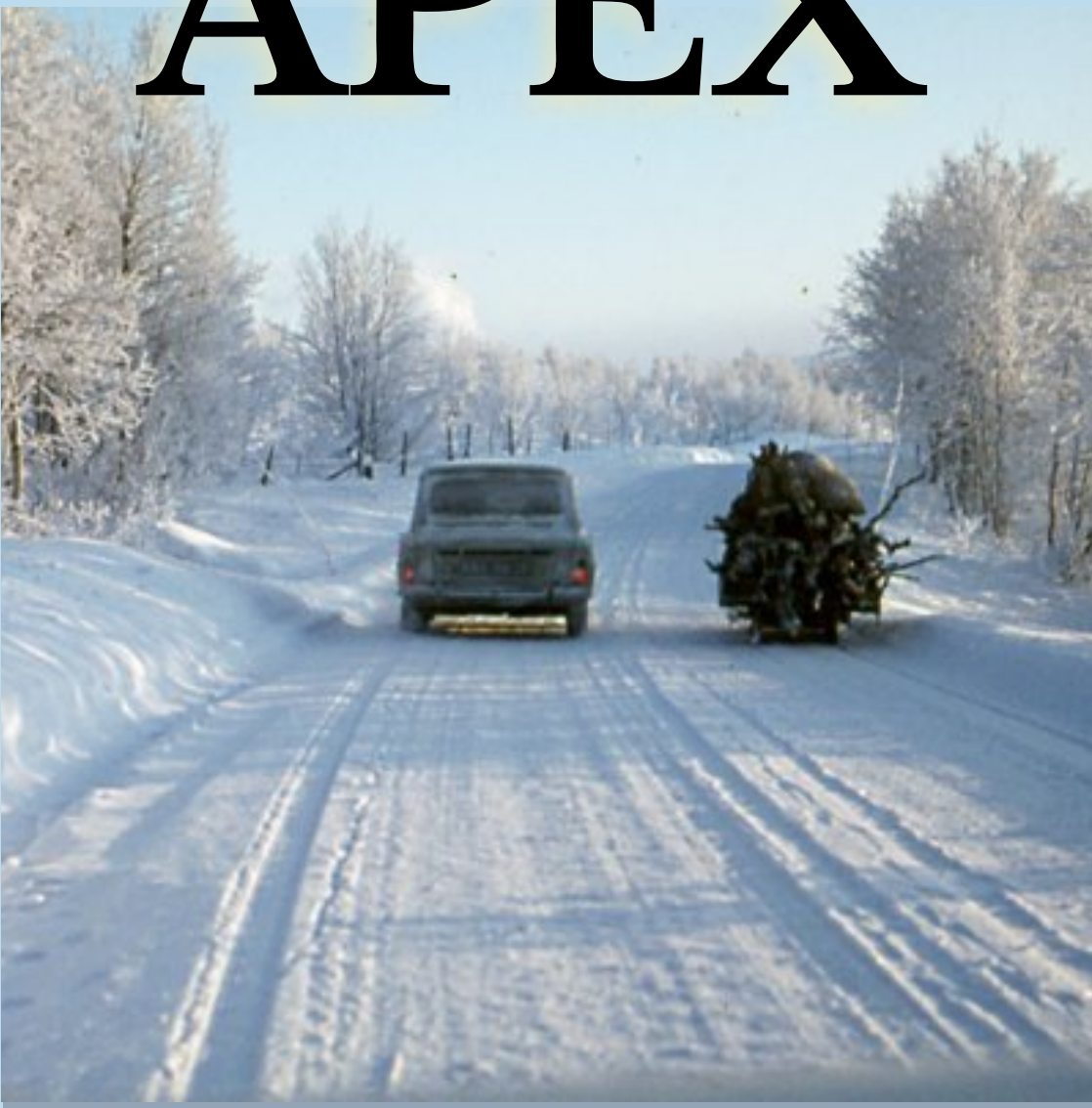
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Last Months Page 3 Birds were, from top Plymouth Road Runner (beep beep), Stutz Blackhawk, Aston Martin Cygnet (no - really), Ford Falcon and Buick Skylark. I bet you didn't get many of those !



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Page 3 Bond characters... Can you name them ?













Editorial...

Hello Guys and Gals, and Welcome...

The Cranleigh Car Show was a fairly well attended affair and, despite the fresh breeze and the one shower, was enjoyed by all. I managed to buy a few cleaning items, a new cup for my tea and some sheets of abrasive paper. Can't contain your excitement, can you ?

My "modern" vehicle (MG ZS180 V6) has now been repaired and has a new MOT, courtesy of Trevor Woods and the welding skills of Kevin (Fozzie) in the workshop next door to Trev's. All ok for another year then.

I've managed to tackle a few of the outstanding jobs on Stan since the last edition. One being the fitting of an electric bonnet "popper" to replace the awkward-to-reach T-bar cable pull originally fitted, more of which later.

Take a look at our Winter Tips pages.

Till next time : Stay Safe.

Yours,

Uncle Henry.

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Front Page :

Imp in a Winter scene.

From Imps4Ever website.



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Who am I ?



This young lad was born in Edinburgh and originally named by his biological mother, whom he thought to have been an unmarried Edinburgh student. She was in fact a 23-year-old cookery demonstrator. At the age of four months he was adopted by a Labour-supporting couple in Aberdeen, by whom he was brought up. From 1985 to 1988 he read English at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, graduating with an upper second. During his first year he met future Prime Minister Boris Johnson and helped him become elected President of the Oxford Union. In an interview he remarked that at Oxford, Johnson was "quite the most brilliant extempore speaker of his generation." He was himself elected President of the Oxford Union a year after Johnson.

But Who Am I ...?



Last months " Who Am I ? " was none other than Scots lass, Lulu. Now known as Lulu Kennedy-Cairns, OBE (born Marie McDonald McLaughlin Lawrie; 3 November 1948). She is a singer-songwriter, actress, TV personality and businesswoman. And I quite like her. Did you guess correctly ? yeah, well..... Don't SHOUT about it.....

Spannerisms...

Over the past few weeks, I have been getting together all the parts I decided I needed to make an electric bonnet "Popper" a reality on Stan. Why an electric one ? I hear you say, well I will elucidate. Stan was bought as an original Imp Deluxe. Now in some quarters, "deluxe" denoted a vehicle a step up from the norm, usually in interior fittings and possibly a two-tone paint job. All you ex-Mods can sit back down. I'm not talking about Ska music here. No, good old Rootes/Chrysler in their infinite collective wisdom decided that, in the case of the Hillman Imp, Deluxe meant the complete opposite i.e BASIC. So, Stan came with a rubber mat floor covering, and no door bins, no glove box - just a simple cardboard shelf, no water temperature gauge, no clock, no reclining seats, and a heated rear screen would have been decadence personified. To be honest , I'm surprised he was allowed metallic paint ! Anyway, over the years in my ownership the rubber floor covering was dumped (I wish I'd actually kept it for posterity) , a nice black carpet was bought as a gift one Christmas, the rear bench seat became coupe style split items, door bins were located and fitted, then a clock was fitted, along with a water temperature guage (we dont want to be relying on the "Light-of-Doom", do we ?), and the shelf, although left in place, was subsequently hiddenby a nice proper glove box. Back on topic, then : The glove box has since made reaching the T-bar bonnet release pull a tad awkward - not impossible, just awkward. The reason being that the cars without a glove box had the bonnet pull located on the bulkhead/firewall, whereas the posher cars had a bracket welded on near the wheel arch which was easier to locate when required. So, I found a need. I had a go a few weeks back with a solenoid type popper bought from eBay, but after rigging it up temporarily I found that it wasn't strong enough to pull the operating lever. I then found one which is basically a motor-drive, which was easier by design to rig up, and so the list started to grow.

