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The Lamonical Chronicle

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What a FIB-ula! 'Cavemen bones' turn out to be false

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make millions'

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'fooled like balloons'

Molly Rumblefish reports

Scientists called it 'the most amazing scientific discovery ever, even better than microwave popcorn' – but now it seems they were wrong all along. For the 'cavemen bones' that all-round stinker Mr Gum dug up in his garden over Christmas have turned out to be fakes. In actual fact the 'bones' are nothing more than bits of paper and string cunningly disguised to make their owner a fortune. 'Look what I found, everyone,' Mr Gum announced to the world back in December. 'A flippin' massive pile of cavemen bones what used to belong to cavemen. But now they belong to me. An' if you want 'em you better pay me loads of cash or I'll jus' flush 'em down the toilet an' no one'll have 'em.' Immediately the world went mad with 'Cavemen Bones Fever'. Bone collectors from all corners of the globe offered thousands of pounds for the find – but Mr Gum wanted more. 'I ain't sellin'



Bony old phoney: Mr Gum

them bones for less than four million quid,' he said. And yesterday it looked like the greedy old devil was going to get his loot at last. A rich millionaire called Jeremy Stupid drove over to Mr Gum's house – but before he could hand over the money an eagle-eyed girl called Polly discovered the truth. 'Don't you pay Mr Gum no riches for them bones,'

she told the millionaire. 'They're not nothin' but bits of paper an' string. An' that one Mr Gum said was a skull is just a paper plate with some eyes drawn on it.' Jeremy Stupid immediately withdrew his offer, leaving Mr Gum as poor and smelly as ever. Meanwhile the world's top scientists admitted they had been taken in by Mr Gum's scheme but said, 'it was a brilliant illusion. They looked identical to genuine cavemen bones. Mr Gum fooled us all like a bunch of balloons.'



**Polly: 'I knew them
bones wasn't realers'**

Biscuit is eaten! Yes, a biscuit! Yes, eaten!

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says someone or other

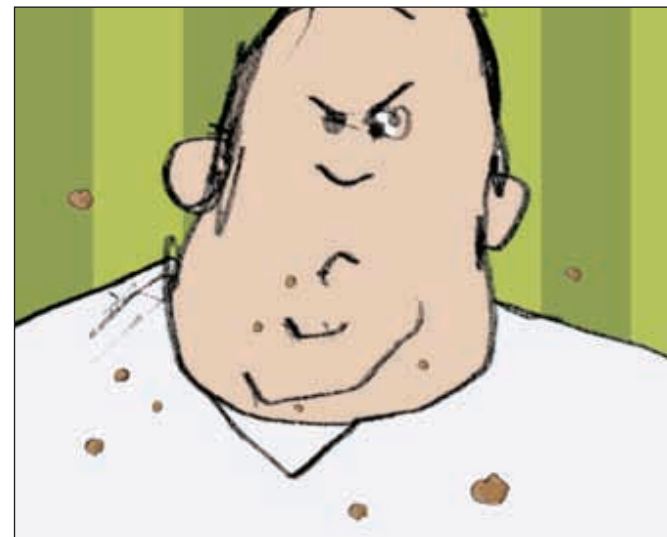
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someone else

**By our special reporters from Hinkley Library's
Chatterbooks Group**

Lamonic Bibber's best, in fact only, tiny gingerbread man was today at the centre of a diabolical crime of crumgantic proportions the likes of which this town has never experienced before. According to Alan Taylor, the gingerbread headmaster of Saint Pterodactyl's School for the Poor, he had baked a biscuit-sized biscuit 'just for fun and because I was a bit bored'. But in the blink of an eye the tasty snack was eaten by a mysterious and deadly biscuit-snatcher. The Lamonical Chronicle's very

