Lamonic Bibber's Second Best, & Only, Newspaper

# The Lamonical Chronicle

# Big monkey coming to town

- "Beast expected 'early next week', says expert'
- "Honda CR-V to be mode of transport as usual'

#### **Walter Lou Sunsett reports**

Lamonic Bibber was yesterday seized with 'Monkey Madness' as it emerged that a big monkey is on his way into town and should be here by early next week. The big monkey is expected to be arriving in a yellow Honda CR-V – the only type of car that big monkeys are able to drive. 'At this stage we don't know very much about this particular animal's intentions,' ape expert Frank Elbury told reporters. 'He could be driving into town to visit friends, for instance; or to see a film or to visit



The big monkeys' favourite: A Honda CR-V

a museum - anything at all really. All we know is that he's a monkey. A big monkey.' This is not the first time that a big monkey has driven into Lamonic Bibber. Last November a big monkey drove into the centre of town to look at some historic buildings, and three years before that a big monkey parked on the high street and spent a few hours browsing in the shops before finally purchasing a gift basket of expensive handmade

soaps. Most of the big monkeys who visit Lamonic Bibber are peaceful characters simply enjoying a nice day out – but the one who visited in 2002 is still remembered with disapproval. 'He was a tearaway,' recalled local woman, Old Granny. 'He had a picnic and didn't clear up afterwards.' Frank Elbury explained that big monkeys have been visiting Lamonic Bibber on and off since 1995 – the year that Honda began producing its popular CR-V sport utility vehicle. 'The big monkeys love those cars,' he said. 'Put them behind the wheel of any other automobile and they haven't got a clue what's going on. But for some reason they are absolutely excellent at driving Honda CR-Vs.' Despite the big monkeys' frequent visits, a number of mysteries still surround these fascinating creatures. For example, some years go by without a visit from a big monkey at all. And

so far, all the big monkeys who have visited have been different ones no big monkey has ever visited the town twice. Mr Elbury admits that he hasn't got all the answers. 'We may never fully understand the big monkeys' behaviour,' he said, 'but at the end of the day, it's none of our business. As long as they obey the highway code, they can do more or less what they like.'



Old Granny: Still remembers 'tearaway'

# Egg with hat on wins modern art award

- "Most significant piece of art in a century,' say judges
- "It's just an egg with a hat on,' says small sensible girl

#### **Oafbones Whistleflame reports**

A piece of modern art consisting of an egg with a hat on has won this year's Tungler Prize, bagging the artist a cool forty thousand pounds - and in the process sparking a furious debate about the nature of art. And eggs. And hats. The piece, entitled The Singular Cry Of Triumph In The Brief Moment Between Waking And Death: Part I was created by local artist Brendan Hobbs. 'We're delighted that the prize has gone to Mr Hobbs,' said one of the judges. 'The Singular Cry of Triumph In The Brief Moment Between Waking And Death: Part I is a tremendous accomplishment. In one breathtakingly bold move, Hobbs has managed to sum up the entire history of humankind so far. The artwork casts an unflinching and often scathing look at who we are, I mean who we really are. Our culture, our loves, our losses, our beliefs – this piece tells us a lot about such things, much more than words could ever do. To my mind it is the most significant piece of art of the past hundred years, if not ever.' But not everyone is convinced that the piece is all it's cracked up to be. 'I dunno what all the fusses is about,' said a nine-yearold girl called Polly. 'It's just an egg what someone bought down the shops

an' put a hat on. It's not even a very nice hat, to be honest.' 'I'm absolutely outraged,' added local man, Jonathan Ripples. 'This isn't art. It's simply a waste of a perfectly good breakfast.' Ever since its beginnings in 1984, the Tungler Prize has attracted controversy, with the public complaining that the chosen artworks are completely useless and not proper art at all. The judges last night defended their decision, saying 'art can be anything we say it is, it's not our fault that some stupid people don't understand it just because they're idiots.' Mr Hobbs' piece beat three other artworks to take the prize - a broken doll with scribble all over its face entitled Childhood?; a ruler lying in some dirt called Plato In The New World; and a different egg wearing

a different hat entitled Egg With A Hat On.