So, firstly I buy the motor type from eBay, which as a kit looks like this : I eventually used most of what was supplied. The exceptions being the cable, the screws and the slotted steel piece. I decided to buy a chunk of aluminium angle, from an on-line seller, to support the motor, plus I also bought some 6 mm x 20 mm socket head screws with nyloc nuts, and some 4 mm x 40 mm screws, nuts and washers, all in stainless steel. The aluminium bracket was drilled to suit the spacing of the motor location holes (which were drilled out slightly to accept the 4 mm items), at a height to make it align with the proposed point of contact with the lever in the car. Two holes were also drilled through the bracket and through the heater intake plenum in the front boot, or FRUNK as the Americans call it (from "front" and "trunk").I drilled lightening holes in the bracket, to make it less "clunky" looking. Cabling was via soldered and crimped fittings and power was taken via the supplied relay from a non-ignition controlled fused point on the car, actually tapped into the relay cabling used for the horns. I removed the original cable link from the operating lever and connected the stiff wire link supplied in the kit with a previously bought cable nipple of the clamping bolt variety. The whole thing has cost around £30 : £11 for the 6" x 2" x 1/4" aluminium angle, £4 for the stainless screws and nuts, and £14 for the kit. The rest in sundry items, such as solder, crimp on connections and cables. So now I just have to press a small red button hidden in the glove box to pop the bonnet. Result !




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TV series current in 1974 ...

The Goodies (1970–1982)

Upstairs, Downstairs (1971–1975)

The Onedin Line (1971–1980)

The Old Grey Whistle Test (1971–1987)

The Two Ronnies (1971–1987, 1991, 1996, 2005)

Love Thy Neighbour (1972–1976)

Clapperboard (1972–1982)

Crown Court (1972–1984)

Pebble Mill at One (1972–1986)

Are You Being Served? (1972–1985)

Rainbow (1972–1992, 1994–1997)

Emmerdale (1972–present)

Newsround (1972– onward)

Weekend World (1972–1988)

Pipkins (1973–1981)

We Are the Champions (1973–1987)

Last of the Summer Wine (1973–2010)

That's Life! (1973–1994)

Man about the House

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Are You Being Served ? is a British sitcom created and written by executive producer David Croft (Croft also directed some episodes) and Jeremy Lloyd, with contributions from Michael Knowles and John Chapman, for the BBC. Set in London, the show follows the misadventures and mishaps of the staff of the retail ladies' and gentlemen's clothing departments in the flagship department store of a fictional chain called Grace Brothers.

The series was broadcast on the BBC for ten series, totalling 69 episodes between 8 November 1972 and 1 April 1985 – and included 5 Christmas specials. There was also a 1977 film, a spin-off series Grace & Favour with some of the same main cast in 1991–92, and a one-off episode with a new cast in 2016. Since its original release, all 69 episodes, the restored pilot, the Christmas specials, the sequel and the film have been released on DVD. Are You Being Served? was a great success in the UK and was also popular in three other countries of the Commonwealth (Canada, New Zealand, and Australia), and was successfully aired in The Netherlands and Belgium with Dutch subtitles. The show was also popular in Israel and in the United States, where it gained a loyal and enthusiastic following when PBS television stations began airing reruns of it in the mid-1980s, along with other British sitcoms. In 2004, it was ranked 20th in a television countdown of Britain's Best Sitcoms. It is regularly repeated worldwide (BBC Two, Drama and Gold in the UK; PBS and BBC America in the United States; and BBC UKTV, Fox Classics and 9Gem in Australia). It was revived later on in 2016 with a new cast, but similar comedy situations.

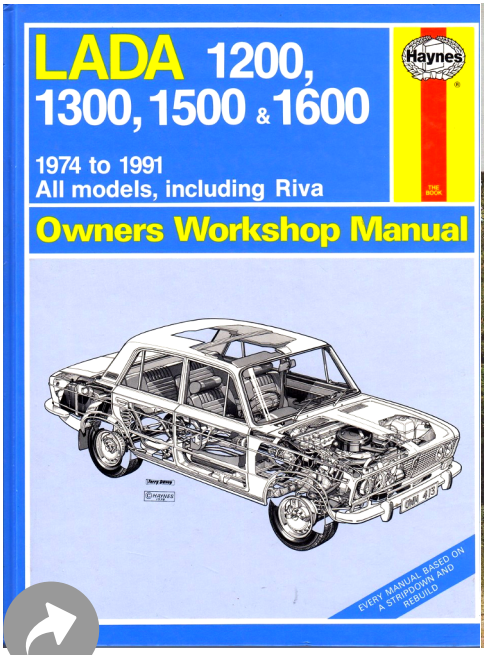
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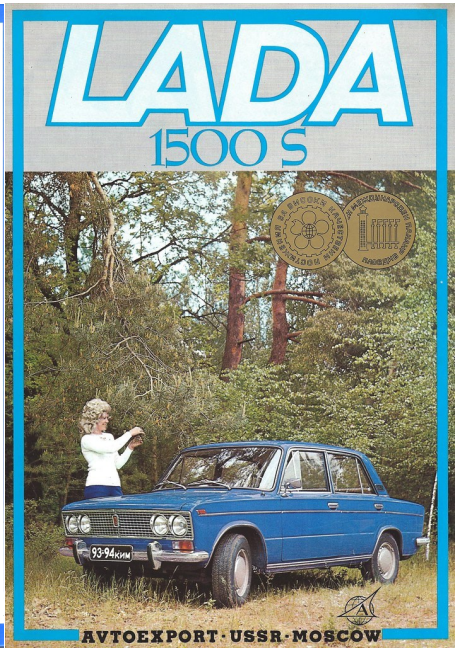
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Village Gossip...

I was standing in the Post Office queue, when I happened to overhear a conversation between a pair of teenagers. They were discussing the merits of the currently fashionable jeans or leggings with holes in the knees. One declared that her holey jeans looked "sick", which I took to mean that they weren't in the best of health. Obvious, if they are wearing out, or as I presumed. From her compatriots response to this declaration, I was decidedly wrong ! "Yeah, Fam ! they sure are, innit, like ?" she says in an accent far more suited to South London, than our back-water village. Well, to my mind they looked as if the poor girl was down on her uppers and I'd half made up my mind to offer her a few pounds towards a new pair of jeans. How looking like a waif and stray can be considered the height of fashion beats me. But I'm a tad older than these girls. The second young lady continued fawning over her friends ripped leg wear : she asked how much they had cost . " A totes barg' at £110" she declared in her fake Essex accent. What ?! Well, I can tell you, you could have knocked me down with a yellow duster. I couldn't see me paying such sums for a *complete outfit*, including new jeans if need be. I was stunned. But that only lasted for a spell as, talking of 'Holy' up behind me came the Bishop and his housekeeper, Jenny Rator. "Well, I for one am glad to see you back again, Bishop. The Police seem to have nothing better to do these days than hound people at the whim of the public. What happened exactly ?" Purely a matter of mis-hearing what was said" he says " Probably because it was heard from the other side of the hedge. I actually said ' ..and here is my rent, Boyce Vicker..' What they thought they heard was very much different . Unfortunately, Boyce Vicker couldn't be located and anyway it took the Detective a few days to realise he had no firm evidence to fall back on. And the Vicar stuck up for me as a witness too. The other dog walkers in the car park were unknown to me , so I couldn't provide any other names or addresses for confirmation ". A close call , I'd say.....


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- 4 oz mashed and sieved potato.
- ½ teaspoon salt.
- 8 oz plain flour.
- 3 oz fat.
- 2 tablespoons baking powder.
- A little milk for brushing.

Method :

Sieve dry ingredients together. Rub fat into flour and gently mix in potato. Add just enough water to make a fairly dry dough. Knead well.

- **Ingredients for filling :**
- 1½ cups of any mixed boiled vegetables, diced.
- 1 pint thick gravy.
- Salt and pepper to taste.
- A little chopped parsley.

Method :

Take ½ lb potato pastry and roll out into a rectangle on a floured board.

Moisten the vegetable mixture with a little of the gravy.

Spread vegetables onto pastry leaving 1 inch all the way round.

Season with salt and pepper,

Roll up and seal well at the edges so that the gravy cannot seep out.

Place on a well-greased baking tin with the seal underneath.

Brush with milk,

Bake in a moderately hot oven for 35-45 minutes.

