

The long wait is finally over!



Charles Baker-Glenn and Elena Cook prior to today's wedding

The most anticipated wedding of the year finally happened today. The long awaited marriage of Elena Cook and Charles Baker-Glenn occurred in a small family ceremony at St Mary's Catholic cathedral in Edinburgh. Sources close to the couple said that they were thrilled that the day had finally arrived.

Rumours have been circulating for months that the couple were finally going to tie the knot, but details of the ceremony had been a closely guarded secret.

The Lanarkshire born Dr Cook, 23, is a doctor working at Addenbrookes hospital in Cambridge, but chose to get married in Edinburgh, the City in which she studied for three years as an undergraduate. She is marrying organic chemist Mr Charles Baker-Glenn. He is currently working in the brand new Chemical Research Laboratory in Oxford University's science area.

The wedding was followed by a reception at Dalhousie Castle in Bonnyrigg, which dates back to the 13th century.

Guests have travelled from far and wide to get to today's wedding. The bride has travelled up from Cambridge, whilst the groom has come from Oxford. Guests who have travelled the furthest are Raj and Jennifer Mediratta who have travelled from Canada, and the best man who, having finally got the correct year, has travelled from Fife via Philadelphia. It was feared that people arriving for tomorrow's Scotland-France rugby match may have caused problems, but it seems that everyone managed to arrive at the church on time, even the groom.

No delays are expected for the return journeys tomorrow, although it seems likely that the traffic in the centre of Edinburgh will be heavy.

The party at the castle is expected to carry on well into the night.

*From this day forward
We shall not walk alone,
My heart will be your shelter
And my arms will be your home.*

Junior doctor marries whilst on call

Dr Elena Cook, who is based at Addenbrookes hospital, Cambridge, was today on call, despite it being her wedding day, and the service being in Edinburgh, 370 miles away from the hospital. Due to a new fixed-shift system, the hospital was unable to allow her the time off to get married.

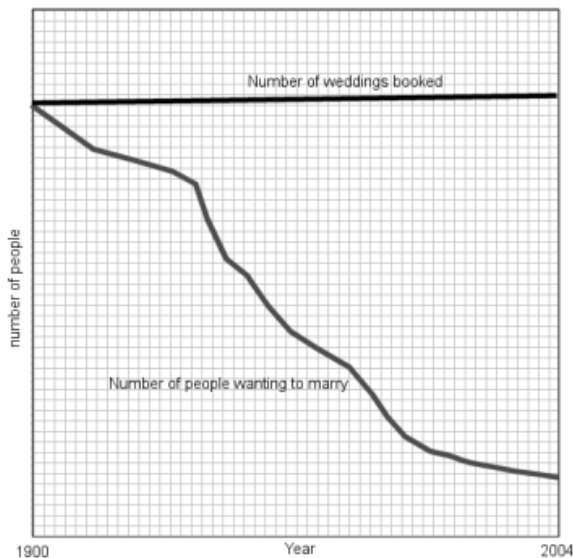
Fortunately early fears that the ceremony would have to be performed via mobile phone or pager were unfounded and Miss Cook, 23, was able to attend the service in person.

Fortunately there were no cardiac arrest calls during the service, although there was an uncomfortable moment when a member of the congregation shouted "Yes" when the priest asked if anyone knew of any just cause or impediment why the bride and groom could not be wed.

The matter was quickly resolved when it was revealed that the person in question was listening to the rugby on the radio and England had just scored an early try.

The remainder of the service went without further hitches after which the guests moved on to Dalhousie Castle for the reception, via John Lewis.

Is Marriage declining?



Marriage statistics

A report published this week shows that the number of couples who want to get married has been steadily dropping over the last century. The report is the result of a survey carried out over a couple of days in the local pub. The group who wrote the report utilised a new statistical technique to analyse the results called correlated regression and processing.

The report has generated much controversy, and several groups have cited research which shows that more and more venues are hosting weddings and yet it is still impossible to book a venue for a summer wedding with less than 2 years notice- especially if you require a Saturday wedding.

One expert in this area has said that the report is worthless, citing his own paper from last year which showed that 87% of statistics are now made up on the spot, up from the 82% reported in 1995.

In other areas of the wedding market jewellers have reported that the number of engagement rings they sell has remained constant over the last several years and wedding dress designers continue to thrive.

Whatever the truth is, it seems that if you want to get married today you will have to plan it a long time ahead to get what you want. So get out there and book your venue now.

Narrow escape on the Broads



The Norfolk Broads, location of a near miss

An accident was prevented on the Norfolk Broads yesterday thanks to the quick thinking of Terry Baker-Glenn, from Hitchin in Hertfordshire.

Mr Baker-Glenn was with friends on a boat travelling down the Broads when the incident occurred. It appears that his son, Charles, was at the helm of the boat, but became bored and moved to the main part of the vessel to be with the others. This left no-one steering the boat as it made its way downstream.

Fortunately Mr Baker-Glenn noticed his son's presence and realised that there was no-one at the helm. He raced to the front of the boat and was just in time to prevent a collision with another boat coming the other way.

Police later commended Mr Baker-Glenn for his quick thinking. "People often panic in these situations," said Chief Inspector Thin, "but fortunately Mr Baker-Glenn kept his cool and was able to navigate the boat away from danger."

A-Z of the wedding today

A- Aisle

B- Beautiful bride and bridesmaids

C- Celtic castle

D- Diamonds

E- Engagement

F- Fantastic flowergirl

G- Gorgeous groom

H- Hitched- the site that helped us with those complicated planning questions

I- I do

J- Just married

K- Kids..... give us a break, we have only just got married

L- Love

M- Music- how we met and the theme of today

N- Nuptials

O- Oxford blessing, please let us know if you wish to attend

P- Perfect pageboys

Q- Quaich- derived from the gaelic cup and was primarily a highland drinking vessel for whisky or brandy.

R- Rings- hopefully the best man won't have lost these

S- St Mary's Cathedral

T- Tartan

U- Ushers

V- Vows

W- Weekend- something we never have off!

X- Xxxxxx(kisses)

Y- You, our guests

Z- Zzzzzzzzzzzz- bed time

Making Music Together

The secret of how Miss Cook and Mr Baker-Glenn met has finally been revealed today. A source close to the couple stated that they met whilst playing Peter and the Wolf with an orchestra from Siberia. The two are both keen classical musicians, Miss Cook playing the flute and piano, whilst Mr Baker-Glenn is a french horn player.

The couple were playing in a childrens' concert which is organised annually as part of the Aberdeen international youth festival. It appears that the Siberian orchestra was asked to perform at the concert, but had no wind players.

Miss Cook was at the festival as part of a chamber music course, whilst Mr Baker-Glenn was playing with the Hertfordshire County Youth Orchestra. They joined the orchestra for the concert and were later seen eating lunch at the same table.

It appears that the couple did not start dating immediately as they were not seen together for several days. A rumour is circulating that a bassoonist was responsible for bringing the two together, although exactly what part he played is unclear.

The couple certainly appear to have a love for all things musical, with their wedding containing musical themes, and several members of the congregation are performing at their wedding. A wide selection of musical taste is observed amongst their friends, from classical conductors to popular guitar players, from opera singers to hosepipe players. The wedding video soundtrack could be interesting.

Identical twins?



Miss Cook and Miss Scott at school

Some people look uncannily like each other. Whilst the same cannot be said of Miss Nicola Scott and Miss Elena Cook, they seem to be twinned in a different way. They both had almost identical interests from the age of 8 until the age of 17.

The two met at the age of 8 at dancing class and have remained inseparable ever since. They took turns at staying at each other's houses for dinner and staying overnight and became like part of the furniture at each other's houses.

They independently selected the subjects they wanted to study at school. When they compared them they discovered that they had, in fact, selected the exact same subjects! Towards University a slight divergence occurred, with Elena deciding to study medicine at University, whilst Nicola wanted to study psychology. This meant that they ended up doing different subjects in their final year of school.

However, after going in these slightly different directions, the two appear to be converging once again. Elena chose psychology for her intercalated BSc year and is now intending to pursue a career in psychiatry, whilst Nicola is training as a clinical psychologist, and both of them are interested in working with children in this field as well.

After the slight divergence that occurred for a few years it appears that they may end up working in the same team once again and caring for the same patients.

