bafflement rather than alarm. After all, there is no point in panicking until we know whether the rise was due to increased productivity by the nation's criminals or the police actually taking the trouble to record crimes instead of ignoring them; for which they have a proven track record.

Quango is as qango does

21st July 2017

It has been pointed out to me that the Advertising Standards Authority is funded by the industry and therefore it isn't a quango. Which only goes to show that some people don't understand the QaNGO acronym.

Quasi – horrible in appearance (c.f. Quasimodo)

Non-Governmental – self-explanatory if it's run by the advertising industry

Organization – also self-explanatory

Accordingly, it is evident that the ASA is, by definition and its actions, a quango. QED and I rest my case. I would add that the ASA is supposed to ensure that advertising is legal,

decent, truthful and honest. There is nothing in its brief about applying left-wing political agendas and political correctness to the industry's products. That is the province of quangos.

The height of vanity

21st July 2017

Town halls in France will have to waste €2.7 million on 36,000 new picture frames because the official photographic portrait of M. MacRon, the new president of the republic, is 2" taller than the nation's standard official presidential portrait frame.

No doubt about the meaning!

22nd July 2017

I was surprised not to find the word Zugswanged in my copy of Langenscheidt's Standard German Dictionary, which is over 1,200 pages long and pretty comprehensive. But it's one of those words whose meaning is perfectly obvious.

Officially, it is a chess term for a position in which a player is stuck in a cramped, defensive position and has to make a move, knowing that every option is a bad one.

No doubt the player in question is left with a feeling which corresponds pretty well to my personal interpretation of the word: 'wanged by a Zug' or clobbered by a train!

More Labour haters

22nd July 2017

Having expended their monthly quota of bile on the Tories, Labour's wimmin are now waging a hate campaign against Boots, the chemist, which has refused to halve the retail price of the morning-after pill, which includes a medication and health check with a pharmacist.

Tell 'em anything!

22nd July 2017

Vince Cable is running for leadership of the Liberals (with no opposition) on an ‘Exit from Brexit’ ticket. Okay, he’ll never be able to deliver it, and there are no EU treaty provisions which allow invoking Article 50 Lisbon to be cancelled or revoked, but we are talking about the La-La Land Liberals. And his platform does tell everyone how out of touch with reality he is.

No hope!

22nd July 2017

It has been pointed out that even if French jobsworths had the wit to snip a couple of inches off Hamish MacRon’s official portrait, the cash not blown on new picture frames would definitely not be spent wisely. It would just be wasted on even more free lunches for burrocrats.

Could do better

23rd July 2017

If Vince Cable is going to make promises he knows his ass can’t cash, why is he being such a cheapskate? Why hasn’t he gone the full Corbyn and promised to do something like abolishing income tax and giving everyone a free fortnight at his villa in Greece? Why is he not thinking big; is it due to some deep-seated personality defect? After all, he’s never going to be prime minister but there are people with voting privileges who take his daft ideas seriously and will vote for him because they want to pretend that the impossible can happen.

Get off your fat cans!

23th July 2017

Inactivity and over-consumption of processed foods are being blamed for an obesity crisis in Scotland. According to today’s *Sunday Post*, ambulances designed to carry people weighing

up to 70 stone are proving inadequate for some NHS customers, who need the fire brigade to move them.

Clearly, the Scottish government is not helping by allowing people to lounge around instead of having to get active by working for a living. And as for their claims of Tory austerity, there can't be a shortage of cash if people have enough money to gorge themselves on cakes and biscuits and ready meals.

Maybe a little real austerity would rekindle an enthusiasm for going out shopping to buy real food and getting a bit more exercise in the kitchen from preparing and cooking it.

“Not a problem, M’sieu!”

24th July 2017

There is a lion wandering around in the countryside to the west of Paris. The police say that they accept the reports of the beast as credible but they have no plans to take any action.

As I say, not do

24th July 2017

President MacRon claims he's big on value for money and cuts, but that clearly doesn't extend to saving his nation €2.7 million by cutting a couple of inches off his official portrait photos so that they fit existing frames.

Or even not bothering with the photos in the first place to save even more money at the expense of a little presidential vanity.

We're not all mugs

24th July 2017

Nice to see Chris Froome annoying the French by winning their national bike race again. If he can manage a legitimate Armstrong on them, they should really bend them out of shape.

And Justice For All

24th July 2017

Israel's security forces have found an interesting new source of income. They raid the homes of Palestinians suspects and stroll off with any cash they find as 'money used for terror'.

Meanwhile, in Indonesia, there is a 'shoot to kill' policy for drug dealers, especially for foreigners, because the country is officially in a 'narcotics emergency position'.