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Dear Debbie...

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Dear Debbie.

I've got a bet on with my best mate, that I can get a letter printed in Dear Debbie and he can't. So, if you get a sad or poignant letter from a bloke called Stan Dinstill, please can you bin it so I win ?

Frank Lee Disturbed.

Dear Frank, *I might consider your request if its for a large enough sum, and you split the proceeds with me, 50-50. Please let me know immediately how much is being wagered. Or, frankly, you can go and boil your head.*

Dear Debbie,

I am a Beefeater at the Tower of London and they have a strict dress code, which includes the wearing of bright red tights. I've secretly been wearing red stockings and suspenders instead, for the last couple of years. I find them far more comfortable. Also they are less likely to sag and don't cause chaffing around the Crown Jewels. However, I was discovered putting them on last weekend by one of my colleagues and he's threatening to go to the Head Beef and report me. What should I do ?

don't get me wrong

Yeoman Dude.

Dear Mr Dude, *I think you should call his bluff and tell him that you aren't in the least bit concerned about the Head Beef discovering your secret. Point out to him that, in these enlightened times, it would be quite acceptable for you to wear a bright red tutu, should you so wish. Then tell him he can go and boil his head.*

Dear Debbie.

I was out plane spotting at Heathrow Airport the other day, when a Quantas Airbus A380 landed and about 300 Australians got off it. Don't get me wrong, I'm not racist or nothing, and although I appreciate that everyone deserves a second chance I can't see the logic in letting them back in. And hopefully someone is checking to see if they've completed their sentences ? Haven't we enough criminals living here already ?

Daniel Splitpin.

Dear Daniel, *I think these people are very probably visitors to this Country and not, as you seem to suggest, criminally intent immigrants. You are correct in as much as we have quite enough criminals already and therefore don't need any more, but more to the point is the fact that you are a plane spotter. I think you should go and boil your head.*

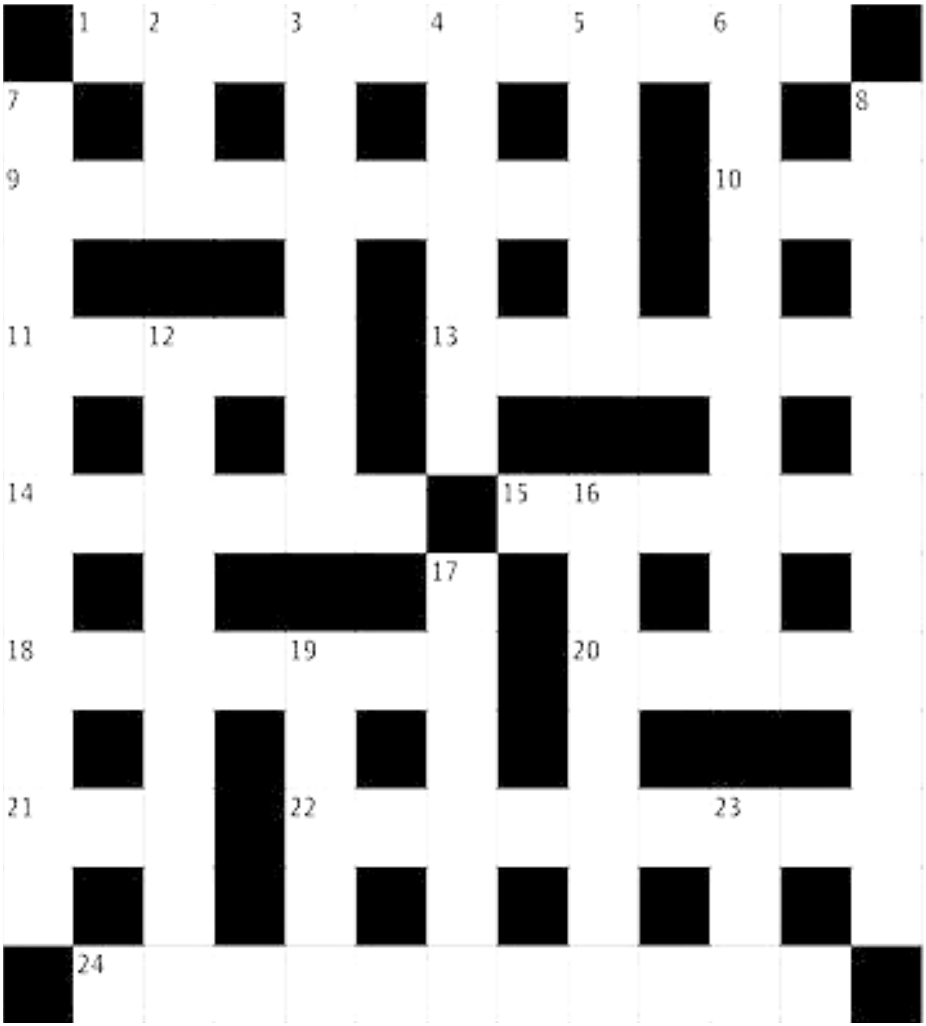
Dear Debbie.

I'm a little concerned that you seem to be advising all and sundry to "boil your head" . Surely inciting people to commit obvious suicide is a criminal act in itself and you should be ashamed of providing said advice. Mr Splitpin (see letter above) may actually be sad enough to take heed of what you are suggesting and go and boil his head. Perhaps you yourself need help and advice. Either that or I think you should go and boil your head.

Tracey Codlips.

Dear Tracey, *I see what you mean. It wasn't my intention to incite people to* ***actually*** *commit harm to themselves from advice given in this months issue. The saying "go boil your head" is a metafore for "stick it up your ar**". I apologise to anyone who may have been adversely affected by this, but quite frankly I think Ms Codlips should go and boil her head.*

October's Crossword...



Print out and play, or construct a rough copy. Solution next month.

Clues...

Across

1 Cheerfully irresponsible (5-6)
9 Not informed (2,3,4)
10 Sheep's cry (3)
11 Divide by two (5)
13 Track by a canal (7)
14 Incite (6)
15 Dealer (6)
18 Cattle thief (7)
20 Pertaining to the period 1485-1603 (5)
21 George Gershwin's lyricist brother (3)
22 Former naval base in the Orkney Islands (5,4)
24 Means of checking horizontality (6,5)

Down

2 Fitting (3)
3 Ineffectual (7)
4 Small crude dwelling (6)
5 Wonky (5)
6 Scolded (9)
7 Perfectly fit and well (5,2,4)
8 GK Chesterton's detective (6,5)
12 Be quick (4,5)
16 Competitive routine with no time to relax (3,4)
17 Chicken portion (6)
19 Defeated contestant (5)
23 Be in a horizontal position (3)

September's Solution...

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Knock on the door of '74 ...

January – Britain enters its first postwar **recession** after statistics show that the economy contracted during the third and fourth quarters of last year.

1 January - New Year's Day is celebrated as a public holiday for the first time. The Northern Ireland Power-sharing Executive is set up in Belfast.

1 January–7 March – The **Three-Day Week** is introduced by the Conservative Government as a measure to conserve electricity during the period of industrial action by coal miners.

4 February – Eleven people are killed in the M62 coach bombing ; on 8 February the toll reaches 12 with the death in hospital of an 18-year-old soldier seriously injured in the bombing.

7 February - The Prime Minister, **Edward Heath**, calls a General Election for 28 February in an attempt to end the dispute over the miners' strike. During the campaign, the Labour Party and Trades Union Congress agree a 'Social Contract' intended to produce wage restraint.

Grenada becomes independent from the United Kingdom.

12 February – BBC1 first airs the children's television series **Bagpuss**, made by Peter Firmin and Oliver Postgate's Smallfilms in stop motion animation.

14 February - Bob Latchford, the Birmingham City centre forward, becomes Britain's most **expensive footballer** in a **£350,000** move to Everton.

27 February – **Enoch Powell**, the controversial Conservative MP who was dismissed from the shadow cabinet in 1968 for his "Rivers of Blood" speech opposing mass immigration, announces his resignation from the party in protest against Edward Heath's

decision to take Britain into the EEC.

