

EDITORIAL.

First of all an apology for last week's insults in the editorial (will not be forthcoming, so get stuffed you illiterate bums.)

Last Thursday's debate by the Halley Bay Debating Society on the motion that "Paul J., is an excellent fellow, and be given twenty pounds by every base member" was carried unanimously (the opposing speaker having been shot earlier in the evening). Money's transfers should be arranged through Toby.

During the course of the week (according to the latest met report it was the coarsest week since 1984) a discussion was started on how one could tell whether one was sober enough to drive or not. My old grandmama had the perfect solution. Before getting into her I.H. to drive home from The Dirty Duck she would recite the following verse to herself.

I'm not the gonker bonker, I'm the gonker bonker's son, And I'm only bonking gonkers, Till the gonker bonker comes.

Needless to say my old grandmama spent the last eighty seven years of her life in a lunatic asylum.

If you are unable to recite the above rhyme, and are still unsure as to your state of sobriety, have another bottle of whisky, and try to say the word "cat", very slowly. Now try to get up off the mat.

Oh my, what a whimsical sense of humour you have, Jonesy boy.

How about this one then:-

Round the rugged mother-in-law, The ragged Ramage ran.

What next ? What next ? You cry in admiration .

Well I cannot disappoint you, my heart is too soft (it matches my head).

The Leith police is after him, And it doesn't supriseth us.

Enuff of this .

Any backstabbing and vicious stories about other base members which are sent in to the editor, willbe treated with the contempt they deserve, and printed gleefully.

The Devine School of Ettikwet.

Now see some of yous fellas has been down here a long time, and when yous get back to the U.K. yous'll probably need a little bit of smoothing down around the edges. Not that I think that yous all ignorant bums, but most of yous come pretty close.

When you go to some posh do, like Anny Fanny's birthday party, or the Lord Mayor's banquet or something, yous'll find that there's a lot of high class kife knocking about. You can't just walk up to some tart, slip six inches of mutton dagger into her hand and say, "Drop 'em, Blossom, You're on next", cos if she's a lady, she'll give you one right between the beepers with her handbag.

Not on your life fella*, what yous got to use is a bit of finesse. Tone it down a bit, see. Here s an example of a posh society broad being chatted up by an upper class stud.

"Yes Rodney, and the Cherry tree is in Blossom again."

"Talking about blossom, Baphne, drop 'em you're on next."

Note the clever way he has engineered the conversation so as to be able to slip in his request subtle like. At a posh do, you can't just act like you would anywhere else, like Wookey Hole, f'rinstance.

Most of you probably think that breeding is something you do in the back seet of a battered old jalopy. Well it isn't see, breeding's what makes the difference between slobs like you, and a gentleman, like me.

Breeding's the thing what stops you from going up to your hostess at a party and saying "Christ I need a piss, where's the bloody shithouse in this joint?"

A well-bred fella would disguise his request by saying something which would attacking not use such unpleasant words. F'rinstance:"Excuse me, my dear, I should like to wash my hands, where's the bloody shithouse in this joint?"

Well that's the end of your first lesson, which is free of charge. Next week's lesson will come a little more expensive.

Winter life at Vostok

The daily routine at Vostok is generally similar to that at American stations. A seven-day week begins at 800am with a hearty breakfast of porridge and cheese. Lunch at 100pm is actually dinner and the largest meal of the day. Soup is always a major course, followed by a staple supply of meat and potatoes or rice. A stewedfruit compote is served throughout the day in preference to melted snow water. Supper at 800pm is substantial Following supper is a general conversation hour and then the nightly fix film. Between 11 and 12 pm there is pften a broadcast from Radio Moscow especially programmed for the antarctic expedition of the USSR. Occasionally, an individual Soviet station will be featured with special news from home including messages from loved ones. On festive occasions, such as birthdays or state holidays, most of the station personnel dress in suit and tie (and heavy antarctic boots) for a special dinner at 300pm in place of the normal dinner and supper.

The work of the cook at Vostok should not be underestimated, if only for the fact that water boils at 86°C instead of 100°C. Almost all preparations of food at Vostok involve boiling (the use of pressure cookers is not advocated). It takes 5 - 7 hours to cook beef, 3 hours to boil potatoes, and 10 - 14 hours to cook beans and peas. Foods sensitive to boiling point changes, such as tea and coffee, do not retain their normal flavours.

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Housekeeping chores, shared generally by all, include dish washing and sweeping up after meals. This biweekly assignment is usually followed by a shower and personal laundering. Water is obtained by melting snow blocks, cut and stockpiled during the summer, Once a month the entire station complement forms a human chain to replenish the supply maintained close to the snow melter.

During the winter, the game of dominoes geenerates a great deal of enthusiasm. Chass billiards, pingpong and table hockey are played also.

Authority at the station is supremely vested in a leader who has absolute control in every situation and who has no other

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front of all his colleagues. My god its tough in the antarctic. In one recent foray into the ice scientific analysis showed the members of the expedition spent 720minutes lying, 717 minutes sittng, and the remaining 3 he probably went for a crap. "So what? you say and well you may sodo I but at least it fills in another two putrid lines Merry Christmas.

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DEAR EDITOR.