Shop until you drop



The girls prepare to shop until they drop

We now spend twice as long shopping as our parents did just ten years ago. The problem appears to be particularly bad with youngsters. Indeed, Miss Elena Cook, Miss Nicola Scott and her little sister Katrina Scott go shopping once a week in Airdrie town centre. They are allowed out for 2 hours and, in that time, they look around all the interesting shops in Airdrie. Every week they return with just a single Mars bar. This confectionary will have been the initial one viewed, but they will have checked every single sweet before

they will purchase it to ensure that the highest quality is being purchased.

The problem is even worse when shoe shopping is undertaken, particularly when parents are also present. The average length of time taken to buy a pair of shoes for the trio was three days and in several occasions the shoes were returned unworn as they changed their mind.

Food additives and genetically modified food have been blamed for this trend, although no direct link has so far been found.

The Little Rock Thrower



Miss Cook with one of the rocks used in the attack

Mr Ronald Cook is today recovering in hospital following a brutal attack late last night by his daughter. It is believed that Miss Cook, aged 18 months, decided that she wanted someone to play with her in the early hours of the morning. She was trapped in her cot but, using a collection of teddy bears that she found in her cot, she managed to escape. She then took a trolley of rocks into her parents' room and threw them onto her dad's head in an attempt to waken him.

This event appears to be a premeditated attack as Miss Cook was seen earlier in the day carefully choosing the rocks used in the attack from a beach in Dunoon.

Hamster Missing



Police today are still searching for Jackie the hamster. He has been missing since last Friday when he went out for some sesame seeds. He was reported missing by his family when he had failed to return by Saturday morning. A full-scale search was mounted on Saturday, but no sign of Jackie was found. Friends describe him as a happy hamster who had everything going for him. The police are treating the disappearance as suspicious, but currently have no leads.

Rock and Stone

This is a story of a rock and a stone,
And a stream, and a rainfall, and not being alone.
In the land of this tale, in a mountain's shadow,
Was a stream brisk and bending the swift water's flow.

On the bank of the stream just beyond a great birch,
Was a rock, strong and sturdy, holding back clay and dirt.
Just below with the edge of the stream as its home,
Was a glimmering beauty, a shiny smooth stone.

To the rock, with its pride of supporting the earth,
A stone was not useful: it was without worth.
To the stone, with its beauty and lustering glory,
A rock was not pleasing and belonged in a quarry.

Yet the fear of the rock and the stone were the same.
Each dreaded the future, the day of great rain.
The rock might be dislodge and roll to stream's bottom.
The stone might be pushed into mud and forgotten.

The rainfall came quickly, as sometimes storms will,
The rock was dislodge, it rolled down the hill.
Stopping not under water, and without one moan
The rock came to rest upon the fine stone.

Stream became river; though waters enraged
The stone was not pushed to a dark muddy grace.
The rock safe yet wetted, the dirt now sprayed loose,
Still formed the bank, still had a use.

As sunshine returned the river to stream
Rock and stone together were seen.
Savoir each was, and after that fright
Each saw the other in a new light.

The rock saw the stone as a rock ever more,
With beauty and strength supporting the shore.
The stone saw the rock as a stone from that day,
With strength and beauty under robe of clay.

Together they stayed, more shiny and strong
Than either had been by itself all along.
The story is told; the message you see
Is that you and I will be better as we.

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Barbecued carpet



Tim, Elena and Charles

Most places have parties at new year, and Aberdour is no exception. Elena Cook and Charles Baker-Glenn spent the new year of 1999 into 2000 with Tim Ribchester and his family. As it was the millenium (at least according to some people) they had planned something a little different. A barbecue. In December.

It was a little chilly outside so the barbecue was set up next to the patio doors which were kept shut except when something needed to be done with the barbecue.

All was going well until the point at which Tim opened the patio door and promptly set fire to the carpet. Fortunately the fire was rapidly extinguished and further mishaps were avoided.

The evening was enjoyed by all. The new year was seen in by a trip to the beach where no less than two fireworks displays from Aberdour occurred, and the main display in Edinburgh was also clearly visible.

NHS Crisis



Nurse Cook

The severe shortage of nurses has resulted in the NHS employing children as young as 3. Picture above is Nurse Cook, aged 3, pictured on her way to a night-shift.

Wet Christening



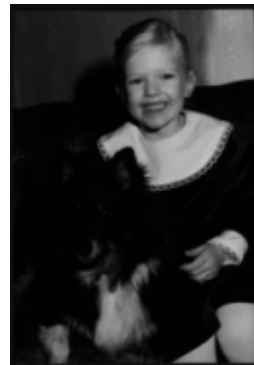
Charles before his dip

A child managed to climb over a chicken-wire fence in front of 50 people yesterday and jump into a pond before anyone could stop him. Charles Baker-Glenn had just been christened at St Nicholas' church in Stevenage. A party was being held at his great uncle's house, Wayside. Fortunately the splash of Charles jumping into the pond attracted the attention of several of the guests and he was quickly rescued. Unfortunately his christening suit was ruined in the incident, but happily no-one was injured. Henrietta was, however, said to be terribly upset about the whole incident.

Obsessive compulsive

When Miss Cook first visited Mr Baker-Glenn's room, she was horrified to find the room was untidy. The first thing that she had to do on entering the room was sort through the CDs as they weren't in any kind of order. Whilst waiting for him to return from a lecture, she reorganised all this. A fun time was had sorting the CDs into sections and then placing them in alphabetical order within the sections. Mr Baker-Glenn was shocked when he returned home to discover that, as Elena was not a Star Wars fan, the Star Wars CDs were placed in alphabetical order. By the time she left the whole room, including his sweets, were in alphabetical order. Miss Cook has settled down now having had to cope with Mr Baker-Glenn's mess for over 4 years.

Canine Dustbin



Piper with Elena

Piper loved to eat. He would eat anything that he could get his hands on. Like Liz and Elena Cook, he loved chocolate. He was so desperate for chocolate that he used to eat the decorations from the bottom of the Christmas tree. When the family realised what he was doing, they moved the decorations higher up and tried to keep the dog out of the room with the Christmas tree in. However, he sneaked into the room one afternoon and jumped up to try to retrieve the decorations which were higher up. As a result, the tree was knocked to the ground and Piper went round and scoffed every single chocolate he could get his paws on.

Another night, just after Christmas, Elena and Liz had left their boxes of Thorntons toffee in the lounge. One of these was full and the other was half empty. When they went downstairs in the morning, they discovered a very guilty looking dog still trying to chew at bits of toffee left stuck to his teeth. Needless to say they found, to their horror, that the lounge door had been opened and both boxes of toffee were empty. It is thought that normal chocolate could actually kill a dog, especially if they eat a lot of it. However, Piper managed to eat an entire selection box containing about 8 bars of chocolate all at once. His paws couldn't manage to tear open the wrappers so he just ate those as well.

Who moved New Orleans?

As any traveller knows, getting lost and ending up on the wrong street is quite annoying. One traveller last week took getting lost to a new extreme. Mr Charles Baker-Glenn, of Oxford, England, was travelling to the American Chemical Society Conference in New Orleans. Or so he thought.

The agent at STA travel who had booked his flight had informed him that the airport in New Orleans was St Louis International and had booked him a flight. Upon arrival at the airport Mr Baker-Glenn took a shuttle bus to his hotel. Upon arrival he was informed that he was at the wrong hotel, and that he should be at the other hotel just down the road. A taxi was arranged and he duly arrived at the second hotel where he was once again informed that he was at the wrong hotel. However, rather than being directed just down the road, Mr Baker-Glenn was informed that he was in fact 750 miles from New Orleans, the airport there being named Louis Armstrong International airport.

One minibus journey and one overnight train journey later Mr Baker-Glenn arrived in the correct city. Fortunately he was in time to present his work at the conference and no further problems occurred. STA travel were yesterday unavailable for comment.

Keep your money safe

The foreign office has today once again released a warning for people going abroad to ensure that they take care of their property after a number of British nationals have been stranded abroad after losing their money.

The warning makes several suggestions on how to best protect your property, including cameras and currency. It seems that in many foreign cities tourists are being targeted specifically as they are likely to be carrying far greater amounts of money than locals. The advice is to split your money into several smaller parts and to divide these up on your person. Do not take out large wads of notes, and if your hotel has a safety deposit, make use of it.