28 February – The general election results in the first hung parliament since 1929, with the Conservative government having 297 seats – four fewer than Labour, who have 301 – and the largest number of votes. Prime Minister Ted Heath hopes to form a coalition with the Liberal Party in order to remain in power.

3 March – 180 Britons are among the dead when Turkish Airlines Flight 981 travelling from Paris to London crashes in a wood near Paris, killing all 346 aboard.

4 March – Ted Heath fails to convince the Liberals to form a coalition and announced his resignation as Prime Minister, paving the way for **Harold Wilson** to become Prime Minister for the second time as Labour forms a minority government.

6 March – The miners' strike comes to an end due an improved pay offer by the new Labour government.

7 March – The Three-Day Week comes to an end.

10 March – Ten miners die in a methane gas explosion at **Golborne Colliery** near Wigan, Lancashire.

11 March – Convicted armed robbers Kenneth Littlejohn and his brother Keith, who claim to be **British spies** in the Republic of Ireland, escape from Mountjoy Prison in Dublin.

15 March – Architect **John Poulson** is jailed for five years for corruption.

18 March – Oil embargo crisis: Most OPEC nations end a 5-month oil embargo against the United States, Europe and Japan.

20 March – **Ian Ball** fails in his attempt to kidnap **HRH Princess Anne** and her husband **Captain Mark Phillips** in The Mall, outside Buckingham Palace.

29 March – The government re-establishes **direct rule** over Northern Ireland after declaring a state of emergency.

April – The Soviet car maker **Lada,** founded four years ago as a result of an enterprise by Italian automotive giant **Fiat**, begins selling cars in the United Kingdom: its 1200 four-door saloon is based on the **Fiat 124** and retails for £999.

1 April – The Local Government Act 1972 comes into effect in England and Wales, creating six new metropolitan counties and comprehensively redrawing the administrative map. **Newport** and **Monmouthshire** are legally transferred from England to Wales.

6 April – The 19th **Eurovision Song Contest** is held at the Dome in Brighton, produced and transmitted by the BBC. **Katie Boyle** hosts the event for the fourth time. Sweden wins the contest with the song **"Waterloo"**, performed by **ABBA**, who become the first group to win the Contest. They go on to achieve huge international success.

27 April – Manchester United are relegated from the Football League First Division where they have played continuously since 1938. Their relegation is confirmed when they lose 1-0 at home to their neighbours City in the penultimate game of the league season and the only goal of the game comes from former United striker **Denis Law**. (who incidentally didn't celebrate his goal).

1 May – **Alf Ramsey**, who guided the England national football team to victory in the 1966 FIFA World Cup, is dismissed by the Football Association after 11 years in charge.

2 May – The far-right **National Front** gains more than 10% of the vote in several parts of London in council elections, but fails to net any councillors.

4 May – Liverpool win the FA Cup for the second time, beating Newcastle United 3-0 in the Wembley final, with Kevin Keegan scoring twice and Steve Heighway scoring the other goal.

6 May – Inauguration of full electric service on British Rail's West Coast Main Line through to Glasgow.

17 May – The Loyalist paramilitary **Ulster Volunteer Force** carries out the Dublin and Monaghan bombings in the Republic of Ireland, killing 34 people.

28 May – Power-sharing in the Northern Ireland Assembly collapses following a strike by Unionists.

1 June – 28 people are killed in the **Flixborough** disaster.

8 June – **Jon Pertwee** leaves **Doctor Who** in the final episode of Planet of the Spiders citing the death of his close acting friend Roger Delgado (who played 'The Master') the previous year as the reason. He was replaced by **Tom Baker**.

15 June – The Red Lion Square disorders see the National Front clash with counter-protesters in London's West End; 21-year-old Kevin Gateley, a university student, is killed.

17 June – A bomb explodes at the Houses of Parliament in London, damaging Westminster Hall. The Provisional Irish Republican Army **(IRA)** claims responsibility for planting the bomb.

24 June – The government admits testing a **nuclear weapon** in the United States causing a rift in the Labour Party.

3 July – **Don Revie**, the manager of Football League champions Leeds United since 1961, accepts the Football Association's £200,000-a-year deal to become the new England manager.

12 July – Bill Shankly, manager of FA Cup holders Liverpool, stuns the club by announcing his retirement after 15 years as manager. Shankly, 62, had arrived at Liverpool when they were in the Football League Second Division and transformed them into one of the world's top club sides with three top division titles, two FA Cups and a UEFA Cup triumph.

17 July – A bomb planted by the IRA explodes in the White Tower at

the Tower of London, killing one person and injuring 41. Another bomb explodes outside a government building in South London.

20 July – Leeds United appoint Brighton & Hove Albion manager **Brian Clough,** formerly of Derby County as their new manager.

21 July – 10,000 Greek-Cypriots protest in London against the Turkish invasion of Cyprus.

26 July – Liverpool appoint 55-year-old first team coach Bob Paisley as their new manager.

28 July – Last production of steel by the Bessemer process in Britain, at Workington.

15 August – Collapse of Court Line and its subsidiaries Clarksons and Horizon Holidays leaves 100,000 holidaymakers stranded abroad.

12 September – Brian Clough is dismissed after 44 days as manager of defending league champions Leeds United following a disappointing start to the Football League season.

18 September – Harold Wilson confirms that a second general election for the year will be held on 10 October.

23 September – **Ceefax** is started by the BBC – one of the first public service information systems.

30 September – With the year's second general election 10 days away, opinion polls show Labour in the lead with **Harold Wilson** well placed to gain the overall majority that no party achieved in the election held seven months earlier.

October – Five previously all-male Colleges of the University of Oxford admit women undergraduates for the first time.

5 October – The **Guildford pub bombings** at The Horse and Groom and The Seven Stars kill five people.

10 October – The second general election of the year results in a narrow victory for Harold Wilson, with a majority of three seats. It is widely expected that Edward Heath's leadership of the Conservative Party will soon be ended, as he has now lost three of the four General Elections. The **Scottish National Party** secures its highest Westminster party representation to date with 11 seats. Enoch Powell is returned to parliament standing for the Ulster Unionist Party. Powell, who was dismissed from the Tory shadow cabinet in April 1968 had left the Conservative Party at the 28 February Election and recently rejected an offer to stand as a candidate for the National Front.

16 October – Rioting prisoners set fire to the **Maze Prison** in Belfast.

19 October – Keith Joseph makes a speech in Edgbaston on the cycle of deprivation; the controversy it provokes has the effect of ruling him out of high office in the Conservative Party.

22 October – The Provisional Irish Republic Army|IRA] bombs Brooks's club in London.

28 October – The wife and son of Sports Minister Denis Howell survive an IRA bomb attack on their car.

4 November – Judith Ward is sentenced to life imprisonment for the M62 coach bombing.

7 November - **Lord Lucan** disappears after the murder of his children's nanny.

A Provisional IRA bomb explodes at the Kings Arms, Woolwich.

11 November – The New Covent Garden Market in Nine Elms is opened.[48]

13 November - **McDonald's** open their **first UK restaurant** in Woolwich, South East London. (boo !)



21 November – 21 people are killed in the **Birmingham** pub bombings.

24 November – The **Birmingham Six** are charged with the Birmingham pub bombings.

25 November – Home Secretary Roy Jenkins announces the government's intention to outlaw the IRA in the UK.

27 November – The **Prevention of Terrorism Act** is passed.

5 December – "Party Political Broadcast", the final episode of **Monty Python's Flying Circus**, is broadcast on BBC2.

10 December - Friedrich Hayek shares the 1974 Nobel Prize in Economics with ideological rival Gunnar Myrdal "for their pioneering work in the theory of money and economic fluctuations and for their penetrating analysis of the interdependence of economic, social and institutional phenomena.".

Martin Ryle and Antony Hewish win the Nobel Prize in Physics "for their pioneering research in radio astrophysics: Ryle for his observations and inventions, in particular of the aperture synthesis technique, and Hewish for his decisive role in the discovery of pulsars".