Art or eat? The Singular Cry Of Triumph In The Brief Moment Between Waking And Death: Part 1

# THE SPECIAL ECTIVIES

### Cloths make short work of cleaning

By our Household correspondent, Susan Fleb

Cloths are everywhere – on work surfaces, in cupboards, perhaps on a shelf next to a bowl. But they're not only decorative, they're handy for cleaning things up too. From small milk stains in a fairground to thousands of gallons of boiling tar spilled off the top of castles by careless medieval soldiers, cloths are the answer to the question, 'What shall I clean this up with? A cloth?' But how much do you really know about cloths? Probably not as much as you would like, in an ideal world. So here's an assortment of facts to 'clean up' any misunderstandings.



Cloths: Simple yet effective

- 1/ The ancient Egyptians didn't know about cloths or rather, they suspected there were cloths but they weren't sure. Instead of overcoming their doubts by seeing if cloths actually existed, they idled away their time growing wheat and barley. They thought they had it all, but the arrogant smiles were wiped off their faces when it came to cleaning up wheat and barley stains at mealtimes. Without cloths they were at a loss, and when we remember them today it is in a bad light as far as the cleanliness of their tabletops is concerned.
- 2/ In 17th century London, it was the fashion amongst the wealthy to buy a large townhouse and fill it entirely full of cloths so that no one could get in or out. The outside of the house was then decorated from top to bottom with cloths and the front and back gardens buried under layer after layer of what else? cloths. Finally, the whole thing was covered with one last cloth, large enough to hide it from the prying eyes of passers-by. Such a house was greatly admired, and commonly known as a 'House With Cloths All Over It And In It'.

- 3/ The expression 'cloth-eared' is sometimes used to refer to somebody who is unable, or unwilling, to listen. But if you think about it, it is actually quite a compliment because someone whose ears were actually made out of cloths would be able to clean up stains simply by tipping their head sideways onto the tabletop (or floor, etc.) and moving it around in a circular motion. Sometimes babies are born this way, it is extremely rare but it has happened. Or it might not have actually happened, but it could happen.
- 4/ If you have a cloth and you want another one, you can just buy another one. If you have too many cloths you can just give some away.
- 5/ Sometimes very young children don't know what cloths are, and in that way they are quite like the ancient Egyptians. But where they differ is that the children usually grow up to find out about cloths and even try them out for themselves when cleaning up stains. So even the most sophisticated ancient Egyptian a philosopher or a Pharaoh would look like a complete fool compared to most people today.



Oh no! But don't worry – a cloth will soon take care of this

- 6/ The ancient Egyptians also believed that when you died, your heart was weighed on a set of scales against a 'feather of truth'. If your heart was lighter than the feather, then the dead person could enter the afterlife. That is all very well, but without cloths, how on earth they expected to clean up the stains the hearts left on the scales is anyone's guess.
- 7/ The ancient Egyptians were stupid.

### **HOROSCOPES**

WHAT DOES YOUR FUTURE HOLD?

With Old Granny, who is 1/512<sup>th</sup> part gypsy.



#### Aries March 21 - April 19

Spring is just around the corner, Aries, so why not go around the corner and get there before everyone else does? That way you can have all the chocolate for yourself, you greedy little devil.



#### Taurus April 20 - May 20

With the moon rising in Saturn and Mercury's influence making itself felt in Venus, now is not a good time to stand by a wasps' nest with your face covered in jam. To be honest, I wouldn't recommend it even if the moon wasn't rising in Saturn and Mercury's influence wasn't making itself felt in Venus.



#### Gemini May 21 - June 20

Today you will accidentally be transported to the sixteenth century, where you will get married to Henry the Eighth. Then you will be returned to modern times. Tomorrow at school you will learn all about yourself in a history lesson.



#### Cancer June 21 - July 22

Today you will hear that a long-lost, fabulously wealthy uncle has died, leaving everyone in his family eight million pounds each. Unfortunately you will also hear that he wasn't your uncle. In fact you weren't related to him at all.



#### Leo July 23 - August 22

Your love life and your work life get in a terrible tangle today when you take your office computer out for a romantic dinner, and try to send an email on your wife. Meanwhile, a long-held ambition to put a radish near a shoe is about to come to fruition, so at least something's working out.



#### Virgo August 23 - September 22

With the new moon on the horizon signifying a fresh start, you might want to consider beginning a new project or having a baby today. Virgo is traditionally the most gullible sign of the zodiac, so send me five pounds as quick as you can, otherwise a monster will eat you.