An novel alternative proposal has also been made this week. A study carried out over the last two years has revealed that people who left their foreign currency in their wardrobe at home were less likely to have it stolen. Indeed, none of the couples who used this technique lost their money, although several were forced to wash up each night in order to pay for their meals.

Proposal in Paris



Miss Cook and Mr Baker-Glenn in Paris

We all knew it was going to happen, we just didn't know where or when, but Charles Baker-Glenn has finally proposed to Elena Cook. It appears he went down on one knee in the garden next to the Eiffel Tower in Paris. The evening started with a romantic dinner in one of Paris' many restaurants and culminated in the proposal with fireworks going off in the background. He had even ensured that they had a bottle of champagne on hand in the hotel room for when they got back.

Miss Cook accepted the proposal, but no details have yet been released on wedding dates, although it has been suggested that 2004 is likely.

Underwear bomb explodes in airport

The bomb squad was called out yesterday to Glasgow airport to deal with a piece of luggage which had apparently exploded. Holiday-goers, returning from a trip to Spain, were kept away from the luggage reclaim whilst the suitcase was examined by a team of experts. After a tense twenty minutes it was revealed that the exploding suitcase contained nothing more dangerous than underwear which was slowly working its way around the baggage carousel.

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Dog rescues Girl



Elena and Nikki in the sea

Once again the faithful dog saves the day. Nikki, the Cook family's Shetland sheepdog, has followed Miss Elena Cook around everywhere since she was 6 months old and able to crawl/walk round the furniture.

Miss Cook fell over and hurt herself. Nicky was beside her and witnessed the fall. He knew he was unable to pick her up so immediately ran to get help. He kept barking and tugging on Mrs Liz Cook's skirt until she came to help him rescue Elena.

9-year olds help save hospice



Nicola Scott and Elena Cook

Miss Nicola Scott and Miss Elena Cook have been helping raise money to keep their local Hospice open. Both are keen to help out with charities, particularly the local Hospice. They have organised regular jumble sales, making money for the Hospice and helping them to get rid of all their old toys and clothes. Both have also worked part time in the hospice in order to fund their university courses.

The sound of music



SREMAERDO

Nicola Scott, Elena Cook and two of their friends, Lindsey and Claire decided at primary school that they should set up a band. Elena and Nicola were both keen musicians and dancers and thought that this would be the ideal career and they would be the next to star on top of the pops! The band was called SREMAERDO - o dreamers backwards. They rehearsed regularly after their Saturday afternoon shopping trip in Airdrie, at Miss Cook's



Elena Cook

house. There they would sing and dance and make up some strange melodies to the random rhythms on Elena's keyboard. They even made up their own song words. They might have made it to number 1, but Elena's music career took a slightly different turn as she discovered that classical music was more her thing. She has won several competitions to date and performs on both flute and piano.

Do you recognise this man?



Tim and Charles

Miss Elena Cook visited Oxford for the first time one month after meeting her future husband, Mr Baker-Glenn, in Aberdeen. Unfortunately, Mr Baker-Glenn was at a lecture when her train was due in (not that a Virgin trains timetable is ever reliable). Mr Tim Ribchester, who is best man at today's wedding, was therefore asked to go and meet her at the train station.

Elena and Tim had never met before and so both were concerned about how they would be able to recognise the other. Tim was informed to look for someone with blonde hair, whilst Elena was given the photograph shown.

Tim unfortunately neglected to wear the flattering mask the day that he collected Elena from the station. However, he fortunately managed to spot the blonde hair.

For those of you who are wondering, the best man is on the groom's right in the picture, and yes, there was a very good explanation.

4-year old saves rabbit



Miss Cook and Daisy

Miss Elena Cook, aged 4, has saved the life of Daisy the rabbit whilst on holiday in France with her parents. Elena is a great animal lover and spotted some rabbits which were owned by the family that ran the gite they were staying in. Elena fell in love with Daisy the rabbit and the owner let her hold her. However, he then told her that Daisy was going to pot that night. Miss Cook asked her dad what this meant and was shocked when she realised that they were going to kill and cook Daisy for their dinner. She immediately protested and said that this was unfair. After making such a fuss, the family decided to save the rabbit and return Daisy to the hutch. It is not currently known what was eventually cooked for dinner that night.

Please sir can I have some more



Charles Baker-Glenn at lunch

Yesterday a small child astounded restaurant-goers by managing to eat two full meals at a single sitting. Charles Baker-Glenn, 7, was served before the rest of his table due to a mix-up in the kitchen. He finished his meal before anyone else had been served and when he was asked if he would like anything else he requested the same again. Onlookers were astounded to see the food disappear. Charles' parents have indicated that he is in the middle of a growth spurt and will keep eating until the food runs out. Rumours at his school suggest that he has actually grown into his blazer. Confusion arose later in the evening when a waiter called Charles "sir" and he kept turning around to try and find the person that the waiter was talking to.

Turning the Page



The machine in action

A new device to turn pages for musicians is now available to buy. Despite retailing at twice the price of existing models it is expected to sell well due to its wooden construction. The device, the brain-child of the Baker-Glenn family, took several months to develop, but it seems the wait has been worth it.

Distant Shores

Before we met, you and I were halves.
Unjoined except in the wide rivers of our minds.
We were each others distant shore, the opposite wings of a bird, the other half of a seashell.
We did not know the other then, did not know our determination to keep alive the cry of one riverbank to the other.
We were apart. Yet connected in our ignorance of each other, like two apples sharing a common tree.
Remember? I knew you existed long before you understood my desire to join my freedom with yours.
Our paths collided long enough for our indecision to be swallowed up by the greater need of love.
When you came to me, the sun surged toward the earth and the moon escaped from the darkness to bless the union of two spirits so alike that the creator had designed them for life's endless circle.
Beloved partner, keeper of my heart's odd secrets, clothed in summer blossoms so the icy hand of winter never touches us.
I thank your patience.
Our Joining is like a tree to earth, a cloud to sky and even more.
We are the reason the world can laugh on its battlefields and rise from the ashes of its selfishness to hear me say, in this time, this place, this way - I love you best of all.
Carol Shivers