I do tend to feel that there should be an 'ongoing' and an 'at this moment in time' somewhere in that tortured example of crap management-speak!

They don't get it

24th July 2017

What we don't need is females at the BBC paid the same as males. What we really need is males paid at the current female rates. Especially as some woman was moaning about being paid *just* £60K for reading the news on the telly and claiming that most people she knows in the real world are absolutely astonished at how little she earns.

That 'just' certainly does not belong there. Just ask anyone in the real 'real world'. And the astonishment is purely for how much she is paid (rather than earns) for the old rope.

Stiffen them upper lips, immediately!

24th July 2017

Don't you just wish the royal princes were less of a pair of wimpy whingers? They're bent out of shape over the length of their final phone calls with their mother in 1997. But none of them knew what was going to happen, and neither of the kids, who were 12 and 15 at the time, did anything wrong, bad or unfeeling.

What happened wasn't their fault, it happened in another country and it was nothing to do with them. It's nothing any sensible person should feel guilty about and it would be great if they could just man up and be less embarrassing.

Accidental mayhem

25th July 2017

During the Monday Night CFL match between the Ottawa Redblacks and the Toronto Argonauts, the referee called a holding penalty on the Argos, stuck his right arm out sideways to point at their goal zone and nearly drove his finger into the side of the helmet of a Redblack, who was running past him on his way to his sideline.

Which left me wondering if a ref has ever had to retire injured from a match, NFL or CFL, with a broken finger due to reckless pointing.

Cheap trick, not impressed

25th July 2017

Cabinet minister for something or other J. Greening might think she can get votes out of saying it's okay for a person to pick which sex they want to be described as; or none at all; but she can't expect the rest of us to take sex-swappers' delusions at all seriously. That would infringe our 'uman rights!

Common sense; just use it

25th July 2017

Should we feel threatened by the prospect of chlorine-washed chicken arriving from the USA after Brexit? Not if the chlorine is washed off again, rather than being left on the carcase as a sort of halogen marinade. And the customer cooks the chicken properly.

Silly fashion kills

25th July 2017

The fad for wearing jeans with ripped knees is costing lives in Turkey, the world's biggest source of destroyed jeans. 41 people are known to have died of silicosis from the ablation process, and over 1,000 others are known to have the lung disease in various stages.

Spivs is always spivs

26th July 2017

If you buy anything containing chocolate made by a major manufacturer, you will be swindled. The size of packs and the weight of contents in lots of them has shrunk over the last 5 years and yet retail prices have risen.

The manufacturers blame things like rises in the prices of cocoa and sugar; which have fallen in price over the last 5 years. The next excuse is that they are profiteering in the name of combatting o’besity and improving health and we’re being ripped off for our own good. Yeah, right.

Catching up

26th July 2017

The French did it a couple of weeks earlier. In the last week of July, our government has decreed that only new electric cars can be sold from 2040 on in the name of reducing air pollution. Existing diesel and petrol cars will be allowed to run until either they croak or the owner can no longer pay licence-to-kill pollution charges.

Migrants will inherit the Earth; for a while

26th July 2017

‘Up to’ 20% of men in the Western world are sub-fertile, according to the latest batch of experts. This is because they are stressed, polluted and two-thirds of them are overweight or obese.

Thus as the native populations of the West go extinct, there will be plenty of room for migrants from the East, who will also become stressed, polluted and fat, and die out in their turn.

The world will end with the East empty of people because everyone has migrated to the West, and a few zombie-like former Easterners in the West on the path to oblivion.

Justice made easy

26th July 2017

The government has the power to check the current fashion for attacks with acid, bleach and other corrosive chemicals. It just has to raise the minimum sentence for assault by chemical to 10 years in gaol and sideline any judges who refuse to apply the law for political reasons.

Rubbish!

26th July 2017

Another of these bogus surveys claims that the average Briton breaks the law 32 times per year. No surprise that it turns out to be just a publicity puff for a programme on a TV channel that most of us have never heard of.

Problem solved!

26th July 2017

Education Sec. (although, you wouldn't know it from the amount of time she spends poking her nose into other people's business) J. Greening has come up with a simple fix to help the Church of England get to grips with same-sex marriage.

It involves one member of a same-sex couple swapping gender for the day so that a man and a woman turn up at the altar.

Trains for Century 21

27th July 2017

I have been informed that a certain amount of psychological profiling goes on in the selection process for new train drivers, which offers the interesting prospect of selecting for people who actively enjoy driving a train. Such recruits would be less willing to leap out on strike at the behest of some puff-up union official, who wants to get his ugly mug on TV, as it would ruin the train driver's day.

