

Lamonic Bibber's Second Best, & Only, Newspaper

The Lamonical Chronicle



Mr Gum still at large

» Horrible old man 'may strike again', warns Mayor

» Townsfolk advised to stay indoors and do jigsaws until terror is over

Jeffrey Peffrey reports

Mayor David Casserole has warned that the notorious criminal and all-round stinker, Mr Gum, has still not been found - and that he may be plotting another bad plan against the townsfolk of Lamonic Bibber. Mr Gum went missing last autumn, after an attempt to steal a billion pounds from a gingerbread man went wrong. He has not been seen since. 'We don't know exactly what Mr Gum is up to,' said Mayor Casserole last week in a statement issued today. 'But he may strike again at any time, even when you're watching that cartoon on TV, you know, the one with that greedy crocodile who's always after the pancakes.' 'Our town will not rest easy until Mr Gum has been caught and put in prison,' added the



Bearded menace: Mr Gum has still not been caught

Mayor. 'Or maybe into a great big jar like an insect, that would be brilliant. We could feed him bread and leaves through holes in the lid.' The townsfolk are very worried by the news that Mr Gum may strike again. 'It is very worrying indeed,' said local man, Friday O'Leary. 'Some of the sunflowers have now grown so high that I can't see over them and - oh, sorry, we're talking about Mr

Gum? Oh, yes. That's very worrying too, I suppose.' One brave little girl offered a more defiant message. 'I hates Mr Gum,' 9 year old Polly told us. 'He's a right old roo-de-lally an' if he comes back again I'm a-gonna sort him out once an' for all, that's what!' But the Mayor has advised against people taking the Law into their own hands. 'Mr Gum is very dangerous and doesn't smell at all nice,' he cautioned. 'Until he is caught, my advice is for everyone to lock their doors and stay at home doing jigsaw puzzles of a horse.'



Polly: 'I'll sort him out'

Strange lights seen on Goblin Mountain

Tania Vian-Smith reports

Telephone lines at the Lamonical Chronicle were buzzing last night following sightings of strange lights coming from Goblin Mountain. Over three hundred people phoned in to report the lights, which began at roughly 6.13pm yesterday, just after that cartoon on TV, you know, the one with that greedy crocodile who's always after the pancakes. The unexpected light-show lasted for about 15 minutes - but no one could agree on the details of what

they saw. 'They were blue, like laser beams,' said Jonathan Ripples, but local businessman Martin Launderette thought otherwise: 'They weren't blue, they were green and red. And they were sort of circular shaped. Ripples is just a fat moron who doesn't know what he's talking about.' Goblin Mountain, which stands to the West of Lamonic Bibber, has for years been a source of speculation and rumour amongst the townsfolk. It is thought that goblins live up there, along with trolls, witches and a thing that looks like a gherkin. But Mayor David Cas-

serole was keen to dismiss such talk. 'There's no such thing as goblins,' he said today. 'I refuse to listen to superstitious old wives' tales, I'm sure there is a perfectly good explanation for the lights, probably involving Science and the weather.' But one old wife we spoke to had a different tale to tell: 'It's goblins up there!' she told us. 'Them lights was the work of goblins, mark my

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Jonathan Ripples: Fat moron?

World prays for man trapped by flowers

» Man slept in grass
as flowers grew

» Paperboy spied big
toe under leaf

Tabitha Munkle reports



Friday O'Leary, whose plight has touched people the world over

A team of firemen are working 'around the clock' to rescue a local man trapped by the sunflowers which he planted to brighten up his back garden. Friday O'Leary planted the seeds back in May, he told reporters from inside his leafy prison. 'But then I fell asleep in the grass,' he said. 'When I woke up it was August and the plants were fully grown. I was completely surrounded.' 'I tried shouting for help but no one could hear me through the thick stems,' O'Leary continued, breaking down into sobs as he recounted his terrible ordeal. 'I thought I was doomed. I could only pray for a miracle.' And yesterday morning, his prayers