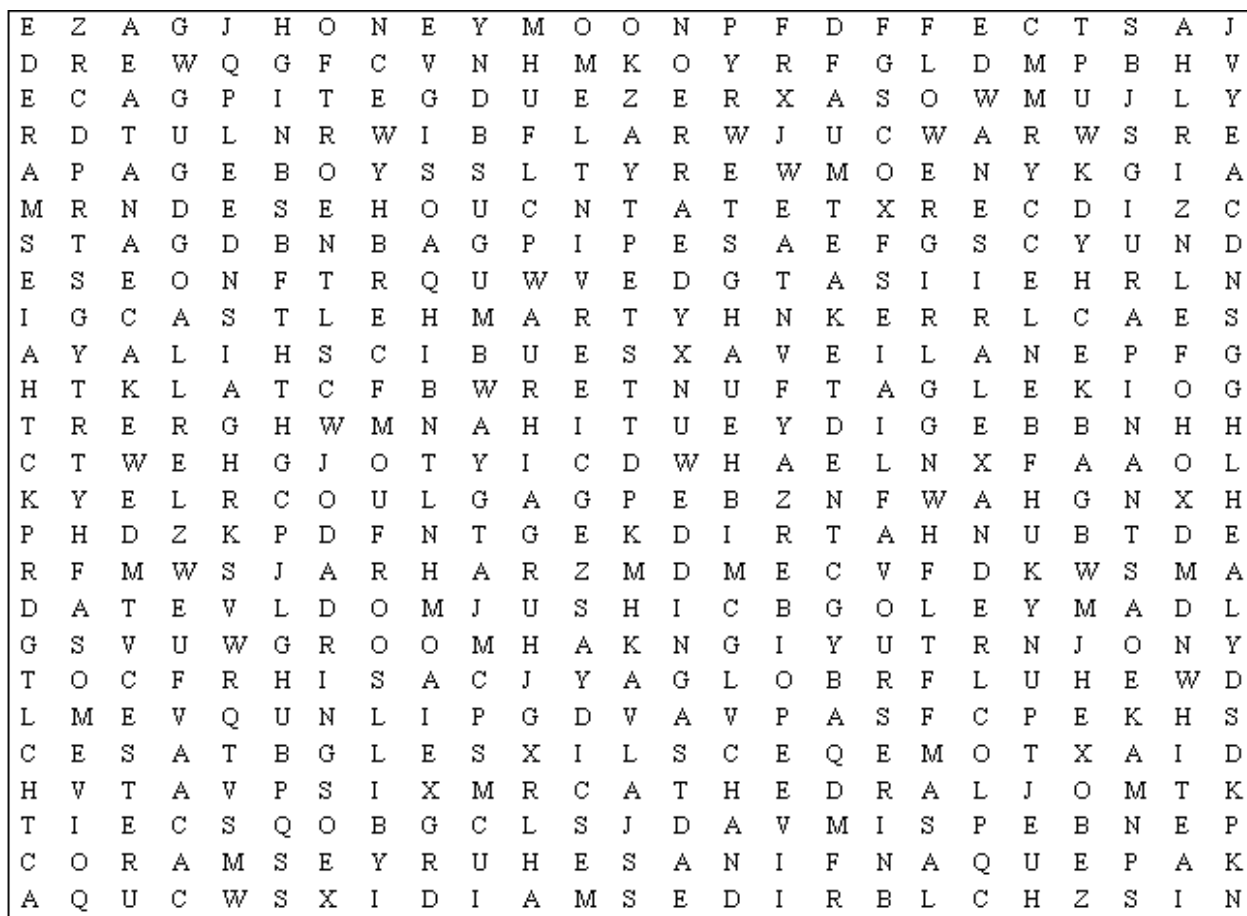
Petites maisons



Mind your head

It appears that the reason the house prices may be cheaper in France is simply due to their size. Miss Cook is seen crawling underneath the door in order to fit into her bedroom as the doorway was only built to waist level.

Jumbo Wordsearch



Bride
Honeymoon
Groom
Favours
Bridemaids
Lovespoon

Flowergirl
Heart
Pageboys
Band
Wedding
Dance

Cathedral
Music
Castle
Bagpipes
Ramsey
Veil

Sir Alexander
Stag
De Ramseia
Hen
White

Cake
Rings
Date
Tie
Heal

The problem with local dialect

Accents can cause difficulties in communication. However, local dialects can sometimes cause even more difficulties. The use of the word “ginger” in Lanarkshire to refer to fizzy juice is a good example of this phenomenon. As well as referring to fizzy drink, ginger is, of course, also a spice, and this can lead to confusion. In one case this led to a lady pouring fizzy drinks on her melon after being given advice by a friend to try putting ginger on her melon. She rang back to ask which sort of ginger she should use, because it didn’t taste the way she was expecting when she had used lemonade. In order to help avoid this kind of problem today we have compiled a brief list of Scottish words and phrases, and their translations.

Scottish Dictionary

Auld Lang Syne: Days of long ago

Auld Reekie: Edinburgh

Blether: Talk nonsense

Ceilidh: Informal evening of song and story

Dram: A shot of whisky

Ginger: In Lanarkshire, this refers to fizzy juice

Glaikit: Gormless

Haud yer wheesht: Shut up

Let the tow gang wi’ the bucket: Let things take their course

Loon: Lad

Lug: Ear

Lum: Chimney

Peevers: Hopscotch

Peely wally: Pale/out of sorts

Quean: Girl

Scunner: Nuisance

Wabbit: Exhausted

Wean: Child

Young Drinkers



Miss Cook enjoys a Budweiser

It appears that the children of today are experimenting more with alcohol at a younger age than ever before. The police have reported an increased number of incidents of drunk and disorderly children.

Miss Elena Cook, aged 3, was found by police in the park drinking beer. "I don't know how they get served in the Off License," said PC Berg, "the fake ID is not too convincing."

Carl has been working the beat in this area for three years now and has seen the age of the drinkers drop dramatically. He is dismayed by what he sees every day, but is hopeful that the trend can be reversed.

Mr Baker Glenn, 2, was also seen drinking champagne with his sister Emily, 8.



Emily and Charles Baker-Glenn pop the cork on another bottle

Why metabolise?

It was reported today that Miss Elena Cook, aged 18 months, felt that instead of drinking her carton of ribena, that it was easier to avoid metabolising it at all and just pour it straight into her potty. Her gran spotted the drink in the potty and fearing that Elena was having a massive haemorrhage immediately informed her mother to call a doctor. Fortunately, Miss Cook was able to laugh at the fuss being made and tell her mum and gran that it was ribena before the poor doctor was called.

Wonder Woman: Wonder Drug?



Wonder Woman takes a break

Wonder woman certainly does look younger every day! It appears that the rumours that she is on a new wonder drug which reverses ageing is true. However, has she taken it a bit too far? She looks no more than 3 years old in this picture but with those wonder woman sunglasses and trainers which were not removed for the entire fortnight's holiday in France, there is no doubt that this is the genuine article. How this will affect her work, only time will tell.

Where are your keys?

Do you know where your keys are? One in three of us will lose our keys at some point this week but still no-one has found a successful device to locate them. The whistle key-fob was ideal if you had put them somewhere it could hear you whistle. If, however, you have put your keys in the freezer then the whistle fobs are little use to you.

Another problem that people have is knowing where the keys are, but not being able to get at them. From dropping them down the drain to locking them in the car, we've all done it once.

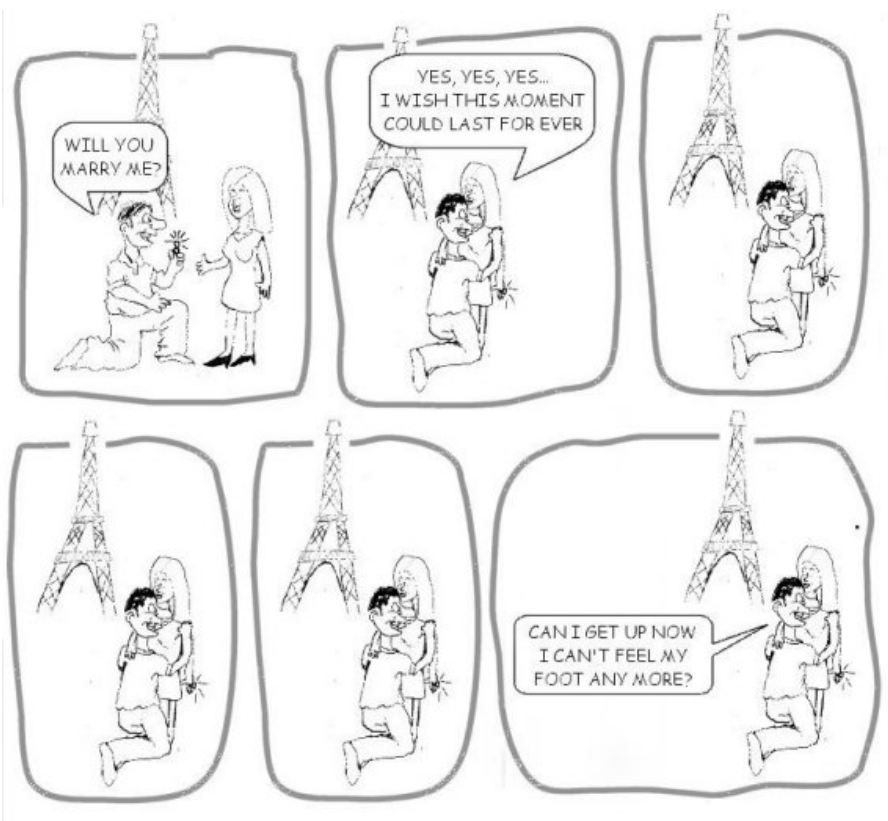
One student at Edinburgh University is particularly talented in these areas. Recently, this student was living in an Edinburgh University flat, and was responsible for looking after and organising events for the younger students. The room doors in these flats all had self locking yale locks. One particular night the student got up during the night to go to the toilet and forgot to pick up her key. Her door then shut over, and, in a complete panic, and wearing only her night clothes, she phoned up a locksmith to come and let her back into her room. The locksmith arrived at 5am and gently pushed the door open. At this point the student realised that it hadn't actually locked.

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Taurus: April 20- May 20

Swimming up stream may leave you exhausted. Get some rest and regroup. No matter how much you want to be in charge, trusting the decisions of others could be a welcomed relief.

Gemini: May 21-June 20

Even if your relationship with your sweetheart feels like a total mess right now, there's still hope. Everything could turn around at the drop of a hat. Plus all the problems you seem to be having could just be a passing mood.