I FEEL I SHOULD POINT OUT A SLIGHT
INACCURACY I DISCOVERED IN SPLODE OF LAST WEEK
IN THE SLANDEROUS LETTER YOU PUBLISHED BY TOBY
IT STATED THAT THE "AUTHOUR" WAS A LIAR, THIS
IS STRONG LANGUAGE ESPECIALLY SINCE THIS MR
TOBY (NAME AND ADDRESS WITHHELD BY REQUEST)
OBVIOUSLY DID NOT READ THE ARTICLE HE WAS TALKING
ABOUT VERY CAREFULLY, OR HE WOULD HAVE SEEN HIS
MISTAKE. AT THIS POINT I FEEL A DIRECT QUOTE
OF THE PHARSE IN QUESTION IS CALLED FOR. IF MY
MEMORY SERVES ME CORRECTLY IT WAS

"I DONT KNOW OF ONE (SORRY KNOW OF ONE)
SECOND YEAR WHO ETC"

NOW WHILE I WILL ADMITT THAT IT COULD APPEAR TO
BE SLIGHTLY AMBIGUOUS IF YOU STUDY IT LONG ENOUGH
TOBY I AM SURE YOU WILL SEE THAT "KNOW OF ONE
i.e, MEANING ONE PERSONAL" REFERS TO YOU. THEREFORE
YOUR FOLLOWING COMMENTS WERE TOTALLY UNFAIR.

HOWEVER MR EDITOR I SHALL CONTINUE TO READ YOUR MAGAZINE, IT IS USUALLY VERY GOOD BUT I MX WOULD LIKE TO SEE A LITTLE MORE PORN PARTICULARLY GIRL IN LEATHER BIKINIS ETC..... STILL I APOLIGISE I WAS GETTING CARRIED AWAY HA HA.

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A SAD POEM.

TWO LITTLE DOGGIES WENT FOR A WAIK ONE DAY,
BUT IT WAS WINDY WEATHER.
FOR FEAR THE WIND WOULD BLOW THEM AWAY,
THEY TIED THEIR TALES TOGETHER.

AWAY AND AWAY LIKE KITES IN THE AIR,
THOSE TWO LITTLE DOGGIES FLEW ABOUT
TILL ONE LITTLE DOGGY GOT BLOWN TO BITS,
AND THE OTHER TURNED INSIDE OUT.

SNOWBRIDGE JUNIOR.

I HAD A DREAM LAST NIGHT THAT I WAS BEING SEDUCED BY
A BIRD FROM WOOKIE HOLE WHO HAD BIG TITS AND KINKY BOOTS
AND USED UNDER ARM DEOUDERANT? WHEN I AWOKE THE ONLY
THING RESEMBLING BIG TITS AND KINKY BOOTS WAS ANDY
PLODDING OVER TO HIS VLUFF HUT.

KINDLY NOTE THAT I AM NOT IN ANY WAY INSINUATING THAT
ANDY IS A BIG TIT, BUT I THOUGHT IT MIGHT RAISE A TITTER.

STOP PRESS!!!!!

(I BET HE DOE'ST USE UNDERARM DEOUDERANT ANYWAY) ?

CHANGE OF EXPRESSION.

DUE TO THE CHANGE OF MONETRY SYSTEM IN THE YUK. THE

PRACTISE OF USING THE EXPRESSION "UP YOUR FLUE FOR

ONE AND TWO" WILL CEASE IMMEDIATLEY, INSTEAD IT WILL

BE PLACED WITH THE EXPRESSION (SPOKEN WITH GUSTO)

"UP YOUR FLUE FOR SIX NEW PENCE"

ANYONE FOUND USING THE NOW OBSOLETE PHRASE WILL BE LIABLE TO

A FINE OF NOT EXSEEDING ALL THEIR NUTTY RATION AND

DONATING IT TO THE CHIPPY DESARSTER FUND. HE'S FINISHED

HEY FELLA'S ITS MUCH MORE FUN TYPING IN RED.

DURING A BIG SURGICAL CONGRESS IN LONDON, 700 OF THE SURGEONS WHO WERE ATTENDING MET IN THE BAR OF THEIR HOTEL. THEY GOT CHATTING, AND ONE SAID TO THE OTHER:

"TELL ME, WHAT BRANCH OF SURGERY ARE YOU IN, OLD BOY?"

"ETE SURGERY" HE REPLIED.
"ETE SURGERY" HOW FASCINATING. THATS A BRANCH OF THE PROFESSION
THAT HAS ALWAYS INTRIGUED ME.I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRED THE DELICACY
WITH WHICH WE YOU CHAPS PERFORM THESE INCREDIBLY INTRICATE OPERATIONS.
TELL ME, JUST HOW DO YOU MANAGE TO DO SUCH MINUTE MANIPULATIONS?.

"ON, IT'S NOTHING REALLY," SAID THE EYE SURGEON HODESTLY.
"IT'S NOT ALL THAT DIFFICULT. I MEAN, TAKE A CORNEAL GRAFT OPERATION,
FOR INSTANCE. YOU JUST CUT A BIT OUT HERE, RAISEA FLAP THERE,. PUT A
BIT IN HERE, SEW A BIT THERE, AND THERE YOU ARE DOBS YOUR UNCLE.
BUT TELL ME, WHAT DO YOU SPECIALISE IN?"

"OH, I'M IN SEX-CHANGING SURGERY, MYSELF".

"HOW INTRIGUING' NOWTHERS SOMETHING THAT I HAVE ALWAYS WONDERED AT. HOW DO YOU CHAPS MANAGE TO DO THESE OPERATIONS? IT MUST BE TERRIBLY COMPLICATED".

"OH, NO, THERE NOTHING MUCH TO IT REALLY. TAKE AN OPERATION TO CHANGE A MALE INTO A FEMALE, FOR INSTANCE. YOU JUST GUT A BIT OFF HERE, CUT A BIT IN THERE, RAISE A FLAP HERE, SEV A BIT UP THERE, AND THERE YOU ARE......BOB'S TOUR AUNTIE."