#### Libra September 23 - October 22

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#### Scorpio October 23 - November 21

Good news, Scorpio! The stars indicate that you are about to fall in love. I'm sorry if that's not funny or weird or anything, it's just what the stars indicate. Why does everything have to be funny all the time, anyway? ?



#### Sagittarius November 22 - December 21

Feel like things are getting on top of you, Sagittarius? Well, you know what they say – 'A proverb is of no use whatsoever in solving your everyday problems'. I hope that helps.



#### Capricorn December 22 - January 19

Today you will feel like you've got no energy at all so you'll go to the doctor and he'll open up a hatch in your leg and take out a battery and replace it with a new one and say, 'You'll be fine now. Never breathe a word of this to anyone.'



#### Aquarius January 20 - February 18

Today you will go to the animal fair. The birds and the beasts will be there. The big baboon by the light of the moon will be combing his auburn hair. The monkey will fall out of his bunk. He will slide down the elephant's trunk. The elephant will sneeze and fall on his knees. But what will become of the monkey? Not even I know that.



### Dinstromondicus February 19 - March 20 Sorry, Pisces, I didn't bother doing a horoscope for you this week. Just pick one of the other ones, I make them all up anyway.

### WHAT'S ON THE BOXX Your guide to today's TU



#### IIB/B/C

**09.00 Funtime With Crispy**Join Crispy and the gang for more knockabout fun and antics with plenty of gunge and custard!

11.00 Intense Political Debate With Crispy Crispy chairs a panel of MPs to discuss the week in international affairs

12.30 Feature Film:

'The Day The Turnips Came To Town' 1952 comedy about a family called the Turnips who move to a new town and then instantly die of the plague

14.30 The Nine O'Clock News

15.00 Clorigan

Crime show about a detective who lives in an apple. This week, Clorigan is up against a criminal genius worm

16.00 Two Minutes Hate

16.02 Wiz Quiz!

Brand new game show of absolutely no merit

18.00 The Twelve O'Clock News

18.30 Feature Film:

'The Day The Turnips Came To Town' Same film as earlier, but half an hour longer than before, for some reason

21.00 EastBlenders

The entire cast of 'EastEnders' are put into a massive blender and turned into mush

23.15 The Six O'Clock News

23.45 Mr Tiddly-Widdly And The Boo-Boo Bunny

Late night fun for the under-5s

#### LBBCII

08.30 Suitcase Showdown
Two irritable families having a fight in
an airport

09.00 Bag Of Sticks

Picture of a bag of sticks for half an hour

09.30 Poems By Pigs

Exactly what it sounds like, unfortunately

**11.45** Bag of Sticks: The Director's Cut Picture of a bag of sticks for two hours

13.45 Feature film:

'The Day They Opened The Playground' 1970s comedy in which a new playground gets opened and then everyone instantly dies of the plague

16:00 Lamonic Bibber Lottery

This week's Rollover jackpot is a staggering £46. It could be you!

17:00 Lamonic Bibber Grottery
Like the lottery, only grubbier. It could be poo!

18:00 Lamonic Bibber Pottery
Learn how to make a vase. It could be blue!

19.00 Feature Film:

'The Day No One Died Of The Plague' 1964 comedy in which no one dies of the plague and then, suddenly, everyone instantly dies of the plague

23.30 Snooker On Ice

#### IBBCIII

**09.00** Shoes, Shoes, Shoes Documentary about caravans

11.00 Shoes, Shoes, Shoes (Repeat)

13.00 Shoes, Shoes, Shoes (Repeat)

15.00 Shoes, Shoes, Shoes (Repeat)

17.00 Shoes, Shoes, Shoes (Repeat)

19.00 Shoes, Shoes, Shoes (Repeat)

21.00 Viewers' Complaints

Your chance to go on air and complain that there are too many repeats of 'Shoes, Shoes, Shoes'

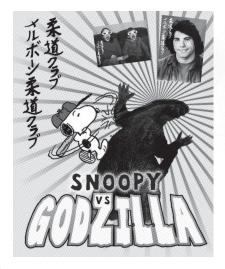
**23.00 Shoes, Shoes**Documentary about caravans (Repeat)

#### IBBBCIV

09.00 Bill Interesting: A Tribute
Remembering the fact-filled life of television presenter, Bill Interesting, who in 2009 tragically took his own life after not being able to think of any new facts to present.
This special twelve-hour show examines his life and work, from his early days presenting 'Fancy That!' to his last show, 'Bill Interesting Kills Himself'. Directed by Edward Logan

21:00 Edward Logan: A Tribute
Remembering the life and times of television director, Edward Logan, who in 2011 was tragically squashed to death by a horse while making 'Bill Interesting: A Tribute'.