Cancer: June 21-Jul22

You may feel rushed to give an answer to an impatient prospect of yours. Well, don't let yourself be pushed into anything. Especially something that you're not sure about!

Leo: July 23- Aug 22

These are good days to get the ball rolling on a relationship you've been considering. Not only does this person seem like a good match for you, but there's some chemistry in the air, too! Start out by asking for a date.

Virgo: Aug 23-Sep 22

Your opinions may not hold water, so be flexible. Getting into a heated discussion could be very stimulating if you are willing to listen and have your mind changed.

Libra Sep 23- Oct 22

The highs and lows of a roller coaster romance can be fun sometimes but not right now. You're looking for something that's going to last longer and take you deeper. With some soul-searching, that's what you'll get.

Scorpio Oct 23-Nov 21

Your sweetheart may want to do a couple things that don't go over well with you. Try to be understanding of his or her needs, but also keep a good eye on your own. The fun's not going to start up again until you take good care of yourself.

Sagittarius: Nov 22- Dec 21

You might very well be the centre of attention. So what else is new? Sharing it with a paramour shows your dazzling generosity. Capitalize on your wits and then put your words into action.

Capricorn: Dec 22- Jan 19

You may have a hard time keeping your mind on the tasks at hand. Then again, how could you with that special somebody sitting so close beside you? Offer up your services as a pal, and you may just find that some of your other service are required, too!

Aquarius: Jan 20- Feb 18

It's a fabulous time for you and your friends. Your sweetheart will fall in love with you all over again. How could anyone help it? Your high spirits are endearing and contagious. You make people happy just by being around them.

Pisces: Feb 19-Mar 20

Set aside all egotistical desires. It wouldn't kill you to graciously defer to the wishes of the one you love. Ironically, when you give you get more than you ever thought possible.

Glueing the shoe



Elena, Charles and Emily

Charles Baker-Glenn's sister, Emily, yesterday had trouble with her shoes at his graduation. The heel of one of the shoes she had chosen to wear to the lunch started to peel away from the main part of the shoe. Fortunately there is a cobbler in the covered market in Oxford to which they took the shoe.

The cobbler asked to see the shoe upon which Emily raised her leg and placed the shoe, with her foot still in it, on the counter. The cobbler responded by saying, "Yes, I can fix it in a few seconds. But I'm afraid you'll have to take it off."

With the shoe fixed the rest of the day continued without any further problems.

Snowman attacks



Tim, Elena and Charles

Last year's attacks on snowmen appear to be recurring. Police have reported that four snowmen have so far been injured. One snowman required a new carrot due to the severity of his injuries. A special dog unit has been dispatched to try to solve the problem, but so far police say they have no leads.

Miss Cook, pictured above, has built a snowman in her back garden. In order to protect him from these brutal attacks, both she and her dog, Nikki, have to stand guard at all times.

It is hoped that the perpetrators can be caught this time. "The criminal just seem to melt away," reported chief inspector Frost.

The investigation continues.

Apache Wedding Blessing

When clouds hide the face of the sun in your lives
Remember that even if you lose sight of it for a moment,
The sun is still there
May the sun bring you new energies by day;
May the moon softly restore by night.
May the rain wash away any worries you may have
And the breeze blow new strength into your being
And then all the days of your life
May you walk gently through the world.
And know it's beauty

Now you will feel no rain
For each of you will be shelter of the other.
Now you will feel no cold
For each of you will be warmth to the other.
Now you are two bodies
But there is only one life before you.
Go now to your dwelling place
To enter into the days of your togetherness
And may your days be good and long upon the earth.

Medics 2: The New Batch



New Doctor, Elena Cook, with her parents

Beware, the new batch of Cambridge doctors are here. They graduated recently and have now spread all over the country. Their war cry is, "Trust me, I'm a doctor!" If you see one, do not approach them as they can be dangerous.

They can be identified from their appearance: white coat, gloves and a stethoscope. Their conversation can also help you spot them. If someone asks you, "What brought you here today?" suspect a Cambridge doctor.

The flower and the bee



Traditional Scottish Cuisine:

Aberdeen Butteries: Butteries are named after their high lard content and are thought to be very effective protection against the common cold due to this. They are also known as morning rolls and rowies and are a traditional Aberdeen roll which are similar to croissants. They can be eaten cold or toasted with butter and jam.

Clootie Cumpling: A very popular Scottish dish, which can be a conventional pudding – served with custard or cream, or as a delightful snack when cold. This dumpling is rich and filling, and, if eaten on an unrestrained basis, is almost a meal in itself! The pudding takes its name from the cloth, or "clood" in which it is boiled.

Cock-a-Leekie Soup: This is one of Scotland's most distinguished soups, which is extremely popular with expatriates across the globe. Is especially popular on the menu at these very traditional occasions such as St Andrew's Night or a Burns Supper.

Cranachan: This is a very simple pudding made from oatmeal, cream, fruit (most commonly raspberries) and some Drambuie. It is traditionally served over the festive period its light texture makes it an ideal dish to follow any heavy main meal.

Cullen Skink Soup: This is one of the most wholesome and satisfying of traditional Scottish soups – richly nutritious because of its fish base. Its name has nothing to do with the rather unattractive small animal but has its roots in the scenic seaport of Cullen on the Moray Firth in North-east Scotland. "Skink" derives from the Gaelic language and means 'essence'.

Forfar Bridies: Very tasty meat pies, which are inextricably linked with the Scottish town of Forfar, Angus.

Herrings in Oatmeal: A favourite of Scots throughout the centuries, the herring is a much-loved delicacy - especially at breakfast-time. When they are divided before being cured, they are known as kippers.

Roast Venison: Scotland, with its many chains of wild and rugged mountains, heather-covered moors and sparkling clear air, is home to some of the finest specimens of deer to be found anywhere in the world – roaming the highlands and living off the natural habitat. The meat of the deer – venison - is a strong-tasting, lean meat, which can be successfully roasted, grilled, boiled or fried. It is a popular choice of meal which is to be found in the finest restaurants of the land and also on the table of everyday folk in the hills and glens of Scotland.

Salmon Steaks: A a regal dish - both succulent and satisfying.

Scotch Broth Soup: The most appetising and nourishing of soups with its beef content and variety of vegetable stock guaranteed to give you the warmest of internal glows. It is also known as barley broth and usually appears on the menu at most traditional Scottish cultural events where food is partaken.

Shortbread: Shortbread was at one time mainly a festive season delicacy but it is now popular throughout the year. It is extremely complementary to a nice cup of tea or coffee and can also sit easy in a high-tea setting.

Sticky Toffee Pudding: A very popular Scottish dessert that just melts in your mouth. The delicious sauce covers the pudding to give it a sweet and satisfying taste until the last bite.

Stovies:

A very old Scots dish of roast brisket or preferably the leftover of the Sunday joint, with sliced potatoes and onions all cooked together. The name is said by some to be a Scottish corruption of the French "etuver", meaning to stew, though it may simply mean something cooked on the stove.

Hamish the Haggis



A rare photograph of a haggis

A haggis is a small animal native to Scotland. Well when I say animal, actually it's a bird with vestigial wings - like the ostrich. Because the habitat of the haggis is exclusively mountainous, and because it is always found on the sides of Scottish mountains, it has evolved a rather strange gait. The poor thing has only three legs, and each leg is a different length - the result of this is that when hunting haggis, you must get them on to a flat plain - then they are very easy to catch - they can only run round in circles.

A little known fact about the haggis is its aquatic ability - you would think that with three legs of differing lengths, the poor wee beastie wouldn't be very good at swimming, but as some of the Scottish hillsides have rather spectacular lakes on them, over the years, the haggis has learned to swim very well. When in water, it uses its vestigial wings to propel itself forward, and this it can do at a very reasonable speed.

The largest known recorded haggis (caught in 1893 by a crofter at the base of Ben Lomond), weighed 25 tons. In the water, haggis have been known to reach speeds of up to 35 knots, and therefore coupled with their amazing agility in this environment, are extremely difficult to catch, however, if the hunter can predict where the haggis will land, a good tip is to wait in hiding on the shore, because when they come out of the water, they will inevitably run round in circles to dry themselves off.