15 December – **New speed limits** are introduced on Britain's roads in an attempt to save fuel at a time of Arab fuel embargoes following the **Yom Kippur War**.

18 December – The government pays £42,000 to families of victims of Bloody Sunday riots in Northern Ireland.

22 December – The London home of Conservative Party leader and former Prime Minister Edward Heath is bombed in a suspected Provisional IRA attack. He is away from home when the bomb exploded, but returns just 10 minutes afterwards.

24 December – Former government minister **John Stonehouse** is found living in Australia having faked his own death. Arrested by Australian police, who initially believed that he is Lord Lucan.

In other news :-

President Nixon resigns on August the 9th, preventing him being Impeached over the Watergate affair. On September 8, 1974, his successor, Gerald Ford, pardoned him !

UK inflation soars to a 34-year high of 17.2%.

The Department of Health and Social Security produces a report recommending that infants be breastfed for the first 4–6 months of life.

China gives two giant pandas, Ching-Ching and Chia-Chia, to Britain.

Japanese carmaker **Mitsubishi** begins importing cars to Britain under the **Colt** brand, bringing the number of Japanese carmakers selling cars in Britain to five.

Notable Births :-

12 January – Melanie C

16 January – Kate Moss, English model

30 January – Christian Bale, English actor

31 January – Ian Huntley, English murderer

13 February – Robbie Williams, English singer

22 February - James Blunt, British musician (oh, really ?)

17 April – Victoria Beckham,

27 May – Denise van Outen, actress, TV presenter, singer

22 June – Jo Cox, British politician (murdered in 2016)

14 July - David Mitchell, English comedian and actor

Maxine Peake, English actress

28 July – Justin Lee Collins, English comedian, actor and author

31 July – Emilia Fox, English actress

23 August – Ray Park, Scottish actor

2 September – Lisa Snowdon, English television presenter

6 September – Tim Henman, English tennis player

13 September – Adam Ruckwood, English backstroke swimmer

18 September – Sol Campbell, English footballer

17 October – Matthew Macfadyen, English actor

20 October – Mohammad Sidique Khan, Islamic terrorist.

29 October – Michael Vaughan, English cricketer

2 November – David Smith, English hammer thrower

4 November – Louise Redknapp, English R&B singer (Eternal)

27 November - Wendy Houvenaghel, welsh racing cyclist

13 December - Sara Cox, English TV and radio presenter

Nick McCarthy, English-born guitarist (Franz Ferdinand)

Natalie Haynes, comedian and critic

TV Debuts :-

It Ain't Half Hot Mum, Roobarb, Happy Ever After, Porridge, Bagpuss, Within These Walls, Tiswas, Wish You Were Here, And Mother Makes Five, The Wheeltappers and Shunters Social Club, Dont Drink the Water and Rising Damp stand out the most.



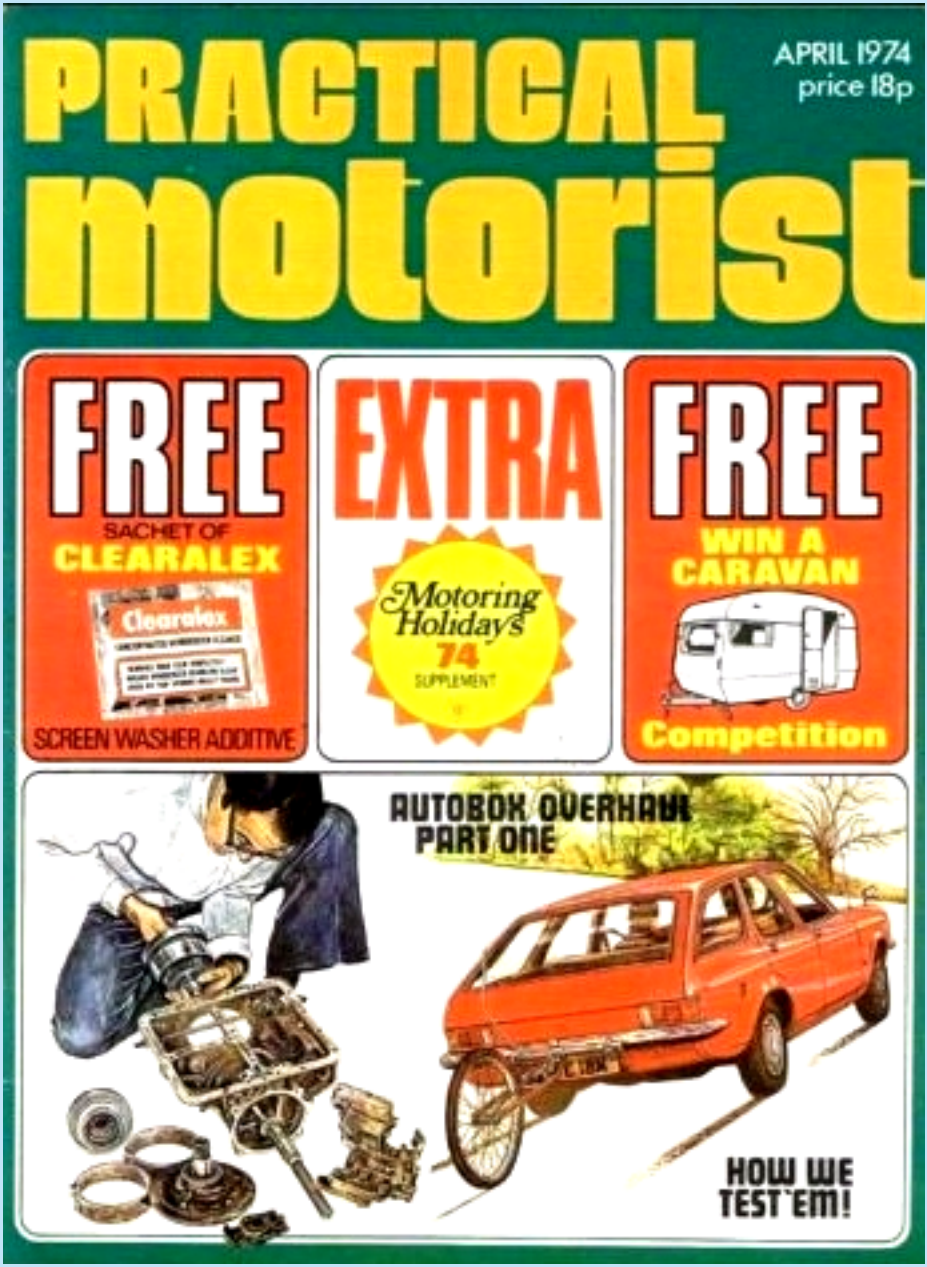
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The entire main cast of Rising Damp, a very funny sitcom about a mean landlord and his erstwhile tenants., Miss Jones, Rigsby, Alan and Philip.....



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Norman Stanley Fletcher, Mr Mackay and Lenny Godber : characters from the Porridge series.


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October's Horoscopes ...

By Dipstick Reg.

Aquarius - By speaking the truth, you can really inspire people to make important changes this month.

Pisces - This month is your chance to go wild ! Surprise your sweetheart by dressing up as their favourite fantasy.

Aries - Every day offers you a chance to mix things up and move things around. So, don't be wasting the opportunities that present themselves.

Taurus - Try to maintain a realistic viewpoint about where you are going in your life. Sure, things aren't perfect—but they really aren't all that bad, either !

Gemini - It's all treats for you and your sweetie this month ! You're perfectly in tune with each other's mood, so whatever mischief you decide to get into, you're sure to have a fantastic time.

Cancer - Great ideas will never blossom into something extraordinary -- unless you shape that nebulous ambition into something concrete.

Leo - This month promises to be full of sweet surprise. Enjoy it with your crowd of friends. But after hours, the real excitement will happen in private for just the two of you.

Virgo - You have a weakness for shiny things and other impulse buys, and this month your wallet is in danger of starvation. Be careful what you wish for.