were finally answered. A sharp-eyed paperboy noticed O'Leary's big toe poking out from under a leaf and phoned the fire brigade, who are now doing all they can to bring him out alive. 'We're confident we can get him out of there,' said Chief Fireman, Dave Ziemann. 'But it's not going to be easy. There's over twelve sunflowers involved. It's one of the worst cases I've ever seen.' O'Leary's plight has attracted international attention, with expressions of sympathy and good wishes flooding in from across the globe. Speaking live on satellite TV, the Australian Prime Minister said, 'This is a tragedy not just for Lamonical Bibber but for all of us. Getting trapped by sunflowers can happen to anyone at any time.' And he had a personal message for O'Leary: 'I'm behind you 100%, mate,' he said. The leaders of France, Holland and Japan have also sent personal messages of hope, and the American government has pledged over 200 million dollars to aid the rescue effort. Most of the money will be spent on plant-trimmers and a very very long rope. And so, as the brave firemen continue their work, the world holds its breath and prays. Mr O'Leary's wife, however, remains unimpressed. 'Friday's always doing this sort of thing,' she sighed. 'I love him very much – but he's a total idiot.'



A sunflower, yesterday

QUIZ CORNER

Rearrange the letters to make a 9
letter word that describes this game:

POINTLESS

HOROSCOPES – WHAT DOES YOUR FUTURE HOLD?

With Old Granny, who knows about that
sort of thing.



Aries March 21 - April 19

Well, thank your stars – today is your lucky day! Everything will go brilliantly for you and – oh, hold on. I've got you mixed up with Libra, sorry. Let's start again. Today will be absolutely rubbish. I'd stay in bed if I were you.



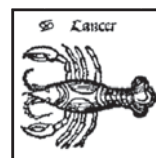
Taurus April 20 – May 20

With the moon's influence rising in the second house of Sagittarius, and Jupiter and Saturn forming a rare partnership, today might be a good time to buy a new pair of shoes. Or maybe not, it's hard to say.



Gemini May 21 – June 20

Today is the day you could meet the person of your dreams! Which is great if you have been dreaming about a handsome prince or a beautiful baller dancer. But not so great if you've recently been having nightmares about werewolves.



Cancer June 21 – July 22

Someone who you thought was a friend has been spreading nasty rumours about you all over town. That's no way for a real friend to behave, so rise above it, Cancer. Take them quietly aside and shout in their face as loud as you can.



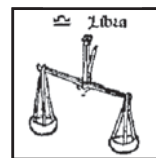
Leo July 23 – August 22

A new love brings trouble when you discover they're really a ghost from the past haunting your imagination in a world gone crazy where nothing makes sense and every pair of eyes tells a lie you can't escape from in your darkest dreams no matter which way you turn.



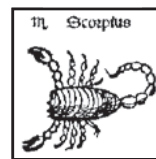
Virgo August 23 – September 22

An unexpected telephone call from an old friend will lead to an unexpectedly large telephone bill when you discover that they reversed the charges. Some sunny spells, becoming cloudy towards the afternoon.



Libra September 23 – October 22

Well, thank your stars – today is your lucky day! You will probably find lots of money on the street or in your mum's purse if you look hard enough. Everyone you know will invite you to a party and there will be biscuits, not rubbish ones but ones with jam in.



Scorpio October 23 – November 21

Scorpios are renowned for their intelligence, charm and good looks so don't let anything bother you today, Scorpio! You are the best! Some famous Scorpios include: Andy Stanton, the children's author.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Some stuff will happen. Some other stuff won't happen. Some other stuff might happen. Good luck.



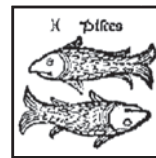
Capricorn December 22 - January 19

Take extra care over your finances today. Check regularly to see there's no money missing from your purse – especially if you are the mother of a Libra. But cheer up, Capricorn! With the New Moon on the horizon, now is the perfect opportunity for you to say 'look, there's the New Moon on the horizon.'



Aquarius January 20 - February 18

Someone at work will make you laugh today. Could romance beckon? Aquarius is traditionally the greediest sign of the zodiac, so treat yourself to an extra sandwich at lunchtime.



Pisces February 19 - March 20

Friends and family are very important to you, so try not to kill any of them with a machine gun. A new job opportunity as a toilet cleaner could bring a much-needed touch of glamour into your life.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I was very offended by the review of the film *Goo-Goo Ga-Ga!* in the last issue of your newspaper. How on earth you can give *Goo-Goo Ga-Ga!* only one star out of two hundred is beyond me! *Goo-Goo Ga-Ga!* is an absolute masterpiece. Please sort it out.

Yours sincerely
Mark Pilkington
9a Chestnut Drive

Dear Editor

As the headmaster of a local school, I am concerned that children these days do not know enough about the natural world. For instance, the noise a cat makes is 'miaow'. But children these days have no idea. They probably think it goes 'baa' or 'moo'.