Even better, if the profiling could be extended to finding

people who would actually be willing to **pay** for the privilege of being allowed to drive a train, then we would be on the way to a wonderful age of the railways in the 21st century, with happy drivers, happy customers because the trains are actually running and happy railway other ranks because the customers don't keep annoying them by asking where their bloody (strike-bound) train is.

Be clean & green; it'll cost you!

28 July 2017

If they don't get you one way, they'll get you another. Thus owners of electric cars will find themselves having to pay 50% more insurance than owners of internal combustion cars because of the high cost of repair/replacement of batteries and motors.

Missed opportunity

28th July 2017

One thing that's surprising is that the global warming fraudsters aren't jumping up and down and pointing to the wildfires in Portugal, France, Italy and the Balkans, and claiming that the same is going to happen here in a few years. Is their scam running out of steam a bit?

It's all a bit of a charade, really

28th July 2017

Today's papers are getting excited because the police think Kensington & Chelsea council and the tenant management association for Grenfell Tower 'may have' gone somewhere down the road to corporate manslaughter. But there's a long way to go, and a lot of cash to go into the pockets of the legal profession, before 'may have' gets close to 'guilty'.

Especially if the council was doing nothing different from dozens of other councils around the country.

Strange that we're hearing nothing about the EU regulations, which put thermal cladding on the tower block in the first

place, and proceedings against the manufacturer of the dodgy fridge, which set the building on fire.

Further, this is corporate manslaughter the police are talking about, which is punishable only by a fine, which just involves moving taxpayers' cash from one public pocket to another. So what we have now is just some aimless puff.

Another scare story; yawn

29th July 2017

We are being told that rockets fired by North Korean boss Kim Jong-whoever 'could' now hit London and New York. There are two things very wrong with this as a scare. Firstly, everyone knows there are light years between that 'could' and 'can'. And secondly, who the hell cares if a small missile lands on London or New York? It's not as if anyone valuable will be written off. Especially if Parliament is sitting at the time.

AI? U Die!

29th July 2017

Today's *Daily Mail* has an article about the differences of opinion of two internet billionaires; the Facebook guy, who thinks robots will wipe out humans, and the PayPal and SpaceX guy, who thinks we have nothing to fear from Artificial Intelligences and the technology could be used to upgrade humans.

After watching Hackney council workmen on TV, sweeping up after the latest riot by their local and neighbouring criminals, it is easy to believe that a spot of upgrading can be only a good thing.

Scotland's failed police experiment

30th July 2017

Today's *Sunday Post* makes grim reading about the state of policing in Scotland. Reducing the original regional police forces to one vast Police Scotland seems to have created a

huge, bureaucratic monster with its focus on itself and having little regard for the people who pay for it and the people whom it is supposed to serve and protect. Sounds rather like the EU, come to think of it.

Die! Die! Even if it's a lie

30th July 2017

‘Campaigners’ are claiming that 40,000 people per year die as a result of vehicle air pollution. That’s roughly twice the official guess of 23,000, but hey! Never let facts get in the way of a good story.

What about the austerity?

30th July 2017

Again from the *Sunday Post*: Network Rail has announced that the £800 million scheme to cut 10 minutes off the train journey between Edinburgh and Glasgow has been delayed by a year. Which invites the question: Is it really worth blowing all that cash to save 10 minutes? Especially when there are lots of other things more pressing to be done. How many pot-holes in major roads could be repaired given that amount of cash?

Just a gesture

31st July 2017

The government plan to reduce the speed limit on motorways to 60 mph to cut air pollution looks doomed to failure. Congestion in the worst areas means that vehicles rarely reach 60 mph anyway.

Future shock

31st July 2017

It looks like we won’t have to worry about a huge trade deficit with Germany, post-Brexit, as far as the motor vehicle industry

is concerned. Audi, BMW, Daimler, Porsche and Volkswagen all face fines in the multiples of billions for price-fixing and emissions fraud, which could drive them into extinction.

Alternatively, there is the good news possibility that if they feel like relocating for a fresh start under a new name, and out of the clutches of the EU, the obvious place to move is here.

Eastern politics

31st July 2017

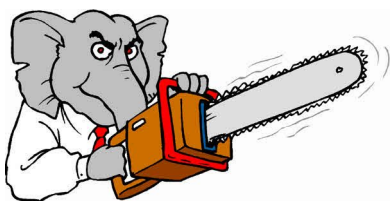
What do you do if you're a prime minister who has been evicted from office for corruption? Give the job to your brother. That's how it works in Pakistan.

A fair question

31st July 2017

Something we'd dearly love to know is how all the people with electric cars are going to charge them up if the wind isn't blowing and the sun isn't shining? Points will be deducted for arrant political BS.

There is more . . .



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