Haggis hunting season is the week before Robbie Burns Birthday, that's January 25th. So, the season is open January 18-25th. Only kilted Highlanders can hunt a haggis, and only then if they can play certain notes on the bagpipes and then only if they have secured themselves a Haggis Hunting License at Hogmanay. Most are too drunk to remember to get their license before they stumble home in the pre-dawn or dawn or post-dawn hours of the first day of the New Year. By then, it is too late.

But, if a Highlander has a kilt, a license, bagpipes and the skill to play those certain notes.... there are still difficulties for the Highlander to overcome. January is the coldest month of the Nova Scotian year, snow and ice and strong winds are everywhere.

After catching your haggis, and dispatching it in time honoured fashion, it is cooked in boiling water for a period of time, then served with tatties and neeps (and before you ask, that's potatoes and turnips).

What is known about Haggis breeding is that, several days prior to giving birth, the Haggis make a droning sound - very much like a beginner playing the bagpipes for the first time - giving rise to the speculation that the bagpipes were indeed invented in Scotland, simply to lure unsuspecting haggis into a trap. At the onset of this noise, all other wildlife for a five mile radius can be seen exiting the area at an extremely high rate of knots (wouldn't you if your neighbour had just started to play the bagpipes?). The second purpose of the noise seems to be to attract other Haggis to the scene, in order to lend help with the birth. This also gives rise to the assumption that Haggis are tone deaf.

Haggis normally give birth to two or more young Haggis, or "wee yins", as they are called in Scotland, and from birth, their eyes are open, and they are immediately able to run around in circles, just like their parent.

The wee yins are fiercely independent, and it is only a matter of weeks before they leave the parent, and go off foraging for food on their own, although it is perhaps a two or three year period before they are themselves mature enough to give birth.

Most Haggis hunters will leave the wee yins, due simply to their size, but when attacked by other predators, they are still able to emit the bagpipe like sound, which again has the effect of very quickly clearing the surrounding area of all predators, and attracting other Haggis to the scene. This results in a very low infant mortality rate, with most wee yins actually making it to adulthood.

The lifespan of the Haggis is again an unknown quantity, but from taggings done in the Victorian era, we know that some haggis live for well over 100 years.

A Good Wedding Cake

4 lb of love.
1 lb butter of youth.
0.5lb of good looks.
1lb sweet temper.
1lb of blindness of faults.
1lb of self forgetfulness.
1lb of pounded wit.
1lb of good humour.
2 tablespoons of sweet argument.
1 pint of rippling laughter.
1 wine glass of common sense.
1 oz modesty.

Put the love, good looks and sweet temper into a well furnished house. Beat the butter of youth to a cream, and mix well together with the blindness of faults. Stir the pounded wit and good humour into the sweet argument, then add the rippling laughter and common sense. Work the whole thing together until everything is well mixed, and bake gently forever.

Author unknown.

History of the Wedding Cake

The Ancient Romans crumbled barley cake over brides' heads to invoke the fertility powers of Jupiter. Guests scrambled for the crumbs and partook of them eagerly as they were assumed to be tokens of good luck. Originally, cakes were covered in lard to keep them moist as they were not iced. The lard was scraped off just before the wedding.

More recently, brides and grooms kissed over bunches of little cakes and later, the cakes were made into one with icing over them and thus the tiered wedding cake custom began. The fruit then became the symbol of the future fertility of a couple.

For many years, the top layer of the cake was frozen and then consumed on the first anniversary. At many weddings now though, the top tier is made of chocolate, carrot cake, sponge cake or something more unusual which will not lend itself to freezing.

Canine Birthday Cake



Piper with his birthday cake

There's nothing unusual about having a cake for your birthday. Unless you're a dog, that is. Nine year old Elena Cook was upset that her dog, Piper, wasn't going to have a cake for his fourth birthday. Her parents wouldn't let her buy one, and so she decided to bake one herself. The cake went down a treat, and Piper was even able to blow out all of his candles on the first attempt. The party went on late into the evening. The following day when asked how he was feeling, Piper simply said, "Rough". A sign of a little too much alcohol to go with the cake perhaps.

Do I Smell Burning?



How not to microwave popcorn

Burning and setting fire to food seems to be becoming more and more of a problem these days, the fire department report. They are being called out to several incidents a week where a member of the public has started to cook something and then been distracted and the food has burnt, resulting in fire alarms being set off. Amazingly, one particular foodstuff which seems to be causing problems at the moment is popcorn. The supermarkets in this country now sell microwavable popcorn and it seems that people are having difficulty with the instructions. At one recent incident in Edinburgh a student told the fire brigade "...the bag said 4 minutes and when I put it in there I forgot about it because I had a phone call..." Investigators say that this is a common occurrence, and are still investigating whether or not there was an error in the amount of time entered into the microwave. The phrase on the bag "3 to 5 minutes" just may have been misread as 35 minutes.

In a separate report it has been revealed that one in ten schoolchildren thinks that carrots are black.

Reviews of this weeks releases and performances

Hosepipes throughout time



Ryder and Baker-Glenn in concert

The amazing debut album from Paul Ryder was released on Friday and sold out within half an hour. "It's an incredible sound." said one of the lucky ones who managed to get a copy. An incredible sound it is. A piece of garden hose and a funnel have never sounded like this before. The album was recorded in the Bate Museum in Oxford, with accompaniment supplied by Charles Baker-Glenn on a 1710 spinnet. A must have for classical music fans.

Piper, the fat dog

Written by three seven year olds, and illustrated by another, this book tells the story of Piper the dog. Partly based on a true story, the book follows the life of Piper, the dog of one of the authors, Miss Elena Cook. Editors Hodder and Stoughton have picked up an absolute gem of a book here, impossible to put down, and leaving you gasping for more when you reach the end. The ending suggests that a second story is on its way, and if it is anything like the first, it will be sure-fire winner.

New buildings: 1998-2003

They're all around us, yet how much attention do we pay to them? Aero da Fishier has written a gem of a book, looking at the buildings that have been built around us over the past five years without us even realising. If you read this book you'll start seeing a lot more of the buildings that are around you. With recommendation of where to go to see the best examples of modern architecture this book is a must-have for anyone who likes buildings.

WSO performs Schumann's Konzertstück



The performance in Oxford's University church

The Schumann Konzertstück for four horns and orchestra was performed last night by the WSO to a sell-out audience. The concert, conducted by Tim Ribchester, featured the Schumann followed by Tchaikovsky's fifth symphony, and was hailed as a great success. The Schumann was performed by five horn players, as is often done due to the crazy writing in the principal part. The players, Charles Baker-Glenn, James Hollingshead, Paul Ryder, Robin Whitehouse and Emma Greenwood, were today recovering from the pace of the final movement. The Tchaikovsky nicely finished off the concert, leaving the audience eagerly awaiting the orchestra's next performance.

How to make a fortune by writing a book on how to make a fortune

This book looked like a promising way of making money, and at the price seemed like a bargain. After paying the £49.99 and waiting two months for it to arrive, however, it has proved to be a little bit of a disappointment. Unlike many of these books, which come in expensive hardback format, with a dust-cover, this one came as a soft-back, on poor quality paper. This is presumably to cut costs, and I not deterred. After all, they do say that you shouldn't judge a book by its cover.

Inside, however, after all of the normal title pages and copyright information, it was revealed that the contents were somewhat less than you might expect from a book of this price. There is an introductory chapter on how the author, Ric Vreihamy, has made his fortune out of writing books. However, the main section of the book, on how to actually make the money, is in fact only three lines long. Don't waste your money on this one.

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Letters answered by you

Dear Sir,

I am looking for some advice. I am very concerned that I, or someone else, will spill something on my white wedding dress on my wedding day. I have heard of many people who have banned red wine at the top table in case this happened. Some of my guests have a reputation for spreading food over a wide area.

What should I do? Please help.

Worried bride to be.

Dear Worried bride to be,

The best thing to have to hand at all times in case your dress gets marked in any way is some white chalk. Although this won't permanently remove the marks, it will help to cover them up for photographs (although be careful not to cover the groom's suit in white chalk afterwards).

The best, although expensive, way to get rid of a red wine stain is to promptly pour a glass of white wine over the stain. Please note that the opposite is not true, so pouring red wine on a white wine stain is not a good idea. Also, if you ask someone else to do it, try to make sure it is someone who will actually pour it on the stain, not on your head or elsewhere.