own 'Agony Uncle', Jonathan Ripples, was the only witness. When questioned minutes after the crime, Mr Ripples, wearing a biscuit crumb-covered t-shirt with the words 'I LOVE BISCUITS' on the back, mumbled 'mmmmmmm yummmmmm' and spat crumbs and sugar over our intrepid reporters. 'It's a mystery. I didn't see anything. My back was turned when it happened,' he eventually said when he had finished his mouthful. It seems the crime occurred a short time after the biscuit was baked in Alan Taylor's oven but the police say there is little they can do. Chief Detective Kibble Sibblebottom, head of the overworked National Biscuit Police, yawned tiredly and said he was at a complete loss. 'Unfortunately the evidence was eaten so in this case there is nothing much we can do. Over forty eight million biscuits get eaten under suspicious circumstances every minute in Britain,' he added. 'We can't solve every crime. Case closed!' Upon hearing this Mr Ripples

commented, 'Phew, I've got away with it – oops! I mean, don't look at me, I've got no idea what happened, it's a complete mystery.'



**Under suspicion: Does Ripples know
more than he's letting on?**

Lifestyle Special Feature

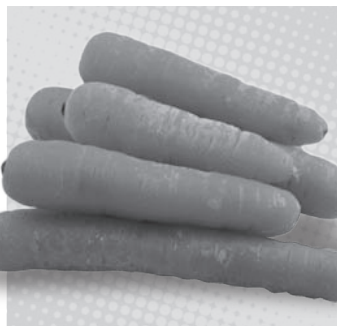
Vegetables: The untold story

By our Health and Nutrition Lifestyle Reporter,
Janet Oooooooooooooo

Hello! Yes! In today's busy lifestyle environment there never seems to be any time to get all those vitamins inside your body, does there? No. Or does there? No. But why not try vegetables? There are loads of different types to choose from: carrots, a dirty great marrow or one of the many other types. But whichever you choose, vegetables are more than just delicious breakfast treats – doctors are now saying they are actually really good for you! So here are eight of the most common questions you tend to hear about vegetables, along with the exciting answers. And if *that* isn't enough to get you gobbling down lettuces like some sort of frenzied tarantula, I don't know what is!



A lettuce



Carrots

1/ Why are they green? Why aren't they blue or transparent, for example?

Famous TV chefs explain that because the sunlight is yellow, it mixes together with the dark brown earth that the vegetables grow in – and there you have it! The vegetables come out green. And that means they are environmentally friendly too. So if your dad runs out of petrol for his car, help him out by pouring bags of frozen peas into the petrol tank. You'll be helping to give the car vitamins *and* save the planet!

2/ What was the largest vegetable ever grown? Was it big?

Well, the answers to those questions are simple. It was a runner bean and yes, it was very big indeed! At its maximum power it stretched for over six hundred miles! In fact it was used as a bridge from England to France back in the 1940s – and that's why we won the War!

3/ Why can't vegetables talk? What would they say if they could?

Vegetables can't talk because they haven't got mouths. The only ones that have got mouths are Halloween pumpkins but they can't talk because the mouths aren't real mouths, they have just been made by children with sharp, sharp knives. And as to what the vegetables would say if they *could* talk – it's anyone's guess!!!

4/ Can you hide a mobile phone inside a vegetable?

Well, there's really two answers to this one: yes and no. With some vegetables (e.g. our old friend the marrow again) it's quite easy because it's easily big enough to stuff the phone in there. But with others (e.g. courgette) it's not so easy because the vegetable is smaller. But also, it does depend on the size of the mobile phone too. You have to take that into consideration or it could go awry.

5/ Can vegetables actually be taught to grow themselves?

What an interesting question. In a way vegetables *already* know how to grow themselves because they are full of seeds. When the old furry vegetable dies (e.g. old cauliflower with mould all over it like a beard) its seeds run out when no one is looking. The seeds are like the children of the old vegetable and they waste no time in jumping into the fresh earth. Six months later they are born as new vegetables and it's dinner time!

6/ How do the vitamins get into the vegetables in the first place? What do they do?

The vitamins are one of the most important things the vegetables have to offer. Late at night when the vegetables are growing in the ground, the vitamins fly into the vegetables to have a look at the seeds – and then the vegetable has them trapped! It won't let them out and eventually the vitamins just accept it and stop trying to escape. Six months later the vegetables are born and it's dinner time! And that's when all the trapped vitamins slide out into your body to provide your body with all the things your body needs, like muscles or some new hair. In some ways the vitamins should be called 'the Building Blocks of Life' because that's exactly what they are – Nature's Magicians.