Yours sincerely
Alan Taylor
Saint Pterodactyl's School for the Poor
Boaster's Hill

Dear Editor

Or 'quack'.

Yours sincerely
Alan Taylor
Saint Pterodactyl's School for the Poor
Boaster's Hill

Dear Editor

Having read about Mr O'Leary's terrible ordeal, I have to ask: how many more people will it take to get trapped by sunflowers before the authorities finally ban these dangerous flowers once and for all? A world without sunflowers will be a much safer place for all of us. We should also ban flip flops, eyebrows and marmalade.

Yours sincerely
Crazy Old Man
A Hedge By The Railway Tracks

Dear Editor

I was very offended by something else in the last issue of your newspaper. Very offended indeed. Very very very offended. Very very very VERY offended. To be honest, I can't quite remember what exactly offended me about it

– but I was definitely offended. Please sort it out.

Yours sincerely
Mark Pilkington
9a Chestnut Drive

Dear Editor

I like sweets.

Yours sincerely
Georgina
Age 4

Dear Editor

I'd just like to say that Jonathan Ripples is a big fat moron.

Yours sincerely
Martin Launderette
The High Street

Dear Editor

Martin Launderette is an unkind liar.

Yours sincerely
Jonathan Ripples
The High Street

Dear Editor

Shut up, Ripples! You're a big fat moron!

Yours sincerely
Martin Launderette
The High Street

Dear Editor

No, I'm not! And if you don't shut up I'm going to sit on you!

Yours sincerely
Jonathan Ripples
The High Street

Dear Editor

Oh, I'm so scared! I'm trembling in my – mmmpppph!

Yours sincerely
Martin Launderette
The High Street

Dear Editor

That's better.

Yours sincerely
Jonathan Ripples
Sitting on Martin Launderette
The High Street

Dear Editor

I am very offended by Mark Pilkington's letters. It seems that every time I open your newspaper, there is another of his letters, saying how offended he is by something or other. Please sort it out.

Yours sincerely
Mark Pilkington
9a Chestnut Drive

Dear Editor

What's it like being the Editor? Is it fun? Or do people keep bothering you with stupid letters like this one?

Yours sincerely
Ruby and Nina
Tregaron Avenue

PS – Oh, nothing.

Dear Editor

Or 'cock-a-doodle-doo'. It is an absolute disgrace.

Yours sincerely
Alan Taylor
Saint Pterodactyl's School for the Poor
Boaster's Hill

Man buys loaf of bread

A 39 year old man has revealed that he went to the shops last Tuesday to buy a loaf of bread. 'I needed some bread,' said Benjamin Culley in a press interview today. 'So I went to the shops, bought my bread and walked back home.' When asked if the bread had tasted nice, Mr Culley was unable to comment. 'I'm afraid I can't tell you as I haven't tried it yet,' he said.

Woman, 61, falls off ladder, 14

A 61 year old woman fell off a 14 year old ladder yesterday evening, just after that cartoon on TV, you know, the one with that greedy crocodile who's always after the pancakes. Luckily Elsie Roberts was not injured during the fall, which killed her instantly. She leaves behind a daughter, two grandsons, a slightly broken ladder and a little red box that nobody knows how to open.

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words.'

We've gone to look for goblins so we are leaving this bit blank.

One team wins and the other one doesn't

By our sports reporter, Jim Jupiter

In an exciting game which lasted the normal amount of time, one team won and another one didn't. The winning team won by getting more points than the losing team. The Captain of the winning team said, 'we are very pleased because we got more points than the other team. That is why we won.' But the Captain of the losing team said, 'we are not very happy because we lost. I wish we'd got more points than the other team. Then we would have won.' In the first half of the game, both teams had about the same number of points. It could have gone either way.



Winning games is fun and makes people look like this

But in the second half, one of the teams got a lot more points than the other

team and when the game was over, it was the team with more points that won. 'We are going to play another game of this sport against a different team next week,' said the Captain of the winning team. 'I hope we get more points against them so we can win that game as well. Winning games is fun and makes us very pleased.' But the losing team weren't so happy. 'It is not fun losing games,' said their Captain. 'The next time we play another game of this sport, we are going to try to get more points than the other team. That way we will win, instead of losing like we did today.'

FINAL SCORE:
WINNING TEAM: More points
LOSING TEAM: Less points

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