In terms of food shooting across the room, I would just hope your family's aim is good and that they only manage to get food onto others plates. This may seem unlikely, but I have seen it happen with peas before. Stick to pale coloured sauces for the food as well as at least then it won't show up so well. The only other option would be to cover yourself in napkins/ protective body armour.

Name and address supplied.

Dear Sir,

I was wondering how I should propose to my girlfriend. We have been together for several years now but I am still very nervous about actually proposing and ensuring the moment is perfect.

Shy boyfriend.

Dear Shy boyfriend,

How you propose at the end of the day is entirely up to you. However, there are several things which may affect your decision, such as how romantic your girlfriend is. Some people always imagine going to Paris or Rome to get engaged, whilst others want to be taken for a nice meal. Some women dream of their men hiring a limousine to take their partner to Tiffany's to get them the ring of their dreams. Only you can know your partner well enough to know what she would prefer.

However, there are certain things which you should probably avoid. Unless you are sure that she wants to marry you (ie if she never, ever stops talking about it) its probably not a good idea to ask her in a situation where she would feel pressured into saying yes, such as on live television. Most women prefer a more intimate location such as a restaurant, rather than in public or, say, on a plane.

Its also wise to think about how you are going to ask the question before you do it so that it doesn't sound like an ultimatum, and you'll also have to decide about the ring. Some people want to have a ring to propose, whilst others prefer to wait until their girlfriend can choose her own to avoid picking one that she hates.

Cupid, via e-mail.

Dear Sir,

I have a small problem with my kettle that I hope you can help me with. We live in a hard water area and even when I use a water filter the kettle filament continually gets covered in limescale. Is there any way that I can clean this off without using expensive cleaning solutions which make the water taste awful, as we have got through three kettles this year?

Heavy tea drinker.

Dear Heavy tea drinker,

There are two things that I know of that you can use to clean the limescale of your kettle, both of which are cheap and readily available. Indeed, you probably have both of them in your house. They are vinegar and coke. The vinegar contains acetic acid, whilst the coke contains phosphoric acid, and these

will dissolve the limescale from the filament. However, one important point is not to boil the kettle with them in, in particular the vinegar. One of my friends, boiled the vinegar and her house smelt of vinegar for a month.

Keep the vinegar or coke in the kettle overnight, and then remember to rinse the kettle out with plenty of water, otherwise your tea will taste a bit strange. Both will clean your kettle equally well, although the taste of the coke is probably easier to remove.

This solution works well for other problems, as well, such as cleaning your old mouthpieces, if you are a brass playing musician.

Happy tea drinking.

The alchemist, address supplied

Announcements

Forthcoming Events



Mr and Mrs Charles Baker-Glenn are organising a small blessing in New College, Oxford on the 7th August 2004. Charles has been studying at New College for over 7 years now. Some of his family were unable to travel to Scotland and many of Charles and Elena's friends were unable to make the wedding due to work commitments so they will hopefully be able to attend the blessing there.

Engagements

Miss Nicola Scott, Airdrie, and **Mr Alex Orr**, East Kilbride, are delighted to announce their forthcoming marriage. Their wedding plans are well underway and they will be getting married on 29th July 2006 at Glenskirlie House.

Miss Sara Jonsson and **Dr James Ross** are pleased to announce their engagement. Work commitments allowing, they hope to wed some time in the summer of 2005.

Mary-Frances O'Donnell and **Paul Lindsay** are delighted to announce their engagement. Following a romantic proposal at a London hotel, they plan to get married in December 2005.

Births

Mr and Mrs Cook are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, **Elena Ann See-Saw**

Mr and Mrs Zurukle are proud to announce the birth of their son **Bob**.

The Koholics proudly announce the birth of their first son **Al**.

A new baby for **Mr and Mrs Klozoff**. A boy named **Oliver**.

The Butreaks family proudly announce the birth of **Maya**, sister to **Jorg**.

Mr and Mrs Jass are delighted to be able to announce the birth of their son **Hugh**.

A new addition to the **Snotball** family, a girl named **Eura**.

Mr and Mrs Bath announce the birth of their daughter **Anita**, sister for **Ava**.

The Kickjoras family announce the birth of a baby boy, **Al**.

The Dover family announce the birth of baby **Ben**, to mother **Eileen**.

Mr and Mrs Butts proudly announce the birth of their son, **Seymour**.

The Tinkles announce the birth of baby **Ivana**.

Mr and Mrs Curtain announce the birth of their daughter **Annette**.

The O'Problem family announce the birth of baby girl **Bea**

Mr and Mrs Taburger have just had a baby boy, named **Ollie**.

The Freely family announce the birth of their son, **Ian Phillip**.

Weddings

Cook - Baker-Glenn: Today at **St Mary's Catholic Cathedral** followed by a reception at **Dalhousie Castle**, **Bonnyrigg**

Missing



Missing since Christmas. Please come home, we all miss you. If you see this person, please contact us. **Box 52**.

Other Announcements

Desparately searching for **Amanda Huggankiss**. Please contact me, I really need to see you. **G**.

Looking for wolf. May have a strange duck noise coming from stomach. If sighted please contact **Peter**, **St Petersburg**.

Missing hamster. If anyone has seen a hamster, dressed as a gerbil, please contact **Charles** 07710 468494

Bride seeking groom. Must be tall, dark and handsome with gsoh and money would be an advantage. All enquiries, **Box 11**.

Seeking Mike Rotch. You are being greatly missed. If you get this message please contact me. **L**.

Jacques Strap. If you read this, we really need your support next week for the game. The rugby club.

**This one time,
at band camp...**



Young bride



Elena with her gran on her first communion day

Role reversal



Pigeon fancier?



Young chorister



Prize-giving



Pool game



In fine voice



St Margaret's High School choir

Christmas Dinner



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On This Day

Unknown Year: Big Bird, Sesame Street born.

141: 6th recorded perihelion passage of Halley's Comet.

1191: Clement III, [Paolo Scolari], Pope (1187-91, 3rd crusades), dies.

1345: Saturn/Jupiter/Mars-conjunction: thought "cause of plague epidemic"

1413: Henry IV Bolingbroke, King of England (1399-1413), dies at 45. Henry V becomes King

1727: Sir Isaac Newton died in London.

1806: The foundation stone of Dartmoor Prison was laid.

43BC Ovid, Roman poet born

1815: Napoleon returned to Paris from banishment on the island of Elba to begin his last 100 days of power that ended with defeat and exile.

1852: Harriet Beecher Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin is first published in book form.

1873: Sergei V Rachmaninov born.

1883: Colin Campbell, Falkirk Scot born.

1888: Start of the Sherlock Holmes Adventure, "A Scandal in Bohemia".

1917: Vera Lynn born.

1934: Test of practical radar apparatus made by Rudolf Kuhnold in Germany.

1934: saw the birth of Mario Conti, the Scottish Roman Catholic cleric who rose to become Bishop of Aberdeen in 1977. After the death of Cardinal Winning, he was installed as the Archbishop of Glasgow, becoming the religious leader of Scotland's Catholic community.

1936: Robert Cunninghame-Graham, the Scottish nationalist politician and author, died. George Bernard Shaw reputedly used Graham as a model for characters in his plays, 'Arms and the Man' and 'Captain Brassbound's Conversion'.

1942: Gen Douglas MacArthur vowed, "I shall return".

1948: CBS televises a concert by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra on this day in 1948. On the same day, the NBC Symphony Orchestra also played a televised concert, carried on five TV channels and simulcast over numerous FM and AM radio stations. The two events were the first symphonic concerts to appear on television, and the NBC concert was the first simulcast.

1954: 1st newspaper vending machine used (Columbia Pennsylvania).

1956: France recognizes the independence of its protectorate of Tunisia. The bey of Tunis is head of state with Habib ben Ali Bourguiba as prime minister.

1969: John Lennon and Yoko Ono marry on the Rock of Gibraltar.

1987: FDA approves sale of AZT (AIDS treatment).

Charlie-in-a-box



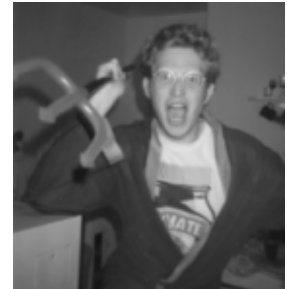
How do I play this?



100m sprint?



Halloween



Big kids



It's stuck!