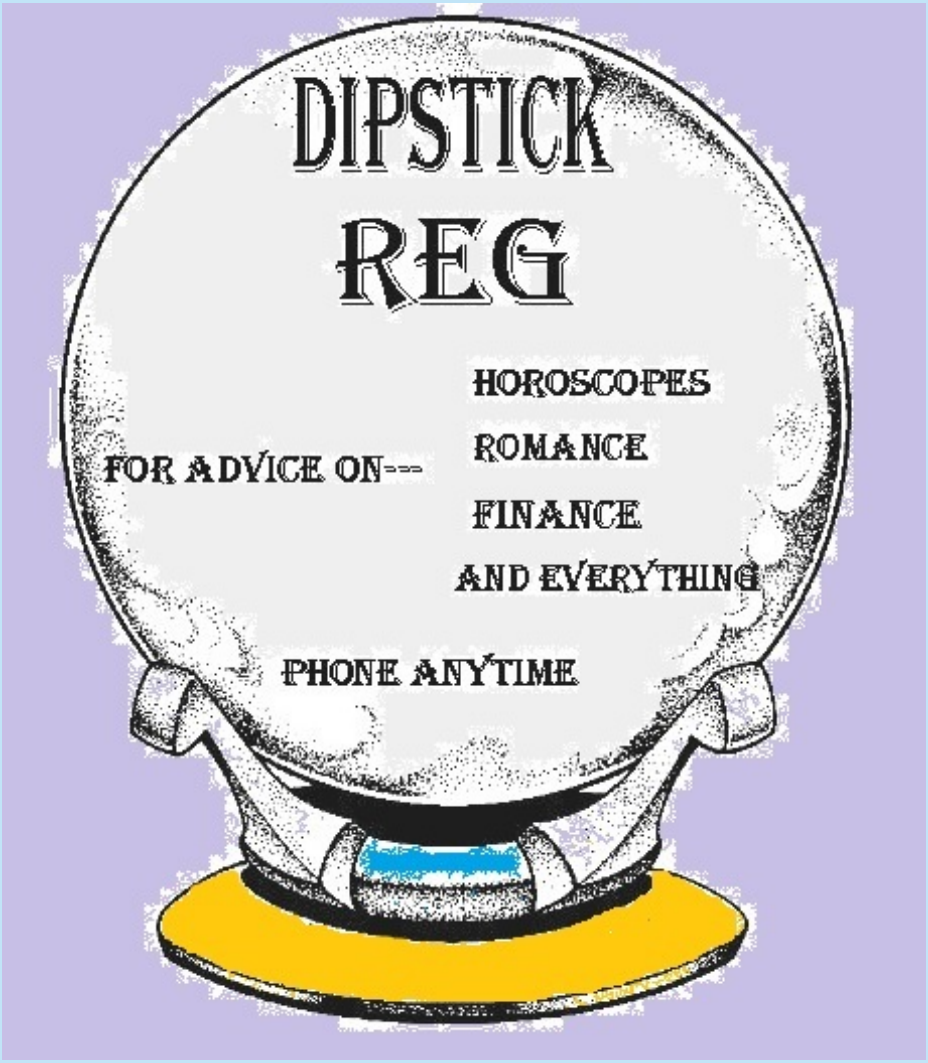
Libra - Take a break from taking things seriously this month. For the sake of keeping the peace, avoid getting too heavy with your friends or family members.

Scorpio - Get rid of your old, outdated ideas and embrace concepts you never explored before. You might be surprised by the outcome !

Sagittarius - Go on with your typical daily activities and when you don't expect it, you'll be given an opportunity to try something adventurous.

Capricorn - A positive outcome is right around the corner. Keep visualizing your success and it will happen. Self-fulfilling prophecy is not a myth.





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Notable Film Releases of 1974...

An A to Z of the British film releases of 1974 included these :

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The Best of Benny Hill

The Best Pair of Legs In The Business

The Black Windmill

Brief Encounter

Callan

Carry On Dick

Confessions of a Window Cleaner Click me !

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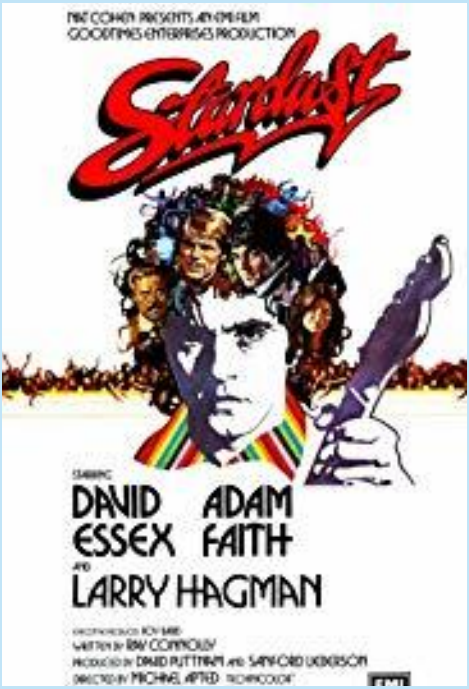
Murder On The Orient Express

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Percy's Progress

Stardust.

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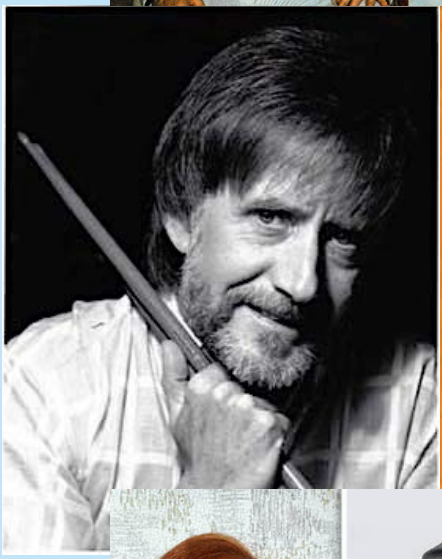


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Think You Know The Singer .... ?

The high falsetto voice that leads in to the song, is instantly recognisable as that of the lead singer of the Rubettes. The strains of Sugar Baby Love fill the room ,and you can immediately picture the guy in the large flat cap and white suit belting out the lyrics on Top Of The Pops. But.... hold on. Isn't that a bit too high ? Could it be a female singing ? Well, as much as I thought so at the time it was, indeed, a male. Having a three-and-a-half octave vocal range, the man involved worked as a demo and session singer before and after his own successful solo career, which included the UK hit "Your Baby Ain't Your Baby Anymore", (which peaked at number 20 in the UK Official Charts, week ending 17 August 1974). His name is Paul Da Vinci (Paul Leonard Prewer) and he performed on many a well known chart hit in the 1970's. Included in this are songs by the Hollies, Picketywitch, Barry Blue, Tom Jones, Ringo Starr, Justin Hayward, Jeff Wayne, Liquid Gold, Tight Fit and David Essex ! It wasn't (and probably still isn't) unusual for session singers and musicians to do the hard work, and then the "star" performs on TV, or a band is formed around it. Many of these musicians and singers go unrecognised, and are effectively jobbing. They get called into the studio to lay down a track, and get paid a fee for the session. No acknowledgment follows, generally and little is known of these specialists outside of the music industry itself. In the sixties groups grew out of these sessions. Often providing backing tracks, or as backing singers. The Supremes is one example. Booker -T and the MG's being another famous outfit, who started (and probably finished) their professional music careers as session musicians. Drummer Dougie Wright played on songs by The Walker Brothers, Edison Lighthouse, The Bay City Rollers, Tina Charles, Sandy Shaw as well as, like Paul Da Vinci, Tom Jones and the Hollies, plus Hermans Hermits, Cilla Black, The Wurzels No 1 Combine Harvester and Jeff Becks Hi Ho Silver Lining to name but a few. So, as in all walks of life, it seems you never REALLY know the truth .....


Rubettes
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PAUL DA VINCI
your baby ain't your baby anymore
she'll only hurt you


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APEX WINTER TIPS. Time for Pre-winter checks ...