7/ Can vegetables really bring dead pets back to life? Can they?

Oh, dear! This is a common misunderstanding. It all dates back to the Medieval Times when people were idiots and didn't understand things properly. Back then it was believed that vegetables could bring dead pets back to life, often by rubbing the vegetables over the pets until they barked again or went 'chirp' or whatever it was. But these days we know better and even with all their vitamins we understand that vegetables do *not* have that power, because it is the Power of the Devil.



A potato (behind hand)

8/ I've got a vegetable. Should I eat it? Give it to the poor? Or exhibit it?

The truth is, if you've got a vegetable you can really do what you want with it! There are so many choices – be creative! You could dress it up and put it in the post, for example. Or you could make holes in it and then put your favourite cartoon characters inside the holes and you've got a wonderful house for them! Or whatever you want to do. But take your time. Make sure that what you decide to do with your vegetable is what you really *want* to do – not what the world *expects* you to do.

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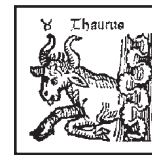
WHAT DOES YOUR FUTURE HOLD?

By Special Guest Horoscope Readers,
Hatfield Chatterbooks



Aries March 21 - April 19

You're going to win £100 and you're going to go to the toilet and drop it down the toilet and it will happen again and again and again and again and again and again and again and again until your toilet is rich and you are poor.



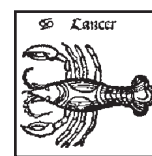
Taurus April 20 - May 20

You are going backwards not 100%. Aaargh. Gone. Tomorrow you will fall down the stairs like I did but I don't care. When you wake up on Christmas day you will find a stick on a shelf because I will be sitting on a bee.



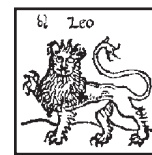
Gemini May 21 - June 20

You are going to jump up and go up to Mars and lose your clothes. Next month will be a horrible nightmare because you will lose all your money in the salty ocean.



Cancer June 21 - July 22

You will receive a terrible thing from me but I have no idea what it is. When you wake up every day you will have 5000 bee stings. You will have to avoid the colour blue, bins, Christmas trees, a big bat and flying eyes or you will fall asleep for ever.



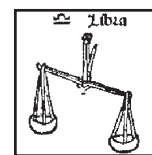
Leo July 23 - August 22

Every day until your birthday you will find every door in your house is bricked up with burned toast.



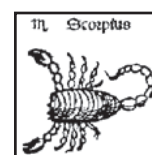
Virgo August 23 - September 22

Tomorrow is gonna be a bad day. You're gonna fall down the stairs, you're gonna get lost, and you're gonna get your head chopped off, but that's only the start of it...



Libra September 23 - October 22

Every day you will get millions of pounds and you will get a roast dinner every week.



Scorpio October 23 - November 21

Tomorrow you'll go bowling and see a boy. And he will get a bowling ball and throw it at you. Today you will have a horrible spot and you will scream. Yesterday nothing will happen.



Sagittarius November 22 - December 21

Whatever you do? Whatever you've done? I don't care, now go away or else!!! I will put a boredom curse on you and you'll be bored for ever mu ha ha ha (cough cough). Die today, die tomorrow, die in 80 years. Who cares, not me.



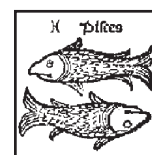
Capricorn December 22 - January 19

Tomorrow you will fall into a deep sleep due to lack of interest in the world.



Aquarius January 20 - February 18

Every time you make a friend you will lose another, but you are the boss of everyone who is under 5. But beware of dogs that are black, white and brown!!

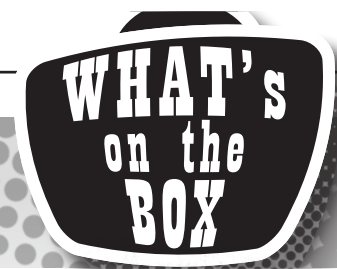


Pisces February 19 - March 20

Today you are going to die. Tomorrow you are going to be born again. The next day you will be mental. The next day you are going to stick your head in the loo and flush it. The next day you are going to produce a nuclear fart and - [OK, OK, *that's enough, someone fire these Special Guest Horoscope Readers right now!* – Editor]

WHAT'S ON THE BOX?