**23.45** Snoopy Vs. Godzilla Little-known 1972 cartoon narrated by John Travolta



### Snowman jailed for pinging marbles at flea

A horrible snowman has been jailed for life for pinging marbles at a flea. During yesterday's trial, the court heard that the snowman, Mr Timothy Brrr, had been wanted by the police since December. 'We thought he had probably melted,' said constable Lester Nash, 'but it turns out he was just hiding in a fridge, waiting for it to get cold enough to come out again.' Throughout the trial Mr Brrr displayed no sign of emotion or regret. 'You are a cold, unfeeling character,' the judge remarked as he handed down the sentence. 'You have shown no remorse for your actions and as a result you will spend the rest of your life behind bars. Also, your nose will be confiscated and fed to a donkey.'

### Fruit shark sighted

A forty-foot-long fruit shark has been sighted off the coast of Lamonic Bibber, the first time in nearly half a century that such an animal has been seen in these waters. 'Usually they prefer the tropical seas,' said shark expert Dudley Marks. 'There's more food for them there. But from time to time they do venture elsewhere.' With its broad, flat head and distinctive dark grey stripes, the creature presents no danger to humans, but coastguards have warned all local apples, oranges and plums not to go swimming until the creature has either moved on or been killed by specially trained babies with spears hidden in their nappies.

### Human cloning is cheap and easy, say scientists

For years it was just a crazy lie in science fiction books and Hollywood movies – but now it looks like human cloning is here to stay. 'With today's technology it is very easy to make identical copies of human beings,' professor Hans Larrsen said at last week's International Science Conference in Sweden. 'And it's lots of fun, too,' added his assistant, Hans Larssen. 'I agree with Hans Larssen and Hans Larssen,' said a man in the audience called Hans Larssen. 'Me too,' added his friend, Hans Larssen. 'And me,' said a man called Hans Larssen who was standing at the back of the hall. 'In fact, I agree with all the Hans Larssens I've met today. They all seem like a thoroughly nice person.'

We'll be watching Shoes, Shoes, Shoes for the foreseeable future so we are leaving this bit blank.



## First-time athlete wins by a nose

#### By our sports reporter, Jim Jupiter

Before yesterday, nineteen-year-old Rattles had never taken part in a professional athletics event. But last night at the Wample-Upon-Stample sports stadium, the fresh-faced newcomer not only won his first ever 100 metres sprint - he set a new world record, finishing in an astonishing one tenth of a second and smashing the previous record of 9.58 seconds (held by Jamaica's Usain Bolt) to smithereens. And it was all down to his extremely long nose. 'Me nose is exactly 100 metres long,' Mr Rattles told reporters afterwards in an interview, 'so I were quite lucky, really. When the race started I just had to take a step forward and me nose went over the finishing line and that were that, the race were over.' 'I'm extremely proud of Brian,' said his coach, Geoff Haines. 'He's been training hard all winter to take a single step forward so



Sweet smell of success: Brian Rattles, world record breaker

that his nose crosses the finishing line, and it's really paid off.' On the night, Mr Rattles won his race comfortably in 0.10 of a second. Second place went to Jan Snekkles of Denmark, who finished in a respectable 9.94 seconds. None of the remaining competitors finished the race, as they were all too distracted by Mr Rattles' nose. One of them tripped over it and was later taken to hospital. On yesterday's showing alone, Brian Rattles has already won himself a place in the record books – but what does the future hold for this talented youngster? 'Well, obviously our main objective now is the 2012 Olympics,' said his coach. 'Brian should do very well there. And I'm extremely excited about his younger brother, Ian, whose nose is 26 miles and 385 yards long. I'm planning to enter him in his first marathon later in the year, and I've very high hopes. Very high hopes indeed.'