Winter drawers on ! Yes and winter also, draws on, so its time for those, perhaps laborious, but necessary steps that need to be taken in order to protect your loved one. That being your Imp, of course. So here are a few guidelines as to what you might want to tackle before the weather closes in too much, and they start salting the roads. Many aspects will depend on whether your classic is used during the winter months or not :-

If your budget runs to it, it might be wise to invest in a set of winter tyres on steel rims, and store your super-grippy summer tyres and precious and expensive alloys in a nice cool dark place, away from direct sunlight to protect the rubber. Clean the alloys first and coat them in your favoured wax too. If the car is to be laid-up, either jack it up onto axle stands or invest in a set of "tyre-svers" to prevent long-term flat spots on your tyres.

Lightly smear glycerine or silicon grease into your door rubbers. Include bonnet, boot , quarterlight and sunroof seals, if appropriate.

Before the salt comes, be sure to wash the entire underside of the car and up under and around the wheel arches. If possible, check the underseal and remedy any missing or iffy bits , and coat areas that will be susceptible to salt, water and mud with Waxoyl or Bilt Hamber Dynax S50. Spray into the cavities where you can too. It can be messy, I know, but its worth the effort.

Chrome/stainless items will benefit from a decent polish and waxing for protection. Make sure that the REAR of your bumpers get treated too, because that's where the rust will start to eat its way in.

Remove the windscreen washer bottle, clean it out with a bottle brush and detergent, and replace and refill with a strongish solution of screenwash to deter freezing. There are heated washer systems available, but probably not necessary too often in the UK.

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It sometimes looks daft when you see people washing their cars in frosty weather. And of course if it freezes on the ground, it will be a hazard. Keeping your car clean is probably more essential in the winter than during dry spells in the summer. Wash carefully, dry with a chamois or microfibre equivalent and apply your favourite polish.

Smear oil on the door keys and work them around in the lock. A small squirt of 3-in-1 oil into the lock barrels will help prevent freezing on the coldest nights.

Check the blades on your wipers. They really do need to be supple and undamaged. Hard or torn rubber just will not do. Rain-X is a water repellent which can be used on all windows on the outside. Clean the glass surfaces thoroughly with methylated sprit to remove any traffic film and oil/grease before applying Rain-X. This will ensure its quick and easy to brush off snow etc from the glass and assist with clear vision as any moisture will bead and run off.

Check all of your lights ! And make sure you use them to Be Seen -Be Safe. The lenses will have been cleaned when you cleaned the car, but check that all bulbs, whatever their variety, give out a clear illumination. Replace any that look a little dull, or blackened if filament type bulbs. If you don't have rear fog lights (often referred to as High Intensity Rear Lamps) consider fitting them. Ditto with a high-level brake light and Hazard Flashers, just in case you breakdown.

Don't forget to carry a Warning Triangle, hi-viz vest etc as a bare minimum, should the worst happen and you've come to an unplanned standstill. Some ready-made kits include a small shovel too. A warm blanket could prove useful. As could a can of petrol !

And finally, in our APEX Winter Tips, if you really don't need to make that journey, then DON'T. It's not actually very clever to be wise after the event. An accident in your almost irreplaceable Imp Is never wanted -Don't tempt fate. If you are out : **KEEP 'EM PEELED !**

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NIXON RESIGNS

"I have never been a quitter . . . but as president I must put the interest of America first."

The Watergate scandal was a major American political scandal that lasted from 1972 to 1974, following a burglary by five men of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) headquarters at the Watergate office complex in Washington, D.C. on June 17, 1972, and President Richard Nixon's subsequent attempt to cover up his administration's involvement. After the five burglars were caught and the conspiracy was discovered - (mainly through the work of a few tenacious journalists, Congressional staff and an election finance watchdog official) - Watergate was investigated by the United States Congress. Meanwhile, Nixon's administration resisted its probes, which led to a constitutional crisis.

The scandal led to the discovery of multiple abuses of power by members of the Nixon administration, the commencement of an impeachment process against the president, (look out Mr Trump !) and Nixon's resignation. The scandal also resulted in the indictment of 69 people, with trials or pleas resulting in 48 being found guilty, many of whom were top Nixon officials.

The affair began with the arrest of five men for breaking into the DNC headquarters at the Watergate complex on Saturday, June 17, 1972. The FBI investigated and discovered a connection between cash found on the burglars and a slush fund used by the Committee for the Re-Election of the President, the official organization of Nixon's campaign. In July 1973, evidence mounted against the president's staff, including testimony provided by former staff members in an investigation conducted by the Senate Watergate Committee. The investigation revealed that Nixon had a tape-recording system in his offices and that he had recorded many conversations. After a series of court battles, the Supreme Court of the United States unanimously ruled that the president was obligated to release the tapes to government investigators. The tapes revealed that Nixon had attempted to cover up activities that took place after the break-in, and used federal officials to deflect the investigation. On August 5, 1974, the White House released a previously unknown audio tape from June 23, 1972. Recorded only a few days after the break-in, it documented the initial stages of the cover-up. It revealed Nixon and Haldeman had conducted a meeting in the Oval Office where they discussed how to stop the FBI from continuing their investigation into the break-in, as they recognised that there was a high risk that their position in the scandal may be revealed.Facing virtually certain impeachment in the House of Representatives and equally certain conviction by the Senate, Nixon resigned the presidency on August 9, 1974, thus preventing the House from impeaching him. On September 8, 1974, his successor, Gerald Ford, pardoned him. What ??????

Top Selling Cars of 1974...

N° 8 **Ford Capri.** ...

N° 7 **Hillman Avenger** (Chrysler UK) ...

N° 6 **Austin Allegro** (British Leyland) ...

N° 5 **Vauxhall Viva** / Magnum (HC) 6

N° 4 **Morris Marina** (British Leyland)