Your guide to today's TV



LBBC I

- 09.00 Funtime With Crispy**
Join Crispy and the gang for fun, games and an eel falling on a fat lady's head!
- 11.00 Uncle Prendergast's Foot**
Documentary about Uncle Prendergast's foot
- 12.00 Uncle Prendergast's Other Foot**
Documentary about Uncle Prendergast's other foot
- 13.00 The Six O'Clock News**
- 13.30 Turkey On The Job**
Episode of the classic sitcom (Repeat)
- 14.00 Rubbish Daytime Quiz Show**
Featuring some bored-looking contestants and a few flashing lights
- 14.30 Going, Going, Gran!**
Join members of the public as they auction off their grandmothers for cash
- 15.00 Boring Old Black and White Film**
- 17.00 The Twelve O'Clock News**
- 17.30 Lucky Jason**
New sitcom about an antelope called Jason who keeps finding grapes
- 21.30 The Restaurant of Love**
Naughty late-night drama with naked bottoms. Not for children
- 23.00 The Nine O'Clock News**

LBBC II

- 09.00 Bag of Sticks**
Picture of a bag of sticks for half an hour
- 09.30 Toddlers' Hour**
Contains scenes of flesh-eating zombies, graphic violence and strong language from the start
- 10.30 Why Bread is Nice**
Documentary about why bread is nice
- 16.00 The Entire History Of Europe**
Documentary examining the history of Europe from ancient times to the modern age
- 16.02 Bag of Sticks**
(Repeat)
- 16.32 Bag of Sticks**
(Repeat Repeat)
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(Repeat Repeat Repeat)
- 17.32 Legmash**
People hurting their legs in accidents
- 19.00 Feature Film: 'Open Your Mouth, Leonard'**
Sad tale of a boy called Leonard (played by John Travolta) who doesn't want to open his mouth (played by John Travolta's mouth). Based on an untrue story
- 23.30 Pirates on Blancmange**
No preview details available

LBBC III

- 09.00 – Midnight A Day In The Life Of A Bee**
Nature documentary

LBBC IV

- 09.00 Fancy That!**
Join presenter Bill Interesting as he presents incredible facts about things
- 10.00 Cor Blimey!**
Bill Interesting presents more astonishing facts about things
- 12.00 Simply Astonishing!**
Bill Interesting presents another selection of mind-boggling facts
- 13.00 It's A Fact!**
Bill Interesting with some more facts
- 14.00 Fact File on Four**
Presenter Bill Interesting will delight and astound you with his facts
- 15.00 Oh, My God, That's Amazing!**
Bill Interesting with some facts
- 16.00 Bill Interesting's World of Facts**
Bill Interesting is back – with facts
- 17.00 Bill Interesting Runs Out of Facts and Sits Around Doing Nothing**
- 18.00 Bill Interesting Nearly Thinks of a New Fact But Then Can't Quite Remember It**
- 19.00 Bill Interesting Goes To The Pub**
- 21.30 Bill Interesting Still Can't Think of Any New Facts**
- 23.00 Bill Interesting Kills Himself**

Man loses garden, looks forlawn

Last Friday an old man called Fred lost his garden. This occurred around the time he lost his garden. After a light lunch, Fred, who has a thirty second memory, couldn't find his garden (who is called Rita). Fred searched everywhere for Rita, 'but because of my thirty second memory I had to restart my search every half minute,' he explained. 'Occasionally I would find Rita outside the back door, just being a garden like normal – but then I would lose her again.' And Fred's troubles were far from over. On Saturday Fred lost his name. Then on Sunday he lost his house. 'I had to sleep outside!' Fred recalled. 'I lose something every day! Hang on, where am I? I've lost myself!'