I want a 4-colour pen



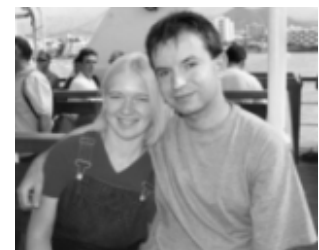
More big kids



Before the tree got him



On holiday



Random Punters



The punters on the river

A group of girls were today recovering after being rescued whilst out punting. The unnamed girls were punting in Oxford when they got stuck in a tree on the bank. Fortunately a group of Oxford musicians happened to be passing in another punt and helped them extricate themselves from the tree. The three musicians, named as Owen Mortimer, Charles Baker-Glenn and Tim Ribchester, then treated the girls to a trip down the river before returning them to solid ground.

In a second unfortunate incident, however, Mr Mortimer also punted into a tree and damaged his clothing. "It was quite exciting, actually!" said one of the girls afterwards.

Fortunately no-one was hurt in the incident and the group were later seen drinking in the Turf Tavern.

New College Crew Make a Splash

New College's 7th eight yesterday suffered a series of catastrophes. Their latest outing started badly when two of the crew had to be roused from their beds in order to attend the training session.

After starting ten minutes late things appeared to be progressing well. However, things began to come apart when the bow decided to take a cigarette break whilst the group were rowing down the river.

Things went from bad to worse a few minutes later when the group attempted to turn the boat. One member of the group wedged his oar in the river bank, and snapped it across the blade. The cox also had difficulty controlling the direction the boat was going in which was later revealed to be due to a broken rudder on the boat. It is not clear whether this damage was responsible for the difficulty in turning the boat which led to the oar being broken. Members of New College Boat Club were unavailable for comment yesterday.

Trouble on the Tee

Always keep your eye on the ball. That's the lesson we were always taught at school, and it appears that that lesson can sometimes pay off. In an incredible shot yesterday afternoon, one golfer at Letchworth golf club managed to play his first shot of the day some twenty feet behind him.

It seems that the unnamed gentleman teed up directly behind the ladies markers. His shot hit the ladies tee, and shot straight up in the air. Unaware of this the golfer shouted at his son for not watching the ball until the son pointed at the ball dropping into the rose bushes several feet behind where they stood.

An unusual start to a round, but the ball was still in play.



Ross and Ribchester impress in Oxford

Dr James Ross and Mr Tim Ribchester today won the best dressed table-football player doubles competition in St Hildas College, Oxford, beating into second place Miss Margaret Rose and Mr Charles Baker-Glenn in a hugely exciting final.

Weather

General:

This week is likely to be fairly changeable with low pressure moving eastwards across the country. As this happens the winds are likely to turn into the north or north-east. By the end of the week high pressure may well try to build in from the west, making it feel very spring-like.

For Edinburgh, United Kingdom:

Temperature
Maximum: 8°C
Minimum: 5°C

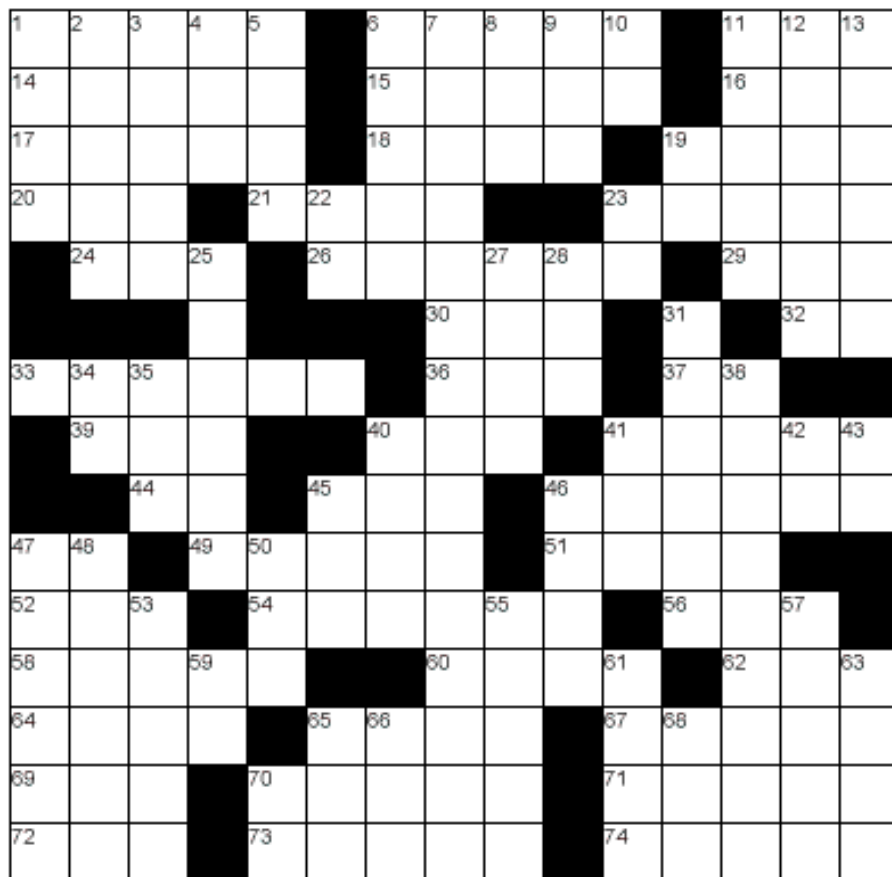


Wind Speed: 24 (SW)
Sun Index: 1

Air Pollution: 3

Sunrise: 06:16 GMT

Sunset: 18:25 GMT



Across

- 1 American quicky wedding spot
 6 A bride-to-be weighs herself on one
 11 Sam is all mixed up
 14 Due to a mix up...
 15 A horse is measured in these
 16 Quick, I'm outta here
 17 A cereal grass
 18 First name of the German Chancellor von Bismarck
 19 A son moved about
 20 Distress signal
 21 Nominative singular feminine of "this" in Latin
 23 Relative by marriage
 24 Abbreviated Scientific and Technical Information
 26 They show people to their seats at a wedding
 29 Wool of sheep minus the "fle"
 30 Worn with a jacket
 32 Alternative word
 33 Like the bride at a wedding
 36 Short time periods
 37 A short weekday
 39 Possibly the best orchestra in the world
 40 Letter of the alphabet

- 41 An accessory at the wedding
 44 A megavolt
 45 Seize
 46 Some couples decide to sign one of these before the wedding
 47 Initials of the inventor of the lightning rod
 49 Makeup artist's instruction: "Close your left ___ that I can apply the shadow"
 51 What the best man is not meant to do with the rings
 52 Mr Geller
 54 Person you are married to
 56 A short syllable
 58 The last dress fitting
 60 Type of bike
 62 I now pronounce you ___ and wife
 64 Not bumpy
 65 Decorative case
 67 To run away with a lover
 69 Elena without the Babylonian god of primordial waters
 70 A valuable item that is owned
 71 Hike up
 72 A nautical rope
 73 A type of wedding
 74 The deejay plays them to clear your nose

Down

- 1 Something exchanged at wedding
 2 The spirit of a society
 3 Present at a wedding
 4 Daughter of Lord Byron, Countess of Lovelace
 5 Adams son
 6 Often dyed to match the colour of the bridesmaids' dresses
 7 The goal of a single lady at a wedding
 8 Small insect
 9 Old reversal
 10 Shortened element named after a famous physicist
 11 The bride walks down one
 12 Where Grace Kelly became a Princess when she married Prince Rainier
 13 A party held to honor and present gifts to the bride
 19 Indefinite article
 22 Gold
 23 Third person singular present indicative of be
 25 Like the newlyweds
 27 Ireland
 28 A brief residency
 31 Something experienced during the wedding planning stages
 34 A consonant
 35 A distinctive doctrine
 38+55 Where the newlywed might stay
 40 Prefix meaning vessel
 41 Gardening product: Miracle-___
 42 "Where" in French
 43 Politician
 45 Catnip family abbreviation
 46 Request for help
 47 Some receptions have one in the evening
 48 Like some wedding dresses
 50 Sly rearrangement
 53 One that lacks sense or substance
 55 See 38
 57 To be no longer valid or active
 59 In the location of
 61 Financial obligation
 63 Hair holders
 65 She moved around
 66 Sit all over the place
 68 Mr Costello
 70 ___ isn't that nice