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N° 2 **Ford Escort.**

N° 1 **Ford Cortina.**









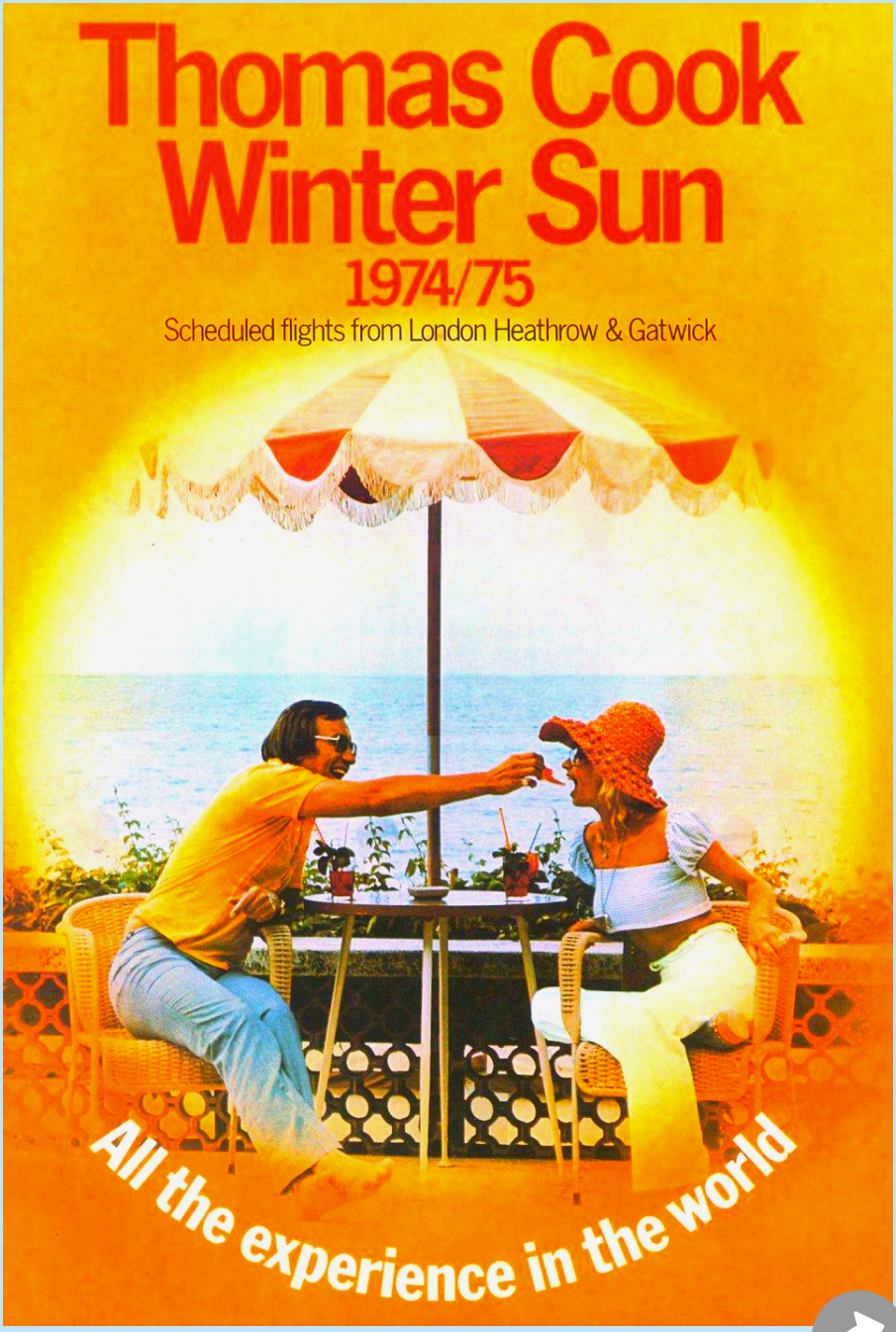






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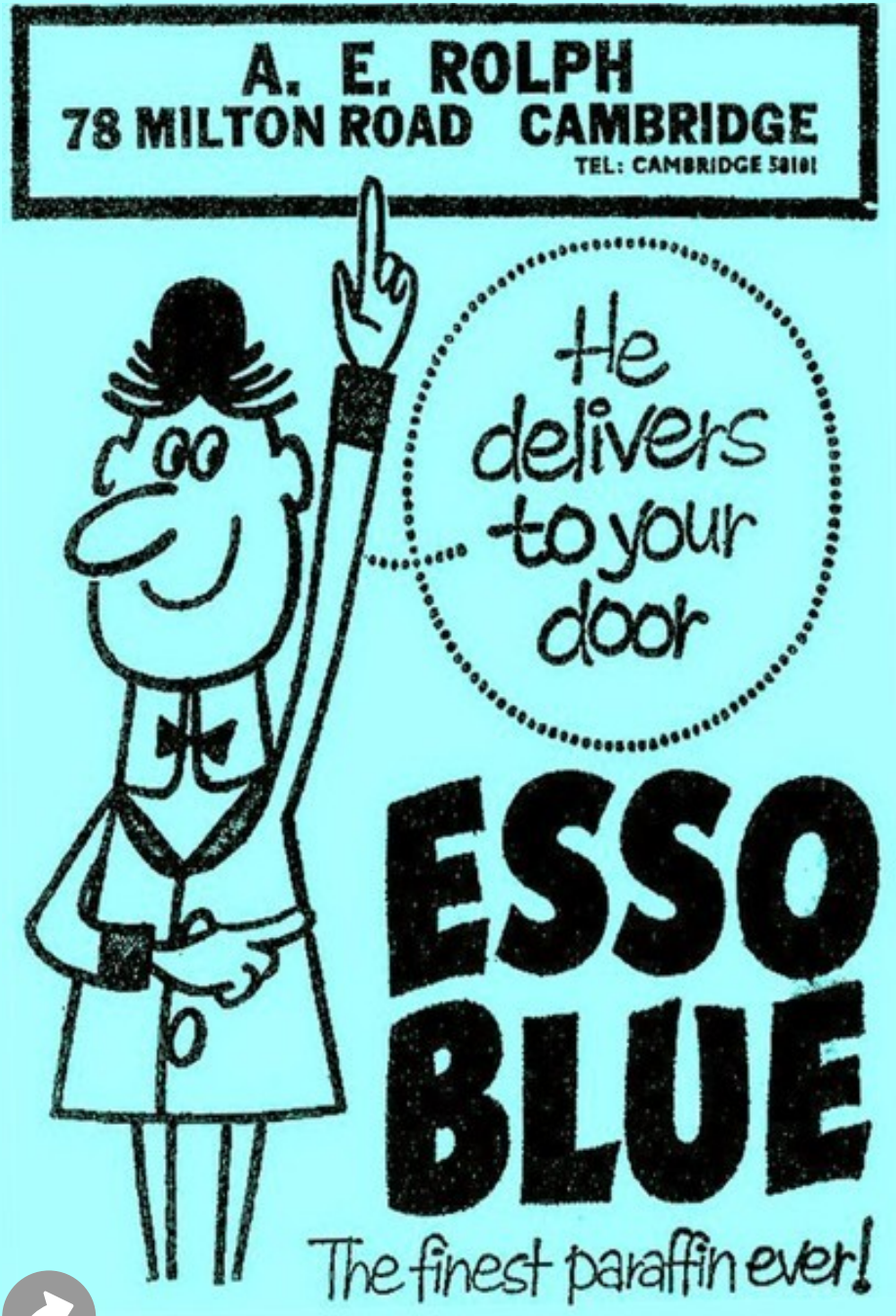
Just the one...

Jeremy Corbyn asked the Queen, “Your Majesty, how do you run such an efficient organisation? Are there any tips you can give me?”

“Well,” said the Queen, “The most important thing is to surround yourself with intelligent people.” He then asked, “But how do I know if the people around me are really intelligent?” The Queen took a sip of tea. “Oh, that’s easy; you just ask them to answer a simple riddle, watch me and listen” The Queen pushed a button on her intercom. “Please send Prince Charles in here, would you ?” Prince Charles walked into the room and said, "Yes, Mother" The Queen smiled and said to Charles, “Answer me this please. Your mother and father have a child. It is not your brother and it is not your sister. Who is it ?” Without pausing for a moment, Prince Charles answered “That would be me.” “Yes, very good!” Said the Queen. "Ah, I get it" said Jeremy, "Thank you Ma’am".

Corbyn went back to Parliament and decided to ask Diane Abbott the same question. “Diane, answer this for me.” “Your mother and your father have a child. It’s not your brother and it’s not your sister. Who is it?” “ I’m not sure,” she says. And then in true Diane Abbott style adds : “Let me get back to you on that one.” She went to her advisers and asked everyone, but none could give her an answer. Frustrated, Diane went for a coffee and bumped into Nigel Farage. “Nigel, see if you can answer this question.” “Your mother and father have a child and it’s not your brother or your sister. Who is it?” Farage immediately answered, “That’s easy, it’s me !” Abbott grinned, and said, “Good answer Nigel, I see it all now !” Abbott then, went back to find Corbyn and said to him; “Jeremy, I did some research, and I have the answer to that riddle.” “If your mother and father have a child who is not your brother or your sister, the child is Nigel Farage!” Corbyn went red in the face, got up, stomped over, and yelled in her face, "No it's not, You idiot ! It’s Prince Charles !!

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The Butt End... Mk 2.



This image shows the butt end of the Imp transaxle. with the end cover removed. The end cover also has the mounting points for the transaxle where it attaches via steel shielded rubber mounts to the rear cross-member. There is a shaft at the bottom which is the gear change selector shaft, that via a flexible link and hollow shaft is connected to the gear lever in the cabin. On the left hand side running north-south is the swinging lever that moves the idler gear into mesh to engage reverse gear. It slides the idler gear (red arrow) backwards to mesh the large and small upper gogs together, reversing the drive to the rear wheels. Bad wear may make it difficult to engage reverse, or it might jump out of gear when the throttle is partially released. Which is exactly what has happened to a contributors Imp. Moves are afoot to remove the engine and transaxle, and subsequently the rear cover to find out exactly which gear is worn to excess, and a reverse idler cog has been ordered from Club Spares just in case.. Having removed the cover from another 'box, it is clear that the idler will be subjected to similar wear as that seen on a starter motor bendix cog, where the teeth that mesh are subjected to quite a severe bashing and wear on the leading edges, each time selection takes place.

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