By our Special Reporter, Annelie Muirhead
of Hamworthy Library's Chatterbooks Group

Old woman fighting for life

An old woman who was rushed to hospital after swallowing a horse was today said to be in a 'critical' condition. According to doctor Tom Ralis, the old woman swallowed the horse to catch a cow she had swallowed sometime previously. Apparently she swallowed the cow to catch a dog whom she had also consumed. 'This is a tragic chain of events,' said Dr Ralis. 'The old woman swallowed the dog to catch a cat which she had swallowed in an attempt to catch a bird. Furthermore, it seems she swallowed the bird in order to catch a spider, which wriggled and jiggled and tickled inside her.' Dr Ralis suspects the old woman may have swallowed the spider to catch a fly but he admits that little more is known beyond that. 'I don't know why she swallowed a fly,' he told reporters. 'Perhaps she'll die.'

Things that go BUZZ in the night

A few nights ago at 12.10am on the High Street, Luke Inggood and his ugly family were out on a midnight walk wearing only each other's pyjamas when they were viciously attacked by an army of bluebottles. But not just ordinary bluebottles – Killer Bluebottles. These fearsome beasts pelt their victims with a special jelly called 'flutta-wutta', which they produce from their eyebrows. And Luke Inggood and his ugly family were soon trapped in a bubble of flutta-wutta. Miss Horrid, who witnessed the incident, said 'I couldn't care less. I'm sure the bluebottles had a good reason for it.' She also mentioned that the leader of the Killer Bluebottles, King Navy, was naked during the attack. The bluebottle troops themselves said nothing, as bluebottles can't actually talk.

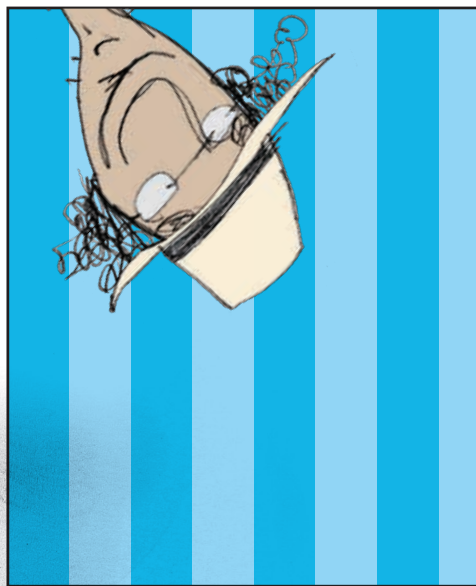
By our Special Reporters from Armadale
Library's Chatterbooks Group

Everyone has gone to lunch so we are leaving this bit blank.

It's a washout! Swimming competition cancelled

By our sports reporter, Jim Jupiter

The grand final of the Annual Lamonical Bibber Swimming Competition To See Who's The Best At Swimming was cancelled yesterday due to light rain. Mayor David Casserole said, 'it is a shame we have to call off the competition but there's nothing else for it. Quite a few of the swimmers have to travel by foot to the competition, and some of them don't own umbrellas. We simply cannot risk them getting wet on their way to the pool.' This is not the first time the rain has stopped the competition. In 1992 the final was cancelled due to a slight drizzle



Outraged: Mr O'Leary yesterday

and in 2001 the contest was called off because someone thought they saw a raindrop near Birmingham. But local sports fans are angry at the decision. 'This is madness,' said one man, Friday O'Leary. 'If the swimming pool was outdoors I could understand it – but the pool is actually inside the leisure centre. Why can't the swimmers just live in the leisure centre all year round? That way they could get to the pool any time they liked, whatever the weather.' But Mayor Casserole said the cost of housing the swimmers in the leisure centre all year round was far too high. 'It can't be done,' he said. 'But rest assured we are looking for a

solution. So far we have spent over two hundred million pounds developing an Anti-Rain Machine and we hope to have it working by January 2090. Unfortunately, until it is completed, the swimming competition will be at the mercy of the elements.'

DID YOU KNOW?

THE WORD 'SPORT' COMES FROM THE ANCIENT GREEK WORD 'SPORT', MEANING 'SPORT'.



Oi, Trousurface!
You looking at these
NEW book
jackets?

